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Issue 12 – Substitute Levy – March 15 NO NEW TAXES FOR YOU

Substitute levies collect nothing extra from existing property owners but allow schools to capture a small amount of tax revenue from new construction.

In 2011, Jackson voters approved a Substitute Levy for the first time. That levy expires at the end of 2016. On March 15, Jackson voters will be asked to approve the 5-year measure for the exact amount of the expiring levy.

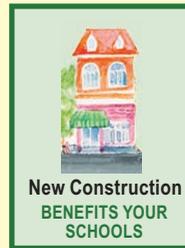
Here's how it works

1. In the first collection year of the levy, the district receives the exact dollar amount that was generated by the expired levy. **No new taxes for you.**

2. In years 2-5, there are still **no new taxes** for existing property owners, but the district receives a small portion of the taxes generated by any of the township's new commercial or residential construction.



The Substitute Levy generates the same dollar amount that the expiring levy had generated.



Taxes on new homes and businesses built in year 1 are added to the levy base, allowing your schools to benefit from the growth.



Taxes on new homes and businesses built in years 2-5 are added to the levy base, allowing your schools to benefit from the growth.



Treasurer's Office Team: Standing from left are Catherine Wertz-Carbenia, Assistant Treasurer Debbie Ciesielczyk, Brenda DiRuzza, Carla Scali. Seated are Karen Floyd and District Treasurer Linda Paris.

Treasurer wins fifth consecutive Auditor of State Award for clean financial audits

Since the inception of the Auditor of State Award, five years ago, the Treasurer's Office has annually earned it for their clean and accurate financial audits with no findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings, or questioned costs.

In a letter to Treasurer, Linda Paris, Auditor of State Dave Yost wrote, "Clean and accurate record keeping are the foundation for good govern-

ment, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability."

Humbly receiving the honor for her department, Mrs. Paris commented, "It's all about good record keeping and accountability, similar to watching your home budget. We all have limited resources. At Jackson, we are charged with using our resources in the best possible ways to benefit the students who are always our first priority."

Jackson Local ranked 18th best public district in Ohio

The 2016 Niche reports on best public and private schools named Jackson Local the 18th best public district and Jackson High School the 23rd best public high school. There are more than 600 public districts and over 1,200 public high schools in Ohio.



<https://k12.niche.com/jackson-high-school-massillon-oh>

Did you know?

When you vote on a local levy, 100% of every dollar stays right here for our 5,800 students, as opposed to state taxes that return only 25 cents on the dollar to our district.



Mark and Tonya Wright with their daughters Anna and Ava.

"I'm most impressed that Jackson is consistently ranked as a top 25 academic performer while spending less per student than 80% of Ohio's school districts."

- Mark Wright, Levy Chairman

Voters will be asked to again approve a 5-year Substitute Levy, for the exact amount of the expiring levy.

NO NEW TAXES

Issue 12 will generate \$8,560,200 annually for tax years 2017-2022.



Kody and Jenny Gonzalez with their sons Lucas, Logan and Landon.

Wright leads levy to renew the excellence • Gonzalez serves as treasurer

Mark Wright, CFO of Aultman Health Foundation, is serving as chairman of the levy campaign, leading a committee of 31 people to help educate the community about the district's need to approve its expiring levy for the same \$8,560,200 that it currently generates. That means no new taxes for current Jackson residents or businesses.

In Mr. Wright's Words
 "I am honored to champion the effort to pass Jackson Local's five-year substitute levy this spring. With no tax increase to residents, we can support our school system in continuing its well-known tradition of excellence. After reviewing the district's achievements and expenditures, I'm most impressed that Jackson is consistently ranked

as a top 25 academic performer while spending less per student than 80% of Ohio's school districts. My wife and I are proud to raise our two girls in Jackson schools because of the incredible teachers and administrators that truly believe in the children they educate."

NO NEW TAXES

Kody Gonzalez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Canton Municipal Court, is serving as levy treasurer.

In Mr. Gonzalez's Words
 "I am very proud to be a part of such an amazing group of people who are working to pass Jackson's five-year Substitute Levy. I was born and raised in Jackson Township and know just how hard

our educators strive every day to ensure that our children are successful. We currently spend less per student than 80% of the other school districts in the state and are NOT asking for any additional money from you. We, as taxpayers, could not ask for a more fiscally responsible school district, and we, as parents, could not ask for a better place for our children to learn."

Go ahead, be proud of your schools

DID YOU KNOW???

The Jackson High School service learning clubs, athletic teams and senior community service day gave 19,527 service hours last school year. That equals 2,440 eight-hour days of community service.



Members of Mr. Wright's Levy Committee

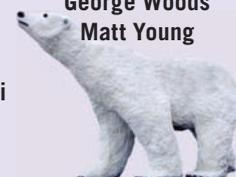
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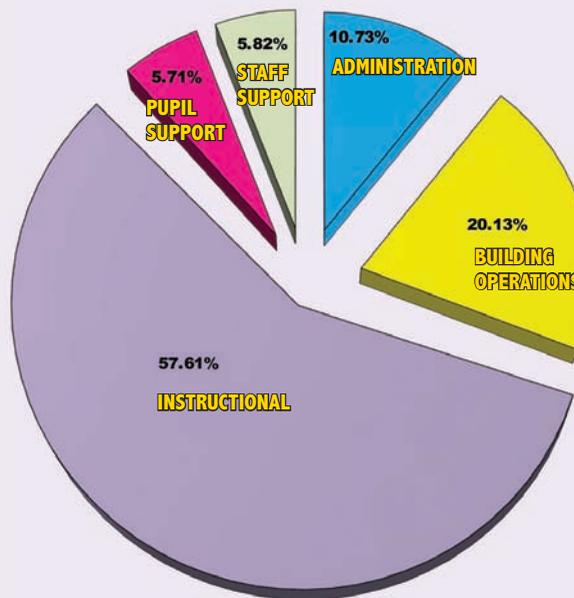


**LOW-SPENDING
 HIGH-ACHIEVING**



Jackson spends less per pupil than 80% of Ohio's schools yet ranks consistently in the top 25.

2013-14 EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL



Administration - Covers costs associated with the day-to-day operation of the school buildings and the central offices as far as administrative personnel and functions are concerned.

Building/Operations - Covers all items of expenditure relating to the operation of the school buildings and central offices. These include the costs of utilities and the maintenance and the upkeep of physical buildings.

Instructional - Includes all the costs associated with the actual service of instructional delivery to the students. These items strictly apply to the school buildings. They include the salaries and benefits of the teaching personnel and the other instructional expenses.

Pupil Support - Includes expenses associated with the provision of services other than instructional that enhance the developmental processes of the students. These cover a range of activities such as student counseling, psychological services, health services, social work services etc.

Staff Support - Includes all the costs associated with the provision of support services to school districts' staff. These include in-service programs, instructional improvement services, meetings, payments for additional trainings and courses to improve staff effectiveness and productivity.



January is School Board Appreciation Month

THE JACKSON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Seated are Katrina Barton and Scott Gindlesberger (president). Standing from left are Chris Goff (vice president), Tom Winkhart and Ken Douglas.

We appreciate our School Board

At the January meeting, school board members were given art pieces that were hand made by a small group of Strausser students. Under the direction of art teacher Bridget Williams, the students carved flowers into clay molds, guided by photos taken of flowers in the Jackson Bog. From the molds, students made plaster casts and painted them before hanging them on backing boards. The school board members were pleased and impressed with their gifts of wall art, hand-delivered and explained by the student artists.



THE STUDENT ARTISTS • With their teacher, Bridget Williams, are Allison Williams, Keya Williams, Julia Gadzic, Danny Gadzic, Ben Adams, Emily Adams, Isabella Sykes, Jason Sykes, Estelle Peterson, Karson Roggenburk, Kyle Carey, Aaron Waltman and Olivia Palky.

Here is the Issue 12 ballot, Vote on March 15

**OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT
PRIMARY ELECTION - MARCH 15, 2016
STARK COUNTY**

**Proposed Tax Levy (Substitute)
Jackson Local School District
(Stark and Summit Counties)**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Jackson Local School District for the purpose of providing for necessary requirements of the school district in the initial sum of \$8, 560, 200, and a levy of taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation established by the county auditor to require 6.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 68 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the initial year of the tax, for a period of five years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017, with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

SR Citizen Spring Spring Fling

On March 31, Jackson senior citizens and their friends are invited to enjoy cookies and punch in the Bear's Den restaurant at Jackson High School before the dress rehearsal of **Rockin' With the Jacks-N-Jills**, a song and dance variety show featuring numbers from Rock 'n' Roll to Broadway.

Arrive in the Bear's Den no sooner than 2:50. By then, the buses will have departed and the maximum parking spaces will be open. For your convenience, park near the Bear's Den's. You will know it by its purple awnings. You can enter the Bear's Den directly through its own doors.

The show begins at 3:40.

The Levy Committee maintains a Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/protectourexcelsence/>

Our students learn about giving back to a community that gives them so much

Megan Seeley's kindergarten students at Strausser completed "Random Acts of Christmas Kindness" every school day in December. They made 20 tie-knot fleece blankets that were donated to Akron Children's Hospital. Next, they added holiday decorations to brown paper grocery bags from Fisher's, then met their teacher at Fisher's for two hours after school to bag groceries (in their decorated bags) for unsuspecting customers.



Local builders support JHS builders

The Jackson High School Industrial Technology classes received a very generous donation worth several thousand dollars.

Kurt Shank of Aurora Custom Homes had attended an open house at JHS and detected a need, so he gathered a few of his friends in the building construction community and encouraged them to get involved. In short time, Mr. Shank, along with Joe Race of the Stark County BIA, Shane Bolen and Mike Thomas of Holmes Lumber, and Mike Haren of Mack's Drywall arrived at school with trucks full of building supplies and a monetary donation to cover needs as they arise in the classroom. These materials have



been giving our students valuable educational hands-on experience as they learn construction skills.

"I and my students were overwhelmed by the generosity of these men and their companies," said Industrial Technology teacher,

Jason Converse. "My class is materials driven, and materials are expensive. Our students will turn these products into projects that will not only teach them the skills but also inspire them to want to learn more."

JHS senior collects sports shoes for underprivileged kids

Miah Wilson, a JHS senior softball player, has led Project Retread for the past three years. Project Retread distributes recycled athletic shoes and equipment to inner city youth. After participating in some friendly games with the low-income children who would ultimately use the court, Miah was inspired. As she distributed two bags of her old shoes to the children, their appreciation warmed Miah's heart.

"I play wearing great shoes in great stadiums while these kids played in bare feet on concrete," Miah said.

She wanted to do more. The first year, in 2013, she collected about 150 pairs of sneakers and cleats from friends by word of mouth and collection boxes at Jackson Soccer home games. In 2014, she received 250 pairs. This year, the tally is nearly 600 pairs of sneakers and cleats gleaned from collection boxes at Jackson High School, Jackson Middle School, and our four elementary schools.



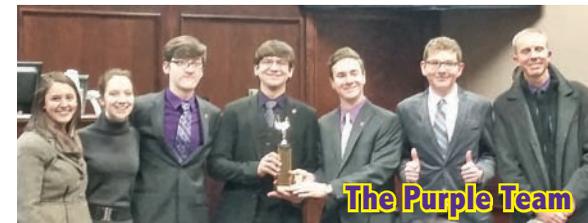
Miah will attend George Mason University in the fall where she was recruited for their softball program. She will study Pre-Dentistry in hopes of becoming an orthodontist, but not before she mentors her brothers, Coen and Evan on how to continue the shoe collection program.

JHS Mock Trial Team advances to the regional competition

Jackson High School took two Mock Trial teams to district competition in January. To advance, a team must win two trials – one on the defense side and one on the plaintiff side. Jackson's Gold Team won one of its trials, and the Purple Team won both. Advancing to regionals are: Michael Markoff, Aladin Aljaberi, Daniel Dömer, Anthony Khilkov, Dena Nashawati and Annelisea Brand.

Michael Markoff won Outstanding Lawyer. Dena Nashawati, Liza Boyd and Breven Miller won sOutstanding Witness.

The students, coached by Matthew Marlett and



Chelsea Clapper, practice twice each week after school, playing the roles of lawyers and witnesses.

Members of the Gold Team are: Alex Sweeney, Liza Boyd, Aiden Moses, Breven Miller, Max Rosedale, Liam Smith, Danielle Veigel and Matthew Ripple.

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Seven O'clock Big Band performs at esteemed OMEA conference

Ohio Music Education Association's state professional development conference was held in Cincinnati January 26-28 featuring outstanding ensembles from around the state. The Jackson High School Seven O'Clock Big Band was selected to perform and also presented a clinic session with Michael Smith from The Ohio State University. Senior percussionist, Nathan Webb, was selected as a member of the All-State Orchestra. This is Nathan's second year as an All-State musician. Members of the band are: Andrew Brathwaite, Peter Dent, Kevin Ruppert, Jake Humbert, Mitchell Walker, Jordin Andrews, Andrew Herring, Natalie Maley, Sameed Pervaiz, Colin Williams, Nolan Monigold, James Hach, Morgan Lemmons, Joey Ball, Ryan Lucas, Brandon Tyson, Trevor Miller, Jake Gardner, Ethan Wahl, Nathan Webb and Maggie Ash.



Nathan Webb



Kaitlyn Bader, Samantha Hanzel, Hannah Specogna, Bethany Stone, Sofia Villegas, Nolan Monigold and guest conductor Lt. Gregory A. Fritz.

Musicians perform at band director's conference

Members of the Jackson High School band auditioned for and were selected to participate in the 2015 Ohio Band Director's Conference Honor Band at the University of Akron. The students were honored to perform a concert under the direction of Lt. Gregory A. Fritz, director of the US Navy Band Northeast, and composer James Curnow.

Students and staff make Christmas magic for others

The JHS Varsity J Club, under the direction of Misty Tolarchek, held a contest to collect spare change to be used to benefit needy families in Jackson. They raised over \$1800. John Durkin's students with special needs and six regular education student volunteers then took the money, along with a list of needs, to Walmart and bought gifts that were added to the efforts made by community partners, the Pancake Breakfast Team, and the JHS Student Council (advised by Becky Arter) to feed, and gift more than 50 of our Jackson families with over 130 children.



JHS Spanish Club supports fair trade artisans

The JHS Spanish Club recently worked with the group Heart of the Sky Fair Trade to sell items that were handmade by artisans in Guatemala. The artisans received a fair trade price when when our Spanish Club students bought the items that they later sold during the lunch periods at JHS.



"Poverty is rampant in Guatemala, and our buying these goods from the artisans makes a real difference in their lives. They use the proceeds to feed their families and send their children to school and if possible go to school themselves," said Spanish Club advisor Allison Dennison.



Tri-M Music Honor Society taps new members for 2016

On January 21, 2016, The Jackson Chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony and chamber music recital. Congratulations to the following members:

Officers: President - Sameed Pervaiz , Vice President - Madeline Geiser, Secretary - Hannah Specogna , Treasurer - Elizabeth Russ, Historian - Natalie Maley.

New Members: Kaitlyn Bader, Ellen Baker, Jonathan Beels, Andrew Brathwaite, Kyle Brittingham, Kate Dunn, Juliana Freisen, Jacob Gardner, Ken Gregg, James Hach, Samantha Hanzel, Stephanie Head, Andrew Herring, Bethany Jacobs, Maria Jenkins, Colin Johnson, Nikki Manes, Jared Marsh, Trevor Miller, Nolan Monigold, Victoria Piper, Alison Reynolds, Sarah Rohr, Kevin Ruppert, Meagan Schlabach, Faith Seders, Jacob Sikora, John Skakun, Melanie Snier, Emma Sours, Arizona Starcher, Kathryn Taylor, Brandon Tyson, Ashleigh Vale, Matthew Venus, Sofia Villegas, Jordan Walker, Colin Williams.

Returning Members: Jordin Andrews, Margaret Ash, Peter Dent, Delaney Thomas, Mitchell Walker, Nathaniel Webb, Kayla Worrell, Caleb Yoder.

Honorary Lifetime Members: Ashley Bullach, Cynthia L. Grove , Amanda Potts, Nathalina Schloneger, Suzanne Walters.



The Jackson Wall of Fame is located inside Jackson High School.

It is a wall of plaques bearing the outstanding achievements of JHS alumni.

Nominate a distinguished alum to the Wall of Fame

The JHS Alumni Association holds an annual celebration for graduates who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following areas: athletics, community contributions, professional accomplishments, political leadership, humanitarian contributions, or education. Nominee must be a five-year graduate.

For a nomination form, email Paula Blanger at pmb1jc@jackson.sparcc.org

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JMMS Geo Bee champ advances to next level

JMMS 8th grader Justin Smith is the champion of the JMMS Geography Bee. Justin next took an online test to see if he will qualify for the state competition. We will know the results of the online test in March.

Other JMMS participants were: Sixth graders Tanner Crawford, Zack Evans, Tommy Life, Jaeho Park, Teagan McCray and Isha Vasil. Seventh graders Uzair Ahmed and Louie Thomas (runner up). Eighth graders Zach Buckler, Chase Henzel, Sam McFadden and Jennifer Medley.



The National Geographic Bee is designed to inspire students to be curious about the world and demonstrate their knowledge of the world. The winner has the opportunity to test their knowledge against other students in Ohio and the United States. The ultimate prize is a \$50,000 college scholarship.



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Food and Fun for Our Furry Four-Legged Friends

As part of the eighth grade nonprofit organization project, students held a pet supply fundraiser for Paws & Prayers, G.R.I.N. and Wags 4 Warriors. They asked all JMMS students to participate. As a result, they received 1,054 generously donated items from students and staff.



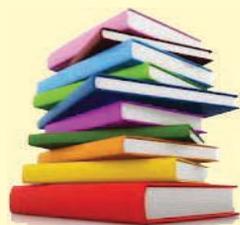
Students: Kaitlyn Mueller, Lily Wahl, Alaina Prince, Kennedy Norch, Macie Hutchinson, Cheyanne Andrews and Lauren Moesle, with teachers Kathy Dummerstick, Holly Bracken and Aultercare Activities Director Teresa Gregg. Not pictured are Olivia Marrero and Lauren Hall.

Students spread joy and love to elders in our community

The middle school's BE THE GOOD Student Council, advised by Holly Bracken and Kathy Dummerstick, has over 40 student members who donated items and filled goodie bags for all 71 residents at Altercare Rehabilitation Center on Fulton Road. The students said they wanted to spread some joy and love to members of our community. Recently, they delivered the bags, got a tour of the facility and met with some of the residents. This activity has led several of the students to sign up to do volunteer work at the facility.

Jackson Branch Library Programs

Check out the possibilities at:
www.starklibrary.org/eventscalendar



On the Web site, you can sort the many activities by branch location, type of activity, and age-appropriateness.

JMMS student places first in Power of the Pen Tournament

The Power of the Pen District Tournament was held in January at the University of Mount Union, where 223 seventh and eighth grade writers from 20 schools competed in three rounds of writing. Jackson's Sarah Morgan won first place out of all 111 seventh grade writers. The seventh grade team placed fourth. In the eighth grade division, Raylee Smith placed 8th out of 112. Eighth graders Maria Mitri and Charlotte Brunkalla won Best of Round. The Power of the Pen Teams are coached by Rachel Stien and Kathryn White.



Standing from left are: Kathryn White, Charlotte Brunkalla, Maria Mitri, Rylee Smith and Rachel Stien. Kneeling is first place winner Sarah Morgan.

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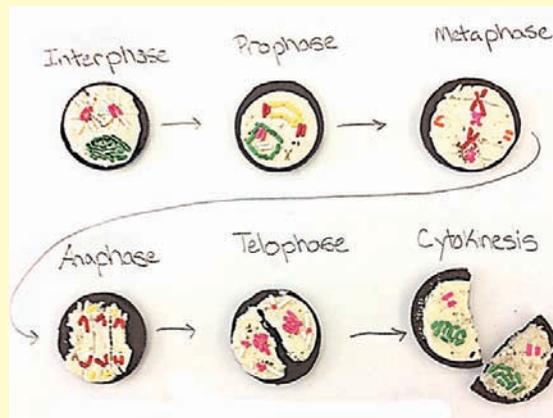
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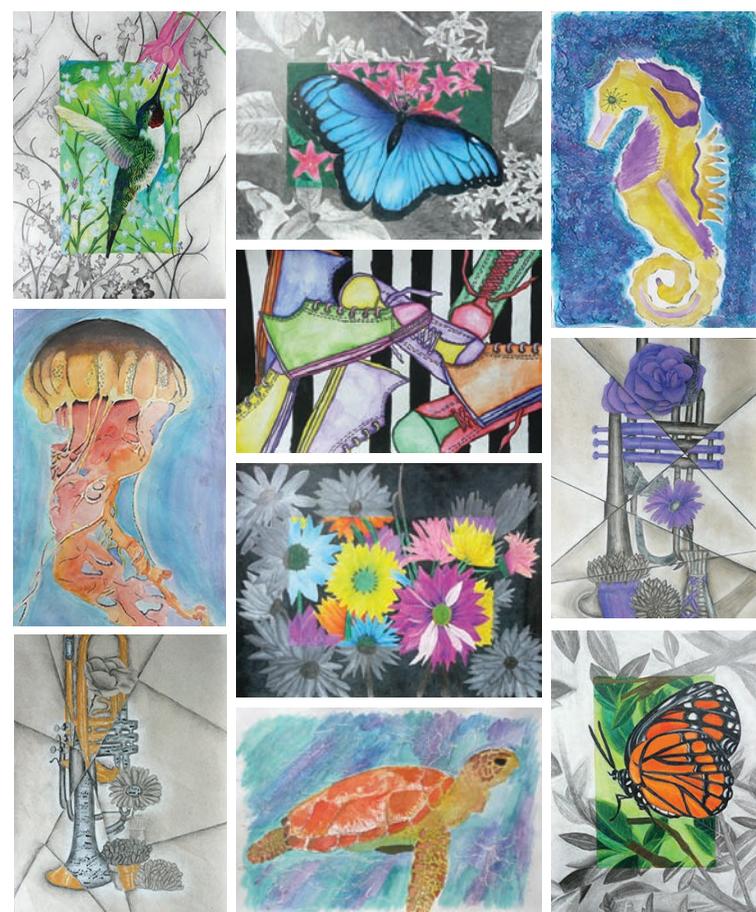
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Mr. Jones' 8th grade science students modeled the phases of mitosis with Oreo cookies and sprinkles.



Students' artwork part of Akron Children's Hospital mural



JMMS art students in Mrs. Ayres Surber's and Mr. Brian Poetter's classes created pieces that have been included in a large community mural at the Akron Children's Hospital. The 10'x15' mosaic mural commemorates the hospital's 125th anniversary. The mosaic is now on display in the hospital's new state-of-the-art Kay Jewelers Pavilion.

Nearly 10,000 patients, families, employees and community members helped to create the mosaic. The individual artworks in the mosaic depict the theme "Celebrating Childhood". The individual pieces of art were scanned, reduced, and printed on small tiles that make up the mural. Every person who created an artwork can find their piece and its exact location in the Project S.N.A.P. Online Museum at <http://projectsnap.org/gallery-lookup.php>.

The artists are: Cameron Dingler, Adrianna Globokar, Haranath Medapuram, Brock O'Neill, Megan Shoop, Alexandra Baxter, Nicole Lawson, Emily McKinney and Jessica Westphal.

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April

May

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 25 End of 4th Marking Period - 43 Days

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Board Meeting Schedule

March 15	High School	5:00 p.m.
April 26	High School	5:00 p.m.
May 17	High School	5:00 p.m.
June 28	High School	5:00 p.m.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES CAN CHANGE. CALL 330-830-8000 TO CONFIRM.

Holiday Giving

The Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce President Steven Meeks, on behalf of the Chamber, the Jackson Belden Young Professionals and the Rotary Club of Jackson Township, presented Superintendent Chris DiLoreto with a \$6,000 check to provide grocery gift cards for the needy students in our district.

Superintendent DiLoreto received the check with gratitude, saying, "This kindness speaks volumes about the people who make up our caring community. The donation along with some of the funds earned by our Pancake Breakfast and items donated by our staff and student body, provided, holiday meals, gifts and clothes more than 50 of our families, including over 130 children."



JHS students spent two days after school, wrapping the gifts.



Need money for college? Local loans available

JACKSON STUDENT LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Jackson Student Loan Association was established to provide low-interest student loans to JHS graduates who have been accepted by a post-secondary school (vocational, two-year or four-year).

Graduates may request up to \$5,000. The loan accrues no interest until a student's education is complete or he/she withdraws. Upon graduation or withdrawal, the note will bear interest on the unpaid balance at the rate commensurate with the Stafford Loan rate on the date the loan agreement was signed.

Applications are available in the high school guidance office and on the Jackson Local website jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/jhs/guidance/links.html.

The Loan Association has always been run by a board of local citizens who understand the importance of higher education. It was started in 1955 by the PTA and Mrs. John Hyde, a former JHS teacher. It's first president was John Weisgarber, longtime member of the Jackson Board of Education. Other charter members included Andy Steve, Joseph Stephan, Dr. Howard Smith, Ralph Darragh, Helen Hessin, Ralph Goodman, Kenneth Loessler, and Mrs. Gearald Iceman with legal advisor Willis Grant. Donations

from the PTA, graduating classes, and community grew the original fund which is now self-sufficient.

Current board members are: Gail Small, Cynthia Jacobs, Cynthia Harty, Chris Adolph, Janelle Winkhart, Val Heban, Christy Harp, Pam Kakos, Kristy Caples, Gary Jacobs, Paula Blangger, Marian Beresh, Matt Gillette, Rhea Rieger, and Attorney Bruce Soares.

MASSILLON EDUCATIONAL LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Massillon Educational Loan Association is a non-profit organization established in 1947. The Foundation is offering student loans to high school graduates or college students who are graduates of Fairless, Jackson, Massillon, Perry, Northwest and Tuslaw are eligible for these low interest. R.G. Drage graduates that are residents of any of these districts are also eligible along with graduates of an accredited private school in one of the six districts. Loans are awarded on a yearly basis for a maximum of \$2,000 per academic year with a maximum amount of \$8,000. Payments and interest on the loans are deferred until six months after graduation. There are no fees For applications and additional information go to MELF.ORG.

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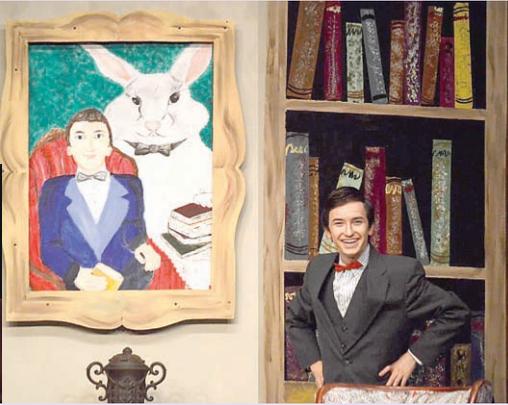
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Harvey comes to life at JHS

Harvey by Mary Chase was produced by the Jackson School for the Arts. It was directed by Stefanie Fatzinger the JHS theatre teacher/director, featuring actors Mitchell Walker as Elwood P. Dowd, Meagan Schlabach as Veta Louise Simmons, Matthew Venus as Dr. William Chumley, Abriana Dolan as Nurse Ruth Kelly, Nathan Hall as Dr. Lyman Sanderson, Grace Deerwester as Judge Gaffney, Laynie Hartnett as Myrtle Mae Simmons, Mark West as Mr. Wilson, Emory Loescher as Mrs. Ethley Chauvenet, Jenna Blanc as Mrs. Betty Chumley, Victoria Vesey as Miss Johnson and Nick Nakoneczny as E.J. Lofgren along with a cast of party guests and guests to Chumley Rest. Harvey featured six student directors: Kevin Ruppert, Margaret Ash, Delaney Thomas, Amber Ly, Blaze Davis and Zachary Krnach. A crew of approximately 70 students worked to build the set, organize props, design hair and makeup, assist with costumes and run stage crew.



Alum comes home to start business

In September 2015, three JHS graduates, Dante Rini, Katie Blinco, and Marquis Henderson, returned to their hometown to give back to their community. Together they developed My FitLife Personal Training, a fitness product that uses the body's physiology to achieve results faster with a highly-trained guide in a safe environment.



Dante Rini, Marquis Dwane Henderson, Katie Blinco

Dante (class of 2007) moved home after graduating from Notre Dame College. He is the company's president of operations and co-owner. Dante is also the 2011 National wrestling champion, a two-time All-American, a 3x Academic All-American and a 2016 Notre Dame College Athletic Hall of Fame inductee. In all, he holds four National Team wrestling titles as well as a national championship as an assistant coach in 2013. Currently he helps coach the JHS wrestling team. While a student at Jackson, he was a 3x state placer and 2006 National Champion. "I didn't realize how fortunate I was to grow up in a great place like Jackson. I am thrilled to be back home and hope I never have to leave for a career. I am fortunate to have assembled a gifted team that can work with any type of person no matter their health goals," said Dante who employs the following two Jackson grads at My FitLife.

Katie Blinco, class of 2008, is a master trainer with a B.S. in Exercise Science from the University of Akron with a minor in strength, conditioning and coaching. She is an AFAA certified personal training and primary group fitness instructor, TRX Suspension Training certified, HKC Kettlebell Instructor certified, and Spinning certified. Her experience includes post cardiac rehab, geriatric, middle school to collegiate athletes, amateur and professional physique competitors, and general weight loss clients. "Health and fitness is my passion, and my goal is to give clients an experience that they will not forget. People will forget what you said, they will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel." Katie said.

Marquis Dwane Henderson, class of 2007, is also a master trainer with a B.S. in Exercise Science from the University of Akron. He is an American College of Sport Medicine certified personal trainer with ambitions to earn a doctorate in physical therapy. He has had experience with pre and postnatal rehab, geriatric, athletic, joint replacement and weight loss. Marquis said, "Don't be scared to do something that will benefit you in the long run, and never let your fear decide your future."

Alum receives prestigious award

David Paola, a 2005 JHS graduate, received the Distinguished Service Award from the College of Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. What began as an experiment in online mentorship turned into a successful company for Dave, who is co-founder and CTO of Bloc, the world's largest online software development boot camp. Unlike other online education endeavors, Bloc's courses employ a hands-on apprenticeship model in which students work one-on-one with a mentor to build software products, with 12-week programs in web and mobile development and web design.



David Paola

Before starting Bloc, Dave was a software engineer at Kontagent/Upsight, a scalable analytics and marketing platform for web and mobile app developers. He worked on a customer-facing dashboard and an internal tools suite during the launch of the company's kSuite product.

The chair of SIGSoft in ACM@UIUC, Dave began programming when he was in grade school.



Students work with Historical Society to make a quilt

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Jackson Township, the Jackson Historical Society partnered with third graders at Strausser to make a quilt. The students were learning about the history of our township, so they were quite prepared to draw pictures depicting important places in Jackson.

Judi Malinowski, Historical Society member and seasoned quilter, (pictured far right), transferred the artwork onto fabric and stitched

the squares together, using a historical time line as her guide.

Mrs. Malinowski said, "I am honored to have been able to work on this with the children and be part of the 200th anniversary of the township." She explained to the students (now fourth graders) that their quilt is a valuable piece of history that can last forever.

After the quilt hung in the Historical Society's one-room

school for a time, it was raffled off. Martha Krisher (pictured top left), won the quilt and donated it to Strausser Elementary where it now hangs.

Mrs. Krisher felt that the quilt belonged to the children of Strausser. She said, "When children do things well and contribute their talents to this kind of group effort, the quilt they helped to make can be valuable to everyone who sees it."



Adults from left are: Kevin Williams, the Majestic Voice business manager; Cindy Grove, Amherst music teacher; Anne Gleason, Majestic Voice outreach manager, and Larry Gleason, the group's treasurer.

Amherst Choir rewarded for performance

Representatives from Majestic Voice visited the Amherst Elementary choir to deliver a check for over \$500 as the choir's share of profits from the group's Christmas concert in which the Amherst choir performed masterfully. Majestic Voice is an adult choir that performs at local hospitals, patriotic celebrations, charity events, and the like "to share the joy of music with others." Its board of directors feels strongly about also giving back to children's choirs. "Part of our mission is to give back to music programs in the area," said Larry Gleason, the group's treasurer. Amherst music teacher, Cindy Grove, accepted the check with gratitude and said it will be used to purchase some much needed microphones for the children. The representatives also gave Mrs. Grove a CD recording of the Christmas concert to enjoy and to use for classroom critique.



ALL ABOARD!

Just before winter break, students listened to their principal, Mr. Hayden, read *THE POLAR EXPRESS* by Chris Van Allsburg. Then the students completed reading activities from the book. Afterwards, the students enjoyed sipping hot cocoa and watching the movie, *POLAR EXPRESS*.

Amherst second graders make new year's resolutions



Amherst second graders in Mrs. Victoria Kohut's class celebrated the new year by making resolutions. They wrote a personal resolution, a resolution for school and a resolution for home.

Examples of the resolutions included:
 "I will pass addition in Xtra Math."
 "I will read two chapter books a week."
 "I will get along with my sister."
 "I will make my bed every morning."
 "I will be a better listener."
 "I will be a bucket filler."

"We're excited to see what this year brings," said Mrs. Kohut.

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Change Bandits collect cash for Akron Children's Hospital

The third grade students at Amherst Elementary were again Change Bandits for the Akron Children's Hospital, Have a Heart, Do your Part radiothon. The third graders collected, counted, and rolled all of the money that was donated. In just one week, the students and staff donated \$3626.79. Prizes were given to the classes that raised the most money this year, and the students earned a pajama day for bringing in over \$500 in just one day. Amherst has been collecting for this organization for 10 years and has donated a total of \$28,076.37.



Did you know?

There are approximately 720 after school events at the high school, 500 at the middle school and 200 at the elementary schools.



Plenty of Thanks

In November, Lake Cable first graders in Miss Kakos’s class wrote letters of thanks to their families then invited their families to school for a “Thanks to You” celebration. The students read their letters aloud, told a few Thanksgiving jokes and sang Thanksgiving songs.

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Students Sell Valentine Cheer

Lake Cable Student Council sponsored a Valentine’s Day carnation sale. The response amazed the students who received numerous orders from parents, grandparents, and the student body. The children worked industriously to attach sweet notes to flowers to brighten the recipients’ day.



A New Perspective

Lake Cable fifth graders learned about Surrealism and perspective in their art class. They glued unusual magazine clippings into a room that they had hand-drawn using a vanishing point for perspective.



Lake Cable students shaving their heads to save lives

Teacher Cory Muller is heading up the Lake Cable St. Baldrick’s team. St. Baldrick’s is an organization that raises money for pediatric cancer research which is grossly underfunded. An annual event involves people shaving their heads in honor of the kids who currently are or have battled cancer. “We want to show these kids that they are not alone and that we fight with them,” said Mr. Muller. So far, Lake Cable has 30 students, all of the school’s male teachers and the evening custodian signed up to shave their heads at this year’s event on Sunday, March 13 at the North Canton Racquet Club. So far, Lake Cable has raised \$3100. All four elementary buildings are participating in similar fashion.



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Thanks for protecting us

Sauder second graders made cards for a local family with a loved one recently deployed with the Navy. Student, Delaine Wertz, asked her class to make cards for those aboard the ship for the holidays.



Making Christmas for Others

Sauder students, teachers and families teamed up to make Christmas brighter for 39 children through a program called Project KARE (Affiliated with Stark County Job and Family Services). They purchased many gifts and gift cards for the underprivileged children.

Jackson Polar Bear encourages fundraising

Sauder principal, J.R. Reindel agreed to dress up as the Jackson Polar Bear if students and the Parent Teacher Group (PTG) hit their fundraising goal of \$25,000. They surpassed the goal by \$1,000, and Mr. Reindel fulfilled his promise by spending most of the day as the Jackson mascot.



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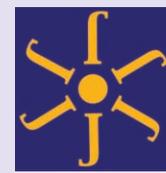
Sing Your Heart Out!

At Strausser Elementary, students in third, fourth, and fifth grade are invited to be in a special Strausser choir. These students meet every Wednesday morning before school to practice with the school's choir director, Mrs. Walters. They do several performances throughout the year. Pictured is the student body getting a sneak peak of the program they performed at the high school in January.



Building Bridges of Knowledge

Mrs. Scolaro and Mrs. Agona's math classes were asked to build a bridge out of pasta spaghetti noodles, note cards, pipe cleaners, tape, and ziti noodles. They had to purchase these items within a set budget and keep a running balance of their spending. Students used math skills involving decimals and had to work together to solve problems. "There was a lot of creativity and ingenuity going on during class," said Mrs. Scolaro. Finally, the students tested the bridges to see which one would hold the most jumbo marshmallows.



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Students collect comfort for children at Aultman Hospital

Strausser Elementary first graders filled their display case with books and stuffed animals that they collected for Jayani's Treasure Chest at Aultman Hospital. The items are given to children receiving treatment at Aultman, providing a comforting distraction from the sterile, clinical aspect of cancer procedures or a hospital stay. The non-profit organization was developed in honor of Jayani Asha Seth who was born on Christmas morning in 2004 and died of a malignant brain tumor just five months later.



Federal League Standings

As of 2/9/2016

ATHLETICS

WRESTLING

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL MATCHES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	WON	LOSS		
	Perry	9	0	5	0		
	Lake	6	5	4	1		
	Hoover	7	4	3	2		
	Jackson	6	5	2	3		
	McKinley	16	7	3	3		
	Green	1	6	1	4		
	GlenOak	7	16	0	5		

BOYS BOWLING

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL MATCHES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	WON	LOSS		
8	Green	14	2	10	2		
	Perry	11	4	8	3		
	Jackson	11	4	7	4		
	Hoover	10	5	7	4		
	GlenOak	8	6	4	6		
	McKinley	6	11	2	10		
	Lake	5	13	0	11		

GIRLS BOWLING

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL MATCHES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	WON	LOSS		
	Perry	15	0	11	0		
	GlenOak	12	3	7	3		
	Jackson	10	5	7	4		
	Lake	10	8	4	7		
	Hoover	7	8	5	6		
	Green	8	8	4	8		
	McKinley	4	14	0	11		

BOYS BASKETBALL

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL GAMES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	WON	LOSS		
7	Jackson	14	4	10	2		
7	Lake	14	4	10	2		
5	McKinley	15	4	9	3		
4	Hoover	10	7	6	5		
	GlenOak	8	10	3	9		
	Green	4	13	2	9		
	Perry	1	17	0	10		

GIRLS BASKETBALL

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL GAMES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	TIE	WON	LOSS	
8	McKinley	16	2		10	2	
6	Hoover	19	3		9	3	
4.5	Jackson	16	6		7	5	
4.5	Perry	15	6		7	5	
3	GlenOak	13	9		6	6	
2	Green	9	12		2	10	
1	Lake	7	14		1	11	

BOYS SWIMMING

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL GAMES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	WON	LOSS		
8	Jackson	10	0	6	0		
6	Hoover	12	1	5	1		
5	Green	5	2	4	2		
4	Perry	5	4	3	3		
2	Lake	5	8	1	5		
2	McKinley	4	13	1	5		
2	GlenOak	2	11	1	5		

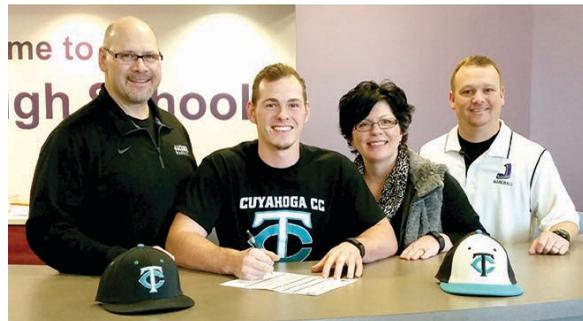
GIRLS SWIMMING

TROPHY	TEAM	ALL MATCHES			FEDERAL LEAGUE		
PTS.	STANDING	WON	LOSS	WON	LOSS		
8	Hoover	13	0	6	0		
6	Jackson	8	2	5	1		
5	Green	5	2	4	2		
4	GlenOak	8	5	3	3		
3	Lake	5	8	2	4		
2	McKinley	5	13	1	5		
1	Perry	2	7	0	6		



Federal League Champs

The boys' Swimming and Diving Team celebrated their Federal League Championship after the win over North Canton. This was the boys' third consecutive Federal League title. It was also the last dual meet for the class of 2016. The girls and boys senior class finished their dual meet career with a record of 73-9. They were 44-2 overall in the Federal League and won a total of six Federal League team titles over the course of their four years at Jackson.



Signed to play at Tri-C

Noah Evans, a JHS senior, recently signed to continue his baseball career at Tri-C. The right handed pitcher helped the Polar Bears to an Elite 8 finish in 2015. Last season, Noah had a record of 3-1, with 26 innings pitched and an ERA of 2.96 on the mound for the Polar Bears. Noah is joined by his parents, Thadd and Lisa Evans and Head Coach Bill Gamble.



Grand Champions

Fantastic win for the JHS Cheerleaders at a competition held at Lake High School. Not only did they take 1st place in the Large Varsity Division, but also had the highest point total of all the other high schools (small and large varsity combined) therefore were deemed Grand Champions. In other words, you can't score any higher than they did. Other competitors were: Perry, Hoover, Shaker Heights, Marlington, Canton South, Minerva, Louisville and Alliance.



Signed to play at Malone

Jackson High School senior outfielder Nate Cobb recently committed to Coach Crank and Malone University. Nate was a 2015 1st Team All Federal League Player for the Polar Bears. He helped lead Jackson to the 2015 Federal League Championship, District Title and Regional Runner-up. Nate is pictured with his parents, Chris and Sonya Cobb and Head Coach Bill Gamble.

The original polar bear mascot had a name



The first Polar Bear Mascot bounded onto the Fife Stadium field in 1960, wearing a suit of authentic polar bear fur, head and all. It was worn by then senior, Lawrence Coltrin.

Students, teachers and booster clubs purchased a bear rug at a cost of \$225 from the H.O. Hoffman Company in Brooklyn, New York, and it was fashioned into a one-piece, wearable mascot suit by local

seamstress, Esther Hodgson who lined it with soft fabric and installed a zipper in the front.

The mascot was called Jack until a contest was held and the name Jay-Bee was selected.

The original bear skin was worn until the 1970s. The current mascot suit is made of synthetic fur.

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