

# School Lines

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## **Rachel Haas Becomes A National Board Certified Teacher!!!!**



Rachel Haas, Findlay High School English teacher completed her National Board Certification. She is one of ten National Board Certified teachers Findlay City School employees in the district. Board President Rick Hoffman presented Rachel with a Resolution of Commendation for all her hard work at the January 25 board meeting held at Glenwood Middle School. Rachel received her undergraduate degree from Albion College in Albion, Michigan and Masters of Education from the University of Findlay.

## **Welcome Home— Findlay City School Heroes**

Findlay High School teacher Tim Opp and Donnell Middle School teacher Fred Nanamaker got together outside of the regular teaching day. It just so happens to be in Iraq. Both Tim and Fred were deployed last year to Iraq and were very happy to see a familiar face while serving our country. Welcome Home Mr. Opp and Mr. Nanamaker.



Millstream's January Rotary students of the month are: Hanna Welch 12th grade Office Services, Cory Rawson and Brittany Murphy 12th grade Teacher Mentorship, Findlay High School.

Millstream's February Rotary students of the month are: Lauren Mittelhauser, Findlay High School Marketing and Amy Sauaysanga, Findlay High School Marketing.

They were honored at the Rotary luncheon at the Findlay Country Club.

## Deb Wickerham Wins Science Award

Deb Wickerham has been awarded the 2010 Delta Education Award for Excellence in Inquiry-based Science Teaching. Deb is a National Board Certified teacher and a Master Teacher. She has also received the following honors: Ohio Teacher of the Year, Presidential Award of Excellence, BGSU Distinguished Alumni Award, Findlay Rotary Golden Apple Award, C. Robert Baker Educator Award, Jaycees Teacher of the Year, and Ashland Oil Golden Apple Award. Findlay City Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank Deb for all the hard work and dedication to the students of Findlay City Schools.



## Findlay Digital Academy Graduate

Brianna McCarroll became the fifth graduate of The Findlay Digital Academy. She will be working through this year and going to BGSU in the fall.

Congratulations Brianna!

## Central Middle School Students Won The Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl

The 6th grade REACH students at Central Middle School won the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl against 39 other Ohio 5th and 6th grade classes. The students were able to get 92% of the questions correct with a high score of 1206. The team consisted of Jacob Bager, Jesse Coleman, Rachelle Crow, Conor Cruea, Trevor Distel, Jackie Fintana, Annie Frankenburg, Lauren Johnson, Jordan Jones, Gabe Kornblatt, Marisa Kreinbihl, Jenna Lewis, Emma O'Kelley, Daniel Park, Alisha Schroeder, Bella Spearman, Jordan Tichenor and Aubrey Woodhull. Three other classes in the district competed, Glenwood 6th grade REACH students finishing 21st, and two teams from Wilson Vance finishing 15th and 30th.

## Findlay High School Students Won Fall Whiz Quiz Tournament

Findlay High School students won the fall Whiz Quiz tournament. The accomplishment qualifies the team to participate in the 28th annual National Academic Championship. Congratulations Team!!!!



## Jefferson Primary School Math Night

Math night was organized by 1st grade teacher Amy Eller. It was held on Tuesday, January 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Families were given a math problem to solve together when they entered. The answer directed them to the first room they were to visit. After that, each family could visit any and as many rooms as they wanted to play games. Teachers had math games set up in their classrooms. There were also 5 estimation jars for students to guess how many items were in each. The student with the closest guess won a prize. Prize winners were: Chellsea Johnson, Paige Householder, Mattie Spann, Jaidyn Wilt, and Natalie Rakestraw.



## CITY BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER ON FEBRUARY 12

The Findlay Music Boosters are holding a fundraiser at **City Barbeque on Friday, February 12, all day**. When the attached fundraising form is presented at the time of ordering, 20% of each purchase will be donated to the Findlay Music Boosters to support the Findlay City Schools music program. **THE FORM MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN ORDERING**. Also, **no forms may be handed out on City Barbeque property**.

Please use the form on the following page. Please help us get the forms out to as many people as possible, via e-mail or by handing them out in person. Then, plan on having a great lunch or dinner with us at City Barbeque on February 12!

# Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

Please join us for a special fundraising event.  
20% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!

Sale Amt:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of group: Findlay Music Boosters

Date of fundraiser: February 12, 2010

Participating Location: City BBQ (Findlay) 15033 Flag City Dr.

Good all day on Dine In & Carry Out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.

Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

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## FINDLAY TROJAN MARCHING BAND ENTERTAINS HOLIDAY CROWDS IN FLORIDA

The Findlay Trojan Marching Band (FTMB) spent the holidays entertaining native Floridians and visitors alike.

Nearly 90 members of the FTMB marched in front of capacity holiday crowds in the Macy's Holiday Parade at Universal Studios on December 29 and in the SpectroMagic Parade at Magic Kingdom on New Year's Eve. The highlight of the trip was the FTMB's performance in the internationally-televised Spherion Citrus Parade in Orlando. In addition, FTMB participated in Disney's *You're Instrumental* Magic Music Days Performing Arts Workshop facilitated by a Walt Disney World professional musician.

The band members also enjoyed time at several theme parks and performances of Blue Man Group and Cirque du Soleil's *La Nouba*. The members of the FTMB proudly represented FHS both on and off of the parade routes!



PHOTOS ARE FROM MACY'S HOLIDAY PARADE  
AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS.



## 2009- Pacemaker Award

The 2aToday/The Vid staff was one of five high school news broadcasts nationwide to win a 2009 Pacemaker Award from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA).

Chosen from a field of 50 news shows, the Findlay High School newspaper was one of the 10 semifinalists and eventual winner throughout the country. This was the second time, out of three nominations, the 2a- Today staff won a Pacemaker in the school's history.

The Pacemaker is the highest honor in the country, it is considered the "Emmy Award" of high school journalism."

"This is the top award in the country that any high school broadcast staff can achieve," Executive Director of NSPA Logan Aimone said. "As in professional broadcasting, the competition is tough, competitive.

"It recognizes those hard working and dedicated staffs and advisers across the country. The five winners did exceptional work and went above and beyond what is expected. Their schools and community have much to be proud of and members of the student press salute you."

The Pacemaker winners were announced at the NSPA's fall national convention awards ceremony in Washington, DC.

"Being a Pacemaker semifinalist was an honor, but winning was a great accomplishment for our staff. All of our staffs, both past and present, share this award," Adviser Jim McGonnell said. "Our winning tradition continues to challenge future staffs to improve and make the news show and video yearbook even better."

"It is a tribute to the 2008-09 staff who, last year, set a goal to win the Pacemaker after its first one five years ago. In Washington that goal became a reality. The competition was incredible and winning is truly an honor."

The Broadcast Pacemaker contest is co-sponsored by SchoolTube.com and the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation (RTNDF).

Entries consisted of an entire broadcast news program no longer than 20 minutes.

Entries were judged based on the following criteria:

### Content/Coverage

Relevancy to audience, significance of subjects covered writing and editing of the script language appropriate to audience, smooth transitions, recording and editing of the show, good connections between segments, interviewing skills, interviews were conversational, technical quality, lighting framing, audio. The winners were selected by members of the RTNDF and national broadcast advisers.

"The RTNDF is one of the most influential broadcasting organizations in the country." junior Jimmy Eckhardt said. "One of the best things about winning the Pacemaker, was the staff members of that group, staff members in the DC broadcast market and other well known national advisers selected us."

"They were impressed with what our staff had done. Winning gives us national recognition and exposure for our school district and our staff."

Findlay was the only Ohio school to be nominated and win a Pacemaker.

"Representing Ohio and getting our third nomination was truly an honor and great for our program. The competition was incredible and to win was awesome. One of the coolest things about winning is now our videos are posted on Schooltube and anyone in the nation can see our work. We actually have a lot of video projects posted on Schooltube for our website," producer senior Carrie Lammers said.

McGonnell is proud of his students' dedication to the program.

"We are a very small staff, and our kids work really hard doing many community projects, the video yearbook and a news broadcast. These were professionals that were impressed with what our student staff members did last year. Winning gives us credibility and national recognition for our school district and our video program," McGonnell said.

Submitted by - Jim McGonnell

## Blue and Gold Staff Members Win National Awards

Five Blue & Gold staff members won national awards and the paper finished 10th in the country at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association's national convention held in Washington, DC.

In the National Write-off contest, Editor in Chief junior John Sisser and Feature Editor junior Kim Maples won Superior in newswriting and newspaper layout respectively.

Photographer junior Katie Logsdon won Excellent in Sports Photography and Photography Editor senior Katie Trinko and Sports Editor sophomore Lexi Perault won honorable mention in Photography Portfolio and Sports Writing respectively.

"Winning five National Write-off Contest awards is a great accomplishment for our very talented young staff members," Adviser Jim McGonnell said. "This is one of the first years we had two editors win superiors and to place nationally is amazing, especially at the largest convention ever held."

The Write-off Contest is a national competition that recognizes the nation's best young journalists.

"We are a very young staff, so to have five national winners and place 10th in the Best of Show Contest certainly says a lot about how hard the staff works. It's difficult for people to understand that this is the best of the best in the entire country and four foreign countries," McGonnell said.

Judges for both contests are high school and college journalism teachers from some of the best programs in the nation and members of the professional press.

The Write-off Contest included 2267 entries from 41 states, the most participants ever.

Besides placing in the National Write-off Contest, the Blue & Gold finished 10th in the Best of Show Competition.

Blue & Gold is a consistent top 10 finisher in the Best of Show Contest.

There were a record-setting 6347 attendees at this convention.

"It was great to be back in DC after attending the Inauguration last January as a staff. I went to some really good classes and learned a lot. I was very happy winning one of the top awards in newswriting, our entire staff did really well," Sisser said.

While in DC the staff toured the White House, US Capital, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Newseum.

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**THE ARTS PARTNERSHIP 2010 PROGRAMS**

The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County is pleased to present the following programs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Register now for these programs!

The **School Day Performances** are approximately 1 hour in length and are held at Central Auditorium. Seats are \$3.00 and study guides are available for all performances. The schedule includes the following productions.

**Henry and Mudge – March 2, 2010; 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

(Musical ideal for pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Henry can't find a playmate in his new neighborhood so he instead enjoys adventures with Mudge, a 182-pound canine buddy, who also comes with lots of responsibilities. Henry eventually gets upset with Mudge and runs away. Will the two be reunited? Find out in the Theatreworks musical, based on the best-selling series of books by Cynthia Rylant.

In the **Professional Development Workshops**, teaching artists demonstrate how to integrate the arts into the curriculum. All workshops are FREE to educators from Findlay City Schools. Each participant earns 3 contact hours.

**February 23, 2010, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church – Dividing Time/Dividing Space** with teaching artist, Terry Boyarsky. Workshop demonstrates how to use musical games and rhythmic exercises to teach the concepts of how math relates to time and space. Workshop fulfills Ohio Academic Contest 5<sup>th</sup> grade Standards for language arts, math, and fine arts.

The Spring Youtheatre play for elementary students, Humpty Dumpty is Missing! Or The Mysterious Case of the Fallen Egg, is a humorous spoof of the private eye thrillers of the 1940's and 1950's. **Performances are Friday and Saturday March 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. and March 7 at 2:30 p.m.** All activities will take place at First Presbyterian Church.

In addition YOUTHEATRE is holding a Max & Erma's Fundraiser Breakfast on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Max & Erma's in Findlay. The tickets are \$5.00 and include all-you-can-eat pancakes, two sausage links, orange juice, and coffee. Advance purchase is preferred. Tickets are available at The Arts Partnership located at 618 S. Main St.

For additional information or to register for programs, please contact Peggy Grandbois, Director of Education at 419-422-3412 or [education@artspartnership.com](mailto:education@artspartnership.com) or visit The Arts Partnership website at [www.artspartnership.com](http://www.artspartnership.com).



## SYMPATHY

Our thoughts are with the following employees who experienced the loss of a loved one:

Shannon Moyer's, (5th grade teacher at Wilson Vance, father) passed away on January 11, 2010.

Dianne Kohl's (Wilson Vance) father passed away on December 23.

Sallye Maples' (Wilson Vance) on the passing of her father-in-law.

***Kudos to the following buildings and departments that were accident free for the month of January!***

Chamberlin Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, Whittier, Wilson Vance, Donnell, Millstream East, and Glenwood!

Keep up the safe work!!!!

### ***Tip of the Month***

#### **Remember : Winter Safety**

- ◆ ***Be aware of your surroundings to prevent slips, trips and falls. As the weather turns cold there may be icy patches where you least expect them. Take your time when exiting your home or car.***

