

# School Lines

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## Blue and Gold Receives 2012 Gold Circle and Silver Crown Awards

Twelve staff members of the Blue & Gold, Findlay High School's award winning student publication won 27 individual national Gold Circle Awards at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's (CSPA) 88th annual Spring National Convention held at Columbia University in New York City.

Senior news writer Leah Cramer won three national awards. Cramer won a first in News Page Design, Photo Layout, second in Photo Illustration and a third in News Page Design. Editor in chief junior Lydia Bauler won two third place Online national awards in Online Sports Story and Online General Feature Story. Senior Lexi Perault was first in Sports Page Design Portfolio of Work and second in Sports Page Design.

2012 Graduates Taylor McGonnell and Kim Maples won five national awards each. McGonnell won Second in Photo Story and two thirds in the same category. She also won third in Single Feature Photo and in Photos and Audio Slideshow. Maples won two firsts in Feature Page Design and Online Personality Profile, second in Computer Generated Illustration and third in Feature Page Design Portfolio of Work.

Last years editor in chief John Sisser added four more awards to his total. Sisser won three first places in Online Editorial Writing, Opinion-Editorial Page Design and Feature Page Design. He was also second in Editorial Page Design. Sisser became the newspaper's All-time award winner with 67 state and national awards during his three year career on the 88-year-old newspaper.

In addition to the individual Gold Circle wins the paper won three. The paper won first in Photo Captions and two thirds for Overall Design and Typography Overall look of the entire paper. The Gold Circle Awards recognize the best student writers, editors, designers and photographers in the country and is the largest national competition for individual achievement in college, university and senior high school publications throughout the United States. "The 27 Gold Circle awards we won combined with the 17 we won last fall was the highest amount ever won by a Blue & Gold staff. It was great to see Lydia placed twice as a junior. She is one of the few underclassmen in the country to win multiple awards in such a competitive field. What a great honor for her, last year's staff and our program," Blue & Gold Adviser Jim McGonnell said. This individual contests included over 12,100 scholastic entries nationwide. Judges cited a total of 1,585 winners for either First, Second or Third Place or for Certificates of Merit for those deemed worthy of honorable mention in a category.

Besides the individual awards, Blue & Gold won its 7th Silver Crown Award. Silver Crowns, a higher then first place award, are given for outstanding excellence in high school journalism and it summarizes overall excellence in the entire publication. Crown Awards function as a "top-down" view of general excellence. Publications were judged on writing/editing, design, content, concept, photography, art and graphics. "The staff works very hard at trying to be a professional publication that covers school, local and national issues. This is a great accomplishment by a very hard working student group," McGonnell said. The CSPA judge was impressed with the newspaper staff's efforts. "The Blue & Gold is an outstanding newspaper to look at and read. Your writing is your strength, which includes solid journalistic writing and editing. Your design is also cutting edge, it is creative, innovative, and pulls your readers into the paper. I congratulate one of the best staffs in the country for being so aggressive and creative. The dedication to scholastic journalism that the adviser and staff have is obvious. I hope your student body, administration and community appreciates what a solid newspaper they have," the CSPA judge said. The annual awards program attracts 1,351 entries from among CSPA's member publications from the 2010-2011 academic year. Judging took place during the fall by advisers from all over the country. The CSPA is an international student press association uniting student journalists and faculty advisers at schools and colleges through educational conferences, idea exchanges and award programs.

Please remember to visit the Student and Community Opportunities tab on our website [www.findlaycityschools.org](http://www.findlaycityschools.org) to see the opportunities available in the community for you and your child. If you are interested in receiving district information via email, please register on the website.

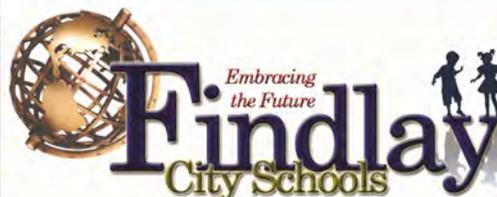


Congrats to SHOCKWAVE on a great day at The Ohio Indoor Performance Association State Percussion Championships this past weekend. SHOCKWAVE started the day out in 6th place out of prelims and moved up to 5th place in finals, finishing with their highest score of the season a 76.75. That is 9 points higher than their highest score of the season! This marks their 9th season in a row finishing top 5 or better at State Finals!

The group also earned the Spirit of OIPA award this year. This award is voted on by the Directors of the Ohio Indoor Performance Association and it goes to the group that best demonstrates the values, character and behavior of the Circuit.

SHOCKWAVE now prepares for WGI World Championships in Dayton on April 19th and 20th.

## BE PART OF THE TRADITION OPEN ENROLL NOW!



**Tuition Free** while seats are available [Choose.FindlayCitySchools.org](http://Choose.FindlayCitySchools.org)

## Let's Get Creative!

Creativity Clubs for the 2011-2012 school year finished with a fun showcase at the end of February. We wrapped up our unit on Museums trying to help put together a museum that had been damaged by an earthquake and its aftershocks! While it would have been fun to take a field trip to actually help, we did our "volunteer" work through a series of puzzles and problem solving.

A big thank you to our volunteer leaders this year:

Mrs. Mandy Hodson at Lincoln, Mrs. Lori Wright at Bigelow Hill, Mrs. Marti Earhart at Chamberlin Hill, and Mrs. Jenny Cassata, Mrs. Chris Zawisza, and Mrs. Kristin Woodhull, all from Wilson Vance.

We look forward to our Creativity Club theme for next year - Environmental Superheroes...Save the Planet!



Anissa Pulcheon will represent Findlay High School at the Martin Essex School for the Gifted and Talented at Otterbein University June 17-23, 2012. Anissa will live on campus and attend seminars and workshops focusing on science, the arts and literature. To prepare for this experience she will read Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.

Congratulations, Anissa, for this highly competitive honor.

The following students are the Rotary Students of the Month for March: Kristen Berry-CBI & ECE 2 and Taylor Bockrath-Cosmetology 2.

# Lincoln Loves Art!



Lincoln students created murals of the four seasons out of caps with art teacher Mrs. Maurer.

Mike Wilson, Glenwood seventh grade math teacher, taught a Robotics class second semester to students in grades 6-8. Students designed robots from Legos kits, programmed the robots and tested their ability to perform certain actions. Students had a great time!



Findlay City Schools and Findlay Enrichment Programs held their annual Women in Math and Science Day on March 15, 2012. The purpose of the event, held at First Presbyterian Church, was to encourage girls with an ability in math/science to pursue their dreams of a career in an associated field. Presenters were: Dr. Darja Praprotnik, Pathologist; Ritz Feczner, Advanced Chemist; Beth Fulk, Electrical Engineer; Amanda Crates-Steinmetz, Funeral Director; and Dr. Melissa James, Veterinarian. The Keynote presenter was Dr. Marie-Christine Brunet who Skyped the group from the University of Illinois.

**Millstream Adult Education  
April Classes**

***To Register: Call (419) 427-5422.***

***For Details: Go to the category heading on the left side of our home page at [www.MillstreamAdultEd.org](http://www.MillstreamAdultEd.org) or call (419) 427-5422.***

CourseName	Start	End	Time	Day	Fee
<b>Person Enrichment Classes</b>					
FUSED GLASS/Sr.95	4/10	5/8	6:30 PM	T	\$110.00
DISTRESS CALL NUMBER FOR BOATERS	4/11	4/11	7:00 PM	W	\$10.00
SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS- LEVEL 2	4/11	5/30	6:00 PM	W	\$120.00
EXPERIMENTAL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY	4/16	5/2	6:30 PM	M W	\$75.00
FLORAL DESIGN 1	4/16	4/30	6:30 PM	M	\$45.00
POTTERS PLATE/Sr. 35	4/17	4/24	7:00 PM	T	\$40.00
SCRAPBOOKING/MEMORYKEEPING	4/19	5/10	6:30 PM	R	\$45.00
I CAN: IPAD,IPOD,IPHONE,ITOUCH-PART 2	5/1	5/15	6:00 PM	T	\$45.00
PRINT ON FABRIC - MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE	5/1	5/22	6:00 PM	T	\$45.00
SWITCH 101-MIGRATE TO MAC	4/3	4/3	6:00 PM	T	\$30.00
<b>Professional Development Classes</b>					
WELDING 3	4/9	5/2	5:30 PM	M T W	\$454.00
ICD-10-CM Anatomy & Physiology	4/10	5/10	7:00 PM	T R	\$750.00
Forklift Safety	TBA			Call	\$80.00
<b>Technology Application Classes</b>					
INTRO TO PC - STEP 1 (FREE)	4/12	4/12	6:30 PM	R	\$0.00
WORD 1 - 2007 (PUTNAM CO.)	4/13	4/13	8:30 AM	F	\$99.00
MOVIE MAKER- CRASH COURSE	4/14	4/14	9:00 AM	Sa	\$25.00
EXPERIMENTAL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY	4/16	5/2	6:30 PM	M W	\$75.00
WORD 2	4/17	4/26	6:30 PM	T R	\$99.00
ADOBE INDESIGN CS4 BASICS (Level 1)	4/18	5/16	6:00 PM	W	\$160.00
INTRO TO PC - Step 2	4/19	5/10	6:30 PM	R	\$99.00
WORD 2- 2007 (PUTNAM CO.)	4/20	4/20	8:30 PM	F	\$99.00
MOVIE MAKER: LIFETIME OF MEMORIES	4/21	4/28	8:00 AM	Sa	\$75.00
OUTLOOK & INTERNET	4/26	4/26	6:30 PM	R	\$25.00
TRANSITIONING TO WINDOWS 7 & OFFICE 10	4/26	4/26	6:30 PM	R	\$30.00
EXCEL 1- 2007 (PUTNAM CO.)	4/27	4/27	8:30 AM	F	\$99.00
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WORD 3	5/1	5/10	6:30 PM	T R	\$99.00
ACCESS 3	5/2	5/23	6:30 PM	W	\$99.00
EXCEL 3	5/2	5/23	6:30 PM	W	\$99.00
WORD 1	5/2	5/23	6:30 PM	W	\$99.00

# Join Us!

## Meals of Hope Food Packaging Event



Saturday, May 12, 2012 in the Findlay High School Cafeteria  
From 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

To package 285,000 meals for those who are hungry in  
Hancock County!

### OUR COMMUNITY IS HUNGRY:

According to the largest study of domestic hunger by Feeding America.org done in 2010, one out of every seven individuals (15.9% or 11,900 people) in Hancock County, struggle with food insecurity issues. This means these individuals are uncertain how, when and if they will be able to acquire nutritionally adequate and safe foods in a socially acceptable way on a reoccurring basis.

Because of these harsh realities, United Way of Hancock County's Halt Hunger Initiative is holding a Meals of Hope food packaging event on Sat. May 12, 2012 in the Findlay High School cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Meals of Hope provides fortified and easy-to-make meals at a low cost of \$.25 per meal or \$1.50 per package. With the help of volunteers from churches, businesses and other organizations, our goal is to package 47,500 packages or 285,000 meals in a four-hour time frame. These meals will then be offered, free of charge, to those organizations, agencies and churches that deal with food insecure individuals and families in Hancock County.

### CALL TO ACTION:

To accomplish this goal, we are in need of approximately 800 volunteers to make up 80 teams of 10 people each. The four-hour time frame will be split into two sessions. The first session is from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and the second session is from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

This volunteer event encourages participation from families (children over five), organizations, businesses, church groups or any individual who would like to be a part of this community-building event. Don't have 10 for a team? No problem, we will backfill your open slots with other community volunteers.

***To register a team, or volunteer, please contact Heather Snyman, at 419-423-1432 or [hsnyman@uw Hancock.org](mailto:hsnyman@uw Hancock.org). Help Us Halt Hunger in Hancock County!***

## New Arrivals

Andy (Tech Dept.) and Allison Groman welcomed son Adam March 1st.

Kyle (Glenwood) and Kelly Lacy welcomed son Grayson on March 26th.

Lincoln principal Scott Marcum and his wife Aubrey are the proud parents of baby girl Emrey, born March 27th.



For Sale:

2006 18.5 cu.ft. Almond refrigerator \$350, 5 drawer desk and a 6 drawer desk. Call 419-422-1542.

**Kudos to the following buildings and departments that were accident free for the month of March:**

Bigelow Hill, Chamberlin Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Lincoln, Northview, Washington, Whittier, Wilson Vance, Glenwood, Central, Millstream, Custodial, Transportation, Maintenance and Grounds!

Keep up the safe work!!!!!!

### Tip of the Month:



### ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD WRECK IT ALL

#### April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Thousands die needlessly each year because people continue to use their cell phones while driving. Join the National Safety Council this April in urging those you care about to:

- Stop using cell phones while driving
- Inform people who call you while driving that you'd be happy to continue the conversation once they have reached their destination
- Share what you know about the dangers of cell phone distracted driving

#### How you can get involved

1. Take the [pledge to drive cell free](#)
2. Download the:
  - [Distracted Driving Awareness Month poster](#)
  - [Distracted Driving Awareness Month fact sheet](#)
  - [Distracted Driving Awareness Month poster - member version](#)
  - [Distracted Driving Awareness Month fact sheet - member version](#)
3. View and share the [One call can change everything](#) PSA video
4. Share these [social media posts](#)

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month was introduced as a resolution in 2010 by former Rep. Betsy Markey (D-CO) and passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in a 410-2 vote on March 23, 2010. The resolution mentions 9-year-old Erica Forney, who was struck and killed by a distracted driver in Fort Collins, CO, in November 2008. Erica's mother, Shelley Forney, is a founding board member of [FocusDriven - Advocates for Cell-free Driving](#).