

# School Lines

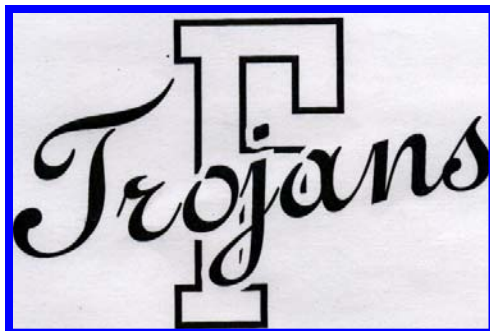
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Findlay City Schools  
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## “Trojan of the Year” Award



Findlay High School's Director of Choral Activities, Kevin Manley, was given the "Trojan of the Year" award at this year's convocation. Just a few of Kevin's many accomplishments with the FFE Show choir are 8 Grand Champions including FAME New York Grand Championship in 2007. This year the Show Choir will travel to Nashville, TN to perform at Show Choir Nationals at the Grand Ole Opry. The show choir under his leadership has received a Superior rating from OMEA State Adjudicated events 5 times. There are over 300 students involved in the choir programs. One of his students commented "Mr. Manley has been there for us....he takes us under his wing, and for most of us he is our second father..... I want to be the type of kind and caring person he is...." One of his students said about his courage "He took 100 students to the heart of New York City—that is pretty brave if you ask me." Findlay City Schools is proud to have Kevin on our Team.



Go Trojans!!!



Note from Kevin Manley:

Last May, the Symphonic Choir received a Superior rating, the highest rating given by the Ohio Music Education Association at the State Adjudicated Event. Each fall, OMEA publishes a composite listing of all of the State ratings; the Symphonic Choir is in very elite company.

Of the 823 high schools in the state of Ohio, only 33 have a AA choir that qualified for State Adjudicated Event. This puts the Findlay High School Symphonic choir in the top 4% in Ohio. Only 22 of those 33 choirs received the highest rating, putting us in the top 2.6% in the state! We were one of only two high schools to have a successful competitive show choir and receive a Superior at State in Class AA. Class AA is the most difficult music, and certainly on the level of collegiate choral literature. Findlay was one of two schools to have a successful competitive show choir and send multiple choirs to State contest. The Concert Choir and Freshman Choir also qualified for State, and received the rating of excellent. Olentangy High School was the other school to achieve these results.

We are very proud of this accomplishment. Accomplishments such as these only happen when an entire school district and community are working together. I am proud to teach in Findlay City Schools, and to be the Director of Choral Activities at Findlay High School.

Thank you for your support of our program,

Kevin Manley



## Millstream Auto Tech/Welding/Engineering Students Strut Their Stuff at Car Tunes on Main

Below are pictures of Millstream's Auto Tech students at the United Way Car Tunes on Main. The students presented the Project Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV), which is a collaborative effort between Millstream Auto Tech/Welding/Engineering students and local businesses, to the public. The project involves the conversion of a 1997 Chevy S10 internal combustion engine (ICE) into a non internal combusted engine (NICE) powered vehicle otherwise known as a PEV which is powered completely by batteries. After its completion the vehicle will be used as an educational tool for local schools and events as well for transportation by FCS school staff.

The students also presented an Electronic Fuel and Ignition System training board which was built by senior Auto Tech students in 2007 to be used as a training aid for Auto Tech students on the operation and diagnosis of modern automotive fuel and ignition systems. The training board features a completely functioning electronic fuel and ignition system which was removed from a modern computer controlled automobile and then assembled onto the display board.

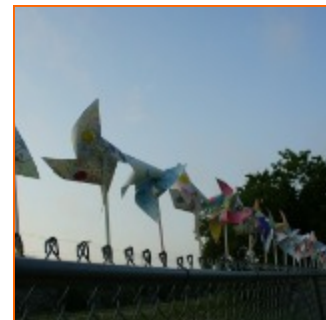


### Wilson Vance celebrates “Pinwheels for “Whirled” Peace”

On Monday, September 21, there were millions of pinwheels "planted" throughout the world in public places, whirling thoughts about peace throughout the country and world.

Locally, the students at Wilson Vance Intermediate School in Findlay, have been working hard in art class designing and assembling their individual "Pinwheels for 'Whirled' Peace".

Students are writing their thoughts and feelings about war and peace, tolerance, and living in harmony with others on one side of the pinwheel. The other side of each pinwheel is more visual with drawings and paintings to visually express each student's feelings.



### Jacobs Primary School Celebrates Patriot Day!

The Jacobs Primary Students gathered around the flagpole in front of the school on Patriot's Day, September 11th. Mr. Say talked about the history of this day. A member from Student Council raised the flag. The students also learned about a flag at half staff and its meaning. They concluded the assembly with the entire school saying the Pledge of Allegiance.



## Blue and Gold Staff Members Win National Awards

Blue & Gold Editor in chief, Junior John Sisser, was named national champ in News Writing in the Ohio Professional Writers/NFPW high school national journalism contest at a ceremony held last week in San Antonio, Texas.

Sisser won the state competition and his entries were then sent to the national committee and the first place winners were announced last week in Texas. Besides the national recognition he also won \$100.

"Winning national awards has become a norm for John. His first year on staff he won three awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York City and a National Write-off competition in St. Louis, MO last year from the National Scholastic Press Association. He also won over 10 state awards for writing and layout and design. He had an outstanding first year as news editor on the Blue & Gold," Adviser Jim McGonnell said.

Two other Blue & Gold staff members were named state winners in the Ohio Professional Writers/NFPW high school state journalism contest.

"2009 Graduate Griffin Haywood and Senior Emily Rivest both won two first place state awards each. Like John, they both have won several state and national awards for their work. Griffin is a great photographer and Emily is good at both writing and design," McGonnell said.

All first place winners were then sent to the national competition. Student winners received a certificate.

Here is the list of winners on the individual categories:

### **News**

1st place: 2009 Graduate John Sisser, Blue and Gold

### **Sports Photo**

1st place: 2009 Graduate Griffin Haywood, Blue and Gold

### **Feature photo**

1st place: Griffin Haywood, Blue and Gold

### **Single page layout**

1st place: Senior Emily Rivest, Blue and Gold

### **Editorial**

1st place: Senior Emily Rivest, Blue and Gold

Ohio Professional Writers High School Journalism Contest chair Sandi Latimer said the Ohio judges were "very impressed with the work of all the students and I was thrilled with John's national recognition."

Submitted by Jim McGonnell

**Millstream Adult Education has over 40 classes scheduled for October.**

**For details about each class go on-line at [www.millstreamadulthood.org](http://www.millstreamadulthood.org) or call 419-427-5422.**

### **General Interest Classes**

Class:	Start date:	End date:	Start time:	Days:
Spanish- Conversational 1	10/1	11/19	6:00 PM	R
How to Use a Digital Camera	10/3	10/3	9:00 AM	Sa
Floral Design 1	10/5	10/19	6:30 PM	M
Cake Decorating 1	10/6	10/27	6:30 PM	T
Cooking- Perfect Pasta	10/13	10/15	6:30 PM	T R
Free Toothpaste for Life	10/15	10/22	6:00 PM	R
Social Networking 101	10/20	10/20	6:00 PM	T
Art of Photography 2	10/21	11/11	6:00 PM	W
Watercolor Landscapes & Collage	10/26	11/30	6:30 PM	M
Ballroom/Wedding Dances- Basics	10/27	11/17	6:30 PM	T
ABC's of Investing (Bring a friend for free!)	10/28	11/18	6:30 PM	W

### **Medical Office Classes**

Class:	Start date:	End date:	Start time:	Days:
Medical Transcription	10/22	12/29	6:00 PM	T R
Medical ICD-9 Coding	10/27	12/17	6:00 PM	T R
Pharmacy Technician- Call for details!				

### **Computer & Office Training**

Class:	Start date:	End date:	Start time:	Days:
Intro to PC Plus- Step 3	10/3	10/3	9:00 AM	Sa
Intro to PC- Step 1 (Free!)	10/6	10/6	6:00 PM	T
Transitioning to Vista	10/6	10/6	6:00 PM	T
Word 1	10/6	10/13	8:40 AM	T R
Excel 2	10/12	10/26	6:00 PM	M
Access 1	10/13	10/27	6:00 PM	T
Intro to PC- Step 2	10/13	10/27	6:00 PM	T
Word 1- 2007	10/13	10/27	6:00 PM	T
Transitioning to Office 2007	10/13	10/13	6:00 PM	T
Word 2	10/14	10/28	6:30 PM	W
Word 2	10/15	10/22	9:00 AM	T R
PowerPoint 1	10/15	10/29	6:00 PM	R
PowerPoint w/ Public Speaking	10/15	10/29	6:00 PM	R
Maintain Your Home PC	10/17	11/14	8:30 AM	S
Outlook & Internet	10/20	10/20	6:00 PM	T
Social Networking 101	10/20	10/20	6:00 PM	T
QuickBooks 2	10/21	11/11	6:00 PM	W
Excel 1	10/27	11/3	8:40 AM	T R
Intro to PC Plus- Step 3	10/29	10/29	6:00 PM	R

### **Industrial Trades**

Class:	Start date:	End date:	Start time:	Days:
Welding 2	10/5	10/28	5:30 PM	M T W
Forklift Safety & Awareness Training	10/8	10/8	9:00 AM	R

### **\*Online Classes- new!**

Check out our website at: [www.millstreamadulthood.org](http://www.millstreamadulthood.org) for our new online classes!

## Help Findlay Enrichment Programs Win Up to \$1500

Eat lunch at VINO's on November 5, 2009 from 11:30 –1:00 (eat in or carry out).

Vote for FEP on your ballot. That's all you need to do. Thank you for your support!



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## Let's Go Green

Below are a few tips to help you "go green" and save money.

### Save Energy and Save \$

- Unplug appliances when they are not being used. Or, use a "smart" power strip that senses when appliances are off and cuts "phantom energy use."
- Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85% of the energy used by a washing machine goes to heating the water.
- Take shorter showers and install a low-flow shower head.

### Skip the bottled water.

- Buy a reusable water bottle.

### Eat Smart

- Try one meatless meal a week.
- Whatever your diet, eat low on the food chain and only sustainable seafood.



## Medication and Mercury Collection Day

On October 24 from 9:00 a.m.—noon in the Findlay Municipal Building Parking Lot you can turn in unwanted, expired or un-needed medicine or mercury. This is a drive thru drop off location. Help protect your family, community, and the environment by properly disposing of them.

If you have any questions contact the Community Partnership at 419-424-1985 or [www.paragonapproved.org](http://www.paragonapproved.org).

## SYMPATHY

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

Cathy Dunham's (FHS) husband passed away on September 24th.

### *Congratulations!!!!*

Matthew Merino, class of 1996 and son of Rick and Kathy Lyon (FHS) was married to Aimee Mussetter on May 26th in Las Vegas.

Jason Callan (Glenwood Art Teacher) married Ashley Kroetz, (daughter of Barb Shick, Community Relations Coordinator) on June 6, 2009.

### *New Arrivals*

Jennifer (Treasurer's Office) and Jason Miller welcomed daughter Gracie on September 25. She weighed 8lbs. 8 ozs.



### *For Sale*

Step 2 Naturally Playful Woodland Climber \$60.00 Call Tracie at ext. 8204 or home 419-422-6041.

Washing machine great shape \$60.00 Call 419-350-4718.



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

Chamberlin Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Lincoln, Northview, Washington, Wilson Vance, Central, Donnell, Glenwood, Grounds/ Maintenance, and Transportation!

Keep up the safe work!!!!

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

- ◆ ***To save your back, remember to store heavier items on the middle shelves so you don't need to bend or reach for these items.***