



# The CO-PILOT

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## FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG

May 25 was graduation day for the “Class of 2008.” The “Class of 2008” will exit our school having won over \$840,000 in scholarships to help them further their education. During the commencement exercises, this class was recognized for their numerous accolades in both academics and athletics. I want to wish all of the members of the “Class of 2008” the best of luck in all that they do.

### **STAFF RETIREMENTS**

Mr. Scott Fisher recently announced his retirement. Mr. Fisher has been in the Ayersville Local School District for 22 years. His presence will be deeply missed in our school. His mark on the local music scene has been well documented. Just this year, the high school and middle school bands both received “I’s” or “Superior” Ratings” at OMEA large-group contest. We wish him the best in his retirement.

### **SUMMER MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

Many facility repair projects are in the process or soon will be. For this reason, access to certain areas of the school will be affected. Some of these projects are made possible through the use of the Permanent Improvement Levy. This levy allows the district to effect repairs and renovations without using General Fund moneys.

**Pool Boiler:** The pool’s water boiler, which heats the pool’s water, is in the process of being replaced. During this time the pool water is not being heated. At this time of year, the cooler water can be refreshing. Boiler replacement is anticipated to be completed by early July. This project is funded through the use of the Natatorium Levy Funds as it is an expenditure for pool operation.

**Painting and plaster repair:** Numerous rooms throughout the building will be receiving new coats of paint and plaster repairs as needed.

**Paving behind the school:** Some areas of paving behind the school will be torn out and replaced. This work is anticipated to be completed during the month of July.

**Bleacher replacement:** The visitor-side football bleachers are scheduled to be replaced in the next couple of weeks. They will be aluminum construction similar to the grandstands which were replaced two years ago. This will complete the bleacher renovation projects that were begun three years ago.

**Fence Repair/Replacement:** Recent storms have caused damage to some of the fences on the athletic complex. We are in the process of working with the school property insurance to recover costs for repairs and/or replacements of these damaged fences.

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**Replacement of Lights in High School Gymnasium:** The lighting system in the high school gymnasium will be replaced in late July. The current lighting system does not provide the level of light determined adequate for high school competition. Additionally, the new lighting system will use half the number of fixtures and have the ability to be used in a more energy efficient manner during the school day.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE “CLASS OF 2008”**

#### **Did you know...**

- ...of the 77 members of this class, 44% will be pursuing a Bachelor’s degree;
- ...29% will be pursuing an Associate’s Degree;
- ...3% will be pursuing a one-year program;
- ...4% will be pursuing careers in the military;
- ...20% will be pursuing competitive employment.

#### **Good Luck to the “Class of 2008”**

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**A SPECIAL CONGRATULATION...** goes out to graduating senior Mykel Wireman for his 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Long Jump at the State Track and Field Meet held June 5 and 6 at the Jesse Owens Track on the campus of The Ohio State University. Additionally, junior Anthony King competed in the State Meet in the Shot Put. Congratulations to both student athletes for their accomplishments in Track and Field.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

- Junior English student Sarah Mutchler won \$1,300 in savings bonds from a local Amvets Essay contest. The theme was “My Favorite American Hero.” Sarah won first at the local level, and she won first at the state level. Junior English teacher Teresa Figley had all of her junior English students submit an essay on the topic. The Amvets post reported that over 200 other essays from the area were submitted for the local contest. Sarah’s winning essay will be going on to the national level, which will be judged in August.
- Doug Flory and Rosie Kieffer, math instructors, reported the following winners of the Maumee Valley Math Test:

8<sup>th</sup> grade: George Roth – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Algebra I: Joshua Kieffer- 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Jordan Flory – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Geometry: Dillon Flint - 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Advanced Math: Brian Zheng - 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Matt Steece - 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Senior Math: Trang Nguyen – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

1 <sup>st</sup> place = \$40
2 <sup>nd</sup> place = \$30
3 <sup>rd</sup> place = \$25
4 <sup>th</sup> place = \$20
5 <sup>th</sup> place = \$15

- Art Instructor Bobbi Yeager had several students receive awards. In the 2008 Ohio Junior Duck Stamp Contest, Trang Nguyen, Olivia Stewart, Ji-Ji Kim and Sarah Mutchler received Honorable Mention while Chelsea Castillo earned 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for her entry of a Mallard duck. Jessica Relyea’s entry in the Creative Patriotic Art Contest at Post 3360 won second place. She will receive a \$250 scholarship.

Trang also earned a Silver and Gold Key in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards held in Ft. Wayne. This program is national in scope and is administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The most outstanding works of art and writing – Gold Keys – are forwarded to New York City to be assessed on a national level.

### **FITNESS CENTER SUMMER HOURS**

6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,  
and Thursday

No cost to Ayersville School District residents  
\$30.00 monthly charge for non-residents  
Please park on the west side of the school  
and enter through the gym lobby doors.

### **POOL SUMMER HOURS**

Adult early morning swim - 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.  
Monday thru Friday, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
(Adults only - 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)  
Cost is \$.50 for preschool;  
\$1.00 for students K-12; \$1.50 for adults  
Rentals are also available.  
Call 419-395-1111 ext. 133 for more information.

**THE ANNUAL STAFF RECOGNITION LUNCHEON...** was held on Tuesday, June 3, in the school cafeteria. Following are staff members who were recognized for their years of service with the district.

#### 5-Year Service Award

Tod Hug  
Janice Wolfrum  
Eileen Rufenacht

#### 10-Year Service Award

Cindy Davis  
Connie Nicely  
Lisa Niese  
Anne McCoy

#### 15-Year Service Award

Sue Baker

#### 20-Year Service Award

Dan Mix

#### 25-Year Service Award

Rhonda Huddle  
Jane Strata

#### 30-Year Service Award

Linda Beardsley  
Kay Cattell  
Sharon Sinn  
Jeff Strata

#### 35-Year-Service Award

Debbie Kennedy  
Dwight Dundore

#### Retirees

Jan Courtaway  
Joyce Rayle  
Shirley Stevens  
Kathy Rath  
Bob Rohn

### **YEARBOOK NOTES FROM MRS. FEDDERKE**

Did you forget to order a yearbook the year you graduated? We have extras for sale at \$20.00 each for the following years:

1991 - 4 books  
1993 - 2 books  
1999 - 2 books

2000 - 3 books  
2002 - 5 books  
2003 - 5 books

2004 - 10 books  
2005, 2006, 2007 - over 20  
books for each year

Please call Mrs. Fedderke, 419-395-1111 ext 114, when the new school year starts or call and leave a message on her voice mail.

### **ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS**

Watch for a mailing this fall about the Sister to Sister Summit, September 13, 20, and 27. The Sister to Sister Summit provides girls with an opportunity to talk with each other about many of the issues they face as teenagers. The summits are primarily planned for girls by girls. Women with expertise in various fields work with the girls to guide them in their discussions, answer questions, and help them develop healthy attitudes regarding these issues. It is sponsored by Zonta International, American Association of University Women, and Women and Family Services. For more information, call Johanna Mack at 419-784-5501 or email sis2sis@embarqmail.com.

## POSTAL PATRON

### CALENDAR

June 30	Special Board Meetings, 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office
July 14	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. in High School library
Aug. 3	Band Camp, 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 4-7	Band Camp, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Aug. 18	Band performs at Defiance County Fair in Hicksville
Aug. 22	Meet the Teacher Night, 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades K-4
Aug. 29	Chicken Kick-Off sponsored by the Music Boosters before the 1 <sup>st</sup> home football game

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2008-09

#### Elementary

- "Meet the Teacher Night" will be Friday, August 22, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
  - Parent Orientations from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in your child's classroom
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| Grade 2 - September 2 | Grade 4 - September 9  |
| Grade 1 - September 4 | Grade 3 - September 11 |

#### Middle School

- Open House - Thursday, August 28

#### High School

- Freshmen Orientation - Friday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
- Open House - Monday, September 8

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - MONDAY, AUGUST 25**