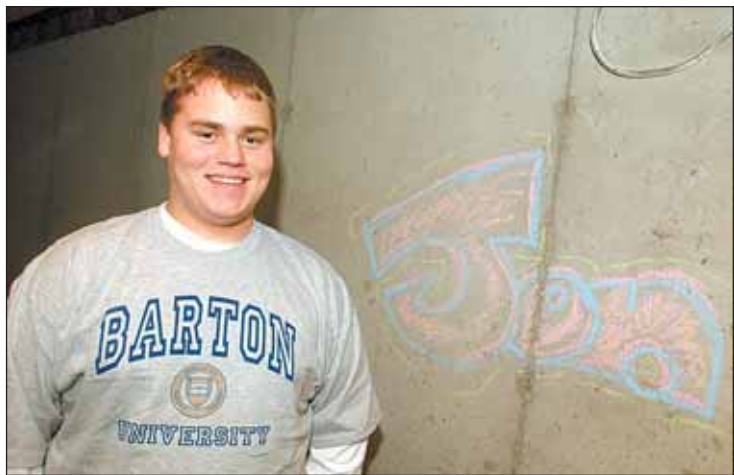


KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: Jon Barton



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Jon Barton, a Center Grove High School sophomore, does graffiti art in his basement. He is on the school newspaper staff and manages the softball team.

Jon Barton is a busy sophomore at Center Grove High School. He's the manager of the softball team. He's a member of the newspaper staff. And he is president of the student body.

Much of Barton's energy at age 16 is directed toward academic goals. He wants to study radiology after graduating from high school.

Love or hate roller coasters? "I hate roller coasters. I just don't trust them. Maybe if I met the people who built them ..."

Characteristic inherited from his dad: "His sense of humor."

Biggest fear: "It's a tie between losing my memory, I'm afraid of forgetting people I've met and places I've seen, and I'm afraid of dying before I'm ready to."

Most exciting time in his life so far: "My freshman year, I got to go to a Styx concert with my friends. I was really on a Styx binge at the time. And I don't think I'll ever forget that night. It was great."

Possessions he cherishes: "I have an autographed picture of Jay Leno. And I have a stoplight. I got it in fifth grade. I rewired it so it would work."

If he were a car, he would be: "A Mercedes SUV. It's good for everything. Formal

events, off-road travel, and it's built to last."

In 10 years: "I'll be completing my residency. I want to be a radiologist."

What he looks for in a girlfriend: "A nice smile, confidence, a sense of humor and enlightening conversation. Someone who can offer new insights."

Special time with a family member: "It was my first camping trip with Boy Scouts. It was in the middle of February. I was 11 years old, and my dad went with me, and we fell out of the canoe."

Biggest peer pressure: "Probably drinking. That started my freshman year, when people invited me to go get drunk. I never wanted to, and I still haven't."

Something adults don't know about teenagers: "We're not all ignorant. Some of us are mature."

Number of songs on his MP3 and his favorite: "There are 64 songs on there, and my favorite is 'Beat Box' by Matisyahu."

Interview by Sherri Eastburn



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TAKE NOTES

Students learn about global cultures

Third-grade students at North Grove Elementary School have traveled the world in their art classes, learning about the art and cultures of Africa and Asia.

To help introduce the studies of Mexico and South America, ceramic artist Jude Odell visited teacher Darlene Morris and her students at North Grove.

Odell brought masks from the village of Ocumicho, Mexico. She explained how the whole village worked to make the terra cotta mask.

Students then learned how to create detailed Mexican-style masks of their own.

Jazz band receives silver rating at contest

The Roncalli High School jazz band traveled to Brownsburg to perform in the Indiana State School Music Association Jazz Band Competition on March 4.

The Rebels received a silver rating in Group I at the competition.

High school senior recognized for service

Heather Farno, a senior at Whiteland Community High School, was honored for her volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award recognizes Americans who have made serving others a central part of their lives.

Show choir earns high marks for performance

The Roncalli High School show choir, New Dimension, competed at the Hoosier Show Choir Classic on Feb. 25 in Indianapolis.

The Rebels earned the award for best choreography and were named second runner-up in small mixed group division.

Sophomore Melissa Wood received the best-soloist award in the small mixed group division, and junior Roma Bose was named best New Dimension performer.

Youngsters to perform stage play in Greenwood

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Thursday by the fifth- and sixth-grade drama club at Clark-Pleasant Intermediate School.

The show will be at the school, 2111 Sheek Road in Greenwood.

High school students to perform with symphony

Two southside students, freshman Jason Pfister and senior Nicole Pfister, have been selected to perform with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Side by Side concert March 22.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Hilbert Circle Theatre, 45 Monument Circle in Indianapolis.

Dabble in arts and crafts with free activities

Daily Journal staff report

If you've ever thought about getting your hands messy on a pottery wheel or stretching your body in yoga, this is your chance.

Hands on the Arts Day will offer kids and adults a taste of activities like cookie decorating, painting and scrapbooking, as well as yoga and pottery, Saturday at the Franklin Community Center, 396 Branigin Blvd.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Admission is free. Lunch items will be available for purchase.

The activities:

• **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — The pottery wheel will be spinning with an

instructor to assist participants.

• **10 to 11 a.m.** — Bubble paint by blowing into a colorful solution to create a unique masterpiece.

• **10 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., if needed** — Scrapbook and go home with a finished one-page product. Bring two to three photos; all other supplies will be furnished. Limited to 12 participants per session.

• **10 a.m. to noon** — Hands-on art projects for kids include finger painting, easel painting and fuse bean fun.

• **10 a.m. to noon** — Carve your own stamp and then make a stamped card. Class available to the first 24 adult participants.

• **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** — Visit the Ethos Art Show in the adjacent Beeson Hall.

• **10:15 to 11 a.m.** — Introduction to yoga. Limited to 20 participants.

• **11 a.m. to noon** — Make a bookmark from the spine of an old book. Participants can come and go.

• **Noon to 1 p.m.** — Use American Indian beading in this group project.

• **Noon to 2 p.m.** — Cookie decorating class. Limited to 10 participants at a time.

• **Noon to 1 p.m.** — Learn to twirl, step, glide and twist on the dance floor. No partner necessary.

• **1 to 1:30 p.m.** — Children ages 3 to 6 will love this dance class.

• **1 to 2 p.m.** — Turn a flower pot into a work of art. For all ages.

• **1 to 3 p.m.** — Paper making. Participants can come and go.

• **1:30 to 2:15 p.m.** — Dance class for 7- to 12-year-olds.

• **2 to 3 p.m.** — Get started on a garter-stitch afghan block in this introductory knitting class.



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Signs outside Break-O-Day Elementary School in New Whiteland inform visitors that surveillance is in use. Many southside

schools utilize video cameras inside and outside campus buildings to keep tabs on students and visitors.

On the lookout

Video cameras help school officials keep watch over students

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Someone is watching the things a camera captures at a school or on a bus near you.

Surveillance cameras are common fixtures in schools across the county, giving educators a way to watch students eat lunch in cafeterias, walk in and out of school or ride the bus home.

Cameras are placed in high-traffic spots around buildings to keep an eye on who comes and goes.

"Administrators can't always see everything that's going on," said Anne Young, who is the safety coordinator for the Clark-Pleasant Community School Corp. "We put them wherever we might need that extra eye to keep students safe."

Districts vary on where cameras are placed and which school buildings use them.

Center Grove High School has black-bubbled cameras positioned around the building and on the high school's rooftop.

Franklin is putting about 100 cameras in its new high school between Simon and Branigin roads, project manager Bill Goley said. They will be positioned in hallways, entrances and in other buildings on the campus.

He said Custer Baker Middle School has cameras, but Franklin elementary schools do not.

"We don't see the need to put them in elementary schools at this time," Goley said.

Signs outside Break-O-Day Elementary School in New Whiteland alert visitors they are being watched and that video can be used in prosecutions.

Two are posted outside the elementary school's front doors.

"A camera is a deterrent for visitors that lets them know we expect appropriate behavior," principal Terry Magnuson said. "It helps people know we're taking steps to create a safer environment."

School officials sometimes use cameras to monitor parking lots or determine who might



Terry Magnuson, principal at Break-O-Day Elementary School in New Whiteland, monitors video footage in the surveillance control center at the school.

have started a fight, Young said. Surveillance helps them take action and also prevent bullying, she said.

Other times, cameras are used to keep watch on school buildings after hours to deter break-ins or vandalism, she said.

Buses also have cameras on board to keep watch on students riding to and from school each day, administrators said.

Recently, Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corp. used a bus surveillance tape after a driver slapped a special-needs student. A video camera on the bus recorded the incident, and the driver was fired.

Each of Franklin's 60 buses has had a camera for about eight years, transportation director Sue Henderson said.

Henderson spends as much as four hours reviewing tapes on certain days, she said.

The district uses cameras to show drivers about potential problems with students on the bus, as well as when accidents happen or parents are concerned about their child's behavior.

"This is really an important tool that helps us keep track of what's going on that we might not normally see," Henderson said.



"With a net. (I would find him) by looking in the ground and then I would put him in a cage. I would give him food. I would feed him rocks and apples."

Jonny Ford, 5, son of Crystal Ford of Franklin, kindergarten, Northwood Elementary School



"I would take a gold bell and put it on a rope and say 'Here, leprechaun' and swing the bell (like a lasso) and catch it. (If I caught it) I would cook it and eat it. I think he would taste like grass."

Natalie Medsker, 6, daughter of Eric and Christy Medsker of Franklin, kindergarten, Northwood Elementary



"I would go right behind him and say 'Hey, leprechaun' and I would catch him with a net."

Anthony Portocarrero, 6, son of Hubert and Karyn Portocarrero of Franklin, kindergarten, Northwood Elementary

