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TAKE NOTES

Scholarships open to Johnson County residents

The Johnson County Community Foundation will again award two full-tuition, four-year scholarships to Johnson County residents.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program provides scholarships for full tuition, fees, and a stipend of \$800 a year for books and equipment.

The program is open to both high school seniors and high school graduates.

The Marion A. and Eva S. Peeples Foundation Trust Scholarship provides awards to nursing, dietetics and technology-education majors.

Priority is given to Franklin Community High School students and Johnson County residents and is renewable for up to eight semesters. Awards are available for current high school seniors, high school graduates and for students already enrolled in college.

The Laura B. Smith Memorial Scholarship is available for graduating seniors of Whiteland High School or other Whiteland residents planning to major in nursing.

Information on these scholarships is available at high school guidance offices.

County students excel on Advance Placement tests

Center Grove High School students were honored for scores on Advanced Placement exams.

Two students, Matthew Brown and Dennis Snell, earned National Scholar ranking by receiving an average grade of at least four out of five on all AP exams.

Michael Beauchamp, Katelyn Bennett, Matthew Brown, Brittany Burns, Eugene Chan, Jacob Denz, Troy Montigny, Spencer Putt, Eric Radoux, Stephanie Scharf, Dennis Snell, Adam Stokes and Flint Wang were named Scholars With Distinction by receiving an average score of at least a 3.5.

Craig Allen, Christopher Heins, Megan Lawless, Derek Zacarias and Megan Zimmerly earned titles of Scholar With Honor with an average of 3.25.

Scholar awards were given to Drew Beretta, Lauren Carter, Sarah Clements, Joshua Heber, Michael Hoover, Katherine Kaylor, Alex Kremer, Luke Menner, Amanda Meyer, Michael Moore, Susanne Schmidt, Laura Siegel, Jeffrey Wagerman, Stephen Wood and Myra Wooley.

Booster club seeking new members for year

The Indian Creek Brave Backers will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Indian Creek High School library.

All community members are invited. The group is looking for new officers for 2006-07 school year.

Information: Tim Robison, 878-2124, or Jim Rogers, 736-9056

Scrapbooking bee to raise money for Boy Scout troop

A scrapbooking fund-raiser will be conducted to benefit Boy Scout Troop 209 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 14 at Edinburgh United Methodist Church, 107 W. Campbell St.

Cost is \$25 and includes lunch and snacks. Some scrapbooking items will be available for purchase, but those attending should bring their own supplies to work with throughout the day.

Registration is requested by calling Karen at (812) 526-6310.

After-school care for children available

Open registration for after-school care at Indian Creek schools will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Indian Creek Elementary School, 200 W. Pearl St. in Trafalgar.

Parents should bring a photo ID. Registration fees start at \$25. Information: Christie, 534-7569

Financial-aid information session set at Roncalli

Parents of Roncalli High School seniors are invited to attend a college financial-aid planning meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 in the school media center.

Roncalli guidance office staff members will help parents with the financial-aid form required by colleges and universities.

Information: 787-8277

Kids share thoughts about relatives overseas

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Joining his peers in the GI Blues circle, Cody Honeycutt had a place to discuss the challenges of helping his mother more with his three younger brothers while his father, Sgt. Charles Honeycutt, served for a year in Afghanistan.

"It was kind of scary for my dad to be over there," said Honeycutt, 13, a seventh-grade student at Greenwood Middle School. Mariah Gerber, 11, a sixth-grade student, talked about the tears her parents shed when her brother, Pvt. Anthony Gerber, left home to serve his country.

"They cried a lot," Gerber said. "It was really hard for me to get used to him being gone." Samantha Tatum, 11, and Joey Coachys, 13, both in sixth grade, talked about their worries about Tatum's brother, Pvt. Adam Reguli, and Coachys' cousin, Pvt. Billy Coachys.

"I don't watch the news," Tatum said. "It tells too much stuff."



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Greenwood Middle School students Mariah Gerber, Cody Honeycutt, Samantha Tatum and Joey Coachys, from left, talk about relatives stationed overseas through GI Blues, a group for family members of service people.

Sonda Schmidt, Greenwood Middle School social worker, initiated GI Blues, a support group for students with deployed relatives in the military. Students attend monthly meetings to share news from their loved ones and to talk about concerns.

"I've learned I'm not the only one going through this," Coachys said of the support group, which began several weeks ago.

Many families experience emotional upheaval when a loved one is deployed, Schmidt said.

"A lot of times, our young people are kind of forgotten," she said. "Families are very consumed with worry and fear for the people who are serving."

During the 45 minutes designated for GI Blues members, questions can be asked and feelings can be expressed.

"It's important for kids to feel empowered to deal with their emotions," Schmidt said. "And it helps them to know there is some normalcy in this chaotic time with their families."

As a service project, GI Blues members recently created a large banner and invited 900 of their peers to write letters to soldiers serving on a U.S. Marine base in Iraq.

"The banner said, 'Thank you from Greenwood Middle School, USA,'" Gerber said.



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Franklin Community High School principal Leighton Turner displays an antique roll-top desk among other historical treasures in his office. Turner credits his love for antiques to his father, who was a history buff with a penchant for items from yesteryear.

Antiques showcase

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Walk into Leighton Turner's office at Franklin Community High School, and you will also step back in time.

"I have a real soft spot in my heart for antique office furniture," Turner said as he sat down in the chair behind a large, roll-top desk.

"I got tired of metal and steel," said Turner, who has served five years as principal at the school after working more than 20 years as assistant principal.

Impressive oak bookcases neatly line the blue office walls.

A turn-of-the-century telephone, set on the corner of his desk, was in use until a few years ago, Turner said.

When students stop by his office, Turner encourages them to grab a handful of Hershey's Kisses from the antique glass candy jar, a gift from Turner's father, the late Howard Turner.

"My father loved antiques, way, way, way before it was fashionable to love antiques," Turner said. "He loved history."

Turner said he inherited his father's passion for collecting some of yesterday's memories.

He and his wife, Sheila, a teacher at Edinburgh Middle School, reside in a farmhouse built in the early 1800s. They both enjoy antique shopping.

"There's a softness, a peacefulness, to having antique office furniture," Turner said.



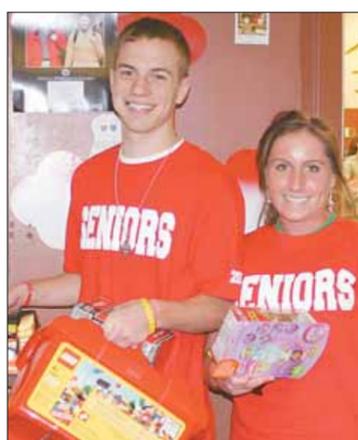
An antique telephone on the corner of Leighton Turner's desk at Franklin high school was in use until a few years ago. The principal's office also features an old candy jar that holds chocolate for students and other visitors.

Franklin principal's office doubles as office-furniture museum

Holiday happenings



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Clark Elementary School celebrated Christmas by inviting families to share a holiday lunch. Students Kathleen and Shania Schlenz ate with their father, Kenny Schlenz, and stepmother, Amy Robbins.



Roncalli High School students, teachers and staff members collected and donated more than 2,000 toys for needy children during December. Seniors Justin Wernke, left, and Christine Peak help load toys for delivery.



"The Chronicles of Narnia." I like chapter books.

Alan Beard, 7, son of Janie and Bart Beard of Greenwood, first grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"The Slippery Slope" by Lemony Snicket."

Keaton Wright, 11, son of Sheryl and Keith Wright of Greenwood, fifth grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"March of the Penguins."

Tori Baer, 7, daughter of Jane and Brent Baer of Greenwood, first grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

Abby Bentson, 11, daughter of Jackie and Bert Bentson of Greenwood, fifth grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"The Five People You Meet in Heaven."

Megan Himebrook, 10, daughter of Bill and Joan Himebrook of Greenwood, fourth grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"Skeleton Key."

Alex Aukerman, 9, son of Marcie and Lance Aukerman of Greenwood, fourth grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"Twister on Tuesday." It's in a series called Magic Tree House."

Isaac Howe, 8, son of Katy and Jason Howe of Greenwood, second grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

Conner Andersen, 8, son of Martha and Kim Andersen of Greenwood, third grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School



"Charlotte's Web."

Nicole Jansen, 8, daughter of Cheryl and Patrick Jansen of Greenwood, second grade, Pleasant Grove Elementary School

