Liberty Community Education Foundation Auction a Huge Success

The Liberty Community Education Foundation held its annual dinner and auction at the Fairfield Community Center on October 20. This annual function is designed to raise scholarship funding for graduating seniors and to provide Liberty teachers with classroom project grants. The October event was the fourth annual for the Foundation and the third to be held at the Fairfield Community Center.

The dinner and auction was attended by 120 Liberty supporters and netted over $12,500. Highlights of the live auction led by auctioneer Patty Roll included a private parking stall for high school basketball games ($500), a picture book of Ms. Brown’s kindergarten class ($650), and a head table at the 2013 auction with china, crystal, and personalized service featuring headwaiter Bob Sievers ($475).

Foundation president Ione Felgenhauer introduced local retired farmer Jack Felgenhauer as the most recent major donor to the Foundation. Jack presented the board of directors with a check for $100,000. Jack’s donation was the second $100,000 donation in two years from families who grew up in the area and have fond memories of Liberty schools.

Junior Boosters Brings Technology Bus to Liberty

The Liberty Junior Boosters organized a visit from Discover Technology to the high school and elementary/junior high schools during the week of October 15. Grades K-8 enjoyed an action-packed assembly, and each school participated in individual classroom sessions and a tour of the technology bus. Exhibits included robots, physics demonstrations, chemical reactions and the science of magnetism.

The Junior Boosters’ goal for the year is to bring field trips to Liberty. With travel costs increasing each year, this has been a way to expose students in our rural schools to new and special opportunities. The next Junior Boosters program will be We Care Sports and a family fun night on January 9.
The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District. The Lancer is published to provide current information about school district sponsored and co-sponsored events, student and educator recognition, as well as other news of interest to our school community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be sent to the Superintendent.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Tuesday, November 27
Thursday, December 27
Thursday, January 24
Tuesday, February 26
Thursday, March 28

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for October

Congratulations to our citizens of the month for October: (back row, l-r): Simon Vincini, Thomas Perryman, Trace Gale, Ava Budde, Lexi Kettner, (front row, l-r) Layton Kettner, Coleman Tee, Tyler Stitt, Jackson Wilson, Albert Winder, (far right) Tревин Кимбл

Jr. High Sports Teams Excel in Football and Volleyball

The Liberty Knights football and volleyball teams have remained undefeated in Bi-County league play for 2012. Girls’ volleyball, under the direction of head coach Kaci Tee and assistant Carrie Kimble, finished their fall season with 10 wins and 0 match losses. On only two occasions did the Lady Knights lose a game to opponents—later returning to win the match 2-to-1.

The Knights football team, coached by Brian Harrington and Joe Holwegner, is attempting a designation never held before in Liberty junior high football history—an undefeated and un-scored-upon season. The Knights have been a powerhouse in the junior high Bi-County league with multiple sets on the offensive side of the ball and a strong knowledge base on defense. Coaches Harrington and Holwegner have been working with many of these boys since third grade on consistency and leadership—the traits of their program. Their final game will be held on Tuesday, October 30 at home vs. Reardan at 4:00pm. GO KNIGHTS!!
Principal’s Message

It’s hard to believe we have completed the first quarter for the 2012-13 school year. Report cards for high school students will be mailed home November 1 along with scholarship information from Mr. Hammond. Teachers will be available for conferences November 6-8, and those days are scheduled as early release days. On November 8, teachers will be available until 7:00 pm if an evening conference works better for you. If at any time you would like to meet with your student’s teacher, please don’t hesitate to contact the high school.

Yearbooks

Now is the time to purchase your Lancer Yearbook for 2012-13. Books can be purchased for $55 at the high school office until December 7. Yearbooks will not be available for purchase after this date. Yearbooks are also available online through the school’s website.

If you need more information about the yearbook, please contact the office or Mr. Harkness.

Homecoming

The Liberty High School ASB put on a great homecoming week for our students. Students dressed up throughout the week and participated in games, and the week concluded with a dance after the football game.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Turnbough and Cameron Bentley, who were chosen as King and Queen for homecoming 2012.

Knowledge Bowl Begins

Mr. Cox and the Knowledge Bowl team will begin their season October 30 in Harrington. The team will have contests on Tuesdays twice a month through February. The season will conclude with a regional competition at Whitworth University on March 1. Best of luck to the Knowledge Bowl team!

Knowledge Bowl participants pictured at right: (back row, l-r): Cassie Fairfield, Shareena McGregor, Kaitlin St. Pierre, Katelyn Marcure, Ryan Thayer, Joseph Ryan, Gabe Saywers, (front row, l-r) Stephanie Schilling, Cassandra Russell

HSPE Testing and Math and Biology End-of-Course (EOC) Exams

The reading and writing HSPE exams and math and biology EOC exams are still part of the graduation requirements for all Washington students. The HSPE tests will be administered to all sophomores this year on the following dates: Writing—March 12-13; Reading—March 14. The science and math end-of-course exams will take place sometime during the last three weeks of school. Seniors and juniors who still need to pass a math EOC will take a make-up test the first week in February.

If you would like more information about state testing and graduation requirements, please contact the office.
**Drama Club**

The drama club has arrived at Liberty High School. Parent volunteer Melanie Diana has graciously stepped up to lead an enthusiastic group of performers. The club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays after school; students are able to catch the activity bus on practice days. Students in grades 7-12 are able to participate. The club’s goal is to put on a couple of plays during the school year. If you would like more information about the drama club, please contact the high school office.

*A group of drama club participants pictured at right (l-r): William McLaughlin, Shealene Wheeler, Marissa Fox, Cassie Fairfield, Kaitlin St. Pierre, Cassandra Sperlich, Katelyn Marcure, Brittany Young*

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**Winter Sports**

The winter sports season kicks off November 12. Athletes must have all of the appropriate paperwork completed in order to participate the first day of practice. Please contact Mr. Burnham with questions regarding athletics at ext. 1221. There will be a meeting for all winter sports November 5 at 6:00 pm in the high school gym.

Coach Mike Thacker will lead the boys’ basketball program with the assistance of Blaze Burnham. The girls’ basketball program will be led by Coach Larry Hardie and his assistant Duke Hammond. The wrestling team will be led by head coach Adam Thies. Assisting with the wrestlers will be Rick Mumby and Matt Hafner. Our cheer squad will be led by Coach Leona Budde and Suzanne Holling.

*Winter cheerleaders (back row, l-r): Shareena McGregor, Maylissa Lewis, Danielle Hollenbeck, Holly Cockle, (front row) Brittany Young*  
*Not Pictured: Kaitlyn Turnbough and Jessica House*  

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**Academic Letter**

Congratulations to Shareena McGregor for earning her academic letter at the high school. Shareena shines in the classroom and performed ten hours of service for our community. Shareena is the first student this year to earn an academic letter for her outstanding accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. Students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or above two consecutive semesters, perform ten hours of community service, and fill out an application are eligible to earn their academic letter. Excellent job, Shareena—keep up the great work!

*Shareena McGregor has earned her academic letter.*

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**Upcoming Events**

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