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Christmas Programs

"It's Time to Get Ready for Christmas" is the 2017 theme for the Elementary School's Christmas Program! Please join them as they perform in the Tri-County High School Gym on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 1PM. You're sure to spot some elves and reindeer and even Santa Claus has been invited! It's time to get ready, so make sure you enhance your Christmas joy with the younger ones' singing!

Junior High band and choir students will be performing their Christmas concert on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 6:30PM. Sixth grade band and choir will also be delighting the audience in their first concert of the year. We hope you can join us.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 6:30PM is the concert date for the high school band and choir in the high school auditorium. Come to enjoy some wonderful Christmas music that you'll be humming long after the show is finished.

Tri-County Intermediate School has been very excited to again have students in the Purdue Musical Organization's Kids Choir, who performed as part of the Purdue Christmas Show! We have 4 students this year: Lauren Bledsoe, Lily Hagan, Ryleigh Metzinger, and Clara Wamsley. On December 1, our students were very excited to travel to Purdue's Elliott Hall of Music to see this wonderful show! We are indebted to our fantastic and generous PTO who sponsor much of the ticket cost. Thank you!



From The Desk of Ms. Hall

It seems impossible that Christmas is almost here and soon we will be starting a new semester, but there is something very special about the Primary building in winter time. Our young learners revel in the magic of the holidays and eagerly anticipate those first snowflakes, reminding us to take time to enjoy the season.

The highlight of the winter season for our elementaries is our Christmas program. This year, the program will be on December 13th at 1:00 at the Jr/Sr High School. Mrs. Legler is hard at work, making sure every detail is in place, and our students have been practicing for weeks. I want to thank in advance all of the volunteers that help make that event happen by setting up chairs, decorating the gym, and helping students during the performance. It takes everyone to make this wonderful community event happen!

As this year comes to an end, I cannot help but look back at all the wonderful happenings at TCP for 2017. I feel very fortunate to be part of a community that works together as a family to provide support to all of our students. I want to commend our staff, parents, and families for doing such a wonderful job of providing all of our students with academic supports, encouragement, and love. I know this partnership will continue well beyond this year as we continue to make sure TCP is a place where students thrive.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and hope you are able to spend quality time with your loved ones.

Miss Hall



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HAGAN

All of us at TCI would like to thank our parents and community supporters for all you do to help provide our students with the best 21st century learning opportunities. We appreciate our many parents who dedicate their time to work with students weekly during our Enrichment hour on Monday and Tuesday, and our community and business partners who mentor students and provide weekly opportunities for students to explore interests in club day.



TCI recognizes the importance for all of our students to learn 21st century skills to be successful in college and careers. We encourage anyone to visit and see how we are transforming education by teaching our students how to work in teams to engage in open-ended tasks and solve problems. We have been focusing on STEM integration within our curriculum for two years and are currently going through a process with the Indiana Department of Education to become a certified STEM school.

All students are immersed in STEM within each subject in the classroom. We have also added a weekly STEM special in our STEM Academy where students use the Engineering Design Process (ask, imagine, plan, create, and improve) to take on challenges in small teams. We are also proud to offer 16 students the opportunity to compete with area schools on our first Vex robotics team. All students are involved in one of twenty different clubs this year to explore their interests and be provided real-world application. Each club includes a 6th grade leader and staff or community sponsor. Some clubs include small engines with Farney's, Veterinary with Dr. Amy Woods, photography with Michaela Byrd, coding Lego Mindstorms with Mr. Sharp, etc.

Thank you to everyone involved in making all of these experiences possible for our students, and we welcome you to come see for yourself!

Mark Your Calendar

December 13 – Christmas Program at 1:00pm

December 22 through January 3 - Winter Break

Every Day Is What You Make It! Make It A Great Day!

Mr. Hagan



Tri-County FFA has a Successful National Convention

By Holly Lehe

Tri-County FFA members had an exciting and successful trip to Indianapolis earlier this month for the 90th National FFA Convention and Expo. Members competed in national contests, attended sessions, visited the college and career expo, and more. The National FFA Convention was held from October 25-28.

Fifteen Tri-County FFA members represented the chapter as national competitors during the convention. Blayne Vandever participated in Creed Speaking, and he was named the National Champion Creed Speaker! Blayne went through rounds of competition during which he recited the FFA Creed and answered oral questions about the Creed. During the final round, Blayne presented the Creed on the national finals stage, and his and his competitors' presentations were livestreamed across the country.

The Parliamentary Procedure team of Brittany Gonzales, Holly Lehe, Micah Lehe, Ashley Peterson, Taylor Pinkerton, and Sydney Rust were a gold-ranked team and were among the top 12 teams in the nation! This is the highest ranking a team from Indiana has ever received. Five team members earned an Accredited Parliamentarian status as a result of their exemplary exam scores. The Parliamentary Procedure contest involves multiple exams, team problem-solving activities, and several rounds of parliamentary procedure demonstrations.

The Horse Evaluation team of Heather Inman, Sam Rance, Taylor Terwilliger, and Willa Wamsley were a national bronze medal team! Heather, Sam, and Willa were bronze medal individuals, and Taylor was a silver medal individual. The Horse Evaluation contest involved multiple parts, including identification exams, judging, reasons, and team activities.

The Marketing Team of Layton Randolph, Jordan Wasson, and Savahana Williams was also a national bronze medal team! For national competition, Marketing teams develop and present a marketing plan for a local agricultural business, answer oral questions about their presentation, and demonstrate their knowledge of general marketing principles.

Emily Kilmer, currently serving as the Indiana FFA State Secretary, competed in the National Agriscience Fair and was awarded 4th place for her research project! Her project also earned a gold ranking. As an Agriscience Fair participant, Emily planned and conducted a research project, then presented her project and findings to judges during an interview. After winning the state contest, Emily submitted her report to the National Agriscience Fair, where she was ranked in the top 12, thereby qualifying for national competition. Congratulations to all national competitors from Tri-County for their hard work and success!

On Friday, October 27, 26 Tri-County FFA members attended National Convention for the day trip. Those members had the opportunity to explore the expo, shop in the FFA shopping center, and meet FFA members from across the country.

On Saturday of National Convention, four members were awarded their American FFA Degrees. Tri-County FFA members receiving their American Degrees were Mitch Michal, JT Sipkema, Kaitlin Waibel, and Cory Wang. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree than an FFA member can attain, and less than 1% of FFA members earn this degree. The chapter is very proud of these four members for achieving this high and rare honor!

The Tri-County FFA chapter would like to express its enormous gratitude to the school corporation and community for supporting its activities! Without the generosity of Tri-County community members, attending and being successful at National FFA Convention would simply not be possible. Tri-County FFA members are especially grateful for their advisors, Mr. Scherer and Miss Verhaeghe, for all the hours they put in to help members reach their goals.

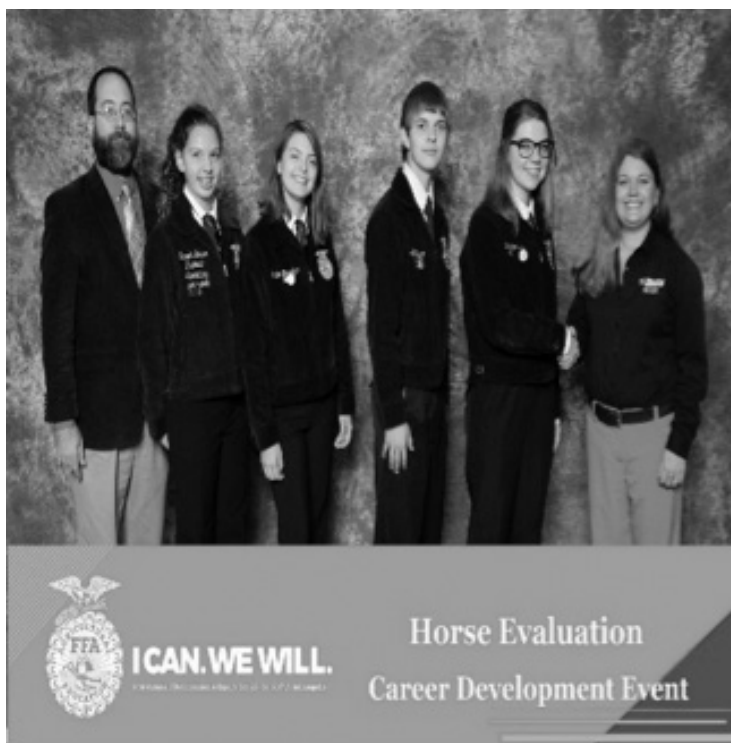




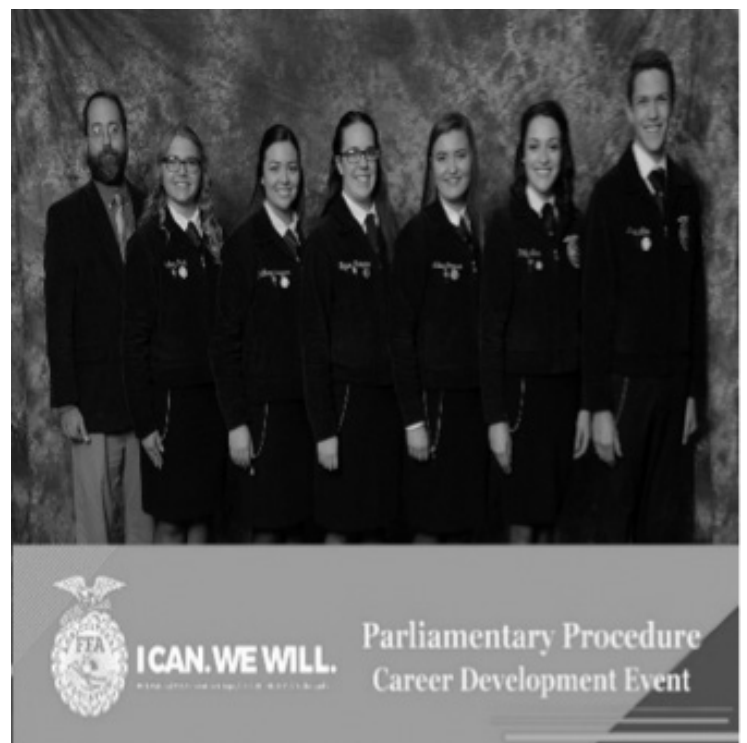
National Winner Blayne Vandever and FFA Advisor Haley Verhaeghe



National Bronze Level Team of FFA Advisor Haley Verhaeghe, Savahana Williams, Jordan Wasson and Layton Randolph



National Bronze Level Team of FFA, Advisor Travis Scherer, Willa Wamsley, Taylor Terwilliger, Sam Rance and Heather Inman



National Gold Finalist Team of FFA Advisor Travis Scherer, Sydney Rust, Brittany Gonzales, Taylor Pinkerton, Ashley Peterson, Holly Lehe and Micah Lehe

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 BB(JV&V) Rossville (H) 6:00 TCI Students to Purdue Music Christmas Show	2 GB(JV&V) Ross (H) 11:00 SAT Test
3	4 GB6(A&B) SN (H) 6:00 P.M. BB6(A&B) SN (H) 6:00 P.M. BB7(A&B) TL (T) 6:00 P.M. BB8(A&B) TL (T) 6:00 P.M. WR(V) Faith—(H) 6:00 ECA's (Winter)	5 BB7(A&B) NW (H) 6:00 BB8(A&B) NW (H) 6:00 GB(V) Carroll (T) 6:00 FFA Section Chapter Meeting Contest (Argos) ECA's (Winter)	6 ECA's (Winter)	7 GB(JV&V) Fro (H) 6:00 P.M. ECA's (Winter)	8 ECA's (Winter)	9 WR(HS) Caston (T) 9:30 BB(JV&V) Seeger (T) 6:00 BB7(A) WCT (NW) 9:00 BB8(A) WCT (Del) 9:00 BPA Regionals FFA State Crops & Forestry (Purdue University) ACT Test
10	11 GB6(A) St. Lawrence (T) 6:00 BB6(A) St. Lawrence (T) 7:30 BB9 CP (H) 6:00 P.M. GB(JV&V) Covenant Christian (H) 6:30 P.M. ECA's (Winter) School Board Meeting—7:00	12 BB6(A&B) TL (T) 6:00 ECA's (Winter) HS Band & Choir Christmas Concert (TCHS Auditorium) 6:30 P.M.	13 Elementary Christmas Program 1:00 P.M. JR/SR HS Gym ECA's (Winter)	14 GB(JV&V) WC (T) 6:00 P.M. ECA's (Winter) 6th Grade Band & Choir, Junior High Band & Choir Christmas Concert 6:30 P.M. (TCHS Auditorium)	15 BB(JV&V) NW (H) 6:30 P.M. ECA's (Winter)	16 BB(JV&V) Cov Christian (H) 6:00 GB(JV&V) Clinton Prairie (T) 11:00 WR(HS) Seeger Inv (T) 9:00
17	18 BB9 TL (H) 6:00 FINAL EXAMS	19 WR(V) Rens (T) 6:00 FINAL EXAMS	20 FINAL EXAMS	21 FINAL EXAMS End of 1st Semester	22 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	23 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL
24	25 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	26 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	27 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	28 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	29 BB(JV&V) TL (T) 6:00 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	30 GB(V) CP (T) 11:00
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JANUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	2 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL	3 Teacher Work Day (No School for Students)	4 GB(JV&V) NN (T) 6:30 BB(7A&8A) WC (H) 6:00 1st Day of 2nd Semester	5	6 BB(JV&V) Attica (T) 6:00 P.M.
7	8 BB(7A&8A) Pio (H) 6:00 P.M. School Board Meeting - 7:00	9 GB(JV&V) Seeger (T) 6:00 BB9 Laf CC (H) 6:00 BB(7A&8A) St. James (WOL) 6:00 WR(V) Faith/ISD (FC) 6:00	10	11 BB(8A&9A) Rossville (T) 6:00 GB(JV&V) Clinton Central (T) 6:00	12	13 BB(JV&V) LaCrosse (H) 6:00 FFA Parent Connections Meeting (TCHS Ag Room)
14	15 BB7(A&B) Ross (T) 6:00	16 GB(7A&8A) BC (T) 6:00 BB(JV) SN (T) 6:00	17	18 BB9 Fro (T) 6:00 WR(HS) Attica (T) 6:00 GB7(A&B) SN (WOL) 6:00 GB8(A&B) SN (WOL) 6:00 FFA Parent Connections Meeting (AG Room)	19	20 WR(V) MWC NW (TBA) BB(JV,V) CP (T) 6:00 SAT Test
21	22 GB8(A&B) Rens (H) 6:30 GB7(A&B) Rens (H) 6:30 WR(JH) @BC/Klondike (BC) 5:45	23 GB(JV&V) Delphi (H) 6:00 BB7(A&B) Rens (T) 6:30 BB8(A&B) Rens (T) 6:30 GB7(A&B) Seeger (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Seeger (H) 6:00	24	25 BB9 Carroll (H) 6:00 GB(JV&V) Faith Ch. (H) 6:00 BB(7A&8A) Faith Ch. (T) 6:00 GB(7A&8A) Klondike (T) 5:45 WR(JH) Faith Ch. (H) 6:00	26	27 BB(JV,V) NN (H) 6:00 WR(V) TL (T) 9:00 Choir District Solo and Ensemble Contest (Harrison HS) (TBA) FFA State Chapter Meeting Contest (Lebanon HS)
28	29 BB9 SN (H) 6:00 MS Boys BB Awards—6:30	30 GB(V) Sectional (TBA) 6:00 GB(7A&8A) Pioneer (WOL) 6:00	31			



Tri-County Intermediate Spell Bowl Team

Tri-County Intermediate's Spell Bowl Team competed in the 2017 IASP Spell Bowl Competition on November 16th. The 4th Grade Team placed 1st in their division. The 5th and 6th grade combined team also placed 1st in their division.



Ben Alberts (second from the left) received a perfect score!! Jasmine Durando, Lily Hagan, and Levi Schambach (ordered left to right) received near perfect scores! We are very proud of all of the students and their hard work and dedication.



4th Grade Team



5th Grade Team

From The Desk of Dr. Cathy Rowe

As we approach the end of our first semester, it seems most appropriate to reflect on how much we have accomplished and how far we have come as a school. This fall, students raised over \$950 to donate to a hurricane struck high school outside Houston, Texas. Monies donated were utilized to purchase \$25 gift cards to distribute to needy students and families in the Cypress Woods community. Junior high school students participated in community service projects in the communities of Wolcott and Remington as part of their community service requirement for their PRIDE certificate.

Tri-County Jr/Sr High School continues to focus on literacy strategies for all students and to create/cultivate an environment in which reading is an active process. While the program has only been implemented not quite one full school year, it is evident to see that there are more students who are choosing to read when given free time than what was previously observed. By working to establish and grow a community of readers, this will further enrich students' vocabulary and reinforce critical reading skills through practice. With the 2016 award of a Grace Pampel Education award of \$15,000 last year, the school was able to purchase books for all classrooms and pay for teacher inservice in the areas of reading across the content areas. We will be able to purchase more books later this year as well. Thank you for what you do at home to reinforce a culture of reading—it is vitally important to students!

Please make plans to join us for our band and choir concerts this month! The 6th grade and JH band and choir concert will be held on December 14th at 6:30pm in the school's auditorium and the high school choir and band concert will be held on December 12th at 6:30pm in the school's auditorium. We hope you will be able to join us! As a reminder, students return to school on January 4th, 2018. Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Dr. Cathy Rowe

TRI-COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

THANK-A-TEACHER PROGRAM



The mission of the Tri-County Educational Foundation is to enrich the lives of all Tri-County students by providing financial support for unique and innovative learning opportunities.

This program allows parents, students, loved ones, and patrons to make a contribution to the Tri-County Educational Foundation in the name of an outstanding teacher, school employee, coach, or bus driver. In return for their hard work and dedication, the honoree will receive a certificate and be listed in our annual newsletter.

Your tax deductible donation will be returned to the classroom through grants awarded to teachers each year. These tributes are accepted and acknowledged all year long and are especially meaningful during the holidays.

Show a teacher, school employee, coach, or bus driver their importance to the community by contributing to the TCEF's Thank-A-Teacher Program.

Teacher(s) Name _____

Donor(s) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Make check's payable to: **Community Foundation of White County**
and in memo line write: TCEF

Mail or Drop off at: **Tri-County Educational Foundation**
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Any Tri-County School Organization wishing to make an announcement in the Newsletter, please have articles in the Superintendent's Office by the fifteenth of the month. If you would like to receive the Tri-County Newsletter or know of someone who would like to receive the Newsletter, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 219-279-2418

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From the Superintendent

As I look back on 2017, it is with gratitude, as this has been a tremendous year for Tri-County Schools. Tri-County Primary School was once again named a Family Friendly School by the Indiana Department of Education. The renovations at Tri-County Intermediate School were finally completed. The final product, a safe and effective learning environment, is one the entire community can be proud of. Tri-County Jr/Sr High School has been honored on two different occasions recently by the IDOE. The first recognition was for the percentage of seniors who completed FAFSA applications. They also received recognition for being in the top percentage of schools who provide Dual Credit opportunities for their students.

Tri-County School Corporation received the highest level of recognition from Riley Hospital as a Red Wagon Corporation. This community is such a giving community! The corporation was the recipient for grant funds totaling \$135,000 from the Lilly Foundation for the Comprehensive Counseling Initiative Grant. We are blessed to have received this grant to support the social and emotional needs of our students.

In May the Tri-County community went to the polls to show their support to Tri-County Schools by passing the Operating Fund Referendum. The 91.6% pass rate is the highest in Indiana state history of school referendums passing on the first try. Because of the support of our community we have lowered class sizes in our elementary schools, made our schools safer and stronger through the opportunity for administrative leadership in each building, and added a counselor and Academic Intervention Specialist at the Jr/Sr HS to meet the growing needs of our students.

Tri-County is an ever evolving learning institution focused on elevating and empowering our students to embrace challenges, optimize effort, exceed expectations, surpass goals, and reach their highest level of personal educational achievement. I am very proud of the efforts of our students, staff, parents, and patrons who are working together to build a solid future for our community. I can't wait to see what 2018 brings!

Dr. Kathy Good

