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FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR KEN RANKLE

Happy New Year to all and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2014. I hope that you and your family enjoyed the holidays and that the joy of the season remains with you throughout the year. In the beginning of January it is a common practice to set goals for the upcoming year. My resolution for the city is to continue working for the riverfront development and improving the services from the city to its citizens.

Have you had a chance to see the nativity scene across from the city building? Several volunteers constructed it, but the figures were rescued and restored by Becky Mays. Becky did an outstanding job on the figures and I'm sure we will be enjoying them for many more Christmas seasons. Thank you, Becky.

This year is election time, I am very excited to be running for mayor again, I will be working very hard to get re-elected. If I am successful it will be my last term as mayor. The deadline to file for an elected position is Tuesday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Progress on the riverfront has been impressive. I am astonished when I recall the riverfront before the project began and compare it to what I see today. I can't wait to see the first buildings. The walking path on the floodwall will be rebuilt in the spring. To gain access to the path now, walk on the new road then cross over a gravel path back to the original walking path. We apologize for this inconvenience but the weather has pushed the pouring of the concrete to warmer weather.

Officer Brandi Justice has left the department to be with her husband in the military and have a baby. Good luck Brandi! We welcome Officer David Lillich to our city. Officer Lillich has 20 years in the police field and we recognize that his experience and knowledge will be an asset to our department.

Before I end this letter, I'd like to give a huge THANKS to Turtle. Mr. Turtle is the man you see cleaning all the mud and dirt off The Avenue. He works all hours of the day and night trying to keep the street clean and the dust under control. It's a thankless job and I'm sure he has heard from many citizens about the mess. Thanks again Turtle.

Again, if you have a problem or suggestion, call the city building at 491-1600. City employees and I are always here to help in any way we can.

A Trip to the Principal's Office

With the coming of each New Year, there are always resolutions. People say, "My resolution for this year is to lose weight", "I will exercise more this year", or "This year I'll go back to school". Almost always, a new year's resolution has something to do with trying to improve oneself. It's one of the few times we truly reflect and make decisions based upon those reflections. Too often we get caught up in the everyday tasks of our lives and our routines. So, take some time and reflect on where you've been, where you are, and where you are going in 2014.

The staff of Dayton Middle and High School spends a lot of time reflecting and making decisions. Teachers examine student work daily and reflect upon their efforts. They search for ways to improve by asking how they could have taught better and thinking of how they will adjust their next lessons based upon student learning. Teachers work in an environment where every student is different. There is no one size fits all method of teaching and constant reflection is necessary to constantly improve. Our school is judged based upon how our students perform on the ACT, EXPLORE, and other standardized tests. We do several practice sessions throughout the year to help plan and prepare for those tests. We must expose our students to the tests several times throughout the year in order for them to practice, reflect and get better. In the field of education, there is no room for complacency. When one becomes complacent, reflection stops, momentum is lost, and progress often halts altogether.

In December's article, I wrote about DHS' past academic struggles. I also wrote about how proud we are of our most recent accountability scores. We've spent a lot of time reflecting on how we got here. So, as the New Year begins, we are making decisions about where we are going and how we are going to get better. We are looking to build on the positive changes that have taken place and will continue to strive at making Dayton Middle and High School the best that it can be.

2013 was a great year for Dayton Independent Schools. 2014 will be better. As always, you are welcome to become part of our positive change. I recently read a statement about New Year's resolutions from an unknown author. "Don't change because a new year is coming up. Change for your own personal growth. No matter what resolutions you make this year, they start with you."

Happy New Year from Dayton Middle and High School!

Jeremy Dodd
Principal, DMS/DHS

Former Supt. Rye pleads guilty in federal court to embezzlement

On Monday, December 2, the former Superintendent of Dayton Independent Schools pled guilty in federal court to embezzlement. He could face up to 10 years when he's sentenced on April 22.

These events on December 2 have brought us one step closer to putting this unfortunate chapter behind the schools and community of Dayton. It has certainly been an interesting and trying time for all of us connected with the ordeal. Lessons have been learned and systems have been strengthened.

As of today, our schools have settled both the civil and criminal portions of this case. The civil agreement will have the former superintendent repaying \$473,000 and the former independent auditor repaying \$38,000. This brings the financial restitution to a total of \$511,000.

We are looking forward to April 22 as this date will bring full closure to this calamity. As we continue to work together, great things will continue to happen for Dayton Schools.

Submitted by: Jay Brewer
Superintendent of Dayton Independent Schools

Main Street Happenings

I have a feeling that 2014 is going to be one of the best years for Dayton on record! In every corner of the city exciting things are starting to take shape. The new boulevard into the riverfront development has begun and we hope to see the construction of some new homes sometime this winter. On the hill, construction at Riverpointe and at Grant Park continues to move well ahead of schedule and new faces are moving into town every month! Our school system continues to improve thanks to the hard work by Jay Brewer and his staff and we all look forward to seeing the advances they make towards the second half of the school year.

The Manhattan Harbour marina is under new management and they are working tirelessly to get the marina in tip-top shape for the upcoming boat season. I know it is hard to feel the warmth of summer between the falling snow flakes, but spring and summer will be here before you know it. Be sure to check out the marina and some of its new features when the weather warms up. In the heart of the city I am working with the Main Street Committee to bring you some fun events this year.

Recently the Civic Club joined forces with the Main Street Committee to combine resources and man-power. Both groups were in need of volunteers, so this move helped both groups out tremendously. We still encourage anyone who would like to be a part of our organization to come to our next meeting on January 28 at 7 p.m. at the city building. Please contact me at my information below if you are interested in becoming a part of our drive to make Dayton a better place; you can even just volunteer to work certain events. Check the city website and facebook page for continuous updates. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's and is ready for an exciting year.

Former Greendevil gives back to Football Program in a big way



Brian Ellis, Dayton High School graduate and former football player for the Greendevils, returned to our campus to design a workout for next year's football team. Brian is currently a strength and conditioning coach for the San Diego Chargers. Thanks for giving back to your alma mater Brian!

D.H.S. BAND NEWS

Congratulations go out to three D.H.S. High School Band Students who were chosen to attend the N.K.U. Band Symposium in a few weeks. It's quite an honor for them and we're very proud of all that they have accomplished. Those chosen include: John "Bubba" Stephens, Danyelle Rechten, and Jyllian Stitzel. Congratulations to all of you! Good luck and have fun!

The D.H.S. Band Boosters would like to thank everyone involved in making the D.H.S. and Middle Schools' Christmas Concert, held at the 1st Baptist Church of Dayton, a huge success! The Church was packed and the students performed the wonderful Christmas songs that we've grown to love over the years.

A Special Thank you Pastor Pike and the members of 1st Baptist Church of Dayton for allowing them to perform there this year. Thanks also to the D.H.S. Band Boosters for their continued support of the Music Program for the Dayton Schools. And last, but certainly not least, we thank our Director of Bands, Mr. Bill Klopp, and our Superintendent, Mr. Jay Brewer and the Dayton School Board, for their support of the arts programs in our school district. Thank you all very much!

Submitted by: Tom Schwartz

News from First Baptist Dayton

Submitted by: Gail Myers

Happy New Year!

First Baptist Church, Dayton, sends you New Year greetings and invites you to join us every Sunday morning for a worshipful experience. Our services combine praise music and traditional hymns, inspired preaching and a friendly atmosphere. You will be welcomed and uplifted when you join us. Make us part of your New Year!

Welcome new members

In December, First Baptist Dayton welcomed two new members - Mike and Jenny Wiley. We're very happy that they chose to be part of our fellowship, along with their children.

Need a ride to church? Call us!

Don't want to walk or drive yourself in the winter cold? The Ann Christen Ministry Van from First Baptist Dayton is on the road every Sunday morning to provide rides to our church. If you'd like to join us for church - call us, and we'll pick you up and take you home. The number is 859-360-7775.

About First Baptist Dayton

Dayton First Baptist Church was founded in 1850 and is located at the corner of Fifth & Dayton Avenues. Bible study for all ages is held at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Worship services are held at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The church's phone number is 859-431-7105. Our website is <http://www.daytonkybaptist.org>. The church is part of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association.

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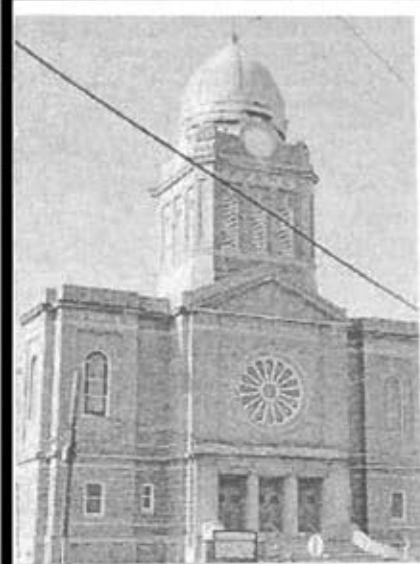
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L.E.S. Principal Notes

LES Family and Friends,

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are excited about the progress that we've made during the first half of the school year. With the month of January upon us, let's remember that the little things in life make a difference. We are constantly telling our students to focus on winning the small daily battles in order to be successful. Continue to stress this to your children when it comes to completing school work and doing the simple things such as studying for a test or reading their Accelerated Reader book. We are excited about the progress that has been made thus far but also realize that there is much more work to be done.

There is no doubt that many great things can come from building on momentum. There is certainly momentum at LES right now when it comes to a focus on literacy. The School-Based Decision Making Council (SBDMC) at LES has made a continued commitment to updating the library books that are readily available to our students. For the past three years, the SBDMC has allotted \$3,500-\$5,000 a year for the library fund. LES also received a \$1,000 grant this year from Wells Fargo thanks to the help of SBDMC parent member Julie Buemi. This grant has been given to the literacy initiative to assist in purchasing more fiction and nonfiction books for our library. We are also pleased to announce that LES currently has a total of 43 One to One Reading coaches (14 adult volunteers and 29 high school students) who are paired up with one primary-aged student for 35:00 once a week. We had great success with this program last year as 100% of the students who had a reading coach increased their word fluency and 75% of them increased their reading scores on the MAP test. We are ecstatic that 47 students in grades 1-3 will get the opportunity to work one on one with a reading coach for the remainder of the year. Thank you to these adult and high school reading coaches for *paying it forward* this year at LES.

We have also been fortunate enough to have hosted three "My Big Box of Books" events at LES over the past year and a half. The latest event to occur took place on 12/5 with the theme being "Wild about Animals." It was empowering to see so many families in attendance as teachers led numerous interactive sessions that focused on literacy. What a blessing it was as 91 families including 186 children received a big box of books valuing over \$50. A special thank you goes out to Joseph and Matthew Frommeyer, owners of Buona Vita Pizzeria in Dayton, for providing us with 60 pizzas for the event. We would also like to send out a sincere thank you to the 41 volunteers including numerous LES teachers and LES Student Council members who helped make this event a reality once again. Please remember that it imperative that our young children are read to on a consistent basis. The National Institute for Children's Health and Development has said that young children need 1,000 hours of lap time *before* they will be ready to learn to read. You may be asking yourself what actually counts as lap time. Reading books aloud counts but so does talking, singing, rhyming, and chanting. We understand the importance of literacy and really need all parents and even family members to step up when it comes to reaching 1,000 hours of lap time with the children before they even start preschool.

Finally, we appreciate all the support that people have been showing with our Market Day program. We will continue to have Market Day throughout the rest of the school year. This particular program has been very beneficial when it comes to supporting our monthly student incentive programs. We are strong believers in recognizing students for making good choices and aspire to build leadership capacity in all students. Please pay attention to the LES Newsletter and the marquee sign in front of the school for due dates on the Market Day orders. You can order items online by going to www.marketday.com. Please be sure to remember that our school code is 29251.

We anticipate a great second half to the school year and look forward to pressing on toward the goal through expecting more, demanding more, and achieving more!

Go Little Devils,

Greg Duty

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LES ★ Stars of the Month ★



Congratulations to the LES November Stars of the Month who enjoyed pancakes with the principals on December 19. We are very proud of their hard work in the classroom!

Dayton underdog pulls off *The Upset Victory*



Eric Vice's love of music started at an early age in the Dayton house he grew up in on Fourth Street. At any given time around the house, music could be heard being played by his mom Jerri, who could play various instruments, and older sister Jennifer, both of whom played in the DHS Marching Band. In grades 6 - 8, Eric played trumpet in the school band and said, "I think this was kind of the foundation of things to come". His uncle, Mike Tucker, was an influence as

well, as Eric was all eyes and ears whenever Uncle Mike and Eric's dad, Dan Vice, would get together to play the classic rock he would come to love.

Eric picked up the guitar at the age of 13 and soon started having jam sessions with his brother Jimmy. Shortly thereafter he formed a band with his best friends Frank Harrison and Mitch Crank. Upon graduation from DHS in 1999, Frank went on to play in a punk rock band called "Sallywagon". They were in need of a bass player, so Eric switched over to bass guitar and talked them into letting him join the band. During his time with *Sallywagon*, he recorded an album and the band played multiple dates on the *Vans Warp Tour*. Around 2005 they began writing songs, until band leader Pat Brown decided to get married and move to Canada.

Now without a band, music took a back seat to making a living, as he bought a house in Bellevue and found himself working a second job to stay ahead on bills. This went on for 5 years and not playing music made him miserable. In 2011 after many conversations with a co-worker, Eric decided to knock the dust off of his music gear, not really expecting anything to come of it.

In November 2011, Eric stumbled upon an ad on Craigslist by a group called *The Upset Victory* in need of a bassist. He soon auditioned and within a few weeks he had already nailed down about ten of their songs, so they gave him the go. By the next month, he was in the studio recording with them. In May 2012, the band traveled to Starlight Studios in Orlando FL and recorded what would become their *The Wall Street* e.p. and later that fall they shot a video for the single "Fake This" from that album.

Since releasing the album, *The Upset Victory* has struck many licensing deals, with songs from the album appearing on ESPN, NFL Network, MTV's *The Real World* and *The Challenge* and more. The band appeared at Cincinnati's 2013 Bunbury Festival and recently they were nominated for Best Rock Band by *Cincinnati Citybeat*. **Online voting for this award ends on January 14th at: <http://citybeat-survey.wehaaserver.com/survey-8-2014-cincinnati-entertainment-awards.html>**

In addition to all of this newfound success with *The Upset Victory*, Eric remains humble, works at his regular job and finds time to visit his friends in Dayton. He still lives in Bellevue with his best buddy Tyson, a 5 year-old pitbull terrier he got as a pup that could be a poster dog for pitbull advocacy. For more information about *The Upset Victory*, go to www.theupsetvictory.com.

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November Students of the Month



Congratulation to the November Students of the Month, who enjoyed pizza with the principals on December 13 at Buona Vita Pizzeria. Hard work does pay off!

The Right Kind of Pain

Presented by: Dr. Barbara Cook
Dayton Office of Chiropractic

How often have you heard the expression, "No pain, no gain"? It can apply to many life situations, including exercise to shape up, tone or drop weight. But when pain is severe or prolonged, you gain nothing and stand to lose a lot! There are a number of tips to help you stay safe to avoid workout injuries. Some of them include:

- **Warming up** - Warm muscles are far less likely to tear than cold ones. So, if you're going out for a run, walk a bit first, then trot before you go into full running mode. Stretching your muscles, especially the ones you're going to be using, also helps you to avoid injury.
- **Cooling down** - The same is true when you end an exercise session. You can't just automatically stop when you are finished with your workout because this may cause an unsafe drop in blood pressure. Using running as an example- slow down to a walk again before you just stop your exercise. It's also important to stretch out those muscles again.
- **Staying hydrated** - Water, water, water! Drinking water before, during and after a workout replaces fluids lost from sweating and exertion, especially important in warm or hot weather.
- **Taking it easy** - You can't expect to run a marathon your first day out. Start slowly and build in terms of time spent and exertion level for your workouts. For example, if you're engaging in weight training, you don't want to start with the heaviest weights; you want to start small and gradually increase weight levels.
- **Listening to your body** - Don't continue your workout if suddenly you find yourself in pain. Your body is trying to tell you something. Ignoring it can only make it worse, so stop whatever you're doing and give your body a few days to recover before starting up again.
- **Making sure you're wearing the right shoes for the exercise** - This is really important to reduce the impact of the exercise on your body, particularly your ankles, shins, calves, knees and other joints.
- **Learning the proper technique for the workout** - Make sure you know the proper technique for any new workout routine you are attempting for the first time. Correct technique is as important as warming up to avoid injury.

The decision to exercise is an important one for your overall health - as important as diet/nutrition and regular chiropractic care - to keep your nervous system fit and healthy. Just remember to start out slowly, don't overdo it and stop if you feel any type of pain, in order to avoid serious injury. And... if you do experience any pain, be sure to let us know.

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Beginning in January 2014, the City of Dayton's Park Board will begin their regular monthly meetings, either on the 1st or 3rd Monday of each month, unless noted otherwise. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the City Building.

Our 1st meeting of 2014 will be Monday, January 20. If your organization is planning on hosting a large event of any kind for 2014, please contact us before January 20, so that we see that you are invited to our January meeting. Some old and new rules for use of the parks and the concession stand will be discussed with all who use the park. This DOES NOT include any birthday parties, weddings, baby showers, or reunions. You may still schedule them through the City Clerk's Office at 859-491-1600.

Should you have any questions or concerns about any of our parks, please know that we are always open to discussing any issue that you see fit to keep our parks safe and sound. Thank you!

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FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JAY BREWER

New Year's Resolutions...The Habit of Showing Up!

I have a book in my office in which I collect stories, quotes, and sayings. From time to time, I pull this book out and read through it. The opening page of this book contains a poem about habits. The poem closes like this:

Those who are great, I have made great.

Those who are failures, I have made failures.

I am not a machine, though I work with all the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a human.

You may run me for a profit or run me for ruin - it makes no difference to me.

Take me, train me, be firm with me, And I will place the world at your feet.

Be easy with me, and I will destroy you.

WHO AM I?

I AM HABIT.

The author of this poem is listed as unknown. I believe that as we approach this New Year, it is time to talk about the resolution of making school attendance a habit. I deeply struggle with the fact that a number of our students miss over 10 school days per year. Some of our students are missing well over 20 days per year.

It is imperative that we as a community instill in our children the habit of showing up when and where they are supposed to show up. It is our responsibility as adults to pass this most important habit on to the next generation. Allowing our children to think that it is "ok" to sit this one day out or take a day off when it is not necessary only creates the wrong "habit" that can and will eventually destroy them.

I have one final observation on this habit of "showing up." My father served in the US Army. Most recently I have come in contact with a lot of our Dayton military veterans. One thing that you can always count on when you work with someone who has served his or her country in the armed services is that he/she understands the importance of the "habit" of showing up and showing up on time. Military personnel completely understand that to win the contest you have to be at the contest. Punctuality is the first and most necessary step.

Let's all work this year to put this habit of "showing up" at the top of resolutions for 2014. Have a great 2014!

Submitted by: Jay Brewer
Superintendent of Dayton Independent Schools

Dayton Independent Schools

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The Dayton Board of Education applauds Mr. Ray Jones, as he was recognized on November 20 as being a 2013 graduate of Dayton High School. Ray returned to DHS this fall to complete two credits in our new academy. Congratulations to Ray and a special thank you to those who helped Ray along the way. Ray is the second student to graduate from our alternative academy this school year!

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1st Presbyterian Church News

"The Crayon Box"

This month I would like to borrow words of wisdom from Shane DeRolf about talking crayons. In his poem "The Crayon Box That Talked", a very valuable lesson can be learned. Listen for the message and make a New Year Resolution for yourself!

While walking in the toy store the day before today, I overheard a crayon box with many things to say, "I don't like the Red", said the Orange and Green said, "Nor do I". And no likes Yellow but no one knows just why. "We are a box of crayons that doesn't get along", said Blue to all the others "something here is wrong." Well, I bought that box of crayons and I took it home with me, and laid out all the colors so the crayons could all see

They watched me as I colored with Red and Blue and Green and Black and White and Orange and every color in between. They watched as Green became the grass and Blue became the sky. The Yellow sun was shining bright on White Clouds drifting by. Colors changing as they touched becoming something new, They watched me as I colored they watched until I was through.

And when I'd finished I began to walk away, and as I did the crayon box had something new to say. "I do like Red", said Orange and Green said "so do I", and Blue you were terrific so high up in the sky. We are a box of crayons; each one of us unique, But when we get together the picture is complete.

Happy New Year Everyone!!! Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45am.

Submitted by: Melody Dilts

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DAYTON CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Another Light up Dayton has come and gone! Thanks to the Dayton VFW for the use of their hall, Mr. Roy Siemer our DJ, Mr. Dennis Ashford (Santa-20+years), Mrs. Penny Hurtt (Mrs. Claus), Tony Ashford (Rudolph), and Mayor Rankle for his contribution and services throughout the day. Thanks to our many sponsors and volunteers and Brother Lloyd for our prayer at the monument. Thanks also to our Public Works Department for setup and hauling our items to the VFW. We hope that we made many of our children leave with smiles with their hot chocolate, cookies, goodie bag, gift and a raffle ticket.

In past articles we had requested new members. Our club is now down to 6 active members. With this, the Dayton Civic Club will no longer exist as it is today. Our club has always sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt and Light Up Dayton, and we also sponsored the flowers in our city and carried the flag in the Memorial Day Parade. Effective January, 2014, we will become part of the Main Street Board. We then, as a whole, will have more bodies to do these events and activities in the city. There will be changes on what we have previously done and those details will follow as they are developed.

We do thank everyone over the years who have volunteered their help and their generosity to our organization. We look forward to this new and exciting endeavor of joining with the Main Street Board. We of course would like to still have many new members join the Main Street Board. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Dayton City Building.

Sincerely,
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DYBL News.....LET'S PLAY BALL!

It's hard to believe that spring is right around the corner and it's time once again to get the kids ready to play T-Ball, Coach-Pitch, Jr. Girls Fast-Pitch Softball, Jr. Boys Hardball Baseball, and Jr. Girls Regular Softball, depending on how many Jr. Girls Teams that we have this year!

Sponsors - If any Business, Organization, Church, or Individual, would like to Sponsor a team for the 2014 Season, please contact us as soon as possible! We'll send you the paperwork to complete and return with your sponsor check. Sponsorships will be given to the teams on a first-come, first-served basis. Call or email us for further information.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Parents Volunteers - Please contact us if you're planning on returning this season before January 20th. ALL of your assistants and parent volunteers need to have your yearly background checks in soon, so please contact us so that we can send you the paperwork. Everyone MUST have a yearly background check in order to work with our kids. Even if you coached or volunteered last year, we still need to hear from you!

COACHES and VOLUNTEERS MEETING!!! - Thursday, January 23rd, 7pm, at the City Building. This meeting is for all Coaches and Volunteers that are returning from the 2013 season only! If you've contacted us prior to this meeting date, and if there are any new coaching positions available, you're cordially invited to attend. This is a mandatory meeting to review some old and new rules and regulations.

Thank you to our returning sponsors, coaches, and volunteers! We have some new ideas that I think the kids will like, so bring any new suggestions that will help the kids and the League. For any questions or concerns, please use the various contacts listed below. Make sure that you contact us prior to the January 23rd meeting to avoid anyone replacing your position with the League. Thank you!

Tom Schwartz/President/Dayton Youth Baseball League
 daytonyouthbaseball@fuse.net or call 859-431-5286 - Leave Message or You May "Friend Us" on FaceBook at DYBL Tom Schwartz.

Dayton High School 2013 Hall of Fame Inductions



Jerry Hoepker

Jerry Hoepker graduated from Dayton High School in 1959. Jerry was a letterman all 4 years in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He earned 16 letters for his athletic prowess during his high school career.

Jerry was an outstanding athlete in all 4 sports. In September 1958 he kicked a punt 68 yards for Coach Tom Daley and the Greendevil football team. He was named captain of the 1958 football team and was a co-captain in basketball during his senior season due to his leadership abilities and his outstanding play on the fields.

Jerry earned the Campbell Award at age 17 and was nominated Vice President of his senior class and voted most athletic by his classmates. In basketball he won an award for his foul shooting while playing for the Greendevils.

Following graduation from Dayton High School, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Georgetta Lloyd. Together they raised 2 children while he worked 42 years for the railroad. Jerry was a volunteer firefighter for the Dayton fire department as well.

Roger Ferguson

Roger Ferguson graduated from Dayton High School in 1964. During his high school career at Dayton he excelled in football, basketball, swimming, and track. Roger is best known for playing every down in football where he played defensive end, fullback, and punted. He led Northern Kentucky in touchdowns and extra points scored in his senior season of 1963.

As a result of his on field accomplishments on the gridiron he was named to the 1963 Northern Kentucky Conference 1st team. Roger was a key contributor in turning around the football team from a 2-7 record his junior year to a 7-2 record as a senior. In basketball he played forward/guard and jumped center for the Greendevils, where his forte was rebounding and facilitating for his teammates. In track, he threw the shot and disk.

Mr. Ferguson has 8 children, 20 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren. He is a military veteran who served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 as a squad leader in the 11th armored calvary regiment. He is now a retired union iron worker where he worked for 30 years.

Sam Wilburn

Sam Wilburn graduated from Dayton High School in 1970. During his high school years he earned varsity letters in baseball, basketball, and football. Sam is best remembered for his exploits on the football team where he was a 4 year letterman who played on the 1966 state championship team as a fullback on offense and middle linebacker on defense.

He made the all-conference team in his junior and senior seasons and was named honorable mention all-state for his outstanding play on the gridiron after his senior season. During one game in his senior year against Highlands he was in on 27 tackles with 16 unassisted. He was also a "Blue Chip" nominee in his senior year as well as named a member of the 110% club.

In baseball he was a 4 year letterman and held a .300 batting average. On the basketball courts, he played basketball for 3 seasons. Sam has 2 children, 2 granddaughters, and one grandson. He also served his country in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Rhonda Scott

Rhonda Scott graduated from Dayton High School in 1992. During her high school years, she earned varsity letters in baseball, softball, and volleyball. Rhonda is best known from her playing days for the Lady Greendevil basketball team. She was a captain during her senior year when she led the team in scoring, was team leader in assists, and held the highest free throw percentage on the team. She finished her basketball career with 1510 points.

During her career she was named on multiple occasions as the Famous Recipe Star of the Week. Rhonda was named to the All-Tournament Teams in both the Ludlow Invitational and Owen County Invitational. During her senior year she was also named to the 35th District All-Tournament team as well as Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference All Star Team in 1992 for her outstanding play. Other awards she earned were 9th Region All "A" Class All-Tournament Team. Her highest honor was being named Associated Press Honorable Mention All-State after her senior season.

Rhonda was a 4 year player in softball earning the 1991 Offensive Award and finishing the season with a .524 batting average and 45 RBI's. She was named to the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference All Star team for her play on the softball field. Rhonda is still a fixture in the Dayton School System as her daughter Kayla is a current member of the Lady Greendevil basketball team.

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Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush, Public Educator
 "stambush@fdbd.org"

Fireman Joe says...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I trust everyone brought in the New Year with joy and peace and I also hope with lots of safety in mind. I also hope Santa was good to everyone. Fireman Joe enjoyed time with the family and friends and particularly enjoyed the faces of my grandchildren. Our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and all children look to us for love, peace and that guiding hand they so desperately need.

I encourage everyone to make a strong resolution to see what you can do to keep them safe, free from harm and take time to give that hug and loving support. Start first by introducing them to the home Smoke Alarm, let them hear what it sounds like in your home, let them push the test button and then discuss the family evaluation plan and safe meeting place.

I can tell you at school they do fire drills and do them admirably and without incident. They evacuate orderly, quietly and go to their designated safe meeting places outside the school. The teacher takes the role to make sure everyone is out and waits for the all clear to sound. I can't think of a better thing to do than a fire drill at home. Have a fire drill, designate that safe meeting place, like the neighbor's front porch or a pole or tree in the front of the house and tell them to go there and stay there even if all the family members are not. I think you will agree we can always replace things like toys or even the house but we can't replace those precious lives.

Another good resolution is to remember to check your heating equipment, fire places or portable heaters, especially space heaters. Check manufacturers' instruction on cleaning and other maintenance procedures. How about your chimney... when was the last time it was cleaned or checked? With winter being here these are valuable things that need our immediate concern. I sure hope 2014 is a good year for all of us and I am looking forward to serving our friends and keeping them safe. Don't forget to check out FDBD.ORG website under Public Education for ideas and suggestions. STAY SAFE!



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