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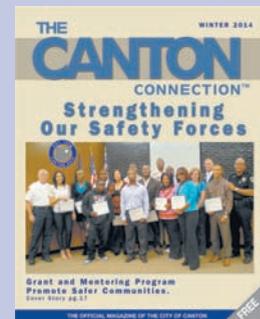
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About the Cover

Recent graduates of the Safety Forces Mentoring Program at their graduation ceremony in October.



Dear Residents,



Happy holidays and Happy New Year! 2013 has been a record year for the city of Canton and as we move forward into 2014, I would like to take the opportunity to briefly look back on some of the city's accomplishments during the past year.

The Canton Police Department partnered with The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force in order to capture and arrest violent criminals in the area. Since its inception in June 2013, the Violent Fugitive Task Force has captured dozens of violent criminals. Similarly, the Canton Police Department has been instrumental in getting the word out regarding Canton's Most Wanted criminals. The Police Department has captured close to 50 fugitives on the most wanted list since 2010.

Also contributing to making Canton's streets safer is a COPS grant awarded to the city last fall. This grant allowed the city to speed up the hiring process of at least 12 new police officers and gave us the funds to hire 7 more officers, putting nearly 20 more police officers on the streets to keep you safe. Our Safety Forces Mentoring Program was a huge success and I am looking forward to the next class.

Canton's downtown area has seen some new faces and places as well. Several new businesses have opened along with the addition of a brand new, state-of-the-art bike route running along Walnut Ave. The Chamber of Commerce's new market-rate apartment building is already full of young professional residents and brand new businesses. Also, construction should be completed in early 2014 for the brand new YMCA in the heart of downtown.

As always, feel free to contact me by phone, e-mail, or in person whenever you have a question, need to request city services, or would like to share information about your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your mayor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. J. Healy II". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William J. Healy II
Mayor



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Beautify A Neighborhood - Ban Litter!



KEVIN MONROE/SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The BAN Litter program is an award winning program established in 2006 and managed by the Street Department. Its objective is to establish a public/private partnership aimed at fostering neighborhood beautification through a dedication of public resources to those neighborhoods willing to assist the City in this process.

This program is based upon the premise that the City has a degree of responsibility in doing what it can to alleviate the trash and litter problems within its borders. Government cannot resolve every problem with which it is confronted. Acknowledging that the trash/litter problem is beyond the City's ability to handle; it has become necessary to enlist the support of our citizenry to help reduce the negative effect of this problem.

HOW IT WORKS:

The City has set aside 12 days per calendar year for neighborhood cleanups. Any individual or organization within the City can apply for one of the available dates. Applying does not guarantee that a neighborhood's needs will be met, but we try to accommodate all.

WHAT WILL THE CITY DO?

Once your application has been received and approved, a member of the Street Department will contact you to help set up the cleanup. When the cleanup day arrives, the City will work with the association members in picking up litter on public and private property. The Street Department will sweep the streets in the target area. In addition, we will clean catch basin tops in the area, patch all potholes, remove any and all tires, mow overgrown properties, and trim bushes and trees that protrude into streets and alleys. All trash and debris will be hauled away for disposal. Once done, we schedule a follow-up inspection a day or so later to ensure the area was thoroughly cleaned.

The program has been a resounding success. Perhaps the most noteworthy comments made on behalf of this program came from the pen of the Northwest Neighborhood Rebirth Association President in a letter to me dated September 3, 2013. He wrote:

"The BAN Day program you created

was the perfect vehicle to help define our Association. From the first year, it set a standard for our volunteers. Although the primary goal of BAN Day is to clean up the neighborhood, it has had several other benefits that are just as important. When our volunteers are working side by side with the Canton Street Department employees, it helps us get to know them and understand how difficult their jobs can be.

Each year as the arsenal of equipment and battalion of Street Department employees join forces with our own green shirted volunteers, it gives our Association credibility and strength. This isn't just about how the residents of our neighborhood perceive us. It actually makes our Association's members believe in themselves. My favorite part of the program is having volunteers invest a little of their time and sweat to improve where they live."

His letter completely embodies the intent of this program when it was conceived nearly eight years ago.

It was my hope then that this program would INFUSE our citizenry with a new-found pride in their neighborhood. His comments make me believe we succeeded. ♦

BAN LITTER DATES 2014			
04-14-14	04-28-14	05-19-14	06-02-14
06-23-14	07-14-14	08-11-14	08-25-14
09-08-14	09-22-14	10-06-14	10-20-14



Summer Work Improves Usefulness of Large City Sewers



JAMES DIMARZIO/SUPERINTENDENT, COLLECTION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

As with most improvements, the need to repair or modify a given product or system is balanced against the overall benefit, effort, and cost. Large sewers are no different and this summer the Engineering Department along with Project Contractor Wenger Excavating Inc. of Dalton, Ohio implemented a structural modification that will assist the city in managing its sewer flow.

When dealing with large sewers, the need to ensure flow capacity and structural integrity is very important to the maintenance and operation of any sewer conveyance system. With over

40 plus years of service, a deficiency in the alignment of one of the city's largest sewers was detected via internal camera detection equipment. From this discovery, city engineers were tasked with a project that began with several efforts to address an alignment problem with a 72-inch diameter sewer. Several factors in the overall stability of the sewer were discussed and eventually agreed upon for the reconstruction process. However, if a problem did arise prior to the reconstruction efforts, the engineers needed a method to manage the flow between the two pipes.

Beginning in the summer of 2013, Wenger Excavating exposed the city's two largest sanitary sewers for the installation of two control structures. Prior to construction, they assembled a bypass pump to ensure all existing sewer flow was properly handled. Using epoxy coated reinforcing steel and corrosion-resistant slide valves, they constructed the two reinforced concrete structures for this purpose. The project was completed in July 2013 with no disruption to the sewer conveyance. This completed project will now help our operational needs as we go forward. ♦

Major Changes Coming to Water Reclamation Facility



DOUGLAS J HARRIS, PE/WATER RECLAMATION FACILITIES ENGINEER

The City of Canton Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) is about to embark on the largest plant upgrade in its history. Engineering evaluations have been performed to determine the impact of new phosphorus and expected total nitrogen limits in the WRF's discharge permit. Current regulations by the USEPA are also driving modifications to the existing solids handling process.

The final design includes installation of a membrane bioreactor (MBR). All liquid-solids separation will be accomplished in the MBR system; therefore a final clarifier and filter expansion to

increase peak hydraulic capacity is unnecessary. Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) will be accomplished by reconfiguring the existing tanks with industry proven treatment zones. Extensive demolition and conversion of existing tanks to flow equalization will also be included in the project. The existing primary and secondary clarifiers will be converted to storage tanks to accommodate peak flows which occur during storm events. The final filters will no longer be necessary and engineering studies have shown that the new system will also alleviate the need for the existing disinfection system.

Final design also includes elimination of the WRF's incineration process. Studies have shown that renovations to the existing system required to meet forthcoming air emission regulations are not cost effective. Therefore, the WRF will be demolishing the existing incineration system and installing a new sludge conveying system and load out facility to haul dewatered sludge directly to a landfill.

Advertisement for this project began in November and bids are expected to be received by January 2, 2014. The City hopes to award a construction contract by February 2014. ♦

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Restoring the Nimishillen Creek & Raceway



CHRIS BARNES/ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER

Stadium, Monument, and Waterworks Parks are considered to be some of the premier parks in Canton due to their features and proximity to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, McKinley Monument and Museum, and other nearby attractions. They are frequently used for active and passive recreation by Canton residents and visitors.

Some of the main features of these parks are the West Branch of the Nimishillen Creek, the historic Water Works Raceway, and the nearby ponds. Over the years, these water features have proven to be valuable assets by providing fishing and other aquatic attractions, aesthetic appeal, flood mitigation, natural sediment and pollution filters, among other benefits. With that being said, a walk through the parks will quickly reveal that time and age has taken its toll on them as is evident by widened and eroded channel banks, deteriorated dams, spillways, pipes, and other structures, stagnant and murky water in the Raceway, loss of water quality, and overall aesthetic degradation.

The City of Canton is excited to announce an upcoming project that will help to address these issues. A grant for \$60,000 has been secured from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to provide a design that will restore the West Branch of the Nimishillen Creek and Raceway within these parks. Some of the main enhancements will include:

- Stabilizing the stream and Raceway banks, widths, and alignments
- Promoting increased natural floodplain utilization
- Increasing water quality in the Raceway by converting it into a wetland
- Improving stream bank, riparian quality, and aesthetics throughout the corridor using native vegetative species and wetland plantings suitable for park settings
- Structural repairs and enhancements
- Providing natural stream buffers through “green” management and maintenance practices
- Incorporating educational aspects

Design for the restoration of the Nimishillen Creek and Raceway Project is underway with construction planned for 2015. ♦

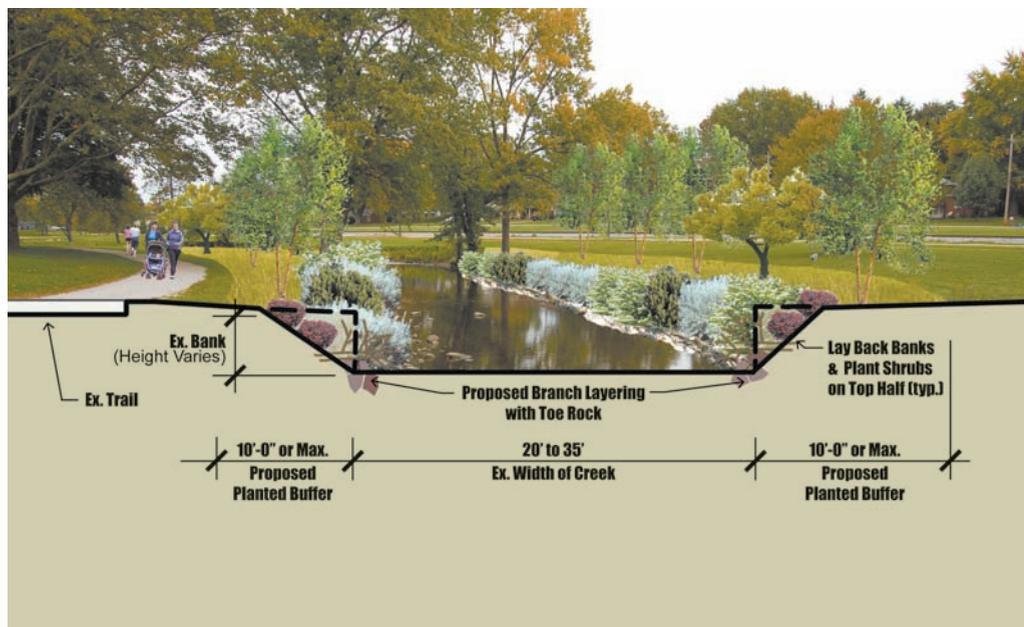




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The Road Ahead



DAN MOEGLIN, PE/CANTON CITY ENGINEER

As part of our year end planning process I find it valuable to reflect back on the past year to see what has been accomplished and identify what still needs done. 2013 was a year of great accomplishments in Canton's Engineering Department, so I thought I would share a few of the highlights with you. In terms of capital construction projects, it was a banner year.

•**WALNUT AVENUE COMPLETE STREET PROJECT:** This project included the first on street bike lanes in the county, and the first contraflow bike lane in Ohio along with SARTA bus stops and other associated improvements. The project cost \$2.5 million and was paid almost entirely by a grant secured by SARTA.

•**THE HAMILTON AVENUE SW STORM SEWER PROJECT:** This project included the installation of a storm sewer and reconstructed the roadway from Georgetown Road to 4th Street. This project was desperately needed for many years to resolve long-standing flooding problems. It cost \$440,000.

•**THE EARL SCHREIBER DRIVE ROADWAY PROJECT:** This project was in cooperation with the Pro Football Hall of Fame 50 Year celebration and reconstructed at Earl Schreiber Drive between Fawcett Stadium and the Hall of Fame. This was funded jointly by the HOF and Canton at a cost of \$120,000.

•**2013 ANNUAL PAVING PROJECT:** This project included \$895,000 in asphalt paving and for the first time \$217,000 in handicap curbs ramp replacements, thanks to federal funds con-

tributed to the project by Canton's Community Development Department.

•**THE FRAZER ESTATES STORM SEWER PROJECT:** This \$47,000 project replaced a failing storm sewer that has posed a safety problem to the area residents for a few years.

•**THE 55TH STREET NE STORM SEWER AND ROADWAY PROJECT:** This \$1.6 million project addresses storm sewer, roadway, pedestrian, and bicyclist needs along 55th Street. The project is funded by \$1 million in funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

•**THE HARRISBURG ROAD NE PAVING PROJECT:** This \$348,000 project is a joint project between Canton and the Stark County Engineer. It involves the resurfacing of Harrisburg with a high quality wearing surface that will hold up to the high traffic volumes and is funded in part by a \$150,000 OPWC grant.

•**THE 41ST STREET N.W. STORM SEWER AND ROADWAY PROJECT:** This project is the next phase of many that were detailed in the 1980s, but not begun until recently. The cost of this phase is \$820,000 and is funded in part by a \$400,000 grant from OPWC.

All totaled, we worked on over \$9.2 million in capital construction projects this year, most of which were funded through grants. 2013 also saw many other exciting accomplishments for the Engineering Department. Here are a few of them:

- We helped ArtsinStark with the first of the Eleven art projects commemorating the Birth of the NFL in downtown Canton.
- We secured a \$60,000 grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to design a project to repair and enhance the water features in Stadium, Monument, and Waterworks Parks.
- We became a leader in Ohio with our biking and complete street initiatives.
- We hired Canton's first City Arborist and assisted in the establishment of Canton's Tree Commission.
- We worked with ArtsinStark and the Stark County Bike Club to create bike racks that serve as functional public art and pay tribute to Canton's football heritage.
- We began installing "Welcome to Canton" signs to better identify Canton and help develop a sense of pride in our city.

All of this was in addition to our regular daily duties. 2013 was truly a year of which to be proud. I would like to commend all of my fellow employees of our department for their hard work and contributions to making Canton a more livable community. I would also like to thank our fellow city departments, City Council, and Mayor Healy and his staff for assisting us and giving us the resources and support we need to achieve these goals. But most importantly, I would like to thank the taxpayers and citizens of Canton who allow us to do all that we do as your public servants. It is truly an honor and privilege to work for Canton and to strive to make our community a better place.

On a final note, if you thought we accomplished a lot in 2013, just wait – 2014 will be even better! ♦

Importance of Vaccination



**DANA HALE, RN, BSN,
NURSING SUPERVISOR**

School age children – from preschoolers to college students – need vaccinations.

Making sure that children of all ages receive all their vaccinations on time is one of the most important steps parents can take to ensure their children's health. Choosing to vaccinate a child can protect not only the child, but also family, friends, and neighbors who interact with the child.

It is just as important to vaccinate adolescents as it is young children. While some vaccines received as an infant provide long-term protection, others wear off over time.

It is important to remember as children get older, they are at greater risk of catching certain diseases such as meningitis. Making sure children of all ages stay up-to-date with vaccinations is the best way to ensure our communities and schools do not see unnecessary illnesses and deaths.

To be fully immunized, children and adolescents need all recommended vaccines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Not receiving the full number of doses leaves a child vulnerable to catching serious diseases. Parents can find out which vaccines their children need and when the doses should be given by checking with their child's doctor, school, or local health department. In addition, parents can also visit the CDC website (cdc.gov) for the recommended childhood immunization schedule.

As flu season approaches, it is recommended that all children six months and older receive a flu vaccination. In order to protect infants younger than six months of age, all children need vaccinated, as well as other family members and caregivers.

Canton City Health Department currently offers childhood immunizations at no cost to Canton City residents on Mondays and Thursdays from 8AM to 11AM and the second Thursday of each month from 4PM to 6:45PM. Please call 330.489.3322 for more information. ♦

Evacuation Planning and Procedures for Canton Residents



**CHIEF JOHN WHITLATCH/DIVISION
CHIEF, CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No one ever wants to hear the words, “you must evacuate immediately.” When a

disaster strikes, Canton residents sometimes need to be evacuated from their homes or workplaces for their own safety. Most recently, hundreds of residents had to be evacuated from a northeast Canton neighborhood. A chemical fire was releasing sulfur dioxide vapors that were potentially dangerous to residents' lives and health. Without notice, a police officer or public official is knocking on your door advising you to leave immediately. If this unfortunate experience happens, residents should understand it is for their own health and well-being. Canton has plans in place to assist you in these situations. Many emergency response agencies are prepared to gear up quickly to assist you when these events occur.

There are many reasons why an evacuation could occur—chemical releases, fires, floods, and severe weather, just to name a few. It is entirely normal and understandable that specific information is desired when such drastic measures are taken. No evacuation is simple and sometimes threats are unrealized. If you are asked to evacuate an area by official persons, please try and understand that initial information will be followed up with more detailed information, as the reason for the evacuation is often continuing to develop and is constantly changing.

PROTECT IN PLACE

While physical evacuations are often necessary, there may be occasions where you will be given instructions to stay indoors. This is referred to as “protect in place.” This is often done when exposing yourself to the immediate atmosphere in your area may be dangerous. An example would be a moving vapor cloud. “Protect in place” instructions are also often used in high rise facilities and elderly care facilities. Air conditioning should be turned off and doors and windows should be closed in these situations. You should stay connected to local media for additional instructions. ♦

Social Media as an Emergency Communications Tool: One Local Health Department's Experience



PATTY MCCONNELL, RS/CANTON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Communication trends change rapidly in this day of modern technology. Where once the main sources of information were the newspaper and television, social media is a viable communication tool for both daily and emergency information. The fact that social media is instantaneous through use of mobile devices and the internet makes it more appealing to many users.

Approximately a year ago, the Canton City Health Department (CCHD) began using Facebook on an active basis. The primary use has been as an educational outreach to our viewers, focusing on health related issues such as vaccines, safety and preparedness and monthly awareness campaigns.

On Monday, September 16, the CCHD Facebook page transformed from an educational outlet to a real time emergency communication tool. A chemical release at a closed industrial property in the northeast section of Canton prompted the response of city Fire and Police Departments, the Stark County Hazmat Team, and CCHD. As the chemical reaction continued to build, an evacuation of the area was announced. CCHD followed up by posting notice of the evacuation on Facebook.

As the event expanded, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened. CCHD was one of many partners present in the EOC. With permission, CCHD spearheaded a communication campaign via Facebook, offering real time postings with information including the expanded evacuation, shelter information and situation updates. Having the benefit of information directly from the scene, CCHD was able to distribute informa-



tion quickly. When viewers posted questions, responses were made promptly. The Facebook page was monitored throughout the event with follow-up postings after crews left the scene.

In many ways, using Facebook during this event was an experiment. Not having had the opportunity to utilize it as an emergency communication tool previously, CCHD was not certain if it would be effective or accepted.

CCHD was told by more than one individual that they only knew of the evacuation through Health Department Facebook postings. There were 7,536 views of our posting of the expanded evacuation zone. Postings throughout the event were widely viewed and shared. This knowledge is significant and validates the use of social media as a means to interact directly with the public during an emergency.

Continuity of messaging is important after an emergency. CCHD posted messages and pictures following the event and answered questions regard-

ing water and food safety. CCHD believes following up with acknowledgments, information and pictures reinforced our standing in the community as a reliable source of information.

While using social media as a communications tool during this event was successful, it is important to keep in mind that this is a tool to be used in partnership with traditional media. During an emergency, the goal for all organizations must be to get the message out as quickly and as accurately as possible whether through radio, television, or social media channels.

The Canton City Health Department will continue to use Facebook as an educational outreach for health related issues. CCHD remains committed to educating ourselves on how to best communicate during an emergency in order to remain a trusted source for information. ♦

**Canton City
Health
Department**



Photo courtesy of Canton Health Department

Water Reclamation Facility Receives Gold!



**TRACY J MILLS/
SUPERINTENDENT, WATER
RECLAMATION FACILITY**

The Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) recently earned the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Gold Award for permit compliance. The Gold Peak Performance Award was presented to WRF for its achievement of 100% compliance with its discharge permit limits during 2012. Over 3,000 parameters were analyzed by WRF with each being in compliance. This marks the 14th straight year that WRF has received an award from NACWA.

The Peak Performance Awards program presented by NACWA recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their outstanding compliance records. NACWA recognized over 300 Peak Performance Award facilities for 2012. Only nine other facilities in Ohio achieved this honor.

WRF treated over ten billion gallons of wastewater in 2012 prior to discharging into Nimishillen Creek. WRF is vital in protecting the environment and health of our citizens. Thus far, WRF is on its way to another award winning year for 2013! ♦

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JESSICA BENNETT, MARKETING
DIRECTOR, CANTON REGIONAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This holiday season, while you're celebrating with family and friends, be sure to head downtown for some unique yuletide tidings.

Downtown Canton provides blocks and blocks of dining destinations, unique gift options from local retailers, artisans, and more, plus events galore to carry you through another Canton winter!

If you're looking for the perfect gift for that someone special, seeking an eatery for a holiday gathering, or hoping to let the kids explore area attractions, visit the Official Visitors' Guide to Downtown Canton, online at DowntownCanton.com.

A trip to downtown Canton this holiday season guarantees you'll gift someone with something special and have one of the finest dining experiences in the area.

LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN RETURNS ON DEC. 5

This annual holiday festival, presented by the Canton Development Partnership—a department of the Canton Regional Chamber—brings the songs and sounds of the holiday season to downtown Canton.

Enjoy 16 blocks of fun for the whole family, including free kids crafts and activities, refreshments, caroling, and carriage rides.

Don't miss the spectacular main stage show! This year's Light Up will feature Christopher Pop-In-Kins (and some very special friends!) in a very special musical show that will light up the skies and light up your spirits with community musical acts, fantastic fireworks, and a ho, ho, ho-liday visit from the man in red.

You're in for a night of surprises and fun for all ages! Best of all? This festive festival is FREE!

Visit LightUpDowntown.com for all the trimmings on this great annual event. ♦

I²r Power Cable Company Selects Mills Business Park in Canton



JESSICA BENNETT, MARKETING DIRECTOR,
CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I²r Power Cable Company will be locating on 2.8 acres in Mills Business Park in a new, 26,000 sq. ft. facility. The company will be the fourth business to locate in the park, joining Medline Industries, Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. and GE Oil & Gas.

"We are delighted and honored that I²r Power Cable chose to invest and expand in the City of Canton. This collaborative success will continue to move Canton forward," said Mayor William J. Healy II.

I²r's growth plan requires the new facility, and it intends to more than double the number of employees as a result. Construction on the project is slated to begin soon.

"We've enjoyed working with the City of Canton and Stark Development Board, as well as the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, to establish a suitable location for our new facility. We appreciate the effort they put forth, and we look forward to growing I²r in the Mills Business Park," said Karl Schwenk, director for I²r Power Cable Company.

"We're extremely proud of the continued growth at Mills Business Park, and excited to welcome I²r Power Cable. This latest development continues to demonstrate the collaborative spirit of this community," said Dennis P. Saunier, president and CEO of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The City of Canton, led by Mayor William J. Healy II and then-development director Fonda Williams, provided an incentive to I²r Power Cable Company, and Canton City Council approved it. The Canton Regional Chamber and DeHoff Development were closely involved throughout the process.

"Securing I²r Cable Company at the Mills Business Park is a direct result of the benefits of collaboration between the public and private sectors. This investment by I²r will have far reaching impacts for the greater Canton community as nothing raises the standard of living better than a good paying job," said Dan DeHoff, president, DeHoff Development Company.

ABOUT I²R POWER CABLE COMPANY

I²r Power Cable Company designs/manufactures water-cooled power cables for a wide array of thermal processing applications, including the metal casting industry, as well as advanced material producers. I²r

markets its products directly to end users, as well as through a base of original equipment manufacturers with which the company has relationships. For more information, visit powercableco.com.

ABOUT MILLS BUSINESS PARK

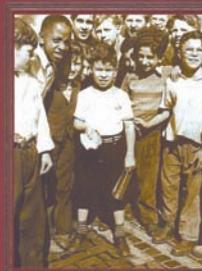
Mills Business Park is a 141-acre Class A Business Park located in the City of Canton, only one mile from I-77. Mills Business Park is owned by two 501(c)3 foundations: the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and the DeHoff Family Foundation. The park is suited for manufacturing, distribution, and businesses that focus in the Utica Shale Industry. ♦

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SOPHIA FLYNN IN THE ROLE OF CLARA IN THE PARTY SCENE

Canton Ballet's *The Nutcracker* Is a Cherished Holiday Tradition



JEANNE COEN/MARKETING DIRECTOR, CANTON BALLET

Under the artistic direction of Cassandra Crowley, Canton Ballet will present its sparkling holiday showpiece *The Nutcracker* in four performances on December 13, 14, and 15 at The Canton Palace Theatre. Performance times are Friday, 7:30 PM; Saturday, 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM; and Sunday, 2:00 PM.

Canton Ballet has offered its beloved audience favorite since its first public performance in 1968. The tale of *The Nutcracker*, written by E.T.A. Hoffman in 1816, has fascinated and inspired artists, composers, and audiences for almost 200 years. Its first presentation as a classic ballet took place at the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1892.

One of the brightest stars on northeast Ohio's annual holiday scene, Canton Ballet's *The Nutcracker* is presented in lavish sets and glittering costumes to the gorgeous music of Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky with choreography by Crowley, choreographer in residence Angelo Lemmo, and former assistant artistic director Carol Hageman.

In two acts *The Nutcracker* tells the story of a Christmas Eve in 1860 at the home of young Clara and her family during their holiday party. The mysterious magician Drosselmeyer makes a surprise visit and presents Clara with a very special nutcracker doll. Thus begins the amazing

journey of Clara and her Nutcracker prince—from a frenzied battle between life-sized toy soldiers and mice through the Land of Snow to the Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Admission is \$18-22 for adults, \$14-18 for seniors, and \$8-10 for children. There is a discount for groups of 15 or more. Reserved seat tickets may be purchased online at cantonballet.com and by telephone at 330.455.7220 or in person at the ballet box office in the west wing of the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts, 1001 Market Ave. N. in Canton (Cleveland Avenue entrance). Office hours are 10AM to 6PM Monday through Thursday and 9AM to 1PM on Saturday. The office is closed on Fridays and Sundays.

The beautifully restored historic Palace Theatre is located at 605 Market Ave. N. in the downtown Canton Arts District. There is a wheelchair seating area on the main floor. The theatre box office opens one hour before performance times for advance purchase pickups and walkup sales only. Ticket purchase in advance is recommended for this popular event.

*For additional information visit cantonballet.com or call the ballet office at 330.455.7220. Canton Ballet's *The Nutcracker* is funded in part by ArtsinStark, the Ohio Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts with support by The Repository, Fishers Foods, WHBC, WKSU, and WHLO. ♦*

Art @ the Airport



JUDI CHRISTY/MARKETING DIRECTOR, ARTSINSTARK

If you're like most people, a visit to the airport is a necessary task. You're either dropping off or picking up someone who has or will go on an adventure of which you are not a part. Or, you may just be that lucky guy or girl to revive yourself with an ocean breeze, reconnect with a good friend, or (re)learn some old tricks at a doggone seminar, workshop, trade show, or meeting.

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That's right. Thanks to a grant from the GAR Foundation, a partnership between the Akron Area Arts Alliance and



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ArtsinStark, the support of CAK management, and a very talented, oh so easy going curator, Michele Waalkes, Art at the Airport has been making the skies (or the walls) a happier place for travelers.

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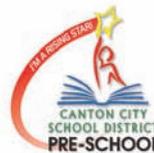
Most recently, Jane Heater, Robert Cook, and Beverly Marsh represented our interests by sharing their talents in photography, watercolor, fiber art, and acrylic with those travelers making their harried way through security checkpoints, gate rushes, and waiting lounges.

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Are you looking for something different to do, something you haven't done in a while or maybe something you've never done? The Canton Symphony has several opportunities in the coming months that might make the cold and dark of winter just a little more bearable.

The traditional holiday concert on December 8 gets a new twist this year. Part of the program will feature all-new music written by local musician, educator, and composer Eric Benjamin. The piece is based on the book *A Secret Gift* by Ted Gup. *A Secret Gift* is the One Book One Community focus this year and tells the tale of a Canton man's generosity during Christmas of 1933, during the Great Depression. Joining the Orchestra will be the Canton Symphony Chorus, choruses from McKinley and Canton South High Schools, and the Canton Youth Symphony. In addition, the program will also include traditional holiday favorites and an audience sing-along.

The Orchestra begins its Casual Series in January. The series is a recital-style offering of afternoon and early evening performances featuring top musicians of the Orchestra performing in the relaxed atmosphere of Cable Recital Hall in the Cultural Center for the Arts. A reception with audience members and musicians is included with each concert. The January concerts will feature string bass and piano. The dates to remember are Thursday, January 9 at 1PM and Friday, January 10 at 7PM.

January also marks the return of legendary pianist André Watts. He will perform Edward MacDowell's ravishing *Piano Concerto No. 2* with the Orchestra on January 25 at 8PM at Umstattd Performing Arts Hall.

To get your little ones out of the house, SymphonyLand programs also begin in January. The series of trio performances introduces children ages 3-6 to the instruments of the orchestra in a fun, engaging, age appropriate way. Each 30-minute program features a different instrument family (strings, woodwinds, and brass) and centers around a children's storybook. The String Trio programs begin January 15.

More information is available at cantonsymphony.org. Tickets for events are available at the Canton Symphony Box Office located inside the Cultural Center for the Arts at 1001 Market Ave. N (open weekdays from 10AM to 2PM - 330.452.2094) or online at cantonsymphony.org. ♦

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CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE CELLO AND VIOLA FROM MEMBERS OF THE CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STRING TRIO DURING A SYMPHONYLAND PROGRAM.

Winter Is a Perfect Time to Hear the Orchestra

IRENE BARKER/EDUCATION COORDINATOR,
CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

“Canton’s Most Wanted” Continues to Help Find Fugitives



CAPTAIN DAVID W DAVIS/INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION COMMANDER, CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The “Canton’s Most Wanted” program was started on February 23, 2010 and since its inception, the program has assisted to locate and arrest more than 47 fugitives. Within the first day of implementation, the police department received a call from an anonymous caller who stated that she recognized a man from the website. He was later verified to be one of the suspects on the list and arrested by officers. The first week of the program saw Canton officers arrest four fugitives from the list. “Tips were coming in from everywhere. Citizens were very interested in telling us where these fugitives were hiding,” said Lt. John Gabbard of the department’s Special Investigations Unit. The speed with which the fugitives were located and arrested made it apparent to the police administration that this program had the potential to be something special. The program has been yielding similar results since.

The simplicity of the program is one of its main attributes. The police department didn’t have to change the way they do anything for this program to work. Traditionally, the police have always investigated crimes and identified the responsible suspects. The police have also traditionally tracked and apprehended fugitives. These functions did not change. The main thrust of the program was to make these fugitives known to the public who outnumber the police in the community by far. In essence, to give the community the opportunity and the necessary tools to assist them to police themselves and make a real impact on the safety of their community. The community has gotten behind the program and made it a success by the way they have been the police’s “eyes and ears in the streets.”

The “Canton’s Most Wanted” program has also succeeded because it is an anonymous program in which the police do not require, or even need, the name of the tipster. All suspects who appear on the “Canton’s Most Wanted” website already have the necessary warrants for their arrest. The police are only asking the public where these suspects can be located. This kind of information can be given anonymously to the police in many different ways. Citizens can call dispatch at 330.649.5800 or the Detective Bureau at 330.489.3144 and leave an anonymous tip. Citizens can anonymously leave information by calling the Canton Police Tip Line at 330.489.3117. Anonymous tips can also be sent through Tip411. Sign up for Tip411 at cantonohio.gov/police. Chief Bruce Lawver states, “The Canton Police Department appreciates the community’s support on this program. I would also like to thank all of the partnering law enforcement and support agencies that have been instrumental in this program’s success.” ♦

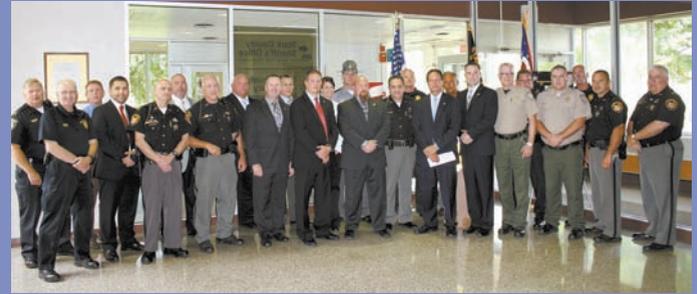


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The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force Makes Great Strides to Apprehend Stark County Fugitives



STARK COUNTY SHERIFF GEORGE T. MAIER

Early in 2013, I was approached by the Ohio Northern District US Marshal Peter Elliott requesting his assistance in expanding the Violent Fugitive Task Force into Stark County. While the Marshals Service wanted to begin operations, they found themselves unable to due to budget cuts in their agency. At their request, the Stark County Sheriff’s Office coordinated office space and furnishings in an effort to bring this valuable task force into Stark County.

With the assistance of the Sheriff’s Office and Canton Police Chief Bruce Lawver, the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive task force began operations in Stark County in June of 2013. Starting with only one Deputy US Marshal, a Canton City police officer, and the material support provided by the Stark County Sheriff’s Office, the task force has grown significantly since its inception. Today, the task force is made up of four full time officers from the US Marshal’s Service, the Stark County Sheriff’s Office, the Canton Police Department, and the Adult Parole Authority. In addition to the full time officers, there are 16 officers from various other agencies across the county who work with the task force on a part time basis.

Over 100 violent fugitives have been apprehended in operations conducted by the task force since June 2013. Those apprehended had all been evading law enforcement and facing violent felony charges. Most notably of those captured was a juvenile murder suspect who had been evading local law enforcement for several weeks. Agents tracked down the suspect and took him and the people who were harboring him into custody.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is one of the greatest examples of multi-agency collaboration in Stark County. Currently ten agencies participate with the task force and soon, two more will join. Every agency involved has confirmed their dedication in keeping the streets of Stark County and Canton safe.

The task force can be contacted at 1.866.4.WANTED. Anyone who may have any information about a wanted fugitive should call without delay. ♦

City Receives Grant to Hire More Police Officers and Speed up Hiring Process

The City of Canton has been awarded a grant through the United States Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program to hire seven new police officers over the next three years. The grant also sped up Mayor Healy's plan to hire at least twelve new police officers in 2014.

The Canton Police Department currently has 148 police officers and the grant is a welcome source of funding to put more police on the streets. Andrea Perry, the city's Safety Director, is excited to see the implementation of the new police grant: "The City of Canton and the Police Department have worked very hard to obtain additional funding for their department. Mayor Healy has made many phone calls to the Department of Justice and the Attorney General's office to express the urgency of funding needed to hire police officers in our community. The ability to hire additional police officers has been a high priority of the administration. It is now closer to fruition with the awarding of this grant," said Perry.

Canton Police Chief Bruce Lawver is also looking forward to adding to his department. "This grant is huge and beneficial for the city," Lawver said. "It is an honor considering the competition for grants. This particular grant was based partly on our successes since the US Department of Justice was looking for progressive and successful departments to expand their resources."

The grant will speed along the hiring process for the twelve cops Mayor Healy already planned to hire by the end of the first quarter of 2014. The grant money coming available also allowed the civil serv-



MAYOR HEALY AND LT. BOUDREAUX CONGRATULATE NATASHA PRICE ON RECEIVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

ice tests to be certified this past November. "This grant will significantly and positively impact our police force," Mayor Healy said. "We are looking at almost twenty new police officers—possibly more—and re-establishing programs that were lost due to cuts in funding."

The COPS grant also came at a time when Mayor Healy was looking at different options he had available for diversifying the police and fire departments. This past fall, Canton's police and fire departments held training programs for minorities and women that gave the participants the experiences necessary to apply for both the police and/or fire departments and held classes that helped the participants study for and pass the civil service test. "The idea behind The Safety Forces Mentoring Program was to give a variety of applicants the tools necessary in



becoming a police officer or firefighter," Mayor Healy said. "It creates the best possible environment for these applicants—they have the opportunity to train under someone who could end up being his or her supervisor and the police and fire departments will be able to get to know the applicants beforehand. I look forward to hiring as many graduates from this program as I can."

Enrollment for the next class of the Safety Forces Mentoring Program will begin in January 2014. For more information, contact Civil Service at 330.489.3360. ♦

December 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	3 MEET A SECRET GIFT AUTHOR TED GUP 7PM, Book signing 6-6:45PM Malone University Johnson Center	4	5 ILLUMINATING THE WORD: THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE Canton Museum of Art on display until 3/2 Canton Symphony Young People's Concert presents A SECRET GIFT 9:30 and 10:30AM Umstatted Performing Arts Hall LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN 2013 5:30 - 8:30PM Central Plaza and Downtown Canton OSHAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TBA	6 CHRISTMAS WITH THE KILGEN ORGAN 1 - 3PM Canton Palace Theatre FIRST FRIDAY "ART UNDER THE TREE" 6-10PM Downtown Canton Arts District CANTON PALACE THEATRE FREE FAMILY MOVIE THE POLAR EXPRESS 7:30PM The Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL 8PM Main Stage THE SPIRITS OF THE PALACE MONTHLY GHOST INVESTIGATION 11PM - 2AM; Canton Palace Theatre OSHAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TBA	7 The Players Guild presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2PM and 8PM OSHAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TBA
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29 CANTON CHARGE VS. ERIE 5PM Canton Civic Center	30 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall CANTON CITY SCHOOLS PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCE COMP DAY No school	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>				

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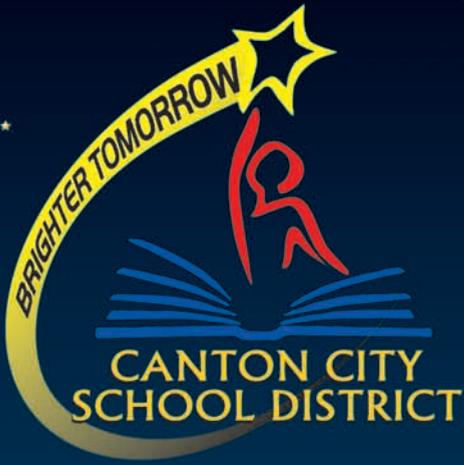


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Grubbs who describes Mrs. Power as an energetic, hardworking teacher, always eager and willing to pitch-in and support any activity, project, or initiative on campus. Mrs. Power teaches 3 levels of Broadcast Media as well as serving on various committees at Timken. She is a great role-model and mentor to all students, but especially her broadcast media students. Mrs. Power received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Broadcast Journalism and her CTE Teaching License from Kent State University. Mrs. Power is currently working on her Master's in Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Education Technology and On-line learning. Congratulations Mrs. Power!

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Q&A WITH ADRIAN E. ALLISON, SUPERINTENDENT

We asked Superintendent Adrian Allison what questions is he asked most often when out and about in Canton. Here are just a few:

Q: The second phase of the Brighter Tomorrow Plan involves restructuring the elementary schools into grades K-2 and 3-5 buildings. Why do you feel this is a necessary step?

A: Transforming how we "do school" is what's best for our students. Great organizations are aligned and structured to produce maximum efficiency and a smooth experience for the customer. Think about your grocery store's produce section. There are clear delineations between the placement of the fruits and vegetables even though it is all "produce." Why? Because the delineation allows the customer to shop smarter and the store to assess sales faster and determine

what items are selling and which are not. An item that doesn't sell will rot. Similarly, placing students with similar traits together will allow our students (our customers) to receive more aligned and structured teaching. And, it will allow teachers and principals to better assess which students are above track, not on track or below and immediately begin addressing their needs before it is too late.

Q: How do you determine when it is appropriate to close the schools for a "snow" day?

A: This is one of the most dreaded jobs of being a superintendent because most of the time, it is not a clear-cut decision. Plus, in our district, we have 10,000+ "meteorologists" disguised as students (and staff) that can predict a snow day well before it happens. The primary consideration is student and staff safety. Can students safely get to school by car, bus or walking? Generally, the first thing I do (around 4:30 am) is talk with my business manager. He drives the entire district and lets me know the conditions of the roads and sidewalks. I also look at the forecast to determine if the weather is expected to clear or continue. I generally lean towards keeping school open because we live in Ohio and we are prepared for most weather situations.

Q: What do teachers do on "waiver" or "in service" days?

A: All great organizations have a plan for success. To create success, the plan must be developed, implemented, studied and revised. Our district and all of our teachers have plan for the successful education of the students. Every day that students are in the schools, the plan is being implemented. Waiver and in-service days allow the district and our teachers the opportunity to study how the plan is working and if necessary, revise the plan. These days are days off for students, but our teachers and staff are working hard.

Q: Recently, the district added assistant principals to the elementary schools. Why did you feel this was necessary?

A: Our elementary principals are superheroes. They get to know between 200-500 students and their families each year. They are responsible for the safety and security of all the students and staff in their building. They build relationships with the local community and with PTO's and other organizations. But their primary responsibility is to ensure that students get a quality education. Recent changes in Ohio law also demand that they spend 15-20 hours evaluating every teacher, every year. For most, that's around 30 teachers.

Many superheroes have sidekicks. The assistant principals are the trusted sidekicks to our principals (like Robin is to Batman). They allow our elementary principals to continue to do all that is expected of them in a high quality manner. And the assistant principals will get critical training that will allow them to step in as a principal when it is their time.

Q: The middle school academies are in their first year of operation. What are the positives you are seeing and what issues need addressed as a result of the changes?

A: I am very pleased with the progress of the academies. The number one positive development I see is that students and staff are engaged. They are excited about teaching and learning because they are teaching and learning

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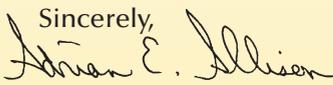
what they love. The work is rigorous and our students are rising to the occasion. The best is yet to come for these academies as the teachers, students and principals' creativity and innovative ways of thinking have only begun. Our issue of getting students to extracurricular activities in a timely manner is one challenge on which the Transportation Department is working.

Q: The Third Grade Reading Guarantee is in effect this year?

A: What will the district do if a large percentage of students need retained in the third grade? How will that affect the restructuring of the elementary schools? It is our goal not to have any student retained as a result of the Third Grade Guarantee. But to meet this goal, we will need the help and support of all parents and the community. Parents must mandate that their students read as often as possible, everyday. We may need volunteers from the community to help read with our students before and after school and to provide age-appropriate books for students to take home. Our new elementary structure will allow the district to provide focused and intense reading instruction. Teachers and principals will receive training on the best reading strategies and interventions and will be expected to implement them. Ensuring that our students can read on grade level is the number one priority of the Canton City School District.

Q: What do you like best about your job?

A: I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve the students, families and citizens of Canton. There are so many people in the community rooting for our success and I would like to thank them for their encouragement and support. Other than deciding whether to call a snow day, I love being the superintendent of The Canton City School District!

Sincerely,

 Adrian E. Allison
 Superintendent

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MCKINLEY SPORTS SCHEDULE

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McKinley Boys Basketball

Tues. 12/3/13	New Philadelphia	7:30pm
Sat. 12/7/13	@ Warren	7:30pm
Tues. 2/10/14	@ Boardman	7:30pm
Fri. 12/13/13	Jackson	7:30pm
Tues. 12/17/13	Hoover	7:30pm
Fri. 12/20/13	Lake	7:30pm
Sat. 12/21/13	@ St. Ignatius	7:30pm
Fri. 12/27/13	West North	7:30pm
Fri. 1/3/14	GlenOak	7:30pm
Tues. 1/7/14	Perry	7:30pm
Tues. 1/14/14	Boardman	7:30pm
Fri. 1/17/14	@ Jackson	7:30pm
Sat. 1/18/14	@ Massillon	7:30pm
Fri. 1/24/14	Hoover	7:30pm
Tues. 1/28/14	@ Lake	7:30pm
Fri. 1/13/14	@ GlenOak	7:30pm
Sat. 2/1/14	@ Coffman	7:30pm
Tues. 2/4/14	Green	7:30pm
Sat. 2/8/14	@ Perry	7:30pm
Fri. 2/14/14	Shaw	7:30pm
Fri. 2/21/14	St. Vincent/St. Mary	7:30pm

McKinley Girls Basketball

Sat. 11/23/13	@ Rogers	2:30pm
Sat. 11/30/13	Perry	2:30pm
Wed. 12/4/13	@ Boardman	7:30pm
Sat. 12/14/13	@ Jackson	2:30pm
Wed. 12/18/13	@ Hoover	7:30pm
Sat. 12/20/13	@ Lake	2:30pm
Mon. 12/23/13	@ Shaker Heights	7:30pm
Sun. 12/29/13	@ Braggin Rights Classic	TBA
Mon. 12/30/13	@ Braggin Rights Classic	TBA
Thurs. 1/2/14	Ursuline	7:30pm
Sat. 1/4/14	@ Glenoak	2:30pm
Wed. 1/8/14	@ Perry	7:30pm
Sat. 1/11/14	Hathaway Brown	2:30pm
Tues. 1/15/14	@ Boardman	7:30pm
Sat. 1/18/14	@ Classic in the Country	3:15pm
Wed. 1/22/14	Hoover	7:30pm
Sat. 1/25/14	@ Lake	7:30pm
Wed. 1/29/14	Jackson	7:30pm
Sat. 2/1/14	GlenOak	2:30pm
Thur. 2/6/14	Brea Midpark	7:30pm
Wed. 2/12/14	@ Massillon	7:30pm

McKinley Wrestling

Sat. 11/30/13	@ Canton South	9am
Thurs. 12/5/13	Hoover HS	7pm
Fri. 12/6/13	@ Smithville	4:30pm

Sat. 12/7/13	@ Smithville	9am
Fri. 12/13/13	Hoover Invite	TBA
Thurs. 12/19/13	@ Lake	7pm
Sat. 12/28/13	CCS Invitational	10am
Fri. 1/3/14	@ STICHCO	12pm
Sat. 1/4/14	@ STICHCO	11am
Thurs. 1/9/14	@ GlenOak	7pm
Sat. 1/18/14	@ Wooster	10am
Thurs. 1/23/14	Perry	7pm
Thurs. 1/30/14	Jackson	7pm
Thurs. 2/6/14	@ Boardman	6pm

McKinley Bowling

Wed. 12/4/13	@ Hoover	4pm
Mon. 12/9/13	@ Lake	4pm
Wed. 12/11/13	Jackson	4pm
Tues. 12/17/14	@ Carrollton	4pm
Wed. 12/18/14	Canton South	4pm
Mon. 1/6/14 E.	Canton	4pm
Wed. 1/8/14	@ Wooster	4pm
Mon. 1/13/14	Sandy Valley	4pm
Wed. 1/15/14	@ Triway	4pm
Wed. 1/22/14	Lake	4pm
Thurs. 1/23/14	@ Perry	4pm
Mon. 1/27/14	Boardman	4pm
Tues. 1/28/14	@ Jackson	4pm
Mon. 2/3/14	@ GlenOak	4pm
Tues. 2/4/14	Hoover	4pm

Girls Gymnastics

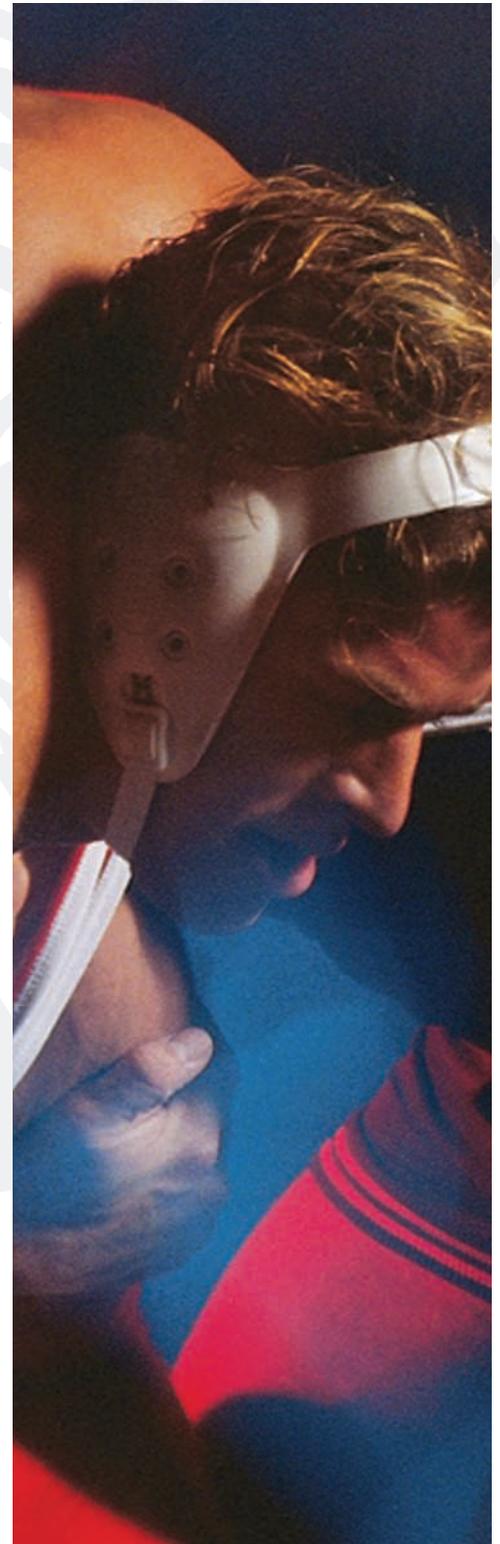
Thurs. 12/5/13	@ Wooster	5:30pm
Tues. 12/10/13	Perry	4:15pm
Thurs. 12/19/13	@ GlenOak	5:30pm
Wed. 1/8/14	Sandy Valley & Triway	5:30pm
Tues. 1/14/14	@ Cloverleaf	6pm
Wed. 1/22/14	Massillon	5pm
Tues. 1/28/14	@ NEGC Winter Classic	6pm
Thurs. 1/30/14	@ NEGC Winter Classic	6pm

McKinley Coed Swimming

Wed. 12/4/13	McKinley Relays	6pm
Thurs. 12/12/13	Green	5pm
Sat. 12/14/13	Lake/Hoover	2pm
Thurs. 12/19/13	Jackson	5pm
Sat. 12/21/13	CCS Christmas Invite	
Thurs. 1/2/14	Kent Rossevelt	5pm
Sat. 1/4/14	Louisville	12pm
Thurs. 1/9/14	Alliance/Orrville	5pm
Sat. 1/11/14	Branin Classic	
Sat. 1/18/14	Massillon	12pm

Fri. 1/24/14	Perry	5pm
Sat. 1/25/14	GlenOak/Boardman	12pm
Sat. 1/30/14	St. Thomas	5pm
Mon. 2/3/24	Sectionals Start	
Sat. 2/1/14	JV Championships	

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TIMKEN SPORTS SCHEDULE

(all events are subject to change, please contact the school for the most current schedule)

Boys Varsity Basketball

Fri. 12/6/13	Fairless HS	7:30 pm	Sat. 1/4/2014	@ STICHCO Invitational	11 am
Sat. 12/7/13	@ Dublin Coffman HS	7:30 pm	Wed. 1/8/2014	Timken - Lake - Massillon Tri	6 pm
Fri. 12/13/13	@ Tusky Valley HS	7:30 pm	Sat. 1/11/2014	@ Tri.	9 am
Tues. 12/17/13	Indian Valley HS	7:30 pm	Sat. 1/18/2014	9th Annual Tuslaw Varsity Tournament	10 am
Fri. 12/20/13	@ Tuslaw HS	7:30 pm	Sat. 2/1/2014	PAC - 7 Championship	10 am
Thurs. 12/28/13	Perry HS	7:30 pm	Thurs. 2/6/2014	@ Tusky Valley Tri match	6 pm
Fri. 1/3/14	@ Triway HS	7:30 pm			
Tues. 1/7/14	@ Massillon HS	7:30 pm			
Fri. 1/10/14	Manchester	7:30 pm			
Tues. 1/14/14	@ Fairless HS	7:30 pm			
Fri. 1/17/14	Tusky Valley	7:30 pm			
Tues. 1/21/14	CVCA	7:30 pm			
Fri. 1/24/14	@ Indian Valley HS	7:30 pm			
Fri. 1/31/14	Tuslaw HS	7:30 pm			
Sat. 2/1/14	Warren Harding HS	7:30 pm			
Tues. 2/4/14	@ CVCA	7:30 pm			
Fri. 2/7/14	Triway HS	7:30 pm			
Tues. 2/11/14	Hoover HS	7:30 pm			
Fri. 2/14/14	@ Manchester HS	7:30 pm			
Tues. 2/18/14	Wooster HS	2:30 pm			
Fri. 2/21/14	@ GlenOak HS	7:30 pm			

Varsity Bowling

Mon. 11/18/13	Triway	4 pm
Tues. 11/19/13	Massillon @ HOF	4pm
Mon. 11/25/13	Central Catholic @ HOF	4pm
Tues. 11/26/13	Heritage	4pm
Mon. 12/2/13	Canton South	4pm
Wed. 12/4/13	Wooster @ Wayne Lanes	4pm
Mon. 12/16/13	Jackson	4pm
Tues. 12/17/14	East Canton @ College Bowl	4pm
Wed. 12/18/14	North Canton @ Park Centre	4pm
Tues. 1/7/14	Lake @ Park Centre	4pm
Wed. 1/8/14	Carrollton	4pm
Thurs. 1/16/14	Sandy Valley	4pm
Tues. 1/21/14	Wooster	4pm
Wed. 1/22/14	Triway @ Triway Lanes	4pm
Tues. 1/28/14	Massillon	4pm
Wed. 1/29/14	Central Catholic	4pm
Mon. 2/3/14	Heritage @ College Bowl	4pm
Wed. 2/5/14	Canton South @ HOF	4pm

Girls Varsity Basketball

Fri. 11/22/13	Dalton HS	7:30 pm
Wed. 11/27/13	Conotton Valley HS	7:30 pm
Wed. 12/4/13	CVCA	7:30 pm
Sat. 12/7/13	Tuslaw HS	2:30 pm
Wed. 12/11/13	@ Manchester HS	7:30 pm
Wed. 12/18/13	Tusky Valley	7:30 pm
Sat. 12/21/13	@ Triway HS	2:30 pm
Sat. 12/28/13	Fairless HS	2:30 pm
Sat. 1/4/14	@ Indian Valley HS	2:30 pm
Mon. 1/6/14	@ Akron North HS	7:30 pm
Wed. 1/8/14	@ CVCA	7:30 pm
Wed. 1/15/14	@ Tuslaw HS	7:30 pm
Thurs. 1/16/14	@ Canton Central Catholic	7:30 pm
Sat. 1/18/14	Manchester HS	3:00 pm
Wed. 1/22/14	@ Tusky Valley HS	7:30 pm
Mon. 1/27/14	@ Alliance HS	7:30 pm
Wed. 1/29/14	Triway HS	7:30 pm
Sat. 2/1/14	@ Fairless HS	2:30 pm
Wed. 2/5/14	Indian Valley HS	7:30 pm

Varsity Wrestling

Sat. 11/30/2013	@ Canton South Duals	9 am
Thurs. 12/5/2013	@ TRI MATCH	6 pm
Fri. 12/6/2013	@ Marlinton Duals	4 pm
Sat. 12/7/2013	@ Marlinton Duals	9 am
Sat. 12/14/2013	@ GMC Performance Duals	10 am
Sat. 12/28/2013	CCS Invitational	10 am
Fri. 1/3/2014	@ STICHCO Invitational	12 pm



TAKE YOUR LUNCH BREAK AT TIMKEN HIGH SCHOOL

The All City Grille located on the Timken High School campus offers a wide-array of simple yet delicious meals at affordable prices.

If your lunch time is limited you can also take advantage of the carryout or call ahead service. Calling ahead allows you to phone in your order, come to the restaurant, be seated and get served. This is extremely helpful when needing to dine quickly or you can simply order your lunch to go.

The Grille is run by Chef, Erik Escola who is also the culinary arts program director at Timken. All the food, including their fabulous desserts are prepared and served by students who plan to pursue a career in the culinary arts. The All City Grille is located at: 521 Tuscarawas Ave. S., Canton on the Timken High School campus.

Hours of operation are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:30-1:00 for dine in, and carry out. Phone: (330) 580-3014

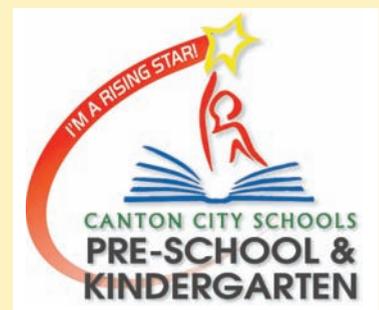


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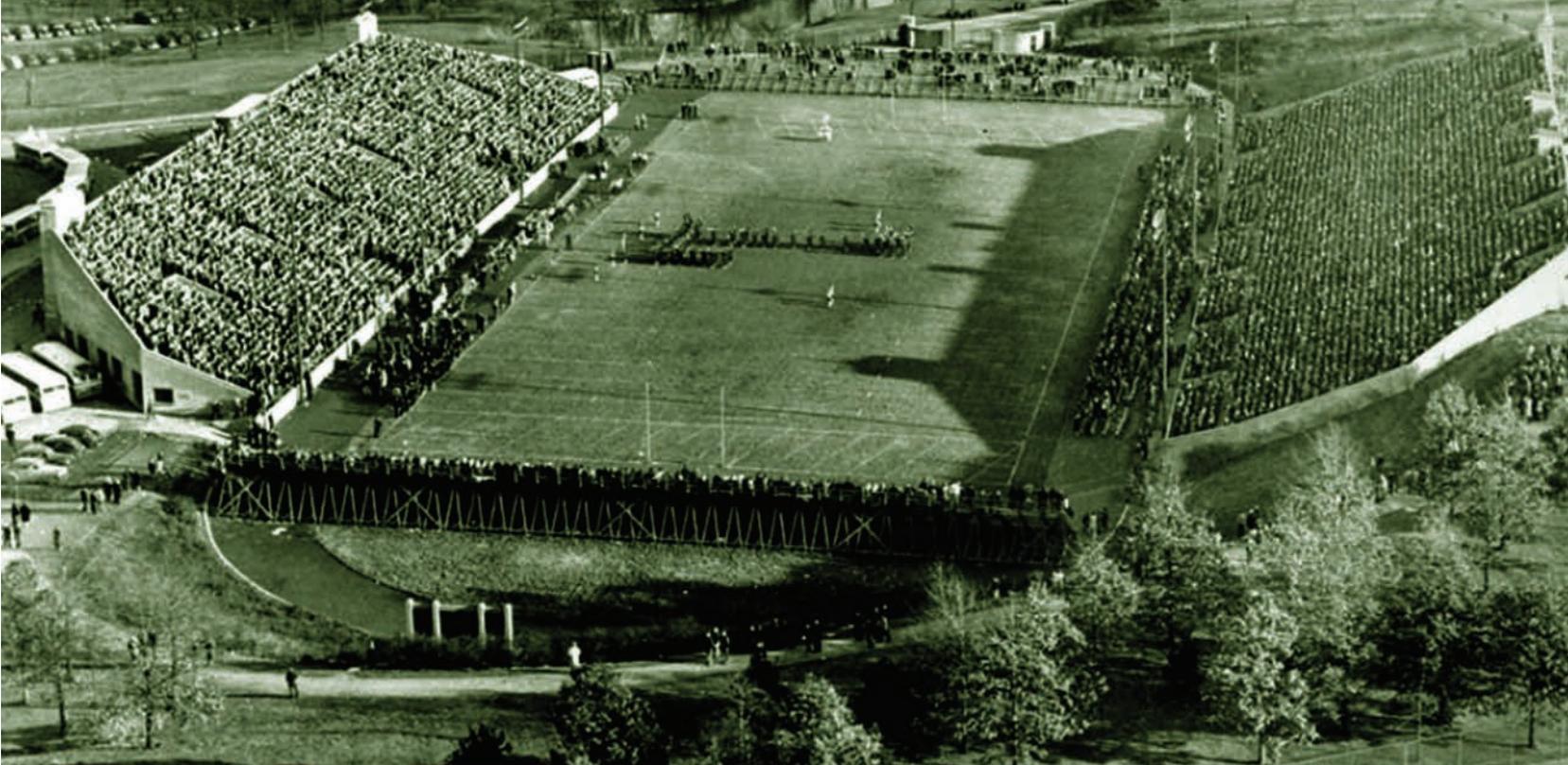
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75 YEARS OF FOOTBALL AT FAWCETT



At the September 13 McKinley/Dublin Coffman football game, attention was drawn to the west end zone of Fawcett as tribute was paid to the 1938 McKinley and Lehman football teams. A mere four days later would mark EXACTLY 75 years of football at the legendary John A. Fawcett Stadium and the anniversary of the first game played in the stadium.

On that afternoon, September 17, 1938, the Canton McKinley Bulldogs defeated the Canton Lehman Polar Bears by a score of 48-6. The legendary Marion Motley played for the Bulldogs that day; McKinley was coached by John Reed, and assisted by the legendary Bup Rearick. The Polar Bears were coached by the equally legendary Jim Robinson. Commemorative programs were available at the game which contained a detailed replica of the original program sold in 1938, for a mere 10 cents.

Fast forward 75 years to the recognition of fourteen families representing students and coaches who participated in some way shape or form in that first game. Relatives waved to the crowd and posed for photos from the end zone as they were called forth by McKinley Football Public Announcer, Scott Davis.

Appropriately, the first to be recognized was the namesake of the stadium, named after a school board member from 1932 until his untimely death of pneumonia in 1935 was John A. Fawcett. Representing his great uncle was MR. RALPH SCHRIEBER.

The next player to be announced was Lehman's Claude Shiver. Legend has it that he threw the first touchdown pass in Fawcett Stadium to right end Bill Oyler for Lehman's only score that day. Claude was represented by his son CLAUDE "SKIP" SHRIVER and Skip's wife LINDA.

Next recognized was Lehman teammate Bob Bauer, who started at left end in that 1938 game. Bob was represented by his brother JACK (class of '41), son JOHN, and an entire group of family and friends. The brothers Bauer actually watched the construction of Fawcett Stadium from their porch on 25th St.

The first 1938 Bulldog announced was Joe Gylog. His playing weight was listed as a whopping 166lbs. Representing Joe was nephew BOB ZANDER and Bob's wife CHRIS.

Following Joe was McKinley's Emil Kamp, he started at tackle, and was a captain. Emil was represented by his son JIM KAMP, his wife LORRAINE, daughter POLLY and son-in-law BOB BELL.

A freshman at the time, not listed in the 1938 program, and present that evening was VINCE LEMMO. He and a couple of his buddies were called upon all those years ago by Bup Rearick more than once to tackle Marion Motley. Vince, now 91, was accompanied by his son LEN LEMMO.

The next Bulldog to be announced was Jim Inman, he played right end and weighed in at 154 lbs. Representing



Ralph Schreiber



Vince Lemmo



Guy Mack Jr.



Claude "Skip" Shriver



Bob and Chris Zander



Elmer Jackson and family



Jean Wright and family

Jim was his daughter SHIRLEY, family members CRAIG and LINDA KESSLER, TIFFANY KESSLER, MALIK ZAHIR, and his wife IRENE.

LINDA BROWN, CATHY WHIPKEY and PEGGY NEIDIG were on hand to help honor the memory of their dad, McKinley Bulldog Bill Lee, who played center.

Represented by his daughter WANDA, her two brothers WILLIAM and MAYKUS, and granddaughter SHAWANA was William Goodman. He played half-back, and was listed at a stout 136lbs for Canton McKinley.

The next player announced served our community as a decorated police officer who gave his life in the line of duty. Guy Mack began his career as a 170 lb tackle for the McKinley Bulldogs. Honoring him were GUY MACK JR., son GARTH MACK, and Grandson GARLAND MACK JR.

Many may remember this Bulldog name from the basketball exploits of his son Elmer Jr. in the late 1970's, however we are still back in 1938. Standing for Elmer Jackson were his sons JEFFREY, RODELL, and ELMER JR., as well as daughters ROCKI and NETTI.

A 150 lb end for McKinley, player Aaron Sims was represented by three versions of Aaron Sims. Honoring their father, grandfather, and great grandfather were AARON SIMS JR., AARON SIMS III, AARON SIMS IV and the only non-Aaron, Great Grandson JERRY SIMS.

The next honoree Harry I. Fox Jr. played in the McKinley band as a freshman as well as that first game so many years ago. He was represented by his son EUGENE FOX, daughter ROSE VARN, Grandson ROBERT PRICE, and other family members.

Finally, representing her father, Mr. Chuck Wright, who served as assistant coach for the 1938 Canton McKinley Bulldogs, and later became the district's first athletic ticket manager was longtime teacher and McKinley booster JEAN WRIGHT. Jean was accompanied by her daughter KIM BURNS, her husband MICHAEL and granddaughter ABBEY.

Special thanks to Jean Wright, Carole Eaton, Dave Stephenson, Scott Caster, and the folks from McKinley.com for their help in putting together this year's Bulldog Fall Souvenir program and especially the 1938 replica program included tonight. We would also like to recognize Director of Sports, Recreation, and Physical Education, Mr. Ed Rehfus for his tireless efforts in the coordination of the 75th year celebration.

Here's to another 75 years of football in Fawcett Stadium.



CAREER TECH STUDENTS "GET-CONNECTED" AT DIEBOLD

Canton City School District juniors in the Project Lead the Way (engineering), Video Gaming (computer programming), and Banking and Finance career tech programs, got a taste of the 'real world of work' when they recently visited the Diebold Headquarters in North Canton.

The trip to Diebold was made possible through the work of the United Way Women's Leadership Council. United Way Women's Leadership Council is committed in preparing area high school students to be truly career ready, therefore, they have developed these experiences termed "Get-Connected."

The goal of "Get-Connected" is to provide students with the opportunity to experience careers they have an interest in, as well as have the opportunity to practice and develop networking skills. "Being able to network is a key skill needed for individuals to secure employment" says United Way Women's Leadership Council Chair, Laurie Moline. Laurie along with Stephanie Piper-Henderson, Career Developer for the Canton City School District Career Tech Office, know the best way to develop networking skills, is for students to have authentic experiences in practicing them, that lead to the "Get-Connected" experience at Diebold.

While at Diebold, students had the opportunity to tour the facility, seeing past, present, and future Diebold products, meet Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer George Mayes, and students had the opportunity to meet and network one-on-one with Diebold professionals.

Upon arriving at Diebold, students were warmly greeted and presented with their own business cards. Students are to distribute their business cards throughout the day in order to make valuable connections with Diebold employees.

McKinley High School junior, Marcellus Bertram enjoyed the trip immensely. He said the people at Diebold made him feel so welcomed. While at Diebold, Marcellus 'networked' with Diebold employees, followed-up with emails after returning to Timken, and now has the opportunity to return to Diebold for future shadowing experiences with Diebold engineers. Marcellus is currently enrolled in the PLTW program and he plans to pursue engineering in college.

Timken High School junior, Sam Weaver, enjoyed the trip as well. He is also a student in the PLTW program. He particularly liked seeing the mechanics and technology behind the automatic teller machines (ATMs) that Diebold makes. Sam felt the entire experience made him see the importance of education and he will take education more seriously. He saw how important staying current and up-to-date on technology trends is essential in order to become a successful mechanical engineer, which is Sam's career goal.

The partnership between Canton City School District Career Tech Department and The United Way Women's Leadership Council is an amazing opportunity for our students. Please call the Career Tech office at 330-438-2538 if you would like more information about these programs or any other of our career tech programs.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION MOORE

Winner of Canton's 4th grade essay contest for Fire Prevention Week.

The Belle Stone student attended the 48th annual kickoff breakfast held at Skyland Pines and read his essay in front of hundreds there representing the Stark County safety forces and government.

Zion attended with his assistant principal, Rose Wiley, and his teacher, Angela Borland, who said he is a wonderful student. "He is a leader and a really bright young man with excellent manners," Borland said. Also attending with Zion were his parents, Taria Reynolds and Warren Moore, grandmother Monique Andres, and his little brother, Octavien, a second grade student at Stone.

Zion said he was not nervous when he read his essay and said most of the information in it came from the lessons he learned from his parents. Also, his late grandfather, Percy Parks, was a 20-year veteran of the Canton City Fire Department.

Zion's mom said he is a natural writer. "He writes stories, then sells us his books," she noted with a laugh.

Zion and his teacher received gift certificates and he earned a pizza party for his entire class.

Here is his essay:

"How to Prevent Kitchen Fires," by Zion Moore, Belle Stone

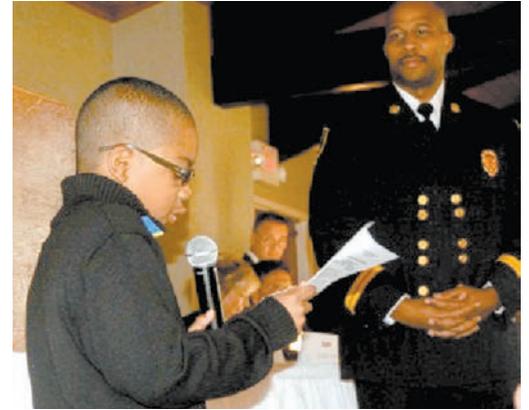
One way not to make a fire is to never leave your stove on and fall asleep. Never play around when the stove is on. When you have a stove on, don't leave your house. Don't let a child younger than 15 use the stove. Don't put clothes near the stove. Do not talk on the phone when the stove is on. Never out oil or paper near the stove.

More ways to prevent a kitchen fire include never putting a fork in the toaster, never put a paper plate in the microwave. Don't put any kind of liquid by a stove or microwave because it can cause a kitchen fire. Never let gas in the kitchen or it can cause a fire. Don't

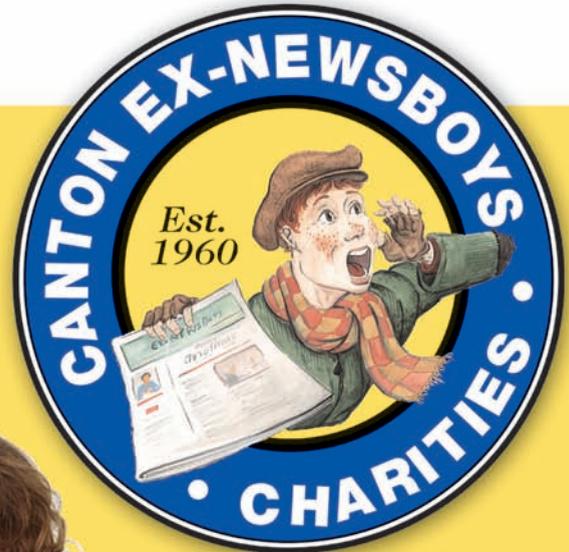
forget to turn off your stove, toaster, or microwave when you leave your house.

These are ways to prevent kitchen fires from happening in your home. Remember to always be responsible in the kitchen

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ZION MOORE



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CANTON CITY RECEIVES STATE FUNDS TO EXPAND PRESCHOOL

The Canton City School District's preschool program recently was awarded \$252,000 in state funds to expand its early childhood program.

The grant was awarded to Canton City through a partnership with the YWCA Early Childhood Learning Center and the JRC Learning Center. A location for the expanded preschool program has not yet been decided, but the grant allows for 63 newpreschool slots.

According to the Ohio Department of Education, the most recent state budget increased the state's investment in high-quality early learning preschools and allocated an additional \$10 million to the early childhood education program for 2014.

Canton Superintendent Adrian Allison said that in Canton City, teachers spend much of their time catching students up to their grade level.

"Having a greater access to quality preschool will allow Canton's students to be better prepared for kindergarten and first grade and allow our teachers to focus on grade-level learning," Allison said.

The funds were offered to existing high-quality early learning programs within high-needs areas of the state that can immediately serve children. The money will be distributed through Early Childhood Education Expansion Grants.

Cathy Jennings, Administrative Officer at the YWCA, said when

Canton City rolled out its Brighter Tomorrow Plan, she contacted Superintendent Allison and said they would like to be a partner.

The grant, she added, will allow access to preschool for children who don't qualify for subsidized preschool, but whose parents cannot afford tuition.

"This is going to be a total population of children that we've been trying to figure out how to serve, but we haven't had the funds to do it," said Jennings.

Tom Thompson, Executive Director of JRC, called the collaboration with Canton City "a wonderful opportunity to get quality early education to our kids in the city."

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From left to right: *Nadine McIlwain, President; Ryan Brahler, South District; Ida Ross-Freeman, At-Large; Richard Milligan, North District; Lisa Gissendaner*, Vice President
*Effective until January 2014

2013 BOARD MEETINGS
December 9 at Timken High School.

Meeting start @ 6:00 pm



ZIMMERMANN SYMPHONY CENTER CHANGING THE FACE OF MCKINLEY HIGH

The new home of the Canton Symphony Orchestra – the Zimmermann Symphony Center – is now visibly changing the shape of the McKinley High School campus.

Just two weeks ago, the last piece of structural steel was put in place. And last week the main floor slab was poured. Before the end of October, passers-by will notice the exterior stud framing and the start to the outside brick installation.

“The project manager indicated that despite the amount of rain we had this summer, the progress is about where they expected,” stated Michelle Mullaly, the orchestra’s executive director. “They anticipate being under roof around December 1, depending on how the Fall weather goes. We’re very happy with the progress!”

The addition to McKinley High School and Umstatted Hall is named after the orchestra’s director of 33 years, Gerhardt Zimmermann. The new symphony center is scheduled to be ready for move-in June 2014. The center will act as the consolidated home of the orchestra, which currently maintains administration and education offices

at the Cultural Center but performs almost all of its concerts in Umstatted Hall.

The concert center will also include more storage for the high school’s music programs, updated dressing rooms, several lecture/conference rooms, a large reception hall, the orchestral library, and a bigger back-stage. The new on-campus center will afford the opportunity for McKinley High School students to attend seminars, interact with the orchestra’s musicians/guest artists, and potentially participate in various internship programs.

“This addition to Umstatted Hall continues a 40-year-plus relationship with Canton City Schools,” stated Chuck Hoover, Symphony Board President. “When Canton City Schools began construction on Umstatted Hall, the leadership of the symphony at that time decided to join forces with them to make it a truly exceptional hall. Trying to build a performance hall like that today would cost approximately \$50 million dollars. With this \$4.2 million dollar addition, we are affirming our relationship with the school district and enhancing the hall so it

remains the center of a truly exceptional experience.”

As reported in the November 2012 issue of Stars, phase 1 was that Umstatted Hall received upgraded seating, carpeting, lighting, and a cutting-edge sound system that allows those with hearing disabilities to “plug into” what’s known as a hearing loop. The current building addition is phase 2. The third and final phase involves paving the parking lot across the street, but funds still need raised for that part of the project.

For regular project photos and updates, visit flickr.com/photos/cantonsymphony/.

Founded in 1937, the Canton Symphony Orchestra is a fully professional ensemble and organization dedicated to performing concerts that enrich, educate and entertain. Under the direction of Gerhardt Zimmermann, the orchestra performs classical, pops, holiday, and educational programs. For more information, please visit www.CantonSymphony.org.

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CLARENDON TEACHER GETS “A DAY MADE BETTER”

Every day is a joy in Mary Kendall's kindergarten class at Clarendon, but recently she and the class experienced an especially exciting one.

The 20-year veteran teacher received the surprise of her life when representatives of Office Max rolled into her room a brand new leather chair and \$1,000 in school supplies. It was part of the company's "A Day Made Better," where 1,000 teachers nationwide are selected for this amazing gift in an effort to erase teacher-funded classrooms.

Each year, principals nominate teachers who demonstrate a passion, dedication and innovation.

"Mary puts a lot of time and energy into her classroom," said Nicole Herberghs, Clarendon principal, who adds that Kendall's husband does his share, as well, building learning tools and classroom games from wood. "This is a special day and I do expect tears."

The tears flowed immediately when Brian Steiner and his team from the Whipple Avenue Office Max presented Kendall with her gifts. Among them, a label maker, a digital camera, and a Kindle Fire. Her camera was broken last year, so she was especially happy about getting a new one.

Kendall said her favorite thing about being in the classroom, 16 of which have been at Clarendon, is her kids. "It's all the love, working with their parents, and bringing them to where they need to be," she said.

Herberghs said she suspects Kendall's prizes will be shared among her co-workers as she always shares what she has. "She comes and does her job and enjoys her kids. She treats her students with complete kindness every day, said Herberghs. "She doesn't look for recognition, ever."



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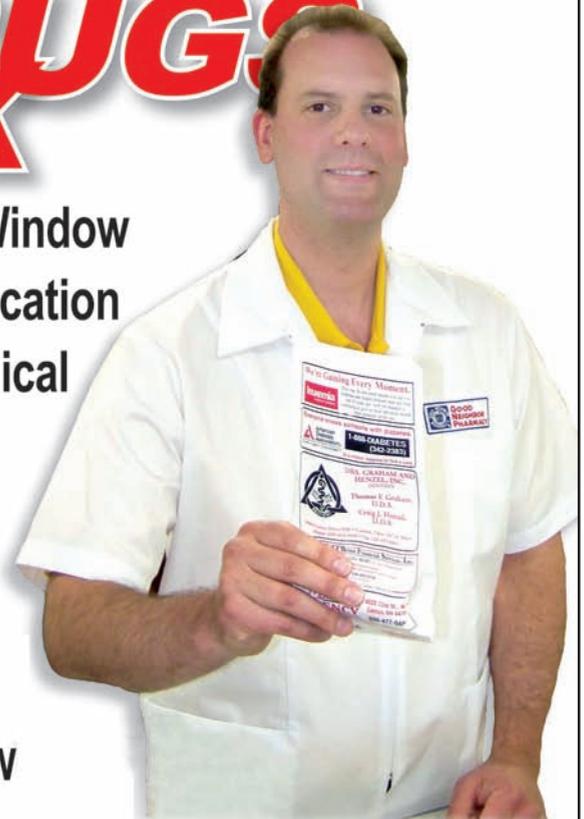
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CANTON CITY TO ROLL OUT NEW TEXT ALERT SYSTEM

Canton City School District students can now report safety concerns to an anonymous text alert system called the TipTxt tool.

Each of the district's five middle school academies and three high school campuses this month were assigned its own phone number to which students can report incidents by text. The Tip Text system, provided by Blackboard Connect, gives students a safe, anonymous avenue to report bullying, harassment, drug activity, or any other safety issue.

Canton City Schools' Safety and Security Director Steve Humphrey said the system is designed for students, but parents and community members can use it as well. He said students can be assured that their messages will be coded so that the person monitoring

the texts will see only the message, not who sent it.

"If there is an immediate threat, they should still call 911," he explained. "But if it's a case of harassment or bullying and the kid really wants to stay anonymous, this is the number."

Superintendent Adrian Allison said this is a step the district wanted to take in order to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students.

"We want students to know they can report issues confidentially to us without fear of retaliation or embarrassment," he said.

TipTxt is not a replacement for emergency services and should not be used to report fires or anything that could

cause immediate danger.

The district has a one-year contract for the system and will gauge its usage and effectiveness before signing on for a second year.

THE DISTRICT TEXT NUMBERS ARE:

McKinley High School	330.409.7004
Timken High School	330.409.7007
Arts Academy @ Summit	330.409.7009
Altitude Academy @ Crenshaw	330.409.7013
STEAMM Academy @ Hartford	330.409.7037
Early College Academy @ Souers	330.409.7044
C2R @ Lehman	330.409.7046
Compton Learning Center	330.409.7059

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IT WAS FUN, CRAFTS, MUSIC DANCING AND MORE FUN AT THE 2013 FAMILY FUN DAY IN CANTON CITY

Canton City Schools recently celebrated students, families, community and staff at Family Fun Day. The event, held at McKinley High School, was attended by over 3000 students and families. Attendees crowded into the main floor of McKinley High School and the cafeteria where informational booths representing each school in the district lined the walls and halls.

The day's activities included carnival games, face painting, inflatables, entertainment by Radio Disney, Q92

FM, mascots, cheerleaders and the McKinley Band. New this year were the photo booth with costumes, the airbrush tattoo artist and Radio Disney pumping up the crowd and giving away prizes. Back by popular demand were the culinary arts students serving a delicious variety of Sno-Cones and the forensic students providing crime scene investigation tips. Additionally, each school in the district provided information about the many opportunities and programs available in Canton City.

The Canton City School District along with Councilman Tom West recognized the International Day of Peace with speakers and a balloon release. Also participating were these community organizations: Early Childhood Resource Center; Stark Parks; TJK Concessions; the Canton Safety Forces; Aultman WOW Van, The Stark County Library Bookmobile, The Girl Scouts; Sisters of Charity and many others!

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Canton City Schools' Holiday Programs 2013

ALLEN

December 19@ 1:00 pm
Winter Holiday Program

ALTITUDE ACADEMY @ CRENSHAW

Thursday December 12
School wide Holiday Program

ARTS ACADEMY @ SUMMIT

December 12@ 7 pm
Grades 4-8 Holiday Program @ Timken HS

BELDEN

December 19@ 1pm
Grades K, 1 and 2 Winter Holiday Program
Belden Gym

BELLE STONE

December 4@ 6 pm
Holiday Program

CEDAR

December 17 - Grades K, 2 & 4
Winter Music Program

CLARENDON

December 10@ 1:30pm
Grades K-1 Holiday Program

C2R @ Lehman

December 12@ 7 pm
Holiday Band & Choir Concert – Lehman Stage

DUEBER

December 18@ 1 pm
Grades K-2 Holiday Performance

FAIRMOUNT

December 18 – Winter Concert

EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY @ Souers

December 19@ 7pm
Holiday Concert @ Souers

GIBBS

December 19@ 1pm
Grades K-2 Holiday Program

HARTER

December 12@ 6:30pm
Third Grade Winter Holiday Program

MADGE YOUTZ

December 17@ 6 pm
Grades K and 1 Winter Concert

December 19@ 6 pm
Grades 2 and 3 Winter Concert

MASON

December 9@ 1:30
Kindergarten - Holiday Program

December 10@ 1:30
First Grade – Holiday Program

MCGREGOR

December 12@ 5:30
Grades 2 & 3 - Holiday Program

MCKINLEY

December 12@ 7 pm
Band Concert @ Umstattd Hall

December 17@ 7 pm
Winter Choir Concert Festival @ Umstattd Hall

SCHREIBER

December 12@ 5 pm
Holiday Program

STEAMM @ Hartford

December 10@7pm
Holiday Program

TIMKEN

December 19@ 7 pm
Holiday Band & Choir Concert in the
Auditorium

WORLEY

December 17@ 5:30
Grades 1 & 2 – Holiday Concert

