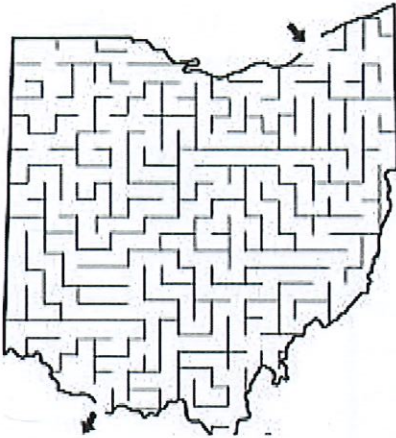


Maze of the Month:

Ohio



Teacher Talk:

**“IT’S COOL
TO CARE”
—MR.
TRUNA**

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and Indiana Mock

Student of the Month:
Indiana Mock and Norah

Present Adventures

The middle school athletes began after school workouts. These workouts are held by head football Coaches Thieken and Avis. They encourage the middle schoolers and other grades up to 11th grade to begin building muscle and getting stronger for football. They do workouts like bench press, lunges, squats, front squats, bend over rows, box jumps, push press, push ups, and hex jumps. This after school activity is optional and you can go for as long you want as long as you complete the assigned workouts. It usually takes around 55 minutes. Colton Soss said, “Yes, it helps me to get stronger which will help me block for my QB Beckett [Emch].” The new workout room was built last year directly from funds due to the passing bond.



Alternate Activities

The 8th grade Ag students have a chance to participate in a contest between other schools in Prepared Public Speaking, Agriscience Fair, Creed Speaking, and Conduct of Meeting. Prepared Public Speaking is a contest where students write a speech that has to be 4-6 minutes long on an issue with agriculture. Agriscience Fair is like a science fair. One example is growing a plant, testing a hypothesis, and then make a poster board on that. Creed Speaking is a recitation of the FFA creed. Conduct of Meeting is seven people in a group and they discuss a topic. Mrs. Vittoria said, “Going to contest is a good experience because you never know what you are capable of doing. It teaches you to have confidence in yourself. This could also help you outside of school because it could help you get a job if you are well-spoken and have good self awareness.” The 8th grade team that placed 2nd in Conduct of Meeting at Districts and went to Regionals. They placed 2nd there and they went to States but did not move on to Nationals. Their group included Jade Olrich, Riley Ingram, Ally Griffith, Maylie Mullins, Carley Schlacter, Alivea Olsen, and Maddox Dising. Jackson Cousino was their backup if someone was not able to go. District contest was on January 31. Regionals contest was on February 7. The States contest was February 28 - March 1 at Michigan State University.

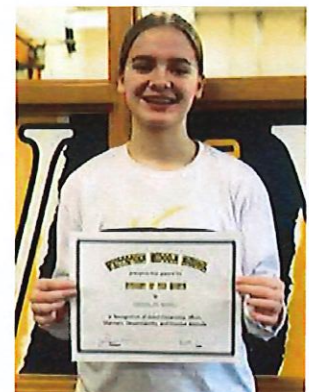
Student of the Month: January



Caden Speweik (30)



Clara Iott (29)



Breslin Wing (28)

These students were voted student of the



Predict It

Will the Detroit Tigers have a winning season?

41% YUP!

59% NOPE!



Playback Moments

The girls' middle school volleyball travel teams season is going on right now. The teams consists of only people who attend Whiteford schools although it is not an official Whiteford sport. Each team has played in a travel league for two years with different coaches. The girls practice in the high school gym but travel for tournaments. Their season started near the end of January with the first tournament on the 21st. The 7th grade team won that tournament against 12 other teams. The coach for 8th is senior Anna Schober and the coach for 7th is Mrs. Welch who teaches middle school STEM. Mrs. Welch said, "The season has been good and we had scored first in our first tournament of the season." One of the hitters is Ava Butz. Butz said, "We have been doing well and we have won a lot of games." The teams only play in tournaments and so far they have played in three tournaments and have one more to go. Seventh grader Macy Ovall said, "Playing in the travel team helps us get better for the school season because it gives us more playing time against better teams which makes us better." The teams have been a great force in the competition.



Februray Birthdays!

- Christian McKee 01
- Quinten Cossins 05
- Allen Raker 08
- Jacob Krieger 09
- Allison Griffith 12
- Kinsley Anderson 14
- Rowyn Wing 15
- Gage Stoops 16
- Anna Tenney 19
- Jameson Babcock 20
- Logan Lenhart 20
- Dixie Cole 21
- Eva Suchora 22
- Natalie Kulhanek 22
- AJ Ellis 23
- Nathan Schumacher 25
- Elliott Thompson 25
- Duncan Donbrosky 26
- Raelynn Scott 28
- Teachers:**
- Mrs. Vittore 13

Bio Box

Levi Mercurio (28) is a real life rodeo man - he rides bulls. Mercurio has been going to Pro Edge arena in Osseo, Michigan since he was eight. His first competition was Mutton Bustin' where he rode the back of a sheep. He just started riding bulls a few weeks ago. Mercurio first bull was named 71. The bull stepped out of the chute and started bucking, knocked him off, and stepped on his ribs! Mercurio is already riding novice bulls which are harder to ride than beginner bulls though easier than professional level. On February 24th he got 7.6 seconds and eight seconds is the time to beat. When it comes to judging the bull, the main criteria are difficulty to ride and movement. Judges consider factors like spin, directional changes, kicks, drops and body rolls. Mercurio's parents encouraged him to ride since he has been asking for years. Mrs. Mercurio said, Pro Edge are amazing and are the best teacher and mentors - and bull fighters!" Bull riding is a very dangerous sport because there are a variety of injuries that can occur. Even though it is dangerous and expensive, Mercurio still recommends bull riding. He hopes to make bull riding a career so he can join a national circuit.



Pet of the Month:



This is a Cyriocosmus Elegans or more commonly known as a Heart Rump spider. The Heart Rump spider is a dwarf species which is smaller than most spiders. It gets its Heart Rump name from the heart on its abdomen. This spider is owned by Ian Marsh.