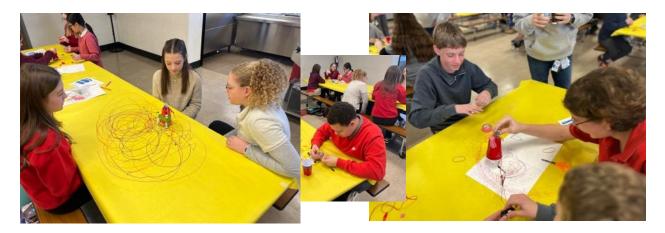


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#### INTEL VISITS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR STEAM FUN & LEARNING



Intel visited Johnstown Middle School on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, for a robotics exercise. Student teams were tasked with making a robotic "Scribblebot" using a plastic cup, small motor, and markers, among other items. This was the second such event Intel has participated in with the District. A third event is anticipated in April at Johnstown Elementary.

See video highlights HERE.



#### "Mary Poppins"

Johnstown-High School's production of "Mary Poppins" will be presented March 24, 25 & 26. On March 4, a special tea event including fun events with Mary and friends drew many families. (See more pictures of that event <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. A video of a rehearsal may be seen HERE.



### Potluck honors our outstanding school bus drivers!

February was "Love the Bus" Month, a national campaign designed to raise awareness of the men and women who safely drive students to-and-from school each day. We celebrated our drivers with a special lunch event.

#### —ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT—

#### Elementary hosts "Family Reading Night"

JES hosted a well-attended, Dr. Seussthemed, "Family Reading Night" on March 2. Guest readers included city officials, Intel representatives, J-M Board of Education members, and Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner. More pictures can be seen HERE. Catch some video highlights HERE.









# "President Lincoln" pays Middle School a visit (See the video HERE)

# J-M students travel the 'Silk Road'

Johnstown Middle School students recently "traveled" the "Silk Road," a series of roads and routes that together made up a huge network that stretched from China to Rome. The Silk Road's name was inspired by the "luxurious cloth" that was China's biggest export. Some video highlights can be seen HERE.



#### JOHNSTOWN-MONROE SUPERINTENDENT'S SPOTLIGHT



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#### **JHS students hear Brett Baier presentation**

Twenty-three Johnstown High School students recently participated in the latest in a series of New Albany Community Foundation lectures, this one featuring Fox News anchor and author, Bret Baier. He stated, "America is resilient. We know we have problems, but we can figure them out!" Baier's main discussion theme was, "Untold Stories of Leadership in Turbulent Times."





## Middle School celebrates students' achievements

Johnstown Middle School's Citizens of the Month (seen at right) were recently treated to a special breakfast in the Media Center. This month's students include: 6<sup>th</sup> grade — Madison Barta and Grady Mason; 7<sup>th</sup> grade — Kendall Dew and Andrew Kaiser; 8<sup>th</sup> grade — Dani North and Charlie Scaife. Congratulations, students!

Meanwhile, Johnstown Middle School students who had all-A's for both Q1 and Q2 and were recently invited to a special staff-prepared and -served breakfast. They included: Keaton Archibald, Grady Balsizer, Jackson Bauman, Amelia Bonito, Nora Boston, Brandon Callicoat, William Carter, Sevi Chiddention, Cash Clemens, Caylin Cox, Alex Culbertson, Madisyn Fain, Reid Fala, Reese Farris, Brayden Felkner, Macin Flowers, Darren Fox, Sydney Gernert, Hailie Grice, Allison Groves, Lucas Harmon, Raleigh Harter, Adeline Hazelbaker, Lauren Heimerl, Elizabeth Hiebel, Jenna Howard, Cayden Jurden, Andrew Kaiser, Brayden King, Joseph King, Lillian Mcfadden, Avery Molenaar, Luke Orsini, Jocelyn Parpart, Ella Peterman, William Richards, Ethan Risdon, Dexter Swartz, Henry Swartz, Lincoln Wernette, Olivia Wittmer, and Jessica Yang.







# JOHNNIE PROFILES Meet Bus Driver Steve Carver



#### AT A GLANCE...

Steve has transported Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools' students for more than a decade.

He is one of the two longestserving bus drivers within our district.

He currently drives Route 4.

Steve is also a Johnstown-Monroe Alum, "Class of '79."

"I drive a lot of the sports teams. I liked taking the band up to the State Championship in Canton. That was a great time. That was fun."

Steve Carver grew up in Johnstown, he graduated from Johnstown-Monroe High School, and for more than a decade he has taken pride and enjoyment from transporting its students to-and-from school. He spent about a year driving for Northridge before coming to Johnstown-Monroe.

For Steve, it's "all about the kids. I like kids and I like driving." Satisfaction comes from "communicating with the kids and just getting them back and forth, safely. I have a good route."

Along with long-time fellow driver Wayne Johnson ("We are the dinosaurs; we are the originals," the two agreed, laughing), he particularly enjoys driving students for sporting and music competitions. That means a lot of evening and weekend work, but Steve said it remains a joy. Illustrating that dedication, he said, "I'll be driving for a basketball game, tomorrow."



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#### —COMMUNITY OUTREACH—



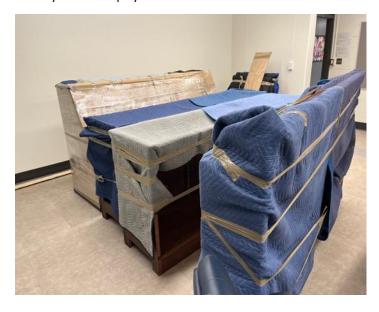
# **Dr. Wagner addresses Chamber of Commerce**

The March 6, 2023, Johnstown Chamber of Commerce meeting featured special speakers Johnstown Mayor Donald Barnard, Johnstown-Monroe Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner, and Susan Cullens, who represented Citizens for the Monroe Township Fire Department Levy. Dr. Wagner discussed the District's upcoming ballot issues and fielded several questions regarding Intel. Video highlights may be seen HERE.

#### JIS to host displays honoring Brig. Gen. Perry L. Miles

Johnstown-Monroe is in the process of preparing a dedicated space within Room 125 at the Intermediate School to celebrate the memory and the many accomplishments of Johnstown's own, "Hometown Hero", Brigadier General Perry L. Miles, USA, Retired, a hero of the American-Philippine's War, World War I, and Chairman of the Shenandoah Valley Regional Defense Council during World War II. Miles, who died in 1961 was a Johnstown citizen of great accomplishment who took strong pride in our community. The District has also embarked upon an effort to educate citizens about this giant who called Johnstown home. So far, we have prepared a biographical video, and another featuring relatives' memories and reflections regarding Perry L. Miles. Below are recently arrived display cases.





## JHS welcomes League of Women Voters



The Licking County arm of the League visited on March 9, 2023, to register eligible high school students.

#### **—LOOKING AHEAD!—**



## FACT & FAQ sheets regarding District's May levy issues now posted to district's website

As you know, Johnstown-Monroe has two levy renewal issues on the May 2, 2023, ballot. These two levies are not new taxes. See the following fact sheets and answers to frequently asked questions for more information. The sheets may be updated at intervals as further questions are posed. You may review them **HERE**.



#### Reminder: JES/JIS 'Spring Carnival' is Saturday

Just a reminder the Johnstown Elementary and Johnstown Intermediate "Spring Carnival" will kick-off at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, at Johnstown High School, and continue until 2:30 p.m. The event will include inflatables, a cake walk, games, prizes and more.



## Johnstown-Monroe choirs & bands compete at OMEA District X Large Group Adjudicated Event

Johnstown's Apogee and Chorale are state bound after standout performances at the OMEA District X Large Group contest held this past weekend. Both groups received superior ratings (I) and qualified for state competition in Class B. The Johnstown Concert Band earned an excellent rating (II) competing in Class C. The JHS Symphonic Band earned a superior rating (I) in Class B and qualified to compete at the state level in April.



## Robotics team makes strong showing in its First VEX Robotics competition

On the STEAM front, last month The Johnstown Juggerbots, also known as Team 43031A, competed in the Licking Valley Blended VRC Qualifier at Licking Valley Middle School. This is the first VEX Robotics Competition Team for the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District. Despite some tough competition, our team members displayed tremendous effort and determination throughout the day. Their resiliency resulted in the first win for the program. Congratulations to Macin Flowers, Cassidy Muller, Tony Rose, and Charlie Scaife for representing our district!

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