



JOHNSTOWN-MONROE SUPERINTENDENT'S SPOTLIGHT

Philip H. Wagner, Ph.D., Superintendent

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WELCOME CRAIG McDONALD, COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Recently, I was reflecting that I have been with Johnstown-Monroe Schools just over 90 days. As the adage goes, *time goes by quickly* and I am very proud of Johnstown Schools, the district's history and the bright future.

This school year I have been working closely with the Board of Education; Kim Pulley, Treasurer; Debbie Seibel, Director of Administrative Services; culminating in the development of strategic work plans. One area of focus is improved communications. I am happy to report that we hired our first communication specialist, Mr. Craig McDonald. Mr. McDonald hit the ground running on his first day, October 26th with our school district. I have highlighted Mr. McDonald's professional experience below – special notice to his experience with the former Johnstown Independent Newspaper.

You will see Mr. McDonald in our school district buildings and events. I will be working with building principals to prioritize his areas of responsibility, but do not hesitate to notify Debbie Lowe and I in advance of school district events.

Sincerely,

Philip Wagner, Ph.D.
Superintendent

BIOGRAPHY

Craig McDonald is a central Ohio native and longtime western Licking County resident. He began his career in community journalism, notably with Hirt Publications, which included the Grove City Record and Johnstown Independent. For many years, he was managing editor of the Dispatch-owned ThisWeek Community Newspaper Group. In 2010, he joined the Gannett newspaper chain as managing editor of the Newark Advocate, and reporter/editor of the Pataskala Standard and Granville Sentinel. He comes to Johnstown-Monroe from a communications position at Licking Heights Local Schools, where he worked for much of the past year with Dr. Philip H. Wagner.

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JOHNSTOWN-MONROE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HOSTS FIRST 'HARVEST FEST'

Johnstown-Monroe Intermediate School held its first "Harvest Fest," on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Envisioned as the first in a series of special, career-focused events, "Harvest Fest" was scheduled to reflect harvest season, holiday-themed agritourism sites such as orchards and corn-mazes, but also to provide insight and some hands-on experience with careers within the agricultural and farming industries.

Students were divided into eight groups and then moved through several stations, learning about farm equipment, crop farming, farm craft, farm game, dairy farming and farm game.

Students also had the opportunity to have their pictures taken in a special autumnal "selfie-booth," and enjoyed fresh apple cider.

Many students also came dressed in traditional farming or western attire, including overalls, cowboy boots and hats.

Participating contributors included representatives from Heimerl and Hendren farms, as well as the Future Farmers of America, among others.

Nicole Tucker, who teaches fifth grade math, said of this first career focused special day, "We're trying to connect to our community in what we hope will be the beginning of many elementary programs to expose students to different types of career opportunities."



Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education member Ruth Ann Booher discusses farming-themed art projects with students.



Students enjoy a harvest-themed "selfie-booth."



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Students with a livestock transport trailer shared by Heimerl Farms.



Students sample some fresh apple cider.



Rachel Heimerl, of Heimerl Farms discusses raising and showing cows with students.

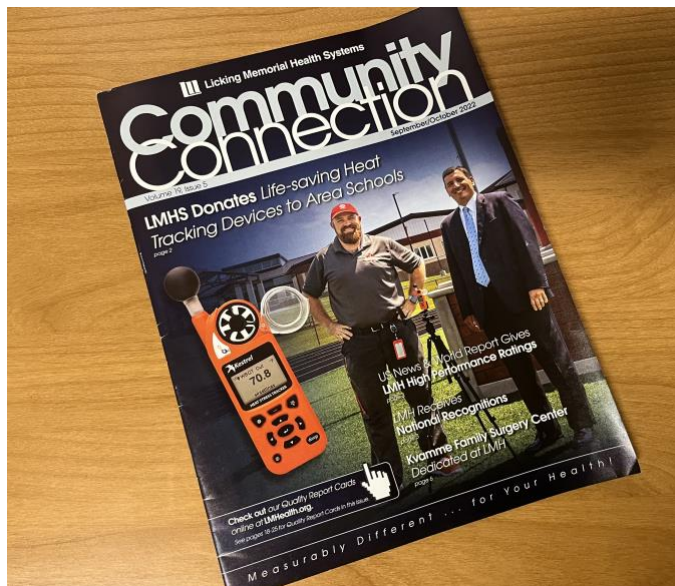
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IN OTHER NEWS...

MIDDLE SCHOOL KINDNESS AMBASSADORS 'TREAT' ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WITH HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS



A special thank you to several of the Middle School's "Kindness Ambassadors" who recently gifted district administrative staff with special holiday treat bags!



ROBBIE BRICKNER FEATURED ON MAGAZINE COVER

Congratulations to Johnstown Middle & High School Athletic Director Robbie Brickner, who appears with LMHS President & CEO Rob Montagnese on the cover the current issue of LMHS' "Community Connection" magazine regarding life-saving heat tracking devices recently donated to area schools by LMHS! We value our community partnerships!



ANNUAL ALL-COUNTY BOARD MEETING

I was honored to be one of the featured speakers at the Oct. 26 meeting, uniting school superintendents, board of education members, and others from across Licking County. I shared information regarding our district's expected growth, as well as, potential impacts from Intel and associated developments.