

## From the Superintendent's Desk

### NEW FEATURE

I would like to introduce you to a new feature we plan to include in our future newsletters. Beginning with this edition, and in each ensuing edition, we will highlight a current staff member. We hope this will promote a better connection between you, our community and our schools. The feature is being highlighted in my newsletter article for this edition, but will be located on the outside cover page in the future. In today's feature, we will meet Don Croy. Don recently presented the school with a wonderful gift that will enhance our new elementary school for years to come. I will let you read about this talented man and his contribution.

I hope you are all enjoying the periodic spring weather, and I look forward to seeing you at our school and community events. Go Wildcats and Wildkittens!!

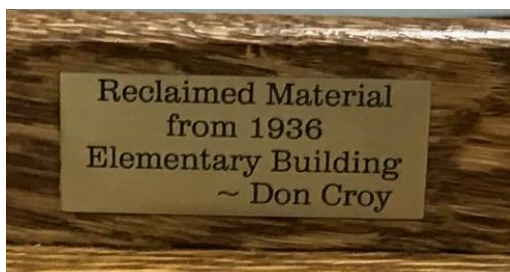
Sincerely,



**Dale E. Lewellen, Superintendent  
Bath Local Schools**

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: DON CROY

If you have been around the Bath campus, you surely have seen the handy work of Don Croy, our maintenance man of 21 years. Don's carpentry skills have saved our district money on jobs we would otherwise need to contract out for completion. Don's hands have built bookcases in our administration office, the high school boys and girls lockers and locker rooms, as well as the wood lockers in the Red Barn, the concession stand on the visitor's side of the football field, as well as the conversion of our bus garage to a library and transportation supervisor's office just to name a few. His most recent project turned out to be a surprise gift to our school: a beautiful oak podium, built using wood taken out of the closet in our old elementary office before the building was tore down. Don said the podium took about a week to finish, beginning to end, with no building plans to follow, just a vision in his mind. Don says he has always felt proud to work at Bath. He takes pride in keeping our school grounds looking nice with mowing and snow removal duties, and enjoys painting the football field for Friday nights. If you ask Don about his time at Bath, he will tell you it has always felt like a career to him, not a job. He lives in Bath, his children grew up in and graduated from Bath, and now his grandchildren attend Bath. Don has given freely of his time, volunteering to travel with the football team for many years, setting up coaches' headsets, cameras, ball warmers and such, in addition to what the band might need that night. Bath Schools is proud to shine a spotlight on Don Croy in this edition of the Bath School Community Newsletter.





## LITERACY NIGHT

On April 5<sup>th</sup> the Title One students in first, second, and third grades were invited to participate in an evening of reading fun. The theme of this year's annual Literacy Night was Pirates. Students participated in reading games and hands on activities as they practiced and shared their skills with parents. Students also "walked the plank" and played pirate games. Mr. Renner talked with parents about updates in the Third Grade Guarantee, as well as required testing in all grade levels. We had snacks and prizes, and all Title students who attended received a goody bag, which included a new book. We want to thank all parents who brought their child to Literacy Night. We hope you found this evening to be both beneficial and enjoyable.



## ELEMENTARY SUMMER HOURS

Bath elementary regular summer office hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. During this time, we will be sending final grade cards along with information about next school year in the mail. The elementary office will be closed during the month of July and will reopen on Tuesday, August 1. If we can be of assistance to you in June or August, please do not hesitate to call our office at 419-221-1837. If for some reason you would need assistance in July when the elementary office is closed, or if you would move during this time, please call the administration office at 419-221-0807.



## "THE INVISIBLE BOY"

Chief Kitchen took the opportunity to visit our classrooms at Bath elementary to read to the students. The book he chose to read to the students is called *The Invisible Boy* by Tracy Ludwig. The book focuses on children that sometimes feel left out. Not only does the story encourage students to get more involved, but it also teaches a lesson to all children to included their classmates and ensure they feel valued. After reading the book to the students, Chief Kitchen spoke with the students about teamwork and how to recognize that all students in their class have something special to offer. Thank you Chief Kitchen for sharing this story with some of our classrooms.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, May 19, 2017** – Relay for Life; each class will be scheduled a time to walk. Please watch for a schedule to come home with your student.  
**Friday, June 2, 2017** – A meeting will be held at 8 a.m. in the elementary to review federal programs and plan implementation of flow-thru monies for the 2017-2018 SY

## SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

We had an amazing turnout at our Elementary Spring Arts Festival last month on March 17th. First, second and third grade students presented musical performances throughout the evening and the elementary art classes had their artwork on display. In addition, there was a preview from the high school music department of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, the musical they will perform on April 7, 8 and 9. The high school music department was also on hand for an instrument petting zoo. This was an amazing evening for our students and community. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Hartzler, Mrs. Roush, and all of the wonderful volunteers for making this evening such a huge success.



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Bath Elementary School would not be the place it is without the help of our regular volunteers. All year long, we have asked for your assistance with the many different tasks that take place in a school, and each and every time you have responded with generous, open arms. Our students and staff greatly appreciate all the help that you have provided for us. If you are someone who has not volunteered in the past, but would be willing to help us in the future, please call the elementary office at 419-221-1837.





On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Bath elementary is proud to present author-illustrator Scott Magoon! Scott has always loved to read, write and draw. He drew Spiderman for his nursery school teacher, and he wrote mystery stories for his second grade newspaper. He enjoys putting words and pictures together for kids. Scott has worked as a book designer and an art director. He has been illustrating and writing children's books for nearly ten years. Since several of the books he illustrated are about the Nut family, our theme for his visit will be "We're Nuts About Scott Magoon." In preparation for his visit, all students in grades K-5 will be hearing and reading his books, as well as participating in projects to extend those books. Be sure to check out the Bath elementary website ([www.bathwildcats.org/es/](http://www.bathwildcats.org/es/)) to view many of the special projects students completed prior to Scott's visit.

Bath Elementary has annually brought an author/illustrator to visit our school for the last 23 consecutive years, an accomplishment few schools in the nation could match. The creativity of our students and staff has developed this annual tradition into a very educational and enjoyable program. Original funding for this activity was secured by a Martha Holden Jennings grant written by retired art teacher Linda Lehman. Yearly visits have been funded through proceeds from the book sale, coordinated with the author/illustrator's visit, and participation in the Chief's "Community Cash" program, along with donations from the Bath P.T.S.

### **NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED - AESOP**

What does it mean to be kind? This is what Mrs. Crowe's 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Mrs. Wiedenbein 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been exploring together this school year. Our exploration started with the books *What Does It Mean To Be Kind?* and *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*. We discovered that everyone, no matter how young or old, can show acts of kindness every day in a variety of settings.



The students have spent time together discussing what it means to be kind and simple ways they can show kindness to others at school or at home. Both classes did a random act of kindness like "Ordinary Mary" did in the story by sharing blueberry muffins with another class in the building, hoping that the class who received the muffins would be inspired to do an act of kindness for someone else.

During our journey, the two classes met once a month to read, discuss and make projects about random acts of kindness. Each class has shown random acts of kindness for others in the school. As a result, we have noticed a change in how the children treat others, becoming more aware of how their actions can have a positive ripple effect in their own lives and the lives of others. The students have started recognizing small gestures of kindnesses they receive every day.

Our emphasis has been for students to recognize that an act of kindness doesn't require money or material things, but rather, that simple gestures like smiling at someone in the hall, asking someone to play at recess, opening the door for others or writing a simple note. All are acts of kindness we can show every day.

Through this project, the two classes have developed a special bond. One reason for this bond is some of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students tutor some of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students every morning. We have seen friendships develop between the classes as we continue to read other books, discuss and share thoughts, create artwork and extend acts of kindness.

The students have become more aware, confident, and self-assured with themselves through this process. We hope their experiences this year will have a positive impact, not only on themselves, but on others too.



### **FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE**

The Bath High School Interact Club sponsored a Father Daughter Dance on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for our elementary students. This was the first dance of its type that our club organized. To say that we were pleased with our turnout is an understatement! We had nearly 500 people attend the dance that night, allowing the Interact Club to donate \$500 to the Field Of Dreams Special Abilities Baseball Field being built on the UNOH campus, and \$100 to Polio Plus. We are very grateful to all that were able to attend. We look forward to making this an annual event. For more information on The Field of Dreams, you can visit their website: <http://limafieldofdreams.com/>

~ Missy Vandemark, Interact Advisor



## EIGHTH-GRADE RECOGNITION

Students in the eighth grade who successfully meet the requirements to become a freshman at Bath High School will be recognized on the last day of school. The Eighth-Grade Recognition Ceremony will take place on May 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. Parents are encouraged to attend the ceremony.

## GRADE 8 BOOK CLUB

Mrs. Wicker, eighth grade English teacher, coordinates a book club that meets during lunch on Wednesdays. Mrs. Wicker and the students discuss book choices and then acquire the books either through parent purchase or the library. Students read one-fourth of the book each week. On Wednesday's, they bring their lunch to her classroom, where students post discussion questions on the white board and the lunch period is spent discussing the book. The purpose of the book club is both academic and social. Students have the opportunity to read and think about literature in a way that connects it to life. This time also gives Mrs. Wicker an opportunity to interact with students on a personal level. A variety of genres and reading levels are offered in order to encourage students to actively participate. The number of students participating ranges from 15 to 35, but generally, there are around 20 students who read each book. This school year, students have read seven books.

## OLWEUS PROGRAM

The Bath school district continues to use the OLWEUS bullying prevention program. The program's goals are to reduce and prevent bullying problems among school children and to improve peer relations at school. The program has been found to reduce bullying among students, improve the social climate of classrooms, and reduce related antisocial behaviors. The OLWEUS program has been implemented in more than a dozen countries around the world, and in thousands of schools in the United States. New staff members are trained each year at Bath. To stay proactive, the staff and students have regularly scheduled OLWEUS meetings. Students and parents may also fill out an anonymous bullying report on Bath's website. Students are encouraged to speak to an adult at home and/or school if he/she feels bullied. Bullying is an intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once. This behavior causes mental and/or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates a threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student. Please contact a building office if you have any concerns about bullying.

## BATH MIDDLE SCHOOL 2017 TESTING



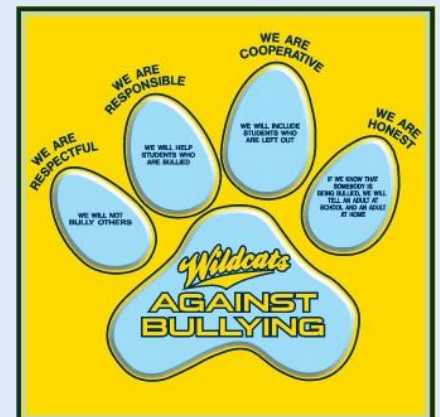
Please do not schedule any appointments, vacations, etc. on these days. Thank you in advance for making attendance a priority!

Monday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts
Tuesday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts
Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts
Tuesday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math
Wednesday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math
Thursday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math
Monday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science
Tuesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

All tests will be divided into two 90-minute sessions

## SEVENTH-GRADE BASKETBALL

The Bath seventh grade basketball team recently completed an outstanding season. The boys finished the season with a perfect 18-0 record. The highlight of the season was defeating Van Wert in the championship game of the Ron Dixon Memorial Bath Invitational Tournament. Congratulations to coach Bobby Hall and the seventh grade team on an outstanding tournament and an outstanding season.





## SCIENCE FAIR

Thirty-eight students in grades five through eight competed in the annual science fair at Bath Middle School on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Participants entered projects involving chemistry, physics, botany, earth & space, and medicine & health. Each entry was evaluated on knowledge achieved, effective use of the scientific method, clarity of expression, and originality & creativity. All students did an excellent job and learned valuable skills in communication and research. Volunteers from the community, along with high school physics and chemistry II students, helped with the judging and evaluation process. **Emma Gast, Chloe Poling, Emily Hendrickson, Payton Meffley, and Shelby Marsteller** received superior ratings and qualified to represent Bath at the District Science Day at ONU on Saturday, March 18.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER ACTIVITIES

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, the 6th grade teachers have been working hard to provide career related opportunities for Bath 6th grade students. At the end of each quarter, the 6th grade staff showcases local professionals by bringing them in for a presentation and panel-like discussion with our students. Many local business professionals have generously taken time out of their busy schedules to support and guide the futures of our middle school students. We want to express our gratitude to the following professionals for their time, knowledge, and energy: Fire Chief Joe Kitchen, Deputy Damian Tibbs, Beauty by Jill owner Jill Bakies-Lewis, WLIO Chief Meteorologist Jason Mikell, and Johnny Appleseed Park Rangers Chad Sandlin and Dave Zimmerly. We would like to thank those in advance who will be presenting to our students at the end of the 3rd and 4th quarter. Our students look forward to these opportunities and are fortunate to have community members who are willing to play a role in their education and future success.

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Random Acts of Kindness week was celebrated February 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, and once again, the middle school took this opportunity to participate. Students were encouraged to show that kindness can be contagious. Mrs. Mulholland posted signs throughout the school, handed out bookmarks, and talked with the students about ways they could show kindness to others. It was an opportunity for the students and staff to make someone's day a little nicer and inspire others to do the same.



**Payton Meffley, Emily Hendrickson and Shelby Marsteller** participated in the District Science Fair at Ohio Northern University. Each achieved a rating of Excellent on their project at the district event and did an excellent job of representing Bath Middle School.

## BATH PARENT TEACHER SOCIETY

Our Mission: To provide educational assistance to Bath students, parents, teachers, and community, developed through conferences, committees, and projects. Any Bath students, parents, teachers, or community organizations may request funds from Bath PTS, and many have, including:



- \* National Honor Society
- \* Bath Junior Prom Committee
- \* Most High School Athletic Organizations
- \* Kindergarten Screening
- \* Kathy Wangler Scholarship
- \* Quiz Bowl
- \* Author/Illustrator Visits
- \* Science Olympiad
- \* Meals-til-Monday
- \* Dollars for Scholars
- \* Real Money/Real World
- \* Boy Scouts of America
- and many others!

You likely have seen us working very hard alongside all of you, our volunteers, in the Bath Den at the Allen County Fair and other places to raise money so that we can support such great and worthy causes. What you might not know is that the decisions made by the Bath PTS are done so by an average of 10 people, and sometimes less. Our by-laws indicate that a group of 26 voting members should be at each PTS meeting to discuss and decide both the money making methods and money spending projects of the organization. We meet on the second Monday of each month of the school year. You can find our meeting schedule posted on the school calendar (located on the school website), each lunch menu, our Facebook page, and many other places. Each meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and takes place at the Bath Schools Community Room located in the opposite end of the bus garage. We look forward to seeing you soon!







### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS



Congratulations to **Paul Blasiman** and **Rachel Inskeep** for earning National Merit Finalists distinction. The selection of some 7,500 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of around 15,000 is now in progress. We anticipate being notified regarding academic scholarships in April. Previous Bath High School National Merit Finalist include Corinne Elsey, Tyler Parent, Aaron Howald, Michael Howe, Sean Callaghan, Zac Jankowsky, Darya Task, Samuel Shutt, Katherine Inskeep, Paul Blasiman and Rachel Inskeep.

### BHS HONOR STUDENTS (honor cord)

The following students earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average the first seven semesters at Bath High School:

**Paul Blasiman, Tony Camps, Payton Clapper, Kylie Conrad, Abby Cook, Bailey Dackin, Jenna Davis, Hannah Dunahay, Britlynn Faulder, Allison Fisher, Haley Garland, Bo Gross, Jared Hollar, Brooklyn Iames, Rachel Inskeep, Ryan Kalb, Brooklyn Kohli, Keaton Manley, Katherine McNamara, Brooke Metcalf, Kennedy Metcalf, Emily Miller, Kylee Morris, Meagan Plikerd, Andrew Reynolds, Alexis Roob, Jared Ross, Austin Stahr, Zac States, Keianna Sturgill, TJ Sturgill, Lauren Van Dyne, Nate Vore and Alexis Williams.**

### YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY

On February 8, 2017 the Lima Noon Optimist Club celebrated Youth Appreciation Day. Students were nominated by their teachers, advisors and guidance counselors for this award. Students from nearly every Allen county school district were represented. The program is designed to honor local youth who deserve recognition for their efforts in the areas of leadership, good citizenship and volunteerism.

Bath High School's nominee was senior **Katherine McNamara**.

Katherine is a quiet, but impactful leader who leads by example and encouragement. Senior, **Bo Gross** was also nominated for this award by the District 8 Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Both Katherine and Bo were accompanied by their parents to attend the luncheon and ceremony. Congratulation Katherine and Bo!



### ATHLETICS

Girls Bowling - **Bryana Twining** earned 2017 WBL Bowler of the Year. This is the first year that bowling has been recognized as a sport at Bath.

Wrestling - **Tre Terry** placed 6th (Division II @170 lbs.) at the State Wrestling Tournament. **Collin Mell** (@145 lbs.) also qualified for the tournament.

Softball - **Alexis Roob** signed a National Letter of Intent to play Softball at Saginaw Valley State University (NCAA Division II). Saginaw Valley State University is located in Saginaw, Michigan.

Football - **Bo Gross** signed a National Letter of Intent to play Football at Air Force (NCAA Division I). The Air Force Academy is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### STATE OF OHIO HONORS DIPLOMA (honor sticker on diploma)

The following students have met at least seven of the eight Ohio college preparatory curriculum requirements: **Jackson Barnes, Paul Blasiman, Kylie Conrad, Abby Cook, Jenna Davis, Hannah Dunahay, Britlynn Faulder, Allison Fisher, Bo Gross, Brooklyn Iames, Rachel Inskeep, Ryan Kalb, Brooklynn Kohli, Keaton Manley, Katherine McNamara, Brooke Metcalf, Kennedy Metcalf, Emily Miller, Meagan Plikerd, Ethan Reed, Andrew Reynolds, Jared Ross, Zac States, Keianna Sturgill, TJ Sturgill, Lauren Van Dyne, Nate Vore and Alexis Williams.**

### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

On Monday, March 20, 2017, the Lima Exchange Club held their annual Youth of the Year Luncheon. **Rachel Inskeep** was honored as Bath High School's Nominee during a lunch at Milano's Café. Each nominee was asked to write an essay titled: "INSPIRING A COMMUNITY TO BECOME A BETTER PLACE." Rachel received a certificate and \$100 scholarship. Congratulations Rachel!



### APOLLO HONORS NIGHT

Apollo will hold their Honors Night on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.





The Bath High School **Science Olympiad** team competed Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Bowling Green State University against 22 high school teams from NW Ohio. The team finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of 22 teams with top 50 percentile showings in a number of events including “Chemistry Lab”, “Electrical Vehicle,” “Materials Science,” and “Robot Arm.”



### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

Five Chemistry II students, **Reece Spradlin, Alexis Ball, Annika Heminger, Katie Mulholland** and **Alexandra Scott**, will compete for recognition within the NW Ohio region in an activity sponsored by the ONU Chemistry Department. Top award winners will head to an exciting location, traditionally overseas, with other winners from across the US. Good luck to our Chem II students!

### **HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS RECEIVE SUPERIOR RATINGS AT OMEA CONTEST**

The Bath High School Chamber Chorale participated in the OMEA District III Large Group Adjudicated Event, held at Shawnee on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The choir worked very hard in preparation for this event and was well rewarded. Chamber Chorale performed as a Mixed Ensemble in Class “A”. They received rating of *Superior (I)* from the 4 judges. Congratulations to the Chamber Chorale on a job well done!

On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 42 seniors chose to tour Lima’s Procter and Gamble Facility along with 7 staff and 1 volunteer. Procter and Gamble, in conjunction with Link Lima/Allen County and the Allen Economic Development Group, offered Bath High School Seniors this unique and educational experience. In addition to touring the facility, students and staff had the opportunity to meet with a panel of employees, which consisted of mostly Bath High School graduates. The panel shared their experience at Procter and Gamble and provided a time for questions and answers.



**HS Academic Team** won Wright State University Lake Campus Scholastic Bowl! Fresh off a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Bath Invite, the high school academic team won the large school division at the WSU-Lake Campus Scholastic Bowl on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The team currently has a record of 43-7-1 and will next compete at the WBL Scholastic Bowl and OAC Northwest Regionals in May.

### “Beauty and the Beast”

Bath High School proudly presents Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” as our spring musical this year. Performance dates and times are:

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

Tickets are \$10.00 each for reserved seating and are available now or at the door. Call 419-221-0366 for more information. You don’t want to miss this amazing performance!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – AP English Exam (7:50 a.m.-noon) in Library; Honors Banquet (7:45 p.m.) in Auditorium & Cafeteria.  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – National Honor Society/Student Council Grandparents Breakfast – (specifically for grandparents of NHS/Student Council students - invitation only) 8:30 a.m. in Cafeteria.  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – Class of 2017 obligations due  
May 13<sup>th</sup> – Junior/Senior Prom (8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.) at University of Northwestern Ohio.  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life, Class of 2017 students last day of school.  
May 26<sup>th</sup> – Class of 2017 breakfast (8:00 a.m.) in Cafeteria, Senior Graduation Practice (required) after breakfast, last day for the Classes of 2018, 2019 and 2020.  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – Graduation in Stadium (10:00 a.m.) weather permitting.







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On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Ohio School Boards Association honored two Bath students and two Bath volunteers at their Northwest Region Spring Conference. Look at our Hometown Hero's!



Pictured left is Bath Elementary principal, Chris Renner with two volunteers: Mabel Mozelle Saylor and Ruth Hefner. Ruth has been volunteering at Bath for twelve years, and Mabel, better known as "Granny Great," is a remarkable 99 years young and continues to volunteer her time at Bath Elementary. Bath Schools would not be the same without our volunteers. We are grateful to Mabel and Ruth, as well as many others, for giving their time to make our school great. Both received the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award.



Pictured left, **Elena Oliver**, a Bath Middle School student, received the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award. Elena, just 12 years old, demonstrated the ultimate in community service by donating all her birthday money to the Allen Lima Leadership (ALL) Teddy Bear Fund at Lima Memorial Health System. The ALL Teddy Bear Fund provides free teddy bears to bring comfort to children in the hospital.

Pictured right is Bath senior **Riley Gough**. Riley received the Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership. Riley attends Apollo Career Center's Multimedia Technology Program, where his character and compassion make him a leader among his peers. Riley is always aware of the needs of others and lends a helpful tip or hand. His quiet leadership instills a professional atmosphere. Riley plans to study game design at Shawnee State University.

