



# THE PANTHER POST

“Sponsored by The New Lexington 21st Century After School Programs.”

## 🐾 Santa Train Fun 🐾

The Santa Train evening was sponsored by Project Y.O.U. After School Programs. They hosted a joint family event aboard the Santa Train at the Mt. Perry Scenic Railroad. Over 180 people attended from all four schools, giving this program the most highly attended family event of all times.



Milea Rice (5th grade), Ella Barcus (4th grade), and Gracie Barcus (5th grade) had a fantastic evening! EVERYONE had a fantastic evening~!



The Santa Train had the best conductor to ensure everyone had the best ride ever!



Thank you SANTA~! You were the featured attraction and meeting on the train was amazing~!

## 🐾 It was a festive time! 🐾



Under the direction of Taylor Hardy, the bands perform for anyone who attended and loves music. Great job, Musicians!

## WAIT A MINUTE! THEY WEREN'T ON THE SANTA TRAIN!!



Katie Barker and Kyle Sparks were roaming the halls of NLMS in their ugly sweaters! Seriously... which one would you vote as the ugliest sweater?

## 🐾 Elf.. Elf.. Elf.. 🐾

Jonna Gibson's 2nd Grade Class was sure they would catch an elf! Is it possible?

The second grade students at NLE read the book, How to Catch an Elf. They made elf traps at home and brought them in to school! They just had to catch an elf, however, Curtis the Elf was too clever and was able to escape all of the traps! Maybe he escaped and was on the Santa Train!!



The recent basketball game with Fairfield Union was fun and intense. Cheerleaders commanded the crowd and encouraged the team! Way to go Panthers!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### FFA TO AUCTION A TRACTOR

Respectfully Submitted by FFA Reporter Natalie Dunn

New Lexington FFA and FFA Alumni will again be raffling a tractor this year. The tractor is a Kubota B5200 compact diesel, which will be coupled with a Woods RM48 finish mower. Both tractor and mower have been fixed mechanically and are undergoing a cosmetic restoration. Tickets will be available at various locations around New Lexington or from the FFA. The tickets are \$5/each or 5 for \$20.



## 🐾 FFA Students Prepare the Tractor for Auction



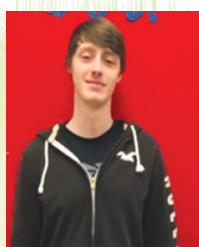
Rex Howdyshell paints the 2018 FFA raffle tractor with assistance from Dalton Thomas and Clay Weber.



Zach Glick, Andy Alfman and Chuck Coey preparing the 2018 FFA raffle tractor for paint.

### New Lexington FFA Students Reflect On The School Year

FFA Reporter Natalie Dunn shares student reflections about the benefits of having FFA at New Lexington High School. The skills and experiences students incur impact life now and in the future. Here's what a few students had to share.



**1st Year Ag Student: Jimmy Hammers**

Q: What is the most interesting thing you've learned in class this year?

A: "I would have to say the soils unit. It was interesting because I

learned the different soil types and what ones are good and bad for building a home. I also learned that the soil type can affect what crops can be planted in a certain area."



**2nd Year Ag Student: Tanner Treadway**

Q: What have you learned in Ag that has helped you prepare for what you want your future to look like?

A: "I enjoy hunting and fishing. So, learning about wildlife really helped me out. My dad, Corey Treadway, is a taxidermist and his job is a job I would be interested in having. The wildlife CDE expanded my knowledge about these animals, but also helped me in the classroom."

## 🐾 B - I - N - G - O 🐾



Gracie Lones and Megan Groves play bingo with the residents at Genesis Nursing Home. The competition was great and the game was entertaining! Mrs. Karen Curry's FCCLA students spent time with residents before Christmas. Everyone enjoys the socializing.



Chloe Stickdorn and Maddie Finck have fun singing carols at the nursing Home, too. FCCLA members from NLHS and NLMS prepared a social, complete with tea and cookies.

## 🐾 Spelling Bee @NLMS 🐾



The finalists in the recent spelling bee hash it out in round after round of competition~!

### AND THE WINNER IS...



Gage Morosko, on the right, was the 1st place winner and Lane Baker, on the left, 2nd place, were the winners in our recent Spelling Bee at the Middle School. The competition was intense yet fun! Well done, boys!

## 🐾 Academy for Leadership Academy 🐾



Kathleen Young and Bryan Conrad

### Kathleen Young, Regional Liaison Speaks to ALA & PP sites!

By Academy for Leadership Abilities

Kathleen Young, Regional Liaison and Bryan Conrad, Outreach Coordinator of Faith Biased and Community Initiatives both from Governor Kasich's office were guest speakers at the Academy for Leadership Abilities® and Pioneering Possibilities® sites.

The day began meeting with Southern Local Middle and High School students then moving to New Lexington to meet with Middle and High School students. The day culminated with a round table discussion with the Pioneering Possibilities group after leaving New Lexington.

Participants had the opportunity to discuss their dreams, how to accomplish them, and ways to improve the quality of life in their communities. This included ways ALA has helped them.

(Information from ALA Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/AcademyforLeadershipAbilities](http://www.facebook.com/AcademyforLeadershipAbilities))



ALA students and leaders converse with Kathleen Young and Bryan Conrad about improving the quality of life where they live and in their communities.

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### Christmas Dance

Students at NLMS enjoy dancing! Ms. Linda Denton, Cheryl Mumford and Kelly Patterson hold a dance every Christmas to raise money for activities in the classroom. Mrs. Mumford and Mrs. Patterson spend hours creating decorations around a theme for the affair, they create quite the atmosphere. It simply is wonderful! Captured on film were a few couples enjoying a dance.



Riley Newlon and Donavin Shriner don't miss a beat, stepping lightly and enjoying the moment.