



Tri County School News

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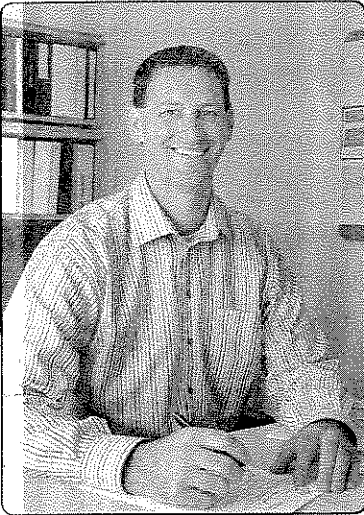
Welcome to the Tri County School News where information and articles about our school is published every other week in the River Valley Shopper. The next school news will be published October 3.

New Superintendent Allen Cumings

Allen Cumings was hired as the new superintendent of Tri County last spring. He isn't new to the school as he has been here for 13 years and has worked as a teacher, coach, principal, and Curriculum Director. Al loves to hunt, fish, and play sports. Music has also been a large part of his life.

Al steps into the superintendent position during a difficult time. "The biggest challenge for Tri County is the funding of K through 12 education. It's not what it should be," said Al, referring to the State cuts in education. He anticipates more cuts next year, but wants to work and make these challenges become positive changes. Al sites the importance of community partnership. "I can't emphasize enough how appreciative I am of the support from the staff and community. I have seen it and felt it."

Al's goals for Tri County: "I want us to be known for educational excellence, where other schools come to us to see how we (Tri County Schools) are doing things."



Tri County Welcomes Kathi Wood

Kathi Wood joins Tri County as the new Chief Financial Officer. She received her masters degree at Western Michigan University. Kathi began her career in Kelloggsville Public Schools where she worked as a secretary. "I developed a passion for education which prompted me to go back to school to finish my undergrad degree and then my masters." Kathi worked in Kelloggsville Public Schools for 20 years, seven as a secretary, one year as the Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant, three years as the Network Technician, and nine years at the Business Manager/Technology Director.



When Kathi isn't working, she loves to spend time on the lake, play golf, and fish.

MACNAUGHTON ELEMENTARY ART NEWS

By Carolyn Steenland

MacNaughton Elementary students will be learning about art history this year. Starting with the cave artists, we will travel through time to the Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Middle Ages and Renaissance periods of history. We will be making the greatest projects and having a lot of fun learning about history and art.

Jennifer Arnold Receives Outstanding Music Educator Award

Congratulations to Jennifer Arnold for being the 2011 John P. Varineau Outstanding Music Educator Award winner. Jennifer has been teaching music at Tri County for 16 years.

The John P. Varineau Outstanding Music Educator Award was established on the occasion of John's 25th Anniversary with the Grand Rapids Symphony to not only honor his achievements in the area of music education, but to support others who also work tirelessly to ensure that music and music-making is an active part of every student's education. Initial funds for the award were generously provided by Peter M. Wege.

The award is presented each spring. The recipient receives: A \$1,000 cash award for the school program, specialized opportunities for the recipient's students to interact with the Grand Rapids Symphony musicians and education programs (opportunities may include attending concerts, in-school concerts, master classes, and /or side by side concerts with GRS Musicians) and two complimentary season tickets to the Richard and Helen DeVos Classical Series for the year of his/her award.



TRI COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

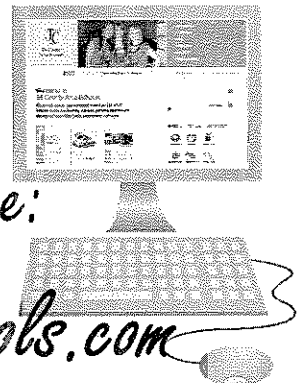
The Tri County Middle School Booster's Club would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the open house again this year. With parent and teacher support, students were able to meet their homeroom teacher, tour the school, and even enjoy some free popcorn and snow cones. They were also able to have some fun on the inflatable bounce equipment provided by Jak's Rentals.

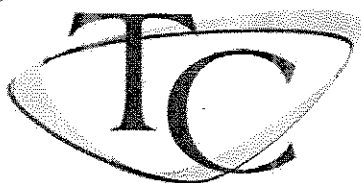
The Booster's continues to appreciate your support by donating empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, and by clipping the BOXTOPS for education. These are all simple ways to help the school earn money to provide more experiences to further our student's education.

Lastly, we would like to invite you to our monthly meetings to help organize future events at the Middle School. Meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month with our next meeting on Monday September 19 at 6:30 pm in the middle school library. While you're there, please take a moment to admire the new sign on the east end of the building that the boosters were able to contribute to the school this year. Feel free to contact them at msboosters@tricountyschools.com.

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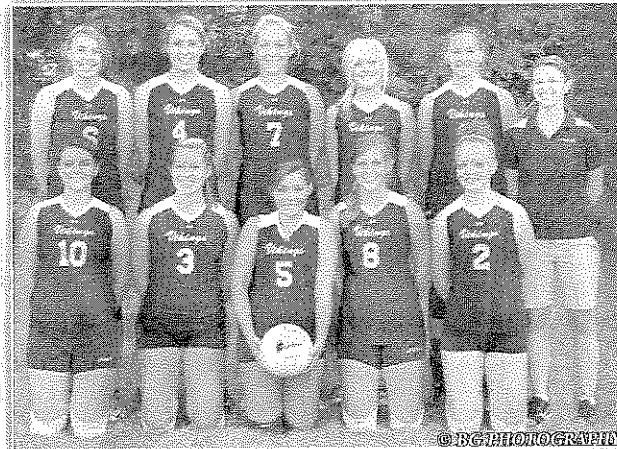
CONCESSION STAND FUNDS

Lately there have been some questions as to what the money from the high school football concession stand is used. The high school football concession stand is completely not-for-profit and managed by class advisors. All monies made are put back toward the students. More specifically, the money funds homecoming projects like banners, field painting, and hall decorating; it pays for the senior color section in the yearbook, the class composite that hangs in the hallway for years to come, the floral spray for the graduation ceremony, the flowers seniors may carry at graduation, and it offsets the cost of graduation caps and gowns and the price of the senior trip. There are many other costs as well, but they are too numerous to list. All students benefit from the money raised at the football concession stand.

Additionally, students are needed to work home games, both JV and Varsity, from thirty minutes prior to the game until after the game has finished. They may help at the service windows, to prep, clean, and/or stock. Students will earn money toward prom tickets or other class bills that need to be paid. Students will not be given money directly. If you would like your student to work, please contact the junior class advisors: arenner@tricountyschools.com or ksmith@tricountyschools.com. Students may also contact us directly.

As a not-for-profit group, any donations of cleansers, rags, mop heads, a mop bucket, paper towel, dish soap, large plastic tubs with lids, etc. would be greatly appreciated. These can be left in the high school office, brought to any home football game, or contact one of the advisors for pick up. Thank you for any help you can provide and for your continued support.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



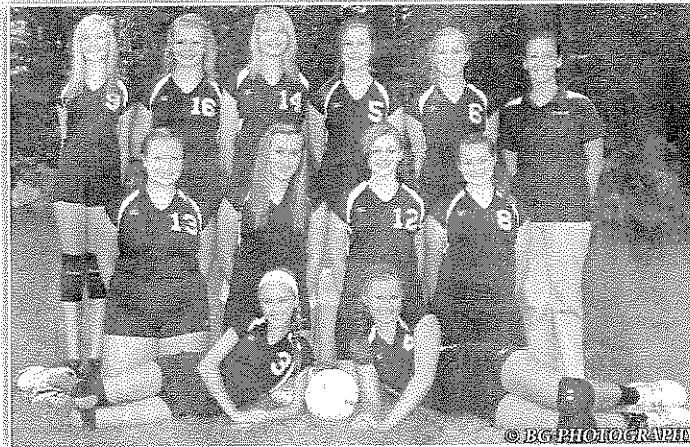
Back row (l to r): Bailey Meredith, Mackenzie Paulen, Samantha Kidder, Allie Cook, Samantha Inman and Coach Jelinek. Front row (l to r): Charity Smith, Taylor Scheidel, Dani Longoria, Brooke Vos, and Autumn Smith.

JV VOLLEYBALL



Back row (l to r): Coach Durian, Kylie Kidd, Hannah Akey, Karly Drouin, Emily Gould, and Coach Thompson. Middle row (l to r): Ally Durian, Alexis Brock, Alicia Todd, Leah Hoan, Paige McGhan, and Jessica Graham. Front row (l to r): Maddie Paulen and Natalie LaLonde.

FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL



Back row (l to r): Lauren Baak, Jessica Gardner, Kaitlyn Moore, Kelsey Miller, Mikki Paasch, and Coach Hunt. Middle row (l to r): Kaylee Vining, Rikki Batenburt, Erin Grantham, and Daylan Clement. Front row (l to r): Morgan Fifield and Abbie Wall. Absent from picture: Beth Evers

Belated Congratulations To Conner Vanderhyde

Congratulations to Conner Vanderhyde for breaking the school record in the 100 meter dash two years in a row. His time of 10.67 was set at the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) Regional Meet last spring. Conner also finished seventh at the MHSAA State Meet, which qualified him for a medal and an All State title. Conner plays football and works hard in the classroom maintaining a 3.3 GPA.



Girls' Basketball Camp

Girl's youth basketball season is in full swing. The second through fourth grade girls will be working with the high school girls varsity basketball coach, Wes Zerlaut, and his staff, on the proper basketball fundamentals.

All second, third, and fourth grade girls: Clinic will begin on **Saturday, October 22**, and run for four additional Saturdays (10/29, 11/5, 11/12, & 11/19), from 9:00-10:30 am, in the gym at Tri County High School.

Registration Information: Registration cost: \$25.00, Registration including reversible jersey: \$40.00. Registration forms will be available in the elementary schools around the end of September.

We are looking forward to working with your daughter. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss the program, please contact Wes Zerlaut at the high school (231) 937-4338 or see one of the coaches at the first practice.

Mark your Calendar for the Homecoming Game on Friday, September 23 against Fremont.