

# THE VALLEY VIEW

## School Board Candidates' Night at LVHS

October 22, 2009

7:00 P.M. High School Auditorium

Sponsored by the Licking Valley High School National Honor Society

Mr. Gary Barr, Mr. Jackie Caughenbaugh, Mrs. Melinda Embrey and Ms. Mary Kay Martin, each of whom has taken out a candidate's petition for the November election, for which there are three school board seats open, have been invited to answer questions. This event will provide a great forum for each candidate to communicate to the public his/her reasons for running for the board. Judge Robert Hoover will moderate the event.

### The Board Member

Ohio's school board members, one of the largest groups of elected officials in the state, are charged with one of the major responsibilities in government — to provide the best educational opportunities possible for the youth of Ohio.

### What does a school board member do?

Once a person has met the qualifications, been properly nominated, duly elected and officially sworn in, his or her real job begins. No one can know the various pressures, politics and satisfactions of such a position until he or she has had the experience of serving on a

board of education.

A school board sets educational goals and establishes policy for the school system based upon state laws and community values. Perhaps the most important responsibility of a school board is to employ a superintendent and treasurer and hold them responsible for managing the schools in accordance with the school board's policies.

Board members make decisions on a wide range of issues, such as hiring and evaluating a superintendent and treasurer; setting district policy; planning student services; goal-setting and long-range planning; adopting curriculum; establishing budgets; engaging parents; being good fiscal stewards; acting in the best interest of the school district and within the scope of their legal authority; and creating community relations programs. A board member should be a skilled decision-maker; however, decisions are only made by the board as a whole at a public meeting.

Another important part of the board's work is its public relations role. School board members help build public support and understanding of public education, and lead the public in demanding quality education. The school board serves as a link between schools and the public.

### What a school board member doesn't do

The role and function of board members often are misinterpreted by the public, and in some cases, by board members themselves. The board is a policymaking body and members are the chief advisors to the superintendent on community attitudes. Board members do not manage the day-to-day operations of a school district; they see to it that the system is managed well by professionals.

Board members are not education professionals. They do not evaluate staff, other than the superintendent and treasurer, nor do they become involved in employment interviews, other than those of the superintendent, business manager and treasurer. Board members may be consulted during the hiring process for other positions, such as assistant superintendent.



# Licking Valley Alumni Spotlight

The Licking Valley Alumni Spotlight is an ongoing feature we have been doing here at the high school in order to promote former graduates who have gone on to be successful. The purpose is to show our current students the importance of hard work during their school age years, as well as the importance of continuing their education in some manner after they graduate. We will be choosing two to four people each month to spotlight. If you have anyone you would like to nominate please contact Brian Ledford, Licking Valley High School Math Teacher, by either phone (763-3721) or email ([ledfordb@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us](mailto:ledfordb@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us)).

## Brooke Stevens



Brooke, 28, graduated from Licking Valley in 1999. She currently lives in Brooklyn, New York where she works in the heart of Manhattan at the headquarters of the New York Times. Brooke earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public and Private Sector Organizations from Brown University and is currently a Research Analyst for The New York Times. Prior to her work at The New York Times Brooke worked in marketing at Forbes Magazine, then as an Associate Business Development Manager at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. At the Times Brooke compiles and analyzes data from "target audiences" to show that her paper is the best place for certain businesses to advertise their products. Outside of work Brooke enjoys traveling and is currently brushing up on foreign languages. She also enjoys running in the ING New York City Marathon as well as participating in Brown Alumni Association events and Brown Women's Crew rowing events.

**Advice to Students:** Whatever career path or profession you choose, I've always found it important (and most rewarding) to be working for a company/organization/institution you truly believe in. Each time I read a piece by Nicholas Kristof in the Times, especially his coverage of Africa, I'm proud to be doing some small part to generate revenue that supports what he's doing and bringing this type of coverage to a broader audience. While I'll never be as talented of a writer, I like to think that I'm contributing in some way to the kind of journalism that is becoming much harder to find these days. Ultimately, more important than your career path is that you strive to be a better citizen, to be cognizant of what's going on in the world around you, to contribute in whatever way you can, and to be a voracious, incessant reader. Reading and traveling have both expanded my world significantly. I'm very grateful to Licking Valley, the teachers, and the staff for instilling in me the importance of continuing to learn and to contribute in meaningful ways throughout one's lifetime.

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## Jeremy Asselin



Jeremy, 32, graduated from Licking Valley in 1995, and currently lives in New York City, New York. He graduated from Miami University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Decision Sciences. Jeremy is the Director of Marketing at Time Warner Cable where he is responsible for Competitive, and New Product Marketing & Advertising. He works with the Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Marketing Officer to generate strategic marketing plans and produce advertising campaigns for Time Warner's Corporate offices in New York City. Outside of work Jeremy is an aspiring chef and is taking classes at the Institute of Culinary Education. Along with cooking, he is also an avid traveler. Jeremy's future plans include enrolling in an MBA program and eventually moving back to Ohio and running his own restaurant.

**Advice to Students:** My advice is to figure out what it is you love and find a way to make a living doing it every day. Travel as much and as far as you can to experience the beauty in different cultures and people. It's so important to continue your education and go to college - even if you plan to live in the Licking Valley area forever. While the primary purpose of attending college is to further your education and concentrate on your skill of choice, it's also a great venue for having fun and finding out who the real "you" is. Bringing back experiences and knowledge from outside of Hanover, Ohio are crucial to the growth and further development of the community. Remember - "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Every Adult Helping Every Child Learn and Grow Every Day

24th Annual

**Licking Valley Community Friends Day**

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

- 9:30-10:40 Elementary School Activities
- 10:40-11:00 Travel to high school - bus transportation provided
- 11:00-12:45 Introduction/Comments, High School Band/  
Choir Performance, Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 Middle School Activities
- 1:35 Buses return to elementary

Please call the Middle School Office at 763-3935 to make your reservation.

**Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)**

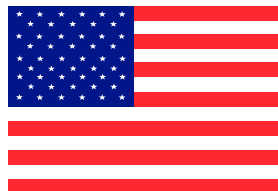
*Assessments aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing that students in high school must take to demonstrate proficiency before graduation from high school.*

The OGT tests will be given during the week of **October 26-30** to any junior or senior who still needs to pass one or more parts of the test. Please make sure your student attends school during this week, as this is a graduation requirement.

Research has shown that students who test during the regular scheduled testing time perform better than students do during a make-up testing session.

**China is Coming to the Valley and Mr. Hile is Going to China!**  
**中国来临到谷和先生。 Hile去中国!**

LV Superintendent David Hile has been selected to participate in the **China Exchange Initiative** sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), the Buckeye Association of Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) during the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Hile applied to participate in this exciting administrator exchange program in June 2009 and was subsequently notified that his application was one of only 10 selected for the State of Ohio for this inaugural Chinese Exchange Initiative to occur in the state. As a result, a guest administrator from China will spend a week in our district from November 13 –November 20, 2009, and then Mr. Hile will go to China for two weeks in April 2010 to study the Chinese education system. This is a very exciting opportunity to make a connection with a Chinese educator, build what will be a long, friendly and mutually productive personal and professional relationship that will benefit both the Chinese educator and the Licking Valley Schools, show off our wonderful district and community and learn how the Chinese approach education in the 21st Century, and, most importantly, see what we can learn from their approach that will make the LV Schools even better.



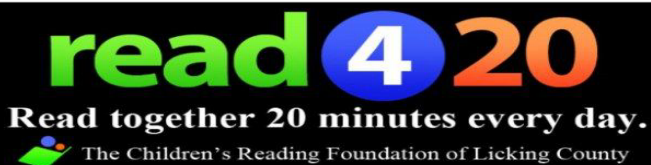
**VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th**  
**9:00-11:00A.M.**  
**Licking Valley High School**

**All Licking Valley Community Veterans are invited to attend.**

**Please RSVP**  
**Call 763-3525**

**“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”**

**-John Fitzgerald Kennedy**



We're are on the web: [www.edline.net/pages/licking\\_valley\\_local\\_sd](http://www.edline.net/pages/licking_valley_local_sd)

# November 2009

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WEEK	<b>3</b> Marching Panther Concert 7:00 ELECTION DAY	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 SAT</b> XC State Meet
<b>9</b> LV BOARD OF EDUCATION 6:00	<b>10</b> MS P/T Conferences PES P/T Conferences LV FFA 7:00	<b>11</b> LV Cooks Day VETERANS DAY	<b>12</b> MS P/T Conferences PES/ IES P/T Conferences	<b>13</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>14</b> OMEA District 10 Honors Choir @ LV
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> LV FFA Alumni, Inc LV Music Boosters IES P/T Conferences	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> HS Drama Club Dinner Theater 6:00
<b>23</b> LV Athletic Boosters 7:00	<b>24</b> Freshman Career Fair @ Denison	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>27</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>28</b> GBK V/JV West M
<b>30</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1ST</b>				