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**Upcoming Community Events**

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Thanks a bunch!!!!

Thanks to all of the great folks who helped and participated in the July 4th parade!! You all did an awesome job!! A special thanks to John Wesley and St John Neumann for allowing us to use their parking lots!

Start talking to your neighbors now to plan your street float for next year!!! I have already begun talking to folks on Broadhurst!!



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1993 Broadhurst



**Stricker's Grove**

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed a great time with our PRF Family!!

Everyone had a blast. A special thanks to Randy Norris who provided our Karaoke and music!!



**Thanks for a good time!!!!!!**

That is what a group of teens came and told us at the teen swim party!!! We have over 50 teens show up. They all had a great time!! Parents, you would have been proud of your children, they were all very polite and well behaved!! The answer to the big question.... Can we do this again???? Yes, but not till next year.

The life guards need a weekend off!! ( They warned me!! ha ha)

Thanks to Cheryl Purvis, Kim Pittman, Bob Koch, Linda Moore and Linda Higgins who helped make this event happen!!



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## From the Editor

It's hard to believe that school starts back this month. We are just getting into the summer groove, swimming at the pool in the evenings, enjoying the first tomatoes from our garden.... and yet the school supplies are already in the stores!

A quick congratulations is in store for the Civic Association. The PRFCA won a trophy in the Springfield Township Fourth of July Parade for "Best Community Spirit." Thanks to the Board members and the kids that took part in the parade. Even though we ran out of candy before the end of the route, we still showed our fantastic neighborhood spirit.

Thanks to all who came out to the cookout with the Trustees on July 18th. The food was good, and the Trustees addressed community issues. They do take us seriously as a neighborhood and commented several times about the outstanding community involvement we have. In fact, two of our board members are part of the township's panel to prepare for the future!

Have you found your way to be involved yet? New to the neighborhood, and not sure how to meet folks, or what we even have to offer? Please call any of the Board members; we will be happy to help you find a way to help, and to introduce you to all the neighborhood has to offer. There are so many people who are involved, yet we see the same folks over and over again at all the events. Do you have a few hours to help out at an event? Maybe write a column for the Memo? Coach a team? We need fresh faces—we need you!

Take advantage of the last few weeks of summer to enjoy the pool, come to the Adult Pool Party, and just relax. Before you know it, school will be here, and we'll all be busy again. Make a commitment now for a few hours a month—you can make a difference in your community!

*Krista*



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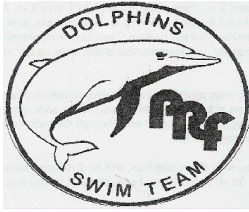
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# PRF Dolphins : Swim Team News



## PRF DOLPHIN NEWS

We have finished our season with lots of great fun, excitement, and camaraderie. We participated in Championships, finishing out the season in 7th place. I would like to congratulate all the swimmers on a job well done. Below are the names of those who participated at Championships. (\* indicates placing in the top 12 in various events). Thank you to our parents and especially to our coaches, Kim Peters and Tonya Klei. Your efforts and support of the team made it an enjoyable time for all. The team thrived on your coaching and encouragement!!! We also say a sad farewell to our four senior swimmers: Chris Fette, Jimmy Dovel, Nick Varney, and Tim Thornton. These guys have dedicated many years to the team and it is a sad time for us, but we pray they find their place in life and accomplish all they set out to do. We will miss you guys!!!

Rena Koch\*, Cara Godbey, Erin Koch\*, Kaitlyn Butts\*, Katie Whitman, Kelsey Harrison, Anna Hoover, Emily Puccini, Hannah Ferguson, Kayla Hampton, Jessica McCoy\*, Abby Klei\*, Taylor Wilkinson, Leighanna Riegsecker, Jessica Finnen\*, Christina Clark, Haley Donovan, Annie Kitchen, Rebecca Reed, Ashlie Bates, Danielle Reed\*, Cassie Norton, Nicki Gustafson, Sarah Haverkos, Savannah Huegel\*, Amanda Fette\*, Molly Fedyk, Nicole Butts\*, Jasmine Huegel, Caroline Hoover, Angela Burney\*, Ashley Aynes, Bailey Peters\*, Luke Ferguson\*, Gabe Ferguson\*, Will Sweeney\*, Zachary Uhl, Ryan Conroy, Christian Davis, Dylan Aynes\*, Drew Rowland\*, Austin Ward\*, Mickey Sweeney, Brady Landrum\*, Alex Klei\*, Tanner Agin, Jon Schlachta, Russel Purvis, Chris Fette\*, Jimmy Dovel\*, Matt Varney, Daniel Hayes, Kenneth Appleton, Nick Varney\*, and Tim Thornton.

**Boys Relays:** 6&U Medley: 3rd place, 9-10 Medley: 5th place, 11-12 Free: 6th place, 11-12 Medley: 6th place, 15-18 Free: 4th place, 15-18 Medley: 4th place.

**Girls Relays:** 8&U Free: 3rd place, 8&U Medley: 4th place, 9-10 Free: 7th place, 11-12 Free: 6th place, 11-12 Medley: 4th place, 13-14 Free: 4th place, 13-14 Medley: 4th place, 15-18 Free: 5th place, 15-18 Medley: 6th place.

There were many who placed in the top 6 in various age groups, space doesn't allow to name them all!!! We are so very proud of all our swimmers...the effort they put forth was fantastic!!! Join us next year with your swimmer and see what all the excitement is all about!!!

Thanks to our sponsors this season: **Hammann's Butcher Shop, US Foodservice, Fox's Pizza Den** and **Alpha Graphics of Cincinnati** for our great banner displayed at the PRF Pool.

Becky Hoover

Swim Team Commissioner



## The Art of Encouragement

*Counseling Corner*

*There is no such thing as a 'self-made' man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success. George M. Adams*

This is one of my favorite words. It captures and congers up so much. When you think of the word encourage or encouragement, what do you think of? How would you like to be known for that as your primary character trait?

Barnabas a friend of the Apostle Paul was known as the Son of Encouragement. Encouragement is the act of giving hope or promise to others. He gave encouragement and consolation to friends that were uncertain and fearful. Friends that needed a well done or that a boy pats on the back.

As society puts more distractions before us, encouraging others is becoming a lost art. Today, we just get too busy to be concerned about the welfare of our fellow human beings, and busyness becomes an excuse for neglecting them. I'd like to see us get back to the art of encouragement.

Let's look at some practical ways to enhance our artful and skill building encouragement.

**To guys:** When your wives or significant others go through the daily grind of preparing meals for us, make sure you sincerely say thank you. Especially in front of the kids, so they can see how much you genuinely appreciate her efforts.

**To gals:** When your husband or significant other accomplishes something that he considers significant, even if you don't, applaud and encourage him. Be his genuine cheerleader. Don't wait for him to receive it from others. He needs to hear it from your mouth and heart to his.

**To kids:** When mom or dad does something for you, remember to say thank you and let them know with a hug just how much you really appreciate them. This will do more to encourage them than anything.

It doesn't take much time, takes no money, and very little effort to be an encourager to each other. When you see each other at the pool, on the side walk, in our yards or at games, take the time to stop and be an encouragement to someone and watch their faces light up.

Blessings...Rick Anderson

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Breakfast doesn't have to be elaborate to benefit you - with all the choices on the market today, you can get yourself and the kids out the door on time AND with full stomachs. Fruit smoothies, portable yogurt, breakfast bars and fruit and yogurt bars are all great ways to get a quick, nutritious breakfast on the go. Don't forget one of nature's most portable, delicious and nutritious offerings—an apple or a banana is a great addition to any of the above. Be smart, eat smart!

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Young People Lookin' For Work

Need a hand from a young member of our neighborhood? The following people want you to know they are ready and willing to help. The Memo publishes these names and numbers for your convenience and offers no referrals or endorsements.

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Emily DeBildt, Red Cross certified, age 14, 674-0703

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Katie Reed, age 14, 825-2140

Amber Schmidt, Red Cross certified, age 15, 742-4832

Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061

Heather Lewellyn, Red Cross Certified, 14, 825-6460

Cierra Perry, age 12 1/2, 674-1318

#### Animal Care:

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## Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association

### Board of Director's Meeting

July 20, 2006

A meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board of Director's was held on July 20, 2006. The President Jason Henry called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Jason Henry dispensed with the reading of the minutes.

Present: Jason Henry, Chip Berquist, Cheryl Purvis, Michelle Sager, Kim Pittman, Krista Hepp, Linda Higgins

Absent: Chris Rowland, Kris Koch, Tonya Klei

**President** - Jason Henry made a suggestion that we put together a tri-fold flyer about what the civic association has to offer, what we do in the community, the names of the board of director's, and information about Springfield Township. Krista Hepp and Michelle Sager agreed to put the tri-fold together.

**Vice President** - Chip Bergquist reported that Springfield Township has put up signs behind the Home Depot in the greenbelt stating that Unauthorized Motor Vehicles are not permitted in the greenbelt.

**Treasurer** - Chris Rowland reported that the checking account balance is \$2373.71 and the savings account balance is \$ 6492.86. We also have \$5000.00 in a CD. Monthly revenues for June were \$970.00 and expenses were \$678.00.

**Secretary** - Cheryl Purvis - No report

**Athletics** - Michelle Sager reported that Swim Team Championships were held on July 19 and 20. Chris Rowland will be our new select soccer commissioner and Nate and Diane Penny are the new T-ball commissioners for Pleasant Run Farms Athletic Association. Our fast pitch softball team finished their season in second place in their league with only one loss and came in first place in their tournament.

**Membership** - Kim Pittman reported that the deadline for the directory is August 31. The new directory will be printed in September and distributed in October.

**Communications** - Krista Hepp reported that we have a new person that is writing a column for the memo. We have two new advertisers for the memo.

**Community Activities** - Kris Koch and Linda Higgins - No report

**Pool** - Tonya Klei - No report

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Announcements** - The next meeting will be Thursday, August 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the PRF pool hosted by Cheryl Purvis.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Cheryl Purvis

## Spotlight on your Board

I wanted to take time and introduce myself. My name is Kris Koch. My family has lived in the Farms for 8 years. For the past three years I have served on Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board for Community Activities.

When I first joined the board, I joined so I could meet people in our neighborhood. Let me tell you I was scared!! But three years later, Along with my husband Bob, and our three children, we have built so many wonderful friendships, that I couldn't believe that I waited so long to get involved. No time is too little, we have some wonderful people living in the Farms who have invested so much time in our community to make it the great place it is to raise a family. In talking with my friends who live elsewhere, they are amazed at what our little neighborhood offers!!

You might be wondering why I'm sharing this with you. We have had a lot of new families move in and we want them to feel welcome and really see what PRF really has to offer. How many of you have gone and introduced you and your family to the new families on your street??? Summer is a great time to do this.

I challenge you all to go out, meet your neighbors and come on out and get involved!! I know I am so glad I did!!

There have been many times lately that I feel that I don't have "time" to keep up with all of my delegations that I have taken on. But on July 4th during our parade, I was walking behind the trumpet player, he was playing patriotic songs, it all came together for me when I passed that not so young man sitting on the right side of Elkwood, who was wearing his black Vietnam/Korea Veterans hat. He had tears in his eyes as he watched everyone go by. When the trumpet player reached him, you could see the pride in his face hearing those songs, his eyes lit up!! I wanted to go over and hug him. At that moment, I realized that if I didn't take the time to get involved, I would have missed that touching moment of the past meeting the present, moving together to make a bright future for all of us. My hat off to you sir, where ever you are, Thank you, you don't know the gift you gave me that day!

## Traffic jams certain as school begins August 23rd and Transportation Cuts go into effect!

As we begin to see all the store aisles crowded with school supplies many of you may be wondering about the new transportation issues our Northwest Local School children, parents and community residents will be facing when the 2006-2007 year begins. To refresh your memory the district has decided that one way they are going to save money since the recent levies haven't passed is to reduce the district's bus service to elementary and middle school students--only giving students who live further than 2 miles from their school bus transportation.

This business policy change means that no students will receive district bus transportation to Welch. Our community will be feeling some huge traffic jams especially around Welch Elementary which is located within Pleasant Run Farms. Welch's principal Mrs. Crowley sent a survey out last May asking for suggestions and feedback from her elementary school parents so she could develop a plan to deal with the huge amount of traffic. Current plans are as follows: At dismissal, walkers, day-care van riders and bike riders will be dismissed first. Then the school will, divided by grade levels, be dismissed in the front and rear of the building. Parents will receive a letter by the second week of August further detailing these plans. For those who are interested Welch's school day begins at 8:25 and ends at 2:55.

As far as Pleasant Run Middle School goes, only a few streets in Pleasant Run Farms will have Pleasant Run Middle School students receiving district bus transportation. Those students who will still receive busing will receive a letter in the mail in August from the transportation department to confirm that their child will receive bus transportation. The traffic surrounding the middle school will be very congested--the school will go from having 26 buses to having only 8. The best estimate tells Mr. Maine, principal at PRMS, is that there will be 500-600 cars in the morning dropping students off and probably around 400 picking students up directly after school in the afternoon. There is a plan to have an officer to direct traffic. Pleasant Run Middle School's day begins at 7:30 and ends at 2:25.

As a mother who has dealt with not having bus service for their child, (I have children at Northwest High School where there is no district bussing) I recommend carpooling if possible. I already have someone who is taking my son and her daughter to school in the morning and I am picking them up from school. If everyone just carpoled with one other student--that would reduce the cars by 50%. And this set up certainly helps those who's work schedule may not allow them to pick their child up in the afternoon or maybe a family who has little ones still asleep in the morning which makes that early trip very undesirable. So give your neighbor a call and set something up--it will really help!

Julie Mayer



### School Days are here again.....

Welch Elementary's Back to School Picnic is scheduled for Monday, August 21st from 5-7 p.m. During this time you can eat, meet your teachers, tour the school and win prizes!

Pleasant Run Middle School's Meet the Teacher BBQ will be held also on Monday, August 21 at 6:00 PM. Spirit Wear will be for sale during this event.

Northwest High School will be having their Booster Kickoff Night on Wednesday, August 15th. During the day high school students will be able to pick up their schedule and will be getting their pictures taken. Look for information in the mail about these events.

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- Jazz - ages 7+ - 30 minute class
- Tumbling - ages 6+ - 45 minute class
- Hip-Hop - ages 7+ - 30 minute class

Classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays and start in September 2006 and run through April or May 2007.

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- Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Hip-Hop - \$75.00
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**HURRY! CLASSES ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

# Teen Update

## Parenting advice from a kid's point of view

Jon Schalchta

Being a kid can be hard, but influences can make life easy; but bad influences can make life much harder in later life! TV, radio, computers all give influences but TV might be the greatest. As a kid there's nothing better than sitting in front of the tube and drinking a glass of coke. but the TV can have some violence racial slurs and other bad things, "watch what your kids watch" that's my advice for august.

If the child is 10 he shouldn't watch MA ratings, PG ratings or 14 ratings. August on, kids will want to stay inside which means more TV, more video games and more computers and music. Now kids can be stubborn and will often want to watch something they shouldn't so if they do want to watch something watch it with them. Talk to them about not treating people this way. (the best rule is the golden rule: treat others the way you want to be treated) PG ratings can be ok for an older child. Age 11 or 12 should be the starting for programs that are PG look below for a complete listing of ratings.

### **Defining the TV Ratings System**

In 1996, the television industry created the TV Parental Guidelines – a voluntary rating system designed to give parents information about the content of television programs. This system provides parents with information about the content and age-appropriateness of television programs. These ratings can be used in conjunction with the V-Chip blocking device contained in many television sets, and with the parental controls in cable set-top boxes, to filter out unwanted programs.

The television industry also created the TV Parental Guidelines Monitoring Board, which handles questions and comments on the rating system. This board can be e-mailed at [tvomb@usa.net](mailto:tvomb@usa.net).

### **TV RATINGS**

#### **All Children**

This program is designed to be appropriate for all children. Whether animated or live action, the themes and elements in this program are specifically designed for a very young audience, including children from ages 2-6. This program is not expected to frighten younger children.

#### **Directed to Older Children**

This program is designed for children age 7 and above. It may be more appropriate for children who have acquired the developmental skills needed to distinguish between make-believe and reality. Themes and elements in this program may include mild fantasy or comedic violence, or may frighten children under the age of 7. Therefore, parents may wish to consider the suitability of this program for their very young children


#### **Directed to Older Children-Fantasy Violence**

For those programs where fantasy violence may be more intense or more combative than other programs in the TV-Y7 category, such programs will be designated TV-Y7-FV.

#### **General Audience**

Most parents would find this program appropriate for all ages. Although this rating does not signify a program designed specifically for children, most parents may let younger children watch this program unattended. It contains little or no violence, no strong language and little or no sexual dialogue or situations.

#### **Parental Guidance Suggested**

 This program contains material that parents may find unsuitable for younger children. Many parents may want to watch it with their younger children. The theme itself may call for parental guidance and/or the program contains one or more of the following: moderate violence (V), some sexual situations (S), infrequent coarse language (L), or some suggestive dialogue (D).

#### **Parents Strongly Cautioned**

This program contains some material that parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age. Parents are strongly urged to exercise greater care in monitoring this program and are cautioned against letting children under the age of 14 watch unattended. This program contains one or more of the following: intense violence (V), intense sexual situations (S), strong coarse language (L), or intensely suggestive dialogue (D).

#### **Mature Audience Only**

This program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children under 17. This program contains one or more of the following: graphic violence (V), explicit sexual activity (S), or crude indecent language (L).

To sum this all up **BE SAFE BE SMART AND KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE WATCHING.**

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11962 Elkwood Drive



12079 Goodfield Court



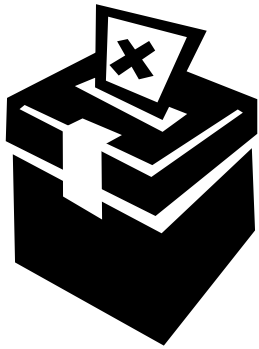
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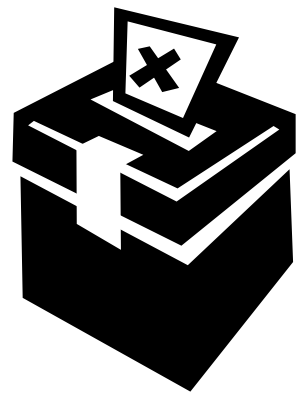
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**Tuesday (8/8) is  
Election Day!**

**VOTE**



**YES**



**for**

**Northwest Schools**

**(We need the support of EVERY PRF voter, this time!!!)**