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'In the Loop'

'One District, One Book' begins this week

BY DANIELLE MULLEN

President Lewiston-Porter Board of Education

The days leading up to winter recess were packed with holiday spirit for students from pre-K-12 at Lew-Port. The district was pleased to hold many traditions that were not to place last year.

In the elementary schools, the Merry Moose Holiday Shop and the Scholastic Book Fair were busy with excited shoppers at the PEC and the IEC. The high school Traditions Club led fun-filled centers for the kindergarteners, which included a visit with Santa, while the high school music department presented holiday classics for elementary students in the high school auditorium. In addition to all of these activities on campus, there were many charitable drives going on throughout the district to help those in need this season.

Hopefully, everyone had a rest-

ful and healthy winter break enjoying time with friends and family.

For 2022, Lewiston-Porter welcomes the return of its sixth annual "One District, One Book" literacy program. Students and their families will vote on one of two popular children's novels. This year's choices are "The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles" by Julie Andrews and Jeremy Thatcher, and "Dragon Hatcher" by Bruce Coville.

Voting begins this week. Families can visit local libraries to vote. The Lewiston Public Library, Ransomville Free Library and Youngstown Free Library are all partners with the district for this program. Students will also have the option to vote at school or virtually.

"One District, One Book" is a program that is designed to create a shared reading experience across the school and whole community. Students will receive

their own copy of the chosen book to read along and keep. Information will regularly be sent home to help families cultivate conversations around the specific chapters that are being read that week. This information will also contain activities and a suggested reading schedule.

Students and families can follow "One District, One Book" news on SeeSaw (PEC and IEC) and Google Classroom (sixth grade). The schools will help support these shared reading experiences with enriching activities.

"One District, One Book" is facilitated through the program "Read to Them." Its mission is to create a culture of literacy in every home. "Read to Them" states, "When you read a children's novel - or more than one novel - across an entire district, you spark a community-wide conversation. That conversation takes place on playgrounds and parking lots, in grocery stores

and churches, across your district. A conversation that is rich, involving hundreds and thousands of students and families, inspires a rich appreciation of literature and lifelong readers. It establishes a culture of family literacy."

Lewiston-Porter is very excited for "One District, One Book" to continue to foster a love of reading for our students.

The success of this literacy initiative comes from family and the whole community. Business partners located within the school district have been invited to participate. Lew-Port families can look forward to shopping discounts, creative sales, scavenger hunts with book characters, coloring contests and much more! Look for more information on how our winning book will be integrated into the community soon!

Happy New Year, Lew-Port!

Remembering Bruce Sutherland

When I heard yesterday (Dec. 27) about Bruce, I counted back on the calendar. Just eight weeks and four days ago, Bru, Ken and Esther Slaughenoupt, Scott and his wife Nancy came down to Canandaigua and visited Linda and me for the day. It was sunny and

warm and the lake sparkled. We had a wonderful lunch at Nolan's On the Lake and a great time telling stories old and new.

Now "Bru737," my buddy, is gone. Our heartfelt wishes to Jackie and his family. Things will never be the same.

Bruce flew the big ones (C-130s and C-141s) and I told him how a C-141 medevac jet flew me out of Nam to an Army hospital in Japan. He told me he preferred flying above 25,000 feet and leave ground-pounding to me. I am so glad we had that day in Cdga. Ken

is right. We need to savor each day of life and recognize how special Lewiston is as a hometown. In 2015, Bruce nominated me for the Lewiston-Porter Hall of Fame and, in 2017, I had the pleasure of nominating him.

Paul Scipione

BBB scam alert: Beware of COVID-19 test scams

BY THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Since the arrival of the omicron variant, there's been an increase in testing for COVID-19. Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned people of fraudulent coronavirus tests, vaccines and treatments as the pandemic continues.

Scarcity often leads to potential scams for a product that doesn't exist, the compromise of personally identifiable information, or the increase of deceptive advertising.

Better Business Bureau has tips to help you avoid fraudulent COVID-19 tests:

•Want a test? Talk to your doctor. Reach out to your health care provider. They can help figure

out if the test will be covered by insurance and where to find a legitimate clinic. If you don't have a primary care physician, check out the official website of your local county health department for more information on testing availability.

•Research before buying. Scammers put pressure on people to buy or commit without giving

them time to do further research. Before agreeing to anything, investigate first. Research any claims the company makes. Start with searching BBB.org to see they are BBB Accredited, have good reviews, and if there are complaints or scam reports associated with their business name. In addition, review the warnings on FBI, Federal Trade Commission, The NYS attorney general, and BBB ScamTracker.

•Understand all options: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a detailed guide to testing for COVID-19. Understand the different tests available.

•Never share your personal information with strangers. Only make purchases and share

your personal information with people and companies you know and trust.

•Check claims of FDA approval. Per the FBI, "Not all COVID-19 antibody tests have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and their efficacy has not been determined." Check the FDA website for a list of approved tests and testing companies.

For more information, BBB has additional tips for avoiding scams on BBB.org/spotscam and the BBB news feed.

If you've been the victim of a scam, please report it on the BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others to stay alert and avoid similar scams.

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