

ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS TO WIND DOWN

Here we are in the midst of the second week of May already. By now, we have been treated to the theatrical productions at Peebles High School and West Union High School. I hope that you had an opportunity to attend one or the other, or both of these productions. I want to congratulate the casts and the production staffs of *Bye, Bye Birdie* and *Beauty and the Beast* for jobs well done. It is not a simple task to undertake productions such as these. It requires hours upon hours from everyone involved to make these events a success. So, again, I say congratulations and thank you to both groups.

By now, our Prom season is almost over. The PHS Prom was held on April 23rd. It was held at the Elks' Club in Hillsboro with after prom events back at the high school. The North Adams Prom was held on April 30th at the high school. West Union's Prom will be this coming Saturday, May 14th. It will be held at the high school, as well. Planning for a prom and the successful execution of those plans is another monumental task for the students, their faculty advisors, the building administrators, and the parents. Certainly, up to this point, students have not been fortunate to enjoy good prom weather. However, one good thing that I can report thus far is that students have been very responsible with their driving to and from prom events. There have been no serious accidents or injuries, and we are all most thankful for that.

As the 2004-2005 school year begins to wind down, let's take a look at some of the major events that still are on tap at our high schools.

Wednesday, May 11th	Choral Concert @ WUHS – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14th	Prom @ WUHS
Sunday, May 15th	Spring Concert @ PHS – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 15th	Band Concert @ NAHS – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17th	Band Concert @ WUHS – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 20th	Choir Review with Dinner @ NAHS – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21st	Choir Review only @ NAHS – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24th	Last Day for Seniors
Wednesday, May 25th	Senior Awards/Recognitions @ CTC – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 27th	Last Day of School

GRADUATION DATES SET

Graduation dates at each of our three high schools have been announced, and are as follows. The Graduation ceremony at PHS will take place on Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. Board members present to assist in the presentation of diplomas will be Mr. Ryan and Mr. Swayne. West Union's Graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Bess and Mr. Hughes will present the diplomas to the graduating seniors. Finally, the Graduation ceremony at NAHS will take place on Saturday, May 28th at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Bess will be on hand to present the diplomas. All graduation ceremonies will be held in the school gymnasium. On behalf of the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District Board of Education and staff, I want to wish each and every one of our graduates the utmost success and happiness as you pursue your

adult goals. May you be blessed with many good friends and much happiness along your life's journey.

P.A.S.S. MEETING POSTPONED

The May 5th meeting scheduled for P.A.S.S. (People Advocating Superior Schools) was postponed for two reasons. First, the current uncertainty continues as to the composition of the district, and just how many new buildings would be needed. Hopefully, some answers to this concern will be learned one way or another at the May meeting of the State Board of Education. Secondly, after making contact with the folks at Resource International this week, I was told that all of the information regarding our district and its current facilities has not been completed and processed. This could take another week or two. Perhaps, later in May or early June, P.A.S.S. will have reason to reconvene and resume planning for this needed project. Watch the Defender or listen to C103 for an announcement regarding a future meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 544-5586. Thank you.

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