

RETIREES RECOGNIZED

The end of the school year provides us with a perfect opportunity to recognize those from within our employment ranks who made the decision to retire from full-time employment during the 2005-2006 school year. The individuals and length of service to the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District include the following:

- Jo Ann Cole, teacher at West Union Elementary – 31 years
- Grant Courtright, teacher at North Adams High School – 35 years
- Clara Cox, aide at Tiffin Preschool – 20 years
- Mary Jane Espelage, teacher at West Union High School – 7 years in district, 46 years total
- Gwen Fleck, teacher at North Adams High School – 30 years
- Susan Harper, teacher at West Union Elementary – 31 years
- Marion Hidalgo, aide at West Union Elementary – 20 years
- Rachel Johnson, teacher at Peebles Elementary – 30 years
- Gerry Jones, teacher at North Adams High School – 35 years
- Robert Kautz, bus driver at North Adams – 34 years
- Vicki Kratzer, Child Nutrition Supervisor for the District – 30 years
- Sue McGovney, teacher at West Union Elementary – 35 years
- Joyce Shoemaker, teacher at Peebles Elementary – 13 years
- Jack Stone, bus driver at Peebles – 19 years
- Eddyth Tolle, teacher at West Union Elementary – 35 years

- Shirley White, teacher at the Ohio Valley CTC – 25 years

This new group of retirees was recognized by the Board of Education during their May 22nd meeting. On behalf of the Board of Education of the AC/OVSD, I would like to thank these individuals for their years/careers of service to our students. Countless numbers have surely benefited from their commitment to serve the youth of our school district. We wish them the best as they pursue other interests in their retirement!

MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS

I hope that you had an opportunity to take in at least one of the musical presentations that were staged by our three high schools. I had the opportunity to take in presentations of *Grease* by West Union High School and *The Wizard of Oz* by Peebles High School, as well as the presentation of *Smoke on the Mountain* by North Adams High School. I don't know that I could pick a favorite of the three presentations. They were all a little different and unique from each other. This much I do know---anyone involved with these three presentations is to be commended for a job well done. I thoroughly enjoyed each one. While enjoying these performances, I kept thinking of all of the talent in the students and adults who were a part of these presentations. We should all be very proud of their hard work, as well as the end results. Great job folks!

GRADUATION REMINDERS

The final day for seniors was Tuesday, May 23rd. Graduation ceremonies at each of our three high schools are set for this weekend. Just as a reminder, I will share these dates with you again.

- West Union High School – Friday, May 26th – 7:00 p.m.
- North Adams High School – Saturday, May 27th – 2:00 p.m.
- Peebles High School – Sunday, May 28th – 2:00 p.m.

There are a total of 294 members in this year's senior class. The breakdown by school is as follows: North Adams – 99; Peebles – 79; and West Union – 116. On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank the administration and staffs of all of our buildings for their efforts in educating our students. I would especially like to thank the four high school counselors: Mr. Steve Darby at North Adams, Mr. James Branham at Peebles, Mr. Troy Grooms at West Union, and Mr. Steve White at the CTC. These four people, more than anyone else, have worked with our 2006 graduates to secure grants and scholarships to help our seniors further their education after graduation. Good luck to each and every one of our seniors. The Board of Education and I wish them nothing but the best as they continue their life's journey. May their journeys be happy, fruitful, and safe. Thank you.

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Superintendent