

# Northwest News

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## Northwest Forum:

You have questions;  
we have answers.

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## WE ASKED:

**YOU, OUR COMMUNITY, TO GIVE US DIRECTION;  
YOU RESPONDED WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

Over 30 community coffees conducted by citizens.

Large community meetings where direction was provided, from NW residents, for the schools.

A great many informed and thoughtful responses to the school's request to provide us with direction by email, mail and phone calls.

Thoughtful guidance was provided by FOUR independent community advisory groups:

- Independent Community Financial Oversight Committee
- Community Facilities Committee
- "Plan B" Committee (Investigating...what do our residents want regarding NW schools' future).
- Community Communications Committee

See page 2 for details.

## YOU TOLD:

The Northwest Community directed us, through this communication, to place a 1% EARNED income tax on the May ballot as the best solution for a severe community problem.

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## The Northwest Community Spoke. The Board Listened.

After 10 straight levy defeats, the Northwest Local School District decided it was time to try something different in an effort to maintain the schools. The district went out into the community and asked residents how they thought the district should move forward. This is a process that has never been done in the history of the district.

In addition to gathering the community's input, the Northwest Local School District pulled together three independent, volunteer committees to study the situation of the district and make recommendations for its future:

### **INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

This committee of community volunteers studied the finances, analyzing the present budget, the five-year forecast and the needs of the district. The group tackled the job with no agenda, and their efforts led to four plans that would give focus to the district's financial problems. The committee recommended a \$2.24 million school finance issue in the form of a 1% EARNED income tax, that would bring back some programs and allow the district to eliminate its debt.

### **PLAN B COMMITTEE**

Volunteer members of a "Plan B" committee met with about 350 residents through 31 evening coffees, dispelling rumors and listening to the individuals' concerns. These concerns were primarily keeping good teachers, continuing extra-curricular programs, being honest with residents, keeping the lines of communication open and involving the financial oversight committee and local government figures in the process of running the district.

### **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

The facilities committee, made up of community volunteers, worked with local architects and representatives of the Ohio School Facilities Commission in order to design renovations and additions to the middle school, the intermediate building and Stinson Elementary and the high school. The Northwest community has already done its part by passing a bond levy in 2002 that built a new elementary school and high school. The state is now going to do its share with dollars totaling \$29,667,715 that can legally only be used for capital projects including building construction and renovations. Northwest must use this money now or it will lose its place in line to receive the funds.

### **JANUARY 18TH COMMUNITY MEETING**

The board of education hosted a community meeting attended by 375 residents on January 18th, and through small groups concerns were directly expressed to the board members. The concerns which were expressed included keeping Northwest Local School District intact, insuring the presence of highly qualified staff in every classroom,

restoring high school and middle school extra-curricular programs, replacing outdated textbooks and technology.

### **ONLINE SURVEY**

Following the community meeting, the questions which were posed to the members of the small groups were placed in an online survey on the school district's website. The district then sent a telephone call to district residents, asking them to respond. Nearly 400 people responded to the online survey within 24 hours. Their top three concerns included keeping the district intact, insuring the presence of highly qualified staff in the classroom and avoiding consolidation with other school districts.

### **RESULTS**

After listening to the concerns of the community and receiving the recommendations of the financial oversight committee, on January 25th board members voted to place a 1% income tax on the May 2010 ballot. It is an earned income tax that will generate approximately \$2.24 million a year, following the recommendation of the financial oversight group. Board President Steve Jones explained, "It appears as if the income tax was the consensus that we got from the community."

Board members all agreed that the earned income tax would best serve the demographics of the Northwest School District. Newly elected board member Bruce Beadle explained the need to move away from a property tax to an income tax: "We want the elderly not to be burdened as much, those out of work not to be burdened as much and the farmer who owns a lot of land not to be burdened as much." Jim Gindlesberger added, "As far as the people out there who have lost their jobs, they won't have to pay it. People on social security won't have to pay it." Nikki Metzger described the levy as "a compromise." She explained, "We are not going for everything. We can't. We are making compromises." Rita Gearhart pointed out, "The community has spoken. They want an income tax, and we said we would listen."

The \$2.24 million dollars generated by the income tax will not be enough to restore all programs that have been cut over the past five years, but the amount will allow the district to remain intact. "We heard that in the coffee (talks), we heard it in the survey, we heard it in the community meeting: 'Keep our district intact,'" Superintendent Bill Stetler said.

He went on to explain that passage of the levy is only the first step in saving the district. Residents will also need to pass an existing operating levy in 2012.

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# EARNED INCOME TAX

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## How Will the 1% Earned Income Tax Issue Affect Northwest's Residents?

### IF THE ISSUE PASSES:

- **RETIREES AND UNEMPLOYED RESIDENTS WILL NOT PAY.**

- Only those residents actively **EARNING** a paycheck will pay.
- Your pensions, income from retirement savings, rental property income and social security **WILL NOT BE TOUCHED.** Only earned income.
- Residents concerned about losing their jobs would not pay if the unfortunate job loss occurs.
- The school district will be able to provide the minimum services required to operate.



The School Board promises to provide a quarterly "Promises Made - Promises Kept" report to the community to ensure accountability and total fiscal responsibility.



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## Questions about a School District Income Tax

### 1.) What is a School District Income Tax?

The School District Income Tax, an income tax separate from federal, state and municipal income taxes, is earmarked specifically to support school districts. Individuals who live within the school district are subject to the tax. The tax is not a municipal income tax so there is no reciprocity with any municipalities.

### 2.) What income is taxed?

School district residents would pay the tax on their wages, salaries and tips, self-employment income and income from partnerships. Income that would NOT be taxable includes interest, dividends, capital gains, social security, pensions, annuities, lottery winnings, rental income, unemployment compensation, and income from estates. Incorporated businesses would also not pay this tax.

### 3.) Who pays the tax?

Any individual residing in the school district during all or part of a tax year. A part-year resident must pay the school district income tax based upon the income received during the portion of the year that he or she is a resident of the school district which has enacted the tax.

### 4.) How is the tax collected?

The school district income tax is collected in the same manner as the state income tax: through employer withholding, individual quarterly estimated payments, and annual returns. Individuals subject to the tax are required to file an annual school district income tax return.

### 5.) Are all residents required to file an income tax return, even if they have no tax liability?

Yes, even for taxpayers who have no earned income under the earned income tax base, a return is required to be filed.

### 6.) When is the filing deadline for the annual return?

The filing deadline is the same as for the state income tax return. Normally, this is April 15th. If a taxpayer receives an extension for federal income tax purposes, that extension automatically extends the state and school district income tax filing deadline.

### 7.) How does the school district income tax affect farmers?

A school district income tax would generally benefit farmers who bear a large share of the property tax burden. Unlike a property tax, a tax on income is substantially less when farm profits fall. Payments for the income tax may also be spread throughout the year by making estimated payments or possibly through withholding from farm income.

### 8.) Are any credits allowed?

Yes. If a retiree is age 65 or older and has earned income they would also be eligible for a \$50 credit. Their retirement income is still NOT taxed.

### 9.) Can school district income taxes be deducted for federal income tax purposes?

Yes (as an itemized deduction on Schedule A of IRS form 1040) However, there is no deduction allowed for the school district income tax on the Ohio personal income tax return.

### 10.) What if a taxpayer moves from one school district to another school district?

If both districts have enacted a school district income tax, then the individual must file a separate school district income tax return for each district. The tax is based upon the individual's income earned while living in each school district.

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# WHAT DOES A “FOR” OR “AGAINST” VOTE MEAN REGARDING THE MAY 4TH BALLOT ISSUE?

## KNOW THE FACTS

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for more information

### At a Crossroads

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**With the one percent income tax issue placed on the ballot in May, our community has the opportunity to take the first step to provide the minimum services required to operate.**

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Ten straight levy defeats have finally taken their toll on the Northwest Local School District which has become a shadow of its former self. We have lost some our best teachers. We have drastically cut professional development for our remaining staff. We have eliminated the budget for field trips. We are losing all of our extracurricular activities in 2011-2012. Many of our class sizes are too large. Our textbooks and technology are outdated. And we are eliminating busing for many of our students. It may

sound harsh, but our school district has reached the point of no return. We are now on life support and face an important crossroads. We either need to begin restoring some of our own services or consolidate our services with other districts in order to educate our children. To revitalize our school district, we must

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**We are losing all of our extracurricular activities in 2011-2012.**

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pass two issues, 1) to annually generate \$2.24 million of new money and 2) pass an existing five-year emergency operating levy that expires in 2012. With the one percent income tax issue placed on the ballot in May, our community has the opportunity to take the first step to provide the minimum services required to operate.



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## January 11, 2010, Board Meeting



Senator Tom Sawyer, of the 28th District, swore in the recently elected board members at the January 11th meeting. From left to right, they are Bruce Beadle, Steve Jones, Jim Gindlesberger, Nikki Metzger and Rita Gearhart. State Senator Tom Sawyer told the audience, "Board members have the toughest job in America."



Steve Ries of the **Independent Community Financial Oversight Committee** presents four financial options for the schools. The committee recommended that the school place a 1% EARNED income tax on the May ballot.

## Four Community Advisory Groups reported their work and findings to the NW School Board on 1/11/10.

- Independent Community Financial Oversight Committee
- Community Facilities Committee
- "Plan B" Committee
- Community Communications Committee



Debra Messner of the **Plan B Committee** explains how her group has had more than 30 community meetings/coffees to gather thoughtful feedback from residents regarding their desires for the future direction of our schools.

# 1% INCOME TAX ON THE MAY 2010 BALLOT.

It is an earned income tax that will generate approximately **\$2.24 million a year.**

- Only people who **live** in the district pay the tax
- **Farmers** do not pay on their land
- The tax will **not affect retired** community members
- The tax will **not affect the unemployed**
- A person who **loses his or her job** will **not pay** the tax.

## Earned income tax taxes the following:

- Wages and Tips
- Self-Employed
- Partnership Income

## Earned income tax DOES NOT tax the following:

- Interest
- Dividends
- Capital Gains
- Pensions
- Annuity Income
- Rental Income
- Lottery Winnings
- Unemployment
- Income from Estates
- Social Security Benefits
- Incorporated Businesses

**KNOW THE  
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**A 1% income tax WILL NOT BRING EVERYTHING BACK  
for the schools.**

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what a “For” vote and an “Against” vote means on May 4.



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Board of Education



Bruce Beadle, Rita Gearhart, Steve Jones, Nikki Metzger, and Jim Gindlesberger

## Committed to an Open & Transparent District

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## Promises Made – Promises Kept Quarterly Report

As the Northwest Local School Board, we have heard the community's questions and concerns, including concerns that promises made in the past have not been kept. We have also heard that you want better communication from the school district. In order to address both issues, we will

be providing a quarterly "Promises Made – Promises Kept" report to the community to ensure accountability and total fiscal responsibility. During the upcoming levy and moving forward, we guarantee we will keep our promises to you, the Northwest community.

## Stinson Participates in Pajama Drive



In fourth grade, students and staff of Stinson Elementary participated in their first-ever "Polar Express" Pajama Drive. The goal of the day was to collect donations which would benefit the Akron Chapter of the Pajama Program. This organization provides the new pajamas/books to local foster

children and those hoping for adoption. Stinson fourth graders were asked to bring in one of the following donations: a new pair of pjs, a new book or fifty cents. Students and staff celebrated the day by wearing their jammies while they read, watched "The Polar Express" and enjoyed hot cocoa.

When the day was done and donations were tallied, everyone was quite proud of their efforts. Donna Pellikan, fourth grade teacher and coordinator of the pajama drive, delivered 42 pairs of adorable pajamas, 40 exciting books, and \$148 to the Akron Chapter of the Pajama Program. Giving to those in need is such a meaningful learning experience for Stinson students. This day was proof that BIG results happen when everyone does a small part. Even in these tough economic times, Northwest families continue to be very generous. The students and staff would like to say "Thank you!" to the Northwest community for their donations and support of this year's Pajama Drive!

## H1N1 Clinics Held in District

The Stark County Health Department recently expressed their gratitude to the Northwest School District for their cooperation during the H1N1 vaccination effort. Health department staff administered 243 vaccinations to high school and middle school students and 398 vaccinations at the elementary. In other words, 27 percent of the school district was vaccinated. The collaboration between the district and the health department made this program possible.

## Kindergarten Registration

Parents, wishing to register their children for kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year, have two options. Children may be enrolled for an all-day, every day program or an all-day, alternate day program.

Registration will be held at Northwest Elementary at 8436 Erie Ave. NW on the following dates:

Thursday, February 25, from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. or Friday, February 26, from 9-11 a.m.

For information about the kindergarten program, contact the office of Northwest Elementary at 330-854-5405.

## A Review of the January 18th Community Meeting



**Steve Ries, Independent Finance Chairman:** “There are no easy solutions to this financial crisis. After examining many scenarios, The Independent Community Financial Oversight Committee recommends the passing of a 1% EARNED income tax as the best solution to a difficult problem.”



**Board of Education Member Rita Gearhart:** “I advocated for cuts as far away from the classroom as possible to maintain academic integrity.”



**Parent Debra Messner of the “Plan B” Committee:** “We held 30 coffees and met with between 300 and 400 people. The top 3 things you told us at the coffees: 1.) Don’t cut teachers. 2.) Keep extra-curriculars. 3.) We want you to do what you say you will do.”



**Teacher Rick Woods:** “For me, and for many loyal educators in the Northwest Local School District, teaching is not a profession, but rather a passion.”



**Teacher and Northwest Alumna Debora Clark:** “I teach at Northwest because I want to give back to this community.”



“Over 350 Northwest residents pack the school gym to provide their insight and direction for the school district’s future.”



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## A PROUD TRADITION...AT RISK

### Jim Lower Named to Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame



Retired Northwest basketball coach, Jim Lower, will be inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA) Hall of Fame on April 17 in Columbus.

Lower spent 20 years with the Indians, achieving a record of 250-185 and winning four Northeastern Buckeye Conference championships: 1997, 1998, 2004 and 2006.

Today Jim's son, Mike, serves as the varsity basketball coach at Northwest, taking over the team for the 2006-2007 season.

### The Decade in Review: The Rise of Northwest

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Vic Whiting knew the Northwest High School football program would be a rebuilding process.

As a former head coach of two-time state champion Delphos St. John's, Whiting didn't know just how big the project was until he got here.

Poor work ethic. Run-down facilities. Outdated equipment.

But the worst was apathy — from players and the community. Losing had become accepted at Northwest.

Whiting changed everything.

"Spirit was so low when I got here," Whiting said. "We changed everything from top to bottom — from where we dressed in the locker room to how we came out on the field to how we worked in and out of season."

Northwest initiated a full makeover. It began with convincing high school and junior high players to buy into Whiting's weight training system, but it also included administrators, boosters and parents coming on board, too.

The Indians went without a winning record from 1988 through Whiting's first season, 1999. In 2000, Northwest finished 6-4, making the playoffs for the first time in 2001.

Now, with a Stark County-record nine consecutive postseason appearances, three league titles and a state poll championship to its credit, the program faces a different kind of challenge as school finances threaten to do what few opposing teams have been able to — put the Indians on the sideline.

#### 'ATROCIOUS' FACILITIES

John Tanksley has been with Whiting since both arrived in

1999. Tanksley, a former coach at Green, Lake and GlenOak, was stunned by what he found at Northwest.

"The facilities were atrocious," Tanksley said. "The first couple of months we spent tearing out a room just to have storage for uniforms and inventory. The equipment was thrown into a closet like nobody cared."

#### START OF SOMETHING BIG

Northwest went from 1988-99 without a winning season. By 2003, the Indians were 12-1 and near the start of a Stark County-record nine straight postseason appearances.

The stadium bleachers on the visiting side were a hazard, Whiting said. The bulbs in the stadium lights "were 15 watts, and we couldn't see the ball when we threw at night."

The roster wasn't any better.

"We had one kid who could run under five seconds in the 40. One kid could bench press 250 pounds. No one could squat 400," Whiting said. "A lot of kids didn't even know what league we played in, what division, what region or how the playoffs worked."

"When I say it was a total rebuilding, it was."

#### SEEING IS BELIEVING

Northwest coaches got players in the weight room and went back to the basics on the field. Progress was slow but noticeable.

"It took time, but when results came, the kids were believers," Tanksley said. "Now, they believed they could win."

In 2001, the Indians notched their first postseason win, beating Thornville Sheridan, 22-21. In 2002, Northwest went 9-2, losing only to Louisville in the regular season and Oak Harbor in the playoffs.

It was 2003, though, that put Northwest on the Ohio football map. The Indians ran through the regular season unbeaten, winning a league title and reaching the Division III regional finals.

The seniors on that 2003 team were in eighth grade when Whiting arrived. It was their example that future Indians worked to emulate.

“We saw how the older guys worked and expected to win,” said Travis Stroh, a sophomore in 2003 and now an assistant coach at Northwest. “At the time, you think, ‘How will we step up and replace all those guys? There’s no way.’”

“But you find yourself practicing against those guys every day, and eventually you are as good as them because they brought you along.”

Bruising linemen, hard-hitting linebackers, sure-handed receivers. Northwest had them all.

The attitude had changed.

“Especially with the younger groups when we started, I guaranteed if they did what we said, we’d be league champs, make the playoffs and be state champions,” Whiting said. “I haven’t come through on that last one yet.”

“There were individuals at the beginning who gave everything they had. There just weren’t many of them. They showed the way, though, for freshmen and sophomores. They saw how the older guys worked and expected to win. They set the bar.”

### **TRADITION FIRMLY IN PLACE**

More success and more firsts came in the following years.

A regional championship in 2004. Overcoming a 1-4 start in 2006 to win six straight and keep the playoff streak alive. A Division III Associated Press state poll title in 2007.

The Indians are 95-34 since Whiting’s arrival.

Once among the dregs of the NBC, Northwest now had All-Stark County players up and down the lineup.

Over the last decade, the Indians have placed 46 different players on The Repository’s all-county team, including 10 who were picked twice — Kevin Stacy, Matt Piatt, Joe Ardman, Josh Lowery, Mark Gauer, Nate Klatt, Teddy Robb, Evan Bach, Bobby Schilling and Stroh.

The coaching staff stopped suffering from constant turnover as assistants stayed, including Tanksley, Mike Calcei, Rick Moore, Gary Shier, Gary Dial, Shane Minné, Lane Knore, Charlie Miller, Wayne Pardee, Randy Wilson and J.R. Easterling.

Former players Brandon Kosco, Zaid Abueteen, C.J. Law, Michael Law, Stroh and Lowery have come back to coach as volunteers.

### **THERE’S PRIDE IN THE PROGRAM.**

“You hear about hazing at some schools, but at Northwest, you are together at practice — freshman through seniors — working

hard,” Stroh said. “It’s about camaraderie and teamwork. It’s a big family.”

### **DARK CLOUDS ON HORIZON**

This family is going through another crisis. Unlike 10 years ago, though, it is not one that can be overcome by hard work, some nails and a fresh coat of paint.

It’s been 17 years since Northwest Local Schools has passed a levy. The vote has failed 10 times. The district’s debt is \$1 million and is expected to be \$3.8 million by 2012.

If funding doesn’t come soon, the plan is to cut all extracurriculars at the high school. The Indians have submitted its withdrawal from the NBC after spring 2011.

“Without any new money, we don’t know where we’re headed,” Northwest Athletic Director Gary Woods said. “Over the last 18 months, we’ve lost 125 to 130 students in the 12 grades because of the threat of cutting extracurriculars. Open enrollment student we were getting from other school districts are going elsewhere. It’s costing us state money with every kid who leaves here, and it’s not getting better.”

“There’s no hope unless there is a change in the community. People think things can last forever. At some point, forever comes, the money runs out, and there aren’t even fumes left in the tank.”

Along with his teaching and coaching duties, Whiting helps maintain the stadium and cleans the weight room and locker room. He said he wants to stay at Northwest until he retires but has explored other jobs to remain a football coach.

Whiting pays \$500 each year through a fundraiser to buy season tickets for his family. He and his coaches use their own money when they travel to scout.

“I am totally loyal to the school district,” Whiting said. “This is my district, my school system, my hometown. If you believe you own something, you will fight for it. I plan on retiring from here and being buried here. I want to be here. I like the people here. This is a good school system, but we are not only out of money, we are out of time.”

Whiting sees the anguish in his players’ eyes. They want the chance to build on the Northwest legacy. Instead, they worry if there will be a team.

“Our kids are traumatized by all this,” Whiting said. “They are watching the total destruction of their school district right in front of their eyes.”

Whiting tells players to keep setting their goals and keep working for what they want. It’s a lesson that serves long beyond high school.

“You will make priorities a priority,” he said. “If passing this levy is a priority, you will give up other things to make sure this passes. You always have time for what’s important.”

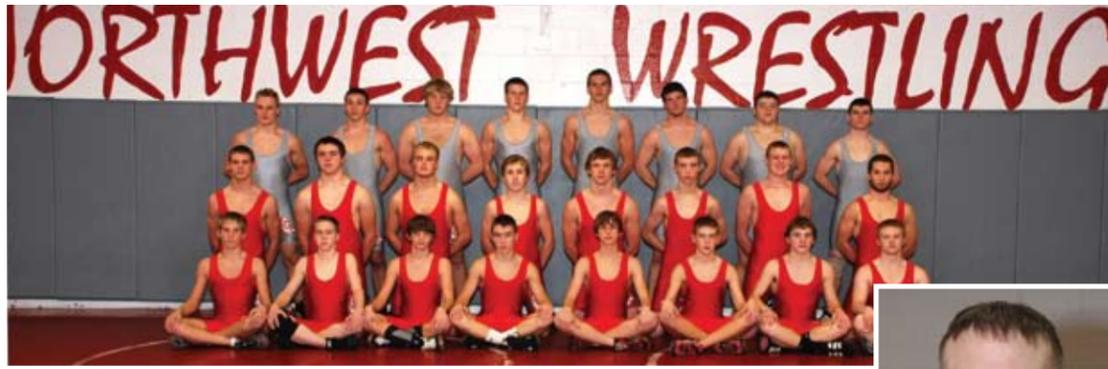
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## 2009-10 INDIANS BOYS WRESTLING



Front Row (L-R): Justin Smith, Nicholas Ledford, Matt Bilinovich, Taylor Skelley, Brandon Wilhelm, Brandon King, Kyle Harris, and Cody Blankenship. Middle Row (L-R): Bryan Pawlyk, Paul Wellman, Jacob Ayers, Mason Tesch, J.C. Pawlyk, Kyle Caldwell, Matt Schley, and Nick Noble. Back Row (L-R): Brandon Konen, Cameron Martin, Cody Crawford, Casey Roch, Jeremy Eicher, Dan Keller, Tyler Harris, and Trent Crofut.



## 2009-10 INDIANS BOYS BASKETBALL



Front Row (L-R): Manager Seth Hippli, Michael Snyder, Ryan Brotherton, Cody Fink, Mike Pribonic, Carlos LeBron, Danny May, Shane Hippli, Tim May, Cory Hoffman, and Manager Tyler Riley. Back Row (L-R): Coach Mike Lower, Coach Andy Cocklin, Jackson Knight, Nick Papay, Donnie Macko, Michael Millard, Nick Riley, Adam Boswell, Kyle Stover, Mitch Lewis, Josh Gabriel, Joey Demaree, and Coach Dave Cooper.



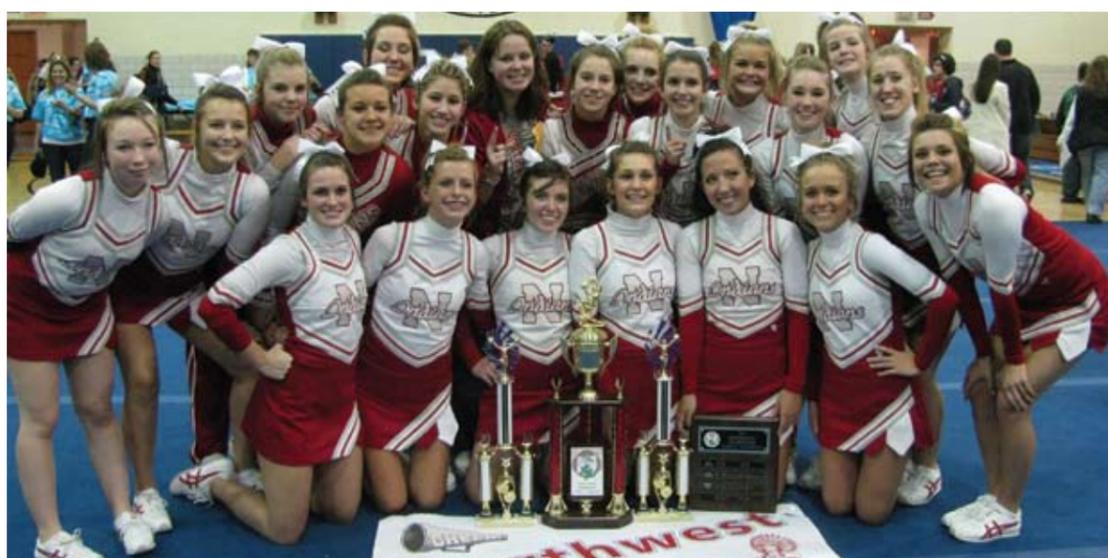
## 2009-10 INDIANS GIRLS BASKETBALL



Front (L-R): Head Coach John Martin, Rachel deGuia, Jessica Wormald, Alexis Inks, Taylor Lash, Shelby Booth, and JV Coach Josh Hose. Back Row (L-R): Savannah Nelson, Annie Stull, Ana Dempsey, Amber Myers, Courtney Sandmann, Amy Kellar, Mariah Clark, Tess Serb, Marissa Gauer, Taylor Garretson, Breann Gindlesberger, and Allison Morgan.



## INDIANS CAPTURE 2010 NBC CHEERLEADING CROWN



## 2009-10 JV CHEERLEADERS



Front Row (L-R): Jessica Sees, Sarah Tripp, and Becca Rocco.

Back Row (L-R): Brittany Wolf, Karantina Kapper, Olivia Hensal, and Jordan Mundell.

## 2009-10 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



Front Row (L-R): Kacey Wyman, Kaitlyn McCallin, Calli Dodson, Shelby Villers, Ashley Foutty, and Allie Hoopes.

Back Row (L-R): Karen Hooser, Marissa Zink, Allyson Lindic, and Cara Crawford.

Kneeling (L-R): Kacey Wyman, Kaitlyn McCallin, Allie Hoopes, Calli Dodson, Shelby Villers, and Ashley Foutty.

Middle Row (L-R): Jessica Sees, Brittany Wolf, Megan Jackson, Aspen Fink, Jackie White, Saran Tripp, Alyson Lindic, Maddy Hawthorne, and Karen Hooser.

Back Row (L-R): Emily Simon, Marissa Crasi, Desirée Futrell, Farrah Graves, Marisa Zink, and Cara Crawford.

MISSING: Olivia Hensal, KaraNina Kapper, and Becca Rocco.