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ADVENTURE STORYTIME



Clockwise from top left: Austen Reynolds, 6, right, listens to author and illustrator Devon Kondaki while he reads a book based on his character, Winzlow, an adventure-loving fuzzy gnome, on Wednesday at the Greenwald Public Library. Kondaki teaches children and their parents how to draw Winzlow. Kondaki performs for the crowd. From left, Jaxon Norment, 6, Brooks Mulrone, 4, and Anderson Goul, 3, hold props.

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Q&A: KATIE DeCLERCQ

SUPERHERO RUN

Local runners and walkers can lace up their sneakers to help a local school raise money for a children's hospital. The 5K Superhero Run for Riley is at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 12 at Whiteland Community High School, 300 E. Main St., Whiteland.

Katie DeClercq, club adviser at the school, tells you what you need to know about the event.

» **Who can attend?**

The 5K is open to anyone.

» **How much does it cost?**

The 5K is \$25 for the registration and an additional \$5 for the T-shirt if registration is received before Nov. 6. The 1K Fun Run is \$10 with an additional \$5 for the T-shirt.

» **Where does the money go?**

The 5K is part of the Whiteland Community High School Riley Dance Marathon fundraising effort for Riley Hospital for Children.

» **What is the route like?**

The 5K begins in the football stadium and allows for participants to run on the track and then go out through the campus, a local neighborhood and end up back on the track at the stadium.

» **How long can I register?**

We will take registrations up until the start of the event. However, if participants would like to purchase a T-shirt the deadline is Nov. 6.

» **How did you get the idea to do a run?**

We originally got the idea after seeing the success that other high school dance marathons had with it, as well as Clark Elementary when they were raising funds for new playground equipment.

» **How many students are involved in planning the run?**

There are 10 Executive Council members that do the majority of the planning for the event and then 45 committee members that will help the day of the event to make sure it is a success.

» **What do you want participants to get from the run?**

Most importantly to have fun and know that they are helping to make a difference in the lives of patients at Riley Hospital for Children.

» **What do you want organizing students to get from the run?**

The students who organize these events for the dance marathon, as well as the 5K, take on a huge endeavor. They see these events from the beginning of the planning process all the way through to the day of the event and they are able to do amazing things. They learn how to overcome obstacles, make adjustments and take on responsibilities.

» **How do I register?**

Go to cpssc.k12.in.us and click on the "5K Superhero Run for Riley."

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Whiteland students commended in program

Three Whiteland Community High School students were named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Jacob A. Cribbs, Micaela S. Gaviola and Kevin D. Phelps were given the honor.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized. Although they will not continue in the 2017 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Franklin school hosting trick-or-treat event

Little trick-or-treaters can get their tricks and treats in a day

early with a fundraiser. Franklin Community High School will host a Trick or Treat Under the Sea event from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the high school parking lot, 2600 Cumberland Drive.

Students should wear costumes and be prepared to meet characters from the school's upcoming production of "The Little Mermaid."

Cost is \$10.

Graduate school grant offered by sorority

Graduate students who are studying guidance or counseling can apply for a grant. Nu Tau Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority will award a \$15,000 grant to graduate-level students.

The winner will be chosen based on financial need and scholastic ability.

Applications can be found at delathtatau.org. Click on the philanthropy tab. The deadline is Dec. 10.

Whiteland students test crop skills at contest

Six Whiteland Community High School FFA members went to a crop scouting competition.

The students were Eric and Ethan Dougherty, McKenzie McCoy, Elaina Robards and Joshua Rhodes, all of Greenwald, and Owen Marten of Whiteland. The team was coached by Hannah Goeb.

The crop scouting competition, at Purdue's Crop Diagnostic Training and Research Center, tests students' skills in plant growth and development, weed identification, pest and disease management and appropriate use of pesticides or fertilizers.

Volunteers needed to help teach English

People interested in teaching others English can volunteer

with the Adult Learning Center. The center is looking for volunteer tutors to help adults who need help with their English literacy skills, including English as a second language learners.

Tutors meet at a Johnson County Public Library location with their learners for at least one hour per week for a minimum of six months. Tutors are needed for one-on-one learning, conversation partners and adult basic education.

Tutors are not required to be familiar with a language other than English.

To become a tutor, contact Wendy Prellis by phone at 317-738-4677 or by email at wprellis@jeplin.org.

Scholarship available for aspiring teachers

Students who want to become teachers and stay in Indiana can apply for a scholarship. The Commission for Higher

Education announced the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Program, offering up to \$7,500 each year of college for students who commit to teaching in Indiana for five years after earning their degrees.

The scholarship is available to 200 students across the state who either graduate in the highest 20 percent of their class or earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year to continue earning the scholarship in college. After college graduation, students must get a teaching license and teach in Indiana for five consecutive years.

Applications will be accepted between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31.

Students interested in applying need to be nominated by a teacher and submit the nomination form to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.