



NWOET SCANNER

Distance Learning: In The Spotlight

Did you ever think the day would come when you could sit in your classroom and visit a zoo? Students all over the world are now afforded the opportunity to take virtual visits to many places without interrupting their daily schedule. The Columbus Zoo is one of those programs that is being showcased as NWOET's content provider, "In the Spotlight," who continues to produce quality distance learning programs.

Becky Peters, the Distance Learning Coordinator at the Columbus Zoo, brings educational expertise, experience and a love for teaching to her presentations. Becky started volunteering at the Columbus Zoo when she was 13 years old. She held multiple customer service positions during summers until she turned 18, and was eligible to work in animal or education areas. Becky also worked at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago while attending college and an additional year after graduation.




Linda Sakemiller presents "Learn to Sign Even Online" at the Ohio SchoolNet State Technology Conference.

As an instructor for Shedd, she presented educational programs to school groups at the Aquarium and at schools in auditorium style programming of 150 students or more. Distance Education allows students who live too far from the zoo to have a live presentation to visit the zoo virtually.

Becky has been a member of the Conservation Education Department at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium since 1997 and has experience working with students of all ages. She was hired as the first Distance Learning Coordinator at the Columbus Zoo in the spring of 1999. Becky is responsible for the creation and implementation of all distance learning programs. During the 2000 - 2001 school year the Columbus Zoo

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Are You The B.E.S.T. Teacher?

NWOET is proud to announce its 2002 Teacher of the Year Award "BEST EDUCATION STRATEGIES WITH TECHNOLOGY"

Over \$500 in prizes to be awarded and an invitation to present at the NWOET Annual Meeting and Tech Conference 2002.

Details may be found by visiting www.nwoet.org/best or see page 2 of this issue of SCANNER.

2002-2003 Service Contract

By now each eligible superintendent should have received the 2002-2003 Service Contract will needs to be completed and returned to NWOET by June 21. Included with the mailing is a copy of the NWOET Service Guide and Contract Information pamphlet.

Questions regarding the contract and/or NWOET services may be directed to Roger Minier at 800-966-9638.

Visit [NWOET.org](http://www.nwoet.org) for information on Fall 2002 Technology Conference Registration.

NWOET is proud to announce its 2002 Teacher of the Year Award

“Best Education Strategies With Technology”

Any certified/licensed educator who is working directly with Pre-K through twelfth grade students in an NWOET member district may enter. A person may nominate him/herself or another qualified teacher.

- Up to twenty classroom teachers will be selected as finalists from NWOET regions.
- Each finalist will receive technology valued at \$25, be invited to display at the NWOET Annual Meeting on May 6th and have their photo in SCANNER.
- Finalists will receive free registrations for themselves (and their students) with an invitation to present at the NWOET 2002 Fall Technology Conference.
- The best of the **B.E.S.T.** winner will be selected by a panel of NW Ohio educators.
- The best of the **B.E.S.T.** winner will be announced at the fall conference.
- All students of finalists attending the conference will receive an NWOET tee-shirt.

The best of the B.E.S.T. winner will win over \$500 in prizes!

- All entries receive \$10 off any NWOET service.
- 20 finalists receive \$25 worth of technology, a free NWOET Tech Conference registration and are invited to display at both the NWOET Annual Meeting May 6 (Bowling Green, Ohio) and the NWOET Tech Conference October 18th (Wapakoneta, Ohio)

Contest Rules

For full details visit www.nwoet.org/best

To enter the NWOET **B.E.S.T.** contest, visit the official website: www.nwoet.org/best. There you will find the criteria, contest rules and submission

requirements. All submissions will be judged on an optional nominator recommendation and summary of 350 words or less which contains:

- 5 pts Summary or/abstract of how nominee is demonstrating classroom technology to enhance the learning environment (be specific as to how students are productively engaged in meeting learning objectives with technology). This may be a single lesson or unit, a year-long program or other strategy directly involving students with the instructional process (100 words or less)
- 10 pts Replication – describe how other teachers can apply/modify this strategy in their learning environment (50 words or less).
- 10 pts How does use of technology make your student learning environment more productive (50 words or less)?
- 10 pts How does this activity contribute toward meeting ISTE (International Society of Technology in Education), NETSs (National Educational Technology Standards for Students), Ohio Performance Outcomes and/or other standardized student performance objectives? List specific performance outcomes (maximum of 3). [<http://www.iste.org>] [<http://www.nets.org>]
- 10 pts Sample evidence of student achievement (test scores, portfolio, artifact of student work, URL, or other means) – how do you know your learning environment has been productive? Maximum of 3 student examples may be submitted, i.e. email attachments, zipdisks, URL, CD or similar electronic format). Hard copy submissions are not accepted.

Submissions may be in e-mail attachments to best@nwoet.org, zipdisks, URL, CD or similar electronic format. Please note: hard copy submissions will not be accepted!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 31st



Congratulations Judy!

We'd like to congratulate Judy Tucker who has been promoted to the position of Manager of Media for NWOET, effective February 1, 2002. Judy will be assuming many of the responsibilities of Pat Booth who retired in August. Judy's duties will involve working with media vendors, professional development, and television production including assisting with News Six.



Judy Tucker manages the NWOET Booth at the Ohio SchoolNet State Technology Conference.

Distance Learning

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presented over 300 videoconferences to schools all over the country. Maybe your class was one of them – if not check the schedule below and give NWOET's content provider "In the Spotlight" a call today.

The Columbus Zoo broadcasts videoconferencing programs directly from animal exhibits, and incorporates a variety of hands-on activities into every class. Each teacher will receive a teacher packet upon scheduling a program. This packet will contain information and materials for each session, as well as ideas for pre- and post-visit activities.

- Must have access to two-way audio/video teleconferencing equipment which runs at a speed of 384 kbps (ISDN) or higher.
- Call (614) 645-0567 or email bpeters@colzoo.org for reservations.

Grades 1-6 Topics

NEW! Backyard Animals

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Join us as we explore North American wildlife and discover the plants and animals that live in our own backyard!

Endangered Species

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Go on an expedition around the world to discover the reasons that animals become endangered and what we can do to help.

A Rare Underwater Adventure

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Visit the Ten Thousand Islands with the Columbus Zoo to discover the underwater world of the West Indian Manatee.

Circle of Life

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Students will be introduced to food webs as they explore the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert.

The Rainforest: Layers of Life

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Discover the treasures of the rainforest as we uncover the layers that make this the most diverse ecosystem in the world!

Grades 7-12 Topics

New! Marine Biology

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Dive into the coral reef exhibit at the Columbus Zoo as we explore ocean habitats through interdisciplinary activities.

I Want to Work at a Zoo

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. Students will explore the career opportunities that a zoo has to offer, and participate in activities that will help to prepare them for finding a job in today's world.

Animals in Jeopardy

1 session, 40 minutes, \$80 for each program. This program will discuss the reasons that animals become endangered, focusing on those most directly related to human activities.

Create a Zoo

2 sessions, 40 minutes each, \$140 for series. This two session series discusses the history of zoos and challenges students to research animals in order to create their own zoo exhibits.





Web Proficiency Resources

By Donna M. Dick

Looking for web sites that support specific Ohio Learning

Outcomes?

Check out the Ohio SchoolNet Proficiency Outcomes & Links Database. (Web address http://198.234.46.69/prof_outcomes/ Click on the "Search Database" link.) SchoolNet and teachers from all over the state compiled this database. Select teachers investigated, analyzed, and evaluated web sites that would help teachers prepare students for the Ohio Proficiency in grades 4th, 6th, 9th, and 12th in Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing, and Social Studies. You can search the database by grade level, subject, title and outcome. The search will provide web links to sites that you may find helpful in teaching each of the subject areas covered by the Ohio Proficiency Tests.

For example, I did a search for web sites that would help 6th grade students with math proficiency outcome number 6, "Compute with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals." Sixty web sites were found. Reading through the titles gave me somewhat of an idea of what the sites entailed, and a more detailed description was given when I clicked on a specific title. From this description page I could then access the web site.

One web site I found was an interactive math basketball game that gave students a chance to practice their skills as they competed against themselves or others in a game of basketball. Another was a lesson plan where students doubled and tripled a recipe in order to see real life situations in which fractions were used. A couple of the sites I chose either moved or were no longer active. SchoolNet states that "all websites

were appropriate and active at the time of posting," but be aware that there may be a few that are no longer active. You can also access this web site from my own web page (www.myschoolonline.com/oh/dmd). It is under the "web resources" link.

If you're looking for tips on how to use this data base or other on-line resources such as connecting DSL (Data for Student Learning) to classroom resources to support proficiencies instruction and intervention, on-line ordering of media or any other type of web resources, please call and members of our staff can provide the training.

Annual NWOET Superintendents Meeting

Scott Walthour, Ohio SchoolNet, will be the featured speaker at the Superintendent's meeting. Walthour's topic will be "Change Leadership." The election of officers and an update on the future of the Foundation will be presented. This year's meeting will be held May 6, 2002, in room 101 of Olscamp Hall on the campus of Bowling Green State University.

Information and registration materials have been mailed to each superintendent.



Paul Reinhart from Bowling Green Area Schools named 2002 Ohio Technology Teacher of the Year

On February 5, Ohio State Superintendent Susan Tave Zelman presented Paul Reinhart, 5th grade teacher at Conneaut Elementary, Bowling Green Schools, with the 2002 Ohio Technology Teacher of the Year Award. He received the award at the Ohio SchoolNet State Technology Conference in Columbus Feb 5, 2001 with Bowling Green administrators and teachers among the thousands of Ohio educators in attendance.



Students in classrooms across Northwest Ohio are soon going to be immersed in **Swamp Survivors**, a multi-media adventure that includes lessons based on this area's Black Swamp development. This cross-curricular program reinforces skills in the area of language arts and social studies and is designed for use in grades 3-8. Lessons in the **Swamp Survivors** teaching materials correlate directly with the Ohio Proficiency Learning Outcomes for grades 4 and 6.

By request, Northwest Ohio teachers will receive the **Swamp Survivors** teaching kit, a collaborative effort of NWOET (Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation), WBGU-PBS, and the Sentinel-Tribune. **Swamp Survivors** was designed to be a multi-year program with new topics and lessons added each year. This year's topic is the development and habitation of the Black Swamp region. The teaching materials provide four lessons that may be used as a unit or individually. Included are print materials and a web site with video clips and other resources. Topics being discussed for future years include the gas and oil era and the glass industry in Northwest Ohio.

A limited number of teaching kits remain for distribution to NWOET member schools. Teachers may still receive the **Swamp Survivors** teaching kit as long as supplies remain. To receive the teaching kit, contact:

Judy Tucker
NWOET
800.966.9638
tucker@nwoet.org

or

Karmen Concannon
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Spring & Summer Semester 2002 Graduate Credit And Workshop Offerings



#2002 – 21d – Digital Camera Basics - Special Reduced Price!

Don't be left out of the digital revolution! In this daylong workshop, learn what to look for when purchasing a digital camera for school or home use and the many ways educators are using this technology in their classrooms. Hands-on instruction will be given with a variety of digital cameras, as well as how to insert digital images into applications such as HyperStudio, PowerPoint, and word processing documents. A certificate indicating contact hours will be issued for 5 hours of instruction.

- Friday, March 8, 2002, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green
Prerequisite: None
Workshop Fee: Members - \$5, Non-members -\$10

#2002- 24c – A Beginner's View of Adobe Photoshop Elements – Special Reduced Price!

You have a photo you would like to include in your publications, be it print or for a multimedia presentation. Maybe the photo is okay, but you would like to soften the edges or may even blur the photo for a special effect. These problems will be addressed in this new PhotoShop Elements workshop. Using a digital camera and scanning photos will be shown during the hands-on period. A certificate indicating contact hours will be issued for 5 hours of instruction.

- Friday, March 22, 2002, 8:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green
Prerequisite: None
Workshop Fee: Members - \$5, Non-members -\$10

#2002 – 62 - Technology Street Smarts for the Classroom Educator- Special Reduced Price!

This course is a series of 4 workshops with 4 hours of hands-on activities each week. The workshops focus on a variety of technical computer skills for the classroom teacher. This course will provide the participant with information regarding designing web pages for personal or classroom uses, emerging technology and software, development of a classroom newsletter.

- Thursdays, April 4 – 25, 2002, 4:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green
Prerequisite: Novice level technology skills
Workshop Fee: Members - \$ 20, Non-members - \$ 40
Graduate credit: 1 semester graduate credit available through BGSU; separate fee payable to BGSU

2002-105 - Inspiration without Perspiration!

How do you teach your students to think clearly and organize information? With Inspiration & Kidspiration! These are exciting programs that give users graphical ways of working with ideas and presenting information. Inspiration is geared toward twelfth grade/adults while Kidspiration is geared toward Kindergarten through third grades.

Students will love creating story webs, designing concept maps, or outlining a paper using this software. Learn how easy it can be! Project ideas, lesson plans, and easy steps to follow will be included in this hands-on session. A certificate indicating contact hours will be issued for 5 hours of instruction.

- Friday, April 5, 2002, 8:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green
Prerequisite: None
Workshop Fee: Members - \$50, Non-members -\$ 100

2002- 106 - Make It – Take It – Design a PowerPoint Presentation & Burn CDs

In this introductory workshop on Microsoft PowerPoint, participants will create a presentation related to their curriculum area, learn to set-up the slide show add clip-art, animation, action, and hyperlinks, and then save their presentation on a CD to take back to their classroom. Also included in this hands-on workshop will be use of digital cameras and scanners to add graphics to the slides. A certificate indicating contact hours will be issued for 5 hours of instruction.

- Friday, April 19, 2002, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green
Prerequisite: None
Workshop Fee: Members - \$50, Non-members -\$ 100

#2002 - 98 - Designing Your Web-page For Classroom Integration

Using FrontPage 2001 web-authoring tool, each participant will create a web page for classroom integration. Using Photoshop Elements, each student will design a banner for the homepage of a classroom web site and additional banners for site pages.

- Tuesdays, April 9 – 30, 2002, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Course Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green
Pre-requisite: None
Workshop fees: Members \$20; Non-members \$40
Graduate credit: 1 semester graduate credit available through BGSU (pending course approval); separate fee payable to BGSU

#2002 – 107 - Classroom Multimedia Production

The focus of this course is to provide many opportunities for hands-on exploration of technology tools in the following classroom technology components: advanced production planning, video production for students, presentation design strategies, comprehension of multimedia format, and post-production assessment methods. Over the course of 30 instructional contact hours, participants will enhance their skills in using technology tools so they will be able to provide advanced technology enriched learning opportunities for their students. Attend all sessions listed below to qualify for 2 semesters graduate credit hours.

- Monday - May 20, 2002; 4:00-8:00p.m.; Monday – May 27, 2002; 4:00-8:00p.m.
- Tuesday – June 11, 2002; 8:30-2:00p.m.; Thursday – June 13, 2002; 8:30-2:00p.m.
- Tuesday – June 18, 2002; 8:30-2:00p.m.; Thursday – June 20, 2002; 8:30-2:00p.m.

Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green

Prerequisite: Novice level technology skills

Workshop fees: Members \$225 – no graduate credit, Members with graduate credit \$403, Non-members \$450 – no graduate credit, Non-members with graduate credit \$528

Graduate credit: 2 semester graduate credit available through BGSU; Separate fee payable to BGSU

Summer Semester 2002

Summer Academy

2002 – 78 – Classroom Technology Literacy: A Novice Level Course

The focus of this graduate level course is to provide opportunities for practical experiences with the implementation of a variety of technology skills for the educator at the beginning level of technical ability. Participants will develop skills in using technology tools and implement those skills in such a way that will permit them to provide similar opportunities for their students. Successful completion of this course will earn the participant School Net Novice Certification in all tool areas. Participants must all dates listed below.

45 total hours of instruction:

- Wednesdays, May 22 & 29, June 5, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, June 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, and 21, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Course Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green

Pre-requisite: None

Workshop fees: Members \$350 – no graduate credit, Members with graduate credit \$613, Non-members \$700 – no graduate credit, Non-members \$400 – with graduate credit \$813

Graduate credit: 3-semester graduate credit available through BGSU; Separate fee payable to BGSU

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Assistive Technology Courses For General And Special Educators

Schedule your professional development for Spring and Summer now! The following courses are available for graduate credit or professional development credit hours through the Ohio Assistive Technology Distance Learning Project (OATDLP). For more information contact Sue Fraley at ORCLISH (sue_fraley@coserrc.esu.k12.oh.us) or visit: www.oatdpl.org.

Spring 4th Session: March 11 - April 17, 2002

- Assistive Technology Fundamentals
- Augmentative Communication II
- Computer Access Overview: Devices and Software
- Fundamentals of Autism
- Funding Assistive Technology
- Software for Early Childhood

Summer 5th Session: May 6 - June 5, 2002

- Augmentative Communication Systems
- Fundamentals of Autism
- Low Technology for Communication Basics
- Multiple Solutions for Communication

- Positioning and Mobility to Promote Activity
- Sensory Processing Theory and Application
- Tools for Emergent Literacy

Summer 6th Session: June 24 - July 24, 2002

- Augmentative Communication Assessment
- Autism II
- Fundamentals of Autism
- Instruments and Strategies for Data Gathering
- Switches and Toys for Learning and Play
- Team Problem Solving and Decision Making
- Technologies for Early Childhood

#2002- 79 – Advanced Classroom Methods: A Practitioner Course

The focus of this course is to allow participants the opportunity to increase their ability in integrating technology into the curriculum through the use of the following techniques: web-page development, video editing, assistive technologies, distance learning, and alternative assessment methods. Participants must attend all dates listed below as well as a follow-up session in the fall to receive SchoolNet Practitioner Certification.

45 total hours of instruction offered on:

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, July 22 through August 9, 2002, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Course Location: NWOET Tech Lab, Bowling Green

Pre-requisite: Novice level technology skills

Workshop fees: Members \$350 – no graduate credit, Members \$200 – with graduate credit \$613, Non-members \$700 – no graduate credit, Non-members \$400 – with graduate credit \$813

Graduate credit: 3-semester graduate credit available through BGSU; separate fee payable to BGSU

GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment)

TEACHER TRAINING 2001-2002

Bowling Green State University in collaboration with COSI, WGTE, NWOET, and the University of Toledo are proud to offer **GLOBE** Teacher Training.

What is GLOBE? The GLOBE program is a hands-on science and education program that unites students, K-12 teachers, and scientists from around the world in study and research about the dynamics of Earth's environment. GLOBE students have opportunities to 1) conduct real scientific research, 2) use the Internet for data entry, analyses, and research, 3) engage in collaborative learning with students in over 10,000 schools, representing over 96 countries. To learn more about the GLOBE program, visit www.globe.gov or call 1-800-858-9947.

To become a certified GLOBE Teacher through BGSU, you must:

- Attend a 1 hour GLOBE Kickoff meeting (see dates below);
- Attend Atmosphere, Hydrology, Soil, Land Cover & Inquiry Sessions (total of five, 5 hour sessions);
- Pass the final performance assessment; and
- Complete the on-line workshop evaluation

GLOBE Kickoff Dates:

(you must attend a Kickoff meeting to enter the program)

Wed. March 6, 2002, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., or Tues. June 25, 2002, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. These meetings will be held at 140 Life Science Bldg. on the BGSU campus. Registration is required; see below.

* Note: Atmosphere, Hydrology, Soil, Land Cover and Inquiry sessions will be held at various times and locations throughout the spring and summer. Teachers can choose from Saturdays, weekdays after school, or weekdays during the summer sessions. You can finish the program in as little as 3 months (6 meetings) or you can spread out the training throughout the spring and summer.

The 2001-2002 GLOBE Teacher Training Workshops are also offered as a 2 hour graduate course to students at a reduced rate of \$200/credit hour + \$8 registration fee (\$100 /credit hour savings). Tuition and fees will be collected the first night of workshop. Registration for workshops can be done on-line at www.globe.gov or contact Brenda Miller at 419-372-6941 or email millerf@bgnet.bgsu.edu by February 27, 2002. More detailed information (session dates, times, and locations) will be available upon registration.

2002 NWOET Advisory Committee

Come join your fellow Advisory Committee Members for a day of technologies and standards discussion, April 16, 2002 at Olscamp Hall. Room 101.

Come to be informed, and most of all, share your expertise as we discuss NWOET, its activities, professional development opportunities and how NWOET can meet your needs.

Attention 5th & 6th Grade Teachers!

Producing Ohio: Creating Our Economy is a multimedia economics curriculum produced by WCET, and The Greater Cincinnati Center for Economic Education for Ohio's fifth and sixth grade students. A dynamic education tool, students explore economics concepts through video, the Internet, computers, hands-on activities, and print materials. Through *Producing Ohio*, students learn: factors of production, competition and markets, supply and demand, and international trade. The cross-curricular lessons help teachers provide their students with the tools and knowledge necessary to succeed on the Ohio Proficiency Tests.

FREE training workshops are being held for NWOET members in the use of these materials at the locations listed below. The *Producing Ohio: Creating Our Economy Multimedia Resource Kits* are available at NO COST to Ohio's low-wealth public school districts. Other districts may purchase these kits for \$65. Workshops are free for all NWOET members, but advance registration is required.

Choose one of these Producing Ohio Introductory Workshops sponsored by NWOET:

- **Wed., April 24, 2002**, 4:00 – 7:00 pm., Lakota East 5/6 Elementary, 1582 St. Rt. 590, Burgoon
- **Thurs., April 25, 2002**, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Ottoville Schools, 300 W. Third St., Ottoville
- **Sat., April 27, 2002**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., NWOET Tech Lab, 245 Troup Ave., Bowling Green



An OET/SchoolNet Project

- **Tues., April 30, 2002**, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Hilltop Schools, 113 S. Defiance St., West Unity

NWOET and WGTE in Toledo are co-sponsoring the Northwest Ohio introductory and Teaching with Economic Content workshops (see below) in April 2002. LPDC contact hour certificates will be available. Also, one hour graduate credit (quarter) is available for an additional fee

from the University of Cincinnati for participation in the both the Introductory and Teaching Economics workshop sessions and completion of an assigned project.

Choose one of these Teaching with Economic Content Workshops if you are interested in the graduate credit option:

Sat., April 13, 2002, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., WGTE Conference Center, 136 Huron St. Toledo

Sat., April 27, 2002, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., NWOET Tech Lab, 245 Troup Ave., Bowling Green

Attendance at a Teaching with Economic Content workshop is required to receive graduate credit, but all participants are welcome to attend this additional training.

To register for *Producing Ohio* workshops or for more information - Phone: 800-628.6695, e-mail: angel_jones@wcet.pbs.org, visit <http://www.producingohio.org>., or contact Laura Dell, *Producing Ohio* Project Manager, WCET, 1223 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45214.

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National Geographic Society Specials

NWOET is proud to present National Geographic Society Specials (NGS) for its schools. Starting Wednesday, April 3, and continuing through Wednesday, April 24, NWOET will broadcast over WBGU-PBS (Channel 27) the four specials.

In order to bring you this quality series, Our Fragile World and Eat Well, Be Well will be pre-empted. All four NGS programs will be offered on videotape.

For more information visit www.wcet.org/education/ngs

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

Broadcast Live Thursday, March 14, 2002, 9:30 a.m.

(Live call-in program)

Tape Delayed Wednesday, April 17, 2002, 2:15 p.m.

Find out what Egypt's sands have revealed recently as National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Zahi Hawass shares his latest projects and discoveries, including the opening of an elaborate tomb at Bahariya Oasis, which was reported in the September 2001 National Geographic magazine.

Also, hear about the conservation and site-management plans that Hawass, Egypt's director of the Pyramids, has developed for the Giza Plateau to preserve the monuments while still meeting public demand for access to them.

This program is presented with support from the Egyptian Tourism Authority and EgyptAir and in cooperation with the Cincinnati Art Museum's exhibit "Egypt in the Age of the Pyramids," opening March 12, 2002.

Discovering Our Earliest Ancestors

Broadcast Live Thursday, April 18, 2002, 9:30 a.m.

(Live call-in program)

Tape Delayed Wednesday, April 24, 2002, 2:15 p.m.

Supported by grants from National Geographic's Committee for Research and Exploration, Louise Leakey, a

recent Ph.D. graduate of the University of London and granddaughter of famed anthropologist Louis Leakey, has discovered important hominid and faunal remains in the Turkana Basin, located in Kenya and Ethiopia. One find could even add another branch to the human family tree.

In this presentation, Leakey will reflect on her experiences growing up in the Leakey family and explore the implications of this recent fossil find.

Saving Africa's Wildlife

Tape Delayed Wednesday, April 3, 2002, 2:15 p.m.

Veteran National Geographic photographer Chris Johns' assignments have taken him from the rain forests of Hawaii to the wilds of Alaska. His work is currently featured in a new book, National Geographic: The Wildlife Photographs. Experience the adventure and primal wonder of Africa as Johns shares images and stories from his diverse assignments.

Following Johns' presentation, Cathryn Hilker, founder of the Cincinnati Zoo's popular Cat Ambassador Program, will introduce the audience to a live cheetah and join Johns for a discussion about the future of cheetah conservation.

Pushing the Limits

Tape Delayed Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 2:15 p.m.

To test the limits of human endurance and ability at high altitudes, renowned mountaineer Ed Viesturs has set himself the goal of climbing all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter-plus (26,000-foot-plus) peaks without the use of supplemental oxygen.

In his illustrated talk, Viesturs will discuss his quest, including his climb of Tibet's Xixabangma (Shishapangma) summit in 2001 (supported by the Geographic's Expeditions Council) and his upcoming attempt to climb Nepal's notoriously treacherous Annapurna.

The logo for Business Technologies, Inc. features the letters 'M' and 'T' in a large, bold, stylized font. The letters are filled with a pattern of horizontal lines, giving them a textured, three-dimensional appearance. The 'M' and 'T' are positioned side-by-side, with the 'M' on the left and the 'T' on the right.

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What Is Weather Or Not?

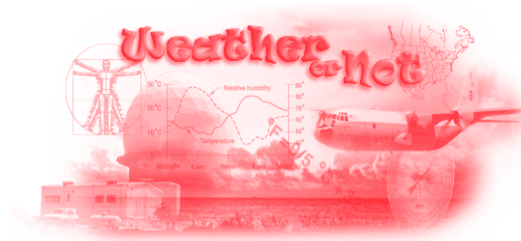
“Weather or Not” is a statewide educational project designed by WVIZ/PBS and funded by the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission (OETNC), intended to enhance the study of science and mathematics in the middle school. Through an examination of weather conditions and phenomena, students directly apply science and math skills learned in the classroom to current real-world situations. This sense of hands-on involvement in the learning process is intended to foster more positive student attitudes towards the attainment of science and mathematical knowledge.

The “Weather or Not” web site <<http://www.wviz.org/weather/>> includes a description of the “Weather or Not” project, weather links for both students and teachers, and a password-protected resources area just for teachers. Also included is information for teachers and schools on getting involved in “Weather or Not” project. Teachers can also learn how to build their own weather station for their classrooms that will give them another avenue of opportunity to participate.

“Weather or Not” teaching kits are available FREE to low-wealth public middle schools in Ohio at workshops on the following dates and locations:

- Friday, March 29, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at NWOET Tech Lab in Bowling Green
- Thursday, April 11, 2002 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Lima area
- Tuesday, May 7, 2002 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Lakota East 5/6 Elementary, 1582 St. Rt. 590, Burgoon
- Wednesday, August 14, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Edon HS/MS, 309 W. Indiana St., Edon

Each low-wealth building may receive one Weather or Not teaching kit, but multiple teachers from a building may attend. Additional kits and kits for those districts not in the low-wealth category are available for purchase for \$50. Contact Judy Tucker at 800.966.9638 to register or for more information. There is NO charge for attendance at these workshops for educators from member schools.



Media News

A big thanks to those teachers who previewed new video items for the media center. We are in the process of completing our ordering for next year.

Some new video items that are now available for loan are as follows:

Junior and Senior High History

Ancient Rome
Pompeii
Ancient Athens
Ancient Greece
Pyramids and Ancient Egypt
Cities of the Pharaohs
Mexican Indian Civilizations:
Olmecs to Aztecs
Mexican Indian Civilizations:
The Maya
Tecumseh

Primary and Intermediate Math

Counting by Hundreds
Counting by Tens
Directions and Angles
Equivalent Fractions
Fractions
Number Names
Ordering Whole Numbers
Symmetry
Three-Digit Numbers
Units of Time



News Six Reminder

Tune in at the following times to see video productions by sixth grade classes from around Northwest Ohio:

Schools scheduled to be aired:

Indian Hills Elementary	
week of March 4	
Milton Elementary	week of April 1
Tinora Elementary	week of April 15
Ada Elementary	week of April 29

Broadcast Schedule

Monday - 2:20 p.m.
Wednesday - 1:20 p.m.
Thursday - 2:20 p.m.
Friday - 1:50 p.m.

Also, visit our Virtual News Six web site at <http://www.nwoet.org/newsix/> to see their stories on the web along with selected video postcards.



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