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Cut, boxed, delivered
200 pines dispersed from Boone County, should reach troops next week

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MECHANICSBURG — J.D. Hoffman learned firsthand Tuesday that voluntarism can be a real eye-opener. Hoffman, a Western Boone High School student, joined a dozen of his classmates and other volunteers at Dull’s Tree Farm near Mechanicsburg to help pack 100 Christmas trees into narrow boxes that will be shipped via FedEx to Navy service members overseas. Twenty-five volunteers helped with the Trees for Troops project at Dull’s Tree Farm, marking Indiana’s first year of involvement.

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Board votes to keep Taylor
Lebanon Community School Corp. will negotiate superintendent’s contract

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LEBANON — The Lebanon Community School Corp. Board of Trustees voted Monday to enter into contract negotiations that would officially employ Dr. Robert Taylor as LCSC super- intendent. Taylor has served as interim superintendent since the resignation of Ralph Walker, just before the 2006-2007 school year began. LCSC board president Ron Morelock said members of the board will form a committee with board counsel Kent Hoffman, 18, a Western Boone High School student, joined a dozen of his classmates and other volunteers at Dull’s Tree Farm near Mechanicsburg to help pack 100 Christmas trees into narrow boxes that will be shipped via FedEx to Navy service members overseas. Twenty-five volunteers helped with the Trees for Troops project at Dull’s Tree Farm, marking Indiana’s first year of involvement.

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THORNTOWN — Between sips from a Capezio Sun pouch, Melissa Hennessey said she will not partake in her friend’s Rendez Field Trip. The trip, after all, is to Goofy Corns in Indianapolis, among the city’s pressure-laden noises. If it means staying three hours after school, so be it.

Taylor said in the 12 years he’s worked with the corporate department, he’s gotten to know many of the staff not only as an educator, but as a parent — having graduated his sons from LCSC. He noted the corporation’s forward-moving attitude as only one element of the corporation he looks forward to working with. “It’s an incredible position,” said Taylor. “I think many administrators or fellow superintendents would disagree. “I truly can’t see any downside to this.”

Morelock said the board had met in executive session, where its members worked as understanding to permanently employ Taylor. Morelock said the corporation had fielded no applicants for the position since Walker’s resignation.

“Which is surprising, since it was so publicized,” Morelock added. “It was pretty well- known throughout the state.”

Harney principal search continues
Board members intend to interview on January 12 — the first day back for Lebanon Community School Corp. will negotiate superintendent’s contract.

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Anti-drug program a hit with Thorntown youth, educators

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Afternoons R.O.C.K.
The acronym “R.O.C.K.” represents the programs mission for Recreation, Ob- jective lessons, Culture and values and Knowledge.

FUNDING: Provided by a SAMSHA SaP Grant, through FSSA’s Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

ORIGINATED IN INDIANA: 1997

COUNTRIES SERVED: 16

TARGET GROUP: Students ages 10 to 14

South and grads who attend at least 11 of 16 R.O.C.K. sessions this term will earn a Great Times trip. As of week 11, attendance records suggest 25 of 25 cornelias are still-field bound.

“Really I just like coming here with my friends after school,” said Hen- nessey. “(Otherwise) I’d probably be eating junk.”

Y eah,” chimed her friend and fellow sixth-grader Cassandra Corson, “and probably eating junk.”

The Afternoons R.O.C.K. students meet with teacher Kim Clouser, who recently became a Certified Prevention Professional and then kicked-start the class. Students gather in Clouser’s classroom to discuss topics ranging from AA meetings to gambling addiction. The Thorntown Elementary group joins

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Annual Zionville event expects to draw a crowd

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ZIONVILLE — According to Leigh Ann Akard, the Village Christmas tree will light up at 7 p.m. Saturn- day, Promptly Without expectation.

“Last year we had bad weather, so we let it early,” said Akard. “No matter what, we’ll light it at 7 p.m.”

Zionville’s third annual tree-lighting ceremony will be held in Boone Village and on Zionville’s Main Street. Saturday’s theme of this year’s event, which will carry into “Christmas in the Village” in motion next week.

With a plethora of activities — many new to this year’s event — the ceremony won’t be easy to forget.

In Boone Village, sev- eral businesses and orga- nizations will provide various offerings; for example, Traders Point Creamery will hand out servings of milk while children will be able to make a seed-covered pinecone for birds at the Red Trail Gardens.

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students following their holiday vacation. "Taylor said the board had received a "very pleasant number of inquiries," and approxima-
ously 24 submitted application packages for the principalship. "The position became open two weeks ago," when Carol Coon formally announced her resignation after six years at Harney Coon accepted a position as principal of Camden Elementary School and elementary curriculum director at the Delight Community School Corp. Taylor explained that the board presented

in filling the Perry-White principalship earlier this year applicants will be narrowed to five or six, and a committee of Harney staff and parents will conduct interviews. Taylor predicts the committee will address the LCSC board in early December with two or three candidates. From them, the board expects to choose the best-suited candidate.

The Lebanon Community School Corp. Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Lebanon High School.


