

# North High School to have second principal in as many years

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On June 21, 2006, The Amherst Bee announced the hiring of Robert B. Tubbs as Williamsville North High School principal. Today, his resignation is being announced.

Tubbs has decided to accept a position in sales at Kyphon Inc. in Phoenix, Ariz., ending his career with the school district.

"I will miss a lot about North, but in life you have to make tough decisions," Tubbs said about the job change. "This will be a completely new career path for me."

He said he had not thought about leaving, but when Kyphon approached and pursued him, he was faced with the decision.

"I want to make sure everyone knows this wasn't a snap decision ... it wasn't because North hasn't been good to me," Tubbs said. "My decision has nothing to do

with my experience here. It has actually made it more difficult to make the decision."

He said the opportunity in Arizona is too good for his family — financially as well — not to pursue.

Prior to being named North principal, Tubbs was the assistant principal at Mill Middle School. He replaced William Krone, who retired after 30 years in the district.

During his year as North's principal, Tubbs dealt with some issues that affected his students, including underage drinking. But he always said those students do not represent the large percentage of students who follow the rules and excel at North.

"The kids here are great," he



Tubbs

said. "With 1,600 going through on a daily basis, there aren't many problems."

Tubbs added that North is a great place for students, and he encourages them to take advantage of everything available to them.

The Williamsville School Board has not named a replacement for Tubbs. His last day is July 11, but Tubbs said he would make himself available to the new principal to help with the transition.

A moving date for Tubbs and his family has not been determined.

The district has advertised the position. Applicants will be reviewed by a committee of teachers, administrators, parents and students. The committee will recommend final candidates to the superintendent and the leadership team for consideration. The district hopes to fill the position by Oct. 1.

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## Semifinalists named for 'Keep Going' Hall of Fame

Determination, perseverance, never-quit spirit — those are all attributes shared by the group of people who were announced as the top 100 semi-finalists in the search for the winner of the Energizer "Keep Going" Hall of Fame.

Among those semi-finalists are Kate Herzog of Williamsville and Deborah Naybor of Alden.

Herzog is a local school librarian. She is also a tutor and mentor. Her nominator calls her "the person who is the silent hero and the wind beneath the wings of all who graduate."

Naybor spent time in Malawi, opening Mama Debi's House, the first free secondary school. The Christmas following Hurricane Katrina, Naybor gathered 1,200 toys, \$4,000, 100 blankets and 37 new bicycles for families in Mississippi and Louisiana. Last winter, she

shipped 200 snowsuits and jackets, 150 pairs of homemade mittens and 40 pairs of winter boots to families in Alaska.

The "Keep Going" Hall of Fame was created in 2006 as a way to share the inspiring stories of people who live every day with the same spirit as the Energizer Bunny.

The 100 semifinalists will now be entered in a second judging phase and narrowed to a pool of 10 finalists. One winner will then be chosen by public vote via [www.energizer.com/halloffame](http://www.energizer.com/halloffame).

The winner will receive \$10,000 in cash as well as a \$5,000 donation to the winner's charity of choice. He or she will also be honored at an induction ceremony on Sept. 6 in St. Louis, Mo., that will be attended by Baseball Hall of Fame inductee and "Keep Going" inaugural member Cal Ripken Jr.

### School News

**Kathryn Przybyla**, a student at Sacred Heart Academy, has been selected as a Claes Nobel Academic Scholarship Semifinalist by the National Society of High School Scholars. She was selected from among 11,000 applicants based on excellence in academics, leadership and service activities.

The Amherst Middle School

**Concert Band**, under the direction of Jeffrey J. Palmer, performed a New York State School Music Association Level 3 program at the spring NYSSMA Large Ensemble Festival at Transit Middle School. The Concert Band played three pieces and received a Silver rating from the NYSSMA adjudicators.

David Eddy of Williamsville

has been awarded a \$500 scholarship from ElderWood Senior Care. The 2007 graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute is a dietary aide at ElderWood Health Care at Oakwood in Williamsville. Eddy will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to study computer engineering. He is the son of David and Marisa Eddy.



**THAT'S THE SPIRIT** — Country Parkway Elementary student Sydney Godzik marches in the Flag Day parade on June 14. She was one of 600 students to take part in the ceremonial walk.

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## Teens charged in car break-ins

Two 17-year-old males were arrested Friday after being caught with property allegedly stolen from vehicles.

Lt. Antonio Manzella responded to a call that two suspicious people were looking through vehicles at 4:50 a.m. on Mayfair Lane. The two suspects were located on North Forest Drive.

While the first suspect was being patted down, the second reportedly ran off. He was later located on Scamridge Drive by Lt. Christopher Meyer.

The first was charged with possession of stolen property. The second, in addition to charges of possessing stolen property, was charged with obstructing for running from Manzella.

Capt. Charles Cohen said following arraignment that their

names could not be released.

### Second concession stand damaged

Police have responded to a second break-in at a Little League concession stand.

The overhead door at Lou Gehrig Park on Dann Road suffered \$2,500 in damages when an unknown person broke in. It was reported on Saturday morning.

The first case was reported on June 9 at Central Amherst Little League.

Also, \$500 in snacks were taken, and detectives processed the scene for evidence.

Officers have been patrolling the stands around town, Cohen said.

Anyone with information should call 689-1322.

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