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Varsity Girls' Basketball Team—District Championship

Front—L-R: Kendra Brunswick, Nicole Dilworth, Holly Brunswick, Olivia Thien, and Abby Huelskamp. Middle—L-R: Julie Kahlig, Sam Tobe, Chelsea Pottkotter, Kelly Nietfeld, Ericka Lennartz, Olivia Schwieterman, Kylie Kahlig, Melissa Lochtefeld, Janelle Schwieterman, and Abby May. Back—L-R: Coaches: Al Summers, Doug Bihn, Chris Sommers, and Lori Pottkotter. The girls ended their season with a 23-3 record. Congratulations Lady Indians!

The Unexpected Seith Krites

Tears filled the eyes of Holly Brunswick as she regretfully walked to the bench midway through the fourth quarter after fouling out. It was the last time she would step foot in a high school game, or, rather, step out. "That moment was a sad one," says the senior and leading scorer, "because I knew my career was over." The heartbreak of leaving the last game as a senior starter had surrounded her like her teary-eyed teammates after the 17 point loss to Anna in the Final Four. The school band played the fight song one final time as the Lady Indian's basketball team walked off of Value City Arena's hardwood. Questions would fill the minds of the loyal fans that made the long trek to Columbus. Left in a strange sense of shock and awe, they would ask themselves, "Who would have expected?" Who would have expected a second place finish in the MAC standings? Who would have expected a strong series of upsets in the tournament to make it to the Final Four for the first time since 1990? Nobody did except for the senior girls whose leadership had risen to the occasion.

"This was the best senior season I could ever ask for," says Kendra Brunswick. "We expected to be good, but we would have never expected something as awesome as making it to state." An end has come to an almost magical season that the entire town of Fort Recovery has been waiting for. The courts are empty until next season and although one class leaves, another arises. This is, perhaps, just the beginning, because if the Lady Indian seniors have taught us anything it is to expect the unexpected.

Upcoming Activities at Fort Recovery High School

Finishing the Ohio Graduation Test last week is a huge relief for 9th and 10th grade students. Fort Recovery students have perennially done a terrific job on these State tests and hopefully this year will be no different. Our freshman students took the practice OGT which we will evaluate to help our students prepare for next year's OGT. As we head into the final nine weeks of the year, I would like to remind you of our next Parent Teacher Conference on Thursday, March 31st from 4:00 to 7:30 . If you would like to set up an appointment please call the high school office. The Academic Booster Club does so many tremendous things for our students both in and out of the classroom. They are hosting a pork chop dinner on the same night as our PTC (March 31) to supplement the activities they sponsor. I would encourage you to attend this worthwhile event.

The Jr.-Sr. Prom is right around the corner, April 29th. Festivities begin at 6PM in the HS gymnasium with the annual Promenade and Crowning. The meal and dance will again be held at Romer's in St. Henry and the After Prom will follow at the Miracle Lanes. Seniors are definitely in the home stretch of their time here at FRHS. Please help them finish as strong as they began and contact Mr. Bob Perkeybile (senior class advisor) if you have questions regarding graduation/senior activities. The High School Awards Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 6 PM in the Middle School Auditoria. This banquet recognizes many of Fort Recovery's finest students for their academic prowess. As the year winds down, the high school calendar is overloaded. This includes spring sports that are in full bloom. As the weather improves, I would welcome you to see a baseball, softball game or stop by the track to take in a home meet. As always, I would encourage your to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Jeff Hobbs, Principal

Fort Recovery School Board Keeps Busy

Dave Hull, Board President

If you asked a member of the Fort Recovery School Board what exactly the board has been up to, you may get a few different answers. What a busy time for the five of us.

First of all, we are currently interviewing candidates for the superintendent position that will be opening up this summer when Pat Niekamp retires. We had twenty-one applicants for the position. We narrowed the list to four and have met with each of them. We hope to make our selection within the next several days. It is not an easy task to make this selection since all the candidates were indeed outstanding.

Next, we have been looking at options for remodeling the current high school. Our architects have met with a group of local carpenters, electricians, and plumbers to discuss the needs of the high school building. The situation is a complicated one because some changes to the building would require us to meet a more strict building code than what we currently meet. Unfortunately, meeting current building codes with an old building is expensive. Having said that, the architects and our local group, have come up with some pretty good ideas for a possible remodeling of the high school.

Also, next year's budget for the school is a big topic. With a new Ohio governor and the current financial problems our state is experiencing, we will likely have a funding cut for next year. This year we received about five million dollars from Columbus. Its possible that we could experience a cut of about ten percent of that. We may not know what to expect from the state until June and our fiscal year starts in July. This puts us in a tough position for establishing a budget plan for next year.

And finally, we have been busy attending some great basketball games. Wasn't that fun? I think we could all get used to that every year. Congratulations to Coach Doug Bihn and his team on a fantastic season. I was meeting my college buddy at the game, he called my cell phone to ask where we were sitting and he said, "All I see is purple!" If anyone wants to know why we have a great school, it's because of exactly that. We have great community support, great families, and a great staff.

The Fort Recovery Board of Education is committed to setting policies that encourage an ideal learning environment while being fiscally responsible with the money entrusted to us. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

CONGRATULATION!!

FR Scholastic Bowl Team

Defeated Fort Loramie

Channel 7 HIGH-Q

which aired

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Watch them on their third trip to

Channel 7's HIGH-Q

Sunday, April 24, 2011

8:30 AM

The Fort Site Journal is published monthly during the 2010-2011 school year. These issues are sponsored by the Fort Recovery Local Board of Education and are coordinated by the creative writing class at Fort Recovery High School.

Community clubs and organizations are encouraged to submit articles for publication. These articles may contain news for club activities or notices of upcoming events. If you have any information that you would like to have placed in the Fort Site Journal, contact the high school by the first Friday of every month.

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"Excellent" Performance For The Band

Friday, March 12th, the Fort Recovery High School Concert Band traveled to Van Wert High School to perform in the Niswonger Performing Arts Center as participants in OMEA's (Ohio Music Education Association) Large Group District Band Contest. The band performed three pieces of music on the stage and was adjudicated by four judges from around the state of Ohio.

Following their on stage performance, the band was judged in another room on their ability to perform a piece of music they had never played before. All said and done, the band received what is called 'Straight II's' meaning that all 4 judges believed the band had an 'Excellent' performance. These scores are noteworthy improvements over last year's performance, showing continued growth and confidence in the HS band's abilities.

Another exciting aspect to the OMEA Performance was that it was the debut of the band's new tuxedos. These tuxes were purchased with FR Band Booster money that was left over from the purchase of the new Marching Band uniforms in the fall. Thank you to all individuals and companies who donated money or purchased fundraisers to make the tuxedos possible! All of the young men looked quite mature and confident in them!



Westgerdes - VFW Patriotic Art Winner



Adam Westgerdes, a sophomore, is the local VFW Patriotic Art winner from the Golda Pottkotter VFW Auxiliary. His art work will now go on to district and state competition.

Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State



This year's participants in Boys' and Girls' Buckeye State are as pictured: (back: L-R) Juniors, Brandon Stammen, Brenda Link, and David Thobe. (front: L-R) Juniors, Abby Backs and Allison Koch. The Boys' session will be held at Bowling Green State University, from June 11-19, 2011. The Girls' session will be held at the University of Mount Union, from June 12-18, 2011.

Fort Recovery American Legion Auxiliary Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



April 10, 2011 8 AM-12:30 PM

Cost: Adults - \$6
Children (4-10) - \$3
3 & under free

Fort Recovery will be making up the following days due to snow and the girls' basketball state tournament:

Wednesday, April 20
Thursday, April 21
Monday, April 25
Thursday, May 26
Friday, May 27

FINAL 2011 Chant

Yearbook Sales for this Spring!
April 11th-22nd
Cost: \$48.00
Books will be delivered in September.
Fall book cost will be \$50.00

Jubilee 2011

This year's event will begin with the "Jubilee Kickoff" on Thursday, June 16th. Most of the events will be scheduled at the Fort Site Park, beginning with the softball tournament. A hog roast will take place with food and beverages available, along with live music by the band *The LumberJacks*. A Tug-of-War Challenge will take place at Ambassador Park and *Despicable Me* will be shown at Van Trees Park as part of the popular "Kid's Movie Night." Again this year Otterbacher Rides will be offering a Jubilee Kickoff Armband for \$10. It will be good for unlimited rides from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM on Thursday night only.

This year's Jubilee entertainment will include *Country Mile*, featuring one of our locals, Dean Zehringer, on Friday night. Saturday evening a crowd favorite, *Grove Hill* will return from 9:30 PM – 12:30 PM. Some activities that will be returning to the Jubilee will include the Business Exhibitors Tent, "Red Cross Go-Kart Races," the "Second National Bank Antique Tractor Display and Pull," which will also include a garden tractor group this year. "Cooper Farm's Kiddies Day" and the Amazing Portable Circus Stilt Walkers will be on Saturday afternoon. As always, the "Firemen's Parade" will be held on Sunday at 2:00 PM followed by the Kiddie Tractor Pull, BBQ Chicken Dinners, and the Jubilee Raffle to wrap things up at 8:30 PM.

The Jubilee will be introducing some new events this year, such as an "Obstacle Course" on Friday night and "*High Action Bikes BMX Stunt Show*" on Saturday at 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. The High Action Bikes BMX Bike Show includes some of the Nations Top BMX bike riders in the world and features extreme sports athletes who currently perform in the X Games and the Dew Tour.

On Sunday the BIG "50/50" drawing will be held at 6:30 PM. Tickets for 50/50 drawing are on sale now at \$5 a ticket. For tickets contact Bob & Jacque Leverette at 419-375-4260, Cliff Wendel at Miracle Lanes, Mayor Broerman, or any committee member. Be sure to buy your tickets now as we are hoping to give away over \$1000! Presale ride tickets will go on sale in May. A strip of ten tickets will be available for \$6.00 and it will take 2 or 3 tickets per ride depending on the type of ride. All tickets at the Jubilee will be \$1.00 each as in the past.



Author's Visit

"Writing is like showing a cow at the fair," explained Michelle Houts, author of the award-winning novel, *the Beef Princess of Practical County*. Michelle Houts was the guest

speaker for the elementary and middle school book clubs in March. She shared a power point presentation explaining the similarities between writing a story and showing an animal at the county fair. A few of the highlights of the evening was when she took time to autograph everyone's book and answer individual questions.

\$25,567 Award by Foundation in 2010

The Fort Recovery Community Foundation awarded \$25,567 in distributions in 2010. Following is a listing of organizations that are awarded funding and their respective projects:

- Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters for gym wall pads
- Fort Recovery Park Board for pool improvements
- The Arts Place for their Arts in the Parks programs
- Fort Recovery Ambassadors for construction of the office/shelter
- Fort Recovery Historical Society for mulch, trees and Log House repair
- Fort Recovery Swim Team for ropes, fees and awards
- Fort Recovery Band Boosters for Band uniforms
- Fort Recovery FFA for purchase of a metal band saw
- Friends of the Arts for programs
- Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School for purchase of library books
- Fort Recovery Public Library for purchase of computers
- Van Trees Park for flowers
- Burketsville Park for bleachers and equipment
- Amy Pearson for music therapy classes

The Fort Recovery Community Foundation is now taking requests for distributions for the year 2011. The purpose of the funds being distributed is to enhance recreational and/or cultural experiences of the Fort Recovery residents and anyone attending one of the various public or private parks or institutions in the Fort Recovery area. The request can be made for equipment, maintenance, facilities, future construction, entertainment, or performances that are projects of non-profit organizations.

Requests must be submitted in writing by April 15, 2011 to be considered for funds. Please send submissions to the Fort Recovery Foundation, P.O. Box 52, Fort Recovery, OH 45846. Questions can be directed to Cathy Koesters at 419-375-4790

FORT RECOVERY COMMUNITY "11th ANNUAL PARKS WORK DAY"

SATURDAY – APRIL 30, 2011

9:00 a.m. ---- 12:00 p.m.

(RAIN DATE MAY 7, 2011)

VOLUNTEERS SHOULD REPORT TO THE
SWIMMING POOL PARKING LOT

*VOLUNTEERS MAY WORK ANY HOURS
THAT ARE CONVENIENT DURING THE DAY*

JOBS INCLUDE-GENERAL CLEAN-UP

**PLEASE SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND
ASSIST IN KEEPING OUR PARKS GREAT ASSETS
TO THE FORT RECOVERY COMMUNITY**

Questions—call the village offices

Friends of the Library

It's the 7th anniversary of the Friends of the Library! If you've been a member of the Friends, your support is appreciated. If you are not a member, you can become one by completing the enclosed membership form. With looming state budget cuts, this is a great way to support your local library. Here is a partial list of some of the Friends' accomplishments this year: 6th annual Fort Festival of Trees, Family Pumpkin Painting, book covers for students, Tim Barman's Antique Tool program, Curious George at the Jubilee, Clifford at the Christmas Open House, and monthly book club meetings.

Purchases for the library included a book cart, book bags, screen door for the back entry, decorative easel, countertop and cabinet for public computers. The Friends also helped sponsor the T-Rex program at the fair and purchased ice cream treats for students completing summer reading requirements. Special thanks to those who switched their natural gas supplier to support the Friends and other organizations.

Sutter Receives Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Hilary Pottkotter

The thirty-first Annual Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet was held on Sunday evening, March 13, 2011, at the Fort Recovery Elementary-Middle School auditoria. Following the dinner the award ceremony began with Chamber President, Ted Romer, introducing Fort Recovery Mayor, Roger Broerman, who presented the first award.

The Fort Recovery American Legion was presented the *Mayor's Outstanding Community Service Award*. The Legion was recognized for the many contributions they make to the community. The Legion yearly donates \$8,000 to fifteen different charities. All community flags are donated by the Legion. They also provide the annual memorial service that is held in May and responsible for any military burial in the area. The Chamber Scholarship was presented to Andrea Sutter, Senior, by Mr. Ted Romer. She is the daughter of Jerry and Michelle Sutter. Mr. Romer also presented Matt and Mandy Diller with the "*Most Improved Dwelling*", Al and Maggie Warnock for the "*Most Improved Property*." Cheeseman Family was awarded "*Best Community Improvement*." The area of improvement that the Cheeseman's developed was *Eagle Point Park*, located on 119 where Butler and Boundry split.

The first Hall of Fame Award was presented to Steve Franke, a Fort Recovery High School Graduate of 1966. It was presented by Travis Laux and Kim Day. Franke has been active in the Fort Recovery Firefighters Association; he joined the fire department in 1969-1970 as a volunteer fireman. Franke was instrumental in establishing the Southwest Mercer Fire District. He is active in the Mercer County Health Board and served on the board providing insight and representation from the Fort Recovery area. He was very active in the Chamber of Commerce/Merchants Association and served as the Chamber president and the Jubilee Chairman. Steve Franke also has been a long time member and past president of the Fort Recovery Alumni Association. "Dad always told me if you treated people fairly and gave back to the community, you'd be O.K.," says Franke.

Jerry Kaup received the second *Hall of Fame Award* for 2011. Jerry is a Fort Recovery High School Graduate of 1973 and a graduate of Ohio State where he received his Pharmacy degree. He and his wife, Lorraine, have operated Kaup Pharmacy for over thirty years. Jerry has been a long time president and active member of the Fort Recovery Merchants Association. He is also one of the founding members who established the successful Fort Recovery Community Foundation. Jerry has shown interest in Fort Recovery athletics and has been a great asset to the baseball programs. He was the assistant baseball coach for many years and is presently the head coach for the baseball team. He has been very active in the community by being involved in the local Hospice Group and the Mercer County Society. He is also a member of the local Fort Recovery Sons of the American Legion Renovation Project that was spearheaded by Project Recovery. Mr. Kaup stated that the way he was taught to work was to accomplish something.

Receiving the "*Citizen of the Year Award*" went to an active Fort Recovery resident, Nick Dues. Nick graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1996. He is currently employed at Crown Equipment in Celina, where he has been working for thirteen years. Nick has been active in the Fort Recovery Ambassadors Club by serving as president for nine years and has been a member for nineteen years. He now serves as a trustee on the Board of Directors. Nick was instrumental with the planning of the first annual "Civil War at the Fort." Nick has been an active firefighter for the past seven years for the Southwest Mercer Fire Department and held the position of Vice President for six years. He is a current member of the Sons of the American Legion. He is someone who can be seen regularly at most events or projects going on around Fort Recovery and is always willing to do what he can to get the work completed and done correctly. Nick Dues strives to volunteer for the Fort Recovery community any way he can made him the best candidate for the *Citizen of the Year* award. His comment when receiving the award, "It's an honor." Mr. Dues's award was presented by Ivan Kaffenberger and Roger Lennartz. Franke, Kaup, and Dues all received certificates from several governmental officials.

TEAM+S Results 2011



The Fort Recovery Math Science club TEAM+S members competed recently at Ohio Northern University in the annual Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science. The test is made up of eight engineering-type scenarios with 10 multiple choice questions for each scenario. Students work as a team to answer the questions in 90 minutes. After a 15 minute break, students are back to work answering eight free-response questions on the

same 8 scenarios in another 90 minutes block.

The JV Team of Craig Hart, Brian Bauer, Gabe Riegle, Anthony Shelton, Isaac Keller, Trent Dues and Adam Westgerdes competed against 7 other schools and finished second for the second year in a row.

The Varsity team of Tyler Hart, Daryl Osterloh, David Tobe, Kurt Fortkamp, Ryan Gaerke, Abby Backs, Katelyn Jutte and Christen Wendel finished in 7th place out of 19 teams. Although they did not receive a trophy for their finish, they did score the highest total points that a varsity team has ever scored for Fort Recovery. Both teams' scores will advance to the state level to be scored against other teams from Ohio. High scores will then advance to national level to compete with teams from all over the United States.

Ohio Northern is the 5th largest regional testing site with sixty-three individual teams, 500+ students representing twenty-eight different schools from western Ohio. This is the 16th year FRHS students have competed.

Congratulations to all members. Thank you to the school board for allowing us to continue to participate in this worthwhile event. The students learn about their capabilities in a difficult science discipline. We appreciate the opportunity to take part in this annual event.

Right to Read Week

The ABC (Academic Booster Club) and the elementary student council sponsored Right to Read Week at the elementary school March 1st-4th.

The ABC club helped purchase nearly 150 books that were given away to students in grade K-5 throughout the week.

On the final day of Right to Read Week, high school athletes came to read to all elementary classes.



Pictured: 3rd grader, Paige Jutte and kindergartner, MacKenzie Steinbrunner with the books that they won.

Middle School –High School Play

"The Mouse That Roared"

Andrea Zumstein

Part of the play profits will benefit the
"Kremer House Project"

Dates: Saturday April 16th at 7:00 PM
Sunday April 17th at 3:00PM

Location: Elem/Middle School Auditoria

Ticket Prices: Adults \$5.00
Students K-12 \$3.00

*Colt Metzger says, "It took a lot of hard work and dedication."

*Brittany Lochtefeld says, "The play is going good and by the time it comes, the play will be great."



*Colt and Brittany are the student directors.

Easter

John Baird

Why do we celebrate Easter? Easter is primarily the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Christian communities all around the world are the main ones who celebrate Easter as a religious holiday. This year Easter falls on Sunday, April 24, 2011.

Eggs are a symbol of Easter. Some people paint eggs bright red to symbolize the blood of Christ. Others people hollow eggs and decorate them with pictures of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and other religious figures. In 1878, President Rutherford B. Hayes began the Easter egg roll at the White House. It is held annually the Monday after Easter. Some people consider egg rolling as symbol of the stone being rolled away at Jesus tomb.

Another tradition for Easter is the Easter bunny and all the eggs he hides in the back yards or in people's houses for all the little kids to find. The Easter bunny is a symbol for many Christians and non-Christians alike.

Senior, Natasha King says she celebrates Easter by going to her grandparents. They eat, play games, and watch the little kids hunt eggs. Natasha said her favorite part of Easter is, "looking for Easter eggs." Principal, Jeff Hobbs said, "My family and I go to church on Easter. Later we go to my mom and dad's. They always have an Easter egg hunt and each kid has his/her own color egg with candy and prizes." Dana Wendel, a freshman said, "I go to my aunt's house and I like to pick on her uncle."

Have you ever wondered how the date for Easter determined? It always follows the Spring equinox, so Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon. In 2012, Easter will fall on April 8, 2012. Easter will be on March 31 in 2013. 2014's Easter is April 20th.

Surgical Know How

Julie Knapke

Each year more and more people are turning to total knee replacement surgery as an ultimate answer to arthritis. On Friday, March 11th, students that are currently taking Anatomy and Physiology and Advance Placement Biology, watched a forty-one year old male testify to the statistics that most patients who undergo knee replacement surgery are between the ages of thirty-five to eighty-five.

Students gathered in the band room Friday morning to watch a procedure that most students do not have an opportunity to see. They learned that they would be watching a live feed from Mount Carmel East Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio, as a six foot, three inch male, that weighed one hundred and seventy-seven pounds, would be having a total knee replacement because of arthritis and an old sport's injury. As the surgery progressed, students witnessed what a so called "artificial knee" looks like and consist of.

A total knee replacement consists of removing the deteriorating portion of the knee and replacing it with artificial components. Specifically, the surgeons make an incision, shape the femur and tibia bones, they insert a metal femoral component, a plastic patellar component, a plastic tibial spacer, and metal tibial tray that made up the new knee.

In the days prior to the surgery, students were given a packet that was put together by COSI. The packet included questions that students could answer throughout the surgery, terms that they could become familiar with, surgical instruments, and a step-by-step guide on the surgery. Science teacher, Mrs. Kathy Schwieterman, has been teaming up with COSI for the past three years to let students understand what a real surgery is like and so they can really picture what certain bones and/or body organs look like. Mrs. Schwieterman hopes to continue this great learning experience!

STAR Events

Nichole Sheffer

FCCLA members participated in STAR Events the first weekend of March. The State Leadership Conference is held each year in Columbus. This year it will be on April 14th and 15th. The National Leadership Conference will be held in Anaheim California, on July 9th-14th.

STAR Events are projects where students identify an issue or concern in their school, community or family. They use many academic skills and conduct research to complete their projects. The students interview people involved with their chosen issue and use their experience to help develop their projects. Each project must include a visual that will teach others about their issue and a 10-15 minute speech, which will be presented to adult evaluators.

The students this year who received gold at state are Jessica Heitkamp for Job Interview which was entitled "Marketing Management", Ashley Homan and Alexis Schmitz for Food Innovation which was named "Beach Blast", Kristen Overman, Janel Hein and Jill Post for National Programs in Action which was entitled "Gingerbread House and Family Night", Alexandra Shelton and Deanna Crouch for Chapter Showcase Manual which was named "Fort Recovery FCCLA 2010-11", Sierra Pugh, Jessica Vogel, and Morgan Dues for Focus on Children which was named "2nd graders: Be happy, Be Healthy, Be Fit!" and Courtney Wilker, Breanna Jutte, and Vikki Kunk for Illustrated Talk which was named "Make wise choices: Party Smart!". Abby Backs, Katlin Jutte, and Alison Koch received a silver award for their project on Advocacy which was entitled "Texting & Driving".

Teaching and advising for thirty years, Mrs. Cheryl Perkeybile had plenty to say, especially when asked what her favorite thing was about doing STAR Events. She says, "I like the interaction with the students. STAR Event projects take a lot of time for students to do. I like to see them come up with concerns and develop a project and carrying it out to completion. It is especially great to see them succeed! I also enjoy taking the students on trips to conferences. This allows me to get to know the students beyond class time. That's fun for me!"

April Events

Marissa Brunswick



District

- 20 – Make Up Day
- 21 – Make Up Day
- 25 – Make Up Day
- 26 – 4th Nine Weeks Interim Reports
- 30 – Saturday School

Elementary

- 7 – Girl Scout Meeting @ Media Center (6-7PM)
- 12 – Book Club
- 21 – Girl Scout Meeting @ Media Center (6-7PM)
- 28 – Tech Professional Development Meeting
- 28 – Student Council Meeting (3:30)

Middle School

- 1 – MS Dance (7-9PM)
- 4 – Real Money, Real World-8th Grade (8-11AM)
- 6 – 8th Grade ACT Test (periods 5-8)
- 16 – HS/MS Play Performance (6PM)
- 17 – HS/MS Play Performance (2PM)
- 17-22 – 8th Grade DC Trip

High School

- 7 – FFA Banquet
- 12 – FFA Dist. Outdoor Power
- 13 – Bulk Food Pick Up PIX (3:30PM)
- 14-15 – FCCLA State Convention @ Columbus
- 18 – Band Banquet (7PM)
- 26 – Choir Rehearsal (6-9PM)
- 28 – Choir Rehearsal (6-9PM)
- 29 – PROM



from the

Fort Site Journal Staff

Preschool Registration Meeting

Tuesday, May 3 at 7 PM

Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Social Security Card Your child does not have to attend!

Elementary/Middle School Auditoria

Questions call Mary Diller at 419-375-4131



Winter Sports Wrap Up

Seth Krites

So far, this season of winter sports has been one to remember. The boys' basketball team has had its ups and downs, but after having snapped a 7-game losing streak and making it to the sectional finals before losing to New Knoxville, they finished strong with a 14-7 record. Starting the season 8-0 and recently beating St. John's in "The Vatican" for the first time since the 90's are just some of the hallmarks for this season. The young girls and boys from both JV teams look to spark the continuous tradition of winning in the future seasons, and they showed their talent and potential this season with a 10-9 record for the boys and a 17-3 run for the girls. Going further into the talent pool, the boys are showing signs of development and improvement with a 9-2 record for the 7th grade and a 2-10 season for the 8th graders. The young girls are also showing their future potential with a 3-8 record for the 7th grade and a 5-5 run for the 8th grade.

Don't Be a Fool!

Marissa Brunswick

We all know that April Fools' Day is the one day of the year where pranksters get to show their true tricking talents. But why do we celebrate this day? And where did the idea come from?

The reason this day is celebrated is still unclear. It is believed that April Fools' Day (also known as All Fools' Day) grew from the age-old European spring festivals of renewal. During these festivals, it was normal for the people attending to camouflage their identities and pull pranks. Some also believe that the day is celebrated due to the calendar switch made by the French in the 1500's. They wanted to change their calendar so that it matched the Roman calendar, and in doing so, it would also change the New Year to April 1st. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize this change were referred to as "April fools", and ended up being the butt of jokes and hoaxes. These included a prank in which paper fish were placed on their backs, labeling them a "poisson d' Avril", or "April Fish" because they symbolized a gullible person. There is also an idea that April Fools' Day is tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the northern hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with unpredictable weather. This unusual day soon spread to Britain in the 18th century, and in Scotland it became a two day event. The first day started with "hunting the gowk", (which is a word for cuckoo bird, meaning foolish) in which people were sent on fake errands. This was followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on others, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create awesome April Fools' hoaxes. Television, radio stations, and newspapers have all gotten involved in reporting outrageous fictional stories for this special day. In 1957, the BBC news network reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop, and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. In 1998, Burger King announced the arrival of their new Left Handed Whopper. They claimed that all condiments were rotated 180 degrees in order to better fit the left-handed eater. The next day, many lefties showed up and tried to order the fake sandwich. On April 1, 2010, Starbucks announced the upcoming phony release of two new sizes for their popular coffee-infused drinks. One was the super-sized 128 fl oz. "Plenta", and the other was the tiny 2 fl oz. "Mica".

Although the reason behind April Fools' Day is still a mystery to most of us, it is guaranteed that people will continue to use this day as a reason to prank and trick others. Whether it be putting signs on innocent peoples' backs, creating false newspaper articles, or even advertising for phony products, this day will forever keep our world exciting and just a little bit more entertaining.



High School Track

(4:30 PM unless other wise noted)
 5-National Trail Blazer (A)
 8-FM, Jackson center Russia (H)
 12-Crestview, Spencerville (H) 5:00 PM
 19- New Bremen, New Knoxville, &
 St. Henry (New Bremen)
 21- Versailles (A)
 26- Jay County (A) 5:00 PM

Junior High Track

(4:30 PM unless other wise noted)
 4-Russia/FM/ Jackson Center (H)
 9-Ft Loramie Inv (A) 9:30 AM
 11- East Jay/ Union City (H)
 15- New Bremen Invitational (A)
 26- Franklin Monroe (A)
 29- Coldwater relays (A)



Varsity Softball

(5:00 PM unless other wise noted)
 1-Mississinawa valley (A)
 2-National trail (DH) (A) 11:00 AM
 4-St Henry (H)
 5-Jay County (H)
 9-Van Wert (DH) (H) 2:00 PM
 11-Parkway (A)
 12-Houston (A)
 14-Versailles (A)
 15-Fairlawn (A) 5:15 PM
 16-Crestview, Lincolnview, Celina
 (Lincolnview) 12:00 PM
 22-Arcanum (DH) (A) 3:30 PM
 23-Botkins (DH) (H) 11:00 AM
 25-Minster (A)
 26 Coldwater (H)
 28-Ft Loramie (A)

APRIL SPORTS

TENTATIVE Schedule

John Baird



Junior Varsity Softball

(5:00 PM unless other wise noted)
 1-Lima Shawnee (A)
 2-Allen East (DH) (H) 11:00 AM
 4-St. Mary's (A)
 8-New Bremen (Non League) (H)
 9-Van Wert (DH) (A) 11:00 AM
 11-Parkway (H)
 14-Versailles (H)
 16-Lima Senior (DH) (H) 11:00 AM
 19-Coldwater (A)
 22-Arcanum (DH) (H) 3:30 PM
 23-Ft. Loramie (DH) (A) 11:00 AM
 25-New Bremen-II (H)
 26-Lehman (A)
 29-Jay County (H)
 30-National trail (DH) (H) 11:00 AM



Varsity Baseball

(5:00 PM unless other wise noted)
 1-Waynesfield Goshen (H)
 2-Crestview (DH) (H) 11:00 AM
 4-FT.Loramie (A)
 5-Fairlawn (A)
 8-Houston (H)
 9-Indian Lake (DH) (H) 11:00 AM
 11-Franklin Monroe (A)
 12-Parkway (H)
 15-Versailles (H)
 16-Arcanum (DH) (A) 11:00 AM
 19-Coldwater (A)
 23-Botkins (DH) (A) 11:00 AM
 25-Mississinawa Valley (A)
 26-Minster (H)
 28-New Knoxville (A)