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Entering The Home Stretch

Thank You For The Support

I hope your Thanksgiving was a blessed time for a family get together and enjoy holiday celebrations. Here at Fort Recovery High School we have entered the home stretch of 2011 and are striding through the 2nd nine weeks. Winter sports are off and running with boys/girls basketball, swimming and club bowling. The girls basketball team has opened their season undefeated at the both the JV and Varsity levels, while the boy's Varsity team is undefeated and the JV team has but one defeat. We are excited that our boy's and girl's swim teams have increased participation and are off to great starts. Full schedules are available on the districts website. Congratulations are in order to the HS Scholastic Bowl Team which recently finished 2nd in the MAC Tournament. Marge Dilworth and her team have had another excellent season. As well, the vocal and instrumental music departments recently had their annual Christmas Concert that was enjoyed by terrific crowds. We are blessed to have excellent leadership in both of these programs (Tracy Hein-Evers-vocal and Meg Beavers-instrumental).

The high school's Parent Advisory Committee meeting was held on December 14th. We will meet again on February 15, 2012 at 9AM. This meeting is open to all parents/guardians of high school students. At this meeting we will be looking at key issues surrounding the HS. Thank you for your November "Yes Vote" to allow the district to renovate our current high school. We hope for this project to begin at the end of this school year and it will include a new athletic booster building to replace our existing weight room that will be demolished as part of the 1935 section. There are many terrific things happening at Fort Recovery High School and we hope to see you at an event over the holiday season.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to call or email hobbsj@fortrecoveryschools.org



Positively Purple, Jeff Hobbs, HS Principal

The Fort Recovery community passed a bond issue for the school last month that includes a very cost effective plan to address the essential needs of our high school facility. One of our current board members, Ginny Fortkamp, put it beautifully when she said, "We've come to the point in time where repairs to the high school are not only necessary but are critical. This plan addresses those issues effectively." We thank you for taking the time to understand our facility needs and your support will allow us to take care of these critical needs.

Much has happened since the November election. The architect firm GarmannMiller has been working closely with us to determine detailed plans. We are hopeful that the work will go out to bid this spring so that renovation can begin as soon as the school year is over. Renovations will begin in the current science wing (the 1962 section) of the building. With this in mind, the 1962 section should have a new energy efficient HVAC system in place next fall. The entire project is scheduled to be near completion by the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The final phase of this project is the demolition of the 1935 section.

The Athletic Boosters continue to gather information from coaches and community members about the new athletic complex they plan to build. The proposed location is on the east side of the high school building beside the gym. This location will allow the athletic complex to be connected to our existing building increasing the safety for our students. Again, no tax levy dollars will be spent on this athletic complex. It is an athletic booster project and the boosters are interested in your input and support. If you would like to help out with this project or want more information, please contact Jeff Hobbs.

Please know that you have our sincere thanks for your support of the renovation. Thanks for helping us keep a good thing going! Have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Shelly Vaughn, Superintendent

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, donations (monetary & food), and expressions of sympathy on behalf of our beloved father and sister. The outpouring of community support has been phenomenal! A special thanks to Father Dorn and the Mary Help of Christians choir for a beautiful church service honoring their memory. To the friends and neighbors who helped prepare and serve the meal, we appreciate your stewardship. We are forever grateful to the entire Fort Recovery community, and we will always cherish your kindness and generosity. God bless you all!

The Bob & Colleen Grube family

Welcoming New Board Members!

Fort Recovery Schools will be welcoming two new board members this year:

Amy Bihn



In January, Amy will begin her first year as a board member for Fort Recovery Schools. Previously, Amy taught first grade and special education. At present, she develops curriculum for students with multiple disabilities. She and her husband, Jason, have two children.

Jose Faller



In January, Jose will begin his first year as a board member for Fort Recovery Schools. Jose is the Director of Technology at Cooper Farms. Jose and his wife, Stacy, have one son, William.

Fort Recovery Schools will also be saying, "Good-Bye" to two board members. On behalf of the staff and students of Fort Recovery Schools, we would like to thank Jack and Steve for all their hard work and dedication to the community and to the school. We wish them all the best in the future.



Jack Staugler

Jack has been a board member for the past 19 years. Jack is the Corporate Director of Human Resources at Cooper Farms where he's worked the past 33 years. Jack and his wife, Marcia, have three children who all graduated from Fort Recovery. Jack previously served on the board from January 1988 to June of 2001.



Steve Wendel

Steve has been a board member for 12 years. Steve is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology and the Director of the National Center for Manufacturing Education at Sinclair Community College. He and his wife, Amy, have 6 children.

Events for January

District

- 2nd NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
- 16th NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
- 27th Report Cards go home

High

- 9th FFA Meeting 8:00pm
- 13th End of 1st semester
- 17th FCCLA Meeting 8:00pm
- 25th Financial Aid Night 6-7:30pm
- 28th Saturday School

Middle

- 13th End of 1st Semester
- 27th 1st Semester Incentive Day

Elementary

- 19th Book Club Meeting

All You Can Eat Chili Supper!

Tickets: \$5.00

Children 5 and under: FREE

At Fort Recovery High School Cafeteria/Commons
January 20, 2012 4:30 – 6:30 P.M.



Prior to the Minster – Fort Recovery Boys' Basketball game

Sponsored by the Fort Recovery Education Association

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The Fort Site Journal is published monthly during the 2011-2012 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.

The advisory committee for this paper includes the Fort Recovery Local School Board of Education, Superintendent - Shelly Vaughn, High School Principal - Jeff Hobbs, 3-8 Principal - Matt Triplett, Principal Prk-2 - Tracy Hein-Evers, and Advisor Kylie Huelsman. Staff:

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'Tis The Season

Ericka Lennartz, Co-Shopper's Guide Editor

As the decorations go up and the streets become lit with lights of all colors you can feel the holiday spirit in the air. There is no doubt that Christmas is among the greatest religious holidays in the Western world. Actually, the majority of people consider it to be the most highly anticipated and marketed holiday. Christmas is a time to enjoy abundant meals and time with family and friends. But as the season goes on we all admit that it's easy to get caught up in the excitement and forget the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas has been about giving since it originated. As you read through the different origins of Christmas you will notice that all of them revolve around the idea of giving, starting with St. Nicholas, a man who devoted his life to helping others. Nicholas was born during the third century in the village of Patara. His parents were wealthy, but died in an epidemic when Nicholas was still young. He used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. Though he did many good deeds, he was best known for his love of children, which is why St. Nick is associated with Christmas. As our community is preparing for the holiday season, the students at Fort Recovery High School have not forgotten the meaning behind Christmas. The halls contain boxes that are being filled with materials students are donating for families in need and poinsettias were sold to raise money to buy presents for families who could use some help with the Christmas season. Within our community local organizations and churches are also doing their part in helping others this holiday season. Sometimes during our busy lives it can be easy to forget those less fortunate than us. But always remember, you can simply spread the magic of Christmas by giving! Merry Christmas!

Guidance Calendar

January 5	Priority date for semester II schedule changes
January 9	Tri Star Open House (for parents and students) 5:30-8:00 p.m.
January 11	Tri Star Applications due (for 2012-13 school year)
January 11-13	Semester Exams
January 13	End of first semester
January 25	Financial Aid Night—6:00 p.m.
February	2012-2013 Registration Process Begins
February 8	PSEO Informational Meeting (parent/student attendance is mandatory for those who wish to take college classes while in HS next year)

Absent Showing at Celina Fieldhouse

Mallory Kinder, Editor

The movie *Absent* is being shown at the Celina Fieldhouse on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm. This event is an off-shoot of the Mercer County Fatherhood Initiative. This movie is a documentary by Justin Hunt that takes a confrontational examination of paternal abandonment. The movie visits various people throughout America: bitter streetwalkers and catwalk models. Ministers. Authors. All providing moving perspectives on a spirit-crushing phenomenon that leaves anger, alienation and longing in its cruel wake. The Fatherhood Initiative finds this so important because of the negative effects on children that the absence of a father can have. Children who grow up with an absent father are five times more likely to live in poverty, four times more likely to commit suicide, three times more likely to fail school, and two times more likely to be abused and neglected.

In addition to the screening, the director will be there to speak about fatherhood and have a Q and A session. The soundtrack creator will also be there.

Tickets can be purchased through the Fort Recovery Administrative office. The tickets are \$10 each.

Volunteers Needed

Anyone wishing to volunteer in the Elementary/Middle School cafeteria to help serve can contact:

Lisa Fullenkamp

419-375-2815 ext. 256 or e-mail me

at fullenkampl@fortrecoveryschools.org.

The times would be from 11:00 to 12:30 you would get a free lunch and a child of your choice would get a free lunch.

Financial Aid Night

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

High School Commons

Presentation from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

(Q & A to follow)

Parents and students are invited for a presentation on the college financial aid process. A presenter from the Ohio Northern Financial Aid Office will be here to present LOTS of useful information about grants, loans, and the FAFSA

(In the event of inclement weather, listen to WCSM or PG14 for cancellation information. This presentation will take place as long as the speaker is able to make it to FRHS, regardless if we have school or not.)

FCCLA "Adopt-A-Family" Project Underway

Janel Hein, Post Manager

We all know not every family is as fortunate as most so, in the months of November and December, FCCLA and Student Council members once again paired up to raise money for less fortunate families in our school district. The two clubs held meetings to plan the fundraiser out and to get things organized. Students were asked to go out into the public and sell holiday poinsettias to raise a profit big enough to buy presents for the families. Both clubs members were asked to sell at least five poinsettias. The poinsettia orders were placed at North Star's Greenhouse and were later delivered Thursday December 8th, 2011. Between the two clubs conjoined they had raised enough money to help the needed families have a wonderful Christmas and allow them to have presents to put underneath the tree. With the help of Mrs. Kaiser (Student Council Advisor) and Mrs. Perkeybile (FCCLA Advisor), the students will have the opportunity to help purchase the gifts one evening after school. After the grand shopping trip, the clubs will hold a gift wrapping night where the members can come wrap the presents for the families to open on Christmas. Knowing that the families the clubs helped in the holiday season, makes theirs just a little better! Happy Holidays!

FCCLA Hosts Gingerbread House Night

Jill Post, Copy Editor

Once again, the annual FCCLA Gingerbread House Family Night was a success! It was held in the high school commons on Tuesday, December 6th, 2011. This year 157 students attended the event with one or both of their parents.

The week previous to the event, FCCLA members used glue guns to create houses out of milk cartons and graham crackers and bagged icing for the participants to more easily decorate with. On the day of the event, members divided all the candy to decorate with into bowls.

At 6:30 on Tuesday night the doors of the commons opened and the madness began. Parents and their children started to fill the room and before long the Christmas music playing over the speakers could not be heard. Families were decorating houses for over an hour and a half.

"This is so much fun, for both my kids and I!" one mother commented. Another could not stop thanking the FCCLA for all of the work put into the event. "I just love that the mess stays here!" added another. At the end of the evening, the FCCLA members cleaned the commons. Advisor Cheryl Perkeybile can be credited with the achievement of this event along with the FCCLA officers and members.

Winter Walking Hours

Monday - Thursday

Elementary/Middle School— 3:30-8:30 pm
(EMS building closed Wednesdays for cleaning)

High School— 3:30-11:00 pm
(please use the commons doors)

Knocking Them Down... One Pin at a Time

Kylie Kahlig, Shopper's Guide Co-Editor

Bowling has been a rich and popular part of the world's history in sporting events. In the early 1930's a man by the name of Sir Flinders Petrie uncovered a child's grave in Egypt containing a collection of items resembling that of a primitive form of a bowling ball and pins. The artifacts dated back as far as 3200BC, making bowling more than 5,000 years old. Bowling was also popular in England around the time King Edward III was in rule. It is said that the game was overtaking archery practice from his troops, forcing him to forbid it. Bowling was first introduced to the United States by settlers from Europe. The first permanent location for bowling was in the New York 'Battery', referred to as Bowling Green. Ninepin bowling became extremely popular in the U.S., but it also became one of the biggest gambling games as well. It was outlawed in Connecticut in 1841. Due to its mass popularity, people simply added an extra pin, (tenpin bowling) exploiting a loophole in the law allowing them to continue playing. During this time ball and pin formations were inconsistent and depended on the state. The American Bowling Congress at Beethoven hall in New York City was formed in 1895, creating guidelines and regularity for the game.

Bowling took another big step forward around 1905. Until then, bowling balls had been made primarily of a very hard wood, but in 1905, the first rubber ball was introduced. Later in 1952, the American Machine and Foundry Company bought the patents to Gottfried Schmidt's automatic pin spotter. This machine automatically reset the pins after each bowl, whereas "pinboys" were solely relied on to perform this task. With these new improvements, bowling was hotter than ever. So hot that television took an interest in bowling. The first network coverage of bowling was of "Championship Bowling". In 1961 ABC became the first network to broadcast competitions of the Pro Bowlers Association (PBA).

Today, bowling is still a popular sport enjoyed by 95 million people in over 90 countries. It helps in burning calories and works muscle groups not usually exercised. The flexing and stretching of bowling works tendons, joints, ligaments, and muscles in the arms and promotes weight loss. While most sports are not for elderly people, it is possible to practice bowling well into old age. There are over 8,868 available bowling alleys in America, including Miracle Lanes located in Fort Recovery! Fort Recovery High School's club bowling team is currently 0-2, but is hopefully for a win Saturday the tenth as they take on Wapakoneta at Wapak. This year's team include Isaac Keller, Nick Noggler, Nick Rammel, Zach Bergman, Robert Westgerdes, Kaleb Timmerman, and Trent Dues, with advisor Kyle Noggler. Good luck to the team as they continue with their season!

2nd Yearbook Sales

January 3, 2012 - January 7, 2012 ~ Cost: \$48.00
Orders can be turned into Mrs. Kathy Jutte, the HS office or any yearbook staff member

Ft. Recovery FFA Members Receive American FFA Degree at the 84th National FFA Convention



Three members of the Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter were recognized for their hard work and effort in receiving the American FFA Degree Award, while attending the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The three individuals receiving this award were Kelsey Brockman, Cody Kaiser, and Matt Whitacre. These three

make only sixty-nine students awarded this degree in the history of the Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter.

The American FFA Degree is the final step, in a four stepping-stone order of achievement within the FFA. In order to receive this award, they were first required to receive their Greenhand, Chapter, and State FFA Degrees, the other three steps for each member in this process. They were also required to document that they increased their net worth by at least 7,500 dollars, worked the equivalent of 2,250 hours on all of their projects, and be heavily involved in school, community, and FFA Chapter activities.

The American Degree Ceremony was held at 7:45AM in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis and was watched by over 22,000 FFA members, their parents, and FFA advisors. The American FFA Degree is a very prestigious award with only five out of every one thousand members nationwide receiving the award.

Kelsey Brockman is the daughter of Gary and Janet Brockman. Kelsey's accomplishments for receiving this award were recording hours and earnings at Muhlenkamp Dairy. Cody Kaiser is the son of Tim and Julie Kaiser. Cody's accomplishments for receiving this award were recording hours and earnings at Jutte's Landscaping. Matt Whitacre is the son of Mike and Brenda Whitacre. Matt's accomplishments for receiving this award were recording hours and earnings at Whitacre Farms and Jutte's Landscaping.

The Ft. Recovery FFA would like to congratulate the American FFA Degree recipients for all their hard work and dedication.

Ft. Recovery FFA Members Attend the 84th National FFA Convention

Sixteen members of the Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter attended the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the week of October 17-22, 2011. Over 55,000 FFA members represented all 50 states, and more than 7,200 FFA Chapters were in attendance. The National FFA Convention is held annually to highlight and award member success through the FFA and agricultural education.

The Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter had three students, Kelsey Brockman, Cody Kaiser, and Matt Whitacre, receive the American FFA Degree, the highest degree a member can receive, at this year's convention.

Educational tours included Case and New Holland Tractor Facility and Jelly Belly Candy Factory. Other places and attractions visited were a hypnotist show and a Blake Shelton, Little Big Town, and Steal Magnolia concert. The week-long trip allowed students to return home with long lasting memories, experiences, and deep ties to agriculture.

The Ft. Recovery FFA members who attended the convention included: Zach Bergman, Becky Brockman, Samantha Florence, Katie Fortkamp, Keith Fortkamp, Taylor Guggenbiller, Nicole Hart, Jessica Kaiser, Andera Lennartz, Doug Lennartz, Natalie Lennartz, Sam Muhlenkamp, Nikki Nietfeld, Rachel Rammel, Emily Siegrist, and Jake Vogel. Parent/Chaperone Dave Lennartz and advisors Joe Hawk and Michael Gower accompanied the students on the trip.

The Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter would like to send a special thanks to the school board members, administration, and staff for allowing this trip to be possible as well as Dave Lennartz for chaperoning the weeklong trip. The following businesses also supported the Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter through donations: C&M Welding, Farm Credit Services, Fort Recovery Equity, Hull Brothers, J&M Manufacturing, K&L Tractor Supply, Mike Kahlig & Sons, Pottkotter Construction, Reinhard Dairy, Wabash Garage, and Wendel Poultry Service. This trip would have not been possible without these great supporters.



Help Us Recycle and Earn!

We participate in a fundraising-thru-recycling program that helps earn supplies, equipment, and cash simply by collecting:

empty inkjet and laser cartridges, used cell phones, mp3 players, GPS devices, digital cameras, and laptops.

Please help by donating these items to

Fort Recovery High School! Thank you!

New Year's Day, A Brief History

Mallory Kinder, Editor

The celebration of the New Year on January 1st is a relatively newer phenomenon. The earliest recording of the celebration is believed to have been in Mesopotamia around 2000 B.C. and was celebrated in mid-March, around the vernal equinox.

The New Year was first celebrated on January 1st in Rome around 153 B.C. In fact, the month of January did not exist until 700 B.C., when Numa Pontilius, the second king of Rome, added them to the calendar. The New Year celebration was moved from March to January because January was the beginning of the civil year when the two newly elected Roman consuls began their one-year tenure. This date was not widely observed, however, and the New Year was often celebrated on March 1st.

In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar, a vast improvement on the Roman calendar which had become inaccurate over the years. Caesar felt that the month January, named after the Roman god of doors and gates Janus, would be an appropriate "door" to the year. Caesar celebrated the first January 1st New Year by ordering the violent routing of revolutionary Jewish forces in the Galilee. Eyewitnesses say blood flowed in the streets.

In medieval Europe, however, the celebrations accompanying the New Year were considered pagan and unchristian like, and in 567, the Council of Tours abolished January 1st as the beginning of the year. At various times and in various places throughout medieval Christian Europe, the New Year was celebrated on December 25th, the birth of Jesus; March 1st; March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation; and Easter.

After William the Conqueror, aka William of Normandy, became King of England on December 25, 1066, he decreed that the English return to the date established by the Roman pagans, January 1st. This move ensured that the commemoration of Jesus's birthday would align with William's coronation, and the commemoration of Jesus's circumcision would start the New Year, thus rooting the English and Christian calendars and his own Coronation. William's innovation was eventually rejected, and England rejoined the rest of the Christian world and returned to celebrating New Year's Day on March 25th.

About five hundred years later, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII, aka Ugo Boncompagni, abandoned the traditional Julian calendar claiming that a slight inaccuracy caused the Julian calendar to slip behind in the seasons about

one day per century. Although this regression had amounted to 14 days by Pope Gregory's time, he based his reform on restoration of the vernal equinox, then falling on March 11, to the date that had 1,257 years earlier been chosen when the Council of Nicaea was convened (March 21, 325 C.E.). Pope Gregory made the correction by advancing the calendar ten days. The change was made the day after October 4, 1582, and that following day was established as October 15, 1582. The Gregorian calendar differs from the Julian in three ways: (1) No century year is a leap year unless it is divisible by 400 (e.g., 1600, 2000, etc.); (2) Years divisible by 4000 are common (non-leap) years; and (3) once again the New Year would begin with the date set by the early pagans, the first day of the month of Janus - January 1st.

The celebration of New Year's has come a long way since the times of Mesopotamia. Modern celebrations include the Ball Drop in Times Square and fireworks at famous places and landmarks such as Sydney Harbor and the London Eye. Although January 1st is now one of the most popular days to celebrate the New Year, other modern dates include the new moon of the first lunar month (China), the 1st of Boishakh (Bangladesh), and the celebration of Rosh Hashanah by the Jewish in the fall.

Art Club Ready For A Fantastic Year

Jordan Roberts, Club Editor

This year's Art Club is going to be a fun one. It has already been fun this year, as the club has participated in several events. The members of the club arrange the showcase in the high school commons and students' artwork. The club also made twenty-four wooden soldiers for the local businesses to display throughout the town.

The club also has many activities planned for the future. Currently, a field trip to the Dayton Art Museum to is under discussion. The club will spend a school-day there to look at the Norman Rockwell Exhibit. The club will be painting faces at Archeology Day at the Fort later in the year. Individual members also have lots of ideas about what to do later in the year, but none of them are official yet.

The club also does lots of work around the school too. The club helped to design for the Homecoming Dance. They also decorated two Christmas trees: one in the High School Commons and one in the High School Library. "This is a group of hardworking members," says Mrs. Monroe, art club leader, "and I'm sure this will be a fantastic year!"

Fourth Graders Visit COSI and Statehouse

On December 8th the fourth grade students went to Columbus to COSI and the State House. Students began the day by touring COSI. At COSI the students reviewed many of the science skills they have been working on all year. The two major areas that were covered were weather and physical and chemical changes. The students had a chance to see two great shows to reinforce these key science concepts.

Students then continued their day by touring the State House. It was an extra special trip because the State House was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The students enjoyed the Rotunda where they could view a 120 foot ceiling, the spot where Abraham Lincoln's body laid in state after his death, and the original painting of the Treaty of Greenville. The students were also impressed with the Atrium which was once known as "Pigeon Run" and the Grand Staircase which shows the architecture of the Senate Building. December 8th was a memorable day for our fourth grade students.



Fort Pioneers November Meeting

On November 8, 2011 Fort Pioneers 4-H Club held a meeting. The club moved to have a pizza party and an optional \$5 gift exchange for the December meeting. The club also moved to go caroling.

Congratulations to Eileen Lochtefeld for 10 years as an advisor for our club, Elizabeth Hipple for Outstanding CIT, and Emily Siegrist and Monica Fullenkamp for Most Creative Scrapbook.

Demonstrations were done by Noah Homan, Kayla Lenartz, Taylor Grisez. The club made bears for this year's fort Festival of Trees "Have a Beary Merry Christmas". Members signed up for projects and signed up to help at the Town Open House, November 12, 2011.



Fort Pioneers Fall Party

On September 25, 2011, the Fort Pioneers 4-H Club held their Fall Party at the home of Roger & Marilyn Fortkamp, 4-H members and their families, along with new members were invited to attend. The 4-H project books were on display, this gave a chance for everyone who attended to look at the projects to see which they would like to do for the upcoming year. Schedules for the upcoming year were handed out, older members also could sign up to run for an office position, which will be elected at the October meeting. The group had fun playing games, such as bobbing for apples, egg toss, balloon tag and many others. Kids also enjoyed the snacks and drinks that were provided by the advisors and officers of the club.



4-H Volunteers at Town Open House

Fort Pioneers 4-H Club held Craft and Story Hour at the Public Library for Town Open House on November 12, 2011.

Members helped children make crafts such as turkey cookies, a Christmas Train, Reindeer Headbands, and they made turkeys out of their hand prints. They also read stories to the children.



Fifth Graders Go Colonial

On Monday, November 21st, the fifth graders presented colonial demonstrations to the second graders. Mrs. Snyder's social studies classes researched different colonial jobs.

Students learned what tools were used and how the colonists did the jobs. After researching, each group made a script, including how they depended on other colonists in order to succeed. Here are two boys demonstrating how the coopers made barrels for the colonists.



CYO Basketball

Hannah Bihn, Sports Editor

As the winter season is dawning, remember that the high school varsity, junior varsity, or freshman basketball are not the only option for some high school students. There is also the direction of CYO, for some of the teenagers.

CYO is a great opportunity to get to know different people while playing a game that so many people love. It's mostly non-competitive, and a majority of the players are there to have fun and play basketball, and not just focused on winning the game. In our area we have the Mary Help of Christians team, the Saint Joe team -- which is made of both Saint Peter and Saint Joe parishes, and the Saint Paul. Both girls and boys are able to play other teams from different parishes within the state.

Before every single game all of the participants get in a circle and join in prayer. From there, the game would appear to be like any other basketball game you watch. Except for the lack of experience in some players, but most mistakes are laughed off. This year's season started off earlier than that of school ball, as it normally does, and teams are already starting to get good starts to their season, although records are not the most important part to most players. Often times the teams don't mind playing whether they think they are going to win or not, they just want to play ball and have a great time.

The Fort Recovery Girls Basketball Team would like to thank everyone who helped and donated items for the Quarter Auction! The auction would not have been a success without your help!

~ Lady Indians Basketball ~

FRHS Basketball Spirit Themes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Friday, 1/6	Versailles (H)	Decade
Thursday, 1/12	Coldwater (H)	PJ's
Friday, 1/13	Coldwater (A)	Hicks
Friday, 1/20	Minster (H)	Rockstar
Thursday, 1/26	New Knoxville (H)	Opposite Gender
Saturday, 1/28	Fort Loramie (H)	Nerd
Thursday, 2/2	St. Henry (A)	Little Kid
Friday, 2/3	St. Henry (H)	Wedding
Thursday, 2/9	Marion Local (H)	Spirit Shirt
Friday, 2/10	Marion Local (A)	Animal/Camo
Friday, 2/17	St. John's (H)	Crazy Purple
Friday, 2/24	New Bremen (A)	Spirit Shirt

January Sports

Boy's Basketball

Varsity & JV (all games begin at 6:30 pm unless noted)

6	Versailles	H
7	Kalida	H
13	Coldwater	A
14	Walnut Ridge	A (Kettering-Fairmont HS)
20	Minster	H
21	Franklin Monroe	A
27	New Knoxville	A
28	Ft. Loramie	H

Freshman (all games begin at 6 pm unless noted)

3	Versailles	A
9	Coldwater	H
16	Minster	A
21	Anna	H
23	Arcanum	H
28	Ft. Loramie	H

JH (all games begin at 5 pm unless noted)

3	Union City	H
5	Versailles	H
10	Russia	A
12	Coldwater	A
19	Minster	H
23	Celina	A
26	New Knoxville	A
28	St. Mary's	H
31	Miss. Valley	H

Girl's Basketball

Varsity & JV (all games begin at 6 pm unless noted)

5	Versailles	A
7	Van Wert (1 pm)	H
12	Coldwater	H
19	Minster	A
21	Ft. Loramie (1 pm)	A
26	Franklin Monroe	H
28	Ansonia (1 pm)	H

Freshman (all games begin at 7:30 pm unless noted)

3	Versailles	A
7	St. Mary's (10 am)	H
9	Coldwater	A
16	Minster	A
23	Versailles	H

JH (all games begin at 5 pm unless noted)

3	Versailles	A
9	East Jay	H
10	Coldwater	H
17	Minster	A
19	Marion Local	A
23	Union City	A
24	New Knoxville	H
31	St. Henry	A

Swimming

2	Jay County (5:30 pm)	Jay County HS
7	Coldwater (5 pm)	Celina YMCA
12	South Adams (5:30 pm)	SAHS (Berne, IN)
20	Sidney Lehman (6:30 pm)	Troy YMCA
21	Fostoria (10 am)	Fostoria YMCA
28	Sidney Lehman (2 pm)	Troy YMCA