



# The Firelands Express



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In a recent correspondence with my mother, I was reminded of the substantial and lasting effect that we as adults and parents have on our children. As graduation draws near, I believe that it is a time for parents to reflect on the lives of their children. In fact, I often ponder what the future holds for my four and soon to be two year old sons. In reflection, I have come to realize that we all make mistakes throughout the course of our lives. However, we learn from those mistakes and we attempt to provide our children with all of the necessary tools for their success.

One such tool is the ability to succeed. However, there is a distinct difference between success and achievement. One can succeed in life, but not necessarily achieve. I find this thought intriguing. The best explanation that I can provide occurred in remarks delivered to the 1980 AIA National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 3, 1980, by J. Irwin Miller, chairman, executive, and finance committee member of Cummins Engine Company, Inc.

*"I watch young men entering business. I will be happy, they say, if only I am elected vice president. A little later happiness lies in becoming president, or receiving an honorary degree. Toward the end, I will be happy if only I do not have to stop being boss at age 65.*

*I watch the young couple. Happiness for them lies in a pay raise, a larger house, a "better" neighborhood, a boat, a van, a club membership.*

*I watch the young musician. Happiness lies in winning a prize contest, a rave review, academic standing.*

*But each goal, when achieved, melts in the hand, and once again happiness lies in the next "external" sign. These are the narcotics of "success," and like real narcotics, they lead only to a habit, which can never be satisfied. To be confident and at peace with themselves such persons think they must have the proof of an ever new "external" badge of worth, and so they are never either confident or at peace.*

*All their lives they find the world a painful, unfair, miserable place. They have lost their aim. They never gain a solid feeling that at any point they have truly done the best of which they were capable. They have settled for success over achievement."*

I will always encourage my sons to do the best of which they are capable. I believe that each parent in the Firelands community wishes the same for their son or daughter. I ask each parent to always believe in your child and provide them with the ability to succeed and achieve.

### Reminder: Last Day of School Dismissal

**All students will be dismissed 2 hours early on Tuesday, June 4th. Buses will run their regular routes. Students will arrive home two hours earlier than usual. Lunch will be served that day.**

Yours in Education,  
Dr. Robert F. Hill  
Superintendent

## We Need Your Help



The FHS English Department is having a **book drive** to enhance teachers' classroom libraries. ALL types of books at ALL reading levels would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the main office at FHS. Thank You!

LORAIN COUNTY TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

### 2013 INDUCTEE

## Mike Beetler

#### Athletic highlights

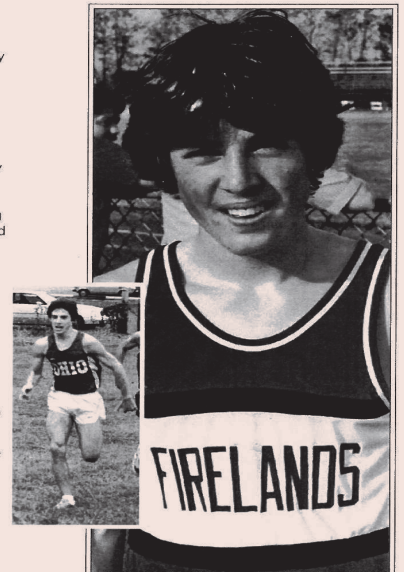
- 1982 Class AA state championship cross country team. He led Firelands boys to the only state team title in school history. He finished third overall in the team race with a time of 15:42.
- Five-time All-Ohio runner, three times for cross country and twice for track
- 1983-84, second place at the 1983 state meet by less than a second to Sandusky St. Mary's Tom Schnurr, 15:38.1 to 15:39. He was also second at the 1984 state meet in 15:48 to record-setting Scott Fry of Sandusky Perkins (14:50.2)—a record the still stands.
- 1984, third place at the Kinney Midwest Regional and 11th at the Kinney Nationals in San Diego to earn third team high school All-American honors
- 1984 - 85, two-time state placer for the 3,200 meters, finishing sixth (9:31.71) and third (9:25.30), respectively
- Lost only a few Ohio 3,200 races his junior/senior years. His best marks were 9:18 for 3,200 and 4:19 for 1,600
- 1984 - 2002, Lorain County Community College 5K course record-holder. His mark of 15:38 remains No. 3 all-time
- 1985, Second team All-Mid-American Conference cross country for Ohio University. Ran injured for each cross country season after that and was never able to run track due to illness and injury

#### Professional highlights

- Regional piping manager, GEM Industrial Construction

#### Education

- 1989, Ohio University
- 1985, Firelands High School



Born: November 27, 1966, Lorain

Residence: Henrietta Township

Age: 46

Family: Wife: Diana. Children: Zoe, 16; Chase, 13.

**The Firelands Athletic Department would like to Congratulate Mike Beetler '85 on his induction to the Lorain County Track and Field Hall of Fame on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

You may view this issue online at:  
[www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)

The Communities we serve: Amherst, Amherst Twp, Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Florence Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton Village, New Russia Twp, South Amherst Village, Vermilion and Vermilion Twp.

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## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday May 18, 2013  
 Noon – 4:00 pm  
 South Amherst Middle School

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Noon - 12:15	Big Gym - FES Honors Choir
12:15 - 12:30	Big Gym - FES 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Singers
12:30 - 1:00	Roving - FHS Select Choir
1:00 - 1:30	Big Gym - SAMS Jazz Band
1:30 - 2:00	Small Gym - SAMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Wizard of Oz Highlights
2:30 - 3:00	Big Gym - FHS concert Choir (Followed by a solo from Rachel Johnson – 10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
3:00 - 3:30	Big Gym - FHS Freshman Choir
3:30 - 4:00	Small Gym - FHS Jazz Band

#### Vendors in the Cafeteria

**Band Boosters** - Popcorn, cotton candy, water  
**Choir Boosters** - Walking tacos, hot dogs, chips, pop and candy

#### Courtyard Vendors

**SAMS Art Club** – face-painting  
**FHS Art Society Booths** – t-shirt sales, string bracelet, jewelry, etc. sales, Zenetangle and chibi demonstrations

#### Free Workshops

Mask-making – Mrs. Proehl  
 Origami and Fortune Cookies – Art Society  
 Music-makers! Whistles and pinwheels – Mr. Wiley



## Students Succeed at State SkillsUSA Competition

April 30, 2013 -- Three Lorain County JVS students will be advancing to the national leg of the SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, MO in late June. They placed first at the State competition recently held in Columbus. In addition, three students also placed 2nd in their career-technical events.

**AVON** - Zach Leighty placed 1st in the Plumbing contest

**FIRELANDS** - Jessica Butler placed 2nd in Welding & Fabrication

**KEYSTONE** - Cassie Altomare placed 1st for Action Skills Contest in Plumbing

**MIDVIEW** - Ryan Beane placed 2nd in Precision Machining

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE** - Avery Gasper placed 2nd for the Internetworking contest

**OBERLIN** - Alex Ladina placed 1st for Heating, Ventilation, AC/Refrigeration

SkillsUSA is a career-technical youth club comprised of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure that America has a skilled workforce.

## Rotary Annual World Community Workshop

Firelands High School Senior Elizabeth James is attending The Rotary Annual World Community Workshop held at Defiance College on May 9-11.

The workshop is a well-planned educational and entertaining event that is attended by students from around the world.

Each year a different country or theme is chosen to explore and this year they will be focusing on Ghana: Rising Star of the Gold Coast.

Elizabeth James is being sponsored by Oberlin Rotary Club and Firelands High School Administration & Staff.

## Firelands FFA Livestock Judging Teams Earn District and State Awards

Congratulations to the FFA Dairy Judging Team as they competed at the district and state contest on April 13th at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. The team won the district contest! Congratulations to Jeb Larson for earning 3rd place individually in the district and to David Tipple for earning 4th place individually in the district. Noah Larson and Jared Keets also competed. Jeb and David will be awarded district awards later this spring and the team will earn a team award. On April 6th, several students traveled to Columbus for the State Equine Management, General Livestock, Wildlife Management and Poultry Judging Career Development Events. Since the contest was over spring break, fewer students competed than usual from Firelands. The Equine Management Team earned 9th place in the state and qualified for the state finals on May 1st. Good luck to the horse team members, Chrissy Balint, Tom Battig, Emily Pohorence, and Katie Cline.

## Attention: Parents/Guardians of Children Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2013:

If your child is 4 years or older, he/she can complete the immunizations required for school entry. You may go to your usual health care provider, or attend one of the health department walk-in clinics. In either case, be sure to have your child's immunization record with you when you go.

You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics; check <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/immunizations#children> for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367.

**NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY FROM A HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PAY.**

Please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse, Mrs. Osborne, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE HAVE THEM COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 4, 2013.**



**ATTENTION:**

Girls going into 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Firelands Youth Cheerleading Squad**

In association with the Firelands Youth Football League



**PARENT MEETING**

\*If this is your daughter's first season, please bring her for sizing 😊

**When:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Where:** Firelands Elementary Gym

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$125 (includes uniform, pom-poms, hoodie, and t-shirt) for new members (\$62.50 will be due at the meeting and remainder by July 1<sup>st</sup>)

\*Details for the season will be provided at the meeting

**Questions:** Please call Jackie Bowsher-Ziegler at: (440) 315-5178 or email at:

[jacquelinebowsher@nrcs.k12.oh.us](mailto:jacquelinebowsher@nrcs.k12.oh.us)

**The 5th Annual Center for Orthopedics  
Free Sports Physical Event**

**ATTENTION STUDENT ATHLETES & PARENTS!**

If you need your sports physical completed, plan to attend the **free CFO Sports Physical event, Friday, June 7, 2013.** Please download the OHSAA(Ohio High School Athletic Association) physical form from your high school's web site. Medical history forms must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian prior to this event, **OR** bring your parent/guardian with you. Forms will be made available to you the day of your physical.



Student athletes participating in this event will receive a "goody bag" and a free t-shirt (while supplies last)

**DATE:** Friday, June 7, 2013

**CHECK-IN TIMES:** 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** The Center for Orthopedics  
5001 Transportation Dr.  
Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



**10 to be inducted into N.A.H.S.**

Ten FHS art students have achieved induction into the National Art Honor Society. Firelands High School chapter #2212 is the oldest chapter in the county. Criteria for induction include students of 10<sup>th</sup> grade status, Art 3 level, "A" average in art classes, "B" average overall and no severe disciplinary issues on record. There are nearly 32,000 members in 2,824 chapters nationwide. The May 23 induction class includes sophomore Brad Midkiff, juniors Tara Brown, Chayce Hall, and Brenna Horwedel and seniors Alex Adams, Biz James, Courtney Klesta, Kelsey Mullins, John Sapienza and Mariah Watters. Mrs. Tawil is the chapter advisor.



The Firelands Select Choir members had another great opportunity to perform the National Anthem at Progressive Field on Wednesday, May 1. It was a beautiful evening, and the best part was the Indians beat the Phillies 6-0. Go Tribe!!



# GUIDANCE

## Senior Class Information

**C** Senior exams will be Tuesday, May 28th, and Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Senior make-up exams will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**O** Senior Awards Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 30th, at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast will be held in the FHS Gym and will be catered by Sterks. There is NO COST to the seniors, but they must turn their invitations into the Guidance office by Friday, May 18th, to reserve a seat at the breakfast. Winners of Local Scholarships, various Certificates and Awards, and the Student of the Year will be announced at the breakfast. If you do not attend the breakfast, you **must** show up to FHS by 10:00 a.m. for the practice.

**N** Approximately 10:00 a.m., after the Senior Breakfast, Seniors will enter the high school stadium for graduation practice. Practice usually takes between 1 – 1 ½ hours. You **must** be at practice to take part in the graduation ceremony. You **must** also have turned in your acknowledgment of commencement participation to the guidance office by Friday, May 24th, in order to participate in graduation.

**E** Each senior must fill out a Senior Survey before they graduate. They will be available in the Guidance office and also handed out in Government classes. These surveys are needed for the Guidance office to be able to send Final Transcripts to the college they plan on attending.

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The students can also list the scholarships and awards they have won.

### PSEO Students

PSEO students need to schedule with the college by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Most of the interested students have already adjusted their schedule at FHS so they can fit in their college courses.

### JVS

Students interested in attending JVS for next school year should stop by the Guidance Office for an application for the available openings.

**SUMMER SCHOOL** – Students who have failed an academic course have an opportunity to get back on track by going to summer school. We have information on several remediation options, so please stop in the Guidance office if you need to make up a course. Students must get approval from a school counselor prior to taking any course.

### Power School

Power School is an excellent tool for Parents to use to keep track of their child's grades and missing assignments throughout the school year. We urge you to keep using Power School on a regular basis, especially during the 4th quarter, to avoid any potential failures that may occur. You may contact the Guidance Office for any help with Power School, or if you have any questions regarding the progress of your child.

## FHS Iron Crafter Artists Victorious

The Firelands High School team of "Iron Crafter" artists brought home another championship to the visual art department. Pat Catan's Craft Center in Amherst hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Iron Crafter Craft Design Competition on Sat. April 13 matching students from FHS, Vermilion High School and a team from Amherst schools. The students were challenged to create a project expressing "video games" featuring the secret ingredient of metallic nylon webbed cord within a two hour time limit. Projects are judged on the use of the featured ingredient, creativity of the design, quality of craftsmanship and teamwork. The FHS team consisted of sophomore Thomas Rose, junior Tara Brown and seniors Mariah Watters, Erika Hornyak and alternate Biz James. Tara's father, Mr. Jason Brown served as team coach. The team created a classic Pac-Man game console and TV. Each student earned a \$25 gift certificate to Pat Catan's and the art department won the Grand Prize of \$100 gift certificate to Pat Catan's for classroom supplies.



**2013 Iron Crafter Champion Team: Thomas Rose, Tara Brown, Erika Hornyak, Mariah Watters, Biz James**



# OZ Musical - Huge Success!!

Congratulations to all the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir members who participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual musical, *OZ!*. The musical was a huge success with over 1000 students, parents, and community members watching and enjoying the display of all 4 fine arts standards: Dance, Drama/Theatre, Music, and Visual Arts. The students are the ones to be congratulated as all of them contributed whether performing as a character on the stage, working behind the scenes on a crew, or singing in the chorus. There were Student Directors, Dance Captains, Stage Crew, Lights/Sound Crew, Make-up/Costume Crew, and Publicity/Tickets Crew Members. All the students had a job to do, 80 students in both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir, and they all executed their jobs beautifully! I am so proud of all the choir members, and I know that this is a memory that will remain with them for years to come!

Come and see the Musical Wall of Fame that displays posters from many musicals performed here at South Amherst Middle School!



# Brownhelm Historical Association

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet on June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage Barn at the Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow for their annual picnic. Bring a dish to share, your own beverage, and table service. After we eat, there will be a short business meeting. Next will be a white elephant auction. Bring a white elephant item to be auctioned off with the proceeds donated to BHA. Please wrap your gift. Come join the group and enjoy a good meal. The group does not meet in the months of July and August. It will start meeting September 4. Put it on your calendar. Any questions call Bonnie Cutcher at 440-963-7540 or Marilyn Brill at 440-988-4550

# SAMS CHOIR & BAND NEWS

Congratulations to the following SAMS band students that participated in Lorain County's Annual Honors Band Program: Sara Gallo, Rachel

Coggins, Jade Leverknight, Demetria Nicolaou, Kitana MacLean, Serena Hoffman, Nick McCrary, Justin Ollis, Emma Mowry, Jordan Wilson, Andy Hasel. Grace Boucher, Ben Laughrey,



Members of the Honors Band

Nick Squires, Owen Cogar, Caleb Singleton, and Joe Socha. The students joined musicians from seven other Lorain County schools to perform a concert on Wednesday, April 10 at Keystone High School.....**AND**

Congratulations to the following Honors Choir Students who participated in the Lorain County Honors Choir Festival on April 10 at Keystone High School: Kayla Bailey, Matthew Brightbill, Hope Caruso, Sam Dempsey, Andrea DiAsio, Loren Myer, Grace Pohorence, Sophia Pohorence, Connor Price, Aerin Sirow, and Sarah Slack. The students learned five songs on their own and then had one practice day with the guest clinician, Frank Bianchi, before performing at the concert. They performed in front of a packed



Members of the Honors Choir

gymnasium with supportive parents and family members. **Great job choir students!!**



# Firelands FFA Holds 59th Annual Parent-Member Banquet

**Oberlin, OH** - On March 27, 2013 the Firelands FFA Chapter held their 59<sup>th</sup> annual banquet at Firelands High School. We started the night off with a delicious meal catered by Sterk's Catering and then we moved on to the ceremony. For many of the members of this chapter it was a very rewarding and successful night. The first members that were recognized were the twenty-four Greenhands, the newest members of the chapter, followed by the recipient of the Star Greenhand Award, Rachel Cairns. Next, the sophomores in the chapter received their Chapter degree with Alison Butler being awarded the Star Chapter member. During the year when members are working on their projects it becomes a goal for a majority of them to want to work towards earning a Proficiency Award at the banquet, this year twenty members were awarded a Proficiency Award: Specialty Animal (white tail deer production)-Albert Fath V, Market Beef - Demi Dovin, Garden - Tristan Hildebrandt, Market Hog - Jordan Penkava, Soybeans - Cole Jones, Meat Chickens - Cole Lewis, Hay - Jody Hanko, Turkey - Tom Battig, Fancy Poultry-Jessica Zurcher (top four in state), Rabbit- Karlie Canfield, Home Improvement - Tom Schuman, Market Lamb - Taylor Odom, Community Service - Chrissy Balint, Market Goat - Emma Ranney, Breeding Goat - Emma Ranney, Dairy - Demi Dovin, Placement (Rex Gees Orchards)- Emma Northeim (top four in state), Placement (Hillcrest Or

chards)- Chrissy Balint (top four in state), Placement (Hook's Greenhouse) - Amanda Spears (top four in state), Placement (Miller's Orchard)- Sam Miller, and Placement (Common Ground) - Jessica Zurcher(top four in state). Another goal that some of the members work towards is earning the Fair Supreme FFA Exhibitor, this year it went to senior, Jessica Zurcher. Next, the Star Junior Award was handed out to the most deserving of all the juniors, Christine Balint. During the school year leading up to the banquet if a student had A's in class for the first two quarters and on the mid-term they will receive a Scholarship Award. This was awarded to five seniors, eleven juniors, six sophomores, and eight freshmen. Every year the chapter elects at least one honorary member. This year it was decided to have two, this was awarded to very deserving people that help not only our chapter but our community, Mrs. Robin Zurcher, the mom of Jessica Zurcher and also Steve and Courtney Ortnr, the owners of Absolute Machine Tool and parents of Dean Ortnr. When it comes to fundraising for this chapter when someone does very well they are rewarded, so the top three fruit sellers from our Fruit Sale were each given a gift card. The top three in order were Tom Schuman-47.5 boxes, Kyle Kudela-42.5 boxes, and Karley Krupp-37.5 boxes. Even though the seniors of the 2012-2013 officer team were not ready to give up their office, it was time to install the new officers. The 2013-2014 (2012-2103 of

ficer team in parenthesis) officer team consists of President (Abigail Miller)- Emma Ranney, Vice President (Jessica Zurcher)- Christine Balint, Secretary (Emma Ranney)- Mikayla Habeck, Treasurer (Emma Northeim)- Cole Jones, Reporter (Mikayla Habeck)- Alison Butler, Sentinel (Tom Battig)- Jeb Larson, Student Advisor (Callie Stevens)- Sam Miller, Parliamentarian- Emily Pohorence, Assistant Secretary (Alison Butler)- Albert Fath, Assistant Treasurer(Chrissy Balint)- Demi Dovin, and Assistant Reporter(Cole Jones)- Katie Cline. The seniors have a chance to be awarded the Star Senior Award or the Ag Credit 110% Award. This year the Star Senior was Jessica Zurcher and the Ag Credit 110% Award went to Abigail Miller. This May, seven members will be receiving their State FFA degrees, and these members are Cole Jones, Jeb Larson, Abigail Miller, Emma Northeim, Emma Ranney, Amanda Spears, and Callie Stevens. Finally, later this fall three graduates will be receiving their American FFA Degree, this is the highest degree you can be awarded as an FFA Member. The three members are Shelby Balint, Alex Tuggle, and Josh Ward. Overall this was another wonderful banquet that filled many of our members and their families with pride. The Firelands FFA advisor is Mrs. Shanna Finnegan.

By: Alison Butler, Reporter

Star Chapter Member  
Ali Butler



Honorary Members Steve & Courtney Ortnr, owners of  
Absolute Machine Tool, with their son  
and award presenter, Dean Ortnr



Star Junior Chrissy Balint presented  
by Star Senior Jessica Zurcher





## Gimme 5 Trait of the Month: Service

### What Kids Can Learn From Volunteering

If volunteering begins at an early age, it can become part of kids' lives — something they might just expect and want to do.

It can teach them:

- o **A sense of responsibility**
- o **That one person can make a difference**
- o **The benefit of sacrifice**
- o **Tolerance**
- o **Job skills**
- o **How to fill idle time wisely**

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On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland artist Bonnie Dolin visited FES and conducted a day-long workshop with Second Grade students. Students learned about the anatomy of insects and discovered a world of jewelry art that focuses on insects as its theme. They were then able to create their own fabulous wearable "insect art." This visit with the Young Audience artist was made possible by a grant from the Firelands Endowment Fund.



## Lorain County Metro Parks Summer Camps

### "Get Outdoors!"

Lorain County Metro Parks will be hosting a variety of camps for your child

Camps starting at \$80/week offering:

- Nature
- Birding
- Adventure
- Family Camp and more!

For more information, visit [www.MetroParks.cc](http://www.MetroParks.cc) or call (440) 458-5121

Registration begins April 19!

[www.MetroParks.cc](http://www.MetroParks.cc)



## Attention: Parent/Guardian of Current 6th Grade Students:

Because of outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough), the State of Ohio is now requiring students to have a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis booster (DTP or Tdap) by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If one was done in October 2008 or later, your child does not need to get an additional shot but you need to send the record in. If there has NOT been one since October 2008, your child will need to get it. You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics; check <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/immunizations#children> for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367.

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ANYONE WISHING TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT NATALIE SAYLOR AT: 440-965-5872 AND LEAVE MESSAGE OR EMAIL HER AT: SAYLORNATSTEVE@HOTMAIL.COM

This also counts as community service hours for anyone needing them.  
WHEN: JUNE 10, 11, AND 12  
TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.  
WHERE: F.E.S.

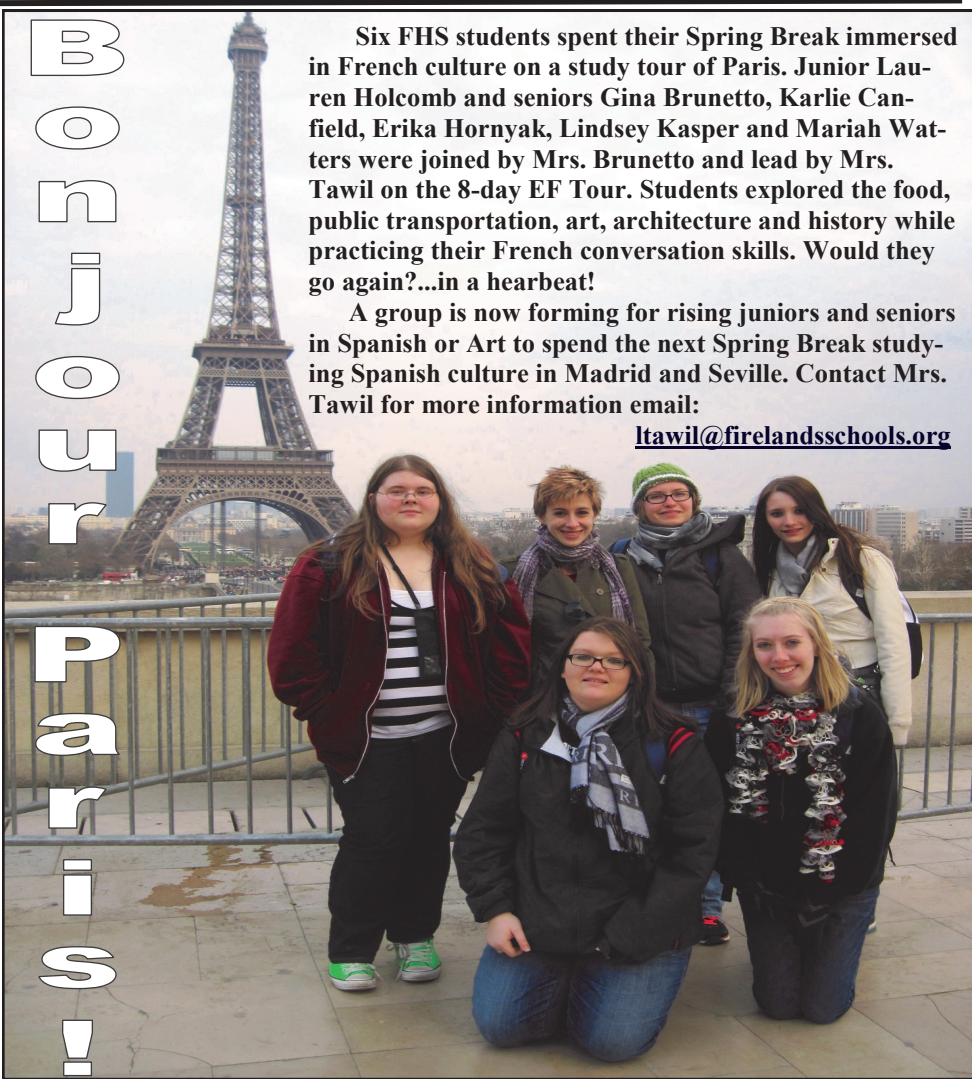


**2013 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The Firelands Chapter of the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> in the High School Gymnasium. 5 juniors and 47 sophomores were inducted and honored for exhibiting outstanding qualities of academics, service, leadership and character. Congratulations to these young men and women for this accomplishment.

2013 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

	<u>11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</u>	
Brittany Bowyer	Amber Gasparini	Lauren Holcomb
Nicolette Jordan	Daniel Truitt	
	<u>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</u>	
Bethany Anderson	Lauren Bansek	Jacob Barnes
Jessica Beran	Andrew Biery	Maisie Bonnett
Olivia Born	Stephen Budweg	Kassady Carrier
Hannah Caruso	Faith Dempsey	Nicole DeWitt
Stephanie Dostall	Brandy Forster	Cullen Grude
Matthew Gulish	Samantha Halcomb	Jody Hanko
Alyssa Hayes	Hannah Hicks	Brandi Holowecky
Rebecca Jackson	Wesley Kromer	Cole Lewis
Elizabeth Loring	Joshua Mallett	Giorgia Nicolaou
Taylor Odom	Jamie Penkava	Leslie Peterson
Abigail Petrey	Emily Pohorence	Rebecca Reicholf
Brittany Reising	Thomas Rose II	Jordan Ruffner
Jacob Rutkowski	Nicholas Schaffer	Cole Sklarek
Heather Smyth	John Socha	Emily Staveski
Spencer Streibel	Arianne Szakal	Mikayla Walbom
Alexandria Yoby	Karley Zimmerman	



Six FHS students spent their Spring Break immersed in French culture on a study tour of Paris. Junior Lauren Holcomb and seniors Gina Brunetto, Karlie Canfield, Erika Hornyak, Lindsey Kasper and Mariah Waters were joined by Mrs. Brunetto and lead by Mrs. Tawil on the 8-day EF Tour. Students explored the food, public transportation, art, architecture and history while practicing their French conversation skills. Would they go again?...in a heartbeat!

A group is now forming for rising juniors and seniors in Spanish or Art to spend the next Spring Break studying Spanish culture in Madrid and Seville. Contact Mrs. Tawil for more information email:

[ltawil@firelandsschools.org](mailto:ltawil@firelandsschools.org)

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

MAY

- May-13 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Brookside 4:30pm
- May-13 Varsity Girls Softball @ Brookside 4:30pm
- May-13 FHS - Choir Concert @ FHS - 7:00p.m.
- May-13 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- May-14 Varsity COED Track @ Fairview 4:30pm
- May-15 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- May-15 - 17 SAMS - 8th Gr Field Trip to Philly
- May-16 Varsity COED Track @ Fairview 4:30pm
- May-17 Fine Arts Festival - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- May-18 Fine Arts Festival - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- May-20 SAMS - Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- May-22 SAMS - 7th Grade Field Trip - Put-in-Bay
- May-23 SAMS - Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- May-24 SAMS - Physics Day at Cedar Point
- May-27 **MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL**

- May-28 - 29 FHS - Senior Exams at FHS
- May- 29 - 31 SAMS - 6th Gr Trip to Beulah Beach
- May - 30 FHS Senior Breakfast, FHS Gym 8 am
- May-30 FHS Commencement Practice, FHS-10 am

JUNE

- JUNE-1FHS - Graduation @ 12:00 Noon**
- JUNE-3FES - Market Day Pickup, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- JUNE-3 - 4 FHS - Underclassman Exams
- JUNE- 4 Last Day of School for Students**
- JUNE-4 FES - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Library
- JUNE-4 FES - Report Cards Sent Home
- JUNE-5 Teacher's In-Service
- JUNE- 6 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm

JULY

- JULY-8 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm

**FHS Artists Included in Library Show**

The Amherst Public Library is blooming with the 2013 "Colors of Art" exhibition. Twenty Firelands High School students are included in the show. Art Fundamentals students: freshmen Rachel Cairns, Rachel Minek and Erica Wasem, sophomores Emily Foster and Brittney Studstill, and junior Dustin Born. The Art 1 students included are: freshmen Taylor Aslaksen, Josh Carpino, Natalie Crawford, J.C. Kasper, Brandon Palmer, Shelley Shupe, Alaina Smith, Mark Roberts, Jonathon Rovere, David Vaughn, Lucas Wells, Rylee Wheaton, and sophomore Kayla Morris. The Friends of the Library host the show each year and cover the walls of the library in a spectacular display of two-dimensional work from area students of all grades. The show runs through Tues. May 21 at 221 Spring St. in Amherst. Library hours are Mon - Thu. 10am - 8:30pm, Fri. - Sat. 10am - 5pm and Sun. 1-5pm.



**LUNCH MENUS**

<p><b>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</b> Regular Lunch \$2.30—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</b> Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>FIRELANDS HIGH</b> Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p><b>MAY 13 - MAY 17</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> - Green eggs &amp; ham, Hashbrown starz, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>MAY 20 - MAY 24</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli &amp; carrots, Chilled fruit, WG graham gripz  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p><b>MAY 27 - JUNE 4</b>  <b>MONDAY - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Baked chicken strips, Smiley fries, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Spaghetti w/meat, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Fish trout treasures, Steamed cauliflower w/cheese, Chilled mandarin oranges, Soft pretzel rod  <b>MONDAY</b> - Hamburger, baked beans, coleslaw, mandarin oranges  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Pizza day, vegetable, fruit</p>	<p><b>MAY 13 - MAY 17</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Toasted cheese Or cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup</p> <p><b>MAY 20 - MAY 24</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Grilled chicken / bun, or Chicken patty w/bun, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin orgs  <b>THURSDAY</b> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Egg &amp; cheese on wg roll or pancake &amp; sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup</p> <p><b>MAY 27 - JUNE 4</b>  <b>MONDAY - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - <b>Chipotle</b> day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean &amp; corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Sliced red peppers, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Bosco cheese sticks or spaghetti w/ meat &amp; roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple  <b>MONDAY</b> - Hot dog, baby carrots, fruit  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Cooks choice, vegetable, fruit</p>	<p><b>MAY 13 - MAY 17</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY - "SCHOOL PICNIC"</b>  Hamburgers, Baked beans, Macaroni salad, Fruit, Chips  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine/spinach salad, Chilled applesauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Toasted cheese Or cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>MAY 20 - MAY 24</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce w/ wg roll, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Egg &amp; 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**IMPORTANT LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**THE LAST DAY TO CHARGE SCHOOL LUNCHESES WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013**

## Spring Sport Summaries

After what seemed like an extended winter, spring appears to be here. Our spring sports season is in full swing. Here are the mid-season summaries as submitted by the coaches.

### High School Track

The Boys and Girls Track Teams have gotten off to a solid start. The weather has played a major roll on performances but the teams have persevered through the month of April. The boys are unbeaten in the conference meets defeating Clearview, Wellington, Keystone and Columbia. The girls have defeated Clearview, Wellington, Columbia and lost by only a couple points to Keystone. Both Boys and Girls Teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Nelson Howe Invitational which had 8 teams competing. The Boys were the top Division II team that ran at the Lorain County Invitational and the Girls were 3<sup>rd</sup> but only a half point out of second. I feel that both teams will compete for top honors at the PAC Conference Meet in two weeks.

### Junior High Track

The boys middle school track team has had a successful season so far. The boys have won 1 quad meet, 3 tri-meets, and lost a close dual with Fairview to open the season. The boys have continued to improve all season long. So far there have been two records set. Colin Myers set the Middle School high jump record with a jump of 5' 10". The boys 4 x 100 relay team of Colin Myers, Ben Akoa, Aaron Alston, and Patrick Brightbill set the school record with a time of 48.8 which is almost a second and a half better than the previous record. The girls track team has had some very good individual performances but have not put together a total team effort to pull out a win. Mikayla Mains has dominated in the high jump, 100 meter hurdles and the 400 meter dash, winning all three in almost every meet. Lynn Schmittle has done well in the long jump, while Madison Sims has done well in the sprints. Also doing well for the girls is Liz Lewis in the shot put and discus as well as Lexi Holowenko in the shot and Sarah Slack in the discus. Both teams compete in the conference meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Firelands High School.

### Varsity Softball

The Falcon Softball Team is currently 8-8 over all going into the last part of their season. One of the big highlights for the team was beating

Black River 13-0 in their first outing. Black River run ruled the Falcons twice last year only to find themselves on the other end this year. Our girls responded very well behind the pitching effort of Samantha Dostall who tossed a 2 hit shut-out in that game. The Falcons have also played defending State Champs Keystone twice already only to lose twice 2-1 & 3-1 with all but 1 of those runs earned. The Falcons will be hosting the Falcon Quad May 11<sup>th</sup> in South Amherst.

### JV Softball

The JV softball team has won 8 in a row to raise its record to 8-2. The only losses were in the first two games of the season and both of those were lost in the last inning with 2 outs. The two biggest wins have come this year against perennial powers Amherst and Keystone, plus a no-hitter vs. Oberlin. MS Softball

### Junior High Softball

SAMS Junior High Softball Team has many outstanding players this year with six returning players now 8<sup>th</sup> graders including Tori Grasso, Hailey Blankenship, Meagan Weller, Olivia Harris, Ashley Riggs, and Lexie Adkins. Most all of these players have participated on softball teams since the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade mostly here at home on the summer league team and a few on the road with their traveling teams. In addition there are 7 new players at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level: Maddy Palmer, Hannah Reynolds, Olivia Novak, Makenna Turton, Samantha Ives, Logan Coon, and Kayla Harwood. Four of these players are first time softball players but all are natural athletes and have learned many things over the length of the season. The Team is currently 3-3 and will most likely win a few more by the end of the season. The team plays well together both offensively and defensively. Maddy Palmer is leading the pitchers with 22 strike outs and an ERA of 0.74 so far this year and Olivia Harris follows with 7 Strike outs and an ERA of 3.82. Tori Grasso leads the team with 33 Putouts and no errors followed by Meagan Weller and Ashley Riggs tied with 13 putouts a piece and 5 errors total. Offensively Hailey Blankenship lead the teams big hits with 2 homeruns and a AVG .533, Olivia Novak continues to get a hit in every game and the crowd always goes wild when she is at the plate. The Firelands Junior High team is Head Coached by Jake Grasso Asst Coach Dave Palmer.

### Varsity Baseball

Varsity baseball has an overall record of 9-10 and a conference record of 7-3. Pitching and defense have been doing a great job this year with a team ERA of 4.09 led by seniors Brett Helton (3-2 0.97ERA 23K 20H 29INN) and Joe San Felippo (2-.48ERA 41K 24H 33INN). Team batting is on the rise after a slow start against top quality pitching and now stands at .270 led by Joe San Felippo (.516 32/62 2HR 26R 15RBI) and Junior Frank Johnson (.353 18/51 1HR 9R 14RBI). The team has done a lot of good off the field as well by raising \$400 for the PHAALS foundation (Playing Hardball Against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and will soon hold another fund raiser for the Cure Tay Sachs Foundation. Tay-Sachs is an always fatal genetic disease of the nervous system typically first noticed by six months and fatal by four years old. We are playing at Lakewood on Saturday May 11 for this local foundation. We were invited to this tournament by Olmsted Falls in part because a little girl, Dakota Bihn, is in a current battle with the disease. You can visit [www.curetay-sachs.org](http://www.curetay-sachs.org) or email the Bihn family directly at [ken.bihn@curetay-sachs.org](mailto:ken.bihn@curetay-sachs.org) for more information on Tay-sachs or to offer help. Joe San Felippo also started his own charity for kids with cancer called Hits For Hope. Last year he raised about \$2,000. This year he is on pace to exceed those donations, and he expanded the charity to include autographed hats from high school teams around Northeast Ohio to be donated to the sick children as they go through treatment to know others are thinking of them.

### JV Baseball

Firelands JV baseball team is 8-9 overall, 6-3 in conference. JV has a strong pitching staff which consist of Bryce Bartolotta, Jack Ofefe, Jeremy Simonovich, Jacob Vaughn and Kaleb Abfall in relief. Jack Okeefe and Kaleb Abfall are two very quick players who are a threat to steal any time they get on. Devin Dumke has the only home run on the team, which was a long home run over the left field fence at Keystone. Over the weekend, we had a double header against Vermilion and lost in 9 innings with Bryce Bartolotta going 7 1/3 innings. The score was 5 to 4. We beat Western Reserve in the second game 25 to 1 with Jacob Vaughn on the mound.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that April was Occupational Therapy month? Probably not because, who knows what Occupational Therapy is? Occupational Therapy is a field of work where the therapist helps a person regain skills they have lost with illness or injury or helps a person gain skills or function with the skills they have if delayed for some reason. They particularly work on the activities of daily life with fine motor skills which for a student are writing, typing, learning, and self care. Firelands has its own Occupational Therapist or OT, Lori Christofferson, primarily supporting special education but also providing some other interventions. She works at all the buildings with students K-12. In the fall, she instructs all the kindergartners on how to hold their pencil with a memorable and fun lesson. Exercises are sent home with all kindergarten packets to assist parents to help their child's fine motor progress. A few students at the much older level may need special training to prepare them for future employment. Students of any age may need extra help to be able to write efficiently and neatly. Occupational Therapist work in many locations like hospitals and nursing homes as well.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN ACTION

Below is a fun activity that Mrs. Mowry's class participated in as a therapy group at SAMS. Her students had studied the sea turtle in their current events newspaper called the News2 You. In their OT group, the students of varying abilities then practiced following a recipe, using utensils, folding shapes with their napkins, using fractions and working together. As a group, they used special software with word prediction and text spoken out loud to write an informational paragraph about the sea turtle. Mrs. Mowry was very pleased with how much they remembered on their own about the lessons and how they created a paragraph together. Of course the most fun part was getting to eat their creations.



By Lori Christofferson OTR/L





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Create some fun this summer with the Amherst Public Library. We have three different summer reading programs designed to get everyone involved.

**Registration begins at the library on June 3.**  
**Online registration is available beginning May 28.**

**Kids' Reading Club** – Kid's who are age 4 through grade 4 can keep track of the time they spend reading and earn prizes.

**Craft Days:** Each Wednesday, beginning June 5 through July 3, the library will offer Make-It Take-It crafts from 11 a.m. through 7 p.m. No registration is required.

**Story Times:** Begin June 3. Pick the day and time that works for you. No registration is required.

**Monday** 10:00 a.m. Waddlers, 12-24 months, at the library  
**Monday** 10:30 a.m. all ages at the library  
**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. all ages at Amherst Township Park  
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**Teens** –Those in grades 5 through 8 have a program all their own. We've got great prizes and special events like Minecraft Mania.

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**Special early bird online registration begins May 28.** Get a jump on summer reading when you register online. You can record the books you read, link to special programs, and submit book reviews online.

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Thank you to the local communities for your support of the spaghetti supper for Huron and Erie County Special Olympics held on April 6th, at Townsend Fire Department. The supper was put on by the Ladies of Wakeman Masonic Lodge. A hearty thank you to Bettcher Industries and Sirna Produce Company, numerous and anonymous community members for helping to make the spaghetti supper fundraiser possible and successful. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. A grand total of \$3,900.00 was collected from the sale of 100 pumpkin rolls made by Henrietta UMC and donated to Wakeman Masonic Lodge to sell; a bake sale and spaghetti supper. Huron and Erie County each received \$1,950.00 to help support their programs for the athletes.



**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**



The 2013 Birmingham Memorial Day Parade's Theme will be "Time To Honor." The Parade will begin at 12 p.m. on **Monday, May 27th** at the Birmingham Community Center with step-off at 1:00 p.m. There will be a ceremony in the Birmingham Cemetery following the Parade. Prizes will be awarded in several groups including Best Decorated Bike, Best Float, 4-H Group, Best Marching Units, Family Unit, & Judges Choice.

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