



# The Firelands Express



VOLUME 8 ISSUE 77

MAY 13, 2017

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As we enter the final weeks of 2016-2017 school year, I would like to thank our entire staff for their hard work and dedication to over 1600 students that attend Firelands Local School District. In addition, the support we receive from our families and countless community members is integral to our organization. As our daily lives seem to get ever busier, the commitment of those who have shared their time, talents and resources over the past year is sincerely appreciated.

As our society continues to change, and in some ways more troubling, I want to assure our community that providing our students a safe and secure learning environment is our first priority. Over the past 18 months the District has:

- ◆ Installed new security cameras at Firelands Elementary School
- ◆ Established a plan to outfit all school busses with cameras by the end of the 2018-2019 school year
- ◆ Implemented a drug testing program at the high school for our student athletes and drivers
- ◆ Invested in a visitor identification system at each of our buildings
- ◆ Hosted two educational programs for parents and community members on drug awareness and parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- ◆ Increased counseling services available to our students on campus
- ◆ Taken a step back to assess our facility challenges and how best to provide safe environments conducive to 21st century learning

Prior to school starting in August, in cooperation with the Lorain County Sheriff's Department, our entire staff will spend a half day in training and participating in an active shooter drill. While the probability of such event occurring is small, we must be prepared should the unthinkable happen.

In closing, as the Class of 2017 leaves us prepared to embark on a new chapter in their life, we are excited to welcome The Class of 2030, our incoming kindergarteners!

Mike Von Gunten  
Superintendent  
FHS Class of 1995  
mvongunten@firelandsschools.org  
@FLSDSuper

## Payton Burgdorf finished 4th in State!

Throughout his freshman season Firelands freshman Payton Burgdorf has had to hear about 1960. That was the last time a Firelands wrestler made it onto the podium.

But with a fourth-place finish at the 2017 OHSAA Division II state wrestling tournament on Saturday, Burgdorf ended the drought. He rallied from an opening-round loss at 106 pounds to win four consolation matches to reach the third-place match.

Payton lost to St. Paris Graham's Tanner Jordan by major decision, 15-2, in the third-place match. But the accomplishment isn't lost on the fearless Falcon Freshman. His humble approach to the meet was in true Falcon fashion as he went to work looking to represent the Firelands community on the mat.

On his way to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match,, Burgdorf beat Christian Wayt of Beloit West Branch, 7-5 in a tiebreaker in the consolation semifinals on Saturday. On Friday he defeated Finnearthy from Circleville 3-2 and got redemption from a 7-3 loss to Ritter from Wauseon in the district championships with a 6-0 victory during the wrestle backs. On day one Payton lost his opening match to Suber from Tallmadge before starting the weekends winning streak by taking out Dima from Germantown Valley View 6-4.

All in all it was a great weekend of wrestling for Payton and the Falcon coaching staff. It was also a fantastic season for all of the Falcons as they repeated as Patriot Athletic Conference Dual-Meet Champions in 2017 capping off a great team season before the State Tournament began.

### Table of Contents

Open Enrollment Applications.....	page 2
School Immunization Requirements.....	page 3
Firelands Youth Cheerleading Squad.....	page 5
Lady Falcons Basketball Camp.....	page 6
Friends of Firelands Donors.....	page 7
Signing Day 2017.....	page 8
FEA Scholarship Award Winner.....	page 9
Band on the Run.....	page 10

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

NONPROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
AMHERST, OH  
PERMIT NO. 117  
POSTAL PATRON

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.

## **FIRELANDS ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR!**

The Firelands Local School District **will be** accepting open enrollment applications for the **2017 - 2018** school year beginning on **Monday, March 6, 2017 from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm** at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst.

Parents from **ANY DISTRICT** in Ohio are welcome to apply for their child/children. **Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.**

**Deadline to apply is August 1, 2017**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU:**

**YOUR CHILD'S LAST REPORT CARD OR**

**TRANSCRIPT (ONLY APPLICABLE FOR**

**GRADES 9 - 12)**

**AND CURRENT IEP, WEP, OR 504 PLAN**

**IF APPLICABLE .**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE STUDENTS OPEN ENROLLED  
AND WILL BE ENROLLING A KINDERGARTENER FOR  
THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, YOU WILL NEED TO  
COMPLETE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR  
YOUR KINDERGARTNER AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

**BEGINNING ON MARCH 6, 2017.**

**PLEASE CALL 440-965-5821**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

## **Do you know how to receive information from FLSD in the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances?**

In the event that a change occurs to a normal school day, information can be obtained from multiple sources. The District uses an all-call system, multiple Twitter accounts, Facebook, text alerts, and web page banners to share important information. We recommend that parents/guardians choose at least *two* methods to receive information from the Firelands Local Schools.

Our communication tools include the following:

**1) All Call Alert System:** If your telephone number or custodial information has changed, please contact your building secretary to notify her of the change(s). **If you have made a change to your phone number, our database must be updated in order for parent calls to be initiated.** Please see the information below to contact the appropriate building to make phone number (or custody) updates:

- Firelands Elementary School: (440) 965-5381
- South Amherst Middle School: (440) 986-7021
- Firelands High School: (440) 965-4255

**2) Twitter Accounts:** Follow these Twitter accounts for up-to-the-minute information!

- @FLSDSuper (Superintendent Mike Von Gunten)
- @Falcon\_update (Public Relations, Jennifer Butchko)
- @Firelandstrans (Transportation Coordinator Milt Saylor)

**3) Facebook:** We have created The Official Facebook page for Firelands! Like us at **The Firelands Falcons**

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons>. <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons> to stay connected.

**4) Text Alert System:**

Parents have the option of utilizing our text alert system as well. In order to enroll in this program, simply go to our home page at [FirelandsFalcons.org](http://FirelandsFalcons.org) and click on the social media tab. Follow the newsletter icon and create an account. You will receive text messages regarding school cancellations, delays or special circumstances once enrolled.

**5) Web Page Notifications:**

Alerts will be posted on our web pages in the event that our school day will be altered.

Information will also be shared to traditional news sources. If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up account please contact Jennifer at (440) 965-5821 ext 1015!

# NOTICE

The Board has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. To that end, The Board of Education passed a resolution prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco, including electronic cigarettes, from being used at any time on school grounds, athletics facilities, or parking lots.

## Looking for Community Information:

Firelands publishes a weekly blog on all community activity. If you have a group that is active in the Firelands district, we are happy to post information regarding events, fundraisers, open houses, etc. You can visit the blog page at <https://ffalcons.wordpress.com> and look for Community Updates.

In addition to the Community Updates, a monthly article is published regarding our Falcon Alumni. Topics covered include graduations, engagements, career changes, new businesses, birth announcements and more.

The above information is also shared on Twitter, @Falcon\_update, and on our new Facebook page, The Firelands Falcons.

To submit information for either topic, please contact Jennifer at [jbutchko@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jbutchko@firelandsschools.org) or (440) 965-5821 ext. 1015.

## 2017-18 Kindergarten Registrations Packet will be available at Firelands Elementary School and on our website beginning on Monday, April 3, 2017!

The registration process will begin on April 10, 2017 at FES in the main office from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. All Kindergarten registration will be done at Firelands Elementary School until June 16, 2017.

After June 16th please register all Kindergarten students at the Board of Education in South Amherst. Please contact Ms. Jackie Swiers at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1024 or by email at: [jswiers@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jswiers@firelandsschools.org), to set up an appointment to register your kindergarten student.

For all other grade levels, parents can begin registering their students for the 2017 - 2018 school year on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

On Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> registration will be from 12:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Registrations after April 11<sup>th</sup> will be by appointment and only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017-18

It is now time to update your child's immunizations. If your child will be entering school for the first time, or after attending school elsewhere, please be sure to check that he/she is in compliance with State of Ohio immunization requirements:

**Kindergarten** – once your child has reached age 4, s/he can complete all required immunizations for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (DPT), polio (IPV), hepatitis B (HBV), measles mumps, rubella (MMR), and varicella (chickenpox). If possible, have them done and bring a copy of the record to Kindergarten registration May 12 - June 16, 2017 at FES.

**Grades 1-6** – same requirements as for Kindergarten

**Grades 7-8** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (DPT booster) and MCV (meningococcal vaccine)

**Grades 9-11** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (received in 7th grade or later)

**Grade 12** – Grades 9-11 requirements plus MCV (must be received at age 16 or older)

Remember to bring your child's immunization records with you when you go to your healthcare provider or clinic. Please send a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse in your child's building, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

The **Lorain County General Health District (LCGHD)** is now offering immunizations by appointment. Call **440-284-3206** to make an immunization appointment for children and adults. Bring all immunization records, insurance cards, and cash or check; although some children may be eligible for discounts under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. All children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

*Note: Ask your provider about additional vaccines that are recommended for children ages 11-19 such as 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.*

### Win a Car!!!

\$20 per ticket

4 winners of a \$100 Gas Card!



The Firelands Athletic Boosters Club AND Joe Firment Chevrolet

## Are Raffleing a 2017 Chevy Cruze!



Winning ticket to be drawn at halftime of the Football Game vs. Vermilion on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Tickets Are Only \$20 Each !

Tickets may be purchased at the High School Athletic Director's office, Deichler's Tire Center, or any of our fantastic coaches, Booster Club members, and student athletes in the district!



# We're your home for expert primary and specialty care.

At University Hospitals Sheffield Health Center, the nationally recognized, high-quality health care you need is closer than ever. Our services include:

**Primary Care | Neurology | Ear, Nose & Throat | Orthopedics  
Physical Therapy | Walk-in Orthopedic Injury Clinic**



Robert Berkowitz, MD  
Board Certified  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Specialty in Spine



John Krebs, MD  
Board Certified  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Specialty in Hand &  
Total Joint Surgery



David Marsh Jr., MD  
Board Certified  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Specialty in  
Sports Medicine



Harkeet Sandu, MD  
Board Certified  
Medical Orthopedics  
Specialty in  
Sports Medicine



William Stanfield, MD  
Board Certified  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Specialty in  
Total Joint Surgery



Daniel Zanotti, MD  
Board Certified  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Specialty in  
Sports Medicine



Robert Zanotti, MD  
Board Certified  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Specialty in Sports Medicine  
& Joint Reconstruction



Ernest DeGidio, DO  
Board Certified  
Specialty in  
Family Practice



Juan Solis, MD  
Specialty in Geriatric  
and Internal Medicine



Marc Guay, MD  
Board Certified  
Specialty in Otolaryngology,  
Head & Neck Surgery and  
ENT Surgery/Audiology



Sanjay Parikh, MD  
Board Certified  
Specialty in Pediatric  
& Adult Neurology

Now accepting new patients.  
To schedule a visit, call 1-800-838-5268.

[UHhospitals.org/Sheffield](http://UHhospitals.org/Sheffield)

5001 Transportation Drive, Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



*All major insurance plans accepted, including Medical Mutual of Ohio (MMO) SuperMed.*








**MIGHTY FALCON**  
*Capital Improvement Fund*

The Mighty Falcon Marching Band needs your help to raise money for new new bleachers and instrument cabinets. The present band bleachers used at the football games are too small since our band continues to grow. The present instrument cabinets have gone beyond their useful life. The new cabinets would be able to be relocated if a new school is built. The estimated cost for these two projects are \$40,000. We are currently looking for donations to assist the Band Boosters with the cost. There are two ways you can contribute :

Go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/firelands-band-capital-campaign> or mail a check payable to Firelands Band Boosters and send it to c/o Melanie Caruso 9775 Gore Orphanage Road, Amherst, OH 44001

*Thank You!*

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



Informational Parent Meeting

When: Monday, June 5th

Where: Firelands Elementary Gym

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$250 (includes uniform, pom-poms, hoodie, and t-shirt)  
for new members

\*Please bring your daughter for sizing

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

Questions: Please call Jackie Ziegler at (940) 315-5178 or email at  
[jaCqueLineZiegler@ncrs.k12.oh.us](mailto:jaCqueLineZiegler@ncrs.k12.oh.us)

### FIRELANDS YOUTH FOOTBALL 2017 Cheer Registration Form

FOR FYC USE ONLY

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Received By \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_  
Shell size \_\_\_\_\_ Skirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Crop \_\_\_\_\_  
Hoodie Size \_\_\_\_\_ Brief size \_\_\_\_\_ Sock Size \_\_\_\_\_



Cheerleader Name & Info: (As it appears on Birth Certificate)

Please complete ALL Information

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Called \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 2017-2018  
School Year

Parent / Guardian Info:

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Medical Treatment Authorization

In the event of injury to \_\_\_\_\_ participant, while participating in, at, or in-route to FYC Football activities, I hereby authorize any emergency or other medical personnel, to perform any treatment for said participant which is deemed necessary by medical or emergency personnel.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Information Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLAIMER & RELEASE:** I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Firelands Youth Football and Firelands Athletic Boosters and their respective agents, representatives, successors and assigns for use, and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with any participation in this program. In return for my child (Participant) being allowed to participate in the Firelands Youth Football (Program), I release and agree not to sue the Firelands Youth Football or the Firelands Athletic Boosters and their employees, sub-contractors, sponsors, agents, and affiliates from all present and future claims that may be made by the Participant or me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns for property damage or personal injury, or however the same may occur. I understand and agree that these funds above are not responsible for any injury or property damage arising from this program, even if caused by their willful negligence. I understand that participation in the program involves certain risk, including, but not limited to serious injury. I also understand that Firelands Youth Football does not cover medical insurance for the Participant and I will provide medical insurance coverage (if needed) for the entire participation period of the Program. I am voluntarily allowing Participant to participate in the Program with knowledge of the danger involved and agree to accept all risks of such participation. I certify that the Participant is in excellent physical health, and may participate in strenuous and hazardous physical activities, including the football to be played in the Program. Permission is granted for Participant to receive emergency medical insurance, if needed. I agree to let the parties use Participant's name and likeness free of charge in any manner and for any purpose without compensation to me or Participant. I understand that this document is intended to be so broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state in which the Program is taking place and agree that if any portion of this agreement is invalid, the remainder will continue in full legal force and effect. I further agree that any legal proceedings related to this waiver will take place in Chester, Ohio. I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant. I am of legal age and am freely signing this agreement. I have read this form and understand that by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and remedies. I represent that I am a parent/legal guardian of the child named above and I agree that the terms of this release are binding on me and the child.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE OF \$150.00 for new members (MADE PAYABLE TO TEAM FIRELANDS)

DEADLINE: June 5, 2017 © ROSTERS WILL BE FILLED ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS



**DOWNSON THE FARM**

Does your child love music?  
Are they interested in animals?

**Music Class on the Farm**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
10am for 1 hour  
For kids of ALL abilities!

**Singing, Dancing, Animals & Fun**

\$15 per class

For more information e-mail  
[downsonthefarmohio@gmail.com](mailto:downsonthefarmohio@gmail.com)

## National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

The first Monday in May each year is National School Bus Driver appreciation day.

This year the Drivers were each presented a carnation from Mrs. Keener, juice and danish were also delivered to the Bus Garage by Mr. Von Gunten. On Wednesday the drivers were treated to a catered brunch, provided by the Firelands Booster Club. We want to thank the driver's for all they do on a daily basis, to get the students transported to and from school, as well as to many athletic and extra trips! Each school day begins and ends with Transportation!



On April 22nd, four of our drivers participated as drivers in the Regional School Bus Driver's Road-e-o at Buckeye High School. This year's events included a written test, curb line pull up, right hand turn, student pick up and drop off, both right and left, backing serpentine, depth perception, off Set Street, railroad crossing and stop line. A big Thank You to Natalie Saylor, Diane Votruba, Sarah Watts and Stacy Studstill for representing Firelands Local Schools at this event. Together their team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also helping out that day as judges, were Sara Schlechter and Milton Saylor.

Road Construction on State Route 113 continues as they are grinding the old pavement down and preparing to lay the new pavement down. We will continue experience delays on bus routes until the project is complete.

Joppa Road will also be closed as of May 8<sup>th</sup> throughout the remainder of this school year as well; they are replacing the bridge between Mason and Furnace Roads. This will mainly affect Bus #8.



# CURRICULUM UPDATE

## FUNDATIONS

FUNDATIONS is coming to FES! This early literacy resource gives K-3 students a multisensory, structured language approach to reading. Foundations provides research-based materials and strategies essential to a comprehensive reading environment. Foundations makes learning to read fun while laying the groundwork for life-long literacy. Students in K-3 will increase their foundational skills emphasizing phonemic awareness, phonics, high frequency words, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, and handwriting. Students will have multiple opportunities for skills practice and application to build mastery in the areas mentioned above. Foundations guides

teachers to meet individual student needs by differentiating instruction and encourages parental involvement in their students learning. Foundations integrates skill instruction during the daily lessons then reinforces corresponding skills needed to master the multiple skills taught on a daily basis. Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for students to learn to read. Reading is an essential skill for success in school and later in life.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

FES will host a summer reading program June 12<sup>th</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be an intensive program designed to enhance your child's

reading skills and to assist them in reaching their educational needs. The program will run from 8:00-11:30 daily for three weeks. Research supports that students experience learning and reading loss when they are not taking part in active education for an extended time. A summer reading program is an excellent way of forestalling such reading loss. We are hoping that the students take what they learn during the summer reading program and continue those skills as part of their summer vacation. Reinforcing these skills throughout the summer will prepare the students for entering school in the fall.



Our Firelands Senior Class of 2017 includes two Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients! Grace and Sophia Pohorence will be earning the highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouts in June of 2017 for their leadership and service to the community. The Gold Award is only earned by 3% of Girl Scouts and generally takes 200 hours of planning and implementation.

Grace Pohorence, worked with Mrs. Tawil, our high school art teacher, to identify a need in the Firelands community. Feeling strongly about the power of art as a creative

tool and stress reliever, Grace planned to implement an art camp for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. She worked hard to keep the camp at a low cost to families. Grace gathered donations to make four Adirondack chairs, taught her fellow FFA classmates the steps in building them and oversaw painting by the Firelands Art Society. She raffled the chairs to help fund the camp which was held in July 2016 for 50 students. FHS students worked as camp counselors, after taking part in months of planning, to run daily activities and an art show at the end of the week. The camp was so successful that it will be held again this summer and, hopefully, for many to come, passing along Grace's love for art to younger Firelands students!

Sophia Pohorence used a past experience to bring her Gold Award project to life. Sophia and her twin sister, Grace, are Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome survivors. TTTS is a disease of the placenta which creates unequal blood flow and access to nutrients for twins. It is often a fatal disorder. Sophia contacted the founder of the TTTS Foundation, began taking part in educational oppor-

tunities and realized there was a need for care packages to be sent to families dealing with a TTTS diagnosis. Sophia gathered donations to send out educational books, hygiene and notetaking supplies to be used during hospital stays, candles handpainted with the TTTS emblem and, most importantly, hand crocheted baby blankets. Knowing the blankets would be time consuming, Sophia enlisted her FFA Chapter's Crocheting for a Cause group to assist her in making them. She instructed students on crocheting and held meetings after school to put the blankets together. Local Mothers of Twins clubs and Sacred Heart Church crochet club also helped Sophia reach and surpass her goal, making 120 blankets for the care packages.

Grace and Sophia would like to thank the Firelands High School students and staff for helping them achieve their goals of earning their Gold Awards. Special thanks to Mrs. Tawil and Mrs. Finnegan, who helped oversee and guide both projects!

# NOTICE

We would like to invite you to visit our website at:

[www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)

to stay updated with the latest District news, posts, upcoming events, calendars, tweets.....etc. for all school buildings.

Please contact the board office if you have any questions.

440-965-5821

## Lady Falcons

## Basketball Camp

Lady Falcons Basketball Camp will be held at the High School from June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Grade levels will be next year's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and also next year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I will have fliers passed out at each building, the cost is \$40.00 per camper and they can email me if they have any questions-  
[dkudela@firelandsschools.org](mailto:dkudela@firelandsschools.org)

thanks- Dave Kudela

# Friends of Firelands Donor Appreciation

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

## Patrons

Alan Januzzi, CPA

Betsy & Jay Kuhn

Brian-Kyles Construction Inc.

Custom Homes by Mike Dzia

Dan DePalma Insurance & Financial Service

FEA/NEOEA Public Relations Mini Grant

Firelands Teachers, Support Staff, & Administration

Florence Township Fire Department

German's Villa

I.U. of Bricklayers & Allied Craft Workers

In Memory of Mike Baumbick-Darla Baumbick

Joe & Allie Smith, MLB Pitcher & Sports Reporter

John Keressi, Attorney

Kari & Craig Cupach

Matt & Ellen Gundersen, PNC Farm

Matthew Stempowski DDS

MCPC

Mowry Photography

RE Rice Inc

Timberwood Forestry

Vaughn Auto Repair, D & A Towing & Recovery

VonGunten Family

## Partners

Bettcher Industries

BJ's Wholesale Club – Avon

Born's Machining/Born 2 Laser

Cleveland Browns, Johnathan LaForce

Copley/Bevington Families



Craig Norton

Cutting Edge Excavating

Hilltop Service Performance

Janet Latto, Thirty-One Consultant

John & Jeanne Carlock

JUDCO Inc.

Nowak Tours

Sassy Chics New & Rustic Trading Post

Thomas P. Dinger

Vermilion Lions Club

Wade & Lesa LaForce

## Supporters

Andy & Kathy Gulish

Butchko Family

Finn Laursen

Kelli's Kettle Corn

Lake Screen Printing

Marriane Pellittieri

Matt Smith

Megan & Vince Notarberardino

Wendy LaForce-Zambo, Howard Hanna Realty

## Friends

Anne Callahan

Carrie Norheim

Dairy Queen

Dr. Robert Hill

Greg Ring

Linda & Geoffrey Gatz

Vicki Hayes



*Thank you to our Sponsors!!*

LCCC

South Amherst Fireman's Association

Florence Township Fire Department

Gyro's and More

The Cuyahoga Group

Mowry Photography LLC

Larry's Driving School

Deichler Tire Care

Cedarside Animal Center

Bettcher Industries

Alan Januzzi, CPA

Amherst Eagles

Firelands School District

Firelands Administration

Mighty Falcon Parents

Mighty Falcon Volunteers

Mighty Falcon Fans

Millers Orchards

Swier's Family

Willis Family

Hayes Family

Caruso Family

MacLean Family

Wright Family

Zachary Ridenour

Born 2 Laser

Nordson Corporation

Socha Family

*From the Mighty Falcon Marching Band*

## Emergency Alert Notifications

Should situations arise that necessitate district personnel to communicate information to you regarding school closings, delays or other non-routine or emergency situations, the district will notify parents/guardians in the following ways:

- ◆ district all-call system
- ◆ online at [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)
- ◆ via Twitter at @Falcon\_update
- ◆ Facebook at iAmFirelands

Should parental/guardian contact information change over the year, please remember to update your information.

## Signing Day 2017

Congratulations to the 12 Firelands High School Seniors who will be continuing their academic and athletic careers in college. The student-athletes will play seven different sports and have signed to continue their careers at 10 different colleges or universities. The Senior signees were:

- Patrick Brightbill (Malone, soccer)
- Trevor Damron (Coastal Carolina, baseball)
- John Gall (Heidelberg, soccer)
- Tori Grasso (Capital, basketball)
- Kyle Hieb (Mount Union, wrestling)
- Daniel Hribal (Mount Union, baseball)
- Doc Januzzi (Waynesburg, basketball)
- Ben Markovich (Heidelberg, football)
- Colin Myers (Wilmington, basketball)
- Maddie Sims (Mount Union, track)
- Trevor Stefanski (Ashland, football)
- Megan Vaughn (Baldwin Wallace, track)

**Congratulations to our seniors and good luck to them as they look to continue the stellar careers they have finished at FHS.**







# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 1817-2017 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Our annual Birmingham Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 29th.

Line-up will be at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center with the Parade starting at 1:00 p.m.

Our Speaker will be Dr. Beeman. Please consider decorating your floats, bikes and other parade entries from the 1800's.

Joining us will be the Florence Township Historical Society to celebrate Florence Townships Bicentennial. There will be re-enactment speakers, displays and pictures following the service in the cemetery. And of course, Birthday cake and ice cream in the Community Center. Let's have fun and dress for the times!



**SOUTH AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL**  
- CAVALIERS -  
1923-1988

Dear South Amherst High School Alumni,

You are cordially invited to attend the south Amherst High School Alumni Banquet:

Saturday, July 22, 2017 @ 5:00p.m.

New Russia Township Hall (Ease Side)

46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin, Ohio

Parking is behind the building.

Doors open at 4:00p.m.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., catered by Fligner's

THE MENU:

Swiss Steak	Mashed Potatoes	Salad & Rolls
Stuffed Cabbage	Green Bean Casserole	Dessert & Coffee

A program and music, by Musik Masters DJ will follow. In addition, numerous raffles will be held! The cost is \$30.00 per person. Admission to the dance only is \$5.00 per person, beginning at approximately 7:00p.m.

BYOB - The Alumni Association will supply cups, ice, lemonade, and water.

The Class of 1967 is this year's 50-year honor class. If you are a member and plan to attend, you and your guest are invited compliments of the Alumni Association. However, please be sure to make a reservation as soon as possible. Likewise, everyone should RSVP by returning the stub below, before Friday July 7, 2017.

We are seeking donations for our scholarship program. Please send all contributions to Barb (Stargel) Standen, 915 Milan Ave., Amherst, Ohio 44001. Your generosity is extremely appreciated. In addition, scholarship application forms are available through Pam Pollack (440-775-7887) or Barb (Stargel) Standen (440-988-3505). Application are due back by June 26, 2017.

Harold Dalton, President - 2017 Alumni Board

Pam Pollack, Marilyn Wilhelm, Donna Palmer, Janet Allsop, Barbara & Wade Standen, JoyceAnn Dalton, Debbie & Alvin Miller, George McKinney, Jerry & Raynelle Bozicevich

Return this portion with your check or money order by July 7, 2017 to:  
Jerry & Raynelle Bozicevich, 187 Sipple Ave., Amherst, Ohio 44001 (440-988-5410)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a few songs you would like to hear on the DJ's playlist:

## 50 Year Reunion!

The class of 1967 will be holding a reunion on September 29th and 30th, 2017! The class will have a tour of Firelands High School on the 29th at 6:00 pm and then will stay to watch the Homecoming football game. On the 30th, members of the class of 1967 will gather at the recently renovated Brownhelm school (located on North Ridge Road) for dinner.

In order to include everyone, we need your help in locating the following people:

Mr. Gordon M. Brown  
Mr. Richard David Bures  
Ms. Cindy Gerstacker Wickham  
Ms. Norma Krosen Miller  
Ms. Marlene Simmons Harmond  
Mr. Don Van Meter

If you have any information on these classmates please contact  
Jim Tansey at (419) 706-8458 or  
[jmtanse@aol.com](mailto:jmtanse@aol.com)  
(subject line: class of 1967).  
Thanks for your help and  
Go Falcons!

## FEA Scholarship Award Winner

In order to win the FEA Scholarship, the winner has to write an essay about a problem that they see in today's world, and what they personally would do to solve the problem. This year's winner wrote about Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome, or TTTS. Occurring in only identical twins, TTTS is a serious disorder when the blood flow and placenta share are not equally distributed, and the twin with the larger portion are at a greater risk of mortality.

This year's winner is a 4-year band member, and a member of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. She also was a member of the Volleyball team for 1 year. She has been involved in Buckeye Girls State, Firelands Express Art Camp, and Girl Scouts. She is also a member of a 4-H Club, as well as a FFA Member, where she has won the Greenhand Award, Star Greenhand Award, Star Sophomore, and is currently working on trying to achieve the Fruit Production SAE Award. She was also awarded a State Degree in FFA in 2015.

The FEA has the pleasure of announcing that this year's FEA Scholarship winner is Grace Pohorence.



MFMB 2017



# SENIORS

*Thanks for the Memories*

**FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENTS

**THE MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND'S**

**BAND  
ON THE  
RUN 5K**  
1 MILE FUN RUN
**SUNDAY  
JUNE 25, 2017**

Location: Lorain County Metro Park  
Vermilion River Reservation - Bacon Woods  
Vermilion, Ohio

Start Time: 7:30am - Registration  
9:00am - 5k Starts  
9:05am - 1 Mile fun run

Course: Enjoy a beautiful run through the scenic Bacon Woods trails and open fields.

Registration: \$25.00 pre-registration, \$30.00 the day of the race.  
All mailed pre-registered entries must be received by Wednesday, June 21st.  
Guaranteed T-shirts to all pre-registered participants

Online registration: [www.hermescleveland.com](http://www.hermescleveland.com)  
On line registration closes at 9am on Friday, June 23rd.

Mail entry forms to: Hermes Sports & Events  
2425 W. 11th. St., Suite 2,  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
\*Checks payable to Hermes Sports & Events

Age groups: 9 & under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 & over

**HAVING A PARTY?**Call **C & T'S RENTAL****440-985-9334****Dennis Stock****Chairs, Tables & Tents****for Every Occasion!****Lowest Prices Guaranteed!****CHAIRS: .50 CENTS A CHAIR****TABLES: \$5 EACH****TENTS: 20 x 20 = \$50, 20 x 30 = \$75,  
20 x 40 = \$100*****Tent Set Up Available \$40*****PACKAGE: 20 x 20 Tent, 64 Chairs,  
8 Tables & 2 sides for Tent \$125****Pick Up - OR - Delivery Available**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M/F

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18

X \_\_\_\_\_  5K  Mile fun run Shirt Size  
S/M/L/XL/XXL

**Waiver:** in signing this waiver for myself or the entrant (when under 18) I understand the intent of this release and agree to absolve Hermes Sports & Events, all of the sponsors, organizers, and associated entities, be they individuals or organizers, singly and collectively of all blame for any injury, misadventure, loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in the Band on the Run 5K run/1 mile fun run or with any connection with an activity associated with the said Band on the Run 5K run/1 mile fun run and will allow publication of any photos or quotes acquired during the run.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Firelands Local Schools Institutes A New

*"Safer Schools Tip Line"*

Operated by the Ohio Department of Public Safety-Office of  
Homeland Security,

**844-SaferOH****(844-723-3764)**

is an anonymous tip line that will accept both calls and texts  
24 hours a day. This service allows both students and adults  
to share information regarding any safety concerns with  
school officials and law enforcement.



**Birmingham United Methodist Church**  
 15018 South Street  
 Birmingham  
 Church Office - 440-965-4653  
 "Where we enter to worship, and leave to serve!"  
 Worship Service: 10:45 AM  
 Sunday School: 10:45 AM

**STERKS CATERING**  
 All Occasion Parties  
Reservations:  
**(440) 775-0028**  
 www.sterks catering.com

**Henrietta United Methodist Church**  
 www.henriettaumc.com  
 "Pray For Our Children & Our Nation"  
 52148 S.R. 113  
 (Telegraph Rd)  
 440-233-5200  
Worship Services:  
 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00a.m.

Support the Firelands Board of Education and help us to maintain the Firelands Express!  
**ADS ARE ONLY \$200 A YEAR!**  
 Contact the Firelands Board Office at 440.965.5821  
 Please submit all articles and photos to:  
Lseman@firelandsschools.org

**MATTHEW A. STEMPOWSKI**  
 FIRELANDS GRAD 1989

 **Apple Hill**  
 Bulk Food, Spices, Baking Supplies, Candy, Nuts, Dried Fruit, Apples, Bulk Chocolate, Cider. Custom Made Gift & Fruit Baskets - School Tours - Sept. & October  
**440.965.7077**



**TIM HOZALSKI, P.S.**  
 OWNER  
  
 CELL: 440-864-9058  
 OFFICE: 440-865-8445  
 FAX: 440-579-0209  
 EMAIL: VECTORSURVEYING@YAHOO.COM  
 SERVING LORAIN, ERIE, HURON & SURROUNDING COUNTIES

**GENERAL FAMILY DENISTRY**  
 Early morning & evening appointments  
 New Patients Welcome!  
**(440) 233-4155**  
 1936 Cooper Foster Park Rd. W  
 Lorain, OH 44053

**HOLKENBORG EQUIPMENT CO.**  
 9513 U.S. Hwy. 250 N.  
 Milan, OH 44846  
 Toys, Clothing, Gifts, Tractors, Mowers, Gators  
**419-626-6640**  
 "Your John Deere Destination"  
 Authorized John Deere Dealer  




**Kennie Searight**  
 Buying Antiques, Estates, Contents of Barns, Attics, Basements, & Garages  
 Cell: 440.371.5594  
 Email: kenniesearight@yahoo.com  
 Wood Boxes/Crates, Old Photographs & Postcards, Scrapbooks, Military, Knives, Old Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Items, Animal Figurines, Dog Memorabilia Especially Hounds & Hunting dogs, Crocks, Gold/Silver, Jewelry, Pottery, Glassware Advertising Tins/Signs, Milk Bottles, Mason Jars, Old Toys, Tools, Wood Primitives, Farm Collectibles, Historical Memorabilia for Lorain, Medina, Huron, & Wayne Counties, Old Paper Booklets, Advertisements, & Ephemera Of All Areas.

**F A B C NOTICE**  
 Attention all parents, grandparent and students: The Firelands Athletic Booster Club is always looking for new members to help our organization. The meetings are every fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Visit the website for further membership information or contact any booster officer for more information.

**Tree Trimming, Tree Removal and Stump Grinding Since 1964**  
 Call **Edwards Tree Service**  
**440-988-4477**  
 Owner is Firelands Graduate of 1958





# FIRELANDS FARM, INC.



All natural grain fed freezer beef  
 Sold by half or quarter  
 Ron Baumann, Owner  
 440/653-7189

## Mowers, Tractors, Ag Equipment, UTVs, Construction Equipment

Sales • Service • Parts • New & Used



### POLEN IMPLEMENT

*Keep Rollin' with Polen!*  
 42255 Oberlin Elyria Rd/Elyria, Ohio  
 440-322-8821/www.polenimplement.com

## BETTCHEER Industries, Inc.



*An active member  
 of the community*

### BROTHER'S CHEVROLET

46767 St. Rt. 18 W.  
 Wellington, OH 44090  
 www.brotherschevy.com

**Aaron Dunn**  
 Sales Manager  
 adunn@brotherschevy.com  
 Cell (440) 666-6253  
 (440) 647-5381  
 (800) 322-5381  
 Fax (440) 647-6354



12708 Butler Rd.  
 Firelands Schools  
 2.9 Acres \$249,900



Natalie Iafolla, Realtor  
 440-308-7336  
 The Dodson Team  
 Howard Hanna Smythe  
 Cramer



Gary Dodson  
 440.320.6464



Buying Timber/Logging  
 Select Harvest/Veneer  
 Woodlot Management  
**(440) 320-4253**  
 timberwoodforestry.net

## Firelands Board of Education

**PRESIDENT:**  
 Ben Gibson  
 440-320-3427

**VICE-  
 PRESIDENT:**  
 Mike O'Keefe  
 440-670-6469

Jane Battig  
 440-965-5505

Tom Myers  
 440-864-4478

Dan Pycraft  
 440-774-2310

## 2016 - 2017 Board Meetings

- AUGUST 8, 2016
- SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
- OCTOBER 10, 2016
- NOVEMBER 9, 2016
- DECEMBER 12, 2016
- JANUARY 9, 2017\*\*
- FEBRUARY 13, 2017\*\*
- MARCH 13, 2017\*\*
- APRIL 10, 2017\*\*
- MAY 8, 2017\*\*
- JUNE 12, 2017\*\*
- JULY 10, 2017\*\*

\*\*Tentative, subject to Board approval

**Meetings Begin  
 at 7:00 pm**



## Deichler's

Tire & Service Center

48487 State Route 113 W.  
 South Amherst, OH 44001

**Phone 440-986-9701**

*Full Service Automotive Repair*

**Serving Firelands Since 1953**

## Piggy's

Main Street Market



In Beautiful Downtown  
 South Amherst  
 136 East Main Street  
 440.986.7482



## Cedarside Animal Hospital

12220 Gore-Orphanage  
 Road  
 Wakeman, OH



**Phone: 440/965-4660**

Jane Bradford-Battig, D.V.M.  
 Leonard R. Battig, D.V.M.



## R.E.RICE INC.



Bulk Landscape Materials



TO ALL FIRELANDS RESIDENTS  
 with the purchase of \$100 or more in  
 bulk landscape products  
**MULCH - TOPSOIL - SWEET PEET  
 DRIVEWAY STONE**

**Call (440)988-7189**

Not valid with other discounts