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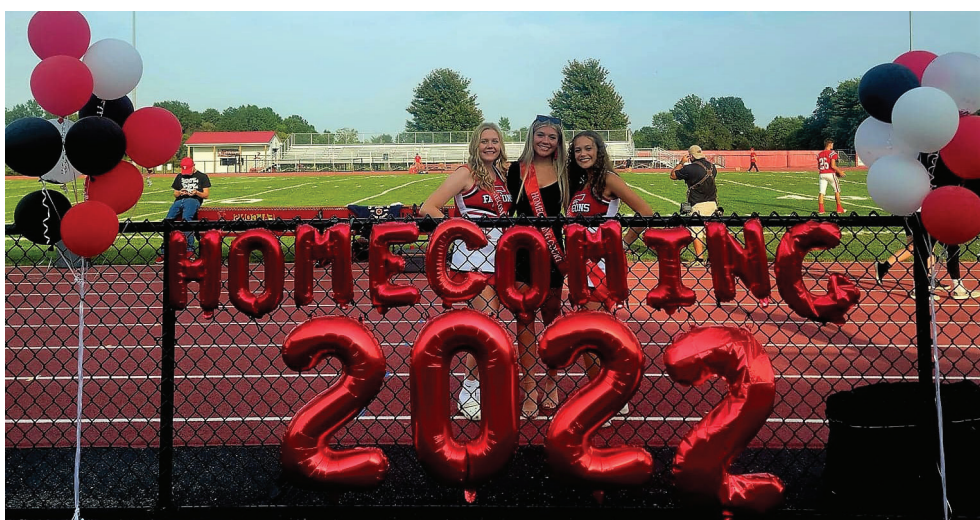


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Homecoming Highlights Include Big Win over Oberlin



Our students had a great Homecoming week! Firelands Middle and Firelands High School each held Spirit Weeks leading up to the Homecoming festivities. In keeping with tradition, students nominated the annual Homecoming Court through a Google survey. The underclassmen and senior nominees were introduced at the pep rally and again at the game.

Prior to kickoff, the 2022 Homecoming Queen and King were announced. Congratulations to Zoe Gifford and Connor Beno!

The Mighty Falcon Marching Band Alumni were once again invited to take the Falcon field during halftime. This tradition is alive and well at Firelands High School!

The Firelands Falcons played the Oberlin Phoenix and won 65-0. The Firelands vs. Oberlin game was nominated, along with 3 other games, to be the Cleveland Browns High School Game of the Week. By popular vote, our game won! Coach Ryan O'Rourke was named Coach of the Week, and the game MVP was Weston Strader. Along with this recognition, the Falcons received extended game coverage, articles and pictures along with \$2,000 for the program and a chance to earn an additional \$4,000. Logan Galligan was named by WOBL as Player of the Game, and Kee on Sports named Jim Aunspaw their Player of the Game.

A big shout out to the new Student Council advisor, Mr. Nate Hartsel and members of Student Council for all of their hard

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FFA Has Successful Year at the Lorain County Junior Fair

In order for Firelands FFA members to show at the Lorain County Fair, they need to develop a Supervised Agricultural Experience project, sign up to show the project, and keep records of finances and journal their time. Firelands FFA students spent countless hours working to get animals and still life projects ready for the Lorain County Fair. Our chapter works very hard all year round to make sure every member has a successful fair! We are proud of the members that had outstanding projects at this year's fair.

Agricultural, Shop and Crop Awards - Holden Harker: Grand Champion Vegetable and Champion Specialty Crop; Garrett Schlechter: Grand Champion Field Crop; Cameron Mulica, Honorable Mention FFA Sawhorse; Kyleigh Klingshirn: Reserve Champion Medium Restoration; Olivia Howells: Grand Champion Large Restoration; Ruth Howells: Reserve Grand Champion Restoration Engineering & Reserve Grand Champion Large Restoration LaGrange Engine Club.

Beef and Dairy Awards - Maria Dicesare (pictured below, second from left): Grand Champion Beginner Beef Showmanship, Reserve Champion Bred, Born, and Raised Modern Beef Steer; Kyleigh Klingshirn: Reserve Champion Senior Beef Breeding Showmanship, Reserve Champion Beef Breeding, Reserve Champion Cow and Calf Project; Jocelyn Wyatt: 5th Overall Modern

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Donate Your FFA Jacket!

Do you have an old FFA jacket collecting dust in your closet? We would be happy to take it off your hands. Extra jackets are used as loaners for FFA members who do not have their own jackets.

Please contact Mrs. Finnegan sfinnegan@firelandsschools.org or Mrs. McCarty smccarty@firelandsschools.org if you would like to donate! You can also sponsor a jacket (\$75) through the Beck's Hybrids First Year Member Jacket Program, please visit <https://ohioffa.org/foundation/programs/blue-jackets/> for details!



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Beef Market Steer, 3rd Beginner Modern Beef Showmanship; Callie Finnegan: 4th Beef Breeding Showmanship, Reserve Champion Sr. Heifer Calf. **Hog Awards** - Callie Finnegan: Reserve Class Champion market hog; Jocelyn Wyatt: Class Champion Market Gilt, Class Champion Market Barrow.

Fowl Awards - Amy

Gerber: Reserve Champion Egg Layer, Reserve Champion Bantam Duck, Overall Market Chicken Showmanship, Grand Champion Self-Determined Birds, 1st Place Sr. Market Chicken Showmanship, Best Overall Standard, 5th Place Pigeon Showmanship, 3rd place Waterfowl Showmanship, Grand Champion Asiatic, Reserve Champion Asiatic, Reserve Champion Overall Waterfowl, Reserve Fowl of Show; Holden Harker: Reserve Champion Market Turkey; Olivia Howells: 5th Sr. Turkey Showmanship; Ruth Howells, 7th Sr. Turkey Showmanship.

Sheep Awards - Holden

Harker: Reserve Champion Yearling Ewe, Grand Champion Aged Ewe, 3rd place Sr. Sheep Showmanship; Addison Webb:

Ruth Howells (above left on the right), Goat Rate of Gain Champion; Olivia Howells with her restored tractor (below center), Champion Engineering; and Holden Harker (below right), Reserve Champion Market Turkey.

Grand Champion Overall Lamb Showmanship.

Goat Awards - Olivia

Howells: Dairy Goat Intermediate class champion, Dairy Goat Reserve Grand Champion overall, and Champion level 4 pack goat; Ruth Howells: Reserve Class Champion 2 and under, 3 Year Milker, and 5th place Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Market Goat Rate of Gain; Addison Beal: Overall Pygmy Wether Champion, Overall Pygmy Showmanship Reserve Champion.

Rabbit Awards - Patrick

Geist: 6th place Rabbit Showmanship. **Dog Obedience Awards** - Callie Finnegan: Champion Dog Showmanship Intermediate B, 3rd place Obedience Pre-Novice, Champion Agility Level 1.

Horse Awards - Jocelyn

Wyatt: Grand Champion Western Sr. Horse Showmanship; Lillian Chenoweth: Jr. Horse Western Showmanship Champion, Horse Ranch Riding Champion, Jr. Horse Western Horsemanship Reserve Champion, Horse Reining Reserve Champion, Jr. Horse Contest Horsemanship Reserve Champion, Jr. Horse Pole Bending Reserve Champion, Horse Versatility

Overall Reserve Champion; Jordyn Simpson: Reserve Champion Jr. Miniature Horse Showmanship, Grand Champion Overall Halter Gelding, Reserve Champion Jr. Jumper, Grand Champion Jr. Hunter, Grand Champion 1st and 2nd year Driver, 3rd place Jr. Trail in hand, 3rd place Saddle Horse Western Showmanship; Callie Finnegan: Miniature Horse Showman of Showmen, Champion junior Miniature Horse Showmanship, Champion Trail in Hand Miniature Horse, 3rd Hunter Jumper Miniature Horse, 3rd place Pleasure Driving Miniature Horse, 5th overall Saddle Horse Versatility, Reserve Champion Contest Showmanship Saddle Horse, 3rd in Barrels, 3rd in Trail Saddle Horse, Champion Reining, 3rd in Western Pleasure, & 3rd in Showmanship Saddle Horse.

Sweepstakes Showman of Showman

Callie Finnegan: Overall Grand Champion Sweepstakes Showman Large Animal; Addison Webb: Overall Reserve Champion Sweepstakes Showman Large Animal; Maria Dicesare: 5th overall Sweepstakes Showman Large

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work! Thank you to the following students for making Homecoming 2022 so great: Isabell Bermudez, Nina Hoffman, Madelyn Beury, Addy Justice, Abby Alheit, Bryan Taylor, Christian Yost, Jules Perkins, Aidan Bokulich, Sophia Stepp, Andrew Bartish, Trevor Wiley, Devon Bray, Micah Lee, Skylar Gibelyou, Andie Eberhardt, Lilly Schmittle, Kendal Fleming-Critelli, and Kendra Hardwick.

In addition, the following students helped with decorating the Halls at FHS: Zoe Gifford, Gracyn Gifford, Madison Jessel and Kylie Sutorious.

Many thanks to a great group of parents for decorating the Falcon Stadium: Kristine Duke, Nikki Beal, Jessica Gonzales and Stephanie Gibelyou. The decorations were moved to the

high school for the Homecoming Dance. Students were able to walk the red carpet upon arrival this year. The dance sold out all printed tickets and walk in students were accepted at the door. Congratulations on the outstanding turn out!

*From the Firelands Blog
Jennifer Butchko, Public Relations*



More homecoming pictures are on the Firelands Blog and the Firelands Falcons Facebook page.



Homecoming court pictured from left to right: Lexi Schrader, Kameron Williams, Lauren Phillips, Chris Radman, Connor Beno, Zoe Gifford, Alec Urbansky, Zadie Grude, Corey Ransom, Lauren Valerius, Lauren Soltis, Conner Rogers, Abel Coultrip, Grace Stanley, Arianna Floyd, and Elijah Zidar.



FFA, from p. 2 Animal.

Junior Fair Board members are volunteers who spend hours upon hours working to get the junior fair ready. The Junior Fair is designed, planned, and run by this group of determined youth. We thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to make this year's fair happen. Firelands FFA Members serving on Lorain County Junior Fair Board include executive members Steven Jessel, Morgan Dicesare, Holden Harker, and Matthew Schnell. Members also include Maria DiCesare, Madisyn Jessel, Maddy Chenoweth, Jolee Wissinger, Gabrielle Zadorozny, Joel Polen, Zoe Gifford, Amy Gerber, Paige Foreman and Callie Finnegan.

The Firelands FFA has not only had success at the Lorain County Fair but at the Ohio State fair as well. Congratulations to Amy Gerber, 2nd Place Avian Bowl Senior Team. Callie Finnegan: 5th overall Showmanship Miniature Horse, 5th place Pleasure Driving Miniature Horse, 4th place Reinsmanship Miniature Horse, Reserve Champion Costume Class, 5th place 13 Year Old Skillathon, 5th place Junior Communications, 7th place Pig Skillathon. An amazing job was done by all Firelands FFA members with their projects this year!

Thank you to the Livestock Sale Committee and auctioneers for volunteering their time to the Junior Fair auction, we couldn't have done it without you! We thank each and every one of the parents, award sponsors, and buyers for coming out and supporting our Firelands FFA members at the 2022 Lorain County Fair!

*Submitted by Maria DiCesare
FFA Reporter*

News from Firelands High School

Congratulations to Weston Strader, the Jenny's Old Fashioned Popcorn Player of the Week for the week of September 26th. Jenny sent an award and giant box of popcorn to the school in his name.

Mrs. McCarty took 28 FFA greenhands (pictured below) to FFA Camp Muskingum from Sept 25-27th. Greenhand Camp is for freshman or sophomore students who are participating in their first

year of Agricultural Education. This three-day camp emphasizes team building, goal setting, introductory FFA, and plenty of recreational opportunities.

Last spring the Equine Judging Team placed 5th in Ohio, allowing them to earn a trip to a national judging competition. They have qualified to judge at the "Big Daddy" of all horse shows, All American Quarter Horse Congress, October 11-13. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip for kids interested in the equine industry. Congratulations to Kyleigh Klingshirn, Ava Fontaine, and 2022 grads Maddy Chenoweth and Morgan DiCesare.

The FHS Homecoming dance was held on September 17th in the auxiliary gym at FHS. The students were greeted by their parents as paparazzi while we rolled out the red carpet to welcome them. This year's dance had the highest attendance in years and students had a wonderful time dancing the night away!

FHS held parent teacher conferences on October 6th and 12th. On October 6th, Ms. Keener held a graduation requirements presentation, followed up by representatives from College Now discussing financial planning for college. Parents were able to create their



Ms. Keener recently had the opportunity to fly with the Blue Angels. Read more about her incredible experience in the Firelands Blog at www.firelandsschools.org.

FAFSA ID and begin applications for financial aid.

We administered the PSAT on October 12th to all freshmen and the PSAT/NMSQT to all participating sophomores and juniors. Students that were not testing were encouraged to do a college visit, a career shadow, or participate in the Day of Caring with The United Way.

Midweek Mindfulness is well underway with many of our students learning yoga on Wednesdays in the gym. Yoga and mindfulness have been shown to improve both physical and mental health in children and adults. Yoga improves balance, strength, endurance, aerobic capacity, as well as offering psychological benefits.

*Submitted by Ms. Cathy Keener
FHS Principal*

A Special Thank You to Buyers of FFA Animals

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Woods Family Farm, White House Water



Kinship Support Group

Kinship care refers to the care of children by relatives, friends, adoptive or foster families, and others. This monthly program looks at different avenues of support for the individuals that are providing a positive environment for children and young adults.

The Kinship Network kicked off the school year at Firelands BOE on September 29th. Over 50 kinship caregivers from four school districts were invited to enjoy a huge brunch sponsored by Annie Rose Events.

These individuals were able to connect with each other, community resources and school districts. Representatives from Ohio KAN, Ohio Office



on Aging, Lorain County JFS, Fostering Our Graduates, and others were able to share what resources they have and to answer questions. Kinship Network will be meeting monthly. Please save the date for our next meeting on October 28, 2022! If you have questions about the meetings please contact Mrs. Deanna Watts LSW, at dwatts@firelandsschools.org.

One Team, One Dream

The ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM campaign is one in which Firelands Local Schools seeks to generate privately raised funds to cover the cost of turf for the existing high school football field by selling naming rights to our current and future athletic facilities and rolling out TEAM 333. By placing artificial turf on the existing football field, we will be able to move both boys' and girls' soccer from the SAMS campus to the Firelands campus. We will be able to have a state-of-the-art practice and playing facility for the marching band, football, baseball, softball, and soccer teams as well as all the youth sports.

Join Team 333

The Firelands Local Schools Athletic Department seeks to raise \$333,000.00 in private funds to bring this much needed improvement to the district

without additional tax dollars. With the support of families in the community and local businesses, Firelands Local Schools envisions providing a facility that the community can be proud of. To match these efforts, we have created the "TEAM 333" campaign, which was designed to attract 333 people to donate with options as low as \$30 a month between now and fall 2023. In what equates to less than \$2.00 a day, the money raised from the "TEAM 333" would bring the Falcons one step closer to making this dream a reality for the Firelands community.

For more on how to donate:

visit www.firelandsturf.org or call Ty Stillman, Athletic Director, 440-965-4255 x 411120 or email tstillman@firelandsschools.org

*submitted by Mr. Ty Stillman
Athletic Director*

Bone Up on Bus Safety



School bus transportation plays a critical role in the education of our nation's students, and is the direct link between a neighborhood and the classroom. More than 25 million children ride the yellow bus every school day, and **National School Bus Safety Week** serves as a reminder for students, parents, teachers, and the community to keep school bus safety in the forefront. Here are tips to keep our children safe at the bus stop.

Getting Ready for School

Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so that they won't drop things along the way. Encourage them to wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers. Make sure children leave home on time so they can arrive at the bus stop before it is due, ideally at least five minutes early. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop

Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage children to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see. Practice good pedestrian behavior: walk on the sidewalk, and if there is no sidewalk stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.

Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must

cross the street. Do the same thing at drive -ways and alleys. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right and left.

At the Bus Stop

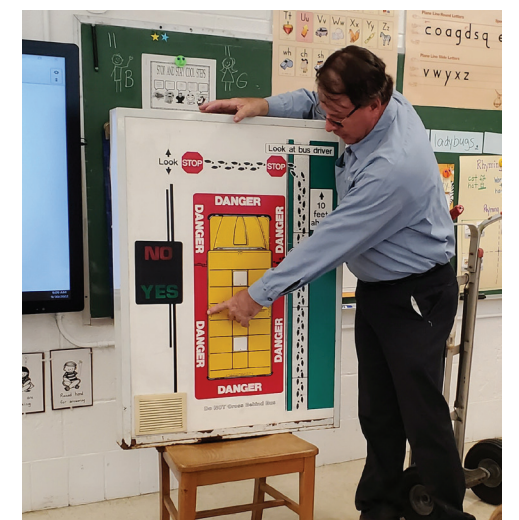
Have children wait in a location where the driver can see them while driving down the street. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car. Do not let children play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is also dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.

Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.

If you meet your child at



Mr. Saylor Teaches Bus Safety to Kindergartners

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Firelands Elementary School Flies into Fall



First Grade Visitors

On September 16th, all first-grade classes were visited by members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of Constitution Day. It was fun to see the volunteers dressed as colonists as they walked through the hallways. Students learned about the Constitution, what life was like back then, and a song that children might have learned during colonial times. Each student was given a small American flag to mark the occasion. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with this presentation!

Kindergarteners & Bus Safety

Mr. Sayler spoke to the kindergarten classes about the importance of bus safety. He reviewed how to sit in the seats, how to get on and off the bus, and how to cross the road safely. The students should wait for the bus driver to give the signal to cross (the driver's raised hand will lower). He stressed the importance of getting to your bus stop on time and being careful while waiting for the bus. He showed the students how to take 10 giant steps to be clear and safely out of the "danger

zone." After getting off of the bus, students should remember to walk to their designated place of safety and then go directly home. Thank you, Mr. Sayler!

Falcons on the Fly Kickoff

On September 21st at Firelands Elementary School we had the Falcons on the Fly Kickoff. It was so fun! To start the kickoff, we had a speech done by Mrs. Schuster, one of our school counselors. After that we stood up and one class at a time started running or walking on the track. After one lap we got tallies. Tallies are how we



keep track of how many laps we did. When our tallies reach the amounts for running a 5k, 10k, half marathon, and marathon, we get prizes. While we ran, we had our Firelands High School band playing music to get us excited about running on the track during recess. It was good music! Freddie the Falcon, our school mascot, was there to give us high fives and to cheer us on! When we were all done and the whistle blew, we lined up ready to go in and get water. We were all hot, tired, and sweaty! It was a great Falcons on the Fly Kickoff!

Written by Evelyn Leonhardt, 5th Grade

Parent Teacher Group (PTG)

Firelands Elementary is very lucky to have an active PTG. Parents of FES students are encouraged to become involved with this group. They meet monthly and find ways to further enrich the FES environment for all of our students. They are actively planning events for the students. Feel free to reach out to them to see how you can assist. You can find them on Facebook (Firelands Elementary School PTG). Their scheduled meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the FES Library.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 4-19: PTG Fall Fundraiser
Oct. 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 28: Fall Classroom Parties
Nov. 2: PTG Meeting
Nov. 4: End of 1st Quarter
Nov. 7: No School
Nov. 21: PTG Fundraiser Pickup,

*Submitted by Mrs. Laura Groboske
FES Assistant Principal*



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FES STUDENT ART
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Fabulous Falcons at Firelands Middle School



News from FMS

It is hard to believe that it is already October! We have been so busy at FMS that the days are just flying by. We are half way through the first grading period already.

We hosted conferences on October 6, and October 12. We are very happy with the turnout and it was so nice to see so many of our parents. There is so much value in those conversations between parent and teacher.

Our Principal Advisory Committee asked for a school dance. With the collaboration of our Parent Teacher Group (PTG), we are able to provide a great dance opportunity on October 28th, complete with a DJ, photo booth, concessions and more.

We have clubs beginning this month. Some of the clubs we will have this year include Book Club, Power of the Pen, Chess, Intramurals, Robotics, Student Council, Principal Advisory Committee, Announcement Club, and 3- D Printing Club.

Our teachers have been recognizing students who are following our Falcon Code. Once a student is recognized, they

scan a QR code, entering them into a weekly drawing. Students win a prize if their name is drawn.

Our Fabulous Falcon program is off to a good start. Each month, every teacher nominates one student who really stood out for being an outstanding Falcon that month. Those students were rewarded with pizza with the principal on October 7. Congratulations to the following Fabulous Falcons: Makenzie Belt, Amelia Branco, Max Brown, Xavier Carey, Cole Deitz, Alex Duke, Hunter Geist, Keegan Grant, Olivia Haponek, Reece Hunt, Katherine (Alex) Hush, Jennifer Keets, Zoe Knitter, Kami Knoll, Sam Koler, Avalynn Kromer, Erica O'Neal, Luke Partridge, Andrew Pawlak, Ayden Schafer, Madalyn Shoulter, Maggie Tansey, Collin Vaughn, Regan Viocck, Jett Wagner, Kian Winterich, Kate Yakunovich, Landon Zarrelli, Emmy Zider, and Anthony Zsigray.

Keep up the great work!

*Submitted by
Mrs. Cara Hutchinson
FMS Principal*

Food Service Updates

We've had a great start to the school year! Students have many daily selections including items from our Main line, Grille, Deli, Garden Fresh and the Pizzeria. We offer fresh salads daily including a vegetarian option. Yogurt parfaits are created daily which include a ½ cup of fresh fruit or other fruit options. All students can build a bundle at the station of their choice. In the event of staff absences as well as testing, we will operate with limited stations.

Meal Application: The carryover from last year ended October 16. **ALL** households that did not complete a new application for the 2022-2023 school year by the deadline are now in DENIED status.

Negative Meal Accounts: Please remember that USDA **did not** renew the waiver for free meals for all students. We have many accounts that have gone into the negative. Please reach out if you need of help. Complete a meal assistance application even if you are unsure.

Menus: Download the Falcon App for easy access to menus. You can also go to www.myschoolmenus.com.

You will see what is offered at each station. Menu is subject to change daily due to unforeseen circumstances. All items at each station are available as an a la carte purchase for an extra charge. We have many smart snack compliant beverages and snacks available. Middle school students have limited smart snack beverage choices.

PaySchools Central: www.payschoolscentral.com allows you to complete a meal application, make online payments, and monitor purchases and account balances. I highly recommend monitoring your child's account using this site.

Account payments: Payments can be made with cash, check or online. Make checks payable to Firelands Local Schools (Food Service in memo). For FES, please send payment in a zip lock baggie or envelope with student's name.

Subbing: If you are interested in subbing in our kitchens, please contact Sue Schaefer for information. Questions: contact Judy Baumann, Food Service Director 440-965-4255 ext. 3097.

Competitive Trail Riders



(Front), Julia Finnegan, Callie Finnegan, Lily Chenoweth, Chloe Howard
(Back) Ayden Schaefer, Macy Paller, Jordyn Simpson

The State 4-H Competitive Trail Ride is designed for 4-H members to condition and prepare their horses for an independent, quick-paced, trail ride. Members condition their horses for the ride for at least 30 days by keeping a conditioning log and taking temperature, pulse, and respiration daily to get baseline values, then retaking pulse and respiration to prove that conditioning results in faster recovery after moderate to intense conditioning. Members report to the Caesar's Creek State Park the day before the ride for veterinary check, horsemanship evaluation, camp set-up and grading, and a group dinner.

On September 10th, the day of the ride, junior riders ride approximately 12 miles in less than two hours and stop half way for a pulse and respiration check. If horses are within acceptable parameters, riders continue the ride. Each rider can attempt three obstacles for bonus points. Senior riders ride

approximately 20 miles in about four hours with an additional pulse and respiration stop. Horses are evaluated on health and recovery checks while riders are evaluated on horsemanship.

There were seven riders from Lorain County this year.

Chloe Howard, Freshman at Ohio State ATI, won 2nd place horsemanship and 4th place overall senior. Firelands students are as follows:

Lillian Chenoweth took 2nd in horsemanship, 2nd in conditioning, and 1st in overall junior. Callie Finnegan won 1st in horsemanship and was 2nd overall junior. Julia Finnegan was an exhibition rider due to age limit.

Macy Paller took 3rd in horsemanship and 16th place overall junior. Ayden Schaefer won 11th place overall junior. Jordyn Simpson was 22nd place overall junior.

Congratulations to all of the riders!

*submitted by Shanna Finnegan
Agricultural Educator/FFA Advisor*

Endowment Appreciation

Many Thanks from the Firelands Schools Endowment Trustees to all the donors who participated in the Lorain County Community Foundations "Connect to a Cause" event on Thursday, September 15th. We truly appreciate the continued community support. Over \$3,600 was raised to help the Endowment continue its mission to enhance the educational process in the Firelands Schools.

The Firelands Schools Endowment is a non-profit organization. Our purpose is a long-term commitment to provide a stable source of funding for school programs beyond the scope of normal required school expenditures. We raise money and distribute funds in the form of scholarships and classroom grants. Contributions to the fund, all of which are tax deductible, will never be spent. Only the interest earned will be available

for disbursement - contributions keep working over and over again.

Since the Endowment fund inception in 1991, over 400 grants and 350 scholarships totaling more than \$700,000 have been awarded to support various classroom needs and scholarships for those in need that have qualified. All of this is possible because of the support of individuals, businesses, alumni, and staff like you.

Thank you all...this support of the Endowment Fund will continue the legacy to enrich the lives of Firelands Local School students.

Trustees,

Barb Bechtel, Jerry Born, Ann Buchs, Bob Danicki, Amy Hignett, Scott Norheim, Kristi Palmer, Dan Pycraft, Tammy Schultz, Kathy Whitmore, Diane Zimmer.

Bus Safety, from p. 5

the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Mobile Devices

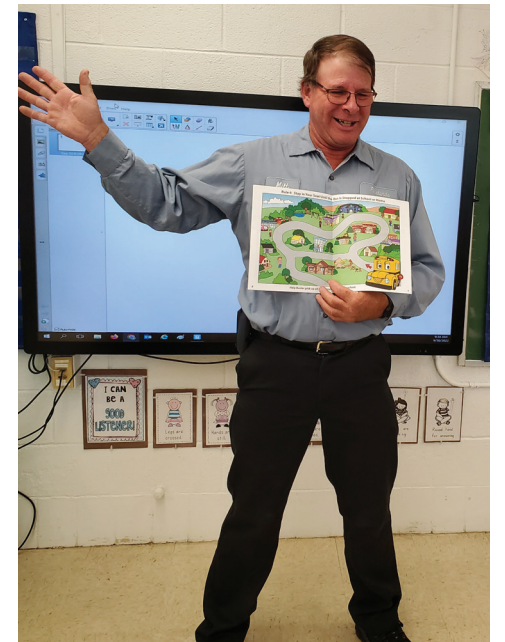
Cell phones and other electronic devices are often permitted on the school bus as long as:

They are in backpacks or other holders, keeping hands free to use handrails while boarding and departing the bus.

Sound is muted or headphones, ear buds or similar devices are used.

Content does not violate the law or school district policy and procedures.

Use does not create a distraction for the driver.



Mr. Sayler teaches kindergartners about bus safety. See page 8 for story.

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JVS/Firelands Students Complete Internships

Fifteen Lorain County JVS/Firelands students completed the LCJVS Summer Internship Program, earning over \$47,000 working at local companies. These employers provided mentoring and opportunities for the students to practice the technical skills they learned in their career tech programs.

Jeremy Partlow, Heating and Air Conditioning senior, worked at Lucas Plumbing & Heating, Inc. doing service work on both residential and commercial buildings. "I liked the experience a lot. We were at the At Home store in Sheffield for a few weeks doing some maintenance work, and we spent a few weeks at Lorain High School doing service work on their boilers. It was great."

This year's LCJVS Summer Internship class, which consisted of a total of 81 students, was celebrated in front of family, friends, and employers in a recognition ceremony on the evening of Thursday, September 29th.

The Lorain County JVS Summer Internship Program is an opportunity available to junior students who have completed their first year of career-technical training, and who have superior attendance and strong teacher recommendations. This experience extends student learning beyond the classroom and provides students with real-world work experience. Students can interact with company mentors and develop a direct pathway to additional education, training, or future employment.

The LCJVS/Firelands students who completed the program are listed below alphabetically.

Colin Arnal, Industrial Equipment Mechanics student worked at Dot Drilling; Tailer

Bartlebaugh, Industrial Equipment Mechanics student worked at Turner's Diesel Performance; Brandon Bowyer, Auto Technology student worked at 28th Street Auto Repair; Chancellor Chenoweth, Carpentry student worked at Fraley and Fox Construction, Inc.; Andrew Dunn, Heating and Air Conditioning student worked at Ray Gidich Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.; Collin Galligan, Hospitality Services student worked at Taco Bell; William Hasley, Cybersecurity and Networking student worked at Firelands School District; Samuel Herchler, Carpentry student worked at Mitchell Woodworking, Inc.; Matthew

Hinkle, Collision Repair student worked at Liberty Ford Vermilion; Benjamin McKee, Culinary Arts student worked at Avon Brewing Company; Billy Mercer, Industrial Electricity student worked at Star Builders, Inc.; Jeremy Partlow, Heating and Air Conditioning student worked at Lucas Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; Bryant Szilagyi, Cybersecurity and Networking student worked at Firelands School District; Thomas Ulrich, Industrial Electricity student worked at Smink Electric, Inc.; Garrett Yakunovich, Industrial Electricity student worked at Star Builders, Inc.

*Submitted by Cheryl Fridenstine
PR/Marketing Coordinator
Lorain County JVS*



Jeremy Partlow, LCJVS Heating and Air Conditioning senior works for Lucas Plumbing & Heating, Inc. this summer.

FFA Freezer Meat Drawing

The Annual FFA Freezer Meat Drawing is back!

Please see a FFA student or Mrs. Finnegan for a ticket. This year 9 prizes are offered! Thanks to Dalton Farms, Lewis Farms, Moonshine Meadows Farm, State Rep. Joe Miller and Howells Maple Grove Farm for supporting the program.

Prizes include \$100 Pork Bundle, \$100 Chicken Bundle, two quarter beef, two half hog, LC Fair Champion Market Rabbit, LC Fair Reserve Champion Chicken (two pack), and turkey. Processing is included.

The freezer meat drawing will be held on Tuesday, November 1st and each ticket is a \$1.00 donation. Contact sfinnegan@firelandsschools.org.



FHS Spain Trip

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow.

Spanish language and art students from the classes of 2023 and 2024 are invited to travel to Spain with Mrs. Tawil this spring. Locations include Madrid, Granada, Cordoba, Seville and Toledo. The trip is through EF tours, a student tour company we have worked with for many years. **Enrollment closes October 31st.** Contact Mrs. Tawil with questions at ltawil@firelandsschools.org.

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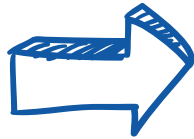
homecoming

Saturday, October 22, 2022
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

First Annual Homecoming Event!

This family-friendly event is themed for the fall and all are welcome to attend!

Register here



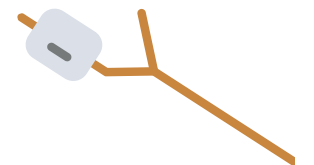
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Registration for Homecoming is required.



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- Trick or Treating throughout our building for children 10 and under. Children's costumes are encouraged!
- Touch-A-Truck event
- Cupcake and cookie decorating
- Face painting
- Petting zoo
- Pumpkin painting
- Inflatable slides and obstacle course
- and more!



OpenHouse

Sunday, November 20
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Potential students are welcome to bring their parents, family, and friends, but registration is required.

- Meet our instructors, see our lab spaces, and tour our building.
- All of our high school programs will be available to tour, along with our Adult Career Center.
- Giveaways, raffles, and food are available for attendees.
- Meet with current students to hear first-hand their experience in the career tech programs.

Register today!

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Catch the Browns vs the Bills game at our Open House event. The game will be on in our Quarry Room and hotdogs will be served during the event as well.



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Falcon Art Gallery



6th grade Self Portraits from left to right: Ava Camera, Kayden Johnson, Ava Mulica, Kylie Mattson, and Madison Howard.



Abstract Toucan by Rocco Camera, Realistic Toucan by Hayden Adams, Crocodile Eye by Sam Stephens 5th grade, Tiger Eye by Caleb Bednar and Owl by Keira Grant. All FES artists are from the 5th grade.



Falcon Alumni Corner

Welcome to a new feature we are starting in the Express! We are interested in sharing news about alumni, class reunions and other related items. If you have alumni news to share about yourself or family members, please email sschaefer@firelandsschools.org.

Vinny Morales, Class of 2020, continues to recover in Toledo from serious injuries from a car accident that took the life of fellow alumnus David "Ryan" Walker. A fundraiser for Vinnie and his family will be held on November 27th at noon at German's Villa and the Cleveland Browns football game will be televised.

Tickets are \$20 (age 14 and over); \$10 (ages 6-13); and children 5 and under are free. There will be raffles, 50/50, and some great food!

For more information, contact Jessica Loera (419-707-2344) or Victoria Rosado (440-371-2608).



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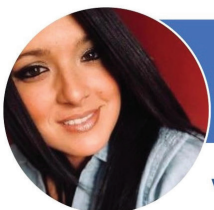
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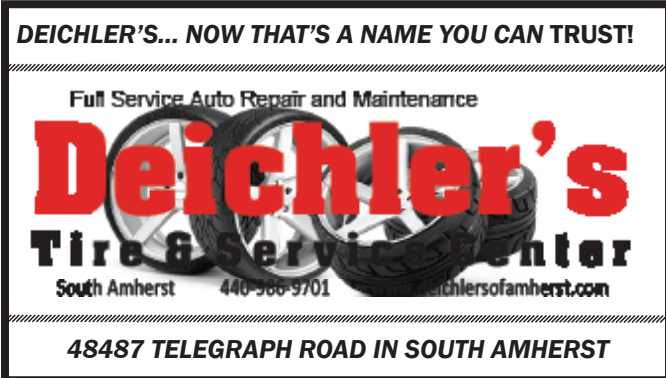


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