

## MAY 18, 2015

National Honor Society
The Firelands High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 45 new members on Thursday March 19, 2015 at a ceremony held in the high school gymnasium. Below is the list of inductees and members of the Firelands High School chapter of the National Honor Society for the 2015-16 school year

## Thank You for the Support!

On behalf of the students, parents, and staff, I want to thank the Firelands community for passage of the May 5 emergency levy renewal. Unofficially, $61 \%$ of the 697 votes cast supported the levy. The approval of the renewal levy allows the District to continue progress in our schools, provides financial stability, and helps maintain the current level of teachers and instructional support in our classrooms. The Board and I are committed in our efforts to be excellent stewards of the funds that you have entrusted us with, providing

Ryan Alcorn Taylor Aslaksen Jacob Bailey Raymond Conry Lyndsey Cornwell Logan Danicki Devin Dumke Haley Herrera Jared Holowenko Jerrod Horwedel Katie Iwanek Michaela Jeffers
Cassidy Johannsen Brylee Jones Jesse Jones

> Brianna Krieg Alexis Lough Hailey Mack Kaitlyn Michener Rachael Minek Anthony Myer Emily Novak Julia Ohle
> Brandon Palmer
> Brandon Ramsey Emily Rich
> Mark Roberts
> Johnathon Rovere
> Vitoria Russo
> Alexandra Sabine

Lauren Salkiewicz Ashlee Saylor Shelly Shupe Jeremy Simonovich Noah Stevens Alyse Taddeo Bradley Thrasher Kathleen Tuggle David Vaughn III Allison Vilagi Claire Vilagi Erica Wasem Justin Welch
Rhylee Wheaton
Alexandria Willis

155 seniors are slated to graduate on Friday, May 29, 2015. The ceremony starts at 7:00 p.m. in the football stadium. If it rains, we will hold commencement in the gym.

We wish you the very best, Class of 2015 . We are proud of you!
Yours in Education,
Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

## Teacher Appreciation

May 4-8 was Teacher Appreciation Week. I want to thank personally our teachers for their dedication, compassion, and desire to do what is best for the Firelands students. Expectations for teacher performance increase each year and I realize that the teaching profession grows increasingly more difficult. I am thankful that we have teachers respond to the daily challenges that they face, providing our students with the knowledge and nurturing they so badly need.

The next time you see a teacher, remember to thank them for the great work that they do every day!

## Congratulation to the Graduates

## EARLY DISMISSAL

Firelands Local School District will have an early release on the last day of school, Thursday, June 4, 2015.
FHS and SAMS will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. FES will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Busses will be running 2 hours EARLIER than normal.

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American Degree Recipients Jeb Larson, Christine Balint, Albert Fath V


Front: Katy Tuggle, Alex Sabine, Jessie Beran, Caitlin Gallagher, Alison Butler, Back: David Tipple, Brandon Palmer, Albert Fath V, Katie Fath, Emily Pohorence, Mike Anadell


Star Award Winners
Alison Butler, Katie Fath, Katy Tuggle, Grace Pohorence, \& Grace Habeck



Firelands members are the leaders of tomorrow. They are well-mannered, perceptive and willing to help others through community service such as Christmas Family \& Harvest for America. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their fu-tures- what kind of people, citizens and professionals they intend to be.

## FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members

## Firelands FFA celebrates 2014 National FFA Week, April 7-10

 Firelands FFA Chapter is celebrating National FFA week later than National FFA Week this year.Our FFA week will be April 7-10, 2015. More than half million nationwide members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state, and national levels. As a part of National FFA Week, Firelands members are planning the following special events:

- Monday: No School
- Tuesday: Red vs. Green Day (wear your favorite tractor brand apparel)
- Wednesday: FFA Apparel Day (Blue and Gold Day) \& Teacher Breakfast
- Tursday: Camo Day \& Popcorn Facts at lunch
- Friday: Tractor Day \& Flannel Friday

Friday is our annual Drive-Your-Tractor-to-School-Day. Over 20 students will arrive with
their tractors to Firelands High School at about 6:50 a.m. and will leaving the parking lot at about
2:50 p.m. We welcome photographers \& journalists on tractor day.

## WASHINGTON DaCa TRIP

The Firelands High School local Junior Statesmen of America (JSA) chapter attended the annual Winter Congress in Washington D.C. February 12-15 this year. While there the group took in many of the sights, including several of the Smithsonians, the Holocaust Museum, and the Washington Monument, as pictured here. They also received a special 'behind the scenes' tour of two of the Library of Congress buildlngs, getting to see the underground book storage, the book restoration and archive departments, and even exclusive inside access to the reading room. Saturday evening they took an evening bus tour of the city's sights and monuments with all other chapters in attendance. While at Winter Congress, each student was assigned a role of either a representative or senator and attended break-out sessions where student written bills were presented, debated, and voted upon in this completely studentrun organization. Three regions attended this particular session of JSA Winter Congress, including those from the Southeast Region (Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi), the Mid-West Region (Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota), and the Ohio River Valley Region (Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee). Over 1,000 students attended this year's Winter Congress. Firelands JSA chapter members will be attending the Ohio River Valley Regional Spring Congress April 25 and 26 in Columbus. Winter Congress attendees were Austin Konicek, Mason Hildebrandt, chapter president Garrett Hoffman, Jerund Gonzalez, and Abigail Gifford. Mr. Joe Miller serves as the FHS chapter advisor.

## Firelands FFA Celebrates 61

## Years of Success at Annual

Parent-Member Banquet

Oberlin, $\mathbf{O H}$ - On March 24th, the Firelands FFA hosted the 61st annual ParentMember FFA Banquet to celebrate student and chapter successes. Over 325 people attended the banquet held in the school gym. The FFA chapter consists of over 80 members in 9-12 grades. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The banquet focused on the three parts of the mission while sharing stories of success and awards this year in the areas of leadership, personal growth, and career planning and success.

The top public speakers were recognized: Samantha Ives-bronze rated and $7^{\text {th }}$ place at district Creed Speaking, Alex Sabine-silver and 4th place in the sub-district Beginning Prepared, Katy Tuggle - gold 1st in sub district, $2^{\text {nd }}$ in district, and 3rd in State Advanced Prepared. The Parliamentary Procedure teams were recognized. The novice team A earned $4^{\text {th }}$ in sub-districts. The team consisted of Kyle Hill, Samantha Ives, Evan Lacey, Tyler Miller, Aaron Myers, Madison Palmer, Mackenna Paterchak, \& Kaylee Kerby. The novice team B received $2^{\text {nd }}$ in sub-districts and $6^{\text {th }}$ in districts. The team consisted of Grace Habeck, Aaron Turnbull, Emily Holcomb, Joey Tipple, Noah Metzger, Sean Miller, Benjamin Bickel, \& Morgan Nance. The senior team received $2^{\text {nd }}$ in sub-district and $4^{\text {th }}$ in district. The team consisted of Katy Tuggle, Emily Pohorence, Jessie Beran, David Tipple, Ali Butler, Katie Fath, Brandon Palmer, Alex Sabine, and alternates Claire Vilagi, Grace Pohorence, and Sophia Pohorence.

The fruit sale is the chapter's largest fund-raiser and the top sellers were recognized and awarded gift cards: Alex Sabine was the top seller raising $\$ 2311$, Clay Palmer was the second place seller raising \$1696, and Andy Schworer was the third place seller raising $\$ 1533$

Each Firelands FFA member must maintain a yearly Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) experiential learning project. Projects can be in the areas of plant or animal entrepreneurship or agricultural job placement. The following members were recognized as the most proficient in their area of SAE, district and state placings are noted in parenthesis beside several: Accounting - Demi Dovin, Agricultural Education - Alison Butler, Agricultural Processing - Brandon Palmer (top 4 in state), Agricultural Sales Place-
ment - Runner Up: Ali Butler, Winner Katie Fath (top 4 in state), Beef Production Entrepreneurship - Caitlin Gallagher, Beef Production Placement - Runner Up: Mike Anadell, Winner: Elizabeth Lewis, Dairy Production Entrepreneurship - Demi Dovin (top 4 in state), Dairy Production Placement - Demi Dovin, Forage Production - Jody Hanko, Fruit Production - Alex Sabine (top 4 in state), Grain Production Entrepreneurship - David Tipple, Home and/or Community Development - Claire Vilagi, Landscape Management - Jessie Beran, Organic Agriculture - David Tipple, Poultry Production - Cole Lewis, Sheep Production - Katy Tuggle (top 4 in state), Swine Production Entrepreneurship Rachael Minek, Vegetable Production Tristan Hildebrandt.

Career Development Event teams were recognized: Rural Soils $-9^{\text {th }}$ in district - Katy Tuggle, David Tipple, Mike Anadell, and Joey Tipple. Coach: Craig Norton. Urban Soils $-9^{\text {th }}$ in district - Jessie Beran, Grace Pohorence, Jesse Jones, and Tori Christo. Coach: Craig Norton. Tractor Troubleshooting $-9^{\text {th }}$ in district, team members: Andrew Williams and Clayton Spiegelburg. Coaches: Josh Ward and Zack Lawlis. Ag. Mechanics Skills - Josh Ward and Zack Lawlis. General Livestock-4 $4^{\text {th }}$ in district: Katie Fath, Caitlin Gallagher, Andrew Williams, Noah Metzger. Poultry$5^{\text {th }}$ in district: Madi Stanley, Becca Bari, Madison Palmer, Aaron Myers. Wildlife$1^{\text {st }}$ in district: Matt Gulish( $1^{\text {st }}$ in district), Tristen Hildebrant ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ in district), Jessie Beran, Emily Holcomb Equine- $3^{\text {rd }}$ in district: Mallory Mayer, Morgan Nance, Kaylee Kerby, Julia Smith. Dairy-2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ in district: Demi Dovin (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ in district), Brandon Palmer ( $4^{\text {th }}$ in district) Claire Vilagi, David Tipple. Forestry $-2^{\text {nd }}$ in district Jessie Beran, Alex Sabine, David Tipple, and Katy Tuggle. Job Interview - Freshman Division: Noah Metzger ( $10^{\text {th }}$ in district), Sophomore Division: Hope Caruso ( $11^{\text {th }}$ in district), Junior Division: Katy Tuggle ( $4^{\text {th }}$ in district). The Greenhand Quiz is scheduled to take place April $15^{\text {th }}$ and Small Engines is scheduled to take place on April $16^{\text {th }}$ with coaches Josh Ward and Zack Lawlis.

The Supreme Exhibitor Award celebrates students that show shop, crop, and animal projects at the Lorain County Fair. We also awarded runners up; second Runner Up - Grace Pohorence and Sophia Pohorence (tied), First Runner Up - Jessie Beran, Winner - Tristan Hildebrandt.

The Junior Fair Board representatives were recognized for their exceptional service to the youth in Lorain County 4H and FFA. The following were Firelands FFA members that are representatives for 2015: President: Katie Cline, Executive Members: Michael Anadell and David Tipple, Members: Jessie Beran, Evan Born,

Alison Butler, Katie Fath, Kaitlyn Frazier, Caitlin Gallagher, Victoria Hritsko, Jesse Jones, Colin Myers, Brandon Palmer, Alex Sabine, Madison Stanley, Claire Vilagi, Allison Vilagi, and Andrew Williams.

The scholarship awards were presented to twenty-seven students who earned all A's in class. Twenty-six students earned their Greenhand Degree and twenty students earned their Chapter Degrees. This year's graduating seniors were celebrated with a slide which incorporated their parents and future plans.

The 2015-16 officer team was installed, retiring officers are in parenthesis: President: Michael Anadell (Alison Butler), Vice President: Katy Tuggle (Emily Pohorence), Secretary: Caitlin Gallagher (Demi Dovin), Treasurer: Brandon Palmer (David Tipple), Reporter: Alex Sabine (Katie Fath), Sentinel: David Tipple (Brandon Palmer), Student Advisor: Jesse Jones (Katy Tuggle).

The chapter annually chooses honorary members that have made a positive difference for our chapter and they join the 91 members elected over the past 39 years. The chapter wishes to thank Mr. John Dovin, Ms. Jacquie Dovin, and Mrs. Fath for their continuous support and service to the chapter.

The State FFA Degree winners were recognized. Mike Anadell, Jessica Beran, Alison Butler, Albert Fath V, Katie Fath, Caitlin Gallagher, Brandon Palmer, Emily Pohorence, Alexandra Sabine, David Tipple, and Katy Tuggle have all earned their degrees. Only about $2 \%$ of FFA members will earn this degree. The America Degree recipients were recognized. Congratulations to Christine Balint, Albert Fath V, and Jeb Larson for earning the highest degree a member can attain. Only about $0.5 \%$ of FFA members will earn this degree.

Some of the most coveted awards of the night are the Star Awards. The Star Greenhand was Grace Habeck, the Star Chapter winner was Grace Pohorence, Star Junior Katy Tuggle, and Star Senior was Ali Butler. Katie Fath earned the Ag. Credit 110\% Award.

The Firelands FFA wishes to thank those that sponsored our awards this year. Farm Credit Services of MidAmerica sponsored the retiring officer gifts. Ag Credit sponsored the $110 \%$ Award. Thank you to all that made this year so successful for the Firelands FFA.

Submitted by Alex Sabine, 2015-2016 Reporter

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## FirHS

On Tuesday April 28, the Firelands Teen Leadership Corp led the school in a powerful assembly about what they viewed as the biggest problem facing their community today, substance abuse. The assembly featured students speaking from personal experiences, a skit from the school's drama class, and visitors who have been personally affected by substance abuse in their lives.

The assembly started off with a short play from the drama class called Emotional Baggage. The skit's message was conveyed through actions and movements as there was no speaking. Each actor of the play carried a piece of luggage that physically represented their "Emotional Baggage" that we all carry with us throughout life.

Next the assembly featured students from the school to speak on how they had personally been affected. Sean Lipscomb spoke for the "silent student", a student in Firelands High School who had faced the hardships of drug use and recovery and wanted to share their story anonymously. Also Cole Sklarek spoke about seeing friends of his go through drug addiction and each of their journeys. He said that drug use is the schools biggest problem and that it needs to stop.

The assembly had many people outside the school willing to give up their time and share their journey. Cecelia Henderson, Youth Leadership Coordinator from Communities That Care, also shared her story. She spoke about how drugs took over her life as a teenager and how it took her down a path she didn't want to be on. She felt she wasn't living her life to her full potential so she made a change to live her life without drugs.

The assembly then had a video about Heidi Riggs, a Community Outreach Specialist from Attorney General Mike DeWine's office, and her daughter. Her daughter Marin faced addiction when she got hooked on Heroin and eventually Heroin took Marin's life. Heidi’s speech following the video was very eye opening and showed that addiction can take anyone at any time.

The last speaker at the assembly was Joel Reichlin, an Associate director of Education \& Prevention for LCADA. He summarized the afternoon by telling the students about the drug epidemic in their community and how they have the power to rise above it by making positive and healthy choices in their lives that do not include drug use.

Written by: Senior Teen Leadership member Jessica Adams


## FHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-

 Firelands High School, in conjunction with the Firelands Lions Club, is proud to announce our the next Student of the Month.
## MAY - Matthew Gulish

Matt is an outstanding student, very active in groups at school and a member of the FHS Cross-Country and Track teams.
FFA Week-Another Huge Hit-FHS returned to school from Spring Break and celebrated FFA Week on campus. FFA sponsored many fun activities, with the culmination being "Drive your Tractor to School" Day on Friday. Over 20 machines, displaying the true power of farming, were on display in the FHS parking lot. A fun fact that came from our day was that the large tractors each run over $\$ 250,000$, and some as much as almost one-half of a million dollars. What a great display the FFA students put on for both FHS and FES, as our FFA continues to be a county leader in promoting the many important aspects of farming in our community, and around the State of Ohio.
PROM-Saturday, May 2 from $7-11 \mathrm{pm}$ at DeLuca's Place in the Park-Prom was held Saturday, May 2 and over 210 students attended. Prom included a sit down meal and then dancing for the students. Our Prom Queen was Abby Petrey and Prom King was Matt Gulish.
BRAVO!!-Congratulations to the Drama Class, and their teacher Mrs. Callahan, on a wonderful night of One Act Plays on Thursday evening, April 9th. The Class put on three different types of one act plays, as each one was a huge success. FHS is looking forward to next year as the Drama program continues to grow.
Senior Graduation Letter and Acknowl-edgement-Seniors have been mailed a Senior Graduation Letter and Acknowledgement Form. The Letter spells out activities leading up to Graduation Day. The Acknowledgement Form, which must be turned into to the School Counseling Office, is due by Friday, May 8th. The letter is also available on the FHS website.
FHS CHOIR IS EXCELLENT - The FHS Choir students competed in the OMEA State Competition on Friday evening, April 24th at Massillon Jackson High School. The Choir was awarded an Excellent rating. Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson and the Choir stu-
dents, as their hard work and dedication paid off this past weekend. Great job!!

## FHS BAND IS ALSO EXCELLENT -

Not to be outdone, the FHS Band traveled to Canton Glen Oak on Saturday, April 25th for the State Adjudicated competition. Just like the night before, the Band was awarded an Excellent rating on Saturday. Hats off to Mr. Wiley and the Band students, as they have been gearing up for this competition for weeks, and their hard work paid off in their outstanding performance. Hats off to the Band, as well as the Choir, for a fantastic weekend of performances.
FFA Earns Wins Big-Congratulations to Demi Dovin, Alex Sabine, and Katy Tuggle on their State wins at the Convention. On to Nationals in the fall in Louisville. Many FHS students were in the running for state awards and Firelands FFA was awarded a Gold Rated Chapter, meaning we are in the top 10\% of FFA Chapters in the nation. TLC Student Assembly - The Teen Leadership Corps group, led by school counselor Mrs. Zimmer, designed a powerful program for the FHS student body that covered the drug overdose epidemic that has hit Lorain County and the entire country. Led by the students of TLC, the program featured a oneact play by the drama department, student speakers, and guest speakers, all telling the story that it is important to seek out help for anyone in need in this fight against drugs. The Program was titled, Firelands Fight for Tomorrow, Today. It was very well done and powerful.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FHS

May 18th-Honors Banquet @ German's Villa
May 19th—Senior Locker Cleanout
May 19th-Choir Banquet @ German's Villa
May 20th—Band Banquet @ German's Villa
May 22nd—JVS Graduation
May 22nd-FHS Picnic
May 26, 27-Senior Exams in Gym (May 28th Make-Up Exams)
May 29 ${ }^{\text {th }}-$ Senior Breakfast (8 AM) and Graduation Practice (10 AM)
May $2^{\text {th }}$ - Graduation -7 pm - Falcon Stadium (Gym if inclement weather)
June 2-4 - Underclass Final Exams (Exam Schedule on Website)

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Senior Class Information

Senior exams will be Tuesday, May 26th, and Wednesday, May 27th.
Senior Awards Breakfast will be held on Friday, May 29th, 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. 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.
Approximately 10:00 a.m., after the Senior Breakfast, Seniors will enter the high school stadium for graduation practice. Practice usually takes between $1-1 \frac{1}{2}$ 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 8th, in order to participate in graduation.
Each senior must fill out a Senior Survey before they graduate. They will be available in the Guidance office and also handed out in English classes. These surveys are needed for the Guidance office to be able to send Final Transcripts to the college they plan on attending. The students can also list the scholarships and awards they have won.

## CCP Students

There will be an orientation for all new CCP students from an LCCC representative. This orientation will be in the high school library on Wednesday, May 20th during activity period. Students cannot officially be part of the program without getting credit for this orientation. See the guidance office to be added to the list. We will be running announcements during the school days.
CCP students need to schedule with the college by Thursday, June $11{ }^{\text {". }}$. Most of the interested students have already adjusted their schedule at FHS so they can fit in their college courses.

## College Now ACT Test Preparation Boot Camp

Firelands High School Students have an opportunity to prepare for their ACT at the Preparation Boot Camp to be held here at the high school on August 3rd - 6th, Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. There is a $\$ 20.00$ registration fee to be made payable to Firelands High School and is due on the first day of the Boot Camp. The registration fee includes an ACT Test Prep book! Space is limited to the first 25 students per session! Register today at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ FirelandsHSRegistration2015. For questions, contact Valerie Howard at 216-5071770 or vhoward@collegenowgc.org.

## JVS

Excel Career Camp is a three-day career exploration program for students entering 9th and 10th grade this fall at the Lorain County JVS. The Excel Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to $12: 00$ p.m. on June $9^{*}, 10^{*}$, and $11^{* *}$. Forms can be obtained from the guidance office or on the JVS website under FORMS and students must register with the school counselors by May 18 ".
Students interested in attending JVS for next school year should stop by the Guidance Office to discuss open programs and can apply online on the JVS website.

## Incoming Freshmen

Freshmen Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th.

## 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.


## Art Griticism Writing Competition

SAMS Art students finish strong in the OAEA Jerry Tollifson Art Criticism Writing Competition - Middle School Division. Kaya Loyd earned 1st place overall. Sarah Drury placed 2nd, Grace Bayus 3rd and Mike Durdak earned an honorable mention. The state wide writing competition was founded by art educator Jerry Tollifson who believed that a child's ability to "read" artworks made by others is equally important to his or her ability to create them. Jerry conceived this writing competition as an annual opportunity to recognize students for their ability to articulate and compose critical responses to artworks. He promoted the idea that exercising critical thinking and careful observation while discovering an artwork's deeper meanings and significance empowered students to also build self-discipline and confidence. He also saw the competition as another way to engage students in observing, perceiving, analyzing, and interpreting-abilities that have practical relevance in other academic areas and as life skills.

## Thompson, Savanah Murray, Derric Rogala, Autumn

Szakal, Cora Born and Max Bellman have been selected to show art work in the 2015 Lorain County Art Exhibit. The show runs May 4th through May 22nd at the

## Midway Mall in Elyria. CONGRATULATIONS:

## Calendiar Contest Winoners <br> Three SAMS students were chosen as winners in this year's LCSWMD calendar contest and will have artwork featured in the 2016 Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Calendar. Chayce Baldwin 6th grade - July Cora Born 8th grade - October and Zach Baldwin 8th grade - December. LCSWMD graciously presented each student with a cash prize. Thank you LCSWMD for celebrating student creativity.



South Amherst Middle School Art students Cora Born, Savanah Murray, Devon McGinnis and Victoria Barnett have been selected to show their artwork across Ohio. Student work is on display at Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit, Young People's Art Exhibition Rhodes State Office Tower and the Youth Art Month Exhibition STRS Building.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

## FHe Mristudanis Exploreclewelandh Arid <br> The FHS Art 3, Art 4 and Advanced Art students spent an extended day on May 6 exploring visual

 art in Cleveland. Twenty-two students accompanied by ten gracious chaperones began the day in Ohio City. Our first stop was The Cleveland Tea Revival, an independent business developed and owned by FHS '04 graduate Amber Pompeii. Amber treated the whole group to fresh brewed iced tea. Right next door was the Intermuseum Conservation Association, our next stop. The ICA is an "art hospital" where works on paper, fibers, painting and all objects are conserved and repaired for individual and museum collectors across the country. The students witnessed conservation-in-progress in this exclusive behind the scenes tour of science intersecting with art. Our lunch stop was in the best food court in Cleveland- the West Side Market! Our final destination was the Cleveland Museum of Art where students worked in small groups to solve the given assignments while seeking visual inspiration that will be developed into classroom projects. This whole experience was made possible through Art Society fundraising and donations from the Stained Glass Window Mosaic auction.

FHS Teen Leadership Students: Jake Grasso, Katie Michener, Cole Sklarek, Jeremy Simonovich (not pictured), Ashton Gifford, and Maddie Stanley.


FES Students: Zach Friess (not pictured), Daniel Ohle, Ella Meszaros, Jaxon Cumberledge, Noah Galloway, Gavin Varndell, Brandon Herrera, Evin Denney, Xavier Allridge, Gavin Gifford, Kim Hembree, Madison Lewis


## NABS

Congratulations to the fifth grade Junior Leadership Academy students who organized and raised $\$ 280.86$ for Cancer Services. In a Penny Wars, the fifth grade nudged out the fourth grade by raising just $\$ 12.58$
more. The Junior Leadership Academy is a group of fifth graders being trained by the Firelands High School Teen Leadership Corps to instill the qualities of leadership, service, and inspiration. The elementary students have been learning the qualities of a leader, the power/influence leaders have over others, effective communication, team building, conflict management, other social skills training, and have conducted two community/ school service projects, one of which is the Penny Wars.

## 5th and 6ith Gracle spelling Bee

On Friday, March $27^{\text {th }}$ the top spellers from the fifth and sixth grades came together to compete in the annual $5^{\text {th }}$ and $6^{\text {th }}$ grade spelling bee. The twenty-five participants were judged by Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Scalli and bee coordinator Ms. Davis. Mrs. Snyder pronounced the words for each
speller. After a long battle and difficult competition, the five finalist were chosen. The five finalists will go on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee on May $3^{\text {rd }}$, at 4:00, in Amherst. Congratulations to all of the participants and good luck to our top five who move on!


SPELLING BEE WINNERS

1st Place - Renee Clippinger ( $\mathbf{6}^{\text {th }} \mathbf{~ g r}$ )
2nd Place - Liam Lockhart ( $\left.6^{\text {th }} \mathbf{~ g r}\right)$
3rd Place - Gabriella Keith ( $6^{\text {th }} \mathbf{~ g r}$ )
4th Place - Daniel Ohle ( $5^{\text {th }} \mathbf{g r}$ )
5th Place - Gemma Hager ( $\mathbf{5}^{\text {th }} \mathbf{~ g r}$ )

## Camp \nvention

## is Coming fo FES

Camp Invention is coming to Firelands Elementary School this summer. The camp will run June 15-19, 2015 at Firelands Elementary School, from 9:00am- 3:30 pm. Scholarship money is available and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Detailed information can be found at www.inventnow.org. The scholarship form and flyer are attached here. If you have further questions, please contact Nancy Mitchell at 216-4076155 or mitchell3206@gmail.com.


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## Lovalin county spelling Bee

On Sunday, May $3^{\text {rd }}$, five fifth and sixth grade students from Firelands traveled to Nord Middle School, in Amherst, to participate in the Lorain County Spelling Bee. Fiftyfive students from Lorain County came together to compete in Division 2. Firelands was represented well with all five participants making it to round four and on. Fifth graders Gemma Hager and Daniel Ohle made it to round four, sixth graders Gabriella Keith and Liam Lockhart made it to round eight, and sixth grader Renee Clippinger came in third place. Renee spelled twenty challenging words to claim her spot. Congratulations to all five for an outstanding job!

鍡 Participating students畨 were；Anthony Myer，黄 Maisie Bonnett，Liz䄳 Miller，Halle Borer，槛 Faith Rico，Loren暴 Myer，Morgan Ed－桃 wards，Andrea DiA－粪 sio，Rachel Nitchman，䊣 Andrew Biery．Ian䊣 Crawford，Connor糩 Price，Sarah Slack，瞣 Jerund Gonzalez，Vic－當 toria Krejci，Sydney黄 Novak and Moeko業 China．

FHS Chapter \＃2212 of the NAHS Inducts Eleven，Honors Five


NAHS Honor Cords：seated－A．Hertensteiner，B． Midkiff，R．Bari，standing－M．Bonnett，junior J．

The National Art Honor Society chap－ ter at Firelands High School inducted eleven new members and honored five seniors on April 30 in the high school library．Students in third－year art can attain membership based on art perfor－ mance，academic scholarship and citi－ zenship．New members are sophomores Andrea DiAsio，Jerund Gonzalez，Eliz－ abeth Miller，Loren Myer，Sydney No－ vak and Sarah Slack and juniors Jerrod Horwedel，Victoria Hritsko，Olivia Mowry and Shelly Shupe．

Senior members who have earned four or more credits in visual art were pre－ sented with their honor cords to be worn at commencement．Look for hon－ or cords on these great art students；Rebecca Bari，Andrew Biery，Maisie Bonnett，Alex－ ander Hertensteiner and Brad Midkiff．Other excellent members，already inducted are junior Julia Ohle and senior Rachel Nitchman．Congratulations to these fine art students for earning this national level recognition．

Established in 2003，the FHS NAHS Chapter is the first in the county and is advised by art teacher Laura Tawil．


## South Amhersi High School －Cavaliers－ <br> 1923 －1988

The $92^{\text {nd }}$ South Amherst Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday，July $18^{\text {th }}$ ，at the＂New Russia Township Hall＂at 46300 Butternut Ridge Road，Oberlin，Ohio．We will be honoring the 50 year Class of 1965 ．The doors will open at $4: 30$ p．m．Dinner will be catered by Fligner＇s and will be served at 6：00 p．m．A program and music，by＂The Allsop Band，＂will follow．There will be great food，music and raffles；a great time to reminisce with your old classmates and friends！！！The cost is $\$ 30.00$ per person（cost is free for Class of 1965 and guests．More information will be coming to you via the mail．If we do not have your mailing address or your e－mail address and you wish to receive an invitation，please contact Marilyn Wilhelm at 440－986－2642 or Pam Pollack at 440－775－7887．）

Hope to see you at the banquet！！！

## Pitchfork Pals 4．

At our April meeting of Pitchfork Pals 4H club，we kicked off our Scentsy fundraiser．Anyone interested in purchasing Scentsy products，please contact one of our club members．

## ＊＊＊Important dates＊＊＊

## June 7－9 and 10－12－Horse Camp

June 29，30，July 1，2015－Beginners Sewing Camp 9－4 June 22，23，24， 2015 －Intermediate Sewing Camp 9－4 June 10－12－Camp Tech
June 12－14－Ohio 4H Watersports Adventure weekend at Piedmont
June 16－18－Space Adventure Camp
July 11－15 4H Sea Camp
July 13－17－4H Astro Camp
June 26， 27 －Cedar Point Day

## Next meeting is May $3^{\text {rd }}$ ．

Pitchfork Pals shooting sports schedule is as follows at Rochester Rod \＆Reel Club from $\mathbf{6 - 8} \mathbf{~ p m}$ ：
 July $8^{\text {th }}$
Pitchfork Pals 4H－－Cheyenne Lloyd－－News Reporter

## THANA YOU!!

Dear Firelands FFA, friends, family, Firelands Football, and the community:
On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous support at the FFA annual banquet. I would also like to thank the football team for collecting the donations in my honor. I did not know that having Hodgkin's Lymphoma would effect me in this way. I am told I joined a club (lymphoma) that no one wants to join. With the support from Firelands FFA, friends, family, Firelands football, and the community, I will beat this disease. Thank you all again!
Sincerely, Kyle Riggs
Kyle is a sophomore at Firelands High School. The following is an excerpt from Kyle's Caring Bridge site. Please log on the following address to see his site \& updates!
http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kyleriggs2 Kyle was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, stage 4B. The B stands for fevers, sweating, and side effects of the disease. Please understand that in Hodgkin's Lymphoma stage 4 is different than other stage 4's. Yes it's very concerning but not to the extent as other diseases. He will start chemotherapy on Friday (March 20) and his treatment will be on three week cycles. Chemo for a week and off for two weeks. Some of the side effects will be hair loss, vomiting, and low blood counts. This particular disease typically responds to treatment.

The Firelands FFA with the help of several of Kyle's football teammates held a donation drive during dinner at the annual parent-member FFA banquet \& raised over $\$ 1600$ in ten minutes! If you would like to make donations or host fund-raisers in Kyle's honor, please contact Mrs. Shanna Finnegan at sfinnegan@firelandsschools.org or donations can be made at First Merit \& 5/3 Bank branches.

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It is a great honor for us to return to FAVA for this exhibition of senior-level work from Firelands High School. The FHS art department is grateful for the generosity of FAVA to lend us the space and expertise. The students in this exhibition include seniors in Art 3 (Dan Klesta and Kayla Morris), Art 4 (Maisie Bonnett, Alex Hertensteiner, Rachel Nitchman and Ashley Rister) and Advanced Art (Brad Midkiff) and a pair of juniors (Olivia Mowry and Julia Ohle) who are in Art 4. Also included is a pair of seniors who took drawing (Andrew Biery) and photography (Becca Bari) classes at the Lorain County Community College last fall through our College Credit Plus partnership. Ashley also majored in graphic design at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School and Rachel will continue her studies in visual art (hopefully) at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

The work presented in this exhibition is selected from both independent projects, and conventional assignments. Art 3 students focus on advanced media that takes extended time, like our stained glass window mosaic project and copper. The Art 4 and Advanced Art students develop their own projects. These students choose a concentration in 2-D or 3-D studies for the year. Students learn to write project proposals, research the technical and visual needs of the project, produce the project then reflect on their work.
what I call "shortys", short turn-around challenges that all students work through like self-portraits or botanical studies of a leaves, to exercise technical skills and creative problem-solving. The students have also created their own art portfolio "Weebly" websites to organize, analyze, evaluate and share their work with the world.

All of these students enjoyed weekly art classes through $4^{\text {th }}$ grade, then 7 -week art classes through $8^{\text {th }}$ grade in the Firelands district. Most have enriched their visual art experience in the education through their active involvement in our Art Society and serve as officers and leaders of this school club and most have also been honored with induction into the Na tional Art Honor Society. Some have even taken classes at FAVA through the "Teen Workshop" program.

The students were invited to select their four strongest works for this show for you to enjoy and we hope that you do. Maisie, Alex and Julia spent a morning of their Spring Break hanging the show with Gallery Director Kyle Michalak and FAVA member Barbara Rollins (also of the Ohio Watercolor Society). The exhibition runs from March 31 through April 17 in the FAVA South Gallery at 87 South Main Street in the New Union Center for the Arts in downtown Oberlin. Gallery hours: Tues. through Sat. 11am - 5pm, Sundays 1-5, closed Mondays. Please join us Saturday April 11 for a reception from 3-5pm.
Thanks so much - LT

## Art matters!

## Interspersed with their independent projects, I assign












This spring the FHS Art Appreciation, Art 1 and Art 2 classes are all visiting the Allen Memorial Art Museum on the campus of Oberlin College ( 87 N . Main St). This free museum has a comprehensive and condensed collection of works spanning centuries and continents. For many students, this was their first visit to this art museum and several expressed that they had no idea that it was even there. Guided by the Curator of Education and OC student scholars, the students closely inspected works of art through small group discussions and sketching in the galleries. Students discovered that close looking and verbal sharing in small groups uncovered new perspectives about the works. They also discovered that concentrated observation and sketching revealed composition and techniques of the artists.

This field trip was made possible through a grant from the Firelands Endowment Fund.


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## Brownhelm Pexfiction and BB Bt Cubb

- Brownhelm Perfection \& BB 4-H club held its April meetings on April 6 and 20th at the Brownhelm UCC. At the first meeting the club's speaker of the night was naturalist Janna Wilson from the Lorain County Metro Parks. Wilson spoke to the club about why we celebrate Earth Day and how we can help keep the earth clean. The club was given tips on recycling, and the negative impact that litter can have on the wildlife community. A live box turtle was also brought for the club members to view and learn about. Camryn Colahan led the U.S. pledge and Grace Keller led the 4-h pledge.
- At the second meeting the club held hobby night, which was an opportunity for club members to share their favorite hobbies with fellow members. Club officers spoke on the successful bake sale fundraiser at the Amherst TSC on April 4th, and spoke of the up coming 4-h pledge and creed contest to be held on May 11th at the Lorain County JVS. Club members will compete with other county 4-h club members and be judged on their individual presentations of the national 4-h pledge and creed. The club also held its pizza and game night for members at Mill Hollow park on April 28th, club members played board and card games and enjoyed some tasty pizza!
- Brownhelm Perfection \& BB 4-H Club held its meeting on March 2nd at the Brownhelm UCC. The club had a speaker from the Elyria fire dept. and fire fighter Rick Thrasher spoke about fire safety, teaching the club what they should do if there's a fire in their home. Elizabeth Zelnik lead the U.S. pledge and Marissa King lead the 4-H pledge. The meeting ended with Becca Harris giving a demonstration on how to care for your horse.
-The 2nd meeting was on March 16th , the club had a speaker from the Vermilion School District. Denise Zielske gave a presentation on school safety, teaching the club members about what it takes to keep a school district safe. Cameron Walter lead the U.S. pledge and Melanie Jaskiewicz lead the 4-H pledge. Justin Zielske gave a demonstration on how to make nachos and Jessica Herchler did a demonstration on how to care for your rabbit. The club had its bake sale on April 4th at the Amherst TSC.

News Reporter: Colin Adams

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Calendar of Events

May: 20-Banquet 24 and 25 Memorial Day Parades
June: Percussion Camp$\mathbf{1 0 , 1 1 , \&} 12$
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## Attention: Girls going into $3^{\text {rd }}{ }^{\text {t }} 6^{\text {th }}$ grade Firelands Youth Cheerleading Squad

In association with the Firelands Youth Football League Informational Parent Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 20th
Where: Firelands Elementary Gym
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: $\$ 150$ (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 (440) 315-5178 or email at jacqueline-
bowsher@nrcs.k12.oh.us


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During our March 9th meeting, we elected our new officers. The new 2015 officers are: President is Alison Butler, Vice-President Madi Stanley, Secretary Callie Stevens, Treasure David Tipple, News Reporter Tori Hritsko, Recreation Leader Allison Tuggle, Health Leader Maddie Byrd, Safety Leader Mason Stanley, and our Historian Grace Stanley.
Our club is currently planning our events for the year including our community services, promotions, and other gatherings. We look forward to all of our events to come. Make sure to come see us at the Birmingham Parade on Memorial Day!

By Tori Hritsko

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