



High School Happenings

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Fieldcrest High School

Fieldcrest FFA Wraps Up a Busy April

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- May 28th.....Semester Exams Day 2....(even classes meet) ...Last Day for Students
- May 29th... Teacher Institute
- August 5th... Registration for 2015-2016...HS Lobby 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- August 17th...Teacher Institute Day 1
- August 18th...Teacher Institute Day 2
- August 18th... 9th Grade/New Student Orientation
- August 19th...First Day of Student Attendance
- August 21st...HS Picture Day

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Fieldcrest High School: Proud to be a Knight!



The Fieldcrest FFA chapter hosted its annual awards and appreciation banquet April 9th at Mona's Restaurant in Toluca. The chapter's officers and membership dedicated the pro-

gram to giving thanks to the many supporters and sponsors of our local chapter. Sponsors were recognized and presented gifts of appreciation. Joe Gensler, Colton Pettit, Jared Rients, and Garrett Wolf delivered messages describing how thankful they are for the support of family, friends, the community, and school for the opportunities they were given through agriculture education classes and FFA. Additionally, first year

students were awarded their Greenhand Degree and select second and third year students their Chapter Degree. The annual Senior Scholarship Award was earned by Joe Gensler. The annual Leadership Award was given to three outstanding senior students, Joe Gensler, Jared Rients, and Garrett Wolf.



The chapter also hosted its annual Agriculture Day/Petting Zoo April 17th. Grade school students from the Fieldcrest district were invited to visit the agriculture shop to learn about a wide variety of agriculture animals and tractors as well as participate in a seed planting lab and an agriculture trivia game. (Cont. pg. 2)

BACC Students Shine...Mr. Tom Frazier, BACC Director



On May 4, 2015, the Bloomington Area Career Center honored students at the annual Evening of Recognition. Students were nominated by their teachers for an outstanding job throughout the year. Four FHS students were recognized: (L to R) Page Faulk and Brooklyn Silver (Cosmetology), Gary Mohr (Criminal Justice), and Garrett Wolf Automotive Tech).



We're on the Web:
www.fieldcrest.k12.il.us/hs

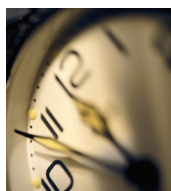
Fieldcrest High School would like to wish every father a Happy Father's Day!!!!



Don't Forget Father's Day is Sunday, June 21

High School Summer Office Hours Announced

Beginning June 1st, the official high school office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. Due to the flexibility of staff schedules, it is suggested that you call ahead to verify that someone is at the school. You may also check the web for potential updates and changes to daily schedules. Counselors and the building Secretary and will be on hand for questions through June 12th. They will officially return on August 3rd.



FHS Girls Track Finishes at Charleston... Sets Records and Firsts!

The Fieldcrest Girls Track Team finished the season strong by sending 4 events (5 athletes) to the state meet in Charleston.

The sole relay reaching the finals was the 4 x 800 the included the team of Claire Weers, Gwen Loh-Fandel, Tessa Holland and Erin Pongracz. They finished as the 12th best team in the state.

As an individual, Tessa Holland competed in the long jump, high jump and 400 M dash. Tessa Holland's second place in the long jump of 18 '63/4" was a new school record as well

as a personal best.

Her second place final finish in the high jump of 5'6" was her best ever placing at state.

Tessa Holland's fifth place finish of 58.58 in the 400 M is a personal best and a new school record.

As a team, the 21 points scored placed Fieldcrest 11th of the 70 scoring teams



(Ag Day from pg. 1) This event hosted approximately 400 students and community guests throughout the day.



A group of Fieldcrest FFA students participated in the Illinois Central College/Section 5 Livestock Evaluation event on April 18th. Joe Gensler, Wes Kingen, Colton Pettit, and Jared Rients evaluated cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats during the event. The students evaluated the animals for their quality and economic value. The event was an open invitational as well as a Section FFA event. The open invitational portion of the contest included teams from Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. The team from Fieldcrest FFA placed 8th overall. More importantly, in our Section 5 FFA event, Fieldcrest placed 1st in the team contest with Joe achieving high individual honors and Colton Pettit placing 5th in the individual portion. The Livestock and Dairy Evaluation teams competed at the State FFA Career Development Event on Friday, April 24th. Colton Pettit and Joe Gensler led our team and earned "Blue" rankings by placing in the top 33% of the 449 participants in the livestock portion of the contest.





FHS Spotlight...Senior Joe Gensler



Senior of the Month...

Congratulations to Senior **Jeremy Luning** who was chosen as the May Senior of the Month. He was chosen to represent the Social Sciences Department as a student who exemplifies the qualities and characteristics of a student of "Excellence" by the Social Sciences departmental staff. Jeremy participated in the Advanced Placement United States History course offered at FHS. He also took advantage of Honors Sociology and Economics. He was on this year's Academic Challenge Team that advanced to the sectional. Jeremy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Luning of

Wenona. He was one of nine students to receive a cash award and become eligible for a scholarship from Wenona State Bank, proud sponsor of the Senior of the Month/Year program.



Gensler Recognized as Senior of the Year!

Congratulations to Senior Joe Gensler on his selection as the Fieldcrest High School Senior of the Year. Joe was chosen by the Math and Science Department staff at FHS during the year as Senior of the Month. He was the only student to receive the honor twice this year. Also recognized as the Fieldcrest High School DAR Winner, Joe is the son of Thom Gensler of Wenona.

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Monthly winners included:

September... Music: Courtney McGuane

October...Science: Joe Gensler

November...English: Maria Mariotti

December...Physical Education: Jordan Henkel

January...Family and Consumer Science: Karolyn DeMay

February...Business: Collin Cremer

March...Art: Nicole Krischel

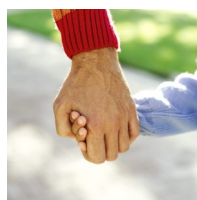
April...Math: Joe Gensler

May...Social Science: Jeremy Luning

Special thanks to Mr. Michael Flahaven for his support of the program.



What's Best for Kids... William Lapp, Principal



As we ready ourselves for another summer vacation, I find myself experiencing a first as a parent. I have a child who has graduated from high school and will not be returning next year. As I pondered the thought of "where has the time gone," I remembered some words of encouragement I shared in an article a few years ago. It was June of 2012 to be exact.

Every summer, I take time to reflect on my past 20 plus years in education. As I pondered on what to share with the Fieldcrest Community this month, my thoughts centered around the significance of time. I remember when my parents and grandparents would share with me their thoughts on the matter. They would say, "just wait until you're older, time will fly." And there are the individuals who tell me that "once your kid is in high school, time will go fast." It seems that I have always thought of time as "flying" and continue with that view today. When I coached, my perspective was that time went quickly because of the movement

of seasons. When a season completed, I quickly began preparation for the upcoming season, which undoubtedly would be there before one knew it.

I share this with you as I am finding that once again, a summer vacation that I, as well as 400 other staff and students were anticipating, is quickly passing us. I am reminded of that fact each and every time I have a visitor in the office this summer. I keep hearing, "wow, where is the summer going." I want to remind everyone that although time moves on, memories stay with you. I want to encourage each one of you reading this newsletter to make this the summer of (cont. pg. 4)

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Reminder to all of the Fieldcrest Community!
Please use the ID #70033431 when purchasing items at Office Depot so that we can receive 5% credit.



(from Ag pg. 3) Finally, the Biological Science Applications in Agriculture - Plant Science students and FFA members hosted a plant sale on Saturday April 25th during the Minonk garage sale day. Students grew all of the plants offered in the agriculture building's greenhouse. Every student was involved in the planting, daily care, transplanting and nutrient management of their projects. In addition, we utilized this opportunity to explore the creation and operation of a cooperative business. The class is very appreciative of the community's interest in our projects.



Barth Signs to Play Another Day... Bound for Eureka College

Ryan Barth added his name to the long list of FHS Class of 2015 Athletes playing in college by signing with Eureka College. "Ryan has great feet and athleticism for an offensive lineman," states Eureka College Football Coach Kurt Barth. "We are looking for him to compete next year for a spot on the line." A division III athletic program, Eureka College is a member of the Upper Midwest Conference as an associate member in football only.



(from What's Best pg. 3) investment. Pour your days into spending time with your child. Whether they are in preschool or high school, take every moment you can to share experiences together. For those who have children or teens that are as active as mine (summer baseball, camps, music, dance, tumbling etc.), remember that spectating IS participating and it will be remembered. Education today is focused on rigorous expectations that include high stakes for all participants. Students are challenged with the expectations of "global competition" and the challenging academic requirements to demonstrate competencies. Teachers and administrators are moving into a season of change whereby their job is dependant on the educational progress of students. One thing is for certain: To best prepare for the high demands of an (cont. pg. 5)



Luke Gerdes and Olivia Crank Recognized by CIV Principals

Luke Gerdes and Olivia Crank were recognized by the Central Illinois Valley Principals Association at the annual 2015 ceremony and breakfast. They were chosen by the staff and administration at Fieldcrest High School to represent the student body as students who exemplify qualities that reflect what this school means to the students and community. Schools in this region were allowed to select 2 students who demonstrate leadership, loyalty, work ethic and the overall ability to serve others in a true caring capacity.



And Now...The Rest of the Story



Fieldcrest High School BASS Fishing Team Places Third at Sectional...Advances to State

The Fieldcrest Bass Fishing team advanced to the IHSA State Fishing Tournament on Friday, April 25th at Lake Carlyle. Fieldcrest was one of 3 Bloomington Sectional Teams that advanced to the tournament. The Fieldcrest team of Evan Seggerman, Nathan Overocker, Cade Holland, and Jacob Schopf advanced after their boat, driven by Mr. Brian Overocker placed 3rd in the sectional contest. The team traveled on Thursday to participate in the Pre-Fishing event. The Friday and Saturday fishing times were cut short due to weather. Congratulations on a great season!



FHS Team Places 3rd in the Sectional



The Team "Ready for State"



**Congratulations
and Good Luck
to the Class of
2015!**

(from pg. 4 What's Best) education, the entire school community needs rest and recovery.

Take the time this summer to reconnect with your student and build memories that will last. In the words of English Biologist John Lubbock, "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." When your next opportunity comes to watch clouds with your children, embrace it. Relaxing...Recovering... Making summer memories with parents....That TRULY is What's Best for Kids!!!

Athletics Continue for More Knights...



Grant Jochums will continue his athletic career at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. A 1st Team All State Player in 2015, Grant became the all time leading rusher for Fieldcrest, galloping his way to 3666 yards in his career. He also set the single game rushing record (329 yards) and single season record (1922 yards) this past season. "Grant was that athlete that just played hard every minute and game everything he had," stated Athletic Director, Sean Poston. "He will be missed at FHS!"



Billy Moline will continue his love for the gridiron by playing in Rock Island next fall. He recently signed with Augustana College to play for Coach Schneeman's alma mater, the Augustana Vikings. A two sport athlete at Fieldcrest in football and basketball, Billy helped lead the Knights to their first ever school appearance in the IHSA State Semifinals. "Billy was one of the go to guys his senior year and developed into a great wide receiver, stated Sean Poston, FHS Athletic Director. Good Luck as a Viking!



Jake Griffin has decided to continue playing the game he loves. Jake has signed with Eureka College, in Eureka, Illinois. Jake is joined by recently signed fellow lineman, Ryan Barth. Jake will play for Fieldcrest Alum Kurt Barth. A two sport athlete in football and basketball, Jake will continue to provide his aggressive play for the Red Devils. "Jake had one speed...FAST," stated Sean Poston, Fieldcrest Athletic Director. Good Luck Jake as you play some Red Devil Football.

Fieldcrest High School Honors Night

May 12, 2015

7:00 p.m.



I. HONORS IN PATRIOTISM:

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD: Joseph Gensler and Meagan Cook

BOYS STATE: Kyle Colglazier

GIRL'S STATE: Hannah Peterson and Olivia Crank

**U.S. MARINE CORPS, SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:
Joseph Gensler and Meagan Cook**

**U.S. MARINE CORPS, DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARD:
Jackson Puetz and Megan Cook**

U.S. MARINE CORPS, SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD: Zoey Baker

**U.S. ARMY RESERVE NATIONAL SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD:
Grant Jochums and Tessa Holland**

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: Joseph Gensler

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: Keegan Roth

WENONA JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB/WENONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP: Meagan Cook

II. HONORS IN FINE ARTS:

WILL SALZ CREATIVITY AWARD: Andrew Wudtke

KATY LYONS AWARD: Addison Bohler

GUILD EXCELLENCE AWARDS: Addison Bohler, Nicole Krischel, Jayla Gensler, Keegan Roth, Meagan Cook, Addison McMullen, Peyton Fandel, Colton Pettit, Andrew Wudtke, Jerica Tarmann, Reina Miller, Courtney McGuane, Shelby Stearns

JACLYN PARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Nicole Krischel

III. HONORS IN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP:

ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM NOMINEE: Courtney McGuane

HEART OF ILLINOIS CONFERENCE FEMALE ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP: Tessa Holland

HEART OF ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE AWARD: Zoey Baker, Addison Bohler, Meagan Cook, Joe Gensler, Addison McMullen, Regina Miller, Courtney McGuane, Nicole Krischel, Jenna Lipinski

IV. FHS RECOGNITION:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Elliott Johnson

KEY CLUB AWARDS: Madison Tjaden, Kyle Kennell and Keegan Roth

KEY CLUB - AMERICAN RED CROSS SCHOLARSHIPS: Madison Tjaden and Keegan Roth

NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (Gold Level): Dalton Albright, Collin Cremer, Peyton Fandel, Joseph Gensler, Jordan Henkel, Tessa Holland, John Kingen, Sierra Kleen, Jeremy Luning, Addison McMullen, Valery Morse, Colton Pettit, Hallee Rothrock, Justin Stephens, and Stephanie Zamora

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM: The team qualified for sectionals the 3rd year in a row. Team members included: Dalton Albright, Addison Bohler, Kyle Colglazier, Joe Gensler, Quentin Harstead, Tessa Holland, Alisha Krugman, Jeremy Luning, Courtney McGuane, Addison McMullen, Chelsea Milashoski, Jonathan Panzica, Emily Wiesenhofer and Kyosuke, Yamazaki.

V. SENIOR HONORS:

TOLUCA ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Garrett Wolf, Joseph Gensler and Maria Mariotti

SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS: Joseph Gensler, Addison McMullen, Courtney McGuane, Addison Bohler, Jenna Lipinski, Regina Miller, Nicole Stromberg, Zoey Baker, Nicole Krischel, Meagan Cook, Keegan Roth, Jackson Puetz,

WENONA MASONIC LODGE NO. 344 SCHOLARSHIPS: Addison McMullen, Courtney McGuane and Addison Bohler

WENONA STATE BANK, SENIOR OF THE YEAR: Joseph Gensler

DICK BERNARDI SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP: Zoey Baker

FIELDCREST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Madison Tjaden, Nicole Stromberg and Jenna Lipinski

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS: Joseph Gensler, Courtney McGuane and Addison McMullen

STEFANIE CARLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Tessa Holland

MARTHA SWANN SCHOLARSHIPS: Addison Bohler and Joseph Gensler

Renaissance Club, Knight Scholarship: Karolyn DeMay and Kyle Kennell

VI. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

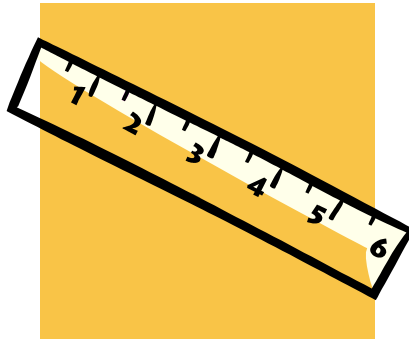
PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS: \$638,000 and counting

VII. ANNOUNCING VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Salutatorian: Addison McMullen

Valedictorian: Joseph Gensler

**WOODFORD COUNTY HEARTLINE & TAZWOOD COMMUNITY
SERVICES HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT TO HELP WITH SCHOOL
SUPPLIES, BOOK BAGS AND FOOTWEAR FOR
CHILDREN ENTERING K-12 IN WOODFORD COUNTY**



Income Guidelines: (30 day gross household income)

2 persons-\$1,659

5 persons-\$2,959

8 persons-\$4,259

3 persons-\$2,091

6 persons-\$3,392

9 persons-\$4,692

4 persons-\$2,526

7 persons-\$3,826

10 persons-\$5,125

CALL IN DAY WILL BE MONDAY

JUNE 15TH AT 8:00

Call Heartline at 309-467-6101

Scenes from the High School



Pictured above are additional scenes from the 2015 Agriculture Day sponsored by the Fieldcrest FFA. Student from the elementary were invited to attend.

Pictured left is Joe Gensler in scenes from the Physics class and the Egg Drop experiment. Students needed to construct something that could protect an egg from cracking when dropped from the fire escape.