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IN THE KNOW

This Month in April

On April 11, the middle school FFA class went to a skills contest at the MSU Pavilion. This competition was for students to memorize a category of terms or show skills in multiple categories: floriculture, forestry, environmental, agronomy, land conservation, nursery landscape, poultry, and milk production. They also participated in the Jr. High Quiz Bowl. When this competition happened the student was given a paper test as one part: matching names of terms to pictures. Part two, and in some categories making hands on arrangements, measuring, or touching. The paper test part had sections in the test including accounting and business qualities. The FFA students had been studying for their specific skills category for over a month, the students watch videos, use flashcards, do hands on work, and take scheduled tests to perfect their skills. Makylee May (29) said, "the contest taught me to identify different things from their different characteristics." One middle school group won the contest, the group competed in Floriculture. The group included Addison Hill (29), Ava Swy (29), and Clara Iott (29). Also out of 60 other middle school competitors in individual competition, Iott placed 1st, Hill placed 2nd, and Swy placed 12th. Mr. Gust, FFA Advisor, said, "This is an excellent group of kids, and I am really excited to see what they will do in their future FFA careers. They have worked exceptionally hard this year."

Kaia Rasor (29) was the only middle school student that participated in the Whiteford Robotics Program. This was the first year the team accepted 8th grade students. Coach Welling said, "The policy to include 8th graders will continue in future years for those interested." Robotics consisted of building a robot, marketing, and programming the robot before competition. Rasor was on the pit crew, the scout crew and the build crew. The team had gained enough points from the previous two competitions to go to the State Competition for the second year in a row. The team traveled to Saginaw Valley State University April 3-6 to compete with 160 schools, large and small, across the state. Whiteford won the Innovation in Control award. Rasor said, "Robotics is fun because I am on the build team so I get to use the machinery. Other kids should join because it's exciting and you can do lots of things in robotics."



APRIL FOOLS PRANKS

"I had a box of things and I gave Nathan Massingill (29) one. There was nothing in it when he opened, so I said April fools," said Christian McKee (29).

"I took water bottles and put them in shoes on the steps then told my mom water was running down the steps," said Caylynn Beasley (31).

"I told Mr. Truna I needed to leave and then came back in and told him April fools," said Avery Welch (30).

"Yes it did work I put tape on the connectors to the remote for the batteries and it stopped working," said Logan Sanjur (29).

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Groll



Kendra Lehberger (29) said, "I picked Mrs. Groll because she is so nice and when I talk to her she makes me feel so special. I also love hearing about her days."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

How much did a house cost in the early 2000s?

Over the past 25 years, U.S. housing prices have experienced significant growth. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, housing prices have increased by approximately 108% from 1999 to 2025. Twenty five years ago the average house in Michigan would cost about \$115,600. But in 2025 buying a house in Michigan cost approximately \$430,000. So over 25 years the price has increased by 314,400. For instance 25 years ago, a house would take about two years salary to purchase the house, but in 2025 it would take about six years salary.

A house in 2000 costs \$115,000



A house in 2025 costs \$430,000



Student Artwork

During the month of April the students in art class were asked to create a drawing that resembled Easter to them. The winners were Rowyn Wing (30), 1st place; Ava Blaisdell (30), 2nd place; and Kira Raker (30), 3rd place. The drawings were judged based on creativity, neatness, color, and how well the drawing represented Easter. Thank you to Ms. Kelly for the cross-curricular activity.

1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE



SPORTS

Some of the middle school girls have started their middle school softball season. The team includes the 7th and 8th graders this team. There are eight 8th graders and five 7th graders on the team. These girls will compete in 22 games throughout the season and have already competed in six games so far. These girls have practice 2-3 times a week with games on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and sometimes Mondays. Mrs. Lynn “Hammer” Hammerstrom coaches the team.



The track season has begun. The runners are going to have eight meets, or nine including the athletes that qualify for Regionals. The runners started their season on March 30, 2025. In the beginning of their season they have had three meets, and have two left for the month of April. Their first meet was away at Erie Mason, against Erie Mason. Both boys and girls won the meet. Kate Masters (29) said, “Everyone was trying a new race because it was the first meet, and everyone did very well.” Mr. Chris and Mrs. Kristin Thomas continue as coaches.

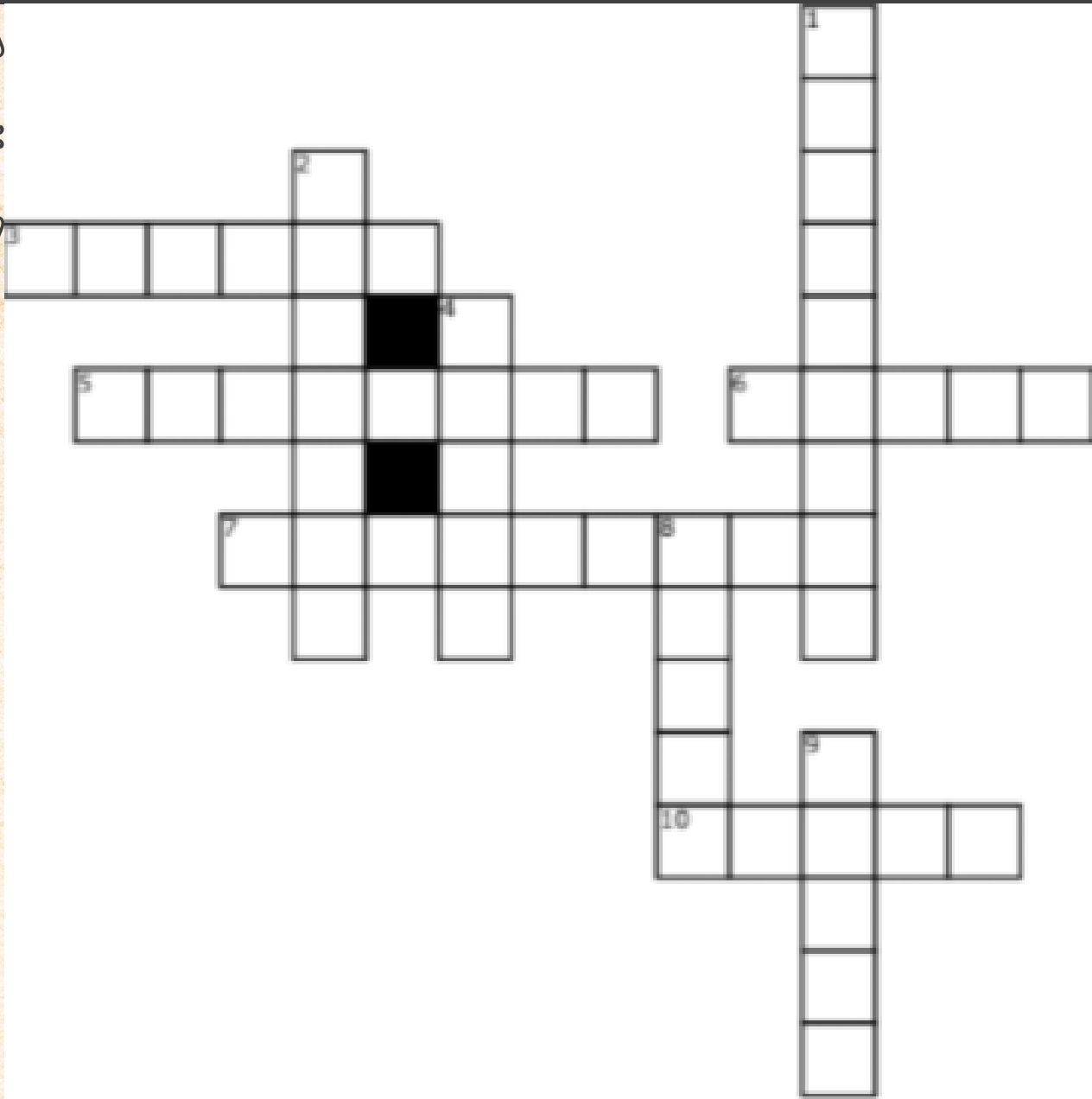
The middle school boys and girls competed against Lenawee Christian, Morenci, Summerfield, BD, Sand Creek and Erie Mason. Their most recent meet was against Lenawee Christian, Morenci and Summerfield on April 21. Aaron Consear (30) said, “I think the meet went really well because I got second place in the 70 meter dash.” The runners got to try new things since it is the beginning of their season and there are students that are new to track and field.

The next meet is May 3rd at Sand Creek. Boys and girls do team workouts together at practices; sometimes they run three miles for these workouts or they do field events. Micayla McClain (30) said, “My favorite event to do at a meet is the 800 meter dash.”

GAMES AND SPECIAL DAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- Emma Marsh 2
- Cody Wood 8
- Ryleigh Adams 10
- Allison McCullough 15
- Clara Iott 16
- Addison Hill 18
- Avree Ingram 19
- Olivia Jurkiewicz 24
- Hailey Van Aken 26



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 3) APRIL FOOL'S DAY IS CELEBRATED IN THE SEASON
 - 5) THIS HOLIDAY IS SUPPOSED TO BE LIGHTHEARTED AND ____
 - 6) ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY IT IS GOOD TO HAVE A ____ SENSE OF HUMOR
 - 7) WHAT DO WE DO ON HOLIDAYS?
 - 10) JOKES ARE MEANT TO MAKE US:
- DOWN**
- 1) ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY YOU MAY GET UNEXPECTED ____.
 - 2) TOO MANY PRANKS CAN START TO MAKE YOU FEEL:
 - 4) ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY PEOPLE PLAY PRACTICAL ____ ON EACH OTHER?
 - 8) HAPPY ____ FOOL'S DAY!
 - 9) APRIL FOOL'S DAY IS SUPPOSED TO BE ____.
- WORD BANK**
- FUNNY, HUMOROUS, SILLY, APRIL, JOKES, LAUGH, SPRING, CELEBRATE, ANNOYED, SURPRISES