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JSA awarded ArtsinStark grant

Jackson School for the Arts (JSA) will implement a \$30,000 SmArts grant over three years, integrating the arts into the history and language arts programs for students in grades 6-12. Using art in the traditional classroom is expected to improve student learning. ArtsinStark will work with Jackson Local to analyze student progress.



Signing the grant agreement are SmArts coordinator Sarah Shumaker, JSA director Susan Gardner, ArtsinStark CEO Rob Hankins, Superintendent Cheryl Haschak, and JMMS principal Monica Myers.

No new administrative position created DiLoreto fills <u>vacated</u> position

You may have read a confusing headline and article in the May 7 edition of the *Repository*, suggesting that a new administrative position had been created. The truth is, **no new position was created**. In fact, Jackson has cut numerous administrative positions totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

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Soldiers stay connected

"We seem to have a recurring theme with our soldiers in Iraq," said JHS foreign language teacher Carol Harmon. This is the second photo she has received with servicemen proudly holding copies of *Polar Bear Pride* and *Bear Facts* (the high school newspaper). Pictured are Marine Cpl. Nick Sabbato, a 2005 grad (left) and Sgt. Michael W. Weaver who have just come off a mission. Mrs. Harmon and the Spanish Club have been sending packages to Jackson soldiers since the war began. She gives credit to the JHS staff and student body who she says, "have been touched by this and just keep dropping things off for us to send." Nick is due back in Jackson sometime in August before he returns to Iraq for another tour of duty ending August 2009.

Top 10 - Class of 2008



Rachel Rutledge Valedictorian



Molly McDonough
Valedictorian



Karishma Khullar Valedictorian



Yawei Linda Li Salutatorian



Melissa Carosiello Top 10



Travis Krew Top 10



Drew Martin Top 10



Michael Serra Top 10



Scott Shaheen Top 10



Emily Winkhart Top 10



Josh Groban's "Thankful" dedicated to JHS

The first-ever student performance of Josh Groban's hit "Thankful" occurred at the JHS dedication ceremony on May 18. The special choral arrangement of the number was released early to Jackson students by special permission of the publisher. In addition, when this choral piece, arranged by the world-renowned Rollo Dillworth, is released sometime this month, it will forever carry the words: "To Jackson High School for the dedication of their newly renovated high school." Amherst Elementary music teacher, Cindy Grove, worked with the music publishing company Hal Leonard to secure the early release to Jackson students. Upon telling Rollo Dilworth about the Jackson community's support for the arts in education, Mr. Dilworth graciously dedicated his arrangement to Jackson students.



Mike Lemon, director of the Stark County Hunger Task Force, accepts \$1,000 from Jackson teachers Jen Buckner (union treasurer) and Bill Hayden (union president).

Jackson Teachers' Union gives back

Traditionally, on Teacher Appreciation Day members of the Jackson Memorial Education Association had received a small gift purchased with part of their union dues. This year, the union decided overwhelmingly to donate \$1,000 to the Stark County Hunger Task Force in lieu of the gift.

See TEACHERS' UNION, page 9



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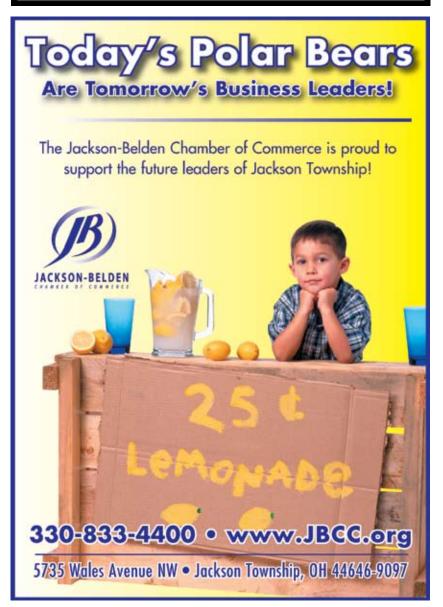
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Despite the challenges that we still face, this school year has brought academic and athletic successes of which our entire community can be proud.

Your students have won national recognition in the areas of horticulture, building trades, and speech & debate.

Your high school ranked in the top 5% in the nation for the 4th consecutive year.

Student Rachel Rutledge is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and four others were commended: Michael Adams, Sean Dunlap, Nicole Kendel, and Karishma Khullar.

Your three valedictorians earned a perfect 4.9 GPA.

Four students were named Repository Teens of the Month: Michael Lapadot, Animesh Lahoti, Molly McDonough, and Karishma Khullar. Karishma was also voted Repository Teen of the Year.



Superintendent **Chervl Haschak**

The Federal League All-Sports Trophy has returned to its rightful home - Jackson High School. Here are some of your students' athletic accomplishments:

- State qualifier—bowling
- State qualifier-boys' & girls' cross country, with Carlin Isles placing 2nd in two events.
- State qualifier-boys'/girls' tennis
- Regional runner-up-girls' soccer
- District runner-up-girls' softball
- State finalist-boys' soccer
- State qualifier—track
- Regional qualifier-baseball

In his book Making a Life, Making a Living, Mark Albion writes of a

study that tracked the careers of 1,500 business school graduates from 1960 to 1980. The grads were grouped into two categories. Category A consisted of people who said they wanted to make money first so that they could pursue their true interests later.

Those in Category B pursued their true interests first, sure that the money would eventually follow.

After 20 years, the two groups produced 101 millionaires. One in Category A, 100 in Category B.

John C. Maxwell in Leadership Gold says, "If you want to reach your potential, find your passion."

I have every confidence that the passionate Class of 2008 will achieve great things for our future.

Parents, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your greatest asset.

Best of luck Class of 2008. We have enjoyed your accomplishments and passion.

New school increased sports/academic unity

By Mike Lapadot, 2008 graduate, speech given at the May 18 dedication

I'm a senior at Jackson High School and have been here during the entire construction process. It was a great experience for me. Yes, things were crowded and the appearance of the school was not very attractive, but the big lesson I learned at this school is that hard work pays off. The construction of this building is a metaphor for the construction of the many young individuals in this school. My peers and I have worked hard to succeed in high school, just as the construction staff has worked hard to build a great learning environment. One major difference is the openness of the new school. We students can actually breath now and aren't in the middle of a tight maze. The increased openness builds a sense of order and unity.



Mike Lapadot

Students don't feel trapped but rather a part of a community. The classrooms are now arranged so students are together with their peers. The added classrooms allow every club and activity space to have meetings and plan events. Sports teams can even practice inside without disturbing others. The benefits for education and extracurricular activities is truly a blessing. I don't know if it is because of the new school but it seems we've had more state qualifiers and contenders this year than ever before, soccer, golf, bowling, marketing, mock trial, speech and debate, cross country, automotive, construction technology, and horticulture... the list goes on and on. The school is united now. Everyone supports one another and school spirit is the best ever, making the competitors want to do better in their events. One moment I will never forget is walking down the mezzanine stairs with my soccer team to the bus that would take us to Columbus for the State Championship game. The the entire student body filled the commons area and clapped to send us off. It was fantastic and illustrates how this new school is for the students, for their benefit, and ultimately for the community's benefit.

Grateful for new school and continued excellence

By Emily Gilbride, 2008 graduate, speech given at the May 18 dedication

Four years ago, as I embarked on my journey throughout high school, JHS looked nothing like it currently does. Hallways were congested and classrooms were cramped. Getting to class was an obstacle and finding a seat in the cafeteria always seemed to be a challenge. Our lockers were tiny, and some teachers didn't even have classrooms. However, as I began to change and mature our school did as well. During sophomore year, changes started taking place throughout the school, both in the student body and in the structure of the building. Junior year was when the biggest changes could be seen. While I began to find myself and determine what to do with my future, I also began to see what the future building would look like and what future students would get to experience. As this year started and I finalized my college plans, the final phases of construction took place. I can see that the growth the school has paralleled my growth. What many people might not realize is how beneficial this new building is and will be in the future for Jackson students. The building now has enough room for numerous activities to go on simultaneously with very few interruptions. Each teacher now has his or her own classroom. Students can move from class to class

without getting stuck in hallway traffic. There are many more tools and opportunities available for students to succeed. I am extremely grateful for this building and the opportunities that I have been given due to the

new facility. As a new generation of Jackson students walk through the doors, we can all be assured that the opportunities for education, which have always been excellent, will continue for many years to come.



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JACKSON HIGH DEDICATION



JHS dedication brings out local dignitaries, senior citizens, and families district-wide

Over 500 citizens gathered in the student commons of the newly renovated Jackson High School for the official dedication. Guests were greeted by the Big Band sounds of our popular Jackson Jazz Band.

Next, voices district-wide took the stage together to dedicate the new and improved Jackson High School. The 90-member Elementary Honors Choir, featuring students from all four elementaries sang alongside the Middle School Chamber Ensemble and JHS Jacks-N-Jills.

Messages of gratitude went out to the community from Superintendent Haschak and Board of Education president Ken Douglas before Harris Day architect, Domenic Ferrante presented the district with a ceremonial key to the building.

To mark the occasion, Joel Maas, managing director of Cross Country Marketing donated commemorative bookmarkers that were given to each guest. If you would like to have a marker, please stop by the high school.

We were proud to welcome all three Jackson trustees to the celebration. From left are Trustee Bill Burger, Lisa Pizzino who is heading a fund-raising campaign to send our 6th graders to Camp Muskingum, Trustee John Pizzino, and Trustee James Walters.



Domenic Ferrante (far right), of Harris Day Architects, presented the Board of Education with the key to the building. Also pictured are board president Ken Douglas, Superintendent Haschak, and past board member Marian Manns.

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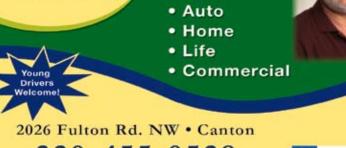


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Jackson School for the Arts (JSA) Scholarships

Erin Diroll, Tara Smithberger

Outstanding Senior Career Technical Education Michael Davis

Prism Scholarship (Parents Recognizing Innovative Students Mentorship)

Rachel Sinsel

Andy Steve & Harold Montgomery Citizenship **Awards**

Molly McDonough, Michael Lapadot

W. Dale Haverstock Memorial Scholarship Morgan Namenek

Stephen Bowers Memorial Scholarship Michael Mazziotta

William R. Thackwell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Melissa Carosiello

Stuart Wahl Memorial Scholarship

Hallie Busta, Molly McDonough, Rachel Rutledge

Pauline Liebermann Memorial Literary Award

Scott Santschi Memorial Scholarship Eric Prosise

Scott Manning Memorial Scholarship

Kavlee Jones

Benson Family Memorial Scholarships Erin Diroll, Stefani Frederick, Timothy Tallman

Anthony Sandy Memorial Scholarships Michael Adams

Jeff Bates Memorial Scholarship Micky Lapadot

Joseph B. Armogida Inspirational Scholarship

Jackson Boys' Soccer Booster Club Hat Trick Awards

Robby Lapadot, Nick Kennen

Phil Graham Scholarship

Drew Martin

Jackson Township Lions Club Scholarship Kaylee Jones, Laura Markel, Rachel Rutledge

Jackson Township Rotary Club Scholarships Michael Lapadot, Melissa Carosiello, Maria Dligianniders

Harris/Day Architects Inc. Scholarship

Jackson High School Alumni Scholarship

Hillary Bryan, Emily Gilbride, Kaylee Jones, Eric Prosise,

Aultman Blood Center Scholarship

Athena Hill, Amanda Spees, Lauren Sparks, Rob Lamb, James Bagnola, Summerly Rowlands, Marianne Simmons, Chloe Horger

Memmer Habitat for Humanity Scholarship Anelia Mutafova, Rachel Rutledge

Danner Dental Care Scholarship Casssandra McCully

Driving Academy of Ohio Scholarship Michael Adams

The Walter & Mary Ester Schmid Scholarship Hallie Busta

J.M.E.A. Scholarships

Elizabeth Rutledge, Marcella Shafer

The Phil Dickson Memorial Scholarship

Michael J. Danner Memorial Scholarships

Alexander Caghan, Dennis Bruce, Michael Smith, Keith Fleishman, Kelsey Richardson, Summerly Rowlands, Kelsey Springer, Laura Markel

National Honor Society Scholarships

Kaylee Jones, James Lab, Yawei Li, Amy Wilder, Scott Chappuis, Kaitlyn Gutshall, Natalie Myers, Amanda Smith

Spanish Club Scholarships

Molly McDonough

O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in Spanish Karishma Khullar & Rachel Rutledge

O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in French Drew Martin

O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in German

O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in Chinese

Student Council Scholarships

Hilary Bryan, Alexander Caghan, Bryce Kershey, Cassandra McCully, Summerly Rowlands

Speech and Debate Scholarship

Anthony Jacobsen

Band Booster Scholarships

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Akron Beacon Journal Star Students

Molly McDonough,, Kaylee Jones, Rachel Rutledge

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Coryan Hathaway, Andrew Lane, Sabrina O'Connor

US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award Michael Lapadot

US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award Nichole Kovick

US Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award Evan Savage

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Alex Caghan

Akron Beacon Journal Star Student Nominees

Kaylee Jones, Karishma Khullar, Molly McDonough, Rachel Rutledge

Monsignor Joseph Krispinsky Scholarships

Melissa Carosiello, Maria Deligiannides, Elizabeth Rutledge, Rachel Rutledge

The Strip Scholarship

Kaitlyn Gutshall

Evelyn Stark Scholarship

Nichole Kovick

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Kathleen Duff, Eric Atkinson, Alexander Caghan, Emily Campbell, Samantha Christie, Alyssa DeFelice, Loni Dickerhoof, Adam Dickson, Alison Eisenberg, Gail Ferguson, Kaylee Jones, Emily Kenyon, Bryce Kershey, Nichole Kovick, James Lab, Animesh Lahoti, Michael Lapadot, Robert Lapadot, Drew Martin, Molly McDonough, Aneliya Mutafova, Ricky Patel, Andrew Pritt, Brett Taylor, Kristen Waggamon, Steve Williams, Emily Winkhart

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Cross Country Scholarships

Peter Hutton, Molly McDonough, David Rafailedes, Rachel Reed

Jackson Sideliners Scholarships

Katie Blinco, Alyssa Kiefer, Anne Beauch, Matthew Anderson, Lauren Grove, Jessica Headland, Kyle Johns, Richard Jordan, Michael Smith

Heck Scholarship

Michael Smith

Frank Bennett Scholarship Cody Byham

Mama Bears Scholarships

Kyle Jordan, Adam Young-Murphy, Michael Smith

Laura Byham Memorial Scholarship

Cheerleading Booster Club ScholarshipsSasha Ingram & Lindsay Susko

Jackson Girls Softball League Awards

Elizabeth Rutledge, Morgan Namenek

State Farm Scholar Athlete Certificate Awards Alexander Caghan, Molly McDonough

Meritorious Service Awards

Doug Pugh, Sue Wise, Scott Studer

Diamond Club Scholarship

Kelsey Richardson

Junita Wallenhurst Memorial ScholarshipAbbey Kimar

Polar Bears Softball Club ScholarshipsRachel Logan, Jessica Richards, Kylie Dorto

Federal League Sam DiBlasi Commissioner's Award Nominees

Michael Lapadot, Steve Williams, Molly McDonough, Emily Winkhart

Akron Beacon Journal Scholar Athlete NomineesDavid Rafailedes, Emily Kenyon

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards

Jordan Lindesmith, Emily Winkhart

OHSAA Courageous Student Award Alison Eisenberg

OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Nominees

Robert Lapadot, Emily Kenyon

V. F. W. Post 3124 Athletes of the Year Alexander Caghan, Emily Pritt

V.F.W. District 6 Athlete of the Year Emily Pritt

State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity

Steve Dick

Joe Herman Award

Matthew Anderson

Federal League Scholar Athlete Awards

Eric Atkinson, Alexander Caghan, Emily Campbell, Samantha Christie, Alyssa DeFelice, Loni Dickerhoof, Adam Dickson, Alison Eisenberg, Gail Ferguson, Kaylee Jones, Emily Kenyon, Bryce Kershey, Nichole Kovick, James Lab, Animesh Lahoti, Michael Lapadot, Robert Lapadot, Drew Martin, Molly McDonough, Aneliya, Mutafova, Ricky Patel, Andrew Pritt, Brett Taylor, Kristen Waggamon, Steve Williams, Emily Winkhart

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Jackson's Rachel Rutledge was a finalist in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship competition.

Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship program included: Michael Adams, Sean Dunlap, Nicole Kendel, and Karishma Khullar.

Students earn over \$1 million in scholarships

In addition to the locals scholarships and awards on these two pages, 142 Jackson seniors received approximately \$1,302,813 in college/trade school scholarships, with 7 additional students receiving 70% or full tuition.

MR. & MISS JACKSONITE



The 2008 winners of the Mr. & Miss Jacksonite titles are Michael Lapadot and Elazabeth Rutledge.

Finalist included
Emily Gilbride,
Karishma Khullar,
Molly McDonough,
Rachel Rutledge, Geoff
Groenke, Kevin Hidas,
Michael Serra, and Scott
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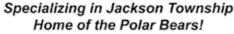
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HIGH SCHOOL

JHS student to teach Chinese at summer camp

Amber Franklin has been studying Chinese with visiting Chinese teacher Mr. Rui Li this past school year. Because of her efforts, she was selected to become one of only two elementary camp counselors at Camp OFLA through the Ohio Foreign Language Association.

"I want to eventually become a translator," Amber said.

Mr. Li added that he thinks she will make a very good translator because, "she is a good, hard-working student with a lot of passion for learning Chinese."

Mr. Li returned to his homeland on June 5. Our district will be given a new Chinese teacher for the coming school year. That teacher's salary will be paid by the Chinese government, as was Mr. Li's.



33 inducted into Spanish National Honor Society

Through her work with the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, JHS world language teacher Parthena Draggett created Stark County's first chapter of Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica.

The honorary accepts students studying Spanish IV and AP Spanish who have maintained at least a 3.6 average.

The entire induction ceremony was conducted in Spanish with an English translation PowerPoint presentation for guests. The Kirsten Waggamo, Kaylee Jones, and Molly officers read Spanish poems, and Cielito Lindo was sung by Elizabeth Rutledge with three "backup" singers. The Interact

Club made Mexican wedding cookies and Buehler's donated a cake with the SHH logo.



Officers: Scott Chappuis, Karishma Khulla, McDonough.

The inductees were: Subhan Ahmad, Alex Caghan, Emily Campbell, Jacyln Carlin, Scott Chappuis, Heather Cowell, Sara Crawford, Kathleen Duff, Christina Heade, Kaylee Jones, Karishma Khullar, Tiffany Knisley, Animesh Lahoti, Michael Lapadot, Yawei Li, Lisa Longenecker, Cassandra McCully, Molly McDonough, Matthew Plauny, Eric Prosise, Andrew Royer, Elizabeth Rutledge, Rachel Rutledge, Mackenzie Schuler, Michael Serra, Alyssa Shahan, Morgan Sherritt, Luis Soto, Lauren Sparks, Brett Taylor, Kirsten Waggamon, Amy Wilder and Emily Winkhart.

JHS competes well in the 2008 Envirothon

Horticulture teacher John Allen and science teacher Roy Dria took two student teams to competed for the third consecutive year against 80 other Ohio teams in the 2008 Envirothon, Jackson was the only representative from Stark County at this environmental science contest held at Buffalo Creek Retreat in Seville, Ohio. The Envirothon is an international contest where teams of five students work together to answer questions and solve problems dealing with wildlife, aquatics,



Standing: Advisor Roy Dria, Timothy Mitchell, Sean Fenstemaker. Seated: Katie Nycum, Stephanie Schneider, Kirsten Smith, Grace Gribble, Chelsea Booty, Geoff Yost, Kristen Stuldreher, Alexandra Shaffner, Advisor John

forestry, soil science, and current issues in environmental science. Funding for Jackson teams, including the cost of a substitute teacher and t-shirts for all participants, was provided by the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District. One of our teams placed 27th and another placed 48th.

Young litigators place in Law Day contest

JHS junior Craig McKinney and senior Nick Weber participated in the Stark County Bar Association's Law Day moot court competition. Moot court is an oral argument like one might see before an appeals court. The judges ask questions throughout each side's arguments. This year's topic was whether illegal immigrant children are entitled to a free and public education. Craig placed 4th and Nick brought home the bronze medal by placing 3rd. In addition, Nick became the first person to place in the moot court competition and also place in the "There Oughta Be a Law" essay contest. He placed second in the essay contest and received a \$50 U.S. savings bond.



Craig McKinney (left) and Nick Weber pose with their teacher Chris Amedeo after their

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JMMS track athletes show coach Gary Jones their lightning speed. From left are: Brian Coventry, Katie Kron, Chris Manse, Matt Olinger, Allison Oliver, Katie Zito, AndiHenry, Preston Wade, and Trent Karshey.

JMMS Spring Sports Wrap-Up

The boys' track team finished 1st in the Federal League ad the girls' team finished 4th. Coach Kim Gardner said the teams were motivated by PR, or personal record. "We never talked about winning or losing," he said. "We always ask the question, 'Did you have a personal record?' and we are also proud that our athletes are quality students."

FALL ATHLETIC SEASON NOTICE:

In preparation for the 2008-09 school year, athletes who registered to participate in fall sports will receive further information by mail. Tryouts begin in early August.



Language artists celebrate learning

Over 90 sixth graders in Rachel Stein's and Kathy Brand's language arts classes gathered in the gymnasium with parents and friends to celebrate a year of using the English language creatively. The teachers saved exceptional writings and illustrations from each student and bound them in individual keepsake books. During the celebration, students entertained and enlightened the audience with outstanding readings from their books.

Student Mary Manos said that 6th grade language arts has taught her how to put all the elements of writing into one good story. "It feels really good to have accomplished this," Mary said, adding that she will give her detective story to her sister as a college graduation gift, "because my sister is another one of the people (along with her mother and teachers) who makes me feel like I can do anything," Mary said.

Mrs. Brand said she will hold this celebration annually because parents are so pleased and often surprised when they see the high quality writing their children have produced.

Five JMMS wrestlers competed at state

The JMMS Wrestling Team set a school record with five wrestlers qualifying for the Jr. High School State Wrestling Championships. They were: Sidney Sponseller (102 weight class) 23-6 overall record, Ryan Siskie (108) 48-3 overall record, Andrew Harter (209) 21-10 record, Spencer Scheetz (176) 27-9 record, and C. J. Campisi (96) 18-6 record. Of the five, Siskie made the medal rounds, eventually placing eighth.

As a team, the young Polar Bears took 1st place at the Federal League Duals, Lake Invitational, Jackson Holiday Tournament and the Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy Duals. They placed 2nd at the Northwest Invitational, Twinsburg Invitational and the Federal League Tournament.

Siskie, making the state tournament for the second-straight year, won his first two matches, taking him into the quarterfinals. He finished the regular season with a 22-1 record, taking first place at all of the team's tournaments.



Ryan Siskie



JMMS Sweeps Stark County Bar Association contest

Each year, 6th grade social studies students across Stark County participate in a poster contest sponsored by the Stark County Bar Association. This year, Jackson swept the competition, winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Kareesma Parbhoo (far right) won first place, Matt Dinko won 2nd place, and Meghan Linz won 3rd place.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 18 Mon 6th Grade & New Student Orientation—Last Name A-M7:00 PM 6th Grade & New Student Orientation—Last Name N-Z7:00 PM Tue Freshman & New Student Orientation—Last Name A-M7:00 PM 19 20 Wed Freshman & New Student Orientation—Last Name N-Z.....7:00 PM 21 Open House — Amherst, Lake Cable, Sauder, Strausser.....4:30-6:30 PM Th First Day of School (Grades K-9) 25 Tue First Day of School (Grades 10-12) 26 Mon Labor Day — No School (K-12) SEPT 1 Open House – Jackson Middle School-– Last Name A-M....6:30 – 7:30 PM

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Sept. 16	High School	6:30 PM
•	Sauder	
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2004 grad wins **ESPN** honors

Megan Glassburn (2004 grad) and her tennis partner Tiffany Allison were named to the ESPN THE MAGAZINE Academic All-District IV Team. Megan and Tiffany were Baldwin Wallace's No.1 doubles tandem, leading the Yellow Jackets to two straight Ohio Athletic Conference regular season titles, two consecutive OAC Tournament titles, and two straight berths in the NCAA Division III National Tournament. Glassburn recently graduated with a degree in early childhood education, carrying a 3.7 average. She played #2 singles and had a 70-32 career singles record to tie Allison for third all-time. During her four seasons, Glassburn compiled a 91-27 career doubles record, a B-W, OAC and Ohio collegiate record. Her 168 career combination wins ranks second all-time at BW. In addition, she was a four-time All-OAC and two-time Academic All-OAC selection.

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walk for a Healthy Ohio

25 Sauder students walked at least one mile at the Fife n track for the 4th annual Ohio Fitness Walk on May 21. This 725 miles to Ohio's goal of 100,000 miles walked by Ohioans y. Even though it rained periodically, Sauder students and illfully walked between the raindrops to do their part for itness challenge.

No new position created DiLoreto fills <u>vacated</u> position Myers accepts principal's post

You may have read a confusing headline and article in the May 7 edition of the *Repository*, suggesting that a new administrative position had been created.

The truth is, **no new position was created**. In fact, Jackson has cut numerous administrative positions totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings for taxpayers. District-wide, millions of dollars in cuts have been made, and excellence is still expected of the remaining staff despite those deep cuts.

The position in question is that of Business Manager, held most recently by Doug Winkler who resigned, effective June 30. Because the duties of that position have been expanded, it has been given the new title — Director of Support Services.

The vacated position will be filled by former JMMS principal Chris DiLoreto. As Director of Support Services, Mr. DiLoreto will oversee buildings and grounds, food services, transportation, and purchasing, just as Mr. Winkler had in the past. In addition, he will develop and implement a new, electronic inventory tracking system to protect taxpayer investment. Also, because he comes from an administrative background, Mr. DiLoreto will aid Superintendent Haschak with employee evaluations.

Myers eager to lead JMMS as principal

In her own words - Monica Myers: "I am very eager to begin my position as JMMS principal. I knew from my first year of teaching that eventually I wanted to become a principal, so I began my masters in administration right away and received my superintendent's license last year. I felt that all five years as a JHS freshman assistant principal I was preparing for such a role. I will use my experience to help guide the 8th graders' transition to high school, help my staff better understand the high school atmosphere, curriculum, athletics, and extra curricular choices that students will have. I have taught 7th and 8th grade students in the past, however, this will be my first experience with 6th grade students. I am really looking forward to helping 6th graders make the transition to middle school and intend to start a mentor program just for them."



JMMS principal Chris DiLoreto (far left), assistant principal Dave Waltman, and guidance counselor Luis Lacourt give 5th graders a tour of the middle school. Middle school secretary Claudia King is seated at her desk.



Monica Myers, the new JMMS principal for the 2008-09 school year, greets students Emily Cameron, Leyanie Zulkifli, Rob Fettman, Mitchell Pugh, Arden Minor, Sunny Patel, and Matt Lowry.

TEACHERS' UNION

"Although I really enjoyed the special treat, I am very glad that so much money is being donated to such a worthy cause," said teacher Karri Gowins.

Teacher Mary Moore added, "It's a much better use of \$1,000."

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According to Hunger Task Force director Mike Lemon, "The funds will be used to purchase 7,000 pounds of food for the hungry people of Stark County." The Task Force feeds about 15,000 people each month, and that number is climbing. "Our newest clients are educated people who

drive up in a BMW or Lexus because their jobs have gone overseas or the company has downsized," he said, also referencing Stark County's high percentage of foreclosure.

The Task Force has 24 food pantries across Stark County and may use the JMEA funds to open a new one in the

south-west area of Jackson Township.

"These funds have come to us at an excellent time because in the summer, our donations go down but our numbers go up," said Mr. Lemon, explaining that students who were being fed free and reduced lunches are on summer recess.







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Grand Breakfast

Grandparents, various family members and friends gather yearly at our elementary schools to dine with our students. This year at Amherst, a great group of grands visited with their favorite little ones. Pictured here are just a few of them. The Seymour children (Ethan, Matthew, and Audrey) welcomed Grandma Diane Dreger, Grandpa Don Dreger, Aunt



Sharon Dreger, and Grandma Sylvia Seymour. Also pictured are the Arnold children (Carson, Allison, and Jocelyn) with family friend Vivian Tornero, Grandma Janice Arnold, and Grandpa Dick Arnold. Dick is the voice of the Jackson Band, Purple Army, heard every Friday night during football season.

Amherst poets tops in the county

Amherst poets brought home 10 prizes from the Stark County District Library's 9th annual poetry contest open to students in grades 2-12. Everyone who submitted a poem was invited to the café where they could read their poem aloud to their parents, teachers, and friends. Winning poems were chosen by the Wick Poetry Center at Kent and can be read online at www.starklibrary.org/teens.htm.

Top honors went to Samantha Taylor (grade 3), and Beth Howie (grade 5). Honorable mention went to 2nd graders Jessie Sima and Denis Ciocan, 3rd grader Irene Chen, 4th graders Jack Dear, Katie Taylor, and Gia DiLoreto, and 5th grader Ryan Durkee.

Because Amherst was one of three schools to have the most poet participants, the school was awarded the New York Times bestselling Poetry Speaks to Children. In all, 925 students from 59 Stark County schools participated.

Seated in the photo are Amherst poets: Beth Howie, Irene Chen, Gia DiLoreto, Jessie Sima, and Katie Taylor. Standing are Jack Dear and Ryan Durkee. Denis Ciocan and Samantha Taylor are not pictured.



Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!



Maria DeChellis, Courtney Wargo, and Brooke Harvey entering Tiger Valley.



Verna Zhu, Logan Webster, Weston Turkalj, and Allie Snyder as perfect little penguins.

By Valerie J. Walker-Harvey

To culminate their study of animal habitats, coverings (scales, fur, etc.) and differences between living and nonliving things kindergartners from Amherst, Sauder, Strausser, and Lake Cable made their way through the Akron Zoo. They visited penguins, lemurs, and the snow leopard. The children roared at the African lions, and suddenly, a large male strutted right towards them, only to find a sunnier spot to rest. The tiger, not to be outdone by the lion, stalked through the grass, looking at the children as if they were prey — we didn't stay long there! The two playful bears were fun to watch as they took turns climbing rocks and taking a dip in their water hole. The day would not have been complete without visiting the petting zoo where the children found a precocious billy goat, food-seeking sheep, and lackadaisical a pig reclining in the mud. The day at the zoo with these five and six-year-old children gave me a better appreciation for our wonderful teachers and the amazing relationships they have formed with our children.

CABLE ELEMENTARY

Shortly after dads and daughters attended their annual dance together, the Lake Cable 5th grade boys had their morning with moms. Before school started one bright sunny

morn, nearly 100 moms marched into the cafeteria to munch a muffin and drink a cocoa with their sons. There were kisses and grins aplenty.





Young artists win Football Hall of Fame contest

A drawing by Lake Cable 5th grader Hannah Durr earned 1st place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Student Art Contest. Taking 3rd place in the contest was Lake Cable's Troy Hankins, a 4th grader. Approximately 3,500 Stark County 4th and 5th graders participate in the contest which annually asks students to create football-related drawings that will be placed in area hotel rooms to welcome out-oftown visitors to the August HOF festivities.

Hannah created a colorful picture of hot air balloons floating over the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Troy's masterpiece showed the Pro Football Hall of Fame surrounded by the team logos of this year's inductees.

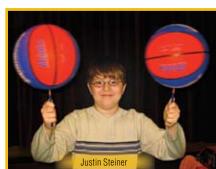
Student Council brings Basketball Jones to school

Lake Cable 5th graders, under the guidance of teachers Megan Seeley and Diana Jones, started the school's first Student Council. After spending the school year raising over \$1,600 and doing good deeds, the group decided to use its remaining funds to hire Jim "Basketball" Jones for an afternoon assembly before the entire student body.

The high-energy, interactive show had students spinning basketballs on their noses, hats, and pencils while taking in the powerful message, "Good Choice, Bad Choice, Your Choice." Mr. Jones said his father always blamed him for the outcomes in his life, saying, "It's your fault," each time his choices resulted in something bad and each time they resulted in something good. Soon after he told this story, one of the Lake Cable Student Council members announced that Council would provide treats for Field Day activities. Mr. Jones took the opportunity to tell the students that it was their fault they were having treats. They must have done something to cause it.

The action-packed program also wove in the importance of mastering listening skills. Mr. Jones was able to get students to follow directions to the letter by withholding his tricks until his directions were expertly followed. He told students that listening was simple, adding that, "It's the simple things we master that make the hard things look simple."

Student Council members are: Brandon Alger, Oren Barat, Robbie Beaver, Haleigh Colucy, Cassie Daut, Erin Duncan, Jillian Eckroate, Caroline Franks, Erin Handwork, Johnny Heropoulos, Tyler Jacobson, Kaitlin Kulich, Austin Long, Zach Meese, Sean McCalla, Evan Streator, Lauren Vaccaro, Robert Warne, Kristin Woodard, and Olivia Zanolli









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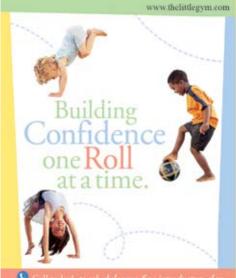
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SAUDER ELEMENTARY

Mt. Readmore

Sauder PTG parents planned a book fair with the theme, "Take a Reading Road Trip." Part of the fun included a bulletin board with a paper mountain to represent Mt. Readmore. The faces on Mt. Readmore were not presidents, they were school librarians Pam Marzec and Luann Koch, and literacy specialist Linda Matlock. Pictured reading at Mt. Readmore are the children of parents who organized and ran the week-long book fair: Justin and Ashley Grega, Franklin



and Samuel Shew, Colin and Justin Williams, Alaysha and Jacob Matronia, Landon and Morgan Patterson, Nathan Webb, Max Burkhart, Abby Donelan, and Jake Fleming.



Jumping rope with lots of heart

Sauder students raised \$10,042.80 during the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

Pictured in front of their fellow fundraisers are Michael Stark (left with basketball), Teressa Hill, Kayla Wallace, Trent Kurkcu (Jumping rope), and Anthony Kanam (right with basketball).

One hired, one retired

John Allen, a 35-year teacher, spent one of his final teaching moments helping to deliver a lesson with his daugher Jenna, a first-year reading teacher at Sauder.

As part of the annual end-of-year enrichment series, where students select classes from approximately 40 areas of interest, Jenna Allen led a group called "Fun With Flowers." Because many community members participate in these enrichment lessons, Jenna asked her father, the JHS horticulture teacher, to join the fun. The students planted flowers around the Sauder schoolyard sign.

"It was special to me to be able to work with my father before he retires this year," Jenna said.

"It's exciting to see one of your children follow in your footsteps as a teacher," Mr. Allen said. "I will miss the interaction with kids, but my retirement gives another young person a chance to work in this great district and to raise a family in this community."



Miss Allen recalled fond childhood memories of traveling with her father to Jackson High School most weekends to help him water the greenhouse plants.



A is for Artsy Authors

With the help of an ArtsinStark grant, teachers Heidi Preising and Angi Gonzalez began an after-school, Artsy Authors group with 46 students in 2nd-4th grade.

B is for Buckeye author Marcia Schonberg visited the group to get them started on the task of writing their own two alphabet books: S is for Sauder and J is for Jackson. Local artist Judi Crew taught the group about painting and collage, and watercolorist Ada Zimmerman also shared her expertise. The group hosted a book party to share the fruits of its five-week adventure.

Pictured are Rachel Carp, Kate Dunn, Fiona Szeles, Aaron Dearth, Olivia Tirmonia, Faheem Ali, Laurel Albertson, Katherine Blauner, and Rachel Lyon.

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STRAUSSER ELEMENTARY

Signatures blast into outer space

When the Space Shuttle lifts off next fall, it will carry something very personal belonging to Strausser students and staff - their signatures. Strausser is one of 500 schools selected to participate in the NASA and Lockheed Martin sponsored Space Day held annually on the first Friday of May. Lockheed Martin representatives traveled to Strausser in May and set up space stations where students used astronaut gloves, experimented with aerodynamics, and learned about space suits. The Signatures in Space program is designed to pique students' interest in space by getting them personally involved in



Strausser principal Anna Minor and a group of students sign their names to a posters that will fly aboard the Space Shuttle next fall.

a space shuttle mission. The signatures will be digitally captured and included in the fall mission's manifest. When school resumes, Strausser will receive ongoing emails containing space-related science and math lessons as well as mission status reports so they can follow their signature mission from launch to landing. After the mission, the posters will be returned to the school for display, along with an official NASA certification verifying that the signatures flew in space, as well as a photo of the crew that took the signatures up.

Jacobs family owns a piece of the rock

At Strausser's recent art auction, Gary and Cynthia Jacobs won the bid for the 10-ton spirit rock that sits at the school's entrance. That means they can paint the rock with school spirit as many times as they like until Dec. 31, after which, another family will bid on the privilege. Pictured is the Jacobs' daughter Bethany. Recently, the Jacobs spent two hours changing the design to say, Enjoy Your Summer" and "Good Luck Class of 2015."



Strausser students help save the canal boat

Chuck Haas used to be an assistant band director at JHS in 1975 when only 72 students marched. By the time he retired in 1985, the band, under the direction of Tim DeStefano, grew to 325. Now, Mr. Haas works with the Canal Fulton Heritage Society in its efforts to save the canal boat. After an entertaining talk with 40 Strausser students who chose to learn about the Erie Canal, \$573 was collected for the cause. Pictured at left are Mr. Haas and McKenna King dancing as Mr. Haas explained that in 1825 a boy and his best girl might make the nine-mile trip (at four-cents a mile) from Canal Fulton to a dance in Massillon. He then explained that a canal boat worker earned 25 cents a day, making McKenna an expensive date. Students were fascinated to learn how the canal impacted life in the early 1800s.

Dressing for success

Gym teacher Gary Cahoon promised Strausser students that he would wear a different dress to school all day, every day, for a week if they raised \$5,500 in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. The inspired students raised \$1,000 more than the goal, then delighted in the comedy of their drill sergeant gym teacher in his wife's dresses for one solid week. Pictured: Lucy Rose, Logan Snyder, Mr. Cahoon, Logan Shaw, Austin Foster, Madison Scopelite, Sydney Root.





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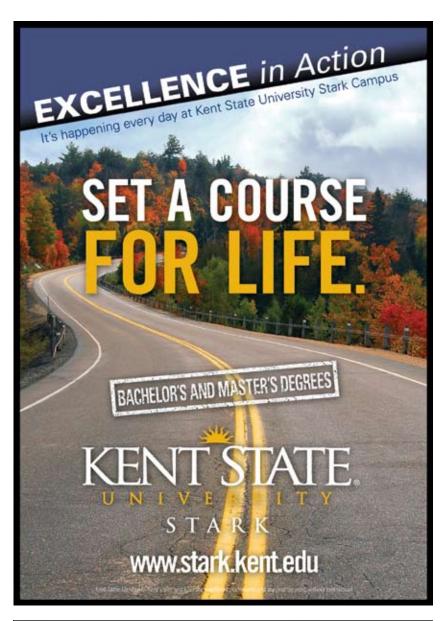
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VARSITY SPORTS WRAP-UP

JHS FEDERAL LEAGUE ALL-SPORTS CHAMPS

The 2007-08 sports season was a very successful and exciting one for JHS. In all, the Polar Bears captured eight Federal League (FL) championships, seven sectional championships, four district championships, one regional championship, and one state runner-up. Forty-seven athletes were recognized as First-Team All FL. Eight Jackson coaches were named FL Coach of the Year. Four athletes were named Player of the Year within the FL. Seven athletes were awarded First Team All-Ohio honors, and two got Second-Team All-Ohio honors (as of 6/2 — track yet to be awarded). In addition, the Polar Bears reclaimed the Federal League All-Sports Trophy for



the first time since 2000-2001, out-distancing arch rival Hoover 138 points to 130 points.

Girls' Soccer finish an impressive 19.2

Girls' Soccer finished with an impressive 19-2 -1 overall and a perfect 7-0 in the FL to win their 15th consecutive

FL championship. The Lady Bears were sectional and district champions, which qualified them to the regional tournament where they became regional runners-up to Walsh Jesuit. First Team All Federal League players were seniors Lauren Grove, Emily Kenyon and Emily Rhodes. Emily Kenyon was named FL Player of the year for the 2nd consecutive season. Coach Frank Gagliardi was named FL Coach of the Year.

Boys Cross Country finished with an overall record of 119-41 and 3rd place in the FL meet. Senior David Rafailedes was not only First Team All Federal League but was the FL Runner of the Year for the 2nd consecutive year. He was also the Stark County Division I Runner of the Year, a state qualifier, and received 1st Team All Ohio honors.

Girls' Cross Country placed 2nd at the FL meet and finished with an overall record of 150-10. The Lady Bears finished 2nd at the district meet, 2nd at the regional meet, and 3rd at the Division I State meet held at Scioto Downs in Columbus. The team had three First Team All Federal League performers: seniors Hallie Busta and Emily Pritt and sophomore Anna Busta. Pritt was named FL and Division I Stark County Runner of the Year for the 3rd consecutive year. Pritt and Hallie Busta also were



FALL RECAP

Football finished with a 4-6 overall record and 3-4 in the FL, which tied them for 5th place. First team All-Federal League honors went to junior linebacker Drew Blinco and junior lineman Erik Carlson.

Girls' Tennis captured their 16th consecutive FL Championship, completed the FL season unbeaten and also won the FL Tournament. Their overall record was 20-1. Senior Loni Dickerhoof, junior Ashley Thomas, and sophomore Taylor Zito were All-Federal League 1st team selections. The doubles team of Dickerhoof and Thomas finished 4th at the OHSAA State Championships. Coach Jeannie Young was named FL Coach of the Year in her first year as head coach.

Girls' Volleyball finished 18-5 overall and 13-1 in the FL, capturing the FL championship and sectional championship. Seniors Cassie Campbell and Nikki Kovick were First Team All-Federal League selections. Coach Julie Kovick was named FL Coach of the Year.

Boys' Golf finished 2nd in the FLwith a 13-2 overall record and a perfect 7-0 in FL regular season action, but placed only 2nd in the preseason and 4th in the postseason FL tournaments. The Bears qualified for the district tournament by placing 2nd as a team in the sectionals then qualified for the state tournament by finishing 3rd in the district tournament. They finished 9th at the state tournament. Senior Clark Brainerd was named to the 1st Team All-Federal League.

Girls' Golf — finished the season 8-4 overall and 2^{nd} place in the FL with a 6-1 record. They took 3^{rd} place in the FL preseason and 2^{nd} in the postseason tournaments. The girls also qualified for districts by finishing in 2^{nd} in the sectionals. Senior Abbey Kimar was named to the first team All-Federal League.

Boys' Soccer — finished with a school best 18-2-3 overall record and a perfect 7-0 in the FL to win the FL championship. They were also sectional champs, district champs, regional champs, and the division I state runners-up, losing to Hilliard Davidson 2-1 at Columbus Crew Stadium. Seniors John Brubach and Jamie Taylor, junior Dustin Kiaski, and sophomore Greg Marchand were named 1st team All Federal League. Brubach was also named 1st Team All-Ohio. Coach Mike Biros was named FL Coach of the Year.

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VARSITY SPORTS WRAP-UP

WINTER RECAP

Boys' Basketball finished with a 15-8 overall record and 6-4 in the FL which ranked them 3rd overall. They won the sectional tournament and gave undefeated Canton Timken all they could handle in the district semi-final. Sophomore Mark Henniger was named to the First Team All Federal League squad.

Girls' Basketball finished with an 8-13 overall record and a 5th place ranking in the FL with a 4-6 record.

Wrestling had a 7th FL finish with a 1-6 overall record.

Boys' Swimming finished 6-4 over-all and 3-3 in the FL to finish 4th. Senior Drew Davison and sophomore Matt Williams were named 1st Team All Federal League.

Girls' Swimming finished with an over-all record of 7-3 and 4-2 in the FL, good for 3rd place. Three Lady Bears obtained 1st Team All League status: seniors Megan Burrows and Natalie Myers and sophomore Taylor Zito.

Boys' Bowling completed its first FL season with a 13-5 overall record and 10-4 in the league to finish 2nd. The Bears finished 3rd in the sectionals, 4th in the districts, and 10th in the state tournament. Senior Jimmy Bagnola was honored as 1st Team All Federal League and 1st Team all County.

Girls' Bowling finished the season with an 8-10 overall record and 5-9 in the FL, placing 5th. Senior Kaylee Jones was named to the 1st Team All County squad.



SPRING RECAP

Baseball won the FL championship with a 23-7 overall record and 12-2 FL record. They were sectional and district champions as well. The Bears had four 1st Team All Federal League performers: seniors Matt Anderson, Alex Caghan, Tyler Chapman, and Josh Stalnaker. Anderson was named the FL Player of the Year and Coach Kevin Miller was named FL Coach of the Year. Matt Anderson and Tyler Chapman were named to the Mizuno First Team All Ohio squad.

Softball finished with a spectacular 25-3 overall record and 13-1 FL record to claim co-champions of the FL. This was only the 2nd FL championship in school history and the 1st for the Lady Bears since 1984. There were three 1st team All FL performers: seniors Jessica Richards and Kiley Dorto and junior Erinn Wright. Richards was named 2nd Team All Ohio and Coach Bill Conley was named FL Coach of the Year.

Boy's Tennis finished 13-4 overall and captured the FL title with a perfect 7-0 record, its first since 1994. Senior Ryan Mellion, junior Matt Sloan, and sophomores Natham Kanam and Louie Thomas were First Team All League performers. Mellion and Sloan advanced to the OHSAA State Tournament. Coach Keith Kohmann was named the FL Coach of the Year.

Girls' Track won the FL Championship with a perfect 7-0 league record and won the FL Meet. Seniors Tambra Isles, Emily Pritt, Hallie Busta and Gail Ferguson, with junior Jada Henderson, sophomore Courtney Armsey and freshmen Abby Kenyon, were First Team All League performers. Coach Rick Neitzelt was named the FL Coach of the Year for the



Rick Neitzelt

11th time and has posted a FL record of 126 wins and only 6 losses since 1990. Courtney Armsey qualified to the state meet in the 300 meter hurdles.

Boys' Track finished 4-3 for the season and 3rd in the FL Meet which ranked them 3rd overall in the league. Senior Carlin Isles was an All League performer and the FL Most Valuable Runner. Isles and senior David Rafailedes qualified for the state meet where Isles finished 2nd in two events.

Varsity Club Sports

Boys' Volleyball finished with a 15-4 record and were regional finalists.

Girls' Lacrosse - 8-9 Boys' Lacrosse - 9-9



BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY

Junior Olympian skier leads makes Ohio proud

JMMS 8th grader, Brian Coventry, competed against 88 boys at the Junior Olympics in Vail, Colorado where he finished 17th in the Alpine Downhill event. That is the highest ranking anyone from Ohio has ever achieved. In that event the boys were hitting speeds close to 70 mph.

Being from Ohio, this was the first time Brian ever competed in the downhill event. He qualified for the event by placing 7th in the Big G at Marquette Michigan, where he competed against 93 boys from throughout the Midwest. Then, he and two other boys from Ohio went to Colorado, where they competed against boys from the Central and Rocky Divisions.

With a speed of over 50 mph, Brian Coventry competes in Super-G event in Vail, Colorado.





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Michael Adams (left) and his mentor, Greg Stehulak, an engineer from the Timken Co.

Grad receives robotics scholarship

Michael Adams and Steve Haidet, JHS graduates of the Class of 2008, participated in the FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics National Championship competition, in Atlanta GA. FIRST it is a unique varsity sport of the mind, where teams of high school students from across the U.S. are challenged to work with teachers, mentors, and engineers from area industries to design and build a robot in a six-week time frame. Mike Adams received a scholarship from The Ohio State University for his success in FIRST Robotics. Both students plan to major in engineering in college.

Little Cubs get reading right

Reading Tutor, Stephanie McGovern, captured this photo of three Strausser Little Cubs working hard on their multi-sensory, phonics-based reading program. From right: first graders Nathan Burton, Jonah Branson, and Jasdeep Kang. These three boys are practicing their Trick Words from the Wilson Fundations program to help reduce reading and spelling failure.

Best at state

The JHS Cisco Networking program proudly announces that Matt Smithkey won 1st place at the SkillsUSA State Level competition in Columbus on April 26. Matt will represent the State of Ohio and Jackson Local Schools in his respective category at the National Level in Kansas June 22-28. Due to the increased number of Career and Tech students who advanced to the State competition this year, the SkillsUSA Club account is unable to fund Matt's trip to the national competition. The SkillsUSA Club is accepting donations of any amount to ensure Matt's trip. Call 330-837-3501.



Battle of the Brush

Photos by Katie Gutshall

Two Jackson art teams competed against Timken and local professional painters to create murals that depicted community excellence within three hours. Both Jackson teams won awards 1st place and People's Choice. The paintings will become part of a Canton beautification project. With one of their paintings are: Cory Clark, Alyssa Gottlieb, Jennifer Owens, Katie Gutshall, Tyler Lutz, Amanda Smith, Ashley Rastetter, Stephanie Diamant, Kerry Kunze, and Mrs. Benyei.

BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY



Miss Majorette of Ohio

Angela Lawrence, a 7th grader at JMMS, won the beginner preteen Miss Majorette of Ohio pageant and took 1st place in the Ohio State beginner preteen solo, strut, 2-baton, and best appearing competitions. She qualified to compete in the national competition at Notre Dame University in July. Angela is part of the Jazz Dolls baton twirling corps from Michelle's Dance & Twirl Academy.

Troop 265 Eagle Scout

lan Gearhart has earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Less that 4% of all boys who begin scouting obtain the rank of Eagle. A 2008 Jackson graduate, lan has been in Troop 265 for 7 years. His Eagle project focused on making improvements to the Massillon Family Living Center. Ian planned, organized and ensured the successful completion of this charitable project which required over 145 hours of volunteer time. The volunteers refurbished a kitchen, some cabinets, and hallway for the residents. Additionally, lan conducted a linen and toy drive providing needed supplies for the facility and its residents.

lan has also earned his 5th year pipestone, 5th year polar bear, held numerous leadership positions including troop guide, quartermaster, and den chief. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow, a national honor society of boy scouts.

Jayhawks 10-U team wins Massillon Heat Spring Tournament

Front Row: Josh Meldrum, Zach Mottice, Jacob Mottice, Cade Mottice, Ryan Mallette. Second Row: Nick Sima, Matt Hilinski, Cole Skelley, Matt Uhl, Logan Maier. Third Row; Coaches Steve Mottice, Dave Maier, Jeff Skelley.





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