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FFA MAKE IT TO NATIONALS

BY: CLAIRE MCELROY, EDITOR

The Fort Scott novice division Conduct of Chapter Meeting team headed to Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana in late October. Teams (consisting of seven members each) had to successfully display FFA opening and closing demonstrations, which was evaluated by a panel of judges, and were tested on their knowledge of officer duties, meeting room preparation, and parliamentary procedures. Members had to show their communication skills, as well as efficiently present meetings. Fort Scott's team made it clear that they were one of the best in these aspects.

Preparing for this important event was a very rigorous process for the team. Beginning last year, members had to put in countless hours to perfect their procedures and expand their knowledge. In November 2023, they had to place in the top two at districts in the Greenhand

Parliamentary Procedures in order to qualify for state, which they did. They continued their hard work leading up to state last May where they performed well, breaking into the

Zaida Summers, "We were all shocked: you could see that expression on everyone's faces. Then happiness and relief that we had done it."



FFA gathers together before the competition. Photo by Sydney Cullison.

top four teams in the state. After one final demonstration, the team did well enough to become the 2024 Conduct of Chapter Meeting Kansas State Champions, securing their spot at nationals. "...it was by far a miracle, and I have no idea how we accomplished it," stated

This all sophomore team consisted of the following students: President Landon McDaniel, Vice President Sophia French, Secretary Kodi Casper, Treasurer Zaida Summers, Reporter Elsa Bishop, Sentinel Aubrey Martin, and Student Advisor Karlee Hereford. While they did not advance to day two of Nationals, they still placed 4th overall in the silver division. Congratulations to this hardworking group of sophomores!

FANTASY COMES TO LIFE

BY: KIARA THOMPSON, TOBI LARRABEE

Tiger Times Editor in Chief, Tiger Times Online Editor

Fort Scott High School Thespians took their annual trip to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Students and adults alike came dressed in all sorts of attire. From famous movie, game, and cartoon characters to fairies, mermaids, witches, insects and animals, wizards, pirates, jesters and clowns, and royalty. “I was a vampire inspired by medieval-like gothic architecture, although I lost the vampire aspect [teeth] since they were annoying me,” adds senior Madi Smith. Even the dogs joined in on the fun. Ren fair includes many festivities such as jousting, live performances of skits and music, living history,

vendors set up as mystical shops, a petting zoo, and various rides for both kids and adults. The infamous turkey legs were served throughout the day, along with other foods like cheesecake on a stick, 12-inch corn dogs, and crepes. “The Renaissance Festival was pretty fun. It was less expensive this year, surprisingly. The pickles were still salty. I almost died from the salt content,” states Smith. Overall, the Renaissance Festival has given many people memories for years to come.



The pug royalty outlooks the 24' Renaissance Festival. Next to a shop that sells dog treats, these critters, along with imprisoned Frenchies, protected this shop while accepting head scratches and tips. Photo by Kiara Thompson.

This majestic fountain welcomes guests of the annual Ren Faire, with its sea glass waters with sea-foam on top frozen in time. Many event goers take photos in front of this fountain. Photo by Kiara Thompson.



MONTHLY SENIOR ADVICE

FROM CHAYDEN CLAYTON,
“Have fun, go to all the school activities and take pride in your school.”

FROM KENDAL ARMSTRONG,
“Stay active!! Join the club, try the sport, and go hangout with friends when you can. Time is so short.”

BILLIE ELLISH'S THIRD ALBUM RELEASES

BY: LIBERTY MICHEAL
Tiger Times Editor

Billie Eilish's first music release was “Ocean Eyes” in 2017, and shortly after that her EP “Don't Smile At Me” was released. In 2019, she released “When We All Fall Asleep. Where Do We Go?” That 2019 album did miraculous numbers in the media, winning four Grammys, with Eilish becoming the youngest artist to win that many Grammys for just one album. Continuing her success in 2021, she was nominated for seven Grammys for “Happier Than Ever.” Now she has released “Hit Me Hard And Soft” and in my opinion, this album is amazing at showcasing her vocal range and true

potential.

The first track on “Hit Me Hard And Soft”, “SKINNY”, a three and a half minute heart-wrenching track with lyrics referring to her past issues with body image and depression. Rating: 8.5/10

The second song on this album, and also one of the most popular, “Birds Of A Feather” is about being in love with someone and sticking by their side. It peaked at number two on the Billboard Hot 100 and went viral on TikTok. Rating: 9/10.

“L'amour De Ma Vie” which is French for “love of my life” is about her relationship with an ex (not

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specified) and how the relationship was one-sided because she didn't feel the same for them anymore. Although this is not a personal favorite of mine, I think it deserves at least a 7/10.

"Lunch" is also one of the most popular songs on the album, going viral on TikTok and charting #5 on Billboard's Hot 100 all-genre single chart. In "lunch" we hear her talk about her feelings for a girl. The timing on this queer song is impeccable considering just a month or so before the release she came out on the Variety red carpet as queer, never specifying what her sexuality is, just that she was "for the girls." This is one of my favorite songs on the album and the catchiest, which is why I give it a 10/10.

"Wildflowers" meaning has not been specified but many think it is about her boyfriend's (now ex) girlfriend and how Eilish couldn't stop thinking about his past relationship with her. Though much is not known about the song, I still like it and think the

melody is beautiful. Rating: 8/10
 "The Diner" is about Eilish's problem she had with a stalker. This song is captivating and, in my opinion, an 8/10.

"Chihiro" is about a movie called "Spirited Away." I would rate this as a 10/10 because of the impressive background vocals.

"The Greatest" is about a relationship where things were one-sided and she felt that she needed constant reassurance from them. I feel as though this song can be relatable to many, and it gets you in your feels just right. Rating: 10/10

"Bittersuite" is about a push-and-pull relationship and how she felt that she didn't have time for the people that she loves. A solid 8/10 on this one.

In conclusion, I feel as though this album is very influential and a great representation of the musical and creative capability that Eilish has. She showcases her feelings beautifully in this album. I feel confident with an album rating of 9/10.

Words From Our Fearless Leader

BY: BRONSON SMITH, GRACE WALKER
Tiger Times Print Editor, Tiger Times Print Editor Co-Business Manager



Thanksgiving

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 Friendsgiving
 Gratitude

PumpkinPie
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 Thanksgiving
 Turkey

May It Be That We Feel: A Student Submission

May it be that we feel
 May it be that we are real
 May it be of kindness and love
 May it be the spirit of a dove
 The stars above sing to you through
 their light
 A moon among the sea shines so bright
 So be a star, be a moon
 Don't let life sweep you out with the
 broom
 Guess who calls? Hope and sorrow
 For we must face the days of tomorrow
 Keep going with the grace and ele-
 gance of your flow
 And may you forget about your woe

When prompted about his strategy, His Fearlessness declared,

"Dominate the world. Take it over, you know." A proclamation that exhibits His pure, unadulterated zeal and vigor that flows within Him.

As good manners dictate, be sure to display your indebtedness by prostrating yourself in front of our Fearless Leader whenever you pass him in the hallway.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

BY: GABBI MAJORS

Tiger Times Photo Editor

The Fort Scott Tigers had a great game on senior night, winning 58-22. In the first quarter, the Tigers started off strong, making their way down the field and scoring a touchdown. Two more touchdowns were scored in the first quarter. In the second quarter, two touchdowns were scored, ending the first half

of the game with a 36-0. The second half of the game was just as exciting, with Brody Gomez, Ryder Newton, and Paxton Allen all scoring touchdowns. In the end, the Tigers ended up ringing the bell, which is a long-standing tradition done when Tigers win their game.

Fall Sports Scoreboard

BY: COLTON ROGERS

Tiger Times Sports Editor

Soccer		Record (2-15)
Date	Against	Score
Oct 8	Parsons	2-3
Oct 10	Chanute	0-5
Oct 15	Independence	1-7
Oct 22	Paola	0-4
Oct 24	College Heights	0-8

Football		Record (6-3)
Date	Against	Score
Oct 11	Chanute	0-20
Oct 18	Circle	58-22
Oct 25	Coffeyville	22-6
Nov 1	Coffeyville	49-9

Volleyball		Record (6-31)
Date	Against	Score
Oct 8	Labette Co. + Pitt	2-1 0-2
Oct 12	Multiple Teams	1-2 1-2 1-2 2-1 0-2 0-2
Oct 15	Coffeyville + Parsons	2-1 1-2
Oct 17	Paola	0-2
Oct 22	Independence + Chanute	1-2 0-2
Oct 26	Sub State Labette + Rock Creek	2-1 0-2

FSHS Tiger Teams Roar Into State

BY: COLTON ROGERS

Tiger Times Sports Editor

Story The Lady Tiger Tennis team sent 4 ladies to state: seniors, Annabelle Gorman and Caroline Barnes, and juniors Bryliegh Hymer and Abbie Gorman. Annabelle and Caroline went for doubles, and Bryliegh and Abbie made it in singles. The state tournament was held on October 18th & 19th at the Topeka-Kossovover Tennis Center, Topeka KS. We had one medalist at state: Jr. Abbie Gorman finished 6th in singles. This is a huge accomplishment as Abbie is now a 3-time state medalist!

Additionally, The Lady Tiger Golf team sent 2 off to state: Seniors Lucy Dunkenson and Alyssa Hunt represented us well in the 4A state golf tournament. The state tournament started at 9:00 a.m. at the Hesston Golf Course on 10/21. Unfortunately, the girls fell short of placing, but they still ended their senior season strong! We want to congratulate these ladies on an awesome season.

Our Cross Country team has also wrapped up their season in very treacherous weather conditions. They took the girls' team (6 runners) and one from the boy's team. The girls finished 10th as a team. Josh Woellhof (Sr) was our only guy from the team and finished 69th in the state! Awesome job, Tigers.



Junior Abbie Gorman takes a break with her sandwich and stanley. Photo by Annabelle Gorman.



Senior Alyssa Hunt swings on Woodland Hills Golf Course. Photo by Elliana Regan.

ESPORTS: THE FUTURE OF COMPETITIVE GAMING

BY: DAETYN FOWLER

Tiger Times Online Editor

E-Sports hosts many games from CS2 and Valorant to Halo and Apex, they even have Chess. Coach Glades, the sponsor, hosts it through HSEL (High School E-Sports League) which currently has 23 members. Many compete every year across the country with many of our teams ranking high on the leaderboards, more notably our Halo Red team, which is currently ranked 3rd in the nation as of November 5th. E-Sports is more focused on

group efforts as it is player-led, and with that, E-Sports has a lot of possibilities with our sponsor being more of a spectator just moderating and making sure everything is going well. When asked to describe E-Sports, the players explained “a family”, “engaging and enraging” as well as “an enjoyable experience with friends”.

U.S. Elections and the Electoral College

BY: CLAIRE MCELROY

Tiger Times Writing Advisor and Sports Editor

Unless you’ve been living under a rock, everyone has heard some information about the 2024 election, but how much do you know about presidential elections and their history? Teenagers around the school probably have many questions about it. While most of our student body cannot vote this year, it is still important to be educated about this subject. After all, we are the future of this nation. With that being said, here are answers to some of the most common questions:

Why was the Electoral College created?

It was first adopted in 1787 by the members of the Constitutional Convention and was created as a compromise. One side of the delegates strongly believed that

Congress shouldn’t have anything to do with picking the president due to a lot of opportunities for corruption. The other side argued that the people should directly decide who the president is. Finally, they concluded that voters would choose electors (the amount depends on the state) whose purpose is to determine who will be the president and vice president.

Why do some states have more electors?

The number of electors is based on the total number of legislators a given state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. Population data mostly determines the number of House representatives.

What is the significance of swing states?

“Swing states” are states that could go either right or left in the election, and because of this, candidates have to spend a lot more time trying to win these states because some could be what the election comes down to, so they are very important. The swing states this year are Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Election season is a time when people tend to argue and get into fights over their beliefs. As the

election season comes to an end, please remember that everyone has a right to their own opinion. Not everyone is going to agree with your beliefs and values, and that’s okay! You can continue to learn more and still keep an open mind to different points of view and new ideas. While you may not see eye-to-eye, you will be further educated on the topics at hand.

Daylight Saving Time: The Bane of U.S. Citizens

BY: SYPHER CANNON

Tiger Times Copy and Puzzle Editor

Daylight saving time (DST) has everyone in the USA (unless they’re citizens of Arizona or Hawai‘i) set their clocks back an hour in the fall and forward an hour in the spring. The official explanation for this is that it makes the most of our hours of daylight; therefore, the nation’s energy consumption is reduced. This is no longer the case when all of our modern devices are taken into account. So, what is the real purpose?

The main benefactors of DST are sports teams and retailers. The prolonged daylight in the afternoon leads to better retail sales, as people getting out of work are more likely to feel like going shopping if it’s still light out. Sports teams also benefit from the longer daylight hours because they can play outside

longer before visibility decreases. There are, however, people whose work suffers under DST. Many believe that farmers’ workdays are prolonged by the time change, but evidence supports that it has no effect, other than to make things harder. A report from The Daily Yonder states, “For farmers, it meant less time in the morning to milk their cows before the delivery truck showed up... and less time for the dew to dry before needing to harvest their crops,” (Fischer). The claim here is that farmers and their plants and animals follow the sun, not the time. So when the sun comes up, now later in the day, anything on a timed schedule will continue, not waiting for them to be ready.

However, these are not the only factors to consider when it comes

DISCIPLINE IS CALLING: NEW PHONE POLICY

BY: TOBI LARRABEE

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Tiger Times Online Editor

to DST. One must think of the health risks and benefits of it all. Timeanddate.com reports a 13% decrease in pedestrian fatalities, because, the lighter it is, the easier it is to see people on the road. Contrarily, the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health focuses on the health risks that DST has. They report that more than half of the population claims tiredness brought about by the forced shift in their internal clocks. They then explain that this can lead to increased heart attacks and strokes.

Annual Orchestra Concert Rescheduled

BY: MAHAYLA KILPATRICK, GRACE WALKER

Tiger Times Section Editor and Social Media Manager, Editor and Business Manager

The annual fall FSHS Orchestra concert was previously postponed due to extreme weather conditions but resumed full force on Monday night in the main gym. With the orchestra teacher, Mr. Felt, taking a break due to medical complications in the previous month, the orchestra welcomed the experienced Mr. Solomonson with open arms to take on the

DST boosts our economy and keeps our pedestrians safer, but at the same time, harms our farmers' work and increases the risk of health conditions due to exhaustion. The fight for abolishing DST stands strong and the arguments to keep it do too. Regardless, another year, another inescapable thorn in America's side. Unless everyone packs up and moves to Arizona and Hawai'i that is.

temporary role of conductor and teacher. Accompanied by a pre-written speech by Mr. Felt, Mr. Solomonson conducted the largest piece, "Legend of the Ghost Stallion". After the conclusion of this piece the orchestra students gifted him thank you cards for his hard work over the past few months of teaching them. The concert came to an end with a passionate and lively piece by the name of "Hunting the Wild Beast". The concert wrapped up before being followed by the Middle School concert.

The orchestra performs "The Legend of the Ghost Stallion" lead by Mr. Sullivan. Photo by Grace Walker.



Recently, a new phone policy has been enforced at FSHS. This new policy states that students are prohibited from having their phones, headphones or any electronic device outside of the school-provided computer during the school day. Students may have their devices before and after school as well as during their breakfast and lunch periods. USD234 has stated that they are committed to providing a distraction-free learning environment. They believe that this new policy will minimize disruptions to the students' education. Vice Principal



Sophomore Liberty Micheal hides her phone behind a dictionary while playing Slither.io. Photo by Tobi Larrabee.

Jeff Johnson has stated that since enforcing our new policy he's witnessed some changes, "I have noticed that more students are engaging in conversations in class and in the hallways. I also feel like I see much more engagement with learning and fewer distractions

when I'm in the classroom." Most students aren't huge fans of the new phone policy which has resulted in some students sneaking phones during class and in the restroom. There is a "three strikes and you're out" policy when you are caught. Upon your first offense, your guardian must pick up the phone from the office and you will serve one detention. The second offense is the same, but you are required to serve two detentions instead of one. And on the final third strike, your guardian must pick up the phone, you must serve a full day of OSS, and

you must turn your phone into the office daily.

However, this policy is here to stay. Johnson has been asked if we will continue to enforce this policy and he states, "I do feel like we will continue to enforce the current cell phone policy next year. I

can't say for sure if there will be any adjustments to the policy; however, we

will assess it, get feedback on its effectiveness, and see if there are tweaks that need to be made."

Thank you to our November Sponsors!

New-Gen Voting

BY: KIARA THOMPSON

Tiger Times Editor-in-Chief

Ms. Jackman's government classes took a trip on Oct. 16 to the local courthouse in order to understand the voting process. Hawkins started off by showing a mock ballot and describing the scene of what the polling place looks like. Students participated in a mock election, voting on two questions regarding their favorite sports and favorite food. These ballots were then placed into a voting machine, and processed on the spot. With this knowledge, students will be ready for the presidential election in November.



Senior Kendal Armstrong puts her mock ballot into the voting machine at the courthouse on Oct. 16. Government classes visited the local courthouse to be shown the voting process, by which County Clerk Jennifer Hawkins helped to organize a mock election. Photo by Kiara Thompson.

Club Overview: Skills USA

BY: BRONSON SMITH

Tiger Times Business Manager

SkillsUSA is, in my opinion, one of the most important clubs one can be a part of in high school. SkillsUSA is best summed up by its mission: empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. All of these things are crucial in our modern society, built by people of all different backgrounds. SkillsUSA has something for everyone, everything from digital media design to welding fabrication. SkillsUSA parliamentarian Stewart Davenport expresses, "What the whole club is about is preparing you for your future... Skills, and skill sets preparing you for how to get a job, how to prepare for promotions, what to do in a job interview. I think that is the most important part of SkillsUSA because it prepares you for your future." As Davenport says, SkillsUSA is about giving you skills for when you join the workforce, whether it be blue-collar or white-collar. SkillsUSA has also kept up with the changing modern workforce, adjusting to changes in skills that are required in the current job market. Ryan Miller, FSHS Auto Tech Teacher, states that "... As an organization,

it [SkillsUSA] has continued to stay current with the modern workforce and provides students with opportunities and information that has kept up with current career readiness." In closing, I would like to say, as SkillsUSA president, that all are welcome to join and an increase in club engagement is better overall for the benefit of both people in the club and people in our community.



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MEET THE TEAM



Junior Daetyn Fowler uses his skills with a camera during the first football game of the season. Photo by Grace Walker.

Daetyn Ryder Joseph Fowler, the seven three thirds-fingered man, works on this year's Tiger Times staff as the online editor. The 16-year-old Scorpio balances his duties with many other activities. He spends his time after school working at Dominoes and playing real-time strategy (RTS) games. His more school-related activities include being part of ESports, Skills USA, and Math Club, along with being the Vice President of FBLA. While Fowler tends to be controversial, he had an agreeable answer when asked about his least favorite dog breed, the chihuahua. The lifelong Fort Scott resident claims to have joined us due to peer pressure, but we are happy to have him.



Junior Sypher Cannon wears their math medals and plaque in the English hall. This plaque represents being the highest out of all 4-A schools present at the M.S.S.U. Math League over the spring this year. Photo by Daetyn Fowler.

Sypher Fay Cannon, the OG nerd, is the copy editor in this year's The Tiger Times Staff. The state Orchestra Ensemble attendee is not fully using their abilities in the Scholars Bowl, Math Club, Theatre, and Orchestra. They spend their weekends and free time working at Cohn's as a host, reading, and "sleeping tbh". Something they are proud of is that in their first year of High School, they went to state as the only bassist. They joined The Tiger Times so they could have a class to do some creative writing. We are happy to have them in this class.

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