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HOMECOMING WEEK '24

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Homecoming: a time to show your school spirit before the last home game of the season. We celebrate all week long not only in preparation but to raise school spirit. We do this by attending the pep assembly and participating in the pep assembly festivities. Students played several games in said pep assemblies, watched the cheer and dance routines, witnessed the homecoming candidates, and witnessed a poster contest. The first game was Tug of War, where the juniors went against the Sophomores, followed by the seniors and freshmen. The showdown was between the juniors and seniors, with the juniors sweeping the floor. The next game was inspired by a TikTok trend where students played rock paper scissors and whoever lost had to run up and down the court and the student who won would eat food. However, this game ended up being cut short due to its difficulties. The final game was toilet plunger racing where students raced on scooters across the gym floor using solely plungers to propel themselves. Though everyone put up a good fight, the seniors were triumphant in the end.

Some other homecoming festivities were a poster contest. Due to sizing differences, the juniors and seniors were disqualified, leaving the freshmen in second and the sophomores winning first. During the assembly, the cheer

and dance team showed off their routines that they would also perform during the football game.

Most notably, a song

greatly anticipated by the student body, the song Fein by Travis Scott and Playboi Carti was used in the cheer piece. After all the fun, our debate and forensics coach, Mr. Slinkard then announced the homecoming queen and king candidates as they walked out in their fancy attire. At the coronation, our King and Queen were announced. Our king was Luke Harris and our queen was Emersyn Logue.



Our fall homecoming queen candidates pose in the sunlight. Photo by Grace Walker.



The cheer team creating a pyramid. Photo by Addi Metcalf.



Allie Brown (12) and Emersyn Logue (12) take a selfie in their special homecoming game seats. Photo by Annabelle Gorman.



Students pose for a picture during the homecoming dance. Photo by Kiara Thompson.

Shoes are a SCAM! Our Feet are Breaking

BY: SYPHER CANNON

Tiger Times Copy Editor

It has been widely recognized that heels are generally dysfunctional in the modern age. Women have noticed the impracticality, and the expectation of their use has declined in recent years. Why then, have we not realized that all shoes, not just heels, are on a similar level of uselessness? Because the pain of heels is more immediate and noticeable. When harm is slowly administered, the human body takes a while to realize anything has been done. You know that incredible feeling of coming home after a long day of work and kicking off your shoes? The ache is halved. A contented sigh is impossible to contain. You've been hurting for hours, and suddenly, you're not anymore. Well, that's because the shoes you were wearing were squeezing your toes and ruining your arch. Look at your feet the next time you get the chance and I guarantee you'll be able to see the consequences. Toes should be wide with a fair amount of gap between each other. People who wear shoes, especially super narrow ones, too often will see that their toes have squeezed together and sometimes end up bent under the one next to it. The bent-in toes have a well-known result, bunions, which will take weeks or even months to ease the pain of and thousands of dollars to fix through surgery. Similar deformities occur in the arch as well. Flat shoes will shorten your arch and ones with

too much support will heighten it. Both will cause pain and make walking more difficult for different reasons. A heightened arch will weaken the muscles in the foot and put balance off. A flattened arch will lead to inflammation and tears in the muscles. Those are the physical effects of shoe use, but why are they a scam? Dependence. The longer you wear them, the more damage you receive, the more shoes get sold to fix the problem. In recent years, shoe advertising nearly always includes how the shoes will relieve arch pain. They make it seem as if that is the defining feature of a good shoe and which makes it completely worth the money. The more shoes of these types sold, the more dependence increases, and the more money they make. This starts the cycle anew because the moment they realize it's making them money, they begin doing whatever it takes to sell more pairs. Shoes start wearing out sooner and you have to buy a new pair of shoes with increased frequency. Shoes are scamming us out of our money, yes but it's worse than that. They are scamming us out of our livelihood.



MONTHLY SENIOR ADVICE

FROM DEVEN COULTER,

“Attend school events, get engaged in school activities, you only get to go to high school once.”

FROM CAROLINE BARNES,

“If you think you might want to do something, do it. You don't get this time back.”

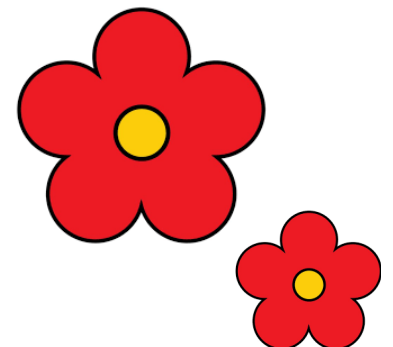
HEY YOU; a student submission

BY: LAURYNN ROEMHILD

FSHS Sophomore

Yes. You. Stop being unhappy with yourself, you are perfect. Stop wishing you looked like someone else or wishing people liked you as much as they like someone else. Stop trying to get attention from those who hurt you. Stop hating your body, your face, your personality, your quirks. Love them. Without those things, you wouldn't be you. And why would you want to be someone else? Be confident with who you are. Smile. It will draw people in. If anyone hates you because you're happy with yourself then stick out your middle

finger and say screw it. I'm happy because I love who I am. I love my flaws, I love my imperfections. They make me, me. And me is pretty.



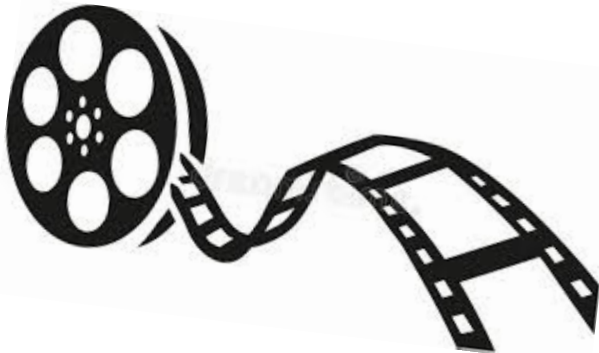
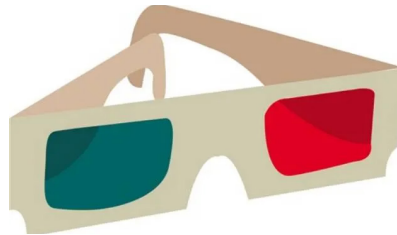
BEETLEJUICE, BEETLEJUICE

BY: BRONSON SMITH

Tiger Times Print Editor

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, released on September 6th this year, was the sequel to the 1988 cult classic film Beetlejuice. Set close to 30 years after the original Beetlejuice, it follows Lydia Deetz (Winona Ryder), now a mother to her daughter, Astrid (Jenna Ortega), who is grieving the loss of her father. The story mainly revolves around Lydia trying to keep her family together in the wake of the loss of her father, as Betelgeuse (Michael Keaton) returns to haunt her. I feel that modern movies are almost all CGI, so Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, with a surprising amount of practical effects, was a well needed deviation. I was pleased with the return of many of the original cast members, which was very relieving because I was nervous about a total recast when the film was first announced. Lastly, I was very happy with some of the references to the original film, such as the dress Lydia wears after signing the marriage contract looking very similar to the dress in the 1988 classic. I really enjoyed going to see this movie, and I think that Tim

Burton did an excellent job in making this a zany, witty, dark comedy. It remained true to the first film while also having its own identity. I highly recommend watching this movie due to it having a considerable amount of practical effects, keeping most of the original cast, and referencing the original movie. I rate this film a solid seven out of ten. I recommend this film to anyone who would enjoy this type of film. However, I still prefer the 1988 original; just because I prefer the more rough and edgy dialogue included in that movie.



Words From Our Fearless Leader

BY: BRONSON SMITH

Tiger Times Print Editor



His Fearlessness Himself once mightily declared after being questioned about what He would've done if He was a part of the infamous Donner Party, "I would've ate everybody, come on, survival of the fittest, right? I'd would've ate steaks and roast and whatever else I had to do."

Truly a wonderful quote to live by; showing the pure courage and bravery of our leader, most valiant.

JUNIORS WIN YET AGAIN

BY: GRACE WALKER

Tiger Times Social Media Manager



match on the other side of the field, with the sophomores making a redemption and taking 3rd place. The main match was close for the seniors and juniors. The game was difficult, with both classes extremely passionate and engaged. In the end, no matter how hard they tried, the seniors were defeated.

So once again, the class of 2026 comes out victorious!!

The Junior Powderpuff team huddles for a group photo. Photo by Ivy Lee.

A Tough Week 4 Football Matchup

BY: CLAIRE MCELROY

Tiger Times Print Editor

The Powder Puff football game is a relatively new annual tradition to Fort Scott High School. For the past two years at FSHS, during the week of homecoming, female students from each grade come together for a competitive flag football match. In the United States, powderpuff games are football games which include flag or touch football played by female students. The game is a tradition in many high schools and colleges across the U.S., traditionally played before homecoming. In the 2024 flag football game at FSHS, all classes participated. Students had the opportunity to sign up to play or to coach their respective grades' team.

The class of 2026 went into the game with high hopes to defend their title while on the other hand, the newcomers, the class of 2028, wished to claim the title as freshman. Additionally, the seniors hoped to win the game in their last year of High School and the sophomores hoped for redemption from the 2023 game. The

freshman did present a challenge for the seniors; however, in the end, the seniors won their first game.

On the other side of the field, the juniors dominated their match against the sophomores. While the sophomores did not come out victorious, they sure put up a fight. For the final match, juniors and seniors went head to head for the title. Meanwhile, the classes of 2027 and 2028 played a consolation

Abbie Gorman (11) running to the end-zone. Photo by Grace Walker.



It was another exciting evening of high school football in Fort Scott with the Pittsburg Purple Dragons coming to town for a historic rivalry game. Like every other home game, the stands were full of fans throughout the community, the student section showed their school spirit in the theme "blackout", and the band played music to get everyone excited and psyched up.

The Tigers have had an impressive season so far, coming into this game 3-0. This feat for head coach Bo Graham and his team has not been accomplished since the 2020 season. Furthermore, they have outscored their opponents 100-41 and will attempt to continue to widen this scoring margin. Similarly to every other week, they have been working tirelessly in practice to prepare. "It's been a good week of



Lennox Vann (12) collecting himself after a fall. Photo by Claire McElroy.

practice," stated Brennen Feedback, assistant coach for the Tiger's football team. "The kids have been very focused. There's a different type of intensity going on." Senior Ty Marbery added to this point, explaining, "...urgency was a big, big talk about this week, so we just have to get out there and do what we

FALL SPORTS PROGRESS

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do...” They were both confident in their team, with Feeback expressing, “... we’re playing Tiger football, and we’re doing it well. We’re a tough team to beat.”

The Tigers appeared fierce in the first half with some big plays on both sides of the ball. With 2:25 left in the first quarter, the Tiger defense stunned the Dragon offense, with Kaden Cannon forcing a fumble on a run play, and other defenders coming to recover it for a turnover. Additionally, on offense, Dierks Kegler had a huge 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown right before the end of the second quarter. Unfortunately, injuries were an obstacle for the team, with seniors Morgan Shaw, Eli Martin, and Dub Chipman all going down early on. Chipman, a starter at cornerback and wing, hurt his knee, which questions his return to the field, and puts his basketball and baseball seasons in jeopardy.

The second half began, and they came out ready to play. On a drive in the middle of the third quarter, Lennox Vann was the main focus, rushing on one play for 23 yards to get them close to the goalline, then capitalizing on it with a 4-yard carry for a touchdown. The connections on offense were also great, most notably a mid-fourth quarter 37-yard pass from Vann to Marbery on the outside sideline for a big gain and a first down.

While the Tigers fought hard all game, they unfortunately added their first loss to their record, with the final score being 23-14. Offensively, seniors Lennox Vann and Colton

Rogers had more noteworthy games, with Vann having 22 carries for 77 yards and adding a touchdown, and Rogers with 8 carries for 41 yards. Defensively, Brody Gomez led in tackles with 7.5, and Kaden Cannon and J.C. Gross each added 6.5 tackles. They look to bounce back in the next few weeks, hoping to add more wins to their record.

Homecoming Football Game

BY: GABBI MAJORS

Tiger Times Photo Editor



Morgan Shaw (12) running to his teammates for a pass. Photo by Addi Metcalf.

The varsity Tiger football team had a close battle on homecoming night. Labette County was off to an early lead with a deep pass to #24, Jamaal Jackson, Labette’s running back. However, the Tigers came up short on their first two drives due to a fumble recovery early on the first drive. It started slow, but the Tiger’s quarterback, Lennox Vann, scored a touchdown. Tiger defense was then locked to start the 2nd, forcing a punt in a favorable field position. The Tigers could not convert on 4 possessions, turning the ball over near mid-field and paving the way for Labette to

BY: COLTON ROGERS

Tiger Times Sports Editor

The Fort Scott High School fall sports are underway and halfway through the 2024-2025 season. The athletes have been working hard and are trying to recover from a tough first half of the season. The fall sports consist of Football (3-2), Volleyball (3-21), Soccer (2-10), Cross Country, Girls Tennis (7th in SEK), and Girls Golf (4th in SEK). All of these ladies and gents are looking to bring home some hardware in the SEK League. With the second half of the season approaching, Senior Annabelle Gorman from the Tennis team

said, “We need to keep working hard and being smart so we can do well.” The tennis team has had quite a bit of success and is looking to send a couple girls back to state this year. The coaches explained, “The plan never changes, we’ve got to keep getting better everyday,” when asked about their second half plans. With all that being said, we want to wish these teams the best of luck in the second half of their seasons!



Kylee Comstock (12) and Kyn-dal Aikian preparing to block. Photo by Gabbi Majors.

half was a bit slow. Labette County scored a touchdown and the extra point was good. The teams went back and forth throughout the 4th quarter. Although the Tigers fought valiantly, the Tigers fell short 14-16.

take the lead with a 28-yard field goal with 5:24 left in the second quarter. The Tigers couldn’t get much going before the half as Lennox Vann’s pass was picked off at the FS 40-yard line. Tiger defense stood tall to get the ball back with 1:56 remaining - forcing a turnover on downs. The second

TIGER PRIDE FILLS FSHS HALLS

BY: MAHAYLA KILPATRICK
Tiger Times Section Editor

Everyone's favorite October event, Homecoming, has come and gone. So has our Homecoming spirit week. Every spirit week's dress up days, for as long as we can remember, have been chosen by our Student Council. These days are chosen to allow the students to have fun, get hyped for the upcoming game, and to show support for our school and team. The Homecoming days went as follows: Minion Monday, Celebrity Tuesday, Hawaiian Wednesday, Adam Sandler Thursday, and lastly, Class Colors Friday. Below are some of our highlights.



Allisyn Wheeler (10), Ava Johnson (10), Kyndal Aikin (10) channel their inner minion spirit. Photo by Mahayla Kilpatrick



Karlee Hereford (10), Danika Dauben (10) as Dr. Phil and Mr. Clean. Photo by Grace Walker.



The Junior section watching closely during the pep assembly. Photo by Addi Metcalf.



Students play musical chairs determined to win for their grade. Photo by Addi Metcalf.



Tuesday Glessner (11) poses for a ".5" at the homecoming dance. Photo by Kiara Thompson.



The juniors play a tough game of tug of war with the seniors. Photo by Bronson Smith.

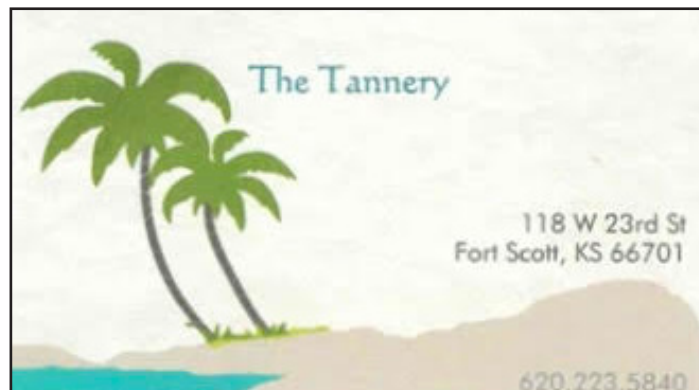
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Mrs. Clark's Thank You

BY: ERICA CLARK
Tiger Times Advisor

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the dedicated FSHS Tiger Times newspaper staff for their incredible efforts in bringing our first publication since 2018 to life. Your hard work and creativity have truly revitalized our school's voice! I am so excited to see what you create this year! We also invite local businesses and sponsors to join us in this exciting journey by advertis-

ing in our newspaper. Your support will not only enhance our publication but also strengthen our community connections. Together, we can make this a vibrant platform for sharing stories and celebrating our school spirit! Mrs. Clark, Newspaper Advisor, tigertimes@usd234.org



conferences and tests which are held every year. Every year they also hold elections for state positions allowing members to communicate and come together and vote for state officers. They do this by having a small skit then allowing the designated voters to talk to the candidates and choose who to vote for.

Club Overview: FBLA

BY: DAETYN FOWLER
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FBLA (Future Business of America) is a club hosted by Mrs. Sage. FBLA is a great platform for students who are interested in pursuing careers in business. It also organizes fundraisers and participates in competitions. Mrs. Sage describes FBLA as, "A way for students to learn about business careers, opportunities, and to network." FBLA achieves its goals by offering a wide variety of competitions and providing leadership roles to students in different events, ranging from tests to group and individual perfor-

mances. FBLA also organizes leadership conferences, which are very helpful in helping students' leadership skills improve and advance their networking opportunities. These conferences are a core part of FBLA as they provide a platform for students to develop essential leadership skills and connect with industry professionals by allowing them to meet Chamber of Commerce or local business owners. Some of the tests and leadership conferences take place anywhere from MSSU to state or even national

News BY: SYPHER CANNON
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MEET THE TEAM



Kiara Thompson (12) poses. Photo by Bob Thompson.

Met Kiara Thompson: Kiara is our Editor in Chief on the newspaper team. She is a very active member of FSHS. It's her senior year and she's a part of Thespians, History Club, Yearbook, Newspaper, and Zero Reasons Why. In her free time she likes to play video games like Dress to Impress, hang out with her boyfriend and her SUPER COOL, AWESOME BEST FRIEND Tobi, and work at the vet clinic, Animal Care Center, by the railroad tracks. Kiara is very proud of her 4.0 GPA and she joined Tiger Times because she has a history and background with the yearbook.



Tobi Larrabee (11) and her cousin Poseidon pose for a selfie. Photo by Tobi Larrabee.

The Hello Kitty-obsessed teen who works on The Tiger Times staff as one of our online editors. Tobi has been a part of the newspaper staff for two years. She's also been in Thespians (3) and Yearbook for two years. If you can't find her working late night shifts at Walmart or at a home football game painting all sorts of faces, she's most likely playing Roblox's Dress to Impress, drawing outfit ideas for events such as the Renaissance Faire, or taking care of her cousin, Poe. Tobi joined The Tiger Times because they like to write stories, as well as layout page designs similar to those of a yearbook spread. She hopes to bring the newspaper back to its former glory.

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