

Over the Fence

CELEBRATING SKIP CRANE

By Rick Repicky

On March 16, the Fraser community lost one of its finest. Harry "Skip" Crane passed away after an extended battle with a rare form of cancer. Skip said he had one of only four current cases of this particular disease in the world. But then, Skip was a rare individual. There are not many people like him.

Together with wife Ro, Skip watched — no, actively participated in — the education of their three children, Lisa, Harry and Nicole. All graduated from Fraser High School fueled with loads of positive support from Mom and Dad.

Upon his death, several tributes were written in honor of Skip. Fraser alumnus Danny Lucci wrote, "Sometimes a name and a place go hand in hand, and no more so than Skip Crane and Fraser High School." That's pretty high praise, and it comes from the Fraser faction that Skip affected the most — the students.

It's a tribute to Skip that his popularity earned him single-name status. In his younger years, one-name recognition was reserved for talking about great sports stars — Babe, Mickey, Gibby and Gordie. The truth is that Skip really didn't need another name. His popularity was such that if you just uttered "Skip" to any person even remotely associated with FHS, they would recall sparkling blue eyes, a perpetual smile, and a warm feeling of friendship.

While there are so many things to celebrate about Skip, space only allows celebrating one role. My choice is Skip as "The Voice of the Ramblers." To sharpen that focus I'd like to draw similarities between Skip and another announcing legend, Ernie Harwell. I'm sure the two are already trading stories in the great press box in the sky.



"Skip was more than the voice of the Fraser Ramblers ... he was the heart and the spirit."

The similarities between these two are easily seen. As Mitch Albom pointed out in his tribute column written upon Ernie's death in 2010, people gathered for Ernie's funeral — just as they did for Skip's — "to sing his praises because he never sang his own." They both were humble men.

Another Harwell trait that applied to Skip is that his stature was earned simply by doing the same caring things over and over and over. Borrowing Albom's words for Ernie, Skip "stood out because he stood still. He was reliable as a rock. A soul in a void. A heart in a sometimes heartless world."

Luckily, my time as Fraser athletic director coincided with Skip's tenure as the Athletic

Booster president. While Skip was a great president, I seldom viewed him that way. I preferred to see him as our sports psychologist — our Dr. Wayne Dyer — the guy with keen insights as to what made people tick.

It seemed like every other week something strange occurred among our athletes, parents or coaches that would leave me scratching my head, looking for help. I would often seek Dr. Skip and ask him to sit down and analyze a problem we were facing. In his humble way, his hands would go out, as if to say, "I'm not Einstein, but here's what I think." He always contributed, moving each problem closer to a solution.

Recognizing the power of his insights, many of us know it was unfortunate that Skip did not pursue a career in education where he could have used his great skills and devotion to kids as a full-time teacher and coach. He was a master of understanding human nature and applying common sense.

In prepping for this article, I thought it might be good to gather sentiments from former students. I received responses from several, and to no surprise, they all had a common theme.

They all remember either Skip calling their names, or, just as importantly, Skip positively acknowledging accomplishments of not only the game's featured players, but also of nearly everyone involved, including dance teams, cheerleaders, timekeepers and scorers.

In the early 90s, Skip moved his positive philosophy from the press box to the dugout as he volunteered as an assistant varsity softball coach under Bill Fifer. It was a joy to watch Skip conduct mini-pep rallies each inning as the players came in from the field to bat. No matter if a girl made two errors or struck out twice, Skip could rebuild each player's

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fraser Families,

As Superintendent, I have the privilege of meeting and talking to parents and community members on a daily basis. Some of my recent conversations have centered on Proposal 1, the upcoming ballot proposal to repair our roads, which we will all be voting on May 5. I know many of you are researching the topic and wondering

why we would increase our sales tax to improve Michigan's roads so I wanted to offer a few thoughts on what I have found out thus far:

- Proposal 1 increases the sales tax from 6 cents per dollar to 7 cents, bringing our state sales tax in line with the sales taxes paid in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New York and Ohio.
- Proposal 1 substitutes the sales tax on gasoline with a funding stream that directs all tax dollars spent at the pump to transportation purposes.
- The sales tax on fuel currently provides more than \$630 million per year for schools. Proposal 1 replaces the money devoted to schools and prohibits the legislature from diverting school aid funds to four-year universities, which have received \$200 million or more from the school aid fund each year since 2011.
- Proposal 1 will give Constitutional protection for the School Aid Fund, directing 100 percent of School Aid Fund revenue to K-12 schools and community colleges. Why is this important to schools? One of the recurring trends over the past few years has been the usage of the SAF for universities. Many believe this wasn't the intent of Proposal A, yet Lansing hasn't followed through on that intent. This restores the partial promise of Proposal 1 by only allowing the resources to go towards K-12 and community colleges.
- A part of the sales tax on fuel also goes to revenue sharing, to help your local municipality pay for police, fire and other services. Proposal 1 would replace those revenues through the sales tax increase.
- Many people fear low-income families will bear the brunt of the Proposal 1 sales tax increase because the one-cent increase would represent a larger portion of their family income. Proposal 1 restores a reduction in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to offset the burden of additional sales taxes on families at or near the poverty level.

As with many ballot proposals, Proposal 1 is complex, because it was constructed to make sure schools and municipalities do not suffer due to taxes paid at the pump being dedicated to repairing and maintaining our roads and bridges. There are many resources on the Internet published by groups that both support and oppose Proposal 1. I want to encourage you to please take the time to study Proposal 1 and, above all, please vote.

With Fraser Pride,
Dr. Richards

Fraser's Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAMED A BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC FOR THE FOURTH TIME

The NAMM Foundation has recognized Fraser Public Schools for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation. Fraser Public Schools joins 388 districts across the country in receiving the prestigious distinction in 2015.

Now in its 16th year, Best Communities for Music Education affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of schools' core curriculum.

"It is an honor to be nationally recognized as a Best Community for Music Education for the fourth year in a row. Our students, staff, parents and community members of Fraser Public Schools long ago recognized the importance of music education in our District. This recognition speaks to the standard of excellence our Performing Arts teachers have for their students and the quality experience our kids enjoy everyday. This designation continues to reaffirm our commitment to our music program for our students in Fraser Public Schools," said Dr. David Richards, Superintendent of Fraser Public Schools.

The BCME survey requires districts to answer detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Center for Public Partnerships and Research, an affiliate of the University of Kansas.

The announcement of this year's Best Communities for Music Education designation brings attention to the importance of keeping music education part of schools' core education and music's vital role in student success in school. Fraser Public Schools has remained committed to offering exceptional music programs to students in the District at all levels.



Digital Learning Day Celebrated in FPS



Started in 2012 by the Alliance for Excellent Education, the Digital Learning Day initiative has provided a powerful venue for education leaders to highlight great teaching practice and showcase innovative teachers, leaders, and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes. This grassroots effort blossomed into a massive nationwide celebration as teachers

realized that Digital Learning Day is not about technology — it's about learning.

On March 13, Fraser Public Schools joined in the celebration of digital learning and documented the day's activities on Twitter using #FraserSchools and #DLDay. Anyone following these hashtags could see the excitement District-wide. RMS students could be seen using MacBook Airs to prep for the M-STEP assessment while Twain students were using Plickers to share answers in class. Salk broadcast team members were busy creating morning announcements with their iPads and a green screen. Meanwhile, Eisenhower first-graders were Skyping with another first-grade class in New Jersey! One might say Digital Learning Day is every day in Fraser Public Schools.



Celebrating Skip Crane

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confidence and was a key part of Fraser's powerful softball teams of that era. More importantly, Skip provided a blueprint for all coaches — and even for fathers — in the power of the positive.

If there is any one thing that Skip proved, it is that the power of a community, the power of a school district, the power of an athletic program starts within the hearts of its members. It's the quality of the people that count, far above all else. No matter where Skip was serving — whether it was from the press box, the bus garage or the high school parking lot — he taught us all how to positively affect other people.

His press box buddy Cathy Rorai says, "Skip was more than the voice of the Fraser Ramblers...he was the heart and the spirit."

That was what Skip did. He humbly showed us how heart and spirit make a difference. He will forever be a model to me.

All of Fraser joins me in thanking this man whose every action was guided by heart and spirit. He's gone, but to those of us who were lucky enough to know him, he will never be forgotten.

FPS Hosts Educator Site Visits

On February 26, Fraser Public Schools hosted more than 50 educators as a part of the Educator Site Visit program. The day began at Fraser High School with a tailored agenda for the attendees. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to visit Eisenhower Elementary. Participants were able to talk with students and staff from all levels, visit classrooms, tour the buildings, and learn all about Fraser Public Schools. The next Site Visit is scheduled for April 26.

Fraser Elementary Schools Compete In Science Olympiad

On March 7, Fraser's Elementary Schools rocked the South Macomb District Science Olympiad. Each elementary sent a team to the tournament and every school medaled in at least one event! Several of our schools placed in the top 10 out of 25 teams. Congratulations to all the teams; your hard work really paid off. You are shining examples of Fraser Pride. Good luck at the County Science Olympiad in May!

TOP 10 RANKINGS

Disney Elementary
3rd Overall

Emerson Elementary
6th Overall

Salk Elementary
7th Overall

Edison Elementary
8th Overall



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MARCH *is* READING MONTH

Throughout the month of March, students in Fraser Public Schools are celebrating March is Reading Month with a variety of fun activities. From special guest readers to exciting class projects, Fraser's students love this month's activities centered on reading. Here are just a few highlights from the month:



1 Salk Elementary kicked off the month with Dr. Seuss Week. Pictured is Top Hat Tuesday.



2 Edison Elementary students met the author of the book *Mud Hole* through Distance Learning.



3 Twain Elementary students love reading together. What is better than sharing your favorite book with friends?



4 Dooley Center saw many staff members and friends dress up as favorite characters. Pictured is Brooke Chapman, dressed as Cindy Lou Who.



5 Emerson Elementary students love having Mystery Readers visit during March is Reading Month. Pictured is student Zachary Courtney with his cousin as his special guest to read to the class.

6 Disney Elementary students didn't let the reading stop after the school day ended. Reading at home with your pet is a favorite part of March is Reading Month.



7 Eisenhower Elementary celebrated their love of reading with Dr. Seuss inspired treats, including green eggs and ham!





Edison Learns to Sign

On February 27, the deaf education students from Lakeview High School came to visit Mrs. Schmidt's 5th-grade classroom at Edison. They enjoyed an afternoon of learning about the sign language culture, which included seeing a story signed, learning how to sign "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," creating sign language name tags, playing games, and practicing basic finger spelling. It was an experience that students truly enjoyed!



Who's Cooking At Salk?

On February 25, a large group of Salk teachers showed off their culinary skills at Mongolian BBQ in Roseville. Students enjoyed meals cooked for them by their teachers. Parents enjoyed not having to cook at home, while they were helping the Salk PTO raise funds for student activities. Mr. Mainhardt (head chef and bottle washer) was philosophical about his cooking experience. He said, "As a young boy, I discovered that I like to eat. I thought the best way to always have good food was to learn how to cook!" Students and parents agree; Mr. Mainhardt has skills. As the night went on, the line of students and parents snaked out the front door and into the cold. The eager anticipation of the students could be heard as they waited their turn to be served by their teachers. It was a fun night for all! Thank you to the Roseville BD's Mongolian BBQ for being such a gracious host for the Salk Elementary students, parents and staff.

Little Creatures at Dooley

"Dan the Creature Man" came to the Dooley Center to share his cute and cuddlies ... and a large tarantula! Dooley's Little Learners were taught about each animal in a way that was interesting and exciting for a young child.



Restaurant Reviewers at Emerson

Second-graders at Emerson went out for lunch at El Charro for a hands-on experience. They used their experience to write a restaurant review. Their review? They loved it!

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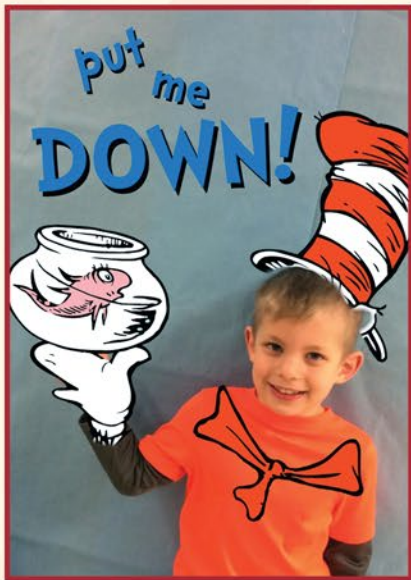
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Wacky Wednesday

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, DK students at the Dooley Center had a weeklong celebration. They wore silly socks, had a Wacky Wednesday, and ate green eggs and ham. Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Good Behavior Incentive

Emerson Elementary students were rewarded for a February Good Behavior Incentive. They were allowed to bring in board games and cards for an afternoon of fun!



Pocket Change for Patients

Over a fun week of fundraising, Edison Elementary surpassed their goal of \$1,000 when they raised \$2,517.60 for Pocket Change for Patients. All the money raised will be used to help children from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The highest raising class this year was Ms. Gainer's class with \$221.15. They will soon be enjoying their prize of a pasta, salad and breadstick party from Olive Garden!



Pistons Flight Crew

On March 6, Emerson's PTO hosted a free and exciting event for Emerson families. The PTO invited the Detroit Pistons Flight Crew and their mascot, Hooper, to perform. The Flight Crew is a trampoline dunk team. This aerial ensemble amazed Emerson families with dunking displays, mid-air passes, flips and turns. The event started with basketball-themed relay races for all grade levels, and concluded with a motivational speech, and stunt and dunk performance presented by the Detroit Pistons Flight Crew and Hooper. The event brought in hundreds of Emerson students and family members and was a fun-filled, action-packed, exciting event for all!

Latchkey Makes Valentines

The Edison Latchkey Little Artists thought long and hard to come up with the appropriate Valentine's Day craft this year. Each Little Artist made their own Valentine heart magnet that expressed their favorite colors, patterns and designs. What clever Little Artists they are!





A Night in Paris

Daughters and their dads had a wonderful time at Twain's Daddy-Daughter Dance on February 27. The theme this year was, "A Night in Paris." It was a magical evening of memories with a DJ, appetizers, desserts, photos and gifts for the girls. When asked about the evening, the girls said it was, "Manifique!"

Dental Health at Salk

February was national Dental Health Month. Salk Elementary knows the importance of dental health in young children and strives to promote healthy lifestyles to its students. A dental hygienist visited all three kindergarten classrooms discussing proper brushing techniques and healthy food for our teeth and bodies, and sharing the importance of keeping our teeth clean and visiting a dentist on a regular basis. She even used our special helper to demonstrate the use of a dental napkin!



Moms' Day at IKE

On March 4, Eisenhower Elementary held a special Moms' Day. Over 200 mothers and grandmothers attended. They were able to visit their child's classroom, blog and play games with their children. The students were excited to have their families visit.



Presidents' Day at Dooley

During the month of February, in honor of Presidents' Day, the DK students learned about two very important presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Students learned that Washington was excellent at tracking and map making prior to becoming our first president. As the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln led the country during the Civil War, trying to keep the nation together. He ultimately freed the slaves in the Confederate states.

Students discovered that one way we honor special people in history is to put them on our money. After sharing what they thought it would be like to be President of the United States, a prototype of a new \$5 bill was introduced at Dooley with the 2046 Presidential candidates.



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Diary of a Real Bully at Edison

Ms. Melody Arabo, the 2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented her book *Diary of a Real Bully* to grades 1–6 at Edison during a special interactive assembly. Ms. Arabo is a teacher leader, instructional coach, speaker, presenter, author, and bully prevention advocate.

The topic was how to identify a bully — what they look like in our minds as opposed to what they are actually like, what to do if you are being bullied, and how sometimes even little things like making fun of someone’s clothes or teasing someone can be considered a form of bullying. Ms. Arabo talked to students about how to get the bullies to stop and how to stand up to them. She also called volunteers from the audience to help show what this might look like.

Students were surprised to see that some of the things that they have done in the past could be considered bullying, however, she reminded them that they weren’t really bullies and that they are all good people who may have shown bullying behavior.

A special thank you to Mrs. Wangelin for setting up the presentation!



Jump for the Heart

Students at Disney Elementary collected pledges to donate to The American Heart Association and enjoyed jumping their little “hearts” out during gym classes. As part of the Jump Rope for the Heart program, sponsored by the American Heart Association, students learned the value of community service, they joined together to help other children with special hearts and learned how to develop heart-healthy habits.



The World of Music

Black History Month ended with a special assembly at Edison — The World of Music. Students learned how music from around the world can bring people together from all different backgrounds and experiences. In celebrating music, we learn to celebrate and appreciate others. A special thank you goes out to the Edison PTO, which sponsors the special assemblies!



Waste-Free Lunches at Ike

Eisenhower Elementary will once again participate in a “Waste-Free” lunch period during April. They had great success with this activity last year. The students who bring in cold lunch minimize waste by bringing in items that do not need to be disposed of. Instead of sandwich bags, they used containers; instead of disposable silverware, they used actual utensils; and instead of disposable water bottles, they used refillable beverage containers. Last year’s one-time event changed how Ike serves lunch in their lunchroom! The school no longer uses the disposable styrofoam trays, instead, they use plastic washable trays. This helps save on the amount of trash they have on a weekly basis.





SALK TEACHERS vs. STUDENTS BASKETBALL GAME

The 15th annual Salk Teachers vs. Students Basketball Game was held at Fraser High School on March 4. Seven different student teams from Salk's after school league had the opportunity to face a staff team on the court for a five-minute period. The 10-member Salk teachers' team, led by Coach Gary Mainhardt, began the game by modeling what great passing, pinpoint ball distribution and team defense should look like resulting in an early lead. The student team, coached by Mrs. Bell, made great adjustments during the game and had a strong comeback in the second half. Unfortunately, the students ran out of time and the teachers were triumphant with the final score being Teachers 20 – Students 16.

A highlight of the game was the appearance of the Richards Middle School Drum Line. This highly talented group of students began the pre-game activities showcasing their skills. They also performed a halftime show that was magnificent. The applause from the standing-room-only crowd easily overshadowed the sounds of the drums when they were finished. Special thanks go out to Mr. Hitchings and Dr. Anderson for keeping this wonderful tradition going, Mr. Perkins, and all of the members of the RMS Drum Line for adding to the excitement of the evening.



Pollution Solution

Mrs. Wizniuk from Macomb County Public Works office discussed the importance of taking care of Macomb County's watershed with 4th-grade students at Emerson. They learned that it's important to take care of our watershed, because all of the chemicals we use in our community end up in our drinking water. Students had the opportunity to experiment with a model of the community that shows the effects pollution has on our drinking water. Everyone was amazed to learn that we each use up to 100 gallons of water a day!

Salk Students Go Back in Time

On March 6, Salk Elementary third-graders participated in a Field Day field trip to the Troy Historical Museum. This field trip provided students with an array of history lessons aimed at developing an understanding of life in 19th and early 20th century Michigan. The three 45-minute activities combined a presentation with hands-on experience. Salk students experienced a one-room school lesson, old time toys in the general store, and the tinsmith's story, where they learned of his tools and products, and completed a "tin-punch" project to take home. The students had a great time learning what life used to be like.



Distance Learning at Disney

Mrs. Saoud's second-grade class at Disney Elementary had a great time doing distance learning with author Dana Lehman. The students were able to ask the author questions and learn more about her great books!



Middle School Vocal Solo & Ensemble Results

Congratulations to the five Richards Middle School students who participated in the Middle School Vocal Solo & Ensemble. Each performed two solo selections, one in English and the other in a foreign language, for a judge who is a professional in music performance and music education. Each student received a "Superior" or an "Excellent," the two highest ratings. Bravo to the following students:

- Brooke Arnold**, Superior
- Kerrigan Conner**, Excellent
- Emma Guzman**, Superior
- Marisa Hochberg**, Superior
- Sarah Wallace**, Superior

RMS Student Awarded at Scholastics Art Exhibition

Richards Middle School 8th-grader Lauren Argiri is the recipient of two awards for her photography submitted to the



2015 Scholastic Art Awards Regional Exhibition. The event, held in February at the Lorenzo Cultural Center, honored Lauren with a Silver Key award for "See Ya Later Alligator" and an Honorable Mention for "Charlotte's Web." As her first time entering the Scholastic Art



Awards and the only RMS student to be honored, many congratulations are in order!

Michigan History Day

On March 7, three RMS 8th-graders, Isabella D'Ambrosio, Cheyenne Justice and Olivia King, competed in Michigan History Day at the Detroit Historical Museum. The girls spent months working on their research project and created an exhibit on the Leadership and Legacy of Abraham Lincoln. Their hard work paid off and they will be advancing to the state-level competition this April. Congratulations girls!



RMS Students Travel in Style

On March 3, some very special middle school students traveled to Red Robin in style. The five highest sellers for their annual magazine sale were able to select a friend to ride with them in a limo and enjoy lunch from Red Robin, courtesy of the Student Council. This year's winners included Michael Oakley, Emily Fouche, Kennedy Hilligoss, McKayla Latshaw and Isabella D'Ambrosio. Students enjoyed appetizers, an entrée, milkshakes and dessert. They truly enjoyed themselves!



12-HOUR GOURMET CROP

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Richards Middle School Cafeteria
Fraser, Michigan

SCRAPBOOKERS, CARD MAKERS AND PAPER CRAFTERS WELCOME!

- Eight-foot workspace
- Kids from the Relay For Life Club will be on hand to assist in unloading and loading vehicles.
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All proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society. More information and registration available by contacting Tanya.Leon@fraserk12.org. Must register by April 1.



FHS Prom Fashion Show

The Fraser High School Prom Fashion Show was planned this year by Fashion Design independent study students Gabby Bankes and Jessica Gibson under the guidance of Mrs. Yokhana. The show featured fashions for individual guys and individual girls, as well as fashions for couples. This year, Gabby and Jessica were able to get tuxedos from Wesner Tuxedo. Dresses were provided from Laura's Boutique, Princess Fashion, Windsor and David's Bridal. Hair and make-up were provided by Bell Amore Salon, Inspire Salon, and Paul Mitchell The School. Prizes were provided by Wesner Tuxedo, Associates Therapeutic Massage, Fraser Flowers, George's Flowers, Fraser Grille, and the Rambler Warehouse. Overall, it was a great night and our hosts Orande Roy and Marcus Bowers looked amazing along with all of the models.

Money raised from the night goes towards the Design Field Trip fund to help defer the cost of the department's field trip to New York City.

Cub Scout Pack #1461 Visits Fraser High School



Cub Scout Pack #1461 was welcomed to Fraser High School for the sixth year in a row to get assistance cutting and shaping their pinewood derby cars. Pack leader Mrs. Olivier made arrangements for the event, which took place at the FHS wood shop. Fifteen Fraser woodworking students volunteered their time to operate machines required for shaping cars and boring recesses for weights, under the guidance of their instructor Mr. Doud. The woodworking students assisted the Scouts further by teaching them how to successfully use rasps, files and sandpaper to finish off their cars.

"It warmed my heart seeing their faces in awe, watching their derby cars being made and wanting to get close so they wouldn't miss a thing. I'd do it all again in a heartbeat," said junior Savana Justice.

Each Scout walked away with a finished product they were proud of, as did a few of their siblings and parents.

The Cub Scouts now offer derby races to siblings and parents. The Fraser woodworking students also assisted these individuals who requested a car to be shaped.

"Looking around the room, all I could see were smiles on the faces of all who attended. It was a successful evening for everyone involved. This is something my woodworking students get excited for each year," said Mr. Doud.

The Fraser woodworking students in attendance were Tyler Roberts, Josh Cartwright, Paige Cavanaugh, Austin Geibel, Savana Justice, Cody Kaczor, Isiah Faraon, Joseph Accavitti, Mike Blue, John Steffes, Damon Kluck, Allison LeBeau, Rachel Callihan, Thomas Kennedy and Kayla Shock.

FHS Students Make All-State Honors Band

Fraser High School is pleased to announce senior Patrick Score (trumpet) and sophomore Lydia Moenssen (flute) were selected by audition to the All-State Honors Band ensembles where they performed at the annual Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. Both students attended three days of rehearsals with nationally recognized conductors, and performed in concert. An average of over 2,000 students across the state audition each year for the 400 seats in five total ensembles, marking this as a tremendous accomplishment for our Fraser students.

Patrick was a member of the All-State Jazz Ensemble, and Lydia was a member of the All-State High School Band. Additionally, sophomore Ian LoPiccolo (saxophone) received Honorable Mention for the All-State High School Band.



Lucky Pencils

HOSA members distributed #2 lucky pencils to all juniors just in time for ACT testing. Each pencil had a study tip and an encouraging note. Nice job, HOSA!





Winter Sports SUMMARIES

Boys Basketball

The Fraser varsity boys basketball team recently completed their 2014-2015 season with a loss to tournament favorite and host school, Chippewa Valley, in the State District Tournament semi-finals, 78-67.

The season was characterized by a schedule of very competitive and exciting games, which included several wins and many exciting, albeit heartbreaking losses. More importantly, this was a season that included everything that allows young people to learn and grow from their high school experiences — success, failure, adversity, personal and team growth, and a very enjoyable environment and atmosphere — all components of a rich learning experience. Most importantly, great relationships were forged between the players and coaches and the time spent was a lot of fun for all associated with the team.

In addition to the wins and the experiences, the season was successful in many ways, with more than half the team earning MAC All-League Academic Team recognition, the anticipation the team will win the MAC Sportsmanship Award for the 14th time in the past 15 seasons, plus season individual player recognition as follows:



All-League
Matt Harper
Shawn Jackson

**All-League
Honorable Mention**
Marcus Rice

All-County
Shawn Jackson

This season's team was comprised of eight seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore, so prospects are bright for a successful campaign next season, as well, after another off season of commitment and growth.

FRASER COACHES INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

March 5 at 7:00 p.m. marked the final home varsity basketball game of the season at Fraser High School. The Fraser Community joined together in honoring the following individuals for their service to Fraser Athletics and their induction into the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame.

Dave Kuppe, long-time varsity baseball and varsity girls basketball coach

Marshall Wandrei, long-time varsity boys basketball coach

Skip Crane, long-time announcer for Fraser football and basketball (pictured is Skip's wife, Ro Crane)

These outstanding individuals were joined by four former Athletic Directors: Ed Grewe, Rick Repicky, Lee O'Bryan and Brad Robinson. Also recognized was Ray Barr, former varsity football coach who was not able to attend the celebration. All of the honorees will be recognized at the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame banquet on April 30.



Girls Basketball

The Fraser girls basketball team competed at a very high level this winter. They finished as the MAC Blue champions posting an 11-1 record. The team again was the best defensive team in the MAC, allowing less than 33 points per game. This is the 13th time in the last 15 years that the Fraser girls have achieved this goal. The team was playing its best basketball when slowed down by poor weather and little practice. This was most noticeable in the last week of the season and going into the state tournament. The team was

eliminated in the first game of the districts.

Three players were named to the All-League team. They were the three senior captains, Sasha Parker, Julia Stewart, and Hallie Gordley. Sasha Parker was also named to the All-County Second Team, as well as to the County All-Defensive Team. Julia Stewart was named to the Third Team All-County and Hallie Gordley was selected Honorable Mention All-County. The three seniors led the team in every category and were three-year varsity players. They will represent Fraser at the Macomb County Basketball Banquet.

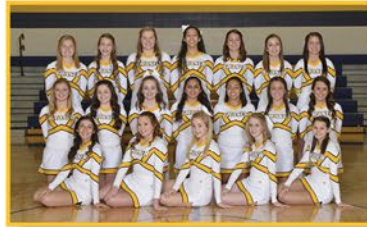


Wrestling

Fraser completed another successful season this 2014-15. With a record of 24-6, the Ramblers were League Champions again after being moved up a division into the MAC Blue. Fraser again won the Gold/Silver/Blue combined individual tournament. After league wrestling, Fraser fell short of winning the District Championship losing to the #7 ranked team in Division One, Macomb Dakota, by just four points. Fraser then placed a District best 10 wrestlers, sending them to the individual regional. This was quite a feat as Fraser competed with the #2 team in Division One, Fair Haven Anchor Bay. Graduating this year are just two of those regional qualifiers, showing the Fraser Ramblers have a very promising future ahead. Four members of the team went on to wrestle in the state finals: 103 Nate Hollifield, 135 Danny Pfeffer, 215 Chris Hackney, and 285 Mike Kroepel.

Cheer

At their first practice, the cheer team defined their "Core Covenants," meaning, what is most important to the team for a successful season. The determined Core Covenants were: family, fearless, dedication, trust and passion. These five words would end up defining the season and the future of the program.



They started this season as strangers. Eleven out of the 17 athletes on the team had never stepped foot on a varsity competitive mat. Four out of the 17 were freshmen and had never competed before. The team had a lot to learn in a short amount of time. They had to overcome a lot of adversity and, to do that, needed to practice and compete fearlessly. This team completely trusted their teammates and coaches, which made the season that much better. Although it wasn't the best season competitively, it was their best season filled with some of the most positive memories the team will cherish for years to come.



Gymnastics

It has been a fun and exciting year on the varsity gymnastics team at Fraser. There is a wide range of talent from some of the girls just starting gymnastics this year to girls who have been competing since they were young. The team started out the year scoring a 93.100 with a season high of 124.750 — a tremendous 31 point increase!

LEAGUE MEET PLACING RESULTS

VAULT: Soph. Avila 2nd, Fresh. Davey 6th, Soph. E. Carson 10th. **BAR:** Soph. Avila 4th, Davey 10th. **BEAM:** Soph. Avila 5th, Fresh. Davey 7th, Soph. Gonzalez 8th, Sr. Winbigler 9th. **FLOOR:** Soph. E. Carson 8th, Fresh. Davey 10th. **ALL AROUND:** Avila 3rd, Davey 4th, E. Carson 5th.

Seniors and first-year gymnasts, Madison Winbigler qualified to D2 Regionals on beam along with Becky Carson on floor. Thirteen of 13 competing gymnasts on the team qualified and competed at either a D2 or D3 Regional competition with both Elizabeth Avila and Emily Carson qualifying and competing all-around at D2. The team reached their goal of achieving over four 120-pt. team scores, allowing them to qualify to Regionals as a team. The team was voted the GLL Sportsmanship Team of the Year!

Boys Swim and Dive Team

The 2015 Fraser Ramblers boys swim and dive team had a great season. The team was composed of 15 returning members and 15 first-year swimmers. Expectations were high after winning the Macomb Area Conference White Division for the past two years.

The season was filled with challenges. The Warren Woods Tower Relay was the first challenge of the year. Fraser won the meet with some great swims by some of its newest members. During the dual meet season, the team had seven wins and only two losses. While at the Macomb County Championship, the team finished in fourth place with highlights from Jacob Klomp, swimming 52.69 for the 100 Butterfly. Klomp managed to break the meet record set in 1980, making him the fastest ever. Other top eight medal winners were Isaac Bielecki, Mackenzie Nahtygal; 200 Medley Relay including Zach Scurto, Isaac Bielecki, Zach Birko and Aaron Arbitter; 200 Free Style Relay including Birko and Klomp; 400 Free Relay including members Elijsa Baetiong, Tim Rondeau, Kegan Laporte and Ian DiCerbo. The season wrapped up winning the MAC White League Championship. The entire team swam their best swims of the season, all while supporting each other to victory managing to take first place in six out of the 12 events.

In the post season, Fraser qualified for State in the 200 Medley Relay, while individuals Jake Klomp and Mackenzie Nahtygal qualified in their respective fields. Klomp swam the 50 Free and 100 Butterfly, while Nahtygal represented the team in diving. During the State meet, Nahtygal performed a heroic act in assisting the Holland Aquatic Center lifeguards in retrieving an unconscious competitor from the bottom of the pool. Nahtygal dove to the bottom of the pool to assist in the successful rescue efforts of a Wyandotte diver.

In conclusion, the 2015 Fraser Boys Swim and Dive represented well with the following members being named to the All-County Team. First Team All-County, Jacob Klomp and Mackenzie Nahtygal; Second Team All-County, Isaac Bielecki, Zach Scurto, Zach Birko and Aaron Arbitter.



Dance

The Fraser dance team had an awesome season this year. They performed at the football games, basketball games and competitions. At every competition, they placed in the top scores for their category and received comments such as, "With every performance, they are getting better and better." The coaches were very proud of their team every step of the way. To end the season, three awards were handed out — two Most Valuable Dancers and one Most Improved Dancer. The two Most Valuable Dancers were Alyssa Vodak and Lexis Victor. They showed wonderful leadership skills, worked hard every practice, and represented the team inside and outside of the dance room. The Most Improved Dancer went to Anastasia Alexandrova. She started with great talent and continued to grow with every practice. She also showed great dedication. Every week the girls improved individually and as a team.



Hockey

The Fraser varsity hockey team had a competitive season with a relatively young squad comprised of 17 players. The team was runner-up in the annual November Cadillac Tournament with a 7-4 win against Freeland/Nouvel and finished 3rd in the MAC Blue Division with a 3-3 record.

The team's overall record of 6-16-4 was unfortunately a result of many narrow defeats as six games were lost by a single goal while four others were tied with neither team scoring in overtime.

The team was led by MAC Blue All-Conference selections Zach Zombo, a defenseman who led the team in scoring with 42 points, and Tristan Ellis, a goaltender who was strong in net every game he played.



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