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Greenwich Students go to France

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Tuesday March 22nd we left for France. We traveled all day, but it was worth it when we arrived. Wednesday morning we went to the school of "Joliot-Curie" in Dam Marie Les Lys. It was here where we met our French families, some of us meeting them for the first time. We then went to our families' house and either took a nap or went sightseeing with our families. The next couple of weeks were filled with tours of famous places and things, lunches in cafes, and shopping at boutiques or malls. There were many surprises and unique things about our trip.

The Eiffel Tower was one of my favorite things and I'm sure there were many, if not all who share this same opinion. Some of us walked up the tower or took an elevator. It

was neat to see the view once you were on either the first, second, or top floor.

On Tuesday March, 29th some of us went to Euro Disney. The park was full of rides, shows, shops, and restaurants. There were



roller

coasters and a train that took you around the park also. This was a very neat place and it was fun to hangout with our friends.

When we went to the Louvre, we got to see famous paintings and sculptures such as the "Mona Lisa." It was the most crowded place as everyone took pictures of this work of art by Leonardo de Vinci. It was really neat to have it hanging right in front of you.

Huge castles were everywhere and we took tours of many of them. Fontainebleau was a nice castle with hundreds of rooms and old fashioned furniture. We also looked at other ones on the weekend away, which some of us attended.

There were many differences between France and the United States besides the language difference. The digital clocks were in military time, cheese was served at almost every meal, and the streets and vehicles were much smaller than the ones in the United States.

The end of the trip was sad as we left our French families. We had a farewell dinner and said our goodbyes. The trip was so much fun and we never could have done it without Ms. Quenelle's great help. We thank her so much for everything she has done. We would also like to thank all of the chaperones who went on this trip. This was a memory that will last forever.

FFA Members Attended Forum with Senator

Greenwich FFA members attended the forum with Senator Hillary Clinton at the Greenwich Elks Club on Thursday, March 31, 2005. Panel members spoke about the issues

facing agriculture in Washington County. Many questions that



the Greenwich FFA members posed were answered by Senator Clinton throughout the forum. It was exciting to have Senator Clinton visit Washington County.

AROUND SCHOOL

Juniors go to Washington, DC

By: Kellie Walker

From March 16-19, teens in the junior class took a trip to Washington, DC. We stopped in Philadelphia on the way down to visit the constitution center and see the Liberty Bell. Then we headed for our final destination- DC.

While in the city we saw sights such as The White House, Washington Memorial and Capitol Building. We



were split into different

groups when we visited all the sights. The chaperones -Mr. Slater,

Mr. Waite, Mr. LeClaire, Mrs. Vandriel, and Mrs. Harrington- were patient with us and a lot of fun. We all walked through the Holocaust Museum and a few of the Smithsonian buildings. On the last day of the trip we went to Arlington Cemetery which was nice to see. Over all it was a great trip. We learned a lot and had an awesome time.

“...The White House, Washington Memorial, and Capital Building.”

Greenwich to Host 2005 FFA State Convention

Greenwich Central School and the Greenwich FFA are proud to host the 80th New York State FFA Convention May 5-7, 2005. The theme for this year's convention is *1925 to 2005: Continuing to Build the Bridge of Opportunity*. Over 800 FFA members, teachers, chaperones, parents, judges and state staff will be in attendance. State finals in many Career Development Events take place throughout the Convention. Greenwich's own Sherry Brockway, Hanna McFadden, Lesley Saunders, and the Parliamentary Procedure members, Erin Nettle, Lesley Saunders, Ashley Kubiak, Emily Keays, and Susan Bordan will all be competing! FFA members will be invited to take tours of area agri-businesses on Thursday and Friday

afternoons as well as participate in hands-on workshops on Friday morning. The highlight of the Convention is the presentation of many Proficiency Awards. Greenwich students receiving Proficiency awards include: Justin Farrar, Jamison Irwin, Ashley Kubiak, Lesley Saunders, Amy Slocum, Kaitlyn English, Dan Dulmer, Jamie Spear, Bridgett Barbur, Jeffrey Duxbury, Chris Gillis and Sara Scheeren. The top three FFA members are named in several award areas based on their work experiences, FFA and school/ community leadership activities. The Empire Degree, the top FFA degree in New York State, is bestowed to qualifying FFA members

on Saturday afternoon. Greenwich members receiving this designation include: Clayton Allen, Bridgett Barbur, Justin Farrar, Tim Fedler, Emma Fitzgerald, Kayla Germain, Cassandra Haynes, Jamison Irwin, Nicholas Johnson, Scott Lutgens, Erin Nettle, Kendra Saunders, Amy Slocum, Jamie Spear, Michelle Spear, Erica Stewart, and Heather Wilcox. Cargill-Animal Nutrition is the proud sponsor of the Empire Degree Banquet.

Greenwich's own Lucas Irwin is the New York State FFA Vice President. He will play an integral role throughout the Convention. Lucas will present his retiring address during the General Session on Saturday morning.



ACTIVITIES

Young Chef's

By: Sara Scheeren

The Young Chef's club has ten dedicated members who enjoy the culinary arts. A meeting is held every other Wednesday in Ms. Danish's room to



whip up tasty treats. Young Chef's club is open to anyone who likes to have fun and experiment in the kitchen.

"...to whip up tasty treats..."

FBLA~ Future Business Leaders of America

By: Meghan Kubiak

The members of FBLA have been continuing to work on their display for the State Leadership Conference they will be attending April 13-April 16. The conference is being held in Monticello,

New York in the Catskills. The display theme is "Piecing together the puzzle of success". The group has compiled pictures of FBLA members doing different activities and it shows how the activities have

have made the GCS FBLA Chapter successful as a group.

The group is more than willing to accept more members. Anyone interest in FBLA or a business class should see Ms. Lee or a

Guys and Dolls

By: Beth Kirtley

Guys and Dolls was performed at Burton Hall in Easton on March 3-6. The cast included GCS's own Andrew Moore, Mike Pryor, Joe Kapas, Sarah Durrin, Kevin Warren, Michelle Price, Cate Simoneau, Val Alarcon, Emilie Simoneau, Aaron Thomas Balduc, Tim Desnoyers, Dave Wright, Jonathan Patrick, Oliver Williams, Vinny Monks, Mallory O'Donnell, James Patrick, Sam Roods, Pam Arbogast, Sherry Brockway, Rachel Carson, Tivona Renoni, Jessica

Walker, and Norabelle Greenberger.

These students did a wonderful job especially Mallory O'Donnell with her great Brooklyn accent as Miss Adelaide "A person can develop a cough". Dave Wright as her, finance Nathan Detroit, Sarah Durrin as the Salvation Army Doll Sarah Brown, her love interest Sky Materson played by James Patrick, and Nathan Detroit's right hand man Nicely-Nicely

Johnson played by Andrew Moore who was always eating something every time he came on stage.

During the performance directed by the talented Douglas Bischoff you were able to hear amazing songs such as "Fugue for Tinhorns", "A Bushel and a Peck", "I've Never Been in Love Before", and "Luck Be A Lady". Congratulations to all, you did a wonderful job!!



SPORTS

By: Mike Pryor

Ah yes, the snow is melting, the flowers are blooming, and sunflower seeds are being chewed and spat out as we speak. The fans of Greenwich look forward to yet another season of success for all teams of Greenwich.

As the gun goes off for Outdoor track, the field fans cannot help but get excited to watch Greenwich do what it does best, win and win BIG. This season will be graced by great performances by runners like Jake D'achille and Alex Corey who have always displayed a real talent for running in circles. And who could forget the field events? After all, track and field is nothing without the field. In the discussed event we see Seniors Josh Forand and Dan Dulmer leading the charge. Opponents won't know what hit em' when it's their time to throw. The teams' first meet is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th on

their home track.

When Softball is brought up in the halls of Greenwich, jaws instantly drop. These girls have experienced a state championship and are looking for another one this year. Senior pitcher Lindsey Flynn, who replaced former GCS student Rachel Skellie, will have some big shoes to fill on the "hill". With confidence and solid defense at her back, Lindsey "mo-mo" will have no trouble filling Rachel's somewhat spacious shoes.

And now, the moment all of my kind readers have been waiting for, Greenwich Varsity Baseball. It's only the top of the first of our season and we find ourselves comfortable at 1-0 with a solid 6-2 win over Stillwater. Josh "All American" Jennings, displayed why he is called the "All American" when he tattooed Matt Kelley's pitch over the fence with the bases loaded. That, kind reader, is what one would call a GRAND

SLAM. Reuben Oswald pitched for the Witches and had quite an outing against the Warriors. As Oswald took the "hill" against Stillwater's big hitter Matt Walsh, a silence fell over the crowd and all you could hear was the tumbleweed rolling across the infield, and of course Nick in the outfield yelling "AH YEAH". As Oswald continuously shut down hitter after hitter, the Witches expanded their lead and never looked back. The "fellas" are scheduled to take on Hoosick Falls on Thursday the 7th, which should prove to be an interesting contest.

Sadly, this article must sooner or later come to an end. Thank you gentle reader for taking the time to take a look at the world of sports from my point of view, I am forever grateful. Until next time this is Mike Pryor, callin it quits... you stay classy Greenwich.



"...will have some big shoes to fill on the "hill"..."



DID YOU KNOW?

Honesty

By: Katie Oswald



As we grow, many common virtues are learned or picked up along the way. Among these virtues is honesty—such a powerful meaning behind one word. We all spill our little white lies into the world, but that is just what human nature permits. Here, I am talking about those who stretch the truth so far that it is impossible for it to regain it's normal shape. Have you ever met one of those people, the ones who “lie through their teeth”, so to speak? Those who manipulate or even fib just for attention?

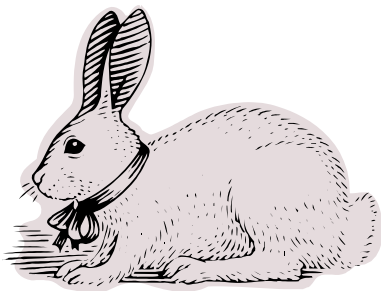
We have all crossed paths with those certain people, and right now their names may be flashing in your mind's eye, while you try to suppress a slight smile, but have yet to realize this. Who knows?

Lying or stretching the truth, to put it lightly, gets us no where. All lying does is result in those who you fibbed to finding out the truth, which in turn leaves you with the bad reputation of being untruthful. We all know,

especially in high school, reputation can mean everything for some. Seeing yourself is the best solution, why try to act like something your not by putting on some huge act for people who you are not even going to remember in ten years? It is truly pointless. Truthfulness allows us to feel free, we have nothing to be nervous about, nothing to hide.

So let's just refer back to that ancient phrase “Honesty is the best policy” especially in high school.

“Honesty, such a powerful meaning...”



True or False?

- ☺ Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning?
- ☺ Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button?
- ☺ 40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute?
- ☺ The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years waiting in lines?
- ☺ The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and parrot?

Answers: they are all true

Fun Riddles

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall? 2. What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work? 3. What do call cheese that isn't yours? 4. What do you get from a pampered cow? 5. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? 6. Where do you | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> find a dog with no legs? 7. Why do gorillas have big nostrils? 8. Why don't blind people like to sky dive? 9. Why did Pilgrims' Pants always fall down? 10. How are a Texas tornado and a Tennessee divorce the same? |
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Answers: see back page

HOROSCOPES

Aries

Your heightened passions could bring a wonderfully meaningful interlude with your sweetheart. If you are single, a new relationship could be consuming your thoughts. On April 8, you may be operating more on impulse than on good reasoning. On April 12, you could have an announcement to make! Friendships and social activities are likely to be inspiring around April 15. On April 24, take the initiative in an issue that involves the resources of others. Expect partnership challenges on April 27.

Taurus

You may be dealing with a secret passion as April begins, or a simmering frustration that you are unable to vent. If there is someone special within your sights, unless you take the initiative this month, your feelings could wither and die on the vine. Family responsibilities may be featured between April 8 and April 10, but, on April 11 you may have an opportunity to speak to your desires. On April 16, a wonderfully romantic interlude is possible. On April 24, partnership is likely to be profound.

Gemini

Casual relationships are favored early in April. You'll be drawn to groups that share your social or professional interests. You may be considering a trip on April 4. On April 8, a deeper understanding is possible between you and someone new. On April 12, you may have an announcement to make. Romance could be unpredictable and delicious around April 13. On April 24, personal affairs between coworkers could complicate working relationships. Consider your own integrity when responding to gossip on April 30.

Cancer

Your emotional reactions could be intense in April. You may not welcome interference from anyone. This could result in some conflict on April 8. Discipline may be hard to accept. Be prepared to talk about it on April 12. If you have anger to vent, let it out. Money matters, especially those that involve the resources of others, could be complicated or confused around April 13. Celebrate friendships and stable relationships on April 16. Romance could be especially meaningful April 24.

Leo

Your confidence and enthusiasm may be boundless in April. You are likely to be feeling adventurous and impulsive. Romance could be positively scintillating, especially on April 8, and could involve an impulsive weekend excursion. If you are single, you could meet someone new on April 11. On April 13, a little white lie may risk a disagreement that could get blown out of proportion. Domestic matters could require your attention on April 24. Expect a few complications in partnership on April 30.

Virgo

The attraction could be difficult to resist. A financial opportunity could require a quick decision. On April 8, following a hunch or acting on intuition could have lasting results. Unusual circumstances associated with your work, or even with your health, could emerge on April 13. After April 16, it may be much easier to achieve the cooperation you need to be productive. Be a little bit careful about offering your critical observations on April 24. Deal with employment matters carefully on April 30.

Libra

Partnership is likely to be dynamic and exciting in April. Your most important relationship may sizzle! If you are single, a new relationship may be expanding. On April 8, you may feel you are being swept off your feet! In addition, all kinds of creative self-expression are favored. Excellent opportunities for both personal and professional growth could be involved. Travel may also be featured. Be a little careful about impulsive behavior April 13. A financial success may feel validating on

Scorpio

Dynamic energies in your employment sector are likely to make you feel focused and assertive in April. You may also need to deal with health issues. On April 8, you could be at a launching point for a new project. Trust your intuition. Domestic issues could erupt unexpectedly on April 13. Family matters may be tinged with subtle energies that require sensitive handling. On April 24, a problematic issue may have an innovative solution. At the end of the month, avoid jealousy or possessiveness.

Sagittarius

Romance is likely to be your highest priority in April. Interests that you share with others may be particularly important on April 4. Travel is also a possibility. A delicious interlude with your sweetheart is indicated on April 8. You could have an important announcement to make on April 12. The excitement this produces is likely to color your interactions with others for a few days. On April 24, you may be distracted by subtle feelings of indecision or restlessness. This could lead to job issues at the end of the month.

Capricorn

Domestic issues could be frustrating in April. You could be dealing with a new cycle of household priorities. On April 8, a confrontation with family or housemates could be upsetting. Try to be sensitive to the feelings of others, even if you would prefer to just be left alone. A discussion on April 12 may not be easy, but it will clear the air. After April 16, romance is likely to be cooperative and fulfilling. April 24 may feature an immensely satisfying interlude with good friends. Watch your spending on April 30.

Aquarius

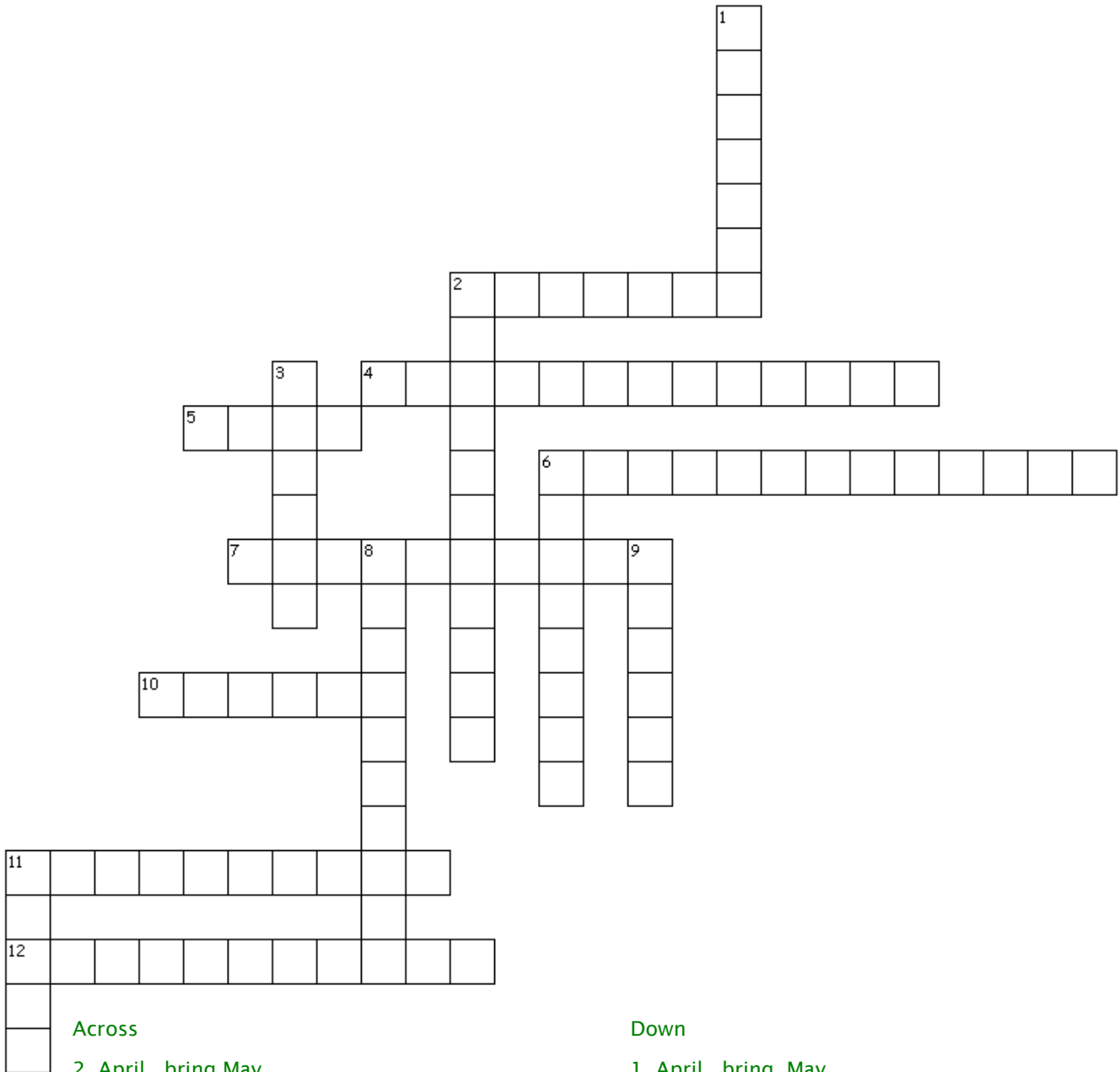
The urge to reach out to others is likely to be very strong in April. You could be on the verge of fulfilling an important dream. On April 8, you could be persuading others to join you. Beware that your enthusiasms could cloud your ability to see things realistically. You may need to deal with domestic matters on April 16. On April 24, you may hang on to an idea or objective, even if others have deserted you. Your stubbornness is rivaled only by your idealism. You may be at odds with your partner on April 30.

Pisces

Your personal security is going to be your highest priority in April and you will not hesitate to take the initiative now where your personal finances are concerned. On April 8, you may trust a hunch. A secret relationship or an event occurring behind the scenes could be especially distracting April 13. Neighbors or extended family members may seek you out April 16. On April 24, celebrate success. Expect a few miscues or misunderstandings in your communications with others on April 30.

PUZZLE

March-April



Across

- 2. April__bring May
- 4. April first
- 5. Found at the end of a rainbow
- 6. March seventeenth
- 7. Easter candy
- 10. The day the big bunny comes
- 11. March twenty fifth
- 12. He came on the night of March twenty sixth

Down

- 1. April bring May____
- 2. April eighteenth through April twenty second (Party)
- 3. If you find this four-leaf__good luck will come your way
- 6. Four leaf clover
- 8. A sly little shoemaker
- 9. First day was on March twentieth
- 11. A leprechaun's favorite color

May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Schedule of Events

- ☺ 5/3 ACC Business Day
- ☺ 5/5~ Interim Reports
- ☺ 5/5-5/7~ FFA State Convention

- ☺ 5/28~ Junior Prom
- ☺ 5/30- Memorial Day

Puzzle Answers

- Down**
1. flowers
 2. Spring break
 3. Clover
 6. shamrock
 8. leprechaun
 9. spring
 11. green

- Across**
2. showers
 4. April Fool's day
 5. gold
 6. St. Patrick's day
 7. jelly beans
 10. Easter
 11. Good Friday
 12. Easter Bunny

Fun Riddles Answers

1. Dam
2. A stick
3. Nacho cheese
4. Spoiled milk
5. Frostbite
6. Right where you left him
7. Because they have big fingers
8. Because it scares the dog
9. Because they wore their belt buckle on their hat
10. Somebody's gonna lose a trailer

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