

The Red and Gray

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Track

by: Juniper

Track season is in full swing at Minford. Athletes are training hard to gain endurance, speed, strength, and practice in their individual events. Around eighty students are on the junior high team this year, but coaches are always looking for more athletes to fill the fifteen events offered, including running, jumping, and throwing. "Track is a sport where everyone can find something that they like to do and excel in. It is a great sport in the spring to get outside in the great weather. The skills learned at track helps those who do other sports with agility, speed, endurance and strength.

There is something for everyone. I love this sport!" says Mark Shonkwiler, Minford's junior high boys track coach. The diversity and community that track offers is amazing and fun for everyone.

April 1- at Oak Hill 4:30pm

April 3- at Jackson Invitational 4:30pm

April 8- Home Invitational 5pm

April 11- at Valley 4:30pm

April 15- Home 5pm

April 17- at South Webster 4:30pm

April 22- at Portsmouth 5pm

April 24- vs. Northwest at Valley 5pm

April 29- SOC at Home 5pm

Upcoming Events

What's Up Next?

by: Brody

March

28th- 2 hour early dismissal

29th- No School

April

2nd- ELA Testing

3rd- ELA Testing

8th- Track Invitational

9th- Desco Deposit Day

10th- Spring Pictures

17th- 2 hour early dismissal

18th-22nd- Easter Break

23rd- Desco Deposit Day

29th- Track SOC at home

Scoliosis Screenings

by: Jimmy

Minford Middle School recently did their annual Scoliosis screening. All the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are screened for Scoliosis. Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine that can cause Cerebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy. Symptoms of Scoliosis are uneven shoulders, one shoulder blade that appears more prominent than the other, uneven waist and one hip higher than the other. Scoliosis is usually treatable if it is caught young enough. Some children will need to wear a brace to stop the curve from worsening. Others may need surgery to keep the Scoliosis from worsening and to straighten severe cases of Scoliosis and may not require treatment.

Jimmy Adams

by: Hunter

On March 9th, student Jimmy Adams found out that he had qualified for the 2019 National Geographic Ohio GeoBee Competition and the Ohio State Geography Bee. This is a big deal because Jimmy is the only student in the Scioto County area to qualify. On Friday March 29, Jimmy will head to Columbus to participate in the Ohio State Geography Bee in Winchester Trail Elementary. He will represent our school well, with four years of experience on the Quiz Bowl team and three years of participating in the middle school geography bee. He has won the middle school bee two years in a row, but this is his first year to qualify for the State Bee. Jimmy will also be featured on the National Geographic website alongside the best in the country. We would like to congratulate Jimmy and wish him best of luck!



Album Charts

by: Tyrell

Death Race For Love- Juice
WRLD

thank u, next- Ariana Grande

A Star Is Born Soundtrack- Lady
Gaga & Bradley Cooper

GIRL- Maren Morris

Bohemian Rhapsody Soundtrack-
Queen

8th Grade Trip

by: Amelia

The 8th grade trip is coming up really soon! Maybe even sooner than you think. With this huge privilege, there's also a lot of information you need to know. All payments for the trip have to be in by April 5th, 2019. This is very important because if you don't have all your trip money in you will not be able to go. Also, students will be given the opportunity to choose their roommates before the next meeting in April. That's all the information for now. Stay tuned for any further information regarding this exciting trip!



Yearbooks On Sale

by: Juniper

The 2018-2019 yearbooks are on sale now for middle school students. The yearbooks cost \$20 and the sale will run until May 1st. Our yearbook staff works hard to make sure that our yearbooks are high quality and full of all of your favorite memories from the school year. Be sure to stop by the front office or Mrs. Seaman's room (216) to pick up your order form. You can turn your order forms in at these locations as well. You can also purchase your yearbook online at ybpay.lifetouch.com. The ordering code for our school is 11269119.

Fun Facts Did You Know?

by: Brody

- Recycling just one glass jar can save enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.
- There are more plastic flamingos in the U.S. than real ones.
- In Philadelphia, it's against the law to put pretzels in bags.

Cheerleaders

by: Doyle

Congratulations to the 2019-20 Minford Middle School Cheerleaders: Alexis Slusher, Carly Thoroughman, Shania Wheeler, Gabby Clark, Rylee Gililand, Rylie Banks, Gracyn Coriell, MacKenna King, Kallie Childers, Miranda Johnson, Kendyll Ramey, Anjalonna Ruggles, Cali Miller, and Kate Wiseman.

National Holidays

by: Doyle, Sarah and Jacob

March

22nd- National Goof Off Day

23rd- National Puppy Day

24th- National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day

25th- Waffle Day

26th- Make Up Your Own Holiday Day

27th- National "Joe" Day

28th- Something on a Stick Day

29th- National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

30th- National Doctor's Day, I am in Control Day

31st- Bunsen Burner Day, World Backup Day

April

1st- April Fools Day

2nd- Children's Book Day, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

3rd- World Party Day

Gamer Guys

The Nintendo company has been entertaining people for over 30 years. Many feel that over the years, the quality of their company has went down; such as, the failure of the Wii U and bad games such as Mario Party, Luigi's Mansion, Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. These games have been remade and repeated with little or no change; bringing the game's gameplay and classic style lower and lower. We would talk about Nintendo's competition with other companies, but that would just not be fair. Nintendo has long been in the shadow of other companies, such as Playstation and Xbox. The bottom line is that Nintendo is a dying company that can not compete with other companies.

sisters

Hi Sisters! Welcome to our Sisters article! We review all things makeup and all things beauty.

This time, we review two foundations and an eyeshadow palette. Each product is different, and the reviews are all based on official reviews and personal opinions. We hope you enjoy the Sisters article (;

Hi Sisters! Sister 1 here, and today I am going to talk to you about the Tarte Face Tape foundation. Tarte came out with the Shape Tape foundation towards the end of 2018, but received backlash by how many shades there were. The Shape Tape foundation only had 24 shades. There was not a fair amount of shades to meet everyone's skin tone and color. So, Tarte recently came out with Face Tape foundation, a foundation inspired by their number one selling concealer. The Face Tape foundation has 50 shades with 5 unique undertones to suit all skin tones. The claims for the foundation are that it is longwearing, full coverage mattifying foundation, hydrates and brightens your appearance.

Hi Sisters, Sister 2 here, and I'm here to review the Too Faced Pretty Mess eyeshadow palette. The Pretty Mess palette was designed by Erika Jayne as a collaboration with Too Faced. The palette is stocked with 12 essential shades that will compliment any skin tone, and will transform you into the Queen that you are. The shades range from light pinks to mauve, and there is a wide variety of matte, shimmer and metallic shades. Not only is the palette stunning and very

pigmented, but it is healthy and good for your skin. The Pretty Mess palette is conducted without gluten and parabens, and it is cruelty free. I give this palette a 4 out of 5, because some of the shades are known to stain. I still recommend this palette for anyone that is wanting a fun and glamorous, but natural eyeshadow look!

Hi Sisters, Sister 3 here to talk to you about one of the items out of Tarte's new makeup collection "Rainforest of the Sea". The new Babassu Foundcealer is a vegan-friendly, skincare foundation with multiple reasons to love it. It is an ultra-comfortable, natural radiant finish and a medium coverage product. It helps hydrate and gives you the appearance of plumper skin while minimizing fine lines and wrinkles. This unique formula allows you to build it up for a more "glam" look while also allowing you to wear it for an "everyday" more natural look as well. On the website, this product is rated 4.5 out of 5 stars. From customer reviews, customers mentioned that the shade colors were not accurate but went on their skin very smoothly and easily. Keep in mind that you may have to go a shade or two lighter when buying this product!



Fire Department Thanking Local Heroes

by: Juniper

Mrs. Shonkwiler's classes made gift boxes for the Minford Fire Department and First Responders to thank them for all of the time and hard work that they give to the community. The students that donated items to the gift boxes include: Jimmy Adams, Addy Akers, Braydon Barker, Cole Borland, Mychal Cron, Mason Kline, Haley Knore, and Hunter Pendleton. Students brought in treats such as snack cakes, beverages, and chips. We cannot do enough to thank the brave men and women who selflessly, courageously, volunteer their time help to keep the community safe.



Don't Get Sick!

by: Brody

Although our school is small, the flu has spread rapidly this year. Our nurse, Mrs. Deborah Daniels, has advised us to always wash your hands (especially before eating), cough into your elbow (not your hands), get your flu shot, and to stay home if you are sick (flu is contagious for about a week). Common signs and symptoms of the flu include:

- Fever over 100.4 F (38 C)
- Aching muscles
- Chills and sweats
- Headache
- Dry, persistent cough
- Fatigue and weakness
- Nasal congestion
- Sore throat

When to see a doctor:

Most people who get the flu can treat themselves at home and often don't need to see a doctor, but if you have flu symptoms and are at risk of complications, see your doctor right away. Taking antiviral drugs within the first 48 hours after you first notice symptoms may reduce the length of your illness and help prevent more-serious problems.



Pi Day

by: Lauren

Pi day was March 14, 2019. Mrs. Mcfadden's class celebrated by blowing bubbles and calculating the circumference and diameter to find pi. In the afternoon, students and teachers celebrated by eating pie. 56 pies were brought in by the 7th and 8th graders together.

Acacia Wood Diss Track

by: lilcorny

(aye...)
(yo...)
(Acacia Wood, this one's for you)
Choose acacia wood?
I don't think that you should
It's not misunderstood
Because it's so far from good
(Bass boosted music break)
Just a Stupid tree stump
s'Orange you lookin like trump
Acacia wood belongs in the dump.
You such a amateur, call you a chump
Chorus:
Acacia wood you really stink
Wish I flush you down the sink
But you be lookin like demi lovato
w,I see you my heart beat be goin legato
I'm an artist call me picasso
Acacia wood you takin a loso
Y, so ugly its verging on scary
Wish you were gone like your name was perry
Cept' you ain't the color of a blueberry
A situation where you're useful is nary
Chorus:
Lookin so ugly wouldn't put you on my lawn
Boi you best be goin up to the salon
I'm in this like I'm James no-Bond

OMUN

Becoming Future Leaders

by: Vaeh

Over the course of the past few months, 41 students have been staying after school and working on OMUN. Ohio Model United Nations was held over March 10-12 at the Hyatt in Columbus. Minford represented 7 nations, and we were awarded second place for the I-OPEN contest. Some of our students were awarded personal awards: Outstanding Leader- Luke Rader and Nevaeh Porter, Outstanding Delegate- Juniper Allen and Nevaeh Porter. Two of our students ran for electoral office. Luke Rader ran for General Assembly President and Nevaeh Porter ran for Secretary General. After many speeches and nerves, Luke was elected General Assembly President and Nevaeh was elected Assistant Secretary General. Nevaeh and Luke will go back and attend Junior OMUN next year as officers. Minford did very well at OMUN this year, and we are very proud of all the students have accomplished! Students are already picking countries and getting ready for OMUN 2020! If you are interested in reserving a country or going to OMUN next year, you can see Mrs. Rolfe for more details!



Wings Award Myles Montgomery

by: Juniper and Isabella

Myles is a member of 4-H, basketball, cross country, and soccer. Myles takes dairy cattle, cattle, and a market hog to the Scioto County Fair with his 4-H group, Animals R Us. He has played soccer and basketball since kindergarten. He plans on competing with the track and cross country teams and kick for the football team next year. These activities and inspiration from his mom have taught him to have great leadership skills and an amazing work ethic. Myles is also very kind and helpful to his teachers and fellow classmates. "Myles is genuinely one of the kindest students in the middle school. He is a very fun to have as a teammate and he is a team leader, even though he was a sixth grader." said a fellow classmate and teammate. He maintains a 4.0 grade average as well. Myles is kind, hardworking, and dedicated to everything he takes part in.



This was fun but I best be gone!

Behind the Scenes The Sound of Music

by: Vaeh

Each year, Minford High School puts on a wonderful musical that many, many people can enjoy. The difference is, we don't really understand how much work goes into it. This year, our high school is putting on, "The Sound of Music". Usually, the musical consists mainly of high school students, but this year, three middle school students and one elementary student are participating. Ellie Banks, Taylor Cron, Maddox Porter, and Claire Clevenger are the four elementary/middle school students. Not only was there a lot of preparation for this play, but it has taken a lot of time. Auditions were held in November, and they started practices in December. The cast has practiced every week since December; learning everything from songs to choreography. Mrs. Ratcliff has worked very hard, and she is very proud of the cast and the production. "I'm very excited. The students have been working really hard for this production, and now they get to show what they've worked for. They'll do great!" I know from experience that any musical can become hectic and stressful, but it always comes together, and that is how Mrs. Ratcliff described this production. There will be three performances this weekend; Friday at 7:30, Saturday at 7:30, and Sunday at 2:30. All of the cast members and the crew are hoping for your support, and it will definitely be worth it! This performance is one that you do not want to miss!



The cast of "The Sound Of Music"

County Spelling Bee Congratulations

by: Jacob

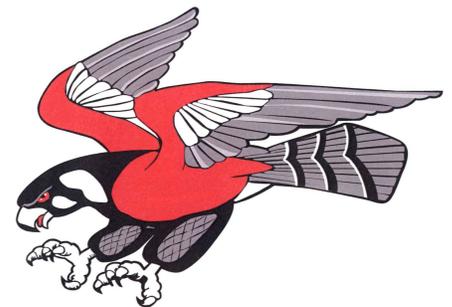
The Scioto County Spelling Bee was held in Portsmouth at SOMC Friends Center on March 7th, 2019. This year was the 67th Scioto County Spelling Bee. Overall, twenty-four students from thirteen schools advanced to the spelling bee. The schools included are the following: Minford, Clay, Green, Manchester, New Boston, Northwest, Notre Dame, Portsmouth, Sciotoville, South Webster, Valley, West, and Wheelersburg. Stated by South Central Ohio Educational Service Center, "The purpose of the spelling bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them throughout their lives."

1st place- Allison Friend

2nd place- Kinslee McIlhenny

3rd place- Drew Livingston

4th place- Lauren Redoutey



Two Students Make the Front Cover of Portsmouth Daily Times

by: Vaeh

This past week, two 8th grade students were awarded top officers at OMUN. In honor of their great achievements as top officers, Portsmouth Daily Times wrote an article and interviewed Luke Rader and Nevaeh Porter. On the March 16th paper, Nevaeh and Luke's article made the cover, with pictures of each of them. The article was written by Kimberly Jenkins, and she interviewed Luke and Nevaeh. It was a huge accomplishment to be on the front cover for something they are very passionate about and something they worked very hard for. Both Luke and Nevaeh said "The coolest part is that people are doing current events about us!" If you haven't seen the article yet, you can check it out on portsmouth-dailytimes.com!



Student Voice

by: Jeriah

Some people love school, and others hate it, but I wanted to know why some people did like it so I asked five 6th-8th grade students the question, "What is your favorite thing about school?" Here are their responses:

Q.What is your favorite thing about school?

S1: "Mr.Reynolds science class."

S2: "Hangout with my friends."

S3: "Gym, because we can play dodgeball."

S4: "Incentive days or gym."

S5: "Mr. Seely's engineering with Webb."

Congratulations Paige!

by: Juniper

The newspaper staff would like to congratulate Paige Martin for making the 2019-2020 Minford High School Cheerleading Team. Paige has been a member of the junior high cheer team for two years and has done competitive cheer since the fourth grade. She is the only freshman to make the team. Paige stated that she is really looking forward to the upcoming season. She said, "Cheerleading means a lot to me and I am really excited to pursue it in high school." We can't wait to watch you shine, Paige!



Miss Minford

by: Sydney

Sydney Speas is proudly representing our district as the 2019 Miss Minford. Sydney was inspired to run for Miss Minford because she has been in pageants since she was a little girl, and she loved the thought of representing her school while doing something she loved. Sydney said that she she prepared for interviews by, "...talking to past Miss Minfords to get an idea of the things I would be asked and practiced that." When she was asked what she hopes to accomplish by being Miss Minford, she stated, "I want to represent my community and of course bring home the crown but I'm really looking forward to creating new friendships and making new memories that will last a lifetime, as well as being a role model to people in my community." Sydney says, "My platform is fighting ACE's: Embrace your character. I hope to educate my community about Adverse Childhood Events and the importance of building strong character and resilience to get through traumatic events that they may endure." When she heard the news that she was chosen to be Miss Minford she was very shocked but so happy that she would be the 2019 Miss Minford. Sydney hopes that people remember her strive for her platform. "I want people to remember my love for trying to better myself and my community. I want to be remembered as someone who made others feel good, someone they can always come to and someone people can look up to."