



# HOOFBEAT

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## FOCUS ON 2016-17 REGISTRATION

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It's that time at Fort Morgan High School! Starting monday, FMHS begins registering students for next year.

**Don't forget that if you want to take a class in a core department but already have all of your core credits, you can take that class and have it count towards your electives.**

Page four contains a guide to the electives. We have provided some explanation of some of the courses to help you make your decisions.

Be sure to take into account your future goals. For instance, if you are planning on a career in business or are planning on eventually owning your own business, you should plan on taking a business class or two. If you are planning a career in day care, a child development class is for you. Drafting, woodworking and industrial design classes will help those of you headed into those fields after high school. Those of you thinking of a career in hospitality (restaurants, hotel, etc.) should check out the Family and Consumer Sciences. In addition, Culinary Nutrition will help prepare for being on our own, cooking for ourselves, family and friends after we leave home.

Don't forget to include some fun with fine arts, music or drama.

### INK Club Writing Contest

INK Club is hosting it's annual writing contest. All students are eligible to submit writing or artwork in four categories: short stories, poetry, artwork, cover design. The winners will receive \$25 Amazon gift cards.

Submissions should must be turned in to Mr. Johnston in room 205 no later March 16.

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### COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

FMHS SPORTS 2/26/16-3/12/16 (home games indicated in bold type)				
DATE	SPORT	OPP	HOME/AWAY	TIME
2/26/16	B Basketball (V)	Holy Family	@ Valor	4:00pm
2/26/16	G Basketball (V)	Valor	@ Valor	6:00pm
2/27/16	FMHS Special Olympics BB Tourney	@ UNC		8am-4pm
3/10/16	G Golf	@ Broken Tee		9am
3/11/16	FMHS Special Olympics BB State	Lakewood		8am-4pm
3/12/16	*****			
2/22-27/16	FFA Week	*****		
2/27/16	FFA Dance	Commons		6-11:30pm
2/29-3/11/16	Registration	*****		
2/29/16	Combined League Honor Choir/Orchestra	Greeley		*****
3/1/16	Spring Music Concert	Auditorium		7pm
3/4-5/16	Forensics Team to National Qualifying	@ Greeley Central		*****
3/5/16	Knowledge Bowl to Skyview	*****		



## HOOFBEAT NEEDS YOU!

**WHAT IS HOOFBEAT:** The student newspaper.

**JOBS ON HOOFBEAT STAFF:** Writer, photographer, editor, reporter.

**Sign up for the Journalism/Hoofbeat News** - counts as an elective credit. Prefer students committed to whole year!

## Hydrogen Bomb Won't Hydrate North Korea

By: Jonathan Stone

Breaking news from cnn.com, North Korea says it has successfully carried out a hydrogen bomb test which, if confirmed, will be a first for the reclusive regime and a significant advancement for its military ambitions.

It seems this Hydro bomb will bring them to a higher level on nuclear power. The South Korean defense ministry said it too could not immediately confirm the test's success. However, the country's foreign ministry hastily convened an emergency meeting. Officials in Japan were also holding discussions.

The test took place at 10 a.m. local time, the regime said in a televised statement. The seismic event, which measured the event at an enormous magnitude of 5.1, occurred 19 kilometers (12 miles) east-northeast of Sungjibaegam, the United States Geological Survey said.

In the past North Korea has tested fission weapons, which break large atoms like plutonium into smaller atoms, creating considerable energy. Fusion weapons, such as hydrogen bombs, use fusion to combine small atoms -- such as hydrogen -- to create much larger amounts of energy.

Time will only tell if the hydrogen bomb will be a bombastic idea or if it will blow up in North Korea's face.



<http://researching-nuclear-reactions.wikispaces.com>  
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## Mustangs Wrestlers Take Pepsi Center

By: Jordyn Rivera

At state wrestling this past weekend, six wrestlers represented Fort Morgan at the Pepsi Center: sophomore, Dylan McBride and seniors Kaleb Bell, Frank Rosales, Alex Mai and Toby McBride. Rosales and Bell lost in the first round placing them into the consolation bracket. Both McBrides and Mai won their first matches sending them into the quarterfinals. Bell and Rosales won the first round in the consolation bracket. Dylan McBride lost the quarterfinal match putting him into the consolation bracket as well. Mai and T. McBride continued into semi-finals. Dylan McBride lost the first round and Bell lost in the third round of the consolation bracket eliminating them both from the state tournament. Rosales lost in the consolation semi-final match moving him into a match for 5th place. Mai and T. McBride both made it to the final match to wrestle for the state title.

Three out of the five Mustangs who made it to the tournament placed in the tournament. Frank Rosales placed 6th while Mai and McBride went undefeated each bringing home the state title. Alex Mai is the 220 lb state champion and Toby McBride is the 285 lb state champion. McBride joins the elite ranks of three time state champions.

Congratulations to the wrestling team on a good season. Congratulations also go out specifically to head coach Spike Reynolds on his retirement after 16 great years!



Photo from Alex Mai' Facebook page

## FFA Week

Monday: Farm Games



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Heldwin Brito photos



Tuesday: Stick Horse Races

Wednesday: Tractor Parade



Heldwin Brito photo

Thursday: Giant Corn Ping Pong

Friday: Giant Pedal Tractor Race

## Boys and Girls Basketball Teams Make Playoffs

By: Jordyn Rivera

Both the girls and boys varsity basketball teams have had quite the season so far.

The boys were in the run for the Colorado 7 League title, but lost a hard fought game. They were 16-7 overall and 13-1 in league. They easily secured their spot in the post-season and are seeded at number 5. The boys will face the number 4 seed, Holy Family, in the first round.

The lady mustangs were 11-12 overall and will be the number 8 seed and face Valor Christian, the defending 4a champions. Good luck to both teams who will play on Friday, the 26th at Valor Christian! Tip off for boys will be at 4pm and the ladies tip off will be at 6pm!



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Photo from Fort Morgan Athletics Facebook page

## Student Highlight 8: Alex Mai

By: Cheyenne Icenhower

In three months, our seniors will graduate and move on. They will be starting a new chapter in their lives, and making room for a new group of freshman. Before we lose this great group, there needs to be a highlight on some of them. Alex Mai is a senior here at FMHS who has accomplished many things in the past years. I interviewed Alex during the state wrestling tournament about his high school experience, his challenges, and wrestling.

### Hi Alex! Where are you going to college?

**Mai:** Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, Colorado. I'm going to double up on football and wrestling.

### What have been some of your challenges throughout high school?

**Mai:** My challenges have been minimal. The hardest would have to have been making it to all state football twice and qualifying for state in wrestling as well.

### How do you deal with the nerves about going to state?

**Mai:** I treat every tournament like it is State tournament. You can't put all your eggs in one basket and you can't put all your nerves into one game.

### What are your career goals for the future?

**Mai:** I'm not 100% sure yet. I'm planning on being a teacher for a few years, getting my debt payed off, then going to seminary to become a pastor.

### If you could go back to freshman year and give yourself one piece of advice, what would it be?

**Mai:** Take it all in and enjoy the moment. It goes by fast! You'll never get this time back, so cherish and embrace it.

### What was your favorite class you took at FMHS?

**Mai:** VO with Thistle.

### How is state going so far?

**Mai:** Awesome! I'm really hoping Toby and I can bring back a championship! *[Obviously, they both did just that!]*

### What was your best memory at FMHS?

**Mai:** All of my sports moments in general. There are too many to count.



## Music Solo and Ensemble Competition

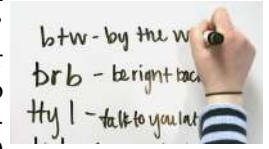
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## Textspeak Could Kill Your G.P.A.

By: Trystan Bohling

Almost every teen in High School has a cell phone and this would not be a problem if *textspeak* was not so common. Words like "You, To, and Your" are being replaced with "U, 2, and UR." The students' English grades, GPA, and their grammar are taking a major hit. According to [tesh.com](http://tesh.com) a recent study done by Pennsylvania State University researchers had 200 Middle School students take a grammar test and a small quiz asking questions along the lines of "How often do you text?" and "Do you use shorthand while texting?"



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The results were shocking when the students who did text frequently and used shorthand, or "*textspeak*", did worse on the grammar and spelling tests. On the other hand the students who rarely text or used *textspeak* got sky high scores.

Some people wonder why texting is a grammar killer, and the answer is very obvious. Many teens are too lazy, or do not have unlimited texting on their phones leading to a high bill, to use proper spelling when texting their friends often settling for shorthand to give and get answers. *Textspeak* is acceptable when texting but teens can not seem to turn it off when they're not using their phones. This "skill" is later transferred to the classroom without them being aware and thus their grades take a major blow.

It's almost like they are learning a new language that, to them, becomes second nature. Some day, hopefully in the distant future, our written language may adapt to accept *textspeak* because it is so common. This has happened before when we dropped some letters out of certain British words, like the "u" out of "color and behavior."

Since that day is not here yet and it will take some time to get to that point, using *textspeak* will not fly in the classroom and students will receive low grades. No matter how common *textspeak* is and no matter how cool it may seem, for now sure that your writing in school is grammatically correct.



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CHECK THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR UPCOMING DEADLINES

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## FOCUS ON ELECTIVES

We know that there are a lot of options when choosing your electives, so we decided to give you a short and simple guide to some of the options available. Here are some electives you may want to consider:

### For all grades

- ✍️ **Specific Passions:** For those interested in Journalism and writing, There is **Hoofbeat** (the newspaper) and **Pacemaker** (the yearbook) if you want to be apart of the school yearbook, Pacemaker is for you! **Student Senate** provides an outlet for those political-minded students
- 🌐 **Foreign language classes:** We have Spanish and German
- 🎵 **Music:** If you are ready to dip your toes into music for the first time, think about choosing: **concert choir, women’s choir, guitar, string orchestra, history of rock**. For those upcoming sophomores with more experience in the music, remember to audition for **singers, symphonic orchestra, and Jazz Band**. Don’t forget about **Band** either!
- 💻 **Business:** If you haven’t taken computer applications yet, you really need to! If you have already taken **Computer Applications**, you could take **Web Page Design** and learn how to make your very own website. You could also consider take Multimedia if you are interested in the business side behind things like *Adobe Software*. *Those looking to run a business of their own should definitely take entrepreneurship*.
- 👨‍🍳 **Family and Consumer Sciences:** For those who want to take a home-ec like class, you might go for **culinary nutrition**, your future your life, or **Child Development**.
- 🎨 **Arts:** Here at FMHS we have a myriad of arts-based classes. WE offer classes such as drawing, ceramics, sculpting and foundations of arts.
- 🔧 **Industrial/Practical Arts:** If you want to do more practical art, For people interested in building or architecture, take any of Brito’s **Woods** and **Engineering** or **Drafting** classes!
- ⚔️ **PE:** For people interested in really aggressive and competitive sports, taking one of the “**teams sports**” classes, or the **Leadership** class. If you are looking for a more mellow class, try taking **Lifetime Activities** or **personal wellness**

### For Juniors and up:

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences:**

**Mustang Catering:** Interested in cooking? Mustang Catering is for you?

**Teacher Cadet:** This class is for all the future educators of the world. It is designed to help students learn what it means to truly be an educator and gives them firsthand experience with teaching so long as they stay in the program.

**Fashion and Merchandising:** This class is for those who want to join the competitive world of fashion when they are older should take this class!

#### **Industrial/Practical Arts:**

**Industrial Design:** For anybody really truly looking for a career in Production of things, definitely take industrial design

**Teachers Assistants!!** To be a teachers assistant you must be in good academic standing, have good attendance, and have no behavior incidents posted in Infinite campus.  
Options include:

**Library/media center-** Students will learn and practice library skills, and help librarian

**Counseling office-**Students will get to help at the counseling office

**Classroom-** TA’s may be asked to make copies, file, grade papers and perform various tasks by assigned teacher.

**Main office-** Students will perform duties assigned by main office staff.