

# THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

## FINISHING THE SEASON STRONG

By: Sebastian Favela

Photos by Sebastian Favela

The Kiowa County Junior High boys basketball team finished the season, placing second at the league tournament. The game was really close with both teams swapping the lead, but, in the end, the boys fell short and lost by 3 points with a final score of 38-41. The boys showed great sportsmanship and set a great example of what it means to be a Maverick. Throughout the season and in the month of February, the boys dominated the competition. On the 2nd, the team won against Minneola with a final score of 59-17. After beating Minneola, the boys played in the first round of the league tournament against Spearville and won with a final score of 44-34.

This basketball season went well, and with so many returning varsity players, next year looks to be very exciting.

Above: Brody Hoffman shooting a free throw.

Bottom Left: KCJH Boys Basketball team.

Bottom Right: Tristan Hattton taking the ball down the court.



# WRAPPING UP THE SEASON

By: Gentry Ballard  
Photos by: Sebastian Favela

The Lady Mavericks had an outstanding 2nd place finish for the 2026 basketball season. They had to fight their way to the championship with only two 8th graders. Although it wasn't the finish they were hoping for, they are proud of their accomplishment.

The Lady Mavericks first had to win a play in game in the league tournament. Here they played Minneola and won 38-15. Next, the Lady Mavericks defeated Hodgeman 40-18. In the championship game, the Mavericks were up against South Central, but they ended up losing 19-26, despite a tough battle. They finished as the league runner up. Assistant coach Kyla McDonald had many good things to say about the Lady Mavericks season. She also complimented their performance throughout the season.

7th grader Khloe Gilkey stated, "I think this season went pretty well. We played hard, but in some games, we could have done better. We need to keep a positive mindset throughout the whole game. I am proud of how we played, and how we pushed through the hard times. I am looking forward to next season!"

Top: Mya Mitchell guards the basket.

Middle Left: Selah Lingafelter goes for a layup.

Middle Right: Mya Mitchell shoots a free throw.

Bottom Right: Mya Hoffman guards the ball.



# HONOR BAND HITS THE RIGHT NOTES

By: David Keeton

Photos By: Alec Cowley

Fourteen sixth graders went to represent the Kiowa County Mavericks on February 4th at the honor band concert in Minneola. The students played four songs which were called, "Power Surge," "Rainforest," Maui," and "Armory." The students were conducted by Jamie Minneman, who is the director of bands at Barton County Community College. "I was impressed with the attention that the students gave to Mrs. Minneman. They were responsive to her conducting and gave a very musical performance," said Alec Cowley, KCJH Band Director.

The other schools there included South Gray, Southwestern Heights, Ingalls, and Minneola.



Top: 6th grade Honor Band

Middle Left: Eli Cooper and James Harrison playing their instruments.

Middle Right: The whole Honor Band.



## Spell It Out

By: Sebastian Favela

KCJH spellers finished strong at the county spelling bee in Haviland on February 11. Junior high students (Shelby Fulton, Treyden Walters, and Caleb Watson) faced off against three Kiowa County elementary students and three Haviland elementary students and three junior high students. In the end, Haviland 8th grader Grace Howard won the spelling bee. Two of the Kiowa County students finished in the top three. 7th grader Caleb Watson got second and 8th grader Shelby Fulton placed third.

Howard will represent Kiowa County at the state spelling bee in Wichita. Best of luck!



# HAPPY KANSAS DAY!

By: Gentry Ballard

On Kansas Day, January 29th, the 7th graders at Kiowa County took a trip down to the Big Well. They were welcomed by the Big Well Director, Heather Bailey. Students got to play Kansas trivia and learned some cool facts about Greensburg and Kansas, and they toured the museum. After the trip to the Big Well, the 7th graders had a Kansas Day party. Students enjoyed a cookie featuring Kansas symbols, such as the Kansas state reptile, amphibian, and sunflower to enjoy. Afterwards, they got to make a project about Kansas. They had such a great time learning about Kansas and celebrating it on its big day.

Kansas facts:

Did you know that Kansas is the 34th state to join the union?

Kansas had the 1st Pizza Hut ever!

Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz was from Kansas!

Did you know that there are seashells in Kansas?

Kansas is the center of the 48 contiguous states!

Source: National Geographic Kids

Photos By: Angela Walters



Top: 7th grade class on Kansas day with their homemade cookies.

Right: 7th grade class being silly in front of the Big Well.

Left: 7th grade boys playing Kansas day trivia.



## SCHOLARS BOWL SEASON UNDERWAY

By: Sebastian Favela

The Kiowa County Mavericks Scholars Bowl team had their first quiz bowl meet on February, 19th in Meade, Kansas. The varsity faced tough competition but managed to tie for fourth place. On Monday, February 23, the varsity team placed third at South Gray. On February 26, varsity was unable to advance to the finals at the Minneola meet. The varsity team will compete on March 3 in Ashland.

Good luck!



Varsity posing with their 3rd place finish medals at South Gray.

# THE BIG READ

## BIG READ AWARDS REVEALED

By: Gentry Ballard

Eight Kiowa County Junior High students entered projects in the SPIAA Big Read project competition, held on January 14 in Greensburg. These students were given their awards on February 2nd at the last home KCJH basketball game. Below are the exceptional achievements of these students.

- Elizabeth Brown; Miscellaneous - Diorama; Gold with an award of excellence
- Iva Brown; Art - Drawing; Gold with an award of excellence
- Sebastian Favela; Art - Textile; Gold with an award of excellence
- Ty Hatton; Miscellaneous - Diorama; Silver
- Brody Hoffman; STEM - CTE; Gold
- Natalie Koger; Digital Media; Silver
- Brook Wright; Digital Media; Silver
- Robert Young; Digital Media; Gold with an award of excellence

To receive an award of excellence, projects had to score 95% or higher on the scoring rubric.

Photos By: Angela Walters



## THE WAY THE COOKIE CRUMBLES

By: Rhett Heinson

Greensburg has its own version of Crumbl Cookies; it's called the Crumb Cart. Greensburg residents and business owners, Stephanie Neuhold and Nicole Zadina bake the goods and sell them on the weekends.

Neuhold had been making sourdough bread for several years and Zadina had always enjoyed baking cookies and other baked goods. The two decided to join forces to open a cottage bakery. The types of sourdough flavors vary from week to week, but some of the more popular include plain, jalapeno cheddar, and Italian herbs and cheese. The cost of sourdough is \$10 for plain sourdough and \$12 for flavored sourdough. The price of cookies that Zadina makes starts at \$2.50 or more that are sold individually or in packs of 2-3. The cart is located at 622 W. Grant in Greensburg. Cash and Venmo are accepted.



# FUN FACTS WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article by Sebastian Favela

## BRODY HOFFMAN



Q: When is your birthday?  
A: July 24th

Q: How long have you gone to Kiowa County?  
A: I've been coming here for 9 years.

Q: What are your hobbies?  
A: Basketball and video games.

Q: What is your favorite foods?  
A: Any kind of pasta.

Q: What is your favorite color?  
A: It's navy blue.

Q: What is your favorite video game?  
A: College Football 26.

Q: What do you think is one interesting thing about you?  
A: I can dunk a basketball.

## NATALIE KOGER



Q: When is your birthday?  
A: July 28th

Q: How long have you gone to Kiowa County?  
A: I have gone here for 5 years.

Q: What are your hobbies?  
A: I like shooting baskets in my freetime.

Q: What is your favorite foods?  
A: Steak or chicken strips.

Q: What is your favorite color?  
A: My favorite color is olive green.

Q: What is your favorite video game?  
A: It's Mario Kart 8.

Q: What do you think is one interesting thing about you?  
A: I am the youngest in my class and in my family.

## WILLIAM KYLE



Q: When is your birthday?  
A: June 17th

Q: How long have you gone to Kiowa County?  
A: I've gone to Kiowa County for 10 years.

Q: What are your hobbies?  
A: I like reading, video games, and sports.

Q: What is your favorite foods?  
A: It's steak.

Q: What is your favorite color?  
A: My favorite color is blue.

Q: What is your favorite video game?  
A: Forza Horizon 5.

Q: What do you think is one interesting thing about you?  
A: I film games for the media center.

## MEET THE PUBLICATIONS TEAM



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# SAVE THE DATES

By: Gentry Ballard

**Student Led conferences:**  
 March 9th & 10th, starting at  
 4:30 PM.

**No School:**  
 March 10th & 13th

**The 3rd nine weeks end on  
 March 12th.**  
 Make sure you don't have  
 missing work for As for Airs!

**Spring break: March  
 13th-20th**

**First KCJH track meet:**  
 Thursday, April 2nd at  
 Skyline.

Mr. Lohrding receives a \$500 grant from  
 KANA AE.



# MARCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1st Day of Spring Sports Practice 1A Sub-State BB Semifinals (Girls)	3rd-5th Vocal Musical 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 2:45pm: KCHS Forensics Novice Tournament 4:00pm: KCJH Scholars Bowl @ Ashland	10:00am: Tornado Drill 7:00pm: SPIAA All-League BB Meeting	1:00pm: Polio Trunk Presentation-5th Grade 5:30pm: Family Literacy Night	1A Sub-State BB Finals ACT Registration Deadline for Apr. 11 Test Date 7:00am: DLT Meeting 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	HS Forensics @ Satanta 1A Sub-State BB Finals
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time Begins	4:00pm: KCJH Scholars Bowl @ Satanta 4:30pm: Student-Led Conferences 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	Teacher Inservice - No Classes KSHSAA State BB JAG-K HS State CDC 8:00am: KESA School Improvement Day 4:30pm: Student-Led Conferences	KSHSAA State BB	End of 3rd 9-weeks KSHSAA State BB	KSHSAA State BB NO SCHOOL	KSHSAA State BB
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL St. Patrick's Day	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		SWP PDC Visit 3:00pm: KCJH Scholars Bowl @ Bucklin 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	11:30am: SPIAA League Meeting		K-5 Art 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	Regional Solos & Small Ensembles 6:30pm: Promenade 7:00pm: KCHS PROM 10:30pm: After-Prom
29	30	31				
		Inter-State Studio Spring Sports Pictures and Class Pictures				

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# St. Patrick's Day

## Word Search Puzzle

G M Q M J E P O J Z H K H C  
Y R C E L E B R A T E G W D  
V J E P O T P H N K O Z E T  
J D U E A X I O G L C F P P  
I V N V N I P R O V O F A A  
M A G I C U E S L Z I X Y T  
G E A N F A O E D R N U X R  
O K M A R C H S W X S D E I  
O L E P R E C H A U N V S C  
D D X K R Q A O C H O F H K  
L N Y F S Y P E N L J S J F  
U M V Q J Y T N C S U Y J J  
C R D V W A G I R E L A N D  
K P B Q H N R A I N B O W U

POT

CLOVER

CELEBRATE

HORSESHOE

PIPE

MARCH

GOOD LUCK

GOLD

LEPRECHAUN

HAT

COINS

RAINBOW

PATRICK

MAGIC

GREEN

IRELAND

