

THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

BIG READ HAS BIG SUCCESS

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

Today read, tomorrow succeed. The 8th-grade students practiced this motto as they worked on their Big Read Projects. The projects were based on their class novel, *The Outsiders*, which the students studied for several weeks, identifying important themes and meaningful quotes. To end the first semester, every 8th-grade student took the time to put hard work and dedication into their projects and essays. The class capitalized on the moving and heartfelt symbols, quotes, characters, and themes. All projects had a wow factor, which left viewers of the projects and essays speechless. Though it was well-known that all students put in every ounce of effort, Mrs. Ballard was only able to select 9 students' projects and essays to compete in the final Big Read competition. These students included Alyson Taylor, Aubree Gilchrist, Amelia Barnes, Norma Espericueta, Eli Roberts, Cierra Price, McKenzie Banta, Adan Coyne, and Keigan Cooper.

Projects from schools all over the league were judged on January 18th at Kiowa County. KCJH winners were: Gold & Award of Excellence - Banta (Mixed Media Art), Barnes (3D Art), Espericueta (Mixed Media Art), and Taylor (3D Art); Silver - Gilchrist (Painting Art).



The winners of the Big Read received their awards at half time of the boy's basketball game on Jan. 29th (photo by Kwynn Blanton)



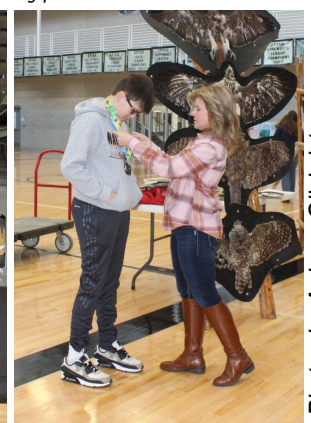
8th grader Aubree Gilchrist looks at the Big Read projects and reads an essay (photo by Faith Coss)

CONSERVING THE FORESTS

BY SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

The Mavericks put in the work to earn top places at the 2024 Conservation Awards assembly. Students in K-8 completed posters and 6-8 grade also made limericks based on the theme for this year, "May the forest be with you always." Poster winners were: 6th grade Niko Wall (2nd) & Addy Lofgren (3rd); 7th grade Dallas Derley (1st); 8th grade Aly Taylor (1st) & Amelia Barnes (3rd). Limerick winners were: 6th grade Sebastian Favela-Clayton (1st), Ethan Cooper (2nd), & William Kyle (3rd); 7th grade Kason Fulton (1st), Kwynn Blanton (2nd), Cy Yost (3rd); 8th grade Norma Espericueta (3rd). Victoria Yohn, the director of the Kiowa County Conservation District, invited the placers to an awards dinner on February 3rd.

Below: The junior high and elementary classes attended the conservation assembly on January 16th. Here they found out the winners to the poster competitions and learned about different types of birds.



Photos by Aubree Gilchrist

ORDER ON THE COURT

GIRLS' TEAM DEMANDING RESPECT WITH REGULAR SEASON 10-3 RECORD

BY CHARLEE JANTZ

This was an aggressive month for the Lady Mavs on the hardwood. Assistant Coach Leona Engelcke reported that the best part of the season so far has been, "working hard, laughing a lot, building our relationships & team skills, and learning more about basketball."

Returning from a long Christmas break, they kicked off 2024 against the Lancers at home with a powerful win. Next, the Lady Mavs headed to the Bulldog's house, dishing out a loss to Ingalls. Unfortunately, the next game did not go as planned for the Lady Mavs against South Gray. They journeyed to Copeland with a tough loss by 2 points, but this did not keep them down as they prevailed over the Minneola Wildcats with a dominating win. Taking on the Thunderbirds at home, the Lady Mavs kept their winning streak alive. To end their regular season play, the Lady Mavs laid down the law on the Deuces at home to finish the regular season with a 10-3 record.

The Lady Mavs will wrap up their season with the SPIAA league tournament, starting on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30pm in Protection. Engelcke stated that the goals for the end of the season are, "to be proud of our success and team spirit, to keep supporting one another, and grow our strengths as a team next year." 8th grader Norma Espericueta added, "I think we can do pretty well in the tournament as long as we all go into it with a clear mind. My goal for the end of this season is to go into the championship game, and win it all." Finish the season strong, ladies!



Top L): 8th-grader AJ Derley drives to the basket. Top R): 8th-grader Norma Espericueta jump stops and shoots, confusing the T-bird defense. Bottom: 7th-grader Charlee Jantz launches the ball across the court. (photos by Sebastian Favela-Clayton)

LADY MAVS SCOREBOARD

1/4 vs Spearville
A Team (W): 42-29
B Team (W): 5-11

1/11 @ Ingalls
A Team (W):43-32
B Team (Tie):15-15

1/15 @ South Gray
A Team (L):31-33
B Team (L):7-33
C Team 2 quarters (L):
3-14

1/18 vs Minneola
A Team (W): 41-5
B Team (W): 23-6

1/22 vs Skyline
A Team (W): 30-14
B Team (L): 17-21
C Team 2 quarters (L) 2 quarters:
0-6

1/29 vs Bucklin
A Team: 36-23
B Team: 17-1
C Team: 19-0



7th-grader Kwynn Blanton goes up for a jump shot against the T-birds. (photo by Aubree Gilchrist) 2

MAKING IT RAIN WITH MASSIVE WINS

BOYS' TEAM ON A HOT STREAK GOING IN TO LEAGUE TOURNEY

BY BRODY HOFFMAN

The Kiowa County Mavericks Junior High boys' varsity team is off to a strong start this new year, going 5-1 through January.

First off in the new year, the Mavs battled Spearville on January 4th. The game was a tight one during the first half, tied 18-18. The second half was lopsided, with the Mavericks outscoring the Lancers 25-13, easily winning 43-31.

The Mavericks played the Ingalls Bulldogs on the 11th and dominated from start to finish with the Mavericks coming away with a win.

After that, the Mavericks took on the South Gray Rebels. It was a nail-biting game, with the final score being 30-27, favoring the Mavs.

The Mavs then played at home against Minneola. It was a hard-fought battle that came down to the wire, and the Mavericks were barely outplayed, losing 30-34.

Next up was a blowout against the Skyline Thunderbirds with the Mavericks running up the scoreboard with a reading of 54-18.

Then, the Mavericks put on a show at home against the Bucklin Red Aces, winning 51-10.

The boys have worked hard and are excited to see how the rest of the season goes, as they travel to South Central for the tournament games. 8th grader Garrett Kern explained how he thinks that "...we will make it to the championship game and we will see what happens next."



Top: 8th-graders Garrett Kern and Adan Coyne work to get a rebound. Bottom left: The Mavs battle the T-birds, working to box out. Bottom right: 7th-grader Thayer Zadina takes the ball to the basket, getting fouled on the shot (photos by Kwynn Blanton)



8th-grader Keegan Blanton takes the ball up for a lay up. (photo by Kwynn Blanton)

MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

1/4 vs Spearville
 A Team (W): 43-31
 B Team (W): 41-20
 C Team (W): 28-21

1/11 @ Ingalls
 A Team (W): 39-16
 B Team (W): 40-4
 C Team (W): 24-20

1/15 @ South Gray
 A Team (W): 30-37
 B Team (L): 25-28
 C Team (L): 20-33

1/18 vs Minneola
 A Team (L): 30-34
 B Team (W): 30-14
 C Team (W): 26-15

1/22 vs Skyline
 A Team (W): 54-18
 B Team (W): 33-9
 C Team (L): 36-39

1/29 vs Bucklin
 A Team (W): 51-10
 B Team (W): 40-17
 C Team (W): 16-9



SCHOLARS BOWL BRINGING THE HEAT

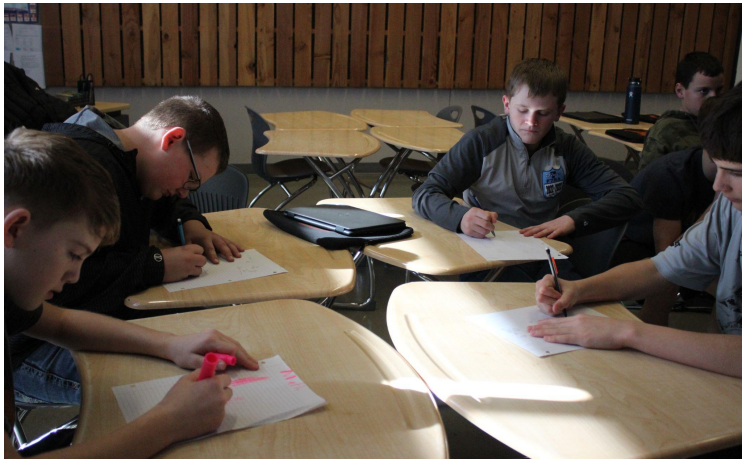
NEW TEAM & COACH READY TO TAKE ON THE SEASON

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST

"I feel pretty confident and excited about the upcoming season," says Mr. L (Cade Lohrding), who is coaching Scholar's Bowl this year.

The KCJH Scholar's Bowl team consists of 8th graders Keegan Blanton, Norma Espericueta, Aubree Gilchrist, James Greenleaf, Javan Oberle, Elijah Roberts, Justin Slade, and Alyson Taylor. The underclassmen on the team are 7th graders Grayson Ballard and Truman Barnes, and 6th grader Bodie McDonald. Returning scholar, Slade, says that "this year's team should be pretty competitive." He explained that he is excited to see how successful both the Varsity and JV teams are in the 2024 season, as he hopes they are able to bring home league championship plaques.

The first Scholar's Bowl meet the team will attend is on February 12th in Meade. The team will attend a total of 7 meets, ending with the SPIAA League Meet in Protection on March 28th. We wish this year's Scholar's Bowl team the best of luck to bring home a good record!



Top: The Scholars Bowl team split into two groups, battling to see who can answer the question first. (photo by Kwynn Blanton) Bottom: The 2024 Kiowa County Junior High Scholars bowl team. (photo by Mr. Deterding)

SCHOLARS BOWL SCHEDULE

- 2/12 @ Meade, V/JV
- 2/15 @ Pawnee Heights, V/JV
- 2/26 @ Ashland, V
- 3/5 @ Satanta, V/JV
- 3/19 @ Bucklin, V/JV
- 3/21 @ Minneola, V/JV
- 3/28 SPIAA @ South Central (Protection), V/JV



The team practices math equations with Mrs. Pore. (photo by Kwynn Blanton)

FUN FACTS

WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article & Photos
by Preston Coss

GARRETT KERN



Garrett loves football. He is seen here kicking the ball after a Maverick touchdown earlier this season.

Q: Would you rather have a one-minute conversation with your past self or your future self?

A: "Future self, I have a test coming up."

Q: Would you rather eat only burgers for a week or only ice cream for a week?

A: "Burgers because I like meat."

Q: Would you rather live in a world without music or a world without movies?

A: "World without movies because I don't watch movies."

Q: Would you rather be on a dating show or a survival show?

A: "A survival show. Nobody wants me..."

MADDIE MCADOO



Maddie is playing defense in the basketball game. Basketball is her favorite sport.

Q: Would you rather stay in during a snow day or build a fort? A: "Build a fort because it is fun."

Q: Would you rather never be able to go out during the day or at night? A: "Never be able to go out at night. I never really do anyway."

Q: Would you rather be 11 feet or nine inches tall?

A: "11 feet tall. I'm already short so why not be tall?"

Q: Would you rather always have a full phone battery or full gas tank? A: "Full gas tank why because you wouldn't have to fill it often."

BRAYDON OBERBECK



Braydon is relaxing during advisory in Mr. Middleton's class. He likes to relax any chance he can get.

Q: Would you rather be forced to sing along or dance to every single song you hear? A: "Dance. I can't sing."

Q: Would you rather find true love today or win the lottery next year?

A: "True love because you can't find that these days."

Q: Would you rather have everyone be able to read your thoughts or access to your internet history? A: "Thoughts. The search history's got too much on it..."

Q: Would you rather lose your sight or your memories? A: "My sight because you can't remake memories."

BEE-LIEVE IN YOURSELF

BY NELA HEIDE

Below: The winners of the 6th-8th Grade Spelling Bee are Carson Roenbaugh (alternate), Rowdy Young (3rd), Sebastian Favela-Clayton (2nd), and Alyson Taylor (1st).

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G. Students put their spelling skills to use during their class spelling bees on January 10th. Though it was optional, many contestants competed to be one of the three students from each grade who moved on to the School Spelling Bee on January 31st. One by one, the list dwindled, leaving 9 junior high finalists. These students consisted of Sebastian Favela-Clayton (6), Rowdy Young (6), William Kyle (6), Carson Roenbaugh (7), Kwynn Blanton (7), Grayson Ballard (7), Alyson Taylor (8), Justin Slade (8), and Norma Espericueta (8). Winners of the 6th-8th grade spelling bee were: 1st place Alyson Taylor, 2nd place Sebastian Favela-Clayton, & 3rd place Rowdy Young. They will compete in the Kiowa County Spelling Bee in Haviland at the Ross-Ellis Center on February 7th at 10am. Good luck spellers!



Photo by Amelia Barnes

AROUND THE SCHOOL

FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH

BUILDING THE FUTURE

BY IVA BROWN

To relaunch the 2023 school year, the Gifted crew has continued working on fun activities. Among the group, Alyson Taylor (8), Aubree Gilchrist (8), Grayson Ballard (7), and Lex Hawkins (4), have kept working on making popsicle bridges. The students researched different trusses and bridge builds. They are now working on competing against other Gifted students, seeing which bridge can hold the most weight and look the most aesthetically pleasing.

Aly, Aubree, Grayson, and Lex will additionally be competing in the Stock Market game later this year, seeing which group among the competitors can earn the most shares and make the most "money." These students keep challenging themselves and each other, making it a fun environment for all.



Photo by Iva Brown

Eighth graders Aly Taylor & Aubree Gilchrist, alongside seventh grader Grayson Ballard and fourth grader Lex Hawkins show off the progress on their popsicle bridges. Gilchrist reported, "I have struggled to get my bridge just how I wanted it. Sometimes the glue dries and warps the bridge, and I have to reshape it or restart it. Overall, I think it is looking okay."

PORE GOES THE EXTRA YARD FOR KIDS

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST

The College Football Playoff Extra Yard For Teachers recognized Mrs. Pore for her hard work and dedication to make Kiowa County a better place at the home basketball games on Monday, January 29th. Mrs. Pore has taught junior high math for 15 years now. She has coached junior high volleyball for all 15 of those years, along with 12 years of coaching track-and-field. Mrs. Pore had been involved in the Impact Leadership program at USD 422 for 8 years. On top of all of that, she has taken many junior high students to compete in the Math Contest, where they usually perform very well. Make sure to thank Mrs. Pore for all of her hard work the next time you see her!

Bottom R): Mrs. Pore was surprised by receiving the award during the JH Christmas Party. Bottom L): Pore receiving recognition at the basketball game. Far Bottom L) The JH students posing with Pore after giving her the award.



Photo by Kwynn Blanton



Photo by Mrs. Ballard



Photo by Mrs. Ballard

KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE

DELECTABLE DONUTS & DESSERTS FOR ALL

BY NELA HEIDE



Top: Angelique Libby takes 7th-grader Faith Coss's order. Coss got a few donuts to take home to her parents.

Middle: Libby boxes up some special treats for Mrs.

Ballard. Bottom: Libby is serving 6th-grader Larston Higbie some donut holes. Larston said that donut holes are his favorite donuts to buy at Daylight Donuts. (Photos by Preston Coss)

Currently in the new year of 2024, Angel's Heavenly Desserts & Daylight Donuts is getting even better at making their delicious sweets, which includes: chocolate donuts, glazed donuts, sprinkled donuts, vanilla donuts, cinnamon rolls with and without icing of the flavor of your choice, and a variety of different cakes. If none of these sound good to you, they have recently introduced a new breakfast sandwich into their menus, as well as sausage eggs with cheese and ham eggs and cheese sandwiches.

The owner, Angelique Libby, says, "I love what I do. Making customers happy and providing delicious custom homemade desserts."

She officially opened her donut shop, Angel's Heavenly Desserts & Daylight Donuts, on September 1st 2018. Libby along with her daughters, Rosie & Lucy, and her husband, Travis run the family business.

Libby reported, "I've absolutely LOVED watching many children grow these past 5 years in business and watching their tastes change and evolve as they grow."

To find out more information, you can contact Angel's Heavenly Desserts & Daylight Donuts on their Facebook page, by calling (620) 388-5528, emailing angels_dessertsndonuts@yahoo.com, or by stopping in the store at 101 S. Main Street, Suite 119, in Greensburg. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 7am-noon and Saturday 8am-noon. You will be sure to always be greeted with a friendly smile and delicious food.

If you have large orders, like 3+ dozen donuts or Custom Bakery items, please call 24 hours before.

Next time you are in town and needing breakfast or a delectable treat, make sure to stop by Angel's Heavenly Desserts & Daylight Donuts to get their scrumptious desserts or try one of their new menu items.



MEET THE PUBLICATION TEAM



Alyson Taylor
Grade 8
Editor



Aubree Gilchrist
Grade 8
Writer/Photographer



Faith Coss
Grade 7
Writer/Photographer



Preston Coss
Grade 7
Writer/Photographer



Charlee Jantz
Grade 7
Writer/Photographer

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Amelia Barnes
Grade 8
Photographer



Iva Brown
Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Sebastian Favela-Clayton
Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Nela Heide
Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Brody Hoffman
Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Mrs. Ballard
Junior High
Advisor



Kwynn Blanton
Grade 7
Photographer



(Photos by Mrs. Ballard)

Top L): For the 2nd 9 weeks AR party, the readers headed to the skating rink in Pratt. They vibed to the music and decided to make a skating train together. Top R): The KCJH Impact Leadership group did their annual Secret Santa in December. Here, 6th-grader Rowdy Young gave 8th-grader Aubree Gilchrist her gift. (Awwwww!) Bottom L): 7th-grader Jack Minyard was 7th-grader Lincoln Piester's Secret Santa, as we can see him giving his gift here. Bottom R): As the skating party came to an end, the teachers decided to skate, too. After, they posed for a picture, taking in this fun and exciting trip.

ROLLING FOR READING

BY FAITH COSS

When hard work means fun! The Kiowa County Junior High students rolled up the first semester and the second nine weeks at the Rolla-Rena roller skating rink in Pratt.

The skating party was a reward for earning 25 Accelerated Reading points (better known as AR points) in the 2nd 9 weeks of school. Though 20 points were required for a grade, students who went above and beyond the academic requirement were rewarded with a unique outing.

The KCJH students rode the Maverick bus to Pratt on the final day of the semester. About 43 students earned the opportunity to spend the morning roller skating and enjoying refreshments. Junior High ELA teacher Mrs Ballard stated, "I love that the students get to read and enjoy something fun for their hard work. The AR trips are always so fun!"

Be sure to keep reading! ELA students can earn additional rewards for AR points during the second semester.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 KSHSAA Regional Scholars Bowl JH SPIAA League BB Tournament	2 KCHS BB @ Satanta 7:00am: DLT Meeting 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	3 Regional Piano Festival KCHS Forensics @ South Barber
4	5 JH SPIAA League BB Tournament 5:30pm: PreK-5 Stem Night Sponsored by the Cosmosphere	6 KCHS BB @ South Central 7:45am: Save for America Banking 1:40pm: Fire Drill	7 JAG-K Day at Capitol 10:00am: County Spelling Bee @ Ross Ellis Auditorium	8 KCHS Forensics @ Medicine Lodge JH SPIAA League BB Tournament Western Kansas Careers Healthcare Showcase 12:30pm: KCHS Winter Royalty Practice	9 Winter Homecoming 2:10pm: Pep Assembly 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 5:00pm: KCHS BB vs. Hodgeman County 9:30pm: Winter Homecoming Dance after game	10 ACT Test Date KSHSAA State Scholars Bowl 8:00am: KCHS Forensics - Maverick Nation Invitational
11	12 4:00pm: KCJH V/JV Scholars Bowl @ Meade 6:00pm: Little Pepsters Practice 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	13 KCHS BB @ Ingalls 7:45am: Save for America Banking	14 Valentines Day 9:00am: SPIAA HS Vocal Festival @ Bucklin 10:00am: Late Start Day 6:00pm: Little Pepsters Practice	15 9:00am: KSDE Reg. Director Mtg w/ Amber Miller 3:00pm: KCJH V/JV Scholars Bowl @ Pawnee Heights 6:00pm: Little Pepsters Practice	16 KCHS Winter Sports & Activities Recognition FECT Silent Auction AM ONLY PRESCHOOL Little Pepsters Performance 2:10pm: Pep Assembly 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 5:00pm: KCHS BB vs. South Gray	17 State Piano Festival Greensburg Rec. Basketball KCHS Forensics @ Hodgeman Co. Invitational
18	19 NO CLASSES FFA Week	20 FFA Week KCHS BB @ Pawnee Heights 7:45am: Save for America Banking	21 FFA Week 9:00am: SPIAA HS Instrumental Festival @ Minneola	22 FFA Week KSHSAA Sub-State BB (Quarterfinals)	23 KSHSAA Sub-State BB (Quarterfinals) FFA Week K-5 Art 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	24 KCHS Forensics @ Garden City
25	26 1st Day of Spring Sports Practice 3:00pm: KCJH V Scholars Bowl @ Ashland 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	27 7:45am: Save for America Banking 8:00am: KCHS ACT Testing 3:30pm: KCHS Forensics Novice Tournament	28 11:30am: SPIAA League Meeting	29 KSHSAA Sub-State BB (Semifinals)		

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To find upcoming events, information and more, go to usd422.org

JUST FOR FUN



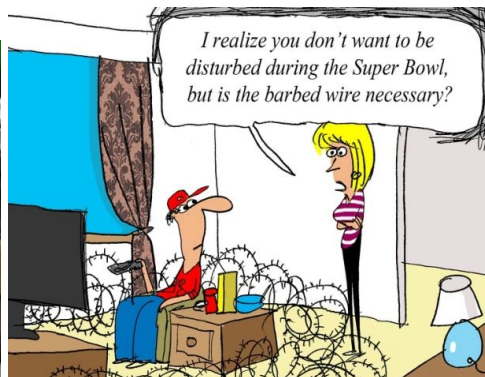
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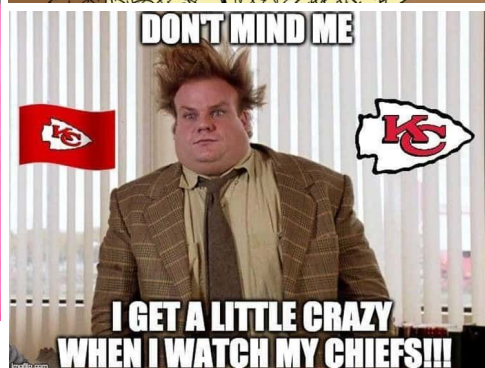
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Kansas City Chiefs
any team with a 10 point lead thinking they have the win



I realize you don't want to be disturbed during the Super Bowl, but is the barbed wire necessary?



DONT MIND ME

I GET A LITTLE CRAZY WHEN I WATCH MY CHIEFS!!!

When an NFL team scores SEVENTY points and Taylor Swift attending a football game is the top story of the weekend



SUPER BOWL?

I DON'T LIKE EITHER TEAM AND DON'T CARE WHO WINS. SNACKS AND COMMERCIALS HAVE MY VOTE.



YOU SEE THAT BUDDY?

THAT'S THE ROAD TO THE SUPERBOWL AND IT'S COMING THROUGH KANSAS CITY

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SUPER BOWL TRIVIA GAME



Trivia questions to spark Super Bowl conversation
Put your football knowledge to the test with these Super Bowl trivia questions.

1. When was the first NFL-AFL championship played?
 - a. 1967
 - b. 1968
 - c. 1969
2. When did the NFL-AFL championship game officially get named the Super Bowl?
 - a. 1967
 - b. 1968
 - c. 1969
3. What is the name of the sterling silver seven-pound trophy the winning team of the Super Bowl receives?
 - a. Pete Rozelle Trophy
 - b. Joe Namath Trophy
 - c. Vince Lombardi Trophy
4. The Super Bowl ranks second in the amount of food consumed in the United States in one day. What holiday ranks first?
 - a. Thanksgiving
 - b. Christmas
 - c. Valentine's Day
5. Who won Super Bowl I?
 - a. Kansas City Chiefs
 - b. Green Bay Packers
 - c. Dallas Cowboys