

THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

BOOMING BUSINESSES AWARDED

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST

In JAG-K, or Jobs for America’s Graduates - Kansas, there is a lot going on at the moment. On March 5th, the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge was held at the Kiowa County Schools. This challenge encourages students to create a small business that they think should be implemented in Kiowa County. Many certificates were awarded to students. Since Taylor took 1st overall, she will be heading to State YEC on April 16th. Everyone who participated in the YEC event is able to attend and participate in State YEC as well.

Earlier this month, JAG students chose events to compete in for Regional Career Development Conference. The students who qualified at Regionals attended State CDD. Although KCJH students only qualified for 2 of these events, they still managed to take 3rd overall. KCJH’s Business Plan Proposal team, Amelia Barnes, Norma Espericueta, and Aubree Gilchrist, took 1st. Kiowa County’s Project Based Learning team, Delaney Little, Addison Minyard, and Jemma Ploger, also took 1st in their event. Congratulations to every JAG student who competed in the YEC or CDC events this month!



Some of the placers at the school YEC event pose, holding up the awards they received. (photo by Kwynn Blanton)

JAG-K Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Award Winners

Executive Summary/4 Minute Presentation:

- 1st Place- American Made Harvest (Alyson Taylor)- \$900
- 2nd Place- Crystal Clear Windows & Decor (Norma Espericueta, Aubree Gilchrist)- \$300
- 2nd Place- E.J’s Diner (Ellie Hayes, Jemma Ploger)- \$300

Trade Show Competition:

- 1st Place- American Made Harvest (Alyson Taylor)- \$250
- 2nd Place- Crystal Clear Windows & Decor (Norma Espericueta, Aubree Gilchrist)- \$150

Ready to Launch:

- American Made Harvest (Alyson Taylor)- \$100

Judge’s Choice:

- The Baby Bunch Daycare (Amelia Barnes)- \$100

Most Unique:

- Little Yard Denim (Delaney Little, Addison Minyard)- \$50
- Blazing Logs (Carson Roenbaugh, Jack Minyard)- \$50

IT’S MADNESS... IN MARCH

BY CHARLEE JANTZ

It’s March...It’s Madness...so you know what time it is? March Madness time! In Junior High, Mr. L is celebrating by having the students fill out brackets. When the tournament comes to a close, Mr. L will hand out prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed students who made the best predictions in their men’s and women’s brackets. 7th grader Lincoln Piester thinks that “March Madness is a great time to watch basketball, and Texas Tech will win no doubt.” (Sorry, Lincoln...)

Below: The March Madness games were playing in many classes, so students could keep following their brackets.



Photo by Mrs. Ballard

OUTRUNNING THE ORDINARY

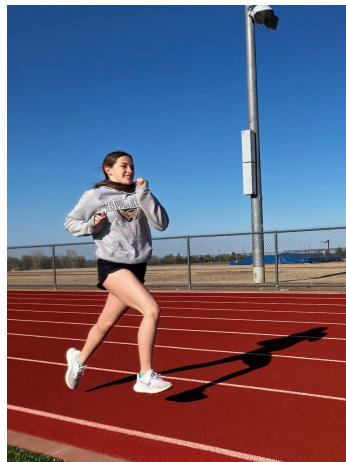
GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD TEAM LOOKING TO REPEAT AS LEAGUE CHAMPS

BY FAITH COSS

The Kiowa County Junior High Lady Mavs are sprinting towards success, starting their 2024 Track and Field season with practices on February 26th. The ladies have been setting themselves up for success, practicing hard to be prepared for their first meet on March 28th, taking place at the Green Sports Complex in Pratt. Though only 20 girls are going out for this year's season, the ladies are hopeful of bringing home a league plaque for the second year in a row.

Events offered to track and field participants include sprints, relays, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus, long distance, occasionally javelin, and pole vault, though the last event is only offered to 7th and 8th grade.

8th-grader Amelia Barnes gave some insight into how she thinks the girls will perform in the upcoming season, "I think in almost every event we will have someone who can help carry the team. I know that we are a bit smaller in numbers than in the past years, but we will still (hopefully) be able to work our hardest to place in most meets. Although, I'm not sure if we could win the league again, it depends on how the season goes." She concluded with, "I feel that the coaches are here to win, help us get ready for high school, and help us train to become our best."



Top L): 8th-grader Aubree Gilchrist and 7th-graders Delaney Little and Ellie Hayes enjoy their 7 minute warm up jog. Top R): 7th-grader Delaney Little tries hurdles at practice. Bottom L: 7th-grader Ellie Hayes practices long jump. Bottom R: 8th-grader Aubree Gilchrist takes a few laps around the track at practice. (photos by Alyson Taylor)

LADY MAVS SCHEDULE

- 3/28 @ Green Sports Complex in Pratt
- 4/4 @ Ellinood Oiler Relays
- 4/9 @ St. John
- 4/18 @ Cimarron
- 4/25 @ KCJH Invitational
- 4/30 @ Green Sports Complex in Pratt
- 5/9 League Track @ Jetmore Hodgeman County



CATCH US IF YOU CAN

BOYS' TEAM LOOKING TO CONTINUE AS ONE OF THE TOP TEAMS IN LEAGUE

BY BRODY HOFFMAN

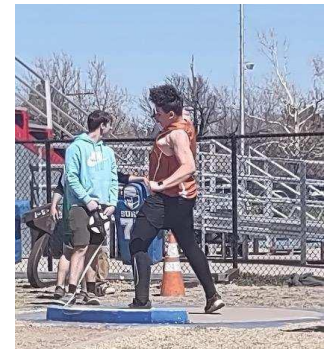
The track season is off and running as the Kiowa County Junior High boys' track team looks to continue their success from last year, winning the league championship.

Head Coach Peter Blanton thinks, "We should do really well as a team again this year and be right in the mix of the top teams going for league champs again." Last year he believed that the team, "...improved each week and peaked when we needed to."

The Mavericks have 30 boys out for track this year with 24 returners from last year. 8th-grader James Greenleaf, who placed in the league meet last year, hopes that "the boys win league as a team again this year."

The Maverick's first track meet is today, March 28th at the Pratt Green Sports Complex.

The Mavericks have been intensely conditioning every day since the start of track in preparation for the first track meet of the year. We wish this year's Kiowa County Junior High Track Team the best of luck to keep improving, placing high, and taking home the League Title once again!



Top: The KCJH Track team with all 49 athletes. There are 19 girls and 30 boys out for track this year. Bottom left: 7th-grader Carsen Roenbaugh high jumps at a meet last year. Bottom right: 8th-grader Garrett Kern throws shot put at an earlier meet. (Courtesy photos)

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We CAME, We BUZZED, We CONQUERED

VARSITY & JV TEAMS CONTINUE TO OUTMATCH THEIR OPPONENTS

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST

"I have been so impressed with both the Varsity and JV teams this season. They have worked hard and have accomplished a lot", reported coach Mr. L. Both the KCJH Varsity and JV teams continued their domination throughout the season and left on a high note. The Varsity & JV teams swept 1st at both the Minneola meet and the Satanta meet. To end their successful season, the Mavericks Varsity team will be attending the League Scholars Bowl Meet today, March 28th, at Protection. They have spent all season preparing for this meet, so please wish them a big "good luck" before they leave during 5th hour!

This year's varsity team consisted of 8th-graders Aubree Gilchrist, Javan Oberle, and Justin Slade, 7th-graders Grayson Ballard and Truman Barnes. The junior varsity team was comprised of 8th-graders Norma Espericueta, Aly Taylor, Eli Roberts, James Greenleaf, Keegan Blanton, and 6th-grader Bodie McDonald. All of these students have showed hard work and determination to do their best throughout the entire scholars bowl season.

Taylor expressed her thoughts on the 2024 Scholars Bowl Season. "I believe that everyone on the team showed tremendous improvement throughout the season. We didn't take home first at every meet, but I can proudly say we had a good record and did the best to our ability at every meet. Obviously everyone will have off-days, but I think we powered through them and worked hard despite not having the best day. Honestly, I will miss this amazing team and the memories made in the burbs on the way to our meets."



Above: The Scholars Bowl team poses together after taking 4th (JV) and 2nd (Varsity) at the Bucklin meet. (Photo by Mrs. Ballard) Top R: The Mavs Varsity team holds up their gold medals after taking 1st place for the first time this season at the Satanta meet (Photo by Mr. L.)



Bottom R: The Varsity & JV teams both took 1st at Minneola. (Photo by Mrs. Ballard)



SCHOLARS BOWL SCOREBOARD

3/5 @ Satanta, V/JV

Varsity - 1st Place, record 11-0

Junior Varsity - 1st Place, record 11-0

3/19 @ Bucklin, V/JV

Varsity - 2nd Place, record 9-2

Junior Varsity - 4th Place, record 7-4

3/21 @ Minneola, V

Varsity - 1st, record 9-1

Junior Varsity - 1st, record 8-2



The Varsity & Junior Varsity teams enjoyed their end of season meal at The Crazy Mule. (photo by Mr. L.)

FUN FACTS

WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article by
Preston Coss

JUSTIN SLADE



Courtesy Photo

Justin travels to competitively show his animals. This is something he really enjoys participating in.

Q: Would you rather have the ability to see 10 minutes or 150 years into the future? A: "10 minutes because I don't want to know what happens in 150 years."

Q: Would you rather find true love or win the lottery next year? A: "Find true love because you can't buy happiness."

Q: Would you rather be in jail for 5 years or in a coma for a decade? A: "Go to jail because it is less of my life I am giving up."

Q: Would you rather lose your sight or your memories? A: "Sight because you can relive your old memories."

ALYSON TAYLOR



Courtesy Photo

Aly loves to run. You can see her here competing at a XC meet earlier this school year.

Q: Would you rather have universal respect or unlimited power? A: "Universal respect because in some senses that is unlimited power."

Q: Would you rather labor under the hot sun or extreme cold? A: "The hot sun because it's easier to cool down than warm back up."

Q: Would you rather have a personal maid or chef? A: "Chef because it would be interesting to have nice meals of my choice every day."

Q: Would you rather communicate in emojis or never be able to text again? A: "Emojis so I don't totally lose a source of communication."

As the "Fun Facts with the 8th Graders" comes to an end, this section will become "Meet the Teachers".

Top: At the ELA State Assessment Incentive Party, all of the students got to enjoy donuts. Also, some of the boys watched basketball highlights. Bottom: 7th-graders Lincoln Peister and Grayson Ballard make goofy faces at the camera. (photos by Alyson Taylor)



Below: Future 8th grade returners Charlee Jantz and Delaney Little.

PREP FOR NEXT YEAR'S PEP

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST & CHARLEE JANTZ

2024-2025 junior high and high school cheer tryouts took place on March 26th. With a total of 7 girls trying out for junior high and 12 girls trying out for high school, all participants worked to put the pep in their step. Junior high cheerleaders for next year are: 7th-graders Kwynn Blanton, Faith Coss, Charlee Jantz, and Delaney Little; 6th-graders Elizabeth Brown and Melanie Sneed. Breanna Sirois will coach them for her third season. High school cheerleaders for the upcoming season are: Aly Taylor, Aubree and Brooklyn Gilchrist, Emerson Sherer, Haydynn Friesen, and Bristol Britton. High school coach Nikki Powell will coach again for her second year. Congratulations to everyone!



Courtesy Photo

AROUND THE SCHOOL

FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH

EXPERIENCING SCIENCE WITH PROJECTS

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

The 6th-8th grade science classes have been experimenting with their knowledge, and Ms. E has been planning and putting together important experiments and activities for the last nine weeks.

The 6th grade students will be wrapping up the school year by diving in further to how the weather and climate influences the world around us. To exhibit the information the 6th graders have attained through this unit, Ms. E explained how they will be building "a model and report on a weather system/phenomena that is affected or influenced by human activity."

After learning a handful of important science details throughout the school year, the 7th grade classes have come into one of their final lessons, which revolves around understanding life science and "how evolution and human activity influences life and ecosystems on Earth" according to Ms. E. To sum up the many details of this unit, the students will be building a model and report on one of the ecosystems and the changes it has overseen in the last century due to human influence.

Right now, as the 8th grade class wraps up their lessons on different energies and the laws of motion, they have been building paper roller coasters. Five teams have been formed, with each team building a roller coaster of a different theme to later test and compare them against their peers. Once this unit has come to an end, the 8th grade students will be moving into their last unit, the science behind sound and light waves. Like the other grades, the 8th graders will be building a model on a wave type and "report on how it is interpreted by humans, and how that interpretation is valuable or not valuable in day to day life." Ms. E said this last unit "evaluates the value and importance of waves."

As Ms. E took a look back on the school year, she realized that "every class group has its own style and personality." She loves getting to know her students and is impressed "by how smart Kiowa County students can be, especially when they are pursuing a goal."



The 8th grade students worked hard to make cool and entertaining paper roller coasters. The end results were amazing, showing off the true creativeness and dedication of each group. 8th-grader Aubree Gilchrist explained how "our group spent a lot of time making a fun and original roller coaster. The 'Barbie Dream Coaster' was really able to show of the artistic side of our team and I am excited to continue fun projects in the future." (photos by Alyson Taylor)

KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE



CAFFEINE, COOKIES, & CONVENIENCE

SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

If you're looking for a caffeine fix in town, look no further than the west end of Greensburg at L7 Coffee Co. L7 Coffee Co, a family owned drive thru coffee shop located in Greensburg, KS on 800 W. Kansas Avenue, opened on May 15th 2023. Owner Leslie Land states that "I started L7 Coffee Co because I missed my local coffee shop, so I brought it to Greensburg." L7 Coffee Co offers items like coffee, lattes, teas, loaded teas, smoothies, sodas and even food too, like a breakfast sandwich, the farmwich, cheese roll-up, pizza roll-up, and Uncrustables toasted or untoasted.

L7 has a convenient app that you can scan and order ahead of time, so that your order is ready when you get there. This app/website is <https://www.tableneeds.net/o/L7coffeeco/menu> (I have first-hand knowledge that the junior high teachers partake in this convenient service and are very happy with it.) "It is so nice to have the convenience of ordering ahead. The teachers and I enjoy being able to get afternoon pick-me-ups frequently. The staff at L7 are always so nice and provide top notch service to us," says Mrs. Ballard.

The students at Kiowa County Junior High also love getting treats from L7 Coffee Co. 6th-grader Larston Higbie said that "The strawberry smoothie that I got from L7 was scrumdiddlyumptious."

March's month drink special is called "The Pot of Gold". It is a latte with caramel, toasted marshmallow, and caramel drizzle. There isn't a special for students, but if you go as a class/group, they do try to offer stamp cards to everyone. After you fill a stamp card by buying 12 drinks, you can get \$4 off of a drink. The hours of L7 Coffee Co are 5:30 AM to 7:00 PM Monday-Saturday and 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday/Holidays. Make sure to follow L7 Coffee Co on Facebook for important updates and specials.



Top: 8th-grader Alyson Taylor pays for her drink. She ordered a strawberry-banana smoothie. Middle Left: Mr. L shows off the drinks he ordered for himself and his fellow staff member. Middle Right: Here is the QR code that L7 has posted on their building. By scanning this code, you can order your drink and pay online! What an easy way to order drinks at your convenience! Bottom : The Publications and Geography classes went to L7. It was snowing when they went, so to keep warm they huddled together. (Photos by Aubree Gilchrist)

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

(Photos by InterState Studios)



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



Top L: Mrs. Ballard has Mega Marble Run in her room, which students are able to experiment with when they have free time or are finished with their work. 6th-grader Sebastian Favela-Clayton said that the Marble Run "is very relaxing but challenging to make it as exciting as possible." Bottom L: Students were able to watch March Madness games during lunchtime. Right: 8th-grader Samuel Ramos takes the ball to the hoop while playing on the outdoor courts.



(Photos by Mrs. Ballard)

PERFORMANCE AT BARCLAY

BY IVA BROWN

Currently in Haviland, Barclay College is in the process of producing another wonderful show, called "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The performances will occur on April 12th, 13th, 19th, & 20th at 7pm and April 14th & 21st at 3pm at the Ross-Ellis Center. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is a story of Joseph from the Bible, taking form in a fifties musical style. Ms. James, part of the faculty and staff here at Kiowa County and also a current actress in this production, says, "We have great directors, a wonderful cast, and a fantastic stage crew who have all worked hard, and hope there will be many people who come and enjoy our show." If you have time to spare on any of the upcoming dates previously mentioned, support the actors and actresses who have spent much time and effort into perfecting another fabulous performance at the Ross-Ellis Center. Tickets and more information are available online at barclaycollege.edu/joseph.

APRIL CALENDAR

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL	2 Inter-State Spring Group and Spring Sports Pictures 7:45am: Save for America Banking 10:00am: KCHS Golf @ Garden City 3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ South Central (Protection)	3 9:30am: SPIAA 5th-8th Grade Math Contest	4 KCHS Forensics @ South Central Invitational 1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ South Central (Coldwater) 1:00pm: KCJH T&F @ Oiler Relays	5 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ Pratt	6 Regional Solos & Small Ensembles
7	8 KCHS Forensics @ Minneola Invitational 3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ Kinsley 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	9 7:45am: Save for America Banking 11:00am: KCHS Golf @ St. John 3:30pm: KCHS T&F @ Ellsworth 3:30pm: KCJH T&F @ St. John	10 7:00am: DLT Meeting 10:00am: Late Start Day 7:00pm: SPIAA Forensics & Scholars Bowl Sponsors' Meeting	11 7:00pm: 6-12 Choir Concert @ Twilight Theatre	12 AM ONLY PRESCHOOL 1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ Hodgeman County 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	13 KCHS Forensics @ Cimarron Invitational ACT Test Date
14	15 7:00pm: K-2 Vocal Concert	16 7:45am: Save for America Banking 8:55am: Fire Drill 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ Kingman	17 11:30am: SPIAA League Meeting	18 State Music Festival Large Groups JAG National Conference @ St. Louis 11:00am: KCJH T&F @ Cimarron	19 JAG National Conference @ St. Louis K-5 Art Set up for Health Fair 1:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ Ashland 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ South Gray	20 JAG National Conference @ St. Louis Kiowa County Health Fair Regional Forensics
21	22 3:00pm: Driver's Ed Sign Up Meeting 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	23 Kindergarten Field Trip Day 7:45am: Save for America Banking 3:00pm: KCHS Golf Invitational	24 8:45am: 4th & 5th Grade Farm Day 9:00am: SPIAA JH Vocal Festival @ Hodgeman County	25 2:00pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCJH T&F @ KCJH Invitational	26 1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ Ashland 2:00pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ KCHS Invitational	27 State Solos & Small Ensembles
28	29 3rd Grade Field Trip	30 7:45am: Save for America Banking 1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ South Gray 1:00pm: KCJH T&F @ Haskell County Relays 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ Skyline				

(Photo from usd422.org web page)

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

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

APRIL 12, 13, 19, 20 7 PM
APRIL 14, 21 3 PM

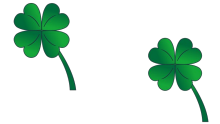
Tickets & Information
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Lyrics by TIM RICE
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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March Madness

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