

# THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

## LEAD TO GREATNESS

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

The Maverick student body is offered many leadership opportunities to push the students toward success. Two of these organizations have been very active lately, as students have tested and worked on being the best leaders possible. These organizations are: JAG-K and Impact. The Kiowa County Junior High student body plays an integral role in these clubs.

### JAG-K LEADING THE WAY

JAG-K, standing for "Jobs for America's Graduates, Kansas," is an elective class offered to junior high and high school students. The class teaches students skills they will need after high school and in their everyday lives. Additionally, it offers leadership positions, including, for the junior high, Junior High JAG President, Junior High JAG Community Service Leader, Junior High JAG Social Activities Leader, and Junior High JAG Secretary. This month, the JAG-K program hosted its annual I&I Banquet and attended the JAG-K Leadership Development Conference. The I&I Banquet had a record breaking attendance with a keynote speech from Liberty Gilkey, former JAG student, president, and state officer. Both events were successful and just another way to give students success opportunities.



Top Left: The JAG students attended their annual I&I Banquet, and all posed for a picture to end the evening. 7th grader Ellie Hayes said, "The banquet was fun and the food was good."

(Courtesy photo)



Bottom Left: The JAG students raised their right hands to follow Kiowa County JAG President Hannah Greenleaf in the Career Association Pledge.

(Courtesy photo)

### MAKING AN IMPACT

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

After some difficulties last year with Impact, Mrs. Pore revamped the organization to make it more productive. Unlike previous years, the Impact group is made up of a total of 10 students from various grades of the junior high. Impact, a student-led organization, provides activities, school spirit, and leadership opportunities for the junior high students. The group sponsors various activities throughout the year, including dances, fundraisers, Angel Tree gifts, and the KCJH Accelerated Reading parties every 9 weeks.

Below: The Impact Leadership team meets to discuss activities and goals for this year. Impact participates in community activities like the lighted Christmas Parade and will be participating in Trunk or Treat in Greensburg on Oct. 31st.



# OOPS WE DID IT, AGAIN

## BOTH CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS WIN LEAGUE FOR THE 2ND YEAR



BY SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

The Kiowa County Junior High Cross Country season has come to a close, ending the season with the SPIAA League Meet at Meade.

There were many enjoyable moments for all of the great runners this season. Coach Kami Ballard, the Cross Country Assistant Coach, said, "I feel like the team worked really hard all throughout the season. The athletes showed up at every practice and meet with a positive attitude and gave their best efforts. It was incredible that our 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team went undefeated as a team, winning first place at every meet of the season. To be able to win back-to-back SPIAA Junior High League Championships for both boys and girls in 2022 and 2023 was the cherry on top of an amazingly successful season!" The 13 members of the team brought home a total of 6 league medals and 2 league plaques, wrapping up the season on a high note.

Though this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl trio of Aly, Cadie, and Kenzie will be missed, along with runners who will not be returning, the team is excited to develop new runners for another successful season next year.



Top L: The 6th/7th grade boys get off to a good start at Cheney.

Top R: The 8th grade girl trio finishes strong, taking home 1st second and 3rd place medals. Bottom: the 6th/7th grade boys get ready to run at Cheney. (photos by Mrs. Ballard)

## CROSS COUNTRY Meet RESULTS

### 10/5 @ Cheney

#### 8th Grade Girls

McKenzie Banta - 1st

Aly Taylor - 2nd

Cadie Follette - 3rd

#### 6th/7th Grade Boys

1st as a team

Josh Gilkey - 4th

Tayten Newell - 5th

Sebastian Favela - 6th

Brody Hoffman - 16th

Jayce Banta - 20th

### 10/12 League @ Meade

#### Girls

1st as a team

Aly Taylor - 2nd

Cadie Follette - 3rd

McKenzie Banta - 5th

Haley Halverstadt - 14th

Evie Stokes - 17th

#### Boys

1st as a team

Sebastian Favela - 5th

Tayten Newell - 7th

Jayce Banta - 8th

Josh Gilkey - 12th

Brody Hoffman - 13th



8th graders Aly Taylor and Cadie Follette power down the hill at the League Meet at Meade. (photo by Mrs. Ballard)



# SETTING UP IMPROVEMENT

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM EARNS WINS, FINISHES 9TH IN LEAGUE

BY ADDYSON LOFGREN

The Kiowa County Junior High Volleyball teams got off to a bumpy start in the 2023 season, but with determination and hard work, they played their hearts out. These players worked hard to develop a lot of skill, determination, and teamwork.

Even 8th grader Aubree Gilchrist says "Although we didn't have a very good record, I think we all showed great amounts of improvement throughout the season, and we worked well together by the end."

The Lady Mavs finished their season with a record of 4-12, and the A team earned 9th place at the SPIAA Volleyball League Tournament that was held at Kiowa County on October 14th.

Though the record may not have reflected it, Volleyball Head Coach Audrey Pore says about their league tournament, "The girls were pretty defeated, but we still had 2 more matches to play. They could have just gone through the motions the last two matches, but they continued to play hard and with heart. "

The Lady Mavs improved every serve of the way. The future of KCJH Volleyball is a bright one to look forward to!



Top L: 8th grader Amelia Barnes tips the ball back over the net. Top R: 8th grader Norma Espericueta hits the ball back to the Wildcats. Bottom: The League team huddles during a timeout. (photos by Alyson Taylor)

## LADY MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

10/2 A Team Triangular  
(L) vs Ashland: 25-22, 17-25, 16-25  
(L) vs South Gray: 23-25, 16-25

10/5 vs Spearville  
A Team (L): 17-25, 22-25  
B Team (L): 17-25, 25-23, 14-16  
C Team (W): 25-15, 25-20

10/12 vs Bucklin  
A Team (L): 19-25, 17-24  
B Team (L): 25-27, 24-26  
C Team (L): 17-25, 18-25

10/14 A Team League Tournament  
(L) vs Ashland: 22-25, 25-23, 15-25  
(W) vs Minneola: 25-19, 27-25  
(W) vs Pawnee Heights: 25-20, 25-6



7th grader Addison Minyard bumps the ball. (photo by Alyson Taylor)



# TACKLING A WINNING SEASON

## FOOTBALL FINISHES AS RUNNERS-UP IN THE LEAGUE

BY TY HATTON

As the Junior High Mavericks wrapped up their successful season, the team fought hard to end on a high note. They first headed to Spearville on October 5th to bring home another win against the Lancers with a 52-6 final score.

The Mavs were then supposed to play Bucklin on October 12th to end their season, but due to the Deuces' low numbers, the Mavericks were unable to play that game. Instead, the team played Attica/Argonia on October 16th. It was a triumphant way to end the season, with a score of 48-0. "I obviously enjoyed winning our last game, but I also enjoyed, as an 8th grader, our last play in Junior High Football being a touchdown. I was also impressed that some of the 7th graders really stepped up when the time came," 8th grader James Greenleaf stated.

The 2023 Junior High Maverick Football team ended second in the SPIAA League, behind the Meade Buffaloes, which was the only team they lost to this year. The Mavs season record was 6-1, defeating many of these teams before the fourth quarter due to the 45-point mercy rule. Head Coach Marcus Mitchell reported that at the end of the day, "it was ultimately still Mavericks vs Mavericks." Coach Mitchell was impressed "with the team's ability to stay consistent and work hard daily."

The team is excited to snap into their next journey with Kiowa County Football.



Top: 8th graders James Greenleaf and Adan Coyne tackle the opposing Titan. Bottom: 8th grader Garrett Kern kicks the ball after a Maverick touchdown. (photos by Amelia Barnes)



Coach Oshel talks and strategizes with the team during a timeout. (photo by Amelia Barnes)

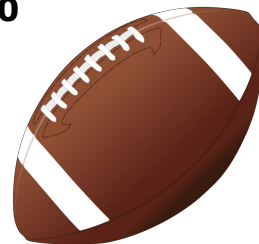
## MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

**10/5 @ Spearville: 52-6**

**10/16 @ Attica/Argonia: 48-0**

**Final Record: 6-1**

**SPIAA League Placing: 2nd**





# FUN FACTS

## WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article & Photos by  
Preston Coss

### AMELIA BARNES



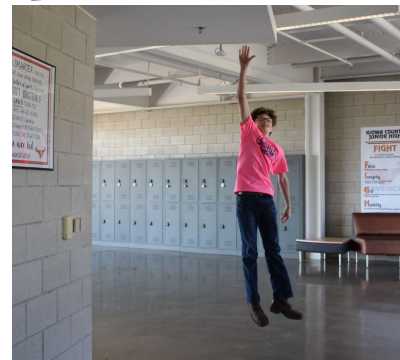
*Getting ready for basketball season, Amelia shoots some baskets after school.*

### BRODY CHARTIER



*Slamming one home, Brody enjoys playing basketball at the end of Advisory.*

### KEIGAN COOPER



*Always full of extra energy, Keigan is in the halls on his way to his next class.*

Q: Would you rather have a pet tiger or a pet lion? A: "Pet tiger"

Q: Would you rather date your best friend or someone you don't know? A: "Someone I don't know because I love my best friends just not in that way"

Q: Would you rather live on a boat or in a treehouse? A: "Treehouse because I feel like in a boat you could get seasick and a treehouse would be much cooler."

Q: Would you rather have a face or a name that everyone laughs? A: "A name because not everyone will know my name but a lot will know my face".

Q: Would you rather have super speed or have super strength? A: "Super strength because being strong is better"

Q: Would you rather have more time or have more money? A: "More time so I can get more things done"

Q: Would you rather be smart but a total jerk or really sweet but really dumb? A: "Really smart and total jerk that way I can get better grades"

Q: Would you rather give up social media or eat the same dinner for the rest of your life? A: "Social media because it really is not needed"

Q: Would you rather always have a mullet haircut or a ponytail haircut? A: "Mullet haircut"

Q: Would you rather always have bad gas or always have a really dry mouth? A: "Dry mouth because I don't want to stink people out"

Q: Would you rather be a high school teacher or a clown? A: "A clown because being a teacher isn't fun"

Q: Would you rather have a time machine or a teleporter? A: "A teleporter so I can go anywhere I want without paying"

## LOUD & PROUD

BY NELA HEIDE

Go, fight, win! The 2022-23 Kiowa County Junior High Cheerleaders are: 8th graders Aly Taylor, McKenzie Banta, Adrianna Derley, and Aubree Gilchrist; 7th grader cheerleaders are Charlee Jantz and Delaney Little; and cheer sponsor is Breanna Sirois. The KCJH cheerleaders, along with the high school cheerleaders, helped with Little Pepsters that was on October 6th. Kids from Pre-K to 6th grade could participate, where the cheerleaders taught them cheers, a dance, and stunting. They performed these for an all school pep assembly and at halftime of the high school football game. Right before the performance started 6th grade participant, Addy Lofgren, said, "It's so cold it feels like my fingers are going to fall OFF!" There was a total of 68 kids that participated in Little Pepsters.

*Below: L) The JH cheerleaders are leading the Little Pepsters as they perform three cheers and a dance at the all school assembly for their peers and their parents. R) 6th grade participants Iva Brown, Addy Lofgren, and Nela Heide perform a stunt while 7th grader Charlee Jantz looks on.*



Photos by Amelia Barnes



# KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

## ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE

### TO THE CORE

BY FAITH COSS

Do you enjoy the donuts provided for the junior high on Wednesday mornings? These delicious treats are provided by the Greensburg Youth Core Ministry, led and ran by Scott Rose and Tony Factor, the CEO of Youth Core. The hangout has a positive environment and is located on 211 East Garfield Avenue, Greensburg, Kansas. It is offered to help transform the community through leading kids to Jesus, connecting kids to caring adults, wrapping around families to solve poverty, and to help people grow their relationships with Christ. Youth Core attempts to form deeper relationships with kids through their weekly Wednesday hangouts, Core Lives, trips, small group activities, camp, and more! Camp is one of the popular services provided by Youth Core. Two camps are held each year for 6th to 12th graders, one over the summer in late July to early August, and one in the winter, this year taking place on February 23rd-25th. Scott Rose mentioned how he thinks the best thing about Youth Core "...is working with the people and building friendships, and seeing people change for the good." All are welcome to Youth Core as 5th/6th grade times take place from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and 7th/8th times take place from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.



Above: Top) Youth Core Leader, Deb Factor, leads an activity. Bottom) Students play Gaga Ball. (Courtesy photos from Greensburg Youth Core)

### FUN & FELLOWSHIP

BY BRODY HOFFMAN

Gaga ball, human foosball, scatter ball, giant bean bag chairs, are just a few of the activities provided at Haviland Friends Youth Group, led by Michael Scott. Scott reported, "I have so many favorite parts of youth group! I love the games, especially the ones that are high energy and active. I also love that youth group gives students a space where they can connect with God and have a great time with friends! Last, I love that nothing is required or expected of our students while they are here. They have no job or work to do, which is a major change of pace from their daily lives at school. My hope is that this might give them some spiritual rest." The junior high youth group takes place at the Haviland Friends Church, where it begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m., though dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Phones are discouraged at youth group for socializing purposes, so phones are usually placed in "The Sombrero" until youth group is over. The youth group has a fall retreat on dates November 3rd-5th at Wheat State Retreat Center. Youth group additionally offers Junior High Bible Quiz, where some youth group participants compete to answer Bible-related questions. Meet dates include January 6th in Wichita, February 3rd in Chandler, Oklahoma, March 2nd in Argonia, April 6th in Hugoton, and April 27 in Friendswood, Texas. "Going to Texas is always a blast because we get to hang out, stay in a beach house, and go to an amusement park that is right on the beach! Whatever you do, though, I don't recommend overeating your car snacks..." said youth group and Bible quiz participant Grayson Ballard.

If Haviland Friends Youth Group interests you, come! All students are welcome.

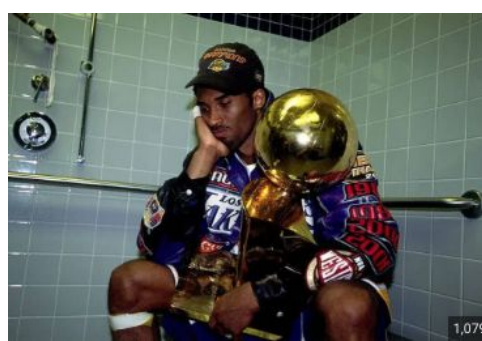


Above: L) Students play Human Foosball; R) Students are enjoying a cookout. (Courtesy photos from Haviland Friends Instagram page)



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH



8th grader Keigan Cooper recreates the image of Muhammad Ali standing over Sonny Liston after winning the WBC Heavyweight Championship Belt.

8th grader Elijah Roberts recreated the famous picture of Kobe Bryant sitting in the shower after winning the 2001 Finals Championship Game.

Photos all courtesy of Mr. Lohrding



6th grader Elizabeth Brown recreated Grant Wood's famous 'American Gothic and Other Fables' painting.

8th grader Aubree Gilchrist recreated the 'Rosie the Riveter' image of "We Can Do It!"

# HISTORY IN THE REMAKING

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

The 4th hour Geography/Current Events class has been remaking famous historical photos as seen above. The student have been able to pick which images they would like to recreate. Some of the famous photos remade include: The Beatles 'Abbey Road' album cover, Muhammad Ali standing over his opponent Sonny Liston, and Kobe Bryant sitting with the championship trophy after winning the NBA Finals Game. Student Elijah Roberts said he "really enjoyed looking back and remembering the past." Roberts chose the picture of Kobe to recreate because it inspires him "to work hard."

Below: The Geography class recreated The Beatles famous 'Abbey Road' album cover.





# MEET THE PUBLICATION TEAM



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**Writer/Photographer**



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**Writer/Photographer**



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Grade 8  
**Head Photographer**



**Iva Brown**  
Grade 6  
**Photographer**



**Ty Hatton**  
Grade 6  
**Writer/Photographer**



**Nela Heide**  
Grade 6  
**Writer/Photographer**



**Brody Hoffman**  
Grade 6  
**Writer/Photographer**



**Mrs. Ballard**  
Junior High  
**Advisor**



**Addyson Lofgren**  
Grade 6  
**Writer/Photographer**

*Photos to the right and below: The KCJH students had their 1st 9 weeks Accelerated Reader party on Friday, Oct. 20th in the afternoon. IMPACT sponsored the party, where students enjoyed candy, treats, chips, and flavored waters. Students had to earn 25 AR points for the movie/snack party in Mrs. Ballard's room.*



(Photos by Mrs. Ballard)





## SWEETS & SCARES

BY IVA BROWN

In Kiowa County, many community members are excited as Halloween creeps around the corner for a day of sweets and scares. Many events are offered to keep the spirit of Halloween alive, including Greensburg's annual Trunk or Treat on October 31st. This event lasts from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by a free showing of "Goosebumps" hosted at the Twilight Theater. Another local Trunk or Treat is hosted by the Mullinville United Methodist Church on October 29th in Mullinville. The church trick or treating will last from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. and a dinner will be hosted from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Be sure to stop by the Haviland Heritage Park on October 28th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for some treats and a hot dog roast with Oscar. Don't forget to wear your costume and see the Haviland Fire Truck! The 547 Arts Center will also be offering "Cupcakes and Canvas" on October 27th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All of these local events are great ways to enjoy the spooky day of Halloween.

Have you ever wanted to experience the horrors of a scary movie yourself? A great way to do this is visit one of the nearby haunted houses. A popular one to visit is "Field of Screams Kansas." This haunted wonder is located in Maize, Kansas and has gotten many great reviews. Another haunted house to explore is "Toynbee's House of Horrors" in Gardner, Kansas. If you are interested in visiting either of these places, be ready for a good scare!

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 KCHS Art Trash 2 Trends National FFA Conference Dental Screening 3:10pm: Fire Drill 7:00pm: SPIAA All League VB Meeting	2 National FFA Conference 4:00pm: KCHS Scholars Bowl @ South Central 7:00pm: KCHS Variety Show	3 KSHSAA Regional FB ACT Registration Deadline for Dec. 9 Test Date National FFA Conference 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	4 National FFA Conference District Honor Band/Choir Auditions @ Dodge City
5 National FFA Conference Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 KCJH BB @ Kinsley KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week	7 KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week 3:00pm: KCHS JV Scholars Bowl @ Bucklin 7:00pm: K-2 Vocal Concert 7:00pm: SPIAA All League FB Meeting	8 KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week 10:00am: Late Start Day 11:30am: SPIAA League Meeting	9 KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week Western Kansas Careers Bus. & Tech. Showcase KCJH BB @ Pawnee Heights	10 KSHSAA Sectional FB KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week AM ONLY PRESCHOOL 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	11 KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week Veterans Day
12 KSHSAA Fall Buffer Week	13 1st Day of KCHS Winter Sports Practice 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	14 7:00pm: 5-8 Band/Vocal Concert @ Twilight Theatre	15 KCHD Hearing and Vision Rechecks 9:30am: SPIAA Big Read Event	16 KCJH BB @ Meade 4:00pm: KCHS Scholars Bowl @ Hodgeman County	17 KSHSAA Sub-State Football K-5 Art 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	18
19	20 6:30pm: Site Council	21 5:00pm: KCJH BB vs. Satanta	22 Thanksgiving Break - No School	23 Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Break - No School	24 Thanksgiving Break - No School	25 KSHSAA State FB
26	27 KCHS Girls & Boys BB Jamboree	28 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	29 2:00pm: KCHS Scholars Bowl @ Pawnee Heights	30 KCJH BB @ Ashland		

(Photo from [usd422.org](http://usd422.org) web page)

To find upcoming events, information and more, go to [usd422.org](http://usd422.org)



# JUST FOR FUN

## HALLOWEEN would you rather?

Choose which option you would prefer, Halloween style!

Zombie	OR	Skeleton
Sleepover at Haunted House	OR	Sleepover in a Cemetery
Vampire	OR	Werewolf
Pet black cat	OR	Pet raven
Trick or Treat in a forest	OR	Trick or Treat in an alley
Eat only candy corn	OR	Eat only pumpkin pie
Chased by bats	OR	Chased by wolves
Trapped with spiders	OR	Trapped with snakes
Watch scary movies	OR	Read scary books
Invisibility potion	OR	Super strength potion
Haunted Asylum Visit	OR	Haunted School Visit
Zombie	OR	Skeleton
Ghosts	OR	Goblins
Spooky Pumpkin Carving	OR	Intricate Pumpkin Design

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J E P E M I V T H P G V E B

BAT CANDY GHOST HALLOWEEN  
PUMPKIN SCARY SKULL  
SPOOKY TOMBSTONE VAMPIRE

## Halloween Word Scramble

- oshtg \_\_\_\_\_
- ncyda \_\_\_\_\_
- persid \_\_\_\_\_
- usoctem \_\_\_\_\_
- cikrt \_\_\_\_\_
- kleetosn \_\_\_\_\_
- cwiht \_\_\_\_\_
- nipkump \_\_\_\_\_
- rontems \_\_\_\_\_
- cresa \_\_\_\_\_
- pemvira \_\_\_\_\_
- boizme \_\_\_\_\_



Where candy corn comes from



A MUMMY'S WORST NIGHTMARE

