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Elementary Shares Valentine's Love

Photos and captions by Skyler Bottoms, Kendall Mitchem and Emma Weed



Third Grader Bailey Archer collects valentines in her Valentine's Day box.



Second Grader Quinn Mitchem enjoys her ice cream at her class Valentine's Day party.



First Graders Max Gale (left) and Alvion Murchison enjoy their class Valentine's Day party.



First Grader Connor Alexander is proud of his Bluey-themed Valentine's Day box.

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Kindergartener Jaxston Campbell's dinosaur themed Valentine's Day box featured many familiar dinosaurs.



First Grader Beau Nolte's Valentine's Day box made hunters around the world jealous.



Kindergartener Aaron Brand shows off his dinosaur-themed Valentine's Day box.



Second Graders Violette Stewart (right) and Emma Kiss exchange Valentine's Day cards.



Kindergartener Dahlia Slack had a heart-themed Valentine's box.



Second Grader Bryce Slusser displays his Valentine's Day box.

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Third graders watch a movie while they enjoy their Valentine's Day party.



(Top left) Fifth Graders Lilly Beasley and Liam Halbert enjoy root beer floats.

(Left) First Grader Jadyann Johnson displays her emoji-themed Valentine's Day box.

(Above) Second Grader Leslie Lieneke displays his Minecraft-chest themed Valentine's Day box.



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First Grader Kinley Nolte's Valentine's box features a unicorn.



Kindergartener Lane Backman shows off his Valentine's Day bag, which he made with the rest of his class.

Second Grader Sarah Kuschel smiles with her stuffed Valentine's Day box.



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Pirates Post Break-Even Season

By Skyler Bottoms

After a hard-fought week in Districts, the boys' basketball season came to an end. The boys lost a tough battle to Jamestown in overtime in the first round. The boys ended the year with a season record of 13-13.

Coach Robbie Bates said, "The team made positive strides forward throughout the season, and we will look to capitalize on that success to continue to improve for the 24-25 season."

Team member Junior Caleb Keilholz commented, "We had a good season. I just wish it wouldn't have ended as soon as it did."

Sophomore Max McKague looks to pass the ball under heavy defense. (Photo by Emma Weed.)



Knowledge Bowl Season Wrapping Up

By Elsey Wuelling

This year there are seven elementary students participating in Knowledge Bowl. There are three fifth graders: Lilly Beasley, Liam Halbert and Sophie Thompson; two fourth graders: Ryder Charlton and Carson Wolf-Keller; and two third graders, Bailey Archer and Callem Shockley.

The team will have one last meet, which is the Show-Me Conference consisting of nine teams in a round-robin format

with eight matches per team on Wednesday, March 13, at Lincoln University.

Coach and Fifth Grade Teacher Christine Hord is hopeful for a good outcome, but she wishes there were more students participating. Hord commented, "It's a fun day to get out of school and show what we know, eat some good food and celebrate together."



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FBLA Stands on Business

By Madeline Gerloff

Chamois FBLA has been busy at work this past month. FBLA members competed in a variety of competitions at the District level, completing objective tests at school and performance events at the District Leadership Conference.

The conference, which occurred on Monday, Feb. 12, was held at North Callaway High School. There FBLA members enjoyed a photo booth, a workshop given by one of our own, Parliamentarian Madeline Gerloff, and an awards ceremony.

This year, seven Chamois FBLA members placed in the top five, meaning they will continue on to compete at the State Leadership Conference in April. Those who qualified are Junior Skyler Bottoms, Junior Rylee Davis, Senior Madeline Gerloff, Sophomore Max McKague, Sophomore Evert Mehmert, Sophomore Jack Schollmeyer, and Senior Elsey Wuelling.

Following DLC on Monday, select FBLA members attended Career Technical Service



FBLA members visited the state Capitol for CTSO Legislative Day and met with House Representative Bruce Sassmann. (Photo by Jan Sassmann.)

Organizations (CTSO) Legislative Day in Jefferson City on Wednesday, Feb 14. Junior Skyler Bottoms, Junior Rylee Davis, Senior Madeline Gerloff, Senior Kael Holloway, and Adviser Carol Clark attended the event. The group advocated for CTSOs and enjoyed an extensive Capitol tour with House Representative Bruce Sassmann. Bottoms greatly enjoyed the tour, saying, “I really enjoyed Representative Sassmann and the ice cream he gave us.”

Coming up in March, the Middle School FBLA members will travel to Columbia on Wednesday, March 27, for the Middle School State Leadership Conference where they will compete in their events at the Trulaske School of Business on the University of Missouri campus.

Middle-school FBLA members headed to competition in March are: (front row, from left) Seventh Grader Rex McKague, Eighth Grader Raigen Cramer, Seventh Grader Carly Schollmeyer; (back row, from left) Eighth Graders Brayden Cotton, Grayson Gerloff and Victor Slack, and Seventh Grader Dixee Powers.



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Hord Holds Keys to Future

In each issue, we feature the Class of 2024.

By Kael Holloway

Preston Hord has attended Osage R-1 since first grade and previously attended Linn for preschool and kindergarten. His dad and Chamois High School Math Teacher Lawrence Hord said, “Chamois was a much better fit for what we needed moving forward with his education. He was also quickly welcomed into the Chamois community with open arms. I could not think of a place that would fit him better.”

Hord recently turned 18 on Feb. 7 and received money and his favorite food, Casey’s Pizza. Some of the things Preston likes doing are messing with his tools, playing video games, watching “Family Feud,” going for long car rides and walking around exploring. His favorites are going up and down on an elevator and hoarding people’s keys whenever he finds them.

Hord has apraxia which makes speech incredibly challenging. Change of any sort (especially in his routine and schedule) is difficult. He is also hypotonic, which means he has exceptionally low muscle tone. Loud noises are very difficult, and his senses can become overloaded very easily. It’s very difficult for him to process excesses of any kind when it comes to sound.

Regardless, these difficulties don’t ever stop Hord from brightening up a room. School Counselor Meghan Birmingham was Hord’s paraprofessional throughout his elementary years and said, “He is one of the biggest goofballs, but also has a very big heart. Working with Hord as his para for all those years was one of the most wonderful experiences I had, and it was a great way to start my educational journey.”

High-School English Teacher Sherry Conner, who was also Hord’s para, said, “He is the best person I’ve known. I love his kindness



Senior Preston Hord likes to play video games and play tricks on people by hoarding their keys. (Photo by Kael Holloway.)

and willingness to try things outside of his comfort zone on most things I put in front of him.”

Hord has always fit in with the Class of 2024 and feels at home with his classmates. Senior Madeline Gerloff said, “Preston has always been able to brighten the mood of my classmates and me and will always be an essential member of our Class of 2024.”

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Tharp Cheesin' for Graduation

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By Rylee Davis

Rebecca (Becca) Tharp transferred to Chamois High School from Union High School in the middle of her freshman year in 2021. She states Chamois has been much better for her and has given her a far better chance at improving her grades. Her favorite class has been agricultural construction because she enjoys putting her hands to work and takes great pride in saying, "Most of the things in my room have been built by me."

She has seven siblings total and five pets (not including poultry). Her mother, the former owner of Roomerz Bar, is a stay-at-home mom, while her father owns two different companies. Tharp looks up to her parents and has been greatly inspired by their entrepreneurial lifestyles. In the future, she hopes to go into business management and hopefully take over her father's businesses as well. She hopes to attend State Technical College of Missouri to get her business associate's degree.

In her free time, Tharp "sadly" does homework more often than anything else, but in rare leisure moments, she enjoys coloring, watching anime, hanging out with friends, and building Legos/puzzles. She has a culinary preference for any dish that contains cheese. She stated, "I'm kind of like a rat. I'll eat anything in sight but am especially drawn towards cheese." Tharp's go-to McDonald's order is a 10-piece McNuggets, a medium fry and a large vanilla milkshake.

During her academic years, her biggest struggle has been her health issues. Tharp is



Senior Becca Tharp is heading to State Tech to study business after graduation. (Photo by Rylee Davis.)

constantly kept at the edge of her seat due to her health condition, diabetes. It has led to many absences, mood changes, and varying energy levels. "A normal state is... not a thing for a diabetic," she explained.

The mock crash in Tharp's freshmen year allowed her to slap Mason Lamb during the drama with no repercussions, making that her favorite school memory.

Tharp advises younger students to always strive to be better, but know your limits. This year she has had to figure out what her limits are, and that's been a difficult trial-and-error process, but a rewarding one.

"I'm 100% going to miss Mrs. Kuschel and all of her classes the most out of everything from high school," Tharp stated, explaining that she feels she's built a strong relationship with Kuschel and that her teaching style works the best for Tharp.

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Upcoming Events

By *Skylar Bottoms*

- **Wednesday, Feb. 28**
Spring pictures with groups
- **Thursday, Feb. 29**
HS Conference Academic Bowl @ St. Elizabeth
- **Friday, March 1**
PTO Shakespeare's Pizza delivery, 2 p.m.
- **Monday, March 4**
7th-12th field trip to MO State Penitentiary, 8 a.m.
FFA Contest @ Linn
- **Thursday, March 7**
Preschool closed
JH Volleyball @ Eugene, 5 p.m.
- **Friday, March 8**
Preschool closed
Senior Night, 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 9**
Junior Class Pork Burger Sale on Main St., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 12**
Portable Dental Clinic
JH Volleyball @ Bland, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 13**
Portable Dental Clinic
Elementary Knowledge Bowl @ Lincoln University
Board Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 14**
JH Volleyball vs. Hermann, 5:30 p.m.
Think First Safe Driving Program, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, March 15**
End 3rd Quarter
6th grade field trip, 9 a.m.
FFA-Doniphan Contest through March 20
- **Saturday, March 16**
JH Volleyball @ Bland Tournament
- **Monday, March 18**
JH Track @ Linn
- **Tuesday, March 19**
HS Track @ St. James
JH Volleyball vs. New Haven, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 20**
Juniors ACT Test
- **Thursday, March 21**
JH Volleyball vs. Eugene, 5 p.m.
- **Friday, March 22**
HS Track @ New Bloomfield
- **Saturday, March 23**
Band Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Osage HS
Senior Class Pork Burger Sale
JH Track @ Fatima
- **Monday, March 25**
SCHOOL IN SESSION
OSBA Open Enrollment for Employees
JH Conference Knowledge Bowl @ Eugene
- **Tuesday, March 26**
JH Track @ Eugene
- **Wednesday, March 27**
JH FBLA State Conference @ Columbia

The Pirate Post Survey Says...

By *Emma Weed*

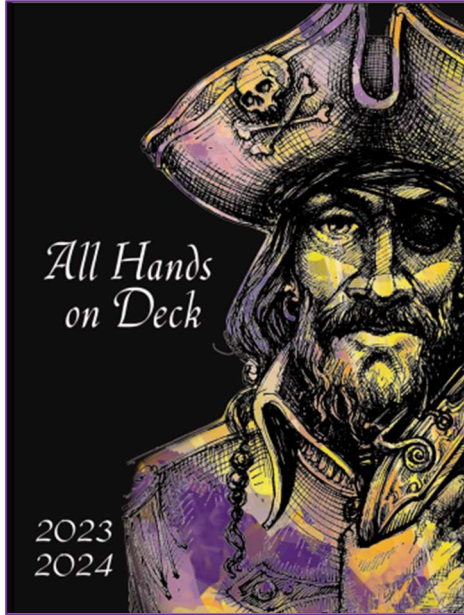
Each issue of *The Pirate Post*, we feature a different grade and a different survey question. This issue we asked the sophomores, "Who would your celebrity Valentine be?"

- Aydin Bowman - I don't know.
- Max McKague - Margot Robbie
- Evert Mehmert - I don't have any.
- Blake Meyer - Nicolas Cage
- Jack Schollmeyer - Kim K.
- Savanah Sieg - Sam Hartman
- Brooklyn Whited - Matthew Lillard
- Jaxon Wuelling - James Charles
- Kaden Wuelling - Reba McEntire (Redheads have to stick together.)

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