

# THE PIRATE POST



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## Barnwarming Gets Wild in Midwest

By Kendall Mitchem

Barnwarming happened at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10. The theme was The Wild West.

The freshmen candidates were Emma Mehmert and Dalton Arlen. The sophomore

candidates were Savanah Sieg and Max McKague. The junior candidates were Kendall Mitchem and Dawson Brandt. The senior candidates were Madeline Gerloff and Kael

Holloway. The king and queen, as chosen by our students, were Gerloff and Holloway.

At the dance, there was a cornhole tournament, a poker game, and a game of musical chairs. The musical chairs winner was Logan Cain. The winners of the cornhole tournament were Caleb Keilholz and William Kirsch.



Senior candidates Kael Holloway and Madeline Gerloff make a dramatic entrance before being crowned Barnwarming king and queen. (Photo by Emma Weed.)



Above (left to right): Sophomore Jack Schollmeyer, Seventh Grader Rex McKague, Sixth Grader Boone Kuschel and Sophomore Max McKague participate in an intense game of poker. Left (left to right): Eighth Grader Raigen Cramer, Freshman Emma Mehmert, Freshman Kayla Wigglesworth, and Eighth Grader Nora Wideman break it down on the dance floor. (Photos by Madeline Gerloff.)

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# Basketball Reaches for New Heights

*By Devin Slusser*

High-school boys varsity basketball practice started on Monday, Oct. 30. This year's team includes 10 members: Freshman Oliver Carter, 6' 3"; Sophomores Evert Mehmert, 6', Jaxon Wuelling, 5' 11", Kaden Wuelling, 6' 1", and Max McKague, 5' 9"; and Juniors Dawson Brandt, 6' 4", Caleb Keilholz, 6', Landen Northway, 6', Skyler Bottoms, 6' 2", and William Kirsch, 5' 11". The Chamois Pirates are ready to play ball.

The boys have about 25 games with their first being the Chamois Boys Basketball Jamboree hosted last Tuesday, Nov. 14. The jamboree had four teams: Chamois, Van Far, Sturgeon and Missouri Military Academy. The Pirates are already starting their season off great by winning two out of their three games that night. On Friday, Nov. 17, the boys continued their winning ways, beating Community R-6 in Laddonia.

Coach Robbie Bates said, "Our team has a great opportunity for success based on the growth of last year's team. I believe we have the ability to compete with anyone on the schedule."

The next home game is today (Nov. 21), so make sure to come support our Pirates!



*Sophomore Kaden Wuelling puts up a shot during the Chamois Jamboree on Nov. 14.*

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# Veterans Day Serves Meals and Memories

*By Kael Holloway*

This year, the Chamois High School (CHS) Veterans Day program was held on Friday, Nov. 10, in the gym to express our deep gratitude for those who have served our country. Veterans were met with a warm, welcoming breakfast, followed by a performance by both the high-school and junior-high bands. Elementary students also sang two songs to honor the veterans.

After the music, Veteran Dave Steffen, a 1975 CHS graduate presented a video that he and some of his classmates made around 50 years ago to help spread knowledge about World War II. The video also included clips of planes taking off from an aircraft carrier from when Steffen served in the U.S. Navy to demonstrate how far technology has come compared to back



*U.S. Navy Veteran and 1975 CHS Graduate Dave Steffen shares video of the aircraft carrier he was stationed on.*



*Veterans in attendance take time for a group photo after the CHS Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 10.*

then. As the video played, Steffen shared many memories and interesting information with the audience, all while cracking jokes.

Steffen ended his presentation by thanking the American Legion and the bands for

performing and then saying, "Although I'm a Navy man, I want to say Go, Pirates!"

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*Elementary students sing a tribute to the veterans during the program.*



*The high-school band plays the "U.S. Armed Forces Salute."*



*Dave Steffen is still a Pirate at heart.*



*Veterans salute during the moment of silence and playing of "Taps."*

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# Twin Sisters Teach Double

*By Rylee Davis*

Collette Babor is a 2009 Chamois graduate who has returned to teach third grade. After working as a part-time breastfeeding peer counselor, she decided to go for a career change once she tried her hand at substitute teaching last year.

She is pleased with this job, saying, “I like the relationship with my students, and I like creating an environment that makes them enjoy coming to school.”

Like her twin sister, Candace Shockley, Babor’s favorite subject to teach is math, stating that she likes being able to make accommodating goals.

Babor’s hobbies include boating, camping and hiking, all with her husband. She’s been married since 2014 to her middle-school sweetheart and currently has two children, all of whom she loves to spend time with.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a minor in psychology through Lincoln University and Columbia College online, like her sister, and then worked at the Department of Social Services for six years before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Babor has always known she loved children, which is what drew her to the teaching position here at Chamois once her children were all school-aged. She’s very grateful to have a job that allows her to be so near her kids.

In high school, Babor was in several extracurricular activities. She played volleyball, was in FBLA briefly and tried out for track in middle school. Mostly, she worked part-time jobs when not at school.

Babor’s go-to McDonald’s order is the 12-piece chicken nugget meal, although she’s a BigMac person in secret. After watching *Gilmore Girls*, Babor states that she is team Jess.



*CHS graduates and twin sisters Candace Shockley (left) and Collette Babor returned to school to teach our third- and fourth-grade students this year. (Photo by Rylee Davis.)*

Candace Shockley, like her twin, is a 2009 Chamois graduate who has returned to teach fourth grade. She loves the size of Chamois and the flexibility it gives her when it comes to picking curriculum, decorating the classroom and building strong relationships with students. Her favorite subject to teach is math, which was also her favorite subject growing up.

In her free time, Shockley enjoys watching T.V. shows and movies, reluctantly revealing that she is team Dean in regard to “*Gilmore Girls*.” She enjoys “*American Horror Story*,” “*Vampire Diaries*,” “*The Originals*,” and her favorite, “*The Witcher*.”

She has three kids whom she loves to spend time with, two of whom are enrolled in

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Chamois. Like her twin, she is married to her middle-school sweetheart. She loves wax melts and aromatic scents, her current favorite being toasted cinnamon.

Shockley recently rescued a stray kitten, whom she's named Raven, from the school. It's a black cat that showed up around Halloween, and since her daughter dressed up as a witch, Shockley says she knew she had to take the cat home. She formerly had a dog named Dixie for five years and has a past of raising cows.

This is Shockley's first job as a teacher in a school setting, having previously worked for Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA).

She was a home-based early Head Start teacher, so she did home visits with prenatal mothers, infants and toddlers. She liked it, but didn't appreciate the constant commuting.

When the fourth-grade teaching opportunity was brought up to her by her sister, she considered it and decided that's what she wanted to do, after briefly considering becoming a high school English teacher. "This job is one I don't have to drag myself out of bed for. I wake up and I'm ready to come in."

Shockley claims she doesn't really eat McDonald's and prefers Taco Bell, but would probably order a quarter-pounder.

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## Chamois FBLA "Can Do" Community Service

*By Madeline Gerloff*

The Chamois Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter held its annual community food drive over the past couple weeks. The food drive has been a staple community service project of the group.

To kick off the drive, members hung donation bags on each Chamois residence for canned goods to be placed in on Saturday, Nov. 4. The next Saturday, Nov. 11, FBLA members came back and collected the donations.

Boxes were also placed in the library for each class to donate goods. The class that



*(Left to right): Sophomore Max McKague, Seniors Elsey Wuelling, Devin Slusser and Kiera Charlton, and Seventh Grader Rex McKague show off the community food donations they collected.*

donated the most items this year was the eighth graders who will receive a popcorn party for their efforts.

In total, the drive brought in nearly 300 food items and received a \$100 donation from the Chamois United Methodist Church. The items and money were delivered to the Good Shepherd Center in Linn for distribution to those in need in Osage County.

Middle-School FBLA President Grayson Gerloff says, "We were very successful this year, and it was really nice to see the turnout from the community."

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# Gerloff Ready to Go...Where? She Doesn't Know

*In each issue of **The Pirate Post**, we feature one of our 2024 high-school seniors.*

*By Elsey Wuelling*

Senior Madeline Gerloff has big plans after high school. After school Gerloff wants to attend college and serve in the Marines Corps or Army because she doesn't want student loans. Gerloff also wants to get an apartment during her second year of college so she can have her loving dogs with her.

Gerloff participates in many activities including FFA, FBLA, volleyball, Yearbook Editor in Chief, STUCO President, band, cross country, track, FBLA State Parliamentarian, and Senior Class President.

Gerloff is also an avid traveler. Over the years, she has been to 47 out of the 50 states in the U.S and 5 countries, including the Bahamas, Aruba, Grand Cayman, Jamaica, and Mexico. She loves to travel and one day hopes to visit Switzerland and Greenland. After school Gerloff plans to live in Wyoming or wherever the government sends her.

Throughout school, Gerloff has made many memories, but her favorite would be when Assistant Coach Jake Trachsel absolutely beamed Veronica Slack in the face with a basketball at practice.

In her free time, Gerloff likes to read and go on walks. She also likes to play her guitar and video games when she can, and go to the horse barn. Her favorite book is "Into The Wild" by John Krakauer and she loves to listen to Daniel Nunnellee.

Gerloff has many pets at home. She has three beautiful sons (which are her dogs) named Banjo, Reggie, and Alvin. She has two cats, named Tesla and Temu, and one horse, named Chester, whom she loves very much.



*Senior Madeline Gerloff looks forward to traveling and serving in the military after high school. (Photo by Emma Weed.)*

Through Gerloff's years at Chamois she has come to love history. When she graduates, she says she will miss the people and the breakfast.

Some advice from Gerloff to younger students is, "Plan for the future, but make sure you love what you are doing in the present."

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# Upcoming Events

*By Emma Weed*

- **Tuesday, Nov. 21**  
Boys' Basketball vs. Otterville, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 22-Friday, Nov. 24**  
Thanksgiving break
- **Monday, Nov. 27**  
Pirate Academy
- **Tuesday, Nov. 28**  
Band RADA sales end  
Boys' Basketball vs. Vienna, 6 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 1**  
K-12 College Fair, 12:30 p.m.  
Boys' Basketball vs. Fatima, 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
School Board election filing begins  
Boys' Basketball vs. Wellsville-Middletown, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
PTO meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 8**  
Boys' Basketball vs. Bourbon, 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 9**  
Boys' Basketball @ Belle, 2 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 10**  
Christmas Concert and Art Show, 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 12**  
Junior ASVAB testing, 8 a.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 14**  
Boys' Basketball vs. New Bloomfield, 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 16**  
Community tree lighting, 9:45 a.m.
- **Monday, Dec. 18**  
School in session
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19**  
Boys' Basketball vs. South Calloway, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 20**  
End of second quarter and first semester

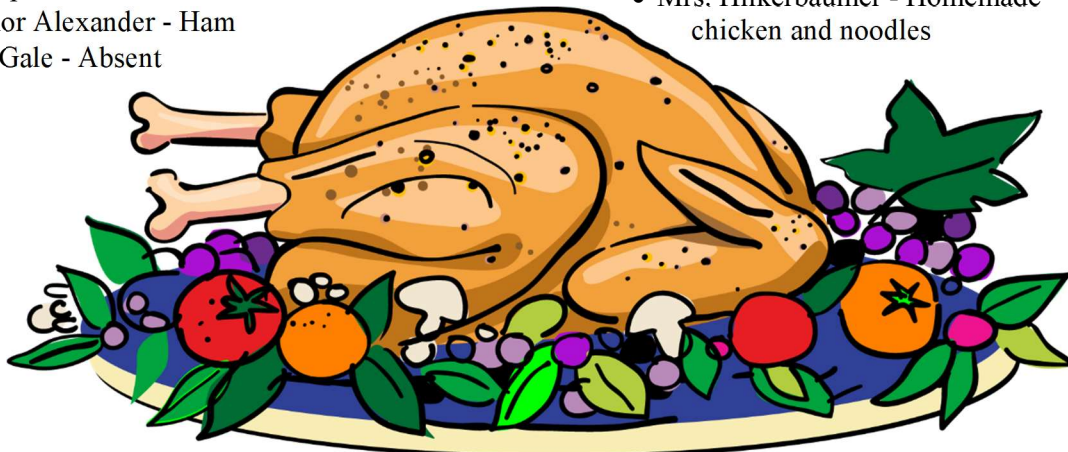
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## The Pirate Post Survey Says...

*By Emma Weed*

Each issue features a different grade and a different survey question. This issue we asked the first grade, "*What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?*"

- Kalliope Adrian - Absent
- Connor Alexander - Ham
- Max Gale - Absent
- Jadyann Johnson - Turkey
- Camden Minor - Turkey
- Beau Nolte - Rolls
- Kinley Nolte - Gravy
- Lily Terry - Rolls
- Hayes Wideman - Pie
  - Mrs. Hilkerbaumer - Homemade chicken and noodles



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