

THE PIRATE POST



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Chamois Gives a Heartfelt Salute

By Waylon Carter

Every year Chamois holds a program to honor the veterans who have served our country, and this year was no different. The program consisted of two poems read by junior Madeline Gerloff and Sophomore Skyler Bottoms. The high school, junior high, and elementary band all played patriotic songs after the rest of the elementary school sang and waved flags together. The bands and elementary music group were directed by Music Teacher Beth Sieg.

When asked about the performance, Sieg stated, "I'm proud of them, and a bunch of other people are, too. We were getting compliments and cheers before the program was even over."

The CHS Media Class presented a short video featuring the family members of local veterans—young, old, alive, and passed.

The service concluded with the playing of "Taps" by Senior Waylon Carter and Freshman Max McKague. He said, "It was really cool. At first I was a little nervous, but Madeline [Gerloff] told me that I got this, and then I just did it."

Before the program, the cafeteria staff prepared a breakfast of biscuits and gravy for the local veterans and their families.



Top: Veterans stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Center: Elementary students sing "You're a Grand Old Flag." Bottom: Veterans bring in the colors at the beginning of the program. Left: Freshman Max McKague plays "Taps" at the end of the program.

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Elementary Brings in the Dough

By Evvie Halbert

The elementary cookie dough sales were a big success this year. Preschool and elementary students sold 420 tubs of cookie dough. They made a profit of \$2,100. Each student also received \$1 for each tub sold.

Elementary and preschool students brought home flyers featuring all the different types of cookie dough, including chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin and more. Each student was asked to sell at least one tub, and the school gets \$5 for each tub sold.

Elementary Secretary Karen Wolfe said, “We had a very successful year! Thank you to the community for helping support our fundraising efforts.”



From left, Junior Kiera Charlton, Freshman Savannah Sieg, Junior and FBLA Secretary/Treasurer Cheyenne Abrams, and Freshman Evert Mehmert look over the community food donations they collected on Saturday, Nov. 12.

FBLA Sets New Record

By Paige Weed

The Chamois High School FBLA Chapter hosted its third annual food drive starting Saturday, Nov. 5, and ending Thursday, Nov 17. There were more than 550 items and \$125 donated, making this year’s donations an all-time record. All donations were delivered to the Good Shepherd Center in Linn to be given to those in need.

The Senior Class brought in the largest amount of canned goods, so they receive a popcorn party for their efforts. FBLA President Madeline Gerloff said, “This project was really amazing in getting the community together and working for a common good.”

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Boys' Basketball Back in Business

By Alex McKague

High-school boys' basketball season is starting back up again. The team played in the Linn Jamboree on Tuesday, Nov. 15, and the first official game is 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22, against Vienna.

Coach Robbie Bates says he expects this group of boys to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm this season. The team is young, but has played with Bates as their coach for the past two years. Sophomore Landon Northway said, "It



Above: Sophomore Caleb Keilholz (left) guards Freshman Max McKague as he works toward the basket in practice. Left: Landon Northway (right) goes for the layup while Bill Kirsch get set to grab the rebound.



will be a good learning experience. There will be some games with rough patches and some games when we'll excel on the court."

Bates has put a big emphasis on creating tempo on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. He encourages the boys to work on pushing each other to get better one day at a time.

Bates states that their toughest opponents will be the teams that possess size up front, but he's confident their strategies will help them compete with these teams.

The Pirate Post Survey Asks...

By Becca Tharp

Each issue we feature different grades and a different survey question. This issue we asked the second graders, "What are you thankful for?"

- Katerina Adrian: Mommy and Daddy
- Bailey Archer: Dog
- Violet Decker: Mom, Dad and friends

- Hunter Garrett: Dog
- Cooper Miller: Mom and Dad
- Landen Nolte: Kitty cat
- Hank Schollmeyer: Mom and Dad
- Callem Shockley: Friends
- Makena Wideman: Family
- Adalynn Wolf-Keller: Dog

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Eighth Graders Get Technical with Their Futures

By Paige Weed

On Thursday, Nov. 3, the eighth grade went to State Tech for the campus Career Day. School Counselor Megan Birmingham said, “The kids learned a bunch of different skills regarding

different construction and health jobs.” This was a career day featuring a variety of vocational careers. Eighth-grader Addyson Powers said, “It was very organized and interesting.”



Left: Emma Mehmert tries out different physical therapy techniques. Above: Trevor Bottoms (left) and Parker Garrett construct a battery motor.

Upcoming Events

By Evie Halbert

- **Tuesday, Nov 22**
HS Boys BB @ Vienna - 6 P.M.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Friday, Nov. 25**
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- **Monday, Nov 28**
Band Rada Sales Ends
- **Sunday, Dec. 4**
Christmas Concert & Art Show - K-12th Grade - 3 P.M.
- **Monday, Dec. 5**
HS Boys BB @ South Callaway - 6 P.M.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 6**
School Board Election Filing Open
HS Boys BB - Home vs. Wellsville - 7 P.M.
- **Friday, Dec. 9**
Junior ASVAB Testing - 8 A.M.
- **Saturday, Dec. 10**
HS Boys BB - Home vs. Belle - 2 P.M.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13**
HS Boys BB @ Fatima - 6 P.M.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 14**
School Board Meeting - 7 P.M.

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Above: Christopher South, Ph.D., is in his third year of teaching science classes at Chamois High School. Left: South guides Sophomores Skyler Bottoms and Kendall Mitchem as they dissect their frog in Biology.

Dissecting Dr. Christopher South

By Madeline Gerloff

Christopher South, Ph.D., started his teaching career at Chamois High School in 2020. He teaches all junior-high and high-school science classes.

Earlier this month, South had students in Biology and Anatomy classes dissect frogs, bringing back a lab experience that hasn't happened in years. Senior Anatomy student Alex McKague said, "It was a new experience that was really interesting and fun to do with my friends in Biology II."

South's favorite area of science to teach and work with is chemistry, and he holds a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of North Texas. He says that chemistry is special to him because he "...likes to see how everything fits together to make the substances that we tend to take for granted."

In addition to his Ph.D., South has a master's degree in math and a bachelor's in

chemistry, both from Texas Christian University. Eventually, he hopes to teach Computational Chemistry with assistance from Computer Teacher Jim Wiegand.

Growing up, South lived in a variety of places. He was born in Texas and has lived in Colorado, Michigan, and Missouri. In graduate school, he worked on a research project in France after receiving a grant to work with a collaborator he had met at his university. South said, "France was a really nice country to visit, and it was a great opportunity to work there."

When he's not teaching students or dissecting frogs, South likes to play video games on his PC and Nintendo Switch, or watch an occasional movie. He also enjoys spending time with his gray tabby cat, Ken, who's favorite food is turkey.

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Art Corner

We'll be featuring the work of Chamois art students throughout the year.

On these particular pieces, Art Teacher Joyce Wright stated, "This is what's special. A lot of the students are surprised at their own ability. I really enjoy being able to simplify the steps and allow students to realize their creativity."

The Christmas Concert and Art Show is at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, in the gym.



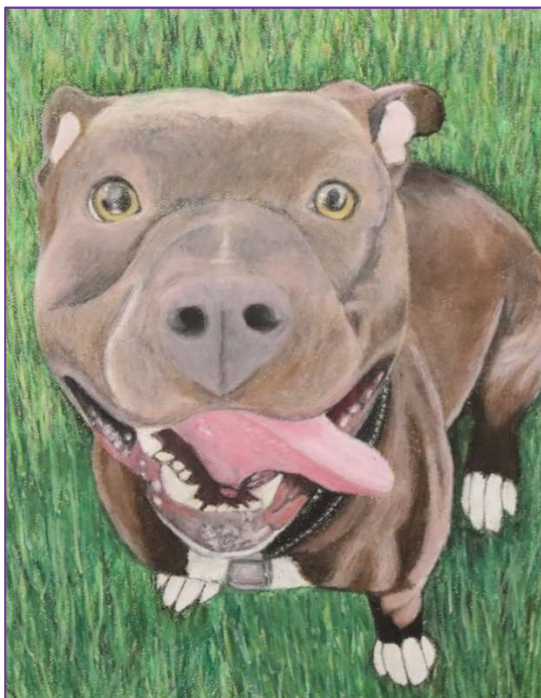
"Mountain Screamer" by Junior Elsey Wuelling, mixed media



"The Mountain Range" by Seventh-Grader Brianna Keilholz, tempera and marker



"Nature's Beauty" by Sophomore William Kirsch, oil pastel



"Lola" by Junior Cheyenne Abrams, oil pastel

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Stay Sharp: Band Rada Sales Begin

By Waylon Carter

Once again, the Chamois Pirate Pride Band is selling Rada. Rada is a company that specializes in kitchen supplies. Rada has a range of products such as: kitchen knives, knife blocks, tongs, spatulas, and more. All money collected will go towards funding the entries to marching competitions, repair instruments (and buy new ones), and to save up for future goals.

To see items that are available or make a purchase, contact any band member or Band Director Beth Sieg. She said, "I'd like for us to make \$3,000." Sales go through Monday, Nov. 28.

"Pasta La Vista" for PD Day

By Becca Tharp

The Food Science class – Senior Alex McKague and Juniors Kiera Charlton, Kael Holloway, and Becca Tharp – made lunch for the teachers' professional development day Monday, Nov. 14.

Food Science Teacher Kate Kuschel said, "The kids and I worked really hard on this, and they've



come a long way since the beginning of the year."

Lunch included spaghetti, green beans, and garlic bread.

English Teacher Cari Fleming said her favorite part was the garlic bread. "I appreciated that the kids made it." She rated the lunch a nine out of 10.

Special Education Teacher Daniel Montgomery said his favorite was the spaghetti. "The meat was good." He rated it a 10 out of 10.

McKague said, "My favorite thing to make was the bread because it was a new experience."

From left, Teachers Christopher South, Joyce Wright, Cari Fleming and Dan Montgomery enjoy the spaghetti lunch prepared by students.

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Parents' Night Out!

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NEED TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING OR
ENJOYING AN EVENING ALONE?

We'll watch the kids!

FRIDAY, DEC 2, 2022

3:30-7:30 P.M.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA/GYM - PICK UP IN THE LIBRARY

We'll watch movies, play games, eat a light supper
(hot dogs, chips) and make an Xmas craft.

\$15 per child, K-5th grade only

More than 1 child? Add \$5 per child.

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Parents' Night Out Reservation

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Your Cell #: _____

Additional Child Name(s), if applicable _____

Total (\$15 for first child, \$5 for each additional) _____

Make checks payable to Osage R-1 School District.

Return with payment to Karen Wolfe in the Elementary Office by Wednesday, Nov. 30.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY - NO DROP OFFS THE DAY OF THE EVENT

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