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DICKINSON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Four Dickinson County 4-H members have been named recipients of county 4-H scholarships. Brooklyn Brozek is the recipient of a Dickinson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 as well as the Nadine Abeltd Memorial Scholarship. Brooklyn is the daughter of Gallo and Tausha Brozek and is a seven-year member of the Solomon Wranglers 4-H Club. She will be attending Emporia State University pursuing a degree in Psychology. At Solomon High School, Brooklyn participated in volleyball, basketball, track and field, cheer, FFA, and FBLA. Some of Brooklyn's 4-H accomplishments include participating in Round Robin her 1st year in 4-H, having a winning quick bread three years in a row, and participating in the State Fair every year.

Kaylee Livingston, the daughter of Chad and Michele Livingston, received a Dickinson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000, Orren and Marjorie Hottman Memorial Scholarship, Mary Louise Hoffman Memorial Scholarship, and Jack Sexton Memorial Scholarship. Kaylee is a twelve-year member of the Fragrant Hilltoppers 4-H Club and will be attending Kansas State University pursuing a degree in agribusiness. At Chapman High School, Kaylee was active in the National Honor Society, softball, volleyball, and FFA. While in 4-H, Kaylee was 4-H Queen for both the Tri-County and Central Kansas Free Fairs, attended National 4-H Congress in 2025, and received the Key Award.

Also receiving a Dickinson 4-H Foundation Scholarship for \$1000, as well as the Loyd and Leola Black Memorial Scholarship, and Sand Springs Scholarship is Reese Whitehair, a ten-year member of the Navarre Boosters 4-H Club. Reese is the daughter of David and Jennifer Whitehair. She will be attending Butler County Community College pursuing a degree in radiology technology – sonography. At Chapman High School, Reese has been active in All for Girls, FFA, cheer, and track and field. Reese's involvement in 4-H includes being a 4-H foods leader, serving as Vice President of the Navarre Boosters 4-H Club, and being a Purple Power Pack camp counselor.

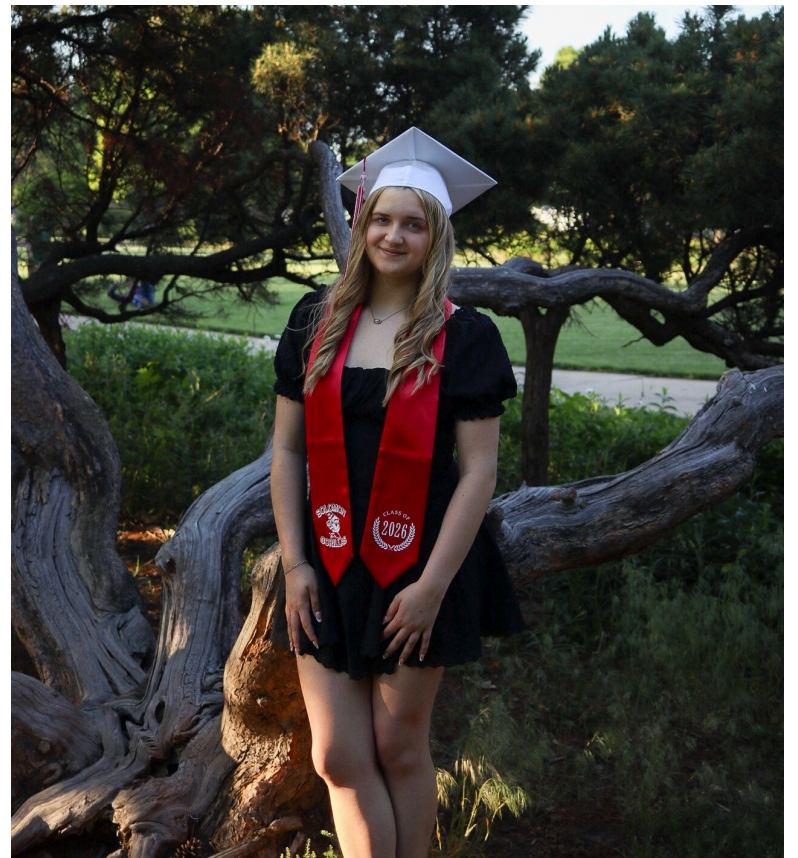
Layla Pickerign is a recipient of a Dickinson 4-H Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000 as well as the Merle and Darlene Brehm Memorial Scholarship, and the Frank and Agnes Garten Memorial Scholarship. She is an eleven-year member of the Fragrant Hilltoppers 4-H Club and will be attending Kansas State University. At Abilene High School, Layla was involved in basketball, volleyball, softball, Kay club, FFA, and donated blood with the school's Red Cross blood drive for four years. While in 4-H, Layla held club offices such as secretary, reporter, and treasurer. She has earned all ten of the 4-H achievement pins and has been involved with the Central Kansas Free Fair Special Champions Goat Show for multiple years.



Kaylee Livingston



Layla Pickerign

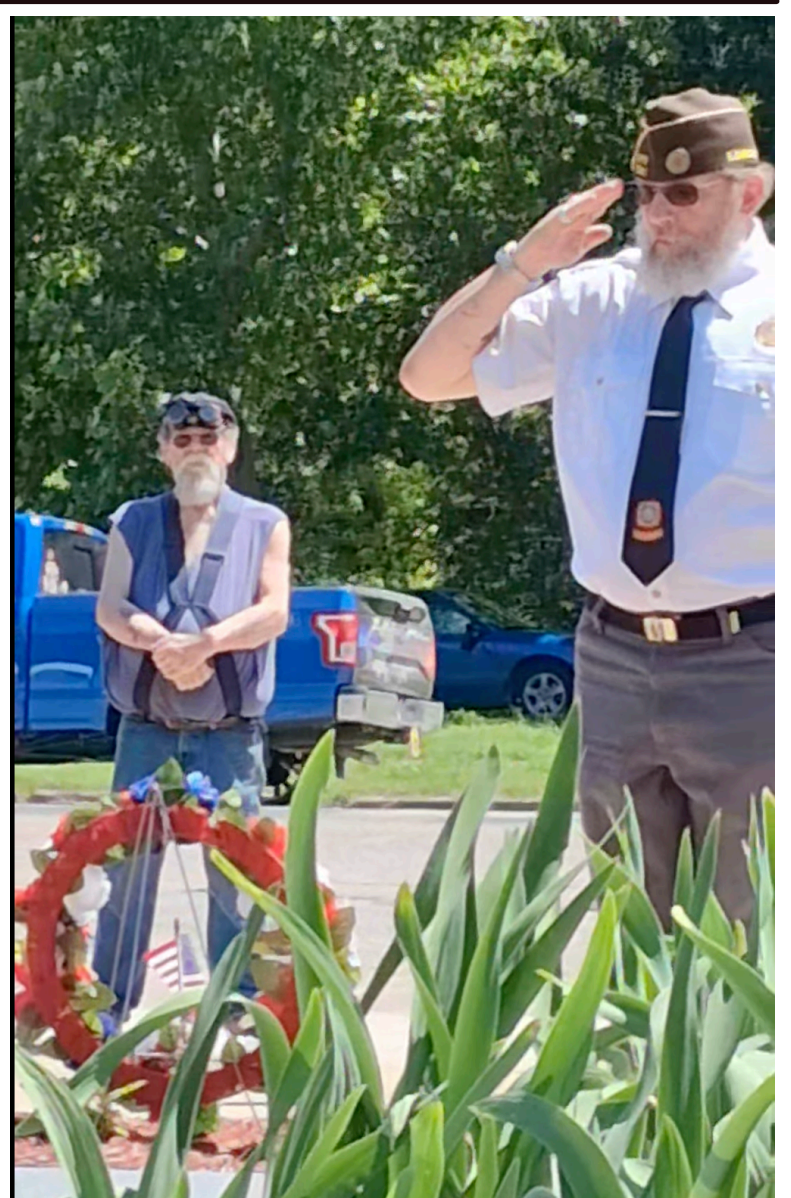


Brooklyn Brozek



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I remember the oft repeated question, "Is it live or is it Memorex"? Those of you who like me have more than a few rings around your tree, likely remember those old commercials as well. They described a recording product that purported to be of such high quality, one would be hard pressed to tell the difference between taped or live performances. Now, as we live lives on our devices performing the aptly named act of "doom scrolling", the question becomes is it real or is it AI. One of the problems about what we view online, is that when something catches us and we stall or click, the system is set up to fill our screen with similar

BROAD HORIZONS AWAIT

items. If we keep scrolling and keep clicking, we are drawn into a focus spiral that virtually hides ideas and pictures that are different. We miss seeing stories and people that can broaden our horizon and give us a new perspective and as a result we are diminished. What if we purposely googled something new and different; maybe by an author or politician we have not read or listened to? I might benefit from exchanging screen time for a few extra moments to sit or walk outside. Perhaps, if I turn my attention toward the glorious gifts of nature, I might clear my mind and reset my heart to something deeper and purer. This world is amazing. I am surrounded by various shades of green, furry gray bunnies, colorful birds, and busy squirrels. These are neither taped nor AI generated. These are life-giving and life affirming. Excuse me, while I head outside.



Mark Will
DCNT Columnist

THIS DAY - IN - THE HERINGTON TIMES

125 years ago - 1901
SCHOOL HOUSE SITE - The location of the new school building was decided at last Friday's special meeting. Two hundred people were present at the meeting. A motion carried unanimously that \$6,000 bonds be issued by the board and that the amount be appropriated for the purchase of a site and for the building and furnishing a schoolhouse and fencing the grounds. The question of locating a site then was brought forward. By unanimous consent it was located west of the Rock Island railroad on the north side of Walnut Street. (northwest corner of 10th and Walnut Streets). It is a beautiful plat of ground, and a nice schoolhouse will show off well from that point.

100 years ago - 1926
TO SUPERVISE DANCE HALLS - One of the new ordinances ready for publication calls for the formation of a Public Welfare Commission of five people appointed by the mayor and the city commission, the duty of which will be to supervise all places of public amusement. There will be no appeal from the decision of the new commission, and the mayor says that a padlock placed by it will stay put as long as the commission sees fit.

75 years ago - 1951
FLOODS HOMES AND BUILDINGS - Five inches of rain sent Lime creek on a rampage last night and played havoc in the low sections of the city. The crest of the flood struck with all its force at about 11:00 o'clock. Roy Bates of Clark Lumber Co. said that water reached a depth of 26

MARSHAL HART LAYS DOWN THE LAW

inches in their building and did considerable damage. The terrific force tore the railing off the Walnut street bridge. Cowie's Drive-In Market had 38 inches of water but most of their merchandise was stacked high enough and remained dry. The flood took a heavy toll at the Lewerenz Hardware and Implement Co. where the water reached the height of the flood two years ago. Other businesses and homes that were damaged were Mom's Café, Debus Barber Shop, Don's Chili Parler, C. Ray Baer's Liquor store, and Ortie's Tavern. Broadway and D Streets were both blocked by the water, and the city park and pool as well as numerous basements in all sections of Herington were filled with muddy water.

50 years ago - 1976
PARK PLAYHOUSE SEASON TO BEGIN - A band concert, movies, a barbershop quartet, musicals and melodramas will make up the 1976 schedule at The Park Playhouse in Herington. The Playhouse, sponsored by the Cultural Arts & Crafts Committee of the local PRIDE program will open its second season next Tuesday night at the gazebo in the north City Park and will feature the 1st Infantry Division Band from Ft. Riley. The summer theatre program is designed to provide open air entertainment for local and area residents. The plays and musicals will feature local residents who volunteer to fill stage roles. A small paid crew will oversee the operation and direct the volunteers. Herington Historical Society & Museum, 800 S. Broadway. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. - markcwill1963@gmail.com

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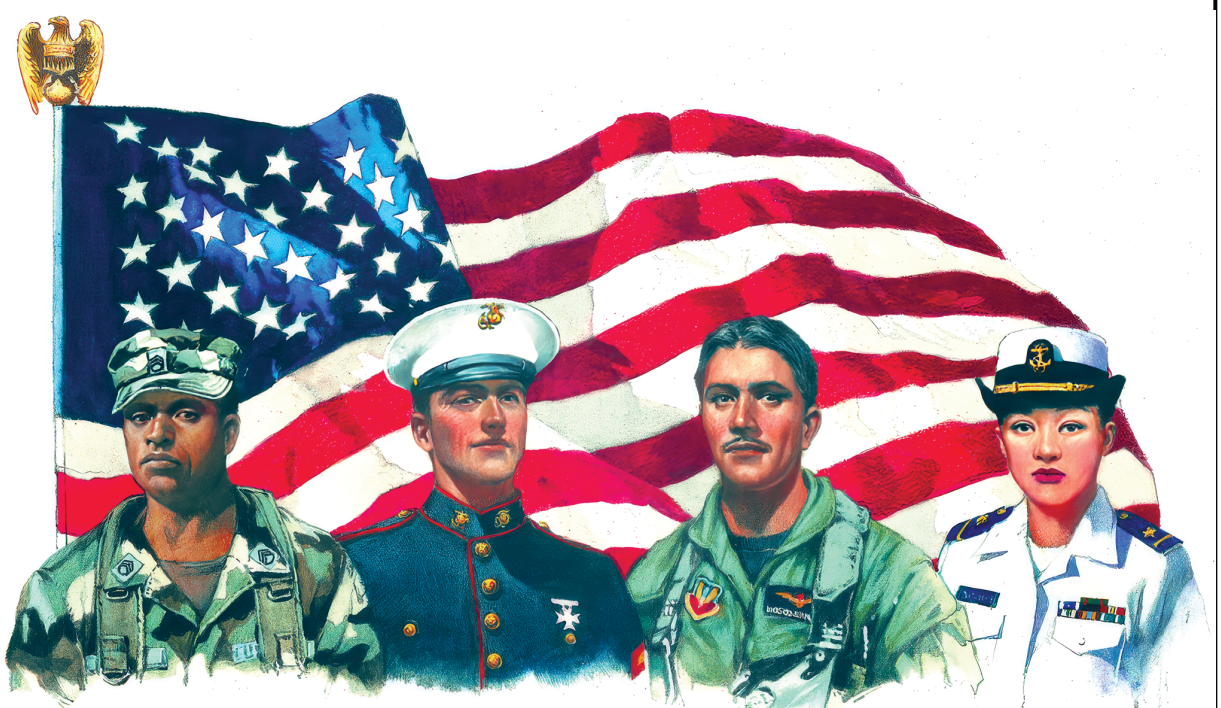
Memorializing Fallen Heroes

That we may live free

Usually, it seems, the last Monday in May is characterized by rainy skies. Memorial Day for many people is a day for boating and barbecuing. However, the holiday is actually about honoring military personnel who have died. Way back in 1868 a nation torn and bloodied from the Civil War first recognized Memorial Day. In 1971, under the Nixon administration Memorial Day became a national holiday. It is common today for families to celebrate or remember the lives of all who have passed, not just military. The inclusion of rain, in my mind, is the tears shed from the clouds. In 1944 the United States was engaged in a deadly conflict with Japan in the Pacific Theater as World War II drug on. In March of that year a B24D Liberator bomber piloted by Herbert G. Tennyson of Wichita, Kansas was shot down in Papua New Guinea with a crew of 11 on board. The bomber which ironically was dubbed, Heaven Can Wait, crashed into the ocean in two hundred and thirteen feet of water and no survivors were reported. Search and rescue planes flew the area and ultimately declared all on board "killed in action." Almost 70 years later, in 2013, relatives of the plane's bombardier, Thomas V. Kelly Jr., with the hope of closure, started doing some research. They contacted a non-profit, citizen group, Project Re-

covery, to explore the possibilities of finding the remains. Five years later the wreckage of "Heaven Can Wait" was found near Awar Point in Papua New Guinea. Then in 2023 after securing the unexploded ordinance, the remains of four crew members, including Tennyson, were located by Navy divers and brought home. The co-founder of Project Recovery is quoted, "The families themselves have had a lot of sacrifices, and some of those losses are still felt today." U.S. Army Air Force 1st Lt. Herbert G. Tennyson was 24 years old when his life ended and he left behind a wife pregnant with a daughter. His wife, Jean, never stopped feeling the loss and never could

bring herself to remarry. She died in 2017 just a short time before the love of her life finally came home. Jean and Herbert's grandson, Scott Jefferson, travelled all the way from New Zealand to bury his grandfather's remains next to Jean in Old Mission Cemetery in Wichita. Memorial Day is an important day to remember those who have passed and in particular to honor, and be grateful, for those who have given their lives so that we may live free. Scott Hill, PhD
70 th District Representative



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Clue: Rides for kids

B. 16 24 17 15 11
Clue: Walking path

C. 16 24 7 7 23
Clue: Park fixtures

D. 25 15 7 11 26
Clue: Open outdoor area

Answers: A. slides B. troll C. trees D. field

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to parks and recreation.

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Answer: Sports

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fications and their respective FFA chapters from the North Central District are: Abilene – Ryleigh Farson, Eyler Holt; Blue Valley – Taylor Bryant, Anna Corkill, Ella Hoeltzel; Chapman: Clara Gfeller, Kaylee Livingston, Charles Strauss; Clay Center – Lauren Benfer, Jacob Cutshall, Jordyn McCollum, Kasey Ohlde, Gavyn Ryals; Concordia – Russell Alexander, Catelin Benyshek; Ell-Saline – Jocelyn Taylor, Laykin Walker; Ellsworth – Molly Ehrlich, Nell Goss, Karli Haase, Leah Howard, John Svaty, Hannah Vague; Herington – Colten Gehrke, Jax Kickhaefer; Junction City – Ethan Goodyear, Blake Proietti, Kaitlyn Sohnrey; Linn – Brigham Hansen, Dylan Ohlde; Manhattan – Jobran Khmous, Lucas Peschel; Republic County – Traven Allen, Scholastica Baxa, Dakota Clausen-Peters, Kylie Stone; Solomon – Breken Coup; Sylvan-Lucas – Rai-lyne Soukup; Washington County

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**Neighbor to Neighbor Announces
Transition to New Ownership**

CONCORDIA, KANSAS—Neighbor to Neighbor Women’s Center will transition to new ownership this summer, as Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas assumes operations in July 2026.

Neighbor to Neighbor was established in 2010 after the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia purchased the building at 103 East 6th Street with a vision of offering compassionate service to the community. Built in 1888, the historic property has served many purposes over the years—from a bar and roller skating rink to an auto dealership, Sears Catalog Center, and most recently, a TV and appliance store. Following extensive renovations, it reopened as a welcoming space dedicated to supporting women and children and addressing unmet needs within the community.

Over the years, Neighbor to Neighbor has become both a part of the neighborhood and a place that fosters community. Children have been welcomed into its spacious playroom and monthly “Reading with Friends” story times, where families receive free books and are encouraged to cultivate a love of reading. Adults have found opportunities for connection and growth through retreats, educational programs, and classes, as well as access to essential services such as laundry facilities.

From its earliest days, Neighbor to Neighbor has been sustained by the generous support of the community and friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Grants, donations, volunteer service, and shared talents have all played a vital role in bringing its mission to life. The Sisters remain deeply grateful for this enduring support.

“Serving at Neighbor to Neighbor with Sisters Pat, Jean, and Ramona and Myrna Shelton was a wonderful experience. These women taught me so much about seeing, appreciating, and serving the dear neighbor with great respect and deep appreciation. The daily experience of meeting our women and children has been a reminder of God’s presence in so many ways. I will really miss these encounters,” said Sister Missy Ljungdahl, CSJ, current Administrative Assistant.

While community needs have evolved since Neighbor to Neighbor first opened its doors, the need for compassionate, accessible services remains. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is prepared to continue and expand this important work.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is honored to continue the legacy of service established by the Sisters of St. Joseph through Neighbor to Neighbor in Concordia. Guided by its mission to

provide compassionate service to all people in need, Catholic Charities serves individuals and families across 31 counties in north central and northwest Kansas, offering assistance with personal care and basic needs, financial and housing support, and pregnancy and adoption services—regardless of faith or background.

Beginning July 1, Neighbor to Neighbor will become Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas in Concordia, transitioning into a family support center and expanding the organization’s presence in the region. This next chapter reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that vital services remain available and accessible for those who need them most in Cloud County and surrounding communities.

While the name will change, many of the programs and services the community has come to rely on will continue. The Reading with Friends program will remain in place, and shower and laundry services will still be available by appointment. Other legacy services will also continue, ensuring continuity of care for individuals and families who depend on them.

To allow for a thoughtful transition, the facility will temporarily close during the month of July following the change in ownership. Catholic Charities plans to reopen the location in the fall, with additional details to be shared in the coming months.

“We are deeply grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their trust and partnership in this transition,” said Megan Robl, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas. “Their legacy of compassion and service has made a lasting impact in Concordia. We are honored to build upon that foundation and are excited to expand our reach to better serve individuals and families in this community and the surrounding areas.”

Catholic Charities emphasizes that this transition is rooted in collaboration and continuity. The organization looks forward to working alongside local partners and agencies to support existing services and strengthen the network of care available in Concordia.

Community members are invited to a public open house at Neighbor to Neighbor, 103 East 6th Street, on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

As plans move forward, Catholic Charities will share more information about services, programs, and reopening details. Community members with questions are encouraged to contact the Catholic Charities Salina office at 785-825-0208.



TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED YEARS WITH NO RULES? Van Yandell

IS THERE SALT ON YOUR CAP?

Proverbs 16: 3 "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." During my teaching years, three months in the summer were mine to seek other employment. Mostly my summers were spent laying concrete blocks or working framing construction. I did play nine holes of golf in 1983 and went fishing for about ten minutes in '79. Those were the most boring experiences of my life.

Several of those summers were spent in Brevard County Florida working with a contractor I had known for many years.

We framed houses in Titusville, Port St. John and Merritt Island. One of my greatest thrills has been to see a pile of building material go from a monolithic concrete slab to a standing structure.

When the roof trusses were placed and decked, the structure took on the appearance of a house.

Thoughts were often wondering of the family that would make that house a home.

Once the house was "dried in" the plumbers, electricians, HVAC techs, roofers and window and door installers could work their tasks in completing the future home.

Several of those summers, I worked with a crew from West Virginia; they wrote the book on hard work.

Their favorite saying was "When we work we work hard and when we play we play hard."

Mark was so tall he could cut off rafter tails standing on the ground. Greg was strong as a young bull and any time something had to be moved, Greg was called.

Andy could drive a 16 sinker with one hammer strike but was afraid of heights. I thought I could cure him of that phobia but when he ascended to the ridge, I had to go up and bring him down.

Many carpenters wear ball caps. On those jobs, those guys would sometimes come to work on Monday morning wearing a new, dark colored cap. By Wednesday, those caps had turned white from the bill to

the top button.

The white substance was salt from evaporated sweat. At times we joked about the white caps and often accused the wearer of using a salt shaker to make it look like he was actually working.

We full well knew what the salt was and where it came from. Hard work is not old-fashioned and many in today's world could take a lesson from those nail-drivers from West Virginia.

The last words of Christ Jesus before He ascended were an order for us to work. Matthew 28: 19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Those words are not a command to sit down and let someone else do the work. Those words are personal and direct to every believer in our Jesus.

"Go ye therefore" is not a suggestion; it is an imperative! A missionary we worked with in China used the words "believer-follower." That status is not to be taken lightly; it is serious and crucial that all Christians regard it as a statement of authority that must be directed inwardly. Theodore Roosevelt said "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

Is the work of the Christian worth doing? To the believer-follower of Jesus, that is not a legitimate question. Realizing the alternatives for the non-believer, the work Jesus admonished us with, there is no doubt, no question.

Ecclesiastes 2: 24 "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God."

We must at this point, understand our eternal salvation is not based on our work. We realize many Christians believe their salvation is based on "what they do." Nothing could be farther

from the truth.

Ephesians 2: 8-10 " For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Many confuse this scripture to indicate one can work his/her way into Heaven. "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works" conclusively states we work because of our faith connection to Him. We have eternal salvation because of our belief in Him and His suffering and shed blood on the cross.

James 2: 17-18 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

One's faith based continued belief after initial salvation belief is demonstrated by the work Christ Jesus admonished us to do. Many Christians regard His mandate to "preach this gospel to all nations" in what many refer to as "The Great Commission" as an imperative, not a suggestion. "Salt on your cap" is obviously a metaphor. Salt on a construction worker's cap is a visible sign of physical exertion. Figuratively, is there salt on your cap? "Work" is telling others about our Glorious Savior, for the time is coming when it will be too late.

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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EVENTS

3 Jun, Wed
All day Jason Grider Girls Basketball Camp (Day 3/4)

4 Jun, Thu
All day Jason Grider Girls Basketball Camp (Day 4/4)
6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington

5 Jun, Fri
6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo
101 E Main St

8 Jun, Mon
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee
The Pin Up Cafe
6:30 – 7:30pm USD 473 BOE

9 Jun, Tue
All day FFA Leadership Conference
10 a.m. Storytime @ Hope Library
11 a.m. Fresh conversations,
Enterprise Library
All day FFA Washington Leadership Conference @ Washington DC
6:30 – 7:30pm VFW and Aux Meeting 101 E Main St

10 Jun, Wed
All day FFA Leadership Conference (Day 2/4)
All day FFA Washington Leadership Conference @ Washington DC
7 – 8pm Chapman City Council Meeting 446 N Marshall St

11 Jun, Thu
All day FFA Leadership Conference (Day 3/4)
All day FFA Washington Leadership Conference @ Washington DC
6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington

12 Jun, Fri
All day FFA Leadership Conference
All day FFA Washington Leadership Conference @ Washington DC
6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo
101 E Main St

15 Jun, Mon
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee
The Pin Up Cafe
6:30 – 7:30pm USD 487 BOE Meeting

Five Individuals Receive Honorary State FFA Degrees

MANHATTAN, Kansas — Five individuals were awarded honorary state FFA degrees during the 98th Kansas FFA Convention held May 27-29 on the campus of Kansas State University. The honorary degree recognizes an individuals support for Kansas FFA and its members.

Jordan Brown serves as a volunteer for the Kansas FFA Convention and is a past member of Ell-Saline FFA. Brown was the 2011-2012 Kansas FFA State President. From managing state career development events to creating curriculum to advance career technical education, her work has been centered around Kansas FFA and its members. She now owns and operates her own business, Jordan Brown Creative.

Lori Harlan, a longtime supporter of Kansas FFA, serves as a convention volunteer and is a Marais des Cygnes Valley Alumni member. She served as the 2000-2001 Kansas FFA State Vice President. Harlan has dedicated more than 25 years of service to the organization's convention media and production materials and plays a key role in the behind-the-scenes work that makes the convention possible.

Sandy Klein is a volunteer for the Kansas FFA Convention and an Atwood FFA Alumni member. Klein served on the 2002-2003 state officer team. Previously serving

as assistant dean in K-State's College of Agriculture, Klein now is a project owner with

Vivayic. She continues to dedicate much of her time to developing career technical education resources and volunteering as a convention coach, which she has done for more than 15 years.

Laura Miller currently serves as an advisor with the Junction City FFA chapter and is the outgoing president of the Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators. Miller also represents Kansas as a National FFA Teacher Ambassador. She played a key role in chartering the Junction City FFA chapter, leading the way for innovation and growth.

Brityne Rucker currently works as a news anchor at KWCH-TV in Wichita and is a former member of Newton FFA. Growing up on a diversified agricultural operation, Rucker carries a steadfast passion for the industry. She has provided extensive support in advancing the awareness of agriculture through her television segment "Eye on Agriculture." Rucker also championed KWCH's collaboration with Kansas FFA activities, along with promoting Give FFA Day fundraising efforts on air. Through storytelling and advocacy, she remains committed to sharing Kansas FFA's mission.

Watson Receives VIP Citation Award

MANHATTAN, Kansas — Dr. Randy Watson, former Kansas commissioner of education, received the VIP Citation Award during the 98th Kansas FFA Convention held May 27-29 at Kansas State University. This award honors individuals who have dedicated 20 years of service to FFA and agricultural education at the state level.

Watson recently was recognized for 45 years of service to Kansas students and educators. During his career, he also was named the 2015 Kansas Superintendent of the Year. As commissioner, Watson worked extensively on behalf of career technical education, ensuring students were given the opportunity for career exploration.

Watson has led the way in expanding work-based learning, as well as supporting leadership development through agricultural education and FFA's mission. Kansas FFA commends Watson for his leadership, service and the lasting impact he has made on Kansas education.



Fresh strawberry cookies are perfect to make when ripe strawberries are in season. They feature a sugar cookie base, with pops of sweet fresh fruit throughout. They're a perfect summer dessert.

Oven mistake? Just keep calm and 'berry' on

When I graduated from college and rented my own home for the very first time, I decided that I would do my darnedest to cook meals for myself as much as possible and avoid premade stuff from the freezer section.

I remember one of the first times I fired up the stove, heating some oil to fry something or other. I was shocked to turn around and see flames shooting out of the pan.

Luckily, my mom trained me well, and I knew to smother the fire and kill the heat, but I was

completely confused. I had never managed to start a fire in the kitchen before. Then, I made some cookies for the first time and burned them to a crisp, and I suddenly realized that

point, but I should have remembered the oven lesson I learned years ago.

I made a double batch of the cookies, and each pan just kept having a strange bake. It wasn't until I went to turn off the oven that I realized I was using the "quick bake" setting by accident. Oops.

Despite mine turning out a little weird, these cookies were really yummy and perfect for a summer get-together. The recipe comes from the blog "Luxe Beauty." You can find the original post at <https://www.beauty-luxe.com/soft-chewy-strawberry-cookies/>. I added extra vanilla in my version.

Fresh Strawberry Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup fresh strawberries, diced

Directions

SpiceUpYourLife-FreshStrawberryCookies Lindsey Young

not all ovens are made equally—and this one could maybe double as a kiln. I had to be careful the whole time I lived there.

This week, when I made some strawberry cookies in my own oven. They were spreading out really quickly, and they were way softer than they should be. I kept trying to figure out what in the world I did wrong with the dough, even tossing it in the fridge at one

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees, and prepare a couple baking sheets by lining them with parchment paper, and set them aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar until the mixture is light yellow and fluffy.

Beat in the egg and vanilla, and then beat in the flour, baking soda and salt. Finish by folding in the diced strawberries.

Drop the dough by the tablespoonful onto your prepared baking sheets, leaving about two inches between each cookie. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the edges are set and the cookies are light brown.

Let the cookies cool on a baking sheet before transferring them to an airtight container.

These were delicious. They had pops of fruit, combined with a very nice sugar cookie base.

And if you want them to be fall-apart soft, you can always try baking them with convection, too, although I don't recommend it.

Luckily, our friends don't mind some slightly ugly cookies, and they helped clean up all the evidence of my oven mishap.

I figure soft cookies are superior to the burnt kind, though, so it was probably a win. Plus, I don't think

I'll be making that same mistake again any time soon.

Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at spiceupkitchen.net.

Prairie Doc Perspective

Understanding the Ups and Downs of Pain During Recovery

By Kory Zimney, PT, DPT, PhD

Many equate pain with injury and thus assume that pain should be a straight line when recovering. So, if pain flares up a bit, they worry that something is wrong. Maybe the injury is getting worse, or they "overdid it" the day before. In reality, pain often rises and falls during normal recovery, and these ups and downs do not automatically mean you're injuring yourself. Pain is more complex than a simple measure of tissue damage.

Healing tissues and a sensitive alarm system Pain is best thought of as your body's alarm system. Early after an injury or surgery, that alarm is turned up on purpose to protect healing tissues. Even as the tissues recover normally, the alarm may remain slightly sensitive for a while. This means everyday movements, increased activity, or changes in routine can trigger pain, even when the tissues themselves are safe.

This sensitivity usually settles with time, movement and confidence. A short-term increase in pain does not automatically mean damage has occurred. It often reflects a nervous system that's still learning what is safe again.

Next day pain

Pain that shows up later, such as soreness the next day, is often blamed on "overdoing it." While extreme overload can contribute to flare-ups, changes in pain from one day to the next are often a normal response to increased movement. Your body adapts to activity gradually, and mild soreness or stiffness can be part of that process, especially when trying something new or returning to activities you've avoided. Pain levels don't always match how well your body is healing. You are recovering successfully, even on days when pain feels worse.

Stress, sleep and mood matter Your nervous system doesn't work in isolation. Poor sleep, emotional stress, worry or fatigue can increase pain sensitivity. We often say, "You're getting on my nerves" when someone stresses us out. Biologically, that's true.

Stressful events release chemicals that make nerves more sensitive. On stressful days, the pain alarm becomes easier to trigger, which is why pain may spike during busy weeks, after poor sleep or during emotional strain without any change in

the injury itself.

These influences are real and biological; they are not imagined or "in your head." Your body's healing chemistry Your body naturally produces both pro-inflammatory chemicals (which increase sensitivity) and anti-inflammatory chemicals (which reduce sensitivity) as part of the healing process. This balance shifts from day to day, like a teeter-totter. Some days you may feel more sensitive, and other days less so. These shifts are a normal part of recovery and help explain why pain often fluctuates.

Pain doesn't equal harm One of the most important principles of recovery is this: pain does not always mean damage. Pain is often a sign of sensitivity rather than danger. Gradually continuing to move, even with some discomfort, is often part of restoring normal function and confidence.

When to check in While fluctuating pain is common, steadily worsening pain, new symptoms or pain accompanied by significant swelling, weakness or loss of function should be discussed with a health care provider. Otherwise,

ups and downs are a normal and expected part of recovery.

Healing isn't about eliminating every painful moment. It's about helping your body and nervous system feel safe enough to move forward, one step at a time.

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Ready Now Kiosk Opens on Custer Hill, Expanding Healthy, On-Demand Food Options for Soldiers and the Fort Riley Community

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, "Dagger," 1st Infantry Division, officially opened the Ready Now Kiosk on Custer Hill May 21, delivering a modern, convenient, and healthy dining option for Soldiers and community members who live and work on the installation.

Operated by Culinary Specialists from the 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, the Ready Now Kiosk provides quick, nutritious grab-and-go meals, including fresh sushi, and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Its location on Custer Hill places it within immediate walking distance of barracks, motor pools, and brigade work areas, ensuring Soldiers can refuel quickly without leaving their operational footprint.

The kiosk is open to meal-card holders, non-meal-card holders, and civilians who live, work, and support the Fort Riley community, expanding access to high-quality food options across the

installation.

The initiative aligns with the Army's Food Service Modernization efforts, which emphasize healthy choices, extended access, and modernized dining experiences, including micro-markets, grab-and-go stations, and flexible hours that support Soldiers working irregular or extended shifts.

"This kiosk is just one of many steps to improve our Soldiers' quality of life and readiness," said Col. Tom Smith, Commander of 2nd Brigade. "Efforts like the Ready Now Kiosk truly contribute to our unrivaled warfighting excellence."

Col. Smith also praised the brigade's culinary specialists for their professionalism and adaptability. "Our 92 Golf team has proven that they embody what it truly means to be ready now," he said. "Their world-class commitment ensures Soldiers receive high-quality, nutritious meals every day."

By offering healthy, ready-to-eat meals in close proximity to where Soldiers live, train, and work, the kiosk directly enhances readiness, resilience, and daily performance.

Golden Owl Award Presented to East Central District Teacher, FFA Advisor

MANHATTAN, Kansas – Kelly Hoelting, agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor at Mission Valley High School in the East Central FFA District, was selected as the 2026 Kansas State Golden Owl recipient during the 98th Kansas FFA Convention held May 27-29 on the Kansas State University campus.

Hoelting has taught for 25 years at Mission Valley. She has mentored 20 students who have become educators, four of whom are agricultural education teachers. Hoelting has led Mission Valley FFA to various state wins and national proficiency finalist placings, and advised many American FFA Degree recipients. She is described as someone who continually encourages students to step outside their comfort zones and immerse themselves in opportunities they never imagined. Hoelting leads with compassion and helps students grow into leaders far beyond the classroom.

Regional winners included: Karlea Clark, Cherryvale High School, Southeast District; Allison Dix, Phillipsburg High School,

Northwest District; Sonya Roberts, Hillsboro High School, South Central District; Caity Thompson, Spearville High School, Southwest District; Jeannie Wege, Hiawatha High School, Northeast District; and Jim Weller, Chapman High School, North Central District.

The Golden Owl program recognizes and rewards outstanding agricultural educators for their dedication and hard work in shaping the future of the industry. This program is made possible by Nationwide Insurance. Nationwide supports the future of the agricultural community through meaningful sponsorships of national and local organizations. As part of the award program, Nationwide is donating \$5,000 to the Kansas FFA Foundation to further support the personal and professional growth of students, teachers and advisors alike. Hoelting will receive \$3,000 and the Golden Owl Award trophy. Regional winners will receive \$500 and an engraved plaque.

Established by Nationwide, the Golden Owl Award honors the hard work of agricultural educators and provides additional resources to enhance their programs. This year, the award program is recognizing exceptional ag educators in 15 states, including Kansas.

Chapman FFA Member Wins Beef Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency

MANHATTAN, Kansas – Tava Gustafson from the Chapman FFA chapter earned first place in the Beef Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency at the 98th Kansas FFA Convention held May 27-29 on the Kansas State University campus. Other finalists, in alphabetical order, were Addison Bontrager of the Holton FFA chapter and Cole Dieball from Little River FFA. The Beef Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency is designed for members who own an enterprise or business that uses the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market beef. This award area is for any animals raised mainly to produce beef and all beef breed animals. The award was sponsored by Sam and Janet Hands. Gustafson will receive a plaque and the opportunity to represent Kansas at the National FFA Convention against other competitors from across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The 2026 National FFA Convention will be held October 21-24 in Indianapolis, IN.

Chapman FFA Member Wins Fruit and Nut Production Proficiency

MANHATTAN, Kansas – Abigail Gaston from the Chapman FFA chapter earned first place in the Fruit and Nut Production Proficiency at the 98th Kansas FFA Convention held May 27-29 on the Kansas State University campus. The award is sponsored by Sturgis Enterprises. Gaston will receive a plaque and the opportunity to represent Kansas at the National FFA Convention against other competitors from across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The 2026 National FFA Convention will be held October 21-24 in Indianapolis, IN. In the Fruit and Nut Production Proficiency, the member owns or works for a business that employs the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for fruit and nuts such as stone fruits, pome fruits, citrus fruits, pineapples, coconuts, berries, cranberries, melons, grapes, olives, nuts (not peanuts) and all common fruits.



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Chapman FFA Member Wins Entrepreneurship Proficiency in

Diversified Crop Production

MANHATTAN, Kansas – Charles Strauss from the Chapman FFA chapter earned first place in the Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency at the 98th Kansas FFA Convention held May 27-29 on the Kansas State University campus. The Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency is designed for members who own an enterprise or business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops from two or more of the following proficiency areas: grain production, fiber and oil crop production, forage production, specialty crop production (excluding floriculture production), vegetable production or fruit production. The award was sponsored by Harris Crop Insurance. Strauss will receive a plaque and the opportunity to represent Kansas at the National FFA Convention against other competitors from across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The 2026 National FFA Convention will be held October 21-24 in Indianapolis, IN.

Ghost Towns to be the Subject of the First Memories of the Prairie Series

The 2026 Memories of the Prairie Series at the Dickinson County Heritage Center will kick-off on Saturday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Our first speaker will be Mary Kohn, English Professor and Director of the Chapman Center for Rural Studies at Kansas State University. She will present student research curated in the Chapman Center on small towns and ghost towns in Kansas. Focusing on Dickinson County, the talk will explore the communities of Navarre, Holland, Moonlight, and Pearl, among others. These communities shed light onto the history of the region, starting with hopes and dreams and leading to contemporary moments of resilience and innovation. We hope that you will join us for this event! The programs are free of charge. The Dickinson County Heritage Center is located at 412 S. Campbell Street, Abilene, Kansas.

Legal Notice

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Darren Denter sentenced 36 Months for possession of paraphernalia w/intent to use for planting, growing, etc, any contrlld sub 5 or more plants, and distribution/possession with intent to distribute marijuana at least 25g less than 450g in Dickinson County, Kansas, has applied for executive clemency. Persons wishing to comment should send information in writing to below address within fifteen (15) days after the date of publication.

Kansas Department of Corrections

Prisoner Review Board

Jayhawk Walk

714 SW Jackson, Suite 300

Topeka, KS 66603

Real Help for the Homeless: You Can Change a Life For many men in our community, the Salina Rescue Mission is more than a place to sleep — it is a place to find hope, healing, and a fresh start.

Now through June 30, every gift to the Salina Rescue Mission will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000, through a special Matching Gift Challenge. That means each donation will provide twice as many meals, twice as many nights of shelter, and help twice as many men receive the support and care they need.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, churches, businesses, and community partners, the Mission continues to make a life-changing impact in the lives of homeless and struggling men in North Central Kansas.

In 2025 alone, the Salina Rescue Mission:

- Provided more than 73,000 meals

- Served an average of 86 men each night

- Offered programs focused on employment assistance, support for individuals with disabilities, and the New Life Program designed to help men heal, grow, and find new life in Christ “Our goal is not simply to provide a handout, but to offer a true hand up,” Executive Pastor Chad Young shared. “We want every man who comes through our doors to leave healthier, stronger, and better equipped for life than when he arrived.”

That help often includes doctor visits, prescription medications, life skills training, encouragement, spiritual support, and guidance toward long-term stability and independence.

At the heart of the Mission’s work is a desire to live out the love of Jesus Christ by serving people in their time of need, sharing hope, and encouraging life transformation through faith. Over the years, many men have found healing, renewed purpose, restored relationships, and a better future through the care and support they received.

The Salina Rescue Mission receives no government funding. Every meal served, every bed provided, and every life impacted is made possible through the faithful support of donors, churches, foundations, businesses, and fundraising events.

Community members who would like to help can make a donation before June 30 to have their gift doubled through the Matching Gift Challenge.

Donations may be made online at SalinaRescueMission.com, by mail to Salina Rescue Mission, PO Box 1667, Salina, KS 67402-1667, or electronically via Venmo (@SalinaRescueMissionKS) or PayPal (Salina Rescue Mission). Thank you for helping care for our homeless neighbors and bringing hope to those who need it most.

State agencies and private businesses unite services for World Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Topeka, Kan. – Multiple state agencies and private businesses are aligning in the shared goal to educate and equip seniors against exploitation during World Elder Abuse Awareness Month, recognized each June. Representatives from the Kansas Department for Children and Families, the Office of the Attorney General, the Kansas Department of Insurance, Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities, Kansas Legal Services, Capitol Federal Bank, Fidelity Bank, and Arcare will join in a statewide educational tour in June.

Presentations will be focused on topics relevant to seniors and caretakers such as Durable Power of Attorney education and financial and fraud exploitation. The tour will go through six major cities across Kansas including Topeka, Pittsburg, Olathe, Hays, Garden City, and Wichita. There will also be a virtual event available for those unable to make in-person presentations.

“Too often, seniors become the targets for financial fraud and abuse,” said Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “The Department serves as a trusted resource for Kansans and a partner in protecting their financial well-being.”

“Financial exploitation is a significant threat facing older Kansans and can have devastating financial and emotional consequences, which is why education and awareness are so important,” said DCF Secretary Laura Howard. “We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with agencies and businesses across the state to help bring these important conversations and resources directly to Kansans.”

“World Elder Abuse Month is a reminder that protecting older adults requires all of us working together,” said Attorney General Kris Kobach. “I am pleased to join other officials across the state to champion the importance of identifying abuse sooner, supporting victims more effectively, and holding offenders accountable.”

To find presentation dates, times, and locations, please visit stopscams.dcf.ks.gov.

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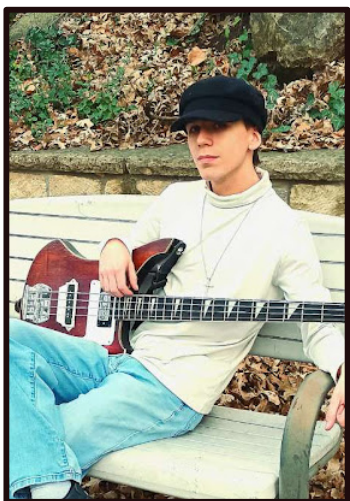
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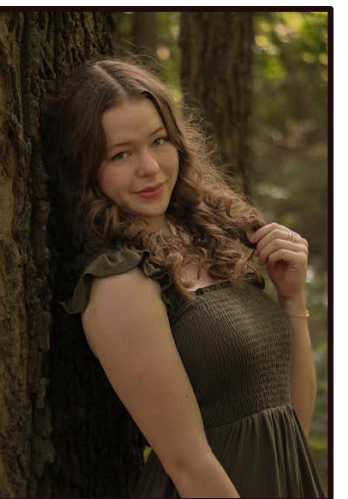
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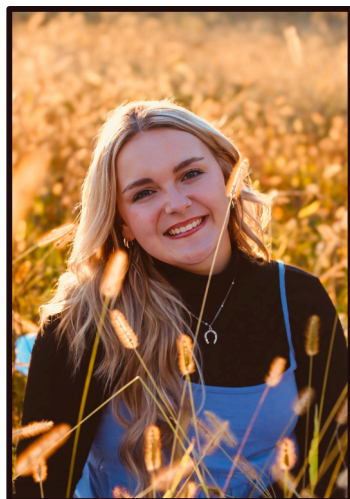
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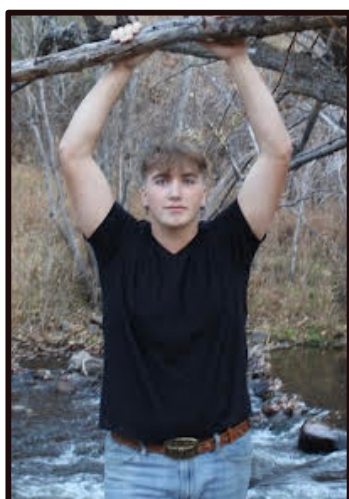
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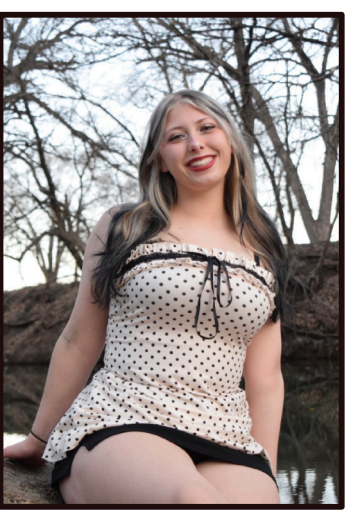
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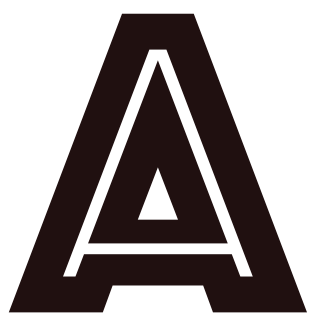
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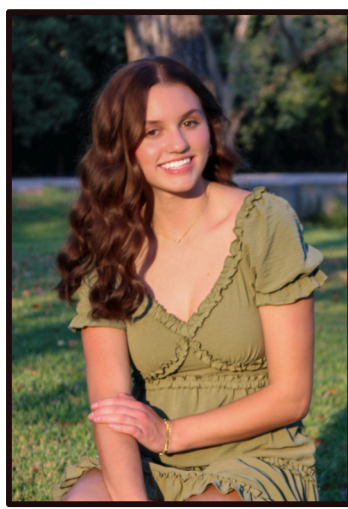
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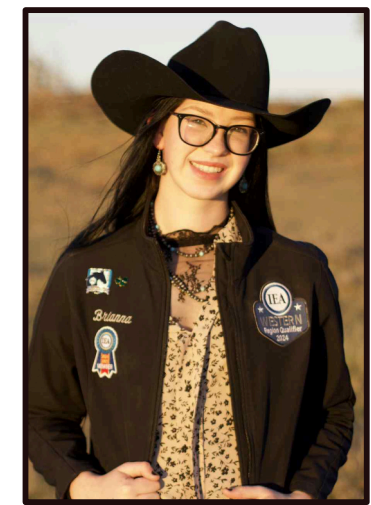
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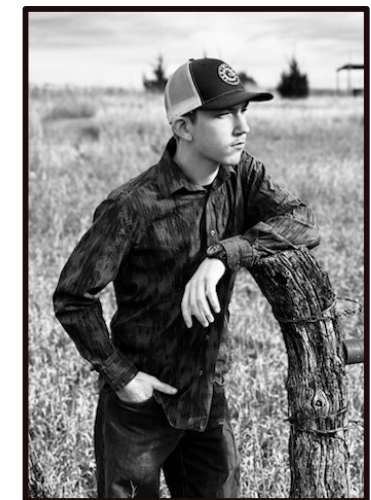
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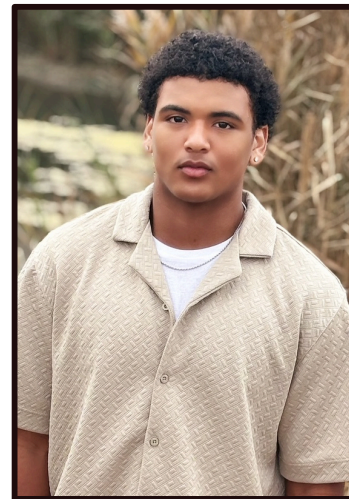
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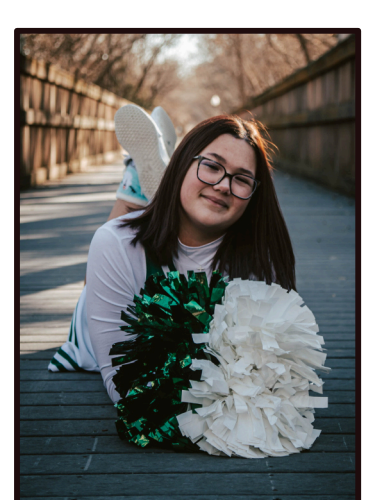
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Congratulations Brecken! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Breslyn



One of the highlights of Aiden Hall's senior season was winning the regional championship in the 400m with a career PR of 51.84. (Pictured to left courtesy photo)

Senior Abigail Gaston finishes 11th in the 300m hurdles (48.71) and 14th in discus (107'1). (pictured to right) Senior Adelynn Kirkpatrick finishes 14th in a field of 21 competitors in girls pole vault.(pictured far right) Courtesy photos





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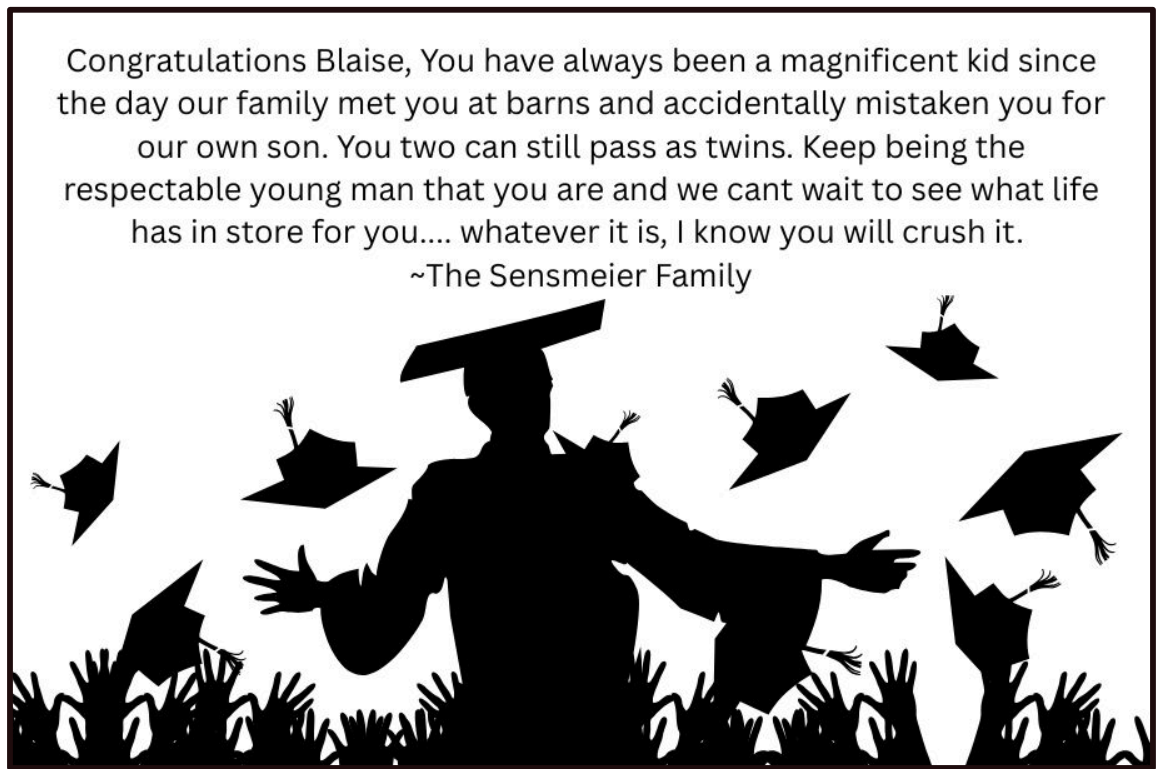
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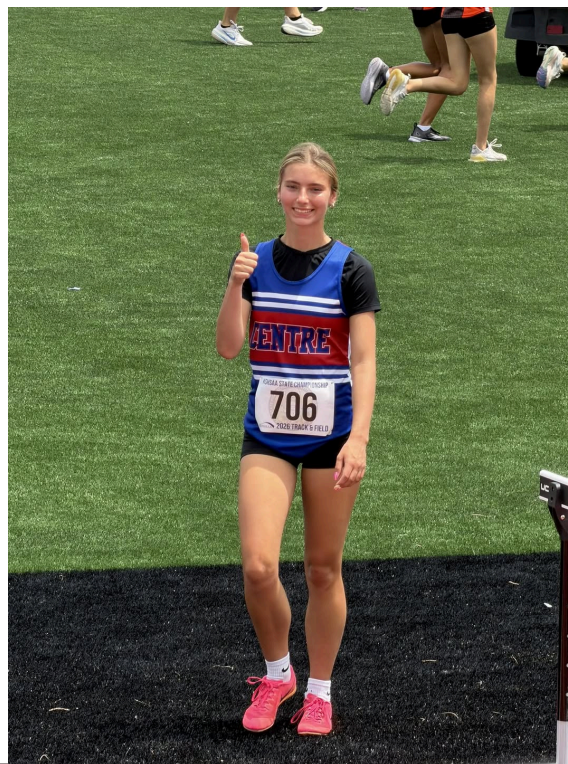
Owen Wingerd



Easton Glessner finishes tied for 3rd in the Final Rankings. He shot a 147 for both days. A 72 yesterday and a 75 today! Congratulations to Easton on a spectacular season and a top three finish at State! Way to go! We are proud of you!! (Courtesy of Centre School- Congrats Easton)



Congratulations Blaise, You have always been a magnificent kid since the day our family met you at barns and accidentally mistaken you for our own son. You two can still pass as twins. Keep being the respectable young man that you are and we cant wait to see what life has in store for you.... whatever it is, I know you will crush it. ~The Sensmeier Family



Jaycee Stika finished 13th. A great first showing at State Track for her! Great job Jaycee!!! We are proud! (Courtesy of USD 397)

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Baseball

First Row: Asher Depew, Heston Hoffman, Ryder Davis, Deegan Leighty, Jorgan Wiley, Brandon Heller, Liam Garcia, Henry Corn, Callie Hudson, Rebecca Ogan. Second Row: Julian Holloman, Wesley Whitehair, Brody Calovich, Hunter Kidd, Jackson St. John, Cooper Smith, Carter Smith, Dominic Krogman, Cade Snider, Even Saunto, Kayden Loy. Third Row: Coach Liebau, Jacob Van-Meter, Austin Smiley, James Mayse, Connor Cote-Boss, Aven Woods, Jaysik Bauman, Benson Smiley, Payton Landerville, Coach Kersten, Coach Spohn.



Boys Basketball

Front Row: Talon Decker, Connor Cote-Boss, Coach Corbett, Coach Kraxner, Coach Spohn, Brecken Francis, Jacob Gfeller. Middle Row, Gabe Bender, Kaicen DeWeese, Gavin Miller, Braxton Prosser, Benson Smiley, Jaysik Bauman, Bo Rothchild, Thomas Randle, Dominic Krogman, Andrew Scott, Declan Martin, Jackson St John, Dayton Curtis. Back Row, Manager Carter Clark, Manager Kayden Loy, Manager Hunter Kidd, Kelvin Sacher, Cade Snider, Julian Holliman, Austin Smiley, Wesley Whitehair, Bentley Cloud, Manager James Mayes, Manager Reeve Bracket.



Basketball Cheer

Front: Addison Gibson, Alexis Roach, Victoria Foy, Madelyn Keller, Victoria Jackson, Manhattan Ritcha, Kemmalyn Schultz, Joyce Gatewood, Madeline Thomasson, Kalley Hudson, Elizabeth Gaston, Coach Rebecca Thomas, Not Pictured: Reese Whitehair



Cross Country

Front Row (left to right): Elliott Solander, Alyssa Calovich, Carly Thurlow, Kinsey Thurlow, Jade Beary. Second Row: Jackson St John, Olivia Vosburg, Kaylee Brabender, Cambree Obermeyer, Addison Gibson, Liberty Cuevas, Wesley Whitehair. Third Row: Slayde Crouse, Riley DeLorenzo, Jance Beck, Bryar Cochran, Karson Craig, Ethan Falls, Gus Moody. Back Row: Kaden Hitz, Donovan Bradender, Keith Marshall, Brenden Huss, Charlie Strauss, William Strauss.



Boys Wrestling

Front Row: Manager Kaylee Wilkens, Brenden Westfall, Michah Griffith, Truxton Ellis, Bryce Watson, Brodie Shoemake, Manager Hailey Leonard, Manager Avery Welling. Second Row: Jeremiah Frey, Gio Becker, Joel Drake, Colten Marston, Brandon Heller, Jacob Boland, Brody Calovich, Jackson Tabor. Back Row: Head Coach Zach Lucas, Ian Sayers, Alexander Boggs, Nezhiah Brown, Riggin Kuntz, Elliott Lucas, Colton Bell, Levi Willmann, Audiel Becker, Assistant Coach Jim Weller. Not Pictured: Manager Lillian Rutz



Girls Wrestling

First Row: Alyssa Calovich, Journey Kuntz, Kammi Hall, Ryanne Drake. Second Row: Manager Tracy Gibson, Manager Avery Welling, Cambree Obermeyer, Kelly Glasgow, Alyssa Mendiola, Chloe McWilliams, Montana Kayl, Rylie Francis, Manager Angela Giffis, Manger Zoe Aguas. Back Row: Head Coach Marjual Ferris, Faith Enger, Marley Luke, Lowry Fisher, Joy Rhines, Madelyn Norton, Addison Doriot, Kaylee Brabender, Brooklyn Hill, Assistant Coach Chelsey Armbruster.



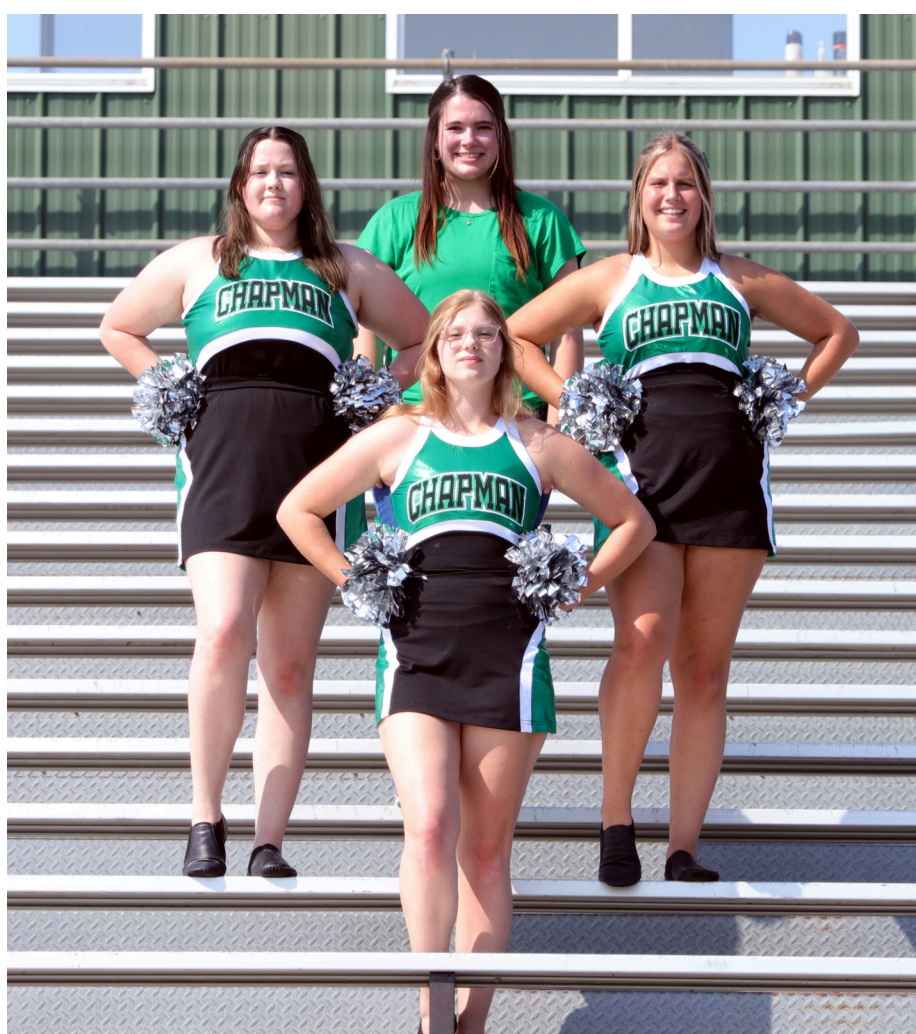
Girls Basketball

Front Row: Karson Stroda, Olivia Vosburg, Josie Stanley, Sammie Hall, Ember Miller, Sophia Jackson. Second Row: Mckenzie Leighty, Jai Rogers, Avery Baer, Faith Gentry, Adelynn Kirkpatrick, Abigail Gaston, Ivy Beck, Callie Cook, Audrey Dester. Third Row: Kennedy Scholz, Katie Stoffer, Johanna Loehr, Olivia Harold, Josie Baer, Cora Merritt. Head Coach: Jason Grider, Asst. Coaches: Sara Cook, Jason Stoffer.



Football

Front Row: Brecken Francis, Jacob Gfeller, Ian Sayers, Isaac Van Meter, Talon Decker, Zion Hall, Ethan Litzinger. Second Row: Jason Sudduth, Colton Bell, Andrew Scott, Audiel Becker, Dominic Krogman, Kaicen DeWeese, Nezhiah Brown, Gavin Bender, Braxton Fenton. Third Row: Brody Calovich, Giovanni Becker, Alexander Boggs, Korbin Hackett, Ethan Hall, Brendyn McCurdy, Hunter Kidd, Bo Rothchild. Fourth Row: Jackson Tabor, Cameron Elrod, Terrell Jenkins, Bryce Watson, Jacob Van Meter, Gavin Miller, Braxton Prosser. Fifth Row: Jorgan Wiley, Michah Griffith, Truxton Ellis, Dayton Curtis, Bentley Cloud, Colton Marston, Austin Smiley, Shaine Stroud. Back Row: Montana Kayl, Timothy Coles, Sawyer Havenstein, Jason Grider, Brian Sweet, Todd Challahan, Wade Chamberlin, Brooke Hill, Chloe McWilliams, Carson Thrush. Not Pictured: Asher Hulsey & John Moneypenny.



Football Dance

Front: JaLyn Clark, Middle: Leah Chekal, Syndey Vaught, Back: Coach Robin Schlesener



Softball

Front row: Teagan Ellis, Kaylee Livingston, Zoey Peterson, Carmen Courtois, Madison Messerly Second row: Chelsey Armbruster, Journey Kuntz, Ellie Kuntz, Kammi Hall, Lily Hayhurst, Rylinn Sinnard, Asa Courtois, Kinsey Burgess, Anna Martinez, Kennedy Scholz, McKinsey Leighty, Kinslee Froelich Third row: Kyle Cook, Johanna Loehr, Kemmalyn Schultz, Josie Stanley, Marley Luke, Jacey Shippy, Angie Griffis, Callie Cook, Kyah Bell, Oliva Harold, Reagan Kehoe, Brooklyn Scarff, Wyatt Rutherford.



Boys Tennis

Front Row: Gracen Gfeller, Airen Atkinson, Jacob Boland, William Strauss, Canyon Taphorn, Jantz Beck. Back Row: Gus Moody, Turner Worden, Connor Franzeen, Houston Gayton, Cyrus Wyma, Coach Brian Sweet.



Track

First Row: Savannah Valenzuela, Adelyn Kirkpatrick, Jade Beary, Alyssa Calovich, Kinsey Thurlow, Carly Thurlow, Ethan Litzinger, Riggan Kuntz, Issac Van-Meter, Ian Sayers, Talon Decker, Zion Hall. Second Row: Emmalee Howard, Truxton Ellis, Ethan Falls, Donovan Brabender, Keith Marshall, Charlie Strauss, Aiden Hall, Carson Craig, Slayde Crouse, AJ Scott, Nez Brown, Kaicen DeWeese. Third Row: Kaylee Wilkens, Conner Sainz, Brenden Huss, James Dean, Teigan McWilliams, Asher Solander, Jake Hanson, Luke Hatfield, Braxton Prosser, Carson Thrush, Bo Rothchild, Riley DeLorenzo. Fourth Row: Olivia Vosburg, Colten Marston, Elliot Solander, Gavin Bender, Dayton Curtis, Michah Griffith, Bryce Watson, Lane Combs, Jaymz Martin-Carbaja, Joel Drake, Jackson Fong. Fifth Row: Jazzmin Won, Elisabeth Gaston, Cora Merritt, Hannah Zumbunn, Sydnie Hollomon, Lily Whalen, Samara Showalter, Addalynn Casey, Caylor Clark, Kaylee Brabender, Peighton Harris, Liberty Cuveas. Sixth Row: Braxton Fenton, Korbin Hackett, Remington Files, Joscelyn Files, Sammy Hall, Chaîne Stroud, Paxton Hartshorn, Kelvin Sacher, Alex Thomas, Izaac Potter, Elliott Lucas. Seventh Row: Natalie Goulker, Kinzel Sterling, Amara Wright.



Girls Tennis

Front Row: Clara Gfeller, Carmen Courtois, Zoey Peterson, Ivy Beck, Meredith Kuntz, Avery Baer, Lexi Roach. 2nd Row: Manager Harper Willmann, April Strauss, Lily Whalen, Madison Gardner, Keira Word, Adeline Laughlin, Kemmalyn Schultz, Cora Merritt, Amara Wright, Manager Charlotte Laughlin. 3rd Row: Coach Christal Ade, Kelly Glasgow, Gretchen Jones, Josie Baer, Ember Miller, Hailey Picklo, Sammie Hall, Addalynn Casey, Manager Rayne Lucas, Coach Chelsey Armbruster. Back Row: Hannah Clark, Hannah Zumbrunn, Angie Griffis, Carleigh Abeldt, Addie Doriot.



Basketball Dance

Front: Mason Obermyer, Liliann Hayhurst, Leighanne Carter-Goodale, Lexi Buckley. Back: Savannah Valenzuela, Sydney Vaught, Coach Kyndall Prunte, JaLyn Clark, Emma Laffery



Volleyball

Front Row: Breslyn Francis, Kennedy Scholz, Elizabeth Gaston, Journey Kuntz, Teagan Ellis, Kammi Hall, Kinzel Sterling, Kalley Hudson. Middle Row: Chloe Sudduth, Josie Stanley, Maddison Grubb, Kaylee Livingston, Olivia Harold, Kinsey Burgess, Katie Stoffer, Marley Luke, Dakotta Compton. Back Row: Addison Acheson, Shianne Cammisa, Abigail Gaston, Josslyn DePew, Jai Rogers, Kyah Bell, Callie Cook, Caylor Clark, Reagan Kehoe, Adelynn Kirkpatrick, Peighton Harris, Kaylee Wilkens. Head Coach Sara Cook, Asst. Coaches Becki Gaston & Jodi DeArmond.



Golf
 Front Row: Coach, Karson Stroda, Reagan Beckham, Elliot Rock, Addison Doriot, Victoria Howard, Second Row: Brodie Shoemake, Luke Coltrain, Thomas Randle, Brayden Johnson, Gabriel Bender, Reeve Brackett, Bentley Cloud.



Football Cheer
 Front: Faith Gentry, Tracy Gibson, Lillian Rutz, Anabella Bryan, Kinslee Froelich, Brookelyn Shoemake, Faith Enger, Evelyn Schlesener, Madeline Thomasson, Victoria Jackson, Joyce Gatewood, Lowry Fisher, Coach Rebecca Thomas, Not Pictured: Madelyn Keller

Wrestling Cheer
 Front: Suzannah Thomas, Kinslee Froelich, Sydnie Hollomon, Makayla Pederson, Jayla Ragan, Jacklynn Hacker, Coach Robin Schlesener

