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Mock Crash Influences Students' Lives

by Abigail Keilholz

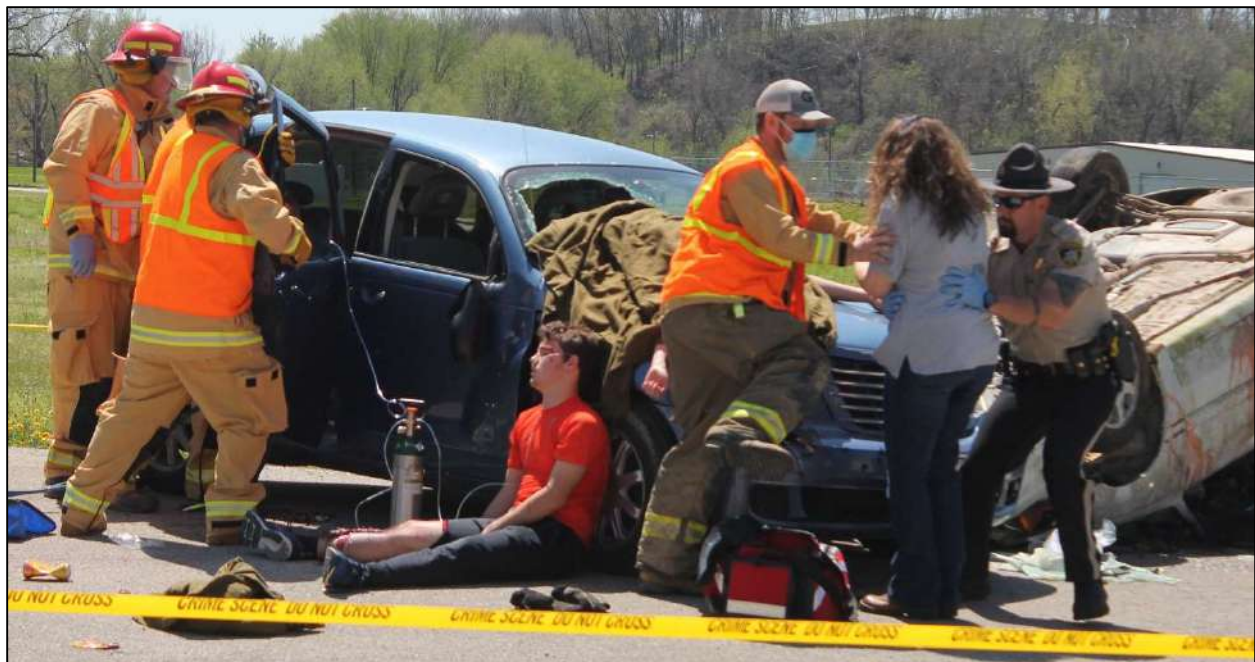
On Friday, April 9, the CHS Student Council put on a life-changing performance of a mock drunk-driving crash. This is the first year of a four-year series School Counselor Meghan Birmingham started on how drunk driving affects your own life and those around you. Partners in the mock crash were the Chamois-Morrison Fire Department, Morton's Chapel, Osage County Sheriff's Department, Osage Ambulance District, Phelps Air Ambulance, and the Meramec Regional Planning Commission.

Participating student actors were Senior Veronica Slack; Juniors R.J. Hagenhoff, Ethan Halbert, Abigail Keilholz, Mason Lamb, Ariel Owens, Caine Schaben, and Hunter Nolte; Freshmen Madeline Gerloff, Eevie Halbert,

Devin Slusser, and Becca Tharp; and mother Kira Halbert. In the performance, Hagenhoff and Eevie Halbert got the brunt of Lamb's drunk driving, as both were killed in the crash. Schaben had a stick in his right leg, and Ethan Halbert severely hurt his right arm. Slack was ejected from the car, broke her neck and lost an eye.

Gerloff, Keilholz, Nolte, Owens, Slusser and Tharp drove up on the wreck and gave an amazing performance of being upset and pushing back against the police to rush toward their friends. Mrs. Halbert played the upset parent, with one of her children dead and the other hurt.

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Emergency personnel restrain Kira Halbert, mom of Ethan and Eevie Halbert who participated in the mock crash.

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Right: Chamois-Morrison EMTs lead patient Veronica Slack to the Phelps Air helicopter.



Below left: CHS students ponder what they're seeing during the mock crash.

Below right: Osage County Sheriff staff handcuff mock drunk-driver Mason Lamb.



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Senior Nate Nolte said, "It was obvious that it affected the younger kids. It made the older ones really think about how it could happen to anyone."

Chamois Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Sean Hackmann closed out the performance by reminding students that crashes like this happen every day when students make poor choices. Birmingham reminded students to always call for a ride if they've been drinking. There were some tears from the students and faculty, but the mock crash made an impact.



Top: EMTs prepare R.J. Hagenhoff, killed in the mock crash, to be loaded into the Morton Chapel hearse.

Left: Osage County Deputy Coroner Bob Goodenough observes EMTs getting ready to put Eevie Halbert in the body bag as she had been killed in the mock crash.

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Keep Spirits, Grades High

We're halfway through fourth quarter and down to a few weeks left of school. I know everyone is really excited to get out of here, but we still need to keep our grades up.

Things are really busy right now with all of the testing and school work on top of that. Keep it up just a little while longer, so you all can go and enjoy your summer.



2021 Track Season Begins with a Bang

by Kaylee Sieg

Track this year has started off well! However, the high school team has had quite the rainy start. Two of the four meets that have happened so far have been soaking wet. The Linn meet on March 25 was even cancelled during the first hour because the rain was coming down hard and not stopping any time soon.

Senior Kaylee Sieg throws the shotput at the Russellville meet.



Besides having rainy days, the junior-high and high-school teams both have been doing very well. The junior-high boys relay team placed third in their 4 x 100-meter relay at Fatima. Kaylee Sieg has set the Chamois High School javelin record, as well as reaching her personal best score at around a 61-foot throw.

Caleb Keilholz placed third in the shotput with a 32.48-foot throw, first place in the 1600-meter race, and second in the 800-meter race at the most recent Fatima meet. Jaxon Wuelling placed third in the 800- and 1600-meter races and in the long jump at the Fatima meet. The junior-high boys team placed sixth overall at the Fatima meet.

The junior-high team consists of Caleb Keilholz, Bill Kirsch, Max McKague, Evert Mehmert, Jaxon Wuelling, and Kaden Wuelling. They have participated in two meets so far.

The high-school team is made up of Waylon Carter, Eevie Halbert, Ethan Halbert, Julissa Mitchem, Kaylee Sieg and Devin Slusser. They have competed in five meets so far. The Show-Me Conference track meet was held on April 13 where the junior-high and high-school teams both competed.

Both teams are doing their best to beat their personal bests through this season. Many other meets are scheduled to happen before the end of the year so come out and support our teams!

The district meet this year will be held at South Callaway on May 8. That meet will determine whether or not individuals or relay teams will go to sectionals on the next weekend. The teams are ready to do their best! Good luck, Pirates!

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Senior Profile

Listen to the Tune

Throughout the school year, we are featuring profiles of our 2020-2021 senior class.

by Nate Nolte

Shawn Tune is a new student who enrolled in Chamois five months ago. Shawn's favorite subject is gym class because he can run around and not just sit in a classroom.

After high school Shawn plans on being a welder or a diesel mechanic. When asked what he'll miss most about school, he said seeing his favorite teacher. Shawn will not miss taking tests every day in school.

When asked if he was stranded on an island and could take one item with him, he said he'd take water. If Shawn could eat one meal for the rest of his life, he'd eat breakfast.

Shawn's advice for all the younger students is to do all of your work.



Shawn Tune

The Pirate Post Survey Asks...

Each issue we feature different grades and a different survey question.

by Julissa Mitchem and Veronica Slack

This issue we asked our juniors and seniors, "What's your favorite flower?"

Juniors

- RJ Hagenhoff - Sunflower
- Ethan Halbert - Sunflower
- Abigail Keilholz - Rose
- Mason Lamb - Tulip
- Julissa Mitchem - Sunflower
- Hunter Nolte - Cherry Blossom
- Ariel Owens - Lily of the Valley
- Eli Paulsmeyer - Dandelions
- Hunter Rinne - All flowers
- Caine Schaben - Poppy
- Christian Strophe - Monkey Orchid
- Levi Theissen - Sunflower
- Nate Nolte - Tulips (Because I don't like weed-eating around them)
- Kaylee Sieg - Henbit Deadnettle
- Veronica Slack - Dogwood Flower
- Shawn Tune – No preference
- MaKenna Wuelling - Sunflower

Seniors

- Destiny Bledsoe - Tulip
- Eli Deppe - Tulip
- Katie Keilholz - Lily

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Spring Concert, Art Show Impress Audiences

by Destiny Bledsoe

The spring concert and art show for this year were held in the gym with the high-school band performing on Sunday, April 11 and the elementary students performing on Monday, April 12.

The high-school band started out with a woodwind quartet, “A Woodland’s Tale” performed by Kaylee Sieg, Destiny Bledsoe, Madeline Gerloff, and Eevie Halbert. The band then performed the following songs: “Rivanna River March,” “Sing, Sing, Sing,” “Take Five,” “Counting Stars,” “Somewhere,” and “Soul Bossa Nova.”

Waylon Carter, Levi Theissen, and members of the woodwind quartet received bronze honors this year in the virtual state music competitions.



After the spring concert, sixth-grader Emma Mehmert shows her work to family members at the art show in the gym lobby.

The high-school band did a great performance and were really able to show off their hard work.

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The woodwind quartet features, from left, Seniors Kaylee Sieg and Destiny Bledsoe and Freshmen Eevie Halbert and Madeline Gerloff. The foursome took bronze honors in the state’s virtual music competition for their performance of “A Woodland’s Tale.”

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The elementary students performed on Monday, April 12. Students sang, played recorders, and grades 5 and 6 performed in their band. The students all did a fantastic job, putting on a great show for all to see!

The art show for high school and elementary was held in the lobby and part of the gym. The art ranged from self-portraits to ceramics. The students have worked hard this year, making beautiful pieces of art to enjoy and admire.

Great job to all the students who performed or displayed artwork, and thank you to everyone who came out to show their support!



Art Teacher Joyce Wright poses with the school's submissions to the state art competition.



Above: Band Director and Music Teacher Beth Sieg leads the band in playing "Counting Stars" during the spring concert.

Right: Erin Gerloff checks out her son Grayson's ceramic pot at the art show.



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Coding Class Recreates the Oregon Trail

by Veronica Slack

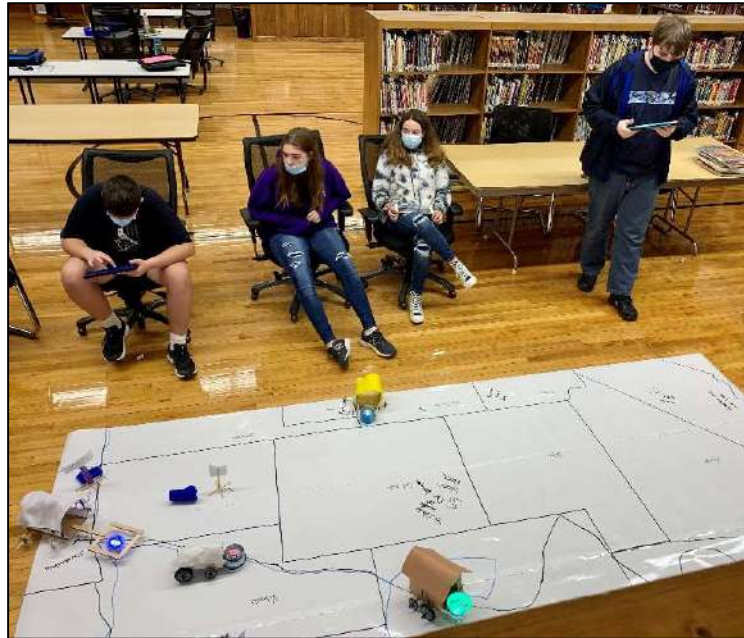
Librarian and Coding Class Teacher Samantha Mitchem's eighth-grade class has built a large map of the Oregon Trail on the floor of the library. The map comes complete with landmarks along the trail that the students created using the 3-D printer.

This effort coordinated with what students were learning in their eighth-grade history class. Mitchem says she decided that this would be a fun way for them to experience the trail.

The students built their own wagons and then made the 2,170-mile journey by coding their spheros to follow the path. A sphero is a round, lighted ball that the students directed via coding instructions to pull their wagons.

The students had to complete different tasks the settlers would have encountered along the way like fixing broken axles and accidents happening to the oxen. Mitchem said, "My favorite part of doing this project was watching them build their covered wagons because they all had different styles and did different things!"

From left, eighth-graders Caleb Keilholz, Dawson Brandt, Bill Kirsch, Landon Northway and Kendall Mitchem work in teams to input code that moves their spheros, the round balls that pull their wagons along the mock Oregon Trail.



Matthew Rinne, right, and Landon Northway, left, use iPads to input codes that guide their team's wagons on the Oregon Trail. Kendall Mitchem, second from left, and Emma Weed watch their teammates.



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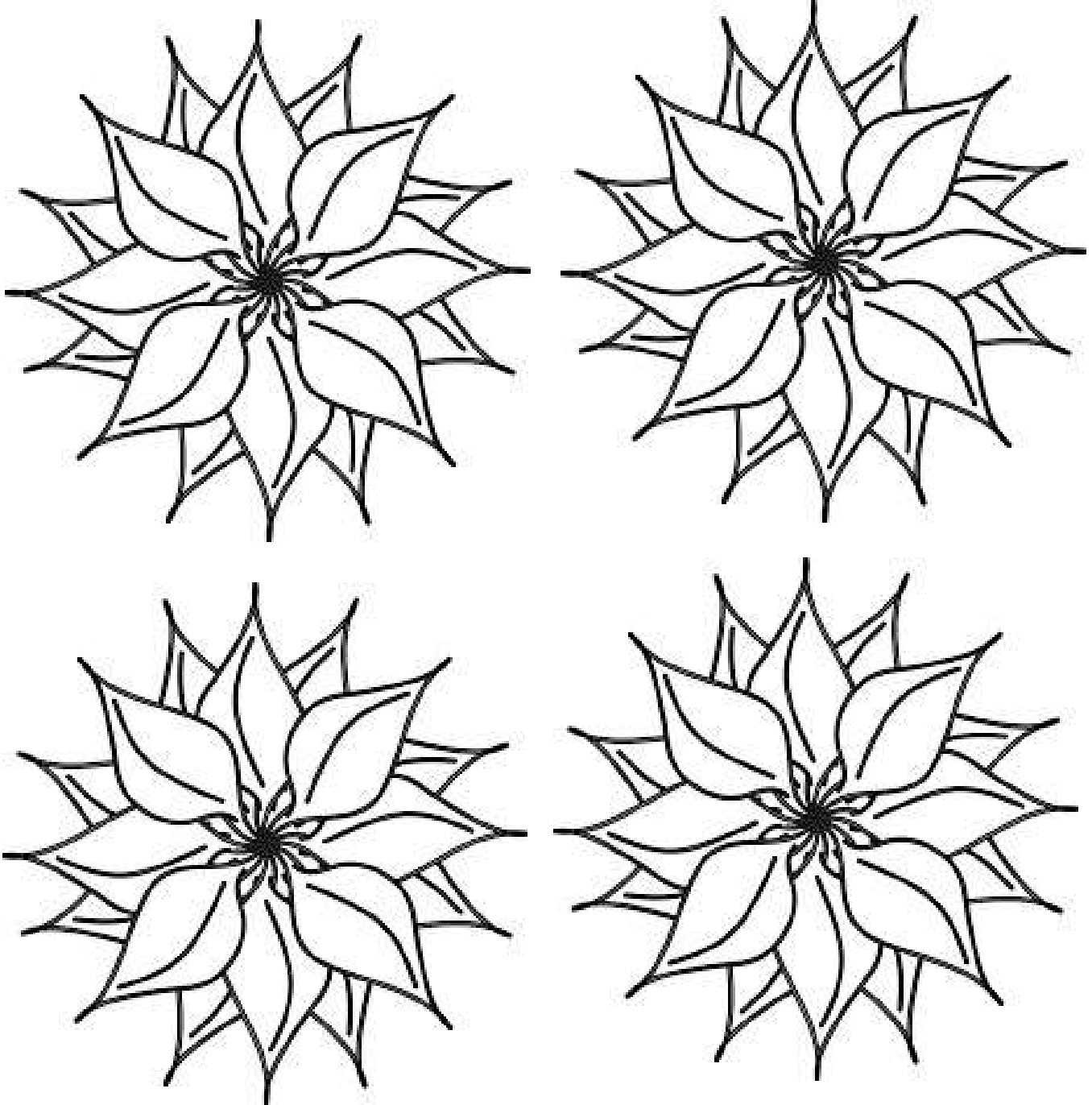
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April Showers Bring May Flowers

Color your flowers to make them bloom!

by Levi Theissen



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