

THE PIRATE POST



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Seniors' Sun and Fun

By Kael Holloway

The Chamois Class of 2024 took a fun senior trip April 5-12 to Florida with stops in Tennessee both going down and coming back.

Led by Class Sponsors John Leach and Joyce Wright, the students enjoyed stops in Chattanooga where they toured Rock City and Lookout Mountain, including Ruby Falls, and zip lined.

Then it was off to Florida with stops in St. Augustine and Cocoa Beach. Universal Studios provided a great day of fun along with some mini golfing at Pirate Cove. Then they loaded up the bus and headed north.

On the way back, the group stopped for a musical journey in Nashville with a visit to the Grand Ole Opry. They also took a ride on the Redneck Comedy Bus there for some laughs.

Despite some bus troubles and Uber adventures in Nashville, the seniors made it back on schedule. They ended the trip with a stop at Lambert's in Sikeston for some "thrown rolls."



Seniors catch a tan (By tan I mean getting very sunburned!), spending all day Monday on Cocoa Beach in Florida.



Senior class and class sponsors spend all day at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.



On Thursday, the senior class attends the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. (Photos by Joyce Wright.)

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Students Have Crazy, Fun Time at FBLA

By Rylee Davis

Our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter recently attended its annual state conference on April 13-16 in Springfield. Those who qualified in their tests to attend were Sophomores Max McKague, Jack Schollmeyer, and Evert Mehmert, Juniors Skyler Bottoms and Rylee Davis, and Seniors Madeline Gerloff and Elsey Wuelling.

Gerloff, due to her State Officer obligations, found herself on a stage in front of thousands of people for hours on end, leading workshops for FBLA members across the state and being extremely sleep-deprived. “I wanted to throw up, but I was told that wasn’t an option. It was terrifying to know that the attention was going to be on me the second I walked on stage, especially since there was no room for mistakes,” Gerloff admitted.

The other FBLA members found themselves playing laser tag, mini-golfing, DoorDashing, swimming and shopping in their leisure time when they weren’t attending informational workshops and leadership sessions. These gave the group the chance to participate in icebreakers and make new friends. “I liked how active they were,” stated Bottoms. “The room was a great temperature, and Bryant [CEO of bcollierspeaks] had great information.”

Although none of the chapter members advanced to Nationals, Gerloff qualified in the Top 10 for Who’s Who in FBLA. “I was super proud of all our students who qualified to attend the conference. I know they had a good time, and I hope they learned something as well,” Adviser Carol Clark concluded.



Chamois FBLA members who attended the state conference in Springfield are (from left) Sophomore Max McKague, Sophomore Jack Schollmeyer, Junior Rylee Davis, Sophomore Evert Mehmert, Junior Skyler Bottoms, and Senior Elsey Wuelling. Senior Madeline Gerloff is not pictured. (Photos by Carol Clark.)



State Parliamentarian and Senior Madeline Gerloff kicks off the opening session of the FBLA State Conference in Springfield.

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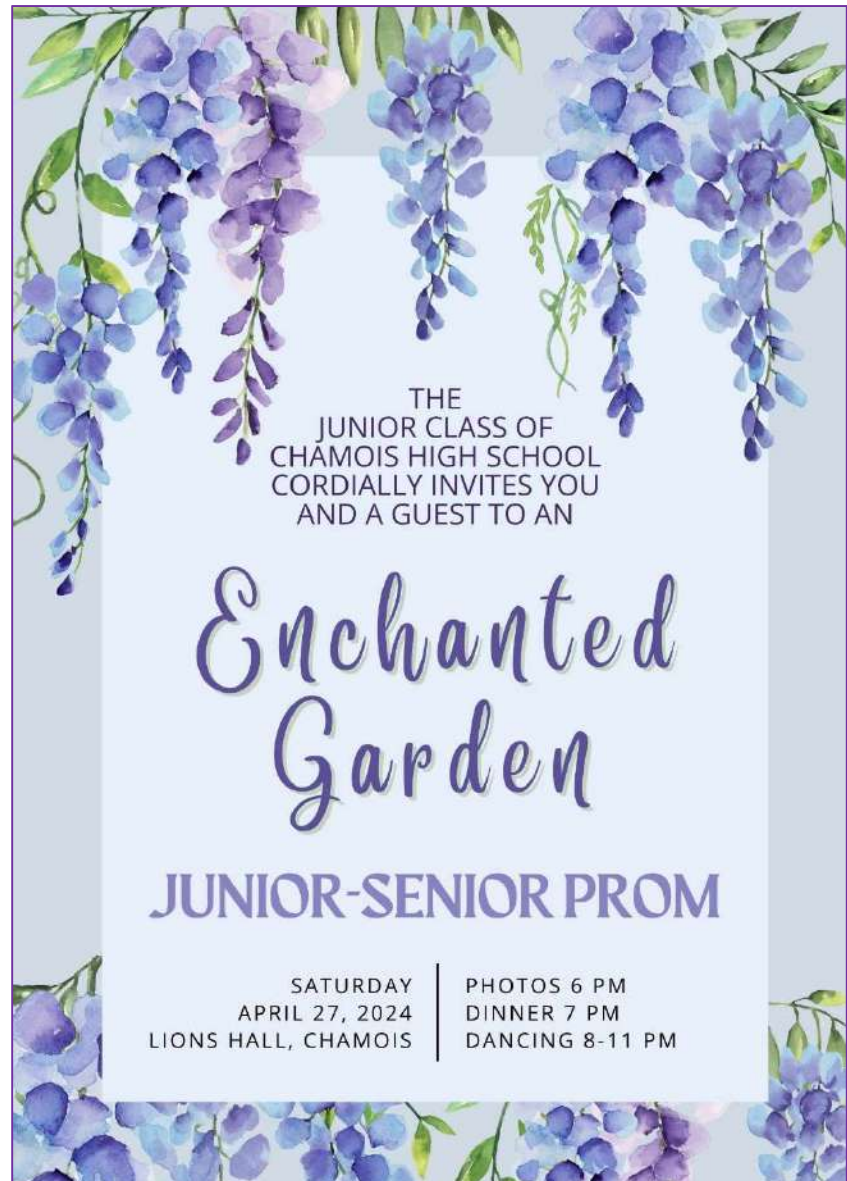
Prom Preview: Are You “Enchanted” Enough?

By Skyler Bottoms

This Saturday, April 27, at the Chamois Lions Hall, the Junior Class will be dedicating their prom to our Chamois High School (CHS) Class of 2024. The theme chosen for this year’s prom is “Enchanted Garden.”

While dancing the night away, the junior and senior classes will make memories that will last a lifetime. Prom is an opportunity for the seniors to have their last dance in high-school before parting off into the real world.

Senior Kiera Charlton hopes “this prom is even better than ours.” Junior Emma Weed commented, “I am really looking forward to the night of prom and seeing all of our hard work pay off. I am also excited for the good food.”



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FFA Students Compete, Attend State Conference

By Elsey Wuelling

This year the Chamois-Morrison FFA competed in three competitions, which were at Lincoln University, Owensville, and the district competition at Rolla. Four teams went to all competitions. These teams were entomology, livestock, floriculture, and forestry.

At districts on April 4, the students who competed on the entomology team were Max McKague, Evert Mehmert, Jack Schollmeyer, and Savannah Sieg. The students on the livestock team were Oliver Carter, Brianna Keilholz, and Landen Northway. The students on the forestry team were Dawson Brandt, Madeline Gerloff, Jaxon Wuelling, and Elsey Wuelling. The students who competed for floriculture were Kael Holloway, Caleb Keilholz, Bill Kirsch, and Kaden Wuelling.

At districts, the entomology team placed nine out of 15. The livestock team placed 11 out of 28. The forestry team placed 12 out of 14, and the floriculture team placed 12 out of 19.

On Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 19, several Chamois FFA members attended the state convention in Columbia. On Thursday, students made jump ropes out of old T-shirts for the charity Samaritan's Purse, and they also attended two workshops on leadership. On Friday, Chamois FFA students attended a trade show and then enjoyed Mexican food together on the way home.

FFA students also made jump ropes out of old T-shirts at the state conference. Ag Teacher



Chamois FFA members Rylee Davis and Oliver Carter help make jump ropes out of old T-shirts for the charity Samaritan's Purse at the FFA State Convention in Columbia.



Chamois FFA is seeking T-shirt donations to help make jump ropes for our elementary students. Drop off your old T-shirts at the school office or get them to Ag Teacher Kate Kuschel. (Photos by Kate Kuschel.)

Kate Kuschel would like to make these jump ropes for our elementary students. If you have old T-shirts to donate, please drop them off at the school office or give them to Kuschel.

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Track Team Set for Conference



Sophomore Savanah Sieg throws the discus at the Eugene meet on Saturday, April 20.



Sophomore Kaden Wuelling clears the hurdle at the Hermann meet on Monday, April 22.



Senior Madeline Gerloff (left), Freshman Emma Mehmert (second from left), and Freshman Kayla Wigglesworth (right) run the 200-meter race at the Eugene meet. (Photos by Skyler Bottoms.)

By Kendall Mitchem

Osage-Maries County Challenge runners did their best, but because of the lack of members on the combined Linn and Chamois team, they, unfortunately, couldn't compete with Vienna and Belle.

Track Coach John Leach said, "I am proud of their efforts, but they came up short." At last Saturday's meet in Eugene, Leach said he expected "it will be more of a challenge and their times, distances, and jumps will improve."

At Vienna, Junior Dawson Brandt set a new personal record in the mile. Junior Bill Kirsch set a new personal record in the open 400. Freshman Emma Mehmert set a new personal record in the 800-meter. Junior Landen Northway and Senior Eevie Halbert set new personal records in the javelin throw. Junior Caleb Keilholz set a new personal record in the two-mile. The high-school boys set a new personal record in the 4 x 400-meter.

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Wuelling Spices Up Senior Year

In each issue, we feature the Class of 2024.

By Madeline Gerloff

Elsey Wuelling has attended Chamois all the way through, starting her education here in kindergarten. In high school, she has participated in many activities such as varsity volleyball, FBLA, FFA, and is the sports editor of the Media team.

Outside of school, Wuelling enjoys playing Sims 4 or The Hunter Classic, reading romance novels, hanging out with her boyfriend, Chris, and going to eat Mexican with her good pal Madeline.

Wuelling's favorite memory in school has been dubbed, "the chest-pass heard around the world." It happened during freshmen year when Jake Trachsel "absolutely beamed" Senior Veronica Slack in the head during basketball practice, which resulted in the ball flying halfway across the gym.

Her favorite class is ceramics/sculpture, where she has made a ceramic shark, papier-mache King Kong, and a mushroom house. After high school, Wuelling plans to attend State Technical College for digital marketing.



Senior Elsey Wuelling enjoys ceramics/sculpture class where she is making a papier-mache "King Kong." After graduation, she plans to go to State Tech to study digital marketing. (Photo by Madeline Gerloff.)

She hopes to one day move to Wyoming in order to be closer to Yellowstone National Park. Once she moves, she plans to spend most of her time watching all the beautiful, precious, animals.

Her parting words to the younger students are, "Procrastinating will make you cry."

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Burkett Carries on the Family Business

By Skyler Bottoms

Kyle Burkett, the Chamois High School (CHS) physical education and driver's education teacher, is currently working on his 17th year at the Osage R-1 School District. Burkett is a 2003 graduate of CHS.

Following his high-school graduation, Burkett went on to attend Lincoln University in Jefferson City. After his four-year education, he came back home to start teaching at Chamois.

Burkett followed in his father's footsteps, who also taught P.E. and driver's education at CHS. His mother also taught at the school until 2003.

"I enjoy teaching here because of the small population of students and because this is where I grew up," Burkett said. "I have roots here."

When not at school, Burkett enjoys fishing and hunting. He also enjoys his quality time with his dog, a boxer named Capone. During the summer months, Burkett is the captain of a "cruisin" tiki boat on the Cumberland River in Tennessee.

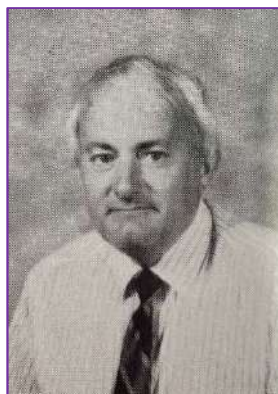
After his teaching career, Burkett says he plans to keep working on the water, fishing and hunting.



Teacher Kyle Burkett has taught at Osage R-1 School District for 17 years, following his mom and dad who were both district teachers. (Photo by Skyler Bottoms.)



Teacher Kyle Burkett works summers as a tiki boat captain on the Cumberland River near Nashville.



Burkett's father, Terry, was the driver's education and physical education teacher, while his mom, Jennifer, taught in the elementary school.

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Making The Wright Stuff

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By Rylee Davis

Lillian Marie Wright is set to be a Chamois 2024 graduate next month. After attending the school almost all her life, she looks back on it with fondness. Her favorite memory, she states, is one history class in 2023 when she sat in a desk, and it abruptly collapsed on her, garnering a lot of laughs. All the lock-ins she has attended, however, follow a close second.

The Greenhouse class she took with Ag Teacher Kate Kuschel remains her favorite, and she has even kept the succulent she got alive and well. Her advice to younger students is to never let others bring you down and don't let them affect the outcome of your life.

Wright's plans for the future include becoming a game developer, perhaps even making games on her own instead of with a team. "My greatest role model is my future self. I'm the main reason I keep pushing forward," Wright commented. She's been accepted to State Tech for their computer application program and will start there next school year. Before then, however, she plans to work another summer at Lakeside Book Company.

She loves to play video games in her free time, specifically Cult of the Lamb, Phasmophobia, and Stardew Valley. "I find the aspects of horror to be intriguing," Wright explained.

As well as gaming, Wright enjoys drawing quite a bit and even posts some of her finished



Senior Lillian Wright enjoys drawing, cats and video games. She's set to attend State Tech next year for their computer application program. (Photo by Carol Clark.)

work on Deviant Art, an online art community. She leans more towards the style of Anime and has spent years honing her skill.

Wright is also an avid animal lover, specifically cats. She has five cats that she is very fond of. "I'm a crazy cat lady," she claims, having always felt a special connection towards them.

Wright's go-to McDonald's order is a double quarter pounder with cheese, ideally without a side of fries.

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Upcoming Events

By Kael Holloway

- **Saturday, April 27**
CHS Enchanted Garden Prom, 6-11 p.m.
@ Chamois Lions Hall
 - **Sunday, April 28**
FBLA Senior Prom, 2-4 p.m.
@ Chamois Lions Hall
 - **Tuesday, April 30**
JH Track @ New Haven
Student Council Blood Drive, 1-5 p.m.
 - **Wednesday, May 1**
Area FFA Banquet
 - **Saturday, May 4**
HS track Districts @ New Haven
 - **Sunday, May 5**
Spring Concert & Art Show @ 3 p.m.
 - **Monday, May 6-Friday, May 10**
Teacher Appreciation Week
 - **Monday, May 6**
Staff workday
 - **Tuesday, May 7**
FBLA officer interviews after school
FFA officer interviews after school
 - **Thursday, May 9**
PTO Meeting @ 6 p.m.
 - **Friday, May 10**
Preschool graduation in the library
@ 5 p.m.
 - **Tuesday, May 14**
Chapter FFA Banquet
 - **Friday, May 17**
Elementary goes to Strikers
 - **Saturday, May 18**
PTO Carnival
 - **Monday, May 20**
School is in session
Grades 3-5 go to the park
 - **Tuesday, May 21**
K-2 go to the park
 - **Wednesday, May 22**
HS Award Ceremony
Senior Decision Day
 - **Thursday, May 23**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Elementary awards @ 9 a.m.
 - **Friday, May 24**
Teacher workday
Graduation @ 8 p.m.
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The Pirate Post Survey Says...

By Emma Weed

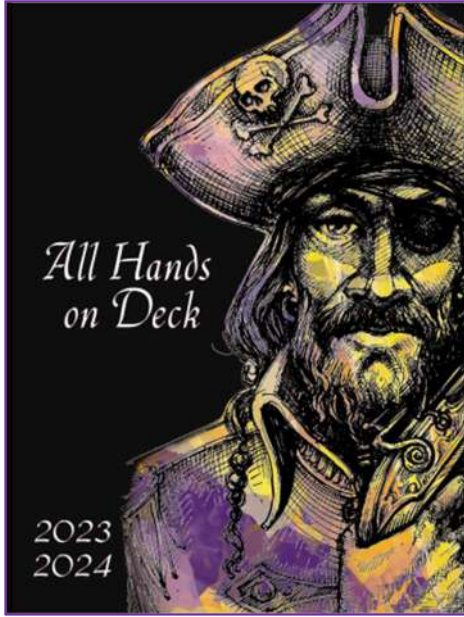
Every issue of *The Pirate Post*, we feature a different grade and a different survey question. This issue we asked the freshmen, “**Barbie or Ken?**”

- Dalton Arlen - Barbie
- Dawson Arlen - Barbie
- Trevor Bottoms - Barbie
- Oliver Carter - Neither
- Izaya Gale – Ken
- Parker Garrett - Barbie
- Kaden Gorman - Barbie
- Brianna Keilholz - Barbie
- Emma Mehmert - Barbie
- Isaiah Moran - Ken
- Addyson Powers - Barbie
- Lewis Slusser - Barbie
- Kayla Wigglesworth - Ken

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