

THE PIRATE POST



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Welcome Back, Pirate Post!

The Pirate Post is back! The Media/Yearbook staff is bringing back this traditional newsletter to keep you informed on what's happening around our district. The first *Pirate Post* dates back to June 11, 1999, with the last edition publishing in April 2015. The newsletter will come out twice a month to start.

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Lady Pirates Score a Win on Senior Night

by Abigail D. Keilholz

It was volleyball Senior Night on October 1, and the Lady Pirates took the court by storm. The games against Russellville were close, but the Pirates pulled it out, winning the match 3-1.

The Lady Pirates won the first game 25-22, but the tables turned in the second game as Russellville dominated with a 25-11 win. In the third game, the Pirates came back with a 25-22 win. The fourth game was a nail biter. There were a couple serving mix ups along the way, and the net wasn't always the Pirates' friend, but they pulled it out with a 29-27 win to take the match. Head Coach Samantha Mitchem said that she was especially proud of the team's



Senior MaKenna Wuelling and her parents Chris and Amie.

perseverance in the last game.

Celebrating Senior Night before the game, MaKenna Wuelling and

Katie Keilholz were recognized for their strong commitment to the volleyball team, as well as other school activities.

Wuelling noted the team was able to turn things around after losing the second game by talking to each other and moving their feet again. Keilholz added, "I was really proud of our energy and how every winning point helped amp up the team even more."

Wuelling and Keilholz recommended any future Lady Pirates start conditioning to increase endurance and practice over the summer.



Senior Katie Keilholz and her parents Glenn and Julie.

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By Principal Jeremy McKague

Keep Working Hard to Stay Safe

Thank you to everyone for a good start to our school year. We've made it through our first eight weeks, but we've also recently seen an uptick of COVID-19 cases in Osage County. Let's make sure we're staying diligent.

Students, you've been doing a good job of wearing masks, and I'm counting on you to continue this effort. Whether you're at school or out in the community, wear your mask, wash your hands, and follow the six-foot social distancing recommendation.

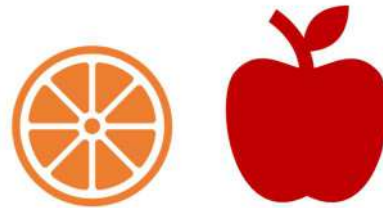
We will continue to cooperate with the Osage County Health Department as needed on any potential COVID-19 cases and their investigation. Thank you for your cooperation.



Last Call for Fruit Sales

by Veronica Slack

The Chamois-Morrison Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter started its annual Fruit Sales on Oct. 2. Fruit, nuts, cheese, meats and chocolates are offered. Sales go through October 16 and help support FFA activities. Contact any FFA member to purchase **today!**



Pirate Pride Band Practicing to Perform

by Destiny Bledsoe

With our crazy pandemic world, many things have changed, including band competitions. Usually during this time, the band would be waking up at the crack of dawn to get on the bus and head off to a marching competition. Unfortunately, the band is not able to participate in any marching competitions this year due to the COVID-19 virus.

But that hasn't stopped our Pirate Pride Band. Under the direction of Band Director Beth Sieg, the band continues to practice its musical and marching skills. "The kids have been working very hard this year," said Mrs. Sieg.

"With the cancellation of competitions, we're going to find another way to show off our skills."

Sieg said the band will be putting on a performance at school in the near future. The date was originally set for this Saturday, Oct. 17, but has been postponed. Watch the district Facebook page for a rescheduled date and plan to attend. Coming out to the performance would be a great way to show support for our Pirate Pride Band at this time, which would mean a lot to the band members.

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Three Rivers Shares Electricity Safety Tips

by Destiny Bledsoe

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Keith Mueller from Three Rivers Electric spoke with students in grades 3-6 about safety around electricity. Three Rivers staff visit each year to share demonstrations on why it is important to be cautious around power lines and other sources of electricity. Mr. Mueller then encouraged students to spread the safety message to friends and family.



Fire Truck Visits Kindergarten Class

by Kaylee Sieg

On Oct. 7, volunteer firefighter James Mehmert drove the Chamois fire truck to school to deliver a message of fire safety to the kindergarteners. Students learned about staying away from fire and what to do if there was a fire at home. Each child got to try on the fire hat and



Callem Shockley tries on the firefighter hat and coat.

coat. Mr. Mehmert also showed off a few firefighter tools and explained what they were used for. Once all the learning

was done, the children got to sit in the fire truck's front seat, which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Mehmert explained why the volunteers visit the school. "It's important to tell these kids



about fire safety because we want them to be safe. It's best to start them young so they know what to do if there was a fire. People don't talk about it enough."

The kindergartners shared what their favorite part of the demonstration was:

- Katerina Adrian: Getting to sit in the truck
- Bailey Archer: Getting pictures taken
- Cooper Miller: Getting in the truck
- June Musgrave: Getting in the truck
- Landen Nolte: Putting on the hat
- Hank Schollmeyer: Getting in the truck
- Callem Shockley: Seeing the water hose
- Adalynn Wolf-Keller: Getting out of the truck

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FBLA is Back in Business

With the addition of business classes to our curriculum this school year, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has returned as well. Led by Business/Media Teacher Carol Clark, the club will focus on helping students learn about business, grow their personal skills and gain confidence. Ms. Clark noted that community service is a strong focus of FBLA, so the club will be doing various service projects. The first meeting was held Oct. 14, but there's still time to join if you're interested. FBLA is open to all 9-12 students. Yearly dues are \$15. See Ms. Clark in Room 201.

Staying Healthy During Flu Season

by Celia McKague, RN, School Nurse

Flu season is coming up very quickly. There are some simple precautions you can take to help you stay healthy. First, get a flu shot. Many of you may have already done that earlier this week at school. If not, visit the Walgreens in Linn, a local Walmart or local grocery stores such as Gerbes or HyVee, which all offer flu shots. The shots are usually free if you have insurance.

Then, wash your hands every time you use the restroom, eat, and after you touch things. Always avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and

nose. Always cough or sneeze into your elbow to avoid spreading germs. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. With all of us wearing masks due to COVID-19, that may help reduce the spread of the flu this year as well. If you do get sick, stay home so you don't share the flu with others. Practice these simple steps to keep the flu bug away.



Upcoming Events

End of First Quarter

Oct. 20

Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 26-29

Picture Retakes

Wednesday, Oct. 28



No School!

Friday, Oct. 30

Red Ribbon Week

- Monday, Oct. 26

Wear Red

- Tuesday, Oct. 27

Dress Like a Super Hero

- Wednesday, Oct. 28

PJ Day

- Thursday, Oct. 29

Halloween Costume



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The Pirate Post Survey

by Julissa Mitchem

Each issue we'll feature different grades and a different survey question. This issue we asked kindergarten and 4th-grade students, **"What is your favorite fall activity?"**

Kindergarten

Katerina Adrian- jumping in leaves

Bailey Archer- jumping in leaves

Cooper Miller- jumping in leaves

June Musgrave- playing in leaves

Landen Nolte- going trick or treating

Hank Schollmeyer- jumping into leaves

Callem Shockley- picking colorful leaves

Adalynn Wolf-Keller- jumping into a big leaf pile

4th Grade

Wylon Bracken- I build a big pile of leaves and grab my four-wheeler or dirt bike and go through the leaves.

Rex McKague- making a big pile of leaves and jumping in it

Colten Miller- hiding in leaves to get my brothers

Carly Schollmeyer- seeing all the leaves fall down

Greenhouse Gets Makeover

by Kate Kuschel, Ag Teacher

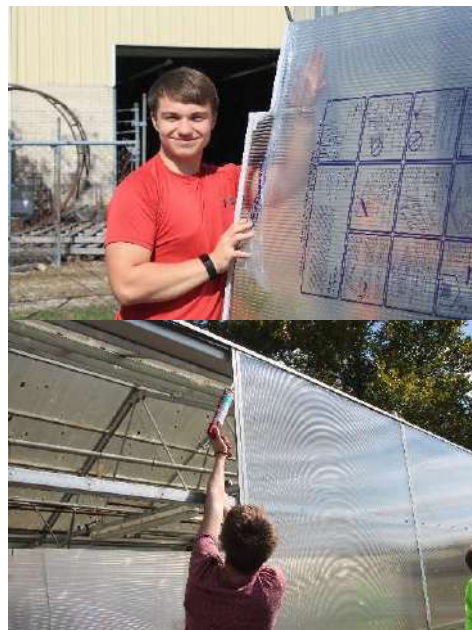
On March 28, 2020, a huge hail storm came through Chamois. The baseball-sized hail tore apart the roof of the school greenhouse. In the process, it also broke pots and injured some plants.

The greenhouse class is now in the process of replacing the polycarbonate sides, ends and roof. They are in charge of removing the old materials, measuring and cutting new sides, as well as attaching the new sheets. Class members are R.J. Hagenhoff, Mason Lamb, Alex McKague, Julissa Mitchem, Hunter Nolte, and Eli Paulsmeyer. The students have received a lot

of help from Facilities Lead Eli Backmann, as well as students from other Ag classes. I appreciate the hard work the students are doing to repair the greenhouse before it gets too cold.



Hunter Nolte (left), Eli Backmann (center), Eli Paulsmeyer (right), and R.J. Hagenhoff (back) work on the side of the greenhouse.



Hunter Nolte (top) carries a piece of the polycarbonate. Mason Lamb (bottom) caulks the new side panel.

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Neighborhood Ghost Appearances

by Abigail Keilholz

This is our friend the Neighborhood Ghost. He would like to meet all your friends, so cut him out and post him on your window or door at home to greet the neighbors during Spooky Season. Post him on your friend's lockers and make them guess who "friended" them. Post him on your car window. You can even use crayons or markers to give him some added style. See how many you can spot around our school and town!



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