

THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

END OF YEAR MEMORIES MADE

BY DALLAS DERLEY

Kiowa County Junior High struck up some great memories at Great Bend where they had their annual field trip on May 8th. While they were there, they partook in bowling, arcades, and mini golfing.

8th grader Carson Roenbaugh stated, "I won against my friends in putt-putt, and after I ate a really good cheese pizza. After we left the bowling alley, I ate the delicious Wendy's chicken nuggets!"

After enjoying their time at Walnut Bowl, students got to choose where to eat from McDonalds, Arbys, Taco Bell, or Wendys. Taco Bell was closed so the people who chose to eat there ended up going to Braums instead.

Mrs. Huck reported, "My three favorite things about the Great Bend field trip were getting to bowl with some of the students and other teachers, getting to talk with some students at lunch, and talking with some teachers about books!" At the end of the day, the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time.

During the 4th 9 weeks, Mrs. Ballard challenged students to get 20 Accelerated Reader points by Monday, May 12th. The very next day every student in the junior high that qualified got to eat lunch at Kook's Meats, go to the park, play a bunch of water games, and most importantly, devour some delicious ice cream bars.

8th grader Jemma Ploger proclaimed, "My favorite thing about the A.R. Party was water wars because my team dominated. I also liked playing at the park and goofing around with my friends."

All the students went back to the school after eating and playing at the park to play with water balloons, slip-and-slides, kickball, Twister, Connect-Four, and many other fun filled water activities.

7th grader Natalie Koger said, "I enjoyed playing water kickball because the rules and teams were fair, which made it more of a challenge."

The KCJH students wrapped up their year with a lot of fun memories!



Top: The Junior High students that made it to the 4th 9 week Accelerated Reader party have fun with the water guns.



Middle: 7th grader Shelby Fulton plays on the slip-n-slide. Bottom: 8th grader Charlee Jantz & 6th grader Mya Mitchell show great form while going for another strike at the JH field trip. (photos by Mrs. Ballard)



GETTING A BIG PROMOTION

BY IVA BROWN

After three years in JH, it's finally time for the 8th graders to go on to high school. On the May 19th, 8th grade will celebrate their achievements throughout the years with a promotion hosted at the Twilight Theatre. The event takes place along with the KCJH Awards night.

8th grader Jemma Ploger said, "It feels really good knowing that I've almost made it out of junior high. High school seems really fun with lots of new opportunities so I can't wait."

Hopefully this year has been a wonderful opportunity for the students to make new friends and find new interests. Congratulations, 8th grade!



The 8th graders gather together and take a picture in front of the Kiowa County sign at the front of the school. 8th Grade Promotion is May. 19th at 7pm.

Photo by Mrs. Ballard

TRACK ENDS WITH PRIDE AND PODIUMS

KCJH TRACKSTERS CROSS THE FINISH LINE ON A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

BY CHARLEE JANTZ & KHLOE GILKEY

Sprinting to the end of the season, the Kiowa County Mavericks continued to dominate at each of their track meets.

8th grader Addison Minyard stated, "In my opinion, I think this season has gone good, and I've seen a lot of improvement. Even though having a smaller-sized team sets us back, we still place high as a team."

At the home meet on May 1st, the 6th grade girls made an impressive showing as a team, clenching first place at the Kiowa County Junior High Invitational. The 7th/8th grade boys and girls teams, as well as the 6th grade boys teams each took 5th place, respectively.

The Satanta meet was canceled on May 6th due to forecasted rain. Therefore, the Mavs trekked to Ashland on May 8th. The teams were scored as a whole junior high, 6th-8th grade. The boys' team took 4th place, while the girls' team brought home 5th place.

8th grader Joshua Gilkey stated, "The track season in my opinion didn't go as well as last year because we didn't win as many track meets, but I do think that a lot of people PRed."

At the SPIAA League Meet in Minneola on May 15th, the JH boys 4x100M and Medley relay teams broke the league record and school record. The boys in both relay teams were: 8th graders Jack Minyard, Myles Mitchell, Josh Gilkey, and 7th grader Sebastian Favela-Clayton. They ran a 48.44 in the 4x100M and 1:48.75 in the 800M Medley. Both girls' and boys' JH teams from Kiowa County earned bronze medals, taking 3rd place in the SPIAA League.

Head coach Peter Blanton said, "Everyone on the team at one point or another improved a time, distance, or height in their events this season. My favorite part of track season is watching all the success that occurs at the meets. The team made a real strong showing at every meet this year."

This year Coach Blanton decided to retire as a track coach. He has been junior high head coach for 20 years. He added, "I really enjoyed the last 20 years of coaching. I look forward to watching Keegan and Kwynn in track in high school. It's been a great privilege to watch everybody accel and get better at track each and every year."



Top L: 8th grader Truman Barnes prepares to launch the shot put. (photo by Charlee Jantz) Top R: 6th grader Mya Hoffman jumps 11'8" at Ashland, her season PR. (photo by Kwynn Blanton) Bottom L: 8th grader Charlee Jantz sprints to the finish line to take 1st place for the Mavericks in the 4x100M Relay. (Courtesy photo) Bottom R: 8th grader Jack Minyard easily vaults over 7'0. (photo by Charlee Jantz)

MAVS SCOREBOARD

5/01 @ KCJH Invitational

- 7th/8th grade boys- 5th
- 6th grade boys- 5th
- 7th/8th grade girls- 5th
- 6th grade girls- 1st

5/08 @ Ashland MS Invitational

- Boys- 4th
- Girls- 5th

5/15 SPIAA League @ Minneola

- Boys- 3rd
- Girls- 3rd



The SPIAA League Champions in the 4x100 and Medley team. They broke league and school records in the 4x100 and the Medley at the League meet in Minneola (Courtesy Photo)

AROUND THE SCHOOL

FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH

BAND FINISHES ON A HIGH NOTE

BY SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON



Top: The 6th grade band plays "Furioso" at the May 12th Concert at the Twilight Theater. Bottom: The 7th and 8th grade band plays "African Folk Trilogy" at the SPIAA Instrumental Festival on May 7th in Minneola. They received a II at the contest. (courtesy photos)

The Kiowa County Junior High band recently went to Minneola to play in the SPIAA Instrumental Festival on May 7th and did an exemplary job. They played two songs: "African Folk Trilogy" by Anne McGinty and "Valiance" by Robert W. Smith.

In the band contest you can receive four scores: one, two, three, or four. The Mavericks got a two, and they barely missed scoring a one by a few points.

Band director Alec Cowley said, "I think the band excelled in the way they represented the school while performing at the league junior high instrumental festival. Everyone came prepared, carried themselves in a respectful and in control manner, and were very attentive to the clinician who worked with them."

Soloists at the festival were 8th grader flutist Kwynn Blanton and 7th grader trombonist Sebastian Favela-Clayton. Both students received one ratings, respectively.

The junior high band also had a concert on May 12th at the Twilight Theater, where the 7th/8th grade band played the songs they played at the competition. In addition, they played "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. The audience loved hearing the band play the songs that they worked very hard on.

The 6th grade band performed "March Mania", "Gentle River", and "Furioso".

All of the band's performances were spectacular, and it ended their year off on the right note.

HELPING OUT IN THE HEAT

BY SHELBY FULTON

The annual Little Olympics took place on May 14th at 12:30 for the elementary students from Kiowa County and Haviland Schools. The junior high students and staff were assigned duties to help out at all of the events to help the day run smoothly. Field events took place first, while the running events started at 2pm.

8th grader Lincoln Piester, who helped with the running long jump, reported, "It was a fun time with my buds to be able to help out with this event"

Some students were assigned to help with different class groups, while others were assigned to events, pickers at the finish line, or to help out in the concession stand. The temperature was in the 90's, and although it was hot, it still ended up being a great day.

8th graders Abel Martinez, Lincoln Piester, & Dallas Derley and 6th grader Gentry Ballard help Mrs. Pore at 3th-5th grade girls running long jump at Little Olympics. The temperature was in the upper 90's. (photo by Mrs. Ballard)



FUN FACTS

WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article & Photos
by Ellie Hayes

PRESTON COSS



Preston loves playing basketball for the Mavericks.

Q: Would you rather a low taper fade or a 16 guard?
A: Low taper fade because I like how it looks.

Q: Would you rather win the lottery or have your dream job?
A: Have my dream job because I would be a millionaire in minutes.

Q: Would you rather have a pet dinosaur or a unicorn?
A: Unicorn because it's my dream pet.

Q: Would you rather swim in a pool full of Nutella or a pool full of maple syrup?
A: Pool full of syrup.

Q: Would you rather run at 40 mph or fly at 80 mph? Why?
A: Run at 40 mph so I can win every single track meet.

MYKENNA SCHEER



Mykenna enjoys playing volleyball in her spare time.

Q: Would you rather buy 10 things you don't need every time or always forget the one thing that you need when you go to the store? A: Get 10 things I don't need because then I can at least like the things I got.

Q: Would you rather lounge by the pool or on the beach? A: The beach because it's more relaxing and fun.

Q: Would you rather have a sing-off with Ariana Grande or a dance-off with Rihanna? A: A sing-off with Ariana Grande because I can go higher than her and louder.

Q: Would you rather have a pause or a rewind button in your life? A: A rewind button so that I can relive the good memories.

Q: Would you rather have seven fingers on each hand or seven toes on each foot? A: Seven fingers, so I can do more than one thing.

ICE COLD CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

BY GENTRY BALLARD

The Ice Bucket Challenge is a mental health awareness program created by Pat Quinn to raise awareness for mental health by dumping an ice bucket on your head.

Mr. Lohrding was nominated to do the ice bucket challenge by Khloe Gilkey on April 25th.

Mr. L stated, "I've never backed down from a challenge. I was glad the Ice Bucket Challenge was raising awareness on mental health."

The rules of the Ice Bucket is you have to dump iced water on your head. You have a 24 hour deadline after you are nominated to participate. You have to nominate at least one person. If you don't do it after being nominated, you have to donate 100 dollars to a cause.



Left: 6th graders Khloe Gilkey and Michael Heredia pour Mr. L's Ice Bucket on his head due to the fact that he was nominated by Khloe for the Ice Bucket Challenge. (Photo by Mrs. Mitchell)

KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE

Greensburg has another eventful summer coming up. Here are some of the flyers posted for the summer activities. To keep updated on the summer fun, check out the different city Facebook pages and websites! The Twilight Theater will again be putting on their free film series every Wednesday from May 28th-July 30th, and the pool will be opening May 26th.



SWEET, SWEET SUMMERTIME

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL IN KC

BY KWYNN BLANTON

It's time to get excited because school's almost over! Summer will be a busy time because the community has a lot of fun activities planned.

The 60th Annual Triangle Rodeo will take place May 16th and 17th at the Kiowa County Fairgrounds. Rodeo starts at 8pm, admission is adults \$10, children \$5, and kids under 4 are free. There will be a parade on May 17th at 10am on Main Street.

The Greensburg City Pool will open on Monday, May 26th, and will be open from 1PM to 7PM Monday-Saturday. On Sundays, the pool won't open until 2 PM, but will still stay open until 7 PM. The pool is always a nice option when you want to cool off on a hot summer day, as it only costs \$3 to get in or \$50 for an individual season pass or \$100 for a family season pass.

Beginning on Monday, June 9th, summer weights will take place throughout the summer Monday-Thursday from 6:15 AM to 7:15 AM for 9th-12th graders and 7:15 AM to 8:15 AM for 6th-8th graders.

If you are working for the Rec this summer, make sure to attend the meeting on May 20th for all of the info. Summer baseball and softball will also be this summer on Monday and Wednesday nights while Machine Pitch & T-ball play Tuesday and Thursday nights. Just a reminder, these games will only be in June. Come cheer on the Kiowa County Mavericks as they excel in summer sports!

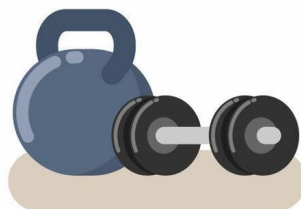
8th grader Ellie Hayes stated, "It will be fun to work with the people in the rec and the rec overall."

You don't want to miss the Free Summer Film Series at the Twilight Theater. This free event shows a different movie every Wednesday throughout the summer. Grab your popcorn bucket and get ready for a good time.

Also taking place in Kiowa County this summer is the Youth Theater Workshop at the Twilight Theatre June 23-27th. Students will be putting on the play "Stone Dragon Stew" on June 28th at 11am.

Lastly, there will be junior high football and cross country summer camps that will take place July 7th-10th and JH volleyball camp July 14th-17th. Follow the Maverick Athletics Facebook page for more information and times for these camps.

We hope you have lots of fun this summer with all of the fun activities happening in and around Kiowa County. Happy Summer to everyone!



Sponsored by: Haviland Broadband and Centera Bank

Twilight Kids! Summer Film Series
Wednesdays at 11:00 am
Doors Open 10:30 am

2-May	Sonic 2
4-Jun	Sonic 3
11-Jun	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; Mutant Mahem
18-Jun	Transformers One
25-Jun	Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs
2-Jul	Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs 2
9-Jul	Spider-man Into the Spider Verse
16-Jul	Spiderman Across the Spider Verse
23-Jul	Angry Birds Movie
30-Jul	Angry Birds Movie 2



MEET THE PUBLICATION TEAM



Kwynn Blanton
Grade 8
Editor



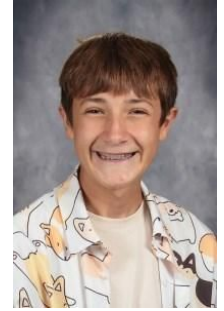
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Dallas Derley
Grade 8
Writer/Photographer



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Writer/Photographer

(Photos by InterState Studios)



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Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Khloe Gilkey
Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Mya Hoffman
Grade 6
Writer/Photographer



Shelby Fulton
Grade 7
Writer/Photographer



Iva Brown
Grade 7
Writer/Photographer



Mrs. Ballard
KCJH
Advisor



Above: KCJH Publications enjoys a delicious meal at Kook's Meat. They had a blast writing articles about the various Kiowa County businesses this year. (photo by Mrs. Ballard)

The publications staff wants to thank you for your continuous support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to publish a monthly newspaper, keeping the school informed on the incredible events and accomplishments achieved by our very own Kiowa County students. Publications will be a class offered again next school year and it is a great hope that more students continue to take the opportunity of keeping the newspaper alive. Thank you again for a chance to make the Maverick Mayhem come to life!

FUTURE MAVS B-BALL CAMP

BY MYA HOFFMAN

This summer, kids can enjoy Coach Hoffman and Coach Mitchell's summer basketball camp. The camp is from June 3rd - 5th. The 6th-8th graders for next year are in a group all together, 10:15-11:30am; while High School practices separately with girls and boys. This summer camp is to promote younger members with basketball skills. Many people go to these camps every year to get better.

Hoffman stated, "I'm a believer in the earlier the better. Early on is encouraging our kids to start doing the right technique whether that be, passing, dribbling or shooting form. Breaking bad habits later on is really hard." Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hoffman believes you should learn the basics before the advanced, and plan to do this with the Jr. High group.

The camp has your grade level for the next year, so you can learn the material for the coming year. This camp also teaches drills you can work on at home. These skills that they teach are just as important as the ones you see NBA stars do. These coaches have different stations, so you can get better at everything from dribbling to shooting to pivoting.

"Future Mavericks Basketball - this camp promotes togetherness and usually gets players excited for Summer practices and leagues, although we are working on various skills and drills to improve everyone's game." Mitchell reported.

The Future Mavericks Basketball is getting you ready for the next level. The skills they teach help build confidence, so come out and join in the fun in June!

JUNE CALENDAR

BY KWYNN BLANTON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 KCHS Girls & Boys BB Camp Kiowa County Youth Basketball Camps 8:00am: SPIAA League Meeting & Golf	4 Kiowa County Youth Basketball Camps KCHS Girls & Boys BB Camp	5 KCHS Girls & Boys BB Camp Kiowa County Youth Basketball Camps	6 ACT Registration Deadline for July 12 Test Date KCHS Boys BB Summer Tournament	7 6-Player All-Star Games 3pm/7pm KCHS Boys BB Summer Tournament
8	9 KCHS VB Summer League Driver's Ed 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	10 KCHS Boys BB Summer League Driver's Ed	11 KCHS Boys BB JV Triangular Driver's Ed	12 KCHS Girls BB Summer League	13 KCHS Girls BB Summer Tournament	14 ACT Test Date KCHS Girls BB Summer Tournament Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 KCHS VB Summer League Driver's Ed	17 KCHS Boys BB Summer League Driver's Ed	18 KCHS Boys BB JV Triangular Driver's Ed	19 KCHS Girls BB Summer League	20	21
22	23 KCHS VB Summer League Driver's Ed	24 KCHS Boys BB Summer League Driver's Ed	25 Driver's Ed	26 KCHS Girls BB Summer League Driver's Ed 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	27	28
29	30 KSHSAA Summer Moratorium - No Camps, Practices or Weights during this time					

Future Mavericks Basketball Camp



June 3rd-5th

(Photo from usd422.org web page)

To find upcoming events, information and more, go to usd422.org



Cost: \$15 (Includes T-Shirt)
-Cash or Checks Made Out to KCHS-
If you are not financially able to afford please reach out to Coach Hoffman or Coach Mitchell by email at mhoffman@usd422.org or mmitchell@usd422.org. Scholarships are available.
DUE: May 16- This allows us to order shirts!
Divisions (For the 2025-2026 School Year)
1st-2nd Grade 8:00-8:45 AM ☐
3rd-5th Grade 9:00-10:00 AM ☐
6th-8th Grade 10:15-11:30 AM ☐
9th-12th Boys Time 7:00-9:00 PM
9th-12th Girls Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Athletes Name (Printed First and Last): _____
T-Shirt Size: YS ☐ YM ☐ YL ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐
Grade For Next Year: ____
* I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Maverick Basketball Camp. I hereby waive and release the Maverick Basketball Camp and the Kiowa County School District from any and all liability for injury or illness incurred while at camp. I hereby authorize Coach Hoffman or Coach Mitchell and the staff of the Maverick Basketball Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: _____
Phone Number: _____

YEAR IN PHOTOS



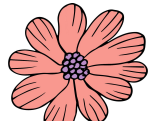
Photos L to R, top to bottom: JH JAG-K students; JH Boys 8th graders on the Football Team; JH League Girls Volleyball Team; JH League Boys Basketball Team; The KCJH Impact Leadership team; JH Band at their Spring Concert; JH 2024-25 Cheer Team and Coach Sirois; Check out The Maverick Mayhem Publication's Team; The Lady Maverick's KCJH Track team. (All courtesy photos)



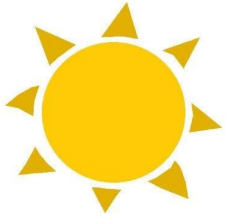
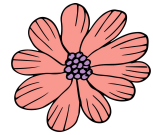
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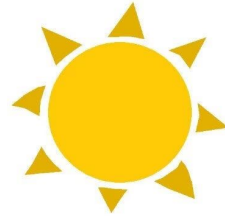
Photos L to R, top to bottom: JH Varsity and JV Quiz Bowl teams. ; JH Girls Basketball Tournament Team; JH Vocal at their Spring Concert; 8th graders at group picture day; Mrs. Ballard's Braums group; The junior high teachers take a picture at the end of year field trip; JH XC Team; 6th grade Cinco de Mayo party in Mr. L's room; JH Boys at Braums; the KCJH Maverick Boys' Track Team; the 1st semester JH Honor Roll. (All courtesy photos)



JUST FOR FUN



Summer Word Search



SUMMER	G A R D E N Y S M B M T O L S
SUNSHINE	N I A R M E L E S E E R W O U
SWIM	U C I N C I P E A S I A M S N
BOAT	L M L I N O I T A C A V R P S
CAMP	P O P S I C L E Q L D E K I H
HIKE	U I P E C A M P I O O L F C I
GARDEN	Y T N S R E T L M D N T R E N
PLAY	P W N S O E P A T G N E D X E
BEACH	A U G R I A D Y B O A Y A T E
JULY	R L J U L Y G R S A S O U P A
AUGUST	K E F G L C E A T H I R G A S
PARK	B A L Y P A E N O C R E U R D
PICNIC	S H O R T S O O H A E H S H R
POPSICLE	U Y P E M N O S A E S S T D E
ICE CREAM	C H E T A M C L Y B G M R E S
SHORTS	X L A O V Z R C O J B R I N S
DRESS	F O S E M A E R C E C I O W L
TRAVEL	B L O S S U M M E R W B M O S
VACATION	
SEASON	

It's sunburn season!



MOOD.



When you see your teacher during summervacation...



WHEN YOU WANNA GET IN SHAPE FOR THE SUMMER



BUT LIFE IS HARD

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