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## November at a Glance:

- 6th- Football @7 p.m.
- 7th- Bulldog Wrestling at Edmond North Open
- 7th- Bulldog Swim to the Harrah Invitational
- 8th- Choir Mattress Sale
- 11th- No School- Veterans Day break
- 14th- Choir All-State-2nd Round @UCO
- 21st-29th- Thanksgiving Break

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## Drama Club Acting Out

By Kylee Strickland  
Staff Writer



AHS Drama Club Members. Photo by Sara Howard

The AHS Drama Club was created to educate students in the performing arts such as acting, public speaking, and debate.

The Drama Club meets every Tuesday after school in Mrs. Johnson's room, room 12. Anyone is welcome to join this club if interested. You don't have to be confident or be comfortable on stage. This club will help you get over stage fright and help you gain the confidence that you need.

Some of the Drama Club's officers include: President Daniel Johnson, Vice President Logan King, Secretary Hailey Chapa, and Public Relations/Social Media Specialists Rebecca Sherlock and Joe McBride.

The Drama Club has attended many competitions and won several awards. They attend theatre festivals and even learn from professional workshops.

Daniel Johnson has placed first in humorous duet and first in monologue. He has even won the pros award! Logan King placed first in a dramatic duet and got second and a pros medal.

Upcoming events include virtual competitions and a group play that they hope takes place this spring.

This year due to COVID-19, all competition are virtual. Speeches and monologue/duets will be recorded and submitted online.

Considering that all competitions are now virtual, the camera has to be fixed meaning it stays in one place and doesn't move and editing cannot take place.

They also play improv games and love to have fun! They practice improv meaning, Drama Club members suggest a topic and a few members take turns acting it out.

If you are nervous about performing live in front of an audience but are confident on camera this year is the year to join Drama Club. You can then gain the confidence that you need with the help of the supportive people of Drama Club. If interested in joining, come by Mrs. Johnson's room 12 on Tuesday's after school.



# Hailey Ross

By Adeline Perkins  
Senior Managing Editor



Hailey Ross is a freshman here at AHS. She grew up in Altus and has siblings who have all graduated from Altus High School.

Her parents are Regina and Warren Ross and she has four siblings. Her older sisters, Jenna and Renae graduated from Altus in 2003 and 2005. Her older brother, Jason, graduated from Elgin High School in 2020. She also has a younger sister, Joleigh, who is in fifth grade.

After high school, Hailey plans to get an associates degree at Western, then go to The University of Oklahoma Medical School and get her masters in dermatology, and then open her own dermatology office in Indianapolis.

Hailey loves to sing, read, act, and help others. She says

her favorite thing about Altus High School is the opportunities; there are so many opportunities to help people get somewhere in life.

Something students at Altus High School might not know is that she traveled to New Mexico. While she was there she made a friend Anabelle who showed her around Ruidoso.

Hailey's favorite quote is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

She feels her family motivates her the most in her life. She feels everything she does is supported by them and encourage her to keep going even when she feels she wants to stop.

# Bray Davis

By Adeline Perkins  
Senior Managing Editor

Bray Davis is a freshman here at AHS and has grown up in Altus.

His parents are Dusty Davis and Amanda Davis. Mr. Davis is a math teacher here at AHS and Mrs. Davis is the PR director of Altus Public Schools.

He has a sister named Katie Beth who goes to Altus Junior High and is in 7th grade. He also has a Golden Retriever, Nicki, who he loves dearly.

After high school, Bray is undecided on what he would like to major in, but he knows he would like to attend Oklahoma State University.

Here at Altus High School, Bray plays football and golf and is the Freshman Student Council Presi-

dent. He is also in men's choir and even made All-Region this year.

For football, Bray plays quarterback and has played for three years. He feels he has always wanted to play because his dad coaches.

Bray feels most motivated in life by his family who help him be better everyday. He is also motivated by God to do the right thing.

Bray's favorite thing about Altus High School is the tradition.

Something students here at Altus High School might not know about Bray is that he is undefeated in Madden.

Bray's favorite quote is, by Maya Angelou, "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."





## Luke elected State HOSA President

By Sara Howard  
Senior Managing Editor

Luke Fourroux was recently elected the state HOSA Health Professionals president.

Luke is a senior here at AHS. He lives with his mom, Melissa, who is the assistant principal at AES and AIS, and his dad, Phil, who is the retired civilian fire chief on Altus Air Force Base. His brother, Ethan, works as a fitness technician at the gym on the base. Luke works as a bagger at the commissary on base.

HOSA Health Professionals is an organization linked to the BioMed program at Southwest Technology Center.

In order to campaign for this position Luke had to take a test on the HOSA bylaws and history, go through an interview process, upload a campaign speech to YouTube, and practice cold reading. Cold reading is where the candidate is handed a speech they have never seen before and must deliver it after thirty seconds.

Then, the HOSA student body had to vote on the candidates.

As the state president, Luke will act as the face of the Oklahoma HOSA as well as lead the state officer team.

Luke plans to attend the University of Oklahoma or Baylor University to major in neuroscience or biology in order to eventually obtain a doctorate degree to practice Neurological medicine.

Luke is motivated by being able to inspire others through showing that anyone is capable of achieving anything in life.

Luke states, "I decided to attend SWTC, because I've always wanted to help people. I knew that the medical field would let me do that! Through the BioMed program, I found HOSA and then decided I wanted to become a state officer!"



## Brianna McQuiggan

By Lily Easter  
Junior Editor

Brianna McQuiggan is a senior here at AHS. She has attended AHS since freshman year. Brianna was recently selected for the 2A district softball team.

Mrs. McMahan states, "Brianna did deserve this honor; she's always the first and last one on the field, she's such a hard-working student, and she really loves this sport. She is a natural-born leader and always inspires her teammates."

Brianna has lived in Altus, Oklahoma, all of her life. She lives with her parents Kris and Kelli McQuiggan. Her father Kris inspires her in life. She has three sisters; Mackenzie Wood, Malorie Wood, and Jacinda McQuiggan.

Brianna's interests are

playing softball and basketball.

She states, "I grew up playing these sports over the years; I not only fell in love with the sports, but also the life-lessons that they taught me from leadership skills to learning how to deal with tough lessons."

Brianna plans to go to college and play softball and major in social work.

Brianna's favorite thing about AHS is being with her friends and playing sports with them.

Something AHS students may not know is that her celebrity crush is Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Brianna's favorite quote is, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." By Mahatma Gandhi.





## Bouncing Back to Basketball

By Clarissa Lopez  
Staff Writer

The Bulldog and Lady Bulldog basketball teams are excited to begin their season. The girls' head coach is Stacie Terbush and the assistant coach is Jade Terbush.

Key players include: LaKsyia Johnson, Brianna McQuiggan, Addison Stults, Dani Davis, and Star Sims. Returning seniors include: Kendra Harley and Korey Saenz.

There are several new athletes this year: Alyssa Marquez and Melissa Tamez from Bovina, Texas, Hayleigh Buckner from Chicago and Haelee Doughty from Abernathy, Texas.

Coach Terbush's all-time favorite basketball player, Michael Jordan, states, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence."

The boys' head coach is Kelly Cox and assistant coaches are Kevin Clothier, Jordan Boone,



Bulldog and Lady Bulldog Basketball Teams. Photo by Clarissa Lopez.

and Rick Patterson.

Key players include returning starters Branson Ford and Kris Vuittonet, Reggie Haywood, Donte Woods, Luke Clothier, Markus Hartman, Laethon Patterson, Byke Burrows, Jared Raasch,

Stephon Sterling, Jordan Guyton, Ivory Lewis, and Christian Pelfrey.

This season they hope to create a positive atmosphere for success. The Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs play in Vernon on December 1 at 6:30 p.m.

## Teacher Spotlight: Gerry Pruitt

By Gracie Taylor  
Senior Editor

Gerry Pruitt is back to teaching at Altus High School. He grew up in Altus, but he moved here from El Paso, Texas, when he was five years old.

He attended Altus Schools from K-12th grade. He then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, majoring in Math and Physical Education.

This is Mr. Pruitt's 33rd year as a teacher and his 28th year as a coach. This year he is teaching Computer classes and coaching high school football.

Mr. Pruitt states, "I decided to be a coach and a teacher because I loved being a student athlete. I loved all my coaches and teachers. I wanted to be like them."

His family includes his wife Brenda, and his four kids: Trevor, Brianna, Whitney, and Andee. He also has four grandkids: Emma, Tucker, Kai, and Lennon. They have two dogs, Sugar and Cally.

Mr. Pruitt's hobbies include spending time with his family and camping and boating at the lake. He also enjoys fishing, golfing, and being with friends.

Something interesting that AHS students may not know is that Mr. Pruitt never goes barefoot. This past summer he traveled to Sandestin, Florida, on vacation. For the first time in his life, he went barefooted on the beach.

Mr. Pruitt loves being a Bulldog because he's been a Bulldog all his life. He feels like he belongs, and he knows everyone. He loves being part of a family that is so loving and kind.

He also loves that everybody is such a close-knit group. Everyone knows each other, and everyone gets along. He loves being a part of such an amazing community.

Mr. Pruitt's favorite quote is, "Always do what is right. That will keep you out of trouble."





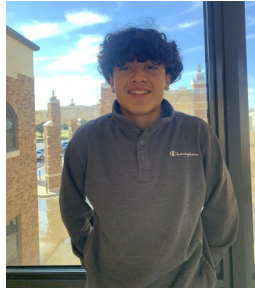
# Bulldog Bites

By *Grayce Gilliam*  
Staff Writer

*What is your favorite thing about fall?*



Sophomore Madeline Falon states, "The cool weather!"



Sophomore Alan Chavez states, "Playing football and kicking!"



Junior Elisabet Alanis states, "The nice, cool weather!"



Junior Clayton Guerra states, "The fall vibes!"

## Senior Spotlight: Ellie & Marcus

By Rebecca Borghini & Savannah Shipman  
Senior Staff Writer & Staff Writer



Ellie Tesh is a senior at Altus High School. She has attended AHS for three years and is graduating early.

Ellie's parents are Katie and Shawn Tesh. Her mom is a dental assistant. Her dad is in the military and is a civil engineer. She has two brothers, Nick and Noah.

She says, "They are crazy but so much fun! They are sweet, caring and will do anything for you."

Her favorite thing about Altus High School is having teachers who care so dearly about seeing their students succeed.

After high school, Ellie plans to

become an elementary teacher. She wants to become a teacher because she loves kids and wants to help them learn.

Mrs. Sherman inspired her to become a teacher. Ellie says, "The way she cares and wants us to learn is so awesome."

Ellie once went to a Lincoln museum. She took a picture and talked with the guy who played Abraham Lincoln. Her family and boyfriend motivate her in life.

Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Marcus Hartman is a senior at Altus High School. He grew up in Altus and has attended AHS since his freshman year.

Marcus's interests are playing basketball, listening to music and hanging out with his friends.

His parents are Lacey Davis, Major Davis, Carl Hartman and Nancy Hartman. His siblings are Kadynce Davis, who is a freshman, and Mylah Davis, who is in first grade.

Marcus says his family is very energetic and supportive. His family has taught him not to take anything for granted. His mom has inspired him to be a good person

and live life to the fullest.

After high school, Marcus plans to either join the Air Force or become an athletic trainer.

Marcus's favorite thing about AHS is the positivity of the teachers and how they bring the fun to school, making it enjoyable.

Something Altus High School students might not know about Marcus is he has been to Colorado Springs.

Marcus's favorite saying is "Life is like a book, some chapters are sad, some are happy, and some are exciting, but if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds."

