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Upcoming Events:

- 23rd- Football vs. Lawton Mac @ 7 p.m.
- 23rd- Senior Night
- 24th- Cross Country
- 28th- CPR Class for all Seniors
- 30th- Football vs. Duncan @ 7 p.m.
- Nov 6th- Football @ 7 p.m.
- Nov 8th- Choir Mat-tress Sale

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Students Succeed at All-Region

By Sara Howard
 Senior Managing Editor



All-Region Choir Members. Photo by Sara Howard.

The Southwest Oklahoma All-Region Honor Choir gives students the opportunity to perform in a choir at a different level as well as to prepare them for the All-State audition process.

This year, all eighteen AHS students who auditioned for the Southwest Oklahoma All-Region Honor Choir made it through.

AHS All-Region students are: Elisabet Alanis, Abi Beane, Tiffany Taylor, Trinity McDole, Lexie Scott, Sarah Scott, Eddie Clendenen, Clayton Guerra, Alexis Winters, Mckayla Hiatt, Harmony Wall, Brandon Castellanos, Joe McBride, Dillon Pavelschak, Kymanee Otaniyi, Bray Davis, Calista Pavelschak, and Haven

Woods.

Auditions required students to choose three out of four songs. Then sections of the songs were chosen for them to perform. The three songs that were chosen include: *Great God Almighty*, *Dieonce Vader*, and *Awake the Trumpets' Lofty Sound*.

The audition process looked different this year as students had to submit a recorded audition instead of performing for the judges in person due to Covid-19 restrictions. The audition was an audio recording of one minute portions of each song.

Junior Joe McBride states, "It took some getting used to, and it caused

us to wait longer than normal to get our results, but given the circumstances with Covid-19, it was a clever way of making sure people were safe."

These students will use the music they learned for their audition as they perform with the honor choir. The date and venue for this performance is yet to be announced.

AHS Choir Director Mr. Young said, "Congratulations to these students who made the Southwest Oklahoma All-Region Honor Choir! These kiddos worked very hard on this music, completely outside of class, and I couldn't be more proud of them!"

The AHS Musical will now be performed in January.

Jadyn Joyce

By Kylee Strickland
Staff Writer



Jadyn Joyce is a junior at Altus High School and has attended Altus High School since her freshman year.

Jadyn is a military child and has lived in different places throughout her life. A few places are Arizona, Kansas, Washington, and currently Oklahoma. Jadyn has also been to Germany, England, and Hawaii.

Jadyn's dad is in the Air Force. He is a boom operator. Her mom however is a realtor, she sells houses here in Altus. Jadyn's brother goes to Altus Junior High, he plays many sports. She even has three dogs!

Jadyn's interests are painting, golfing, and athletic training. She plans on going to college and attend a medical program. She works hard to be

good at everything she does. She also works at Cotton Candi Creations of Altus.

This year Jadyn started virtual school. While doing virtual school, she still comes to the Altus High School sixth and seventh hour for Athletic Training.

Jadyn likes to spend her time hanging out with her boyfriend, Kaysen. In one week they will have been together for a year. They like going up to the city and watching movies together.

Jadyn's favorite quote is, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough," by Mae West.

One interesting fact about Jadyn is that she used to do wrestling. She has also played in the world's largest street basketball tournament.

Tommy Saxon

By Grayce Gilliam

Tommy Saxon is a junior here at Altus High School. He has attended Altus High School since his freshman year.

Tommy was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but has lived here most of his life.

Tommy's parents are Irem and TJ Saxon. His mom is a nurse and his dad is the program director for AIR-EVAC. Tommy has three younger brothers: Tyler, Trace, and Tate.

Tommy states, "Growing up with them is always a competition for something. That is why I'm super competitive when it comes to a challenge. I am always willing to take it, and I learned that from my family."

Some of Tommy's interests are playing football, baseball, and fishing. Fishing is his escape from reality.

After high school he plans to attend West Point, serve his years in the army, and look for a career in architecture or mechanics.

Tommy's favorite thing about AHS is the school spirit. He states, "You're not just part of the school, you are a part of a Bulldog family and no matter who you are there's always something here for you to get involved with."

Tommy plays football for the bulldogs where he is a running-back and a linebacker.

Something that motivates Tommy in life is the thought that his friends and family are counting on him, and if he lets himself down he'll be letting them down as well.

Tommy's favorite quote is, "I'd rather regret the things I have done than the things I have never done."



Academic Team at Regionals

By Adeline Perkins
Senior Managing Editor

Last Tuesday, the Academic Team went to District Seating at Lawton Eisenhower.

Altus faced off against MacArthur and then moved onto Eisenhower. They beat MacArthur 220 to 140 points. Then proceeded to beat Eisenhower 180 to 60 points.

Since they beat both of the only other teams in the district, they will go to area in January and if they do well then they will proceed to state.

Mrs. Bailey states, "Something great about Academic Team is that you learn something new every day."

There are sixty questions in each game. twenty questions are the first and third rounds and players receive ten seconds per question to answer

In the second and fourth rounds, players must answer ten questions as a team within sixty seconds. All questions during the game are worth ten



Academic Team Members. Photo by Mrs. Bailey.

points if answered correctly.

A team consists of four playing members at a time, although they can only bring seven members this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Some key members include Captain Francesca Sacco, Wyatt Jensen,

Morgan Beason, Ariel Browne, Sara Howard, Yamilet Benitez, and Alina Hiatt.

Francesca Sacco states, "It's cool to connect with people, people get to exhibit their interests, talents, and knowledge at competitions."

Helping Hands of NHS

By Adeline Perkins
Senior Managing Editor

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students 10th through 12th grade. Mrs. Francie Clinton is the AHS advisor.

Selection is based on four criteria: academic achievement, leadership, service, and character. NHS is a community service based organization.

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, volunteer opportunities are limited, but they are working hard to come up with creative and different ideas to help others.

On the 26th they will be having an induction ceremony from 6-7. This meeting will initiate the new NHS members.

They also have plans to sell Candy Grams this year. Other activities they plan to do include: tutoring services, Freerice.com, operation care,



Senior NHS Officers. Photo by Adeline Perkins

volunteer concession stands, and help out at the animal shelter

Senior officers are: President Ariel Browne, VP Service Rebecca Borghini, VP Membership Luke Forroux, Secretary Star Sims, and Historian Sarah Scott.

Ariel Browne states, "Something I really enjoy about NHS is the

knowledge that we collectively make an impact on our community."

Junior officers are: President Yamilet Benitez, VP of Service Jacob Garrett, VP of Membership Ellie Tesh, Secretary Tiffany Taylor, Historian Kolby Rivas, Parliamentarian Alina Hiatt, and Social Media Specialist Anahi Gutierrez.

Bulldogs Honoring Bulldogs

Senior Night will be held tonight for football, cross country, trainers, cheerleaders, dance team, and band. Senior members of the band will also perform the Alma Mater.

AHS faculty recently wore pink to support breast cancer awareness month.

Breast Cancer Awareness month is during the month of October and honors all breast cancer survivors and current cancer patients.

Next Friday night different organizations will recognize and honor breast cancer month. Cheer and Dance team will be supporting by using pink poms and pink glitter. *That Altus Band* will wear pink gloves. Former AHS teacher Mrs. Debbie Cox will be recognized at the football game as a cancer



Teachers wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Photo by Taylor Johnson.

survivor.

Red Ribbon Week will be next week with the theme, "Elect to Be Drug Free".

Students are encouraged to participate in the dress up days, and teachers are encouraged to decorate their doors for awards. First place will receive \$100 to spend for their class room. Ribbons

will be handed out next week during 4th hour.

The dress up days are: Monday wear red, white, and blue; Tuesday wear camo; Wednesday wear your favorite teams colors; Thursday wear a hat or cap, Friday wear blue and white in support of the Bulldogs.

Teacher Spotlight: Donna Thornton

By Savannah Shipman
Staff Writer

Donna Thornton was born in California and attended school there until she was thirteen. She moved to Altus, Oklahoma, the summer before her 8th grade year and has lived here ever since. Donna attended Southeast Junior High which is now known as AJH. She graduated from AHS with the class of 1987.

Donna has been a teacher for 29 years. She teaches students with disabilities here at AHS.

She states, "I teach because I truly love the kids. I want them to know that they will always have someone in their corner and I will be there to help them."

She changed her mind about teaching many times before she decided teaching was for her. Her favorite teacher was former AHS teacher and coach, Mrs. Sally George. Sally is the reason

Donna became a teacher.

Her parents, grandmother, and brother live in Fayetteville, NC. Her sister lives in California. Her and her husband, Trebor, have six children together. Kaden and his wife Gwen, Colton and wife Abby, Karlee, and Cambrie just got married this month. She also has two pets, Maggie and Jo-lene.

Donna loves spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys reading, and watching *Grey's Anatomy*, and going to the beach.

Something cool that AHS students might not know about Donna is that she was crowned Miss Altus in 1988.

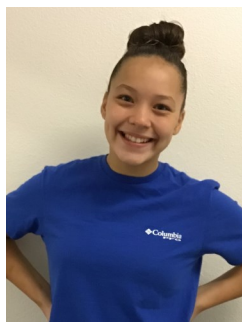
Mrs. Thornton's favorite quote is, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



Bulldog Bites

By Clarissa Lopez
Staff Writer

What is
your
favorite
app?



Freshman Natalie
Blonien says,
"Snapchat!"



Sophomore
Tuck Elliot
says, "Spotify."



Junior Melissa Castro
says, "Snapchat."



Senior Kaitlyn Wright
says, "Whataburger
App."

Jessi Atchley & Jace James

Gracie Taylor & Lilian Easter
Senior Editor & Junior Editor



Jessi Atchley is a senior at Altus High School. She has attended AHS since her freshman year.

Jessi's favorite hobbies include cheerleading and running track. She also enjoys painting and thrift shopping in her free time.

Jessi is involved in Link Crew, Kay Klub, NHS, and Student Council. She also works at Walmart.

Jessi's mom is Danica Turner. She has two siblings, Noel Atchley and Brooke Brown.

After high school, Jessi plans to attend WOSC for two years before transferring to SWOSU to continue pursuing her education.

Some of her favorite things about AHS are the opportunities available.

Jessi states, "Being a Bulldog is about the second family you create, and it's the unbreakable bond that comes from this small town. I wouldn't trade my bulldogs for the world, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to graduate from this town."

Something that students may not know about Jessi is that she has a cat named Dollie.

Jessi is motivated by the people she loves. She always wants to make them proud. They continue to push her in every aspect in her life.

Jace James is a senior here at AHS. He has attended AHS since his freshman year.

To Jace, being a Bulldog means being a part of a family. A family that never leaves and always has your back. You never know about the Bulldog family until you need them the most.

Jace lives with his parents Jimmy and Kayla James. He has an older sister, Emilie, who is a senior at Oklahoma State University.

Jace plans to attend Oklahoma State University and Major in Ag Business Farm and Ranch Management.

His interests include: playing football and being the Chapter President for FFA.

Something AHS students may not know about Jace is that he can drink a gallon of milk in under a minute.

Jace's favorite quote is, "Winners find ways to win." He states, "Winners find ways to push through hard times and come out on top. Winners never back down or quit."

Jace's favorite thing about AHS is that no matter where you are there is always a group of kids that you can fit in with.

What motivates Jace in life is his friends and family; they always push Jace to be the best he can be.

