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- 5th—Bulldog Baseball vs. Cache @ 4:30 p.m.
- 5th—Bulldog Soccer at Western Heights @ 5 p.m.
- 6th— Small School Track Meet
- 6th— Bulldog Baseball vs. Lawton
- 6th— District Solo and Ensemble @ Cameron
- 8th—Bulldog Baseball @ Lawton Ike @ 4:30 p.m.
- 8th—Soccer v. Lawton High @ 5 p.m.

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Wrestling State Championship

By Adeline Perkins
Senior Managing Editor



Lane Snapp
and Beyonce
Coronado
pictured with
Coach Mike
Torres. Pho-
to Courtesy
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High
School.

The 2021 Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Wrestling State Championship took place at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds last weekend. Sophomore Beyonce Coronado and Junior Lane Snapp competed and represented Altus High School.

Beyonce started wrestling when she was in 8th grade. She is the second member in her family to take up wrestling and plans to continue through college. She became interested in wrestling, because when she was younger she would wrestle with her cousins and she enjoyed it.

Beyonce is most motivated in life by the people

that constantly push her to be her best, her coaches, her family, and friends. She says she wouldn't be able to do so much without them.

Beyonce is the first-ever OSSAA girl's regional champion from Altus. Beyonce fought hard and competed on February 26 and placed 4th at state.

Beyonce's favorite quote is one by Vince Lombardi, "It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

Lane Snapp started wrestling when he was in 7th grade. Wrestling is one of Lane's biggest interests. He believes the help of his coaches and family have

gotten him where he is today. Lane is motivated by people who tell him he can't or won't do something.

Lane has battled shoulder issues this season which has been an obstacle. However,, he still qualified for state. This was Lane's second year to compete at state. He first qualified for state as a freshman.

After high school, Lane plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

Mrs. Brady-Lee states, "These young people exemplify what 'THERE'S A BULL-DOG IN THE HOUSE' means."

Congratulations to Beyonce and Lane for representing Altus High School well!

Giorgia Covini

By Rebecca Borghini
Senior Editor



Giorgia Covini is an Italian exchange student from Italy. She is a junior and started attending Altus High School this semester.

Giorgia grew up in Lombardia, Italy. She misses her family a lot. Her dad, Domenico, produces wine, and her mom, Simona, works at a bank. She has an older sister, Chiara, who is 20 years old and attends the Biotechnology University in Italy. She also has a dog named Achille and a kitten named Mia.

In Italy, she attends a linguistic high school, where she is currently learning 3 different languages in addition to Italian; English (for 11 years), Spanish (for 6 years), and Chinese (for 3 years).

Giorgia wanted to come to America to improve her English. So far she loves everything from her host-family, which has become a part of her real family, to school and the friends she has made.

The American schools are extremely different from Italian schools, so everything is new and exciting for her. She loves how AHS has a variety of sports and activities.

Giorgia has always had a passion to travel around the world, discover new things about the culture, and meet new people. She says, "Being an exchange student opens your view to a global perspective and gives you an opportunity for personal growth."

Giorgia is motivated in life by the gratification of overcoming obstacles that seem impossible to defeat and knowing that you can make a difference.

After high school, she wants to do something that allows her to travel worldwide and meet new people. So far she's been to Italy, England, the Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, and the United States.

Her favorite quote is, "Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer."

Keegan Kyser

By Kylee Strickland
Staff Writer

Keegan Kyser is a junior at Altus High School. He grew up in Altus, Oklahoma and has attended Altus High School for two years.

Keegan has three brothers. His older brother, A.J. Strom and two younger brothers, Damion and Madix Lobaugh. His parents are Tim and Alicia Lobaugh.

Some of his interests consist of drawing, painting, and swimming. He decided to pick up these activities because it makes him happy, and he finds joy in them.

Keegan's past self is the person that inspires him. Seeing what he can work on and improve is what he looks at in order to be the best that he can at what he is doing in life. His mom motivates him

in life. She has always pushed him and motivated him to try his hardest, and be the best that he can at what he is doing in life.

Keegan plans on attending WOSC after high school. He plans on going to WOSC for two years and then attending SWOSU for another two years to get a teaching degree. He wants to work with special needs students!

One thing that people may not know about Keegan is that he lived in Michigan for a very short part of his life.

His favorite thing about Altus High school is the comfortable environment. Keegan's favorite quote is, "Cast all of your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7.



Teacher Spotlight: Jeff Hastings

By Lilian Easter
Junior Editor

Jeff Hastings is a band director for Altus High School, Altus Intermediate School, and Altus Junior High.

This year, Mr. Hastings was awarded the Southwest Oklahoma Band Association Band Director of the Year on February 10th. He was surprised by his band while they played The Altus Fight Song during the award presentation.

Mr. Hastings grew up in Moore, Oklahoma. He graduated from Moore High School and has been teaching for 28 years. His love for music is what inspired him to start teaching.

Mr. Hastings states, "I loved band in high school, and it just felt like a natural thing to do when I graduated."

Mr. Hastings is married to



Mr. Hastings and his family. Photo Courtesy of Mr. Hastings.

Kathy Hastings who works as an elementary music teacher at Altus Early Childhood Center. His son, Ethan Hastings, is majoring in pre-physical therapy at the University of Oklahoma. He also has a German shepherd that's named Kato.

Something cool Altus High School students may not know about Mr. Hastings is that he is a reserve deputy at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hastings enjoys supporting Ethan's drum corp. career. Mr. Hastings' favorite instruments are Marimba and the Trombone.

Congratulations on winning SWOBA Band Director of the Year!

Bulldog Bonanza!

By Sara Howard
Senior Managing Editor

Yesterday, the annual Bulldog Bonanza was held in order to showcase the various extracurricular activities available at Altus High School.

This year, the school opened the event to all students in the surrounding areas interested in attending Altus High School next year.

Every extracurricular activity was represented including sports, service organizations, clubs, elective classes, and AP course options.

Each extracurricular activity set up a table or display to showcase their central ideas and the activities or competitions they participate in throughout the year. The activity's members and teacher sponsors sit or stand at the table to provide additional information or answer any questions the students may



2021 Bulldog Bonanza Participants.

have.

Other programs and opportunities from outside of the high school also set up a table or display such as: Western Oklahoma State College, Upward Bound, and the Altus Public School's Virtual Learning Program. These programs help students learn about other organizations that can help their future

education.

Due to COVID restrictions, all participants had their temperatures taken before they entered the building. As well as masks and social distancing being required throughout the event.

This event is a way to welcome the incoming students into the Bulldog family.

Running Into the New Season!

By Savannah Shipman

Staff Writer

The Altus High School men's and women's track coach is Robert Garrison. He has been coaching track for around 29 years.

This season both teams will be in rebuilding mode.

Robert Garrison states, "We have a lot of experience on the women's side, but the men's team lost a lot of seniors last year. The women's team, if everyone comes out, should be one of the top ten teams at state. The men's team will hopefully surprise at regionals."

This year's women's team includes; LaKysia Johnson (third-time state champion), Lexie Preston, Star Sims, Jenny Christon, and Kendra Harley. The men's team includes; Michael James, Justin Ortiz, Jeremy Dixon, and Tucker Taft.

This year, they have not had an issue with restrictions. Since track is an outdoor sport, most

athletes can social distance and are able to do their workouts without any issues.

Losing their season last year really made the athletes appreciate what time they do have in a sport and how much it means for them to compete.

Coach Garrison states, "Although we are in a rebuilding process, we have a lot of talent coming up with the freshman, and the future looks great! We look forward to the challenge this year will give use. We will do whatever it takes from a restriction standpoint as long as we get to have a season, and we will give everything we have in order to make Altus High School proud."

Lastly, Coach Garrison wants the students of AHS to know that nothing is too difficult or too tough that you can't rise above it. Attack life everyday and always finish.



Batter Up!

By Gracie Taylor
Senior Editor

The Altus High School baseball team's head coach is Jonathon Lamb.

Kody Rothchild is the only senior on the roster as of now. Juniors Tyler Reyes and Bryce Kahla will be the starting pitchers most of the season. Sophomores Kylin Monday, Hunter Meyers, and Alvin Rodriguez will also help with pitching duties.

The team is still dealing with COVID restrictions. Coach Lamb is glad that baseball is an outdoor sport, so people can separate if needed. Weather has also always been an issue for baseball, but having turf on the field allows them to play when others can't. The coaches sometimes have to rely on the players to get better on their own.

One thing that Lamb wants his players to take with them through life is that family and being a good person is more important than a sport.

High school baseball is all about



Photo taken by Kylee Strickland.

depth at the pitching position. The number one goal for the program is to develop quality pitchers that can help at the high school level. This is a team that should improve as the season continues.

Coach Lamb states, "I want these young men to grow up and be great husbands and

fathers. Everything that is great and worth having takes hard work and a great work ethic."

The coaches are very excited about the potential the 2021 team has. Their first game was yesterday against Elk City. If you can, come out and support the Bulldogs!

Bulldog Bites

By Taylor Johnson

What's your favorite snow activity?



Freshman Nathan Bluefer states, "Snowball fights!"



Sophomore Gabriela Cantu states, "Staying inside and watching Netflix."



Junior Lorenzo Chapa states, "Going sledding and building igloos!"



Senior Lexi Adrian states, "Going sledding."

Senior Spotlight: Angel & Joseph

By Grayce Gilliam & Adeline Perkins
Senior Editor & Senior Managing Editor



Angel Willoughby is a senior here at Altus High School and has attended since her freshman year. She was born in Dover, Delaware and raised here in Altus, Oklahoma.

Angel is an athletic trainer for Altus High School. She feels like being an athletic trainer is great because it prepares you for real life after high school. Angel is also in That Altus Band Color Guard and has been for four years. Angel says, "Color guard means that we are family, and we stick together through the rough times."

Angel lives with her parents, Robert and Bobbie Willoughby. She has two brothers, Sean and Robby. She also has a sister-in-law, Alexis Edgar. Angel has a niece, Avery, who is one and a neph-

ew, Liam, who is three.

After high school, Angel plans on attending the University of Oklahoma and majoring in biology/pre medical and becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

One of Angels favorite things about AHS is that everyone works together and helps each other!

Something cool AHS students may not know about Angel is she is an Air Force daughter. Her dad just retired after putting in 20 years.

Something that motivates Angel in life is seeing everyone involved. It makes her want to join in! Also, her brother Robby motivates her to do good things and achieve in life.

Joseph Stephenson is a senior here at Altus High School and has attended since his freshman year. He grew up in a small town, Chillicothe, Texas, until he was nine years old. Ever since then, he has lived in Altus, attending Altus Public Schools since the third grade.

Joseph's interests include lifting weights, playing video games, fishing, working, and skateboarding in his free time. His plans after high school are to join the military and work his way towards becoming a tattoo artist.

Something Altus High School students might not know about Joseph is that he has already enlisted and will be going off to basic June 14th of this year. Joseph's favorite part about Altus High School is the teachers. "Every teacher is different, but they all treat every student like their own children. They will not only provide

an education, but also a safe environment for the students to learn in."

Joseph's favorite teacher is Mrs. Johnson, who he's had all four years for various subjects. Joseph is motivated by the thought that he can become who he needed when he was younger and provide for himself and his future better than anyone else.

Joseph's favorite quote is, "This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it."

