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March at a Glance:

- 26th—Soccer @ Clinton Tournament
- 26th—Golf @ Weatherford
- 26th—Baseball v. Elgin @ 4:30 p.m.
- 27th—Tennis @ Home
- 29th—Golf @ Lawton Mac
- 29th—Baseball v. Noble @ 4:30 p.m.
- 30th—Tennis @ Lawton
- 31st—E-Contest @ Norman North

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Livestock Lifestyle

By Sara Howard
Senior Managing Editor



Award Presentation to Mr. Roe Worbes. Photo courtesy of Altus FFA.

Over Spring Break, several Altus FFA members exhibited their livestock at the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE). It is held at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds in Oklahoma City.

The students compete as individuals with pigs, sheep, goats, and cattle. The livestock judges look for a range of criteria for each class and breed of animal.

Each student attempts to qualify for the Sale of Champions and earn titles within their breed or species. Altus had three students qualify for the Sale of Champions: Jace James, Lindi Brooking, and Cayti Dugan. Jace James also received an OYE scholarship.

Altus Public School's superintendent, Mr. Roe Worbes, was awarded the

OYE Chairman's Award. This award is given to school administrators to celebrate their support of the local FFA chapter or livestock exhibitors. The ag teachers nominated him earlier this year.

FFA also has multiple events coming up such as agriscience fair and prepared public speaking.

For the agriscience fair, students complete a science fair project pertaining to agriculture. They must submit a written report over their experiment and present it to judges with the help of a display board. The report is due on April 1, and students will compete at competition on April 22.

Prepared public speaking competitions begin in April.

Students who have written

a speech present their speeches in front of a panel of judges and answer questions relating to their topic. Freshman can recite the FFA creed for a panel of judges and are then asked questions relating to the creed and FFA history in general. There are also extemporaneous speeches where students are assigned a topic and are given a certain amount of time to prepare a six-minute speech. After the time is up, the student delivers the speech to a panel of judges.

A few FFA members competed for Area Star Awards yesterday. These awards recognize FFA members that have shown excellence in a certain field such as agribusiness production, agriscience, or the star farmer. The members will compete at the state level on March 29.

Montana Straub

By Taylor Johnson
Staff Writer



Montana Straub is a freshman here at AHS. She has attended Altus High School for one year. She grew up in Granite, Oklahoma.

Her dad is Carl Straub. Montana says, "My dad is my best friend and the best dad a girl could ask for." Her mom is Rene Shaver. Montana states, "My mom is my biggest supporter and pretty amazing!" She has a younger brother, Weston Shaver. She says, "My little brother always has my back, and I have his."

Her favorite thing about AHS is volleyball and hanging out with her friends.

Montana's interest are trick riding and barrel racing. Madison McDonald inspired her to do so. Her favorite thing about trick riding and barrel racing is the adrenaline rush. She says, "The feeling of living on the edge is amazing."

One of Montana's hobbies is training horses. She has three horses; she has a 15 year-old paint named Handsome, a five year-old mustang named Nevada, and a seven year-old thoroughbred named Legacy.

Montana plans on going to Oklahoma State University to study psychiatry, join the Air Force, move out of Oklahoma, and travel the world.

Something students of AHS may not know about Montana is that she is the 2018 Great Plains Stampede Rodeo Sweetheart and the 2019 Great Plains Stampede Rodeo Princess.

Montana states, "My best friends, Sarah and Taylor, motivate me to do better in life." Something else that motivates Montana is the future life that she wants.

Montana's favorite quote is, "If you ain't living life on the edge, then you ain't living."

Chase Clement

By Savannah Shipman
Staff Writer

Chase Clement is a freshman here at Altus High School. He has grown up in Altus.

Chase is an only child. His dad, Chad Clement, is an aircraft mechanic at Altus Air Force Base. His mom, Michelle Clement, is the admin secretary at the Altus Police Department. A lot of Chase's family is in the emergency services. He also has two dogs and six pigs.

Chase enjoys showing livestock. He has been showing pigs since he was seven. This is his first year in the FFA Association at the high school, but he has been a 4-H member for eight years and is currently the Altus County Vice President.

Chase also enjoys wildlife

firefighting and anything to do with emergency service.

After high school, Chase plans to attend Great Plains Technology Center and become a firefighter/EMT.

Chase's favorite thing about Altus High School is that the high school has more freedom than the lower grades.

Something cool Altus High School students might not know about Chase is that he got to attend the police department's Law Enforcement Driver Training and drive the police course.

What motivates Chase the most in life is his family and friends.

Chase's favorite quote is, "Do what you can with what you have and where you are." by Theodore Roosevelt



Singing to Success

By Clarissa Lopez
Staff Writer

Recently, several choir members competed at solo and ensemble. Members prepared a song to perform either individually or as a group for a panel of judges. Each performance received a score on a scale from one to five, with one being the best.

Everyone that attended the competition received a score of one or two. Those who scored a one will advance to state on April 22.

On April 7, Varsity Chorale, Treble Choir, and Advanced Treble Choir will attend State Contest at Carl Albert. They will perform a selection of songs and sight read. Sight-reading is when the choir members are given a piece of music that they have never seen before and are asked to perform a section after a short time to look over it.

They will compete with two groups. All of Varsity Chorale will compete as a mixed en-



Varsity Chorale. Photo by Sara Howard.

semble, and the women of Varsity Chorale will form their own ensemble. They will also perform song selections and sight-reading.

All of their school performances are scheduled for May.

Mr. Young states, "You don't need any previous experience, nor do you need to

be a 'good singer'. Choir is truly for anyone and everyone that wants to try."

Students interested in joining choir must speak with their counselor first. Those interested in joining Varsity Chorale or BluHarmonix need to talk to Mr. Young in order to audition. His room is in the Music Hall.

Writing with Style

By Lilian Easter
Junior Editor

The Writing Club is a club that works to inspire creativity and development of skills in the literary arts. Students meet every Thursday after school in Mrs. Garrison's classroom, room 225. Everyone is welcome to join or attend this club.

There are no officers in this club, but the active members are Tiffany Taylor, Ariel Browne, Kylie Erward, Sara Howard, Malachi Morales, Yamilet Benitez, Kara Reed, Kolby Rivas, Lilian Mickley, Haylee Porter, McKayla Hiatt, and Wyatt Jensen. Several of these members have won awards in competition.

Every week, the writing club members share and write all kinds of different genres including poetry, prose, and songs.

They participate in many workshops, but due to COVID-19, they have been cancelled.



The Writing Club.
Photo by Mrs. Garrison.

They also do writing exercises, like writing prompts by dice, and they have to describe a story behind a picture they are given.

They are working on the compilation of an anthology of this year's work. There are also several writing competitions available to members or anyone interest-

ed throughout the year, such as The Write to Win and The 25th Annual National Student Poetry Contest. They have to submit their writings by April 30, 2021.

Mrs. Garrison states, "I think the writing club is unique, because we don't just share our works; we share the deepest parts of ourselves."

Teacher Spotlight: April Adler

By Adeline Perkins
Senior Managing Editor

April Adler is a science teacher here at Altus High School. She's been teaching for 22 years. Ms. Adler grew up in Snyder and graduated from in 1993.

She believes it was God's plan for her to start teaching. This year she teaches chemistry, Pre-AP Chemistry, and physical science.

Before teaching in Altus, she taught for 15 years in a small town east of Dallas.

Right now it's just Ms. Adler and her pet cat, Sunshine, against the world. She also feeds a few neighborhood strays along with Hungry the opossum, and two skunks whose names are Stinky and Fluffy.

Ms. Adler's hobbies and interests include: sleeping, watching television, step aerobic, and running. She's been doing step

aerobic for a couple of years now, but only for about two to three years in Altus.

Some of the television shows Ms. Adler enjoys watching include "The Middle" and "The Blacklist."

Ms. Adler loves to run. She focuses on distance, rather than being a winner with speed. This is her tenth year that she's been running and took it up as a hobby.

She has successfully completed 28 half-marathons and 10 runs over 20 miles including 5 marathons. She has traveled to Sacramento, Philadelphia, Bar Harbor, and Tulsa to complete these marathons.

Ms. Adler has many favorite quotes including, "Running reminds you that even in your weakest moments... you're strong."



By Rebecca Borghini
Senior Editor

Come Play Pickleball

The Altus Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Pickleball Open House on Sunday, March 28, 2021. It will be held at the Altus City Gymnasium (601 E. Katy Drive in Altus, Oklahoma) from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to introduce the sport of pickleball to the community and surrounding towns.

The Pickleball Open House is open to high school teens and adults, as well as senior adults. This specific event is free to the public, and equipment will be provided for new players. They will have experienced local players who will help instruct and coach new players.

With the restrictions Covid-19 has brought this past year, Pickleball has not been affected. Pickleball is a sport that allows for social distancing while on the court. You and your teammate are typically six

feet apart from one another while opponents are fourteen feet apart from you.

Pickleball is a fun sport that was invented in 1965. The sport combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Pickleball is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. It can be played as doubles or singles.

Playing pickleball can boost your mood and overall mental and physical health. Pickleball has a low impact nature to the game which allows everyone to enjoy the sport and become active as well.

You can learn more about pickleball by contacting Mandy O'Neil with any questions you may have..

Come learn how to play pickleball on March 28th and bring a friend!

Bulldog Bites

By Grayce Gilliam

What did you
do over
Spring
Break?



Freshman Abbey Marple states, "I just had knee surgery so just recovery for that!"



Freshman Nathan Cuelar states, "I spent time with my family."



Sophomore Grace Humble states, "I babysat most of spring break."



Sophomore Wyatt Jensen states, "I spent time with my grandparents in OKC and hung out with friends!"

Senior Spotlight: Whitley and Kaleb

By Gracie Taylor and Kylee Strickland
Senior Editor and Staff Writer



Whitley Townsend is a senior here at Altus High School. She has attended Altus High School since her freshman year. She also grew up in Olustee.

Whitley is involved in the FFA Foundation and Lady Bulldogs Softball here at AHS. Her family inspired her to get involved because they were involved in these activities in high school.

Whitley's mom, Sandra Townsend, is a house cleaner and a cleaner for Altus Christian Academy. Her dad, Joe Townsend, is a truck driver.

Whitley has also won many awards for FFA including: Green

Hand Degree, Discovery Degree, Outdoor Recreation Entrepreneurship, and a Swine Entrepreneurship Award.

After high school, Whitley plans to attend Western Oklahoma State College to play softball and study sports medicine and veterinarian technology.

Whitley's favorite thing about AHS is the FFA program. She loves all of the people and everything that they do.

Whitley states, "Both of my parents inspired me to do my best in everything that I do."

Some of her hobbies include: playing softball, hunting, fishing, swine shows, and CrossFit.

Whitley's favorite bible verse is, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13.

Kaleb Shive is a senior at Altus High School. He has attended all four years of high school here in Altus. Kaleb grew up in Altus along with his family. His favorite thing about Altus High School is being on the swim team.

Kaleb has an older brother Keegan Shive, a younger brother Gavyn Shive, and a little sister Fallyn Shive. Growing up he was always at the pool, because his dad is an assistant coach at the Linda Wiginton Aquatic Center.

Kaleb grew up watching all the swimmers at practice and the

swim meets. He just knew that swimming was what he wanted to do. Kaleb swam for the Water Dawgs in elementary school and continued his swimming career through junior high and throughout high school. He is a three-time State champion and even made All-State for swim. Kaleb won state, broke school records, and swam at the Speedo Sectionals.

Kaleb's future plans consist of furthering his academic and athletic career, and he wants to major in biology. Some things that motivates him are his family and friends.

His favorite quote is, "Do not let your worst enemy live between your ears." by Laird Hamilton.

