

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

May, 2016

Every Mustang, Every Year!

"Every Mustang, Every Year!" That's what you'll hear the kids shout every week as the Intermediate students have their "Friday morning meeting".

All school year, the staff members wear their superhero capes as they run through giving "fives" to the students before making the weekly announcements. They choose the Sidekicks of the Week, recognize the students that have reached AR goals, sing to the birthday kids, recognize sports teams, and make other classroom announcements.

The students always look forward to the excitement of the morning meeting. They show their Mustang spirit by cheering each other on as the announcements are made. It's hard to tell who enjoys it more, the staff or the students!



Dear Flinthills Patrons,

I hope you have been paying attention as to what has been happening in our legislature the past few years in regards to education and the state budget. Governor Brownback's and the Legislature's push to eliminate state income tax has cost the state of Kansas over \$1 Billion dollars the last two years even with the largest sales tax increase in Kansas History last year. There are over 330,000 businesses and business owners who have been exempt from paying income tax since 2012. Chances are you paid more income tax than the Koch brothers combined the past two years. I fail to understand how this is fair, especially when Governor Brownback promised that this would create 25,000 jobs per year in Kansas. For the record we have had zero job growth since this time last year. The Governor has had to sweep over \$1 billion dollars from KDOT and other funds to cover the lost revenue.

Additionally, Governor Brownback and the legislature passed a Block Grant Bill that was to guarantee the same funding for schools for two years, while the legislature wrote a new education finance formula. We are in Year 1 of the Block Grants and two things have happened: 1) The Supreme Court has ruled that the Block Grants inequitably fund schools (meaning that richer school districts received more funds while poorer districts received less funds) and that the legislature must fix it by June 30th or schools will not open July 1st, and 2) the Governor has proposed to the legislature that they cut schools by \$53 million this fiscal school year. There have been two other times when the Supreme Court has threatened to close schools if the legislature didn't adequately fund them, once in 1992 and the other in 2005. Both times cooler heads prevailed and the state legislature appropriated more money to schools to satisfy the court. Although there are two significant differences between the previous showdowns and this one. The first major difference is that the current legislature is significantly more conservative and hostile towards the current Supreme Court members. The second difference is that the state fund balances were in significantly better shape in the previous scenarios. As a result, there is growing concern that the legislature will not meet the courts demands by June 30, and that the schools will be forced to close July 1. The current situation has "economic disaster" for Kansas written all over it.

Let's examine the Parade of Horribles that would happen if the schools are not allowed to operate as of July 1st.

If our schools are forced to close July 1, and we have to:

- 1) Turn off the electricity:
 - a. We will most certainly lose all of our food stored in the coolers and freezers, and possibly boxed goods due to humidity & molding.
 - b. Our servers, technology and security systems will be compromised, and starting them up again will be time and labor consuming as well as costly.
 - c. Sump pumps would not operate, and should a large rain happen, it could certainly cause lots of damage to floors, etc.
- 2) Default on Payments:
 - a. We will not be able to pay bills including our general obligation bonds which will definitely affect the possibility of ever getting a loan again.
 - b. We will not be able to pay insurance, and should any natural disaster occur, we will not be able to afford or replace all of the equipment that is lost.
 - c. We will not be able to pay our staff salaries and benefits which could mean a significant loss of human resources if they have to leave the state to find other jobs. Replacing these people could be next to impossible, and may delay the start of school further.
 - d. Can you say Economic Armageddon for Kansas?
- 3) Turn children away:
 - a. We will not be able to feed children who depend upon federal assistance during the summer and the school year. Children will go hungry.
 - b. We will not be able to teach kids to drive.
 - c. We will not be able to host summer school, summer enrichment, sport camps, summer weightlifting.
 - d. We will not be able to educate kids, and they will fall behind.
 - e. The students will not have sporting events and other extra-curricular activities in which to participate, and we will not have the opportunities to attend their events.
 - f. We will struggle to find caretakers so that we can go to work.
 - g. We will say "No" to the future of this great state.

Keep in mind, too, that there is an Article in the Constitution concerning public education, but there is no article concerning highway funds. It is the responsibility of this state to provide a suitable and equitable education to its children, and I am quite certain that the veterans who have fought to protect our way of life did not expect to see public education attacked on its own soil the way it has been the past two years in Kansas.

Fixing this fiscal year's revenue problem will be difficult, but I know for a fact, the way you start to fix the revenue in the future is to repeal the exemptions that 330,000 businesses and business owners achieve in income tax. The experiment has failed as no more jobs have been created in the past year, and for our Governor and Legislature to ignore the fact we have a revenue problem is wrong. Too many free passes at the expense of publicly educated children (the future) of this state is robbing our children of tomorrow's opportunities. We need our governmental leadership to be leaders, stop the bleeding, and fix the problem regardless of whether it is an election year or not. Election years are every other year in Kansas, so by not fixing the problem because it is an election year indicates to me that their individual agendas are more important than the Kansans they represent.

Please contact your Senator and Representatives and tell them that your schools are important, and that they need to close the LLC loophole and restore income taxes to 330,000 businesses and business owners...they should have to pay something, just like you and me.

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Because there is an election this year, the August Primaries will be very important. Please get out and vote in August, as it will profoundly impact the future of the Great State of Kansas. For more information, go to our website: <http://www.usd492.org/>

Respectfully yours,

Jeremy Boldra

FHS TAKES 13 STUDENTS TO STATE FORENSICS CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Saturday, April 30th, thirteen Flinthills High School students are travelling to Salina for State Forensics Competition! Our team will dual with other top forensics performers in 3 rounds, semi-finals and finals. The FHS Team includes:

Bailey Smith – Serious Solo Acting
Destiny Lawrence and Colton Youngblood – Improvised Duet Acting
Destiny Lawrence – Prose
Londyn Doll and Peyton Girty – Duet Acting
Londyn Doll – Informative Speaking
Cody Alvord and Brooklyn Kane - Duet Acting
Cody Alvord – Humorous Solo Acting
Kolton Melugin – Extemporaneous Speaking
Taylor Bisbee - Poetry
Michael Adams – Poetry
Emily Green – Poetry
Paula Hartley – Prose
Emily Joseph – Original Oration

GOOD LUCK, MUSTANG PERFORMERS!



State Forensics Picture from left to right:

Front Row: Emily Joseph, Taylor Bisbee, Londyn Doll, Bailey Smith, Emily Green, and Destiny Lawrence

Back Row: Kolton Melugin, Michael Adams, Cody Alvord, Peyton Girty, Colton Youngblood, Paula Hartley, and Brooklyn Kane



The Flinthills Education Association has nominated Tiffany Willard for Kansas Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Willard is an asset to our district. When the Intermediate School first obtained their iPad cart, she took on the task of managing and maintaining the cart. She was the motivating factor in starting our annual motivational staff video. Tiffany recently wrote and received a grant allowing her to purchase pedals for her classroom, allowing her students to get some movement as they work. She takes on additional responsibilities wherever she sees a need to help improve our school, and most importantly, she is a calm, motivating instructor to her 4th grade students.

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We are very proud of all that Tiffany brings to our district. This nomination comes with a lot of work on her part, so wish her well and let's all keep our fingers crossed for her success!

Michal Austin
FEA President



Tiffany Willard

Students of the Month - April



Intermediate School
Alicia Wright

5th Grade

Parents: Erica Burell and David Wright

Hobbies: Reading, playing with her cousins and riding her scooter.

Favorite Class: Science



Middle School
Destiny Fulps

8th Grade

Parents: Vicki Killgore

Hobbies: Riding horses, fishing, and hanging out with my friends.

Activities: Volleyball, boy's basketball manager

Favorite Class: Science



High School
Jason Hefton

12th Grade

Parents: Chet and Lynn Hefton

Hobbies: Doing homework and studying hard for tests.

Activities: Football, Basketball, Baseball

Favorite Class: All of them

Awards Assembly

Friday, May 6th

High School 8:30 a.m.

Middle School 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12th

Intermediate 10:30 a.m.

Elementary Yearbooks on sale now!

Kindergarten - 6th grade.

\$ 10.00

**Please contact the school
office to purchase your
yearbook today!**

Diamonds Are Forever

The 2016 Flinthills Prom was a huge success despite the gale force winds. A special thanks to the Junior Class of 2017 for all of their efforts in decorating the commons area for the event.

The after prom festivities took place at *Urban Air*, an indoor trampoline park in Wichita.

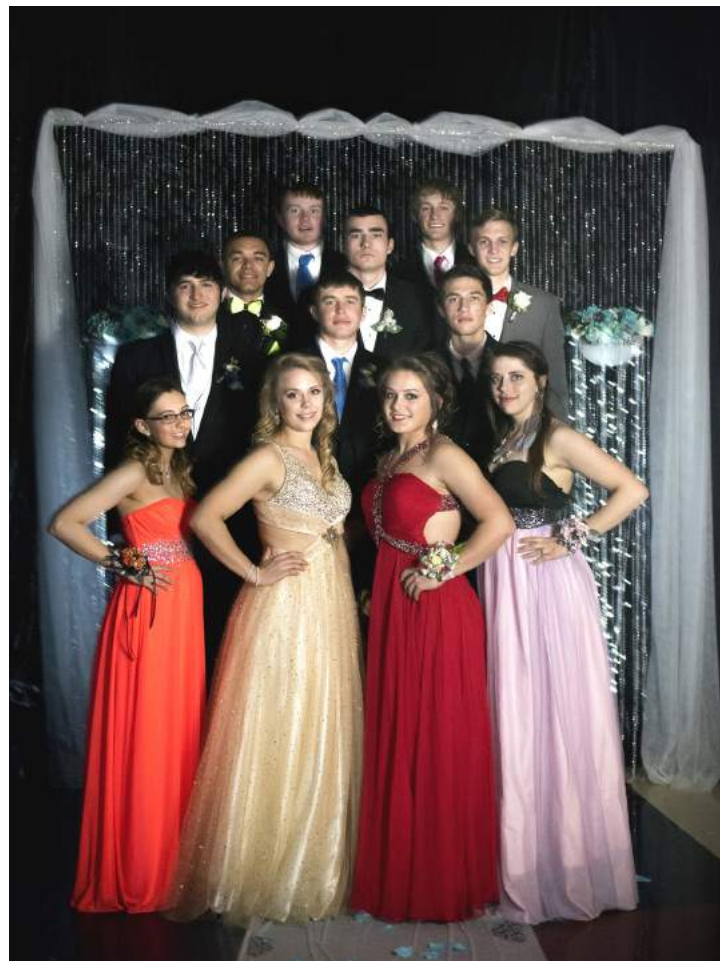


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Senior Class, pictured at right:

1st row (l-r): Meagan Hale, Londyn Doll, Lauren Doll, Brooklyn Kane

2nd row (l-r): J.C. Nuncio, Zach Sangals, Kevin Merwin

3rd row (l-r): A.J. Kennedy, Jason Hefton, Erik Eisenbarth

4th row (l-r): Trevor Kemp, Jayden Simmons

Junior Class, pictured at right:

1st row (l-r): Hunter Travnichek, Sarah Taylor, Ashley Harris

2nd row (l-r): Alannah Travnichek, Elisabeth Joseph, Rachel Bell, Tessa Bragg, Mary Bisbee, Gina Brown, Payton Gawith, Courtney Brown

3rd row (l-r): Alyssa Howard, Olivia Leslie, Dakota Alvord

4th row (l-r): Justin Bugner, Holton Nelson, Wyatt Studebaker, Tyler Melugin, Trey McNemee, Brandon Henson



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High School Math Relays

The high school South Central Border League math relays were held in Dexter on Tuesday, March 29th. Flinthills won 2nd overall out of 11 schools there. This was our final tournament for this year for the high school math students. Freshmen placed 2nd in their division, Sophomores placed 1st in their division, Juniors placed 5th in their division, and Seniors placed 2nd in their division. Flinthills placed 2nd overall at Dexter back in the fall semester and placed 3rd at Cedarvale on March 22nd.

Bryant Harris placed 3rd in Computations 9

Cari Brown placed 1st in Computation 9

Harley Ratcliff placed 3rd in Geometry 9

Cari Brown placed 1st in Polynomial Factoring 9

Cari Brown placed 1st in Probability & Stats 9

Jada Humig, Harley Ratcliff, and Caden Sangals placed 2nd in Algebra 1 Team

Ashley Melugin placed 3rd in Geometry 10

Chaz Ratcliff placed 1st in Geometry 10

Chaz Ratcliff placed 1st in Equations 10

Corbin Gauthier placed 1st in Graphing 10

Javen McCreight placed 3rd in Word Problems 10

Javen McCreight placed 2nd in Probability & Stats 10

Javen McCreight, Hanna Wright, and Sarah Harris placed 1st in Geometry Team

Gina Brown placed 3rd in Geometry 11

Alyssa Howard placed 3rd in Word Problems 11

Erik Eisenbarth placed 2nd in Trigonometry 12

Kevin Merwin placed 3rd in Computations 12

Trevor Kemp placed 2nd in Computations 12

Mary Bisbee placed 3rd in Geometry 12

Trevor Kemp placed 1st in Geometry 12

Kevin Merwin placed 3rd in Equations 12

Erik Eisenbarth placed 2nd in Equations 12

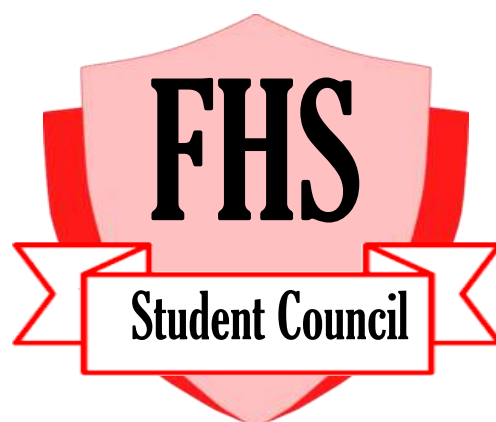
Trevor Kemp placed 2nd in Probability & Stats 12

Erik Eisenbarth placed 2nd in Potpourri 12

Kevin Merwin placed 1st in Potpourri 12

Congratulations to everybody who represented Flinthills in the League Math Relays and achieving 2nd place at League!

Mr. Freking



2016-2017

President- Payton Gawith

Vice President- Holton Nelson

Secretary- Gina Brown

Treasurer- Trey McNemee

SR Rep- Dakota Alvord

SR Rep- Sarah Taylor

At Large- Mary Bisbee

At Large- Justin Bugner

JR Rep- Ashley Melugin

JR Rep- Kolton Melugin

SO Rep- Peyton Girty

SO Rep- Harley Ratcliff

FR Rep- Janea Totty

FR Rep- Colton Gauthier

ZOO

The third and fourth grade students visited the Sedgwick County Zoo on April 27th.



The students met with a zookeeper for an educational program while they were there.





These students have volunteered to meet with younger students throughout the year as their mentor through the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Front Row— Erik Eisenbarth, Jayden Simmons, Kevin Merwin, Trey McNemee, Javen McCreight.

Back Row – Zach Sangals, Brooklyn Kane, Alyssa Howard, Payton Gawith, Gina Brown, Rachel Bell, AJ Kennedy.

Members of the high school band and choir traveled to Southwestern College on April 2 to perform at the regional music festival.

Jeffrey Garcia and Corbin Gauthier received a second division rating on their instrumental solos. Bailey Smith and Haley Wright received second division ratings on their vocal solos, and the Bella Voce vocal trio also received a second division rating. Gina Brown and Trevor Kemp received first division ratings on their instrumental solos and Harley Ratcliff received a first division rating on her vocal solo.

Those receiving a first division rating qualified for the state music festival and performed at Baker University on April 23rd. Trevor and Gina received first division ratings on their solos, and Harley received a third division rating at the state competition. Congratulations to these students. Great job!



Heath Town, Dylan Steinhauer and Bradon Totty work on a school project in Mr. Worrell's Remodel and Building Maintenance class.



Jonathan McCreight,
6th Grade



Laura Scribner, 5th Grade

These students earned a prize to share with their whole class by getting 400 AR points!



Savannah McCreight,
6th Grade

The Book Fair was a Huge Success!!!

Flinthills Primary held a Book Fair and Family Reading night in April. At the Reading Night the students for to read with an adult, make a craft, play reading games, have a snack and go to the book fair. The book fair lasted three days and made almost \$1,800. We earned \$900.00 in books from Usborne Books for our library. The kids are very excited about the new books coming! Thank you so much to the parents, teachers and community for supporting our school and library.



Flinthills Hosts SCBL Music Festival

The 2016 South Central Border League Middle School Band and Vocal Competition was held on April 11, 2016 and was hosted by Flinthills Middle / High School. Over 200 students were on location for the event.

The students competed both individually and in small or large groups. The judges for the competition traveled from as close as El Dorado, and as far as Mission Valley & Iola, KS. A huge shout out from Mr. Long to the USD 492 staff for assisting in managing the event. Way to go Mustang Band and Choir members.



CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION CEREMONY

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016 2:00 P.M.

MUSTANG SOFTBALL



Front row (l-r): Rachel Bell, Jada Humig, Haley Wright, Vanessa Caylor, Kayla Liggett, Allison Gawith, Harley Ratcliff, Brooke Harris.

Back row (l-r): Coach Harms, Taylor Bisbee, Makenzie Jackson, Cari Brown, Courtney Brown, Gina Brown, Bailey Smith, Hunter Travnichuk

The softball team is slowly getting better. We are a young team with no seniors, still trying to win our first game. Hopefully we will sneak up on someone and win at least one before the season is over. The girls are getting along and seem to be having a good time. Here are the stats after 13 games of our top five players.

Coach Harms

Name	K's	Walks	Single	Double	Triple	HR	Runs	RBI	Hits	At Bat	Pct.	On Base	At Bats	Pct.
Makenzie Jackson	3	4	7	2	0	0	7	8	9	27	0.333	14	31	0.452
Bailey Smith	2	7	5	3	1	0	11	4	9	29	0.311	17	36	0.472
Courtney Brown	7	5	5	2	0	0	8	6	7	26	0.269	14	31	0.452
Gina Brown	3	2	3	0	2	0	5	3	5	25	0.201	11	30	0.367
Haley Wright	8	5	5	0	0	0	4	4	3	24	0.125	10	29	0.345



Hunter Travnichuk



Haley Wright



Makenzie Jackson

MUSTANG BASEBALL



Front row (l-r): Brayden Taylor, Jeffrey Garcia, Zach Sangals, Dylan Steinhauer, Ryan Batson, Jayden Simmons, Brandon Henson.

Middle row (l-r): Caden Sangals, Trevor Kemp, Sam Colangelo, Justin Bugner, Jason Hefton, Heath Town, Ethan James.

Back row (l-r): Trey McNemee, James Wieckhorst, Bryant Harris, Jesse Town, Peyton Girty.

Photos by
Crossroads Photography



Trevor Kemp

After splitting with Sedan, winning game 2, the Mustangs have won the last 9 games to move to 10-1 on the season and currently tied with Sedan for first place in the SCBL league standings. Games at CedarVale, Remington, and Oxford still left before the end of the season will test the team before league tournament and Regionals. We have a very good chance of hosting first round of League tournament here on May 8th with 4 teams coming here to play starting at 10 AM. We will also host Regional Baseball this year on May 16th and 17th at McDonald's stadium in El Dorado. We have had a few close games where it seems our intensity just is not there as a team. With that said, this group still finds a way to win. Hopefully we can continue this trend, put it all together and earn a trip to Great Bend for state this year.

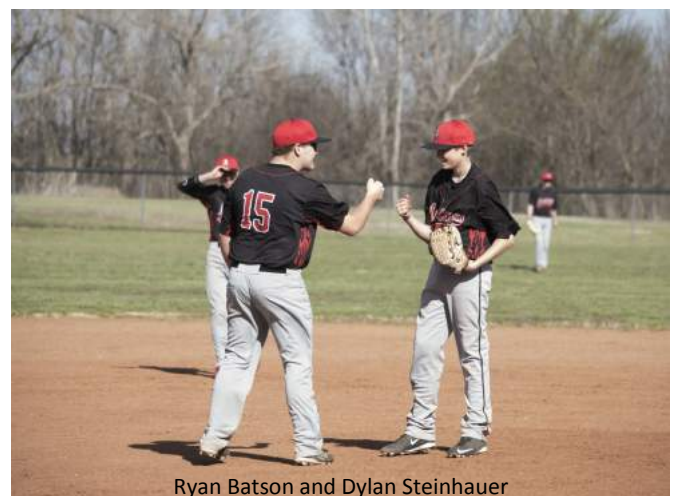
Coach Sorum



Jayden
Simmons



Zach
Sangals



Ryan Batson and Dylan Steinhauer

Middle School Track

We have 32 students from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades competing for the Flinthills Middle School Track team. To date, we have competed in 4 track meets.

At the first track meet of the season on March 29th at Central Burden, we ended up with 9 first place finishes, 8 second place finishes, 4 third place finishes and 14 other students placed either fourth, fifth or sixth. The 7th grade girls team finished the meet in 3rd place overall and the 7th grade boys finished 6th overall. In the 8th grade divisions, the boys placed 4th overall while the girls finished in FIRST place.

On April 5th, the track teams travelled to West Elk. Overall, the 7th grade boys placed 7th while the 7th grade girls and the 8th grade boys place 2nd overall. The 8th grade girls finished in FIRST place. We ended the day with 8 first place finishes, 10 second place finishes and 7 3rd place finishes. We had 13 other placings in 4th, 5th, or 6th place.

On April 13th, the track teams travelled to Emporia State University for the Hartford Invitational. The 7th and 8th grade teams were combined for a boys' team and a girls' team. The boys' team placed 2nd and the girls placed FIRST. We had 6 first place finishes, 9 second place finishes and 3 third place finishes. We had 15 other events where one of our track stars placed in 4th, 5th or 6th place earning points for the overall team.



Photo by C. Heller Photography

On April 19th, we competed at the Yates Center track meet. Overall the 7th grade girls took 3rd place, the 8th grade girls took 2nd place, the 7th grade boys took 6th place and the 8th grade boys took 4th place. We had 8 first place finishes, 8 second place finishes and 6 third place finishes. We ended up with 19 other events where we took 4th, 5th or 6th place.

We have had a very successful season so far this year. We will be in Eureka on Thursday, April 28th for their Invitational. We will conclude our season at the SCBL League meet on Thursday, May 5th at Caldwell. Our kids have worked very hard this season and our medal count and placings show that.

Coach Hinnen



Photo by C. Heller Photography



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Get your Flinthills High School 2015-16 yearbook **NOW!!!**

**Delivery will be in
August 2016**

**See Ms. Nobert to order
your yearbook.**

ATTENTION:

If you plan on eating lunch at the school on field day or rodeo day, please contact the school office by Friday, May 6th to sign up. Thank you.

Primary: 620-735-4428

Intermediate: 620-476-2218

Don't forget to sign up for 2 free games of bowling all summer long for your kiddos! The Boldra Brothers have already been warming up the lanes...hopefully you'll have as much fun as they do!



Sign Up Now... IT'S FREE!
TO SIGN UP AT
Grizzly Bowl
El Dorado, KS - (316) 452-5410
GO TO
www.KidsBowlFree.com/GrizzlyBowl

IT'S EASY...
1 GO TO THE WEBSITE ABOVE TO REGISTER EACH CHILD
2 RECEIVE THE FREE BOWLING PASSES EVERY WEEK BY EMAIL
3 COME AND ENJOY FREE BOWLING ALL SPRING & SUMMER!

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620-476-2240

578 SE Rosalia Rd, Rosalia, KS 67132

AJ Kennedy recently signed with Mid-America Nazarene University on a track scholarship.



Congratulations to AJ Kennedy for his recent signing with the Mid-America Nazarene University which is a Christian liberal arts college located in Olathe, KS. They will be gaining a great addition to their track program!

Pictured with him are Grandparents, Max Kennedy and Cecilia Kennedy along with track head coach, Nate Wiens.

FLINTHILLS MUSTANGS Basketball Camp

**Monday June 27th, 2016
- Friday July 1st, 2016**

**\$35 Fee for Camp T-Shirt & Water Bottle
& Attend the 2016 FHS Athletics Pool Party**

6th - 9th Graders: 8:30 am - 10:30 am

**K- 5th Graders: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
After MS/HS Camp**

**TRAIN DIRECTLY WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
ATHLETES AND COACHING STAFF!**

**10th - 12th Graders: 8:30 am - 12:30 am
K-5 Camp Coaches**

**A CONTACT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO COACH
CASTEEL BEFORE A STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AT CAMP!**



2016 NHS Graduates: Trevor Kemp, Jayden Simmons, Kevin Merwin, Erik Eisenbarth, and Londyn Doll. You 5 have left some big shoes to fill and lead by example of integrity, academic leadership, strong character and work ethic. We will truly miss you!



Introducing the newest members of the Flinthills National Honor Society... 2016 inductees are:

Holton Nelson, Vanessa Caylor, Colton Youngblood, Ashley Melugin, Javen McCreight, Kayla Liggett, Corbin Gauthier, Kolton Melugin, Chaz Ratcliff, and Hanna Wright. Congratulations!!

**Get your 2015-16 Flinthills
Middle School yearbook
NOW!!!**

**See Ms. Nobert for more
information.**

Delivery will be August 2016.

**The last day of
school is May 13th.**

**Have a great
summer!**





Flinthills Graduating Class of 2016



Michael Adams



Ryan Batson



Lauren Doll



Londyn Doll



Erik Eisenbarth



Meagan Hale



Jason Hefton



Brooklyn Kane



Trevor Kemp



A.J. Kennedy



Kevin Merwin



J.C. Nuncio



Zach Sangals



Colton Timms



Jayden Simmons

Reflections of 2015-2016

In the past week the 7th grade Language Arts class has been brainstorming about things they will remember from this past year. This is just a few of the things that they came up with.

Scholars' Bowl is an academic competition that challenges the mind in answering complicated questions in all subjects. Seventh and eighth graders both participated in scholars' bowl this year. Eighth graders were the varsity team and seventh graders were the junior varsity team.

Students participated in six meets on the east side of the South Central Border League. Sedan, West Elk, Central Burden, Elk Valley, and Flinthills are all on the east side of the league. The first meet was at Flinthills on February 16, and the league meet was on March 31 at Udall. At the league meet the varsity got 2nd place and JV got 3rd. "This year's scholars' bowl team worked hard. They earned many medals!" said Ms. Nobert, coach of the scholars' bowl team.

In conclusion the middle school scholars' bowl team did very well this year. They had a lot of fun in and out of meets and showed their academic skills while under pressure.

By Lucas Austin and Morgan Holcomb



On March 31, Ms. Hodges' science class was offered the opportunity to incubate some chicken eggs. Emily Wilson was picked as the student to be in charge of the project.

On April 1, thirty-five eggs started their adventure as they entered the incubator. Ten days later they were ready to be candled. In other words, they were developed enough to be seen by shining a flashlight against the shell of the egg. If an egg had no dark spot, movement, or veins it would no longer carry on in the journey. It was crucial for the



twenty-eight eggs remaining to stay at a 100 degree temperature and at a sixty-five percent humidity. On April 21, the eggs were cracked because the chicks were trying to break out. Therefore the first chick was born at 7:30 P.M. and the second was born around 9:00 P.M. On April 22, the science class discovered five baby chicks. Throughout the day fifteen chicks were born. One was not doing well. On Monday, April 25, the chick passed away. No more chicks hatched. Seventeen was the final number of chicks. Amongst the chicks only one white one was born.

Mr. Oltman cracked open the unhatched eggs to see how far along they were and to possibly find out why they didn't hatch. Many of the unborn chicks were not fully developed. Others were not strong enough to peck through the egg sack.

Four chicks will be going home with Mr. Oltman and the rest will go to Emily Wilson's house.

By Breyah Lacey and Emily Wilson

The middle school Civil War project wasn't a regular project. It was a one-of-a-kind project. This project required artistic people, some creativity, patience, and a little love for art. They started the project while learning about the Civil War and its struggles. We did the project in Mr. Thornton's social studies room.

They started the Civil War project on March 7, 2016. We divided the class into two groups, and they were supposed to make items that supported their side, the Union or Confederacy. Mr. Thornton said "It was a necessary struggle to bring the union back together".

In the end they placed the items made onto the wall. They did this so they could learn about the Civil War in a fun, artistic way that most enjoyed. This project was a good way to learn the material by doing something fun instead of reading or worksheets.

By: Dylan Taylor and Cody Noel



The Flinthills Middle School boys' basketball and girls' basketball teams had an almost undefeated season. The season started in October and ended in February. The girls lost one game to Remington and the boys lost one game to Cedarvale.

Christopher Grimwood said "Beating Caldwell was a major defeat for us because we lost to them last year." In the semifinals in West Elk, they were down by one point in the end of the first half, but they still managed to beat them.

They had a very successful year at the South Central Border League tournaments. There was a lot of injuries, sweat, tears and excitement for both teams. It was a great season!!!

By: Reagan Heimgartner, Landon Lamb, Kody Schafer



The Flinthills Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, January, 19, 2016. The Spelling Bee was located in the Flinthills High School auditorium.

The Flinthills Middle School contestants were Kyler Meyer, Issac Bugner, Jesse Town, Tucker Travnichcek, and Bailey Bugner. The announcer for the contest was Mrs. Thomas, and the judge was Mrs. Boldra.,

The winners for the middle school and intermediate were Tucker Travnichcek and Danielle Howard. Kyler Meyer and Laura Scribner were the alternates. Both Danielle and Tucker moved onto the Butler County Spelling Bee. "I wish there would have been harder words so it would have been more of a challenge for the contestants" said Kyler Meyer. Both Tucker and Danielle were eliminated in the third round.

By Tucker Travnichcek and Christopher Grimwood

Continued...

Reflections of 2015-2016

On December 17, 2015, the middle school drama class performed a skit of the Wizard of Oz. The class did the skit for the Flinthills Intermediate School. The skit was to help the drama class students get over their stage fright and shyness.

"I think it's an excellent story that focuses on how an over abundance of media can ruin relationships. It reminds the kids how important recycling is. It also reminds the kids to be nice and it reminds the audience to be kind," said Mrs. McCreight, drama class instructor. This skit was to help the students get better at performing in front of people. Reagan Heimgartner said "I was excited but a tiny bit nervous." We asked Tucker Travnichuk if it helped him get over his fear of performing in front of groups of people and he said "Yes, a lot."

This skit helped many drama class students get over their fear of performing in front of groups of people. It taught them how to be a better actor/actress, and it got them ready for high school drama classes.

By: Chloe Wieckhorst, Bailey Bugner



The Flinthills Middle School girls won the South Central Border League volleyball championship. The tournament started at Sedan High School. After Flinthills won part 1 of the tournament, part 2 took place at Flinthills High School.

Before the championship, the girls were ranked #1 in the league. The tournament was won on October 15 and 17. The girls' regular season started on August 22, 2015, and ended in October. There were 26 girls that played volleyball this season. Our record was 12-0. The C team was learning how to play volleyball and they did awesome this season. The B team lost to Cedervale/

Dexter. The A team didn't lose any matches.

Coach Harms said "We had a great season, we will be more competitive next year."

Flinthills had a great season this year. Great job volleyball girls!

By: Matison Totty and Kylee Weis



FLINTHILLS CHEERLEADING NEWS!



April had the Flinthills Cheerleading program gearing up for next year's 2016-2017 cheerleading season. Cheer sign up sheets were placed in the high school and elementary school offices for all students interested. There were approximately 10 students signed up for Middle School Cheer and 11 students signed up for High School Cheer.

Two informative meetings were held, the first, on April 20th and the second, on April 23rd to apprise the parents and the students on the new program. April would normally have been the time when we would announce the new squads for next year but not all parents have not been introduced to the new program yet. It is important that if your student is interested in cheer next year, please contact me immediately. I want to have both squads in place by May 7th. Signed cheer contracts and medical forms must be turned into the office to be eligible!

We are currently in the process of scheduling fittings for uniforms, summer practices and fundraisers, and looking at summer camps. Summer is the busiest time for a cheerleading squad because it is the time when cheerleaders do the majority of their learning and practice. We have lots of fun things scheduled for the summer and we will be learning a lot of new material and scheduling team building activities. I'm really looking forward to working with our student athletes and building a cheer program that Flinthills will be proud of.

Coach Green

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Flinthills Cheerleading
now has a Facebook page
under Flinthills Cheerleading

We also have a Twitter
account also under Flinthills
Cheerleading. We'll be
keeping you informed
through these venues.



FHS 2015-2016 DRAMA AWARDS

Drama students gathered Saturday, April 23rd Red Carpet Style for FHS Tony Awards and various other honors. The following awards were announced:

Newly Inducted International Thespian Society Members:

Jada Humig, Cari Brown, Kaden Taylor, Rachel Bell, Ashley Melugin, Kayla Liggett, Taylor Bisbee, and Courtney Brown.

Graduating Seniors wearing ITS Honor Cords:

Londyn Doll, JC Nuncio, Erik Eisenbarth, Kevin Merwin, Lauren Doll, and Brooklyn Doll.

Graduating Senior wearing the Honors Medallion: Erik Eisenbarth

Special Medal Awards:

Magnificently Mannered: Brandon Henson

Rookie of the Year: Cari Brown

Most Professional: Cody Alvord

Most Improved: Javen McCreight

Most Valuable Player: Trey McNemee

Big Stretch: Alyssa Howard

Right Hand Man: Brooklyn Kane

Alpha Omega Award: Holton Nelson

Tony Awards:

Best Crew Work: Lauren Doll – Make-up Artist – *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Boys Next Door*

Best Bit Part: Destiny Lawrence – Munchkin Mayor, *The Wizard of Oz*

Best Supporting Actress: Bailey Smith – Glenda, *The Wizard of Oz*

Best Supporting Actor: JC Nuncio – The Wizard, *The Wizard of Oz*

Best Actress: Londyn Doll – Dorothy, *The Wizard of Oz*

Best Actor: Kevin Merwin – Lucien, *The Boys Next Door*



8th Grade Promotion
Monday, May 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.



Fifth Grade Students Present the Living Wax Museum

Did you know? Harriet Tubman's real name is Araminta Ross? Amelia Earhart wasn't impressed the first time she saw an airplane? "Say Hey Kid" is Willie Mays nickname? These are just a few of the facts that fifth graders presented at the Living Wax Museum. The Living Wax Museum was a culmination of a four week Reading, Writing and Speech project. During the four week research the students anxiously created a bibliography of their choice character. Once the bibliography was completed they portrayed the person, accurately, in a two minute speech.



PTO NEWS

PTO was able to meet Tuesday, April 12th. The Primary Walk-a-thon was a great success and we want to thank all the volunteers along with the community for helping us raise over \$4,000.00! That will help out each classroom tremendously! Thank you all so much!

PTO is working on figuring out how to allot the money that has been collected so far. Teachers will be given the chance to request classroom supplies for next year and there are purchases that have already been made in order to serve the classrooms and school more efficiently. The Intermediate school will receive a new paper cutter while both the Primary and Intermediate will get a new camera to be able to use. Mrs. Ratcliff was approved for supplies and a Scholastic News subscription while Miss Boyd received a payback from her Life Science butterfly project.

The Intermediate Walk-a-Thon was discussed and final preparations were made to ensure the success of the event. Tiffany Willard updated everyone on the Intermediate field trips coming up and also brought up the idea of selling calendars for the next school year as a way to raise money.

Cheryl Green presented the PTO with the opportunity to allow the cheerleaders to sell any kind of merchandise we may have, for a small fee, in an attempt to help them raise more money for camps and uniforms.

Officer elections were held. Junilda Scribner was reelected as President, Melissa Scribner was reelected as treasurer and Chelsey Finley was reelected as Secretary; whereas, Amie Oltman nominated Kim Jackson for vice-president and it was unanimously agreed upon.

It was a very informative meeting with a lot accomplished. The last meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, May 10th. If you would like to join us we would love to have you!

Solar System Finale

**The fifth and sixth grader's
field trip to the
Cosmosphere on April 27th.**



The 5th grade class



The 6th grade girls



The 6th grade boys



Latest Happenings in Science Classes

- 8th graders are learning to write formulas and balance chemical equations.
- The freshmen class are building volcanoes, but they won't explode them until next week. They collected fossils at the El Dorado Lake, drew a sketch of the rock layers, and did relative dating on the fossils.
- Biology students have finished learning about Biomes, they classified some fossils that they found on a short trip to the El Dorado Lake, and they will be collecting and classifying some living organisms to finish up the year.
- The Chemistry class wrapped up their lab experiences with two acid-base titration labs, reviewed for their last regular test, and took it recently. Next week, they will be preparing for their final.
- Physics wrapped up the year studying about Electricity and Magnetism by determining how much magnetism can be created by electricity and how many 6 volt batteries it takes to destroy a pencil.
- Anatomy is wrapping up their year with an in depth study of genetics, and they may analyze their blood types; if there is enough time on a day when they are all present in school.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of those who have had me in their prayers as well as Mrs. Denchfield for filling in for me every afternoon during 4th quarter. I am feeling much better, and I hope to be back next fall at 100%.

Thanks again,
Jody McCollum



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Poetry

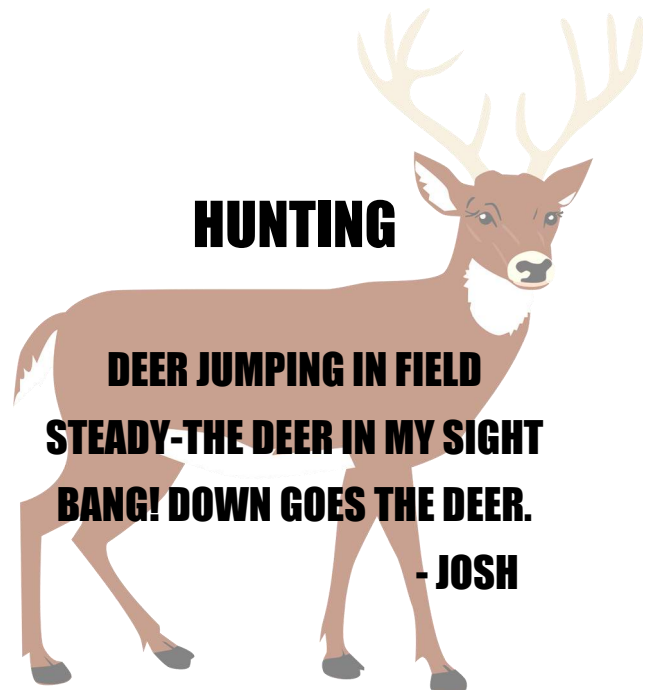
April was National Poetry Month. The sixth graders had finished up a poetry unit; we studied and practiced writing Haiku, limericks, imagery, "I am," acrostics, and concrete styles of poetry, and we studied the 3 types of irony. The students wanted to share some of their favorites. Enjoy!

Summer
By: Cael Sorum

I love summer
I'm reminded of my baseball seasons in the past.
I'm on the pitchers mound, I can feel the baseball leaving my hand, wiz,
perfect strike.
Ready to bat, the other team ready to pitch, I can hear the crack from
the bat, home run.
As I round the bases I see my teammates waiting at home plate, I also
hear my mom yellin "go bubbie."
I smelled victory 5-2, us! I could taste the undefeated streak, 10-0 next
game for a record.
Sadly we lost, our record, 10-1.
But my goodness, the best summer ever.



HUNTING



**DEER JUMPING IN FIELD
STEADY-THE DEER IN MY SIGHT
BANG! DOWN GOES THE DEER.
- JOSH**

There once was a boy named Luke
who's father was a spook
his father was mad
and Luke wasn't glad
that poor little boy named Luke



By Tabitha



The Kansas Association of School Boards is pleased to announce our Leadership for Tomorrow Class of 2016-17. The 32 participants were chosen through an application process on the basis of individual leadership in public education and participation in activities that promote effective governance and raise student achievement.

This year's class includes board of education members and district and building-level administrators from all over Kansas. "They are already leaders in their local communities" said KASB Executive Director John Heim. "KASB's Leadership for Tomorrow is about gaining perspective and learning from others by visiting districts and classrooms in small and large districts and in rural, suburban and urban areas."

In the past 11 years 163 school leaders have completed the program. This year's class also includes two KASB staff members. This will be the first time Association staff members have participated as fully fledged members of the program.

Five sessions will be held in various locations across the state. Through these onsite visits, presentations and class discussions, participants expand their knowledge of leadership skills and education key issues by learning about the unique challenges and opportunities in schools all across the state.

The 2016-2017 KASB Leadership for Tomorrow includes:

Jeremy Boldra, superintendent of schools, Flint Hills USD 492;

Katina Brenn, superintendent of schools, Colby USD 315;

Barb Brittan, board of education, Abilene USD 435;

Dale Brungardt, superintendent of schools, Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327;

Rick Burgess, board of education, Lyons USD 405;

Lori Church, attorney, Kansas Association of School Boards;

Cindy Couchman, director of learning and instruction, Buhler USD 313;

Justin Coup, superintendent of schools, Solomon USD 393;

Shannon Culver, board of education, Woodson Co. USD 366;

Amy Garver, principal, Basehor-Linwood Middle School, Basehor-Linwood USD 458;

Dr. Jackie Glasgow, board of education Wellington USD 353;

Mike Gower, superintendent of schools, Phillipsburg USD 325;

Art Guitierrez, board of education, Emporia USD 253;

Sandra Halling, board of education, Bucklin USD 459;

Pat Happer, superintendent of schools, Jefferson West USD 340;

Nicole Hawkins, board of education, Goddard USD 265;

Jerry Hodson, superintendent of schools, Rawlins County USD 105;

Lori Johnson, board of education, Girard USD 248;

Doug Lockwood, board of education, Turner USD 202

Liz Maisberger-Clark, KASB Workers Compensation Ins., Inc. Fund Administrator, Kansas Association of School Boards;

Angie McDonald, director of instruction, McPherson USD 418;

Jo McFadden, principal, Inman Elementary School, Inman USD 448;

Gina McGowan, board of education, Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327;

Mischel Miller, superintendent of schools, Vermillion USD 380;

John Montford, principal, Sunnyside Elementary School, Dodge City USD 443;

Barb Sewing, board of education, Stafford USD 349;

Daryl Stegman, superintendent of schools, Spearville USD 381;

Mike Stegman, superintendent of schools, Cimarron Ensign USD 105;

Brad Stratton, board of education, Shawnee Mission USD 512;

Khris Thexton, assistant superintendent, Great Bend USD 428;

Greg Tice, board of education, Renwick USD 267;

Brett White, assistant superintendent, Andover USD 385.

The Kansas Association of School Boards is a not-for-profit organization located in Topeka, Kansas. Members include governing boards for unified school districts, community colleges, area vocational-technical schools and cooperatives, interlocals and regional service centers. The Association provides legal, advocacy and leadership training in addition to offering a number of products and services to support local school districts in daily operations and management.

Life Science

Miss. Boyd's 1st grade class has had a busy spring learning about life science! The last week of March the students learned about the life cycle of a chicken. On that Friday, Miss Boyd brought in chicks for the students to observe and hold. They also discussed the parts of an egg and got to take a close look at the contents.

During April the 1st grade students have been busy watching plants grow, that they themselves planted. Each student had the choice to plant sunflower, zinnia, or marigold seeds and then take home the sprouts. They have also been studying, watching, and recording the life cycle of a butterfly. Every few days they fill in a observation journal entry about the life cycle stage they have observed. It has been very fun for them to be able to watch small caterpillars grow, form chrysalises, and transform into Painted Lady Butterflies.





The third graders went on a QR code scavenger hunt to practice their math skills. They first scan a QR code which will give them an addition or subtraction problem to solve. Once they have solved that problem they must search for that answer on another QR card. They then scan the new card to receive a new problem to solve. This continues until they scan a "Congratulations, you have solved all the problems!" card. It is a fun way to practice our math skills and allows us to move around as we work. Pictured below, Cali Crossfield, Karsyn Flores, and Addison Cartmell.



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Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! — Nehemiah

ATTENTION:

If you plan on eating lunch at the school on field day or rodeo day, please contact the school office by Friday, May 6th to sign up. Thank you.

Primary: 620-735-4428

Intermediate: 620-476-2218

Congratulations to senior,
Trevor Kemp, for being honored
as the Kansas Governor's Scholar
Award Winner in Topeka.



Peyten Girty & Londyn Doll performed their duet act for the intermediate students to prepare for the State Forensics competition.

4-H News

Sarah Sourm has had sheep for a while. Now they have lambs. The lambs are 2 months old now. The lambs eat 3-4 times a day and the sheep eat 2 times a day. The sheep eat corn, alfalfa, and grass. Her lambs were easy to work with right now but, when they get older they will be harder to handle. Sarah plans to show her lambs in the fair when they are older. She wants to keep 1 female sheep and sell 3 male sheep at the fair. Sarah shears her sheep 1 time a year. When they had their lambs, she sheared them 3 months before they had their lambs.

By Matison Totty





The Intermediate school participated in the 2nd annual Walk-A-Thon on April 28th. The students raised an outstanding amount of money, totally \$2,082.02. That money will be combined with the donations raised by the Primary Walk-A-Thon, for a grand total of \$4,116.48. The Intermediate winners were: 1st place - Alissa Henson (received a Kindle Fire tablet and a Mustang shirt); 2nd place - Joe Sterbenz (received a movie theater basket from Mitchell Theaters and a Mustang shirt); 3rd place - Dakota Wright (received a 31 synch bag and a Mustang shirt). The top sellers in each class were also rewarded with a \$5 Walmart gift card.

Thank you Kim Jackson for the donation of the 31 synch bag, and thank you Mitchell Theaters for donating the movie basket prize. Also, a huge thank you to Jamie Swafford, Melissa Scribner, Debbie Cordts, Stacy Becker, Joseph Sterbenz, and the Intermediate teachers and staff for helping with the event.

PTO will use the donations to support our Flinthills teachers and classrooms by purchasing needed supplies, providing prizes for AR, sending our kids on field trips, and more! This isn't possible without community support. THANK YOU!



Grand Prize Winners: Alissa Henson, Joe Sterbenz, and Dakota Wright.



Classroom Winners: Madison Alvord, Callie Cordts, Addison Cartmell, Lauren Donner.



PTO provided snowcones for the students after they walked the track for 30 minutes.

Employee of the Month



Julie McCreight, with Board of Education President, Pat Hannon.

Julie McCreight is currently in her 15th year at Flinthills as the drama teacher. Mrs. McCreight teaches Speech, Drama, and Forensics, and directs at least two plays/musicals a year. Julie always carries a smile and kind words to say to and about everyone. Mrs. McCreight does what's best for kids and they respond to her genuine compassion for each child. She sees each child for their potential and is willing to go above and beyond to help each child not only find success, but to realize the potential in themselves. If someone could be pictured next to the quote by James Comer, "No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship," it should be Mrs. McCreight as she exemplifies what a teacher should be. Julie was originally on the Employee of the Month Committee, but passed the torch in January. She received a certificate and a Flinthills Engraved Yeti at the April board meeting.

Calendar Events

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 State FFA CDEs	2 State FFA CDEs Teacher Appreciate Week Primary Spring Program 7:00	3 State FFA CDEs HS TR @ Burlington 3:00 BB @ Whitewater 4:30	4 Senior Finals 5-6-7 3-6 Vocal Concert 6:30 7-12 Vocal Concert 7:30	5 Senior Finals 1-2-3-4 MS TR SCBL @ Caldwell 1:30	6 HS Academic Asby 8:30 MS Academic Asby 1:00 Graduation Practice 8th Gr. Last Day	7
8 Graduation 2:00 Mother's Day	9 SB/BB League Tournament 8th Grade Promotion 7:00	10 PTO 6:00 3-6 AR Party	11 FFA @ Newton	12 HS Finals 5-6-7 BB/SB SCBL @ Winfield 4:00	13 1:00 Dismissal/ Work Day HS Finals 1-2-3-4 HS TR SCBL @ Howard 3:00	14
15	16 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 SB/BB Regional	17 SB/BB Regional	18	19	20 TR Regional	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 TR State @ WSU SB/BB State	28 TR State @ WSU SB/BB State
29	30 Memorial Day	31 FFA State Convention				

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Left: Deken Girty,
Maddison Chambers



Right: Keenan Boldra,
Ty Finley



Above: Gabe Oltman,
Marcella Sneath



Left: James Corter,
Maddison Chambers



Right: Kaleb Grunder,
Garrett Jackson