

# CHARGER COURIER

## Student of the Month

By: Ally Hatch

It's January which means we have a new set of students who have been chosen to be the students of the month. The students get announced at morning announcements, Facebook, and Infinite Campus announcements every month. The staff nominates kids who show Positive, Respectful, Involved, Dependable, and Encouraging behavior, for short we call this P.R.I.D.E. These students are Senior Doug Cary, 8th grader Trystan Hernandez, and 2nd grader Gemma Gillmore.

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## Burrton Invitational

By: Sirius Lazenby

For 45 years, Burrton has held a basketball tournament and invited numerous surrounding schools to join us. The invitational is an annual thing that teams look forward to and train for. This year we invited Berean Academy, Central Christian, Fairfield. Goessel, Inman, Little River, and Pretty Prairie. Originally, the games were supposed to be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, but due to harsh and cold weather, they rescheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

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The first game was on January 17th and it was the Burrton Chargers against the Fairfield Falcons at 3 P.M., every student from Burrton came down to cheer on their team as the pep band played. The game ended in Fairfield's favor with a score of 61-33, although Burrton may have lost, they still had a few more games to play in the losing brackets while Fairfield moved onto the winning bracket.

The following game was Goessel Bluebirds against Berean Academy Warriors, the Warriors pulled ahead with a score of 58-13 and pushed Goessel to the losing bracket. The game after was Little River Redskins against Central Christian Cougars, the Cougars won, 52-45. The final game was between the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs and the Inman Teutons, the Teutons won just barely with a score of 42-41.

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The final day was tense and started with the Chargers going against the Redskins for the 7th place spot, in the end, Little River won the spot and received their wooden plaque as an award. The next game was for the 5th place between Goessel and Pretty Prairie, nearing the end of the 4th quarter the score was 47-47, making the game go into overtime and delaying the others. Ultimately, the score was 56-51 with Gossel winning despite how great Pretty Prairie played. Soon the Falcons and the Cougars took over and played their game, Central Christian won 63-31 and earned their title of 3rd place winner. The championship game was the attention tracker and it was between Berean Academy Warriors and Inman Tuetons. Despite the Tueton's efforts in trying to beat the Warriors, Berean Academy pulled ahead and won with a score of 43-29, claiming their plaque as the champions.

Overall, the games went well with Burrton 8th, Little River 7th, Pretty Prairie 6th, Gossel 5th, Fairfield 4th, Central Christian 3rd, Inman 2nd, and Berean Academy 1st. Despite the rocky start that the players had, they pulled it together and finished off the tournament with a good ending. Good job to all the players!

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Gemma Gillmore, 8 years old, wants to be a ballerina. She likes math class and she likes to color. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Matlack. She wants to clean up her backyard and can't wait to go to college. Her favorite color is pink, and her favorite animal is the cheetah.

When asked about what she's excited about the most for being student of the month, Gemma Gillmore said, "I'm excited to have the things from Student of the Month."

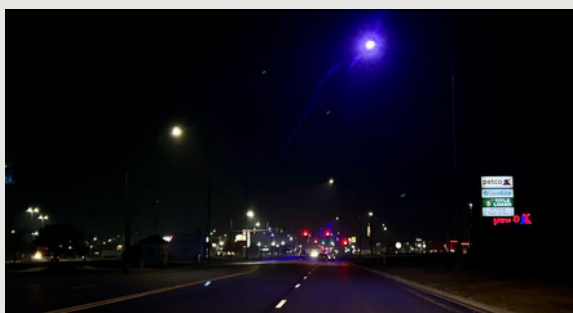
Middle schooler Trystan Hernandez is in 8th grade and wants to be a Welder when he graduates. His favorite subject is P.E. and his favorite teacher is Bruton. Trystan has participated in powerlifting. One of his hobbies he wants to do is snowboarding, when Trystan gets older he is excited to get a job.

Senior Douglas Cary is the high school student of the month, Douglas is planning to graduate high school and see what happens. He wants to go to Hutch Community College. Doug's favorite subject is government and his favorite teachers are Darkis and Sorenson. He's participated in; Track for 3 years, Basketball for 2 years, Football, and Leadership for 2 years. Douglas works at his part-time job, studies, and hangs out with family outside of school. A hobby Doug wants to do is art and maybe do paper-mâché.

Douglas' sister, Schala Young, had said, "I feel like he deserves it he always respects the teachers, gets good grades, and shows up to class. He would be a good leader many people can look up to him. I want to follow in some of his footsteps."

These Burrton Chargers show a lot of P.R.I.D.E and will succeed as far as they want. They inspire others to give into their inner P.R.I.D.E.

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## Burrton makes history

By: Malloreë Matlack

Every year, Burrton High School hosts a boys basketball tournament. This tournament has been going on for 45 years. For Burrton though, this year was different than previous years.

Numbers for all of the high school sports teams here at Burrton have been extremely low this year. Neither the boys nor the girls could scrounge up enough players to make their teams. This was the first year (besides COVID) that there were no basketball teams. When it came to the Burrton Invitational, people had so many questions. How will the team play? Will the tournament even be held at Burrton anymore? After a lot of thought and planning, the school decided upon one solution: they would have to make a team. This would not be any traditional basketball team. This certain basketball team would consist of boys and girls. It sounds pretty crazy, girls playing in a boys tournament.



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Nevertheless, after getting approval from the other teams and from KSHSAA, the school went through with it and decided to play. The tournament turned out to be quite interesting for the team.

Since a real co-ed team has never happened before here, it took some getting used to for the team and the coaches. The players on the team were Jude Barnes (senior), Colton Robinson (junior), Leyton Graves (junior), Noble Phillips (junior), Mariel Garza (sophomore), and Lily Lang (sophomore), coached by Michael Rimbey. While this team did not end up winning any games during the tournament, they put up a good fight and tried their best. Lily Lang says, "I enjoyed it. It was a very fun and different experience. The boys play a lot faster and more intense but I feel like it made me a better player overall."

Although the tournament week was interrupted by a few snow days, the school still had the opportunity to use these games to its advantage.

On the first night of the games, a senior night was held for pep band members Wally Lang and Olivia Perkins, cheerleader Malloreë Matlack, and basketball team captain Jude Barnes. Jude Barnes was asked how he felt about his senior "season", "I feel like it was a good experience and I'm very glad that I at least got to play."

Even though the Chargers didn't have the winning outcome they had hoped for, the students had a good time getting to play the sport they love and experience a whole new side of basketball. This was the year that the Burrton Chargers made history.



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# Nokila Tesla

**By: Haley Holmquist**

Nikola Tesla was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, and futurist. He is best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current electricity supply system.

He was born and raised in the Austrian Empire, Tesla first studied engineering and physics in the 1870s, without receiving a degree. He then gained practical experience in the early 1880s working in telephony and at Continental Edison in the new electric power industry. In 1884 he emigrated to the United States, where he became a naturalized citizen. He worked for a short time at the Edison Machine Works in New York City before he struck out on his own.

With the help of partners to finance and market his ideas, Tesla set up laboratories and companies in New York, to develop a range of electrical and mechanical devices. His AC induction motor and related polyphase AC patents, licensed by Westinghouse Electric in 1888, earned him a considerable amount of money and became the cornerstone of the polyphase system which that company eventually marketed.

Attempting to develop inventions he could patent and market, Tesla conducted a range of experiments with mechanical oscillators/generators, electrical discharge tubes, and early X-ray imaging. He also built a wirelessly controlled boat, one of the first-ever exhibited. Tesla became well-known as an inventor and demonstrated his achievements to celebrities and wealthy patrons at his lab, and was noted for his showmanship at public lectures.

Throughout the 1890s, Tesla pursued his ideas for wireless lighting and worldwide wireless electric power distribution in his high-voltage, high-frequency power experiments in New York and Colorado Springs. In 1893, he made pronouncements on the possibility of wireless communication with his devices. Tesla tried to put these ideas to practical use in his unfinished Wardenclyffe Tower project, an intercontinental wireless communication and power transmitter but ran out of funding before he could complete it. After Wardenclyffe, Tesla experimented with a series of inventions in the 1910s and 1920s with varying degrees of success. Having spent most of his money, Tesla lived in a series of New York hotels, leaving behind unpaid bills.

He died in New York City in January 1943. Tesla's work fell into relative obscurity following his death, until 1960, when the General Conference on Weights and Measures named the International System of Units measurement of magnetic flux density the Tesla in his honor. There has been a resurgence in popular interest in Tesla since the 1990s.

Tesla has made many things that people may have forgotten about but somewhere Tesla will always be remembered.



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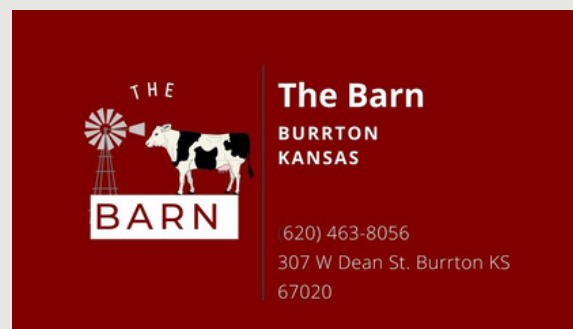
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## Word of The Year

By: Payton Spencer

Each year, a single word is chosen to encapsulate the spirit and essence of that time. This tradition, known as the Word of the Year, is curated by the editorial staff of Oxford dictionaries worldwide. Originating in 1971 in Germany, the practice gained momentum and was adopted by Oxford dictionaries globally in 2003, with the announcement of the selected word made at the year's end.

This annual event goes beyond mere selection; it serves as a beacon, guiding individuals toward a more purposeful life. For many, choosing a word of the year is a positive step towards personal growth and transformation. It's an opportunity for introspection, offering a chance to align one's actions and aspirations with a chosen theme. The word of the month is a process in which the committee will meet once every month to nominate employees based on their performance on the set criteria and goals. After they discuss the merits of the nominees, they finally pick a winner. Each word is chosen by staff across dictionary teams.

In 2024, the chosen word is "kindness," a gentle reminder of the values that bind us. This choice resonates deeply with many, including Christians, who find guidance in Galatians 5:22, which extols the virtues of kindness as a fruit of the spirit. Similarly, the teachings of Jesus encourage kindness even towards enemies, emphasizing the importance of selfless acts.

As we embark on a new year, let us carry the essence of kindness in our hearts and actions. Let it guide our decisions and interactions, shaping a year filled with purpose and compassion. So, as we step into this new chapter, may the word of the year inspire you to make decisions that align with your deepest values and aspirations. Happy New Year!

# February EVENTS

**2/1 - HS Scholars Bowl  
Regionals**

**2/3 - MS BB HOPL  
Tournament @ Fairfield**

**2/5 - MS BB HOPL  
Tournament @ Fairfield**

**2/8 - MS BB HOPL  
Tournament Finals @  
Fairfield**

**2/10 - HS Scholars Bowl  
State**

**2/12 - Board of Education  
Meeting (7 P.M.)**

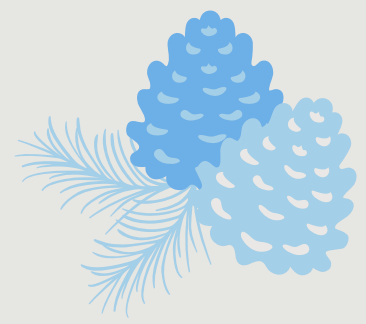
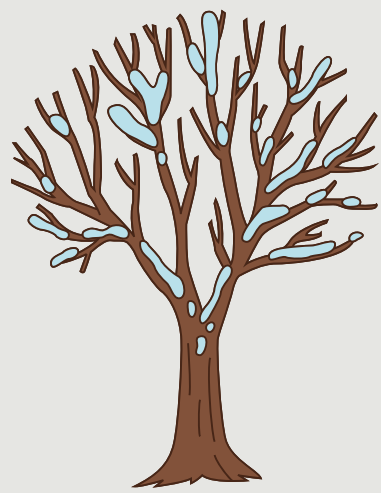
**2/14 - Valentine's Day**

**2/19 - 2/22 - Book Fair  
Week**

**2/21 - Elementary Family  
Night**

**2/26 - First Day of Practice  
(Golf and Track)**

**2/28 - Parent-Teacher-  
Conferences**





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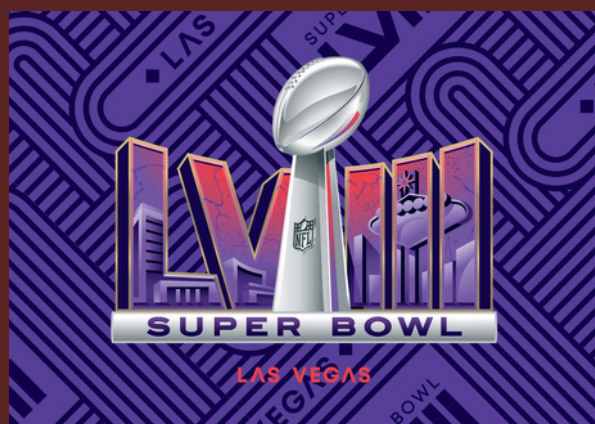
## The Biggest Game of the Year

By: Mallore Matlack

The Super Bowl this year was a very big deal. Held in Las Vegas, Nevada, the game featured the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. The Super Bowl was the biggest game of the year, due to the teams, the celebrities, and all of the crazy conspiracies.

As most people know, there were many conspiracy theories about this year's Super Bowl (LVIII). Many people have noticed in the past few years how the Super Bowl logo matched the colors of the teams that played in the Super Bowl. Last year, for the Super Bowl LVII, the colors of the logo were green and red, and the Chiefs and the Eagles ended up playing. It sounds normal but considering that this logo was created before the teams knew who was going to the big game, most people found it very suspicious.

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Everyone's thoughts were that the NFL had to be scripted. People claimed that since the NFL was making the logo the colors of the two final teams that it was no coincidence. Now knowing who the final two teams were for this year's Super Bowl, people finally saw that the logo was not in fact the same colors as the teams, therefore, the NFL is not scripted. Other people went so far as to say it was scripted no matter which team won. There were theories about how it was scripted since Taylor Swift was cheering for the Chiefs and it was the team's second year in a row at the Super Bowl, the league knew it would be the most watched Super Bowl in history. Most of these rumors and theories got shut down whether it was by a post that the teams/players made or just by who won the game.

Based on people's theories, the 49ers were the underdogs of the game, but, based on just records and statistics alone, the Chiefs were the underdogs. Anyone could've picked either team to win and they had a pretty good chance either way. The game itself was very interesting. It started pretty slow, with both teams scoring zero points in the first quarter. That would mean both teams either had pretty good defense or their offense was not playing up to their level. The second quarter was a lot more entertaining for football fans, 49ers fans especially. At halftime, the score of the game was 49ers 10, Chiefs 3. At this point, the game was not looking so good for the KC Chiefs. The fans were upset and prayed that the next half would go better. The Halftime Show of the game was very entertaining for fans everywhere. This year's Halftime Show's main event was Usher and it featured Alicia Keys, will.i.am, Lil John, and Ludacris. Though the game was kind of stressful, it was good for the viewers to have a chance to relax and enjoy some good music.

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The game became more and more stressful as time flew by. The 3rd quarter ended with the Chiefs scoring ten more points, making the score 13-10 (Chiefs). Once the 4th quarter rolled around, fans' stress was at an all-time high. The 4th quarter of the game ended in a tie (19-19), meaning the teams would have to go into overtime. At the start of overtime, the 49ers decided to receive the ball to get their first chance at scoring. They got close but had to settle for just a field goal which then made the score 22-19 (49ers). The Chiefs still had their chance at scoring. Fans were biting their nails and on the edge of their seats for the entirety of the Chief's final possession. If the Chiefs didn't score then the game would be over. Thankfully for all of the Chiefs fans, they scored a touchdown.

This made the final score of the game 25-22. The Kansas City Chiefs had just won the Super Bowl for the second year in a row. Fans were wild, everyone was so thrilled about the big win. Players, fans, and celebrities were in tears about the new Super Bowl champions. After the game, everyone's television had a big picture of Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce celebrating together. This game would be one for the history books.

With all of the conspiracies and big things happening with the Super Bowl this year, it ended up being a very big deal. The game always leaves fans either crying or cheering. Congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs and all of their fans on the big win!



## Crush Sales and Goodie Bags

**By: Ally Hatch**

Every year the KAY Club runs a fundraiser called Crush Sales. The Crush sales are where the KAY's club sells Crush sodas for Valentine's Day. This has spread throughout the Elementary and High school. KAY board members sell a crush can for \$1, and the Crushes are always delivered on Valentine's Day. This Year, Crush sales ran from February 1st through February 10th.

Some teachers buy crushes for each of their students, that way if a kid didn't get a crush from a friend they still would get a crush from someone. There were 159 total crushes sold this year, 5th grade had the most crush sales nearing 50.

STAND decided to hand out goodie bags for each middle and high school student for Valentine's Day. They also had a table during lunch that held Valentine-themed activities. The student leadership team partnered with STAND. The Leadership team wrote handwritten notes to everyone in the middle and high school. These were tied with the goodie bags and given to everyone on Valentine's Day during lunchtime.

Mrs. Sorenson, the sponsor for KAY says, "The KAYs crushes went alright, we have had worse and better years, but for only having a week of sales we did good I also think the STAND activity went very well, I think everyone enjoyed themselves the photo station went quite well/ the kids really enjoyed something fun to do that reminded them of being a kid again."

Nevaeh, President of the Burrton STAND club, said, "The idea popped up in my head because another idea got turned down. I didn't know if it would work too well, but when we were there everyone enjoyed the whole day, and everyone was in a good mood afterward. I would love to do this again and have it become a new tradition in the STAND community." Nevaeh and Malloreë are the only high school students in the stand.

We had a very nice Valentine's event this year, and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves.



## Senior Survey

**By: Sirius Lazenby**

Each month, five seniors here in Burrton High School are chosen to be spotlighted and featured in the newspaper! This allows seniors to get their voice out on their experience of how Burrton is and their time here as students! This month's seniors are Jude Barns, Olivia Perkins, Wally Lang, Icyanna Bailey, and Malloreë Matlack, congratulations!

When asked what Jude will miss after he graduates he said, "Playing basketball because sports are the only fun thing to do here." His favorite memory throughout high school was scoring four touchdowns in his last football game! His least favorite class was college algebra because "it makes no sense", and his favorite was weights because he enjoys working out. He plans on attending KU to major in exercise science and sees himself working in the NFL in ten years as a strengthening and conditioning coach. When asked who he'll miss the most he said, "Noble, because he puts in the same amount of effort as me and challenges me to do better." His favorite teacher is Mr. Goetz as his classes always had good discussions he said he felt like he was learning real-life skills. His role model is Mr. Goetz, he said, "He teaches me so much and I've had multiple classes with him every year." The person who influenced him to go to college was himself because he wanted to be the first to graduate from a four-year college in his family! Jude's quote about high school is, "Never take things for granted because you may never get a chance to do them again."

Our second senior is Olivia Perkins, the one thing she will miss about high school is her friends, she said: "they truly helped me even if they didn't know they were doing it." She couldn't pick a favorite high school memory because she loves them all. Her least favorite class is any science class because she never found it entertaining, but her favorite class was either Composition or Sociology because they piqued her interest. When asked about plans she said, "I plan to go to Sterling and graduate in five years with a master's in Health Science, move to Alabama and attend tech school to study for mechanical work, and just enjoy my time in the Army." In ten years she sees herself on deployment making memories with her friends! --

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"The person I'll miss the most is Madison Kirk, she was there for me when I needed her, was true to me, and never judged me. She loved me for me, scars and all." Her favorite teacher is Mr. Darkis, he was there for her in her hard times and was there to listen when she needed to vent and was a friend when needed, and a teacher when I needed to learn. Her role models are Madison and Darkis, she said, "They have proven to be nice and helpful people, not just to me but to a lot of other people." The main person who influenced her to go to college was her dad because it's what he wanted. Her quote about high school is, "You can have results or excuses, not both," and her advice is "It goes by fast, enjoy it while it lasts, make as many memories as you can, and live in the moment, not the future."

Wally Lang is our other senior and he said, "The thing I'm going to miss about high school is having a place where my friends and I can easily get together." His favorite high school memory was all of Chemistry during his sophomore year. His least favorite class was anatomy and physiology because he took them online. His favorite class was the shop class he took last year. He plans to go to Hutchinson Community College (HCC) to get an associate degree and get certified as a paramedic. In ten years he sees himself living in a big city with his cat and a rescue dog while traveling whenever he can!! The people he will miss the most are his classmates, he said, "I will honestly miss my classmates the most, just because I've gone to school with most of them for most of my life." His favorite teacher is Mr. Darkis because it's easy to start a conversation with him, and he said he doesn't have a specific person who has been a role model. The people who influenced Wally to go to college are his parents, and his quote about high school is "Don't stress yourself out."

Icyana Bailey is our fourth senior in the spotlight, "absolutely nothing, maybe sports," she said when asked about the main thing she'd miss about school. Her favorite high school memory is sports, her least favorite class was consumer and personal finance and her favorite was her teacher aide hour. Icy said she plans to attend Hutchinson Community College for her RN, and then Wichita State University or Kansas University for her NP. In ten years she sees herself married with kids, in a big house, and happy with her dream job.

"The people I'd miss the most are probably a few teachers." Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Lang because she can talk to her about anything and Mrs. Lang cracks her up. "My role model is Jesus because he is a good leader." She said when asked about her role model. The person who influenced her to go to college is herself and she said, "I don't want to end up on the streets." Her quote for high school is, "If we go down, we go down together."

Our final senior feature is Mallore Matlack! "I'm going to miss track because I always had the most fun with Shelby and Alex, and I had the best coaches! Mr. Bruton and Mr. Young," and her favorite high school memory is doing cheer with Harley and Shelby. Her least favorite class was A&P, she said, "I was excited to learn it, but I truly didn't get to", her favorite class was Chemistry during her sophomore year with Mr. Young and her friends because they always had fun and laughed a lot. "I plan on attending Manhattan Christian College to play volleyball and major in family counseling while doing the dual degree in nursing at K-State." When asked about where Mallore sees herself in ten years, she said, "Hopefully Jesus has come back by then." The person she'll miss the most is Bruton because he has always been there for her, even when she was little. "My favorite teachers are Mrs. Sorenson, Mr. Mark Robinson, and Mr. Darkis. Sorenson has always been like one of my friends who I get to talk to about books with, Mr. Robinson has always been kind and made sure to tell me good morning every single day, and Mr. Darkis always knows how to make me laugh!" Mallore's role model is her mom, Lesley Matlack. "She's been my volleyball coach, my cheer coach, and one of my best friends. She is always pointing me in the right direction." Once asked about who influenced her to attend college she said, "My mom is making me, just kidding, maybe, I just feel like this is the direction God is moving me in." Her quote about high school is "10/10, do not recommend" and she said, "Don't stress babygirl, it's not that deep" when asked if she wanted to add anything else.

Congratulations to our senior spotlight winners! Can't wait to see what spectacular things they do once they graduate!



## STAND Leadership

By: Nay Kegyes

On February 14, 2024, for Valentine's Day, the STAND committee partnered up with Leadership and had a special Valentine's Day party at lunch for all the Middle and High School students. STAND put together a bunch of goody bags and special notes for each student. They also put out heart-shaped sunglasses and had a special wall set up where you could take Polaroid pictures with friends or staff. Junior, Olivia Evans said "I enjoyed it and I think it lightened up the day and everyone's mood. I think we should do something like this again. I loved the Polaroids and the hearts designated for each of the teachers."

Mrs. Hogan said, "I absolutely loved it, it was so much fun. I haven't had that much fun on Valentine's Day since elementary school so it brought the vibes of a whole class party to the Middle/High School and I think a lot of people had fun. I think it was such a good way for everyone on Valentine's to feel loved and cared for so I'm very appreciative that STAND was willing to partner with student leadership because I think everybody deserves a Valentine."

Superintendent Mrs. Schwindt said, "I thought it was a really great activity that you guys put on. I liked that you worked with the Student Leadership team to create the handwritten note for every single Middle school and High school student. I think it was a good way to make everyone feel involved and then I liked that you guys got to write notes to staff and there were activities for them to do and then the pictures that you guys took. I think it was a really good idea and I really like it. I thought it was cool that you guys were hanging that up and wanted to send an email to tell the staff to go read what they wrote about them."

Mrs. Loeck, the principal said, "Everyone was having a good time and there was a lot of positive feedback from students and staff and I even saw people still wearing their heart-shaped glasses days after the party. I think it was a big hit and the Polaroid pictures were a memento to take home and save. It was very positive."

Junior, Nobel Philips said, "It was fun and unique and brought happiness to everyone. Overall I think it made the energy and moods of everyone change. I'm glad we actually did something for it this year and I hope it's an occurring thing."

## Student of the month

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At Burrton High School, every month, students get nominated by teachers to be selected as Student of the Month. These students show Positive, Respectful, Involved, Dependable, and Encouraging behavior. For short we call this P.R.I.D.E. February's Students of the Month are, Sophomore Lily Lang, 8th grader Kaiden Head, and 5th grader Taylee Baldrige.

Taylee Baldrige had said "I was pretty excited I got student of the month. I was gone when they announced it but my teacher told me the next day. I can't wait to have the food at the Barn lunch." Taylee Baldrige is 11 Years old, she doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up yet. Her favorite class is Choir, while her favorite subject is Science. Taylee wants to participate in basketball when she's older. In Taylee's free time, she likes to go to her grandpa's house or do arts and crafts.

Eighth-grader Kaiden Head's favorite subject is art, he loves to draw, and he likes to play video games in his spare time. Katherine Head, Kaiden's sister had said she is quite happy for him to get student of the month and that he deserves it.

Lily Lang "I thought it was cool I got student of the month, I'm excited for the perks of being student of the month." Sophomore Lily Lang is planning to get into K-State and get into sports medicine after high school. Her favorite subject is History and her least favorite is math. Her favorite teacher is Bruton. Lily had participated in basketball for 4 years, volleyball for 4 years, track for 3 years, middle school stucco for a year, stand for 2 years, and Kays for 1 year. In her free time, she likes to read, watch TV, and play basketball.

Wally Lang, Lily's older Brother said, "I'm proud of her, I think she deserves it because she works really hard."

All of these students show P.R.I.D.E and we are all so glad to have them in our school!



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## STAND Leadership

**By: Nay Kegyes**

8th Grader, Sylvia Hadley said, "I liked how we all got together and did something during lunch and I enjoyed taking photos with friends and decorating and writing the hand written notes. I really liked the glasses and people gave me theirs so now I have a collection and it was a good way to connect better with friends."

7th Grader, Carah West said, "It was cool and the handwritten notes were the best part and I enjoyed writing them to make the teachers happy."

Overall, it was a really great experience that made everyone happy and it will definitely be something that will occur again.

## Valentines Day History

**By: Makenzie Lehman**

Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrated on February 14th, of every year. When you think of Valentine's day, you think of flowers and heart shaped chocolate as well as cute stuffed animals. Gifts are exchanged between loved ones, but when and why and how did this begin?

February has always been the month of romance and the Christian church recognizes three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus. Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. When Valentinus' actions were discovered they declared that he would be put to death. Furious, the emperor Claudius had the priest beaten and beheaded on the Via Flaminia (a major road heading north out of Rome) on 14 February. A woman named Savilla buried Valentinus' corpse at the site of his execution.

Others suggest that he was killed for trying to help Christians escape Roman prisons where they were beaten and tortured to death. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first valentine greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl, possibly his jailor's daughter, who visited him during his confinement. Before he died they say that he wrote a letter saying "From your Valentine" which is still used today.

## Cadaver Lab Field Trip

**By: Makenzie Lehman Nay Kegyes**

On Tuesday, January 30th, Burrton High School and Middle School students went on a trip to Cloud County Community College and got to experience seeing a real human body also known as a cadaver. Students were able to see what the body looks like and even got the opportunity to touch and hold different parts of the body. There were a total of 16 students who went on this trip. Noble Philips said, "It was really cool to see the muscles and how they interact with each other and the placement of the muscles. Colton Robinson said, "I felt like throwing up, I was surprised I didn't throughout the whole thing, and then after we were done I went and got a burger." Carah West, "I would recommend this for somebody who enjoys going deeper into the body and doesn't get grossed out easily. We also got our science teacher Mr. Campbell's opinion on it and he said "I think it's great for high school to have this opportunity, most college students do not get the chance to do any of this."

We also asked if anyone could see themselves going back and doing something like that again and Carah West said, "Yes the next opportunity we can go, because the body parts aren't gory." Colton Robinson said, "Sometime later in life, because then I can say this is going to be me in a month." Finally Mr. Campbell said "Yes. I would definitely go back and bring more interested students. I was very impressed with Cloud Community College, and its instructors. I think they were very professional."

Overall I thought it was a really fun and interesting thing that we all enjoyed doing together. We learned a lot about how the body works and what the process is. Most people would want to go back to and almost everyone was involved in it. Campbell said, "I think they learned the value of hands-on learning, literally hands-on learning. This is very different from seeing a picture. I hope they learn that the human body is amazing and some of the limits of science."



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# Ghostface

**By: Haley**

Wesley Earl Craven was an American film director, screenwriter, producer, actor, and editor. Amongst his prolific filmography, Craven was best known for his pioneering work in the horror genre, particularly slasher films, where he mixed horror cliches with humor and satire. Craven is commonly recognized as one of the greatest masters of the horror genre due to the cultural impact and influence of his work. This article will be about his movie *Scream*.

In the small town of Woodsboro, California, high school student Casey Becker is home alone when she receives a phone call from an unknown person. They discuss horror films until the caller turns sadistic, threatening her life and revealing that her boyfriend, Steve, is tied up on her patio. The caller demands she answer questions about horror films to save his life, but she gives an incorrect answer about Friday the 13th and Steve is killed. Casey attempts to escape the house but is killed by someone wearing a "Ghostface" costume and her disemboweled corpse is hung from a tree. The news media descend on the town as a police investigation begins.

Teenager Sidney Prescott struggles with the impending first anniversary of the murder of her mother by Cotton Weary. The trauma has made her unable to consummate her relationship with her boyfriend, Billy Loomis. As her father Neil is traveling for work, Sidney waits at home alone for her best friend, Tatum Riley. She receives a call taunting her about Maureen's death and is attacked by Ghostface, who disappears just before Billy comes through her window. However, she becomes suspicious when he drops a cell phone, and he is arrested by Deputy Sheriff Dewey Riley, Tatum's brother. At the police station, Sidney is confronted by investigative journalist Gale Weathers, who claims that Maureen had several affairs, including one with Cotton, and that he was wrongly accused of her murder. Sidney stays at Tatum's home but receives another taunting call from the killer. The calls are traced to Neil's phone but the police are unable to locate him.

After his release, Billy encounters Sidney at school and further upsets her by comparing his absent mother to Maureen's death. After suspending school in the wake of the murders, Principal Himbry is stabbed to death in his office. To celebrate the closure, Stu Macher, Tatum's boyfriend, hosts a party at his secluded home. Dewey and Gale watch the party in case the killer strikes again. As fellow high schooler Randy Meeks details the rules of surviving a horror film, Tatum is isolated in the garage by Ghostface, who crushes her with the garage door. After discovering Himbry's murder, most of the partygoers leave to see his hanging body, nearly running over Dewey and Gale and inadvertently leading them to Neil's hidden car.

Billy arrives at the house to reconcile with Sidney and they finally make up. Afterward, they are suddenly attacked by Ghostface, and Billy is stabbed. Sidney evades Ghostface, who kills Gale's cameraman Kenny, and stabs Dewey when he returns. Gale, attempting to flee in her van, crashes and is knocked unconscious. Sidney seeks refuge inside the house, locking Stu and Randy outside as they accuse each other of being the killer. A seemingly wounded Billy returns and allows Randy inside before shooting him in the shoulder, revealing himself as the killer and Stu as his accomplice. Billy confesses that they killed Maureen because he discovered her affair with his father was responsible for his mother leaving.

The pair abducted Neil to frame him for their crimes and proceeded to stab each other to portray themselves as the only survivors. They are interrupted by Gale's return, which gives Sidney the chance to incapacitate Billy and kill Stu by dropping a television set on his head. Billy attempts to stab Sidney but is shot by Gale. After Randy remarks that horror film killers revive for a final scare, Billy sits up and Sidney shoots him in the head, killing him. As dawn breaks, Neil is rescued, Dewey is taken by ambulance, and Gale provides an impromptu news report about the night's events.

Is this a movie that you would recommend to friends or loved ones, or is this a good movie to watch during a dark, late night? Just make sure to keep your eyes open for Ghostface.

## Photo Shoot

**By: Payton Spencer**

For Valentine's Day, people like to do photo shoots to bring memories for their future selves. You can get your hair styled, makeup done and take photos of you and your Valentine. You also get to bring your outfits, you can pick up to three outfits. You and your partner can hire a professional photographer who will capture the love between you two.

To plan a Valentine's Day photo shoot, you should find a photographer and then plan the photographer and tell them everything you can think of before your photo session. You can make a list of your favorite hobbies or activities and use it to choose a theme for your photoshoot. For example, it could be riding horses, playing tennis, hiking, dance classes, games together, or picnicking at the sunset. Schedule your photo session wisely, and choose the perfect outfit for your photo session. You should research and save your ideas to show the photographer.

This is such a cherishable thing to do because you can look back on it and think about those happy memories you made and if you have kids they can look back on the memories that you and your spouse made and think how much you all love each other.

This is such a fun activity for you and your Valentine. I hope you and your loved one have fun. Happy Valentine's Day.

## Valentines Day History Continued

**By: Makenzie Lehman**

The National Retail Federation (NRF) estimates that 53% of consumers plan to celebrate Valentine's Day, and \$25.8 billion will be spent on the holiday this year, or about \$185.81 per household. A wide range of businesses can benefit from Valentine's Day, including gift shops, florists, restaurants, jewelry stores, spas, and entertainment venues.

In my opinion, I think Valentine's Day is a really special day and has a really interesting history. It brings people together and allows them to know a lot more about how it came about and how it got started. There's more meaning behind it than a lot of people think and it's very interesting.



*Valentine's Day*



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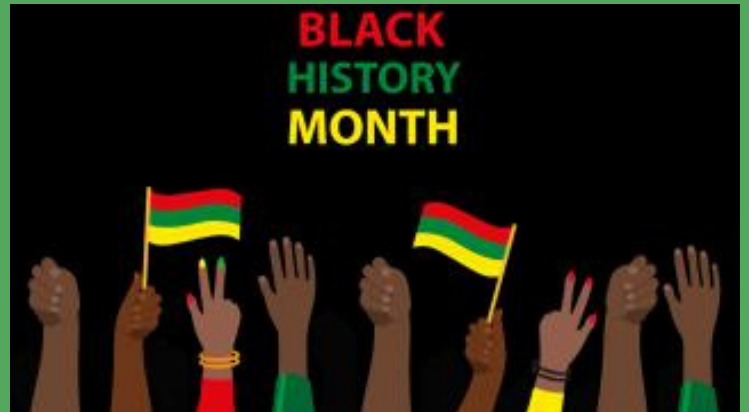
# Black History Month

By: Gabby

In February we just don't celebrate Valentine's Day, we also celebrate Black History Month. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and their central role in U.S. history. Black History Month grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian, Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. In September of 1915, Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson, and prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History Week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Mayors of the cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing "Negro History Week". By the 1960s the civil rights movement and growing awareness of the black identity. "Negro History Week" evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

In 2024 Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society. The Black History Month theme this year, "African Americans and the Arts " explores the key influence African Americans have had in visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.





## 2024 Spelling Bee

By: Olivia Evans

On February 22, 2024, at 2:00 pm Burrton Middle and High School hosted the pre-final for the Harvey County spelling bee. Each student was given time to practice between 1:50 and 2:00 to get ready and refresh their brain. The contestants were Kason Unruh from Burrton, Laila Arnold from Sedgwick, Natalie O'Halloran from Hesston, and last but definitely not least Judah Baccus from Chisholm.

The judge of this contest was Mr. Greg Robinson. Students were given words like aardvark, marsupial, epidermis, and for the winning word was tempestuous. The winner of this was Judah Baccus from Chisholm Middle School. This event was fast and furious, it was over in four minutes.

Spelling bees help to improve students' spelling, pronunciation, and expand their vocabulary. These are important skills in the English language that we use day to day. This could even help students with self confidence, working under pressure and public speaking which can be a major tool in the future or even in middle and high school classes.

We really enjoyed this opportunity to play a part in the spelling bee. We hope the school can be a part of this tradition for years to come. We are glad we got to assist with and participate in this academic competition.

## March EVENTS

**3/5 - HOPL Music  
Contest**

**3/10 - Daylight  
savings time**

**3/11-3/18 - Spring  
break**

**3/17 - St. Patrick's  
Day**

**3/25 - MS Scholars  
Bowl**

**3/29 - MS Track @  
Skyline**

**3/30 - KAYS Easter  
egg hunt**

**3/31 - Easter**

