

May Events

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Photo by Melanie Krehbiel

The MHS Choir competed at the State Music Contest in Lindsborg on Apr. 10.

Band and Choir Compete at Contest

This spring the MHS band & choir went to regional solo and ensembles at Tabor College and went to get some earnings and try to accomplish something and both band and choir have been working hard this year to do better and become a great group.

The band went to pre-contest on March 20 and then contest on March 30 at Tabor College in Hillsboro. Mr. Begnoche, the band director, talked about what it was like at pre contest and contest and how the band is this year and how they improved more better. The official contest for both band and choir were on April 10.

"We discovered what we do well and what we don't do well, so that we come back now about two weeks to improve so that we can try and get a one rating at contest," Begnoche said.

He also talked about what it was like at the solo contest on and how the band has improved. The band got a one rating. "We hoped to get a one rating. We

wanted to improve," Begnoche said.

The choir received a two at state. Mr. Graber, the choir director, talked about what contest was like and what the choir learned.

"We had three ensembles go and 9 soloists of those that ended up with one of the ensembles making it to state and three solos moving on next week," Graber said.

A freshman, Kate Eichelberger, talked about what rating she got on her performances.

"I got a one on my vocal solo and a one on my woodwind ensemble and then two on my clarinet solo," freshmen Eichelberger said.

Alec Thach, a senior who's been in choir for the past four years, talked about what it was like at contest and what it will be like knowing that this is his last year in choir.

"I like it because you can listen to what your peers have been working on as

well as listening to other people's solos," Thach said.

"I'm glad that my events went well and so this is the last year and I'm glad that I'm moving on to state in all my events. I'm going to miss Mr. Graber and I'm going to miss the camaraderie and getting to work with our friends outside the normal class room environment," senior Thach said.

One of the sophomores that went to contest was Bethany Rice, and she talked about what it was like at contest and what number she got on her solo and ensemble.

"It was really fun going around and see all the other people singing and seeing what they were doing," Rice said.

"I got a two on my singing solo and then for my percussion ensemble we got a one, and then the girls ensemble we got a two and the boys ensemble for singing they got a one," Rice added.

Seth Holloway



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Photo by Kelsi Chisholm

Art students pose with their league art projects for a group picture at Marion High School.

Moundridge High School art and digital art students took their masterpieces to HOA league contest at Marion High School on April 3.

Some of the media of the projects were clay, acrylic, colored pencil, paper cut outs, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, digital, and more. This contest allowed students to show off their art, and attempt to win placing for best art of their categories.

League is one of the biggest art showings of the year for MHS and it is also one of the most important.

"[When] Moundridge students traveled to Marion High School to compete in the annual league art contest, I was very pleased with the outcome. We took twenty-two students and ended up receiving 27 awards, taking first place in many categories, and we earned an award for every category that we entered. It's very nice to see a variety of artwork on display, and Moundridge has a lot of diversity to the artwork," Kelsi Chisholm said.

Senior Mackenzie Porter won three first place ribbons and one second place. Her first place awards were for her clay bookends, collage, and print. Her oil painting received second.

Junior Aaron Green placed second best with a clay city scene winning first in its category, a cut paper piece won second, a colored pencil dog won third place, an oil pastel piece won third, and one honorable mention ink wash piece.

"Marion was very enjoyable and was a very eye-opening experience. I believe that everyone should get the chance to get their artwork place at least once," sophomore Alahna Wheat said.

On Mon., April 15, USD 423 hosted a K-12 art showcase in the middle school gym featuring artwork and projects from CTE classes such as Holloway's digital media class, Julie Diepenbrock's culinary essentials class, and Ali Herbel's horticulture class were also featured. There were planters, baked goods, and other items available for sale at the showing.

Katlyn Streight

Lady Cats Start Off Season With a Win

The Lady Cats first softball game of the season was on April 2. They won both games of the night against Bennington 17-0 and 20-0.

"We came ready to play," Head Coach Annie Toews said.

This is Coach Toews's second year coaching the Lady Cats.

"As a team we hit .500 the first game and just under .500 for the second game. We hit extremely well and our pitching was outstanding," Toews added.

Next the Lady Cats played Ell- Saline on April 5 beating them 2-0 and 10-0.

"I thought our pitching was outstanding. We've only had one error all year which is a great start for us," Toews said.

"I think we're ready for some more competition," Toews added.

Next the Lady Cats played the Remington Broncos on April 9, crushing them 7-2 and 13-3.

There are two seniors this year on the team, Ellen Durst and Keira Sebrant.

Durst plays second base while Sebrant catches and fields.

Assisting Coach Toews this year is Lynn Eichelberger. This is Eichelberger's first



Photo by Vania Winsor

The Lady Cats huddle before the start of the second game.

The Lady Cats are looking forward to the season and are expecting to make it to state for the first time since 2017.

Junior Zizi Sebrant is the starting pitcher for the Lady Cats and hopes to break her no-hitter record from last year.

Z. Sebrant pitched three no-hitters last year and continues to improve her pitching. She also plays third base or

shortstop when she is not pitching.

"My team goal is to make it to state and do well when we make it there," Z. Sebrant said.

"I like how we can work together and get better in practice every day to make state," sophomore Katie Castor said.

Castor plays center field for the Varsity Lady Cats and is going into her second year of playing high school softball.

Erin Durst

Wildcat Baseball Starts Off 7-5

The Moundridge baseball team has some major changes this year in the coaching staff. Jarrod Kaufman takes the head coach position of Lynn Eichelberger and DaWayne Stos takes the assistant coach position from Aaron Begnoche.

Coach Eichelberger was the head coach for 14 years and Begnoche assisted for 4 years. Eichelberger's record over 14 years was 149-153, just 4 games under 500.

The Wildcats started the season off playing away against the Bennington Bulldogs. They won both games, 4-2 and 16-10. There was one homerun hit by senior Cody Hazelton. The starting pitcher for the first game was junior Collin Kohl and the second was sophomore Wyatt Falco.

"I thought we played very well, and the team hit very well. I did not think we were going to be a hitting team," Kohl said.



Photo by Jennifer Hazelton

The Varsity starters after winning their first 2 games.

The team this year is a little smaller than last year's team with only 21 players this year.

"I am very confident of our team with

the way Jarrod has been coaching us. We have also done a lot of things to improve our fielding and hitting," Senior Nathan Ginder said.

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5th Graders Visit Health Museum

Friday, March 22 the MMS 4th graders went to the Kansas Learning Center For Health (KLCH). The KLCH is located in Halstead.

"They spent 2 hours learning about puberty and the process of different organs" 5th grade teacher Sarah Willis said.

There were two classrooms, one for a video and lesson and one for discussion.

"Valeda would talk about a certain part of the body and light up. Some parts didn't work because it's so old." 5th grader Macy Kaminkow said.

The original mold of Valida was created by molding a 28 year old German women in rubber composition. It then was left to harden and then peeled off.

Hinsdale Health Museum, near Chicago, had a contest to name their transparent woman, they chose the name "Valeda I". This comes from the word "valid" which means strong and healthy.

The KLCH had a bunch of different activities for the kids.

"There was an activity when you press a button to smell these different scents

and then write them down." 5th grader Kaia Pfeiff said.

The kids refrained from most the giggles and laughs until off the bus.

"There were pipes that you put a scarf through to represent the digestive system." 5th grader Layton Schmidt said.

"The two-hour long program gives our 5th graders the tools to understand how their bodies are changing and it gives them factual information that helps alleviate their fears of puberty." MMS Principal JoAnn Browne said.

Taylor Kent

Forensics Rockin' It

Now that we're a couple months in forensics, the students are starting to get the hang of what's going on.

"I prefer debate, but forensics is much less stressful. I don't do any performances with a partner; but I have done extemp, informative, and impromptu. I got first in informative and fourth in extemp," freshman Becca Schlosser said.

They've been memorizing their skits, and have been preparing their minds on how they're going to execute their work.

"It feels like a sport. It's like a rush of

adrenaline that pushes you through the speech," freshman Christopher Houk said.

With a class full of creative minds and determined outlooks, they're all very excited to go to different competitions and strive to do their best work.

"I'm in oration which deals with problem and solution, poetry, and impromptu," freshman Matthew Morrison said.

Many of the students competed in both debate and forensics.

"I like both forensics and debate, but I really can't choose between them due to them being so different," Morrison said.

Some students work better on their own, but forensics sometimes calls for two people to work together on a performance.

"I haven't done a skit with another person yet, but I have done a humorous solo, extemporaneous speech, and an impromptu speech," Houk added.

Alanna Golden



(From left to right): freshmen Christopher Houk, Matthew Morrison, Luke Walls, Becca Schlosser, and senior Trevor Kohl.



(From left to right): Becca Schlosser and Matthew Morrison.

FFA is Busy During Early Spring

This spring the FFA participated in multiple competitions. They went to Kiowa for the South Barber livestock judging on Feb. 27th.

On Wed., March 27th the FFA went to Marion for Poultry judging and Floriculture. The team placed 6th overall in poultry judging with senior Keira Sebrant coming in at 10th with a score of 358 and then sophomore Silas Courtney at 30th place.

In floriculture, Junior Ashleigh Accardi placed 16th and junior Carson Orpin placed 30th.

Sophomore Katelynn Miller competed in poultry judging. Orpin, Courtney, Accardi, and Jordan Creed also attended. Some of them placed in their events, too.

On April 3 the FFA traveled to Newton

for a vet science competition.

"We did not get any awards. The team placed 13th out of 31 teams. Carson was 35 out of 92. It was vet science so they took 5 tests. One was on current events and vet science and the animal industry. One was a math practicum and the other three were on situation questions, and then they had 50 identification questions about the tools that a vet would use," FFA advisor Ali Herbel said.

The FFA hosted Day on the Farm. This was on Thursday, April 18.

Day on the Farm "consists of high school students giving a 5 to 7 minute speech on an agriculture related topic to the younger kids from the elementary school," said Orpin.

Jon Schlosser



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Carson Orpin holding a medal from his latest competition.



Photo by Jon Schlosser

Artwork by eighth grader Evan Ginder was on display at the K-12 Arts Showcase on April 15.



Photo by Jon Schlosser

Artwork by eighth grader Logan Churchhill was on display at the K-12 Arts Showcase on April 15.



Photo by Kelsi Chisholm

Juniors ZiZi Sebrant and Aaron Green look at art and enjoy all of its glory.

Quiz Bowl Finishes Season Strong

The MMS Quiz Bowl started their season off strong, both teams had successful seasons. The 8th grade team finished with 1st at the league meet.

The members of the 8th grade team are as follows: Lucas Beasley, Reese Schmidt, Avery Rice, Reese Stucky, Mac Unruh, and Landon Kaufman. The 7th grade team includes: Thomas Porter, Ty Rains, Kira Blough, and Hannah Grill.

Their first Quiz Bowl meet was on Feb. 11 at Inman. The 8th grade team took 1st and the 7th grade team took 2nd.

The 2 teams competed at Marion on Feb. 18 placing 3rd for the 8th grade team and 2nd for the 7th grade team. On Feb. 26 they traveled to Remington. Both of the teams placed 2nd.

Moundridge hosted their next meet on Mar. 26. The 7th graders took 3rd and the 8th graders took 1st again.

"I'm good at everything except Math," Schmidt said.

"We all kind of have our own things that we are good at," she added.

8th grader Lucas Beasley said the team needs to work on, "getting in on questions that we know".

"For 8th grade our leaders would be



The MMS 8th grade Quiz Bowl takes 1st at league meet on April 2.

Lucas Beasley, Mac Unruh, and Reese Schmidt. For 7th grade Thomas Porter and Kira Blough," Quiz Bowl coach Kelly Kohl said.

"Overall our strongest categories are probably math, social studies, and some of the miscellaneous categories or sports category," she added.

"We probably do the best with science," Porter said. Porter's favorite category is Social Studies.

Their last Quiz Bowl meet was on April 2. The meet was hosted at Ell-Saline. This meet includes all of the HOA league teams. The 7th grade team did not place.

Kourtney Kaufman

FFA and FCCLA Serve at Pine Village



Provided by Mrs. Diepenbrock

FFA and FCCLA served dinner at the Anchors Banquet at Pine Village on Fri., April 5.

What is the Secret to Living to 100?

On Mar. 22, the Moundridge High School journalism class interviewed Mr. Chet Koehn, a 101-year-old man who lives in Moundridge.

Koehn was born on January 20, 1918, and has lived in Moundridge his entire life. He went to Meridian Elementary school and then Happy Hollow school for one year. Koehn's favorite subject in school was arithmetic, but he remembers that he didn't like school very much. Koehn never attended high school because he had to help with his family farm. The time he would have been going to high school was during the time of the Dust Bowl, and his family could not afford to send him to get an education.

Koehn grew up on a farm, where he helped feed hogs, milk cows, and pick watermelon. Before Koehn joined World War II, he met Leola, who he would marry when he came back from the war. During his time in service, Koehn went to many different places in the world. This included Missouri, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Canada, Casablanca (in North Africa), France, Japan, and Germany.

He was on his way to Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped, and his

boat was turned around, and came back to the United States. He then came back to Moundridge, and saw Leola for the first time in thirty-seven months.

Koehn and Leola were married in 1925 and they lived together in Moundridge for 72 years.

"As soon as you find someone that you want to live with for 72 years, then you can get married," Koehn said.

The couple had two boys, one of whom is still living, and one of who died of cancer at age 52. Lyle currently lives in Wichita after graduating from Moundridge in 1970.

Leola died on May 30, 2018.

Koehn worked for Goering Hardware for 38 years, and during this time he experienced many changes. The biggest of these changes, he said, were the phones. When he first started there was a brand new phone in the building, and it had a crank on it. Since then, the technology in the store has been updated dramatically.

When asked, Koehn said that his favorite parts of life have been woodworking, fishing, being lazy, and living with Leola. He sometimes wonders, though, why he is living so much longer than everyone



Photo by Melanie Krehbiel

Chet Koehn is 101 years old and lives in Moundridge.

that he cares about, especially his wife.

Koehn said that he's heard the secret to a long life is "scotch, bourbon, and ice cream", though he sometimes wonders how he got to be so old.

Koehn told young people to stay in school, and make sure that they get the best education they can.

Jenika Allenbach

Fourth Graders Make Inventions

On April 3, 2019 the MMS had their 12th annual 4th grade Inventors Fair. Each 4th grader was given a time frame to create an invention of their own.

The school brought in 4 judges who didn't know the students so there was no conflict of interest. On the day of the fair after judging, both 4th grade teachers gave their classes a reward for participation. There were 10 placement spots announced right after. 1st: Logan Wulf – Twist-Inator, 2nd: Josh Koehn – HOT doggy dumper, 3rd: Aspy Stos – Stos Storage Bag Dumper, 4th: Allison Schrag – Magnetic Lid, 5th: Isabelle Durst – Izzy's Incredible Spill Stopper, 6th: Addi Rains – Cupcake Claw, 7th: Finn Lintecum – Ballzooka, 8th: Logan Greenwalt – LG Baseball Stick and Bucket, 9th: Ana

Beasley – The Handy Dandy Book Holder, 10th: Stephanie Jarvis – Carpenter's Pencil Clip.

Each student was given a ribbon of a different color. Aspen Blaylock's invention was the yarn keeper.

"It holds the yarn so it doesn't fall off my mother's chair" Blaylock said.

Brie Modlemog invented Brie's canopy cup cover.

"It's a lid that suctions to cups in the microwave so it doesn't boil over" Modlemog said. Brady Casey invented the happy parent hook.

"It's a hanger that folds out of the coat that way you always have a hanger," Casey said.

Each of the students spend between 30 minutes to an hour on their in-



Photo by Taylore Kent

Brady Casey stands with his invention "The Happy Parent Hook".

ventions. They all said that one of the biggest troubles was thinking of the idea.

"There were so many great inventions. I'm glad I wasn't a judge," Principal JoAnn Browne said.

Taylore Kent

MHS Track is Off and Running

This year's MHS track team started its 2019 season with a home meet on April 2 hosted by Hesston.

Five teams attended the meet.

The MHS track team has 15 people out for track, eight girls and seven boys.

Coaches for this year's track season are Brian Holloway, Larry Diepenbrock, and Alicia Harper.

Alicia Harper is the middle school assistant coach and the high school javelin coach.

Harper has the school record for javelin with a throw of 141'11" in 1990.

"On Tuesday's meet (April 2) we struggled with injuries and figuring out if they were injured or just sore from being out of shape" Holloway said. "with our numbers being so small we didn't place very well but we got good placings. We just didn't have the numbers the other schools did,"

The team only had about 11 practices before their first meet.

"The ultimate goal is to get to state, win state, and get another school record in the 4 by 1," O'Quinn said.

"We are still trying to get smooth hand-offs on our girls relay," O'Quinn added.

4 by 1 relay for the girls includes seniors Katie Fiedler, Jamya O'Quinn, Ellika Ptacek, and sophomore Emma Green.

Last year the girls relay (with Josalyn O'Quinn in place of Fiedler) took 1st place and set a new state and school record with a time of 49.63 seconds.

At the meet on April 2 the girls 4 by 1 got first with a time of 52.80 with sophomore Myiah Logue in place of Fiedler.

Both the 4 by 4 and 4 by 1 relays for the boys include seniors Kevin Vivanco, Gage Diederich, junior Daniel Kaufman, and freshman Caleb Samland.

The boys 4 by 1 placed fourth with a time of 49.06 on April 2.

4 by 4 for the boys was also ran at that meet with a placing of fourth with a time of 3:56.30 with Garrett Doherty in place of Samland.

"Our relays show some potential for having a successful season with the hopes of getting to state, I also hope that I can make it to state in my individual events" Vivanco said.

Vivanco's individual events are the 100 meter dash and high jump.

"We had several first and second place finishes that I was very happy with and I feel like we really competed well," Holloway said.

"Our girls team this year have a chance at getting in the top 3 at state while our boys team don't have the numbers we would like, but will still place at meets" throwing and distance coach Larry Diepenbrock said

"This year our team is small but mighty," Holloway said. "We have our girls team who is experienced with most of them having state experience, while our boys team is young, small, and inexperienced. But they are a group of guys who are willing to work hard."

Both coaches can agree that the main goal for track is improvement, just do better than the last meet.

"Our main team goal is to keep everyone's head in it throughout the season, especially our seniors," Senior Jamya O'Quinn said.

Myiah Logue

Baseball cont.

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The team worked hard on their dynamics at the beginning of the season to get back into the groove of baseball. They are working on fielding the most.

"The team has been working a lot on hitting line drives up the middle. This is supposed to help with not hitting pop-ups," Coach Kaufman said.

On April 5 the Cats played Ell-Saline. They won the first game 6-5 and lost the second 9-14.

On April 8 the Cats played at home vs. Oxford and won both games. The first was game was 17-5 and the second 15-2.

"We need to work on pitching the most, we are struggling in that element," Coach Stos said.

Sean Goering



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MHS track team poses for a team picture.