

## May Events

- May 9.....Community Work Day
- May 10.....All School' Day
- May 11.....FFA Chapter Banquet
- May 13-15.....Regional SB/BsB
- May 16-17.....State Swimming
- May 17.....Regional Track
- May 18.....HS Graduation
- May 20.....8th Grade Promotion
- May 23.....State SB/BsB
- May 23.....Last Day of School
- May 24.....State Track



Photo by Alanna Golden

Left to Right: Mateo Roth, Addy Falco, and Evan Ginder work on their Civil War reenactment projects.

## 8th Grade Promotion

**M**oundridge middle school- 8th grade Promotion will be on May 20 at 7pm.

The night will start out with the processional and then the welcome greeting. There will be performances from the 8th grade, first the vocal section then instrumental section.

A class video will be presented then the awards will start. They will first start with the Citizenship Award.

Presentation of students and certificates will follow.

"I like all the teachers because they

make me laugh even when they are being serious," 8th grader Jessica Smith said.

Her favorite project was the animal plant vases in art and her favorite funny teacher moment was when Mr. Scheef did a funny dance for D.A.R.E.

"My dad said I need to understand sarcasm because high school has a lot of it," Smith added.

Smith plans on taking choir and art and she is also excited for 8th grade promotion because she wants to do a speech.

"My favorite parts of 8th Grade Promotion are the speeches that the students give and the video of pictures," 8th grade teacher Kelly Kohl said.

"I'd just say this is a pretty special group to me. They've made great strides as a group through their last 3 years," 8th grade teacher Andrew Scheef said.

"Too many great memories to count. I feel they have potential to be game changers in the high school and I challenge them to stay true to themselves and not compromise who they are," Scheef added.

Taylor Kent



# Cat's Corner

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## Congratulations, Class of 2019!



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32 seniors will graduate from MHS this Saturday, May 18.

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## Seniors Celebrate Their High School Careers

There are 32 graduating seniors in Moundridge High School's Class of 2019.

The graduation ceremony will be held on May 18 at 2 pm in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony will include performances by the high school band, playing "Pomp and Circumstance", and the high school choir, singing "Life is a Highway".

"This year's seniors have come a long way since their sophomore year. They are very diverse and have a lot of exciting possibilities for their futures in a lot of different directions. It will be fun to see

where they all end up," English teacher Vania Winsor said.

The senior class officers are President Ellen Durst, Vice-President Remington Creed, Secretary Trevor Kohl, and Treasurer Keira Sebrant.

STUCO President and Vice President are Macy Craig and Alec Thach. Their STUCO representatives are Dillon Vogts and Jamya O'Quinn.

"This is my first graduating class that I have had for all four years, and so they will always be special in my heart" Principal Hilarie Hecox said.

Jenika Allenbach

# Mr. Jim Robb Retires After 44 Years

After 44 years of teaching at schools Mr. Jim Robb is retiring. Robb has taught at six different schools including Stanton County High School, Lyons High School, Bethel College, Sedgwick High School, Hillsboro High School, and finally Moundridge. His longest time teaching at a single school is 17 years at Hillsboro. At Moundridge he has taught 8 years.

"Moundridge has been a special school for me because the staff is the kind of people that don't give up a student and help them get over a mental hump," Robb said.

Robb talked about how schools have changed and developed. The technology has a big effect on schools.

"There has always been some kind of technology but it has obviously changed. Schools have to be able to adapt to all the new technology," Robb said.

Being a teacher for as long as he has been has brought him much knowledge. He has taught many classes including World History, American History, American Government, Psychology, Sociology, Drivers Education, and P.E./Health. The students here at Moundridge have loved having him here here.



Photo by Sean Goering

(left to right )This is the last year for both Jim Robb and Steven Schmidt.

"Robb has been a good guy. He has helped this school out a lot. There are some days that I did not want to work and he sat down and helped me get to work," Senior Jordan Ediger said.

The teachers here also are going to miss him for a bunch of reasons.

"It has been absolutely wonderful

working with Mr. Robb. He has taught me so much about how to work effectively with students," Ms. Daagya Dick said.

Another teacher who has worked with Robb over the years is Bret Lange.

"Mr. Robb will be missed. I personally have enjoyed his knowledge in social studies as well as his work with his students," Lange said.

Sean Goering

# Schmidt Resigns After 4 Years at MMS

Steven Schmidt has been teaching at Moundridge Middle School for the past 4 years. The subject he has been teaching is Language Arts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

"I like teaching the basics/fundamentals of reading and writing," he said.

Schmidt also spent time teaching at St. John-Hudson, Buhler, Sterling College, and Hutchinson. He taught speech, Drama, debate, forensics, teacher education classes at the collegiate level, and

teacher workshop for teachers at Baker University. All together he taught for 39 years.

"We have a lot of fun laughing in class", he said.

Schmidt is not retiring from work. He will be working in the area, but no longer as a teacher. "I will be working at Sterling College, I will be a painter."

"My favorite memory was probably the dance things we had to do with him", freshman Anthony Everhart said.

"[My favorite memory with Mr. Schmidt is] Learning the verbs", 8th grader Lucas Beasley said.

"He's always funny. He can make you laugh on your worst day", middle school Library Para Rachel Moses.

"[My favorite memory with Mr. Schmidt is when] He would do one on one talks with me about essays", sophomore Nathan Kukuk said.

Kourtney Kaufman

# Mrs. Browne Will Be Missed



Photo by Erin Durst

Mrs. Browne sits with first graders.

After thirteen years of being a principal at Moundridge schools, JoAnne Browne will be retiring.

Browne has been a principal for 22 years and has taught for five.

Moundridge will be Browne's fifth and final school as a principal, and eighth school she worked at.

It was far from an easy decision for Browne to leave.

"How am I going to give this up? I love absolutely everything about this school," Browne wondered.

Mrs. Jill Robb, Mrs. Caley Moddelmog, Mrs. Spencer Kaufman, and many other teachers love Mrs. Browne because they can count on her no matter what, and she always has their backs.

"I will miss seeing her every day. She was always the person to call down and help me think through things," Moddelmog said.

Browne says that when she moved to Moundridge, she thought, "I hope I die or retire here. This was completely different than any other school I've ever been in. These teachers really do care about these kids."

"These teachers are all just so phenomenal. I could go through and say many things about how great each teacher is," Browne said.

Cole Schrag thinks that Mrs. Browne is funny and Paige likes how she helped her solve her problems.

When the fifth graders were at the elementary school building, at the end of the year they got to spend the night at the school.

"One of my most favorable memories here was having the fifth graders at the elementary. I loved getting to do something fun with them at the end of the year," Browne said.

The kids at the elementary loved when it was Wacky Wednesday and all of Mrs. Browne's stuff was outside her office instead of inside.

"I also always love the beginning of the year because everybody comes in fresh and new, especially the little kindergartners and now the preschoolers, too," she added.

Browne plans to stay home with her mother and spend time with her after her retirement.

Erin Durst



Photo provided by Facebook

Mrs. Browne has been a principal for 22 years and will retire at the end of this year.

## What's your favorite thing about Mrs. Browne?

"Wacky Wednesday"

-Dominick Hall  
Third Grade

"Funny and kind"

-Logan DenHartog  
Third Grade

"Nice and respectful"

-Kaylyn Ortman  
Third Grade

"She is very nice"

-Paige Hancock  
Third Grade

"Funny and nice"

-Grace Potts  
Third Grade

"She always helped us"

-Kippley Lintecum  
Third Grade

Erin Durst

## Dillon Vogts



**Favorite Memory:**

Playing river court after a half day of school

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

Freshman year. It was my first minutes on the home court and I tried to go behind my back but the ball got stuck for a travel

**Biggest Impact:**

Jamya

**Future Plans:**

Go to Hutch, play basketball, and major in wind turbine technology

## Cayman Wiens



**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

Whenever a teacher would call on me because I never knew what we were talking about

**Biggest Impact:**

Mrs. Krehbiel

**Future Plans:**

College online to become a social worker

## Reality Bites



By: Kathryn Streight

## Andrew Armstrong



**Favorite Memory:**  
The talent show my junior year, someone became a rock star

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Walking into the wrong room several times on my first day

**Biggest Impact:**  
Mr. Robb, Jr.

**Future Plans:**  
Work for a bit and then go to college to further my ability to work

## Trinady Avalos



**Favorite Memory:**  
Creating my calligraphy of the trees and ponds

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
When I spilled coffee all over Mr. Neufeld's class

**Biggest Impact:**  
Mr. Neufeld has always been understanding and helped me a lot

**Future Plans:**  
I'm currently looking for a college to become a crime scene photographer

## Mylaya Bell-Martinez



**Favorite Memory:**  
Dancing on the Party Bus on the way to Prom

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Fill my Shoes junior year because I was sick and looked bad

**Biggest Impact:**  
Mrs. Dick

**Future Plans:**  
Go to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix Arizona to get my BSN

## Macy Craig



**Favorite Memory:**  
Skeeting in Ellika's jeep

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Accidentally cheering for Elias Werth during the starting lineups of a basketball game junior year

**Biggest Impact:**  
Mrs. Chisholm

**Future Plans:**  
Attend the University of Kansas to major in business while following a pre-occupational therapy path

## Remington Creed



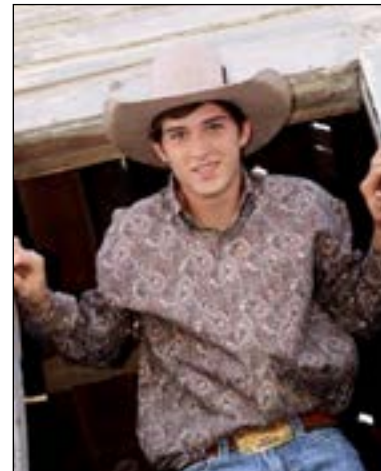
**Favorite Memory:**  
Going to watch state volleyball in Emporia with the boizzzzzzz

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Getting injured in every sport

**Biggest Impact:**  
Mrs. Dick

**Future Plans:**  
Attend Wichita State and major in Mechanical Engineering

## Gage Diederich



**Favorite Memory:**  
Senior Year Prom. It was a blast

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
When I introduced myself to Mrs. Hecox and I said my name, but everybody thought I said "gay"

**Biggest Impact:**  
Teachers

**Future Plans:**  
Making money

## Ashlyn Dougherty



**Favorite Memory:**

Finding Josh

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

Going halfway through the day before I realized my shorts were on inside out

**Biggest Impact:**

All of the teachers/staff who have been so helpful to me

**Future Plans:**

Stay/work in Moundridge while I do college online to get my doctorate in Psychology

## Ellen Durst



**Favorite Memory:**

Going to state in volleyball (2018)

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

During volleyball practice, I nailed Otte in the balls and he made me run

**Biggest Impact:**

Coach Otte

**Future Plans:**

Attending Fort Hays State University and enrolling in 3+2 program for speech pathology

## Jordan Ediger



**Favorite Memory:**

Going on a cruise

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

Missing days off of school my senior year

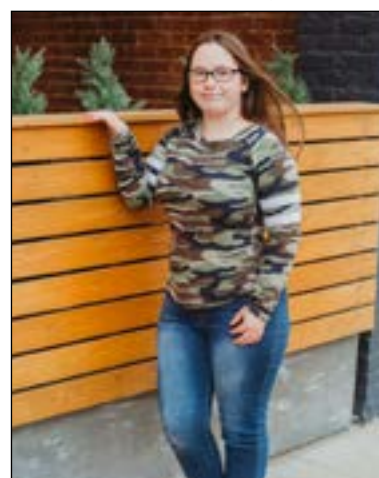
**Biggest Impact:**

Mr. Robb, Sr.

**Future Plans:**

Attend Butler Community College for welding

## Calissa Fattig



**Favorite Memory:**

Softball freshman year

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

Wildcat Day Fill my Shoes

**Biggest Impact:**

Mr. Modellmog

**Future Plans:**

Child Care: Day care provider or Elementary school Para

## Katie Fielder



**Favorite Memory:**

Senior Year Prom

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

When I skipped my 7th hour class on the first week of school thinking it was seminar

**Biggest Impact:**

Keira Sebrant & Adrian Neufeld

**Future Plans:**

Attend Colby Community College

## Cassidy Finley



**Favorite Memory:**

National FFA Convention

Junior year (2017)

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

In German II when I said "What is Mickey Mouse? A bear?"

**Biggest Impact:**

Ms. Krehbiel or Mrs. Winsor

**Future Plans:**

Attend K-State and major in Hospitality Management

## Hannah Strausz



**Favorite Memory:**  
Middle School Clubs  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
When Holloway found me at the gas station skipping track  
**Biggest Impact:**  
Mr. Modellmog  
**Future Plans:**  
Nursing

## Alec Thach



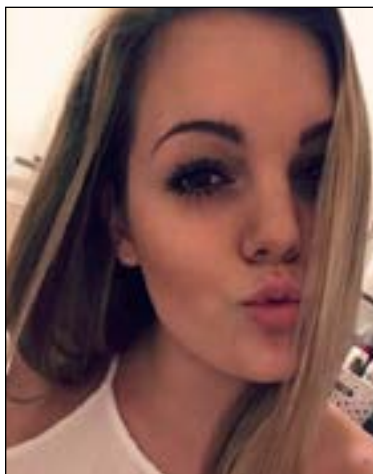
**Favorite Memory:**  
Going to watch state volleyball at Emporia senior year  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Backing into Josh Knight's truck  
**Biggest Impact:**  
My friends  
**Future Plans:**  
Attend Wichita State University and major in Sports Management

## Laura Ullom-Minnich



**Favorite Memory:**  
Senior Prom  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
When I couldn't park  
**Biggest Impact:**  
Mrs. Dick  
**Future Plans:**  
Attend Manchester University to double major in Environmental Science and Psychology, and minor in Spanish

## Ashlyn Unruh



**Favorite Memory:**  
Anything with Cayman  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Getting kicked out of detention  
**Biggest Impact:**  
Mr. Neufeld  
**Future Plans:**  
Earn my BSN

## Arturo Vivanco-Noriega



**Favorite Memory:**  
Playing patty cake with Cross at the concession stand during a volleyball game  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
Freshman year  
**Biggest Impact:**  
My twin nephews  
**Future Plans:**  
Attend Wichita State University Tech and pursue music

## Kevin Vivanco-Noriega



**Favorite Memory:**  
All-State band  
**Most Embarrassing Moment:**  
When I got 2nd Alternate district band  
**Biggest Impact:**  
Mrs. Dick  
**Future Plans:**  
Attend Wichita State University and major in Music Performance and Business