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FSHS PRESENTS THE MUSICAL: FROZEN JR.

BY: GABBI MAJORS, PHOTO EDITOR

The Fort Scott High School theatre recently took Disney's Frozen movie to the stage. Many elements in the play brought it together and made it entertaining. One of the standout aspects of the performance was the singing. Each cast member showed their skills by singing some of the movie's most famous songs such as "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?", "Love is an Open Door", "In Summer", and "Let It Go". The performers' voices most definitely filled the room bringing smiles to adults and children alike. Each performer played their role great and brought their characters to life with their fulfilling energy. The costume designs were also a major highlight. You could see the hard work and dedication put into each costume. Overall, their performance was outstanding to watch.



The leads included:

Anna: Nevaeh Fialkowski, Gianna Gorman,
Chris Newman

Elsa: Olivia Ford, Mary Racer, Junie Fisher

Kristoff: Mykael Lewis

Sven: Sypher Cannon

Hans: Cooper George Olaf: Theodore Bowman



Thespians perform the last show of Frozen Jr. Photos by Kiara Thompson.



Junior Junie Fisher gives it her all with her portrayal of Elsa from Frozen Jr. Photo by Kiara Thompson.

STUDENTS FRUSTRATED WITH BANNED WEBSITES

BY: ABBAGAILE SZCZEPANSKI

Tiger Times Editor

Throughout Fort Scott High School, there has been a remarkable quantity of banned websites; some might say the sheer amount of blocked websites is incredibly daunting. In some aspects, this is necessary to keep students on task; however, they block resources needed for some school tasks, where the irritation arises. Putting in a tech ticket to use the NASA website seems ridiculous. One of FSHS's students, Gabbi Majors says, "I'd say in some ways it's valid, but when we have free time it would be nice to be able to do what we would like to, but it can also be an issue when students are doing what they aren't supposed to be doing rather than school work. Many sites are blocked

for no reason." This goes to show that it's a genuine issue for students. Madi Davis also says, "I looked up the color maroon to find a color reference for a drawing, and multiple images were blocked. I think it's kind of getting out of hand when it affects the authenticity of my art." Many students are having trouble finding the things they need to succeed in school. Yes, students get off task and should not be playing games instead of doing their work; however, when the necessary tools to be a good student are borderline unreachable, and often takes a long amount of time for these websites, or photos to be attainable, there's a problem.

Album Review: "The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess"

BY: LIBERTY MICHAEL

Tiger Times Editor

Femininomenon - 10/10.

Coffee- This song is about trying to go on dates with someone, but it's hard because the date locations are associated with exes and past experiences. This song is a tear-jerker for sure, but besides the fact the vocals are so elegant, I'd say this is a good 8.5/10.

HOT TO GO- This upbeat song is about a woman who desires to have another woman using references to consumerism and fast food. Other than the fact that this is just a good song, it also took the internet by storm. Users of TikTok, Instagram, and other social media platforms

posted a dance to this song, and it's now one of Chappell's most popular songs. I'd give this a 10/10 without a second thought.

Kaleidoscope- Kaleidoscope is about the different variations and complications of love, specifically of love. 8.5/10.

California- Chappell expresses how she is homesick and yearning. She knows she has opportunities elsewhere, but doesn't want to leave her roots. I think this song is underrated and deserves an 8.5/10.

Red Wine Supernova- This exciting song is about exploring love, liberation, and how it feels

like a "supernova", hence the name. 9.5/10.

Casual- This masterpiece describes what a "situationship" is. She talks about how the relationship with someone is labeled as casual, but it is much more than that. 10/10 for me, and my personal favorite.

My Kink is Karma- Roan expresses her happiness in the fact that her ex is doing so badly without her. 10/10. Pink Pony Club- Pink Pony Club is a metaphor referring to a safe space for people to be themselves. 10/10.

Guilty pleasure- Guilty Pleasure is pretty much exactly the name. She feels a guilty pleasure for someone she knows she can't have. 8.5/10.

After Midnight- This song is about having fun and clubbing. Chappell

stated, "Once I moved out to LA when I was 18, I realized that literally everything good happens after midnight." 10/10

Super Ultra Graphic Ultra Modern Girl- Roan took inspiration from Lady Gaga for this song. Ultimately, it is about the girl life. 9/10.

Naked in Manhattan- Naked in Manhattan covers the feeling of electricity in having a queer crush. 10/10.

My overall rating on this album is 9.5.

MONTHLY SENIOR ADVICE

FROM ALEX BUTTON,

"Always try your hardest at any and everything."

FROM GG WILLARD,

"Think big and don't worry about what others say or think about you. The only thing that matters is you and what you're going to be after high school!!"

Test Anxiety and Ways to Cope

BY: MAHAYLA KILPATRICK

Tiger Times Section Editor and Social Media Manager

What is test anxiety? According to the University of North Carolina, test anxiety is a combination of physical symptoms and emotional reactions that interfere with your ability to perform well on tests. This anxiety can be due to fear of failure, high pressure, lack of preparation, poor test history, or high pressure. It also should be noted that there are two types of test anxiety: somatic, which has to do with your feelings, and cognitive, which is what you are thinking. Depending on the type of person or how severe your anxiety is, you can feel numerous symptoms, such as headaches, nausea, extreme stress, fear, and even panic attacks. Knowing how your test anxiety causes you to react is the first step in overcoming it.

There are many methods to help with your anxiety. Here is a list of the ones recommended by Universities and professionals:

The number one method is to be prepared. Be sure to study in advance and not wait until the last minute.

It should be a priority to properly care for one's self. This includes eating properly, getting exercise, and engaging in non-stressful activities that you enjoy.

You should remember to get enough sleep. Without enough sleep, you may not function as well as you can or feel that you can perform your best.

Moves can be made to talk to your teacher beforehand to take a practice test and/or get an idea of

what the test will look like.

If you still find yourself nervous before a test, remember to breathe. Diaphragmatic breathing is proven to help with stress. To diaphragmatic breathe, you must breathe all the way in through your belly and out all the way through your mouth. This type of breathing will quickly lower your blood pressure and heart rate, helping you to feel more relaxed and in control. Most importantly, you should use whatever works for you. Additionally, remember that one test grade is not the end of the world.

ARTWORK SUBMISSION



Artwork by Sophomore Madi Davis.

Words From Our Fearless Leader

BY: BRONSON SMITH, GRACE WALKER

Tiger Times Opinion Editor and Business Manager, Tiger Times Print Editor Co-Business Manager



This month's Kimble Column is not the normal satire piece that we normally write. We thought that we would try to increase the Christmas spirit by sharing a story from Grace and I's latest interview with Mr. Kimble where he shares one of his favorite holiday memories.

Mr. Kimble shares a touching memory about spending Christmas on their Grandparent's ranch in Montana with his daughters, who were about 8 and 4 years old at the time. He describes a time when their grandfather, Dave, went outside around midnight on Christmas morning, dressed up in a red coat, big rubber boots, a big red bag, and Jingle Bells. He describes that while outside, Dave started throwing big pinecones up on the roof to imitate the sound of reindeer moving around. So, full of Christmas spirit, Kimble woke his daughters up and tiptoed down the hall to the balcony to look outside to see what all the ruckus was - and there they saw Santa Claus!

Mr. Kimble exclaimed that his daughters believed in Mr. Claus until middle school due to this wonderful experience. Kimble closed his story reflecting on the magic of Christmas by saying, "I believe in the magical moments that he provides."

SENIOR WINTER ATHLETES

BY: COLTON ROGERS

Tiger Times Sports Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, we would like to introduce you to your 2024-2025 FSHS winter senior athletes. Starting us off on the boys' wrestling team, we have Brody Gomez who is ranked No. 2, Lennox Vann who is ranked No. 6, and lastly, Jaden Garcia ranked No. 2. Our boys' team is ranked No. 8 going into the season. The girls wrestling may not have any senior wrestlers this year, but there are some girls to watch for this year: junior Kenna Miles, last year's State champ and ranked No. 1; sophomore Jerry Smith, ranked No. 1; sophomore Caellen Wescoat, ranked No. 5; and sophomore Aubrey Martin, ranked No. 6.

Next up is our basketball team. Our boys basketball team, ranked 8th in the state, will be

Teams Shine at State Cheer And Dance Competition

BY: GABBI MAJORS

Tiger Times Photo Editor

The Fort Scott High School cheer and dance teams competed in the KSHSAA 2024 Spirit Game Day state competition at Stormont Vail event center in Topeka KS. The teams had been



led by seniors Dub Chipman, Ty Marbery, Josh Woelhoff, Malachi Larsen, Jaxen DeMott, Chris Belcher, Nathan Cunningham, and Terrance Lee. They will look to make an appearance at the state tournament for the second year in a row. Our girls' team will be led by two seniors: Allie Brown and Kylee Comstock. They are looking to win the SEK for the 4th year in a row and will also be looking to punch a ticket at the state tournament.

Lastly, we have one senior boy swimmer, Eli Martin.

Practice has started for these athletes and they have been hard at work perfecting their craft. With that being said, wish all these teams good luck, and especially all of the seniors!

working for roughly 4-5 months to prepare. The cheer team had to perform a fight song, cheer, and band chant—all within 3 minutes. The dance team had to perform a dance, fight song, and band chant. The dance team placed No. 6 in their competition and the cheer team placed No. 7. Both teams performed well!

The cheer team strikes a pose during their performance at state. Photo by Annabelle Gorman.

The dance team performs their final pose for their state competition. Photo by Sadie Claypool.



Basketball Begins

BY: CLAIRE MCELROY

Tiger Times Writing Advisor and Sports Editor

After weeks of practice for both the girls and boys basketball teams, the first game of the season is right around the corner. The two teams are eager for the season to start and be able to show off all the work they have put in thus far. They have had a chance to see some action, with both teams having pre-season jamborees before the season begins.

The boys and girls are coming off stellar seasons. Last year, the Tigers and Lady Tiger each made it to the KSHSAA 4A State Basketball Tournament, which is a feat that has not been accomplished since 2004. The Lady Tigers placed 4th, losing a hard-fought game to McPherson, and the Tigers, unfortunately, lost in the first round to McPherson as well, who ended up as champions of the 4A State tournament.

The Lady Tigers are heading into the 2024-2025 season with almost everyone back. Even though they

are losing two notable seniors from last season, their roster is still strong, with three starters and all-state honorable mention players returning—Kylee Comstock, Allie Brown, and Abbie Gorman. Coach Pechone Stepps is confident in this group of girls for this upcoming season, explaining, "I think on any given night we could have seven girls having good scoring nights and contributing in some way." With the girls winning SEK League for the third time in a row, winning Sub-State, and placing 4th at State last year, Stepps understands everyone has eyes on his team. He continues, stating, "We're the ones with targets on our backs."

The Tigers are looking a lot different since the end of last season and facing many obstacles early on. They enter this season with a new head coach in Brennen Feeback, and a whole new starting five. "The kids responded well, but it was challenging the first

KANSAS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR VISITS USD 234: INSPIRES STUDENTS AND STAFF

BY: KIARA THOMPSON

Tiger Times Editor-in-Chief

week,” stated Feeback when asked about his new role as HC. He understands that having few kids with varsity experience will be tough, but he continues looking on the positive side because he believes in his group and knows what they are capable of. Additionally, he wants his players to be great on the court, as well as off the court. His motto for the season is “S.O.U.L.”, which stands

for Selflessness, Ownership, Unity, and Larger Purpose. A new thing for the team this year is player development, where he brings in teacher and coach Matt Glades to talk to the team about what it is to be a man and a leader, showing them the type of person they need to be. The teams will get their first look at some action on December 10th at Paola!

Trump Wins 2024 Election

BY: BRONSON SMITH

Tiger Times Print Editor

In a historic and highly contested election, Donald Trump has secured a second term as President of the United States, defeating Vice President Kamala Harris. This victory marks a significant comeback for Trump, who faced numerous challenges, including two impeachments and a criminal conviction. His return to the White House is seen by many as a testament to his resilience and ability to connect with a substantial portion of the electorate.

Vice President Kamala Harris, who ran a vigorous campaign, conceded the election but emphasized that the fight for the values she championed continues. Her campaign faced significant hurdles, and the results reflect the ongoing struggle for unity and progress within the Democratic Party.

The election also saw the Republican Party gaining

control of the Senate, which will likely lead to significant shifts in legislative priorities and governance. This change in power dynamics sets the stage for potential policy clashes and a redefined political landscape.

As the nation moves forward, it is crucial to acknowledge the diverse perspectives and concerns of all Americans. The 2024 election results serve as a reminder of the importance of democratic processes and the need for continued dialogue and cooperation to address the challenges facing the country.

In closing, the 2024 election has reaffirmed the complexities of American democracy, highlighting both the resilience of its institutions and the deep-seated divisions that persist. Moving forward, the focus must be on bridging these divides and working towards a more inclusive and united nation.

The amazing eight Kansas Teacher of the Year, or KTOY, district-level winners visited neighboring schools to learn about schools’ different innovative educational strategies. According to Sara Jackman, “Teachers can see how other schools operate and learn.”. Jackman is one of the eight winners and was a guide to the other winners in our USD 234 district tour. When asked how she felt about her nomination, she showed her humility. “I’m proud and it means a lot to me. However, I still think other teachers deserve it more than me.” The district tour started part one of the Fort Scott Middle School tour and highlighted many classes such as Brent Cavin’s social studies class, and Lori Nelson’s FACS class. Their next stop was the first part of the Fort Scott High School tour, which highlighted our CNC

Senior Allie Brown showcases her most recent project in Tiger Threads to the KTOY winners. Photo by Kiara Thompson.

program, Information Technology, Welding, FACS, science, and math classes. Next on the tour was Winfield Scott Elementary School where they showed off the school’s STEM lab, a sensory/focus room, and preschool rooms. Returning to the middle school, they looked at Whitney Beth’s art class and Adam Feagin’s technology class. Their last stop was the rest of the high school tour, which highlighted our counseling/SEL/Alternate school programs, the auto shop, yearbook, our school business Tiger Threads, Newspaper, Tiger Barkery, and art classes/clubs. Despite being from different schools, each KTOY teacher was able to learn and provide information about their schools to help others grow and evolve.



Senator Moran Visit

BY: GRACE WALKER

Tiger Times Co-Business Manager

“Coming back and being involved with your state is key,” was a statement made by Senator Jerry Moran during his visit to FSHS. Due to the election, Congress had taken a short break. Many Congressmen had the opportunity to go home and rest, but for the hardworking senator, these breaks were filled with visits to rural communities in Kansas.

Fort Scott High School was lucky enough to receive a visit from one of the men who represent us in Washington D.C.. Kendal Armstrong, Stewart Davenport, and Kate Williams took on the task of representing our school by giving a tour for Senator Moran. Some classrooms were able to demonstrate what they do and the role they play in our education.

VETERANS DAY

BY: MAHALYA KILPATRICK

Tiger Times Section Editor and Social Media Manager

Veterans Day is celebrated annually in our town, especially in our school district. The high school celebrated this year by cheering for our veterans during the Veterans Day parade. Eugene Ware celebrated in many ways, including the third grade singing for the veterans in their Veterans Day assembly. Our middle school also had a Veterans Day assembly to show thanks. The gratitude didn't end there, though, with Winfield Scott coming together with our

community to sing many classics, including "God Bless America." Furthermore, there was a special slideshow created and presented by Sabrina Keating intended to honor our soldiers who are currently serving, as well as ex-military.



Another Year, Another Extravagant Event!

BY: GABBI MAJORS

Tiger Times Photo Editor

Fort Scott's annual fall extravaganza was held on November 25th at Fort Scott Middle School. There was a great turnout as all but two vendors showed up. The extravaganza had many beneficial aspects such as providing the FFA officers practice utilizing event planning skills. The event also provides an opportunity for local businesses and entrepreneurs to showcase their skills – especially our student-led businesses from the high school such as Tiger Threads. Ag leadership officers worked hard to plan this, and they deserve props for the great outcome as this was their first year planning it!



Scholars Snag Silver

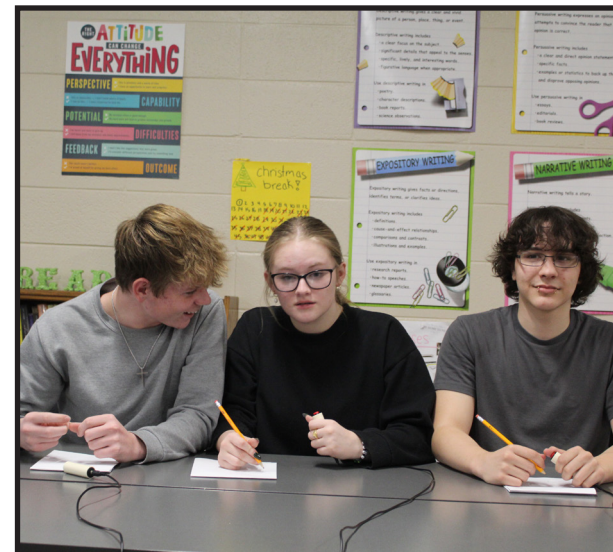
BY: SYPHER CANNON

Tiger Times Print and Puzzle Editor

The Junior Varsity Scholars' Bowl Home Tournament marked the first time in 22 years that FSHS had to host a home meet without Bert Lewis (15 of which she was the head coach during). With a bracket designed and operated by Assistant Coach Brown, a set of questions collected and tournament officiated by Coach Mayberry, and a collaboration between teachers and varsity team members alike, the school was able to figure out how to manage a meet—something that hadn't ever been necessary with Lewis's expertise. Amidst the slight chaos of figuring things out on the spot, the FSHS JV

team made it to the finals. They beat Pittsburg's team and lost to Louisburg's, putting themselves firmly in second place.

Two teams from FSHS competed at the Nov. 19 meet. The two teams were made up of Seniors Tynce Joles and Tristan Johnson, junior Grace Walker, sophomore Landon McDaniel, and freshmen Theodore Bowman, Madeline Larsen, and Sofia Johnson. The second-place winning team was made up of Joles, T. Johnson, Walker, McDaniel, and Bowman. Despite not getting gold, the team of scholars won an even more important prize: victory over Pittsburg.



JV team members Landon McDaniel (left), Grace Walker (middle), and Tynce Joles (right) recreated the home meet in the newspaper room on Dec. 4. The team was unable to be photographed at the meet due to the anti-technology rules in the competition rooms.

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Club Overview:

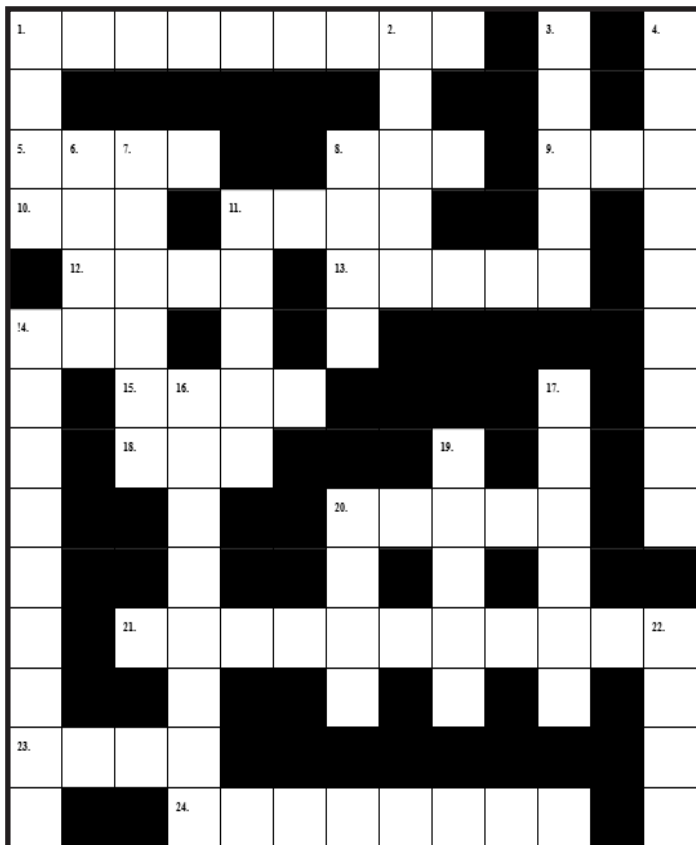
Math Club

BY: DAETYN FOWLER

Tiger Times Online Editor

Math Club is run by Mrs. Felt and has a total of forty members. This club consists of people who attend math competitions and enjoy the challenges that math proposes. The purpose of Math Club is to challenge students with their math knowledge and to learn new skills. Mrs. Felt shared that she loves to see students get out there and be vulnerable with their math knowledge, but she would also like to see Math Club become

more proactive in the community. Overall, if you like math or the challenges that come with it, you may be interested in Math Club.

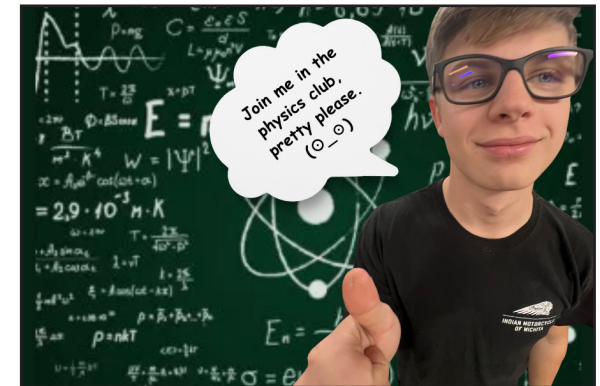


Across

1. "The ___ Before Christmas"
5. Tendril of material (e.g. smoke)
8. Chips and ___
9. First person possessive determiner (plural)
10. Stir fry sauce
11. "Close"'s antithesis
12. Tesla stock name
13. Treatise
14. Witch's familiar, commonly
15. Musical by Jorge Rivera-Herrans
18. Married woman's title
20. Bird's claw
21. Last day of the year
23. Defeat in competition
24. Mantle sock

Down

1. Broadcast or printed account of important information
2. Destroys
3. Valuable material from elephants
4. December 25th
6. Extremely small amount
7. Interconnecting network
8. Doe, fawn, or buck
11. Green area amid a desert
14. The most famous are under Paris
16. Gifts
17. December 21-March 20
19. Lewis and ___
20. Pine or oak, for example
22. To give off, as in light



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MEET THE TEAM



Junior Bronson Smith tries out his future 2024 Indian Scout 60.
Photo by Brandon Smith.

This is Bronson Smith. He is a junior who likes to hang out with his friends. His position in Newspaper is the business manager/opinion editor. While he originally joined for an art credit, he has quickly found out that he enjoys being a part of the newspaper and that it is very exciting. He hopes to bring quality entertainment content to the student body and staff.



Junior Claire McElroy focuses during first Pitt v. Home game.
Photo by Bronson Smith.

This is Claire McElroy, a junior who likes to play basketball. Her position in the Newspaper is the writing advisor/sports editor. She joined the newspaper because she thought it would be fun to revive something that the school used to do. She hopes to spread her passion for newspaper and that more people will join in with helping to produce the school newspaper.

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