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## SPRING BREAK GETAWAY WITH FSHS TRAVEL CLUB

BY BRONSON SMITH, OPINION EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER, AND CLAIRE McELROY, WRITING ADVISOR AND SPORTS EDITOR

After a two-year wait, the FSHS Travel Club finally embarked on its next adventure, kicking off Spring Break with a trip to Europe.

Our first stop on our voyage was Berlin, which, to me (Bronson), was rich in history but visually unappealing. Its inconsistent design and structure almost serve as a symbol of the tragic events that have occurred there. Our group ate about everything we could get our hands on - sausages, bread, and sauerkraut to name a few. We visited the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Reichstag, and the Soviet War Memorial in Treptower Park. We were also given a tour of Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam, which was beautiful and very large. Returning to the topic of Berlin, the sharp contrasts between the East and West were immediately noticeable. In that way, modern Berlin feels like a massive art piece, reflecting the divisions of the Cold War. Although I found the city visually unappealing, it was one of the most fascinating places we visited.

Our next city we visited was Prague in the Czech Republic. While travelling, we stopped by Dresden. We then took a walking tour of the city, which included many historical statues and buildings. Additionally, some went to look at the beautiful Frauenkirche Church. Upon arrival in Prague, we took another walking tour through an incredible town square, surrounded by enormous castles and churches with striking Gothic architecture. The next day, we explored more landmarks, including the St. Vitus Cathedral and the Charles Bridge, before having free time to explore the city on our own. My group (Claire) decided to grab lunch, visit a cafe, and try Trdelník - also called Chimney Cake

in English- a traditional Czech Republic pastry. Finally, of course we had to purchase some souvenirs.

Our next destination was Kraków. We began by traveling atop a hill to see St. Mary's Basilica, which was, in my opinion (Claire), the most beautiful attraction of the trip. It was designed incredibly with colorful stained glass and many gold statues. That night, we had Polish dumplings called pierogies, which were a favorite among the group. The following day was undoubtedly the saddest day of the trip, as we spent our morning visiting the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial site. While the experience was devastating to see, being there provided a deeper understanding of it in person. Afterward, we had lunch with the group before exploring the town for ourselves. Krakow was certainly my favorite city (Claire).

The last city we visited was Budapest, which was very pretty. The first day we were there it rained, which added to the feeling that Hungary was a very different country to the others we had just visited. Enormous, beautiful buildings, such as the parliament building, the castle district, and St. Stephen's Basilica were everywhere. We experienced the very odd language of Hungarian; it sounds completely different from the other languages I (Bronson) was used to hearing on the trip. Fortunately, former FSHS student Ottó Voller (whom we hung out with for most of our Budapest escapades) spoke Hungarian, so it wasn't too bad. Ottó enthusiastically ordered our entire table Goulash and Lángos, fried bread dough with garlic cream sauce and cheese. Both of these dishes were



Students stop to take pictures of the Brandenburg Bridge in Berlin, Germany on a nightly walk after finishing dinner.  
Photo by Claire McElroy.



Juniors Stewart Davenport and Bronson Smith meet former exchange student Otto Voller in Budapest, Hungary on their adventures.  
Photo by Bronson Smith.

incredibly delicious.

On the last day, I visited the Széchenyi Thermal baths, which was a super relaxing and great way to end my last day in Budapest. As much as I loved Hungary, I was ready to board the plane to Amsterdam first thing in the morning to begin the trip home. A little shout-out to my beautiful girlfriend, Shiloh, for meeting me in MCI when I came back.



# THE DISCO PROMENADE

By ABBAGAILE SZCZEPANSKI  
*TIGER TIMES* EDITOR

Fort Scott High School's prom took place on Saturday, April 5, at the River Room. Many students thought that prom was

both glamorous and classy with its Disco theme. Overall, it was an enjoyable time for students filled with dancing and singing!



Emma Martin and Kaden McCorkle enjoy their refreshments at the table.  
Photo by Dr. Laubenstein.



Caleb Elton & Nicolette Brown smile after being crowned Prom King and Queen.  
Photo by Dr. Laubenstein.

Bryleigh Hymmer dances in the middle of a dance circle.  
Photo by Dr. Laubenstein.



## Prom Walk-In



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Chandler Bybee & Brittany Ledezma



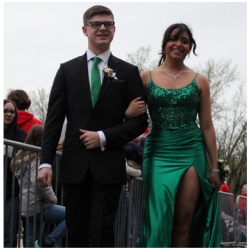
Kenna Miles & Ridley Halsey



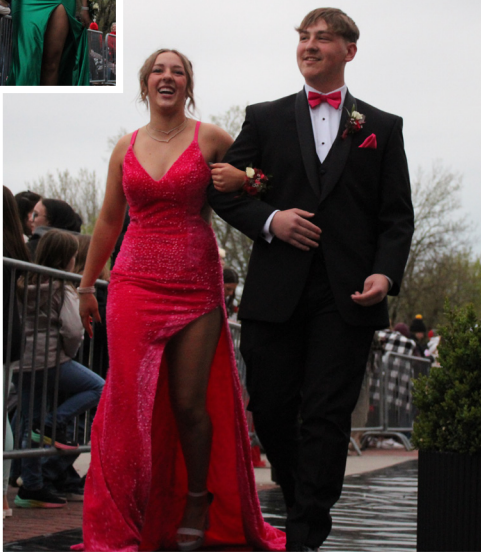
Kinley Clements and Morgan Shaw



Bronson Smith and Shiloh Lamb



Emma Cook and Shawn Keating

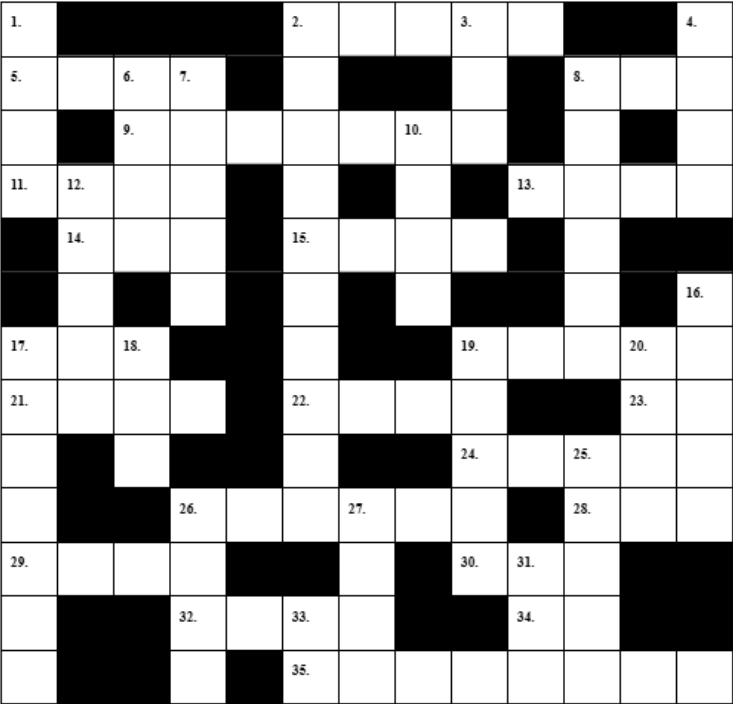


Gabbi Majors & Jacob Tourtillott

Monte Morillo and April Forester







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  - 8. Rower
  - 9. Ensemble of four
  - 11. Person, place, object, or idea
  - 13. Smallest particle of an element
  - 14. Name for a grandma
  - 15. Secret hideaway for villains
  - 17. Adult males
  - 19. Collision of vehicles
  - 21. "The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives" setting
  - 22. Long circle
  - 23. Without
  - 24. Month of showers for flowers
  - 26. Sunday holiday
  - 28. \_/\_/myself
  - 29. Wooden-soled shoe
  - 30. Joke
  - 32. Microbe that spreads disease
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  - 3. Non-main account
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  - 6. H<sub>2</sub>O, Water
  - 7. Bringer of Easter eggs
  - 8. Canada's capital
  - 10. Leave
  - 12. The beginning of something, usually unpleasant
  - 16. Two halves make a...

- 17. A play with songs and dances
- 18. Take; arrest
- 19. Newspaper staff's favorite English teacher
- 20. FSHS spring sport
- 25. Long, narrow, raised part of a mountain
- 26. Hens' products
- 27. Chinese shopping site
- 31. Small, mischievous sprite
- 33. Rhenium

# Student Spotlight

BY GRACE WALKER  
PRINT EDITOR, CO-BUSINESS MANAGER

## Michaela Morrell



Sophomore Michaela Morrell takes in fresh air in the middle of a haybale filled field.  
Photo by Michaela Morrell.

Meet sophomore Michaela Morrell. Michaela keeps up with a busy schedule—working and staying active in school. Michaela is active in Key Club, FCCLA, FBLA, and Student Council. When it comes to free time, Michaela enjoys sleeping, hanging out with friends, and lying in bed scrolling TikTok. She plans to attend college to become an accountant. Michaela's favorite color is hot pink, her favorite movie is Pitch Perfect, and her favorite class is her cooking class with her favorite teacher, Mrs. Knopp.

## Gavin Catalano

Gavin Catalano is a senior here at FSHS. In his free time, he enjoys listening to music. He possesses a broad musical taste, and is willing to listen to just about anything. Gavin also enjoys hands-on work. He loves playing the violin in Mr. Felt's class and working in the auto shop with Mr. Miller. When he's not at school, you can find Gavin working with various Adobe programs since he enjoys being creative in his spare time. For years, Gavin has been interested in the railroad and would like to work in the industry someday. However, if that doesn't happen, he would love to continue working in the automotive field.



Senior Gavin Catalano strikes a smile for school photos.  
Photo by Kenny Felt.

## MONTHLY SENIOR ADVICE

“Dream big and dare to fail.”

NATHAN CUNNINGHAM

“Love people a little more than you think is necessary. Kindness lasts longer than you realize. The way you make others feel will be remembered far beyond the moments themselves.”

AVERY STEWART

# SOFTBALL HOME OPENER

By COLTON ROGERS

TIGER TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The Fort Scott High School softball team kicked off its home season on Tuesday, April 1, during their annual Fort Scott Tournament. The Lady Tigers emerged as tournament champions, securing first place with two dominant wins.

In their opening game, Fort Scott faced off against Ottawa, cruising

to a 10-2 victory. The momentum carried into their second matchup against Louisburg, where the Tigers left with a decisive 16-0 win.

With these victories, the team extends their undefeated streak to 4-0, setting a strong tone for what promises to be another competitive and exciting season.

## Baseball Home Opener

By COLTON ROGERS

TIGER TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The Fort Scott Tiger baseball team made a statement in their home opener on Saturday, March 29, with impressive back-to-back wins against two 5A powerhouse programs: Andover Central and De Soto. Both schools are known for consistently producing state-bound teams, but the Tigers rose to the challenge.

Fort Scott opened the day with an 11-4 victory over Andover Central,

followed by a hard-fought 7-5 win against De Soto. The sweep brings the Tigers to an undefeated 5-0 record as they prepare to take on a strong Paola squad in a doubleheader Thursday night, April 3.

With early wins over elite competition, Fort Scott is quickly establishing itself as a team to watch this season.

## Making Waves: Lady Tiger Swimmers

By GRACE WALKER

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Spring marks the beginning of the girls' school swim season here in SEK. The swimmers are excited for the season; however, the team will look a little different this year.

The team is led by Coach Maddie Martin, and they are blended consisting of girls from the following SEK school districts: Fort Scott, Pittsburg, St. Mary's Colgan, and Northeast.

Many of these swimmers have a lot of swimming experience. For example, Northeast HS student Addie Zamora has been swimming most of her life. This year will mark her 4th year on the FSHS team and 15th year overall. FSHS student Avery Stweart has been swimming 11 years, and this is her 4th year on the team. For SMC student Kaila Karhoff, swimming has been a part

of her life for 9 years, and she has been competing with FSHS for 2 years. Junior Kate Williams has been swimming for 12 years and is moving into her 3rd year on the team. PHS student Jazzy Rose has been coached by Martin for 4 years and has been swimming for 7 years total. Many who swim competitively have been doing it most of their life, but plenty of swimmers started a bit later. For FSHS freshman Addie Vaughn, this is her 1st year swimming; however, being a newcomer doesn't stop her from being highly competitive. Additionally, Fort Scott student Ana Olivias is moving into her 2nd year of swimming overall.

Coach Martin and all of the SEK girls are working hard as they move into the season with competitions already underway!

Senior Dub Chipman pitches with excellent form.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.

Senior Lennox Vann shows sportsmanship to his fellow teammates with some cool shades.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.

Junior Kanin Brown slides to victory.  
Photo by KynLee Lee.





# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

By MAHAYLA KILPATRICK

TIGER TIMES EDITOR

On Wednesday, March 26, the stadium was full of smiles and proud parents when our Fort Scott High School students and staff showed encouragement and support during our annual Special Olympics. This day is one that many look forward to because it allows several students to compete in various track and field events when they otherwise may not be able to.

To kick off the competition, the choir sang a choral arrangement of

the national anthem. The middle and elementary schools competed alongside the high school students under the athlete oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt." Additionally, this event was extra special because it was Coach Martin's last year helping with the field events. Ultimately, the Special Olympics Field Day was a memorable and enjoyable experience for all

Sophomore Madi Davis and Nick Davis take a cheerful picture together.  
Photo by Abby Szczepanski.



Special Olympics participants line up and prepare for their long jumps.  
Photo by Ivy Lee



Mason Haley runs with passion as the announcer encourages him.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.



Kristoffer Smith high fives fellow FSHS students.  
Photo by Camrie Hunziker.



Carter Collier prepares to race.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.



Scotty Dennis jumps far for his long jump.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.



Kristoffer Smith gives it his all with his throwing event.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.



# YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE

By GRACE WALKER

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This year's Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge was held on Tuesday, March 11th in the auditorium. Participants were tasked with creating a business pitch, filming an elevator pitch, presenting formal business plans, and participating in a trade show to highlight their work. Students that participated in the challenge

put in hours of hard work for their business plan in order to show off what they were passionate about. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three, as well as the peoples' choice and judges' choice. The winner of the competition will go on to participate at State in Manhattan in April.

## Meet your 25-26' Tiger Cheer and Dance Team!

By GABBI MAJORS

TIGER TIMES PHOTO EDITOR

Cheer team:

Gabbi Majors  
Sadie Claypool  
Tyranny Bilyeu  
Molly Claypool  
Fallon Magee  
Audrey Walker  
Kinley Dillow  
Lily Saldivar  
Katlyn Parker  
Tuesday Glessner  
Anna Farrington  
Korbyn Allison  
London Turner  
Olivia Woods  
Rylee Keating  
Addi Koppa  
TIGER ROAR: Julia Maloun

Dance team:

Kodi Casper  
Josie Fisher  
Gianna Gorman  
Bryleigh Hymer  
Kinley Jackson  
Lillian Jackson  
Sydney Lane  
Caellen Wescoat

### CHEER TEAM



### DANCE TEAM



Junior Cadence Hull presents her business to guests.  
Photo by Ivy Lee.

Freshman Laine Potter tidies up her table after presenting to fellow students.  
Photo by Kiara Thompson.



## Students Showcase Talents

By LIBERTY MICHAEL

TIGER TIMES EDITOR

Fort Scott High School's talent show is always an exciting time! Students get a chance to show off their talents, whether it's singing, dancing, telling jokes, or something unique. It's a fun night where everyone can support their friends and classmates as they take the stage. Whether you're performing or just watching, the talent show is sure to bring lots

of laughs, surprises, and school spirit.

This year's show consisted of many different performances. There were performances by Lily Brown, Emi King, Allie Wards, Zoe Scott, Star Blanz, FSHS Improv Troupe: Junie Fisher and Gianna Gorman, TJ Lee, Julie Maloun, and Haley Maloun, Ana Olivas and Lily Brown, Levi Fairchild, Alice Black, and Mary Racer.

The winner of the talent show won \$100 to donate to their charity of choice. First place went to Zoe Scott for singing "At Last" by Etta James, second place was awarded to Allie Wards for playing "Adoration" by Felix Borowski on violin, and third place was awarded to Junie Fisher and Gianna Gorman for singing "What Is This Feeling" from the musical Wicked.



Sophomore Allie Wards performs "Adoration" by Felix Borowski on violin.  
Photo by Kiara Thompson.

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## Bright Futures and Balanced Minds: Students Explore Careers and Wellness

BY DAEYTN FOWLER

*TIGER TIMES ONLINE EDITOR*

The Fort Scott SkillsUSA chapter held its 4th annual Career Fair where businesses and colleges visited Fort Scott High School. The purpose of the career fair is to help students identify what career field they would like to pursue and/or what colleges they would be interested in attending. The overall goal of the career fair is to network and get students thinking about their futures after high school. Additionally, to encourage more participation, those who attended the career fair could win various prizes donated by local businesses. SkillsUSA reached out to around

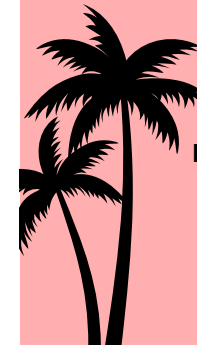
70 businesses in total, but only 13 colleges and 37 businesses showed up. This was mostly due to the severe storm that rolled through SEK that morning. However, this year's Career Fair is still considered a success for the students at FSHS and SkillsUSA. When students were not attending the career fair, they would attend various sessions where they enjoyed cards, games, and other fun activities as part of the Mental Health Fair led by Zero Reasons Why.



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## Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest

BY SYPHER CANNON

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The FSHS Orchestra, Band, and Choir brought students to Pitt State on Saturday, March 28, for the KSHSAA Solo and Small Ensembles Contest. The musicians had performances all day long and received scores from I to V, Outstanding to Ineffective, with those receiving Is going on to state. All of the Orchestra performances, a Choir solo by junior Junie Fisher, and the Band's percussion ensemble got Is. The rest of the Band and Choir performances received IIs and IIIs. The performances heading to

state will now work to prepare for the state competition on April 26.



Orchestra students waiting patiently in the hallway to watch Macey Conner's solo performance.

Photo by Sypher Cannon.

## Club Overview: Global Culture & Diversity

BY ABBAGAILE SZCZEPANSKI

*TIGER TIMES EDITOR*

Global Culture and Diversity is a club where students can explore other cultures by creating different cuisines and presenting their country's slide show. Mrs. Mayberry provides a space for participants to learn about the world around them. This allows students to experience cultures and spaces outside of Kansas without leaving the comfort of our small town. Students within the

club engage in learning from peers by presenting research from various countries to teach other students about the place they elected to know about. Are you interested in being more active and learning about the cultures that make up our world? Stop by Mrs. Mayberry's classroom for a chat and sign up for Global Culture and Diversity.



# MEET THE TEAM



Senior Colton Rogers looks off into the distance in a field.

Photo by Jamie Rogers.

**C**olton Rogers is a senior who writes for Tiger Times as a Sports Editor. He plans on attending Kansas State University after high school to major in Agricultural Engineering. Colton moved to Fort Scott from Pleasanton in the fifth grade and has enjoyed his years at Fort Scott High School. His favorite subject is math, and he states that he has been most impacted by Mr. Messer because he has been there to help and guide him throughout his entire high school career. Since starting high school, his favorite memory is winning state baseball in 2023.



Sophomore Mahayla Kilpatrick stands proud in her powderpuff football attire.

Photo by

**M**ahayla Kilpatrick is an Editor for the Fort Scott Tiger Times. Mahayla has lived in Fort Scott her whole life. Once she graduates from high school, she plans on attending Emporia State University for Pre-Law and continuing her education at Washburn University. Her favorite memory from her time at Fort Scott High School is when they all circled up and did a prayer at the State Cross Country meet.

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