

## Crestview hosts annual Relay for Life event

by Isabelle Buckley

Cancer is a struggle in today's society, and 24% of people who die of cancer do not receive a cancer diagnosis before their death. Thankfully, Crestview Local School District has an annual event to help raise money for a cure: Relay For Life. The Relay For Life raises money for the American Cancer Society and to (hopefully) find a cure for cancer. Part of the money also goes to the Crestview Student Council, who helps host the Relay For Life.

Rachel Lattanzio, the middle school student council adviser, stated the Relay For Life was awesome, and the only thing she wishes had gone better was the weather, which was chilly that particular day. The middle school raised about \$3,000. Next year, Lattanzio hopes to raise more money by doing root beer floats for the middle school, instead of just the high school selling them.

"I think, honestly, we should do that as a middle school because the high school can't keep up with the demand of the whole school wanting those root beer floats. I thought maybe we could do that as well," Lattanzio said.

Whitney Mihalik, the high school student council adviser, also states the Relay for Life went well, and the one thing she wishes had gone better is where the activities were. The high school raised \$1,650. She would like to keep the penny war next year, as it raised a lot of money. Mihalik wants to conduct a survey next year about what the students would want to do in the Relay For Life.

"I think next year what I would like to do is do a survey of events because this year we just had the same events that we normally have, plus the student council picked a few new ones, but because we moved it to October, we found out that a lot of athletes weren't allowed to take part in like athletic events because of games and things like that."

Timothy Pancake, the middle school principal, also said the Relay for Life went well. Pancake says Relay For Life teaches students the impact of cancer and its effect on life. One thing Pancake wishes had gone better were the transitions from event to event.

"I think there's some things that can make transitions a little bit easier. For example, when Mr. Beilhart finished speaking and everyone did a lap, for all the teachers' sake to make sure everyone was safe, I think there's a way like 'hey, when everyone is done finishing with their lap, you need to go to your fire drill yard line.' That way, every kid was accounted for; they were in their spot."

Relay For Life is an amazing fundraising event that teaches such a big message, while still making it enjoyable for students. All kids pay money to get concessions, do the bounce-houses, and for extra things like root beer floats. This year's Relay For Life was amazing; hopefully next year, it will be even better and raise even more money for those in need.



**Athletic Center to be completed soon**  
**by Ayden Hess**

The Crestview Athletic Center is a building for different outside sports. The Athletic Center will be used by baseball, soccer, football, softball, and used as a weight room. The Athletic Center will be done by February 1, 2025. The Athletic Center is an indoor training facility for Crestview athletes.

“The Athletic Center is being funded by the general funds,” said superintendent Dan Hill.

The main problem that the workers have had has been getting the utilities like turf into one area. Another difficulty was the natural gas sewer and water lines. They had to quickly move a natural gas line one early morning. Things that have been accomplished already are the structure and the main concrete flooring.

The Athletic Center will help the students by helping them practice outside sports inside during the winter. It will also help the students in weightlifting because they will have their own heated room in the Athletic Center. It will benefit the students that play baseball and softball because there will be a batting cage in the Athletic Center. It will benefit the sports football and soccer because there will be a section of turf grass in the Athletic Center. The way that the Athletic Center will help every student in a sport is because it is a separate building built for holding sports training.

**Crestview and Springfield team up to help others**  
**by Nola Compton**

The Springfield Gift Exchange is an exchange between Crestview and Springfield Local Schools to help the less fortunate. The Springfield Gift Exchange exchanges toys, clothes, health care items and money. There are different groups based on age and gender. There are infants, toddlers 0-2, boys and girls ages 3-6, boys and girls ages 7-10, boys and girls 11-14. The gifts that Crestview students and staff donate go to the Springfield Community Christmas Basket Committee. The donations of money will be \$5=1 item. The exchange lasts for three weeks before both schools go on Christmas break..

Crestview teacher Matthew Evans is in charge of the gift exchange this year. He has already started organizing the gift exchange with the Student Council. He and the Student Council have annual meetings to get everything in order for the exchange.

Evans encourages students to donate to support others: “Blindly donate to something you don’t know what the result will be, but to know you made a difference,” he said.

The information about the gift exchange will be posted on Mrs. Sidell and Mrs. Buzzard’s Service Learning class website. Posters will be posted everywhere around the school to help inform the students and staff about the Springfield Gift Exchange and the details on how to participate and all the information on the exchange.

**CMS Student Council puts on Harvest Festival**  
**by Rylee Land**

Crestview Middle School, 2024 Harvest Festival was amazingly planned out and turned out perfect! This school year, Crestview’s student council designed and organized Harvest Fest. We interviewed a few 8th grade student council members to ask some questions about this year's Festival.

This year's Festival was run differently, when it came to things such as the location and the prices. Cassidee Buckley states, “It was located in the hallway connecting the middle school from the high school.”

Lillian Wilcox explained the prices per visit through the Haunted Hallway: “It was \$3 for one and \$5 for two.”

This year’s Harvest Fest raised a great amount of money - \$2,500, according to Lane Farmer. The student council had many important responsibilities.

“The student council did amazing this year; they were great helpers,” states student council advisor Rachel Lattanzio.

The main events at this year's Harvest Fest were the Haunted Hallway and the amazing Baker’s Milk and snacks! This year's Harvest Fest was a great success for Crestview Middle School.

## Lady Rebel basketball team seeks further success by Karoline McGrath

After Crestview's record-breaking season last year, the girl's high school basketball team is prepared to make another run this season. It will also be a return to the court for some of Crestview's essential players: Ava Bucey and Lexi Blower, who missed parts of last season due to injury. With only one varsity player graduating last year, the upcoming season looks unstoppable.

Crestview's head coach Aaron Blatch says, "We have high expectations. We're coming off a season where we went 25-1, won our second straight championship, and finished second in the district for the second year in a row."

In addition, one of Crestview's returning varsity players, Myer Miller, says, "I'm just hoping to continue the success that we had last season and make it even further into tournaments."

They also both mention how well they think the upcoming season will go due to the effort they put into practice, their determination as individual players, and the way they have been practicing so far as a team.

However, Coach Blatch thinks the girls need more time to connect with one another. You can only imagine how that will benefit the game play more to have the best experience possible. On the other hand, the girls' only genuine weakness is learning to be more physical against tougher opponents. Nonetheless, last season was such a success that the team had so many blowout games, that in the end, it hurt them significantly when they went against stronger schools.

The good news for this is scheduling this season's games against harder opponents such as Division 1-2 schools to help strengthen their strategies.

## 7th grade volleyball caps off undefeated season by Emmalee Owens

The Crestview 7th grade volleyball team went the entire season undefeated. Each team member helped in different ways to accomplish this and, therefore, have different views on how they experienced the season. One thing that they can all agree on is that they are so proud of their team's achievements and hope to continue future seasons like this one.

The coach of this successful season is Drew Feren and she explains what the highlight of her season was: "The highlight of my season was winning our league's championship. It was only my second year coaching here, but I was glad to finally get a championship under my belt as a Rebel."

The team also is proud of what they have accomplished but some have even bigger plans for the future like Madison Kyser, who is the captain of the volleyball team.

Kyser says, "I really hope to go to college with volleyball but we'll see where it takes me." She hopes to continue this streak to go further with volleyball.

It is safe to say these students are thriving and hope to do the same next year. As far as their coach, Feren is excited to see what the next year's players can bring to the table.



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### **Middle school football dominates MVAC by Olivia Lombardo**

After winning the MVAC championship two years in a row, members of the Crestview Middle School football team reflected on how the season ended. The team's captains are Dane Peel, Landon Hildreth, Taylor Stoffer, and Paxson Taggart.

Stoffer says that the best thing that he has accomplished is scoring a touchdown. Stoffer says that he will play football in high school.

Taggart says that the best thing he has accomplished is making tackles and he will definitely play football in high school.

Hildreth says that his biggest accomplishment is his 30 yard touchdown pass to Daniel Novak.

Peel's biggest accomplishment is winning the championship, and he says that, because he is planning to play football in high school, he wants to improve his speed.

Camden Collins' biggest accomplishment is going undefeated. Collins wants to play football in high school and wants to get stronger by lifting. When the 8th grade team won the championship, Collins was happy and proud of his team.

Lucas Witherow's biggest accomplishment of the season was scoring a touchdown. Witherow wants to play football in high school and wants to get more strength. Witherow was worried a little bit about losing but not much.

Micah Graham's biggest accomplishment is winning the championships. Graham wants to play football in high school and wants to improve by just being a better player in general.

The middle school football team has won the championships two years in a row! Let's hope that the 7th grade team this year will be able to keep the streak going and make it a three-year streak!

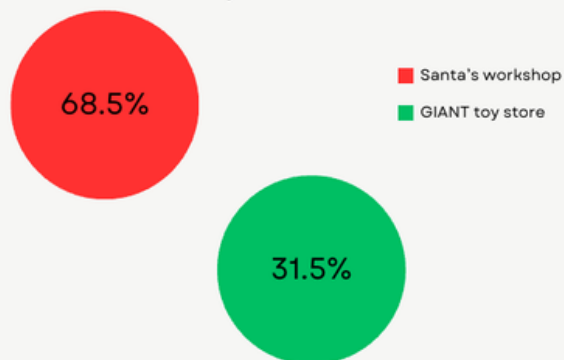


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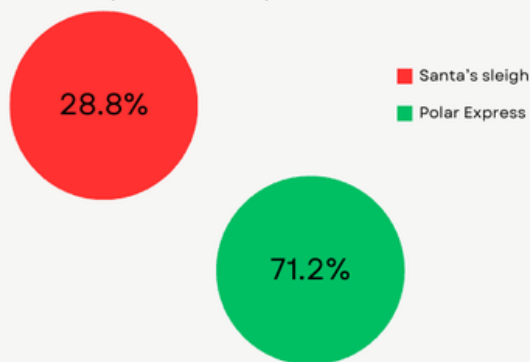
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Work in a GIANT toy store?



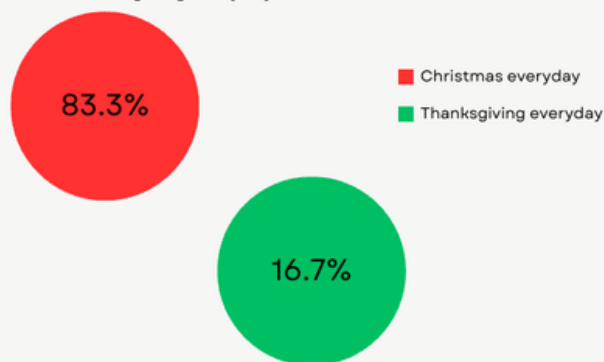
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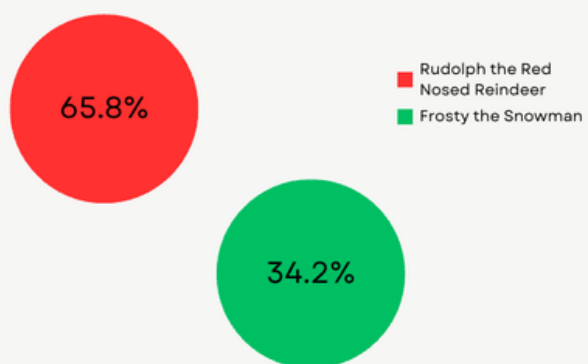
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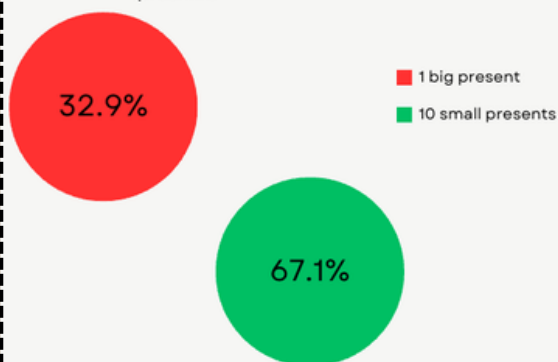
### Would You Rather:

Be best friends with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? OR  
be best friends with Frosty the Snowman?



### Would You Rather:

Get 1 big present? OR get 10 small  
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