

Coffeyville Connections

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Alumni Weekend

Coffeyville Public Schools Alumni Weekend: A Celebration of Legacy and Community



Coffeyville Public Schools recently welcomed back former students and faculty for a special Alumni Weekend celebration in February. The event brought together generations of graduates to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the legacy of education in Coffeyville.

The weekend kicked off on Friday night with an exciting basketball game where alumni and supporters cheered on the NADO basketball teams. A photo booth and spirit sticks added to the school spirit, creating a lively atmosphere. The evening also featured the 100th celebration of Roosevelt Middle School, formerly known as the Rough Riders. Alumni gathered to honor the school's rich history, sharing memories and celebrating its impact on the community. After the game, alumni continued the festivities at Baggers for an after-party, catching up and reminiscing about the past.

Saturday's events included guided tours of the high school, drawing nearly 200 attendees who explored the campus and learned about its growth over the years. Alumni also had the opportunity to participate in Midland Tours, visit the Old Bank where the Dalton Defenders attempted a raid, and explore the local museum.

The evening featured a social and dinner, highlighted by a speech from guest speaker Dr. Randy Watson. The event concluded with the presentation of the first distinguished alumni inducted into the Hall of Fame:

- **Debbie Carter**
- **Ron Bryce**
- **Randy Watson**

Additionally, the community came together for the “Paint the Town Purple” contest, showcasing their school spirit. Congratulations to Carter Automotive for winning the contest! A special thanks to Ben Brubaker, City Manager of Coffeyville, for donating $100 off the winner’s utility bill.
Coffeyville Public Schools extends its gratitude to all who participated and made Alumni Weekend an unforgettable experience. Here’s to continuing this tradition for years to come!









Paint the Town Purple: A Community Celebration of School Spirit

As part of our exciting **Alumni Weekend**, we launched the **Paint the Town Purple** campaign to bring our community together in a fun and meaningful way. Wanting to include our students in the celebration, we came up with a creative idea—displaying artwork from our **ELC (Early Learning Center) and CES (Community Elementary School) students**throughout town.
This initiative not only showcased the incredible creativity of our young artists but also strengthened our connection with local businesses, who eagerly joined in to help spread **purple and gold pride**. Seeing student artwork brightening storefronts and public spaces was a powerful reminder of the strong bond between our schools and the Coffeyville community.
Through **Paint the Town Purple**, we celebrated our past, present, and future—uniting alumni, students, and residents in a shared love for our school and town. We’re grateful to everyone who participated and look forward to growing this tradition in the years to come!

Celebrating 100 Years of Roosevelt Middle School – Thank You for Taking the Ride!

In February, Roosevelt Middle School opened its doors to the community, welcoming alumni, students, staff, and supporters to celebrate 100 years of history. From walking the halls filled with memories to exploring our displays of the past, guests took a nostalgic journey through time—just like the Rough Riders of old.
We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us for this special occasion. Your presence, stories, and support made this milestone event even more meaningful. Whether you were reminiscing about your school days, reconnecting with classmates, or learning about RMS’ rich legacy for the first time, you helped make this celebration unforgettable.
A heartfelt thank you goes out to our volunteers, staff, and all those who helped bring this event to life. The pride and tradition of Roosevelt Middle School continue to thrive because of our amazing community.

Here's to the past 100 years—and to the future generations of Golden Tornados to come!







Middle School FACS Students Step into Each Other's Shoes



Ms. Dewey's Middle School FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences) classes recently completed a powerful assignment titled *"Walk a Mile in My Shoes."* This activity encouraged students to share a meaningful part of themselves with their classmates, fostering empathy, understanding, and connection.

Through this assignment, students gained insight into each other's experiences, perspectives, and personal stories. By stepping into someone else's shoes—figuratively and emotionally—they built a stronger sense of community and appreciation for their peers.

This engaging project highlights the importance of self-expression and empathy in the classroom, reinforcing life skills that extend far beyond school walls.

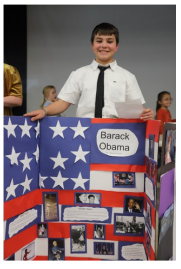
6th Grade Wax Museum Brings History to Life

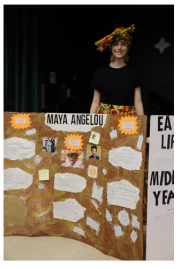
Each year, 6th-grade students bring history to life with their annual Wax Museum presentation in honor of Black History Month. This event highlights the achievements of influential minorities who have made a lasting impact on society.

Students research a historical figure, create a visual display, and present their findings to classmates before showcasing their work to the community. Through this hands-on learning experience, students gain a deeper understanding of history while educating others.

We extend our gratitude to the community for supporting our students and celebrating these important historical figures with us!







Congratulations to Head Coach Griffin Walker and the Men's Nado Basketball team on their first-round victory in the substate playoffs! The team is set to face Baldwin today, March 7, at Baldwin. Best of luck to Coach Griff, Jake, James, and the entire Nado Basketball team—bring home the win! If you can't make tonights game, you can watch it here --> https://www.youtube.com/@baldwinsportslive



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