



## Seniors prepare for graduation by Jazzy Anderson

Crestview High School's 2026 graduation ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23rd on the football field in the stadium. In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors to the Performing Arts Center (PAC), where each senior will receive nine tickets for family members to attend.

This year, a total of 90 students will be graduating. Seniors are expected to arrive no later than 6:20 p.m. to prepare for the ceremony.

The graduation speaker for the Class of 2026 will be Adam Hickman.

After receiving their diplomas, graduates will celebrate by tossing their caps in the air, taking pictures with family and friends, and then heading home to continue celebrating their accomplishments.

When asked about his hopes for the graduating class, high school principal Caleb Crowl shared that he wants every senior to find their "E," meaning they are either Employed, Enrolled, or Enlisted after graduation.

Crowl also left the class with an important message inspired by philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. He explained that while graduates may never be able to fully repay those who supported them family, teachers, coaches, and community members they can "pay it forward." He encouraged students to give back by working hard, overcoming challenges, reaching their full potential, and becoming productive members of society.

## Hill gives construction update by Wyatt Witmer

Our school district's new K-12 campus is steadily making progress. Superintendent Dan Hill recently discussed the new building objectives and plans. According to Hill, the new school campus is designed by one of the oldest architectural firms, Holabird & Root. Holabird & Root is a premier Chicago-based company, operating since 1880.

This new campus has an architectural design with the purpose of providing more open spaces to better help project building exercises. The architecture features abundant windows in every classroom. Hill expressed excitement with the added windows since the natural "light will help learning," inspiring an even more positive atmosphere during school days.

Hill also discussed the importance of budgeting for the new facility. Hill stated that the "budget has remained the same". Currently there are no setbacks related to weather or the recent increase of material and fuel. One of the challenges for Hill and the building committee is trying to stay on time with coordinating subcontractors.

Hill stated that, "The expected completion date is December 16th, 2026".

Upon completion of the new Crestview campus, Hill stated "I would like to take the students through the building."

As of now, there will be a public tour of the new Crestview campus scheduled for January 11th, 2027.

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## **Dunkaroos excel in Missouri** **by Lyla Seddon**

Recently the Crestview middle school robotics team, The Dunkaroos, consisting of Abby MacKay, Owen Lindsay, Brody Pancake, and Henry Long had the opportunity to attend the VEX World Championship held in St Louis, Missouri and placed 43rd out of 83 in their division.

The team begins the conversation by bringing up their opinions on their strengths and weaknesses.

“Our robot was a different shape than others, which made it unique,” Long said. MacKay stated that the robot’s shape was both a strength and weakness.

MacKay went on to say that the team’s chemistry was useful: “We’ve also known each other for a while and have experience as well as knowing our jobs.”

The team also said that they felt proud and accomplished of their place. On another note, the team did admit that they did have few troubles preparing for the competition: “Probably packing up all the parts. And time management . and driving practice. And building another robot that was unneeded,” Pancake said.

They also added that they were excited for high school robotics and for the opportunities it presents.

“I’m excited for high school because it has V5 and its metal pieces and it’ll be more complicated because we go against people and not teams,” Long said.

The team would also like to add that they are all very grateful for all their sponsors.

Overall, the Dunkaroos had an amazing time at worlds and are hopeful to make it next year.

## **Prom night a success** **by Brayleigh Meier/Jordyn Cibula**

The 2026 junior/senior prom just ended with Brody Brubaker and Ava Bucey winning the titles of Prom King and Prom Queen. The theme for this prom was “Roaring 20’s,” picked by the junior class.

The prom was very special and captured many memories in a single night. Prom took about 8 and a half months to organize, which gave advisor Randi Kubas and the other staff members time to plan this special night for the junior and senior class.

Many safety rules were in play for this night, making sure the students were dressed appropriately and dancing appropriately. Two security guards kept this fun night safe.

For some students, like Brubaker, this would be their last high school prom. In an interview, Brubaker said, “It’s great to make memories with your friends, and to just have a good time.”

The 2026 “Roaring 20’s” prom will be remembered as a fun and memorable night for the junior and soon graduating senior classes.

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## **Band and choir earn applause by Caleb Juillerat**

Students and director Eric Bable made statements regarding the excitement, challenges, and performances that came with the recent school concert. The applause following the performance illustrated the band and choir's success.

Ethan Baer said that the concert was "really awesome," in that there was excitement but at the same time pressure due to the level of difficulty of the music that needed to be performed. That is why he felt nervous: "Locomotive Chase was 166 BPM." Ethan was of the view that they had succeeded in their band efforts and added, "We did well on Locomotive Chase...even though it was fast paced."

Preparation for the concert was not perfect. Baer admitted that "there were ups and downs because some people didn't have music or were goofing off." He also referenced something he felt they missed out on, stating he "wanted to do Behemoth really bad, but we didn't have enough time to." He did like the final selections and liked the solos: "We had these awesome solos in the woodwind section.

Baer performed on euphonium (bass clef), and provided several strengths and weaknesses. He praised a fellow musician stating, "Lily Crews did very well in the solo. Without her it wouldn't be any good." However, he felt the band struggled with "Night in Tunisia," stating that "it was so repetitive then random note change."

Singer Jasmine Mileto said that "Wade in the Water" went well. She added that the audience enjoyed the concert: "They were very happy—they loved our songs."

Bable, the band director, gave an even bigger picture. He thought the concert was a success overall but not perfect: "I thought it went pretty well... there's always things you wish you could do better."

He explained that conducting is more than just keeping time: "Part of being a conductor is communication—the emotional content of the ensemble to create a unified performance."

Preparation, he said, is always a balancing act. This year, the group started with seven pieces and ended up performing only four or five pieces.

Bable also expressed what he would change: "I would've liked to play the pieces we decided not to perform...to make a more well-rounded concert."

He also praised the efforts of the students stating, "The band put a lot of excitement and energy – that always makes things better." He did note one key issue: "We had some timing issues... not everyone was super focused or following the conductor at times."

Overall, the audience proved supportive of the concert and in many instances, audience members were people who had family members performing or had been following the program for several years. The concert performers could not always see the crowd's reactions but there was one thing, the applause, that proved that the audience appreciated the effort.

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## **Students travel to YSU for English Festival by Jackson Yoho**

This year, a group of 7th and 8th grade students went to Youngstown State University for something called the “English Festival” where students had a fun time, doing competitions and even meeting authors! To get into the English Festival, students had to read seven books.

Teacher Monica McDonough and 8th grader Tarynn McCowin had a really fun time at this English Festival and wanted to share their separate experiences.

McDonough was a judge and judged essays. How that worked was that if they gave an essay a high enough score, it would go to the next judge and so on. McCowin did activities such as Trivia, Writing Games, Word Games, Journalism Workshop, and Poetry Workshop.

“We haven’t done this in a long time, and decided we would do it again this year to give students a chance to meet authors,” said McDonough.

McDonough's favorite part about this trip was meeting the authors. McCowin's favorite part about the trip was the activities. They both said that they had a really fun time and would do it again if given the chance.

## **London trip on the horizon by Kinzley Blatch**

Nine Crestview students, four parents, and two teachers are attending a trip to London this upcoming summer. The trip is being held June 19th through June 25th. The group gets to go see many exquisite sights including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Stonehenge, and many other attractions including museums and even seeing “Wicked the Musical” in the London art district.

Crestview middle school teacher Drew Feren sparked interest in chaperoning the trip because she thinks that it is important for students to get out of their area and learn about other cultures. She states that the trip can build self-confidence in students and allows them to learn and experience how people around the world do things. The trip can open doors to things that students may have never known were out there. Feren says that she is most excited to watch the kids get excited and grow as people as they learn about the culture of London.

8th grader Natalie Davner is excited to see breathtaking sights such as Big Ben and various museums as she travels around London, which is an experience many never have an opportunity to do. Davner decided to go on the trip because she thinks that it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Feren says that the group will start an Instagram page so people can follow what activities they are doing. A fifth and sixth grade trip to Italy is also being put in place for the summer of 2028. Feren says that she is excited to see how the London trip goes and is excited to watch the program thrive.

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**“Teachers of the Month” honored  
by June Gentry**

Each month of the school year, a Google Form is sent out across the district for students to vote for the winner of Teacher of the Month. Two different teachers are picked, one from the middle school and one from the high school. Congratulations to this month’s winners: 5th grade history teacher Mr. Scott Mealy, and transition and career specialist, Mr. Rick Fawcett. The two have both been interviewed for their thoughts on winning such an award.

**Mr. Mealy**

Q: How do you feel about winning Teacher of the Month?

A: “Getting Teacher of the Month is really special to me. I don’t do this job for recognition, so being noticed like this means a lot. It makes me feel like the effort I put in every day is making a difference.”

Q: Why do you think you were chosen?

A: “I think I was chosen because of the strong relationships I build with my students and the positive, engaging environment we have. I try to make learning fun and build strong relationships with my class. I also stay consistent, supportive, and do my best every day to meet their needs.”

Q: What is the most rewarding part of being a teacher?

A: “The most rewarding part about being a teacher is watching students grow as individuals academically and as people. The most rewarding part of being a teacher is seeing students grow and gain confidence over time. I love those moments when something finally clicks for them. It’s really meaningful knowing I get to be part of that progress.”

Q: Do you feel like you connect with your students?

A: “Yes, I feel like I connect with my students by building strong relationships, listening to them, and creating a classroom where they feel comfortable, supported, and understood every day. When students know you care about them, it creates a positive environment where they feel comfortable learning, asking questions, and being themselves. I feel like I am making history class relevant to their lives.”

Q: What is the achievement that you’ve made this year that you are most proud of? Why?

A: “The achievement I’m most proud of this year is seeing my students make real growth and gain confidence in themselves. It’s been great watching them improve and reach goals they didn’t think they could. That progress makes all the hard work worth it.”

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: “I wanted to become a teacher, because I was inspired by my mom who was a teacher here at Crestview. Watching her make a difference inspired me to follow in her footsteps. I’ve always enjoyed helping others learn and understand new ideas.”

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**“Teachers of the Month” honored (continued)  
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**Mr. Fawcett**

Q: How do you feel about winning Teacher of the Month?

A: “It means a lot and I'm incredibly grateful that our students would think to vote for me. I'm appreciative that they would think of me this way, especially when we have so many wonderful teachers at Crestview.”

Q: Why do you think you were chosen?

A: “Maybe it was a slow month...just kidding. I'm guessing I was chosen because of the relationships that I have with our students. I'm hopeful that I was chosen because I've been of some help to them throughout their time at Crestview.”

Q: What is the most rewarding part of being a teacher?

A: “The most rewarding part is getting to help our students, whether it's in the classes I teach, helping students choose a career, or just helping with general life advice. Being a young person is difficult, so when I'm able to help in some way, to help our students believe in themselves or feel more confident about their future, it means the world to me.”

Q: Do you feel like you connect with your students?

A: “I do feel like it's one of my strengths. I used to work as a mental health counselor, before becoming a teacher at Crestview. I think one of my strengths is being able to establish a rapport with our students. I care deeply about our students and I think that shows in the relationships that we have.”

Q: What is the achievement that you've made this year that you are most proud of? Why?

A: “I'm happy we were able to provide CCP Psychology to our students, because so many of them need that for their college plans. I would say my most proud accomplishment is playing a role in helping our students believe in themselves, because they have every reason to. We have amazing students at Crestview and it's wonderful to see them realize their abilities.”

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?”

A: “I became a teacher to help students, whether it's in CCP Psychology or with life. Whenever I'm able to make a student's day better, through a morning fist bump or a word of encouragement, that is the reason that I became a teacher.”

Once again, congratulations to both Mr. Mealy and Mr. Fawcett for being awarded Teacher of the Month. They are both staff members of Crestview who really deserve it.

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## **Crestview celebrates retiring teachers by Caitlin Clonch**

As the 2025-26 school year comes to a close, so do many teachers' careers worldwide, and Crestview is no exception. Here at Crestview, Mark Fabian, Christina Labra, and Jill Hall are making their way towards a fulfilling retirement as they spend their last days teaching with the many students they've prepared for the ever-changing world ahead.

Fabian, who had been teaching at Crestview for 36 years, thinks of his time at Crestview as a "fulfilling experience;" Fabian says, "Crestview was a good fit for me. I educated over 5000 students in my career and coached even more in a variety of sports such as football, basketball and track."

Long before Fabian began his career as a teacher and coach, he enrolled in college as a Geology major. Through a moment of spiritual guidance, Fabian said, "As time went on I felt God leading me into coaching and teaching," and he's proud of his decision, evident through his statement, "I get the opportunity to help young people understand the world around them through science and help them become better athletes."

Fabian has taught a smorgasbord of sciences throughout his time. He states, "I have taught a few subjects over my career such as Earth Science, General Science, Astronomy, Paleontology, Geology, and Integrated Physical Science."

Fabian's career hasn't come without challenges. He said, "My biggest challenge has been with technology. I did not start my career using computers and smart phones," which is honestly understandable. The transition from pen and paper to online classes was a huge change in the lives of many students and teachers alike.

Many teachers like to speak about their most cherished memories when they're nearing retirement. Fabian, however, didn't seem to have a solid answer. "I really don't have one favorite memory at Crestview. I have really enjoyed the students and the friendships I made over the past 36 years," he said.

When Fabian retires, his list of plans for the coming years seems to be more about enjoying time with family and friends rather than wanting to check off things on his bucket list. He said, "I have many hobbies: I like to ride my Harley (a kind of motorcycle), enjoy Lionel model railroading, fish, woodwork, paint, and spend time with my two granddaughters."

Fabian's final message to the district was a heartfelt, short, and simple thank-you. He stated "I would just like to thank the Crestview nation for embracing me and making me always feel welcome." Nothing more, nothing less.

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Labra has been teaching at Crestview for 33 years and has taught 5th, 7th, and 8th grade. Most of her time was spent teaching ELA, but during her time as an 8th grade teacher, she taught Spanish. She also taught Social Studies at one point while she was an 8th grade teacher.

Labra's love for teaching began long before she was even old enough to do so. "I had wanted to be a teacher since I was young, like 10 years old. So I went to Youngstown State University and got my teaching degree. When I was around 8 years old, I used to make my little sister and brother pretend they were my students and play 'school'."

Labra looks back on her time at Crestview with complete fondness, as she says, "I have loved my time here at Crestview. I always felt like I was a part of one big happy family. The students that I have had have left me with so many great memories. I have always had great principals here that would always guide us well."

Like Fabian, Labra's biggest challenge was dealing with the sudden transition to technology. She says, "My biggest challenge here at Crestview was transitioning to so much technology, because when I started we did everything with paper and pencil, even the Ohio State Tests. So, that was a little challenging, but now I love the technology, but I also ask my students to do some paper-pencil work as well. It is a nice combination."

Also like Fabian, Labra's time at Crestview seems to have gone so well that she just can't seem to pick out a favorite; if she had to choose, it would be one of the following: "If I am forced to though, the time that I was in the staff versus students basketball game was one of my best. I was very sore after the game, but it was worth it. Another time was when I was teaching and I put my hand up for dramatic effect and my bracelet broke. Beads went flying all over the room. The students scrambled to chase them around [...] We laughed really hard."

Labra's retirement seems to be filled with family time and numerous activities. "My plans after retirement are to spend time with my two granddaughters and my five sons. My boys are part of a band so I will watch their shows in different places. I also want to organize my house, bake some goodies, and take care of my chickens. It will be sad not being here anymore, but I have so many good memories that will be helpful to me when I feel this way."

Hall, who has been at Crestview for 28 years, is one of the district's most favorited specials teachers. Unfortunately, though, her time here is also coming to an end, yet she doesn't look back with regret. "Working at Crestview has been a wonderful experience. I have made many friends with fellow staff members and have had some amazing students in my classes over the years. I was

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lucky enough to have two of my children and the children of other staff members in my classes. Now I have children of former students! There have been many changes over the years including moving the library, several changes in administration and of course the introduction of technology," she said in an email.

Hall stated she had been driven to teaching through her love of reading, and she even said that "working in a library seemed a natural choice for my career". She even said, "In order to be a school librarian, you also need to have a teaching degree. I wanted to be a school librarian because it would allow me to work with students and staff on many different levels. So I attended Kent State University and earned a teaching degree in Home Economics. I taught home economics for seven years. During this time I earned my Master's Degree in Library Science from Kent State. And I have been at Crestview ever since!"

Hall has taught an assortment of subjects at Crestview, with most of her time being spent in the library and teaching computer skills to students: "Most of my career has centered around teaching library skills and technology. But I have also taught Home Economics, Child Development, Life Skills, and Career Investigation."

As always, road bumps and afflictions were prominent in Hall's career, and working with technology seems to be a common answer amongst teachers. "I would say the biggest challenge I have faced during my career is change. When I started at Crestview students did not have devices of their own or one provided by the school. We didn't even have a computer lab! The library was still the primary place where students and teachers did research for projects using books and a limited number of online resources. Today virtually all research is done using technology that you can hold in one hand. Even reading for pleasure is done on some type of device for many people. And this change is everywhere—not just here at Crestview."

Hall also seems to have many memories that make it impossible for her to decide favorites, but she did provide examples. "I have so many good memories of Crestview it would be nearly impossible to narrow it down to one. Some of my favorite memories are Fabian's House Band, the musicals, watching my students grow and change as they go from middle school to high school and beyond. This includes my own kids! Bonding with my fellow staff members through times of happiness and times of sadness has taught me what real friendships are and for that I am grateful."

The Rebel Journal team wishes a happy and fulfilling retirement to all of the retiring teachers, a wonderful summer for the students, a great graduation for the seniors as they take the next step in their lives, and for the journalism team to finally get the much-needed release from the ever-impending deadlines for the papers—it's all worth it in the end, though. Regardless, have a good break, Rebels!

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## A Q&A with our valedictorians by Helen Garwood/Adalee McQuiston

### **Addison Rhodes**

Q: What is one piece of advice for freshmen?

A: I would tell freshmen to make sure they are staying focused and on top of things in their classes. All of a sudden, a lot of work can pile up, and it's important not to get behind. I would also say to make sure you enjoy the moments and not just focus on getting good grades.

Q: What subject challenged you the most?

A: Chemistry challenged me the most because it could be a lot of work and required me to really stay on top of things.

Q: What did you sacrifice to get here? Was it worth it?

A: I sacrificed a lot of time to get here. I also had a lot of stress. Having to manage both basketball and school at the same time was very challenging at times, but in the end, it was definitely worth it.

Q: What's one skill or mindset that helped you succeed?

A: The mindset of never giving up helped me a lot. When I didn't understand something or when I felt super stressed, I just continued to work hard.

### **Ava Bucey**

Q: What is one piece of advice for freshmen?

A: Challenge yourself, pursue things that interest you and try your hardest.

Q: What subject challenged you the most?

A: Any math! Specifically AP Precalc.

Q: What did you sacrifice to get here? Was it worth it?

A: I sacrificed my time to hold the title of "valedictorian." Lots of nights staying up, making study guides, and doing practice problems. It is definitely worth it; not only do I hold the prestigious name as "valedictorian of 2026," I was accepted into my dream university, Ohio State.

Q: What's one skill or mindset that helped you succeed?

A: I think constantly wanting to learn and cultivate my mind is what drives my success. Knowing I want to pursue medicine makes me eager to constantly learn more!

### **Laney Boano**

Q: What is one piece of advice for freshmen?

A: One piece of advice I would give to freshmen is to enjoy every part of high school because it goes by fast.

Q: What subject challenged you the most?

A: The subject that challenged me the most was Physics.

Q: What did you sacrifice to get here? Was it worth it?

A: I had to sacrifice my time, spending it on studying or doing my work when I could've been doing other things I enjoy, but it was worth it.

Q: What's one skill or mindset that helped you succeed?

A: One mindset that helped me succeed was that everything will work out in the end, and to trust the process.

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**A Q&A with our valedictorians (continued)  
by Helen Garwood/Adalee McQuiston**

**Alaina Auer**

Q:What is one piece of advice for freshmen?

A: One piece of advice I would have for freshmen is to not take anything too seriously. Try hard but don't forget to take time for yourself.

Q:What subject challenged you the most?

A: The subject that challenged me the most was probably social studies. Any subject that I wasn't particularly interested in was a little more difficult.

Q:What did you sacrifice to get here? Was it worth it?

A: The main things that I sacrificed to get to this point were my energy and sleep. It was worth it to me because it has allowed me to earn scholarships to continue my education and pursue a career.

Q:What's one skill or mindset that helped you succeed?

A:The mindset that helped me to succeed was to avoid failure and to be the best that I can. I also learned how to study in a way that works well for me.

**Blasey Biser**

Q:What is one piece of advice for freshmen?

A: Don't be afraid to take harder classes. They'll challenge you, but you'll have great teachers that will help you succeed!

Q;What subject challenged you the most?

A: Definitely Chemistry and AP Lit, but I learned so much from them.

Q:What did you sacrifice to get here? Was it worth it?

A: I've sacrificed a lot of my free time on school nights to study or do homework. It was definitely worth it!

Q:What's one skill or mindset that helped you succeed?

A: Losing my perfectionist mindset has helped me a lot. Knowing that one less than perfect grade doesn't define me as a student has helped me stay focused and confident in my abilities.



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## **“Prom Car” has had an interesting ride by Nolan Collins**

If you were in attendance at Crestview’s Grand March, you may have noticed a blue Dodge Brothers on stage. The man who lent us that car is “Car Karl” Watson. The car was made in 1914 and was used as this year’s “Prom Car.” Despite its age, it was the perfect fit for Crestview’s prom.

Watson wants others to be interested in older cars again. Because of this, he put great effort into this car. The car took three years to get back from the shop, with mechanics making sure the parts fit perfectly.

Watson had a friend named Brian Neff, Crestview parent and Automotive Tech instructor at the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center. Neff asked him if he had any old cars. Of course he did, and that's why we are using the Dodge Brothers 1914. Neff was his old student, and that's why he knew to contact him for this occasion.

Watson has liked cars for a while now. Back in 1968, he started working on cars, and he's always been interested in them. That's why he's so excited to help us with prom; besides, he has always wanted people to be interested in older cars. He thinks this car would be perfect for the role of “Prom Car” because there’s not many in the world.

Watson had a wife who was supposed to work on the car with him, but she passed away before this could happen. This was supposed to be a project they could work together but now he is working hard to finish this by himself. He’s almost done with the car and it won’t take him much longer to finish.

Overall, preparing this car was very hard, whether it was the parts, the color, etc. Watson has worked so hard on this project, and we thank him for lending us this car.



The Prom Court (Logan Neff, Madeline Long, Ava Bucey, and Brody Brubaker) pose in front of the 1914 Dodge Brothers donated by Karl Watson.

Photo Credit: Amber Neff

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## **8<sup>th</sup> graders prepare for high school by Adelyn Hutmacher**

It's the end of the year and the 8th grade students are preparing to move onto high school this year. It's a big change for them that will bring new exciting opportunities.

Most students are most excited for the new opportunities regarding sports available to them in high school. For them, sports became a much bigger deal and much more challenging.

When asked about what they'll miss from the middle school, Joanna Wilhelm and Delia Huston both said they'd miss the teachers. David Wynn and Broc Hoon answered the same question, saying they'd miss sports the most.

Huston said she was most excited for the Robotics and Marching Band. She also said she was hoping to achieve straight A's next school year.

Wynn said he's looking forward to wrestling in high school and is hoping to earn enough credit to be involved in the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center.

Willhelm is excited for STEM 2. She also said she is hoping to get a job next year.

Hoon was most excited for ceramics in high school, saying his biggest goal was to improve at working with clay.

We hope our 8th graders have a smooth transition into high school. Good luck, Rebels!

## **Zohnd earns MVAC titles by Chance Maier/Ezra Olsen**

Consistency, responsibility, and work ethic are just some of the things that will reward you at Crestview. This is particularly true in a track and field setting. Crestview student Kaegan Zhond is a great example of this. Zhond recently achieved the accomplishment of MVAC champion in the discus and shot put.

The MVAC meet was May 13th at Champion High School.

Zhond achieved this by finishing with a throw of 37 feet, 10.75 inches in shot put, and a throw of 128 feet, 8 inches in discus.

"One difficulty would definitely be the wind..", and "...the discus does not throw very well" says Zhond.

Zhond says he is very grateful and excited about this accomplishment.



**Kaegan Zohnd poses with the  
championship trophy.  
Photo Credit: Ty Holland**

## **Teachers make summer break plans by Callie Harvey**

When school lets out for the summer, teachers stay busy in many different ways. Some travel or spend time with family, while others work summer jobs, take classes, or prepare their classrooms for the next school year. Like how students are on break, many teachers use the summer to relax as well. Here are some of the most interesting things some teachers are doing.

5th grade Stephanie Stewart and her family are visiting a baseball map (They go to different ball parks throughout the summer in different cities and states). She is overall very excited to visit the historical sights in the cities since most are older. Fenway Park is the one she is most excited to see because of how old and historical it is. They are going to Boston first and then traveling around that area for the remainder of the trip. Her plan is to get a souvenir at every baseball stadium to remember this important trip.

Many teachers like to take beach trips. 6th grade teacher Diane Campbell is going to Corolla Beach with her family. The main thing they were looking for was a house big enough to fit everyone, which they found at Corolla. This is the first time they have ever gone and she is super excited to lay on the beach and relax. Even though the main thing she wants to do is lay down and enjoy the beach, she would like to see the wild horses and possibly go kayaking. Her daughter Lydia and the rest of her family and some friends are going as well.

This summer, there is a London trip happening. Intervention specialist Drew Feren and 8th grade teacher Monica McDonough are going on this trip along with a handful of students as well as a few parents. This trip has taken two whole years to plan and it is finally happening this June. The main purpose of this trip is to make students become more independent and learn new cultures. The flight to London is seven hours long. Feren has been to London once herself when she graduated high school, and she can't wait for these students to experience the same thing she did for the first time.

Overall, teachers have so many plans for this summer. While most of the examples involve traveling, many teachers are doing home renovations, babysitting, spending time with family, or even gardening. But most of all teachers just want to relax and enjoy their hard earned break.

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## **Elective courses offer students choices by Laney Edwards**

There are many different electives that Crestview Middle School has including Journalism, Choir, Band, Speech and Debate, Digital Media, Weightlifting, and Service Learning. Each of these electives help kids learn different skills and expose them to various activities.

Lyddie Pratt had recently talked about journalism and why it's important to the school. She said that good journalists need to pay attention, stay focused, and always listen. Pratt explained that Journalism helps inform people about the events happening around the school, like activities, sports and important announcements. She also states that it's important for students to read about the important news around the school.

Chloe Houck said that in Speech and Debate it's important to pay attention and know what you're doing when speaking in front of others. She explained that Speech and Debate gives people the chance to share their opinions and ideas while others can debate and discuss them. The class helps students become more confident speakers and teaches them how to respectfully listen and respond.

Mason McGinnis talked about Weightlifting and how it helps people grow stronger, improve in sports, and get in shape. He said weightlifting takes effort and dedication, and students should actually go to the weightroom and do what they are required to do. McGinnis explained that staying committed and working hard can help build both physical strength and confidence. Weightlifting is not just improving in strength but to improve overall fitness.

Lucas Stamp said Art Enrichment lets students draw, paint, and even make clay sculptures along with many other art projects. Art Enrichment is a place to express creativity and try new things. Stamp states that it's important to always pay attention so you are doing the assignment correctly. Following directions carefully helps make sure your artwork turns out the way it's supposed to.

Bristol Brubaker said that the purpose of Service Learning is to make the school cleaner and make it safer for people. Service Learning is a community service where you help make your city cleaner; it takes a lot of responsibility. Brubaker and her

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## **Elective courses offer students choices (continued)** **by Laney Edwards**

classmates recently went to Firestone Park to clean and make the environment better. Brubaker says it takes a lot of responsibility but it does feel better when it's done.

Makenna Cain said that Choir is an organized group of singers who perform together. Choir takes time and patience learning each step of the song and vocals. They sing alot to perform their choir concerts in front of everyone.

Kam Beltempo says that Digital Media is to make the announcements every day and edit them to show later on. Beltempo said he has learned that digital media is a skill and it can turn simple ideas into something powerful and creative. Digital Media helps students understand how to edit and create things like audios, podcasts, and more.

Jimmy Wick says that Band is a group of musicians who play instruments to sing together. He says that it's really fun to rock out. They create many different types of music like rock, jazz, or marching band. Wick says that it's important to pay attention and follow the keys you're supposed to hit.



**8th grade students work hard in the weight room.**

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## **Rivalry win highlights baseball season by Claire Crable**

The Crestview high school boys baseball team has had a solid start to their season. The boys have gone 12-8 overall and 6-6 in conference.

This group had a huge win against their non-conference rivals Columbiana on April 17th at Eastwood Field. Crestview ended up just winning 2-1. Crestview was down 1-0 when sophomore Wyatt Ervin hit the game-tying home run. Soon after, sophomore Grant Snyder hit a sacrifice fly to score the game winning run.

Head coach Todd Kibby was ecstatic winning a game everyone was so eager to watch.

Kibby states, "It's such a good feeling when you can beat your in-town rivals, especially the way we did down to the last strike and to just come out on top of that game was awesome."

Sophomore Wyatt Ervin was thrilled when he tied up the rivalry game.

The high school baseball players are looking forward to finishing their season with a bang. The team is going to be starting tournaments soon, May 22nd at home against Beachwood. They hope to make a run in playoffs and get a district championship with a chance for regionals.

## **Track continues strong season by Judah Birchler**

The high school girls and boys track teams have gone great this season! A lot of people had fun and learned from this year's competition. Maci Price was interviewed to represent the girls team and Josh Smith was interviewed for the boys team.

Price, a freshman thrower, was asked her opinions on what their teams strengths are.

"Our team strengths are supporting each other a lot and always being there to help each other," Price stated.

Price was also asked what she thought about the competitors they went against.

"We have gone up against a lot of schools this year but I think that they are all really good and good competitors to go against".

Smith, a junior hurdler, was also asked about team strengths.

"Our team's strength is that compatibility is really good and relays are really good together," Smith stated.

Smith was also asked about who he thought was their best competitor.

"This year was Campbell Memorial; they had a really good hurdler that made me want to push harder."

Overall, everyone had a fun time competing with other schools and running with their friends. They also learned a lot from their time in track. Go REBELS!

## **Young softball team gains confidence by Lyddie Pratt**

The Crestview Rebels varsity softball team is still battling through a competitive season, showing growth, determination, and exciting moments along the way. With a current record of 9-7, the athletes have continued to prove themselves against hard competition throughout the season.

Their most recent game was a 11-10 victory on the road against Garfield. The team's ability to stay calm under pressure and fight until the final inning has been a major part of their success.

According to sophomore Makayla McKee, one of the biggest challenges this season has been the team's large number of underclassmen compared to the older opponents on other teams.

"Our team is filled with underclassmen right now, so getting used to playing against older opponents," McKee said.

Freshman Addison Finch shared a similar view, stating the importance of teamwork and trust throughout the season.

"The biggest challenges were working together and trusting each other," Finch said.

Despite those challenges, the Rebels have continued to improve and gain confidence with every game. Learning how to compete against more experienced teams has helped them grow stronger as the season progresses.

When asked about the most memorable game of the season, both player said the away game against Garfield.

"Garfield away game, me personally - I hit a walk-off home run that day," McKee said.

Finch also said the Garfield game stood out because of how intense and competitive it was.

"Garfield's game was the most memorable because we battled back and forth, and it went into a tiebreaker, then we won by two," Finch said.

That unforgettable game became one of the team's biggest wins of the season and gave the girls even more trust in each other and themselves moving forward. As the season continues, Crestview looks to finish strong.

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## **Running their way through the season by Karlisle Miller**

The school year is coming to an end as well as the middle school track season. The middle school track team had a great year! They have won two meets and have placed high in other meets. The middle school track team has made lots of progress this year.

Coach Robert Wiery states, "The track team is doing pretty good; they have been getting better and have been aggressive through the year. We have done really good at the opens and are definitely showing progress."

Although there is lots of team progress being made there is also a lot of personal improvement.

Middle school coach Kory Whitacre states "Yeah overall as a team they are progressing and as individuals, like our last meet we had 9-11 personal records."

Along with personal progress there are some future rising stars mentioned.

Wiery states, "Definitely Chloe Houck, Grace Houser if she wants to pursue it, Sydnee Ervin's very good, Tarynn McCowin if she wants to keep throwing, and Addy Adams and Madi Kyser for long jump."

Whitacre states, "There's a lot of kids with potential, but if I had to say one it would be Kaegan Zohnd. He is pretty much taking first and second place with disc and shot."

The track season is almost over and Sydnee Ervin and Grace Houser have shared their biggest accomplishments and highlights this season.

Ervin states, "Getting first as a team in our 4x1 and winning our Springfield meet, and winning our first meet was definitely a highlight."

Houser states, "Winning our first and third track meet was a big accomplishment this season."

The track team is finishing strong and overall has had a great and memorable season this year!

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