New Phone Law BY NOLA COMPTON

A new phone law was enacted January of 2026 which states a student ban of cell phone use during the school day. Crestview students and staff debate on whether the phone policy is fair and will improve the school environment.

Most students agree that the phone policy doesn't change their environment in class daily. Many go on to explain that phone use in class wasn't that big without the phone law and don't see a reason for it.

Junior Colin Wilcox states, "I see no change with the phone law. I still see people with their phones in classl; just don't see them out as often."

On the other hand, teachers and staff believe that the phone law helps students with concentration, in class participation, and their overall performance. Both sides also agree that there has been very few problems with enforcing the law.

The high-school and middle school band director Eric Bable believes that the phone law will keep students focused during educational hours. Bable says, " I feel like in the traditional classroom setting it cuts down on student distractions and keeps the focus more on what's happening."

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Volleyball

by Ruby Ellis

The Crestview Middle School volleyball team has had a very impressive season so far, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and growth on the court.

The 7th grade volleyball team currently holds a record of three wins and three losses. Throughout the season, the team has continued to improve with each game, working hard to make this season their best. Players have shown great effort in practices and games, working together to compete against tough opponents. Both coaches and spectators have been very pleased with the way the team handles themselves.

“I think that our chemistry has come a long way, and we seem to be getting a lot better at communicating with each other,” said 7th grade coach Drew Feren.

7th grader Leah Clemmer highlighted the team's great leadership skills: “I think we all have really good traits of being leaders.”

Meanwhile, the 8th grade volleyball team has enjoyed an outstanding season, remaining undefeated with a perfect 6-0 record. The team’s success has been fueled by strong communication, hard work on the court, and consistent drills throughout practice. Their ability to stay focused during close matches has helped them maintain their winning streak and continue to do their best.

“During practice, we stay positive by uplifting each other during breaks,” said 8th grader Harper Davidson. “We push each other to try our best.”

Coach Diane Campbell talks about how well this season is preparing the 8th graders for the fast speed of high school volleyball next year.

“I think it’s helping a lot because we’re still playing at a slow enough level which is allowing them to focus on how to do it, but we still play with challenging teams.”

As the season continues, the 7th graders will look to build on their progress, while the 8th graders aim to keep their undefeated record intact. Students, staff, and families are encouraged to come out and support both teams as they finish up this successful volleyball season.

MS SPORTS

Football

by Sapphira Hays

The Crestview middle school football team has had an up-and-down season so far, but the players have continued to show teamwork, determination, and growth. With a record of 1-1-1, the team has faced challenges while also showing strong defensive performances.

Crestview opened the season with a 20-0 loss against Beaver Local. The team bounced back in its next game with a 14-0 victory over Canton GlenOak. In the following game, Crestview played Liberty to a 0-0 tie. One positive from the season is that Crestview has shut out its last two opponents.

Coach Jacob Henderson has focused on keeping his athletes motivated during practices and games. Instead of focusing only on the team's overall record, Henderson encourages his players to set short-term goals and improve every day.

“The way we set our goal isn’t for each year; we set it each day and a weekly goal. Our goal is to get at least 1% better every day and each week, no matter if we win or lose,” Henderson said. “The week after the game I asked them, ‘What’s our record?’ and the answer is always ‘0-0!’ The goal is to go 1-0 every week.”

This mindset has helped the team stay focused despite the ups and downs of the season. The players continue to work on improving their skills and learning from each game.

8th grade player Braylon Baker reflected on the team’s performance against Liberty and areas where they can improve.

“I feel we did pretty good. We just had a couple fumbles that didn’t help us out. The defense was also pretty good,” Baker said.

As the season continues, the Crestview football team will look to build on its strong defense, limit mistakes, and keep improving one practice at a time.



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GIRLS SOCCER

by Nola Compton

The girls soccer team is kicking off the season right off the bat with a record of 6-4. The soccer team has been doing really well this season compared to past years. Many players agree that the team has grown so much and has improved on their chemistry as a unit.

Junior Mia Smith says, “On and off the field we’re all getting along really well and communicating well.”

The team's most difficult match so far has been Ursuline High School. The team states that Ursuline is a lot more physical, so it was a slight challenge trying to score goals. This challenge in the end did not stop them from trying their best and approaching it with a positive attitude.

One of the challenges they have been facing this season is their overall confidence. Many say that they get intimidated by other schools that play really well. This is part of the reason Ursuline was a difficult game for them.

Senior Analise Davis believes that they will end this season great if they keep their ethic to be better going and strive for greatness.

Davis expresses, “If we continue the way that we are and we don’t slack off, I think it will end pretty good.”

The girls hope to improve on their corners and communication with the coaches. But overall, they have had an amazing start to the season.



Photo Taken by Joel Hively

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CROSS COUNTRY

by Kinzley Blatch

The season has just begun for Crestview's very own cross country team. The team consists of junior Katie MacKay, sophomores Kennedi Lucas and Drake Huston, freshman Abby MacKay, 8th grader Azalea Dudek, 7th graders Liam Morell, Esmeralda Carlisle, and Azariah Dudek.

Katie MacKay says that the team is excited for growing interest and participation in the sport: "There are eight of us compared to two in years past."

Head coach Jill Colaneri states that "They all work hard and they all improve their times every week."

This quote shows the dedication that the team puts in to succeed in this challenging sport.

Each member of the team is working hard to improve their personal times. At the high school level, Katie MacKay's best time this season is 24:59 at Champion in which she won 6th place. Lucas' season best is 34:59 at Salem. Huston's best run this season is 20:52 at Salem. Abby MacKay's best time is 24:30 at Champion which she won 3rd place.

BAND CAMP

by Evelyn Ferrainola

Days away from home. Scorching heat. New music and a routine to learn. This is the reality of Crestview band camp. You may think band camp is just a vacation, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Despite its difficulties, Crestview marching band members have a rewarding experience.

One of the highlights in band camp is that you make new friends there.

8th grader Annaleesa Haynie says, "It turned out to be good because I made new friends and it was fun."

Band camp isn't just only about learning music; it's also about making friends with people you might never have seen yourself being friends with. Although there are great things about band camp, there are also some difficulties that band members face.

Band director Eric Bable says, "I think it's kind of the interpersonal relationships you have there because for some kids it's their first time away from home and it's five days you know; it's not one overnight, so you see the younger kids have to almost find independence and responsibility."

Some band members, especially the younger students, might face some issues with being home sick.

Band camp members also have to be outside for a long period of time, and in the summer heat it gets pretty hot, especially when playing an instrument.

Haynie says, "The most interesting thing I would say is probably being outside for the whole eight couple hundred hours."

Even with the difficulties, they get to hang out in their dorms for a while and hangout with their friends while on break.

Haynie says, "We would hang out in our dorms, and I would go to someone's dorm. My friend Riley and I would play cards."

Despite their difficulties, they also get some good food.

Haynie says, "The food was really good."

So if you think band camp is all about instruments, you are wrong: the experience has its difficulties and its rewards.

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GIRLS GOLF
by Scarlett Bechtel

So far, the Crestview girls golf team has done an excellent job this season with a total of five wins and hopefully more to come.

Shawn Louk, coach of the girls golf team, speaks on what he thinks the highlight of this year's golf season is so far: “The highlight of the season so far has been watching the girls all come together as a team.”

Louk is proud of his girls for greatly improving this year compared to last season. He says that he hopes that next year he can see more girls join the golf team since they have a very small team this season.

One of the most difficult things that the players had to accomplish was getting their swing path right.

“It is tough to stay positive and committed to getting better when you are always struggling, but they did amazing,” says Louk.

After winning only a single match last season, Louk said they have set a goal of winning five matches; they may surpass that goal with one remaining match. He says that his toughest team that they played this season was Southeast.

“Their team is amazing top to bottom. It is the program that I hope to build into in the future,” says Louk.

They have not beaten the Southeast team yet. Something he says was part of the season that he didn't enjoy was driving the bus to and from away matches, and the girls on his team’s music taste. He says that personally, he wouldn't choose to listen to the type of music that they listen to.
Something that Louk says he wants kids to know that you don't have to have golfing experience to join the team.

“We have three girls that had never even attempted to golf before the start of the season. They have grown as players and have helped us get better as a team.”

Overall, he says that the season went very well for the team, and that this season was much easier for them than last season. Last season they started about a week before the start of the season, and this season he had a lot more time to work with the girls and improve the team.

BOYS SOCCER
by Emmalee Owens

The current boys soccer team has been having a quite interesting season so far. Each of the students interviewed explain their own experiences with the season so far and how it has been going. The boys soccer team has only lost two matches so far, so hopes still run very high. The team practices very often so that when they apply it to the soccer field they get the best outcomes.

Arthur Gelbecke talks about how they practice and prepare for games: “We have practice every day and have meetings to talk about the games, with videos, and notes about the other teams.” The coaches make sure to pay close attention to other schools in order to know exactly how to beat them at the match.

Lucas Persing speaks on the team’s tougher opponents: “The most difficult match has been Champion, because both us and Champion play really good.”

Something that all the athletes interviewed wanted to improve was communication. They said that last year was worse than this year but that it is still something they need to improve before some other matches.

Mason Hayward explains what he believes to have been most challenging so far and why: “We haven’t had too many challenges because all of the teams we’ve played have been pretty easy but we played Poland and our defense was a little slow. So we moved mid field back a little bit to help us.” He also spoke on how they faced some of the challenges that they have faced so far.

Overall, this season has been going quite well and the players as well as the coaches have high hopes for the rest of this season. Many players also believe that this year is going better compared to past years. So keep pushing forward boys soccer, and we will speak more about the team once the season is done!

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VOLLEYBALL

by Ruby Ellis & Sapphira Hays

The Crestview high school volleyball team is off to an impressive start this season. Players and coaches have all worked very hard to get to where they are now, showing great determination and effort on the court.

The varsity volleyball team has an almost perfect record of 8-1, only losing one match with their outstanding players and communication skills. The team has worked hard to maintain this record and will keep doing so until the season comes to an end.

Coach Alisha Auer talks about how the team's mindset has changed as the season goes on.

“I think when a team wins a lot of games, they get more confident and they get more comfortable because they're trying not to lose and play better because they want to win,” Auer said.

The team's 8-1 record shows just how successful the season has been so far. Each game has given the players an opportunity to learn, improve, and grow stronger together. Whether it is making an important save, getting the winning point or giving an impressive serve, each teammate has contributed to the team's success.

Senior Cambriauna Davidson speaks on the key factors behind the team's success.

“At the beginning of the season, we all determined that our goals were to win the league and districts again. To accomplish this we need a lot of trust and determination in each other.”

As the season continues, the varsity volleyball team will continue to keep up this hard work. With a few more matches ahead, the players are focused on making this season their best. The team hopes to continue its strong season as it goes on.

FOOTBALL

by Emmalee Owens & Nola Compton

The football team has started the season off with a few challenges. They have faced several great schools these past few weeks succumbing to the losses. But this didn’t stop them and won’t stop them from having a positive attitude and going into these games with their best effort.
Senior Josh Smith says, “It's not what we expected, but we can still win games and we have more than enough time to get better.”

Head coach Dom Perry says, “The season so far has been challenging. As you know our record is 1-4. We’ve had some injuries, we’ve had some guys with inexperience playing, we had some things not bounce our way but the kids are still upbeat, their working hard. So overall I’d say the season is going ok other than the record.”

Although the team has been struggling, they are all still in high spirits and hope to continue improving and see an impact in the games as a whole. Daniel Novak says how he feels at this moment in time when it comes to the football games: “It started off a little rough, but I think we’ll bounce back and start playing a little better.”

Each of the people interviewed spoke about what they believe to have been the most difficult game. Coach Perry said, “Probably the most difficult game so far was United because I feel we were the better team and we lost.”

Overall, the football team has a great season ahead of them and hopes to improve in every aspect.

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BOYS GOLF

by Scarlett Bechtel

The boys in the golf team have done well this season, according to Coach Ron McCloskey.

McCloskey believes the highlight of the season for the team is when one of his golfers, sophomore Derek DuVall tied the school record for the most birdies in one match at four.

One of the things that McCloskey says he hopes to improve next season is to see better results as a result of increased experience and training.

"The scoring average of 183.89 with a differential of -8.47 in favor of the opponents should improve greatly due to the experience gained this season and strength and conditioning over the next 9 months," says McCloskey.

An achievement that McCloskey is proud of his players for is that after losing many of the starters from the 2025 season, "the three returning lettermen and five new golfers were able to come within two wins of last year's mark."

The coach says that DuVall and Grant Snyder were able to successfully fill in the number one and number two spots with no loss of strokes in a match, and Hunter Panezott kept his average in the spot of number six.

A team that McCloskey said was the team to beat in the past few years was Southeast because of their dedication and participation in junior golf leagues that are not within the school.

Overall, McCloskey says that the season in 2025 was their best season thus far, and that this year, coming off of 2025, was good. "Coming off of the best season statistically in 2025, this year's team came within last year's single match score record by just seven and eight strokes on two different occasions, tied an individual school record for birdies and the #1 and #2 was one of the best tandems for Crestview most recently. The team also earned eight varsity letters: the most in some time."

MARCHING BAND

by Emmalee Owens

The Crestview High School Band recently went to the Louisville Band Competition where they competed against other marching bands. The Band got 4th place in class c which is the class that our band participates in. There were a few people who are in the band and spoke about how they felt the competition went.

Ella Huff, head drum major, speaks on what she thought of the band's performance while she conducted, "I think we performed well but our scores don't really agree with that but personally I think it went well. I think it's the best we have played in a while." She spoke about how she believes that our band performed well but yet didn't quite receive the results that we had expected.

Ayden Hall, a flute player gives his input on what he believes went the best, "I thought that the bridge of creep was pretty good. I thought that jekyll and hyde seemed pretty good aside from timing issues." Something the band hopes to improve on is timing overall so that the more musically difficult aspects of the songs can sound more fluid and put together.

When the bands are being judged by the judges they get feedback through voice recordings. They mainly speak on things that stick out to them whether it is a small mistake or a cool visual aspect that the judge enjoyed. The judges then use those recordings to give a band their rating and also pass the recordings on to the band directors so they know what to work on. Eric Bable, the band director, states what he personally believes went well, "I think musically it was one of our stronger performances. We still have some refining to do and what not we want to make sure we get this right. For our first competition it was one of the highest visual scores we've gotten as well." He then later speaks about the scores this year and his thoughts on them, "Well I don't quite understand the rating that we got because I feel like this performance was stronger than anything we did last year yet we seemed to get the same result in terms of a score. And that is a little frustrating because I feel like it is not a good reflection of what our students are actually doing. Again there are times we have gone to a competition and I have watched our performances and thought 'Ok, yeah that rating makes sense.' , this one absolutely did not feel that way to me.", that was Bable's response to what he wishes would have gone differently.

"Based on this one I think the next competition will go really well. I'm hoping that our scores will actually reflect that next time and they should because we've been improving everyday.", said Huff in response to how she believes the next competition will go.

Overall the band has been seeing many improvements this year and hopes to do well in their next competition. Unfortunately, the band isn't often recognized much at all, so if you can please try to support the band by coming to one of the two upcoming band shows. The band shows are taking place at East Palestine on October 3rd and Columbiana on October 10th. Also the Columbiana band show has an annual Drumline Battle each year that our drumline won last year and they would love to have our support in the stands when the drumlines are battling. The drumline that receives the biggest reaction from the crowd wins. So come support our band and show our band how much we appreciate their hard work this year!

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CHEER SHOWCASE

by Emmalee Owens

The cheerleading team recently went to a cheer showcase organized by the Canfield Fair. Different teams from different schools come together to perform their routines and show their skills. This is Crestview's second year doing this cheer showcase and from those that were interviewed it seemed to have gone pretty well this year.

Rylee Land talks about how she believe the showcase went overall: “I feel like it went really well. Everyone was very locked in and focused, and everyone did what they needed to do and we all worked together to make it look really good in the end.”

One of the coaches, Kendall Kalina talked a little bit on how she felt the showcase went: “I think it went better this year just because I think they were a little bit more prepared this year. They knew kind of what they were getting into.”

“So the showcase is a bunch of schools from the area. It’s held in the grand stands at the Canfield Fair, and all the teams sit in the stands. We receive a schedule ahead of time and then each team performs in the order of the schedule,” was Kalina’s explanation on how the showcase itself is set up and what it looks like in general.

The cheer team always looks forward to events like this one and Cassidee Buckly talks about what it is that she enjoys most about the showcase, “I like watching the big schools when they go and do all their stunts with their 30 cheerleaders and it just looks really cool with their tumbling everything they do just looks really great.”.

The girls have been working very hard this summer to get most of their routines done. Their hard work is very evident in all of their routines and constant hard work at the games as well. They are very excited for the current season and how it ends up panning out. Great job girls! We can’t wait to see what else you are doing this year!

OTHER WRITES

NEW STAFF AT CRESTVIEW
BY NOLA COMPTON

There are several new teachers and staff here at Crestview the 2026-2027 school year. The staff has expressed that there have been little to no challenges adjusting to the new work environment due to the kindness and patience of coworkers and staff.

The new freshman Physical Science and Geology teacher Derek Joy states “I feel like adjusting has been a very easy process and the community has been very welcoming to me.”

Many of the new staff have had some kind of relation with Crestview either in the past or through other people that made them choose to work here. Everyone agrees that they have seen and heard about Crestview’s unwavering commitment for improvement and truly admire it. New educators also appreciate the high standards Crestview strives for in every area.

Joy goes on to say, “I respected the reputation that the school district had, and I wanted to teach at a place that has a high standard for teaching like that.”
Overall, the new staff have adjusted well to their new positions and love working here at Crestview.

NEW BUILDING UPDATE
BY ISABELLE BUCKLEY

Construction of Crestview's new school continues as crews complete the latest stages. With the building fully enclosed, students and staff can now see what the finished school will look like.

"We're working on what we refer to as 'Area A,' so that's the performance gymnasium, and most of the exterior is finished. The building is fully enclosed, which means all the windows are installed, the roof is on; everything on the enclosure of the building is exactly where it's supposed to be," architect Max Hanish said.

Middle and high school students and staff are expected to move in after Christmas break during the 2026-2027 school year. The building includes warm lighting intended to improve focus, energy and productivity. Superintendent Dan Hill said the lighting and paint choices make it feel "homey."

The building's placement also lowered plumbing and water costs, allowing more of the budget to be spent on additional features. Related rooms, including the main office and nurse's office, will be grouped together, and each wing will have restrooms. The air-conditioned building will feature a performance gymnasium, new classrooms and other improvements. Hanish said he will be proud of the work put into the 11-year project.

OTHER WRITES

RISE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

BY ISABELLE BUCKLEY

The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been a talk of the hallways for a little less than two years. But the thought of AI has been around for many more. AI has been an official field of study for around 70 years according to tableau.com. It states, “In reality, the groundwork for AI began in the early 1900s. And although the biggest strides weren’t made until the 1950s, it wouldn’t have been possible without the work of early experts in many different fields.”

Rick Fawcett, a teacher at Crestview, states even though AI isn’t used much in his classroom, he believes it has its benefits and drawbacks. Fawcett states that though AI can come up with an answer in a second, it somewhat prevents students from struggling on their own. Instead of going to the library and finding an answer in a book, students can put the question into an AI system, and the answer is at their fingertips, literally. Even though Fawcett doesn’t see much AI in his college classes, his career classes tend to use it as a tool to get ideas for a project, which is acceptable to the teacher.

“I think if you’re using it... as a resource, you have to cite that you’re using it as a resource. You can’t just take ideas from AI and present them as your own,” he said.

Sabrina Weber, an English teacher in the High School, says AI has definitely changed how she assigns work.

“I have to be more diligent about trying to have assignments done in class, or at least started in class, and then I know how my students actually write.”

Weber does believe AI is a wonderful tool, as she believes it is not going anywhere and because of that, we need to learn how to use it correctly. One way Weber thinks Artificial Intelligence is a good tool can be checking your work. Instead of walking up to a teacher to check it, you can put your work into an AI system and it can check your work, see if it flows, and make sure the grade you want is a target.

As AI continues to become more common in schools, teachers and students will have to find a balance between using it as a helpful resource and relying on it too much. While AI can make finding information and checking work easier, teachers like Fawcett and Weber agree that students still need to think and work for themselves. As AI becomes a bigger part of everyday life, knowing when to use it, and when to put it away, may become just as important as knowing how to use it.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

BY EMMALEE OWENS

Unfortunately, something that has become quite common in our current society is the struggle with mental illness. Most often that revolves around depression, which is not something we take lightly here at Crestview. So before I begin, I would like to remind you that if you are currently struggling mentally with anything just remember that we have amazing counselors that would want to hear from you. Admitting to needing help is not a sign of weakness but rather a sign that you are ready to be okay again.

These are the reasons that both sophomore Gracie McGinnis and teacher Rick Fawcett believe it has become a bigger issue in our time and age. “I think we face it because bullying is a big issue and people are very ignorant and will just say foul things to people because they are different,” McGinnis said.

“I mean I think for one we are a lot more aware of mental health now than we used to be. I think in a good way it is something we talk about more,” said Fawcett in response to the same question.

There are many different ways to feel better and that is exactly what sophomore Bella Dermotta-Lowe talks about in this quote: “You can connect with people around you who are struggling as well, you can create healthy habits, you can connect with an individual that has an education in those aspects.”. These are all different ways that you can be more yourself again.

There are many different difficult parts you have to deal with when it comes to depression and other mental illnesses. What McGinnis believes to be the hardest part of it all she states right in this quote, “I definitely think struggling alone, that's always the hardest, like the fear of reaching out is hard. Not knowing what to say or how to say it.” The most difficult part is simply speaking out. So remember that all you have to do is speak to someone you trust or a counselor as well as other advisors. Overall, just be willing to take that next step into accepting the fact that you need help because once you make it past that it is much easier to move on with your life. Don’t let yourself be grounded by your own fear.

Each of the students interviewed wanted others to take certain things away from their personal experiences. Dermotta-Lowe says, “Something I wish more people knew is how many people really struggle with these thoughts and for those people how many resources are available.”

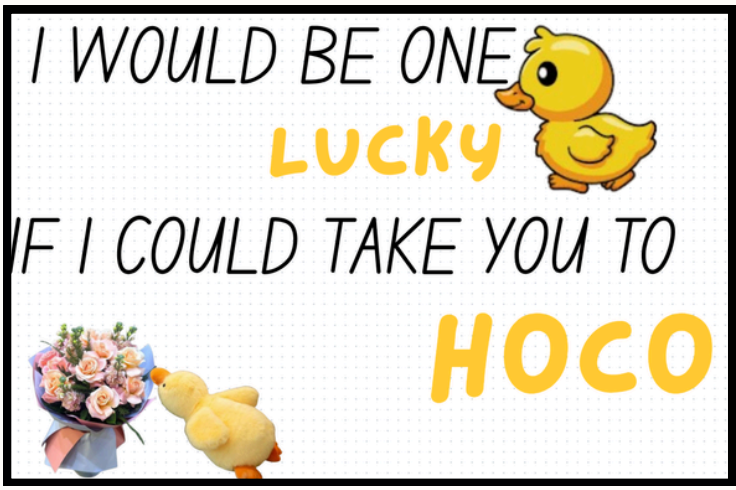
“I wish more people knew that everyone has their own struggles. Everyone has something going on at home, everyone has something going on personally and no one genuinely knows; you just have to treat everyone nicely because you just never know what they are feeling. You might just say one rude thing to someone and that might just be their last straw,” McGinnis’s said.

Your life may be difficult right now but no matter the case those who truly care about you and the staff here at Crestview want you around. You deserve to live a better story. Don't let some mess ups and bumps along the way stop you from experiencing life to its fullest potential. Though at times it may not seem like it, you are needed, you are wanted, and you deserve better.

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