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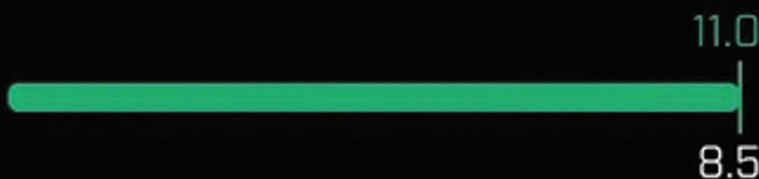
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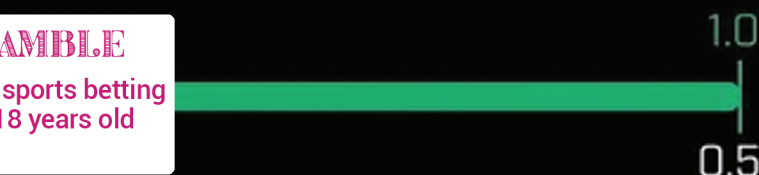
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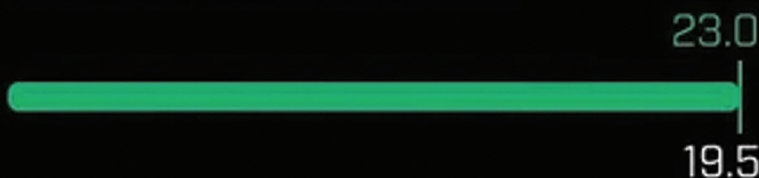
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## ORGANIZATIONS

## Quill &amp; Scroll completes two service projects

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When the Quill & Scroll International Journalism Honor Society was reestablished in 2020 at Hays High School, the members decided they would complete a service project every semester, and the club recently finished its two projects for the year.

During first semester, the organization sponsored a children's book drive from Dec. 1-16. During that time, students and staff could donate to boxes in the office or the journalism room.

"From the book drive, we received 162 children's books," sponsor Jessica Augustine said. "Also, from last year's book drive, we had 103 young adult books remaining that the nursing home that we donated books to last year did not want. So, in total, we had 267 books to donate to Hays organizations this year."

After counting and sorting the books, members delivered them to donation recipients in early February, with 55 going to Bright Minds Academy, 40 to Early Childhood Connections,

67 to Hays Area Children's Center and the 103 young adult books going to Camber Hays.

"It was so rewarding to see how many books we got to donate for children," Quill and Scroll president, senior Rylee Burd, said.

For the second project, members invited the Hays Middle School yearbook class, taught by Jessica Schwien, to come to Hays High for a yearbook class on Feb. 23, during Scholastic Journalism Week.

During the time, Augustine discussed the opportunities to get involved in high school journalism, then the middle school students were partnered with the high school students, with half of them completing a Goosechase app scavenger hunt around the school, and with the other half of them completing an interview activity then shadowing the high school students as they worked on yearbook pages, before switching activities.

"We wanted the middle school students to visit to provide information about our program, to show them what we do in the high school classes and to encourage them to take journalism classes," Augustine said.



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## BOOK DRIVE

Junior Maddie Meis and senior Maggi Lindenmeyer count and sort books collected from the Quill & Scroll children's book drive. The club donated 265 books to four organizations in Hays in February.

## Science Olympiad places fourth at regionals

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On Feb. 18, the Science Olympiad team participated in its regional competition at Fort Hays State University, placing fourth by participating in 16 of the categories.

For Science Olympiad, the team with the lowest number of points wins. First-place events earn one point, second-place events get two points and so on. Hays High School had a total of 42 points overall.

Earning first place in their events were junior Alexis Burton and junior Henry Fitzthum in "Flight" and sophomore Caleb King in "Fermi Questions."

"I am surprised by how we did," Fitzthum said. "I feel that we competed well, and we [Burton and I] will be going to state for the event of 'Flight.'"

Second-place events included senior Alex Li and Burton in "Cell Biology," senior Meg Taggart and junior Madigan Norris in "Green Generation," senior Avery Winter and junior Brynn Kinderknecht in "Forensics," Burton and Fitzthum in "Trajectory" and Fitzthum, Burton and sophomore Aryahn Fischer in "Experimental Design."

Finishing third place were Taggart and Norris in "It's About Time," junior Jessica Feyerherm and King in "Disease Detectives" and King and sophomore Alivia Sellens in "Dynamic Planet."

Fourth-place events were senior Cade Becker and Sellens in "Chemistry Lab," Taggart and Norris in "Anatomy and Physiology," Winter and Feyerherm in "Write It, Do It" and Fischer and King in "Codebusters."

Finally, in fifth place were Becker and Li in "Bridge" and Fischer and Sellens in "Remote Sensing."

Science Olympiad students started preparations early this semester in anticipation of the original competition date of Jan. 21; however, due to inclement weather, the competition was postponed until Feb. 18.

Although the entire team did not qualify for the state competition, which is May 19-20 at Wichita State University, some participants will be competing at state, including Burton and Fitzthum.

"Mrs. [Lynn] Zimmerman and I were pleasantly surprised by how the students performed," co-sponsor Beth Schiel said. "We feel that, if we had put in a little more effort and been able to fill all events, we probably could have made it to state as a team."

## ACADEMICS

# ALTERED REQUIREMENTS

## School adjusts curriculum after graduation requirements change

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With the Kansas State Board of Education proposing changes to high school graduation requirements in November of 2022, Hays High School has started to adjust its curriculum to adapt now for some of those requirements.

While some of the statewide changes will be applied for the 2023-2024 school year, others will be enacted in future academic years. The changes are intended to allow students to have more flexibility in what classes they choose and are meant to be more dependent on each student's Individual Plan of Study (IPS).

One change that will affect courses is the elimination of Advanced Placement course designations; instead, classes will be labeled as "Concurrent," "Honors" or "Level II." This will impact five current courses, as AP Chemistry will be Chemistry II, AP English IV will be English Composition I/World Literature (Concurrent), AP Music Theory will be Music Theory (Concurrent), AP US Government will be Honors US Government (Concurrent) and AP US History will be Honors US History (Concurrent).

According to the administration's presentation at the Board of Education meeting on Jan. 23, "Educators agree that, generally, the AP curriculum is limiting and binding, whereas with an upper-level distinction, courses will still be built to prepare students for the AP exam and/or concurrent credit as available; however, it allows for flexibility to address student interest and IPS."

One of the biggest changes for seniors relates to their fourth year of English. While students can take a full year of English IV, they can also take one semester of English IV paired with another English elective, or they can take two English electives. Seniors may also choose to complete their two half credits in one semester or in two different semesters.

Those English electives include English Composition I (Concurrent), Literature and Creative Writing, Oral Communications (Concurrent), Technical Reading and Writing and World Literature (Concurrent).

"I think that the changes to classes are really cool and that they will open lots of avenues for people to explore and really narrow down what they like," junior Justus Nelson said. "It also just gives a lot more variety for students."

Another department that experienced major changes was the Science Department. While, currently, freshmen have to take Integrated Science, sophomores have to take Biology and juniors have to take Chemistry, next year, freshmen will take Biology, sophomores will take Physical Science and juniors or seniors can take an additional full credit from among different science electives, rather than mandating that juniors take Chemistry. This sequence is similar to those from other Western Athletic Conference and 5A schools.

For next year, those science electives will include Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Human Biology and Physics, which are all full credits, or Astronomy, Electronics, Environmental Science, Epidemiology and Genetics, which are half credits. In future years, other electives, such as Crime Lab Forensics, Geology, Zoology and others, may be added.


"I really like the new science options," science teacher Alan Neal said. "They provide a greater variety of


possibilities for students based on their own interests and abilities. Other than giving more options, they provide a sense of empowerment to students. In general, people prefer to choose for themselves. These changes allow students to choose for themselves to a much greater extent."


Finally, new classes have been added, including an ESL Learning Lab, Fundamentals of Soldiering, Introduction to Military Fitness and Health and Teaching as a Career. There is also a new program, the 11th Grade Interdisciplinary Collaboration, in which students enroll in four specific courses: Data Analysis, English III, Music Appreciation and US History.


"I am excited that the requirements have changed," sophomore Katelyn Willemsen said. "For example, I am not taking Chemistry because that isn't something I think would benefit me; instead, I'm taking Human Biology. I am also excited about the interdisciplinary courses the juniors will be able to take."

### COURSE CHANGES FOR 2023-2024

 **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**  
AP classes shift to Honors, Level II or Concurrent classes

 **LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSES**  
Seniors can complete two of the following courses, rather than just taking English IV:  
English IV A  
English IV B  
English Composition I (Concurrent)  
Literature & Creative Writing  
Oral Communications (Concurrent)  
Technical Reading & Writing  
World Literature & the Human Experience

 **SCIENCE CLASSES**  
Students will no longer have to take Chemistry as juniors; instead, the new sequence will require Biology for freshmen, Physical Science for sophomores and one additional credit of science for juniors or seniors from the following classes:  
Chemistry I (1.0 credit)  
Chemistry II (1.0 credit)  
Human Biology (1.0 credit)  
Physics (1.0 credit)  
Astronomy (.5 credit)  
Electronics (.5 credit)  
Environmental Science (.5 credit)  
Epidemiology (.5 credit)  
Genetics (.5 credit)

 **OTHER CLASSES**  
Additional course offerings will include the following:  
11th Grade Interdisciplinary Collaboration  
ESL Learning Lab  
Fundamentals of Soldiering  
Introduction to Military Fitness & Health  
Teaching as a Career



## MUSIC

## Chamber Singers perform Cabaret, featuring popular modern songs

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Chamber Singers hosted its annual Cabaret show on Sunday, Feb. 19 and Monday, Feb. 20 at the Fox Theatre in downtown Hays.

Cabaret is different than the other Chamber Singers concerts. First, instead of having different musical groups, such as Concert Choir, this show only features the Chamber Singers. Also, the students chose what they wanted to sing instead of director Alex Underwood determining the songs.

The group started preparing for the show about a month in advance. They had weekly rehearsals for each of their musical numbers, and the rehearsals ranged from 20 minutes to an hour.

The show consisted of seven parts, in which Chamber Singers performed songs from different musicals and singers.

Opening the show was a quartet of boys, singing "Lean on Me," that consisted of senior Tony Arial, junior Nate Henderson, junior Eric Lucio and sophomore Oscar Flores. They followed their opening number with "The Longest Time" and "Can't Help Falling in Love."

"The quartet was such a fun experience, and I loved the production of our songs," Henderson said. "I think we looked good on stage and that we sounded very well together."

After them in the first act, came seniors Allie Straub and Seth Tripp, singing "In a World Like This," then another duet of seniors Keiarra Gonzales and Quinton McGuire, singing "A Whole New World" from "Aladdin." To close the act, all the seniors came on stage to sing "Somebody to Love" by Queen.

Following Acts II and III, there was a 10-minute intermission before Act IV, which senior Spenser Mills-Kulmala opened with "Dream a Little Dream." And, after Acts IV and V, there was a second 10-minute intermission before Act VI was opened by junior Kendra Ryan, singing "Your Daddy's Son."

To finish the Cabaret in Act VII was a duet by sophomore Jordan Aschenbrenner and Straub, called "Flight."

Other performers throughout the night included seniors Darian Dodd-Spencer, Devlyn Jochum, Savannah Lawson, Carter Normandin, Jay Patel and Skyler Rodriguez; juniors Sam Albin, Brooks Baczowski, Beth Bowles, Brynn Kinderknecht, Caleb King, Brooke Leiker, Ellie McGuire, Dakota Normandin and Atlas Seib; and sophomores Addy Brull and Aiden Burton.

"My favorite part about singing the duet with Sam [Albin] was just working with her because she's such a great partner," Dakota Normandin said. "We sounded great together, and she made it such a fun experience!"

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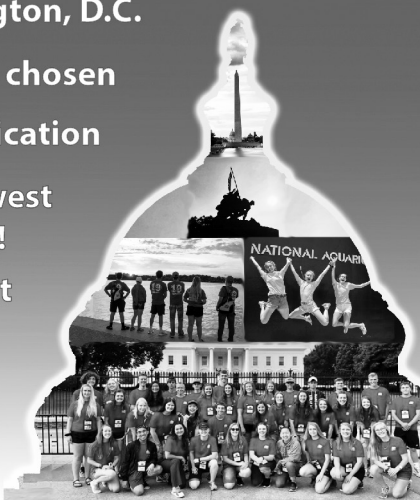
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## FACILITIES



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**CONSTRUCTION WORK**

Crews level rock on the football field on campus on March 2. As part of the bond issue, the football field will have artificial turf and will serve as the practice field for the high school until the new high school and new football field are constructed.

## Construction work begins on campus athletic facilities

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Recently, the Mammoth Construction crew, which will be responsible for all of the new high school construction, started renovations on the athletic areas near the current building.

In February, work began on the football field on the south side of the high school. Anticipated to be done before the 2023 fall sports season, this field will be used for the next two school years by the high school football teams for practices, the junior varsity football team's games and the soccer teams' practices and games. When the new high school building opens in 2025-2026, the field will become the middle school team's football field.

By early March, the construction crew had dug out the field and had brought in rock, so that they can place artificial turf down instead of grass.

With the construction occurring alongside the spring sports, some teams had to adjust their practice routines.

"The construction can be distracting, but at the same time, it's not that bad," sophomore Kyla Schmidt, who participates in girls track and field, said. "We have to stay out of Lane 1 and Lane 2, and we cannot run the whole track, which limits us on what we can do."

Another track athlete, junior Ethan Marshall, added, "It took away our warm-up spot, and also, that is where some of the athletes used to put their stuff."

Along with the current football field, Mammoth's crews will be adding another turfed football field that will be the main field, a turfed softball field and a turfed soccer field, which were parts of the bond issue passed last May.

In addition to the athletic facilities, later this spring, the construction team will be breaking ground for the new high school, which will be built in the field east of the current high school property.

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# WANT TO MAKE A BET?

## With NCAA mens basketball March Madness soon, staff member provides his predictions for the Big Dance

The highly anticipated National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) March Madness mens tournament begins March 16.

For those who may not follow college basketball, a total of 68 teams start the annual tournament, with those being announced on "Selection Sunday," which is Sunday, March 12 this year. Before the tournament begins, it starts with what is called the "First Four" in Dayton, Ohio, on March 14-15, when four teams play to determine who gets to be included in the final 64 teams for first round of the "Big Dance."

Once the 64 teams are set, the first round of the tournament begins on March 16-17, and the second round of 32 teams begins play on March 18-19. From there, the "Sweet 16" teams play at four regional sites on March 23-24, and the "Elite Eight" teams play on March 25-26 at those same locations; this year, the East Regional is in New York City, the Midwest Regional is in Kansas City, Mo., the South Regional is in Louisville, Ky., and the West Regional is in Las Vegas. The "Final Four" play on April 1, with the top two teams competing for the national championship on April 3 in Houston.

Before March Madness begins, each conference has a conference tournament, which is a great opportunity to warm up before heading into the national tournament. Also, each conference tournament winner gets an automatic bid to the Big Dance, no matter what record they had in the regular season.

For fans of Kansas teams, both the University of Kansas and Kansas State University will most definitely be higher seeds, as both of them have



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had stellar seasons so far. Right now, according to Joe Lunardi of ESPN, KU is projected to be a No. 1 seed, while KSU is projected to be a No. 3 seed. Both teams are in one of the toughest conferences in college basketball, the Big 12, and there is a chance for almost all of the Big 12 teams to make the tournament.

Arguably, the best part of March Madness, though, is witnessing the "Cinderella stories," when an underdog make a big run in the tournament by upsetting a higher seed. That could be likely this year with teams such as Duke and North Carolina, who will likely be ranked lower this year, but who have been college basketball powerhouses in past years.

Duke was not as good as they have been in past years, as this was a transition year with their longtime coach Mike Krzyzewski retiring from coaching after 42 seasons as the head man after last season. New coach John Scheyer is a former Duke player and a former Duke assistant coach, but he seems to be taking some time to adjust to being the head man. However, Duke has been playing better down the stretch this season, so time will tell if their young talent and new coach can lead them to a tournament run.

While many expected Duke to struggle this season, seeing North Carolina lapse was a major surprise. North Carolina returned most players from their national runner-up team last season, with Armando Bacot and Caleb Love leading the charge, and they were ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll. However, the team just did not click like it did previously, and they plummeted to being unranked and possibly are low enough to even miss out on the tournament. But, if they do make the tournament as a lower seed, they could be dangerous to a higher-seeded team.

All in all, my Final Four predictions include Alabama, Houston, UCLA and KU, with the championship game coming down to KU over UCLA.

## Kansas legalized sports betting in September 2022, allowing adults to bet on sports in casinos and via apps

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As of Sept. 1, 2022, betting on sports in Kansas is legal Kansas residents, who are 18 years or older, can now place bets on anything and everything to do with sports using apps or going to casinos.

Gov. Laura Kelly made the first legal bet in Kansas at the Hollywood Casino; Kelly bet \$15, inspired by Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes's jersey number, on the Chiefs to win Super Bowl LVII. With the Chiefs victorious, Kelly won \$165 from the bet, which she donated to the 15 and Mahomies Foundation, which is the quarterback's organization.

"Legalizing sports betting will bring more revenue to our state and grow our economy," Kelly said in a press release after signing the bill. "This is another mechanism that casinos, restaurants and other entertainment venues can now utilize to attract Kansans to their establishments."

Though the "soft" launch was on Sept. 1, that was just to ensure that everything was in place for the full launch on Sept. 8, right in time for the start of National Football League (NFL) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) football seasons.

Before September 2022, adults could only place bets on sports through apps, such as "DraftKings," "FanDuel" or "PrizePicks." Apps like these were allowed to be used by Kansas residents, as long as the app was not managed in Kansas,

but rather, run in a state where betting was legal, and as long as the user was at least 18 years old, which the apps would verify before bets could be placed.

A number of students who were 18 last year participated in sports betting through the apps, and seniors who are old enough this year do as well, proving that the activity is still popular.

"I don't remember what got online betting started at Hays High, but I know it took off almost overnight last year," senior Chase Summers said. "I remember the seniors [last year] spending a lot of time placing bets and calculating the best bets to take."

Both the online app bets and the in-person casino bets work like this: every available bet is based on statistics calculated in Las Vegas, the so-called "Gambling Capital of the World."

One of the most popular bets are "odds," which are based on a positive and negative number line. The lower the number, the more likely it is to occur, and the smaller the reward because it is not as risky of a gamble; the higher the number, the less likely it is to occur, and the bigger the reward because it is a riskier bet. To win a lot of money on a negative odds bet, the gambler would have to bet more money.

"An example of a negative bet would be something like having [junior] Jack Weimer, Hays High's leading scorer, get two or more points in a game," Summers said. "You would have to bet a lot of money to earn a decent profit with negative odds like that, which can be risky because there is always a small chance the bet won't hit no matter how sure the odds are."

The second common type of bet is "lines," which is when the words "over" or "under" are used. Before games, Las Vegas will set a line for what the total score of both teams will be based on previous statistics for a team; for Super Bowl LVII, the line was 51.5 points. People then will place their bets, either "over" the line, meaning they think the total points will surpass 51.5, or "under" the line, meaning they think the total points will be below 51.5.

Lines can be made for many scenarios – not just the point total of competing teams. For example, since 2005, a line has been created for people to bet on how long the National Anthem will be at the Super Bowl games. This year, Las Vegas had the line for country singer Chris Stapleton's performance at

126.5 seconds, which he went under at 122.5 seconds.

"The only bet I placed this season, which wasn't really a sports bet, was on the Super Bowl coin toss," senior Trent Summers said. "I had \$10 left in my account on the app and figured 50/50 wasn't the worst odds I could have."

While sports betting decreased among students with the end of the NFL season, most students who participate in sports betting say that they will bet on the upcoming NCAA March Madness games.

"I never bet insane amounts to where I lose a lot of money or anything," Chase Summers said. "Only half the fun of betting is winning; the other half, and the main reason I place any bets, is because placing bets with your friends makes the games 10 times more entertaining to watch."

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## SPORTS BETTING TERMINOLOGY

**BET OR STAKE** - a wager involving money that is bet with an app, with a bookmaker or at a casino

**BOOKMAKER OR BOOKIE** - an individual or a group that sets betting odds and accepts bets

**COVERING THE SPREAD** - a bet where a favorite wins and the score exceeds the point spread

**LIMITS** - high and low wagering limits that vary by sport and by venue; bettors should have personal limits

**ODDS** - betting lines set by a bookmaker on a variety of events

**OVER OR UNDER** - a number posted on how many points (or other measures) will be scored in a game; bettors need to determine if the combined scores of both teams will go over or under the number

**PARLAY** - wagers consisting of two or more selections; each selection must win to win the overall bet

Information from [www.si.com/betting/2020/05/13/sports-betting-terms-definitions-gambling](http://www.si.com/betting/2020/05/13/sports-betting-terms-definitions-gambling)



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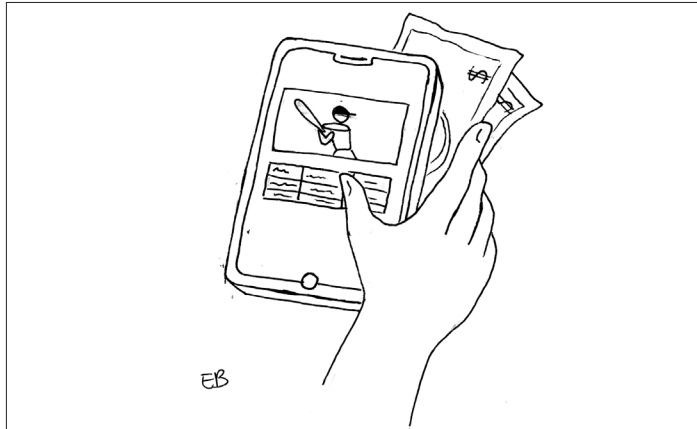
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"Freaks"  
by Jordan Clarke
- Eric Lucio**  
"Pastime Paradise"  
by Stevie Wonder
- Maddie Meis**  
"Palace"  
by ADTurnUp
- Corey Musil**  
"Silence"  
by Marshmello
- Madighan Norris**  
"Get Free"  
by Lana Del Rey
- Kale Schwien**  
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- Tavia Wynn-Coffman**  
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- Jessica Augustine**  
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## With gambling being legalized, so, too, should another activity

In September, Kansas legalized something very addictive and potentially dangerous. This "something" has been used illegally by high school students for years, and it will most likely continue to be used illegally by some minors even though it is now legal for adults. No, this "something" is not a drug; it is legalized sports betting.

While sports betting has positive aspects, it is curious why one activity that is addictive was legalized in less than two years, while another activity that is less addictive has hardly been considered. Many different measures have been proposed for marijuana to be legalized in Kansas, whether for medicinal purposes or recreational use, and in the past legislative sessions, all have been tabled or dismissed. Currently, there are three bills filtering through the legislature: one that would allow military veterans to purchase marijuana products with a medical card and two others that would decriminalize marijuana and release those convicted of marijuana-related offenses from jail. Though the House of Representatives approved medical marijuana in 2021, the Senate did not follow, and Kansas remains one of three states to deem medicinal marijuana as criminal.

Marijuana can be addictive for some people, but the American Addiction Centers does not even have marijuana in its Top 5 most addictive drugs, whereas alcohol and nicotine, both legal substances, take the third and fourth spots, respectively. Gambling is an impulse-control disorder, the most common in the country. Ironically, poor impulse control is mostly associated with teenagers because of an underdeveloped pre-frontal cortex that takes 25 years to mature, yet an activity that can become an impulse-control disorder is legal for people who are 18 years old.

Just like sports betting, marijuana legalization could have economic impacts on Kansas. One main motivation for sports betting that Gov. Laura Kelly cited was the economic stimulation. Legalized marijuana could collect even more in taxes. In 2022, Washington state collected \$515.2 million in legalized marijuana income tax and license fees. The extra funding could be used in a variety of different ways, including funding education better.

For those who are in favor of the legalization of marijuana in some form, it is looking more promising soon in Kansas; not a day goes by now when a bill is not circulating the legislature for decriminalization. With a progressive governor strongly in favor of economic development and marijuana decriminalization, the odds of Kansas catching up with the rest of the United States could become more than just a pipe dream, pun intended.

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# **LISTEN IN WITH ERIC**

## Staff member considers Rihanna's eighth album, 'ANTI,' a 'work of art'

In light of her recent Feb. 12 Super Bowl LVII halftime performance, I dove into the world of Rihanna and gave another listen to her famous album, "ANTI."

Released on Jan. 28, 2016, Rihanna unveiled her eighth studio album, which immediately became platinum after Samsung purchased one million copies to give away to customers. The album skyrocketed the charts, as it was on the Billboard 200 for 200 weeks straight. Today, the project has surpassed more than five billion streams on Spotify alone.

Rihanna starts the album with "Consideration," a song featuring SZA, which is an empowering piece with heavy drums about being free from a relationship and about doing things her way now.

The initial song is followed by a quick serenade in "James Joint," a mellow song about how she wants someone, even though they may not treat her that well. Rihanna then returns to the self-empowerment message with "Kiss It Better."

This anger-driven theme of breaking up continues throughout the rest of the album, uniquely displaying similar messages with a variety of different instruments and emotions, with some songs being aggressive and forward, such as "Needed Me," and other songs, such as "Never Ending," conveying the sadness and the pain of a breakup through softer instruments, slower tempos and lighter dynamics.

Rihanna finishes the album with a slow and melancholic song, "Close to You," ultimately stating that, even through all of the pain and the anger that this person caused her to have in the relationship and the breakup, she would still return to them, with the last lyrics of the album being, "If you let me, I'd be there by now, close to you."

With countless awards and thousands of reviews praising the album, this project rightfully has very little to criticize.

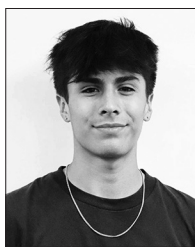
However, no album is entirely perfect; I think there are a couple forgettable songs amidst the high amount of hits, such as "Same Ol' Mistakes" and "Yeah, I Said It." While they fit the theme of the album,

they just are not on the same magnitude as the other songs on the album. I think that these could have been eliminated and instead replaced with some of the songs on the deluxe version of the album, such as, "Pose."

Among all of the brilliant songs, my favorites would have to be "Never Ending" and "Close to You." I believe that "Close to You" is one of the greatest finales to an album of all time, as it concludes all the themes conveyed throughout the project, showing off Rihanna's hypnotizing voice and ending with a beautiful and angelic piano solo.

With the very miniscule and minor changes I would make, this album is nearly flawless. "ANTI" displays every aspect of an amazing album: standout singles, various instruments and styles, a meaningful story and a perfect resolution to end her project. Each song throws something new at the listener, while still portraying the same story and fitting into the theme of the overall idea.

Even though "ANTI" is the last studio album Rihanna released and new music would be welcome from the singer, this album is a work of art and should be recognized as one of the best R&B albums of all time.



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## Newest Marvel movie has impressive parts, yet also has faults

One of the movie franchises that tends to build up a lot of hype for viewers is the Marvel series. The newest film in the series, "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania," released on Feb. 17 to enthusiastic audiences nationwide.

In "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania," the characters return to the quantum realm, a subatomic universe that exists outside space and time.

In a previous movie from the series, the Wasp's, Hope's van Dyne's, mother, Janet van Dyne, had been in the quantum realm and had met an exiled traveler, named Kang. However, she has been out of the quantum realm for a couple of years when this new movie begins.

Now, Hope is dating Scott Lang, who is known as Ant-Man and who is played by Paul Rudd, and Scott's daughter, Cassie, is now a political activist who is working on a secret invention with physicist Hank Pym that can create contact with the quantum realm.

In the course of some arguments, this device gets shut off, which inadvertently sends Ant-Man and Wasp to the quantum realm. While there, they encounter Kang again. As they are meeting new friends and exploring the terrain of the quantum realm, they are also trying to defeat Kang.

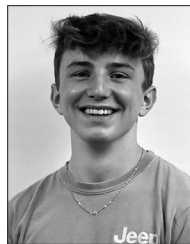
Throughout the movie, we are introduced to many new characters, such as Jentorra, Krylar and Quaz, but there are returning faces, too, one of which is a now much older Cassie, who is now ready to fight alongside her father.

Despite the numerous characters, however, I will say that the character building was a little lackluster; it felt like the movie introduced new characters every few minutes, but then, once we learned their names, we did not get much more information.

The time management of the film was also a little poor because the movie felt rushed at times; it felt like the viewer was bombarded with content without the time to process the events.

Outside of those faults, the movie had a good plotline and had beautiful cinematic shots with many action-packed combat scenes, just like in the previous two Ant-Man movies. I would compare the way this movie looked to "Avatar" and "Avatar: The Way of Water." I know those are not Marvel movies, however, I see similar effects and visuals.

If you are looking for a great movie to watch with some of your friends, I would definitely recommend "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania." With the movie's action, dialogue and shots, it will keep you entertained throughout it.



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## ESPORTS

## GAMING DAY

## Esports provide opportunities for students to play games, earn scholarships

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With technology constantly on the rise, so too is a new sport.

Electronic sports, or Esports, teams have been developing in different cities and towns, especially in those with college campuses, where some universities have even provided funding in many cases.

Fort Hays State University is one of these colleges, in which the Esports Club receives funding from the college and has its own room for its meetings and tournaments. While the FHSU team, which launched in the fall semester of 2020, used to provide scholarships for players, which ranged from \$500 to \$1,000 per school year, it does not anymore.

Although, at other colleges, students may earn scholarships to play for the sanctioned teams, with some schools recruiting skilled players.

"Recruiting in Kansas is kind of hard," Esports Club director Kevin Shaffer said. "You mostly can find people from online tournaments, but you can also find players from websites that they put their different skills on."

Many Division I universities have Esports teams, with one of the most well-known programs being Boise State University's team. This is because the university has a large broadcasting network on which it can use Esports as its content.

In Esports, players compete virtually against other college students in matches

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1. MIAMI UNIVERSITY
  2. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - IRVINE
  3. MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY
  4. UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
  5. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
  6. BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
  7. GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
  8. UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
  9. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BERKELEY
  10. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - DALLAS

Information from [www.bestcolleges.com/blog/top-college-varsity-esports-programs](http://www.bestcolleges.com/blog/top-college-varsity-esports-programs)

and tournaments in video games, such as "Call of Duty," "Fortnite," "League of Legends," "Minecraft," "Rainbow Six," "Super Smash Bros." and others.

"My favorite games are 'League of Legends' and 'Minecraft,'" Shaffer said. "I love the open-world play and the

creativity of 'Minecraft,' and I also like the team-based part of 'League of Legends.'"

In addition to competing in tournaments, the FHSU Esports Club sponsors events, such as TigerLan47, which is open to the public. TigerLan47 is a LAN, or local area network, party in which participants bring their own computers or gaming consoles, connect them to the same server and play games together. At the TigerLan47 events, the Esports Club also had drinks, food and raffle prizes.

"It was fun to play games with all of my friends," sophomore Ken Shaffer, who participated in the LAN party, said. "I had a really good time."

Although FHSU has had its Esports Club for a few years now, many colleges and even high schools are missing out on the opportunities of having Esports teams, according to Kevin Shaffer. Many times, this is because they can be difficult to run and can be costly to fund the equipment needed, like high-performance gaming computers.

However, Kevin Shaffer said he encourages students who are interested in gaming and who plan to attend FHSU to look into the Esports Club and to contact him at [kshaffer@fhsu.edu](mailto:kshaffer@fhsu.edu).

"Our club is mostly run by students," Kevin Shaffer said. "In the club, they form teams, and the teams can compete competitively. Just because you aren't in a team doesn't mean you can't join the club. It is a great opportunity to make friends and have fun."



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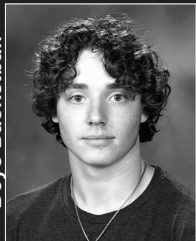
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ATHLETES  
OF THE MONTH

Boys Basketball



## senior Devin Schmidtberger

"The most important thing sports has taught me is discipline – showing up when you don't want to and putting in the work when no one else will. It's shown me that you can't reach your goals without sacrifice. My favorite memory was walking onto the court and seeing a whole school and town supporting us."

Girls Wrestling



## senior Sarah Zimmerman

"Sports have taught me that failures are just lessons and that you can find success after taking time to learn from them. My senior season is my favorite memory because I achieved all my goals and got to see the girls team grow."

## WRESTLING

## Wrestlers finish season at state tournaments

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On Feb. 22-23 and Feb. 24-25, the girls and boys wrestling teams competed at their respective 5A state tournaments, both at Hartman Arena in Park City.

For the girls, competitors included senior Sarah Zimmerman, junior Lexi Burton, sophomore Tionna Napue, sophomore Ava Ruiz, freshman Lexi Barnett and freshman Reese Vehige. Boys state qualifiers included senior Adin Flock, senior Cyrus Vajnar, junior Elijah McCullough, junior Harley Zimmerman, sophomore Boston Brungardt, sophomore Dalton Meyers and freshman Grady Lind.

For the girls, the team placed sixth with 65.5 points. Individually, Burton placed fifth, Napue finished second and Sarah Zimmerman earned first for a state championship.

"What I felt when I won was indescribable; it was just a rush of emotions," Sarah Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman started wrestling when she was 5 years old with her father and brothers, as they were also wrestlers. When she got older, wrestling became her priority in comparison to other sports in which she participated.

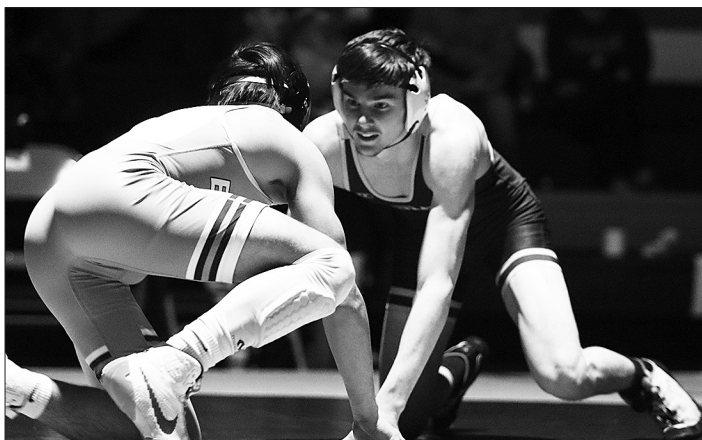


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## STATE CHAMPION

On Feb. 2, junior Harley Zimmerman wrestles an opponent during a match at Hays High School. Zimmerman won the 5A West Regional championship at 132 lbs. and claimed the 5A state title in his weight class this season.

"Winning state wasn't always a goal for me," Sarah Zimmerman said. "It wasn't until my sophomore year when I made it to the state finals that I actually wanted to win state. Up until that point, my goal was just to place at the state level and to just do the best that I could. But, once I realized I was good enough to win, it was then that being state champion became a goal of mine. So many people have been there to support me, whether it's been the ones that were there that very first practice, to the ones who were in my corner at state."

For the boys, the team finished 16th with a total of 50 points. Individually, McCullough placed sixth, and Harley Zimmerman took first for a state title also.

"Winning state has always been a goal of mine," Harley Zimmerman said. "I feel very accomplished to have won state this year. Each year, I've tried to come back even better than the previous year, always striving to win. Wrestling has taught me how to win and lose in life and how to always get back up, and I'm very appreciative of that."

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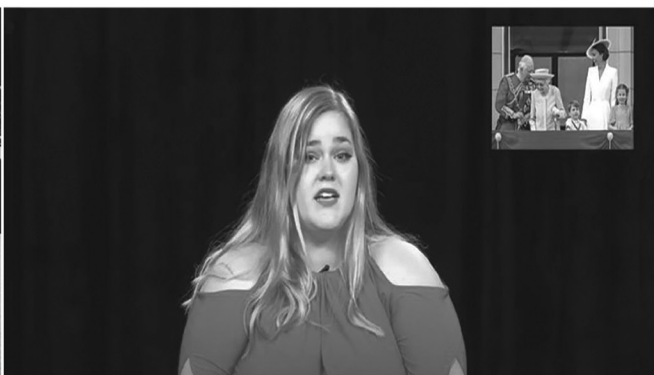
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# INTRAMURAL LEAGUE

## Students participate on recreational basketball teams

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When fall sports wrap up and colder weather takes over, many high school students – especially those not involved in winter sports – struggle to find something to occupy their time and to do to remain active; however, the Hays Recreation Commission provides an annual intramural basketball season for high school students in the community.

Starting on Jan. 2, teams were created by students from Hays High and Thomas More Prep-Marian and were coached by team members' friends, including some Hays High basketball players. This year, there were seven girls' teams and nine boys' teams in the league, which played every Monday, other than each team's two bye weeks, at HRC gym and at the 13th St. gym, so that community members could watch.

"Intramurals are good for Hays because it gets people involved in the community, and it's a fun activity to do," senior Katie Dinkel said.

After the five regular season games concluded, the teams competed in playoffs on Feb. 20, when two single-elimination tournaments were held to determine the winner of the league and the winner of the loser bracket.

While many games were facetious and fun, some games were competitive and serious. Even though games were only on Mondays, many teams practiced during the week to improve their skills so that they could have bragging rights if they won the league.

"Playing against your friends brings out the competitiveness in anyone," junior Henry Fitzthum said. "The excitement is made from the randomness that occurs: buzzer beaters, upsets and more."

Although it can be serious, the students still had fun with the league. From Instagram accounts promoting the teams to cheerleaders on the sidelines, the teams found creative ways to keep it playful.

"It doesn't have to be super competitive," Dinkel said. "My favorite part was playing with my friends and laughing at how bad we were."



Photo courtesy of the Dragon Slayers

### INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONS

After the final game in the playoff tournament, the Dragon Slayers intramural basketball team joins together to celebrate their championship win. Many students participated in intramural basketball during January and February through Hays Recreation Commission.



## Student Statistics

Have you ever bet on anything?  
(in a poll of 57 students)

40% - "Yes, but just between friends."  
12% - "Yes, with an app or elsewhere."  
15% - "No, but I've thought about it."  
12% - "No, but maybe when I'm older."  
21% - "No."



## Future Films

March 10

"Champions"  
"Luther: The Fallen Sun"  
"Scream VI"

March 11

"Bottoms"

March 14

"The Siege"

March 17

"65"  
"A Snowy Day in Oakland"  
"Boston Strangler"  
"Inside"  
"Shazam! Fury of the Gods"

March 21

"Children of the Corn"

March 24

"John Wick: Chapter 4"

March 31

"A Good Person"



## Witty Wisecracks

What do you call a fake diamond in Ireland?

A sham-rock.

Where can you always find gold on St. Patrick's Day?

In the dictionary.

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Real rocks are too heavy!

Which type of bow can't be tied in March?

A rainbow.

Why was the leprechaun trying to find gamma rays?

He wanted to look like the Hulk.

What basketball team do leprechauns cheer for?

The Celtics.

## ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



sophomore  
Karley Schlautman

What is your chosen art medium?

"My favorite medium is pencils and paper. I like to draw."

Who do you look to for inspiration?

"I research and look up surreal artists, like Salvador Dali, Vladimir Kush and Black Beans."

What got you into art?

"I got into art because my sister was an amazing artist. She used to give me art 'lessons' when I was little so I could draw like her."

What is your why?

"I create because art has a way of putting meaning, beauty and life into everything. It is the ultimate form of expression."

What is your chosen art medium?

"My favorite medium to work with is digital art. With so many different tools available on each digital art program, it allows me to create exactly what I want with ease."

What is your favorite piece that you have created?

"I don't think I have a favorite art piece! I have yet to make my magnum opus, so all my creations are loved equally due to the amount of growth in each one."

What is your why?

"I make art for various reasons. Recently, I've been getting paid to do some of my art, but the main reason I make it is because I enjoy bringing my own imagination into the real world."



senior Seth Sumaya