

District Highlights

■ EHS wrestlers place first at regionals

Several EHS wrestlers won first place during the regional meet in Chanute on February 16.

Braden Morgan (220 pounds), Seth Hackler (170 pounds), Jake Knowles (145 pounds), and Kai Wernli (160 pounds) each won first place in their weight class.

William Gomez (120 pounds) and Jett Roberts (113 pounds) each placed fourth in their weight class.

■ EHS bowlers receive All-League honors

Several EHS bowlers received AVCTL All-League honors.

Forrest Parker was named 1st Team, All-League. Morgan Bonewell and Veronica Fisher were named 2nd Team, All-League.

The boys bowling team placed fourth and the girls bowling team placed fifth at the AVCTL bowling tournament at The Alley in Wichita on February 15.

The boys bowling team placed third and qualified for state during the regional tournament at Flinthills Lanes in Emporia on February 19.

Team members include Braxton Taylor, Ian Bullock, Forrest Parker, Mahlon Hart, Tristen Rogers, and Tucker Cook.



Important Dates

March 1
Science Fair

March 2
National Read Across America Day

March 4-8
National School Breakfast Week

March 8
No School

March 10
Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 11 - 15
Spring Break
No School

EMS student places first runner-up in county spelling bee

EMS sixth grade student Kareena Bhakta won First Runner Up at the county spelling bee on February 1.

Bhakta outlasted 26 competitors and made it to the 21st round, battling one on one with a student from Andover Middle School for nine rounds before misspelling *wain-scot*. The Andover student correctly spelled the championship word of *poinsettia* to claim first place. Words spelled correctly included: *jacuzzi, muttonchops, courteous, eviscerated, dross, sultan, excise, canasta, crochet, incorruptible, hazard, quesadilla, postmortem, anchovy, and belay.*

Gretchen Ruple represented Blackmore Elementary at the bee, making it to the top ten and round six before misspelling *stucco*. Words spelled correctly included: *hibiscus, gaiters, expiation, cinnabar, and seersucker.*

Jacob Schafer, representing Grandview Elementary, misspelled *rivulets* during the first round.

Ethan Beard, representing Skelly Elementary, misspelled *haberdashery* during the first round.



EHS students job shadow local businesses

EHS students participated in Groundhog Job Shadow Day sponsored by the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce on February 4.

Thirty-five students visited 16 businesses to learn more about specific job requirements, education, and skills related to their career interest.

Samantha Morrissey and Halee Burks chose Animal Care Center because they love animals and wanted to know more about animal-related careers.

"Any opportunity to help youth explore careers in veterinary medicine or related fields, we want to take advantage of," Veterinarian Justin Parsons at Animal Care Center said.

Jaiden Utz and Mackenzie Kenney observed routine procedures and met the office cat, Clyde, at Bluestem Animal Clinic.

"I enjoy teaching and seeing the excitement in their eyes," Veterinarian Bret Koonz at Bluestem Animal Clinic said.



Students benefit from the hands-on experience they receive during the job shadowing. For some, the experience reinforces their career plans. For others, it ignites a passion for a career choice they had not previously known about or considered.

Participating businesses included: Wilson Chiropractic, El Dorado Police Department, Emergency Medi-

cal Services, El Dorado Engineering, Animal Care Center, Bluestem Animal Clinic, Via Christi, Wells Design, Inc., USD 490, TrueCare Pharmacy, SunGroup Real Estate, SERC Therapy, James Hargrove Law Firm, El Dorado Family Clinic, El Dorado Family Dentistry, and Drechsler Construction.

Blackmore second grade enters Willie Wonka's chocolate factory

Each year, second grade students at Blackmore Elementary read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. On the day Charlie enters the factory in the story, the second grade teachers transform their classrooms and hallway into a tangible version of that factory.

The walls are covered with candy made from colorful paper plates, cellophane, Styrofoam bowls, and balloons.

Each classroom door is decorated to depict one of the rooms from the chocolate factory and the activities transform STEM, science, art, and language arts lessons into a world of wonder. Mrs. Sampoll's room was the TV Room, Mrs. Pletcher's room was the Chocolate Room, and Mrs. Morris' room was the Inventing Room.

Before entering the chocolate factory, teachers review what they have already read in the story and each student is presented with a chocolate bar to see if they've won a golden ticket that will allow them to enter the chocolate factory. Mr. Wonka (portrayed by Principal Schuetz) collects the tickets at the entrance to the second grade hallway.

The day is filled with themed activities as students enjoy their day in the chocolate factory and finish reading



the book. They designed Willie Wonka's factory using toothpicks and gummy fruit slices in the Inventing Room. Students enjoyed their chocolate bars as inspiration for designing their own chocolate bar and created chocolate slime using water, hot chocolate mix and fiber powder in the Chocolate Room. The TV room featured Charlie Bingo, which is a *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*-themed bingo game.

EHS DECA team qualifies for state

Every student on the EHS DECA team placed at regionals on January 30 and qualified to compete at the state tournament.

Kinley Nielsen placed first in Principles of Marketing.

Jarin Koehler placed first in Sports and Entertainment Marketing.

Erin Wranosky and Marissa Eaton placed first in Hospitality and Tourism Team Decision Making.

Nate Walker placed second in Principles of Finance.

Cameron Clausing placed second in Food Service Management.

Chase Veatch placed second in Automotive Service Marketing.

Annalise Young and Louie Tipton placed second in Hospitality and Tourism Team Decision Making.

Ellie Tharp placed third in Principles of Marketing.

Jackson Schell placed third in Business Finance Systems.

Luke Walker placed third in Business Services Marketing.

EHS diver places at state

EHS sophomore David Kilpatrick placed sixth in diving at the state swimming/diving meet in Topeka on February 14-16.

Kilpatrick won first place in diving at the AVCTL swim meet on February 8 and 9.

Jett Roberts placed second, Dylan Wear placed third, and Travis Fisher placed fourth in diving.

The freestyle relay team of Camden Carter, Travis Fisher, Jett Roberts, and Jayden Wade placed fifth.

Kansas Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt continues to give to PIE fund

The Kansas Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt elected to donate \$500 to PIE for the Felix Alton Cantrell Jr. Fund, plus another \$500 for a sponsorship at PIE's annual Sporting Clay Shoot in September.

The Felix Alton Cantrell Jr. Fund is a special project funded by the late Jeanette Rudy of Nashville TN. While attending the hunt in 1997 Miss Rudy was asked to speak at El Dorado's Lincoln Elementary School. The warm welcome from the community and the handicapped children in her audience touched her heart. She returned next year with a promise to donate

\$500,000 for programs, improvements, and equipment in the El Dorado Schools to benefit the handicapped. PIE facilitated the donations and distribution of funds for Miss Rudy by establishing a fund in her brothers' honor. PIE continues to use these funds to offer grants to El Dorado Schools.

Learn more about the Kansas Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt at www.ksoneshot.com.

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