

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

SCHOLARS BOWL SUCCESS

Questions and answers about Burlington USD 244

It is question and answer time again. I hope you learn a little about USD 244 with this article.



Has the district ever thought about putting a turning lane in at BMS for the exit heading south from the main entrance?

Craig Marshall
USD 244
Superintendent

Yes. We did look at this as a possible

project when I first got here four years ago. There are a couple of problems with this idea. One is the busses that need more space to turn onto Cross Street. This would be a safety issue. Another issue is the space that we have with that culvert and the slope of the ditch in front of the school.

Is the state going to replace state assessments with the ACT test in high school?

No. This is something that was discussed at the state board of education level in Topeka. They decided not to do this right now. The proposal would have been for 10th grade Math and English/Language Arts and 11th grade Science. It might be a topic of conversation in the future. I believe that the state board of education made the right decision now as our focus is on all students and how to help them have success in high school and beyond. Almost all of our junior students at BHS take the ACT test so as to not close any doors in the future for them. I agree with this decision by the state board of education. The ACT isn't as

easily adaptable for special education students. Also, the ACT test focuses more on college bound students. We are about so much more than just test scores now as we focus on the specific needs of each student as some go college, some to technical schools, some to the military, and other areas after high school. As long as our students are going on to get further training after high school, that is a good thing no matter what it is.

What are the class sizes in USD 244?

Class sizes are very reasonable in USD 244. Our smallest class is 45 in second grade. Our largest class is 81 in eighth in grade. We average 18 students per classroom at BES. Our board of education and administration has tried to make sure class sizes stay reasonable. We want to make sure our staff can educate kids to the best of their abilities and give the kids the attention they need. We are fortunate to have smaller class sizes for future growth.

Did USD 244 receive a grant for restroom facilities at the BHS baseball and softball fields?

Yes, we did. Tracey Morerer, central office assistant and board clerk, and I wrote a grant to the Evan and Walter Jones Trust for \$100,000, and we just found out that we were awarded the money. The USD 244 Recreation Center board and Scot Jeffers are partnering with us on this project providing \$10,000 a year for five years to help us build the facility. We are so thankful that we have a strong relationship with the recreation center and their board to help serve kids and

activities in USD 244 and the county. We will begin planning this project very soon. The restroom facilities have been a need ever since the baseball and softball fields were built. We often get terrific compliments on our fields, but we hear about not having restroom facilities close to the fields. This has been something that our board of education has heard about from our citizens, and they have asked me to make this happen. We now will be able to turn this dream into a reality.

What did USD 244 do for our in-service on February 17?

We had a training for safety and security focusing on ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) for all of our staff. John Calvert, KSDE school safety specialist, partnered with our local law enforcement in Coffey County and Burlington to put together scenarios to practice in the case of a school emergency. I can't thank our 1st responders in Coffey County enough for their service to our community. The training was very beneficial for everyone involved. We hope we never have to use these strategies, but we are better prepared if we do.

I continue to feel so blessed to be your superintendent of schools in Burlington. I am so fortunate to serve this community and continue to try and help improve all aspects of our school system working with our board members, staff, and city/county officials. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cmarshall@usd244ks.org or call me at 620-364-8478 EXT. 3040. GO CATS!
#Bton244OnTheGrow



Photo submitted

The Burlington High School scholars bowl team finished as Class 3A regional runners up, earning a trip to state Feb. 15 in Wichita. There, they were unable to advance to finals. Members of the state qualifying team are, from left, Molly Servaes, Seth Jarvis, Sierra Haddock, Jacob Dugar and Emma Yunk. The team is coached by BHS instructor Gayle Haselhuhn.

Gregersen completes doctoral study

LAWRENCE — Dr. Sabrina Gregersen, Valedictorian for the LeRoy High School class of 2001, was recently awarded a PhD when she successfully defended her dissertation titled, "Integrating Attention Network Theory and the Dual Process Model of Avoidance," Monday, Feb. 17, thus completing her doctorate studies. Her research studies the differences in attention and emotion, hemispheric differences of emotions, and the cognitive and neural aspects of adult attachment style. After completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Kansas in 2010, earning her Bachelors in Psychology, Gregersen moved to

Colorado Springs where she earned her Master of Arts in Psychological Science in 2013 from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. She then returned to Lawrence to complete her doctorate at KU.

Gregersen is the daughter of Rob and Teresa Gregersen and granddaughter of Wilma

and Viktor Morrison and Dorothy and Gene Gregersen. She is working as an Associate Researcher for the University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences in the Department of Psychology. She lives in Lawrence with her husband, Paul Szpyrka, and their two young sons.

ESU recognizes students for honors

EMPORIA — Emporia State University congratulates the nearly 800 undergraduates named to the university honor roll and dean's lists for fall 2019.

Students from this area include:

Burlington — Julia Gilman, university honor roll; Grant Shell, university honor roll; Aliyah Shetler, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list; Kirsten Young, university honor roll and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list.

Gridley — Benjamin Beyer, university honor roll.

Hartford — Alice Preeo, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list.

Lebo — Krista Charboneau, university honor roll; Haley Crupper, university honor roll and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list; Hudson Doudna, university honor roll and School of Business dean's list; Elvia Gomez, university honor roll and School of Business dean's list; Briana Gould, university honor roll and School of Business dean's list; Haley Jones, university honor roll; Samantha Proehl, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list; Devon Swartz, university honor roll.

New Strawn — Aaron Dees, university honor roll and The Teachers College dean's list.

Waverly FBLA earns awards

District FBLA competition was held Jan. 29 at Emporia State University where approximately 500 students competed from schools ranging from 1A to 6A. Waverly High School District VII FBLA competition winners who placed in the top 10 are eligible to compete in the state competition to be held in Topeka in March. The following students from Waverly won awards:

Christian Decker, word processing, first; advertising, second; help desk performance, second; help desk performance, 10th; health care administration, sixth.

Megan Foster, networking concepts, fourth.

Isabel Griffith, sales presentation, third; introduction to FBLA, 10th.

Samantha Hughes, sales presentation, fifth; advertising, ninth.

Jolon Lacey, networking concepts, fifth.

Michael Lehman, public speaking, 10th.

Sara McWilliams, securities and investments, eighth; business law, ninth.

Chloe Meehan, introduction to FBLA, fifth.

Olivia Mitchell, accounting

I, fourth; accounting II, second; help desk performance, seventh.

Logan Pyle, business communications, fourth; health care administration, fourth; accounting I, eighth.

Bonnie Romig, introduction to public speaking, seventh.

Kaylynn Vogts, public speaking, sixth.

The following placed in TEAM events: Ian Gaddis, Damian Foster and Blake Wilson - sports and entertainment management performance, fourth; Olivia Mitchell, banking and financial systems performance, third, and management decision making written test, eighth;

Logan Pyle and Lanie Patterson, banking and financial systems written test, third, and management decision making performance, sixth;

Sara McWilliams and Macy Fairchild, entrepreneurship performance, seventh; Kaylynn Vogts, entrepreneurship written test, 10th; Christian Decker and Jolon Lacey, marketing performance, first;

Lanie Patterson, marketing written test, third; and Chloe Meehan and Bonnie Romig, marketing performance, sixth.

Holt chosen as KU University Scholar

LAWRENCE — The 39th class of University Scholars and their faculty mentors were recently recognized at a banquet at the University of Kansas. Of the University Scholars chosen, 19 were from Kansas, with one of those being from Waverly. Kali Holt, Waverly was chosen as a scholar. She is majoring in molecular, cellular and developmental biology and was mentored by Joanna Slusky,

molecular biosciences.

Competitively selected from KU's sophomore class, University Scholars earned their distinction through rigorous academic achievement, intellectual promise, curiosity and leadership. Scholars receive a \$1,500 scholarship and are assigned a faculty mentor to support the development of their academic interests and engagement with research.

How were Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac involved in the housing crises?

In recent months, the nation's two largest mortgage finance lenders have come under increasing scrutiny at the hands of Congress, the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Federal National Mortgage Association, nicknamed Fannie Mae, and the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation, nicknamed Freddie Mac, have operated since 1968 as government sponsored enterprises (GSEs). This means that, although the two companies are privately owned and operated by shareholders, they are protected financially by the support of the Federal Government. These government protections include access to a line of credit through the U.S. Treasury, exemption from state and local income taxes and exemption from SEC oversight. A few years ago scandal at Freddie Mac resulted in the replacement of three of the company's top executives and led to mounting concerns over the privileged status these GSEs enjoy in the marketplace. They are still being investigated, and more changes may come in the near future.



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