



# THE EAGLE CHRONICLES

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## OWL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED AT CHS

This school year, Crossett High School implemented the OWL program. The OWL program is a program that is funded by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS). Cynthia Bullard, a representative from ARS, visits Crossett High School twice every month to help with post secondary schools/ training options. The first semester Crossett started out with 10 students in the program. Mrs. Culpepper's students performed jobs in the media center, cafeteria and custodial work in the building. Mrs. O'Neal's students participated by cleaning in various classrooms throughout the building. Her students also participated in a recycling program. Both teachers have witnessed positive effects from the program with participating students. These students are loyal, punctual, and enjoy learning their jobs to perform all duties expected of them. Additionally, the OWL program has been a step in the right direction to promote independence of Special Education students for post secondary options after high school. Since the students have received their first paycheck, several have opened up bank accounts with the support of local banks. This will help them build more skills for balancing



checkbooks, want versus need purchases, how to file taxes, and many more skills that are needed after high school. For those students that want to further their education, the OWL program will guide these very students into post high school programs. Crossett High School Special Education students established an entrepreneurship business with the help of art students. This business allowed students to serve coffee/ hot chocolate from mobile carts (Hospitality Cart & Crossett Cafe Cart) around the school. These students built confidence while learning to take turns, making eye contact with people, how to communicate with people, and how to count money. They really enjoyed selling coffee to the teachers and administrators in the building. Six of the students pushing carts around the school called

themselves the "Green Men", and it stuck. You can see the carts on Wednesdays and the students really appreciate the staff that have supported this group. The OWL program has been a positive move for Crossett High School. The students have really improved their skills since the first day of starting the OWL program. Several local businesses have shown interest in our students, because the OWL program actually funds work/ training hours up to 20 hours per week. Our students have interests in working in the local fire department, Georgia Pacific, bowling alley and Daylight Donuts shop, who actually donated pastries to the carts this semester. The OWL program is on its early legs here at Crossett High School and is really turning out to be a positive impact on the students and local community.

Information Provided By: Mrs. Donna Culpepper, CHS

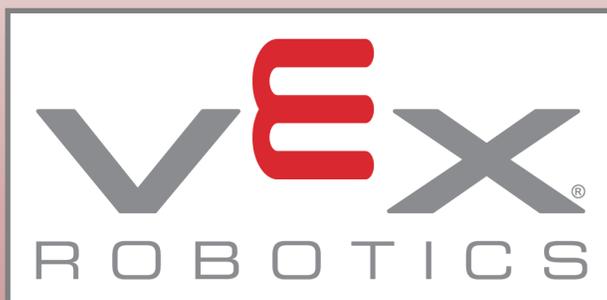




## CMS ROBOTICS TAKES ON THE WORLD

With the 2019 State Championship in the books, all three teams scored their highest skill scores of the season! 6th grade and 7th grade were chosen for interviews with the judges for their Engineering Notebook. The 5th grade team went from scoring single digits at their first competition this season to scoring in the mid 20s. Out of 121 teams in Arkansas, 5th grade came in 24th, 6th grade at 16th place and 7th grade placed 5th in Skills! In teamwork, out of the 38 teams that competed in the State Championship, 5th grade finished 16th, 6th grade finished 10th, and 7th grade finished 4th! WORLD Skills standings: out of 3,074 teams, 5th grade placed 879, 6th grade placed 605, and 7th grade placed 133! All of those standings are impressive! With all of this said, they did not come home empty handed! The 7th grade team won the Design Award and they will advance to the World Championship in Louisville, KY! Their Engineering Notebook and original robot design are AMAZING!

Information Provided By: Ms. Melissa Martar, CMS



# Crosssett Students participate in Special Olympics



CMS and CHS students participated in a bowling tournament for the Special Olympics on October 30th, 2018. We had 4 CMS students receive Gold , 2 received Silver and 1 received Bronze. At CHS, we had 3 students receive Gold, 2 students received Silver and 1 student received Bronze. Gold was for 1st, Silver for 2nd and Bronze for 3rd. In all, 13 students attended and participated between the two schools. Accompanying them were their teachers, Mrs. Belinda Neel and Mrs. Cheryl O’Neal.

Information Submitted By Mrs. Melissa Maggio

## **CHS FFA Students Receive Honors and Awards, Compete in Convention**

- Danni Dolan competed in Prepared Public Speaking at the 92 Arkansas State FFA Convention.
- Jacob Gregorio, Haley Myers and Anna Rice received their State FFA Degrees, Only about 5% of members obtain this award.
- The Crosssett Chapter received awards for Affiliation - Curriculum & Leadership, National Chapter Award, and Food, Fiber & Shelter for collecting and donating 600 can food items for the local food bank.. William Blankenship served as a Courtesy Corp member, which worked behind the scenes helping the convention run smoothly. This year we had a new attendance record set at over 2700.



Information Submitted By: Mr. Sammy Cox, CHS



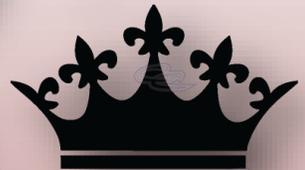
# CHS Prom King and Queen

April 12, 2019, will be a night that Johnathan Hall and Anna Rice will not forget. Both of these students were crowned King and Queen of their Senior prom at Crossett High School. Johnathan and Anna are both in the OWL program at CHS. This year has been an amazing year for them during their senior year. Earlier in the year, Anna was voted to be on the homecoming court. Crossett High School will miss them both next year as they go on with future goals in life. Johnathan worked in the school media center and was a Green Man servicing on the Hospitality Cart. Anna worked at the veterinarian clinic in town, Oak Tree Animal Hospital. We want to wish them good luck in their future.

Submitted By: Mrs. Donna Culpepper, CHS



King



Queen

# CHS Journalism Student Articles

## **The Hunger Banquet** By: Zeke Hopper

Crossett FFA chapter sponsored a hunger banquet on November 13, 2018. The event was held in the Crossett High School cafeteria. The banquet was held to show people that there is hunger in the world. This was an impact event in cooperation with Oxfam.

Participants were invited to attend a meal where they would learn about hunger and poverty. Each guest drew a ticket that placed them in one of three groups, and the group they drew determined what they were served as a meal. One group was only served rice and water. Another group was served rice, beans and tea, and male guests were allowed to eat before the women. The highest income level group were served salad, a full meal including rice, beans and chicken casserole, and dessert. They were served by the FFA officers.

Many school personnel and community members attended the event. Brooke Clanton from the Arkansas Agriculture Department served as the master of ceremonies. Mrs. Samantha Person said, "I enjoyed learning about the different environments around the world." Mrs. Joanna Lockwood said, "I didn't realize there was so much poverty still in the world." Those who attended were shown that there are hungry people remaining in our world.



CHS Journalism Students write their own stories and submit them to the Ashley News Observer weekly. Ms. Kristi Clanton, Journalism Teacher, said the students have worked on numerous stories of events happening around CHS this school year.

## **Teacher Cadets Read at Hastings** By: Rachel Junior

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, the Crossett High School Teacher Cadet class read their self written stories to the students at Hastings School. "Be Special Kitty" and "Leroy The Ugly Pumpkin and The Old Pumpkin Patch" were some of the stories that the class read. Teacher Cadet students have prepared their books for the past two months. Not only did they write the stories, they illustrated the stories as well. "It was a great experience for the kids, they were really interested in all of the books!," says Teacher Cadet Shelby Powell. April Adams teaches the Teacher Cadet class.



## **Looking Back on CHS**

By: Sydney Wells

During the move to the new high school, old pictures were found from previous yearbook classes dating back to the 80's. Judy McCay, Crossett High School ISS teacher, found the old photographs in a small closet on the back hallway. These photos have been untouched and forgotten for years. They are now with Kristi Clanton, Crossett High School journalism, yearbook, and JAG teacher. Ms. Clanton has decided to give the responsibility of sorting and organizing the old pictures to her yearbook staff. Some of the old photographs will be featured in the 2018-2019 CHS yearbook. By featuring some of these photographs in the yearbook, it will give a little bit of nostalgia and history to the old CHS. "I was so excited about getting these pictures because I love old photographs and history" says Ms. Clanton. This is just one example of how much history comes with moving to a new building. Even though the old CHS will forever be some of the best years of many students and alumni, all good things must come to an end.

# FUTURE CNA'S

By: Amari Williams

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes have been offered at Crossett High School (CHS) for 17 years. The CNA course is a concurrent credit course through the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM-CTC). Students are able to go into long term care facilities and interact with the community and use their skills learned in the classroom to be in practical use in a clinical setting.

Before you're able to take the CNA class, you have to go through three other medical classes offered at CHS that teach you the basics in the medical field such as medical abbreviations. Mrs. Janelle Harper is the CNA teacher at Crossett High School. She is a retired nurse, she is currently teaching medical classes at UAM CTC, and is the HOSA sponsor. Mrs. Harper explained that "she likes the flexibility of how she can teach the CNA classes without state standards like the rest of her medical classes." She also explained that "It's a culmination of all the medical classes at CHS."

Hundreds of students have taken this CNA class at CHS and received their CNA license. There is always at least one former student that returns every year explaining to Mrs. Harper how her medical class helped them because they've already been taught the material. Males and females who have completed the class have received degrees as RNs, CNAs, physical therapists, occupational therapists, dental hygienists, respiratory therapists and doctors.



# FCCLA STAR Events

By: Lynsy Foreman

On November 8, 2018, FCCLA members went to Cabot, Arkansas, to compete in STAR events. Senior, Titus Warren placed 3rd in Career Investigation. Juniors, Treyveon Chatman and Fredreunna Scott placed 2nd in Entrepreneurship, which advanced them to the state competition. Samone Scott and Anastasia Caldwell placed second in Interior Design which also advanced them to state contest. Taniya Hollins and Desmond Williams competed in Focus on Children. India Luckey competed in Recycle and Redesign. The FCCLA members who advanced to state will be going to Conway, Arkansas for competition in February. The FCCLA advisor is Brandy Thomas.

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## CHS Student's Skull-Mounting Business

By: Victoria Porter

A Crossett High School student manages his own skull-mounting business. Senior Bryce Sanders says he has been mounting deer skulls for two years now.

Sanders says he first started his business in September 2016 "to learn how to mount skulls and earn job experience." He also clarifies that his business is located at his house.

Sanders explained that he was encouraged by his father who told him about other people mounting skulls. Sanders goes into detail about his prices saying "I charge \$75 to do the skull and \$100 if the customer wants their skull bleached or clear coated."

# CHS Journalism Student Articles

## Found! Old CHS Newspaper Clips Dating back to the 1930's

By: Sydney Wells

While making the big move to the new Crossett High School, old and forgotten school newspapers were discovered. They were newspapers published by the school's journalism class over the years. The oldest document found was from September 30, 1938, and others dating back to the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's.

"These are very important documents and will be stored in the central office vault for safekeeping" says Ms. Kristi Clanton. The newspapers were well preserved, bound in wooden folders and plastic sleeves.

An interesting fact about the earliest newspapers is there are no pictures, only drawings. There was a sports section, a section for clubs and events and/or projects, and even an elementary news section. There were also small business ads that were drawn in the corners of some pages. There were many articles about the students themselves such as new students and where they came from and how they felt about coming to CHS and students who won awards.

Over the years Crossett High School has done well to preserve these old documents and keep the history of CHS alive.



## Socktober! By: Amari Williams

Crossett High School (CHS) Beta Club hosted SOCKTOBER this past October. Everyone was encouraged to help the residents of Our House, a homeless shelter in Little Rock, AR, by donating new socks, underwear (adult and children), deodorant, and washcloths. Donating a pair of socks can make a drastic difference in the lives of people. The deadline was October 3rd and the drop off location was in a donation box beside the office.

Socktober began in October 2011, when Brad Montague realized there was a large homeless population in his hometown, and he wanted to do something about it. He learned that socks are the items least donated to homeless shelters. He began by filming himself wishing people "Happy Socktober!" as he gave out pairs of socks on the streets.

This is one of many community service projects that CHS Beta Club members participate in. To become a Beta Club member, you must have a 3.0 and meet the other requirements by our sponsor, Miss Kristin Morris.



## Career Fair By: Victoria Porter

Crossett  
hosted the  
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February  
were



High School (CHS)  
third annual career  
Wednesday,  
27th, 2019. There  
approximately 45

speakers who spoke to the students about their careers and what their job consisted of.

Prior to the fair, the students had chosen five careers that they were interested in learning about. Speakers included information about their careers such as wages, hours, required education, and even some of their own personal experiences on the job.

Speakers ranged all the way from surgeons with advanced education to construction workers with very little educational training outside of a high school diploma.

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## Social Media Class Blogs

By: Lynsy Foreman

At Crossett High School, Ms. Kristi Clanton's Social Media & Communications students have created and written blog posts on Wordpress.com. They each have their own blog, chosen by their personal interests.

When asked where the idea came from, Ms. Kristi said "My daughter had a blog when she was in college in a communications class, and she works in communications now and has managed blogs for the agencies that she has worked for. It is a definite career skill for the future."

The students each have their own individual blog account and have their own themes that they write about. Senior Sydney Campbell has a blog account that is dedicated to clinicals which she experienced in her medical classes. She writes about what she does during clinicals and how it helps her towards her future career.

Sydney says "I enjoy creating blog posts because it's a great way to increase my writing skills and it's actually really fun."

Ms. Kristi chose to do this activity "As an avenue of social media that most students are not aware of, that has a large following of people and can be used to make money or as a career skill in the future."



## The Green Men

By: Rachel Junior

The Crossett High School Special Education students have started a coffee business. Mrs. Donna Culpepper is the advisor over the program. This business allows the students to sell coffee and hot chocolate to teachers in the morning before school starts. The coffee is \$1.00 a cup and they only sell to school staff. The program is a way for the students to become more social in school.

The business started in October with just four students participating and has grown to over ten students. "I feel the coffee selling is going really good and we do it so the teachers won't be tired in the mornings." says Neel Childress.

Literacy teacher, Mrs. Alicia Mann, says "I like the hot chocolate. The students were very professional, and it's a great way to start the morning!"

Other programs have been involved in getting "The Green Men" up and running. Danni Dolan painted the sign for the cart in her art class. The JAG program designed and created "The Green Men" shirts. EAST is in the process of creating coffee cards for the coffee cart.





## New Teacher, Jill Ferrell

By: Marissa Frisby

Ms. Jill Ferrell has been teaching for ten years but this her first year teaching at CHS. She teaches biology and chemistry. She says that her goals for her classes at CHS include "ACT Aspire 10th grade science scores to be at the state and national averages." She has a bachelors degree in Agri Business and Masters of Arts in Teaching from UAM.

She says, "I have loved teaching here. Everyone is very nice and helpful. The students are awesome!" She says that she came to Crossett High so she could concentrate on teaching fewer subjects.

She is from Johnsville, AR. She has three kids; Kaileigh, Cash, and Jett. Her hobbies are canoeing, playing golf, watching her kids play sports, and watching Netflix.



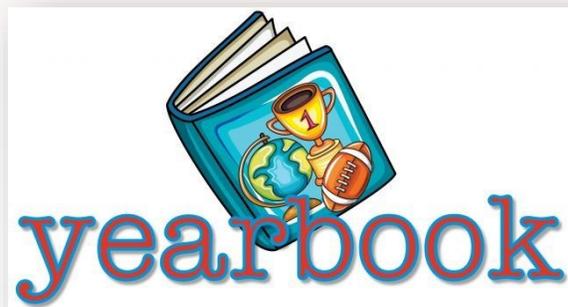
## New Teacher, Kristi Clanton

By: Marissa Frisby

Kristi Clanton is a new addition to the Crossett High School staff for the 2018-2019 school year. She teaches Social Media and Journalism classes. Also, she is the JAG specialist and the yearbook advisor.

She has ten years of teaching experience. Ms. Kristi says " I am really enjoying Crossett High School and School District. All of the other employees and administration have been so welcoming to me. I appreciate all of the support from the community as well." Ms. Kristi states that her goals for CHS are to "Grow the JAG program, create a professional, creative yearbook, and prepare my students for college and careers in their future."

She has a Bachelor's Degree in Agri Business from Southern Arkansas University and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Henderson State University. Ms. Kristi is from Hermitage, Arkansas and has two children, Brooke and Samantha. Ms. Kristi is engaged to Levi McDuff. She enjoys college football, cooking, photography, and traveling.

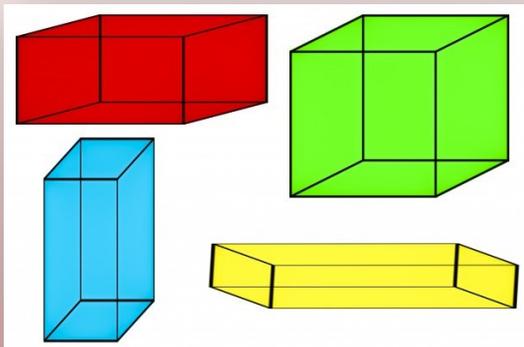


## New Teacher Zach Harrison

By: Marissa Frisby

Zach Harrison is a first year teacher at Crossett High School. He teaches Geometry and Algebra II. He says that his goal is "To provide a positive learning environment and educational experience to students." He has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry with a minor in Physics from Henderson State University, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He says that "I like Crossett quite a bit, as a school and as a community."

He is from Clarksville, Arkansas. He has three children, Happy, who is four, a three year old named Madison, and a one year old named Heath. He likes to play Fortnite, Chess, Trivia, and watch Star Trek. His wife's name is Jessica and she is attending college at University of Arkansas at Monticello. She is studying Accounting. She is also from Clarksville, AR.



# CMS Beta Club Succeeds at BetaCon '19



## CMS Archers Soaring High

The Crossett Middle School Eagles archers won 1st place at Region 12 competition at Drew Central on February 9th, 2019. This qualified them for the state tournament that was held in Hot Springs on March 1st. At the state AASP held in Hot Springs on March 1st, J.J. Knighton placed 4th in the state for middle school boys. This qualified him for a position at the national competition in Kentucky in May.

Information Provided By: Mrs. Lynn Parker, CMS



## TEACHER SUCCESS

This past January, Heather Burford, one of our Speech Language Pathologists, passed her exam to receive her Certified Academic Language Therapy (CALT) certification. This certifies her to provide language therapy to students who show characteristics of dyslexia. This is a national certification through the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA). Mrs. Burford, along with Mrs. Kaleigh Griffis, both have the Dyslexia Therapist certification that has been added to their teaching licenses. They both had to complete two years of workshops through the Co-Op in Monticello and they had to submit 15-20 videos to display their competencies and show their skill level.

Submitted By: Mrs. Kaleigh Griffis, CES

# Pre-K Students Celebrate!



Students in Pre-K at Crossett Learning Center have celebrated a lot of events this year! They had a Veteran's Day breakfast to honor those who have served our great country. They also went Christmas Caroling at First National Bank (now Century Next) and at the Crossett School Administration Office, as well, to celebrate the Christmas Season. They learned about fire safety and took a trip to the fire station! They celebrated 100 Days of School and Donuts for Dad in January. They also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday during Dr. Seuss Week. During April, the students participated in the St. Jude Trike-a-Thon and had an Earth Day celebration with Amanda Wilkerson from the Felsenthal Wildlife Refuge.

Pictures Submitted By: Mrs. Karen Allen, CLC





# Crossett Elementary Adventures

The Crossett Elementary School Leadership team participated in many projects this school year, one being collecting donations for the Crossett Pound. The students collected items like dog and cat food, treats, bedding, toys, etc. to be donated to the local Crossett Pound, who houses animals in our community who are homeless.



Mrs. Boykin's Fourth grade students presented at the School Board Meeting in November, demonstrating orally and with video presentations, how the brain works and signs of a concussion. This study is part of Project Lead the Way.

In October, CES students celebrated Red Ribbon Week and pledged to be DRUG FREE!



CES Fall Festival Fun!

## 2nd Grade Library Trip for Read Across America Week



First graders learning about animal adaptations in Project Lead The Way.



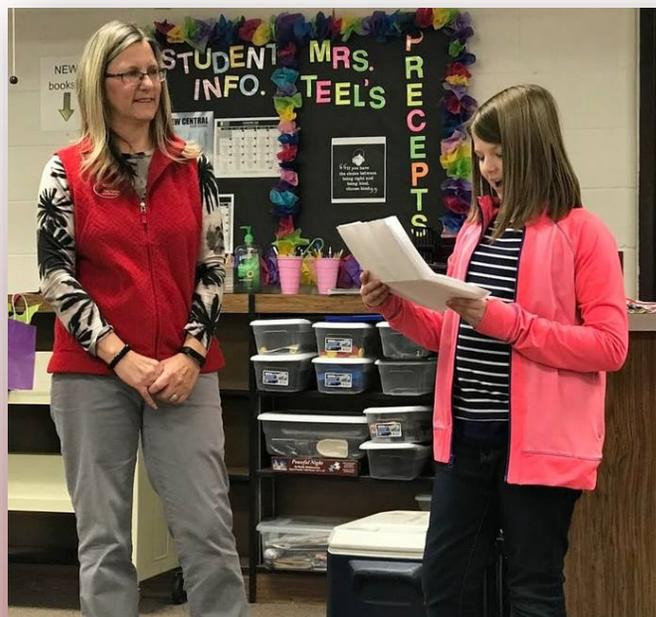
**Pictures and information are from the CES Facebook page.**

## Crossett Elementary Egg Hunt



Congratulations to Katelyn Richards for winning first place in the SEARK Reading Council's Why I Love Arkansas Young Writer's Contest. Katelyn was honored at the SEARK meeting in Monticello. Katelyn is a 4th grader in Mrs. Shada Hamilton's class, and her winning essay was entitled, "The Crescent Hotel Experience".

Information & Picture from CES Facebook Page



# Transition...Old to New



This school year, the students, faculty and staff of Crossett High School made a major transition by moving from the old Crossett High School building to the newly constructed Crossett High School building. The old CHS was constructed in 1960 and was in use until November, 2018. Construction on the new CHS began in 2017 and will be completed this year, as the parking lot is completed this month. Demolition of the old CHS building had to be complete to finish the parking lot. Students, faculty and staff have all stated how proud they are of the new school!

By: Whitney Farmer

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