



Lights, Camera, Prom!

By Elizabeth Downey
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House Schools students gathered in the school auditorium for prom night on Friday, April 17. Eighth graders through seniors came together to celebrate a Hollywood-themed evening filled with music, dancing, and time with friends. Students arrived dressed in formal attire, creating a red-carpet atmosphere that made the night feel special and different from a typical school day. Many spent the evening taking pictures, enjoying the decorations, and making memories with their classmates. Senior Maddie Kenyon shared that she enjoyed prom night and the unique elements that made it memorable. “I was really happy to get the dynamic duo and most dramatic Oscar

award,” she said. “I think it was a really funny twist and a great way to go out.” Freshman Kyle Parmer also recapped the highlights of his night, saying, “I’d say my favorite part was hanging out with my friends and dancing.” The combination of music, awards, and time with friends made the night enjoyable for students across all grade levels. Journalism teacher, Kaylee Smith, was in attendance and shared that she was pleased with how the evening went. “I think overall it was very successful and the students seemed like they had fun,” she said. Junior sponsor, Jazmin Regalado, agreed, adding, “I think it turned out pretty good. I think the kids had a lot of

fun.” Overall, prom night gave students the opportunity to celebrate together and enjoy one of the final events of the school year.



House students participating in prom night, dancing and celebrating a Hollywood-themed evening.



SAT Prep Day – p. 2
House High School juniors attended an SAT prep day in Fort Sumner where they learned test-taking and time management strategies. Students said the experience helped them feel more prepared for the test, and House Schools appreciates Fort Sumner for hosting.



Voices of House Schools – p.2
Voices of House Schools gives students the chance to share their thoughts, creativity, and school spirit through writing and storytelling. The publication celebrates student perspectives, achievements, and the events that make House Schools such a close-knit and vibrant community.

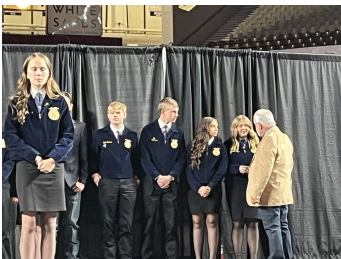
House FFA Members Compete at State CDE

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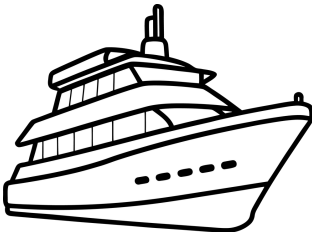
From March 9th to the 13th, the State FFA Career Development Events took place, and several House students had the opportunity to compete and attend the contest. Senior Maddie Kenyon shared that one of the most memorable moments was placing third in wool judging. She said the experience meant even more when their advisor shared that the judge complimented both her and Elizabeth on their reasons. When asked about connections, Maddie explained that she was able to see many friends from across the state. She described the overall experience in one word: “bittersweet.”

Cade also reflected on his time at the convention. He said his contests went well and that he learned a lot from the experience. One of the highlights for him was the welding workshop on the second day, which included a lot of hands-on projects. When asked to describe the convention in one word, he chose “super.” Leo had a slightly different experience but still found the event memorable. He described the overall convention as “chaotic.” As for the SUV ride, Leo joked that he slept through the entire trip. Overall, the State FFA CDE Competition gave students the chance to

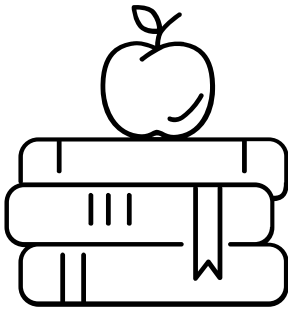
compete, learn new skills, and connect with others from across New Mexico. Congratulations to all the House students who participated.



House FFA members participating in the State Convention, competing and representing their school with pride.



Senior Trip – p. 3
The Class of 2026 went on a 7-day cruise to Honduras and Mexico, where they made memories, explored new places, and had a lot of fun together. Seniors said their favorite parts included the food, beaches, and time spent with friends.



A Heart That Defied the Odds – p. 4
Mr. Cadenhead is known for keeping things real, from the classroom to working with his animals out in the country. After discovering he had a hole in his heart, he chose treatment over surgery and still went on to play college basketball, beating the odds.

EDITORIAL

House High School Juniors Attend SAT Preparation Day

By Maddie Kenyon
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House High School juniors recently attended an SAT preparation day in Fort Sumner. The event was designed to help students from both Fort Sumner and House High Schools improve their test-taking and time management skills.

Jo Ellen Sieck, House High School English teacher, said the day was an amazing way for students to prepare. “The day was super interactive, and you could fully immerse yourself in the learning environment,” she said.

Sieck explained that students learned strategies to find the right answers more quickly. “They learned that the questions come first. They looked to see exactly what the question was asking in order to find the answer,” she said. “They had every opportunity available to study fully.” She also added that Fort Sumner did a great job hosting the event.

Junior Jalen Shaw said students learned a lot from the experience. “We learned test-taking

strategies, time management skills, and that you can read the answers before the passage so you know what to look for,” Shaw said. He explained that the experience helped him feel more prepared for test day. “I feel like it helped me prepare, and if I didn’t have that practice day and packet, I wouldn’t have done as well as I did,” he said. Overall, the SAT Prep Day was well received by students and staff.



House juniors participating in SAT Prep Day at Fort Sumner, building skills and preparing for test day.



VOICES OF HOUSE SCHOOLS

- What is something that surprised you this year?

“How close I got with Cade.”
Jalen, 11th
- What is something you wish you did differently?

“Graduate Earlier.”
Valeria, 12th
- What are you most excited for this summer?

“The Pool.”
Howard, 6th
- If you could give next year’s students one piece of advice, what would it be?

“Check your work.”
Davín, 3rd

Students Share Summer Plans

By Annabelle Wooldridge
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As the school year comes to an end, House Municipal Schools students are looking forward to a summer filled with work, travel, and time with friends. Senior Cade Lee said he plans to spend his summer making money, roping, and working on hobbies, and is most excited about building stronger bonds with his friends. 8th Grader Adela Armendariz shared that

she will be taking care of sheep and possibly traveling to Corpus Christi or another fishing spot, while 9th Grader Maria Lopez is looking forward to having fun and trying new things. Junior Adam Jimenez said he plans to stay busy with work, swimming, camp, and attending state convention, and is especially excited to go to camp where he can spend

time with friends. Students also shared goals they hope to accomplish before summer ends. Cade hopes to decide where he will go to college, while Adela wants to catch up on sleep. Maria plans to visit three new places, and Adam said his goal is to get fit. When describing their perfect summer day, students mentioned a mix of

relaxing and active plans, including swimming, spending time with friends, working, and ending the day with a bonfire or BBQ. Overall, students described their summers as fun, exciting, adventurous, and relaxing as they look forward to making the most of their break.

House High Seniors Set Sail on Unforgettable Trip

By Kaliah Quintana
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The 2026 seniors went on a 7-day cruise to Roatan, Honduras; Costa Maya, Mexico, and Cozumel; Mexico. The trip was a lot of fun, and students said they gained new experiences and enjoyed every minute of it. Maddie said she “gained a ton of new experiences” and had a great time exploring. Cade said his favorite part was the food, since it

tasted good and was free, so he could eat as much as he wanted. On the first day, many of the seniors relaxed, explored the ship, and spent time hanging out together. Some of the funniest and most memorable moments came from the group’s time together. One funny moment was when Valeria had to run back to her room to make curfew, and she

said she wishes she could relive the trip again. Aimee said she ate a lot of food, didn’t sleep much, made new friends, and enjoyed shopping in Mexico. Cade said one moment he will never forget was sitting on the beach and relaxing. Overall, the seniors had a memorable trip filled with fun, laughter, and experiences they will not forget.



All House seniors together on the cruise ship, making memories on their senior trip.

House Track Season Comes to a Close

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House track is coming to an end with eight students competing this season. Overall, the team showed strong effort and improvement at each meet. Athletes had the opportunity to grow their skills, compete against other schools, and represent House in a positive way. Throughout the season, students continued to push themselves and gain experience that will help them in future competitions. Two high school athletes will be advancing to the state competition. Senior Cade Lee and Junior Jalen Shaw qualified in the events pole vault, long jump, 100 m, 200m, and 400 m after working hard all season.

Their dedication during both practices and meets helped them earn a spot at state. “My primary goal for this season is to win state,” Lee said. Competing at state is a big accomplishment, and both athletes are looking forward to representing House and doing their best. Two ninth graders, Elizabeth Downey and Maria Lopez, competed in discus and javelin. Both athletes showed improvement as the season went on and continued to build their confidence in their events. When asked what her event title would be if it had a name, Elizabeth replied, “the toothpick throw,” showing her sense

of humor. Maria shared her thoughts on her favorite event, saying, “If I had to pick a favorite, it would be discus.” Their hard work and positive attitudes helped them grow throughout the season. Eighth grader Adela Armendariz also reflected on her experience this year. “I felt track was pretty fun. I got to meet people from other schools and hope to improve in areas like endurance and weight lifting,” she said. Overall, the House track season was filled with growth, effort, and memorable moments. Whether athletes qualified for state or simply improved their

personal performance, each student contributed to the team in their own way. As the season comes to a close, the team can look back on their hard work and look ahead to even more success in the future.



A Heart That Defied the Odds

By Kaylee Smith
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Mr. Cadenhead is the kind of teacher who keeps things real. When he’s not in the classroom, he’s out at his place in the country taking care of his animals, including 4 cows, a horse, and 8 goats. Back in high school, he was a full-on athlete, playing football, basketball, and running track all four years. One of the craziest things about him is that he was once on national TV in Russia after playing basketball in Africa. If he wasn’t teaching, he’d be ranching, which fits

him perfectly since he loves being out in nature. One of the biggest moments that shaped his life was finding out he had a hole in his heart. He chose medication over a risky surgery, and not only did it work, but he still got to play college basketball, which even surprised doctors. His college coach had a big impact on him and helped shape his straightforward attitude. His family says he’s very black and white, meaning what he says, he means, and he can’t

stand when people lie. Even with that, his grandkids would tell you he’s always messing with them and making them laugh. At the end of the day, he just hopes students remember how he made history feel real and the moments they had in his class.



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