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KCHS Celebrates First Ever Winter Homecoming

By Kristin Wade

KCHS winter Homecoming was Friday, Feb. 2. The girls' basketball team chose the male candidates and the boys' basketball team chose the female candidates. After it was decided who would be on the homecoming court, the student body voted on who they would crown king and queen. The possibilities were as follows: Darren Hayse, Kasey Gamble and Clint Scott for the guys; Adriell Hewitt, Jamie Larsh and Lindy McKinney for the girls. The crown bearer and flower girl of the night were Boyd Lothman and Blythe Campbell.

The night of the ceremony everyone waited in anticipation for the announcement of the king and queen. As they were walking onto the court the candidates had the classical thoughts of "I hope I don't trip" and "Are we walking too fast?"

Senior Jamie Larsh explains, "I was just trying to make sure that Darren didn't walk too fast, because I didn't want to trip!"

Clint Scott had a different outlook on the situation stating "I was disappointed that no one tripped."

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The Homecoming Court lines up for post ceremony pictures. (From left to right) Lindy McKinney, Kasey Gamble, Queen Adriell Hewitt, King Clint Scott, Jamie Larsh, Darren Hayse, Flower Girl Blythe Campbell and Crown Bearer Boyd Lothman. Photo by Kaelie Kendall



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Clint Knows All

By Clint Scott

The month of February is a month of holidays. Of course we have the well liked Valentine's Day, but there's also Groundhog Day and President's Day. But what do really know about these holidays, what's behind them, why do we celebrate them? Now I know one of the last things you want when reading an article is a history lesson, well, deal with it.

The first holiday is the more famous of the three I've stated, the holiday of love, Valentine's Day. When you think of this holiday, the tradition is sending candy, flowers, or a small gift to your "valentine". The holiday is actually in honor of a historical figure called Saint Valentine, but his history is shrouded in mystery. The most documented history though, is from the Roman Catholic Church. There are three different accounts of a Christian martyr named Valentine. The most well-known story states that Valentine was a priest in Rome during the third century. The emperor at that time, Claudius II, decided that his best crop for soldiers was young men, so he outlawed marriage for young men so that they could be in his army. Valentine did not like this decree and kept performing marriages for young men and women secretly, until he was discovered, and the emperor ordered that he be put to death. It is also said that before he was martyred, this Saint sent the first valentine while in jail, which was a love letter supposedly sent to the jailer's daughter. So there you have it, the origin of Valentine's Day is from a Christian martyr.

The second holiday is a tradition where all of America's attention is drawn to one rodent in the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. It's where we depend on a groundhog named Phil, Punxsutawney Phil that is, to see if we'll have six more weeks of winter. I personally don't believe in these so called psychic powers of a small beast for predicting weather, but it is nonetheless a holiday. The first thing that comes to my mind when I hear groundhog day is the 1993 film with Bill Murray, but the origin of Groundhog Day was started from German settlers, who came to America in the 1700s. In Germany the tradition was that on the second day in February if the sun comes out and a hedgehog sees its shadow there will be six more weeks of winter, but here we've replaced the hedgehog with a groundhog. The first recording of this being celebrated here in America was on February 2, 1887. It's now celebrated in Canada also.

The last holiday is one that we should all take notice and respect. Of course the purpose for this holiday is to look back and appreciate the great leaders that we've had as President, but the two Presidents whose birthdays started this holiday are George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. Washington was born on February 22; it was first celebrated nationally by Americans 100 years after his birth, in the year of 1832. Lincoln was born February 12, and his birthday was nationally celebrated in the year 1865, the year after he was assassinated. So now we have two birthdays nationally being celebrated in the same month; the solution, combine them for a holiday. In 1968, Congress made Washington's birthday which was on a Monday, into a three day weekend. Three years later, in 1971, President Nixon combined Lincoln's with Washington's and made Presidents' Day.

If you are reading this, it's probably already March, and either close to another holiday, or the holiday has already happened. This next holiday I am talking about, makes this the most green day of the year, St. Patrick's day. St. Patty's day is based on the patron saint from Ireland, the life of the real saint, however, is also shrouded in mystery and exaggeration. Not many actual facts are known of what he's done, but one story is that he banished all the snakes of Ireland, which of course is false. Nevertheless, he died around 1,000 years ago on March 17th, and the Irish have been celebrating this day since. There are symbols that we associate with this holiday, like the shamrock, the leprechaun and the color green in general. The shamrock is incorporated because it was a sacred plant in Ireland; it represented the rebirth of Spring. By the 17th century it was a symbol of Irish nationalism. The Leprechaun has been a part of Irish folk tales since they've had folk tales. Magical midgets that hide gold out in the open for the Irish to find and take, oh and the gold's has a colorful path to it that we know as a rainbow. Green is incorporated because that's the color we have always associated with Ireland.

So, there you have it, these are the reasons behind a holiday for lovers, a psychic rodent predicting the length of time for winter, the celebration of America's greatest leaders and the greenest holiday ever. I hope by reading this you've learned something. I know I did researching these holidays, happy Febru-March everyone.

Gas prices, will they ever stop??

By Audrey Wheeler

Libya is the third largest oil producer in Africa and holder of Africa's largest oil reserves in the world. Lately, which I'm sure you already know, the citizens in Libya have been rioting, taking over the country, and demanding change from their leader, Muammar Gaddafi. With this new uprising, some of the oil companies are suspending operations as the unrest spreads, increasing oil prices for the US. Just last Wednesday oil prices increased to over \$100 a barrel and the regular gasoline price in Kansas increased 14.8 cents per gallon in the last week, making the average gas price now \$3.23/gal. on Sunday, Feb. 27.

This just seems like the worst timing possible, with the economy just getting back up and gas prices finally going down. With the US being so dependent of oil, we have no choice but to agree to the prices forced on us by the Arab countries giving us oil, which now have been threatening \$4- \$5/g prices. This presents a question to me: how can we change our ways of being so dependent on gas, and on unstable Arab countries? The answer comes from many places from fuel efficient cars to alternative energy sources. Even if we did find a great way of making alternative fuel, which we have, we would have to radically change many things, like getting everyone a different car that can run on the new fuel and getting everyone

accustomed to using it. That would take a lot of work. Actually the U.S. was planning on going independent on gas but decided that it would cost too much money to switch everyone over and decided not to. So if not now, then when? When the gas prices reach \$10 a gallon? Let's hope not, but let's not wait and see, and stop being so dependent on other countries for fuel so that the next time there's an uprising we won't have to dig into our wallets to compensate.



Will the rising gas prices cause more students to ride the bus or carpool, rather than drive their own cars?

Words from behind the scenes

By Jamie Larsh

I'll admit Justin Bieber is pretty good looking for a sixteen year old. He has it all: fame, money and fans. The question I have is why would they make a movie of his life? Now I have not seen *Never Say Never* yet, but I do not see the point of the film. First of all he is only sixteen, so, how long of a movie can you make? I am almost eighteen and honestly I have a few major events in my life, but, acted out, probably wouldn't take an hour and forty-five minutes to go through. There would have to be a lot of boring elaborate parts that have no purpose.

Secondly, why him? There are so many other inspirational people they could have spent the \$13 million on. Take Michael J. Fox, Ronald Reagan or even Dana Reeve, for example. They have all been through life and faced many challenges that they overcame. Reeve

stood by her husband even after his accident and went through many trying days. Not to mention being diagnosed with lung cancer and eventually dying from it two years after her husband's death. Those are good reasons to go out and pay money to watch a major motion picture of a documentary over a person's life.

In twenty years when Bieber has established a solid career and experienced some real life circumstances, then maybe they could produce a movie on his accomplishments, but for now it's a bit ridiculous.





Miss the most:
My friends

Looks forward to:
Moving away

Favorite Animal:
Penguins because they are cold hearted

Name:
Cristi Cox

Plans after high school:
Attend Dodge City Community College

High school memory:
Laying on the couch with Karrah during Algebra 2



Miss the most:
My friends

Looks forward to:
Being on my own

Favorite Animal:
Baby Monkey

Name:
Karrah Huffman

Plans after high school:
Go to college but I don't know where yet

High school memory:
Always messing around in Mrs. Richard's class

Hobbies:
Riding my horse and hanging with friends

Closest friend:
Katelin Holland

SENIOR PROFILE

Class Of

2011



Miss the most:
Going to Friday night football games

Looks forward to:
Making many new friendships

Favorite Animal:
Turtles because they are huge but gentle

Name:
Jamie Larsh

Plans after high school:
Attend Barclay College

High school memory:
Sophomore year basketball

Hobbies:
Photography

Closest friend:
My sister and Sara



Miss the most:
Knowing everyone

Looks forward to:
More opportunities to figure out interests

Favorite Animal:
Dogs, they're the perfect companion

Name:
Morgan Tyree

Plans after high school:
Attend OSU and major in Athletic Training

High school memory:
Any time with the senior girls - sledding, locker rooms, limo rides

Hobbies:
Jamming out to music with my sisters friends

Closest friend:
All the senior girls

By Audrey Wheeler

Sneaky Clean Joke

By Cody Headrick

Proudly showing off his new apartment to a friend late one night, the drunk led the way to the bedroom, where there was a big brass gong.

"What's that brass gong for?" asked the friend.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock," the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? How's it work?"

"Watch this," said the drunk. He took a hammer, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound and waited. Someone on the other side of the wall screamed: "Hey, you jerk. It's 3:00 in the morning!"

KCHS hosts Scholars' Bowl

By Meghan Darnell

Jan. 12 the Kiowa County Scholars' Bowl team didn't attend the meet at Spearville. On the 19th the South Gray meet was cancelled due to snow. On the rescheduled date, the weather was still awful and it was cancelled yet another time.

Feb. 3 was the Regional Scholars' Bowl competition at Skyline. The meet encompassed about a quarter of Kansas, including schools from Elkhart to around the McPherson area. The meet was carried out through pool-play, eliminating teams tournament style. To

qualify for state scholars' bowl, the teams had to place in the top two at the meet. With such a huge number of schools competing, it was quite a challenge.

Said senior Evan Williams of the meet "Conversing with other teams was pretty fun. We were all cracking jokes."

Also at the meet was senior Alex Brensing who agreed with Williams that talking with the teams was entertaining. He said the best conversations consisted of quoting Monty Python.

Journalism class goes to Hays for regional contest

By Kaelie Kendall

On Feb. 24, the journalism crew made their way to Hays for the KSPAA Regional Journalism Contest. Going in both carry-ins and on-spot contests, there were mixed feelings about the competitions between the 12 students going.

"I was nervous that I wasn't going to do very good since it was my first year," said freshman Rachel Schmidt.

Junior Jimmy Hoyt stated, "I was pretty confident about it and I was excited because journalism is the only school event I'm any good at."

While there was a bit of tension on the roads because of the iciness, and later on the hail, the journalism team arrived safely in Hays in time to hear an encouraging speech given by the head of the Fort Hays State Journalism Department.

At the competition there were 19 contests total (Editing, Yearbook Layout, Newspaper Design, Cutline, Feature Writing, Newswriting, Advertising, Theme Development, Headline Writing, Photo Illustration, Academics Photography, Editorial Cartoon, Infographics, Newspaper Sports Writing, Yearbook Copy Writing, Yearbook Sports Writing, Student Life Photography, Sports Photography and Editorial Writing) and in each contest two KCHS students were entered. All but three of the students placed in 13 of the contests.

"I was surprised," senior Peyton Wade explained. "I didn't expect it at all. I didn't go, my contest was just sent in and I kind of forgot about it and then my mom texted me and said, 'You got third in infographics!' and I was like, whoa, cool!"

After the contests were over, the journalism team ate a big lunch at Applebee's and then enjoyed the relaxing ride home.

"I was pleased with how well everybody did," said Journalism sponsor Mrs. Stevens. "I'm always surprised with the ones that don't make it, but it's such a subjective contest you never know how anybody's going to do. Overall we did really well and I was pleased with the outcome."

Students:	Contests Entered:	Contests Placed In:
Meghan Darnell	Editing, Theme Development, Editorial Cartoon	Theme Development (HM)
Cody Headrick	YB Layout, Cutline, Theme Development, YB Sports Writing	—
Jimmy Hoyt	NP Design, NP Sports Writing, Student Life Photography, Sports Photography, Editorial Writing	NP Sports Writing (1 st), Student Life Photography (1 st), Editorial Writing (HM)
Kaelie Kendall	Photo Illustration, Editorial Cartoon, YB Copy Writing, Student Life Photography, Sports Photography	Sports Photography (1 st), YB Copy Writing (2 nd), Editorial Cartoon (3 rd), Photo Illustration (HM), Student Life Photography (HM)
Jamie Larsh	YB Layout, Newspaper Design, Feature Writing, Theme Development, YB Copy Writing	—
Jessica Moore	Feature Writing, Academics Photography, NP Sports Writing	Academics Photography (HM)
Lymon Morehead	Newswriting, Headline Writing, Editorial Writing	—
Clint Scott	Theme Development	Theme Development (HM)
Rachel Schmidt	Cutline, Advertising, Headline Writing	Advertising (HM), Headline Writing (HM)
Audrey Wheeler	Newswriting, Advertising, Infographics, YB Sports Writing	Advertising (HM), YB Sports Writing (2 nd)

Forensics team on a roll

By Jessica Moore

On Feb. 5, the forensics team headed to South Barber for their first meet of the year, coming home with fifth place overall and a total of five students who placed. Grace Sirois, along with Kirby Lewis placed in poetry, Sirois in fourth and Lewis in seventh. Darin McVay took fifth place, with Jordan Little following in sixth place in prose. Along with those four, Kendal Melton placed fifth in informative speaking.

"I went to the first meet just to watch, since I had no idea how it worked, and it was definitely something new," stated sophomore, and newcomer to forensics, Dottie Housworth.

At the Medicine Lodge Invitational on Feb. 10, the Mavericks rounded out an excellent competition with an outstanding third place overall out of 19 total schools. Elizabeth Spurgeon placed third in prose, followed by Little who placed fourth and McVay who placed seventh. In poetry, Sirois took eighth place while Lewis finished fifth and Jessica Eller took the silver medal. In dual acting, Eller and her partner, Shannon Webster, placed fourth overall, while Peyton Wade and Kadie Larsh followed behind in eighth. In improvisational dual acting, Webster and his partner Clint Scott took second place. Finishing off the night's medalists was Melton, placing sixth in informative

speaking.

KCHS hosted their first annual Maverick Nation invitationals on Feb. 19 and later on the 24. The team came in fourth place overall on the 19. Individually, Scott and his partner, Erica Bertram earned gold medals in duet acting. Jimmy Hoyt placed third in extemporaneous speaking and fourth in informative speaking. Evan Williams took first place in humorous serious acting and Kadie Larsh placed second in both serious solo acting and informative speaking.

To round out a busy week for the Mavericks, they traveled to Nickerson on Feb. 26, to compete against 28 schools in the area. The Mavericks had a good competition that day, with a third place team finish in the small school division. Eller took second place in poetry. Larsh placed third in serious solo acting, Eller and Webster placed seventh with their duet acting and Spurgeon took seventh in prose. Melton earned sixth place in informative speaking and Webster and Scott won gold medals in improvisational duet acting.

The students who have managed to qualify for state so far include, Eller, Sirois, McVay, Little, Webster, Scott, Larsh, Williams and Bertram. They will attend the state competition in Wichita on May 6 and 7.

KCHS band and choir perform and compete well

By Peyton Wade

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the KCHS Band went to the instrumental festival at Bucklin. They performed "Praises" by W. Francis McBeth and "Bonds of Unity" by Karl L. King, receiving a -1 for each piece. Seniors Elizabeth Spurgeon, Katelin Holland and sophomore Lakin Titus left earlier in the day to perform a flute trio piece. They performed "Minuetto Spiritoso" by James Hook.

"It was really cool how all of us had practiced our parts and everything just came together," says Spurgeon. "And it was pretty cool getting out of school." They were awarded a 1 for their performance.

Also in the music news this month, Senior Peyton Wade qualified for the State Honor Choir performance in Wichita on the 26th of February. He went to Wichita on the 24th to rehearse for two days before the performance.

"It was definitely the best choir I've ever

been a part of and probably the best I've ever heard," says Wade. "The whole thing was a great experience and a lot of fun."

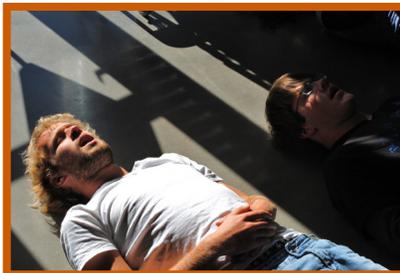
The State Honor Choir was composed of 256 of the best high school singers in the state.

On Wednesday, Mar. 2, the choir went to Minneola for vocal contest. There were various solo performances along with a mixed ensemble and a women's ensemble.

"It was nerve-wrecking, in a good way," said junior Jordan Little. "I mean if you don't have nerves then something is wrong. And everyone did great."

The choir sang "He Never Failed Me Yet" and "Now Sing Before the Lord." They got two 1s and a 2 for their efforts.

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Above: Seniors Peyton Wade and Evan Williams warm up their voices while lying down to practice their singing posture.



Meg's Memo

A Look at What's Ahead

By Meghan Darnell

March. 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
March. 14-18	Spring break
March. 17	St. Patrick's Day
March. 20	First day of Spring
March. 28	High school one-act play performed by Kiowa County Forensics students at the high school, beginning at four
April. 2	Regional music solos & small ensembles
April. 4	Regional music solos & small ensembles
April. 6	League math contest at Kiowa County will begin at 10am
April. 7	Spring sports activity pictures
April. 13 & 14	Large groups state music
April. 16	Junior/Senior Prom Regional Speech/Drama all day at Nickerson
April. 18	5-8 band & vocal concert at 7p.m.
April. 20	Jr. high vocal festival, high school art exhibition in Hays at 7:30am, and Forensics/Scholars' Bowl meeting in Dodge City at 7pm
April. 22	Good Friday
April. 25	KU Honor Banquet at 6:30 p.m., location TBA
April. 26	High school varsity golf hosted by Kiowa County at 3 p.m.
April. 27	Jr. High League Instrumental Festival at South Central
April. 29	Kiowa County hosts high school track meet at 3 p.m.
April. 30	State music solos & small ensembles

Class of the month

By Lymon Morehead

This month's class of the month is English. The definition of English is an Indo-European language belonging to the West Germanic branch. The four English classes are taught by Mrs. Staats (freshmen), Mr. Ballard (juniors), and Mrs. McMurry (sophomores and seniors).

In English students are taught how to use words correctly in sentences and how to correctly write

-English

sentences. Senior English has been learning the history of English from the medieval time period. The sophomores just finished creating poetry journals.

Clint Scott said, "English is a fun class to be in this year, mostly, because there's all sorts of goofing off going on in there. I also enjoyed what we have learned in the class."



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After hearing a little about every candidate and getting advice for how to go through high school, the crowd hushed as they waited for the results.

"The KCHS 2011 basketball homecoming queen is... Adriell Hewitt!" announced student council member junior Ashlea Allred.

"And your KCHS 2011 basketball homecoming

king is...Clint Scott!" followed student council member junior Jimmy Hoyt.

"I was happy for Adriell, and I was thankful that the student body voted me as king," stated King Scott.

Following the Homecoming ceremony the sophomore class sponsored a dance in the recreational gym. The dance was casual, and was from 9:30-12.

Getting to know them **-Mr. Marshall Ballard**

By Kristin Wade

Mr. Marshall Ballard was born in Pratt, KS and grew up in Haviland. After going through his schooling at Haviland High School (where he met his high school sweetheart and wife to this day) he moved on to attend Barclay College. Ballard was seeking a career in Youth Ministry and stayed at Barclay for four years.

During his time at Barclay, Ballard took up a few coaching opportunities. When he was a sophomore he was the assistant coach for Haviland's junior high girl team with Kayleen Stevens. His second year of coaching he was the head coach for the junior high boys, a junior in college and had a baby on the way. Ballard had practice with the junior high boys, and then had to go to his own basketball practice from 10-12.

Once he graduated he began looking for a job in Youth Ministry, but later decided he'd like to be a teacher instead. After he made that decision his life

"was insane". Ballard was traveling to Wichita three days a week, and had a little girl at home. Once he finished school at Wichita, he took classes from Fort Hays to get his teaching certificate.

Ballard took his first job teaching at Greensburg High School in 2004, this is now his seventh year of teaching.

Some interesting things about Mr. Ballard include: he loves Dr. Pepper slushies, peanut butter M&M's and KU Basketball.

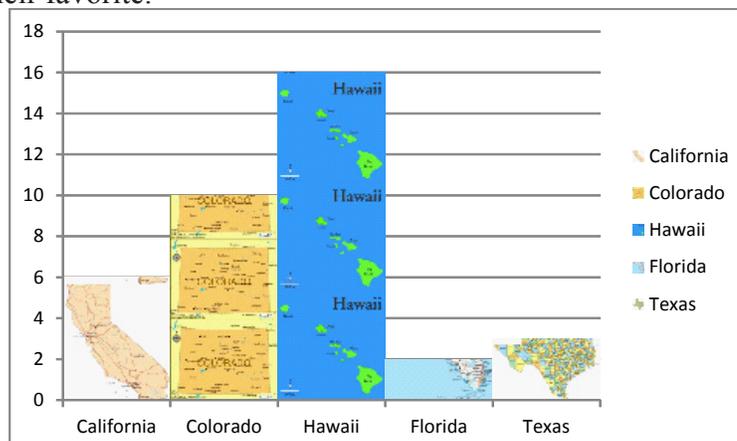
"It's the history, the tradition, the yearly powerhouse," says Ballard about his team.

Ballard has also never taken a computer class in his life, which is interesting considering he deals with all of the computer problems here at KCHS.

Ballard states, "Google is my friend."

Peyton's Poll

The month is March and with March comes spring! The only thing that is better than springtime in March is spring break. So, the students were given choices as to what would be their dream spring break vacation spot. They responded according to their favorite.



Top 10

Books

According to Barnes & Noble: www.bn.com-bestsellers list- as of March 1.

By Rachel Schmidt

Adult-

- 1** Tell to Win
by Peter Guber
- 2** Surviving Your Serengeti
by Stefan Sanepoel
- 3** Sing You Home
by Jodi Picoult
- 4** Heaven is for Real
by Todd Purpo
- 5** River Marked
(Mercy Thompson Ser. #6)
by Patricia Briggs
- 6** Strengths Finder 2.0
by Tom Rath
- 7** A Discovery of Witches
by Deborah Harkness
- 8** Water for Elephants
by Sara Gruen
- 9** Hungry Girl 300 Under 300
by Lis Lillien
- 10** The Wise Man's Fear
(Kingkiller Chronicles Ser. #2)
by Patrick Rothfuss

Children-

- 1** Silverlicious
by Victoria Kann
- 2** The Throne of Fire
(Kane Chronicles Ser. #2)
by Rick Riordan
- 3** The Ugly Truth
(Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #5)
by Jeff Kinney
- 4** I Broke My Trunk!
(Elephant and Piggie Ser.)
by Mo Willems
- 5** The Lost Hero
(Heroes of Olympus Ser. #1))
by Rick Riordan
- 6** Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You
by Nancy Tillman
- 7** Dog Days
(Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #4)
by Jeff Kinney
- 8** The Last Olympian
(Percy Jackson and the Olympian Ser. #5)
by Rick Riordan
- 9** The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle
- 10** Pinkalicious
by Victoria Kann

Songs

By Jessica Moore

Voted on by five chosen students from each class.

- 1** Black and Yellow
- Wiz Khalifa
- 2** Tonight
- Engique Iglesias
- 3** I Need a Doctor
- Dr Dre ft.
Eminem & Skylar Grey
- 4** Hold It Against Me
- Britney Spears
- 5** Hey Baby
- Pitbull ft. T-Pain
- 6** Back to December
- Taylor Swift
- 7** Coming Home
- Diddy ft. Skylar Grey
- 8** Rocketeer
- Far East Movement
- 9** Look at Me Now
- Chris Brown
- 10** 6 Foot 7 Foot
- Lil Wayne

March Madness: Pick your side... Love it

By Clint Scott

March, a time for madness, that's right, March Madness! March is personally my favorite month of the year, strictly because of the biggest tournament in sports. Where, on any night, a team, no matter what their ranking, can pull out a win. There's the expectations of a number one seed going down, and the exact opposite as well, the expectation of your highly seeded team making it all the way and winning the whole thing.

Ok, if by chance you have no idea what I'm talking about, I'll tell you. March madness is all about the NCAA basketball tournament. The first exciting thing is all of the teams that play in the tournament, which is now 68 teams due to an expansion. As stated earlier, these teams are split up into four branches, with seed rankings of one through sixteen. It's always fun, to watch the target that is placed on the backs of the higher seeds, mostly because everyone will be aiming to beat them. If you're an avid basketball fan like me, then you know it doesn't matter who's playing in the tournament, because it's always going to be a good game, and an overall great basketball atmosphere. Plus in what other sport will you find 66 games played in a win-go-on, lose-go-home tournament, to decide who is the top dog, in a sport where there is already regular season drama? There is no other. Yes the season which always consists of late blooming teams, teams that dominate all season, teams that come out of nowhere and play out of their minds and teams that should have been at the top but instead play poorly all season. That all leads up to the selection process of teams; the selecting of teams that will play in the tournament, which is also enjoyable. How could this be exciting? Well, you don't know who's going to be left on the outside looking in, who's going to sneak their way in or the worry of how high your favorite team will be seeded.

But, I come back to the point of my favorite part of March Madness, upset city. The only time I don't enjoy an upset during the tournament, is when it happens to my KU Jayhawks (for instance, Northern Iowa beating Kansas last year, hhhhhh). With all of these things that I've thrown your way, I'm basically saying that if you don't get excited about March

Madness, then you are obviously not a basketball fan.

Could do without

By Rachael Schimt

March Madness, I don't get what the big deal is. Although I do enjoy playing and watching basketball, I think that people take things a little bit to the extreme when it comes to this tournament. I understand that it is important to the player because of the big win and all that, but they are the ones actually out there on the court working hard and playing. The people who really make a big deal about it are sitting at home on the couch just watching the game hoping that they aren't going to lose money on a particular game. That's just another thing, the betting. People place money on teams whether they will win or lose. Personally, I am totally against gambling in any form, and I guess that is why I wouldn't want to throw away my money on who wins or loses, the total score of the game or who will be the leading scorer on a team. These games can't effect how a person lives their life. For example, a 16 year old high school boy, KU loses in the second round and he loses maybe \$20 on the game. Will it affect what he is doing 30 years from now? Will it affect who he marries or how many kids he has? Will it change what he wants to go to college for and where he wants to work? The answer to all of these questions is NO! I'm not trying to say that sports are not important because they are. But how will a basketball game played by people that you possibly don't even know or will ever meet change the way that you live your daily life, considering you will forget about it after a couple of months? This is what I don't understand.

Think you are a true fan??

If you think you know who will be in the Final Four and what team will win the entire championship you can turn in your picks to Mrs. Stevens in the yearbook room. The student who gets the most teams right will win a special prize!! Entries need to be in by noon this FRIDAY, MARCH 11.

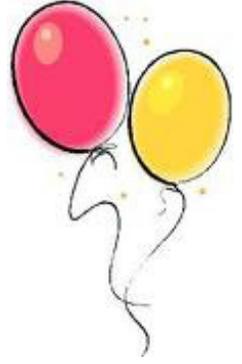
Birthdays

March

02 Shannen Hall
02 Kadie Larsh
08 Dorothy Housworth
17 Taylor Stoltenberg
26 Briannia Washington
28 Forrest White

April

07 Kahl Huffman
08 Shane Dawson
09 Gage Hosheit
10 Kristin Spainhour
14 Kirby Lewis
16 Jamie Larsh
18 Creighton McDonald
18 Quintana Monroe
20 Colton Lowery
30 Kasey Gamble



What say you?

By Jimmy Hoyt

If you were to make a movie, who would it star and what would it be about?



Charity Schmidt: "I would document the secret Ninja-Squirrel war, and Chuck Norris and I star in it as Ninjas in the Ninja Army fighting the squirrels, who want to take it over."



Mr. White: "Mine would be a western, starring me and John Wayne come back to life, where we save Miss Kitty from Jesse James and I'm on my horse wasting people!"



Heidee Prosser: "I would make a romantic comedy starring me and Ashton Kutcher, where he falls in love with me and he's way older than me but I don't care. Then we run away to Paris and live a happy life."



Laina McMurry: "It would star Johnny Depp.... And I'm not sure what else. Never thought about it."



Weston Jantz: "Shia LeBeouf goes BASE jumping and almost dies.... But he lives."



Mavericks close out the season

By Clint Scott

After the SPIAA league tournament the Mavericks were sitting at 8-7. Their next game was homecoming, facing for the second time the Fowler Goldbugs. In the tournament the Mavericks beat Fowler, and they were hoping for the same outcome. Fowler took the lead and kept it for the whole game, leaving KC with a disappointing homecoming loss 45, 58.

Next, the Mavericks would play the Ashland Blue Jays. Going into this game the Blue Jays had suffered only one loss, which was to South Gray in the championship game of the SPIAA league tournament. The Mavericks knew that it would be a tough game. At the end of the first quarter the Mavericks were only down one and at the end of the first half they were only down nine. The third quarter would be played as a scoring stalemate, with the Blue Jay's lead was still nine. The fourth quarter would be a different story as Ashland would go on a run and separate themselves from KC, with the ending score, 66-45

Desperately needing a win to get back to 500, the next foe for KC would be the Wichita Homeschool Warriors. At the end of the half the Mavericks were up by six, and in the third quarter the Mavericks went on a run extending their lead to 14. The Warriors however, were not sent back home just yet, they fought their way back to within eight, then to five and then three. They did not gain the lead though, leaving the final score, KC 55, WHS 52.

After the win the Mavericks were back to a 500 record, 9-9. KC would have to face a tough team to get above this. They traveled to South Gray, who had previously beaten them

in the SPIAA tournament, badly. The game would be about the same as before, as the Rebels would jump out 19-2 in the first quarter. They would keep a lead that was around twenty the entire game, the final score being KC 44, South Gray 63.



Following the South Gray game, KC would face off at Bucklin, against the Aces. This would be a huge bounce back win if they could get it. The Mavericks started off strong by gaining a lead and kept it the whole first half. They would also keep it the entire game, never letting Bucklin ahead. Although it wasn't a blowout, the Mavericks were still able to get a win, the final score was KC 47, Bucklin 34.

Kiowa County was now sitting at 10-10, if they could get to 11-10, it would guarantee that they would not have a losing season. They would travel to Spearville and face off against

the Lancers. This was also the last regular season game before sub-state started. The Mavericks played very good defense the entire game, forcing double digit turnovers, but at the end of the first half the game was still in reach for the Lancers. The Mavericks didn't let them get close in the second half, increasing the lead to 20. In the end the Mavericks would get a dominating win.

After the regular season, the Mavericks were 11-10, and in the first round of sub-state KC, seeded sixth, would travel to Sublette. The hosting Larks were the third seed of the Sub-State Tournament. The Mavericks were on a roll from the past two games, and were

planning on yet another win. Through the first three quarters the Mavericks had kept the game within one, but in the fourth quarter the Mavericks played poorly. The final score would be KC 32, Sublette 44, ending the 2011 Maverick men's basketball season.

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Top to bottom: Driving through the lane, sophomore Caleb Davis shows off his quick feet.

Scanning the court for the open teammate, junior Jordan Wyrick keeps the ball safe from a Fowler player. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Lady Mavs' season ends earlier than hoped

By Cody Headrick

After a long string of hard spots and tight situations the Kiowa County Lady Mavericks ended their season with a satisfying 10-10 record. They had a 4-6 league record and a 3-3 tournament record. They started off the last of seven games with a hosting of the Fowler Goldbugs.

The game was a tight knit clash between the opposing squads. However, when the final buzzer rang the Mavericks led the Goldbugs 49-40. This was largely aided by an impressive effort of senior Morgan Fulton, who managed to put up 15 points against the Fowler defense. Fulton also managed to snag nine rebounds, leading the team.

Next the ladies went on the road to Ashland, home of the Lady Blue Jays. After 32 minutes of play the Mavericks reigned victorious again with an impressive 57-27 win. Fulton once again managed to lead the team in points putting up 14 while Angela Liggett controlled the boards with ten rebounds.

The following week the Warriors of Wichita Home School made the long drive to Greensburg. Not to be intimidated by the bigger city girls, the Lady Mavs pulled out yet another winner with 62 points to the visitors 51. Having her biggest game of the season since game two Fulton racked up an incredible 18 points while youngster freshman Heather Melton came down with ten rebounds.

Coming off a three game win streak the ladies took the long drive to Montezuma to face the big threat of the South Gray Lady Rebels. Momentum from previous wins definitely helped the Mavs to play one of the hardest games of the season. Unfortunately they were beaten by a scant two points, losing 42-40 after losing Fulton due to a back injury sustained during the game. Liggett was able to pick up some of the slack however, throwing down 16 points and catching nine of the Lady Mavs' rebounds.

The girls next travelled to Bucklin to face the

defending Red Aces. The girls held tough, but weren't able to pull off a win losing 37-47. Fulton led the Mavericks with 12 points, Melton led with eight rebounds.

As the last game of the regular season came around the ladies from Kiowa County found themselves travelling to the home of the Spearville Lancers. The girls fought hard, having not one but two of the Lady Mavs scoring 12 points while Fulton grabbed nine rebounds. But yet again, they found themselves on the losing end when the final buzzer rang.

Senior Morgan Tyree later had some positive remarks about the game, "We put forth a lot of effort, and it was definitely one of our most mature games. I felt satisfied with the way we played."

Determined not to be subdued, the Kiowa County ladies hosted the Sublette Larks in the first round of the Sub-State Tournament. This game being a win or go home game, the girls had to win if they wanted to continue playing. Through four hard fought quarters the girls had two players put up seven points while Melton grabbed twelve rebounds.

Liggett later had some comments as to what may have happened during the game. "We played well but we didn't take enough shots in the beginning."

The girls ended their final game of the season with a 26-30 loss.

After which Head Coach Randy VandenHoek looked back and had these things to say, "We let some winnable games get away from us. Yet we played really well against Spearville. By not winning the games we should have we made sub-state a lot tougher on ourselves."



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Top to bottom: On a breakaway layup, Senior Morgan Tyree takes her last stride for an easy two point bucket. Senior Jamie Larsh takes a Sublette defender with her as she drives to the open lane. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

JH Boys end season with tough loss

By Josh Spicer

On Thursday, Feb. 3 the junior high boys traveled to Bucklin and won their game 28-19. The A-team tournament was held at South Gray Mavericks lost to 32-35 against Minneola. Head coach Travis Powell said, "My favorite thing about coaching this team this year is that the kids try to listen and try to do what I say." He also said, "We got better as a team, we stayed excited, and we played hard."

Seventh grader Erik Torres said, "My favorite part of basketball this year is getting to travel and to have fun. We should've had better ball control and better passes at our tournament game."

Torres and eighth grader Clayton Colborn both said, "The toughest opponent we played against was South Gray."

Colborn added, "My favorite thing about basketball this year was getting to play with the team and having a great coach. We should've worked together better in the tournament against Minneola."



Above: Eighth grader Xander Brensing drives to the basket against the Minneola defense. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

JH Lady Mavs wrap it up

By Olivia Dawson

KCJH's girls took fourth place in the league tournament versus South Central, 19-16. On Feb. 10 they played Minneola losing 19-40. Playing against Spearville on Feb. 7 they won 31-27.

In the next regular season game on Feb. 3, Mavericks played Bucklin losing 18-32. C-team lost and B-team won. Eighth grader Sydney Headrick said that the Bucklin game was the best game of the season. She also was pleased in the placing at the tournament, "I thought we did really good, we placed better than I thought we would," said Headrick.

Of the overall season, Headrick had a different view saying that the team could have done better and it seemed like people weren't in the mood to play

basketball. The best moment of the season to her was when "Mrs. Derstein thanked us for the flowers" the team gave her during her father's illness.

Head coach Staci Derstein's best moment of the season was being able to go to games and practices with a such good group of girls. The Spearville tournament game was the best one played by the team. "We worked on defense and executed it well," said Derstein. "Being able to lose by eight, then come back winning by four during the tournament was nice." She also was pleased with the placing at



the tournament.

Above: The girls' A team lines up for the national anthem before a home game. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Haviland hosts Spelling Bee

By Morgen Ulrich

In Haviland on Feb. 10 was the county spelling bee. The winner was sixth grader Tierra West. In second place was eighth grader Jacob Irvin. In third was a fourth grader, Regan Rhodes, from Kiowa County.

On Feb. 2, the local spelling bee was held in Greensburg in the auxiliary gym. The winner of the spelling bee was eighth grader Jacob Irvin. Coming in second was sixth grader Tierra West. Third place was seventh grader Cody Kibel and the alternate was eighth grader Cole Kendall.

In the local spelling bee the two judges were Counselor Kathy Headrick and Principal Staci Derstein. The moderator was Rev.

Jeff Blackburn. In the county spelling bee, the judges were Headrick and Librarian Cindy Breeden. The moderator was Haviland Superintendent Clint Corby.

West said, "I am a little nervous to go on to state because I know I'll be going up against older kids and I'm not good with long words."

"I was a little nervous about going to county, but when I got there I felt better," Irvin said.

Headrick said, "We hold spelling bees so students who don't participate in the upper level competitions can compete, so we have to host a school and county spelling bee."

Who would have guessed?

By Sydney Headrick

-The life of Mr. Darin Headrick

Most of us think we know Superintendent Darin Headrick. But did you know that he was a high school science teacher? And that his birthday only comes every four years?

Born on Feb. 29, 1960, Headrick is the son of Jerry and Shirley Headrick. He was born in Ashland and later moved to Plains and grew up with his brother Brian and sister Jill. One of his best childhood memories was "snow skiing trips."

In high school, Headrick was involved in football, basketball, track, forensics, music and band. He graduated from Southwestern Heights in 1979. He later went to Seward County Community College and played basketball and was also in mu-



sic and band. After graduating from SCC he went to Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Emporia State University and Fort Hays State University for graduate work. In those three colleges he was in music and band.

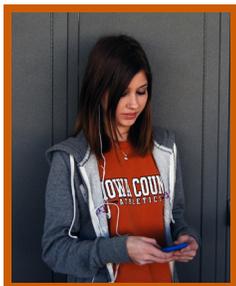
After graduating with a degree in science, Headrick was employed at Conway Springs, Liberal and Minneola, and then accepted the Greensburg administrator job.

Headrick has two sons, Slade and Cody. He got married in 2007 to Kathy Headrick, a counselor at Kiowa County Elementary and Junior High Schools.

Just think, next year on Feb. 29 we can all tell him happy birthday for real.

KCJH gets trendy

By Olivia Dawson



Many items are "in" now, whether it's music, clothing or electronics. Students of KCJH expressed their view on the trends by filling out a poll which was taken by 46 students. At 39 percent, students said they didn't care for any of the choices, which were Justin Bieber, 28 percent, Kenny Chesney, 13 percent, Ke\$ha, eight percent or Taylor Swift, seven percent.

For favorite store, Aeropostale was most favored at 28 percent, followed by Wal-Mart at 26 percent, Target 15 percent, Buckle 11 percent, American Eagle nine percent and JC Penneys seven percent.

Favorite type of shoe was the athletic type which was on top at 52 percent; then Other, 28 percent, Converse, 15 percent and Boots, four percent.

Silly Bands were popular for much of last year, but 33

percent of KCJH students say they don't collect Silly Bands anymore, 26 percent still do and 37 percent never did.

Eighth grader Taylor Keller does not follow trends like the ones the poll covered; she makes her own. While eighth grader Jacob Irvin said, "Usually, I like to try to get new things right when they come out."

Seventh grader Morgen Ulrich she said follows the trends, "I own all of the clothing items and I like Justin Bieber."

Because that's what she likes to wear, seventh grader Tatum McKinney follows the trends.

Eighth grader Addi Price's (left) electronic item she can't live without is her iPod "because it can do everything a phone can do and more."

"I can live without any electronic item," said seventh grader Cody Kibel.

Quiz team efforts pay off

By Josh Spicer

On Thursday, Feb. 17 the junior high quiz bowl team traveled to Minneola and won first place competing against 12 other teams.

Coach Cindy Carson said, "I think the reason why we won first is because the kids pay attention in class, have good background knowledge from their parents and come to practice." Her favorite part about quiz

bowl is "being with the kids."

Eighth grader Cole Kendall said, "My favorite part of quiz bowl is getting out of school to go to meets." He added, "It felt awesome to get first place because we worked hard and ended up winning."

At Spearville last Thursday, they didn't place.



JH Student Spotlight



Seventh	Topics they were asked about...	Eighth
Jaden Valles	Name	Xander Brensing
My phone	Favorite Keepsake	My Grandpa Henry's Henry Pump 22
Unknown	Future Career	Wildlife and parks officer
A chocolate and mousse mixture cake	Favorite Food/Dessert	Patsy's tostadas
Bob the Builder	Favorite Childhood T.V. Show	Blues Clues
Brazil	Vacation Destination	Alaska, to shoot something
Football	Favorite Sport	Hunting
Football	Hobby	Shooting stuff with Lance
Unknown	State/Capitol to be named after	I like my name how it is. Why would I change it?

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