

The Maverick

Mavericks place fourth in SPIAA League Tournament

By Clint Scott

The KC men's basketball team ended the first semester of basketball on a strong note. They ended the first half of their season against Fairfield High School, in which they traveled there, and left with a win. It was not an easy win though, because the Falcons stayed with the Mavericks essentially the whole game. The Mavericks prevailed ending the semester 3 and 4.

Returning in the second semester, the Mavericks started out with two home games. They first faced off against the Wildcats of Minneola which was a struggle as the Mavericks would end the first half trailing. The Mavericks did finally gain the lead in the fourth quarter and kept it. The KC lead would grow to double digits, but the Cats did not go away. They would make it a game, won or loss by free throws, as they fought and fouled until they were only down two. After four tough quarters the Mavericks pulled it out, with the score KC 41, Minneola 39. The Mavericks were now 4-4.

KC's next opponent at home would be Hodgeman County, which would set up a great finish. At the end of the first half the Mavericks were winning, but in the second half the Longhorns came back and took more than a ten point lead. KC fought to tie it up and sent the game into overtime. The comeback would include a 7-0 run in the final minute. Although the Mavericks did manage a comeback, Hodgeman County took control of the overtime and won 64 to 57.

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The Mavericks men's basketball team placed fourth in the league tournament. The team consisted of (back row) Lymon Morehead, Damien Odle, Jordan Wyrick, Cody Headrick, Clint Scott, Rustin Ardery, Ross Binford, Kendall Watson, (front row) Caleb Davis, Trever Powell, Montana Ralstin and Ty Schaefer. Courtesy Photo



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Who's the coolest?

By Peyton Wade

So, here is the deal. I've been going to school for most of my life and this is my fourth year in high school. That's right, I'm a senior. While I'm only 18 and haven't seen much of life, I'm going to share something that I have seen and noticed these past few years. People aren't supposed to be cool. Nowhere is there a written code that says everybody has to be cool, funny, interesting and likeable. But so many people still try to be all of these things.

I know that most everyone wants to be liked by people. I haven't met a person who woke up one morning and said, "I really wish everybody would hate me today." Everybody needs attention. No man is an island, right? That is why so many people try hard to be the cool per-

son or the funny guy, so that they will fit in. Understand this though; we don't have to be cool, funny or perfect to be liked. At least we shouldn't have to be.

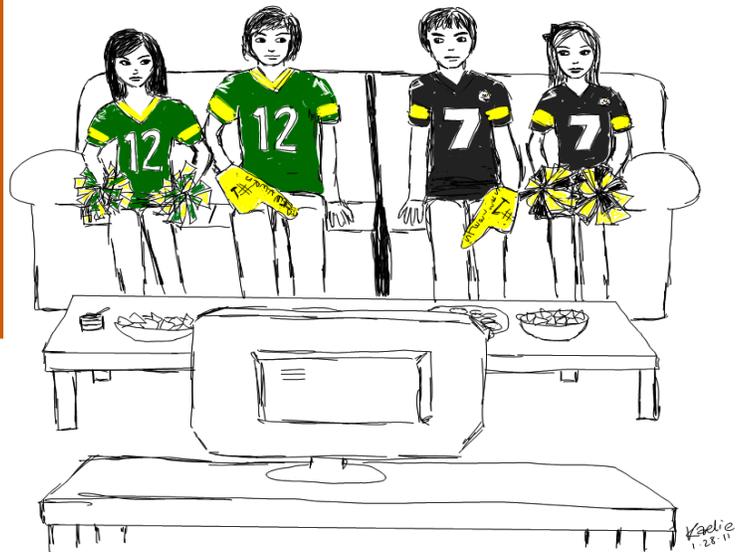
To me, people are "coolest" when they are being honest and themselves. But that is a hard thing to do. If someone is real with who they are around people, they risk that realness being judged by everyone else. However, that risk is totally worth it. "Real" people are the best. I have yet to meet a person who did not appreciate realness in another person. So take a chance and be who you are instead of who people expect you to be. I'll think that you are completely awesome, and chances are a bunch of other people will too.

Peyton Wade signs with Friends University



Senior Peyton Wade signed a letter of intent to run Cross County and Track for the upcoming 2011-12 school year at Friends University. Pictured with Wade are KCHS Track Coach Travis Powell, Principal Randy Fulton, Lori Wade and Head Track and Cross County Coach Bradley Peterson of Friends. Photo by Kayleen Stevens

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Words from behind the scenes

By Jamie Larsh

Coffee is a very universal drink. Everywhere you go there is some kind of coffee, whether it is at a conference, hotel, restaurant, friend's houses and not to mention a Starbucks on every street corner in every major city in the United States. I think it's safe to say that we have become very used to having coffee at our finger tips. Of course, this is not a bad thing.

Coffee can be very therapeutic. Whenever I am having a bad day and nothing has seemed to go right, one of the first things I do when I get home is brew some coffee. Most of us have that signature drink we love and always look forward to. Some people

keep it simple with just cream and sugar, others not so much. Especially at Starbucks, customers get very specific with their drinks like getting a venti decaf non-fat mocha with two pumps of raspberry and whip cream on top.



Something about drinking your favorite coffee drink and having it the way you want it can make any day better. If you want to make anyone's day better, call them up and take them to get a cup of coffee. It's a simple way to put a smile on their face.

Clint Knows All

By Clint Scott

Coming up in February is a yearly football tradition that started in 1967. An event that's one of the most televised and watched program, that every year has people watching everywhere. That's right, it's the Super Bowl. The thing is, a lot of people that watch, don't even care about football. So why do so many people watch?

One reason is, with so many viewers watching, it's a perfect time for products to be advertised. Yes, a large number of people watch for the commercials. I personally enjoy the commercials, even though the majority of the time, I will never buy the product.

Reason two is that the Super Bowl has started the tradition of the Super Bowl Party. This is a chance to gather and socialize, enjoy conversation, eat a few snacks and it just happens that the biggest football game of the year will be on the televi-

sion. Sometimes with Super Bowl parties people don't even pay attention to the game. But at least when you're watching for funny ads you're still technically watching the game.

The last reason for people watching the Super Bowl, is to actually watch the game. Football has become one of America's greatest pastimes, starting from pop warner leagues, to junior high, then high school and college. So, what's better than watching the two best teams, with the best players in the world, play for the championship trophy?

Whether you're an ad watcher, a socializer or just a football enthusiast, we can all find something good about the Super Bowl. Although some people might not find watching football amusing, the Super Bowl is an event we all can enjoy.



What say you?

By Jimmy Hoyt

What do you think STUCO could do to improve the school?



Riamn Heft: "I think they need to make it a little more personal and homey, and less like a prison."



Dottie Housworth: "There needs to be a lot more activities and things like that, like lock-ins."



Keith Prosser: "I think there needs to be some posters, to get school spirit up more."



Darren Hayse: "There should be more decorations, you know, schnazz it up more."

KCHS hosts Scholars Bowl

By Meghan Darnell

Dec. 8, the Scholars Bowl team traveled to Bucklin to compete at the last meet of the semester. At the meet the varsity team found themselves in a 3-way tie for second place, and by luck of the draw ended up placing fourth. This was the best the team had done this year. Meanwhile, the junior varsity team won six of their ten matches.

Kiowa County hosted the Jan. 5 meet, with ten teams competing. The varsity team won four of their nine matches, not winning enough to place however. With the school hosting the meet, various teachers, students and volunteers acted as moderators, judges

and scorekeepers.

Every year there are interesting answers to some of the questions. On one such instance this year a difficult question was asked about Marie Antoinette. The opposing team buzzed in, answering incorrectly. The Kiowa County team, having nothing to lose and no idea as to what the correct answer was, buzzed in with the exclamation, "A duck!" Obviously duck was not the right answer, however, it lightened the tension and everyone had a good laugh.



Miss the most:
The boys giving me a hard time and laughing at Lindy when she falls

Looks forward to:
Being independent and having free time

Name:
Dezere Valles

Plans after high school:
Attend Wichita State University

High school memory:
Sledding at Morgan Tyree's house and state volleyball

Favorite Season:
Summer

Pet Peeve:
People who drag their feet and gum smacking, Grace Sirois!!

Wanted super power:
Ability to get whatever I want



Miss the most:
Weight lifting and hanging with friends

Looks forward to:
Meeting new people

Name:
Bryce Yohn

Plans after high school:
Go into engineering at K-State

High school memory:
Riding the suburban with Couch Young to JV football games

Favorite Season:
Fall

Pet Peeve:
Clint Scott

Wanted super power:
To be indestructible

SENIOR PROFILE

Class Of

2011



Miss the most:
Listening to Shannon's random babbling

Looks forward to:
Obeying Bryce's every wish

Name:
Darin McVay

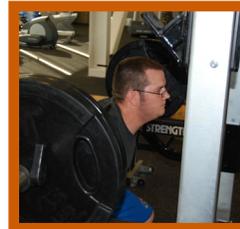
Plans after high school:
Study for video production and visual communication

High school memory:
Maverick Nation cheering at state volleyball

Favorite Season:
Hunting season

Pet peeve:
Any little thing that doesn't work out the way I want it to

Wanted super power:
Glow in the dark



Miss the most:
Talking and being with friends

Looks forward to:
Being off on my own and providing for myself

Name:
Vince Gwin

Plans after high school:
Joining the army and becoming a trooper

High school memory:
Playing XBOX 360 on the last two days of my junior year

Favorite Season:
Winter, hunting season

Pet Peeve:
People messing with stuff gets me angry

Wanted super power:
Super strength

By Audrey Wheeler



2011 Winter Homecoming Candidates

Jamie Larsh, Darren Hayse, Adriell Hewitt, Kasey Gamble, Lindy McKinny and Clint Scott

Getting to know them -Mrs. Kim Stewart

By Kristin Wade

Kim Stewart is the choir instructor at KCHS. She is also the instructor for Haviland's K-8 students. She has only been instructing choir for a few years, but has been singing her entire life, having her first performance at five years of age, which was a solo in her church choir.

Since then Stewart has had many opportunities with the music industry. She has traveled to many places to sing with choirs, starting when she was 14. She was selected for a singing group that traveled through Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Later on while attending Friends Bible College, now Barclay College, she was part of their traveling choir.

After graduating Stewart had the opportunity to be the co-director for an international traveling choir for six weeks. Stewart had to pay \$3,000-4,000 dollars out of pocket to participate in this international choir experience.

"I was saving up to buy a new car, but I decided that would be a much better experience," states Stewart.

The FBC choir traveled throughout Germany and

Hungary, but primarily had performances in the Ukraine. They sang songs in English, Russian and Swahili.

The group started in Germany, and then moved on to the other countries. Their performances were set up like concerts, and took place at communist youth camps and churches. The outdoor concerts in the Ukraine would draw as many as 1,500 people. The Ukrainians were very interested in these concerts because these were some of the first Americans they had ever seen.

Life slowed down for Stewart once she met her husband, Don Stewart, in Derby, KS. They began raising their first child there, but decided to move back to her hometown of Haviland. The Stewarts have lived there ever since, living in the country with their two children.



Class of the month

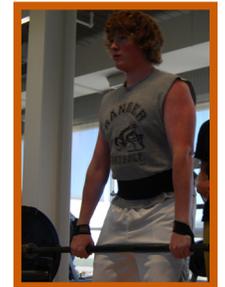
By Lymon Morehead

This month's class of the month is strength and conditioning. In strength and conditioning students are taught the correct form for certain types of lifts, such as bench press, back squat and hang clean. But this class is not supposed to make you strong, but instead, help form you into an all-around athlete. Also in weight lifting, students work on their foot speed by doing agility drills. With the combination of weight lifting and agility drills it increases your strength flex-

-Strength and Conditioning

ibility and speed. If you are unsure about whether weight lifting is the thing for you, strength and conditioning is an easy step to see if you enjoy weight lifting.

"It gives me a chance to take a break from school work," commented Ty Schaefer.



Why celebrate?

By Jessica Moore

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

We all know these words, and we all know who stated them. Some more than others, maybe. But in all truth, why do we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the American face of civil rights. He is best known for his Montgomery bus boycott in 1955, and his march to Washington in 1963.

King was a Baptist minister and became a civil rights leader early in

his career, fighting for independence and equal rights. In 1964, he was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, for his work to stop racial segregation and discrimination.

In March of 1968, King traveled to Memphis Tennessee to deliver a speech about unfair treatment for blacks at work. On his flight there, King received a bomb threat, but did not let that stop him from continuing on to his destination. He arrived in Memphis and was boarding at a motel that he often stayed in. At one point, he walked out to the balcony where he was assassinated by James Earl Ray. Not long after, riots broke out in

over 100 different cities all around the world.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed "Martin Luther King Jr. Day" into law; it was first observed in 1986. However, 2000 was the first year that all states in America officially observed it.

All in all, King was an acclaimed civil rights activist, who changed many things in the world. Even if it meant taking small steps at a time, King managed to achieve a sort of peace, which still stands today.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink!!

By Audrey Wheeler

On January 13, Eco-Troubadour and award winning educator Stan Slaughter came to KCHS to encourage conversation and creative thinking when it comes to going green. He presents his eco-friendly message by showing before and after pictures of our earth if we become green and by singing songs with his rock guitar. Songs like "One Step (Just Take One Step)" and "Now We Know" are some of the songs that Slaughter sings when he speaks to schools. Slaughter has been taking his motto "Every Day is Earth Day" to schools and businesses all round the world since 1987, making over 200 appearances and reaching out to as many as 300,000 adults and students.

He was chosen to be in the Recycling Hall of Fame in 2006 and Educator of the Year in 2000. Stan has five environmentally-themed music albums and many fun and educational products like Compost Gin, a card game, and Compost Poster and the Worm Compost Poster. Stan and his wife own their own little business called Tall Oak Productions, LLC to promote Stan's passion for the planet. "You know we're all connected...you and me..from the snow on mountaintop to the fish in the bottom of the deep blue sea.." is a line from one of his song, "We're All Connected".

Meg's Memo A Look at What's Ahead

By Meghan Darnell

- Feb. 2** Kiowa County third through eighth grade Spelling Bee at 10 a.m. in the auxillary gymnasium
- Feb. 3** Regional Scholars Bowl at Pratt-Skyline
- Feb. 4** High school basketball homecoming vs. Fowler. The dance will follow the game, beginning around 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6** Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 9** Kiowa County Spelling Bee in Haviland High School auditorium at 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 12** ACT test at KCHS; State Scholars Bowl; 7 p.m. Jimmy Needham concert at the Hockett Auditorium in Haviland.
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Day
- Feb. 28** First day of spring sports practice and sub-state basketball

Peyton's Poll

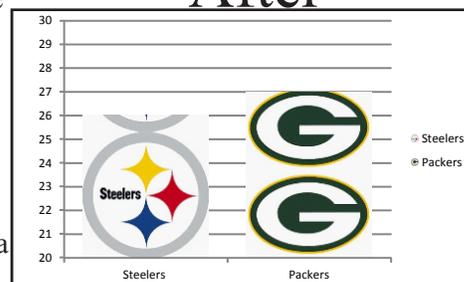
It is the time of year when many people start thinking about the playoffs, or the Super Bowl. It is a pretty big event every year even for those who don't follow football. That is why it gets a poll.

The first poll was taken in early January and students were asked to pick which one of these teams was going to win the superbowl. The second poll was taken after the playoffs and students were asked again which team was going to win. As one can see,

Green Bay won by a margin of one vote.



Before
After



February Birthdays

- 01** Ross Binford
- 03** Justin Boswell
- 06** Keith Prosser
- 09** Ashlea Allred
- 10** Brian Yau
- 18** Shaylee Erwin
- 18** Casie Price
- 19** Adriell Hewitt
- 19** Bryce Yohn
- 23** Kendal Melton
- 24** Weston Jantz
- 25** Dezere Valles
- 29** Cathrine Kibel

Top 10

Books According to Barnes & Noble: www.bn.com- bestsellers list- as of Jan. 5

By Rachel Schmidt

Adult-

- 1** Awakened
(House of Night Ser. #8)
by P.C. Cast
- 2** Change the Culture, Change
the Game
by Roger Connors
- 3** True Grit
by Charles Portis
- 4** Heaven is for Real
by Todd Burpo
- 5** Autobiography of
Mark Twain
by Mark Twain
- 6** Strengths Finder 2.0
by Tom Rath
- 7** The 7
by Glenn Beck
- 8** Three Seconds
by Anders Roslund
- 9** Water for Elephants
by Sara Gruen
- 10** Unbroken
by Laura Hillenbrand

Children-

- 1** The Lost Hero
(Heroes of Olympus Ser. #1)
by Rick Riordan
- 2** The Ugly Truth
(Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #5)
by Jeff Kinney
- 3** Of Thee I Sing - A letter to My
Daughters
by Barak Obama
- 4** The Last Olympian
(Percy Jackson and the Olympians Ser.#5)
by Rick Riordan
- 5** Battle of the Labyrinth
(Percy Jackson and the Olympians Ser.#4)
by Rick Riordan
- 6** Curious George Circus Act
by H.A. Rey
- 7** Valentines Are For Saying
I Love You
by Margaret Sutherland
- 8** The Lighting Thief
(Percy Jackson and the Olympians Ser.#1)
by Rick Riordan
- 9** Curious George Christmas
Countdown
by H.A. Rey
- 10** The Chronicles of Narnia
by C.S. Lewis

Songs

By Jessica Moore

*Voted on by five chosen students
from each class.*

- 1** Black and Yellow
- Wiz Khalifa
- 2** Tonight
- Enrique Iglesias
- 3** The Time
- Black Eyed Peas
- 4** Rocketeer
- Far East
Movement & Ryan
Tedder
- 5** Coming Home
- Diddy
- 6** Firework
- Katy Perry
- 7** We R Who We R
- Ke\$ha
- 8** Hold it against me
- Britney Spears
- 9** Grenade
- Bruno Mars
- 10** Whats My Name
- Rhianna ft.
Drake

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The Mavericks now sitting under 500 at 4-5, needed a win to get back on the right track. They would have to win on the road at Pawnee Heights in Rozel. The Mavericks played well all game and took the lead, and held it the entire game. This would set their record at 5-5, beating the Tigers 58 to 28.

Trying to gain their first winning record of the season, since being 1-0, the Mavericks would face the Bulldogs of Ingalls at home. This game was a hard fought battle, as at half time the Maverick lead was one. During the second half the Bulldogs stayed with KC and closed within three. It was a heavyweight bout, and in the closing seconds an Ingalls guard hit a three point shot to make the score 41-41, sending the game into overtime. This was the second overtime in the second semester for the Mavericks. This overtime was different, against Hodgeman County, the Mavericks were completely dominated; against Ingalls the story was turned. After a quick two from junior guard Ross Binford, the Mavericks were rolling, and never stopped. The final score would be KC 51, Ingalls 44.

With their record now 6-5, KC would start the SPIAA League tournament. They were seeded as the number six seed, and would have to compete in the play in game. They played Pawnee Heights again, and played well, again. The Mavericks gained a double digit lead in the first quarter with a score of 19 to 1, the score would never be close. At the end of the game the score would

be KC 55, Pawnee Heights 34.

This would pit them against the number three seed, Fowler. The game would be held at Dodge City, a win here would get Kiowa County to the semi-finals. The Mavericks took charge of the game at the beginning, attaining a lead of more than ten at one point in the second quarter, but Fowler didn't completely go away. At the end of the half KC was only up by 7. The Mavericks came out in the third quarter on fire and gained another double digit lead, reaching 15 at its peak in the fourth quarter. The Goldbugs did show life in the last minutes, cutting the deficit from 15 to 7, but in the end the Mavericks would pull the first upset of the tournament, the final score KC 57, Fowler 49.

After the last win, the Mavericks were in the semi-final round, but to get to the championship they would have to get through the tough number two seed, South Gray Rebels. They tried their hardest but lost with a score of 20-58. Moving on, they played for third place against South Central. It started to look grim for the Mavericks as the Timberwolves looked like they were in control of the game the entire time. Getting into foul trouble early, players Ross Binford, Cody Headrick and Clint Scott fouled out in the fourth quarter. Despite the deficit, the boys fought back as Caleb Davis knocked down two three pointers and an easy layup to tie the game right as the buzzer went off at the end of the fourth quarter. The game went into overtime and they fought hard, they were unable to pull the win out and lost 62-68. The Kiowa County Mavericks got fourth overall in the league tournament.



Above: Senior Cody Headrick holds the ball high away from a Hodgeman County defender while looking to finish the offense with a shot.

Left: Going up against tough Longhorns defense, senior Clint Scott puts up a hook shot to make one of many points in the paint. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Lady Mavs face tough losses

By Cody Headrick

As the end of the season draws nearer, the Lady Mavs continue to be strong competitors. Advancing their record to 7-6 with a win at Pawnee Heights and a loss at home against the Ingalls Lady Bulldogs; the Mavs then continued on to tournament play with a win versus Ashland and two losses to Spearville and Minneola.

Optimistic as ever Head Coach Randy Vanden-Hoek had these things to say shortly before the league tournament came rolling around. "The Girls league is wide open for anybody to win it. We have as good of a chance as any other team does."

This being displayed by the girls having a positive record of 6-4 before the start but still getting seeded seventh in the bracket.

VandenHoek continued, "If we can take care of the ball and rebound it'll go a long way to making us more successful."

In the pretournament rankings only three wins separated the number one seed from the number seven seed in SPIAA, making it presumably one of the more exciting tournaments to watch. The first round of the tournament was held at



the Lady's home court in Greensburg. They faced off against the 3-7 Lady Blue Jays of Ashland. Leading not only at halftime but most importantly at the end of the game the girls clad in orange and white pulled away to face the number two seeded 9-2 Spearville girls at the Dodge City Civic Center.

That game however, was much more of a battle, leading by just one point at halftime the Mavericks had to push and claw for every point. Unfortunately it wasn't enough and the girls were handed their first loss in the tournament. Following five days later the ladies came face to face with the Wildcats in their final league tournament game. The only other time this season that these teams saw each other the Mavericks came out on top by a three point margin. This time however, the tables had turned. Hampered by the loss of a senior starter (Morgan Fulton who came out of the game due to a back injury) the Mavericks fell despite their best efforts.



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Above: With her feet firmly planted and mind set, senior Lindy McKinney meticulously scans the court for open teammates. Left: With a great upward surge of power, sophomore Angela Liggett leaps aloft in order to tip the ball to her fellow teammates, thus insuring they are rewarded with the opportunity for that pivotal first strike. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Sneaky Clean Joke

By Cody Headrick

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip. After a good dinner and a bottle of wine, they retire for the night, and go to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." "I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes," replies Watson. "And what do you deduce from that?" Watson ponders for a minute. "Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially

billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. "Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes is silent for a moment. "Watson, you idiot!" he says. "Someone has stolen our tent!"

JH Boys already thinking about next year

By Morgen Ulrich

On Thursday, Dec. 16 the junior high boys traveled to South Gray. The A-team lost their basketball game.

A C-team tournament was held at South Central on Saturday, Jan. 8. The C-team won one of their games and lost the other.

Another away game was held at Spearville on Thursday, Jan. 13. The A-team had yet another loss. The A-team lost another game at home against Minneola on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Head coach Travis Powell said he is happy with the turnout of this season's boys. "We have a lot of kids and a lot of sixth graders learning and hopefully getting better in the next few years." Powell has been a coach for 12 years.

Seventh grader Aaron Heft said his favorite thing about basketball is that "you get to get out of school early, and winning." Heft has been in basketball for two years. He said the skills he has learned so far will help him in high school.

Eighth grader Cole Kendall has been in basketball for three years and said, "The game at Pawnee Heights was my favorite."



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Above: Trying to draw the foul, eighth grader Erik Torres lays the ball in to get the easy two point bucket. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

JH Lady Mavs near the end

By Sydney Headrick

Nearing the close of the 2010-2011 season, the Junior High Lady Mavs are showing improvements on "ball handling and breaking the press," said head coach Staci Derstein.

On Jan. 20 there was a home game for the Mavs who were hosting the Minneola Wildcats. Both B and C team lost. A-team lost 11-40. "We didn't use our skills," said assistant coach Mallorie Ballard.

Spearville hosted the Mavericks on Jan. 13. B-team lost along with the A-team losing 20-28.

Saturday, Jan. 8 at South Central there was a C-team tournament. The Lady Mavs brought home first place.



The first game after Christmas break on Jan. 6, Kiowa County hosted Fowler. With the score of 21-22, A-team lost, and the B-team won.

On Dec. 16 the Mavs headed west to South Gray. A-team lost 8-36. "Too many turnovers," said eighth grader Hannah Brown. Both B and C team lost also.

"We didn't do well against the press," said Derstein.

Their next game is home on Jan. 31 against Hodgeman County. Then the league tournament is Feb. 7, 10 and 12.

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Above: Eighth grader Samantha Gwin puts the ball on the floor to drive against a defending Fowler player. The Mavericks lost a close game with them despite their efforts. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Quiz team brings home first medal

By Sydney Headrick

What are the verbs in the following sentence? Pat and I walked to the mall. This is a typical quiz bowl question that six seventh graders and five eighth graders are ready to answer.

The eleven students selected were determined by a quiz. The quiz consisted of 18 questions in a three minute time period.

There's a new rule that the teams can have five people at the table, instead of four like in the past years.

On Jan. 17, the Maverick quiz bowl teams headed to South Central. The eighth

grade team did not place but was 2-3. Taking second place overall, the seventh graders brought home a metal.

Due to snow on Jan. 10, the teams didn't go to Haviland. That meet is the next one and has been rescheduled for Feb. 1.

"We all have our own subject that we're good at," said eighth grader Miranda Kimble.

"History," said seventh grader Cody Kibel.

"Math," said eighth grader Cole Kendall.

"Science," said seventh grader Melanie Brown.

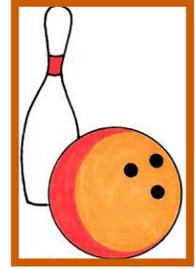
Bowling Party!

By Olivia Dawson

On Monday, Feb. 14 KCJH's Impact will be putting on a bowling party for grades six through eight. The party will in Dodge City from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The school will be providing transportation, but students will have to provide money for bowling and food themselves.

Since it is on Valentine's Day, the theme of the

event is Valentine's. Junior High and Grade School Counselor Kathy Headrick said, "The social planning committee voted to host a bowling party."



New Year's Resolutions

By Morgen Ulrich

A survey was taken by the seventh and eighth graders at Kiowa County Junior High about New Year's resolutions and traditions. About half of the junior high make them.

A lot of students have favorite memories of their New Year's. Seventh grader Tatum McKinney considers every year her favorite because it is her birthday on New Year's Eve. Seventh grader McKenzie Heft's favorite memory is "when we were at Riann and Aaron's playing hide and seek, we all jumped out and scared Riann."

Eighth grader Taylor Keller said "getting my tongue stuck to a pole" was her favorite memory. Playing "Just Dance" with her friends is eighth grader Maddie Cannon's favorite.

Many people also have New Year traditions. Eighth grader Denisse Ramos's tradition is eating 12 grapes. Playing poker is one of Erik Torres' traditions.

Seventh grader Melanie Brown goes to her grandma's house almost every year. Eighth grader Ambrosia Beard plays games with her family, listens to music and watches the ball drop.

Some people don't make New Year's resolu-

tions. Eighth grader Kris Crowley doesn't make them because he said he has good habits already. Eighth grader Alexis Scheuerman doesn't make them either because there was nothing she wanted to change about herself.

Eighth grader Olivia Dawson said, "I don't have a goal throughout the year; I make small, easy ones. I probably wouldn't keep resolutions anyway." Eighth Chelsye Racette thinks that making resolutions is stupid, and knows she wouldn't keep them.

Eighth grader Aaric Kipp has a resolution to try to get a girlfriend. And eighth grader Shantae Wheeler's resolution is to stop biting her nails.

Eighth grader Skylar Odle said, "My resolution is to get better at basketball, not let people run me over, to be a better leader and to keep a boyfriend for a while." Seventh grader Jansen Miller said she is going to try to not make fun of people and not to argue with her parents.

Out of all of the resolutions made by the 21 seventh graders, 15 percent of the resolutions were to get better grades, and 15 percent of them were to not fight with peers and parents.

Meet our new student!

By Josh Spicer

New seventh grader Joseph Mayabb started school at the beginning of the semester. He moved here from Derby. He went to school at Derby Middle School (DMS).

Mayabb moved here because "of all the bullying and beating up going on in the school." He also said, "The school is very crowded that there are over 4,000 kids of seventh and eighth grades."

Mayabb likes to make stuff in his free time with duck tape and paper. Mayabb also likes to play video games on his Xbox360.

He said, "It's pretty fun having family being around because I like to see my family more often." His dad is Nathan Spicer, his brother is seventh grader Josh Spicer, and his sister is eighth grader Sarah Spicer. His favorite part of this school is the gyms.



JH Student Spotlight



Seventh

Topics they were asked about...

Eighth

Teigen Ellegood

Name

Skylar Odle

Granite rock that my grandma gave me

Favorite Keepsake

A necklace my grandma gave me

Radiologist

Future Career

Doctor

Pizza

Favorite Food/Dessert

Strawberry Shortcake

Power Rangers

Favorite Childhood T.V. Show

Blues Clues

Hawaii

Vacation Destination

Hawaii

Basketball

Favorite Sport

Basketball

Building things with Legos

Hobby

Texting

Topeka because it is an Indian name

State/Capitol to be named after

Unknown

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