Tropical Paradise

By Meghan Darnell

The Kiowa County High School Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Greensburg Recreation gym on April 16th. The promenade began at six in the evening, followed directly by the dinner. The prom theme was Tropical Night and the juniors decorated with tiki men and palm trees. For dinner, the juniors chose to serve pork loin, a mashed potato casserole, green beans, Hawaiian rolls and fruit bowls with a key lime pie dessert.

At the dance, attendants were subjectively entertained by a swing dance by Mr. and Mrs. Calkins along with a dance-off between senior Shannon Webster and another student’s date. It was a very upbeat dance with two-steps, line-dances and the right balance of fast and slow songs.

After the dance, students were allowed 30 minutes to change, and then were bussed to the Mullinville gymnasium for After-Prom. At the After-Prom party, students were provided with a vast variety of games to win either cash or tickets for four big prizes that would be drawn at the end of the night. The big prizes were an Apple I-pad, an automobile tune-up set, a camera, an X-Box 360, a television and Blu-ray player and an I-pod touch. There were also prizes for guessing games. These games consisted of guessing the amount of change or golf balls in a container, the number of cotton balls in a shoe and matching a picture of all the senior’s eyes with their names. Games to win tickets for the drawings consisted of various carnival games, Minute-to-Win-It challenges and game shows like Cash Cab.

One of the games for which names were drawn to play was Let’s Make a Deal in which Paco Torres won a bucket of “good ‘ol Kansas dirt”.

Torres commented that “Prom itself was very entertaining… except for the bucket of dirt.”

Shannen Hall was another winner of the night, taking home both the X-Box 360 and $100 in Deal or No Deal.

Said Hall “There were lots of fun games. I flipped a lot of frogs. That was probably the most fun.” As for the Deal or No Deal prize, she stated “It was bad. I’m convinced the only reason I kept going was because my friend kept telling me I had the case with the $100. I thought I was going to pass out I was freaking out so bad.”

Left to right: During the promenade, couples were introduced by Pastor Martin George. Some of the couples included Chloe Enfield escorted by Darren Hayse, Lindy McKinney escorted by Kasey Gamble and Dena Liggett escorted by Weston Jantz. Photos by Kayleen Stevens.
Clint Knows All

By Clint Scott

America loves a lot of things, stuff we’ve been accustomed to for years. Things like malls, theme parks, apple pie, fast food places and television. One of the most famous pastimes though, is also one of our oldest American pastimes, baseball. A lot of favorite childhood memories for some are going to their very first major league baseball game. This is convenient because the major league baseball (MLB) season is finally starting up. The season starts with preseason games, all leading up to opening day on April Fool’s Day, the first of April. The regular season now is still just beginning, giving the teams a chance to show us new players and new rotations. I love going to baseball games, but personally when I watch them on television, I only pay attention to roughly 4 innings. I assume I’m not the only one who thinks it’s more fun to watch a game when you’re at the stadium, rather than from your couch.

So what makes live games better than on TV? My opinion is that you can feel the tradition in the atmosphere. Some people don’t even like baseball, and they still enjoy themselves at games, my sister is a perfect example of this. She could care less about the sport, but she’s had fun every time my family has gone to a game. I’ve shared opinions of why people like games, but what is your favorite thing about baseball games?

Here are some KCHS students and teachers opinions:
“I like seeing the old people go, that have been to like every single game their team has had. I also enjoy the loose and comfortable atmosphere, it is very traditional.” - Jamie Larsh
“I would definitely have to go with drunk people fighting over bad calls, of course I like it too when mascots throw t shirts.” - John Musquez
“The last out of the top of the 9th inning.” - Mr. Marshall Ballard
“Watching home runs” - Evan Williams
“The competitiveness is fun to watch, and it’s cool when managers get ejected.” - Gage Hosheit

These are just a few opinions, and if you don’t agree with any of these because you’ve never experienced a game, then I encourage you to go to at least one game. There should be at least one thing about a game that you can enjoy.

Words from behind the scenes

By Jamie Larsh

Spring is here and you know what that means, shopping for new spring clothes!! It’s the time of year where the seasons are changing and the sun likes to tease us by coming out and warming the air one day and then hiding the next. For those nice warm days the sandals and shorts are broken out from their long stay in the closets and drawers. The thing is, for most girls including me, it feels like last summer’s clothes have been worn way too much. It gets boring with the same outfits over and over.

Now I don’t want to sound like a snob about this and say I have to get rid of the old and in with the new because you can always mix and match pieces from three years ago with this 2011 season. I love pulling out pieces from two years ago and having it totally work with an outfit.

So, what is “IN” this spring? According to Seventeen Magazine, floral prints and other crazy prints on shoes, shorts, shirts or even handbags are very in this season. Also, weave-straw hats are seen a lot on the runway. There are so many more, but you can find great fashion advice for this spring on any website of a fashion magazine like Seventeen or Vogue.

Clothes aren’t the only things that change. Hair styles are also a very big part of spring. Braids and low buns are very popular this season, but if you don’t have long hair to put up, shortlonghairstyles.com has many hairstyles for short cuts. Pixie cuts, for example, are a great short cut and also wavy bobs.

Now that you have an introduction to the many styles of spring, you are ready to go out and face the big spring sales. There are many websites that you can look at to help you look the best this summer. After all, shouldn’t spring be all about being fresh?
Bacon, Bacon, Bacon

By Cody Headrick

Throughout the history of mankind we have seemed to chance upon some truly incredible things in the world like The Grand Canyon, dinosaur fossils, really big fish and the most mesmerizing of them all, bacon. Anything that makes you wish the world had drive through angioplasty\(^1\) is truly way too extraordinary. In fact, adding bacon to anything instantly makes it better (i.e. bacon wrapped pork, bacon bits in salad\(^2\), Kevin Bacon and bacon & eggs). Until well into the sixteenth century, bacon or bacoun was a Middle English term used to refer to all pork in general. The term bacon comes from various Germanic and French dialects. It derives from the French bako, Common Germanic bakkon and Old Teutonic backe, all of which refer to the back. There are breeds of pigs particularly grown for bacon, notably the Yorkshire and Tamworth. All of which comes from http://www.homecooking.about.com. Now today nobody really knows who the first connoisseur of this deli-catessen delight is, but if he were alive today I would walk right up to him, look him in the eye, and say “thank you sir”. However my friends, there are people walking among us, whom if I am told right, don’t like bacon. Do not fret; these perpetrators of that natural order will probably not hurt you. In fact, they won’t eat your bacon either. So I guess they are all right as long as you don’t make them your friends, or family\(^3\).

For those of you amateurs of the mouth-watering, awe inspiring, grease sizzling, de-licious smelling bacon you may be pleasant-ly surprised to know that it has other uses. Like, as my wise friend Jamie Larsh once put “getting rid of any undesirable smell in your house” and thus replacing it with the wonderful aroma that is bacon.

So remember my comrades in the culinary arts, whether you’re whipping up some simple strips of bacon, or you’re an over achiever and you’re crafting the wonderland that is the Bacon Explosion\(^4\)(right), be sure to make enough for me.

\(^1\)For those of you who don’t know what that is, it’s where they mechanically go in and widen up your blood vessels. Presumably because you ate too much bacon, or bacon based food products.
\(^2\)Which in all reality is just a game of find the bacon in the lettuce.
\(^3\)Not that I have anything wrong with my family not eating my bacon. This way it’ll just save a lot of incredulous looks during thanksgiving and such.
\(^4\)Recipe: 2 Pounds Thick Bacon Strips, 2 Pounds Italian Sausage, 1 Jar BBQ sauce, 1 Jar BBQ rub. You start by weaving a blanket of bacon. Followed by a rub of your BBQ rub, add a layer of sausage. Sprinkle bits of bacon on top of that. Douse in BBQ sauce, and then roll up into a nice delicious grease filled log. Smoke on grill for some time. Add final layer of BBQ sauce. Deliciousness awaits. For more detailed instructions along with illustrations go to http://www.bbqaddicts.com/blog/recipes/bacon-explosion/.

Sneaky Clean Joke

By Cody Headrick

A general noticed one of his soldiers behaving oddly. The soldier would pick up any piece of paper he found, frown and say: “That’s not it” and put it down again.

This went on for some time, until the general arranged to have the soldier psychologically tested. The psychologist concluded that the soldier was deranged, and wrote out his discharge from the army. The soldier picked it up, smiled and said: “That’s it.”

Peyton’s Poll

Springtime is in full swing and spring sports have started, namely track. I would say something about baseball or softball, but as I have been readily informed by the fanatics, our school doesn’t offer those sports. So I thought it would be cool to see how many people would like to see certain sports played at our high school. These are the results.

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Name: Jessica Eller
Plans after high school: Attend Friends University and study Psychology
High school memory: Art class with Shane, Adam, Kyle and Tim

Name: Alex Brensing
Plans after high school: Go to college
High school memory: Making a figurative speech video with Evan and John

Name: Denton Clark
Plans after high school: Attend Fort Hays for AgriBusiness
High school memory: Football with Coach Blattner and Coach Rose

Name: Katelin Holland
Plans after high school: Attend FHSU and major in Radiology
High school memory: Sage and Peyton randomly chasing a turkey in cross country practice.

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By Jessica Moore

The school year is coming to a close, along with the forensics team and the meets. All the regular meets are now over and all that's left is state. The competition that all work for, but only some can prepare for.

On March 5, the Forensics team headed to Pratt for a meet, returning with fifth place out of 17 teams and five people placing overall. Kendal Melton placed seventh in serious solo acting. Kadie Larsh and Elizabeth Spurgeon placed fourth in improvised duet acting, while Kirby Lewis placed seventh in poetry. Shannon Webster placed seventh in humorous solo acting.

On March 8, the team headed off to Spearville, earning second place out of ten schools. They came back with seven people placing. Peyton Wade placed third place in duet acting. Jessica Eller and Webster placed second place with their duet, Wade and Larsh placed third also, with their duet acting. Lewis placed sixth in Poetry, while Darin McVay took fourth in Prose.

The team traveled the short distance to Bucklin, on March 25, bringing home first place, out of seven teams. Both Jordan Little and Wade placed in serious solo acting, Little bringing home fourth and Wade taking seventh. In humorous solo acting, Webster took first place, with Evan Williams behind him at third place. In improvised duet acting, Webster and Clint Scott took first place, along with Larsh and Spurgeon in fifth place. Cody McVey and Lewis placed in this same category at sixth place. In prose, Eller received first, Laina McMurry took third, and Lewis took sixth. In prose, Eller took first, followed by Wade who placed second, McVay took third and Lewis took sixth. For humorous solo acting Williams took third and Lisa R. took sixth. In serious solo acting Larsh took second followed closely by Little who took third. In duet the students took the top three places with Spurgeon and McVey taking first place, Wade and Larsh in second and finishing out with McVay and Williams taking third. Spurgeon and Wade placed second in IDA. Darnell took fifth and Hoyt took sixth in the informative category. Finally in extemp, Darnell took fifth while Housworth took sixth.

With state right around the corner, on the first weekend of May, the team must keep practicing and be prepared. Out of the year, there were 14 students who placed high enough to make it to state. These students included were, Eller, Webster, Scott, Melton, Hoyt, Williams, McVay, Wade, Larsh, Spurgeon, McVey, Grace Sirois, Little, and Bertram.

By Audrey Wheeler

Thursday, April 21, the FCA huddle leader, Morgan Tyree, lead the group in a fun little game by combining verses from the Easter story before Jesus was crucified and the traditional egg hunt that goes along with Easter. She split the students into groups of two and gave each group a bag filled with plastic Easter eggs. Each egg contained a piece of paper with part of a verse on it and an added Reeses cup. The students had to place the pieces of paper in the right order that the verse was in. After checking with Morgan to see if the verse was pieced together right, the students had to race out into the hallway and find the Easter egg that contained the reference where the verse was found in the Bible. The winners, siblings Peyton and Kristin Wade, received a yummy bag of Mini Reeses.

Sophomore Kaelie Kendall commented after the hunt, “I think that Morgan is really good at putting on activities to go with the lesson and verses that we are reading and I thought it was a really creative game.”

Left: Sophomore Trever Tyree and Junior Chelsea Oberle team up to unscramble the verses, trying to win the egg hunt game. Photo by Jamie Larsh
Crisis in Libya

By Jimmy Hoyt

In any comic book series, there’s a lineup of iconic bad guys, called a rogues gallery. Batman routinely has to deal with the Joker, The Riddler, The Penguin and Two Face. The real world also has a gallery of villains. There’s 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden, the late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the aging North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il and Libyan tyrant Muammar Qaddafi.

Qaddafi is the one currently under pressure now, because of an uprising in his country sparked by protests in February, which were in turn sparked by revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt. After his military opened fire on protesters protesting peacefully, they organized an armed resistance which is now entrenched in the city of Benghazi, hoping for the ousting of Qaddafi.

That such a large amount of Libyan people want Qaddafi out is not surprising, given that he is considered by most of the international community as a power-hungry tyrant. He has been known as an international villain, who oppresses his people and sponsors terrorism abroad, such as the Lockerbie Bombing which killed 181 American airplane passengers.

This resistance is made up mostly of untrained civilians and a contingent of Libyan Army defectors. Qaddafi’s forces are made up of his military and foreign mercenaries he hired after he realized he would need a lot more firepower to quell the uprising in his country. So far the war is at a stalemate, a situation which cannot be resolved peacefully.

Soon enough, others got involved, and the UN passed a resolution to put in place a no-fly zone over Libya, effectively negating Qaddafi’s air and armor superiority over the rebels. The French led the charge, with other countries soon joining the fray, with American ships knocking out Libyan anti emplacements with Tomahawk missiles, enabling NATO warplanes to patrol Libyan airspace without the threat of ground-based missiles.

What does this all mean for you, fellow Americans? First of all, this is hitting you directly in the wallet. Libya is a major supplier of oil in the world, and many of the foreign workers working there in the oil refineries have evacuated the country. Without any employees to work them, the refineries have shut down. Gas was $3.70 per gallon last week. If, like me, you drive a 15 mile-per-gallon gas guzzler, that’s a really bad thing. The first 10 days of the no-fly zone, where US involvement was the heaviest, cost taxpayers (read: your parents) $500 million dollars, for all of the Tomahawk missiles and jet fuel and bombs used.

The civil war in Libya is probably not going to be over anytime soon. Qaddafi and the rebels are not likely to back down until the situation is resolved. With the UN attempting to even the odds, the world will see if one of its timeless villains is finally defeated for good.

KU and KSU honor the students

By Jessica Moore

On April 25, 63 of the Kiowa County High School students were recognized for their hard work, ambition, and drive for an education. Whether it was the success of the achievements, or just the excitement in the air, there was definitely a feeling of happiness in the varsity gym that night.

The night started off with the invocation, from our superintendent, Darin Headrick. This was followed by the greetings from the KU and KSU representatives who introduced their schools. There was even a joke to follow, from Barb Bradley, a KU Alumni member.

“How do you keep a wildcat out of your backyard?” She asked the crowd, “You put a basketball goal out there.” getting a laugh from the whole crowd, even the Wildcats that were present.

The three course meal, prepared by Anita Friesen, consisted of salad, roast beef, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll and wide variety of desserts that were on the tables.

After the meal, Peyton Wade, who is a state qualified vocal soloist, sang both “Morning” and “Green Eyed Dragon” as the evening’s entertainment. He left the microphone to a standing ovation from the audience.

Following this was the main speaker of the night, the Chancellor of KU, Bernadette Grey-Little from a family where neither of her parents attended college. Her speech started with the inspiring story of her life. She was the first of her eight siblings to go onto college, with the rest following after her. Also, she spoke about some of the advances that the KU College is making in their school with the programs they offer. This all led up to her point, of how education can proceed to change one’s life forever.

Then, came the moment everyone was waiting for, the presentation of the certificates. To make it to the banquet, each student had to make one of the three honor rolls. This would be the Superintendent’s Honor Roll, the Principal’s Honor Roll, or the Honorable Mention.

To finish off the night, our Stuco president, Morgan Tyree gave the response, thanking all the alumni for coming out to support the pride in our education, then thanking the students for a great year so far.
Meg’s Memo
A Look at What’s Ahead

By Meghan Darnell

May 6
Registration deadline for the June 11th ACT tests held at PCC

May 7
State Forensics in Wichita and State Journalism at KU

May 8
Mother’s Day

May 10
Kiowa County awards night. Junior high at 6:30 and high school at 7:30

May 11
7:00 Barclay College Home Concert in the Haviland Friends Church sanctuary

May 14
1:30 KCHS Graduation in the high school gymnasium

May 16
Regional golf at Elkhart

May 18
Haviland youth group goes to Piester’s Pond

May 20
Regional track and field at Kiowa County

May 23
State golf at Garden City

May 24
7:00 KC Eighth Grade Graduation

May 25
Last day of school

May 25
KCHS Powder Puff Football

May 25
Little Olympics

May 27-28
State track and field in Wichita

May 30
Memorial Day

May 31
Beginning of Driver’s Ed.
Music students can tell the difference

By Kaelie Kendall

On Saturday, April 9, the Regional Choir Festival was held at Dodge City High School. 17 of the Kiowa County students participated in the competition, 10 singing solos and 16 in one or both of the two ensembles. The day began at 9:45 when freshman Lillian Hinshaw presented her two solos and ended around 3:00 with senior Evan Williams singing his.

Six of the soloists (Erica Bertram, Taylor Colborn, Adriell Hewitt, Lillian Hinshaw, Jordan Little and Peyton Wade) as well as the Ladies Ensemble (Ashlea Allred, Lillian Hinshaw, Riann Heft, Kristen Spainhour, Adriell Hewitt, Erica Bertam, Kaelie Kendall, Shaylee Erwin, Patty Torres and Taylor Colborn) received a one on their performances, guaranteeing them a chance to compete at the State Festival.

“Since the beginning of the year my voice has grown a lot,” said senior Peyton Wade. “Not just in experience but it has physically grown. It is a lot stronger and my range is about 3 or 4 notes higher than it was at the beginning of the year.

The choir has improved a lot in the same way. Our voices have matured a little bit but the experience of singing music is what has really helped us out. Our tone is much better than the first day of class, that’s for sure. I’m pleasantly surprised that I qualified for state with my solo. Honestly, I kind of expected it and I had hoped for it, but I was still a little bit afraid that I wouldn’t be good enough. I really think that our mixed ensemble should have qualified for state. When we warmed up right before singing we sounded so good! But then we went into the room and lost a lot of whatever it was we had a few minutes before.”

On Thursday, April 14, Pratt Community College hosted the State Choir Festival. The Kiowa County Choir sang their two pieces, “Now Sing Before the Lord” by Mozart and “He Never Failed Me Yet” by Robert Ray. The choir finished their performances with the scoring of two ones and one two.

“I feel like I have personally improved drastically since the beginning of the year,” junior Taylor Colborn stated. “Mrs. Stewart has really worked hard on getting all of us to our full potential and I feel like I made a drastic step towards that this year. The choir is ‘day and night’ compared to the beginning of the year. We have a great group that really cares and tries their hardest every time they are asked. I think the scoring was ok, but we were all hoping for three ones. Everyone went out and sang their part and had fun, so that’s all that matters. I’m super excited that the girls’ ensemble made it to state and also extremely excited that my solos made it. The girls’ ensemble sounded absolutely amazing and on my solos I highly doubted I would make it, because I totally messed up my words, but it works out for the best and the judge must have thought it sounded decent, even though I was so mad at myself.”

“The choir has grown tremendously since the first of the year,” choir director Kim Stewart explained. “Musically we are stronger, we blend better and we have a much more mature sound than we had in the beginning. The individual soloists have made great improvements also. I think each of them has grown in confidence and vocal strength through the process of singing a solo in front of a judge. I love my choir students! We have a great sense of community because we know we are doing something as a group that we cannot accomplish alone. The choir had a very clean and well polished performance at the State competition. You can’t ask for anything better than that! I felt we did very well at Regionals. For many students this was their first time performing at such a high level of competition. I know many of them were extremely nervous, but they handled the pressure by relying on the preparation and hard work we put in ahead of time. I think we will do well at State also. We will continue to make sure we are doing everything possible to be ready to give our best performances yet.”

The next performance for the choir students is State for soloists and the ensemble. They will perform in Salina, on April 30.

Above: The ladies ensemble consists of (back row) Kaelie Kendall, Ashlea Allred, Erica Bertram, Taylor Colborn, (middle row) Adriell Hewitt, Kristen Spainhour, Shaylee Erwin, (front row), Lillian Hinshaw, Riann Heft and Patricia Torres.

Class of the month

By Lymon Morehead and Jamie Larsh

This month’s class of the month is Computer App 1, 2 and 3. In Computer App. 1 students are taught how to use the programs of Microsoft Office. They also learn different skills to effectively research on the internet.

In Computer App. 2 students are taught how to create websites through an HTML programming software that Mrs. McKinney says is a very difficult program. Taking a little over one month at the end of the year the students are assigned to make a full website with links to different pages. Aside from websites they also learn to use Desktop Publisher.

McKinney now has Computer App. 3 that involves multimedia. Students are taught through a program called Adobe Suite Premier. Students then produce many types of videos like interviews, slideshows and short films. The program is very complex and the students learn many skills from it.

“I think learning all aspects of technology are important for students in today’s world because technology affects all aspect of our lives,” stated McKinney.
# Top 10

**Books**  
*According to Barnes & Noble: www.bn.com-bestsellers list- as of April 19.*  

**Adult-**

1. The Dukan Diet  
   *by Pierre Dukan*

2. Heaven Is for Real  
   *by Todd Burpo*

3. A Dance of Dragons  
   *(A Song of Fire and Ice #5)*  
   *by George R. R. Martin*

4. the Sixth Man  
   *(Sean King and Michelle Maxwell Ser. #5)*  
   *by David Baldacci*

5. The 17 Day Diet  
   *by Mike Moreno*

6. The Throne of Fire  
   *(Kane Chronicles Ser. #2)*  
   *by Rick Riordan*

7. Bossypants  
   *by Tina Fey*

8. Water For Elephants  
   *by Sara Gruen*

9. Dead Reckoning  
   *(Snookie Stackhouse/Southern Vampire Ser. #11)*  
   *by Charlaine Harris*

10. The Emperor of Nihon-Ja  
    *(Ranger’s Apprentice Ser. #10)*  
    *by John Flanagan*

**Children-**

1. The Throne of Fire  
   *(Kane Chronicles Ser. #2)*  
   *by Rick Riordan*

2. Vespers Rising  
   *(The 39 Clues Ser. #11)*  
   *by Rick Riordan*

3. Children Make Terrible Pets  
   *by Peter Brown*

4. Guess How Much I Love You  
   *by Sam McBratney*

5. The Emperor of Nihon-Ja  
   *(Ranger’s Apprentice Ser. #10)*  
   *by John Flanagan*

6. The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
   *by Eric Carle*

   *by Bill Martin Jr.*

8. Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
   *(Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #1)*  
   *by Jeff Kinney*

9. Silverlicious  
   *by Victoria Kann*

10. I Broke My Trunk!  
    *(Elephant and Piggie Ser.)*  
    *by Mo Willemsa*

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

1. E.T.  
   - Katy Perry  
     ft. Kanye West

2. Just can’t get enough  
   - The Black Eyed Peas

3. Roll Up  
   - Wiz Khalifa

4. S&M - Rihanna

5. Rolling in the Deep  
   - ADELE

6. On the Floor  
   - Jennifer Lopez  
     ft. Pitbull

7. Blow - Ke$ha

8. Rocketeer  
   - Far East Movement

9. Moment 4 Life  
   - Nicki Minaj

10. Jar of Hearts  
    - Christiana Perri
On Wed., April 20 the KCHS art classes went to an art show at Fort Hays State University. Once arriving in Hays the students set up their artwork and looked around a little bit. After everything was set up they had to clear out to let the judges critique their work. While that was going on everyone went over to one of the Hays buildings that contained some college artwork.

"It was interesting to see how different their art was compared to ours," states sophomore Audrey Wheeler. "There didn't seem to be any limitations on what they could create."

After looking around for a while the students ate and then came back to the gym to see how their artwork had done. The scoring was simple; if the judges liked it they would put a colored dot on the art. Overall there were 20 dots among the students work. Of the 20 dots there were 18 different people who received those dots. Jessica Moore, Kaelie Kendall, Amanda Koehn, Adriell Hewitt, Anthony Ford, Shaylee Erwin, Jessica Eller and Kristin Wade each received two dots.

Top: The art class was able to fill up the display boards, front and back, with all of their work they brought. The orange dots meant they were recognized by the judges.

Bottom: Along with drawings, the students were able to bring along clay projects made in the first semester of school. Photos by Kristin Wade
Getting to know them

By Kristin Wade

Ms. Richard is the art teacher at KCHS. Although she is very qualified and experienced in the field of art, she wasn’t interested in having a career in art until she was in college.

Richard’s mother always did artsy things.

“She was always working on something; all kinds of crafts,” comments Richard.

She stated that she picked up her artistic interest from her mother, but there weren’t any art classes offered when she was in high school.

When Richard graduated high school and went to Northwestern Oklahoma State University she was required to take humanity classes under her business major. One of her options was art appreciation.

“We did all kinds of things, more so drawing and painting,” states Richard.

The teacher of that first art class once told Richard that she should be an art teacher; she commented that she’s never forgotten that. After finishing her first art class she found that she really liked it and continued to take art classes.

Richard graduated after five years of college. She was only taking classes during four and half of those years, but had to stay since there was no early graduation at NOSU. Richard graduated with a BA Ed. degree and a minor in physical education.

She didn’t begin teaching art immediately after graduating, but did move to Greensburg with her family during that time. She took jobs at both Greensburg Equipment and Farm Management before she began teaching art at Greensburg High School.

Ms. Richard continued teaching art at GHS and is now the art teacher at KCHS.

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Golf Scoreboard

By Clint Scott

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Above: Following through, sophomore KT Watson tees off at the fifth hole at the Greensburg tournament. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt.

Right: Senior Clint Scott takes a moment to breath before hitting the ball onto the green from the fairway on his last hole of the day. Scott shot a par 5 on his last hole. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt.

Left: Sophomore Trevor Tyree puts some muscle into his swing on the third hole. Tyree shot a 116 at the Greensburg tournament. Photo by Jamie Larsh.

2011-2012 Cheerleaders

The KCHS cheerleaders for 2011-12 are: (back row) Heidee Prosser, Erica Bertram, Lillian Hinshaw, (front row) Remi Grasz, Ashlea Allred, Audrey Wheeler and LaTosha Tuttle.

SPIAA League BB Honors

Senior Morgan Fulton and sophomore Caleb Davis both earned second team SPIAA All-League honors.
Boys track take first

By Sydney Headrick

With the season half over, tricksters are preparing for the league meet at Ashland May 5. Their goal is to win the meet as a team.

April 14 was cloudy, windy and very cold in Minneola. "It showed that we are tougher than other teams," said head coach Peter Blanton. The team placed first overall with 129 points. In discus taking first and second, eighth grader Jacob Irvin threw 132' and seventh grader Erik Torres 123' 9". Eighth grader Clayton Coburn took second in the 100 meter hurdles (17.5 seconds) and also took second in 200 meter dash with a time of 1:08.8. In the 3200 meter run, eighth grader Jaden Valles placed first in pole vault taking first with 9' 6". And in pole vault taking first was seventh grader Jaden Valles. "The weather helped the team improve," said Blanton.

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Girls track sets records

By Morgen Ulrich

On April 14 a junior high meet was held in Minneola.
In the 200 meter dash, seventh grader Hannah Durham was awarded third place with a time of 32:3. Seventh grader Jansen Miller was awarded second place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:08.8. In the 3200 meter run, eighth grader Skylar Odle finished in first place with a time of 19:24.4. Eighth grader Shantae Wheeler placed third in the 100 meter hurdles and Torres took third with 35' 1". And in pole vault taking first was seventh grader Jaden Valles. "The weather helped the team improve," said Blanton.

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For next year's cheerleading, 19 girls tried out, but only eighth made it. The judges were cheer sponsors from the surrounding area. The girls who made cheerleader were seventh graders Tatum McKinney, Mack Heft, Kaitlin Ross and Kelsi Francis; sixth graders Morgan Powell, McKenzie Kendall, Nicole Ballard and Lachelle Tuttle.

Junior high cheer sponsor Heather Powell said, “I am looking forward to next year’s cheerleaders because there is a nice variety of girls with different talents. Also there are several girls where this is their first year cheerleading, so it will be fun to watch them learn.”

McKinney said, “I was excited because I loved cheering so much last year. I am also excited for cheer camp again this year.”

The junior high squad will consist of: (back row) Tatum McKinney, Morgan Powell, McKenzie Heft, Nicole Ballard, (front row) Mackenzie Kendall, Lachelle Tuttle, Kelsi Francis, and Kaitlin Ross.

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This year’s math contest was held on April 6. The contest was hosted by Kiowa County Schools in and the ceremony was in the varsity gym. The participants had to take three tests: problem solving, geometry and mental math. Sponsor Audrey Pore said, “We had several students who came in during their free time for extra practice, so I am proud.”

For seventh grade Problem Solving: Morgen Ulrich(5), Brylee Conrad(6), and Ben Spainhour(7), and Mental Math: Spainhour(8), Ulrich(9).

For eighth grade Problem Solving: Cole Kendall(5), Taylor Keller(9), Geometry: Kendall(4), Mental Math: Kendall(6), Denisse Ramos(9).

Conrad said, “I think I could have gotten better than sixth in Problem Solving if I would have tried harder.”

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How can I keep from singing?

By Sydney Headricik

On April 20, the vocal students traveled to Jetmore to perform competitively at the Junior High Vocal Festival. "We sound good with the people we have," said eighth grader Shantae Wheeler.

The Select Ensemble sang "How Could Anyone?" and received a I. The 7-8th Ladies Ensemble received a I singing "How Can I Keep From Singing?" The Mixed Ensemble sang "Sinner Man" and got a I-. "It's my favorite song," said seventh grader Melanie Brown. The other Mixed Ensemble sang "Wild Mountain Thyme" and received a I. And the Choir received a II-, I, II while singing "When the Sun Goes In" and "Wade in the Water."

"I was mostly proud of my soloists," said Vocal Teacher Amber Campbell.

Seventh grade solos included: Brylee Conrad-"Good News Chariot's a Comin'" I- and Tatum McKinney- "Let Joy Awaken" I+.

Eighth grade solos included: Chelsye Racette-"How Lonely" I, Maddie Cannon- "Let Me In" I+, Denisse Ramos- "I Saw Two Clouds" I, Jacob Irvin- "Come Sail" I, Xander Brensing- "Homeward Bound" I-, Alexis Scheuerman- "The Sundown Sea" I-, Miranda Kimble- "Your Friend Shall Be the Tall Wind" I and Addi Price- "Send Forth a Song" I-.

"I think I did pretty good," said Kimble.

Quiz team wraps it up

By Olivia Dawson

The KCJH quiz bowl finished up their season this month with their league meet in Ashland on April 11. The seventh grade team were 6-5 at the meet. The eighth grade team were 3-8. Neither team placed.

On March 31 the teams traveled over to Bucklin where the seventh grade won first place. The eighth graders were 4-7. Quiz bowl Coach Cindy Carson was pleased with both teams winning one first place during the season, but said the teams needed to be, "quicker with their answers." She also said it was a good learning experience and it was nice for them to be with friends and meet new people from other towns.

Eighth grader Alexis Scheuerman wasn't happy with the final meet at Ashland. But she said where she got most of the knowledge needed to answer the questions was from "Mr. Miller's class."

JH Student Spotlight

Seventh

Darius Scheuerman
Nintendo DS
Video game designer
Chocolate chip ice cream
SpongeBob
Hawaii
Basketball
Video games
I wouldn’t change my name

Eighth

Jacob Irvin
Girlfriend
NFL football player
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Football
Texting
California because I like big states

Topics they were asked about...

Name
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Future Career
Favorite Food/Dessert
Favorite Childhood T.V. Show
Vacation Destination
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State/Capitol to be named after