

# The Maverick

## KCHS students show off their talents

By Jessica Moore

The hard work of all the Kiowa County High School choir and band students paid off the night of the school's variety show. The first form of entertainment was piano solos performed by eighth grader Cole Kendall, sixth grader Mackenzie Kendall and second grader Allison Kirby. The high school choir then came out starting off with their group song "Praise The Lord," then continued with "Walk On."

They then broke apart for various members of the choir to come up to the microphone and sing their carefully planned and practiced solos and ensembles. The songs performed included, "Concrete Angel," "Love Story," "American Honey," "Friends Forever," "I Hope You Dance," "The House that Built Me," "The More I Seek," "If I Die Young," "Makin' Plans" and "Never say Never." All of these songs were chosen by the ensemble groups and soloists that sang them.

"Never Say Never," sung by Jordan Little, was the hit of the night, receiving the most applause out of all of the songs. Amanda Koehn, singing "Friends Forever," followed close behind to the amount of approval from the crowd.

"My grandma died a week ago, and I already had the song picked out; and it made the song's meaning so much stronger, and even though she's gone, we'll still be friends forever," Koehn stated following her performance.

"I was very happy with the entire night. I'm proud of every student and the effort and hard work each of them put into making the performance a success," commented Kim Stewart, vocal teacher.

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The high school choir sings one of their songs led by Choir Director Kim Stewart. The performance consisted of many group pieces by both the band and the choir. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt



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# Four qualify to sing at KMEA

By Peyton Wade

Early on the sixth of November, four high school students travelled to Dodge City Elementary School to audition for the KMEA (Kansas Music Educators Association) Honor Choir. Each year KMEA holds auditions for high school band, choir, orchestra and jazz band. There are six districts throughout the state and they hold an audition in each district. The qualifying performers perform at the district or state level.

In the case of the choir, students are able to audition for one of several parts. The parts available to the girls are Soprano I and II and Alto I and II. For the boys the parts are Tenor I and II and Bass. Seniors Adriell Hewitt, Peyton Wade, juniors Ashlea Allred and Jordan Little were the high school students who auditioned. Each of them auditioned for a different part to better their chances of qualifying. Allred and Hewitt auditioned for alto II and I respectively. Little tried out for the bass part and Wade went for the tenor I part.

"I was just thinking, 'Oh my gosh... breathe.' I was thinking of all of the techniques that Mrs. Stewart taught us," said Allred. "It was really nerve-wracking,

but it was a good experience, because I want to do it again next year."

All four students qualified for the district choir. They will perform in concert on Dec. 4 along with the district band at Dodge City High School, after practicing for most of the day.



Above: Junior Ashlea Allred and senior Adriell Hewitt practice before recording their song for district honor choir tryouts. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

## What type of animal are you?

By Kimberlyn Hayes

The second meeting for class leadership was held on November 3 at Dodge City High School. The Kiowa County students, Tyler Boyles, Katelynn Gamble, Lillian Hinshaw, Charity Schmidt, Corbin Vandenhoeck, Rustin Ardery, Halie Headrick, Amanda Koehn, Kristin Wade, Brook Boman, Kimberlyn Hayes, Kyle Stevens, Jordan Wyrick, Karrah Huffman and Darin McVay took part in the day.

Meeting Joe Coles at 9:30 that morning, the students sat down and discussed what their activities were going to be that day. Their first activity of the day was getting to know each other by switching name tags and trying to find the person they had. After they found their person they talked about what "IT" is, meaning they have certain traits to make them stand out.

The next thing they did was to get into groups of six, two from each school, and ask questions about what they see in their schools future. They then went

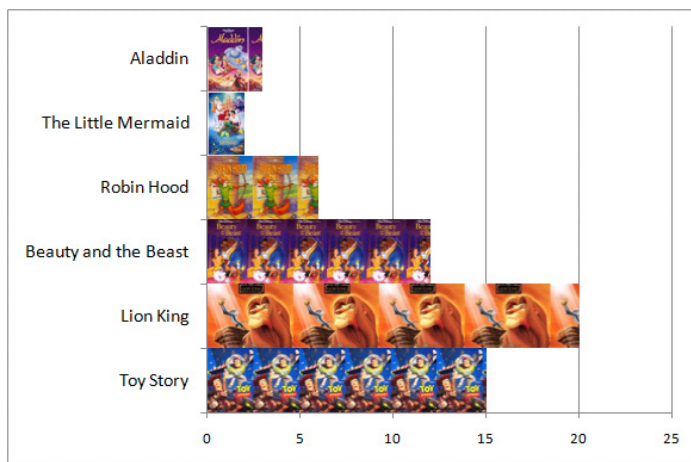
onto school groups and discussed what their

school has and what they can improve on.

After talking about things in their school, they went on a tour through Dodge City High School, which took around 30 minutes. With time running out, the students went and ate at the cafeteria, eating pizza and talking about how the day was going.

After lunch the students went back to the auditorium to find out what type of animal they are. The choices were lion, beaver, golden retriever and otter. Their characteristics determined what type of animal they were. Lion is the type of animal that gets things done. Beaver is a procrastinating animal. Golden retriever is the type of animal that is loyal. Otter is the type of animal that wants to be laid back and do their own thing.

The day ended and the students said their goodbyes until the next meeting, which will be held at Spearville High School.



# Peyton's Poll

Polled the high school students on what their favorite Disney movie is.

The poll this month was inspired by the movie Tangled that was released into theaters Nov. 24th. Being computer animated it is not quite the same as the rest of these hand drawn classics, but it does have the same animated musical feel to it. Tangled is based on the story of Rapunzel with some contemporary adaptations.

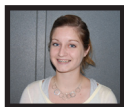
## What do you think?

By Shyanne Francis

*What do you plan on doing for Thanksgiving? Why?*



**Kristin Wade:** "For Thanksgiving my family and I all go to Georgia, that's where all our family lives, and celebrate with them. We've been going since before I was born, we're pretty much the only ones that don't live in Georgia."



**Meghan Darnell:** "Thanksgiving plans for me consist of going to Freedom, OK on the 24th and then heading to Protection to celebrate with my mother's side of the family, both the holiday and my birthday."



**Cody Headrick:** "I'll probably be going to see my family, don't know where the official meeting site will be this year, because that's just how we've always done it."



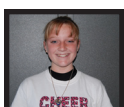
**Shannon Webster:** "I will be traveling to the darkest regions of the Congo to join the battle in the ongoing tribal wars. Hopefully, with my contributions to the Zande tribe we will be able to crush the Zulus."



**Kaelie Kendall:** "My grandparents from Oregon are flying out for Thanksgiving, so we will probably be having a big dinner with them, my grandparents that live in Haviland, other family and friends. We usually start off the day by watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and then at lunch we get together and eat a huge meal. For the rest of the day we just hang out and whenever (or if) we get hungry, we just munch on leftovers from lunch. It's a tradition and we've done it for as long as I can remember."



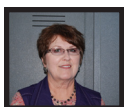
**Katelin Holland:** "I plan on going to my grandparents' house and having a big family dinner. I am doing this because it is a family tradition and we do it every year."



**Remington Gras:** "I plan on going to Elkhart, KS for Thanksgiving. My grandparents are having my siblings and I go to their house. My parents have to work, but we always go to Elkhart for Thanksgiving."



**Colleen Scott:** "My plans for Thanksgiving are to be with family and eat turkey and dressing. My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because it is one of the only holidays that you don't have to get stuff for people. People tend to center the holiday on being thankful. I am very thankful for all the blessings that God has blessed me with. My family is an amazing blessing!"



**Ms. Richard:** "I plan to cook Thanksgiving dinner for my family and extended family. I'm thankful for my family and enjoy spending time with them."





**Miss the most:**  
Hanging out with friends

**Looks forward to:**  
Being on my own and doing pretty much whatever I want

**Name:**  
John Musquez

**Plans after high school:**  
Go to Lubbock College in Texas and major in sports training

**Hobbies:**  
Sports

**Favorite Movie:**  
"Dinner for Schmucks"

**Favorite food:**  
Ribs

**High school memory:**  
Messing around in football practice



**Miss the most:**  
Playing sports with close friends

**Looks forward to:**  
Having much more free time

**Name:**  
Morgan Fulton

**Plans after high school:**  
Attend WSU and major in pre-physical therapy

**Hobbies:**  
Reading magazines, watching football

**Favorite Movie:**  
"Remember the Titans"

**Favorite food:**  
Chicken and Noodles

**High school memory:**  
Getting third in state volleyball

# SENIOR

## Class Of



**Plans after high school:**  
Attend K-State and enter their biology program, then possibly get a masters in animal sciences

**Looks forward to:**  
The ability of more things to do

**Hobbies:**  
Video games and collecting old style weapons

**Name:**  
Ty Schaefer

**Miss the most:**  
Being with all of the friends I have accumulated

**Favorite Movie:**  
"Lord of the Rings"

**High school memory:**  
Lifting with the guys before school

**Favorite food:**  
Chinese buffet...the whole thing

# 2011

By Audrey Wheeler



**Miss the most:**  
Familiarity of knowing everybody

**Looks forward to:**  
A more independent life

**Name:**  
Kendal Melton

**Plans after high school:**  
Probably go to K-State for mechanical engineering

**Hobbies:**  
Archery, reading, watching movies and hiking

**Favorite Movie:**  
"Legion"

**High school memory:**  
Epic snowball fight in the school parking lot

**Favorite food:**  
Chicken fried steak



**Miss the most:**  
Seeing everybody

**Looks forward to:**  
Being able to get away from here

**Name:**  
Adriell Hewitt

**Plans after high school:**  
Go to college and study early childhood development, maybe play volleyball

**Hobbies:**  
Sports, singing and dancing

**Favorite Movie:**  
"A Walk to Remember"

**Favorite food:**  
Enchiladas

**High school memory:**  
State volleyball this year

# PROFILE

# Senior frenzy

By Audrey Wheeler

Choices, choices, choices. Seniors face so many choices, but one of their biggest ones is what college they will attend. So before they make their big choice they like to look around and see their options. Jamie Larsh, Brandon Taylor and Katelyn Holland went to Fort Hays for a scheduled day called Tigerdays. They got to look around and get a feel for the campus. Larsh also visited Friends University with her parents to see the campus. Gage Hosheit visited Sterling College for a golf tryout and to look around.

Peyton Wade made a visit to Friends University for their athletic recruitment day and made another individual visit to Friends afterward. Wade also went to Southwestern College for another individual recruitment day.

Cody Headrick and Ty Schaefer took a trip to Manhattan to visit K-State University. First they took a leisurely stroll around the campus just to look around. Then they talked to the admissions representatives, took a tour of the dorms and visited Putnam Hall. Afterward,

they were able to talk with professors in their perspective majors.

Clint Scott and John Musquez visited Lubbock Christian College together. First they took a campus tour and then talked to the head of Exercise Sciences.

Scott stated, "We got to stay in the dorms for one night with some of the other freshmen there. It was interesting to learn their perspective of the college."

For most seniors, this is only one of many other choices to come.

## Class of the Month - Industrial Education

By Lymon Morehead

This month's class of the month is Industrial Education, or better known as shop. The option of taking shop allows students to get away from the test environment and to work with their creative side. Unlike other classes, in Shop students get to choose what you want to do, like build a nightstand or coffee table, but they also have the responsibility of finishing their project before the end of the year. This gives students experience at a skill they could possibly use when they get out of school.



Trevor Tyree and Bryce Yohn work on their project during shop. Photo by Lymon Morehead

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The show wasn't just vocal, it also included the high school band. The band played "Also Sprach Zarathustra," "Mars: the Bringer of War from the Planets" and selections from The Star Wars Saga.

"We had a lot of people coming up and telling us it was the best performance they'd heard from us in a long time," says band participant Elizabeth Spurgeon.

Tim Rogers, the new band instructor, commented, "I thought the performance went very well and was about what I had hoped for. I think we still have things we can improve on as a group, and that will be our

focus as we work toward the next concert."

Both the band and vocal classes have worked hard up to this point, showing off something that will really make Kiowa County High School proud. Everyone is looking forward to the Spring Concert to see what the music department has in store.



Right: Junior Jordan Little sings one of two songs during the concert to the delight of the crowd. Left: The KCHS band performed three well known compositions during their first performance of the year. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt



By Meghan Darnell

# Meg's Memo

## A Look at What's Ahead

- Dec. 2** ~ High school forensics perform "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" at the Mullinville's school auditorium.
- Dec. 3** ~ Soil conservation posters and limericks are due for the annual National Conservation Poster Contest.  
~ The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at the Greensburg Mennonite Church, 310 W Pennsylvania St.
- Dec. 5** ~ FCA will have their third annual soup supper at the high school cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11** ~ ACTs are held at Kinsley High School and PCC
- Dec. 12** ~ Christmas on Olive Street: Home Tours will be given from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the homes of John Adolph and Marsha Klein, Rick and Rhonda Engelken, Stan and Jackie Robertson and Greg and Lisa Waters. The day of the tour, buttons will be sold. They are \$7.00 per person, \$5.00 for seniors 65 and older. All proceeds will go to the Twilight Theater Rebuilding Fund.
- Dec. 13** ~ Kindergarten through fourth grade vocal music concert at 7 pm
- Dec. 14** ~ Letters to Santa will be mailed to the North Pole, so be sure to have them at the post office.
- Dec. 16** HS winter sports pictures will be taken
- Dec. 17** Winter dance, beginning at 9:30 p.m. and lasting until midnight. Dates must be under 21 and signed up ahead of time.
- Dec. 23** end of first semester
- Dec. 24** Winter break begins and continues until January fourth
- Dec. 28-31** Summit: Haviland's Friends Church will take ages 16-25 to Cheyenne Mountain Resort (pre-registered)

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## Words from behind the scenes

By Jamie Larsh

Do you have that one food that will make your day no matter how bad it has been? Or that smell that reminds you of pot roast cooking in your grandma's kitchen? You all know what I'm talking about. Everyone has some type of comfort food. Mine would have to be the pot roast with steamed potatoes and carrots along side, and of course, that homemade gravy that the food swims in. It might sound gross, but it is one of the best things ever. It is one of the few things that can make me feel at home and secure. Not to mention all those trips down memory lane during the holidays when all the cousins would get together at Grandma's house after not seeing each other for a year or two.

It seems like this season can bring up many familiar smells and tastes that we all love, like fresh baked cookies and candles burning. Life is about the little things that make it exciting, like the anticipation of eggnog coming to the stores again or the seasonal drinks at Starbucks.

Enjoy this season and think of how lucky you are to have those things that you can look forward to. Just make sure you don't eat too much of that comfort food or else you may be looking at a big New Year's resolution that's just a little out of reach!



# Veterans Honored

By Jimmy Hoyt

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918, a treaty was signed that would change the world forever. This ceasefire, or armistice, ended World War I and set the stage for the rest of history. Over 20 million people died in the war, with the Allied nations of France, Britain and the US declaring victory over Germany. The day, Armistice Day, was celebrated around the world as there would be no more blood shed on the Western Front. In many countries Armistice Day became a national holiday.

Years later, we observe Veteran's Day on this very same day, honoring our armed forces, both in active duty and retired, in wars across history, from the very beginning in the American Revolution to the rainy beaches of Normandy to the mountains of Afghanistan in the present. America has faced many enemies in its brief existence, and it's the American soldier who is responsible for protecting this great nation.

Kiowa County Schools honored America's veterans in their own way on Veteran's Day. The whole school gathered in the main gym where the junior high and grade school choir sang songs to honor America's veterans. Many veterans from around the county watched from the bleachers. Afterwards, the students looked at tables filled with American war memorabilia.

Veteran's Day has been, and always will be, a special day in America. Make sure our veterans are always honored.

Mr. Calkins and Kahl Huffman inspect the American war memorabilia after the program. The exhibit included a captured Japanese Kamikaze bandana and an assortment of revolvers. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt



## Have you ever heard of...? Korfball

By Gage Hosheit

Korfball has similar characteristics to basketball in that there is a basket at each end of the court and it is a team sport played indoors on a court. That is where the similarities end. In Korfball, the baskets are known as korfs and there is not a backboard, adding a little bit more difficulty to the sport. Also, a soccer ball is used instead of a basketball. Each korfball team is made up of four men and four women. This is actually a large aspect of korfball that makes it identifiable from other

games. There is also significance to having a coed team with an equal number of each gender on the court at the same time.



## How soon is too soon?

By Kristin Wade

How early is too early for Christmas music? This is an argument that comes up annually amongst my family. We all love the music, filled with bells and chimes, but sometimes it's just too much, too early.

My brother argues that you can start playing Christmas music looong before it actually occurs. I don't have the same opinion. I like to keep my holidays separated. For example, decorations for Thanksgiving should come out after Halloween; Christmas music shouldn't be played until at least after Thanksgiving.

"I really love Christmas music," interjects Audrey Wheeler. "It makes me feel happy inside, so I start listening to it in October!"

Many people feel the same way, saying you can

even listen to it all year round. No other genre of music is restricted to a particular season, so why should Christmas music be? I think its name says it all, Christmas music. Meaning that it's meant for Christmas only. But, to each their own, as long as I'm not forced to listen to it before Thanksgiving.



By Clint Scott

# Clint Knows All

Pet peeves. Everyone has them, but they are all different. For instance, one of my biggest pet peeves is when people overuse the word “like” in a sentence. For instance an anonymous student who we shall name “Jared”, was telling me a story that went like this, “I was like ‘whoa what are you doing,’ and she was like, ‘well I was just being stupid,’ and like I was getting really annoyed with her, and like, yeah.”

A pet peeve that I would say most people have is when someone is making a constant tapping sound with a pen, their hand, or their foot. It just drives you insane. These are just two examples of pet peeves, and there are many more that vary from person to person. So I ask the question, what is your biggest pet peeve?

“I can’t stand people who complain a lot.”- sophomore Austin Darnell

“I don’t like it when people smack their gum really loudly..... Grace.....”-senior Dezere Valles, as senior Jamie Larsh agreed.

“I don’t like people from journalism who think they need quotes.....”-senior Evan Williams

“People who don’t close closet doors at my house.”- teacher Mrs. McKinney

“People who walk slow bother me.”- senior Brandon Taylor

“People that don’t know when to drop something.”-sophomore Erica Bertram

“When you call somebody and they ignore it, but they immediately reply with a text that says ‘what’.”- senior Cody Headrick.

“When students don’t look me in the eye when I am talking to them, or when they roll their eyes after I have told them to do something.”-teacher Mrs. Stevens

Why do we have these little annoyances that we can’t stand? It’s true that even the most peaceful person still can be annoyed. Even if it seems that they are the most calm and mellow person in the world, they can be bothered. Although I don’t know why this is, I do know that we all possess the power of ignorance. What I mean by this is that we have the ability to not let things get to us if we just try to not pay attention to the problem. In fact, the more we pay attention to our pet peeves the more obvious and annoying they are to us. So, next time your little pet appears, try not paying any attention to it at all, and it might just go away.

## Sneaky Clean Joke

By Cody Headrick

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.





# Scholars Bowl, not just about competing

By Meghan Darnell

Scholars Bowl is an extra-curricular activity in which high school students travel to other schools where they compete against one another. To gain points a team member must buzz in and answer a question in a specific category correctly. If the first person to buzz in answers incorrectly, a member of the other team can buzz in and try. Teams can discuss among themselves until a buzzer is pushed, at which point members of the team to buzz in have to cease

discussion.

This month the junior varsity Kiowa County Scholars Bowl team traveled to South Central where they unfortunately didn't quite place. The varsity team went to In-galls on the eighth where they too had no placing. On the 16th both teams went to Ashland. At Ashland the jv team won two matches and lost three. The team was particularly thrilled with their 80-10 win over South Central. The varsity didn't do so well, winning one and

losing four of their matches.

Said quizzier Canyon Brack, "I like the scholarship opportunities that scholars bowl presents."

Elizabeth Spurgeon stated, "The team bonding is my favorite part. Especially stopping to eat." Spurgeon also said of a favorite moment, "On the way back from Ashland we had music playing and everyone was jamming out."

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## Getting to know them

By Kristin Wade

### -Mrs. Schnoebelen

Mrs. Sherrie Schnoebelen is the biology teacher at Kiowa County High School. She has taught all around Kansas, including one year at Haviland, 17 years at Lewis and three years at a juvenile correctional facility in Larned.

The juvenile correctional facility Schnoebelen taught at was for boys only, ranging in ages of 14 to 21. The boys in the facility were there mostly because of drug abuse and gang violence. But there were also some there for molestation, murder and various other things.

Every classroom had two guards directly outside the door. Every class also had a maximum of nine students; with fewer students it is easier to keep them under control. The teachers had a body alarm on them and if they pulled the pin guards would come full-speed into the classroom.

Schnoebelen commented, "I never felt threatened. The discipline was easy, if they were causing problems, we just sent them out."

Schnoebelen didn't teach so much as monitor. All of the students were at different places, some even

learning at grade school levels, making it impossible to lecture about a certain subject. The students were also constantly being transferred in and out of the facility. "Kids came, and went," says Schnoebelen.

The boys at the facility weren't allowed to know

anything about the teachers' personal lives for safety reasons. Schnoebelen commented that she didn't like not being allowed to get to know the students.

Although Schnoebelen didn't mind teaching at the facility, she stated, "It made me appreciate "normal" kids, and my own children."



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Mrs. Schnoebelen helps senior Lindy McKinney during Physics class. Schnoebelen teaches Advanced Biology, Biology, Physical Science

and every other year either Chemistry or Physics. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

# High School Boys Get Pumped

By John Musquez

November 15 was the first day of basketball practice for the men of Kiowa County High school. Some were apprehensive about the year, knowing they were going to be with new players and a new head coach, Nick Perez. With 31 guys on the team and the first game at Cunningham on Dec. 3, no one knows what to expect.

Sophomore David Perez commented, "I feel really good about this year. All we can do is go in and work hard day in and day out. If we do that, good things can happen."

There may be worries about being able to adjust again to a new and different coaching style. For most of the seniors this will be their third different head coach in the four years of their high school basketball careers.

"Kids always adjust. They will adjust fine. When change happen, people can always adjust to it," stated Assistant Coach David White.

During practice, Coach Perez separates the guys into two different teams, burnt orange and white. He does this so he can observe the different level of skills. Pairing up the players allows each player to push themselves while competing against their teammate. Coaches Perez and White pair the players to that their skill levels are close giving the players the correct challenge.

Although the team is learning new offensive plays, there seems to be a concentration on defense.

Clockwise starting from top left : Senior Gage Hosheit practices his shot as junior Montana Ralstin prepares to box him out in a drill during practice.

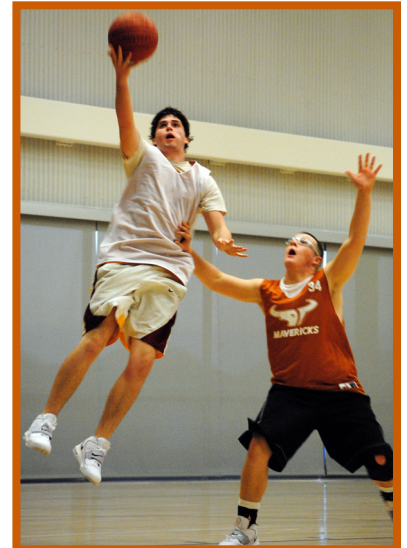
Sophomore David Perez lays the ball up into the basket as freshman Peyton Miller attempts to make him miss the bucket.

With a mighty leap, junior Jordan Wyrick soars over fellow teammate junior Colter Brown during scrimmage for an easy two point layup.

Sophomore Tucker McKinney makes a bullet pass to a fellow teammate during their passing drill.

Showing off his mad dunking skills, sophomore Keenan Behee jumps to get the score.

Photos by Jimmy Hoyt





# Lady Mavericks looking forward to the start of the season

By Cody Headrick

Every year the end of football and volleyball seasons reign in a new era of sports, basketball, and each year is unique and special to its players. However, it brings new meaning to the fans and community of the Kiowa County Lady Mavericks this year. This symbolic season is the first mark we'll get to see of the conjoined Haviland Dragons, Mullinville Cougars and Greensburg Rangers. The Rangers come off an 11-10 season, while the Dragons finished 4-16.

Coach Randy VandenHoek, former Greensburg Lady Rangers coach, simply stated "I believe we'll be really competitive this year at the varsity level. I'm really looking forward to having a full JV schedule and not having to play varsity girls in these games." This coming from the large influx of girls this season, topping out somewhere around 24 girls.

The fans have time to pass still, but the girls are gearing up already.

"I think this will be a really fun season," were senior Morgan Fulton comments, "we'll have a lot of girls."

Around the league other teams are looking forward to hopefully successful seasons as well.

"South Central, Hodgeman County, Spearville and Bucklin are the teams to look out for this season," Commented Coach VandenHoek. "They are probably the top four teams.

Practice started Monday the 15th for the Lady Mav's. Their first game is against Cunningham at Cunningham, Dec. 3.

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Left ; With an incredible leap skyward, freshman Heather Melton soars into the air for an easy two point bucket. This helped the Lady Mavericks in their goal to score 80 made baskets in four minutes during a routine drill at practice.



Right: Meticulously scanning the court for open teammates, freshman Riann Heft plants her foot in preparation to rocket the ball crosscourt to her fellow Lady Maverick.

Left: With her mind on the goal, sophomore Angela Liggett uses the proper technique for shooting a layup. Being sure to keep her left hand between the ball and her defender so she can shoot uncontested during one of the scrimmages at the Lady Mav's Practice.



Left: Holding the ball high, senior Morgan Tyree looks to inbound the ball to her teammates. Meanwhile, Coach Randy VandenHoek gives instructions to Tyree's fellow teammates. The gym was filled with a palpable hue of anticipation about the upcoming season. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt



# SPIAA All-League Honors

## Volleyball

Morgan Fulton First Team League Hitter  
 Adriell Hewitt First Team Libero  
 Morgan Tyree Second Team Setter

## Football

Montana Ralstin Second Team Defensive Back  
 Darin McVay HM Offensive End  
 Ty Scheaf HM Defense Linebacker  
 Jordan Wyrick HM Defense Downlineman  
 Bryce Yohn HM Offense Interior Line  
 Second Team Defense Down-  
 lineman  
 Ross Binford Second Team Quarterback



## Upcoming Birthdays

### December

<b>03</b> Rachel Schmidt	<b>16</b> Paul Negrete
<b>03</b> Clint Scott	<b>17</b> Keenan Behee
<b>04</b> Evan Jacks	<b>18</b> Kimberlyn Hayes
<b>05</b> Karrah Huffman	<b>20</b> Roy Lothman
<b>05</b> Susanna Kuoppala	<b>23</b> Katelin Holland
<b>06</b> Shad Butler	<b>23</b> Shannon Webster
<b>07</b> Rhaeann Kipp	<b>31</b> Andrea Musquez
<b>13</b> David Perez	



BE SURE TO WISH THEM A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

# KCJH boys have high hopes for season

Junior high boys basketball is off and running with three games under their belts. The varsity team's record of 0-3 will improve with more practice and game experience. But their next chance to do that is not until Dec. 9 at Pawnee Heights. That's more than two weeks of practice only.

Eighth grade starter Clayton Colborn cites his team's defense as a strength, and thinks the offense will get better "with more shooting." He comes to Kiowa County from Stafford, and likes the larger number of players on the team and its athletic ability.

On Friday, Nov. 19 the South Central Timberwolves came to town. Losing 15 -27, the Kiowa County A-team kept with the wolves until halftime when the score was 13-18. Both the B and C-teams won.

At Ingalls Nov. 9, the varsity Mavericks opened the season with a loss, 22-39. The C-team won and B-team lost.

The next Friday, Nov. 12, they traveled to meet the St. John Tigers. The Mavericks lost 19-44. Both younger teams won.

Head coach Travis Powell agrees with Colborn that the

team's strength is their defense and their weakness shooting. Their team goals reflect that; they are six assists on offense, eight or more steals, 15 or more defensive rebounds and 70 percent shooting from the front line.

Kiowa County hosts a B-team tournament Saturday, Dec. 4 as the C-team travels to Meade for a tournament.



Above: The Maverick squad huddles after working hard at practice. In the huddle they reflected on what they had worked on.

Left: Xander Brensing, eighth grade, strokes in a shot while running a play during a drill at one of their early practices.



Bottom Left: Sixth grader Jacob Amerine focuses while working on his freethrows in practice. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt



## Slow start with a good effort

By Morgen Ulrich

Starting 0-3, the Kiowa County Junior High Maverick girls basketball team lists 30 players on their roster.

In their first game against Ingalls, the A-team lost with a score of 22-30. B-team also lost to Ingalls, 18-34.

In their second game at St. John, the A-team lost 10-31. B-team lost with a score of 10-20.

For the third game against South Central, all teams played. A-team lost 10-20, and B-team also lost, 3-9. Last but not least, C-team lost with a score of 4-18.

Head Coach Staci Derstein said that the season has started off well in terms of practice and playing. "My goal is the same as every year, to improve as an individual and as a team. Also win-

ning at league is a goal, which is not as important." She said she is proud of the team because everyone comes to practice everyday with a good attitude.

Seventh grader Mackenzie Heft said, "The season has started not as well as some people thought, but it will get better." She hopes to win league for the second year as Kiowa County. Heft said she will most likely play basketball all through college.

Eighth grader Skylar Odle said she is excited that basketball

has started, "I think the season has started better than I thought it would."

Eighth grader Sydney Headrick looked forward to this season and playing at the games and hopes to play basketball all through high school. "Some of the sixth graders are stepping up from the summer basketball team and becoming better leaders."



Above: Coach Staci Derstein gives eighth grader LaTosha Tuttle pointers during practice. Bottom: Seventh grader Mackenzie Heft faces up the defender to make a move to the basket. Left: Sydney Headrick, eighth grade, looks for an open teammate to



dish to while running a play during practice. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt





# 'Tis the season... for hunting!

By Olivia Dawson

Hunting is popular in this neck of the country. Pheasant and quail season is here and the first deer rifle season starts December 1.

Many guys of KCJH enjoy hunting, including eighth grader Garrett Kaltenbach who has been hunting since he was three years old. He usually goes out to his uncle's pasture. His favorite gun is a 70 BDL .30 rifle. Also his favorite animal to hunt is deer. The reason he enjoys hunting is because "it lets me connect with the outdoors and lets me spend time with my dad and brother."

Eighth grader Xander Brensing began hunting at the age of nine. He hunts out in his dad's pastures. His favorite gun is his 12 gauge shot gun; his favorite animals to hunt are dove and prairie dog, but due to getting shot while dove hunting, he enjoys hunting prairie dog more. He enjoys hunting because "I have fun outdoors."

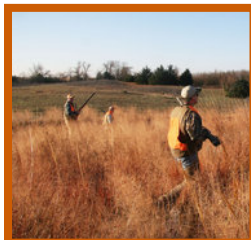
Teacher Kirk Miller has hunted for over 35 years. He hunts out in green wheat fields and CRP grass. His over-

all favorite gun is a Savage Combo .223 over 12 gauge. Coyote is his favorite animal to hunt. "Being outside" is the reason he enjoys hunting. At the opening season of quail and pheasant he got four pheasants.

For five or six years eighth grader Lance Ralstin has been hunting. He hunts north of Mullinville, and enjoys hunting deer most. His favorite gun is a .37 Winchester. He enjoys hunting because "it's quiet and it's out in nature."

Eighth grader Cole Kendall has been hunting for two years. He usually hunts a few miles north of Greensburg. His favorite gun is a .243 rifle. His favorite animal to hunt is deer, and he enjoys hunting because "I get spend time with my dad."

Many students will be only hunting on weekends this season due to basketball and other activities during the season that ends January 31 for upland fowl.



## Impact hosts movie party

By Morgen Ulrich

Impact's first movie party of the year was held on November 5. It showed the movie "Paul Blart: Mall Cop." The party was open to all sixth, seventh and eighth graders at Kiowa County Junior High.

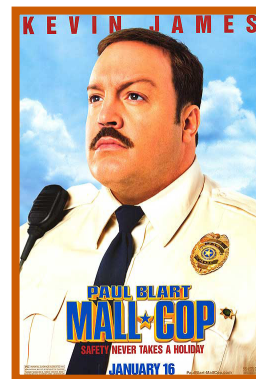
The movie party was located at the old recreation gym. Approximately 30 students showed up, and Impact Sponsor Kathy Headrick was pleased with the number. She said, "I think social activities that are age appropriate for kids are always a good thing." She said Impact will host a movie as long as the social activities committee wants.

Eight grader Chelsye Racette said, "I thought it was great and a lot of fun." Racette agreed with the movie choice of "Mall Cop." She said she would want the

party next year to have more snacks and games.

Seventh grader Jarrett B. agreed with Racette that the party should have more snacks. Jarrett B. said, "I didn't like the movie party as much as last year." He did not agree with the choice of the movie, but still had fun.

Seventh grader Shay Smith thought the party was "really fun and awesome." Smith likes the movie "Mall Cop" and enjoyed watching it. However, she doesn't think the party could be improved.



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# 7 Habits

By Olivia Dawson

Have you heard of the movie "Odd Girl Out"? It's about Vanessa, a girl that was being bullied by friends over a guy. That brings up the subject of bullying and peer pressure.

Kiowa County Junior High eighth graders are offered a class called Step-up. Seventh graders are offered a class called 7-Habits. Both classes are separated by boys and girls.

Eighth graders are reading the book "The 6 Most Important Deci-

sions You'll Ever Make" by Sean Covey. Eighth grade girls watched the movie "Odd Girl Out." Eighth grade boys are going to watch a movie about bullying and the danger of stereotyping.

Seventh graders are reading "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" by Covey, and they are working on personal mission statements. "It's really helpful," said seventh grader Andriea Kammes.

This idea all started two years ago by Elementary/ Middle School

Counselor Kathy Headrick. She was introduced to Covey's book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" by Jara Wilson, a Southwest Regional Plains Service Center Consultant. "After I read the book, I wondered if he wrote anything else and discovered 'The 6 Most Important Decision You'll Ever Make.'"

Miranda Kimble, eighth grader, said this book will help her later "maybe if a situation in the book applies to me in real life."

## Top 10

### Adult-

- 1 The Confession by John Grisham
- 2 Happy Ever After (Bride Quartet Ser. #4) by Nora Roberts
- 3 Fall of the Giants by Ken Follett
- 4 Life by Keith Richards
- 5 Barefoot Contessa How Easy Is That? by Ina Garten

- 6 The Ugly Truth (Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #5) by Jeff Kinney
- 7 Earth (the book) by Jon Stewart
- 8 American Assassin (Mitch Fapp Ser. #11) by Vince Flynn
- 9 Worthy Dying for (Jack Reacher Ser. #15) by Lee Child
- 10 Broke by Glenn Beck

### Children-

- 1 The Ugly Truth (Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #5) by: Jeff Kinney
- 2 The Lost Hero (Heroes of Olympus Ser. #1) by: Rick Riordan
- 3 Elf on the Shelf by Carol V. Aeversold
- 4 Llama Llama Holiday Drama by Anna Dewdney
- 5 The Red Pyramid (Kane Chronicles Ser. #1) by Rick Riordan

- 6 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- 7 Harry Potter Books 1-7 by J.K. Rowling
- 8 Ten on the Sled by Kim Norman
- 9 The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
- 10 Artemis Fowl; The Atlantis Complex by Eoin Colfer

## Books

By Rachel Schmidt

According to Barnes & Noble: [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)- bestsellers list- as of Nov. 1.

## Songs

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

By Jessica Moore

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 We R Who We R - Ke\$ha | 2 Whip My Hair - Willow Smith   | 3 Sparks Fly - Taylor Swift         | 4 Only Girl - Rihanna   |
| 6 Just a Dream - Nelly   | 7 Like a G6 - Far East Movement | 8 Just the Way You Are - Bruno Mars | 9 Firework - Katy Perry |

- 5 Innocent - Taylor Swift
- 10 Bottoms Up - Trey Songs



# JH Student Spotlight



## Seventh

## Topics they were asked about...

## Eighth

Blaine Liggett

**Name**

Denisse Ramos

A gun my Grandpa Liggett made for me

**Favorite Keepsake**

A watch my mom had when she was little

Mechanic

**Future Career**

Doctor

Chicken Fried Steak

**Favorite Food**

Chocolate Cake

Barney

**Favorite Childhood T.V. Show**

Blue's Clue's

Colorado

**Vacation Destination**

France

Football

**Favorite Sport**

Track

Shooting my guns

**Hobby**

Hanging out with friends

Philippines

**State/Capitol to be named after**

Madison, it's a girl name

























