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By Rachel Schmidt

## Seniors win float contest



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Above: Freshman Elias Lopez rolls paint onto their plywood in preparation for their float. The freshmen took third place in the float competition.

As the morning of float building came and went, the students made the final touches to their floats before the judges made their rounds at the church. Each grade built a float to enter into the float contest. The school supplied some of the materials for building the float, but the students were in charge of supplying the rest. For example, the trailer, a truck to pull the trailer, extra cardboard and any other supplies they thought they would need.

Each class was responsible for coming up with a theme and then following through with that theme for their float. The themes for the high school floats were freshmen, "Brand the Mustangs," sophomores "Round-Up the Mustangs," juniors "Knock Out the Mustangs" and the seniors, who won the float contest this year with their theme "Send the Mustangs to the Glue Factory."

"My favorite part of the day was hanging out with the girls and making our posters," said junior Kaelie Kendall.

The parade started at the First United Methodist Church and ended at the intersection of Florida Street and Main. There were 36 entries in the parade, ranging from people on horses, to fancy cars, to the school floats. The junior class was responsible for the order of the parade. The parade was led by a police escort and ended with the fire department's fire truck.

When asked if the parade was a success, KCHS secretary, Dana Trummel, replied, "Yes I do. There were lots of entries, it seemed like everyone had a good time and there was a good turnout from the community."

By Creighton McDonald

## Happenings

### College Planning Conference

The senior class visited Pratt Community College on Wednesday, Oct. 5, The day was designed to help the students decide which college would be best for the career they would like to pursue. They spent half the day looking at the various colleges and talking with the college reps.

### Juniors PSAT

The juniors are eligible to take the PSAT, the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. The test was administered at Kiowa County High school on Oct. 12, 2011. Students who score very high on this assessment and have a high grade point average will do well in this competition.

### Senior Recognition

On Tuesday, Oct.18, and Friday, Oct. 21, the senior athletes involved in cross country, volleyball, tennis and football were recognized for the many hours spent representing the KC Mavericks.

### Drug Search

On Oct. 7, the Kiowa County high school and parking lots were searched by drug dogs from the Kiowa County and Barton County sheriffs department's K-9 units. This had been a regular occurrence before the tornado and now that we are in the new building it will be done annually. The sheriff departments appreciate the opportunity to work their dogs and the school is wanting to send a message that this is a drug free environment.

### C.L.A.S.S. Leadership

C.L.A.S.S. is a leadership program where three schools come together and meet three times a year at each school. Each school picks 16 students to participate in this program. These students meet to learn leadership strategies that they can take back to their school to help make their school better.

# You're never too old to dress up

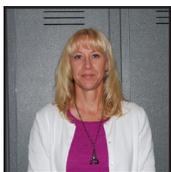
By Dottie Housworth

Halloween is a fun holiday; kids and adults dress up in costumes. Everyone gets candy, eats candy and/or hands out candy. But the holiday isn't just about candy; it started off as a celebration for the Celtic new year (Nov. 1). It was believed that evil spirits and witches would walk around during the night, playing tricks on people to represent the season of diminishing sunlight. That is why we now wear costumes and dress up. Offering of small food and sweets were made by people who would disguise themselves as evil spirits. That is where we got the idea of "trick or treating"

and handing out candy.

Now, people don't dress up as much in scary costumes. However, there are still vampire and witch costumes being worn on this evening, but not so many anymore. In 2011, adults are dressing up as celebrities, such as the best seller of this year, Charlie Sheen, and some even dress up as a Jersey Shore cast, Nicole 'Snooki' Polizzi. Children dress up as superheroes, princesses and fairies. Some people even dress their dogs up as hotdogs or a racing jockey's horse.

## How do YOU like to spend Halloween??



*Mrs. McKinney (Comp. Inst.) - "Eating the candy that I'm supposed to be giving the children who come to my door."*



*Brielle Z. (PS) - "I like to get pumpkins."*



*Haley Miller (Third Grade) - "I like to go trick or treating, carve pumpkins and stay at home and sit around."*



*Ms. Ballard (Third Gr. Inst.) - "I usually go to Marshall's house to pass out candy."*



*Grace Serois (Junior) - "watching scary movies with friends."*



*Garrett Kaltenbach (Freshman) - "I like to go smash pumpkins, hang out with friends and steal candy from little kids."*



*Lymon Morehead (Senior) - "I like to hang out with my friends and do crazy, stupid things. I don't go trick or treating."*

## Kiowa County dances the night away

By Lillian Hinshaw

Throughout the week, students have been showing their school spirit by dressing up and participating in spirit week. From superhero costumes to color wars, the students of Kiowa County High School found creative ways to make each day of spirit week different and memorable.

On Friday, Oct. 14, before the homecoming game against Macksville, was the crowning ceremony. The ceremony was run by the Student Council. Stuco members, Riann Heft and Lillian Hinshaw, read the homecoming script for the evening. The attendants for the night were freshmen LaTosha Tuttle, Dylan Trujillo, sophomores Heidee Prosser,

Trever Powell and juniors Erica Bertram, Creighton McDonald. The senior king and queen candidates were Laina McMurry, Lymon Morehead, Kimberlyn Hayes, Ross Binford, Brook Boman and Montana Ralstin. The kindergarten flower girl and crown bearer were Marley Little and Brock Hassipen.

Upon the vote of the student body, Montana Ralstin and Laina McMurry were voted the 2011 Fall Homecoming King and Queen. Immediately following the football game was the homecoming dance located in the rec gym.

Tucker McKinney, junior, was asked about his favorite part of the dance. "Oh just hanging around with all my

friends and such and getting down to the beat. I like all the big group dances, such as the Cupid Shuffle and the Cotton Eyed Joe. I also enjoy getting my shuffle on to Party Rock Anthem. And I guess slow dances are okay too."

This year's homecoming dance got many good reviews from the student body. "I thought that since the dance floor was smaller, people were more likely to start dancing. I thought it was one of the best dances we have had," stated sophomore Heidee Prosser.

Although the football game did not end the way everyone anticipated, the dance was a success and a great way to end the fall homecoming spirit week.

# The plot thickens - A Current Event

By Cody McVey

A particular branch of Iran's military government recently hired a 56-year-old Texas used-car salesman to do something for them. He was to hire a hitman from a Mexican drug cartel to assassinate the ambassador of Saudi Arabia by blowing up a bomb in a crowded restaurant in Washington. U.S. officials say that they are positive that the plot against Ambassador Adel Jubeir was real, but some analysts say that it was not.

The analysts said that the Quds Force of Iran has never been publically linked to an assassination on U.S. soil. According to investigators, the used-car salesman talked openly about being connected with the Iranian military and received a \$100,000 wire transfer. Which analysts say doesn't fit with the operations of the Quds force.

People are wondering why Iran would tar-

get someone in the U.S. when they have so many potential targets right in their backyard. This would also invite more opposition from the international community, and goes against every effort Iran has made towards national security. One of the reasons Iran has so much power in the Middle East is due in part to the U.S.-led elimination of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq and the Afghan Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

For the Iranian government to get caught trying to do something like this wouldn't really help them in any way, and would just cause more trouble for them. There is still some scrutiny as to if the government is leading this plot or if it is just some radical group based in Iran. But it was stopped either way.

## Top Ten Most Viewed Websites

1.  Google
2.  Facebook
3.  Yahoo
4.  YouTube
5.  Amazon
6.  Wikipedia
7.  Twitter
8.  Blogspot
9.  Craigslis
10.  MSN

By Shelby Butler

## Fashion

Fun fashion ideas for this fall:

- Carry your favorite summer dress into fall with a cropped fall jacket and booties
- Make your comfiest old tee more fashionable by pairing it with a pair of dark-wash skinny jeans and your furry winter boots
- Boyfriend jeans are back around. Update them by adding a vintage tee and booties for a tough, tom-boy vibe.



Extreme Wedges



Leather Jackets



Printed Scarf



Vintage soft-pale pink pieces



Floral Skirt



Plaid Pea-Coat



Stripes

# Maverick Nation Sports

## Mavs endure latter half of season

By Jimmy Hoyt

On September 30, the season reached its midpoint when the South Central Timberwolves faced the Kiowa County Mavericks on their home turf in Greensburg. The Mavericks took control of the game early on, establishing a 40-26 lead at halftime. The Kiowa County team came out of the fray with a solid victory, with a score of 72-44, with 549 yards gained to South Central's 308.

The next week, the Mavericks travelled to Pretty Prairie to face the Bulldogs, a team that had defeated the Mavericks through the "45 point" mercy rule the year before. There was much media coverage of the matchup, with a film crew from football documentary studio NFL Films present at both team's practices.

Hungry for revenge with the film crew watching, the Mavericks scored the first touchdown of the game, but soon after that the Bulldogs took control and closed the half with a 32-14 lead. The Kiowa County squad only allowed one Pretty Prairie touchdown in the third quarter, and one in the fourth, but the potential for a comeback slipped away from the Kiowa County squad in the second half with an end score of 44-22.

With their chance of playing in the playoffs in jeopardy, the Mavericks came into their Homecoming matchup with the undefeated Macksville Mustangs with a renewed vigor. Kiowa County Head Coach Clint Young instructed his players to do three things; hit hard, hit fast and hit harder.

The first quarter of the contest was a seesaw battle of offenses, with Kiowa County's ground-and-pound approach contrasting with Macksville's air-raid offense. Both teams racked up 22 points in the first quarter. The Mavericks went into a tailspin starting in the second quarter of the game, however. Senior quarterback and team leader in rushing yards Ross Binford went out with a fractured foot, speedy sophomore running back Trever Powell was taken out of action for the night by a Mustang helmet to the back, and senior halfback Colter Brown's ability to hit hard was hampered by a strained knee muscle. Macksville dominated

the rest of the game with 32 points unanswered and shutting the Mavericks out of the postseason with a 56-22 loss. However, the game wasn't without its bright spots. It gave a preview of the Kiowa County's players for next year, such as junior running back Keenan Behee, who racked up 99 rushing yards, and junior linebacker Creighton McDonald, who led the team with 14 tackles total.

The Maverick squad faced the Hodgeman County Longhorns in a non-district matchup, a team which had also throttled the Mavericks a year before. The night proved to be frustrating for Kiowa County as the Mavericks blew a 22-0 lead in the second quarter, and the Longhorns scored 26 points for a four point lead as the teams entered the locker room. After two more quarters of steady gameplay, the game ended with another loss for Kiowa County, with a score of 56-42.

The ninth game of the season was the last, taking place at St. John. The Mavericks, who had been given a pool's bath house to get ready for the game, came out and fought the Tigers till the third quarter of the game, where St. John forced Kiowa County out of the game with a score of 64-14, invoking the "45-point lead" mercy rule.

When all was said and done for the regular season, Kiowa County was second in the state for overall rushing yards, 3,426 yards being gained overall. Binford led with 2,037 yards for seven and a quarter games, making an average of 8.7 yards per carry. On the defensive side of the ball, Powell lead the team in tackles, with 54 total and 41 made solo.

The Mavericks endured many hardships through their sophomore season, finishing up with a record of 4-5. The team pressed on though they lost many players, giving players who would otherwise be second-string a chance to show what they can do for 2012. Time will tell what the talents of Powell, Behee and McDonald will bring to the table for the next edition of Maverick football.



**Photo by Kayleen Stevens**

Far Left: Senior guard Lymon Morehead runs a kick return down the field, plowing through Hodgeman County defenders along the way. Morehead lead the team in kick return yards that night, accumulating 39.

**Photo by Cody McVey**

Left: Junior running back Keenan Behee evades Macksville defenders in the backfield. Behee was called into action during the second quarter after the loss of sophomore running back Trever Powell.

# Lady Mavs don't go out without a fight

By Heidee Prosser

As the season reached its midpoint, Kiowa County volleyball continued to improve. The team was striving for success as they played their final tournaments and Tuesday night quads of the season.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Kiowa County had their Invitational Tournament hosting Macksville, Pratt-Skyline, South Gray, Ashland, Bucklin, Hutch-Trinity and Ness City. KCHS varsity won their first match of the day against South Gray 25-11, 25-12. They won again in their next match against Macksville 25-14, 25-14. The Varsity played Pratt-Skyline next. Although the second set was closer, KCHS couldn't manage to pull through and lost 14-25, 20-25. For the third place title, Kiowa County played Bucklin. Bucklin barely stole the first set, 25-23 and beat out Kiowa County in the second, 25-13. By the end of the tournament, Kiowa County Varsity took fourth and the JV took home first place.

Coach Fulton commented on the team's performance, "We are still working to beat the upper tier teams. We show signs that are real promising but have yet to put a whole match together against a quality team."

Tuesday, Sept. 27, the volleyball team went back to Larned. The varsity played Bucklin first. After losing their last match against them on Saturday, KCHS was out to redeem themselves. Kiowa County ended up getting their victory after three sets, 25-21, 20-25 and 25-15. The JV also won against Bucklin, but when they played Larned, they lost in the tie breaker set.

"It was nice to get a chance to revenge the loss against Bucklin on Saturday. We really played well and showed some fight. I was very proud of the girls," Coach Fulton commented on the victory against Bucklin.

On Oct. 4, KCHS traveled to Montezuma for another Tuesday night quad. They played Pawnee Heights, Minneola and South Gray. Winning all of the matches in two sets, it was a successful night for the varsity. The JV played Minneola as well and beat them in two sets. South Gray was their next opponent. They split the first two sets, and Kiowa County won the tie breaker.

Saturday, Oct. 8, Kiowa County hosted the SPIAA League volleyball tournament. Their first match of the day was against Bucklin. KCHS won the first set, 25-21. Bucklin managed to steal the second, but Kiowa County climbed back and took the third set, 25-22. Their next match was against South Central. Not being able to put up a strong enough fight, KCHS lost in two sets, 14-25, 16-25. Spearville was Kiowa County's next opponent. Spearville won the first set, 20-25 and took the second one as well. It was between Ingalls and Kiowa County in the third place match. Ingalls won the first set, but KCHS came back and stole the set, 25-18 in the second. The final set did not go as well as the second one did for Kiowa County. They lost the fight, 22-25 and ended up taking fourth in the tournament.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, Kiowa County traveled to Fowler.

Their first match was against Moscow, which Kiowa County won in two sets. In the meantime, the JV battled against Hodgeman County and Moscow, taking the victory in both matches. In their last game of the night, the Varsity played Fowler. After beating them in two matches, it was an overall successful night for the JV and Varsity teams.

For their last Tuesday night quad of the season, Kiowa County played Ingalls and South Central on their home courts. The JV played Ingalls first, and after battling with them through three sets, KCHS took the win. They played South Central next and beat them 25-16, 25-21. Looking to redeem themselves from their previous loss against Ingalls, KCHS Varsity was ready to fight. The first set Kiowa County lost, 22-25, but managed to climb back and take the second and third sets, 25-7, 25-22. South Central was their next opponent. In the first set, Kiowa County put up a good fight and barely lost 23-25. Not being able to pull through in the second set, South Central won, 15-25.

Kiowa County traveled to Ellinwood on Oct. 22, to play in the Class 2A Sub-State tournament. Their first match was against Little River, and KCHS beat them in two sets. They played Central Plains next in three sets. KCHS lost the first, 17-25, but they came back and won the second set 25-5. The tie breaker was a very intense set, and Kiowa County took the win, 26-24. In the championship match, Kiowa County played against Skyline. Kiowa County won the first set, 27-25, but Skyline managed to sneak back in and barely win the second set, 22-25. After another tough set against Skyline, KCHS took home Runner-Up, with the final score being 22-25.

"The goal for every season is to get better each day and hopefully play your best in post season play. We definitely did this at sub-state. We played awesome and fought hard all day," Coach Fulton reflected. "We had a great season, and I look forward to next year."



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

In the match against South Central, junior Angela Liggett goes up and takes a hard swing at the ball from her back row position.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

During the League Tournament at Kiowa County, junior Erica Bertram, goes up for a block in their match against South Central.

By Catherine Kibel

# Tennis season ends at Regionals



**Photo by Jessica Moore**

Above: Sophomore Patty Torres awaits the serve during her match at the Coaches Classic. Her partner for the meet was senior Laina McMurry.

The tennis girls have traveled over southwest Kansas to either conquer or be defeated. Coach Clodfelter had many lessons to teach and many ways of teaching them. One of his lessons was “Everything you do reflects on the people around you.” In other words if you act negative the others around you will be negative, but if you act positive everyone around you will be positive.

On Sept. 27, the varsity girls traveled to Ashland for the first of two KCHS Ashland visits. Participating at this event were sophomores Remington

Grasz, Charity Schmidt, Patricia Torres, Cathrine Kibel, juniors Rachel Schmidt and Lakin Titus. C. Schmidt brought home three wins. R. Schmidt and Torres also brought home a win.

On Sept. 29 the junior varsity girls hosted a Kiowa County invitational. Singles player Torres and Laina McMurry, senior, each took one match. While doubles players Olivia Dawson, freshman and Titus also brought home a win. Also attending this event, but without any wins, were doubles players Dottie Houseworth, junior and Kibel.

On Oct. 1, the KCHS tennis team hosted their season’s annual Coaches Classic. Grasz took one win out for five matches. R. Schmidt took two wins out of her five matches. Both doubles teams, McMurry/Torres and Titus/Kibel, defeated their opponents in one of their five matches.

On Oct. 4, the junior varsity traveled to Ashland for the last of two KCHS Ashland tennis visits. Team members attending this even were singles players Houseworth and Dawson along with doubles players Titus and Kibel. Although all the girls gave a good effort, none brought home a win for the team.

On Oct. 7, the varsity girls finished their season by traveling to regionals at South Barber in Kiowa. Although all the varsity team members participated Grasz was the only player to win any of the matches.

As the year ended for the team, the win/loss ratio wasn’t as important as the lessons learned by all.

By Lakin Titus

# Tough Regionals sends Davis home early

It’s that time when cross country season comes to an end. Senior Casie Price and junior Caleb Davis competed at the end of September at Pratt. Price placed 42nd with a time of 21:18:53.

Price commented, “The girls’ race went really fast, like it does every year, because this girl from Pratt beasts it up every year. It was an amazing day to run, I wish I could have done better but that meet always psyches me out for some reason, mainly the rail road tracks. I had a strong finish though as I was about to lose my shoes, trying to keep my position from the girl that was right behind me.”

Davis placed fifth with a time of 18:24:53.

Coach Perez stated about the Pratt meet, “Pratt was a very competitive meet for the boys and girls. It was a great day for a meet. I was excited to see Caleb do so well against great competition. The girl’s had the same amount of competition as the boy’s. Overall I thought Casie competed well in her race.”

This month they both went to Medicine Lodge and Price had a time of 21:39:00 and placed 41st. Davis had a time of 19:01:00 and placed 15th. Medicine was a more difficult meet, consisting of 40 mph winds. Creating a big challenge for both Price and Davis. “Overall, with the winds and the challenging course I thought we ran alright,” stated Coach Perez.

The last meet this season before regionals was at

Kinsley. Coach Perez states, “The Kinsley meet was a great course and a super day to run.”

Davis finished tenth with a time of 18:05:62. Price finished 41st with a time of 20:23:45. This was Price’s best time of the year.

Coach Perez also shared, “This was also our league meet, Caleb took third in league and Casie finished tenth. I thought we would have run a little better on this course because it was flat but we struggled but still competed hard.”

Regionals were held at Meade. Davis ran well and placed fifteenth with a time of 18:16:01.

“We had the toughest 2A regional. Any other regional and Caleb would have taken a top five finish, and would have gone to state,” states Coach Perez.

Although their goal for making it to state was not met, Davis has an idea of what to look forward to next year.



**Photo by Audrey Wheeler**

Left: Junior runner Caleb Davis runs hard as he gets to the end of his race at Kinsley.

By Jessica Moore

# Cheerleaders plan Spirit Week

Being one week most high school students look forward to, spirit week came a little later than usual. The whole week built up an exciting atmosphere leading to Friday night's football game against the Macksville Mustangs.

Starting the week off with in an unusual twist, instead of pajama day Monday was an eventful, yet odd looking day with students of all classes, walking down the halls with fake injuries.

Bringing the second day to start, kids were walking around the school dressed up as their favorite, or made up superheroes. These costumes went from the usual superheroes,

such as Superman, Batman, Robin and Wonder Woman, to some others including, Captain Underpants, Mermaid Man, Barnacle Boy and The Guy.

Wednesday was favorite sports team day, which was one of the most participated days of the entire week. Most kids dressed up, representing many various teams.

Thursday by far was the most participated day of the entire week. With the four colors, yellow, purple, pink and camouflage everywhere, almost every student was dressed up to participate in color wars. The yellow stood for live strong, the purple for cancer survivors, pink for breast cancer awareness and camouflage stood

for supporting the troops. The entire senior class dressed up.

On Friday, there wasn't much spirit week wear. Everybody was out and about, participating in float building and getting dirty in some way. Most people just wore a Maverick shirt or something orange to represent the school.

Overall, the seniors came out on top with the win. They won a pizza party Friday afternoon after their morning of float building. The classes were judged on percentage of how many dressed up and participated in general.



**Fake an Injury Day**  
(Above) Lymon Morehead, Brook Boman  
(Right) Damien Odle



**Fake an Injury Day**

**Super Hero Day:**  
(Top Left) High school group  
(Top Right) Tucker McKinney  
(Bottom) Laina McMurry, Abigail Daniels

**Super Hero Day**



## Color Wars

**Freshmen**



**Sophomores**



**Juniors**



**Seniors**



**VS.**



**Sports Team Day**



### Color Wars

Freshmen: Chelsye Racette, Madison Cannon, Addison Price  
Sophomores: Dena Liggett, Heidee Prosser  
Juniors: Markala Morton, Chloe Enfield  
Seniors: Dylan Sears, Drew Price

### Sports Team day

(Top Left) Fourth grade  
(Top Right) Ryan Williams, David Perez, Caleb Davis, KT Watson, Creighton McDonald  
(Bottom) Mr. VandenHoek, Mrs. Schnoebelen, Mr. Calkins, Mr. White

**Maverick Nation Day**  
(Top) Drew Price, Mr. Rogers  
(Bottom Left) Miranda Kimble  
(Bottom Right) Xander Brenging, Lance Ralstin



# Life inside...KC High

By Dottie Housworth

## Senior Spotlight



**Romantic or fun Prom?**

“Fun.”  
**Best thing about 2012?**

“Being a senior.”

**Thoughts about current events:**

“Pretty easy points, but it gets annoying doing it every week.”

**Advice for next year’s freshmen:**

“The good thing about being a freshman is someday you’ll be a sophomore.”

**What should happen to make this year better than last year?**

“More variety in lunches.”

**What would you do for a Klondike bar?**

“I’ll punch Jimmy in the face.”

Ross Binford



**Romantic or fun Prom?**

“Fun, \*cough cough\* Mario brothers.”

**Advice for next year’s freshmen?**

“Keep your head up, it only gets worse.”

**What should happen to make this year better than last year?**

“Make the sophomores sing the fight song alone at a pep rally, then the freshmen, because the juniors and seniors did for a tradition.”

**Ways to spend time if school started at noon:**

“I’ll sleep until 11:30, play some guitar, join a band, call my grandpa and ride a horse. Then have lunch at the Mexican restaurant and be a minute late to school.”

**What would you do for a Klondike bar?**

“I’d form a militia consisting of Lymon, Trevor Tyree, Trever Powell, Tucker and Markala to hunt down Kimberlyn and beat her up with her own Klondike bar!”

Jordan Little



**Thoughts about current events:**

“I like them because sometimes you can find out something interesting.”

**Advice for next year’s freshmen?**

“Do your current events and key terms and you’ll pass Mr. Calkins’ class.”

**What should happen to make this year better than last year?**

“No Mexican food next semester.”

**Ways to spend time if school started at noon:**

“Probably sleeping or maybe writing some tunes on my guitar.”

**What would you do for a Klondike bar?**

“I would break both my legs.”

Montana Ralstin

By Mariah Charlton  
**Shop**

The shop classes are finishing up cabinets for the shop building this month. After the cabinets are finished, each student will start making and working on their own personal shop projects.

When asked what he was building for his shop project sophomore John Colclazier stated, “an armoire, which will be awesome!”

**Music**

This month the choir is doing a lot of preparation for various events. There are nine students preparing to audition for District and State Honor Choirs. The other event they are getting ready for is Variety Show.

## Classroom Happenings



**Photos by Mariah Charlton**

Far Left: Kadie Larsh, junior, works with power tools to put the school’s cabinets together.

Left: Shad Butler, sophomore, sands some wood during his third hour shop class.

# Adding to the load

By Corbin VandenHoek

In the first month of Video Club, the students learned about camera care and camera operations. They were then certified to use a camera and equipment at the Media Center. This month they elected a president to oversee and make decisions about what the Video Club would be producing. They elected senior Weston Jantz as their president. Some of the club members have been volunteering to help tape and broadcast various sporting events throughout the month.

Scholars' Bowl has been practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 3:15 to 3:45. There are 12 students on the team, and the team is divided into Junior Varsity and Varsity. The first JV meet is scheduled for Nov. 3 at South Central at 4 p.m. The first Varsity meet is scheduled for Nov. 8 at Fowler at 3:30 p.m.

NHS hosted a blood drive on Sept. 23 and worked concessions for the KCHS Invitational volleyball tournament on Oct. 8. The group elected class officers and voted Lymon Morehead as President, Jordan Little as Vice President, Rachel Schmidt as secretary and Ross Binford as their Student Council Representative.



## Lakin's Monthly Poll

1. Superhero Costumes - 6
2. Cartoon Costumes - 4
3. Celebrity Costumes - 2
4. Animal Costumes - 2

## How well do you know...

By Rachel Schmidt

### Mrs. McMurry?

- |                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Favorite Color | 4. Where did she graduate |
| 2. Favorite Sport | 5. How many kids          |
| 3. Favorite Hobby |                           |

#### Student Guesses



**Lexi Behee** - 1. Turquoise 2. Tennis 3. Special Effects Make-Up  
4. WSU 5. Two kids



**Chris Boehme** - 1. Blue 2. Tennis 3. Traveling 4. PCC  
5. Two kids



**Rayne Jamison** - 1. Blue 2. Tennis 3. Reading 4. Hays  
5. Two kids



**Garrett Kaltenbach** - 1. Red 2. Tennis 3. Designing things  
4. Hays 5. Four kids

#### Answers

1. Favorite Color- Green
2. Favorite Sport- Tennis
3. Favorite Hobby- Reading
4. Where did she graduate- Southwestern College, Garden City Community College and Fort Hays State University
5. How many kids- Two

## How to...

Lose A Job

**1.** Don't show up to work for a few days.

**2.** When you do return to work, make up an excuse that is completely impossible. Here is an example: I was busy riding unicorns with Bigfoot, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and Cupid.

**3.** Back talk/yell at your boss (You most likely will be fired right at this moment, but if you are not, here are some other steps for you to follow).

**4.** Be as lazy as you possibly can.

**5.** Do the opposite of what you are told.

**6.** At the end of the day or shift, forget to do your clean-up or closing duties.

**7.** By now, you must have surely been fired. If you haven't, you most likely will be the next day.

By Corbin VandenHoek

## Words from the Editor

By Audrey Wheeler

The story of Steve Jobs, founder of Apple Computer, is possibly one of the most encouraging, inspirational stories ever. He was born on Feb. 24, 1955 in San Francisco to unmarried Wisconsin students Joanne Simpson and Abdulfattah "John" Jandali. Being young and not up to raising a new baby, the couple placed Jobs up for adoption. He was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs. As a young child, Steve would often work with his father in the family garage; taking apart and putting back together electronics. This helped Jobs have the fundamentals to build all the other world-changing electronics that he made.

Steve was always a brilliant child but needed constant encouragement and bribing from his teachers to get his work done in school. He didn't want to do the busy work but when it came to testing he was off the charts. Making it through junior high, Jobs went to high school and started spending his time at Hewlett-Packard, also known as software company HP, where he met computer genius Steve Wazniak. Wazniak later stated that he and Jobs "hit it off" right from the get go.

After dropping out of college after six months, working for video game company Atari, and back packing in India, Jobs finally settled down at the age of 21 and decided to start a business with friend, Wazniak. You may have heard of this company...Apple Computers ;) But it didn't just start out of nowhere. To fund their little operation Jobs had to sell his Volkswagon and Wazniak had to sell his beloved scientific calculator. With their new funds they started constructing a new, innovative computer in Job's garage. Finally they came up with smaller, cheaper computer that could be used by everyday people. They marked this first

new computer, named Apple 1, at \$666.66 and made a total profit of \$774,000; not too shabby for two college dropouts! Later they created Apple 2 and made a profit of \$179 million dollars. By 1980 Apple Computers had become a household name and had a market value of 1.2 billion on the very first day it came out.

In 1985 Apple Computer sales began to suddenly decline and employees started putting the blame on Jobs. Feeling not welcomed, Jobs decided to resign as CEO and start another computer company, NeXT Inc. and an animation company, now known as Pixar Animation. In 1997 Apple bought Job's small (compared to Apple) computer company for \$429 million dollars and brought him back on board with Apple as CEO.

Immediately Jobs started putting Apple back on top by giving himself a new annual salary of \$1 and by creating iMac. This new type of computer revolutionized the look and design of former computers. Once again Jobs had changed the computer business forever.

Later Apple continued to revolutionize technology by coming out with the MacBook Air, iPod, iPod Touch and iPhone. They created iTunes which is now the second largest music retailer in America, second only to Wal-Mart. iPod and iTunes sales create half of Apple's revenue.

So not knowing what he wanted to do with his life, but always coming back to electronics, Steve Jobs created probably one of the most well-known, most influential, and most branded company of our time, Apple Computers; and only at age 21.

### Upcoming Events

*Nov. 5 - HS Honor Choir Auditions in Dodge City*

*Nov. 7 - K-4 Vocal Concert - 7 p.m.*

*Nov. 8 - First Varsity and JV Scholars' Bowl meet @ Fowler*

*Nov. 8-11 - Buffer Week*

*Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day*

*Nov. 14 - First Day of HS BB Practice*

*Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Vacation*

# Battle of the Sexes - Maturity

Men are more mature than women. You can deny it all you want, ladies, but we're more levelheaded, more intelligent and make better decisions. Lillian's probably making some immature statement that men are bullheaded and that our brains supposedly mature more slowly.

Okay yeah, that's exactly what she's typing. My point stands. We're better.

"No!", you might say. "Guys only like to talk about who Megan Fox is and go hunting and watch movies like Step Brothers!" But you know what's worse? Women. Women just gossip and talk about clothes, which is definitely not the sign of a mature adult.

Who likes to get into fights over things like wearing the same outfit on the first day of school? Or hold grudges that last for eternity? Or edit all of their pictures to make it look like they have orange skin and put neon green text over it that says "BESS FRANS 4EVS"? Hint, it's not men. In fact, it's women. Sounds pretty stupid, huh?

And that's not even taking into account relationship problems. On a daily basis you can observe women having meltdowns both in real life and on Facebook over breakups. We get it, you thought you'd get married straight out of high school and move to Italy and have 17 kids (or adopt a couple "super adorable" Chinese ones) and grow old together. But you're not. So get over it. Life is not The Notebook.

Men also use teamwork and use it well, something that women have yet to be mature enough to do. Ever notice how when men are in a group and are given a goal, they do it faster? But when women are in a group, nothing gets done! All they do is talk about shoes and about us men, who they need. The Battle of Thermopylae, when the 300 Spartans fought off the Persian hordes? Men did that. The American Revolution, when American men were fed up with the rule of the British queen, who was a woman who thought she could rule over men, and rebelled? Also men. The winning of World War II? Men. The invention of the lightbulb? Actually, that was just one man.

What else do men do? They make good, informed decisions not based on their emotions at the moment. They also think rationally, don't overreact to anything, and are generally just more mature. I bet right now there's some girl out there getting all huffy and offended at this article because hey, you're too immature to realize this isn't meant to be taken seriously.

"I don't actually think that the British had a queen during the Revolution."

Jimmy Hoyt



Are girls more mature than guys? Yes.

From scientific research to everyday observation, girls have proven themselves to be more mature than guys. As I write this paper I'm sure Jimmy is writing his with statements such as, "Girls think too much about the little things." Or, "Girls take things too seriously and hold grudges that last a lifetime." Hold on. Let me go look....I rest my case.

Men. Actually, since we're talking about maturity here, let's go with a simpler term...boys. Boys spend their time watching stupid movies, beating each other up and constantly trying to be the "bigger man". You're not convincing anyone of your manhood by telling a girl to go make you a sandwich. It just makes you look stupid. Maturity lies in your character, not how many "a woman belongs in the kitchen" jokes you can find on the internet.

Now, the topic that seems to have everyone talking...relationships. If you ask a girl, "What do you think about boys?" their standard answer is normally, "boys are stupid." You boys have given us good reason to believe this, too. You're obviously lacking some maturity when you can spend two weeks leading on a girl that you're not even interested in. If you don't like her....

tell her. I promise you, we'll get over it. Or we won't and you'll be sorry.

But not all guys are hard-hearted. In some occasions, the guy is the one who is helplessly attached to one of us girls. Have you ever heard the quote, "She's got him wrapped around her finger?" He is wrapped around her finger. So guys, when a girl says she doesn't want to be with you anymore, that generally means to leave her alone. Don't be immature and follow her around, texting her every living, breathing second of your day. And don't beg...unless she asks you to. It takes maturity to know when a girl wants you to chase after her, if you don't know, you're not mature enough to be running after her in the first place.

Guys are also universally known for not thinking before reacting. Guys seem to think it's necessary to do stupid things just because at that moment, "it sounded like a good idea." No, it wasn't a good idea; you just broke half the bones in your body. Girls have the ability to look at a situation and not only see the good things the situation may bring but the bad as well.

Mr. Calkins, who just happens to be a man, has a few opinions about the downfall of maturity in men. "Women are more driven. Men are okay with being bored, women are not. Women with the Progressive Movement, as a whole, have wanted to prove that they can make it without men in their life. Men are okay with sitting at home playing video games, women are not." Well said, Mr. Calkins, well said.

Studies show that a female brain is fully developed at age 20, whereas a male brain is not fully developed until age 25. Essentially guys, you're five whole years behind us ladies. Does that mean that girls always make mature decisions? No. Does that mean that girls know everything? No, but 99.98% of the time we do. So boys, anything you can do, we can do better. We are driven, we are efficient, we are beautiful, we are strong...we are women.

Lillian Hinshaw



## Student of the month- Kadie Larsh

By Laina McMurry

### A different kind of riding

**Q.** What do you do with your horse?

**A.** It's called English riding. There are a couple different types, including dressage and cross country. I personally enjoy the hunter/jumper one. I do a jumping course that consists of anywhere from 10-20 fences, or obstacles, that can be any height, width, color or distance apart from the previous jump. If you knock a fence down, it adds four seconds to your time. If your horse refuses the fence, you get three more tries. You are disqualified on the fourth.

Courtesy Photo

**Q.** What is your favorite part about what you do?

**A.** I really enjoy actually jumping the fence. It's all really smooth and flows really well with the horse's natural gait. It feels like you're flying, and of course, the higher the fence is, the more fun it can be.

**Q.** How long have you been competing?

**A.** I have been riding for eight years now, and I've been competing for six or seven years.

**Q.** How did you get started competing?

**A.** Ever since I can remember I would beg my parents to get me a horse. So they decided to put me in horse lessons. I got good enough to be on the show team at the barn I road at and it all progressed from there.

**Q.** Is this something you want to pursue farther?

**A.** YES! K-State has an excellent equestrian team, and they compete as if it is a sport. I don't know if I will continue past college with this, but it would be awesome if I could make it to the Olympic level.

## *Dear Annie and Andy*

Dear Annie and Andy,

My best friend has really changed for the worse since she has started hanging out with the wrong people, some who don't even go to school. She says she has a much older "boyfriend," but she won't tell me his name. I'm worried she'll get caught or she'll get addicted to those "bad" things even worse than she already is. She isn't fun to be around anymore, and I'm just really worried about her!

Sincerely,

"Concerned Friend"

Dear Concerned Friend,

Have you tried talking to her about the trouble she may be getting into, about the fact that you miss your friendship with her, or about the harm she may be doing to herself? If not, I highly recommend it. If you do confront her, and it doesn't work, talk to her parents or a teacher/adult that you trust. Your friend needs help before it gets too bad, and I think you're being a great friend trying to help out. Best of luck!

Helping hand,

Annie and Andy

Dear Annie and Andy,

I am wanting to ask a certain girl out, but I don't have a lot of money to do so. What should I do?

Sincerely,

"No Money"

Dear No Money,

Try doing things that don't require money. Such as a walk, going to the park and watching a movie at your house or hers. If you are wanting money, get a job, or see if you can do extra things around your house for some money. Remember money doesn't get you everything!

Helping hand,

Annie and Andy

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# Junior High News

## JH Basketball teams set goals for upcoming season

By Liz Ballard

On Nov. 10 the junior high basketball season opens at home against the Ingalls Bulldogs. Both the boys' and girls' teams have a lot of depth. There are 25 boys and 34 girls out.

Third Grade Teacher Mallorie Ballard is the new head coach for the girls, taking over from Principal Staci Derstein after being her assistant last year. Ballard said that Derstein "was and will remain a great influence for me as a coach." Ballard coached some of this year's players in a summer league last summer. Her current assistant is Pre-school Teacher Stephanie White.

Ballard said, "The girls are individually talented. My goal is for them to use one another and serve one another as they learn to better understand the game of basketball. I also want them to become more creative players instead of Xs and Os on the court."

In his fourth year, P.E. Teacher and High School Athletic Director Travis Powell will head coach the boys' team. His

assistant is Haviland Friends Church Youth Minister Josiah Williams again.

Last year's record of 3-8 overall isn't good enough this year for Powell and Williams. Powell said, "We definitely have higher expectations, and I know the kids do, too."

In the third game of the season on Nov. 18, the Mavericks meet the South Central Timberwolves at Protection. From playing them three times this last summer in the Pratt Skyline Summer League, Powell thinks they will be the Mavs' toughest opponent.

Speaking of expectations, Powell uses a set of goals for each game that the team strives to meet and their success is monitored. There are offensive goals, such as shooting at least 70 percent from the free throw line, and defensive goals, such as keeping their opponent to shooting less than 10 free throws.

Eleven games make up the regular season, with a league tournament at Spearville starting Feb. 6.



### Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Far Left: Ben Spainhour, eighth grade, attempts a shot during warmup at the first week's practice. The boys and girls will face off against Ingalls on the KCJH courts on November 10.

Right: Kelsi Francis, eighth grade, shows perfect form as she lays the ball up during warm up.

## Improvements made over VB season

By Liz Ballard

"I saw a lot of good things throughout the season and continued improvement each and every week," said junior high volleyball head coach Audrey Pore. "I was disappointed in our lacking consistency, but we did improve on that throughout the season, too."

As a whole, she saw great improvement in the sixth graders.

At Ingalls on Sept. 29, the Mavericks lost 25-27, 15-25. Then on Oct. 6 at South Central, they lost to the Timberwolves 17-25, 11-25.

Finally at home on Oct. 13, they hosted two teams: the Bucklin Deuces and the Pawnee Heights Tigers. The home team won both. Against the Deuces, they went 25-6, 21-25, 25-9. They beat the Tigers in two: 25-10, 25-12.

Then came the league tournament at Spearville. They

entered the tourney in fourth place, and lost 22-25, 20-25 to Hodgeman County. Their season record was 4-5.

The most surprising game performance to Pore was the South Central game even though they lost it. "We had injuries and had to switch rotations, and we adjusted well."



### Photo by Heidee Prosser

Left: Sixth grader Kiauna Beehee passes the ball to a teammate during a C-team game.

# JH reverses previous year's record

By Liz Ballard



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Above: Seventh grade player James Little takes a Bucklin player for a ride as he dives into the endzone for a Kiowa County touchdown. The contest between Bucklin and Kiowa County was a 6-man football affair, as Bucklin didn't have enough players to complete an 8-man team.

Reversing their record from last year, the junior high football team ended with a winning record: 4-3, and most teams would have been happy with that. But according to head coach Kirk Miller, "We felt we could have achieved more than that. We weren't disappointed, but our goal was to have an undefeated season."

On Sept. 29 they travel to Ingalls. They lost 16-38. Then they met the South Central Timberwolves in Protection on Oct. 6, and fell to them 0-24. But for the last game of the season, the Mavericks hosted the Bucklin Deuces and won 48-18.

Miller said he wanted to compliment the seventh graders on how well they did in the junior varsity games, "They really improved throughout the season."

"I wish the eighth graders best of luck in high school, and hope they all choose to represent us in high school football," said Miller.

## Junior High Impact "Leading with PRIDE"

By Liz Ballard

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders get to participate in a leadership program called Impact. Their motto is "Leading with PRIDE," which stands for Placing Respect in Daily Efforts. Counselor Kathy Headrick sponsors the group, and is its creator.

She said, "When we started this four years ago it was only 12 representatives from the three grades. But then I decided we were contradicting our own tenant that leaders should be inclusive, not exclusive, so it has evolved to open membership."

Now interested students read the behavior and academic member expectations, and with their parents, sign a form. There are fewer members this year at 26, but enrollment will open again in January in case a student has changed

his mind, or didn't get his paperwork in at the first of the school year.

There are seven committees: Tour Guides, Mav Movie Makers, Ecology, Maverick Pride, School Service, Fundraising and Social Activities. This year already they have led several tours, and a junior high/high school group from Reno Valley will be visiting for a tour and lunch Nov. 1. In the spring a dance is being planned and at homecoming the Pride committee had a parade float. "This gives students valuable leadership opportunities," said Headrick.

She said her involvement has evolved also. "Up until this year I did a lot. But this year I've used a more hands-off policy, where the students are doing most of the planning and more work and legwork."

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