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By Meghan Darnell

King and Queen

The Kiowa County homecoming ceremony was held September 17, prior to the homecoming game against the Skyline Thunderbirds. The homecoming court consisted of juniors Taylor Colborn, Jordan Little, sophomores Caleb Davis, Kristin Wade, freshmen Evan Jacks and Mackenzie Rose.

Senior Homecoming Queen Candidates were Morgan Tyree, Morgan Fulton and Dezere Valles. King Candidates were Gage Hosheit, Cody Headrick and Ty Schaefer.

Tyree was crowned Kiowa County Homecoming Queen, to which she said, "I was shocked so I just kind of went through the motions. It was really exciting. I'm still excited today."

Homecoming King, Hosheit, had a similar reaction of nerves and excitement. Hosheit said of the crowning, "I didn't really think I was going to get it, it just kind of happened."

Each candidate was nominated by classmates, and the king and queen were voted upon by the entire Kiowa County high school student body. Crown bearer for the evening was Blaine Zimmerman and flower girl was Carson Tyree,



The 2010 Fall Homecoming Candidates and king and queen pose after the big announcement for parents and family. Photo by Kaelie Kendall

chosen by Student Council representatives.

Following the game was the homecoming dance, held in the old practice gym. The senior class hosted the dance. Sponsors were Mr. Peter Kern, Mrs. Kim McMurry and Mrs. Sherrie Schnoebelen. The music for the dance was supplied from an i-pod playlist run by Mr. Kern.

Left: Crown bearer and flower girl, Blaine Zimmerman and Carson Tyree, look on as Homecoming King, Gage Hosheit seals the announcement with a kiss to Homecoming Queen Morgan Tyree. Photo by Kaelie Kendall



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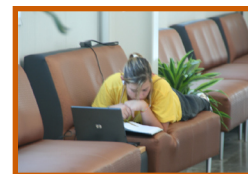
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Students celebrate with Homecoming Parade

By Shyanne Francis

In preparation for the upcoming homecoming parade, the classes started decorating their floats around 8:30 a.m. Each class member was delegated a task in preparation for the day. Each class was responsible for coming up with a theme to show their pride for the Kiowa County Mavericks against the Skyline Thunderbirds. The senior class float had a big Thunderbird getting hit with a giant wrecking ball as little thunderbirds ran around the float with a theme of "Demolish the T-birds". The

juniors had a poster that said "Get out of our grill." They created a Ford Maverick vehicle with a T-bird in the grill. The sophomore class used the theme of "They may

have the thunder, but we bring the lightning" and threw lightning bolts at a Thunderbird. "Whip the T-birds" was the theme for the freshman class who had little birds running around the float getting whipped.

The 2010 homecoming parade started at 2:00 p.m., traveling from the Methodist Church to the Antique Shop on Main Street. The Kiowa County band marched down the streets leading not only the school's floats, but also the various businesses that had come to show their Maverick spirit. In the parade were John Deere tractors with Maverick colors on them, as

well as Shalya Cobb and Mackenzie Heft who rode down the street on their horses as Shayla held an American flag in her hand and Mackenzie held the Triangle Rodeo flag. The candidates that rode through the parade were Morgan Tyree, Gage Hosheit, Dezere Valles, Ty Schaefer, Morgan Fulton and Cody Headrick. The attendants for the class of 2013 were Kristin Wade and Caleb Davis, Taylor Colborn and Jordan Little for the class of 2012 and for the class of 2014 the attendants were Mackenzie

Rose and Evan Jacks.

The judges for the homecoming floats were



tor, Mrs. Cheryl Richard.

Afterwards, the students all gathered back at the school to take down their floats and get ready for the upcoming football game.

Above: Senior candidates Dezere Valles and Ty Schaefer ride in style during the parade.

Left: The seniors knock out the Thunderbirds with their homemade wrecking ball.

Below: The KCHS band, under the direction of Instructor Tim Rogers, leads the 2010 homecoming parade. Photos by Kayleen Stevens



Coach Nick Perez, Mrs. Dana Trummel and Mr. Greg Waters who gave out first, second and third place prizes. The first place winners were the seniors and second place went to the juniors. Third place went to the sophomores. The parade ended around 2:45 p.m.

"I thought it was really good and the seniors really rocked," stated Art Instruc-



New Beginnings for all

KC schools have Grand Opening and Open House

As patrons of three towns, government officials and business persons filled the newly constructed Kiowa County Schools gymnasium, it was evident that there was much interest in how the new school was going to be run and perceived.

The Kiowa County Schools Grand Opening Ceremony was held on Aug. 16, at 3:00 in the afternoon, three days before actual school classes began. With hundreds of interested people attending, Superintendent of Schools, Darin Headrick greeted the audience sharing his thoughts on the process it took to get the school up and running, how appreciative he was of all the help and work that had been done by all that were involved. Other presenters that day were U.S. Senator for Kansas, Pat Roberts, State Treasurer Dennis McKinney, Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr.

Diane DeBacker, Pat McCown of McCownGordon Construction and Casey Cassias from BNIM Architects. Ending the ceremony was Ki Gamble, President of the Board of Education for USD 422. Gamble was emotionally overwhelmed by how well the process had gone to continue education for the students of Kiowa County. Although they weren't always in agreement, everyone pulled together, knowing the new school would benefit all, and the school was ready for students to enter on the nineteenth.

Following the ceremony the classrooms were opened for those who wanted to view the school. The official Open House was held on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., allowing parents who could not attend the grand opening the opportunity to meet their student's teachers and walk the halls their

children would be walking daily.

With the combination of high schools, it was obvious that there were many teachers who didn't know their student's parents. The open house gave those teachers the chance to meet and discuss with parents what the students would be doing this year in their classes.

As the school year has progressed, it is no longer a "new" school, but "one" school for the now 139 students of Kiowa County High School, as well as for the 200 grade school and junior high students. If you walk down the hall of the high school section it is no longer apparent which students are from which town, they are now all Kiowa County Mavericks, one name, one school, one body.

What do you think?

If you were a foreign exchange student, where would you go and why?



Ricky Boswell: "I would go to Canada so that I can snowboard."



Mr. Ballard: "I would have to say...hmmm... South Africa... Then I could visit family and go on a Safari. Oh yeah, and dive with Great White Sharks!"



Lillian Hinshaw: "Italy, because I'm Italian and I would like to learn their language."



Payton Miller: "I would love to go to the country France because I love the French."



Kahl Huffman: "I would go to Jamaica, because it's awesome and there are a lot of things to do and I can wear one of those wig things."



Alex Brensing: "Japan and if you want to get specific, Tokyo, Japan because Asians are cool."



Casie Price: "If I was a foreign exchange student I would go to Australia because I wouldn't have to learn a different language. Plus its really nice there. Also that's just my dream to go there."



Morgan Fulton: "I would go to Greece because the land is so beautiful and rich with history. It'd be awesome to be by the sea since Kansas is so dry. Also, they have great cuisine!"



Mrs. McKinney: "Greece. The architecture amazes me and the people seem so passionate about life."

New school, new class officers

By Clint Scott

On September first, KCHS held Student Council elections. The positions that were voted on were President, Vice President and Secretary. Morgan Tyree won President, Jordan Little won Vice-President and Lindy McKinney was elected Secretary.

The candidates for president were seniors Morgan Tyree, Shannon Webster and Brandon Taylor. Tyree spoke on how she has been part of Student Council for many years, she stated if elected she would help the joining of a Greensburg-Haviland student body continue to go smoothly.

Webster started his speech with an entertaining and modified speech from the movie *Brave Heart*. He ended by pointing out that with a brand new everything, we had an opportunity to set a standard for the school years to come.

Taylor said that he has a great ability to keep an open mind and would listen to the students ideas and try to apply them to the school.

The lone candidate for vice-president was junior Jordan Little. Although it didn't matter what he talked about, since he was the only candidate running, Little pointed out that he wants to help with the showing of

school pride. He ended by stating that you either had to vote for him or not vote at all.

The candidates for secretary were senior Lindy McKinney and sophomore Amanda Koehn. They both talked about how they took good notes, and that's what was needed to be a good secretary.

"I'm excited about how the students have already meshed and will continue to grow," stated newly elected Student Council President, Tyree.



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Above Left: Senior Morgan Tyree presents her speech, in hopes she will be elected president. Her speech was shown to be effective as she was voted by the student body to be their leader for the year.

Above Right: Shannon Webster, senior, showed his creative side while presenting his ideas at the same time.

Right: Senior Brandon Taylor presented his ideas to the crowd, sharing what he would like to accomplish in the upcoming year. Photos by Clint Scott



Have you ever heard of...? Cheese What?

By Gage Hosheit

Quite possibly one of the most daring and craziest sports ever invented, held in Gloucester, England is the sport of cheese-rolling. It consists of competitors starting at the top of the hill rolling a hunk of cheese in the shape of a wheel down the hill with a one second head start over the people competing, they must chase the cheese down the hill and the first person to catch it or cross the finish line is the winner. Given the opportunity for bumps, bruises, broken bones, and even death they are required to have many ambulances standing by to transport the injured to the local St. John hospital.



KCHS Band goes to State Fair

By Cody Headrick

Somewhere between the slurred sentences and bleary eyes of the morning, and the rampaging excitement of the afternoon, the Kiowa County Band threw together quite an impressive display Wednesday

After that short little jaunt through the streets the students quickly loaded up and headed to the State Fair for an afternoon of fun and frolicking. They arrived shortly after 10 a.m. and had till 2

“I had a lot of fun at the fair” recalls senior Katelin Holland. “We walked around and looked at the all exhibits.”

After the pleasures of the fair it was time to hop back on the buses and make the one hour 45 minute drive back to Greensburg, arriving just before 4 p.m.



Left: Marching off to the beat Kiowa County band struts down the streets of Hutchinson during the annual Band Day at the Kansas State Fair.

Below: Getting his monies worth, freshman Trevor Powell cringes as they airbrush an emblazoned orange and black bull upon his shoulder. Photos by Cody Headrick

day the 15th at Hutchinson. The two fully loaded buses had a long journey from Greensburg to Hutch, stopping off at the McDonalds where they had little time to gorge themselves before heading into town for the parade. They marched to the roaring sounds of “September” and the school fight song.

Mr. Rogers, band director, later commented “I thought they all did well, and we all had a pretty good time.”

p.m. to cause all sorts of mayhem.

A few students including Shannon Webster, Trevor Tyree and Tucker McKinney wore “morph suits” and spent the better part of their afternoon posing for pictures. Other band members either spent their day riding rides, enjoying the plethora of food, or spending their money on mindless oddities (such as the airbrushed tattoos, toy light sabers, silly hats, and carnival booths).



Class of the Month - Journalism

By Lymon Morehead

On the morning of Sept. 22, the local Kiowa County yearbook class got on a bus at 6:30 a.m. to go to Fort Hays State University to attend the KSPA Fall Conference.

During the events of the conference students attended multiple workshops dealing with picture taking, graphic design and article writing. There was a presentation given, “50 tips in 50 minutes,” by former

advisor for the Royal Purple, K-State’s yearbook, Linda Puntney.

After spending the whole morning the yearbook class went back to Greensburg.

During the photography session Photo Editor, Kaelie Kendall, practices her aperture settings. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt



Meg's Memo

A Look at What's Happening

By Meghan Darnell

Oct. 1 - Greensburg United Methodist Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood-Drive. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to donate there are three basic stipulations: don't be sick, be at least 17, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Oct. 15 & 16 - State tennis TBA. The 16th will also mark the 2nd Annual 5.4.7 Wine Tasting Benefit. The benefit begins at 6:30 and attendants will sample various wines, hors d'oeuvres, music, and artwork. Member tickets cost \$20 and nonmembers will be \$25 and have to be purchased prior to the event. To acquire a ticket call 620-723-2600, e-mail: sbarnes@547artscenter.org, or swing by the Arts Center.

Oct. 23 - October ACTs are the 23rd. They will be taken at South Central High school, PCC, and Kinsley High school. Also that day is regional cross country @ Meade, along with the Lady Mavericks' sub-state volleyball @ Kiowa County High School.

Oct. 30 - State volleyball is on the 29th and 30th in Emporia. Also on the 30th, the cross country teams will be running in Wamego for the state cross country title. The 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat will begin at W. Wisconsin and contests for the evening will include a costume contest, pumpkin carving/painting, and best trunk. The event will begin at Dusk.

Oct. 31 is the first ever Run For Missions 5K and 10K run, or walk, and will begin and end at Hockett Auditorium. The 10K will be open to the community for two hours and the 5K for one hour. Run For Missions is a Scholarship fundraiser for Evangelical Friends Church students, intending to go overseas as missionaries. Sponsors include: Haviland Telephone Company, Origins Fair Trade Coffee House, Farmer's Cooperative, Smith Custom Woods of Wichita. For more info, or to register, check out <http://www.runformissions.org> or contact Adam Monaghan at adammonaghan@hotmail.com or 316-734-4466.

Words from behind the scenes

By Jamie Larsh

You probably have heard your parents say "We need to have family time" or "You need to be home more". For me I hear it a lot and usually say "Okay, maybe this weekend" and then it never happens. As I have gotten older, it seems like our lives are filled with a lot so that we just don't have time for "family time". But in reality, it is very important for that time spent. For one, it will make your family bond stronger and also you can find that your parents are more like you than you thought.

A few weeks ago my family and I went to Kansas City to go to a

Royals game and Worlds of Fun. At first, I'm not going lie, I did NOT want to go. I tried every excuse. My sister Kadie said something about not feeling good and when I heard that I thought "Oh well, guess we can't go!"

We ended up going and, you know, it was a blast. Kadie and I have so many jokes from just sitting in the car. As a family we became closer and, believe it or not, found out new things about each other. Even though you think you know your family inside out and can answer any question about them, there is always something

your parents are holding back.

I encourage all of you to take a vacation or make a point of having family bonding time. It doesn't need to be a long trip. It could be just taking an afternoon and going on a bike ride with your parents or having a night to play board games with your family.

Many of us are going to be leaving home and the time with our families is limited. So the next time your mom tells you to stay home tonight and spend time with the family, do it because they want as much time with you as they can before you go out into the real world.

Where would we be without them?

By Jessica Moore

Maverick Cheerleaders

Cheers, chants, stunts, tricks, and halftime entertainment, the Maverick cheerleaders do it all. The 2010-2011 Maverick cheerleaders consist of seniors Adriell Hewitt, Morgan Tyree, juniors Brook Boman, Ashlea Allred sophomores, Erica Bertram, Shaylee Erwin and Audrey Wheeler. These girls all have former cheer experience to bring into this new window of opportunity as the first ever 'Kiowa County cheerleaders'.

"Combining was a good thing all around. We got more talent that was added to the squad." Said senior, Hewitt, commenting on what she thought about the combining of the two student bodies.

Score for Spirit

Most cheerleaders have the same goals; bring more spirit to school hallways and activities. Whether or not that's the same for the Maverick cheer team, it is a responsibility, one that they've already managed to act on. Since the beginning of school they have organized two pep rallies and spirit week. Spirit Week took place Sept. 13-17, each day's craziness was picked by the cheerleaders. Monday was lazy/crazy day, Tuesday formal day, Wednesday color wars, Thursday twin day and Friday hat and sunglasses day. The first pep rally took place Sept. 10, before our first home game. The second pep rally was held at the school bonfire Sept. 16, in spirited preparation for the homecoming game against the Skyline Thunderbirds the next day.

Pep it up

Already a little over a month into the school year, the cheerleaders have been pepping up the stands at all the games and activities.

"The cheering we have done so far, has been awesome, we all just go out there and have fun with it," said Erwin.

Though most of the cheerleaders have set personal goals for themselves in this cheer season, most of them just want to get to know each other better.

"As far as half time dances go, none have been planned yet, but I'm sure we will be having one soon," stated Hewitt.

Whether or not the action is on the field or the court, our cheerleaders will be pepping up the crowds.



Left: Morgan Tyree is thrown into a cradle during the Sept. 10 pep rally. This pep rally was a good spirit booster for the upcoming game that night against the Minneola Wildcats. Photo by Jessica Moore

Above Left: Posing on "twin day" in their matching shirts and jeans are Kristin Wade and Lillain Hinshaw. Photo by Audrey Wheeler

Above Right: Senior Elizabeth Spurgeon becomes Taylor Swift for celebrity day. Celebrity day took place on Sept. 14, the second day of spirit week. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Right: Montana Ralstin takes a moment to pose in his funky pajamas. "I think pajama day was the most popular," said Cheer Coach, Cinda Morehead. Photo by Kaelie Kendall



The Maverick cheerleaders mess around before the pep rally at the school bonfire. "We just wanted to get a silly picture with all of us in it," commented Shaylee Erwin. Photo by Jimmy Hoyt



Clint Knows All

By Clint Scott

Weird laws, every state has them, but what is the point? Some of these laws make no sense AT ALL, so why do we have them? There doesn't seem to be any reason to them at all. If you're wondering what I'm talking about, look at these laws.

- In California it is illegal to set a mouse trap without a hunting license.
- In Idaho, boxes of candy given as a romantic gift must weigh more than 50 pounds.
- In Iowa state law forbids any establishment from charging admission to see a one armed piano player.
- In Alabama it is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.
- In Utah birds have the right of way on all highways.
- In Texas a law was passed requiring criminals to give their victims 24 hours notice, whether orally or in writing, and to explain the crime being committed.

So why do have these laws, true to be good citizens we should obey all of the laws, but there are laws in every state that we've never even heard. Also these laws aren't really for the better of our society or the laws are so stupid that people who are aware of them probably aren't even going to pay attention to them, so how are we supposed to take dumb laws seriously?

- In Wichita, KS, it is illegal to carry a concealed bean snapper.
- In Natoma, KS, it is illegal to throw a knife at a man in a striped shirt.

These are only a couple of the laws in our very own state that are supporting my point. First of all, why would someone be randomly carrying around a bean snapper, and secondly if they did why does it matter if it's concealed? The law in Natoma is oddly specific, it might be just me, but I'm fairly certain that you shouldn't throw a knife at anyone.

To sum up the point I'm trying to make, is that there are laws that obviously have no explanation. There might have been a reason that they made these laws but the reason isn't all that clear. There are many laws we aren't aware of and probably won't be unless we just look them up, so if you're curious or simply a concerned citizen, you can discover laws that don't make sense, are obvious, and are just plain dumb at <http://www.azzit.de/humor/30.html>

Sneaky Clean Joke

By Cody Headrick

One day a man ran into an old friend and asked him if he was still dating the same girl. "No" Replied the friend. "She wasn't the brightest bulb in the chandelier. Just the other day she decided to ride a horse for the first time. Without any instruction she hopped on and took off at full gallop. Everything was fine for a minute until she started losing her grip and began sliding down the side of the horse. She started grasping desperately at the reigns and the horse's mane. The horse kept it's pace up as she bounced up and down on the ground with the horse's hooves pounding away inches from her head. The horse might have killed her if it were not for an alert Wal-mart greeter who ran over and unplugged the thing!"

John's not so easy guessing picture game

Do you know where these are?



Youth interact outside school

By Peyton Wade

On the night of Sept. 1, youth groups in the county started up again. Haviland Friends Church Youth in Haviland and Youth for Christ in Greensburg each have a weekly meeting. Both groups meet around eight o'clock each Wednesday night for a short message about their faith and then have a time of fellowship when they play a game.

In the Haviland Friends Church youth building, called the Refuge, students who attended celebrated the first night by participating in short mini-game-like challenges. Students were divided into three teams and raced to see who could finish the challenge first. Among these challenges were pulling all of the tissues out of a tissue box, seeing who could shake their head the most in a minute (this was possible with creative use of a pedometer), putting together a puzzle made out of a cereal box and stacking five Little Debbie snack cakes on their forehead. One challenge made students strap a tissue box filled with ping-pong balls around their waist. Then the student tried

to get the ping-pong balls out of the tissue box by jumping, hopping and twirling about. After that students were led in worship by Jeremiah Williams and Youth Pastor Josiah Williams, who shared a message with them. Haviland Friends Church youth group meet every Wednesday night at eight in the youth building across from the Friends Church.

In Greensburg, students who attended Youth for Christ played dodge ball and hung out with friends in the practice gym. Students go to Youth for Christ for the games and fellowship.

"I go to have fun" said freshman Payton Miller. "Mostly I go so I can just be with friends."

The first night was just a night for games and celebration. Other nights follow the same pattern as at Haviland, with a game and message given by Deb Factor.

Some of the other games that they play aside from dodge ball include: British-bulldog, knock-out, volleyball and the wacky mix of mini-games. But to really know what those games are like, one has to go and experience it for himself. Tony Factor leads and organizes the Youth for Christ meetings. Youth For Christ meets in the practice gym across from the school on Wednesday nights at 7:50 p.m.p



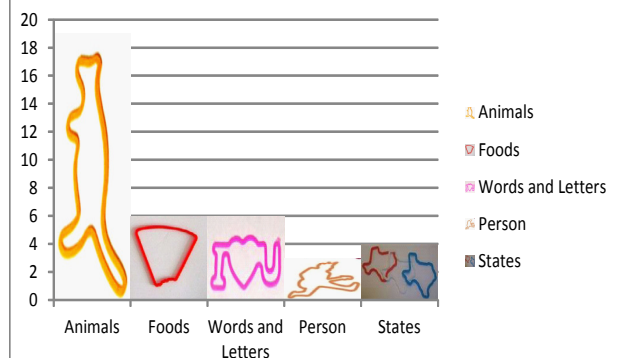
Sophomore Kaelie Kandall and freshman Lillian Hinshaw race against the other teams to see who could put together the cereal box puzzle first. They won the challenge. Courtesy photo

Freshman Trevor Powell, senior Enrique Cervero and junior Kahl Huffman listen as Tony and Deb Factor give the message for the night. Photo by Gage Hosheit



Peyton's Poll

Your Favorite Silly Band



Football season heading in the right direction

By Jamie Larsh

With a crowd ready for some Kiowa County spirit, many gathered in Montezuma to watch the Maverick football team take on the South Gray Rebels. The game was scoreless until the second quarter when junior Ross Binford ran in for a first Maverick touchdown ever, which added to his total of 280 yards rushing. By halftime the Rebels had also scored and lead 6-8, but it was still anyone's game. The Mavericks started to get a lot of penalty calls and that forced them to move the ball further than they originally had to. By the end of the game Kiowa County had seven penalties compared to the Rebels two. Despite the loss of 20-24 the Mavericks made a statement having 341 yards rushing.

Junior Montana Ralstin said, "Before the game, nerves were pretty much taking over because no one had any idea who we were and we had to create an identity for ourselves." Ralstin had 34 receiving yards during the game.

After their first game the Mavericks went on a winning streak to create their "identity" starting with Minneola. The stands were filled with a wave of orange on

September 10, as Kiowa County had their first home football game. The Mavericks beat the Wildcats 72-44. The next week KC took on Skyline for homecoming. The team was pumped after all of the spirit that went on in the week and went on to win 62-22.

So far this year as a team they have 1,298 rushing yards and 457 passing yards. The Mavericks have had an impressive start and are

making a statement to the league with a record of 3-1. There are a lot of expectations made by fans and the players themselves.

Junior
Lymon

Morehead stated some of his goals, "I want to go deep into the playoffs if not win state. Person-

ally it would be awesome to have the best offensive line in the state."



"I am going to try my best in every play and I expect to go a ways into the playoffs. I am really excited for the rest of the season and expect that good things are going to happen," Ralstin also commented.

They will be preparing to visit South Central on October 1 and also be focusing on their next home game on October 9 against Pretty Prairie who is ranked first in the state.

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Above: The Maverick offensive line awaits senior quarterback Cody Headrick to give the signal to hike the ball against the Minneola Wildcats. Photo by Kaelie Kendall

Left: Bryce Yohn and Montana Ralstin team tackle the running back from South Gray during the opener at Montezuma. Coming up short, the Mavericks could only look back at the game with frustration, knowing they could have taken the first game of the year. Photo by Jamie Larsh



Lady Mavs Have a Promising Start

By Kaelie Kendall

"Everyone that showed up for practice the first day has been a Kiowa County Maverick volleyball player" said volleyball head coach Randy Fulton. "All of the girls have worked really hard to earn a spot on the team." Before the beginning of school, 29 girls from Mullinville, Greensburg and Haviland came together for their first volleyball practices. The predicted rivalry between towns was not evident at all in the group of six seniors, four juniors, seven sophomores and 12 freshmen.

"I think we're coming together really well," sophomore Erica Bertram explained, "and the rivalry has dropped off. We've become one team instead of two teams thrown into one."

The ladies' first tournament was at Satanta against Spearville, Sublette, Stanton County, Satanta and South Central. Working well as a team, the varsity girls made it to the championship against South Central and after a strenuous battle, 17-25, 21-25, they went on to take second place. The JV girls finished undefeated, winning the championship against Dighton 16-25, 25-18, 15-10.

"We lost to a solid team who played a really good match," Coach Fulton said looking back on the match, "we struggled with our serving and our passing let us down a little. Overall, we got better each match. It is always nice to get the first matches in so we know what we need to work on."

The next quad was at home against Fowler, Kinsley and Norwich. With the roaring home crowd cheering them on, both Varsity and JV came out in first, winning each game in two sets.

"At this point of the season we are where we need to be as a team, working on some things

that will make us better and just experience playing with each other on the court will help as well." commented Coach Fulton,

On Sept 7, the volleyball girls played Cunningham, Pretty Prairie and Larned at the Larned Quad. The Varsity team, yet again, won each of their games in two sets and the JV also took first overall.

"JV girls are improving every week!" JV Coach Kristi Heft explained enthusiastically. "They play great together when they are 'mentally' tough. Passing is the key for them. When they pass well, they play well!"

On Sept 14, the ladies played in the Minneola quad against Meade, Minneola and Holcomb. Again, the varsity girls came out on top in all of their games. The JV, however, took their first loss against Holcomb.

The next game was a home quad against Ashland, Ingalls and Spearville. Varsity and JV both played hard and with the home crowd cheering them on, they showed them who was boss by beating each team in two sets.

The most recent match was also a home tournament on Sept 25. The JV played many tough teams and lost to

Trinity 22-25, 25-21, 21-25 and Ness City 10-25, 20-25, ending up with third place. The Varsity ladies played Trinity in the final round and won in two sets, 25-12 and 25-16.

"Varsity played with lots of energy and confidence all day," said Coach Fulton. "They took care of business, winning all matches in two sets. I was proud of the way they prepared for each match. Our strength is our senior leadership. We have six seniors that have played a lot of volleyball. They lead by example and really enjoy playing the game. They work well with the younger girls and work to build a team philosophy."

As the season progresses, the strength, skills and correlation of the team continues to grow. The KCHS volleyball team has begun to gain a reputation of a strong team that works together and is successful in every match.



Left: Senior Morgan Fulton slams the ball over the net into the faces of her opponents.

Above: Morgan Tyree, senior, sends off the ball in a perfect set for her awaiting teammate. Photos by Kaelie Kendall

CC team sends eighteen to compete

By Kristin Wade

The Maverick cross country's season started with a bang on September the second.

At the Meade meet the boys varsity took 4th place; consisting of Peyton Wade, Gage Hosheit, David Perez, Paul Negrete and Brandon Taylor. Wade running well, placed second overall with a time of 17:49, just ten seconds behind Hugoton's Heber Jiminez. Hosheit placed in the top twenty as well, landing in 19th. The junior varsity also had a successful meet. All five boys placed in the top 30. Jordan Little, their top runner, placed ninth. Since the girls had three team members, there wasn't team scoring. Katelin Holland ran varsity and placed 39th overall. Casie Price and Meghan Darnell participated in junior varsity. Price placed 11th.

In reflecting upon his first meet Negrete stated, "I was nervous. I was pretty overwhelmed by it, I'd never done that long of a distance before." Negrete's goals this season are, "to finish the races. I'd be glad if we made it to state."

After recovering from the havoc of everyone's first meet, the team traveled to Pratt-Skyline for a hot, hilly, hectic challenge. Some changes had been made since the first week, including the addition of two girls to the team. The evenings races started off with the JV boys and girls. The

JV boys battled through the heat of the day, and a longer distance than the week before. As for the girls; Holland competed in JV due to an injury, yet still landed an impressive eighth place, with newbie Susanna Kuopala four places behind her. The varsity boys were joined by Ryan Williams this week, and placed second as a team. Wade struggled to hold on to the lead throughout the race, but came out on top. Hosheit came in at eighth place, and freshman Negrete placed 12th.

"It was interesting to see how cross country meets work and I met a lot of people," stated-Wheeler. "Oh my goodness it was SO HOT; I felt like I was on fire!"

The third meet took place in Stafford, Sept. 16. All of the girls ran JV once again, and every girl cut off at least ten seconds in time. Price cut down

her time by over a minute. The JV boys had a successful meet as a whole. Both Watson and Evan Williams shaved two minutes off their personal bests. The varsity boys' top four runners impressed the crowd filled with parents by running some of the fastest times yet. As a team they placed sixth.

The following Thursday the team journeyed to Larned for their first meet that has been grouped by what grade you're in. Fresh-

men and sophomores run together, as well as juniors and seniors. The first three races went smoothly. Negrete placed fifth in his group and Holland

finished in 9th. When the time for the boys junior senior race rolled around, so did the clouds.

"I was pumped about the rain, I was ready to run and just have fun with it. The rain just made it more fun," commented Wade. Wade took first place.

The team's next meet is in Pratt, the JV runs at 4:30 and the varsity runs around 5:00.



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Above: Senior Katelin Holland strides out, working to keep her pace at the beginning of the race. Holland went on to grasp ninth place. Photo by Meghan Darnell

Left: Freshman Paul Negrete goes all out as he finishes his race at Stafford. Negrete ran varsity, and placed 28th. Photo by Meghan Darnell

