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By Jimmy Hoyt

KC Forensics gets a breath of fresh air

Forensics season is now in full swing, complete with coaches pulling out their hair and competitors trying to make sense of it all. This year, the Kiowa County forensics team has few experienced participants and many newcomers, which hasn't stopped their historically impressive performance.

On Feb. 4, the team went to their first meet of the season in Kinsley. The meet was fairly small, with only nine teams attending. The Kiowa County team swept the meet and placed first overall with sophomores Lillian Hinshaw, Shad Butler, juniors Kadie Larsh, Cody McVey and senior Jordan Little qualifying for state contest early on.

The following week brought three more meets. On Feb. 9, the team split up. The varsity team headed to Medicine Lodge, while the novices went to Kinsley. Larsh placed fifth overall in Serious Solo Acting, and Hinshaw placed second overall in Poetry in Medicine Lodge against stiff competition from 18 large teams. 87 miles away in Kinsley, the rookies tested their mettle against 12 other novice teams. Sophomore Charity Schmidt placed second overall in Prose, freshman Hannah Brown placed first in Informative Speech, and sophomore John Colclazier placed first in Extemporaneous Speech.

On Feb. 11, the following Saturday, the team went as a whole to Ashland. With only seven teams attending, Kiowa County owned the meet due to the sheer force of outnumbering every other team there. Nearly every Kiowa County participant placed in their event.

The following Saturday, the KCHS building was transformed into a battleground of speech and drama, with 18, including some from far-flung regions of the state. The spectrum of teams covered 1 through 4A KSHAA classifications. As is normal in forensics, the Kiowa County team did not participate in the meet they were hosting. In the three round setup, Sterling High School took home the first place award.

The week after on Thursday, the team hosted another, smaller novice meet. Kiowa County novice forensics students participated this time, netting eight awards. If the Kiowa County team had been officially counted in sweeps, they would have placed second overall.

The following week was the Nickerson meet, another difficult meet much like Medicine Lodge, with 12 teams. Adding another wrinkle was the inclusion of "Impromptu Speech", a carryover from larger forensics programs where contestants are given a general subject then given



Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Top: The Kiowa County High School cafeteria serves as the home base for the 18 teams participating in the Kiowa County Invitational, similar to the football field at a track meet.

Bottom Left: Sophomore Lillian Hinshaw collects her first place medal in Prose from a Kinsley worker at the first meet. Hinshaw, a first year novice, has become the forensics team's breakout star and has placed highly in every meet so far this season.

Bottom Right: Junior Grace Sirois manned the front desk at the Kiowa County Invitational, directing judges to their rooms and answering questions.

five minutes to formulate a speech about said subject. Leaving at 5:15 in the morning, the team endured a difficult, grueling three-round competition marred by judging and administrative errors. Although Kiowa County didn't place in sweeps, five competitors placed in finals and qualified for the state contests.

The next week, on Tuesday March 6, they headed to Bucklin for another large meet, this time with 17 teams in total. The team took second place overall, with seven competitors placing, including freshman Hannah Brown placing first with an informative speech over the African country of Burundi.

The KCHS Forensics team will go to Minneola on Thursday March 7.

Happenings

By Creighton McDonald

Daylight Saving Time

On March 11, everybody will need to set their clocks an hour ahead for daylight savings time. So don't forget or you'll be showing up to school late, and nobody wants that.

Spring break

School will be dismissed from March 12-16 for Spring Break.

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is on March 17. Make sure to wear green or be ready to be pinched.

One-Act Play

The high school drama department will be performing their one-act play on March 26. The drama students will be selling tickets for the event. If you haven't been contacted call the high school office at 620-723-2164. Tickets are limited so get yours early.



Spring Break Hot Spots according to About.com

By Audrey Wheeler



Cancun- located in Mexico, this beach hot spot has been a teen favorite for years. Hundreds of high schoolers and college students fill up Cancun through the months of March and April.

Average Temp: 80 degrees F



Panama City- in the beach scene of Florida, this spot's 27 miles of beach on the Gulf Coast gets filled up fast. It was MTV's destination blowout for 2009 with this year's being Las Vegas.

Average Temp: 77 degrees F



Miami and South Beach- South Beach is just east of Miami. These areas are fast paced with club night life. Just near them, Daytona Beach is where you'd want to go for a cool relaxation destination.

Average Temp: 76 degrees F



Europe- with exchange rates going down, students are flocking all of Europe. The most popular cities visited are Amsterdam, London and Paris. Weather will be a quite cold there in March and April so it's more of an indoor scene with parties in hotels.

Average Temp: 46 degrees F



Puerto Vallarta- located in Mexico, this destination has it all. Beautiful beaches meet high soaring mountains that give this place an extra kick that most places don't have. Tourists can parasail or go mountain biking. It offers great hotel deals and friendly folks all around.

Average Temp: 73 Degrees F

Journalism students show off abilities

By Audrey Wheeler

"Come on guys we need to go! We'll see what's what when we get there," insisted Journalism adviser Mrs. Kayleen Stevens as she tried and push the half awake, zombie walking high school students onto the bus to travel to Hays. Fort Hays State University has hosted the KSPA (Kansas Scholastic Press Association) Regional Competition for many years now.

The students compete in carry-in contests and on-site contests. The students had one month to finish their carry-in contest before Mrs. Stevens turned them in at the contest in Hays. Some carry-in contests include Sports, Academic, and Student Life Photography, Advertisement and Theme and Developmental Design, among others.

In each of these categories the students are given strict instructions on how the picture or advertisement is to be made. Carry-in contests are relaxing and more laid back than the on-site ones because the students have plenty of time to complete and perfect their results.

Mariah Charlton competed in Photo Illustration which gave her a script that she had to portray in a picture. She did this by asking two people from every sport to get back in their uniforms and pose for the camera. This took a lot of planning and many emails because she had to ask for the uniforms back from each sport's coach then find a time when the students could all meet; which if you know anything about high schools that's basically impossible. Mariah ended up placing honorable mention on her picture and gets to create a new one to turn in for state.

Senior Jimmy Hoyt and sophomore Corbin VandenHoek have been working hard in basketball games trying to get that perfect picture for Sports Photography. Hoyt was ecstatic when he found out that he placed first in Sports Photography.

The on-site contests are a little bit different, basically opposite than the carry-in contests. The students have to wake up early, travel to Hays and go into a room filled with other nervous competitors from schools all around to do their contests.

Some events in the on-site contests include Yearbook Sports Writing, Editorial Writing, News Writing and Headline Writing. Sophomore and first year journalism student Heidee Prosser was nervous as she entered the room, not knowing what to expect. Though she was the last one to leave and used almost all the time they were allotted, 1h 30 min., Prosser ended up placing first in News Writing. Another KCHS first place was achieved by Junior Jessica Moore for Editorial Writing.

Much of the class had both type of contests and therefore had to travel to Hays. Some students Laina McMurry, Cathrine Kibel and Lillian Hinshaw decided to participate in State Forensics, which is the same day as State Journalism.

The students who placed in the top three or received one of the three honorable mentions in each category will travel to Lawrence and stay the night in a hotel there. KU hosts the hundreds of high school journalists that flock there in May to participate in the KSPA state competition.

Regional Results

Jimmy Hoyt

First place Sports Photography, honorable mention Newspaper Sports Writing, honorable mention Feature Writing

Creighton McDonald

Third place Editorial Cartoon

Lakin Titus

Honorable mention Outline Writing, honorable mention Editorial Writing

Jessica Moore

Honorable mention Yearbook Copy Writing, first place Editorial Writing

Audrey Wheeler

Third place Yearbook Sports Writing, honorable mention Advertising

Rachel Schmidt

Honorable mention Advertising, honorable mention Outline Writing, honorable mention Theme Development and Graphics

Mariah Charlton

Honorable mention Yearbook Copy Writing, honorable mention Photo Illustration

Heidee Prosser

First place News Writing, Third place Feature Writing

Top 10 Apps

1. Square

By buying a special swiping mechanism that attaches to your phone you can accept transaction and organize them right on your iPhone.

2. Tapjoy

For building a powerhouse ad network driven by apps.

3. Foursquare

Another social media app

4. Instagram

A social network where you can see people's photos that they have edited and posted.

5. Flipboard

Combines all the social media apps into one.

6. Shopkick

Director Chris Columbus

7. GetGlue

Turns live TV into social media appointment viewing with friends.

8. Twilio

Lets people add voice functionality to their other apps.

9. Lookout

Protects smart phones from mobile threats and helps find lost old phones.

10. Bump

You can literally bump your phone next to a friend's and receive their info.

By Audrey Wheeler



Maverick Nation Sports

Maverick men's basketball concludes season

By Corbin VandenHoek



Photo by Creighton McDonald

Junior Damien Odle lays the ball in for two more points against the Fowler Goldbugs. Although the team defeated the Goldbugs during the league tournament, they were unable to come away with a win on their home court. Odle ended with nine points for the Mavericks.

Odle led the team with four blocks, eight rebounds, and 15 points.

On Feb 3, the boys headed to Fowler to play in the Bug Dome and take on the Goldbugs. The JV won their game 51-48, with Trevor Powell leading the team with 17, making eight of his nine free throws. Although the varsity game didn't go as planned for the boys, junior Caleb Davis led the team with 12 points and junior Rustin Ardery led the team with eight rebounds. The boys ended up losing the game, 54-44.

Friday Feb 10 brought a new challenge for the boys. They took on the Ashland Bluejays. The 'C' team was the only team to win a game that night. Sophomore Michael Tedder led the boys with 7 points, while the team pulled out a win, 24-22. The JV boys lost their game, 41-35. Sophomore Corbin VandenHoek led the team with 13 points. The varsity game didn't go as planned and the boys ended up losing their game 58-72. Although they didn't come out with a win,

Jan 31 was a home game for the Mavericks. The JV game went pretty well for the boys. Losing both starting posts, junior Terran Alderfer and sophomore Corbin VandenHoek, to fouls, they were able to pull out a nice win. The team ended the game with a score 49-38. Freshman Xander Brensing, sophomore Corbin VandenHoek and junior Mikal Behm all led the team in points, each with six points. The varsity went into their game, looking for a win. The boys were able to pull out a win, with a score of 62-33. Junior Damien

many of the players ended the night with good stats. Juniors Caleb Davis led the team with 18 points, Rustin Ardery had five blocks and Damien Odle had nine rebounds.

The next day on Saturday, Feb 11, the boys played the Fairfield Falcons. The JV boys came out with a nice win, with a score of 46-37. Sophomore Trevor Powell led the team in points, with 14. VandenHoek had 13. The varsity game was tough for the boys. They went into the locker room at half-time, down 17-14. The boys ended the night with a win, 36-29, out-scoring the Falcons by 10 points. Juniors Damien Odle and Rustin Ardery both led the team in points, each with 12. Ardery also had nine rebounds and three steals. Odle had eight rebounds.

The boys' next game was against the South Gray Rebels. The 'C' team played their game during the varsity girls. They ended up losing their game 31-28. Brensing led the team with 12 points. The JV game was a tough game for the boys and they ended up losing, 41-36. VandenHoek led the team with 21 points. The varsity game was tough for the boys, after losing to the Rebels in the League Tournament. The boys pulled out a win, 50-43. Although the Mavericks were out-scored in the first half, they came out of the locker room, ready to fight. The boys played hard defense, and out-scored the Rebels, 28-15. Davis led the team in points, with 19, his most in a game this year. Odle had 12 rebounds.

On the 21st, the Bucklin Aces came to Kiowa County, to play the Mavericks. This was the last game for the 'C' team and the JV. The game went well for the team, and they ended up pulling out their last win, 58-11. VandenHoek led the team with 14 points. Alderfer had ten. The varsity game was a great game for the varsity to end their regular season with, before heading to Sub-State the next week. The boys won, 66-38, with many leading scorers. Junior Kendall Watson led the team with 13 points, with Odle and Davis next, with 12, and Ardery with 11.

Kiowa County hosted the first round of Sub-State. The Elkhart Wildcats came to take on the Mavericks. The boys played hard, but weren't able to pull out a win. They ended the night with a score of 48-45, Wildcats. This was disappointing for the boys, who were eliminated from the tournament. Odle led the team with 16 points, 12 rebounds, and four blocks. Davis also had 16 points.

Season ends in a battle to the finish

By Heidee Prosser

After the League Tournament, the Lady Mavericks' first game was at home against Spearville, on Jan. 31. At the start of the second quarter, Kiowa County was 13 points behind and was not able to fully catch up by the end of the game, with a final score of 52-24. Soph. Riann Heft scored 13 of the Maverick's 24 points that night, and soph. Kate-lynn Gamble had the most rebounds, seven.

Later that week on Friday, Feb. 3, the team travelled to Fowler hoping to redeem themselves from Tuesday night's loss. The Mavericks started off strong, and went into the second half 12 points ahead. They managed to not let the Goldbugs get ahead of them, and finished successfully with a final score of 46-21. Leading the team again, Heft racked up a total of 18 points by the end of the game. Also, jr. Angela Liggett had the most rebounds, six offensive and seven defensive.

The following Friday, on Feb. 10, the Mavericks faced the Ashland Bluejays at Kiowa County. Although the Mavericks were not ahead at the start of the second half, they were only four points behind and still had time to get caught up. They finished the third quarter just shy of being tied up, and by the end of the game the Mavs were still behind, and took the close loss at 44-48. Out of the game, sophomores Gamble and Dena Liggett each had eight points, and Heft had 12. Heft and A. Liggett also ended the game with seven rebounds each.

Saturday, Feb. 11, the Mavs faced Fairfield in the game that had been postponed since December. Starting the second half 21 points behind, Kiowa County was unable to catch up. They did, however, manage to outscore the Falcons in the fourth quarter, but the Falcons still finished the game with a 60-34 lead.

Playing on their home court again, the Lady Mavs faced South Gray on Feb. 17. Kiowa County stayed ahead of the Rebels the entire game, and finished with a score of 64-39. D. Liggett and soph. Heather Melton were both lead scorers during the game, Liggett finishing with 19 and Melton with 13.

As the season got closer to its end, the Lady Mavericks had one last home game on Feb. 21 against Bucklin. Kiowa

County was unable to make as many points as the Aces, and could not get ahead by the end of the game. Although the Mavericks lost, 53-28, some highlights of the game include sr. Brook Boman and A. Liggett each being lead scorers, both finishing with six.

In their last game of the season, the Lady Mavericks travelled to Sublette to play the Larks. Kiowa County stayed ahead the first half, but in the third quarter the Larks managed to catch up. They outscored the Mavs through the entire second half and Sublette won the game, 38-46.

When reflecting back on this year, Coach VandenHoek said "I think our level of aggressive play and competitiveness has improved the most." Although the Lady Mavs finished the season with only seven wins and twelve losses, VandenHoek said he is most looking forward to having basically the same team back next year to build on.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt
Freshman Shantae Wheeler hustles down the court while keeping the Bluejay defender behind during a JV game.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt
When driving to the basket, sophomore Riann Heft tries to get around her defender to go in for a layup.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt
Junior Chelsea Oberle dribbles down the court while looking for an open teammate to pass to.

By Creighton McDonald

Runners take their mark

Spring is in the air and students are preparing for the upcoming track season. February 27, Kiowa Counties first track practice started for students who did not participate in basketball. Students who were out for basketball got a short break before having to start practice. The track students will have four weeks to practice before their first track meet, which will be held in Minneola on March 30.

The track coaches will be the same as they were last year with Travis Powell as head coach and coaching the sprinters, Randy VandenHoek as pole vaulters and distance runners coach, Nick Perez as throwers coach, and Dianne Unruh as jumpers and hurdlers coach.

Some of Coach Powell's goals for the year are for each athlete to become better at their events and to see progress in them each week. Another goal for Coach Powell is to finish in the top three places for boys and girls in league and qualify as many athletes as possible for state.

Life inside...KC High

By Jessica Moore

Senior Spotlight



What's one of your favorite memories this year?

"Either jamming out to Kid Rock

in the locker room before football games or listening to Coach's snarky comments during practice and game films."

What would you say to the underclassmen?

"Life's an adventure. Live it till you die."

Plans after graduation?

"Attend KU for a journalism or film and media degree, then move to a big city as far away from Haviland as possible and marry a beautiful woman. Preferably Zoey Deschanel."

Who do you look up to?

"Probably the great photojournalist Robert Capa, because he stuck with what he believed in till the end. Alternatively, Bruce Willis. He saved like 6 billion people in Armageddon."

Jimmy Hoyt



What's one of your favorite memories this year?

"It would have to be all of the conversations my friends and I have at lunch."

What would you say to the underclassmen?

"I'd say to avoid drama, it's not worth all the trouble."

Plans after graduation?

"I'm going to take a year off school then go to college for computer sciences."

Who do you look up to?

"I look up to my dad the most."

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

"I can't think of one thing I would change about myself. I'm perfect just the way I am."

Shannen Hall



What's one of your favorite memories this year?

"Hanging out with Roy Lothman,

Keith Prosser and Evan Jacks out at Evan's house."

What would you say to the underclassmen?

"Keep your heads up and have a good time; the next time you blink it will be time for college, so make the most of it. And be sure to be ornery here and there or you will be bored, but not too ornery."

Plans after graduation?

"Go to boot camp and then play football as a red shirt at Friends University in the fall of 2013; that is, if I don't have deployment papers waiting on my desk."

Who do you look up to?

"My old man because he's the reason I'm where I am. He's always been there for me and he's my best friend."

Cole Cobb

By Laina McMurry

Student of the Month- Evan Jacks



1. Why do you do rodeo?

Because it's an adrenalin rush, and it's fun and I like meeting all the new people.

2. When did you start competing?

Been roping forever, but I started competing last summer.

3. What events do you compete in?

Saddle bronc riding and team roping.

4. What's your favorite event to compete in?

Saddle bronc

5. How long do you plan on doing rodeo?

Until I'm too crippled up to walk.

6. What injuries have you gotten from competing?

A rolled ankle and a concussion

7. Where is your favorite place to compete?

Greensburg

8. Who helps you or inspires you to compete?

Billy Etbauer and Wayne

9. What have you done to improve your skills?

GCC bronc school

10. Are you planning on competing in college?

Yes, for sure!

What really goes on in our classrooms

By Mariah Charlton

English II

The sophomores just finished their section on poetry. Each student made a book with guidelines given from Mrs. McMurry. Now they're doing a PowerPoint slideshow on a topic based on Rome or Romans to get ready for Julius Caesar.

American History

The class is studying African American history to get a better understanding of the past and how it affects the present. Mr. Calkins put the students into groups. The students were then to develop a twenty minute video to explain their research.

Journalism

Ten journalism students went to Hays on February 23rd for their regional contest. Each student took a carry-in, which is when you work on a project for a few weeks and then take it and hope to qualify for state. While being in Hays, we work on the on-site projects. Some of the on-site competitions include News Writing, Yearbook Sports Writing, Cutline Writing and Editorial Writing. A few of the carry-in contests include Academic, Sports and Student Life Photography, Theme Development and Design and Advertising. The students had weeks to prepare these and then Advisor, Kayleen Stevens, turned them in when the group went to Hays.



1. Sophomore Justin Boswell works on his poems in Mrs. McMurry's English 2 class. The students were assigned to make a poetry notebook that included a dozen different forms of poetry.
2. Kristen Spainhour, junior, types on her computer as she researches for her group video project in Mr. Calkin's American History class.
3. Yearbook Editor Rachel Schmidt works hard on finishing and perfecting her advertising for regional competition.
4. Sophomore Corbin VandenHoek coolly gets in the zone to work on his English poetry.

Night of Song

By Corbin VandenHoek

On Feb 23, junior Erica Bertram headed to Wichita to participate in the Kansas State Honor Vocal choir. Bertram sang six different songs: "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night", "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal", "Listen to Jubilant Song", "The Word was God" and two foreign languages pieces: "Laudate Colie Dominum" and "Ne Imami Iniya Pomoshchi".

Junior Kaelie Kendall and freshman Cole Kendall both received a one, at regionals piano competition, allowing them to go to state. K Kendall was scheduled to take a piece called Mignon, by Robert Schumann, but did not attend because of family matters. C Kendall's piece was Tarantella Fantastico, by Dennis Alexander. C Kendall received a two at state, which took place in Hillsboro.

On the 29th, the vocal class traveled to Minneola to partake in the league's vocal contest. The group took two choir pieces, three ensembles and six soloists; freshmen Jessie Williams, LaTosha Tuttle, sophomore Lillian Hinshaw, juniors Erica Bertram Amanda Koehn and senior Jordan Little. Williams sang "To the Sky", Tuttle sang "This Little Rose" and Sebben Crudele, Koehn sang "Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head" and "The Lass From the Low Countree",

Hinshaw sang "Nina" and "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley", Betram sang "Oh, Sleep Why Don't You Leave Me?" and "Morning", and Little sang "The Builder" and "Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees."

The first song the choir sang was "Savior, Oh Hear Us." Their next piece was "A City Call Heaven". Overall the choir received two ones and a two. The ensemble groups included a mix ensemble, a girls group, and a triple trio girls group. The mixed group sang "Old Irish Blessing", which they received a one. The girls group sang "Autumn Vespers". The triple trio sang "In the Highlands".

On the 22nd the high school band traveled to Bucklin to participate in League band. Out of three judges, the band received a I-, I- and II. The band will perform in the State Large Groups contest on April 19. Two soloists played at League. Freshman LaTosha Tuttle, tenor saxophone and Hannah Brown, baritone saxophone, both received a I. Tuttle and Brown will perform at Regional contest on April 14, and if they receive a I, they will be allowed to participate at the State contest on April 28.

By Lakin Titus

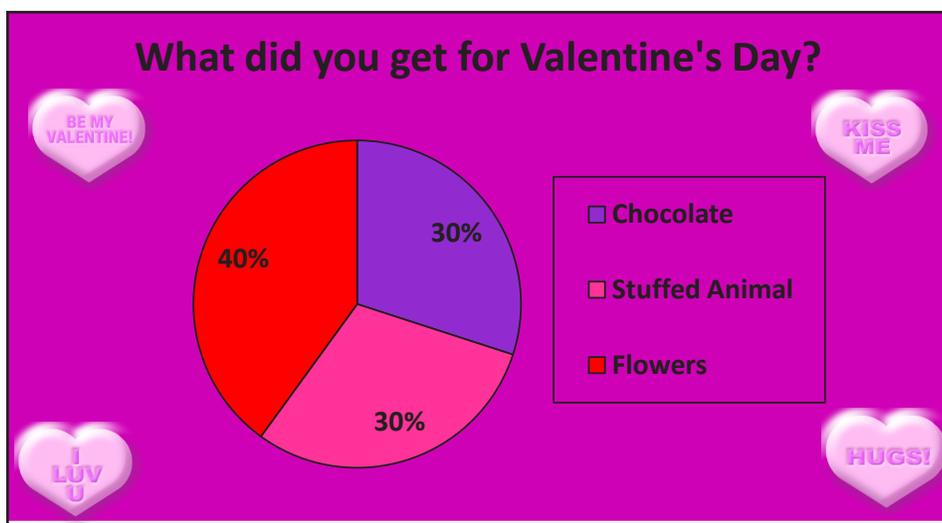
Valentine's Day Questionnaire

- 1.) Who is St. Valentine and why do we have a day commemorating him?
- 2.) 15% of women receive flowers from whom?
- 3.) How many Valentine's Day cards are sent each year?
- 4.) Who is cupid's mother and why is cupid associated with Valentine's Day?
- 5.) Who introduced the first box of Valentine's Day chocolates?
- 6.) What percentage of pet owners buys their pet a gift for Valentine's Day?
- 7.) Put the following people in order from those receiving the MOST Valentine's Day gifts to those receiving the LEAST amount: Wives, Kids, Sweethearts, Teachers and Mothers.
- 8.) Where did the phrase "wearing your heart on your sleeve" originate?
- 9.) Why are red roses associated with Valentine's Day?
- 10.) Why do we wear a wedding ring on the finger next to the pinkie finger on the left hand?

Answers

- 1.) St. Valentine was a Roman clergyman executed on February 14th in 270 AD for secretly marrying couples in defiance of the emperor Claudius. Claudius was having trouble recruiting men for his armies because the married men did not have to leave their families for as long as Claudius's campaigns would keep them away. So Claudius forbids all marriages, thinking that the young men would have no ties and would then join the army. Of course this did not work. St. Valentine was arrested for performing marriages. On the day that he died he sent a message to the daughter of the prison guard who visited him in jail thanking her for her friendship and loyalty and signed it "Love from your Valentine." This is believed to have been the beginning of exchanging messages with your loved ones on February 14th.
- 2.) 15% of women actually send flowers to themselves on Valentine's Day. Because they don't have anyone to send them flowers, and they want everyone to think they do.
- 3.) There are approximately one billion cards sent for Valentine's Day each year – second only to Christmas
- 4.) Cupid's Mother is Venus, the Roman goddess of love and beauty. Cupid's name means desire or love and if you are hit by oh his magical arrows, you will fall in love with the first person you see.
- 5.) The first box of chocolates in a heart shaped box was introduced by Richard Cadbury in 1868.
- 6.) 3% of pet owner buy their pet a Valentine's Day gift.
- 7.) Teachers, kids, mothers, wives, sweethearts.
- 8.) Back in the middle Ages, the young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their Valentine would be. They attached these names to their sleeve for a week for all to see.
- 9.) Red roses were the favorite flower for Venus, the Roman goddess of love. The color red also conveys strong feelings.
- 10.) This Tradition comes from ancient Egypt. They believed the vein of love ran from this finger directly to the heart. So wearing the wedding ring on this finger means you love the person you are married to with all your heart.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins ~ 1 Peter 4: 8



Lakin's Monthly Poll

Each month journalism staff, Lakin Titus, gives a survey to the student body to see what they think about a subject. This month Lakin decided to get into the season of love and see what the student body recieved for Valentine's Day.

How to... Catch an Octopus

1. Find a glass bottle.
2. Fasten the bottle to a fishing reel. Make sure you have a ten lb. line. Some octopi can weigh over 50 lbs., but your octopus won't be this big.
3. Place some rotten cheese in the bottle.
4. Toss the bottle into the ocean.
5. Make sure the bottle has landed on the bottom.
6. Wait a few days. This gives time for an octopus to enter the bottle. After it has entered the bottle, it won't be able to escape.
7. When you think you have given enough time for something to enter, pull the bottle back up.
8. If this fails, try repeating the process.

By Corbin VandenHoek

By Audrey Wheeler

Mexico Bound

Kids and teachers alike are itching, waiting for the bell to ring on Friday to finally be on Spring Break! Many Kiowa County High School students have much to look forward to this Spring Break, because they are going to Aguajito, Mexico on a missions trip. Many Friends churches get together every other year and take a Spring Break trip down to Mexico to do various odds and end jobs for the local residents and host a VBS (Vacation Bible School) for the children in the town. This year the Haviland Friends Youth group will be going down to do construction work on a recently growing church in Aguajito, which is a fairly small town right outside a bigger one.

The students in the youth group have worked hard in fundraising and getting everything prepared before the big day when they leave on March 10th. Some preparations include ordering a passport this year because they now make it a requirement to get into Mexico, buying long skirts and appropriate dresses to wear for the girls, raising money for registration, food and souvenirs and of course just getting ready toiletries and other necessities. Going to Mexico is a great way to branch out and see if missionary work is something that interests someone.

Students often form close bonds on missions trips as they are cramped together in a Suburban, eating some unique and new cuisine and bathing in the river together (which is what the students had to do last year because there was no running water in the town). The students who are going include senior Cole Cobb, juniors Caleb Davis, Erica Bertram, Kadie Larsh, Audrey Wheeler, Kaelie Kendall, sophomores Evan Jacks, Corbin VandenHoek, Lillian Hinshaw, freshmen Jasmine Williams, Samantha Gwin and Sydney Headrick. There are 13 students and 7 staff going which include youth pastor Josiah Williams, leaders Mallorie Ballard, Travis Ross, David Jaimes, Darol Arnold and mother Hannah Kendall. The students wait in excitement for when they get to leave small town Haviland at 5:15 in the morning on an adventure across the boarder.

By Mariah Charlton

Sophomore Poetry



Slow moving .
Like a turtle
On a rock just
Taking a nap
Here and There.
-Michael Tedder



Where the Grass is
Green
Country.
I love it there.
Boots, hats, cowboys,
horses.
That sounds quite
amazing to me.
Silence.
-Charity Schmidt



Last Year
For more than a
year,
Ups and downs but
yet none changed,
My heart is still
yours.
- John Terhune

Kiowa Inking

By Mariah Charlton

I went around the school and asked teachers and students that I knew had a tattoo if they would feel comfortable giving a picture and an explanation of what it means to them to be printed in the newspaper. They responded excellently and opened up to me and explained what it means to them. Thank you :)

Mr. Vandenhoeek



Mr. Vandenhoeek's tattoo on his upper back consist of two parts. The first part is "Grace" written in Greek. The second part is 29:11 referring to the Biblical reference Jeremiah 29:11. He got this tattoo as a reminder to him that through the good and rough times the Grace of God always covers him. The verse says that God knows the plans for us and those plans are to give us a "future and a hope." Together this particular tattoo has the combined meaning for him that as he goes through life the Grace of God will be over his future and his hope.

Lymon Morehead



Lymon got this tattoo on his calf his sophomore year. This tattoo represents Lymon's Native American ancestry.

Mrs. Wade



Mrs. Wade got the tattoo on her foot because teaching at Haviland High was always her dream job. When the school closed she had to walk by faith and hope for what GOD had for her to come next. Everyone can see her faith, but she sees her hope! This is because the tattoo reads Faith but when you flip it around, from her view it reads Hope.

Shane Dawson



The tattoo on her wrist means love in Greek and is agape (a type of love), and she got it because of her creative writing class in Haviland.



Shane has a tattoo of a cross on his shoulder. He got his tattoo to remember his grandpa every day! Shane's grandpa raised him and passed away last year.

Do you know who's teaching you everyday??

By Rachel Schmidt

1. Favorite color? 2. Favorite sport? 3. Favorite hobby?
4. Where did she graduate? 5. How many kids?

Student Guesses

Teacher Answer



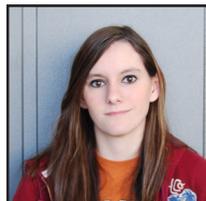
- Lance Ralstin*
1. Green
2. Water Skiing
3. Drawing
4. Oklahoma University
5. Two kids



- Emily Sarber*
1. Clear
2. Golf
3. Painting
4. Dodge City CC
5. Two kids



- Magnus Gundersen*
1. Orange
2. Basketball
3. Pottery
4. Fort Hays State University
5. Two kids



- Casie Price*
1. Purple
2. Golf
3. Art
4. Wichita State University
5. Two kids



- Mrs. Richard*
1. Green
2. Golf
3. Zumba
4. Northwestern Oklahoma State University
5. Two kids

By Audrey Wheeler

Words From the Editor

“If you don’t like it, wait a second and it’ll change!” This is what is heard every day about the weather in Kansas. I don’t know about you, but I am getting sick and tired of having to go outside every morning and check the weather forecast before I go and pick out my clothes. I came from Arizona where, I’m not gonna’ lie, the weather is pretty boring and is all around just plain hot a lot of the time (“it’s a dry heat”), but at least it’s consistent! Lately, as we are in the transition between winter and spring, Kansas weather just can’t decide where to land.

Kansas climate has always been known to be one that changes. Just this last week we were in the high 70’s and then the very next day we got hail. Although, it can be annoying not knowing what to expect, it is always nice when you have those random amazing days where you get to bring out some of the summer clothes from the back of the closet. I crack up every time I look up my weekly forecast on my phone because it normally looks like this: Monday, high 25; Tuesday, partly cloudy, high 45; Wednesday, clear skies high 7; Thursday, high 55; Friday, storm watch; Saturday, sunny day, 55% chance of rain; Sunday, 88 and clear. I’m pretty sure I had that exact forecast show up, and I just busted up in one of my full hearted laughs.

By Jimmy Hoyt

No Room to Talk

It’s February, and in the middle of this short month we have ourselves a day that divides the nation: Valentine’s Day. Some love it, some hate it. Personally, I hate Valentine’s Day with a passion. Don’t ask why. But, with that in mind...

What’s with all the dudes acting as their girlfriends’ doormat/handbag these days? It’s kind of depressing. I mean, being devoted to your girlfriend is a great trait and girls don’t give enough credit to guys who act that way. But you know you’re in dangerous territory when you would catch a grenade for her and she wouldn’t do the same.

A pretty good song by a pretty good band comes to mind: “You Don’t Know What Love Is” by The White Stripes. In it, lead singer Jack White basically calls one of his bros out for being weak and worshipping his girlfriend. I feel much the same way.

You’ve got to be devoted to her, but your life is not supposed to revolve around her, because that goes against everything being an American is about. We live in the land of the free and we don’t believe in slavery, right? Stop being

So, even though I’m overjoyed when we have random bursts of sunshine and heat come our way, I just can’t stand the freezing winter days in between. One day last week it had been really nice on Sunday and so I was feeling it and decided to get up early and straighten my hair. If you’ve ever looked at my hair you would know that it’s not exactly what you could call “thin” or “petit” or even “sleek”. So you can imagine how long it takes me to get through it all and tame the beast for it to become straight. Anyways, I straightened it and then walked out my door to go to the bus and it was pouring rain.... Awesome. My hair sucked up the humidity and decided to go back to its ancestral roots and become wavy again. Just a prime example of how Kansas weather is affecting my life.

Hopefully flat land Kansas will make up its mind soon and decide which season it wants to be in, because I don’t know if me or my hair can take much more of this. Watch, tomorrow we’ll probably be in an early season tornado watch. I’ve definitely learned to check the forecast.

a slave to your woman then! Being chivalrous and devoted does not mean neglecting every other aspect of your life, like your friends and your family.

Here’s some signs that you’re whipped: You go out of your way for her because she tells you to, not because you want to. She’s cheated on you 114 times and you forgive her every time. You make Facebook statuses about how she’s the best thing to ever happen to you and hers are about your problems. Most obviously, if your friends keep telling you you’re whipped.

Girls, don’t think I’m singling you out here as terrible people, because this totally applies to you too. I’ve seen plenty of girls that worship their boyfriends. Just replace every “she” with a “he” in this article and you should be good. All I’m saying is that you can be devoted to someone and have a healthy relationship with them without making them the sole reason for your existence. After all, it’s only high school, people.

Girls do a lot of things that annoy me and my fellow dudes. A lot of things. Here are some examples:

1. Screeching like an unholy banshee from Ohio whenever they see each other in public. We get it, you're friends. You don't have to announce it to the whole world.

Exhibit A: "LILLIAAAAANNNN!!! HIIIIIIIII! OH MY GOD! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN LIKE TWO DAYS! We have so much to catch up on! I like your hair! Remember the roller blades?!"

2. Putting guys in the friend zone when they deserve so much more. The saying "Nice guys finish last" applies very much here. If we work hard to care about your problems and try to provide support to you, then we deserve a lot more than:

Exhibit A: "I'm sorry, but we're just too good of friends and I don't want to ruin that. Now let me find some other dude who doesn't care about me at all and only wants me for my body. I'm happier that way."

Exhibit B: "Aww, you're sweet! But no. Don't ever speak to me again."

3. Mood swings. Whatever excuse you come up for it, it doesn't make it any less annoying.

Exhibit A: "Hey! Want to hang out at Origins later? NEVER-MIND I'M TIRED AND I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE ARGH are we still on for Origins?"

4. Whenever an attractive, in-shape girl complains loudly that she's fat and ugly. You're 115 pounds, 5'3", were a Miss Kansas candidate and set a state record in the 200m. You are not fat or ugly. Stop fishing for compliments.

Exhibit A: "I'm so fat. Aren't I fat, guys? I'm so fat. Wanna see my medal for winning the mile at the meet last week?"

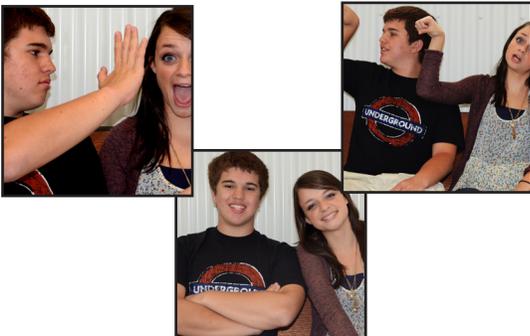
Exhibit B: "TELL ME I'M NOT FAT OR I'LL KILL MYSELF!"

Exhibit C: "Lms if u think im pritty lol"

5. Stupid inside jokes. The story behind them usually isn't even funny.

Exhibit A: "BAHAHAHAHAHAHA! ROLLER BLADES! This one time, we were at Sonic in Dodge after a basketball game, and we were listening to "Sorry for Party Rocking" and Lillian was eating a Coney Dog, and we saw a guy on roller blades! It was hilarious!"

Moral of the story: stop being annoying.



Where do I begin? Guys are obviously known for annoying girls, and this fact goes all the way back to good ole' elementary school days. I remember very clearly going to school one day and getting punched multiple times in the arm by a snaggletoothed second grader. I was angry that a boy would be so disrespectful as to legitimately punch a girl. I was later informed by my friend, "You know he likes you, right? My older sister told me that if you get hit by a guy, he's in love with you! I wish a guy would punch my arm." So while I was crying over my bruised arms, my friend was jealous that I was getting "hit" on. Pun intended.

Annoying boys. EXAMPLE 1: I think every girl can relate when I say that guys treat P.E. like the Olympics. It's that awkward moment when you're in gym and all of a sudden Dodge Ball turns into a massacre. Guys think it's cool to throw the ball as hard as they possibly can at someone standing two feet away from them. Overkill? Uh, yeah. Or when we play touch football and within three minutes of playing, some guys are screaming at each other for rushing the quarter back. Who cares? This is not the Super Bowl and nobody cares about touch football.

EXAMPLE 2: Boys who are jerks to girls because they think it's funny. Sorry, but I guess I missed the joke. There's nothing funny about that at all. Like when you're having a serious conversation with a guy and you say something that you're completely serious about, and they laugh at you.

Theresa-"I was really upset with that grade I got. I studied really hard and still got a bad grade."

Cameron-"Haha, wow. You're really kind of a loser."

Thanks Cameron, you're a pal.

EXAMPLE 3: Guys who quote movies...every five seconds. I swear some guys will have full conversations that are straight out of movies. And then they just laugh for like 17 minutes. I really can't handle it. Yes, movies are great, especially funny movies. But some movies just aren't worth watching after you've heard guy after guy quote every line off of a movie. Such as, "I love lamp." I knew that line before I even knew the title of the movie it was from. It doesn't even make sense.

EXAMPLE 4: Boys who act cooler than they really are. This one is actually almost humorous. When a guy walks around with an understanding that they are better than everyone else, it just makes them look worse.

Bob- "Dude, I was lifting, and I benched like...a lot of pounds, man. Bro, I'm getting swoll."

Swoll? Like swollen?? I guess I don't get it. And in my opinion, I would not strive to get swollen.

I'm sure there are countless more examples of your average annoying male figure, but I don't need to state the obvious. We deal with them every day, and every day, boys add to the never ending list of Annoying Things Guys Do. So girls, let's write a book.

Season ends in tight games for KCJH teams



It took overtime to knock out the Kiowa County Junior High Maverick men at the SPAA season-ending tournament Feb. 6. The team met the Hodgeman County Shorthorns in Spearville, and at the end of the extra period lost 28-30.

Ending their season with a 4-7 record, head coach Travis Powell said, "Obviously we were disappointed with losing in OT

in the first round of the tournament. All of the teams were so close; any team could have won on any given night. The boys progressed well during the season and did get better as the year went along. I was proud of how hard they played and worked throughout the season."

On Jan. 30 at Hodgeman County, the team narrowly lost 25-29. But then they turned around and had the Bucklin Deuces at home, and beat them solidly, 53-23.

Hodgeman County proved to be a tough opponent, as the junior high women had to meet them also twice at the end of the season. On Jan. 30 in Jetmore, the Mavericks lost to them 16-28. Then at home against Bucklin, the girls handled the Deuces 34-23.

In their last game of the season in the league tourna-

ment at Spearville, the Hodgeman County Shorthorns beat the Mavericks 19-24. Their season record was 4-7.

"When our season ended against Hodgeman County at the tournament, the girls' emotional and physical investment in the game of basketball was evident," said head coach Mallorie Ballard. "Though it finished our season, that loss was one of our best moments. The girls know that their coaches would rather have them lose playing great basketball than win playing poorly."

She saw determination and never quitting all season. "On all three teams, there was a willingness to be on the court for as many seconds as we were allowed to compete. Winning was almost a secondary idea to improving, being a team, and accomplishing goals related to Heartwork service," Ballard said.



Courtesy Photos

Far left: Seventh grader Nicole Ballard closely guards the player from Hodgeman County. Ballard's quickness was a definite plus in her ability to stay with her opponent.

Left: During league tournament play, Coach Powell gives instructions to the boys as they come to the end of the game against the Shorthorns of Hodgeman County. Although they gave a good effort, the Mavericks were unable to defeat the Shorthorns, ending their season earlier than wanted.

State Assessments scheduled for after break

March 29 will be the first seventh and eighth grade state assessment date, with Reading leading the way. After that will be Math on April 10, seventh grade Science on April 16 and eighth grade Social Studies on April 16.

Eighth grader Mackenzie Heft said, "I think the assessments are fine, because they're independent work and I can work at my own speed."

One change in the incentives for optimum student performance from last year is that only Exemplary scorers will be eligible for a day out of school. The exemption

for a semester of Accelerated Reader points for Advanced and Exemplary performance is still in place. And if a class makes the Standard of Excellence in at least one subject, they will be eligible to attend a Fun Day at the end of the year.

"I don't like the assessments because I don't see why the whole state has to give them. Each school should be able to decide if they want to give them," said eighth grader Jansen Miller.

Track Preview

Seven events, including two early-start meets at Hodge-man County and Cimarron, await the 58 sixth, seventh and eighth grade track competitors this year. There are 33 girls and 25 boys out.

Junior High Science and Social Studies Teacher Kirk Miller will again be the girls' head coach, and Elementary P.E. Teacher Peter Blanton will head up the boys. Assisting both teams will be Sixth Grade Teacher Darcy Calkins and Fifth Grade Teacher Clint Young.

Starting his third track season, eighth grader Poncho Banman said, "It's a fun sport and I like running. I'm looking forward to getting better in my events."

To prepare for the first meet at South Gray on March 27,

they started practicing Feb. 27. Blanton is anticipating the first meet because "it's fun to see where the kids are at." But with ten school record breakers from each of last year's teams, several of those young records should be broken again this year. The girls placed second at the league meet in 2011 and the boys third.

In only his second year of track because he transferred from Dodge City, eighth grader Sammy Cervantes is looking forward to the season, also. "I like to run and do the hurdles."

There is a home meet on April 26 and league is at Bucklin May 10.

Students earn spots at County Spelling Bee

Eighth grader Brylee C. placed first at the Kiowa County Elementary and Junior High Spelling Bee for the grades 6-8 division that was held Feb. 1. Sixth graders Ashlin O. and Jackie T. took second and third places, respectively. Seventh grader Tierra W. spelled to a fourth place finish.

At the county spelling bee on Feb. 8 at Haviland, none of the above placed.

The local bee will be held in the auxiliary gym on Feb. 1 at 10:00 a.m. The top three winners in the grades 3-5 group and the grades 6-8 group will go on to compete at the County Spelling Bee that will be held Feb. 8 at 10:00 at Haviland.



Junior high spelling bee winners Tierra W., Jackie T., Ashlin O. and Brylee C..



Elementary spelling bee winners Rylan T., Hannah M., Reagan R. and Kaden U.

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