

The Maverick

Drama class performs parodies of fairy tales

By Rachel Schmidt

Lights! Camera! EXTREME! On Dec. 2 at 7: 30 p.m. the curtain rose in the Mullinville auditorium signaling the beginning of this year's one-act play. The KCHS Drama Team chose a comedy written by Don Zolidis, *The Brothers Grim Spectaculathon*. This is a spinoff of the actual fairy tale stories. The cast of the production was made up of 20 students and was directed by Mrs. Kim McMurry.

The play opened with a dialogue from the two narrators, Jessica Eller and Clint Scott, explaining the background of the Brothers Grimm, their collection of fairytales and the mouse who wants to sue everyone. The mega superstory then began.

The scene opened with Girl, Kadie Larsh, an Enchantress, Erica Bertram, Rumpelstiltskin, Evan Williams and the Devil, Kendal Melton. In this scene, Girl made a deal with each of the villains. One for money, one for her Prince, John Musquez and one for her sassy, teenage daughter, Rapunzel, Laina McMurry. This was followed by the story of Rapunzel's mother, otherwise known as Hansel, Jimmy Hoyt and Gretel, Lisa R.

"But," said Narrator One.

"There is always a but," replied Narrator Two.

"Where did the witch come from?" asked Narrator One.

This dialogue was followed by the retelling of Snow White, Meghan Darnell, and the Two Dwarves, Alex Brensing and Peyton Wade. This was not the traditional version of this age old fairytale, but was Snow White's version. In this new version Dwarf Two, Wade, played Snow White. Also, you have the typical jealous step-mother, Darin McVay, that the magic mirror, Brensing, turned against. In the end, after a catfight that was enjoyed by Prince Number Two, Cody McVey, you get the typical fairytale ending.

"And they all lived happily ever after. . ." said Snow White.

"Nevertheless the evil stepmother didn't die and decided to makes a house out of candy and eat children," explained Narrator Two.

"But where did the dwarf come from?" questioned Narrator One.

That question was answered through a special Hallmark Channel presentation: *The Devil's Grandmother*. In this presentation, Devil and his Grandmama, Zack Rose, took a trip to the Grand Canyon, where Grandmama died. When the Doctor, Wade, informed Devil that Grandmama had no insurance, Devil cursed him and therefore he was turned into a dwarf. God, Musquez, and Devil then had a little bit of a spat. The story didn't end there though.

"... long before she was the Devil's grandmother, she was a little girl," stated Narrator One.

Actor, Shannon Webster, then entered stage left and asked, "Can we pause here for a second?"

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Right: Senior Clint Scott wears his trendy mullet while acting out his part as Narrator Two. Photo by Kaelie Kendall



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Christmas Word Search



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The best part of Christmas: Decorating the house

By Audrey Wheeler

Decorating the house for Christmas is always a family occasion, especially when it comes to the Christmas tree. In my house we normally start our decorating with the little things, putting up wreaths and Christmas nick nacks everywhere, to save the best for last (the tree).



After making our house a winter wonderland, we begin the tree decorating by first setting up the tree. (Sadly we have a fake one.) Then we hang out an array of light on it. This year we ran out of white lights, so our tree is now just a huge colorful, blinking sign. After the lights, we hang the ornaments. Over the years my family has collected thousands upon thousands of ornaments, most of them homemade, but each of us still has a favorite ornament, which is usually our first one to hang on the tree.

After finishing the tree decorating and putting on the final touches we stand back and marvel at our work.

I love waking up in the morning, coming out of my room, and seeing a bright, glowing Christmas tree. I think that one of the best parts of Christmas is just decorating the house while hanging out with family. So this year, enjoy putting up the lights and getting into the Christmas season!

Words from behind the scenes

By Jamie Larsh

What is the difference between a real Christmas tree and a fake one? Well the obvious answer is one's plastic and the other isn't. Personally, I like real trees the best. The whole process of picking it out is a lot more exciting than getting the same exact one out of a box every year.

Every year, our family all loads up in the pickup and head out to the tree farm. We walk around and around, assessing the fullness and height of the trees. The excitement of it all is when Kadie, my sister, and I argue on which is the right tree, until I win. Then, while it's being cut down you can smell the fresh cut wood, which is a very distinct smell of the Christmas season.

As we make our way back to the pickup our hands are frozen and we all look like Rudolph, with our cold red noses. By now everyone is ready to go home and when we get there we cannot wait to put the tree up, hanging all of the ornaments and decorations.

I like how sometimes, the places we go have

hot apple cider out for everyone to drink after walking around selecting their trees, which warms us up a little bit. I also enjoy watching other families pick out their tree, because some of the trees people get are very surprising. I have seen many of those "Charlie Brown" trees that I would never have considered, on the top of cars.

Real trees just give a satisfaction that you wouldn't get with a fake tree. Yes, I admit the fake ones have advantages like not having all those pine needles dropping onto the carpet, but getting a real tree, in my opinion, is a lot more fun and can create a lot of great family memories. Besides, isn't that what the Christmas season is all about, spending time with the ones you love and creating fun and memorable traditions?



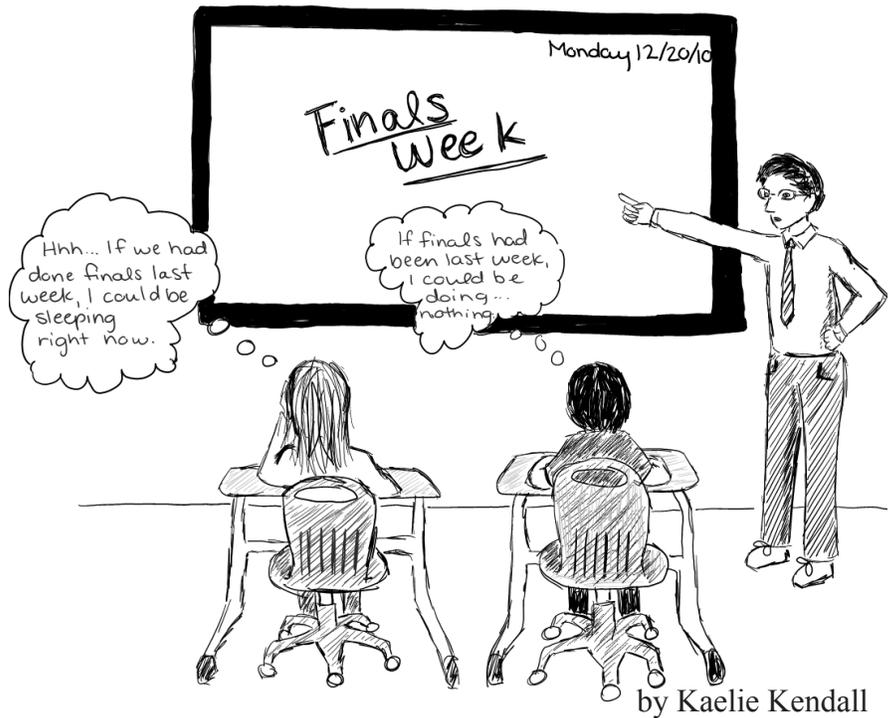
Sneaky Clean Joke

By Cody Headrick

Mary was having a tough day and had stretched herself out on the couch to do a bit of what she thought to be well-deserved complaining and self-pitying.

She moaned to her mom and brother, "Nobody loves me ... the whole world hates me!"

Her brother, busily occupied playing a game, hardly looked up at her and passed on this encouraging word: "That's not true, Mary. Some people don't even know you."



What do you think?

When was your best Christmas and why?

By Shyanne Francis



Justin Boswell: "In 2008 when we first moved to Mullinville and we had gotten an Xbox 360 with the video game Guitar Hero World Tour."



Chris Boehme: "When my whole family came down and we went into the pasture and we went snow sledding by pulling an old car hood behind my uncles truck."



Jessica Moore: "Every year is a good Christmas for me, because I get to always be with my family and we have a big family."



Shannen Hall: "My best Christmas was the one right after we got our cats. Let's just say we got the presents, they got all the wrapping paper. You haven't seen confetti until you've seen those cats with paper."



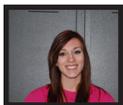
Mr. VandenHoek: "When I was nine years old, because my family had just moved to Boise, Idaho and we spent Christmas at a cabin in the mountains."



Evan Jacks: "My favorite Christmas was last year when I got a roping dummy and three new ropes."



Shaylee Erwin: "When I was seven and it was because I got a Shetland pony."



Chloe Enfield: "My favorite Christmas was when my family received presents from the upper classmen after our house fire."



Zack Rose: "My best Christmas had to be when I got my first 22 Caliber."

By Audrey Wheeler



Miss the most:
Friends I have accumulated

Looks forward to:
Working at the Athletics Department at LCU

Hobbies:
Sports, corn whittling, basket weaving, and spear fishing

Favorite Book:
Bible

Favorite board game:
Pictionary, because I have sweet drawing skills. Not really, but I still like Pictionary.

Name:
Clint Scott

Plans after high school:
Go to Lubbock Christian University

High school memory:
Senior meal at Legends, funny stuff



Miss the most:
The comfort of knowing everyone in the school

Looks forward to:
Being able to make my own decisions and take on more responsibilities

Hobbies:
Reading, baking while jamming out to a random playlist, going on spur of the moment road trips

Favorite Book:
Rebecca

Favorite board game:
Life

Name:
Meghan Darnell

Plans after high school:
Attend Emporia State University and major in Elementary Education

High school memory:
Playing Banagrams with Katelin in Mrs. Chadd's Intro to Lit. class

SENIOR

Class Of 2011



Miss the most:
The people at school

Looks forward to:
Being able to actually study what I want to

Hobbies:
Playing instruments, running and random stuff

Favorite Book:
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Favorite board game:
Monopoly

Name:
Peyton Wade

Plans after high school:
Going to college at Friends University and go into ministry work, religion and philosophy

High school memory:
State track and cross country



Miss the most:
My friends

Looks forward to:
Hunting Kodiak bears in the Northern Territories with a trident

Hobbies:
Sword fighting, axe throwing, archery, Parkour and Martial Arts

Favorite Book:
The Hunger Games Trilogy

Favorite board game:
Jumanji

Name:
Shannon Webster

Plans after high school:
Going to Pennsylvania to study theatre

High school memory:
Going and cheering at volleyball games (a chance to put on war paint)

PROFILE



Have you ever heard of...?

By Gage Hosheit

Sepak takraw differs from the similar sport of volleyball in its use of a rattan ball and only allows players to use their feet, knees, chest and head to touch the ball.

It is a popular sport in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines and India. The side that serves first starts the first set. The side that wins the first set has the option of choosing the service. The throw must be executed as soon as the referee calls the score. If either of the "Inside" players

Sepak Takraw



throws the ball before the referee calls the score, it must be re-thrown and a warning will be given to the thrower.

During the service, as soon as the Tekong kicks the ball, all the players are allowed to move about freely in their respective courts. The net is made of fine ordinary cord or nylon with 6 cm to 8 cm mesh. Similar to a volleyball net. The net is 0.7 m in width and not shorter than 6.10 m in length.



Getting to know them -Senior Hamor

By Kristin Wade

In the summer of 2006 Senior Adam Hamor traveled to Barcelona, Spain through the study abroad program at K-State. The program Hamor went with was called ISA (International Studies Abroad). He stayed from May-August with a host family that included a woman and her son; plus other U.S. student who were assigned there with Hamor.

While Hamor was in Barcelona he took a Literature of Spain class which he explained as "very intense!" They studied grammar for up to six hours a day. He also participated in an art class and stated that they saw a ton of art while in Spain.

Hamor and his roomie had classes Monday through Thursday, with long weekends of Friday to Sunday. The program planned excursions for some of their weekends; once taking them to a fishing village with a beach. Trips were also planned for historical cities north of Barbados, including Toledo and Madrid.



Hamor really enjoyed the Dali and Picasso art museums, though Dali's was his favorite.

"It was surreal and 'out there'," Hamor stated. "Very, very strange stuff. I've never seen anything like it, though, so it was cool."

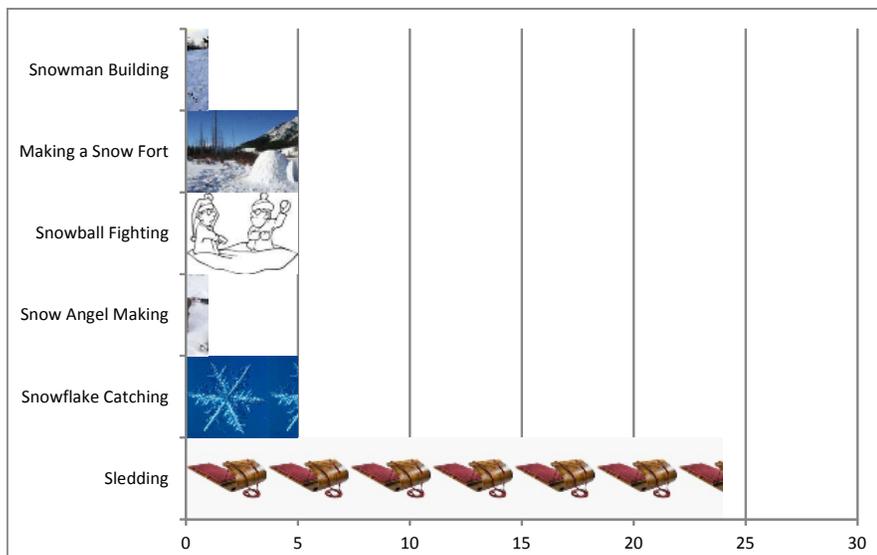
In Dali's house, Hamor commented that there was a bathtub attached to the ceiling. Also the house itself was designed to look like a face.

Hamor and his roommate flew to Paris, London and Rome on three different weekends for prices as cheap as \$50 round-trip. While in these cities they would stay in hostiles*.

"It's a really bizarre experience because you don't know them," explains Hamor.

All-in-all Hamor made it clear that he had a great time in Spain, and that he enjoys the countries culture.

*Hostiles are like motels, except you're staying in one big room with 7-8 people you don't know (which explains why they're so cheap).



Peyton's Poll

Winter has come and with winter comes Christmas! But winter also brings snow, which is almost as awesome as Christmas, so it deserves a poll. The poll this month was inspired by snow and snow activities. Students were polled on what their favorite snow activity was. Sledding was the clear winner with 24 votes. However making a snow fort, snowball fighting and snowflake catching all tied for second with 5 votes.

Meg's Memo

A Look at What's Ahead

By Meghan Darnell

- Jan. 1** New Year's Day!!
- Jan. 3** Staff inservice will be held
- Jan. 4** Beginning of second semester
- Jan. 7** Last day to register for February 12 ACT'S which will be at Coldwater, PCC and in Greensburg
- Jan. 17** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 18** K-8 Soil Conservation awards assembly @ 9 a.m.
- Jan. 22** League Basketball Tournament play-in games @ Kiowa County
- Jan. 24-29** SPIAA League Basketball Tournament @ Dodge City Civic Center

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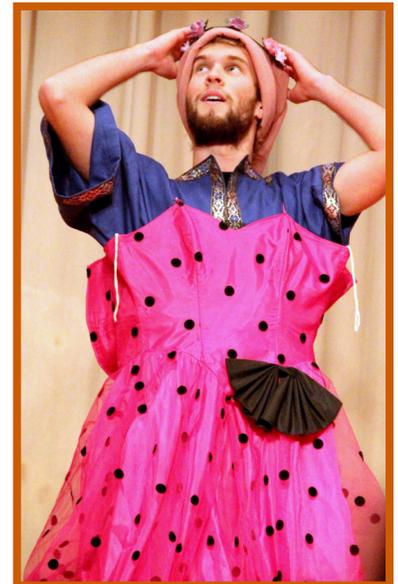
This line was accompanied by an explanation of how all of the actors ate bad beef and the only actor left was himself. So in the scene, Actor had to play the two wicked stepsisters, the wicked stepmother, the birds, Herald, and Prince Charming. All of these characters were incorporated into one of the oldest fairytales still alive: Cinderella. Grace Sirois was cast to play the role of Cinderella. At the end of the retelling, the audience once again received the general "and they lived happily ever after" ending.

To finish off the play the cast successfully completed a two minute reenactment of the entire play.

"The! End!" exclaimed Narrator Two.

"It was really funny," commented Markala Morton.

"My favorite part," said Alex Brensing,"was getting to be a little person because I'm not."



Left: The Devil, senior Kendal Melton, hugs his Grandmama, sophomore Zack Rose.

Above: Junior Jimmy Hoyt stands petrified as he sees the witch.

Above Right: Senior Peyton Wade as Dwarf two, stands-in for Snow White. Below right: Sophomore Kadie Larsh and Senior John Musquez hold their new born baby. Photos by Kaelie Kendall



Clint Knows All

By Clint Scott

With Christmas time, comes some teachers' tradition of playing only Christmas music in their classroom. Students have different feelings about this, whether joy or dread they have an opinion. Personally I can handle just about a week of the constant caroling of Christmas tunes, before it drives me insane. With small children waiting almost a whole month of the palpable anticipation of Santa Clause hopefully arriving at their house, there is also almost a whole month of high school students suffering to the constant ringing of joyful music of merriment. Why do some students hate these songs of cheer, especially during one of the most celebrated months of the year?

One theory, my opinion anyways, is that even though December is a month heavily loved, it's also one of the most stressful months of the school year. With the stress of finishing the semesters classes with finals, catching up past assignments and in some cases, finishing A.R. books, the last thing you want to hear is a musical story about a large

man putting himself in danger by being on a house top, a magic deer with a nose that might be glowing because of radiation, or a song about children using some sort of black magic through a hat to possess a snowman so that he comes to life. Christmas is a time for cheer, although it's hard to be cheerful when swamped in school, but teachers are equally swamped, so how do they handle all the constant jubilant song styles for the month of giving? Personally I have no idea, it seems to me that they would be driven to insanity quicker than the students would.

Although some of us will suffer through a whole month of Christmas music, I suppose it's supposed to make us more cheerful with a joyous message, even though some don't make sense. So this year if you're a person like me that can't stand this music styling, I hope you find a hidden message of joy and dwell on it. With that I conclude my opinion on this case and to all I wish you a Merry Christmas.

January Birthdays

BE SURE TO WISH THEM

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

02 Katelynn Gamble

04 Brandon Taylor

06 Lakin Titus

07 Heather Melton

08 Heidee Prosser

13 Laina McMurry

17 Tyler Boyles

18 Colter Brown

19 Morgan Fulton

19 Emily Sarber

21 Chelsea Oberle

22 Lexi Behee

26 Riann Heft

27 Jordan Wyrick

31 Morgan Tyree

Late Christmas Eve, when all was still,
And the room was dark as night,
The Christmas tree lit magically;
It was a fantastic sight!
Then from around the tree trunk came,
A strange and funny sound,
As gifts began to unwrap themselves,
And toys jumped out all around.
The music box began to play,
And in a crazy trance,
The candy canes jumped off the tree
To do a silly dance.
The big stuffed bear leaped to his feet,
To see what he could see;
He rode a shiny, bright red bike
Around the Christmas tree.
The new toy kitchen started to cook,
And before you could blink an eye,
The oven door opened, and from inside
Came a tiny pizza pie.
A squirt gun squirted everything;

Toy Escape

It knew what it was for;
By the time that it was emptied out,
A big puddle lay on the floor.
A beautiful doll with golden hair
Was searching for a friend;
A toy soldier marched up and took her hand;
They were a perfect blend.
In the bedroom were a boy and girl,
Asleep in Christmas dreams;
The soldier saluted; the doll gave a kiss;
At least that's the way it seems.
Now everything began to tire;
The toys went back in place;
But when mother woke in the morning,
You should have seen her face.
The tree was fine; the gifts were there,
Yet mother gave a roar;
She looked at her wet shoes and yelled,
"What's this puddle on my floor?"

By Joanna Fuchs

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Top 10

Books

By Rachel Schmidt

Adult-

- 1** Autobiography of Mark Twain
by Mark Twain
- 2** Elf on the Shelf
by Carol V. Aebersold
- 3** Decision Points
by George W. Bush
- 4** The Ugly Truth
(Diary of a Wimpy Kid Ser. #5)
by Jeff Kinney
- 5** Dead or Alive
by Tom Clancy
- 6** Unbroken
by Laura Hillenbrand
- 7** Of Thee I Sing - A letter to My Daughters
by Barak Obama
- 8** The Lost Hero
(Heroes of Olympus Ser. #1)
by Rick Riordan
- 9** The Confession
by John Grisham
- 10** Cross Fire
(Alex Cross Ser. #17)
by James Patterson

Children-

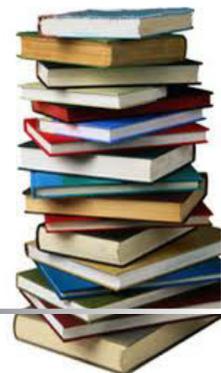
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by Rick Riordan
- 5** Harry Potter Boxed Set (#1-7)
by J.K. Rowling
- 6** Magic Tree House Box Set (#1-4)
by Mary Pope Osborne
- 7** T'was the Night Before Christmas: Record A Story
by Publications International Staff
- 8** LLama LLama Holiday Drama
by Anna Dewdney
- 9** The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook
by Dinah Bucholz
- 10** The Red Pyramid
(Kane chronicles Ser. #1)
by Rick Riordan

Songs

By Jessica Moore

- 1** Grenade
- Bruno Mars
- 2** Firework
- Katy Perry
- 3** What's my name
- Drake ft. Rhianna
- 4** Bottoms Up
- Trey Songz
- 5** Raise Your Glass
- Pink
- 6** Only Girl
- Rhianna
- 7** Sparks Fly
- Taylor Swift
- 8** Blow
- Ke\$ha
- 9** The Time
- Black Eyed Peas
- 10** Chirstmas Lights
- Coldplay

Voted on by five chosen students from each class.



Boys go 2-4 to start the season

By Clint Scott

With the start of the month of December came the start of the 2010-11 men's basketball season. On December 3rd, the KC Men's team started off their season against the Wildcats of Cunningham High School. The game didn't go exactly as planned as the Maverick's lead in the fourth quarter was squandered from nine points all the way down to four. After two free throws by junior guard Ross Binford, the lead went up to six. The score ended at Kiowa County 50, Cunningham High 44, making them 1-0 on the season.

Next the Mavericks would be playing in the Thunderbird Classic at Skyline High School. In their first game of the tournament they would play the Bulldogs of Pretty Prairie, who finished 3rd in the state tournament last year. Through the first half Kiowa County stayed with the Bulldogs as the KC defense took away their transition game, the end of the half would leave the score at 25 to 21, KC trailing. The second half turned into a different story as Pretty Prairie eventually started to pull away, the final score being Pretty Prairie 54, Kiowa County 36.

After the Pretty Prairie loss, the Mavericks were sitting at 1-1. The next foe KC would face would be the host of the tournament, the Skyline Thunderbirds. The first half made it seem that the Mavericks would earn a victory as they led at the half. KC also had the lead at the end of the third quarter, but things changed in the fourth quarter. The Maverick lead at the middle of the fourth quarter was seven, but the Thunderbirds came back and won, 39-35.

After a harsh

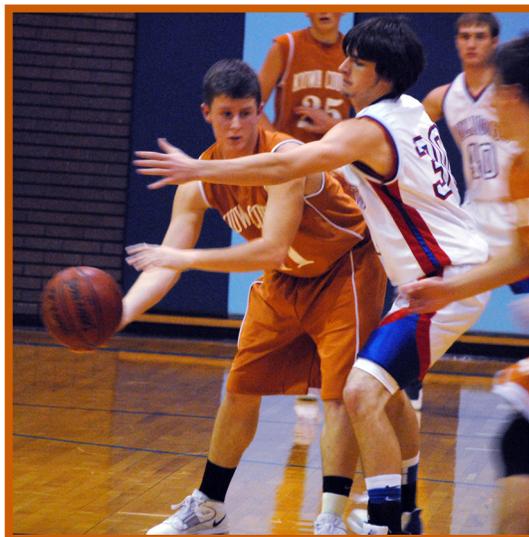
loss making the Mavericks 1-2, the Mavericks played a struggling Stafford Trojans. The game never was close as the Mavericks led the whole game. By the second quarter the Maverick's lead was a double digit one, and it stayed that way at halftime. Even though the Mavericks came out a little sloppy in the third quarter, the lead was still a double digit one, and at the end of the game, The Mavericks would win 51 to 26.

Following the Thunderbird Classic the Mavericks played their first two home games, the first was against the South Central Timberwolves. The Mavericks were down by over twenty in the first half, in the second half, though, Kiowa County clawed their way back to within five points. In the end it would result in a loss, South Central 53, Kiowa County 44.

The next game was against the Macksville Mustangs. The Mustangs looked to have a strong team, with big players that did not disappoint. Although the Mavericks jumped out on the Mustangs early, Macksville overcame them with their post game and free throws. The final score being KC 55, Macksville 69.

Above: Sophomore Rustin Ardery looks to muscle up a shot through South Central defenders.

Left: Senior Gage Hosheit looks for an open man after stopping his dribble in a halfcourt offense. The Mavericks would have many of these problems in the second half. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt



Lady Mavs start the season with a bang

By Cody Headrick

Showing an utter display of dominance the Kiowa County Lady Mavs come off an incredible start to the season, going 3-0 their first three games and losing the next two. The Lady Mavs have already shown up in tournament play, going uncontested at Skyline High School. Their first game of the season was against Cunningham which was followed by Pretty Prairie, Skyline, South Central and Macksville.

Much of the success of the team is due to the leadership on the team. "We have some really good senior leaders on the team. It helps to carry over performance from practices to games," commented senior Dezere Valles.

The seniors include Lindy McKinney, Jamie Larsh, Morgan Fulton, Morgan Tyree, Valles and Adriell Hewitt. The normal starters are Jamie Larsh, Morgan Fulton, Morgan Tyree, Angela Liggett and Dezere Valles.

When questioned about the difference between the first three big wins, and the last two losses, Larsh stated, "The last two games we didn't make the easy buckets that we normally had. It also didn't help that



we were at such a size disadvantage, it made getting second shots for us and keeping them from the other team a lot harder."

Head Coach Randy VandenHoek is generally pleased with the season so far but still sees areas that need improvement, "The girls played well at times, they've shown that they can work hard all the time and that they can compete with any team in the league."



Left: Sophomore Angela Liggett goes up strong after a dump down pass from her fellow teammate.

Above: Senior Morgan Fulton drives past a Pretty Prairie player to try and draw the foul. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt



KCJH boys have high hopes for season

By Sydney Headrick

Starting with confidence and ending with a win, the fifth game and first win of the junior high boys' season was fought at Pawnee Heights. "Post-up and finish plays," eighth grader Xander Brensing said was what the team needed to do. At the end of the night the score was 54-28, making the season's ppg 26.6.

"Doing the right things," said head coach Travis Powell, helped the team win the game.

On Saturday, Dec. 4 the Mavericks hosted a B-team tournament; there was a C-team tournament in Meade, also. The B-team won both games and took first place. At Meade the C-team lost one and won one.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23 the Mavericks hosted the

Ashland Blue Jays. The C-team won their game and B-team lost. A-team lost 26-39.

Season stats include blocks per game-2.4, steals per game-10.2, rebounds per game-26 and free throws-51.6%.

Top: Eighth grader Clayton Colborn gets low and wide displaying all the defensive skills he has learned in practice.

Right: Eighth grader Jacob Irvin prepares to finish his fast break layup against the Bluejays. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt



Getting better with each day

By Olivia Dawson

KCJH girls basketball is in the middle of their season. The team played Pawnee Heights on December 9. A-team lost 19-7. B-team won. There was no C-team game.

On Saturday, December 4 Kiowa County hosted a B-team tournament in which the Mavericks lost both games. C-team traveled to Meade where they won one game and lost another.

The girls played at home verses Ashland on Nov. 23. A-team lost 23-31. Both B-team and C-team won.

Eighth grade starter Skylar Odle believes that A-team has played pretty well. "We did better than any other game," Olde said on the Pawnee Heights game. Her goal for the season is to win games. She says that the team still needs to improve on rebounding.

Seventh grade starter Mackenzie Heft said the team has played, "not as well as we hoped." She said the A-team needs to work on running their offence. "We played better than any other game" after Pawnee Heights.

Head coach Staci Derstein believes her team is getting better each day, and with that they are becoming better basketball players. At the Pawnee Heights Derstein, "thought we were aggressive." She said the team still needs some improvement in offense such as shooting, catching and dribbling.



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Above: Eighth grader Mackenzie Heft turns for a fast break after stealing the ball from the opposing Lady Timberwolves.

Right: Picking up the ball, eighth grader Hannah Brown looks to make the dump-down pass to the post. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Jr. High Gets Festive

By Olivia Dawson

Christmas is near and KCJH is getting in the spirit. Classrooms are being decorated and plans are being made. Eighth grader Ambrosia Beard's grandma, aunt, and three cousins are coming over for the holiday. She is also traveling to St. John, Dodge City, Larned, Jetmore, and Great Bend. She says her favorite gift she received was her 4-wheeler from last year. The gift she was most proudest of to give was a dirt bike she gave her brother. She has a salad called, "Ambrosia Fruit Salad" that she makes every year.

Eighth grader Jacob Irvin's best gift given was a wooden heart for his aunt's family. His best gift received was tickets to a San Diego Chargers game. "We pray at first when we wake up, then we open presents," said Irvin about his fam-

ily traditions. They are traveling to El Paso, Texas to visit his aunt.

Seventh grader Josh Spicer's family is coming to town to visit. His most memorable Christmas was two years ago because of all the snow and family. His best gift received was his phone. The gift he was most proudest of giving is "love to my family."

Seventh grader Melanie Brown's most memorable Christmas was the year her cousins fought over who would open the next present. The best gift she gave someone was to her mom and the gift was an expensive necklace. The best gift she received was her green Converse tennis shoes because "I wore them all the time until they fell apart."

Sixth and Seventh Graders Harmonize Together

By Morgen Ulrich

Sixth and seventh grade Junior High Vocal, an elective class, consists of 15 girls and seven boys. The class is held during sixth period, right after lunch. The accompanist is Joyce Schmidt.

Mrs. Campbell, the choir director, said, "The choirs' strength is that these classes have had music for several years together, so they know how to harmonize well." This will be her tenth year of teaching Vocal. Campbell said that the students' grades are based on "their participation, they

have to sing to get a grade."

Eighth grader Maddie Cannon said, "I love to sing, especially the song 'Home Sweet Home.'"

Cannon has been in Vocal as an elective for two years. She said she will most likely continue it all through high school.

Eighth Grader Addi Price has been in Vocal for two years and will also continue in high school. She said it is "a good experience for students who like music." Her favorite song they sing is the same as Cannon's.

JH Student Spotlight



Seventh	Topics they were asked about...	Eighth
	Name	Taylor Keller
	Favorite Keepsake	A birthday card from my Grandma Otie
	Future Career	Zoologist or a pediatric cardiologist
	Favorite Food	Chicken noodle soup
	Favorite Childhood T.V. Show	Teletubies, the green one, Dixie, is my favorite
	Vacation Destination	Paris
	Favorite Sport	Volleyball
	Hobby	Facebook and hanging out with friends
	State/Capitol to be named after	Turkey, because I like turkey

Correction: In the last Maverick Monthly, "7 Habits" was written by Sydney Headrick not Olivia Dawson.

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