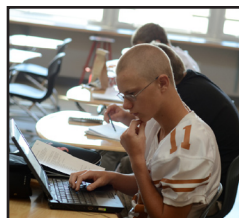




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Faces on the Wall

By Corbin VandenHoek

The mezzanine gets a facelift! Throughout the first week of September every member of the Kiowa County Schools had the opportunity to put their face on an art tile. This was a project supervised by Stacy Barnes, director of the 5.4.7 Art Center. The students took different hours of the day to meet with Stacy to learn how to design their tile. The tiles are going to be displayed in a mosaic that will be put in the mezzanine of the Kiowa County Schools Varsity Gym.

Each participant was given a tile, some various colors of paint, a profile picture of themselves and one hour to finish the tiles. Some of the participants, those who didn't think they were as artistic as others, decided to change their pictures and not use the pictures that were given to them. Others chose to give their best effort to make a realistic self portrait.

As the seconds wound down, and the students finished up the tiles, Stacy revealed the fact that these tiles would be used in a mosaic on one of the walls in the gym. When the students heard this, some groaned, disappointed that everyone would see their picture, some were fine with it, glad they could show off their artistic ability, and others started to change their tile so no one would figure out which tile was theirs.

So if you like puzzles, challenges or simply like art, stop by and check out the tiles in the Kiowa County Gym and see if you can identify the faces. While some will be more difficult to recognize than others, all will show the creativity of the students and staff at Kiowa County Schools. The tiles will be displayed throughout the 2011-2012 school year.



Photos Mariah Charlton

Top: Senior Keith Prosser, juniors Rustin Ardery and Tucker McKinney concentrate as they paint their faces onto their tiles.

Bottom left: Jr. high students also participated in making the tiles. The first step was to trace their own picture onto the tiles.

Bottom right: Sixth grade teacher Darcy Calkins mixes her paints before she starts on her tile.

By Creighton McDonald
Make A Difference Day

On Sept. 2, on Kiowa County High School's first football home game, the Kiowa County students K-12 had a Make A Difference Day to help clean up our school's grounds. Students helped clean for three hours on the school's property. While the younger class helped clean around the school the high school students helped clean up around the football field and parking lot, picking up trash and debris that the tornado left behind.

ACT Workshop

In Coldwater, Chad Cargill from Oklahoma spoke at the ACT workshop. Cargill talked about the test and helped the students learn ways to be more efficient when taking the test. Cargill took the test 18 times and had scores ranging from 19-32. He also has a website called Cheetah Awards, where you can learn cheats to improve scoring and faster ways to finish the test.

Happenings

Remembering 9/11

By Shelby Butler

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, two planes crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City, killing and injuring thousands of people. The incident was ruled as a terrorist attack. The assault on the Twin Towers was not the only act of terrorism that day. Other planes were also taken over and aimed toward the Pentagon and the White House. The attack on the Pentagon ended in the plane crashing into a side of the Pentagon, but the side that was struck was under construction and minimal injuries occurred. The airplane that was intended to hit the White House crashed

into a field after the passengers fought back, risking their lives to stop the terrorists from hitting the home of our nation's leader.

Now, ten years later, the attacks are still on the minds of Americans everywhere. The twin towers and the lives lost on that day ten years ago are being honored in the twin towers memorial, which is on the sight of where the twin towers once stood. The memorial was dedicated Sept. 11, 2011.

Trudi Greig:

I was in bed watching TV waiting for a telethon to come on and right when it was supposed to come on the news came on showing the Twin Towers.

Mr. Ballard:

I was sitting in my daughter's bedroom with my wife listening to the radio.

Ms. Richard:

I was at the high school in the office and Ruth Hiss came in and said that the Twin Towers had been hit. It took a while for it to sink in. They had a TV set up in the library and certain classes could go in during certain times and watch what was happening.

Where were
you on
Sept. 11, 2001

Kadie Larsh:

Because I was in California, the school day hadn't started yet. My sis, dad and I stopped to watch TV on our way out the door, and it made us late to school but the teachers understood why. It was very quiet at school that day.

Jordan Little:

I was in second grade Show and Tell, and Dylan Sears walked in late and said that a plane fell on the Twin Towers.

Mrs. Greenleaf:

I was in my office at school. Sharon Sutton, who was the secretary at the time, stuck her head in and said that an airplane had hit the World Trade Center.

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Youth Group Kickoff

By Audrey Wheeler

YOUTH GROUP!! For many KCHS students the anticipation for the weekly Wednesday night meetings is extravagant. Haviland Friends Church youth group kicked off on September 7th with a bang, having over 40 KCHS students attend. Youth Pastor, Josiah Williams, reeled the kids in after having an exciting scavenger hunt through town, by speaking about Isaiah's vision in the book Isaiah. His message had three points; that Isaiah first grasped how great and mighty God was, then repented of his sins before God, then said "Here am I, send me!". Josiah encouraged the students to be like the prophet Isaiah and take those three steps themselves.

Rachel Schmidt said, "Youth group's been a lot of fun. It's definitely more like the youth group I was involved in before we moved back. I like how everyone is involved in the games, and Josiah is really awesome."

Youth group is not only a great way to increase one's relationship with God, but also to connect with fellow students in a safe and uplifting atmosphere. KCHS is very blessed to have such an involved student body in youth group and to have such great youth ministries around; not only in Haviland but all around with Greensburg's YFC youth group and Mullinville's Church of Christ youth group.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Junior Caleb Davis, eighth grader Teigan Ellegood and fifth grader Nathaniel Enfield link hands and pray at the See You At The Pole event on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Laffy Taffy Jokes

What did one window say to the other?

-I'm in pain!

How do small children travel?

-In mini vans

What did the boy chip say to the girl chip?

-Let's dance and I'll dip you!

What do sneezes wear on their feet?

-Ahhh-shoes

What did the finger say to the thumb?

-I'm in glove with you

What's brown and sticky?

-A stick...

What did the plate say to the other plate?

-Lunch is on me-

What were Tarzan's last words?

-Who greased the vine!?

Where do fish sleep?

-In a water bed Why was the cop in bed?

-He was undercover

By Cody McVey

Current Event

Duane Buck convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend

Duane Buck, a 48 year old man from Houston, Texas, is still in a court battle 16 years after being convicted. He committed double murder, killing his ex-girlfriend and her boyfriend in their home. The reason he was saved from lethal injection is because the justices said that they would review his case after going through two reports that were both related with psychologist's testimony. One was granted, the other was denied. The break came for him nearly two hours into a six hour period when he could have been taken to the death chamber for his injection. Texas officials wouldn't move forward with it without legal issues being solved. The Supreme Court's decision was seen as a surprise because they rarely stop a death

penalty case if there is no doubt of the defendant's guilt. Buck's lawyer is trying to say that race factored into the jury's decision, and that he should get a new and unbiased trial for the ruling to be fair to him. When Buck's lawyer asked the district attorney for a new trial like the other defendants whose trials had been tainted by racial testimony, Texas rejected those requests. Another person, who was actually injured in his attack, was his step-sister Phyllis Taylor. She has since forgiven him, and is trying to get Buck life in prison instead of the death penalty. The worst part of this whole case is that Gardner's daughter and son were among the witnesses of her death.

Maverick Nation Sports

Mavericks start roller coaster season

By Jimmy Hoyt



Photo by Cody McVey

Above: Senior safety Ross Binford snags a Fairfield pass out of the air. Interceptions plagued the Fairfield offense that night, with their quarterback throwing five picks in total.

Last season was a season of highs and lows for the fledgling Kiowa County Mavericks football team. Now that they have established a place in the 8-man football scene, expectations are high for this year. The team came into the season with many unknowns, even the starting positions weren't set in stone.

The Mavericks came into their first ever home opener with hopes of retribution against the Rebels of South Gray High School, who had defeated the Mavericks in a bitter fight the year before. Former Haviland Dragons foot-

ball Head Coach Jeff Blattner, who had coached for 22 years at Haviland, led the opposing team onto the field. The last Dragons squad he had coached included many of this year's seniors.

"It was weird that I wasn't playing for Blattner, after spending all of junior high and my freshman year with him. I consider him as less of a coach and more like family," said senior guard Colter Brown. "It didn't really hit me until I talked to him after the game."

The Maverick boys fought viciously through the whole game. Although the fight was hard, the Mavericks came up short with

a final score of 32-6. Most of South Gray's scores were within the fourth quarter of play.

The next week the team faced the Minneola Wildcats, a team that the Mavericks had defeated the year before. The game was a pitched battle until the latter part of the second quarter and most of the third, when the Mavericks had seemingly broken the Minneola squad's spirit. The fourth quarter was a down quarter for the Mavericks, with the Wildcats racking up 28 points. The last-minute effort was not enough, however, with the

Kiowa County squad putting away Minneola 66-40.

The rival Thunderbirds of Skyline High School were the next target for the Mavericks. The team encountered a field in disrepair upon arriving in Pratt. Holes peppered the field, which caused some problems in the game for both teams. Also afflicting both teams were penalties, with the Thunderbirds losing 65 yards to eight penalties, and the Mavericks losing 123 yards to 14 penalties. Some in the stands on both sides loudly expressed their discontent with the referees. Kiowa County went into the locker room at halftime with a six-point lead, but at the end of the game Skyline had defeated them 47-36.

"I'm not blaming the officials or the field for the loss," said head coach Clint Young after the game. "Both teams were being heavily penalized, both teams were on the same field, so all it really came to was mistakes that were made in the third quarter."

The Fairfield Falcons were the next to challenge the Mavericks in Greensburg. After a rough beginning with the Falcons scoring the first touchdown of the game, the Kiowa County squad recovered and soundly defeated the Falcons with a score of 62-28.

The Mavericks play the South Central Timberwolves on September 30 in Greensburg, at 7:00 PM.



Photo by Cody McVey

Far Left: Kiowa County senior guard Colter Brown takes some advice from Assistant Coach Peter Kern during the game against South Gray. Brown recorded one fumble recovery in the course of the game.

Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Left: Sophomore linebacker Trevor Powell gets low and wraps up a Thunderbird attempting to run the ball at Skyline. Powell led the Kiowa County defensive effort, racking up a total of 19 tackles.

KCHS volleyball 2011, reloading!

By Heidee Prosser

After losing six seniors that made up most of the varsity team last year, this year will be challenging and different for the KCHS volleyball team. Head Coach Randy Fulton said, "You either rebuild your team, or you reload it. And we are reloading it." There are 26 girls out with three managers. Kristi Heft and Darcy Calkins are the team's assistant coaches.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, the team left Greensburg at 6:45am to travel to Satanta for their first tournament. Varsity played five teams: Spearville, Sublette, Stanton County, South Central and Dighton. Of these, they only lost two matches, South Central 21-25, 22-25 and Spearville 14-25, 23-25. In the end, the varsity took third and in the junior varsity bracket Kiowa County took first.

Their next games were Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Kiowa County against Satanta, Norwich and Hodgeman County. The junior varsity won all their games and by the end of the night, they continued to go on undefeated. KCHS Varsity played Satanta and won 25-10, 25-18. Their next match was against Norwich, and they went into three sets. In the first, Norwich stole it 20-25. The second set went better for the Mavericks, and they won 25-23. In the third, Kiowa County couldn't quite hold up and lost 25-12. Varsity's last game of the night was against Hodgeman County which KCHS won 25-19, 25-16.

Lillian Hinshaw, Soph., commented that she is most excited "to get better and see how we work together as a team. I'm just excited to get in there and play the game." Hinshaw's position on the court is back row and when she was asked to explain what her responsibilities are she said, "To be a beast at digging, cover my hitters and pass." Hinshaw said that her favorite thing about volleyball is "the energy and doing cool chants. I really like getting digs because it makes me feel strong."

Kimberlyn Hayes, Sr., has been playing volleyball for eight years now. She plays back row, and she said that

her job is to pass to the setter and dig. Hayes commented on what she thinks of Maverick Nation. "I like them because they support us really well, and I like the cheering and intensity that they bring."

Heather Melton, Soph., also commented on what she likes most about volleyball. She said, "It's not contact with other teams like basketball." Melton is a spiker, and she said that her responsibilities at the net are to block, cover and spike. She has been playing volleyball for five years now, and said that this year she is most looking forward to the different people with different strengths coming together.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, the team went to Larned. The varsity played Cunningham and Pretty Prairie winning both matches. Larned was their next opponent, and after playing three sets against them, KCHS stole it in the third, 25-14. The junior varsity also played and beat Cunningham and Pretty Prairie, but when they played Larned they couldn't quite hold up and had their only loss of the night.

The following week, on Tuesday, Sept. 13, KCHS made a trip to Minneola. The varsity came home with all wins against Meade, Minneola and Holcomb and made the night a success. The junior varsity played Minneola and ended up winning in two sets. When they played Meade, they lost the first set, won the second, but couldn't quite pull through in the third and lost 17-25.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, the KCHS volleyball team played in front of their home crowd with Maverick Nation cheering them on. The varsity's first two matches were against Ashland and Ingalls. KCHS beat them both, but when the team played Spearville they couldn't quite pull through and took their only loss of the night. The junior varsity also played Ingalls and Spearville and won them both, making it a successful night for them.

As the volleyball season reaches its midpoint, the team keeps on improving.

Coach Fulton said, "I am really pleased with the attitude of all of our girls. Everyone comes to practice and works to improve themselves. It is going to be a fun and exciting year for Lady Maverick volleyball."

Come show your support and cheer on the KCHS volleyball team!



Photo by Laina McMurry

Top: Coach Fulton goes over the last play with the team explaining what could have been done differently.

Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Bottom: Libero, Chelsea Oberle makes a pass to the awaiting setter Riann Heft.

Tennis girls have a great start

By Catherine Kibel

The Kiowa County School year has just begun and that means its tennis season! This year the team is experiencing some new changes such as a bigger team and a new coach. The older girls have many opportunities to help the newer girls and to make their everlasting mark on the sport and their team.

The varsity team had their first meet on Sept. 6 in Cimarron. Singles players, Remington Grasz and Charity Schmidt, both sophomores this year, had two wins and a loss each. Both of Grasz's wins were 6-4 and her loss was 3-6. Schmidt's first win was 6-0 followed by a 1-6 loss and another win of 6-1.

The number one doubles team, Rachel Schmidt, Jr., and Laina McMurry, Sr., had two wins and one loss in Cimarron. They had a first win of 6-3 and second win of 7-6. Their last match of the day they suffered a loss of 4-6. Number two doubles team, Lakin Titus, Jr. and Patricia Torres, Soph., added two wins and one loss for the team. Their first match they won 6-1 and then lost their second 5-7. Their last match of the meet they won with a final score of 6-2.

The varsity then traveled back to Cimarron for their second meet of the season with the addition of junior varsity players Shelby Butler and Cathrine Kibel playing their first doubles varsity meet.

"Our first varsity meet was a fun learning experience," Stated Shelby.

Grasz suffered 3 losses this meet. Her first match she received a score of 2-6 followed by a loss of 0-6 and finished with a loss of 1-6. C. Schmidt had two losses and a win. Her first match she had a loss of 2-6, then a win of

6-2. Her last match was lost 2-6.

R. Schmidt and McMurry had two losses and a win. Their first match was a win of 6-4 followed by a loss of 3-6 and finished with a loss of 1-6. Titus and Torres also had two losses and a win. Their first match they suffered a loss of 2-6 followed by a loss of 0-6. They ended their day with a win of 7-6. Doubles players Butler and Kibel also went to this meet to even out the teams. They suffered three losses. Their first loss was of 0-6 followed by a loss of 0-6 and they finished their day with a loss of 1-6.

For their next meet of the season the girls traveled to Ellinwood where they all suffered losses in all of their matches. This time the doubles and singles players were switched around. Grasz and C. Schmidt were paired up as doubles. The girls started out their day with a loss of 0-8 followed by a loss of 2-8. They finished their day with a loss of 5-8. Titus and Torres were again paired up as a doubles team. They started their day with a loss of 0-8 followed by a loss of 1-8. They ended their day with a loss of 1-8.

This meet R. Schmidt and McMurry were taken as singles players both suffering three losses. R. Schmidt started her day with two losses resulting in scores of 0-8. She ended her day with a loss of 1-8. McMurry started her day with two losses of 0-8. She ended her day with a forfeit.

The junior varsities first meet was in Kingman where all the girls suffered three losses. Singles player, Butler, started her day with two 0-6 losses. She ended her day with a loss of 0-6. Singles player Kibel also suffered three losses. She received a score of 0-6 in all three of her matches.



Photo by Lakin Titus

Rachel Schmidt and Laina McMurry holding their 2nd place medals from the Cimarron meet.

Courtesy Photo

Varsity Tennis player, Rachel Schmidt, takes a whack at the ball at a home ten-



Photo by Lakin Titus

Remi Grasz and Charity Schmidt at the tennis meet in Cimarron. Who said tennis was all work and no play?

Cross country team braves hot weather

By Lakin Titus

This year's Cross Country season started out on a good foot. The first meet at South Gray, junior Caleb Davis ran a 4k and placed 13th with a time of 15:07:2. Senior Casie Price also competed with a time of 25:09:74, placing 47th. With the brutal temperature, the feel of the hot moisture being sucked out of their bodies, other contestants passed out and got dehydrated but Price and Davis went all the way through and did not give up.

"I can remember it being so hot and miserable, and thinking," wow this is my last first meet and it's going to be horrible.' I started out being confident, then when I started running the heat hit me, it was the first meet I've been to that has ever had sprinklers going and water stations. There were about five girls that passed out because it was so hot," stated Price.

Their next meet was at Skyline and Price placed 32nd with a time of 21:30:74. Davis, having a slower time than the previous meet, but a better placement, had a time of 18:43:52, placing 3rd.

"Even though my time was longer, I think I did a lot better at this meet than at my first one," stated Davis.

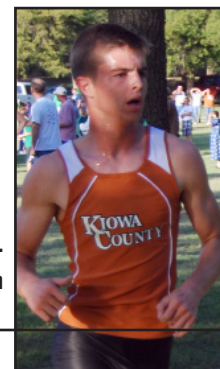
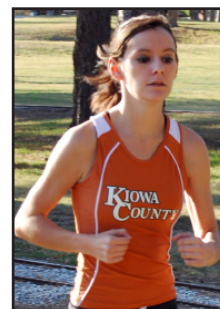
Next they went to Stafford to compete. Davis ran a time of 17:50:26 for 11th place. Price ran a time of 21:53:52 for 41st. The last meet for this month was at Larned, Davis ran a time of 18:14:51, placing 4th and Price ran a time of 19:07:37, placing 16th.

"With just a small team we are competing extremely well. Casie is cutting her time down right around the right time. Caleb continues to do very well in all meets. All of our meets have been very competitive. A lot of state qualifiers in both the boy's and girl's races, and we have held our own. I fully expect us to be running at our best during regional and state time. Caleb has a great shot at going to state and if Casie keeps improving, she has a shot at it as well. If we keep competing at each meet, we should be fine. We will see good competition at regionals, but if we continue to improve, we will be booking rooms for state for both Caleb and Casie," stated Coach Perez.

Photos by Audrey Wheeler

Above: Senior Casie Price competes at Pratt. She has continued to decrease her time for each meet.

Below: Junior Caleb Davis paces himself for a good finish at the Pratt meet, placing fifth. This is his first year competing in cross country.



Cheerleaders pump up the spirit

By Jessica Moore

As the year starts ticking by, the cheerleaders are already at it, and rocking the stands. With three returning from the previous year, this year's cheer squad consists of seven girls. Brook Boman, Erica Bertram, Audrey Wheeler, Remington Grasz, Lillian Hinshaw, Heidee Prosser and LaTosha Tuttle make up this year's 2011-2012 Maverick cheerleaders. The girls are sponsored by Heather Powell, who had recently sponsored junior high the year before.

As the first few weeks of school unfolded before the students and faculty, volleyball games and football games approached fast. Slowly bringing us back into school spirit, the Cheerleaders held a small pep rally, teaching the student body a cheer or two, for Maverick Nation.

Starting their squad off with a bang, Powell took the girls up to Dodge City for a spirit spreader, Aug. 31. The squad learned new cheers and a dance, in a half a day, which would normally take a few days.

"It was a fun day! I enjoyed spreading spirit with my team! Ahhh yeah, SPIRIT SPREADER yeah!" commented sophomore, Hinshaw.

On the first home game date, Sept. 2, the cheer squad held their first actual pep rally. In the process of the normal announcing of teams and members, they held out for their usual crowd boosting game. This time, they chose a girl and guy from each grade and held a slushie-slurping

race. Coming in first, was juniors Markala Morton and Damien Odle.

The second home football game, Sept. 23, provided another option for the squad to boost up the crowd with a second pep rally. They proceeded on with the normal announcing, chants, and cheers until they brought on the game list. Participating this time was a member from each class and one teacher. Each participant had to dip the tip of their nose onto a plate of Vaseline, then proceed over to a pile of cotton balls and stick one to their nose. Next, they had to make it around the other side of the table and place the cotton ball into a bowl, all the while using no hands. The winner this time, happened to be a teacher, Marshall Ballard.

As the year goes by, the Maverick spirit continues to boost, all depending on the cheerleaders and their peppiness. Some say being a cheerleader isn't hard and others will disagree, but no matter what the case or the argument, nobody can deny that the girls are always there and ready to boost the spirit for the teams.

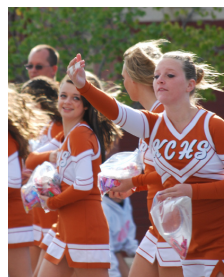


Photo by Creighton McDonald

Cheerleaders throw out candy as the band walks behind them in the state fair. After marching for a few blocks with many other schools from Kansas, the cheerleaders and band kids (8-12 grade) got to have a fun day mising school and hanging out at the

Life inside...KC High

Senior Spotlight



Miss about high school:
"Homecoming, prom and being around everybody all the time. Spirit week. Ya know, all

that jazz."

Teacher missed most:
"Mr. Powell"

Career:
"Graphic designer or interior designer"

What would you do for a Klondike bar?
"Punch Jordan Little in the face"

Most excited about for senior year:
"Graduation and Prom"

Kimber Hayes



Teacher missed most:
"None of them except Mr. Powell, Coach Perez, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Galkins and Mr. Fulton"

Dream Vacation:
"In an igloo in the middle of South Africa"

Favorite season:
"Season 2 of Jersey Shore"

What would you do for a Klondike bar?
"Sell my left toe"

Favorite Sport:
"None of them except for basketball, football, track. I enjoy a good tennis match"

Kahl Huffman



Career:
"Corrosion Measurement Technician"
Miss about high school:
"Messing around in and

between classes"

Dream vacation:
"Bahamas"

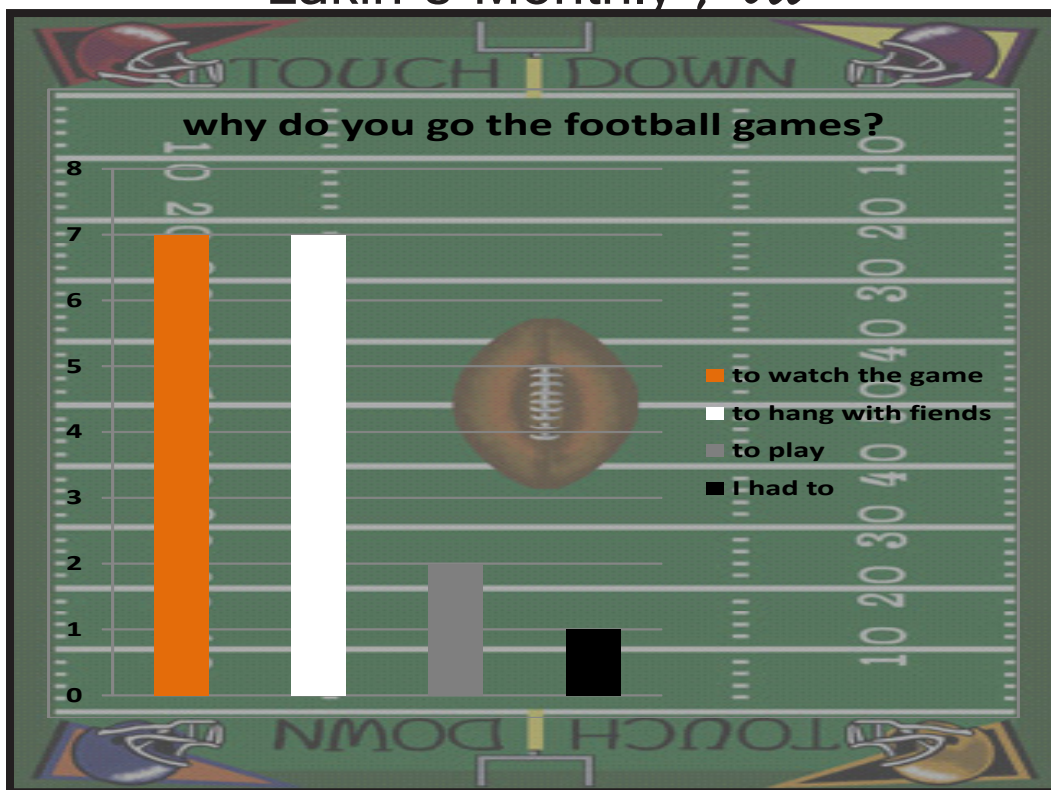
What would you do for a Klondike bar?
"Run across the country"

Most excited for about senior year:
"The whole senior experience"

Keith Prosser

By Dottie Housworth

Lakin's Monthly Poll



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Classrooms Happenings

By Mariah Charlton

History

Mr. Calkins' American History classes did a Mock Trial of Salem Witch Trials, which is the time people were accused of being witches. Each student had a specific part/role. Then the class was divided into two sides.

"The students got to rewrite history by deciding how the trial would end," stated Mr. Calkins.

Journalism

To make a yearbook possible for the school the yearbook students have to sell ads. It isn't the most fun thing to do in yearbook, but it has to be done. The class will sell ads during the class hour for two days in Greensburg, one full day in Pratt and one day during their yearbook hour each for Haviland and Mullinville.

Drama

The Drama class picked their play, "Cricket County Academy." The students have just been going over their lines, getting more into character and figuring out the stage actions.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Left: Juniors Rustin Ardery and Erica Bertram defend their case in Mr. Calkin's mock trial. The students were assigned a role in the trial, being judge or defendant, and were supposed to gather evidence and facts to support their case. The trial helped the students to understand what it was like in the Salem Witch trial cases.

Dear Annie and Andy

The secret advice column

Dear Annie and Andy,

I am a girl who likes a boy here at this high school. He talks to me all the time, but it's all through text and only in person if we're alone. It makes me feel like he doesn't really like me, but I like him so much I don't want to give up on this somewhat relationship. What should I do?

- A girl in "like"

Dear A girl in "like",

Is there a reason why he wants to keep everything so secretive? Have you talked to him about it? At this point just try being his friend, and try not to be too pushy. If he is just too shy, give him time. If you feel like he is embarrassed or ashamed to be seen with you, confront him about it and if he isn't willing to change he isn't worth it.

Dear Annie and Andy,

I am a teacher who keeps getting hit on by another teacher. What should I tell the other teacher?

- Desperate Teacher

Dear Desperate Teacher,

Are you married? If you are chances are the other teacher knows. I suggest you try talking to this teacher to get him/her on the same 'page' as you. If you're not married and you just don't want a relationship share this information with him/her. If you're not married and you don't mind getting "hit on", well you can take it from there. Best of luck!

How to...

BLOW YOUR NOSE,
the right way

1. Find a tissue, Kleenex or handkerchief.
2. If you are in a group, excuse yourself, leave the room and go find a restroom. If you are by yourself, you can stay where you are.
3. Press the opposite nostril of the nostril that you are trying to clear, and blow very gently for five seconds. Do the same with the other nostril.
4. Make sure you can breathe clearly through your nose. If you can't breathe, wait a few minutes and try again.
5. Properly dispose of the tissue, Kleenex or handkerchief.
6. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. There is also an alternative way to clean your hands, if you don't have access to soap and water. You can either use hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes.
7. Last step. Now that you have properly blown your nose and disposed of the tissue, Kleenex or handkerchief, you can now return to your group.

By Corbin VandenHoek

Words from the Editor

By Audrey Wheeler

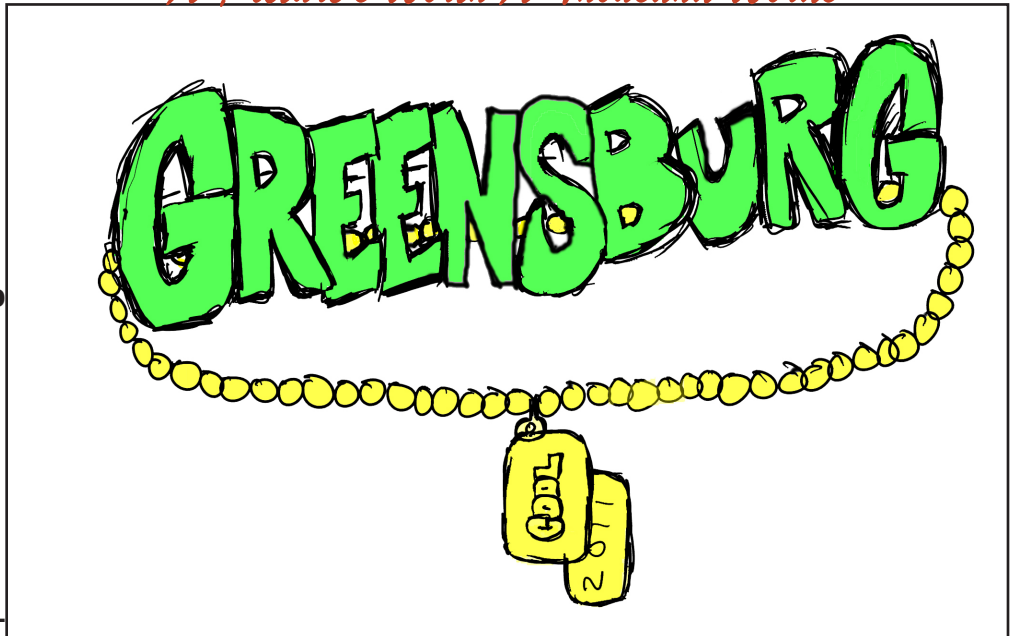
Thanks to your votes and the innovative new technology being used, Greensburg, KS was recently voted the 10th coolest small town in America by Budget Travel. The process was started by readers sending in their votes to nominate Greensburg, then the magazine staff dwindled them all down to the three coolest small towns (that must have a population less than 10,000) that they thought showed the best potential, Greensburg being one of them. Then thousands of people voted and Greensburg won the 10th spot. Personally, I think it should have been number 1, which was Lewisburg, WV, but that's just a matter of my opinion.

Budget Magazine stated, "When you pull into Greensburg, you may well think you're not in Kansas anymore: Elegant wind turbines and LED streetlights have replaced cornfields and barns." and later adding that, "after the tornado, town's residents vowed to make this 777 population town one of the most eco-friendly towns ever." They succeeded. All over the town you can see evidence of their hard work, with more than just wind turbines and solar panels but with windows facing south for increased sunlight, recycling bonanza,

and a brand new green high school.

So, next year, to show off all of the hard work that has gone into this town, vote again and visit travel.yahoo.com and keep the praise coming for the fought for hometown of Greensburg, Kansas.

A Picture's Worth A Thousand Words



Editorial Cartoon by Creighton McDonald

By Jimmy Hoyt

What to do, What to do...

We, as high school students, are beginning to be presented with the dreaded questions that always seem to be weighted with the future. For some people the thought is scary, as it entails some pretty unpredictable situations. For others, the thought is a dream just waiting to come true.

Some of us don't have any idea what we want to do, who we want to be or what we want to accomplish. At this point, we're still trying to figure out life as a high schooler! The future not only brings an element of decision, but it also includes the dreaded idea of "growing up." Nothing is better than being a kid. Growing up means getting a job, settling down, paying the bills and the list is without end. Growing up means responsibility.

For those who have their life "all planned out," the thought of being liberated from life outside the high

school bubble is quite enchanting. Some of us are simply counting down the days, waiting rather impatiently for the big day. After high school, we have the potential to pursue our own interests, become anyone we want and make our own decisions. We are simply waiting for the future to be placed in our own hands.

We only have four years here before life comes at us with full force. It's our job to make these years last by making them memorable, enjoyable and something to be proud of. Whether time seems short, or the wait seems endless, these years are only going to be what we make them. As we are all at different places in our lives, whether you are a senior, junior, sophomore or a freshman, it's how we live out these years together that make it worth remembering.

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Is there really any difference between a girl and boy's morning routine??

I, like many other men, pride myself on the efficiency and speed of my morning routine. I mean, there's not much to it, really. Girls make their morning routine way too complicated... kind of like everything else they do.

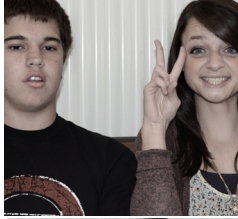
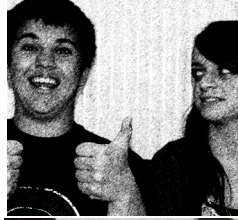
1. I wake up. That's probably the hardest part, because dragging yourself out of bed once you've finally found that comfortable spot can be ridiculously difficult, especially if you had a great weekend and got almost no sleep. Or if you had a bad weekend and got no sleep. Or any weekend at all, really.

2. take a shower. I have to warm up my shower first so I go check my mail for letters from prestigious universities or my Facebook for pictures from my crab fishing trip (if you're a real man you'll find a way to fish for crab in Kansas) in the meantime. Remember, efficiency is key here! Once I'm in the shower, I quickly get my all-in-one Axe conditioning and cleansing shampoo into my hair and simultaneously lather on my Old Spice body wash, killing three really good smelling birds with one wet stone. Drying takes place in a matter of seconds. Application of glasses is optional, depending on your eyesight.

3. I look into my closet and throw on whatever looks comfortable at the time. Yes, this sometimes results in me wearing a navy T-shirt with bright blue basketball shorts but remember, I'm a man, so I actually just don't care. It's better than going to school naked. That's just dumb.

4. This step is optional, because I know some of my fellow men would rather just take off rather than eat a delicious and satisfying breakfast that will start off your day on the right track. I'm man enough that I can snarf down five full-size chocolate chip pancakes made by my mom (who I love dearly) in about a minute. I also make some coffee (not tea, tea's for women) and chug it down to get the caffeine flowing.

5. My routine starts to wrap up at around this point. I head upstairs to my bathroom to do my final checks. If you know anything about me you know that my eyes are about as useful as a snowsuit in Saudi Arabia, so I have to put my contact lenses in. A quick application of toothpaste to my teeth, quick application of deodorant to my armpits (if you don't do these things you are an embarrassment to men everywhere), a check of my pockets just to be sure I have everything (wallet, iPod, phone), and I'm off to tackle the day and do manly things like wrestle sharks and punch polar bears in the face for money.



As far as getting ready in the morning goes, the time it takes to do so varies from person to person. Whether your process is meticulous and time consuming, or whether the time you take is equivalent to the time it takes to eat a bowl of cereal, we all have our own system that eventually gets us out the door in the morning.

For me, I'm somewhere between a long, meticulous process, and a "put on whatever's clean" process. For us girls, it normally depends on the morning, the events of the day or our moods (which constantly change because well...we're girls.) For you guys out there, getting out of bed is a process in itself. What you do, between dragging yourself out of bed and eating breakfast, is for you to know and for me not to question. All I can do is simply hope that your process somehow includes the application of deodorant and the brushing of your teeth. I promise you, girls are more likely to talk to you if you don't have breath that smells like my dog's.

My morning routine, on the other hand, starts even before I go to bed. I set my alarm not once... but twice. Just for security. When my alarm goes off in the morning, I stumble out of bed. I use the word stumble in the most literal sense because at that point in the morning, I haven't put in my contacts. If you know anything about me, my eyes are just as useful as a bikini in Antarctica. After taking a long, steaming hot shower, I pick out my clothes. And after going through the contents of my wardrobe over and over and over, I eventually choose something comfortable. Comfort is the key, especially when you have to sit at school all day long. But since we are girls, fashion plays a big part in our day. We're stylish and comfy...at the same time. It's a talent.

After dressing, I start my hair and makeup. My hair just does whatever it wants; it definitely has a mind of its own. After dealing with the mop on my head, I put my face on. You know, accentuate the eyes, darken up the lashes and cover up the unwanted marks on my skin. At this point, my process is just about complete.

I add the last finishing touches to my hair and makeup because you can never be too perfect when it comes to your face... just sayin'. After gathering up everything I have to bring to school,

I attempt to shove some sort of food in my mouth. My usual breakfast consists of a blueberry bagel or Raisin Bran. Then, with 3 minutes to spare, I run to the bathroom to brush my teeth and put on some smelly good stuff. After my productive morning, I'm confident as I walk out one door and open the next, ready and willing to fulfill whatever is in store for my day.

New arrivals at KCJH

By Liz Ballard

"He's my new best friend," said eighth grader Jansen Miller, "because I sit next to him in Choir." That's how new seventh grader, Ian Trujillo, and other new people in the junior high start fitting in. There are four new students and two adults in the southeast hallways.

The seventh grade is up to 20 now, with the addition of Trujillo and Nina'ann Wilson (Nina). He came from Aurora, Co. and she from Las Vegas. They both are here because of Greensburg relatives.

Trujillo and his family, parents Zach and Deana Trujillo, and fourth grade sister Emma and freshman brother Dylan, are living with Zach's sister, Cindy McMurry and family. They moved over Labor Day and are getting used to living the country, as Aurora is a suburb of Denver.

"Everyone is kind here. In Aurora, there were lots of thuggish people," Ian said. "I like it a lot here." He is going out for football, taking Choir, and might play basketball.

Wilson is living with Aunt Ann Gray Brown since last June. Her family is still in Vegas, which consists of her mom, Mallette Gray, dad Harold Wilson and a younger brother and sister.

The teachers here are the same as at home, "but it's a big change. I think I can make it," she said. "Besides, this is where my dad proposed to my mom."

She is out for volleyball, in Impact and plans on going out for basketball and track.

In the class ahead of them are newcomers Sammy Cervantes and Elena Flores. Cervantes comes from Dodge City and Flores Bucklin. Both said they like it here. "The kids are nicer here," said Cervantes. He is living with his grandparents, Carl and Lori Naumann. He moved here in mid-July, but has his step-mom, Michelle Naumann Cervantes, and dad, Sammy Cervantes, Sr., at home with four younger siblings.

He wants everyone to know he's "here to stay." He plans to play basketball, is out for football, in Impact and taking band.

Flores is the youngest of four brothers and three sisters. She lives with her mom, DeAnn Flores, in Mullinville after moving there from Bucklin right before school

started. Kiowa County Junior High is bigger than Bucklin, but Bucklin has no required AR. One thing you should know about her is she "likes to play sports."

Keeping the junior high clean is Greensburg High School alum Annie Crumpler. She graduated in 2010, and is the daughter of Victor and Rebecca Crumpler, and sister of senior Dillon. She came to Kansas before her junior year from North Carolina. Before getting this job, she worked at the Greensburg Kwik Shop.

Her favorite class in school was art, and she still creates it, favoring pencil and painting mostly. When she's working, she's one of four custodians that work home games; she has to empty trash, clean the bathrooms and clean up outside of the building.

During her normal hours, noon to nine, her favorite part of the job is "helping little kids. I get hugs and they know me." She's the guard at the cross-walk after school.

Another adult with junior high connections is Sterling College, Sterling, student teacher Sarah Thomas. She is under the supervision of P.E. Instructor Peter Blanton. She is also helping teach in the high school and grade school. She's assisting with the cheerleaders and is a certified safety coach. Her majors are Exercise Science and Education. She graduates in December, will substitute teach here in the spring, then is getting married to her fiancé, Cody Staten from Dodge City on April 21.

She grew up in Sterling with her parents and two brothers, but her mom passed away in 2006 of

breast cancer. Greensburg resident Jill Eller is her aunt and Thomas is living with them. "I feel blessed, and can't imagine being in another school," she said. She knows her cousins' Greensburg friends, and likes the small town and people here.

While planning on teaching in the Hays area, she wants to "be a good example to kids that don't have one."



Photo by Laina McMurry

Above: Seventh graders Ian Trujillo and Nina Wilson, 8th graders Elena Flores and Sammy Cervantes

Junior high football on a roll

By Liz Ballard

With only one defeat after four games and a previous season record of 3-4, the junior high football team is winning on its strength of a diverse offense, according to its head coach, Kirk Miller. He said the 3-1 team has six players that have scored at different positions this year.

After 14 practices, the Mavericks started the year at Minneola on Sept. 1, and came home with a win, 38-14. But the next week, the Spearville Lancers dealt them their first blow, winning 12-20. On Sept. 15 the team hosted South Gray. The Rebels were the ones going home defeated, losing 44-6 to the Mavericks. Then last week at home the team defeated Hodgeman County 14-6.

Miller said Ingalls on Sept. 29 and South Central on Oct. 6 are evenly the toughest opponents to come. They end the season at home against Bucklin on Oct. 13. He said even though this team is one of the most balanced junior high teams he's coach with running and passing, he sees his team's mental breakdowns and lapses when they

make mistakes and get down on themselves as its weakness, and that keeps them from doing their jobs.

Assistant coaches Cody Calkins and Peter Blanton help Miller coach ten seventh graders and 12 eighth graders, 11 of which are returners. Eighth graders Eric Torres and Aaron Heft are captains.

Torres thinks this team works harder than others, and that its strength is reading defenses and offenses. But staying on blocks is what he sees as its weakness. He entered the season looking forward most to "getting to play our last season and wanting to make a statement."

His teammate, eighth grader Poncho Banman, said, "I was looking for an undefeated season." At this point he thinks the team's strength is stopping the run, and its weakness open field tackling.

They both like the Oklahoma drill the best in practice because it's 2 on 2 and fun.



Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Far Left: A swarm of Mavericks work together to bring down a South Gray ball carrier.

Left: 8th grader Aaron Heft leaves two South Gray players in the dust as he runs down the field.

Commons Field Trip

By Liz Ballard

There's another library in town now other than the one at school. It's the Kiowa County Public Library in the Commons building on Main Street in Greensburg. The Kiowa County seventh and eighth grades visited it on Friday, Sept. 9.

After the 2 block walk from school to the Commons, the group talked with Kiowa County Librarian Debby Allison in the new library space. She told them about all the services the library offers them, and then gave a tour of the library areas, like the stacks and computers.

After the library, county representative Matt Christensen gave the group a tour of the rest of the building. It is a LEED Platinum structure that also houses the Kansas State Extension Service, the Kiowa County

Media Center and the Kiowa County Historical Museum. He told the students that on Saturday, Sept. 10, the restored soda fountain from the replicated pre-tornado Hunter Drug Store in the museum would be open for customers. Eighth grader Melanie Brown said the soda fountain was the best thing about the tour. She said, "It's cool how it is so like the original one."

Her classmate, Teigen Ellegood, said, "I went to the opening of the soda fountain and there was about 20 people inside and ten outside. I had a cherry Dr. Pepper, which was better than any canned or bottled ones I've had because it had more fizz and flavor." Christensen said it would be open regular hours in October.

KCJH visits Peace Treaty

By Liz Ballard

Living History was alive and well at the Peace Treaty Pageant on Friday, Sept. 23 when the Kiowa County sixth, seventh and eighth graders traveled to Medicine Lodge. It was a full day of fun, learning and experiencing something that might not ever happen again: the reenactment of an important American history event.

A parade that included the Native American descendants of the Kiowa chief, Satanta, horse and oxen drawn wagons and marching bands started the day off downtown, traveling down Main Street. Kianna Behee, sixth grader, said, "The best part of the parade was the fake gun shots from the fake cowboys and Indians that were riding their horses and on floats. They were loud."

Eighth grade band student Teigen Ellegood thought the two high school bands, Attica and Medicine Lodge, did a good job of marching in the parade. There was also a Medicine Lodge Alumni Band, the biggest of the three.

Lunch of roasted corn ears, turkey legs or hotdogs was eaten on a side street of vendors before the pageant started at 1:00. A local rock band played on a stage during the noon hour in a side-street arena made of hay bales and long planks of wood. The powdered sugar from the funnel cakes some of the teachers ate blew in their faces and on their clothes in the breeze.

On a hillside facing south on the eastern outskirts of town, the pageant began at 1:00 with the arrival of Abraham Lincoln delivering his Gettysburg Address during the

Civil War and the signing of the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty. Then it flashed back to the beginning of Plains, Age of Discover with Coronado, and through America's history to the Indian Wars in the 1860's. The two and one-half hour show told a lengthy tale of one of the most important American government treaties with the Native Americans. The actual treaty was signed just south of the Peace Treaty Pageant site at the confluence of two rivers.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Social Studies Instructor Kirk Miller said, "If I get to take students again to that, I'm going to spend the week before utilizing a teacher-directed PowerPoint of all the facets of Kansas history leading up to the signing of that treaty. I didn't realize it was going to cover that much history since I've never been to it."

There were thousands of spectators at the parade and pageant. A northern breeze helped cool as the southern sun blazed down on the quasi-amphitheater of red dirt of the pageant grounds adjacent to the golf course. Students from private and public schools from all over the state and adults drank lots of water and icees.

Eighth grader Aaron Heft said, "I learned that we're a strong country because we fought through all those wars and hardships." He liked meeting new people the best for the day, though, specifically the girls from Medicine Lodge.

Behee said she learned a lot more about the Indian treaties because she got to watch the pageant.

KCJH volleyball sets sights ahead

By Liz Ballard

After the first four games of the season, the junior high volleyball A-team is 2-2. The two wins came in their first game against Minneola Sept. 1, and in their last game against Hodgeman County on Sep. 22.

At Minneola, the Mavericks took the win from the Wildcats in two matches, 25-18 and 25-22. Then they traveled again to Spearville on Sept. 8. They lost to the Lancers 9-25, 22-25. The South Gray Rebels came here on Sept. 15. The Mavericks again lost, with scores of 8-25, 20-25. Last week the Hodgeman County Longhorns were their guests and the ladies beat them in two matches, 25-18 and 25-9.

Head Coach Audrey Pore said, "The South Central game will be tough because they usually have a pretty good team." It is at Coldwater on Oct. 6. She said intensity and attitude on the court need to improve as well as the Maverick serving and passing have.

The Mavericks go to Ingalls Sept. 29 and later are at home against Bucklin Oct. 13. The season-ending Iroquois Activities Association tournament will be at Spearville Monday, Oct. 17.

At the South Central game, a Dig Pink event, which is a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness, will feature the teams wearing pink t-shirts which the players can buy for \$10.

Pore is assisted by Mallorie Ballard and Ashley Shaw.

They coach 11 sixth graders, 11 seventh graders and 15 eighth graders.

Eighth grader Mackenzie Heft looked forward to the start of the season because "it was a chance for me to lead more." She also set a personal goal of getting a block again after last year's. At practice, her favorite drill is the V-drill because she gets to practice returning tips.

She sees her team's strength midway through the season as hitting. But she thought serving under game pressure is her team's weakness.

Getting to hit was what eighth grader Jansen Miller said she looked forward to before the season began. She was a setter last season, and this year she gets to do both. She agrees with Heft that serving is the team's weakness right now, but that setting and hitting are its strengths. She likes the butterfly drill in practice the best as it works on passing and setting and the ball movement resembles a butterfly.



Photo by Corbin VandenHoek

Tierra West, seventh grader, sets the ball for her awaiting teammate in the set against the Shorthorns of Jetmore.



