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interview by jamie thomas

Cat Tracks: Where did you grow up?

Mr. Ensley: Greencastle, Indiana and Oologah, Oklahoma

community and school efforts to help students graduate high school, and to improve student learning.

Mr. Ensley: The pride, passion and respect that the students and teachers have for the school. Also the strong tradition of singing the Alma Mater.

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Cat Tracks: What sports and/or activities were you involved with in high school?

Mr. Ensley: basketball and baseball

Cat Tracks: Why did you choose to apply at MHS?

Mr. Ensley: It is/was an excellent opportunity to work with a great community and with kids.

Cat Tracks: Do you have any children?

Mr. Ensley: Our son Hays Wilson Ensley is 18 months old, and our baby girl is due in October.

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Cat Tracks: Where did you go to college? What were your majors?

Mr. Ensley: University of Kansas: Bachelors in Secondary Education (Science); and Southern Nazarene University: Masters in Education Administration

Cat Tracks: What do you like most about MHS?

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Cat Tracks: Where were you a principal before Mulvane High School? For how long?

Mr. Ensley: Assistant Principal at Claremore High School in Claremore, OK for three years and Assistant Principal at Union Eighth Center in Tulsa, OK for two years

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Mr. Ensley at his desk in the main office. photo by Jamie Thomas

On the cover, Cat Tracks staff: Morgan LeClair, Sadye Bird, Rylee Dulaney, Lacey Arehart, Josh Hansen, Jamie Thomas, Nathan Strack, KC Ayala and Madi Cox.

Cat Tracks: What is your biggest inspiration for being a principal?

Mr. Ensley: Being part of the big picture with the

adviser:
kristy ebersole

staff:
lacey arehart, kc ayala,
mercedes bird, madison cox,
rylee dulaney, joshua hansen,
morgan leclair, nathan strack,
jamie thomas

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Teacher pass match-up!

photos by sadye bird



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See answers on page 12. No, there is not a prize for getting them correct!

Meet the Cat Tracks staff

Rylee Dulaney

by jamie thomas

Rylee is in journalism because he anticipates that he will grow up to become a "sleazy newspaper reporter just like J. Jonah Jameson from Spiderman."

In Cat Tracks, he is going to write articles and interview folks.

The pets that he has are: a Golden Shephard named Rocky, a Pomeranian/Yorkie named Shar who killed a kitten with her teeth, and a stuffed jaguar that he rescued from a trashcan.

Rylee's favorite food is grilled cheese, because he thinks it's delicious and it's easily made.

In school, Rylee is the vicepresident of thespians; he is also involved in forensics and debate.

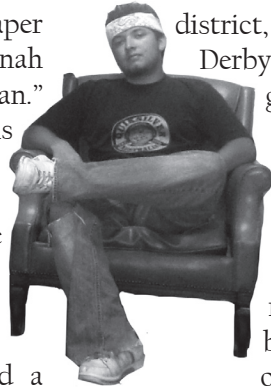
His favorite quote is "I can't prove it, but I can say it," by Stephen Colbert.



Jamie Thomas

by josh hansen

Jamie Thomas is a senior. Before Jamie attended the Mulvane school district, he went to Derby until fourth grade.



He plans on attending K a n s a s University next year to become an oncologist.

Jamie's favorite subject in school is science, but his favorite teacher is Ms. Ebersole, but he just said that because she was standing next to him.

His favorite color is royal blue and he is afraid of dark allies.

His favorite thing he did this summer was going to Queen Charlottes Island in British Columbia in his Dad's jet; and before they came back to Kansas they stopped in Las Vegas to refuel and stayed the night.

Jamie has been in Cat Tracks for three years.

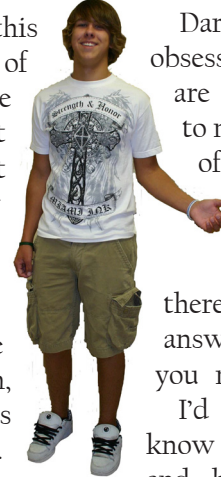
Morgan LeClair

by sadye bird

Welcome to this year's first copy of Cat Tracks! I'm here to let you know just a little bit about one of my fellow staff members, Morgan LeClair. He is a 17 year old senior with a little sister, Madison, joining him this year as a freshman.

M o r g a n has been going to the Mulvane school district his entire school career, with his favorite subject being the science classes. So Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Streff-Collignon and all the other science teachers, you should feel awesome! One of the things he likes to do in his free time is duck hunt.

After graduation Morgan plans to go to Cowley County Community College. Then, he will be off to Oklahoma to get his degree in dentistry. So, in the future, look up Morgan LeClair if you need your teeth worked on!



Nathan Strack

by lacey arehart

Dark, silent, musically obsessed, and a *bit* creepy are all things that come to mind when one thinks of Nathan Strack. He hides in the back of the classroom and you forget he's there until he speaks up to answer a question, but do you really know Nathan?

I'd bet some of you know that he is on staff, and his favorite band is Cradle of Filth, but there's more than meets the eye when it comes this spunky kid. No, he never liked the *Transformers* growing up, but did like *Dragon Ball Z*.

Nathan wants everyone to know "That I'm not really that bad," he said with a metal-toothed smile.

He has three cats and one dog. He wishes he had a black Trans Am, but to his dismay he has a Ford Explorer. Nathan has a job too. "I'm a sales associate at Hot Topic, which is a fancy way of saying I fold shirts."

His favorite part of working at Hot Topic is the forty percent discount he gets.

All in all, Nathan is a good guy. So don't judge a book by its cover!



Yearbook Layaway!

Reserve your 2010 yearbook by paying \$20 by September 18. Then just pay \$10 in October, November and December and it's paid for! See Ms. Ebersole for details.

Sadye Bird

by nathan strack

Enter Sadye Bird; high school student attending Mulvane High. At five forty-five a.m., she awakens, with a vengeance. Usually, she returns to her chambers for much-needed slumber from around nine forty-five to ten thirty...depending on



whether or not Haydyn, her daughter, goes to bed on time. Her prime focus on life is as you would guess, her daughter. When her daughter doesn't require care, you'd be likely to find her reading about her husband to-be, Matthew McCoughy.

After she's served her time at the high school, she's looking forward to spending more time with her family. The only two adversaries she faces are spiders and insects, both of which she is absolutely terrified of. One of her catch-phrases includes, "Whatever," ...classy.

Madi Cox

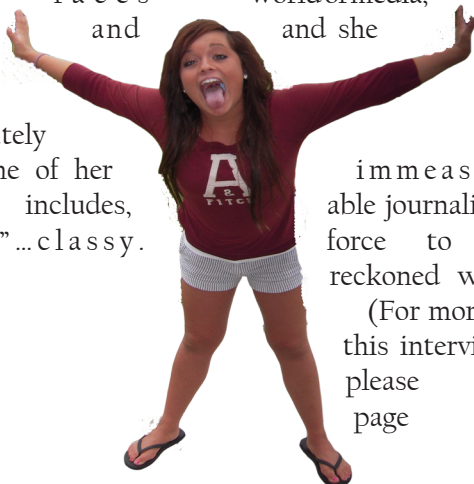
by rylee dulaney

Cat Tracks. Like any newspaper and media outlet in the world, it bears down pressure on the employees and workers that manage it. This person accepts the relentless search for information, credible sources, or photographs of the scene all while fitting it within a gruesome strict deadline. I recently sat down with Madison Cox in her local journalistic environment.

Here is what I learned: Madi Cox is on the newspaper staff because of Kristy Ebersole. If she was a man, she would be King James, reasoning unexplained.

I then took the interview on a political standpoint. On a scale of one to ten, Madi gave our current president a 7, the previous president a 4, and didn't know who the president before that was.

Finally, I asked Madi what she wanted to do with the remainder of her life, and proceeded to explain that she wanted to be rich and happy, living far, far away from here. Madison Cox is the newest conquistador to the world of media, and she is an



immeasurable journalistic force to be reckoned with.

(For more of this interview, please see page 10.)

Lacey Arehart

by madi cox

Most of us know the one and only Lacey LeeAnne Arehart, but not everyone knows the 4-1-1 on her likes, dislikes and some-what personal life.

Lacey has also been nicknamed "Cheesepuff" and "Lacey Love" by her close friends.

She considers herself "spazzy-tastic," "crazy," and "...squirrel," and her favorite thing about herself is her craziness!

Our very own Lacey is quite the thrill seeker. The most spontaneous thing she has ever done was "When I did my baby-cry in Wal-Mart...and almost got kicked out. Hahaha!"

She likes all kinds of music, except mariachi, and along with millions of other teenagers across the nation, Lacey is a die-hard "Jo-Bros" fan. Another artist she can't get enough of is David Archlueta. In fact, she would spend her last day on Earth "trying to meet David Archlueta and The Jonas Brothers."

But what you should really know about Lacey is that she is a compassionate, loving, simply beautiful person who doesn't go a day without making someone smile. She's a caring friend and an inspirational peer. If you don't know her, take the time to introduce yourself.

KC Ayala

by morgan leclair

KC Ayala is a sophomore who enjoys taking pictures, writing stories, flag corps and being with her awesome friends.

She has four siblings: Jodie who is 30 something; Amy who is also 30 something; Mariah is 13 (she thinks) and Ashley who is either 11 or 12.

She claims to love anything scrumptious and loves to drink Propel.

A short girl at 5'1 or "maybe on my tip toes I am 5'2... maybe," she is a very hyper little person.

She says that it is because she likes to see people around her smile and being in her own little world usually does the trick.

Her explanation for this phenomenon is that she is so short that all of her energy builds up, hits a boiling point and comes out as very loud talking and yelling. She believes that if she was a lot taller she would be quieter and mellow.



The 5' 2" intimidator

story by sadye bird

How intimidating is Mrs. Heidi Perkins? Some say "very," while others think she isn't at all. Maybe this will help those of you who fall in the "very" category to know her a little bit better.

She knew that she wanted to teach at Mulvane High School when she and her husband drove into town for the interview, she saw the CO-OP. Perkins is from a small community and that was a sign to her that this was the type of community she understood.

The proximity to Wichita was also a plus for her. But what makes it home is her students. She says being a part of their lives is the best part.

As you all know, changes have been made this year. Mrs. Perkins has some changes of her own. "This is the first group of seniors who did not have me for their freshman English course. They only know about me from what they have heard," she said.

"I also get to teach an A.P. Literature and Composition course. The enhanced class has turned into A.P. so now the kids who take advantage

of the challenge can be rewarded for it in more ways."

Perkins likes the changes that have been made this year for her. "A.P. is a strong option for many university-bound students. And for the kids who have not had me as a teacher, they are surviving the experience," she said.

Perkins just loves being part of the team here. She says that they believe that they can make each day a learning day.

"My commitment to my students never changes."

She expects your highest quality, no matter what, and she will help you achieve that quality.

If she could have chosen any other profession, she would have been in either broadcast or print journalism. She thinks it would have been an exciting and challenging career; but would not like the hours. She likes to be at home to watch the news, not give it.

So if you are still intimidated by the lovely Mrs. Perkins, just go talk to her yourself. Ask her a few questions and get to know her on a somewhat personal level.



New face in FACS

story by sadye bird

Our only new teacher to MHS is Miss Molly Schauf, who took Mrs. Hillhouse's former position teaching the FACS classes. Here's your chance to get to know her.

What made you want to teach at Mulvane High School?

It was exactly the size of school district I was hoping to teach in, plus you get the small town feel.

Where did you go to college to get your teaching degree?

Kansas State University

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Being able to teach a wide range of subject, and the students.

What is your favorite thing about Mulvane High so far?

The environment is very energized, and the students and staff have been very welcoming.

When did you know that you wanted to become a teacher?

Grade school

What was your favorite subject when you were in school? Why?

FACS classes, because they taught me life skills.

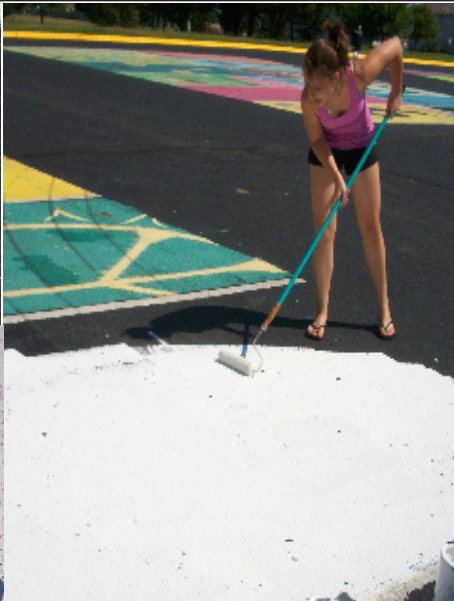
Did you always want to be a FACS teacher? If not, what class did you want to teach?

No, at first I wanted to be an elementary teacher.

If you could have any other profession, what would it be?

A childcare provider or a chef

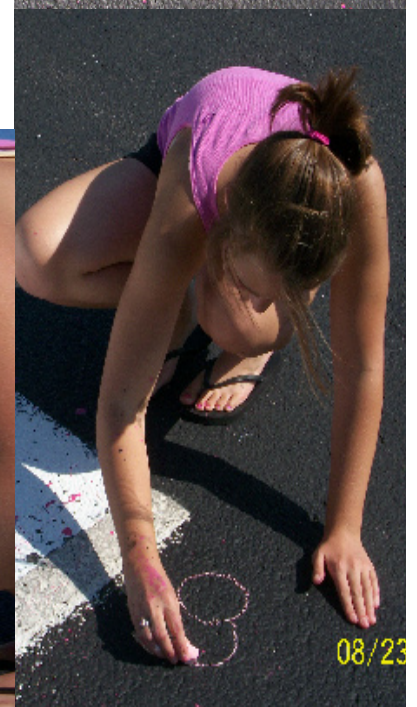




HOW TO: splatter paint a parking stall--Angela style

photo essay by KC Ayala

1. Buy paint, brushes, and trash bags.
2. Paint a base coat.
3. Get a brush with paint and flick your wrist to create a splatter pattern.
4. Paint your best friend's leg when she isn't looking.
5. Trace a flower on the side with chalk so you have an idea of what to do.
6. Paint your class year.
7. Put your hands in paint and stamp your parking stall.
8. Finally, pose in your finished parking stall for your MySpace picture.



A look at the foreign exchange experience

story by madi cox

If you think it's difficult coming into the building as a freshman, I bet you can't imagine what it's like not knowing *anyone*, barely able to understand the people around you, and, most of all, not just coming from a middle school down the road, but from clear across the world!

It's been a year now since we've had foreign exchange students at MHS, but we're very excited to have these new faces and have hopefully been as welcoming as possible.

You may have already seen them walking through the halls, or in some of your classes, but have you really gotten to know them?

I recently talked to Carl Wendisch from Germany, and Sandrine Dieudonne from Belgium, and learned

some interesting facts about just how different it is here in America.

Carl starts off his days in Germany by beginning his hour-long journey to school, riding his bike part of the way and taking a couple trains the rest of the way, making it there by 8:15.

On campus, he has different buildings he switches to instead of separate classes all in one building. The buildings are grouped in subjects like the arts building, the math building, the science building, and so on.

He also explained how the teachers here are much friendlier than they are there, and he feels more welcomed.

In his free time, like most of us, he likes to chill with friends and play some ball here and there. He enjoys listening to all kinds of music like Black Eyed Peas and certain rappers from his country. Shopping here is way cheaper, as he said, for example, a shirt here that may be \$20 could be as much as \$45 there, even though Euros and dollars are about the same amount.

He said he loves his host family and appreciates their consideration and concern and everyone that's welcomed him so kindly.

Sandrine filled me in on some of her school life back at home as well. Unlike here, you can't choose what classes you take and aren't given the options of electives. You have to learn the three dominant languages of

the country, consisting of French, English, and Dutch.

She said her class always stays together in one room, and the teachers come to them, instead of switching classes, like us.

It's also very normal, and expected of them to dress up every day for school. In Belgium, you don't get certain perks like pep assemblies, prom or a graduation ceremony with cap and gowns, something she said she wishes she could experience.

Back home, she says they are able to drink, smoke and club at the age of 16! But, you have to be 18 to even get a drivers' license.

It's also cheaper here and she likes that you can get bigger drinks at restaurants



for less money, with free refills.

When she first came to America, it was hard to understand people and was a very scary experience. But, like Carl, she agrees that the people she's been surrounded with are very kind and welcoming and has enjoyed her time here so far.

Freshmen interviewment

story and photos by rylee dulaney

The transitory phase between eighth grade and freshman year is a heavy one. Television and old folklore have brought about the misconception that being a freshman will bring about relentless bullying, into-the-dumpster tossing and being beaten senseless with metal bats and rhino bones. The worst injustice being that **NO ONE WILL BE THERE TO MARK THEIR CARDS**. Now, while only a small portion of this folklore is true, most of it is just bullhonkey.

Throughout your venture of the last year of middle school, science teachers, older siblings and upperclassmen that choose to be annoying, repeatedly warn you of the dangers ahead. These warnings are usually filled with over exaggeration and a painful amount of emphasis on ultimate doom.

Then, at the end of that summer, you are sent into the high school that you have been taught will determine the rest of your life as you know it. Within the first few weeks of high school, you realize that you've entered a

freer, laid-back environment and left a school far stricter than the one you've been warned of.

To create a more insightful point-of-view on this transitory phase between middle school and high school, I interviewed a random selection of freshmen. Of course, by random selection, I mean the only three freshmen I know.

How have the first few weeks of high school treated you?

Reegan Innes: Pretty dang well.

Kimmie Yohe: Well, they have definitely been interesting.

Jake Dennison: My first few weeks of high school have treated me well. Well, except for when Chris Langstaff beat me up and took my money.*

What are you glad to be done with from middle school?

Reegan: ...everything? High school = more freedom.

Kimmie: I am really glad to be done with just the middle school in general. Not the best place ever.

Jake: Being spit on by the teachers... (and it wasn't figurative spit, either.)

How would you react if I told you that you were one of the single-most

obnoxious people I've ever met in all my days?

Jake: If I was told that, I would squeal in a high-pitched voice while Dane Cook flailed his arms and screamed in the background.

Are there any upperclassmen that intimidate you?

Reegan: No.

Kimmie: Some of the seniors.

Jake: Chris Langstaff... He's got flames of anger in his eyes.*

...Do I, Rylee Dulaney intimidate you?

Reegan: No... you're Rylee. I've known you for 4EVA.

Kimmie: Yes. Rylee Dulaney is the most intimidating person I've ever met.

Jake: Rylee Dulaney does not intimidate me because his arms are made of marshmallows and his legs are made of marbles.*

What activities/clubs do you plan to be a part of?

Reegan: KAY, football managing, basketball managing, soccer, plays and musicals, Stuco...anything else I can do?

Kimmie: Volleyball, choir, theatre, KAY, cheer, Rowdie Crowd

Jake: Yo MoMMa!**
Who is your favorite teacher thus far?

Reegan: Mrs. Streff, she always smiles...or Mrs. Bates, she's super nice and seems like she actually cares.

Kimmie: Hmmm. Probably Mrs. Terhune.

Jake: Your mom.**
What expectations do you have for the newspaper and broadcast-journalism program (KCAT)?

Reegan: Well... I hope it keeps the students informed with events coming up.

Kimmie: I expect nothing but greatness.

Jake: I want these programs to be completely biased... I mean so biased that only half of the story is ever told. That would make my day.

NOTE: * The given statement probably has little to no truth value to it.

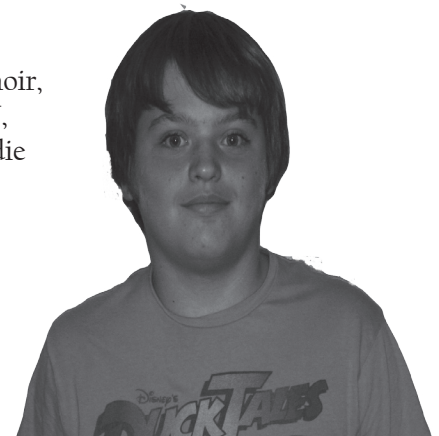
** My mother is not an educator in the Mulvane School District nor a group/activity.



Reegan Innes



Kimmie Yohe



Jake Dennison

More Cat Tracks staff interviews

Josh Hansen

by kc ayala

I sat down with Josh and asked him a little about himself. Such as what his opinion on Miley Cyrus/ Hannah Montana? He just stared at me and said, “No opinion. I don’t listen to her at all.”

So, to switch things up I asked him about his phone. He actually had top



Josh with Hannah Hughes

take it out of his pocket to figure out what it was. It ended up being a LG Sprint.

Josh is a member of the two-time state champion cross country team, but he doesn’t think he’s the most awesome. “The coolest is Levi Carter,” he stated with a serious face.

With Josh being a senior and all, it was his turn to give his opinion of the freshmen wandering the halls. “I think that they’re small and quiet and don’t really talk much.”

If he could star in a Broadway musical he would be the Beast, “Because it would make sense, since I’m such a beast.”

So now, not only do you know that Josh is a runner, but we might also see Josh in the leading role in the school’s upcoming musical!

Madi Cox, cont.

But, I thought the true way to interview a peer journalist was to see how the given journalist reacts to unrealistic, medieval fantasy-danger:

SITUATION: *You are in a fortress. Surrounding you there is a door. The goblin king tells you if you choose to walk through the door, you will either be given eternal life or you will instantly be fried. You are equipped with a dagger with level 4 attack, and a shield with level 5 defense. The guards surrounding the entrance are at least level ten.*

Madi: My fighting

skills would make up for my low-level equipment. There’d definitely be some butt-kickin’ going down.

The goblin king does not approve of your decision. He sends his guards after you. They attack immediately. What do you do?

Madi: Go to kill them.

The guards and the goblin king are intimidated by your actions and retreat out the entrance door, leaving behind 300 rupees, green potion, 400 experience, and a Magikarp. You are victorious. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Madi: Wait... what?

Senioritis

by nathan strack

Pronunciation- sē-nyər-ī-təs Function- noun.

Definition- an increase in irritability and lack of motivation. Usually caused by the everyday “wear-and-tear” of the following: underclassmen, homework, grumpy teachers and/or sleep deprivation.

When left untreated, Senioritis can become a life-threatening disease. (For those around the patient.)

General symptoms may increase with time and include: 1. General Irritability, 2. Fatigue, 3. Violent Outbursts.



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There is no known cure for senioritis, other than graduating, but treatment is possible. If you would like to donate money to the R.S.R.F. (Reducing Senioritis Research Fund), you may contact Jamie Thomas for information.

The week in pictures



photos by brittany thiesing

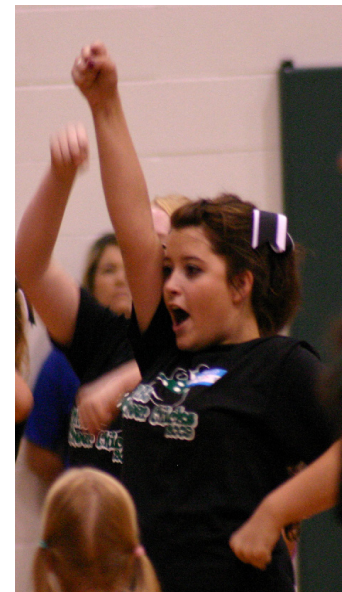


Come support the Wildcats tonight! Get there early to tailgate... just look for the flags in the parking lot!

Last Friday marked the unofficial start to the high school football season with the traditional green and white scrimmage. The freshmen and sophomores started at 7:00 and played for about the first 30 minutes. Varsity scrimmaged for about an hour after that. Here, #25 Nolan Smith, #26 Jared Stevens and #29 Zack Haynes go against other MHS players on the field.



photos by kristy ebersole



MHS cheerleaders held their annual cheer chicks clinic last Saturday. (left) Brittany Kendall receives a hug from one of the girls in her group. (above) Kara Wilkes teaches the girls a new cheer. (bottom) The girls show off their new skills to their parents.

Sports Schedules

Cross Country

September 5- JK Gold Classic (WSU)

September 8- Valley Center @ Kansas Coliseum

September 12- Wamego

September 17- Chaparral @ Anthony Golf Course

Football

9/11 Kingman @ Mulvane

9/18 Mulvane @ Eldorado

Soccer

9/8 Mulvane @ Elyria Christian

9/10 Nickerson @ Mulvane

9/15 Wichita Independent @ Mulvane

9/17 Augusta @ Mulvane

Volleyball

9/8 @ Mulvane 5:00

9/12 @ Arkansas City 9:00

9/15 @ Andale 5:00

9/19 @ Mulvane 8:00

UPCOMING CONCERTS

THE COTILLION.
Lamb of God/GWAR/Job
for a Cowboy. Thursday,
October 8. 7pm. Doors
open at 6:30.
Tickets: \$31 in advance.
\$35 on opening day.



Randomness

Cockroaches can live up to nine days after their heads have been taken off!

In Cleveland, Ohio it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

The average bed is home to six billion dust mites. Each year, there are more than 40,000 toilet related injuries in the United States.

In 1897, Bayer, who is the maker of Aspirin, marketed the drug heroin.

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

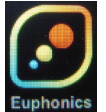
Ninety percent of women who walk into a department store immediately turn to the right.

"Jedi" is an official religion, with over 70,000 followers, in Australia.

App of the Month

Euphonics- Layered Synth

Why fool around with inadequate approximations of musical instruments when you can make real music with instruments designed specifically for the iPhone? Euphonics is best understood as a cross between generative music and keyboard apps. It is designed to put you in control of the music while making it easy to create beautiful, layered tunes in the palm of your hand.



September calendar

Newspaper Carrier Day BIRTHDAYS- Allison Peiffer, Aspen Hamilton, Josh Rodriguez	Be Late For Something Day	Salami day BIRTHDAYS- Dylan Hagerman, Bryanna Messer	Labor Day, Google Day BIRTHDAYS- Vicky Mallatt, Kylea Standrich	
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Wonderful Weirdoes Day BIRTHDAY- Wesley Dobbs	Swap Ideas Day Jr. Magazine Sales start BIRTHDAY- Meredith McKee	BIRTHDAYS- Dakota Donaldson, Caylin Hart	BIRTHDAYS- Dylan Dunlap, Kendra Engstrand, Jacob Reed	Chocolate Day BIRTHDAY- Erin Jennen
9	10	11	12	13
BIRTHDAYS- Corbin McMillan, Jazzmine Myers, Kimberly Yohe, Mrs. Wilson	Photographers Appreciation Day BIRTHDAYS- Charlie Hansen, Matthew Harkins	BIRTHDAYS- Alex Vogt-Woodin, Julian Wherell, Chase Shields	Citizenship Day BIRTHDAYS- Kyle Epperson, Brandon Ramsey, Devin Downing, Ashlyn Nay	National Respect Day Registration deadline for ACT BIRTHDAY- Mrs. Niebuhr
14	15	16	17	18