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cover: Ms. Casanova pies Jared Patterson. They were the winners of the Pie in the Face competition, sponsored by the Yearbook staff.

Get your camo on!

story by morgan leclair

As you may or may not know, I duck hunt...a lot. This is my way to tell the world about my obsession.

From the outside, duck hunting may look like a very expensive hobby and not worth the money. This, in my opinion, is offset due to the fact you can get good deals on almost anything and if you use it enough you get your money's worth.

First you will need a good, solid jacket to get you through the milder and colder parts of the season.

The Cabela's PIT Jacket is an economical and quality jacket, it has 100 grams of Thinsulate insulation which is enough for almost any kind of weather and the jacket is waterproof. This jacket retails anywhere from \$119.99 to \$134.99.

Another alternative is

the Cabela's Northern Flight Wading Jacket which has a little less insulation but it is pretty warm overall, it retails from \$89.99 to \$99.99.

Now, depending on the type of hunting you will be doing, you will need waders for most of your marsh hunting, these can get expensive but like almost everything you can find a relatively good deal.

You can get the Cabela's standard wader with 3mm neoprene for \$119.99; this is not the toughest on the market but will do the job. If you want something a little more durable for only \$20 more, you can get 5mm neoprene

which is more durable and will last longer.

This is the clothing that you will mainly need to get started; combined the maximum price is only around \$250.

If you use these two pieces

of clothing (a jacket and waders) for five

duck hunts, you spend \$50 per hunt and that is equal to a weekend of activity for a teenager.

You can always buy accessories later on down the road if you get into it, and always add to your repertoire of camouflage clothing.



What was your favorite part of homecoming?
kristy ebersole--when it was over
lacey arehart--helping out in the community
kc ayala--all of the spirit days
mercedes bird--being a part of senior stuff!
madison cox-- Stormi getting Queen!
rylee dulaney--parade
joshua hansen-- AJ May as King
morgan leclair-- getting to waste an entire Friday
nathan strack--parade and filming for KCAT
jamie thomas-- taking pictures

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Getting to know the football managers

feature by sadye bird, photos by jamie thomas

Question	Ashley Cash	Harley Lindquist	Shannon Mills	Alex Allen	Ciara Bentley
grade	11 th	11 th	10 th	9 th	9 th
What made you want to be a football manager?	"I think I just thought it would be fun, and it turns out it is."	"The coaches; they are funny although sometimes they like to act like the younger guys."	"Because I want to be one in college; and freshman year my hand was messed up, but I still wanted to stay involved."	"It was a good opportunity to hang out with my best friend since we are both involved in different things, this way we can hang out everyday."	"I managed in 8 th grade and I really enjoyed it. Also my older sister managed in high school and loved it."
Who is your favorite teacher?	Mrs. Jansen	Mrs. Terhune	Mrs. Banzet	Likes way too many to have a favorite	Doesn't have a favorite teacher yet
What is your favorite subject?	English	Ceramics	In House Training	Geometry	"I'm not very good at any; therefore, I don't have a favorite."
What do you want to be when you grow up?	Work in Sports Medicine	A photographer	A pediatrician	Doctor or CSI	Social worker or something else that helps kids
Do you plan on playing/joining any sports/clubs this year? If so, which ones?	"I plan on doing football manager until I graduate."	"Not really, I think I'm going to stick with managing. Nothing really interests me."	"Yes, basketball and softball."	"Yes, basketball, track or softball, and KAY."	"I plan on managing football, boys basketball, then playing soccer."
					

2009 Homecoming Spirit Week



Kalina Bartlett

Caitlin Wayman



Mrs. Kloth's 6th hour



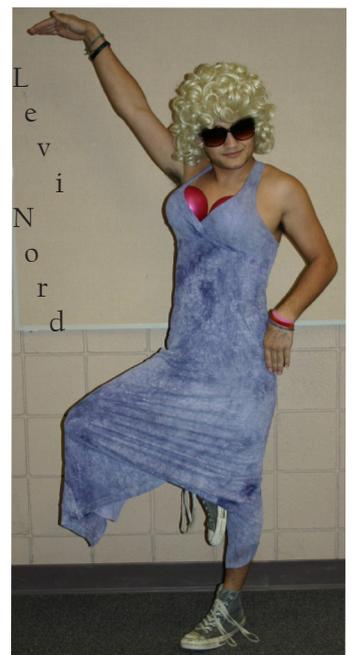
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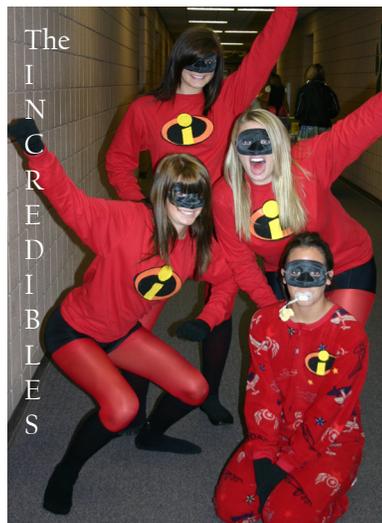
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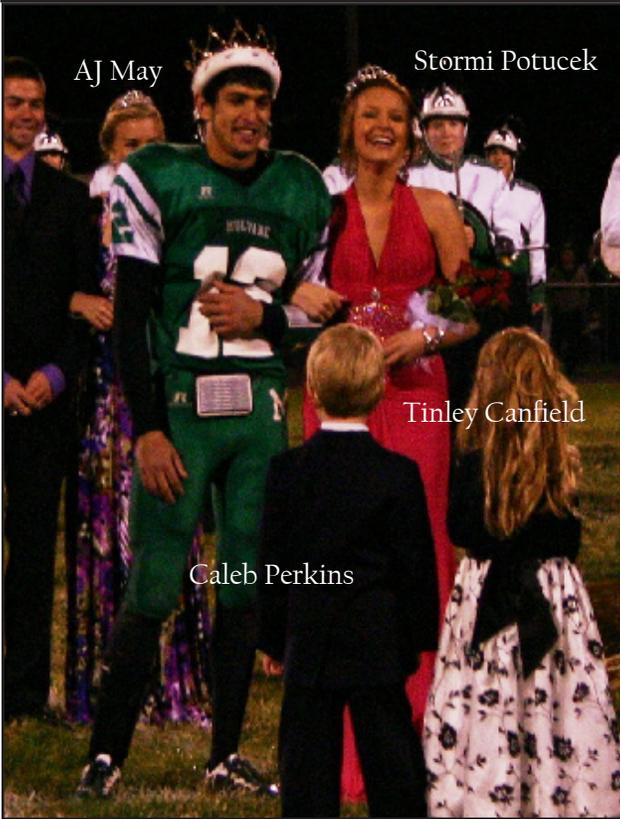
Garrett & Chance Swaney



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Float winner:
Seniors
Banner winner:
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MVC point winners:
Monday: Seniors
Tuesday: Seniors
Thursday: Freshmen

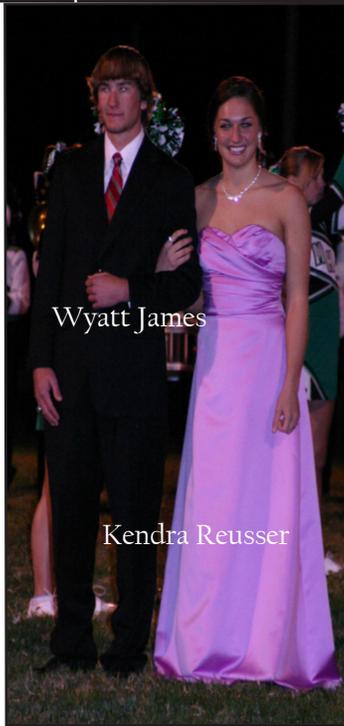


AJ May

Stormi Potucek

Tinley Canfield

Caleb Perkins



Wyatt James

Kendra Reusser

Candidate Q and A

Q: Most embarrassing moment of high school ... ?

Helen - "When Jordan Gosch threw a last second shot at the buzzer and I caught it on the side lines when I was cheering."

Hannah - "Wiping out on the bleachers my freshman year at a game after it had rained."

Stormi - "Probably when I fell out of a chair and broke my tail bone. I had to carry a pillow around to sit on."

Josh - "Having to give my brother Jeff and Matt Simon piggy-back rides to class freshman year."



Nikki Trooien-Smith

Wyatt - "Having a terrible race at Lake Afton sophomore year."

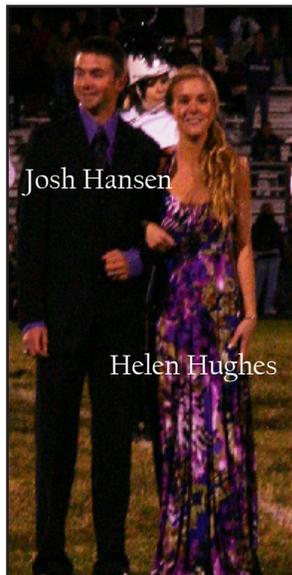
Nikki - "My most embarrassing moment of high school occurred during the cross country race at Berean, in which Evan Landes lost his shoe, and then proceeded to beat me, and win the race."

AJ - "The time I got poison ivy on my face."



AJ May

Hannah Hughes



Josh Hansen

Helen Hughes

Q: In ten years, I hope to be ... ?

Helen - "A dental hygenist!"

Kendra - "Out of college, working."

Hannah - "Working as a physical therapist and possibly starting a family."

Stormi - "Living in Colorado with a husband and two *adopted* children, with a lot of money."

Josh - "Starting a family and working as a psychologist somewhere."

Wyatt - "Living life to the fullest."

Nikki - "Finishing school."

AJ - "A MAN."



Josh & Helen

Nikki & Stormi

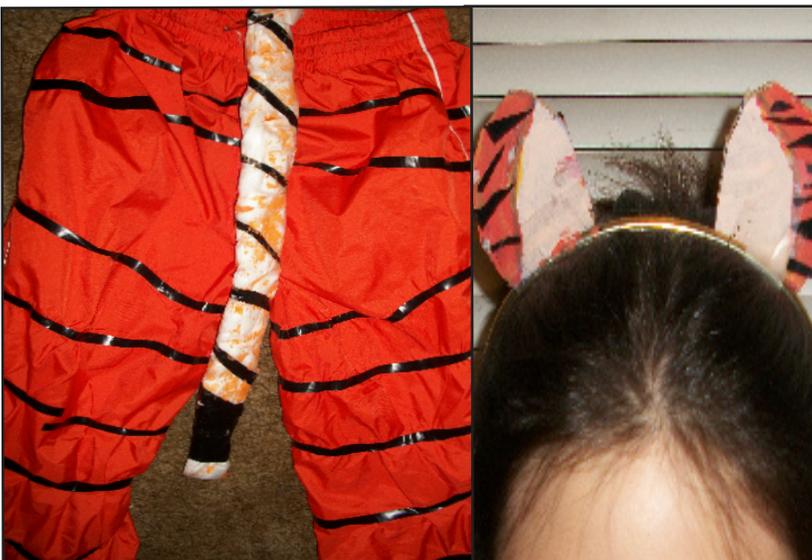
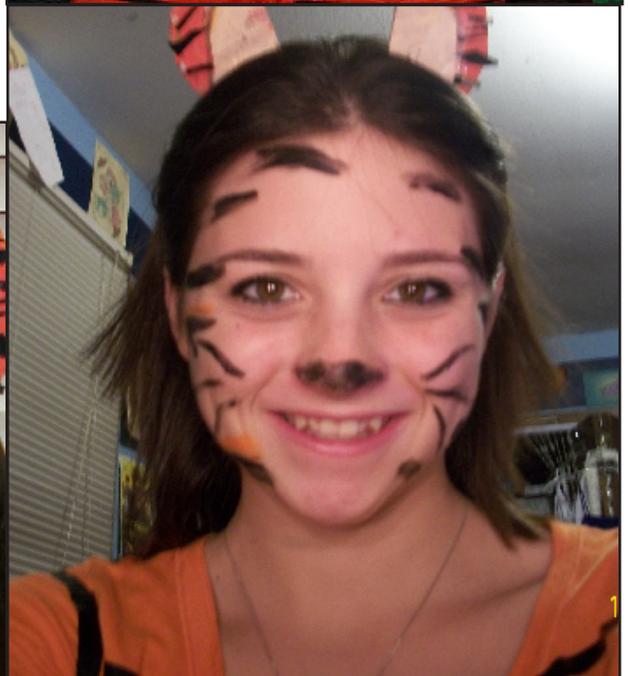
AJ & Hannah

Wyatt & Kendra

How To: Make a Tigger Costume

feature by: kc ayala

1. Get materials: orange pants, long sleeved shirt, electrical tape, clear packing tape, cotton balls, head band, card board, orange paint, scissors.
2. Cut long strips of black tape and wrap around legs, arms and torso while wearing the orange clothes to create the stripes.
3. Measure from your belly button to below the breast bone. Take clear packing tape and make it double sided.
4. Place the tape on the belly and stick cotton balls on the tape. Then cover the cotton balls with clear packing tape.
5. Do the same with for the tail. Stripe the tail and the area that isn't striped paint orange. Clip the tail to the back of the pants with safety pins.
6. Cut out half circles out of the cardboard that are about 1 ½ inches long. Paint them to look like tiger ears then tape them to the headband.
7. This part is optional: using face paint, draw on whiskers and stripes.



The non-denominational Autumn festival

story by: rylee dulaney

October 31 is an important day to many people throughout the country. What do I mean when I refer to October 31? Martin Luther's Protestant Reformation? Nevada being submitted as the 36th State? The formation of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines? The birthday of Vanilla Ice? (or maybe better known by his real name, Robert Matthew Van Winkle?) No, of course I don't. I'm referring to the Celtic-rooted Satan-hugging dark, dark ritual of Halloween.

In my research of Halloween, I decided to go to the most unbiased, clear and accurate websites to learn about one of America's favorite holidays. Google brought me exposingsatanism.org, and alas the truth has been revealed! Look at the warm, inviting welcome message:



Thanks to exposingsatanism.org, I have been taught that the most mundane things about Halloween are the strongest practices of Celtic-rooted Satanism that there is available. Imagine the typical angry pastor sitting in a chair on his front porch swinging his cane around and yelling at kids walking by telling them how they're condemned, this is what I see. Maybe even the local Crazy-Jesus-Man.

So, let's read through the article together, and I'll let you follow my thought process:

"Where did it begin? It

began over 2000 yrs ago with people known as the Celts." At this point, I'm already sold on this man's incredibility. If he wanted to be a credible information source, you would think he wouldn't say that the given events happened 2,000 "yrs" ago.

"What is it all about? Halloween is a festival. It was held to honor the Samhain the so called 'lord of death'. Samhain, lord of death, called together the wicked spirits that within the past 12 months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals. To exorcise these ghosts, you would have to set out food and provide shelter for them during the night. If they were satisfied with your offerings, they would leave you in peace. If not, they were believed to cast an evil spell on you."

Okay, I can deal with this. Sure, it sounds kind of demonic, but, they were just being precautionary. Everyone was all into ghosts and demons and that kind of thing back then. It's kind of like what iPods are to us now. Except iPods are never pleased with my offerings of love and affection, and curse me with being a piece of crap. Besides, this was all pishy-poshy village hocus-pocus stuff. Surely this guy doesn't still believe in this stuff, right?

"In modern day Satanism and Witchcraft covens, this is the day when Satan himself comes to 'fellowship' with his followers. Many changes have occurred over the centuries, but one thing has stayed the same, the practice of giving an 'offering' has stayed the same. Oh we do it under the name of fun but what is the real meaning? Is it still the same as in the old days? I say the answer is YES."

Again, this man's credibility is slipping through my fingers. Yrs at least is an abbreviation, but "ha" is not an abbreviation for had. That, and are you serious?! Yes sir, it is under the name of fun, is it not? Surely to engage in something as the real meaning, one would say, "Yes, I'm going to dress up as a slutty Dorothy or nurse IN THE NAME OF SATAN." I'm pretty sure no one dressed up as a Mighty Morphin' Power Ranger when they were nine years old just to proclaim the name of Satan. I believe people can do one thing with intentions to do another, but I simply don't view this as the case here. The common people have taken this Celtic-rooted tradition and turned it into a secular engagement for the pursuit of candy, not condemnation. Besides, not every little thing about Halloween is demonic, is it?

"The word jack-o-Lantern is an abbreviation of 'Jack of the Lantern.' Jack is another name for joker or Satan. The jack-o-lantern is a Halloween idol that keeps alive an ancient symbol of demonic superstition."

Uh oh! Jack is the number one most popular name in Australia, Wales, New Zealand, The United Kingdom, Ireland, and Scotland, and you're telling me that all those millions of unknowing parents inadvertently named their kids SATAN?? What have they done! That, and according Heidi Murkoff, the author of the bestselling book "What To Expect When You're Expecting," the name Jack is a nickname for John, which means "God

is gracious." Saying God is gracious, and saying your baby is named after Lucifer himself are two very, very misleading definitions, sir.

I guess the real question I'm posing with this article is: "If you celebrate Halloween without the intention of praising Satan, and rather getting candy, are you still being Satanic? Or is the motive needed in order for it to be a Satanic celebration?"

You can dwell in its possible religious undertones, and whether or not Satan is involved in this candy marketing day, but as for me, I'm going around and getting dressed up anyway and getting candy.

short disclaimer:

I am not encouraging nor discouraging Satanism, or any form of religion. I am simply encouraging Halloween to be viewed as a secular, fun event for the public, without any outdated religious undertones. This article was written on a secular, non-religious state of mind, and should not be taken as an offense to any world religion. Except, maybe that candy is delicious. You can quote me on that.

Research credibility:

<http://www.exposingsatanism.org/halloween.htm>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_names
<http://www.whattoexpect.com/pregnancy/baby-name-finder/names/Jack.aspx>

Mystery Senior



Has one sibling...
Listens to country, rock, and rap...
Eats absolutely nothing but American food...
Drinks lots of Coke...
Can't live without phone or car...
See page 12 for answer.

Pumpkin Festival

by: mercedes bird



Friday, October 9, during the homecoming football game, FCCLA

had their event called the Pumpkin Festival. The idea came from a member after doing one last year.

FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. There are currently 62 members signed up for FCCLA. Of those, only eight participated in the Festival.

They have not come to a complete total of how much was earned because they are still selling items. The money is being raised for FCCLA to be able to go to districts.

Pumpkins are still for sale in the FACS room, \$2 for a small or \$4 for a large.

Robot construction for the win

story by: rylee dulaney

Men and women of our modern age rely on various electronic appliances and devices for daily living, but very few dare to accept the challenge of constructing such a machine, especially for recreational uses.

The concept of robots has been around for several years, commonly associated with the future. Robots to help people or cook for us. Robots to assist the blind and elderly.

Not to mention the idea of robots to become a superior mental complex beyond humanity and destroy the human race (as seen in *The Terminator*, *Runaway*, *Blade Runner*, *Robocop*, the Replicators in *Stargate*, the Cylons in *Battlestar Galactica*, *The Matrix*, and *I, Robot*.)

So, lucky for us, we have a program at our own high school to start people at young ages to become such robotic-engineers.

Mrs. Woods, first-year assistant advisor for this program, filled me in. BEST (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology) is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in a sports-like, science and engineering-based robotics competition.

It is Mr. Stapp's tenth year for being commander-in-chief for his one-robot army.

Each school is provided kits of equipment, game rules and given six weeks to design, build, and test a small radio-controlled robot that outperforms other robots.

So no, they don't create robots to destroy and mutilate the other team's robots. Though, what better way to stick it to our rivals than to shoot laser beams and

it take to partake in BEST?

We meet three times a week for three hours, but you must make at least one meeting per week.

What is the greatest part of being in BEST?

The best part of being in BEST?...haha, lame puns... It's being known as that smart kid who builds robots, which is definitely going to be useful for aiding in the robot revolution in 2012.

I'm in charge of documenting everything that anyone wants to do to the robot, and creating computer drawings of the robot in high-tech software called AutoCAD 2009.

This year's robot is supposed to put together chemical formulas to earn points.

This year we're modeling a oil refinery and the theme is "high octane."

Are you just in BEST so that when machines are our overlords you won't be destroyed?

Well sir, I must confess that this fear does rank very high, but I am actually use this robot building to learn about how to control them so I can become the supreme overlord.

It sounds like Jon Walker has the right idea.

See how I can write a robot article and not reference *Transformers*? Success.

How much commitment does



car of the month

Brittany Thiesing

Make: Dodge

Year: 2008

MPG: City: 21, Highway: 30

Paint color: White

Model: Avenger

Mileage: 53,000

Price: \$9,500

Favorite thing about your car: "My favorite thing about my car is basically everything; it's a new car, so I love it!"

Least favorite thing about your car: "My least favorite thing about my car would be that it is a 4 cyl, and not a v6. Another thing would be the mileage."

"Tricked out" things about your car: "Nothing, my car doesn't need anything, maybe put a little pink on it!"

Random facts about your car: "I used to own a Saturn, but I totaled it in August; so then I got this car."



App of the Month

Skee-Ball

Freeverse, Inc.

\$0.99



All the fun of Skee-Ball, on your iPhone! This app features great graphics and futuristic physics. You don't need tokens, either. (Other than the 99 cents you have to spend to buy it.) You can even save up and buy prizes!

Halloween haunts

story by: nathan strack

Surely you're familiar with this common practice that commences when the month of October descends upon us.

Something you used to do with your friends that terrified you when you were younger. Care to take a quick look at the origin of this practice, in the light, (or rather darkness.) of the holiday season?

It starts with, "Dare you to say 'Bloody Mary' three times into the mirror with the lights off!" Usually at midnight, by yourself.

Does this bring back memories? Bleh! It does for me. Usually, after speaking "Bloody Mary," into a dark

mirror, and turning around three times, the participant has his/her eyes clawed out, heart stabbed or soul taken by a very upset ghost.

Though the origin of this "ritual" has many variations, the main story behind the myth is that carrying out such a practice mocks Queen Mary I.

You see, her life was littered with false pregnancies and miscarriages. So you can imagine this is a tender subject for the spirit.

So be careful the next time you're brushing your teeth in the dark... you may get more than you've bargained for.

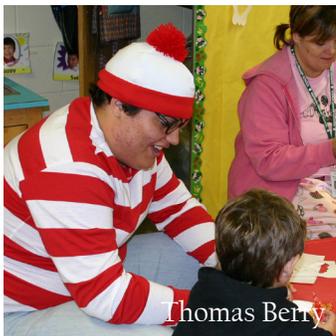
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AGAINST CHOCONOGO

Prepare for battle. Text CHOCO to 74642.

Standard text and data rates apply.

more Homecoming

photos by jamie thomas and sadye bird



Thomas Berry



Alex Freund



Kylie Braungardt



Mr. Fernewald,
Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Shephard



senior class

Headed to State

by josh hansen

The girl's golf team has been under the radar all season. While they haven't had very much attention, they continue to play at a very high level.

They have placed third as a team in several of their tournaments this season, and have traveled to several different courses.

Of these courses "Hesston was my favorite because that is where I got my best score ever (94)," said Taylor Becker.

Megan Reed would choose Sierra Hills as her favorite course because it is a par 3, and she gets to use her irons.

The latest tournament the girls participated in was located at the Cheney Golf Course; this was the regional tournament. The girls finished third and Lauren Bonewell led the team as she placed sixth individually.

With this dominating performance at regionals, the varsity team is headed to state today, which is

hosted by Nickerson at Highlands Golf Course in Hutchinson. "The Highlands is a hard course," says Reed but the girls still have high expectations for their state tournament.

The members competing today are seniors Bonewell, Becker, Megan Cooper, Reed, sophomore Sierra Muse and freshman Liz Sooby.

"I am very proud of you ladies and we had a fantastic year," Coach Howe added.



Taylor Becker, Megan Cooper, Megan Reed, Lauren Bonewell and Sierra Muse at Regionals.

If you could design golf uniforms what would they look like?

"Adidas shirts, green and white and in one of the corners it would say MHS."
Kourtnee King, Fr.

"They would be black with a green line on the sides and Mulvane Wildcats written in white on the upper right side."
Rose Bittle, Fr.

"They would probably be pink and green and white, 'cuz those are amazing colors."
Mikayla Gerber, So.

Sports Results...

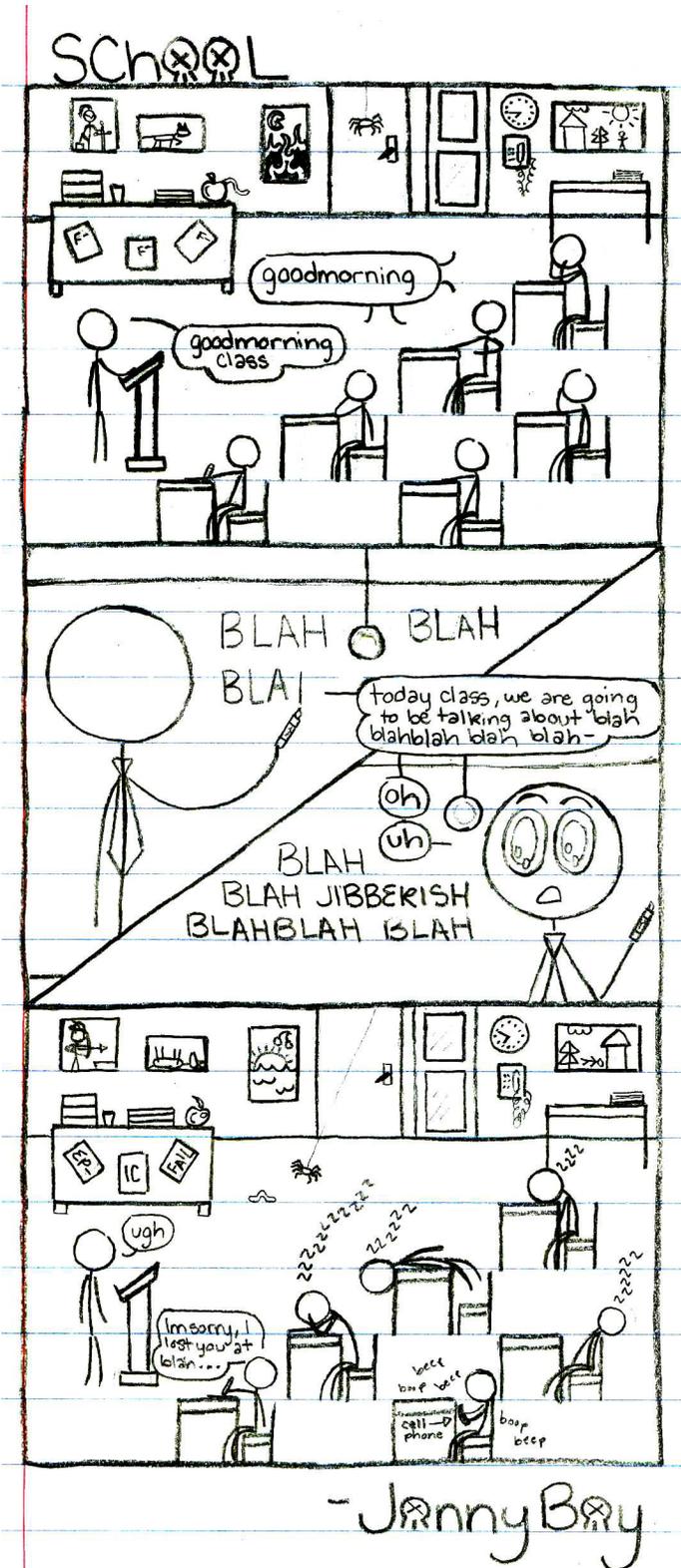
Cross Country medalists
Clearwater- Haley 6th, Kayla 29th, Amber 31st, Sarah 22nd, Nikki 26th, Caleb 18th, and Brandon 21st
JK Gold Classic (WSU)- Nikki 2nd, Evan 3rd, Wyatt 6th, and Josh 7th. J.V. race Luca finished 1st, Miles 6th, and Levi 7th.
Valley Center -Logan 7th, Kayla 16th, Nikki 19th, Brandon 5th, and Caleb 7th
Wamego-Nikki who finished 2nd, Evan 3rd, Wyatt 10th, Josh 13th, and Nick 16th. J.V. race, Luca finished 3rd, Miles 4th, and Levi 5th.
Chaparral-Evan finished 1st, Nikki 2nd, Wyatt 3rd, Nick 4th, Josh 5th, Jake 6th and Trevor 9th. The Girls finished 2nd. Medalists for the girls were Amber, Kayla, Nikki, Sarah, and Sydney. Medalists in the J.V. races included Luca, Levi, Miles, Brandon, Caleb, Kayla, and Kady.
Lake Afton-Nikki, Amber, Luca, Miles, and Levi
Rim Rock (KU)- Evan 5th and Nikki 12th
Berean Academy- Haley 4th, Amber 15th, Nikki 17th, Luca 1st, Miles 2nd, Levi 3rd, Kevin 9th, Brandon 11th, Caleb 12th, Trevor 19th, Jake 15th, Josh 6th, Wyatt 4th, Nick 3rd, Nikki 2nd, and Evan "Shoeless" 1st.

Football
 Great Bend @ Mulvane W 34-28
 Kingman @ Mulvane W 55-8
 Mulvane @ Eldorado W 38-7
 Andover @ Mulvane L 39-19
 Mulvane @ Augusta W 49-10
 Buhler @ Mulvane L 49-14

Soccer
 Buhler @ Mulvane L 1-6
 Mulvane @ Circle L 3-4
 Nickerson @ Mulvane L 1-2
 Mulvane @ Elyria Christian L 1-3
 Augusta @ Mulvane L 1-3
 Andover Central @ Mulvane L 1-7
 Mulvane @ Berean Academy L 0-10

Volleyball
 @ El Dorado 4th place 0-3
 @ Mulvane 3rd place 1-2
 @ Arkansas City 3rd place 1-2
 @ Andale 4th place 0-3
 @ Mulvane 2nd place 4-1
 @ Kingman 1st place 3-0
 @ Andover 5th place 2-4

Girls Golf
 see story at left



The cross country team remains number one in Kansas 4A with winning the AVCTL-III meet Thursday, October 15 in El Dorado. MHS had seven of the top 15 places: Evan Landes 1st, Nikki Trooien-Smith 2nd, Nick Lockwood 3rd, Wyatt James 4th, Josh Hansen 7th, Jake James 14th, Trevor Sherping 15th. They compete in Regionals Saturday at El Dorado at 2:30--be there!



Congratulations to the new NHS Members:

- Adriann Thomas*
- Katie Wall*
- Amanda Hood*
- Kelsey Miller*
- Amber Marks*
- Kevin Sweeney*
- Alicia McClellan*
- Lara Schmidt*
- Chris Langstaff*
- Lauren Caldwell*
- Chris Neff*
- Patrick Wilson*
- Evan Landes*
- Samantha Miller*
- Jeremy Cline*
- Sarah Schneider*
- Jalee Gosch*
- Taylor Hanna*
- Jordan Nooney*

Local concert:

TechN9ne at the Cotillion with Krizz Kaliko and... quite a few artists I am totally not aware of. like Kutt Calhoun and Big Scoob? Sure, right. But they're going to be at the cotillion on October 31st at 8:00 PM.



Blood drive FAQ:

Blood drive Wednesday. Sign up in Room 509. Must have ID the day of drive.

Is there anything special I need to do before my donation?

Be sure to eat at your regular mealtimes and drink plenty of fluids.

How will I feel after the donation?

Most people feel fine, or even great, knowing that they helped save a life!

How old to I have to be?

Donors must be 17, but 16 year olds can donate with a complete Parental Consent Form.

What if I don't feel well the day of the blood drive?

For your protection and to protect the patient receiving your blood, you must be well.

There are new height and weight requirements for donors under 19:

Males 5' or taller and females 5'6" or taller must weigh at least 110 lbs. Other requirements apply, ask Ms. Schauf if you have ?s

calendar

the mystery senior is Alanna Sigars

Evaluate Your Life Day BIRTHDAYS- Nathan Strack 18	American Rose Day BIRTHDAYS- Trevor Shering, Stephanie May, Mr. Jayson Miller 19	Be On Time Day BIRTHDAYS- Kayla Woolsey, Vicky Huss 20	Stuttering Awareness BIRTHDAYS- Shawn Moffitt, Ty Redington 21	Ipod day BIRTHDAYS- Elizabeth Foster 22	Make a Difference Day BIRTHDAYS- Melissa Niblett 23	United Nations Day BIRTHDAYS- Anthony Pederson, Avery Correia, Sierra Muse, Kayla Thacker 24
Mother-in-law Day BIRTHDAYS- Emily Walker, Levi Carver 25	Howl at the Moon Day BIRTHDAYS- Ashlyn Hernandez, Tanner Thrash, Mr. Lance Heath 26	Navy Day BIRTHDAYS- Branson Crowley, Evan Cifor, Taylor Dietrich 27	BIRTHDAYS- Hannah Hughes, Helen Hughes, James Beckner, Adrienne Hock, Shelby Mayberry, Mr. Jason Mitchell, Mr. Gregg Wolgast 28	Internet Day BIRTHDAYS- Cassidy Reid 29	Frankenstein Friday BIRTHDAYS- Jessica Avila, Dayna Anderson, Cole Williams 30	Halloween BIRTHDAYS- Nick Lockwood 31
Daylight Savings Day BIRTHDAYS- Madi Cox, Mrs. Paula Sheilds 1	Cookie Monster Day BIRTHDAYS- Kassy Hladik, Brody Potucek, Mrs. Yasuko Blake 2	Sandwich Day BIRTHDAYS- Preston Rhodes, Wade Rivera 3	Chicken Lady Day BIRTHDAYS- Payton Doramus 4	Men Make Dinner Day BIRTHDAYS- Lee Weirick, Jake Richardson, Stephanie Baca, Ana Castillo, Joseph Targos 5	Pumpkin Chunkin Day BIRTHDAYS- Dustin NeSmith 6	Tounge Twister Day BIRTHDAYS- Justin Gibson, Cheyenne Turcotte, Mrs. Debbie White 7