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Homecoming royalty and spirit week highlights!

mystery student and feature teacher

be sure to check the litterbox!

football, soccer and cross country

next issue: golf and volleyball, activity updates and much more

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**Blood Drive**  
next Friday  
9:00-2:30  
see  
Mrs. Hillhouse  
in Room 511  
to sign up

## Feature (student) teacher: Ms. Richardson

feature by: heather branson

Q: What was your favorite subject in high school?

A: Anatomy and history

Q: Where are you attending college?

A: Emporia State University

Q: After you graduate, what do you plan to teach?



A: High school biology, anatomy and physiology, advanced biology, genetics

Q: What have you learned from being a student teacher?

A: Don't assume too much about what students know.

Q: Do you like teaching anatomy or advanced biology better?

A: It really depends; there are certain areas in both subjects that I like more than others, which make it more fun for me.

Q: When do you graduate?

A: December 2007

Q: Where would you like to teach? Mulvane?

A: I would love to teach at Mulvane, all the students and staff are great. Plus Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Streff have helped me so much this semester. I wouldn't know what to do without them.

But for right now I am looking at the McPherson area for a possible position.

Q: What is your advice for students that aspire to be teachers?

A: Remember what your favorite teachers were like and try to emulate them when you begin. Eventually you will develop your own style of teaching that encompasses all those great traits.

## Mystery student

feature by: chance carmichael

This issue's mystery student. . .

. . . is involved in FCCLA and Quill Type.

. . . wears flip-flops all the time, even in the winter.

. . . has two older brothers and two older sisters.

. . . tore her ACL playing soccer two years ago.

. . . has four dogs.

. . . family owns two cabins at Table Rock.

. . . hates potatoes.

. . . is terrified of snakes.

. . . loves the movies *Tommy Boy*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Pretty Woman*, and *Elf*.

. . . loves Garth Brooks and Blake Shelton.

If you think you know this person, submit your guess to Ms. Ebersole in Room 513 by the end of the day. All correct answers will go in a drawing for a prize that will be given away Monday morning.



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## What was the first thing that went through your head when you won?



photo by: axel costello

"Alright! Now I can continue the family tradition of winning (homecoming royalty) and not be shunned by my family."

**-Tanner Lewis**

"Wow! There are a lot of people here, and I can't believe it actually happened. It's every girls' dream since we were little; this is so cool!"

**-Sadie Davenport**

## Candidate Q & A

feature and photos by: axel costello

How did it feel to be nominated for homecoming?  
Becki Rhodes: "It was pretty exciting, I was really surprised."

David Kraft: "It was pretty cool to be nominated out of my class."

What was the favorite thing you did during the week?

David Kraft: "Beating Rose Hill!"

Quinton Smith: "Beating the Hill and being 5-0!"

Did you do anything special for the week?

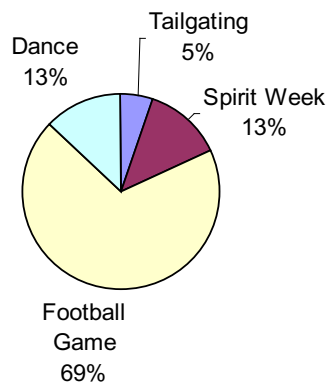
Becki Rhodes: "I did a lot of shopping and stressing out!"



photo by: rick langerot

## What was the best part of homecoming?

39 students surveyed



## The history of homecoming

story by: chance carmichael

As dead leaves tumble to the ground, students begin to show school spirit with another homecoming.

Homecoming isn't just an exaggerated football game to show spirit. The event is a way of welcoming alumni back as a celebration. Therefore, the title of the event refers to those who have come "home" for the

big game.

Homecoming was mainly created for those not in high school anymore. Spotting recent graduates at the game evokes memories for some students. Hugs, story-telling and catching the latest news go hand-in-hand with these meetings. This is the whole point of homecoming.

The event was born

in 1911 in Missouri. The University of Missouri had moved their football games to a different field mid-season. Fearing a small turnout, Athletic Director Chester Brewer invited former alumnus to the "big game." He planned parades, parties and pep rallies to add to the event.

This first-ever homecoming brought 9,000 fans

to the game. Shortly after, high schools and colleges across the nation adopted the concept of annual homecomings.

Out of all the original traditions associated with homecoming – including crowning a king and queen, a parade, spirit week, dance, and tail-gate parties – the only one Mulvane doesn't have is a picnic.





photo by: axel costello

Klassy Kats perform a routine to *Little Mermaid* tunes set to techno music at the pep rally.

To start the night off with a bang against Rose Hill, Matt Parsons runs the ball in for an interception touchdown in the first eight seconds of the game. Parsons also scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime!

During the parade around town, the junior class shows off their first place float.



photo by: axel costello

Coach Fennwald "fires up" the student body at the pep rally.

Below: Juniors Michael Gutzmer and Brice Walsten celebrate winning the float competition.



photo by: axel costello



photo by: kristy ebersole



photo by: teresa costello



# Homecoming spirit week results



photo by: jamie thomas

## Camo Day

K.C. Ayala  
James Malanchuk  
Travis Fleming  
Matt Williams  
Mr. Langerot

## Theme Day

Brandon Ward  
Stryder Blackburn  
Paige Crowley

—Army men: Joel Montgomery, Matt Martin,  
Kyle Simpson, Tanner Lewis, Austin Stephens  
Mrs. Sorg



photo by: axel costello

"My favorite was Corey Aldershof, he just went all out every day and made me laugh!" -Michael Pagels



photo by: kristy ebersole

## Overall Winners

Austin Knapp  
Brittany Kendall  
Corey Aldershof  
Quinton Smith  
Mr. Minks

"My favorite was Matt Williams on Camo Day; he was ALL decked out!" -Noelle Lewis

## Board/Video Game Day

Alicia McClellan  
Kalina Bartlett  
Tyler Sheridan  
Emily Lager  
Mrs. Milledge

"My favorite was the army men from *Toy Story*. They pulled it off like it was in the movie and nobody else thought of it." -Andrea Johnson



photo by: kristy ebersole

"My favorite was the Clue gang (Emily Lager, Kristen Lervik, Robin Carmichael, Josh Carroll and Tyler Sheridan). I thought it was very creative and they all pulled off the look well!" -Laura Andrew



photo by: jamie thomas

"My favorite was Mr. Minks because he showed great school spirit and also probably spent a lot of money!" -Brandy Stapleton



photo by: jamie thomas

## Mismatch Day

Randi Rud  
Chelsy Gillespie  
Lindsay Mills  
Brent Cline  
Mrs. Hillhouse

## Green & White Day

Jessi Conner  
Stephen Linarez  
Lauren Johnston  
Tanner Lewis  
Mr. Clausen



photo by: axel costello

# Wildcat winning streak continues

story by: jackie schwemmer

The wildcat football team has an impressive 5-0 record. They played a tight game against Rose Hill last Friday and pulled away with a 34-31 win in overtime. Senior Matt Parsons scored the winning touchdown for the wildcats.

The team comes out every game with the intention of winning. Practicing hard and the

desire to win is what makes Mulvane's team so outstanding.

"The hardest parts of practice are linebacker drills, defensive individual drills, and conditioning," junior linebacker Chris Stang said.

Those practice workouts have obviously paid off on the field this season.

The cats are traveling to Augusta for today's game. "Beating Augusta on their

homecoming and having a 6-0 record is what we are striving for this week," junior quarterback Jordan Gosch said.

Support your Mulvane Wildcat football team tonight in Augusta!



photo by: cheryl cardwell

Senior Jarid NeSmith carries the ball on a kickoff return against Rose Hill.

check out [www.mhswildcatfb.com](http://www.mhswildcatfb.com) for more about MHS football!

## Mulvane soccer fighting with pride

story by: heather branson

Although this season for MHS soccer has presented a few challenges, they still maintain team spirit and stay motivated.

The team consists of five freshmen, nine sophomores, ten juniors and five seniors.

All of these athletes find their own way to make the game worthwhile. These players take pride in their game, and go out onto the field to have a good time.

"My favorite part of the game is taking people out at defense. It's pretty fun; storms are always fun, too,"

Brice Walsten said.

Soccer practices normally consist of stretching, running a few miles, doing drills, and then varsity vs. junior varsity scrimmage.

The team practices every day during the school week, but some take it to the next level and practice during their free time. "I practice every day of the year. Rain's the best weather, snow's the hardest to train in," Devon Miller said.

For a few of the players soccer is not just a high school hobby.

"I will continue playing in leagues after high school. As for playing college ball, it all depends if any of the schools talk to me about it. I think it would be fun though," Walsten said.

For some, like Miller, soccer is a lifelong dedication. "I've played in competitive leagues since

kindergarten, and just for fun since I was born," he said.

"I don't know if you would say anything inspired me to play. I just love to play soccer," Thomas Vasko said.

So far the team has won only two games but have still enjoyed the season.

"One of my funny stories is when Skip Miller broke his thumb after he fell on top of a Nickerson girl. Then last night (Oct. 2) he slid tackled one of the Nickerson girls and got a yellow card," Chris McDaniel said.

And, like most athletes, soccer players also have pre-game rituals. "I'm very superstitious. I've listened to the same song before every game since I scored in a game last year. I stretch in the same spot, everything is the same each time," Devon Miller explained.



photo by: irene langerot

Junior Chris Wall tries to control the ball against Andover Central.



# Runners with no remorse

story and photos by: katie holladay

Cross country is nearing the end of this year's season with record-breaking status. The varsity boys have won all six of the meets they've competed in.

Junior star David Roberts has placed first in all of his races this year. He is currently holding the school record for the 5k, which is under sixteen minutes.

Roberts used to play football but he chose to switch to cross country

because "I could run and not get tired and was good at it, so I liked it," he said.

Other varsity standouts include Nikki Trooien-Smith, Wyatt James, Evan Landes, Josh Hansen and Nick Lockwood.

What's just as amazing as these runners' athletic capabilities is their balance of advanced classes, outstanding GPAs, extracurricular activities and jobs. Some of the classes included in cross country members' schedules

are chemistry, anatomy and physiology, physics, pre-calculus and calculus.

One sophomore runner, Trooien-Smith, is taking English II and III, chemistry, physics and pre-calculus. When asked about how he manages all of these classes, he simply answered, "I do my work."

So somehow with this pressure, our runners still find time to succeed in their sport and in the classroom.

David Roberts after getting his first place medal at Lake Afton.



The cross country team at Lake Afton. Front row: Jordan Pohl, Katie Holladay, Landon Jackson, Jeff Baker, Sierra McCormack, Sarah Schneider and Chelsea Reynolds. Back row: Nathan Sooby, Coach Brad Canfield, Nick Lockwood, Kevin Sweeney, David Roberts, Josh Hansen, Wyatt James, Nikki Trooien-Smith, Tyler Sheridan, Evan Landes, Coach Dale Landes and Blaine Bogner.

Congratulations to the lady wildcat golf team for placing third Tuesday at the Mulvane Invitational and the league tournament yesterday. Kim Ruhter placed second and third, respectively. Good luck at regional golf on Monday!

Check out golf coverage in the next issue.

## Don't forget:

Retakes are next Thursday, October 11 in the afternoon. Bring your picture packet and give to the photographer if getting retakes. Retake packets are in the main office if you missed the first picture day. See you then!

## just 4 fun: Brain teasers and puzzles

1. Adam had none. Eve had two. Everyone nowadays has three. What is being discussed?
2. Starting with a five letter word, change one letter to create a new word. This word is then changed by one letter to create another new word. For example, DOG, DIG, FIG etc. These words in turn mean:
  - a gaggle of geese
  - a device for measuring time
  - what you can do with a mouse
  - a baby chicken
  - a device to prevent wheels from moving
  - a surprise
  - a small house
  - a pile of cards
  - a small piece of wood
  - unable to move

for more teasers and puzzles, visit:  
<http://www.brainbashers.com/puzzles.asp>

Answers: 1. the letter E 2. Flock, clock, click, chick, chock, shock, shack, stack, stick, stuck. © Kevin Stone

### jamie's random fact

Alma mater means "nourishing mother" in Latin; to the Romans it meant "bountiful mother."  
Reference: <http://www.randomfacts.org/facts-290-10/>

### joke of the month



I have an oscillating fan at my house. It goes back and forth. It looks like the fan is saying "no." So I like to ask it questions that a fan would say "no" to! Do you keep my hair in place? "No." Do you keep my documents in order? "No." Do you have three settings? LIAR! My fan lied to me. Now I will pull the pin up. Now you're not saying ANYTHING!

-Comedian Mitch Hedberg



editorial by: chance carmichael

Watching *High School Musical* is like sitting through a root canal with no drugs to hinder the pain. I'm sorry if it's wholesome entertainment, but it's horribly written, sappy, and cheesy.

Can you imagine a high school full of singing and dancing teenagers who randomly break out into songs with deep underlying moral issues? That's like being stabbed in the kneecap and being forced to jog.

I don't even understand what happened in that movie. Some guy and some girl wanted to be in a musical, but the villains of the story – a brother and sister who somehow manage to get the leads in every play and dodge incest – won't let it happen.

Then there's some guy with an afro who doesn't know how to spell "you"

when he tells the main guy "u gotta get your head in the game."

And then, of COURSE the main characters fall in love. Okay, so, not only does that not make one bit of sense, but I saw commercials for the sequel and it involved a golf course....WHAT?!

The fact that this is what topped the charts nationwide and what the girls in this school listen to is a shame. "Vomit!" as Ms. Ebersole would put it.

Wholesome family entertainment isn't entertainment. Hello America, we like car chases, blood-thirsty criminals and smart dialogue.

Spend your time wisely by skipping the HSM re-run with the exclusive bloopers where Zac Efron messes up a line and says, "Oh dang." Watch something better, more interesting, and full of real drama. I know that MHS loves drama.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### junior magazine sales winners!

1. Jessica Coffey: 65 subscriptions
2. David Roberts: 50 subscriptions
3. Tyler Gilbert: 27 subscriptions