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~ School News ~



“Mad Dog”

Dale “Mad Dog” Messmer came here on Monday, February 14. “Mad Dog” spoke to the high school and middle school students about their choices. Because Messmer is originally from the Wichita area, Kansas schools only have to pay 1/4 of what other schools pay to have him speak at their school.

Messmer is a convicted felon and spent 10 years, 8 months and 11 days in the pen. He is an ex-Marine, body guard, business owner and bounty hunter. Because he doesn't make a living off of speaking at schools, he is a stunt coordinator during the summer.

Messmer spoke of his many successes and failures, in an attempt to keep children from making the mistakes he did. He may have a seemingly good life now, but he lost a lot on the way.

Although there were grim situations, he didn't sugar-coat anything. He wanted to show the harsh realities and consequences of the poor decisions that many school-aged children are likely to make.



There will be a “Body Venture” visit to BES on Tues., March 1.

It is a representation of the human body that the students will get to walk through. There will also be classroom activities before and after the walk through the exhibit.

Students will get a book they can take home and show to their families.

Combining the High School and Middle School

There was a public meeting on Feb. 10 to discuss the combination of the high school and middle school. On the following Monday, Feb. 14, the decision was made at the board meeting to combine the high school and middle school.

The combination began as a possibility, but then became a cost efficient decision. According to Mr. Rivers, each middle school teacher will be moved up to the high school and will be teaching a high school class as well as their middle school classes. The sharing of teachers will help with budget cuts. It also eliminates the need for a middle school secretary, custodial staff, and food servers.

This move will save high school programs such as forensics from being cut, as well as give middle school students more class options. The weightlifting and ceramics classes will be moved to the middle school, and all middle school classes will be held in the high school.

This combination will be in effect for the 2011-2012 school year.

~Sports~

~Wrestling~

Regionals were hosted here at Bluestem High School on February 19. There were four boys that qualified to go to State at Fort Hays State University. They were Freshman Skylar Morgan (160 lb. division), Junior Augie Schmidt (189 lb. division) and Seniors Denver Ridgway (140 lb. division) and Clint Solis (119 lb. division). Skylar Morgan and Augie Schmidt placed fourth and Denver Ridgway and Clint Solis placed second at the Regional meet.

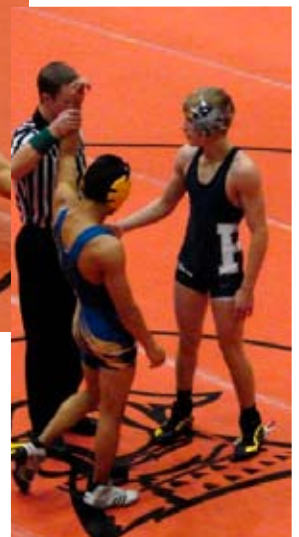
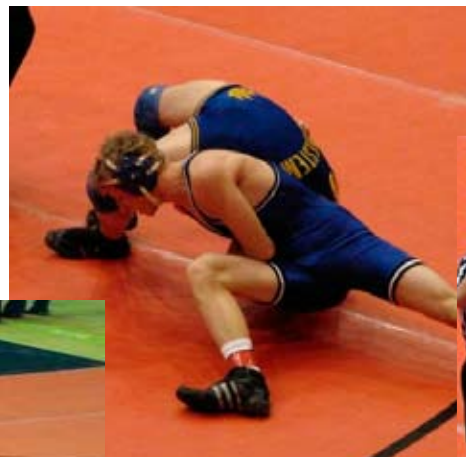
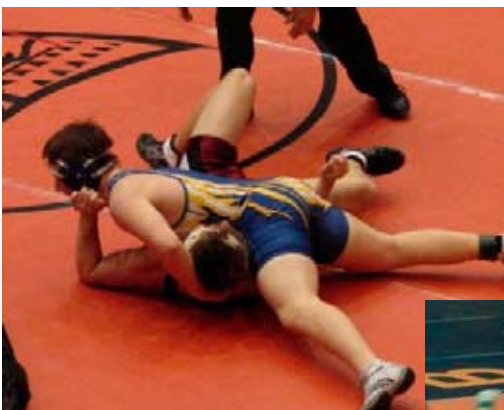
State was held on February 25 and 26. The first round started at 10 on Friday, February 25. After the first round Augie, Clint and Denver continued on to the Second round - Championship Quarterfinals.

Clint Solis went up against Caleb Studley from Pittsburg. Clint's record going into State was 32-7. He wrestled four times at state and his record was 2-2.

Denver Ridgway faced Riley Hunsicker from Ellis. His record going into State was 33-7. He wrestled three times and his record at state was 1-2.

Skylar Morgan faced Jesse LaMay from Wellsville. His record going into state was 13-14. This is his second year wrestling. He wrestled twice at state and his record was 0-2.

Augie Schmidt went up against Jesse Campbell also from Wellsville. His record going into state is 35-10. He wrestled twice and his record at state was 1-2.



Photos Provided By: Paula Ridgway.

By: Maddie Heck

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

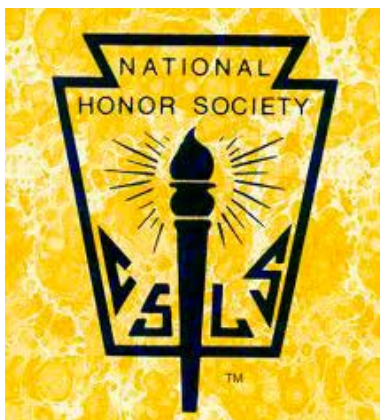
The NHS banquet will be held March 7th, 2011. The banquet will be hosted by JFF. They are the Women's Sorority who has been sponsoring them for more than thirty years. They honor students and parents. New members will also be getting inducted that night.

New Members

Brendan Turner
Layne Gilliland
Natalie Booth
Candis Remsberg

NHS History

National Honors Society is a national organization founded in 1921 by National Association of Secondary School Principals as a way for faculties to honor students who stand out in four areas: scholarship, character, leadership and service. Students must complete three semesters in high school and at least 3.5 GPA and be selected by a faculty council.



SCHOLARS BOWL

On Saturday, January 22, 2011 Bluestem's Scholar Bowl team attended league at Wichita Trinity. JV had five wins and four losses putting them in fourth place. Varsity had four wins and five losses putting them in fifth place. On February 7, 2011 they attended Regional at Northeast High School. Varsity was the only team that attended, and they had eight wins and four losses, putting them in fourth place. They did not make it to state because only the top three winners make it.

Mr. Day and Mrs. Winter also gave us some quotes to say about the team.

"They had great potential with many returning underclassmen. Losing five seniors who competed very well over the last four years."
- Mr. Day

"I can't wait to see what will happen next year. I was pleased with our performances at league and regional." - Mrs. Winter.

Members to attend League and Regional.

Varsity

Jarrett Holtz
Eric Esparza
Jacob May
Haley Wolf
Juan Gracia

Junior Varsity

Colter Griggs
Brandon Powell
Ian Hughes
Jacob Warren
Sierra Hall

~ Organizations ~

Forensics

On Thursday, Feb. 17, Bluestem competed at a forensics tournament in Douglass.

In prose, Tyler Leed got 6th, and Kristen Batta got 5th. In serious solo, MJ Atkins got 6th. In duet, Candis Remsberg and Kirby Shaffer got 5th, and Trent Navarro and Tyler Leed got 4th. In informative, Jacob May got 1st, Eric Esparza got 4th, and Jessica Soares got 6th. In extemp, Juan Gracia got 5th. In IDA(improvised duet acting), Kristen Batta and Kirby Shaffer got 3rd. In OO(original oration), Jacob May got 2nd.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the team competed at another tournament at Heights.

Cami Wirths got 6th in poetry and Kristen Batta got 3rd in impromptu.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, they attended another tournament at Remington, where Andrea Harkins got 6th place in serious solo.

BHS will be hosting two tournaments this year, one of which will be this Saturday, Mar. 5.

This year, there are 33 students out for forensics. Out of those 33, there are 6 state qualifiers. According to Mr. Dawson, BHS currently holds over 41 medals.



Ecology Club

There was a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The next movie night will be on Sunday, Mar. 13. The March movie will be Day After Tomorrow.

There will also be another Clean-up Day on that same Sunday, prior to the movie.

~ENTERTAINMENT~

Mystery Student:

Siblings: None

Hair color: Brunette

Height: 5'4"

Hobbies: Dancing, Quoting Movies

Favorite Movie: 27 Dresses

Favorite color: Pink

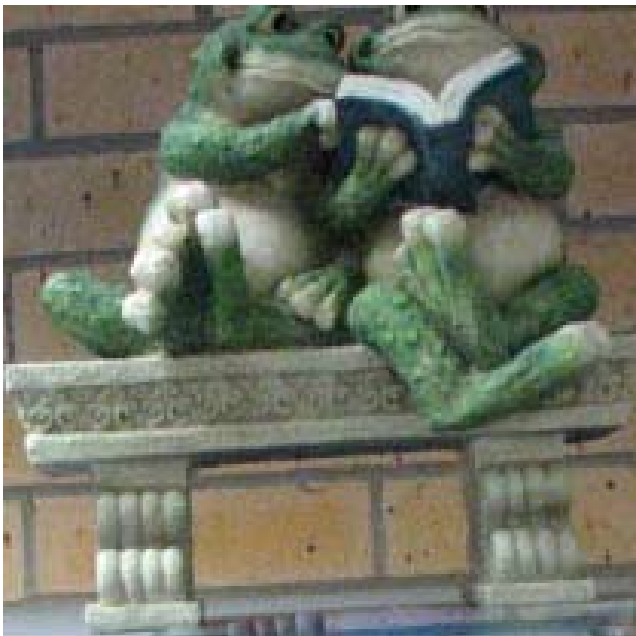
Favorite class: Spanish Two

Favorite pop: Cherry Pepsi

Pets: "I live in a zoo so...."

By: AJ Lakin

Mystery Location:



By: AJ Lakin

Mystery Staff:

What college did you attend?:
Butler, Emporia

Favorite class in high school?: Art

Favorite Movie?: Liar Liar

Favorite Movie Star?: Adam Sandler

Favorite Hobbies?: Spending time with
family, Fishing, Reading

Schools you have taught at?: Bluestem

Favorite Color?: Blue

What Would You Change About Bluestem?:
"Would love to see more children involved."

By: AJ Lakin

~Opinion Poll~

~Movie Review~

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

**"I would be a horse, because they are strong and have an untamed free spirit."
-Mrs. CrumCruml:**



**"A dolphin, because they are cute and live in the ocean."
-Candis Remsberg**



**"I'd be an iguana, so I could blend in."
-MacKenzie Baxter**



**"A sea horse, because they're oh so very beautiful."
-Alex Emmons**



**"A pig, because I like to wollow in the mud.. and I kinda look like one."
-Tristan Gray**



Walt Disney's newest comedy endeavour is Bedtime Stories. The movie is rated PG-13 and gives you a good laugh.

Starring in this movie are Adam Sandler, Kerri Russell, and Courtney Cox. If you haven't seen this movie then you should. I really liked this movie, because it was funny and had a good story behind it.

By: Shannon LaClef



March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		BES Body Venture NHS Meeting	StuCo Meeting BHS Basketball at Sub State (boys & girls)- 1-5	BMS Wrestling at Douglass ~ 4:00 pm	No School ACT Registration Deadline	BMS Wrestling at Chase County ~ 9:30 am Forensics Tournament 4-5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	NHS Banquet- 6:30 pm BMS Wrestling at West Elk- 6:00 pm Skills USA Meeting	BES Title Night/Supper at BES- 7:00 pm Happy Birthday- Trent Navarro	Fort Hays State University Rep- 3:25 SADD Meeting During Seminar	BMS Wrestling Invitational- 3:00 pm Happy Birthday- Brandon Powell John Schilling	Staff Development/Workday BHS Jazz Cabaret- 5:30 pm BHS Spring Play- 7:30 pm	BHS Spring Play- 7:30 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Saving Time Begins	BOE Meeting- 7:00 pm BES PTO/Site Co.- 6:30 pm FCCLA WSU Rep During Seminar Happy Birthday- Macee Center	BMS Track Parent Meeting- 5:30 pm BES 5/6 grade Music Program- 7:00 pm	BHS Casual Pictures Retakes Hutch Rep- 3:25 pm StuCo Meeting	BES Kindergarten Roundup- 8:30 am-2:30 pm St. Patrick's Day	No School Happy Birthday- Colter Griggs	Happy Birthday- Emily Bevan
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Classes Resume	Happy Birthday- Preston Eberle	Spring Break No School	Happy Birthday- Steven Smith	No School Happy Birthday- Katie Reding	
27	28	29	30	31		
	BHS JV Golf @ Eldorado Country Club- 3:00 pm BHS Baseball/ Softball Vs. Belle Plaine- 4:00/3:00 pm FCCLA Meeting	Happy Birthday- Sarah Allen Matthew Womacks	BHS JV Golf at Chaparral- 3:00 pm BHS Softball Vs. Cheney- 4:00			