

The Lions' Roar

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Author Visit

Jane Kurtz is a renowned children's book author and professional speaker. She travels around the United States speaking to children and young adults about her life stories and also giving them tips on creative writing. She recently visited Bluestem Elementary to give the students some pointers about writing skills.

Although she is native to Kansas, Kurtz has spent all of her childhood and some of her adult life living in the small country of Ethiopia; her family moved to the African village of Maji when Jane was just two years old. She didn't have a radio, television or movies, so Kurtz learned to develop her own ways to have fun. She began listening to stories told by the village people, and her imagination allowed her to create her own stories.

When she met her husband and moved back to the United States, she had trouble connecting with the American way of life. She used her storytelling tools to explain her beautiful homeland and this key tool also allowed her to excel as far as she has by becoming a children's book author.

By: Ricky Sevens

Music Concert



Madrigal singers pose at the end of "I've got the music in me."

Picture courtesy of Danyel Anglemeyer.

A musical concert was held at the high school Sunday, October 11. With roughly ten songs, several of which were choreographed, and an audience participation song, it was certainly a show worth watching.

The crowd was a bit smaller than hoped for, but most everyone there seemed to have only positive things to say.

With Ms. Smith telling her students that they did a great job with the concert, students exclaiming praises, and most parents and faculty members with only good comments to say, it is hard to understand why the auditorium was only about a third full. Hopefully the next concert will have a better turnout.

By: Jamey Smoot



Author Jane Kurtz poses with elementary schoolers whose books she signed.

Picture courtesy of Ms. Kohls.



The High School Choir sing "Bonsa Aba," with Ms. Smith leading.

Picture courtesy of Danyel Anglemeyer.

National News

In Columbus, Ohio, forty-four-year-old Linda Brown caused a riot at a Burlington Coat Factory Store.

It all started when she went up to a cash register to announce to the store that she had won the lottery of 1.5 million dollars and would buy their merchandise, up to 500 dollars.

By the time employees noticed that Brown was lying, it was too late; she already had the limousine driver take her away.

The customers then realized it was a hoax and then a riot started. People began throwing items and some people even stole items.

Candace Jordan, shopper, told Brown that she needed help paying her rent; she didn't need clothes. Brown said, "How much is' and then she wrote out a check," said Jordan.

Brown was handed over to the police when the limousine driver realized he wasn't going to get paid his 900 dollars. She was then arrested on three outstanding warrants for aggravated menacing, causing false alarms, and misuse of a 911 system.

Police said they didn't know if Brown had a lawyer and there was no telephone number listed under her name.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.msnbc.com

State News

AUGUSTA, KANSAS, Fourteen-year-old Augusta High School freshman Andrea Young died Friday October 16th at an under-aged drinking party. The party was for Morgan Jarvi's teenage sister.

Jarvi was charged Tuesday with second-degree unintentional murder of Young.

Jarvi's court-appointed lawyer, Alice Osburn, told Judge Charles Hart, "It is our position this was a tragic accident."

If Jarvi is convicted he faces nine to forty-two years in prison. Jarvi was showing off the gun at the party when it went off. It discharged and hit Andrea Young, said police.

In 2006 Jarvi was convicted of providing alcohol to minors. He also had a misdemeanor conviction of drunk driving.

Jarvi was sent to jail suspected of involuntary manslaughter with a bond set at fifty-thousand dollars.

Hart ordered Jarvi to have no contact with the witnesses if he gets out of jail on bond.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.kansas.com

Weird News

In Kathmadu, Nepal, Khagendra Thapa Magar, just turned eighteen years old. He hopes to get the Guinness World Record book for his record size.

He is only 22 inches tall and weighs ten pounds.

When he was fourteen years of age, he was rejected of the title of World's Smallest Man because he was too young for the record. On Wednesday, however, he became an adult.

Khagendra's father said, "I want him to have a good future. I want him to be educated and live in an independent life."

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from chinadaily.com



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Opinionated

Pro



“The adrenaline rush of going 120 for 10 seconds is the satisfaction I need for the week!” said an anonymous source. Therefore most people that street racers are adrenaline junkies. The feeling that you are breaking the law is one reason people street race. Another reason people race is for the money; you can make up to 1,000 dollars in a weekend. If you street race you don't have to worry about the restrictions of going to the drag strip. Every year everyone goes to the streets to race and the cops try to stop them, but that never works. Wichita cops will try and try to stop the races; the thing they don't know is that there are so many places that they meet they can't keep up. The location changes about every two to three weeks. They try to pull people over but that hardly ever works. Everyone just runs and they can't stop a pack of cars going upwards of 120 m.p.h. The rush of running from the cops is the biggest rush in the world. “I would never stop street racing no matter what they do,” said an anonymous source. The reason that they race is for the rush, no restrictions on how they race, what they have in their cars, making money, and to break the law!

By: Aaron Buettgenbach

Con

When it comes to an activity like street racing, it is a wonder why anyone would be crazy enough to do it in the first place. Besides the obvious dangers of barreling down a dark street as fast as your car can go, there is also the danger of having to go into court, and having to deal with your parents afterwards. The problem with the idea of street racing is that there are enough dangers for drivers under normal circumstances, going around 55 m.p.h. How much more danger do you think there would be going down a dark road going 120 m.p.h.? Pedestrians, animals, trash, other cars; these are all dangers that for the most part can't be controlled. Sure you can clean up the trash, if you thought about it in the first place; however, how can you control the movements of an animal, such as a cat, dog, or even an armadillo? Animals cause over \$1 billion in automobile damage each year, under usual circumstances. Animals are quick, unpredictable, and most have no idea of how dangerous a car is; this leads to a great many more accidents than any other direct cause. Then there is the danger of the police.

Drivers are not the only people who get penalized. Spectators are just as guilty as the drivers in the eyes of the law. Along with heavy fines, your car could be confiscated, you could be jailed, your license could be revoked, and insurance rates could go up. With all these reasons, it is somewhat surprising that people could even entertain the idea of attending, or racing in, a street race.

By: Jamey Smoot



Opinion Poll

What do you think about street racing?
Jess McDonald- It's fun :)



Tiffany Jones- Fun and interesting!



James Pennington-It's dangerous, I know from experience.



Mr. Wrampe- Ahh, there are better places than the streets.



Jenna Gannon- It can be dangerous but fun!



Brandee Oliver- It's stupid.



By: Taylor Hill

Pictures: Mariah Bing

Entertainment

By: Katelynn Ware

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GIRLS!!!!

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Mystery Student

Hobbies: Volleyball, singing,
jet skiing

Hair Color: Brown

Favorite Movie: Nightmare
Before Christmas

Eye Color: Brown

Height: 5'2"

How long have you attended
Bluestem?: Nine years

Comic by : Aaron Buettgen-
bach

Mystery Staff and Student
winners from last week.

Mystery Student was Whitney
Young and Mystery Staff was
Mrs. Burris.

Mystery Staff winner was
Dalton Knox.

Mystery Student winner was
Trey Farthing.

Thanks for participating!!!

Mystery Staff

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, beef
production

Favorite Colors: Blue

Where did you go to high-
school?: Central

Why did you choose to come
to Bluestem?: To make a differ-
ence

How many siblings do you
have?: 2

Where did you grow up?: At-
lanta, Kansas.

Sports & Organizations

Volleyball

The Lady Lions did very well at their home game October 13, 2009. The quad tournament was interesting. The varsity team was diving and dedicated to not letting the ball hit the floor. But it did at times, no matter how hard they tried also, The J.V. team did well also.

The Sub-state girls are Chelsea Dey, Sidney Dey, Jenna Gannon, Brandee Oliver, Jordan Flowers, Katherine Hardenbrook Jessica Albers, Colleen Turner, Danyel Anglemeyer and Demi Metcalf. The Sub-state tournament will be held on October 24th at Fredonia.

Coach Todd Leed says that he is very pleased with the progress the players and team have made this season. They wore pink ribbons to support breast cancer awareness week. Their last game was October 20, at Belle Plain.

By: Mariah Bing



The Sub-state volleyball team



Jenna Gannon and Brandee Oliver



Photo courtesy of: Dennis Hatfield

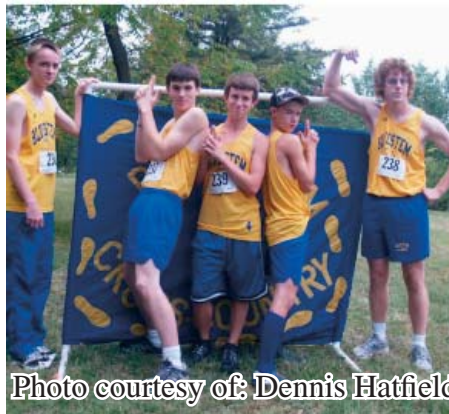


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Cross Country

On October 8th Bluestem Cross Country had a meet at Eureka. They had high school as well as middle school runners compete. All four of the middle school runners won medals. 7th grade, Quinten Araiza took home 9th place, Turner Day placed 8th and Mike Hurd medaled 6th place.

The 8th grade runner Kincade Sowers took 5th place. As for our high school team, Trent Navarro and Trevis Farthing ran the 5K in J.V. Trevis got 9th place in 21:11, while Trent won first place with a time of 20:11. For the Varsity Tyler Leed led the team with a time of 19:57, well for 26th place. Jacob May ran in 20:41, Trevor Landreth, 21:41, Alex Hatfield, 22:14 and Pat Warren finished in 22:42. As a team the Varsity placed 6th.

On October 15th they had a League meet at Lake Afton. Alex Hatfield placed 44th with a time of 22:26, Pat Warren placed 42nd with a time of 21:57, Trevor Landreth placed 37th with a time of 21:14, Jacob May placed 33rd with a time of 21:03, Trevis Farthing placed 31st with a time of 20:51, Trent Navarro placed 27th with a time of 20:26, and Tyler Leed placed 22nd with a time of 20:01.

Congratulations, guys!!! The teams would like to see as many Bluestem fans as possible to help cheer them on.

By: Katelynn Ware