

The Lions' Roar

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Harvest Home

Festival

The Harvest Home Festival was held on September 19th and 20th, 2009. There were many sponsors: some were from Augusta, Leon and other places as well. The sponsors are the Prairie House, Leon State Bank, Mike's Sales and Service, Oak Tree, Frontier, SKT, Helen Holman, Flemings, the amazing Chilis, Central Office, Leon Tire and Auto, Deb's Hair Design, Jim's Propane, Leon Cafe, Jewels Ceramics and local churches.

Some activities that took place were the parade on Main Street, tractor pulls, moon bounce, kiddy games, 3-on-3 basketball, horseshoe tournament, banana split eating contest, frozen T-shirt contest, the cake walk, egg toss, turtle races and a street dance. There were also craft booths and Davis Dance. Dee Batta was the D.J. for the street dance. There was an attendance of approximately 1,500 people.

Some vendors were Skills USA, the Drill Team, Rebecca Lodge and the senior center.

By: Mariah Bing

Guest Speakers

There could not have been two more different people who took the stage these past two months, from September's Kenneth McDonald, with his broad voice and expressive storytelling, to October's Thomas Averill, with his poems and soft voice.

Kenneth McDonald is a Broadway actor who trained in New York City. With his intensive training and burning passion, his examples were always lively and entertaining. Thomas gives the impression of the absent-minded professor with his soft voice, dancing topics, and rather emotionless face.

Kenneth, on the other hand, is the picture of a jock with his broad shoulders and flat face. However, Thomas' dullness hides his sharp mind; with several books out, he is considered one of the best Kansas authors of today. Kenneth just had to open his mouth to reveal his hidden talents; whether somber or excited he had the audience following him every step of the way.

The weird thing is that the stark differences between the two speakers illustrated the message they both came to tell us, always be on the lookout for opportunities, because you can never know what life will throw at you.

By: Jamey Smoot

Prairie House Restaurant and Saloon

The Prairie House is a new saloon that recently opened on Main Street. Their current hours are 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. It is owned by Levi K. King. When asked why he opened the Prairie House, he said, "Leon needed a place to be social".

The bar will also soon be a restaurant and full service saloon. Their hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. through 2 a.m. Saturday, and 6 a.m. through 2 p.m. Sunday.

The inside of the Prairie House is beautiful. There is a pool table where people can visit and have a great time. There is a television on the wall for those who want to watch television while enjoying their drink.

King expects to have a "good relationship with [his] local community and a great business." Everyone should stop by and check it out sometime.

By: Andrea Wynn

Local News

New Teachers

Community Clean-Up



Mrs. Scharenberg

Hobbies: Making funny voices, cooking, reading, shopping and spending time with family.

Why Did you Come to BHS: likes the small school.

Age: 38

Favorite color: Yellow

Bluestem High School students and organizations are going to help the community by taking a day and spending it cleaning the community of Leon. We would be offering our services to community members and businesses. Please come and join not only cleaning the community but having fun at the same time. These services are free of charge.

Call, text, or e-mail for any questions, or let us know if you have any specific requests. Contact Jessica Albers at 1-316-737-3499 or 1-316-253-9585 or jalbers@butlercc.edu. If you would like to join you can sign up in the office. They will be meeting at the school at 9:00 a.m. this Friday. Wear warm clothing you are able to get dirty.

Since this is a community project, lunch will not be provided; they are planning on eating pizza as a group. If you want pizza you will need to bring \$3 and your own drink. If you signed up but decide you don't want to do this project, please contact Jessica or Demi.

By: Mariah Bing



Mrs. Peterson

Hobbies: Grandkids.

Why did you come to BHS: Small school.

Age: Much older than you

Favorite color: Peach



Mrs. Burris

Hobbies: Antique cars.

Why did you come to BHS: husband moved here, location, size.

Age: 33

Favorite color: Black

By: Aaron Buettgenbach

National News

In Salt Lake City, Utah, now twenty-one-year-old Elizabeth Smart spoke publicly. She testified in court about her kidnapping and sexual abuse from her kidnapper, Brain David Mitchell.

The hearing was to see if Mitchell was mentally competent to face federal kidnapping charges.

Smart said, "Any time that I showed resistance or hesitation he turned to me and said, 'The Lord says you have to do this, you have to experience the lowest form of humanity to experience the highest.'"

Mitchell and wife, Wanda Barzee, put a cable around her leg to chain her to the tree in a campsite in the mountains behind the Smarts' home.

Smart said that she was raped everyday, several times. Mitchell's wife was becoming jealous because of the attention that Smart was receiving from Mitchell. So he took Smart away from the campsite to ask if she would have sex with him. She told courts she said no.

Smart described Mitchell as "Evil, wicked, manipulative, sneaky, slimy, selfish, greedy, Not religious, not spiritual, not close to God."

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.latimes.com

State News

At 11:42 a.m. Monday morning twenty-seven-year-old Richard Lyons set up a trap by calling 911 about a theft in his home. At 11:51 a.m. twenty-six-year-old deputy Brian Etheridge arrived at the home on the 3600 block of South Rock Road in Wichita. Nobody answered the door when he knocked, so he went to the backyard of the house and didn't see anyone.

Lyons was hiding in the shadows with a .30-30 high-powered rifle. Sheriff Bob Hinshaw said that he opened fire when deputy Etheridge had his back turned heading to the front of the house or the back door. When the bullet hit Etheridge in the back Lyons went over to him and tried to fire again but the gun failed.

Lyons took the deputy's gun and shot him in the leg, then he disappeared. That gave Deputy Etheridge enough time to radio in that he was wounded.

Hinshaw said, "It does appear to have been an ambush situation. He is the first deputy to die in the line of duty in twelve years."

At 5:15 p.m. the SWAT team was going to blast the door down but then agents from the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spotted Lyons hiding by a tree in a field nearby.

Richard Lyons was shot to death after a shoot off with police in a field by his home.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.kansas.com

Weird News

In Stuart, Florida twenty-one-year-old Robert Stark Higgins is facing charges for breaking into a neighbor's backyard. He was nude and covered in feces and jumped into the neighbor's pool.

He is charged with misdemeanor theft, disorderly conduct and burglary to an "occupied dwelling." The neighbor told police that he heard Higgins jump through the screen into his pool. Then he ran as he took a towel.

Police had a K-9 unit track down Higgins to a home. He admitted to police that he had been drinking. Higgins is at Martin County Jail on \$10,500 bail.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.philly.com



Twenty-one-year-old Robert Higgins

KanQuit!
1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669)
KANSAS TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAM
Tobacco Free Butler Coalition
Butler County Health Department
1-800-940-6083

Opinionated

Pros

Most of you have already noticed that the speed limit on the highway has been reduced because of the new school zoning. I think that it is a good idea because it should decrease the number of accidents.

In the last year there have been as many as eight accidents on the corner of Bluestem Road and US- HWY 400. As a result of this reduced speed zone there have been no reported accidents at that corner.

The point is that our school has hundreds of students and several busses, and the speed zone helps us to maintain safer travel and insure the lives of many students and drivers as well as the people that are just passing through.

By: Taylor Hill



Cons

The expanded school zone is an idiotic waste of money. Between the fact that the government never asked us if we wanted the school zone expanded, and the fact that a 2008 study by the Transportation Research Board found that school zone signage had little or no effect on a driver's behavior, the money spent on the expanded school zone could have been better spent. Better yet the government could have just given us the money to be spent as needed.

The point is that, with no one walking along the highway, the signage making little (or no) difference in the behavior of the driver, and the only 5 m.p.h. difference between the school zone and the area around it, even if you don't give the school the money saved by not extending the school zone, it will save drivers the frustration of having to slow down 5 mph for maybe 2 miles. It just isn't worth the money or the frustration on the part of the taxpayers and drivers.

By: Jamey Smoot



Opinion Poll

What do you think about the reduced 45 m.p.h. speed zone on the highway?

Laramie Bird: I think it's stupid.

Amber Hoffman: I think it's safer for everyone.

Demi Metcalf: It's safer and a good idea.

Justice Edwards: I don't drive that way, but if I did it would be a good idea.

Mr. Jackson: I think 50 is slow enough, but if it's safer for the students, it's ok.

By: Richard Stevens



Entertainment

by: Katelynn Ware

Don't forget to put your shout outs and submissions to Dear Sally in the black box by Mrs. Winter's room!



For all you Twilight fans don't forget to purchase your New Moon tickets soon so you don't get left out on November 19th for the Midnight show!

Comic By: Aaron Buettgenbach

Mystery Staff

Hobbies: Antique Cars

Are you married?: Yes

Where did you attend college?: Emporia State University

Why did you choose to be a teacher?: "I always knew it was my place."

Favorite Color: Black

Where did you grow up?: Severy/ Eureka

Mystery Student

Hair Color: Blonde

Favorite Movie: I have lots

Favorite Color: Pink

Eye Color: Green

Hobbies include: Mudding and singing

When were you born?: February 27, 1994

Height: 5'4"

Years at Bluestem: Two

Answers for Mystery Staff and Mystery Student from two weeks ago.

Mystery Staff was- Kerri Young

Mystery Student was- Sarah Allen

The winners were Crystal Loper (Mystery Staff) and Kelli Kretz (Mystery Student). Thanks for participating!

Sports & Organizations



“Success is not always measured by wins and losses.”
~Coach George Stewart



The football team stands on the sidelines

Students Against Destructive Decisions is an organization that promotes not drinking, drunk driving, or the use of illegal drugs.

At their first meeting they elected officers. The participation has doubled from 12 students last year to 20-24 students this year.

They are working on the “Not in our house” campaign and the dodgeball tournament. Officer Jackson is the sponsor of S.A.D.D; this is his fourth year sponsoring.

The officers are President Jenna Gannon, Vice-President Crissy Gardener, Secretary Demi Metcalf, Treasurer Carlie Brack and StuCo Representative Talon Griggs.

The next meeting is October 7th in the auditorium.

By: Mariah Bing



Football team huddle.
Go Lions!














The Football Team assembles on the field.

The 2009 football season is coming to its end very quickly; although we still have four games left. Coach Stewart said the team is stronger and faster and work very hard to improve fundamentals learned in practice. Having the opportunity to play at Cessna Stadium was a big highlight of the season. The current record is 0-4 with BHS 6- Trinity 51, BHS 6- Cheney- 55, BHS 12- Belle Plaine 21, BHS 0- Conway Springs- 30. Although the Conway game ended in the first half due to lightning, it was not a forfeit; the current score became the recorded score.

Upcoming Games:	
Oct. 9	Bluestem VS Medicine Lodge 7:00p.m.
Oct. 16	Bluestem @ Wichita Independent 7:00p.m.
Oct. 23	Bluestem @ Wichita Collegiate 7:00p.m.
Oct. 29	Bluestem VS Douglass 7:00p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Happy Birthday- Justin Elliott Katarina Walker 	Happy Birthday- Rachel Jones BHS vs. Garden Plain 7:00 pm 	Happy Birthday- Richard Stevens 
	Happy Birthday- Katie Edwards Dakota Huckabee 	BHS/BMS CC at Eureka 4:00pm BHS VB at Chaparral 5:00pm		Happy Birthday- Bobby Duarte BHS vs. Medicine Lodge 7:00 pm No School! 		
Happy Birthday- Jacob Scott 		Happy Birthday- London Cooley BHS VB at home - 5:00pm 			BHS FB at Wichita Independent - 7:00 pm 	
				Happy Birthday- Katelynn Ware 	BHS FB at Collegiate - 7:00 pm	
				P/T conf. 8-8 No School!	No School!	
	Happy Birthday- Patricia Onofrio 	BHS Band Concert 7:00pm				