



Smoky Valley	135	7	Leon/Bloestem	6
St. Albans	93		Lynn	6
Cherokee	88		Ellsworth	5
Garden	86		Garden Plain	5
	70		Chase County	5
			Stafford	47
			St. Johns Military	3

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~Sports~

Upcoming Wrestling Meets:

Date:	Time:	Team:
Feb. 4-5	4:00pm/9:00am	at Circle
Feb. 11	4:00 pm	CPL Tourn.
Feb. 18-19	TBA	Regionals
Feb. 25	TBA	State

Wrestling

Most Pins: Augie Schmidt

Most Gold Medalists: Denver Ridgway and Augie Schmidt

Upcoming Basketball Games:

Date:	Time:	Opponent:
Feb. 1	4:30 pm	vs. Cheney
Feb. 4	4:30 pm	vs. Chaparral
Feb. 8	4:30 pm	at Conway Springs
Feb. 11	4:30 pm	at Medicine Lodge
Feb. 15	4:30 pm	at Belle Plaine
Feb. 17	4:30 pm	at Garden Plain (FR/SO Boys)
Feb. 18	4:30 pm	at Wichita Independent
Feb. 22	4:30 pm	at Douglass

Girls Basketball

Leading Scorer: Jordan Flowers
Leading Rebounder: Brianna Weakley
Most Assists: Jordan Flowers
Most Steals: Kelli Kretz
Most Blocked Shots: Jordan Flowers

Boys Basketball

Leading Scorer: Dakota Bevan
Leading Rebounder: Sean McCormick
Most Assists: Dalton Bevan
Most Steals: Tyler Leed
Most Blocked Shots: Sean McCormick

~Organizations~

Spirit Week

Monday: Super Hero Vs. Super Villain Day.

Tuesday: Planet of Tropical Beaches.

Wednesday: Invasion of the Nerds.

Thursday: Class Color Day.

- **Freshman:** Pink
- **Sophomore:** Orange
- **Junior:** Green
- **Senior:** Black
- **Staff:** Purple

Friday: Blue and Gold Day.



SADD

SADD is planning to speak to the High School and Middle School sometime before we go on spring break. SADD is about people trying to make good decisions and doing something better with their lives. There are about 30 members in this organization, and they would like many more to be a part of their drug and alcohol free program. President: Talon Griggs
Vice President: Josh Muckenthaler
Sponsor: Officer Jackson

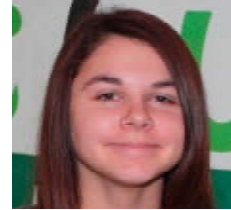


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BE **SMART**
BE **SOBER**

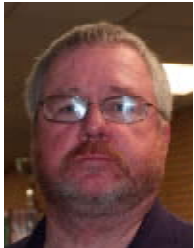
~Opinion Poll~

What do you think about the Middle School & High School combining?

"It's outrageous! And I do not like it at all." - Mariah Bing

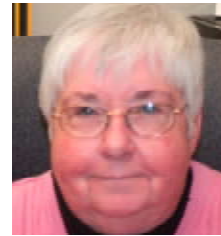


"I don't think it's a good idea because you have all these itty-bitty 7th graders in with high-schoolers." - Kaysi Wolf



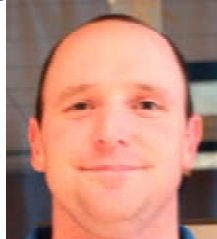
"I understand the financial reason, I just don't think it's a good idea combining 7th & 8th with the high school." - Mr. Stewart

"If it will save peoples' jobs, then it will work out alright." - Rosa Cox

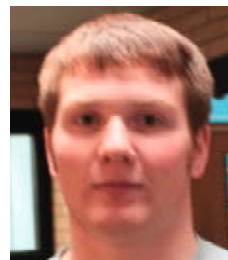


"I think it will present logistic challenges; however, the money being saved could present some new avenues for education."

- Mr. Scribner



"I don't care. I only have one year left." - Augie Schmidt



"I really don't like it; I think it's stupid. Middle-schoolers should stay there. We didn't have the privilege, so why should they?"

- Gabby Albers

"High School should be for 9th through 12th grade, not some stupid little middle-schoolers."

- Savannah Morris



~ENTERTAINMENT~

Mystery Student:

Siblings: One

Hair color: Blondish

Height: 5'3"

Hobbies: Cooking and watching College basketball

Favorite Movie: Easy A

Favorite color: Green

Favorite class: Sociology

Favorite pop: Cherry Coke

Pets: Two dogs and One cat

By: AJ Lakin

Mystery Location:



By: AJ Lakin

Mystery Staff:

What college did you attend?: Fort Hays

Favorite class in high school?: Biology

Favorite Movie?: Ever After, The Lost Boys, Reign of Fire

Favorite Movie Star?: Drew Barrymore, Shia LaBeouf, Keifer Sutherland

Favorite Hobbies?: Sewing, Gardening, Home Improvement

Schools you have taught at?: Morland, Palco, BHS, Butler

Favorite Color?: Purple

By: AJ Lakin

Entertainment

Movie Review

We watched Toy Story 3, this movie was filled with heart-felt lines and heroic moves with the toys. If you haven't seen this movie you should pick yourself up a copy and watch it! I personally think that this movie is the best one of all because it shows that Andy has grown up and realizes that his toys need to have a new owner that will play with them while he is in college. I think they should make a Toy Story 4 to show the toy's newest adventures with Bonnie and if the toys like it there or if they want to go back to Andy's attic.



<http://www.google.com/images?hl=en&client=safari&rls=en&q=toy%20story%20>

Weird News

Ready to politely hang up on telemarketing personnel, Gail Davis followed form recently, only to find out she had hung up on a legitimate Apple giveaway of a \$10,000 itunes gift card for downloading Apple's App Store's 10 billionth app early Saturday morning. After her daughters scolded her and told her this was a real phone call she frantically called Apple back multiple times, she later had all of the mess sorted out. Now she and her two daughters have an extravagant amount of itunes credit thanks to the free app download "Paper Glider."



<http://www.apple.com/>

School News

Library Transformation

The Bluestem High School Library is going to be getting rearranged. Mrs. Herl is in charge of this change.

Why did you decide to rearrange the library?

"Students ask about specific types of books, this new way will make the genre easier to find."

When are you planning to rearrange the library?

"Starting now (January 27th), and it won't be finished until the end of the school year."

Did people help you with the idea to arrange it or did you decide it on your own?

"I read online that other school librarians have arranged their library this way and students have found what they're looking for a lot easier. I wanted to try something new for the increase in the reading circulation."

Finals Policy

After speaking with Mr. Minks this week, we found out a lot of things that we didn't know about the new finals policy. Last semester 70% of students were exempt from finals based on attendance. As a program Mr. Minks said it was a good incentive for students, because he knows just buying them a pop as a reward for coming to school wasn't going to cut it, but giving them an early break and not taking finals was going to motivate most students. He also said grades and absences have went up 87% to 95% last semester. As far as this program being successful, many of you could say it was. This semester only eight kids were academically ineligible to play sports.











Mr. Minks also said they are going to also continue this program next year. They might re-evaluate it and make some tweaks to it though. If you have an A or B with three or less absences then you will be exempt from finals. As far as everyone taking finals at the end of the semester, that was all just a rumor.

Schools Combining

At the December meeting Mr. Lovesee proposed to combine 7-12 grades to USD 205 Board of Education. He says "to be able to share staff, manage daily tasks more efficiently, and move middle school and high school students between buildings for additional elective options we formed some major transitional changes. They include similar rules and procedures, 7-period bell schedule, combined budgets, and spending accounts, and a combined 7-12 site council. With the smaller class sizes in the elementary school, moving up to the middle school we will be rescheduling from three sections of every required class to two sections. This will give our middle school staff either one or two open hours that will not have classes. We currently have used these open periods to offer remedial classes and electives at the high school. Some benefits would be moving the high school weight room to the middle school band room and gym. This would provide more room to the strength classes."

By: Brandee Oliver, Mary Davis, & Shannon LaClaf

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6  Sierra Gale	7 Skills Meeting	1 BHS BB vs. Cheney ~ 4:30 p.m. BHS Dance Clinic Senior Night	2 BES Casual Pictures BMS WR Parents Mtg. ~ 5:30 p.m. STUCO Meeting	3 BMS S-Bowl Invitational ~ 4:30 p.m. Pep Assembly	4 No School BHS WR @ Circle ~ 4:00 p.m. BHS BB vs. Chaparral ~ 4:30 p.m. Homecoming Garrett Gross Jarrett Holtz Tristan Gray Charity Young 	5 Matthew Brownlee 
13  Whitney Young	14 BOE Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. BES Valentine Parties ~ 2:00 p.m. BES PTO ~ 6:30 p.m. FCCLA Meeting St. Valentine's Day	8 BHS @ Conway Springs ~ 4:30 p.m. NHS Meeting	9 BHS/BMS Casual Pictures SADD Meeting	10 BMS S-Bowl @ Cheney ~ 3:30 p.m. BHS Madrigal/ Jazz Band Concert ~ 7:00 p.m.	11 No School BHS WR @ Douglass ~ 4:00 p.m. BHS BB @ Medicine Lodge ~ 4:30 p.m.	12 ACT Test
20	21 BMS WR @ Flinthills ~ 4:30 p.m. BMS S-Bowl @ Central Burden ~ 3:30 p.m. Class Meetings Presidents' Day	15 BMS Math/Science CPMSL @ Cheney ~ 8:00 a.m. BHS BB @ Belle Plaine ~ 4:30 p.m.	16 STUCO Meeting  Jess McDonald	17 BMS S-Bowl CPMSL @ W. Independent ~ 3:30 p.m. BHS BB FR/SO Boys @ Garden Plain Alexandra Emmons 	18 No School Staff Development Day BHS WR Regionals ~ TBA BHS BB @ Independent ~ 4:30 p.m. Count Your Kid In ~ 8:30a.m.-12 p.m.	19 BHS WR Regionals ~ TBA
27  Whitney Young	28 FCCLA Meeting	22 BHS BB @ Douglass ~ 4:30 p.m. Skills Meeting	23 Battle Buddies Meeting  Mikayla Cooley	24 BMS Vocal/Band Concert at BHS ~ 7:00 p.m. Cody Lewis 	25 No School BHS WR State ~ TBA Caitley Woody 	26 BHS WR State ~ TBA Matt Barnett 