

# *The Lion's Roar*

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# Local News

## College Day

On Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> all eligible juniors and seniors went to Butler Community College. Many high school students from different schools attended. In the main gym were the universities including KU, WSU, K-State, Fort Hays, Emporia and even though Butler is a community college since it was their gym, they were also in the main gym. Also in the main gym there was a stand for financial aid.

Students walked around looking at the colleges that they wanted to attend. If there was a college you were interested in, all you had to do was go up and they would talk to you and give you all the info you need. Most of the colleges had cards that you filled out, so they can send you additional info.

In the smaller gyms were a lot of community colleges. The community colleges had lots of information, and if there wasn't enough of course they had cards to get you more. We all had to meet back at our seats at 2:15. Once we met we all headed to the bus and made our way back to school. Everyone that went had a sack full of information for their future!

By: Katelynn Ware

Jarrett Holtz and Jamey Smoot



Students outside after the Butler College field trip.

Jamey Smoot, Colleen Turner, Patrick Warren and Haley Wolf



## You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

November 13 and 14 Trevor Landreth, Keneil Gomez, Denver Ridgeway, Jamey Smoot, Patrick Warren, Colleen Turner, Haley Wolf and the Drama Department put on the play You're a Good Man Charlie Brown.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown is a play that takes us into the life of Charlie Brown and other well-known Peanuts characters. As a play not written by the original creator of Charlie Brown, it does a remarkable job blending the seriousness of life with a comedy that makes laughter nearly impossible to resist.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown put on by the drama department November 13 and 14 was a success that filled the auditorium past expectations. Between the ridiculous "Beethoven Day" and the semi-serious "The Doctor Is In" the crowd found laughter and tears.

After the play as the actors and actresses lined up outside, some of the audience gave them gifts of candy or flowers; however, after all the work they had put into this play, the gifts were only a secondary reward to the laughter and smiles of the crowd.

By: Jamey Smoot

Justin Oliver, Alex Emmons, and Jordan Flowers



You're a Good Man Charlie Brown



Haley Wolf, Colleen Turner and Keneil Gomez



# Local News



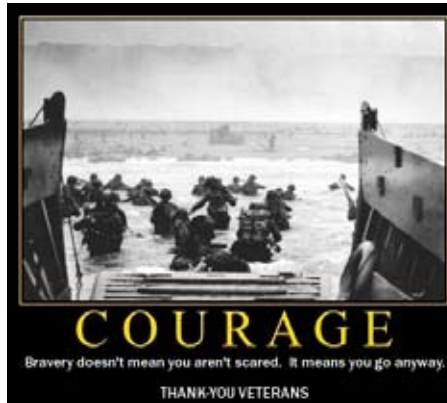
## PLAN Test

The sophomores recently took the PLAN test on November 4. This test is supposed to prepare them for the ACT and help them get a better understanding of what they will be doing after high school. This test was unlike regular school tests because it is not a pass or fail test. This test has no effect on student grades or their acceptance into college. The cost of the test was \$9.50.

The test consisted of four parts. For English, the students were allowed thirty minutes to answer fifty questions. The math section had forty questions and also forty minutes was allowed to answer it. The reading section was twenty minutes long and had twenty-five items. The last section was science; it had thirty questions, and they were allowed twenty-five minutes to finish it. At this time we don't know when the results will come back.

By: Ricky Stevens

## Veterans Day



Veterans Day is a day in history when veterans of the armed services are recognized for their bravery and service. There was a flag folding at Bluestem High School, during which it was explained what each fold means. After the American Legion and auxiliary, did the flag fold they talked about what veterans day is.

Veterans day was Armistice day before it became veterans day; Armistice day was made to honour the men and women that served in world war one. Then it was changed to veterans day; Bluestem High School was happy to welcome SPC. Regan Gillespie; she has started a program called "My Little Battle Buddy" for students in high school to email and talk to soldiers' kids and family while they are gone serving their country. Bluestem High School was given the honor to be the first school to try this program out.

By: Aaron Buettgenbach



## Cheerleaders Host Dance

The cheer dance was held on Thursday, November 12th. It was \$3 for a single person and \$5 for a couple. It was held at the old elementary gym. It lasted from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dee Batta was the D.J. for the occasion. There were about 20 people there.

They are going to use the money for duffel bags to put their shoes, uniforms and poms in. The next fundraiser will be the sale of hand towels for \$5.00 each. The towels will be decorated in blue and gold and say Lions' City on the front.

By: Mariah Bing



## National News

In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, police said a suspect turned himself in for killing four people. David Allen Tyner turned himself in to the Mayes County Sheriff's Office Tuesday morning, says police Sgt. Gary Knight.

Police have been searching for Tyner after he allegedly killed four people, including twenty-two-year-old Brooke Phillips, a Nevada prostitute who was featured in the HBO reality series "Cathouse."

Both Phillips and a second victim, twenty-two-year-old Milagros Barrera, were pregnant.

All four bodies were found in a burning house on November 9th on the southwest side of the city.

The other two victims identities have not been released yet.

By: Andrea Wynn

*This information was obtained from nyypost.com*



Twenty-two-year-old Brooke Phillips

## State News

In Wichita, Kansas a twenty-nine-year-old woman and thirty-two-year-old man reported marijuana stolen from their Plainview apartment Monday night.

They said that at about 9 p.m. five men were armed when they came into their place at the 3800 block of East Ross Parkway.

One of the suspects accidentally fired his weapon which scared the rest of the suspects, said police.

They fled in a white Cadillac after they ran from the apartment. They dropped the marijuana as they ran.

The woman and man were charged with selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a school. They were booked on suspicion of various drug charges, and more marijuana was found in the house.

*This information was obtained from kansas.com*

By: Andrea Wynn

## Weird News

In Biloela, Australia, four Australian men have been charged with public nuisance and exposure at a Smart Wash car wash.

The men paid for a car wash, stripped nude and cleaned themselves while their female companions took pictures.

Police were called Sunday and arrived in the middle of the cycle after being called by owners.

The suspects are to appear in court next month. The car wash warned the public not to make fun of the men, the police said.

The high-powered washer could have been dangerous, especially if it gets in the eyes, said police.

By: Andrea Wynn

*This information was obtained from sfgate.com*

The logo for KanQuit! features the word "KanQuit!" in a large, bold, blue font. The "Q" is stylized with a cigarette and a flame. Below the logo is the phone number "1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669)" in blue. Underneath that is a dark blue bar with the text "KANSAS TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAM" in white. Below the bar is the text "Tobacco Free Butler Coalition" and "Butler County Health Department" in blue. At the bottom is the phone number "1-800-940-6083" in blue.

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# Opinionated

## Paranormal Activity: Good or Bad?

### Pro:

I think that this movie was pretty good but quite scary if you ask me. At the beginning it was just like two people's normal lives, but as the days went on, it got scarier. There was a ghost and a lot of paranormal activity. The man in the movie liked to antagonize the ghost; for instance, in a part of the movie he had decided to play with a Ouija board. It really upset the ghost.

It is your opinion if you would like to see this movie. To some people it is a great movie, but others think that it is stupid and that there is no such thing as paranormal activities. The critics of this movie are usually non-believers of the paranormal phenomena, but I however believe that there are things in this world that we cannot see unless they want us to, and I think that this movie is one that says the same thing. Follow what you think and watch the movie if you would like. Just remember that it is scary.

By: Taylor Hill

### Con:

If you have seen Paranormal Activity, you are probably scared. Right? I know I was. The parts that scared me were when she was messed with by a demon that haunts her since she was eight. I was scared because I believe in ghosts and things that happen that are unexplainable. I couldn't sleep for a while. I had to sleep with the light on for about two weeks. The nightmares still happen and I don't know what to do. I am eighteen, imagine if a small child were to watch this movie how would they react or feel? They probably would be afraid. Many of my friends have seen this movie and they were scared too. When I first saw the movie I could not get the image of her face at the end out of my mind. If you have ever seen a movie with a possessed girl or boy, you would know what I am talking about. Her face was a ghostly white with black eyes, then she picked up the body and threw it at the camera. I heard elderly people had heart attacks watching this movie. I could believe that. Some people may not get scared; some may believe that it is just like The Blair Witch Project. I don't know. This is what I think: people are allowed to believe what they want and have their own opinions.

By: Andrea Wynn

## Opinion Poll:

What did you think about Paranormal Activity?

• Steven Akins- It was ok.



• Karson Lewis- It sucked I thought it was a waste of my time.



• Trey Farthing- I thought it was freaking scary. I cried twice.



• Ryan Bevan- It was ok.



• Amanda Nixon- It was eerie.



• Ethan Haworth- I don't like scary movies.



• By: Ricky Stevens



# Entertainment



## Shout outs!!

The duck flies at mid-  
night!

from: Anon

Get your yearbook order  
forms outside of Mrs.  
Winter's room!

from: Yearbook Staff

I Hate Kat Walker! But  
I love Ashton! :) From:

Danyel

I like SKITTLES! Ed and  
Dani's a ninja!!

From Daniel



Comic and shout outs By: Aaron Buettgenbach

### *Mystery Student*

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Brown

Favorite Movie: Radio

Favorite Color: Black

Hobbies: Family

Height: 5' 9"

Years at Bluestem: Forever

Favorite Car: Bus

By: Andrea Wynn

Last mystery stu-  
dent was Augie  
Schmidt, and  
the mystery staff  
was Mrs. Kramer.

No one guessed  
last time so please,  
don't forget to  
guess this time!!

### *Mystery Staff*

How long have you been here? Since 1977,  
like 32 years or something

Do you have any kids? Yes, two grown-up  
girls

Are you married, and if so how long have  
you been married? Yes, I have been married  
for 37 years.

Where did you graduate from high school?  
Here, but back then it was just called Leon  
High School

Do you enjoy working here? Yes, I do since  
I grew up here.

By: Taylor Hill

# Sports & Organizations

## Dance

With only five girls (Alexa Bailey, Sidney Dey, Macee Genter, Marlayne Gil-liand and Kaylee Knoll) on the dance team, it can be hard to get noticed; however, the dance team continues to work hard. With the smoker just raffled off they seem to feel little need for another fundraiser in the near future.

Instead of fundraisers their time is fo-cused on practicing and maintaining their dance routines and skills.

Their next dance performance will be during halftime at the last basketball game of the calendar year, Friday, Dec. 18. While they undoubtedly have a long year ahead of them, the dance team coach was very positive say-ing, "This is a great group of girls."

By: Jamey Smoot



## Cheerleading

The Bluestem High School Cheer Squad currently includes nine girls, as well as the lion mascot. As everyone in the cheer squad is new to high school cheerleading, they have had to come a long ways since tryouts.

As of right now the Cheer Squad is developing new cheers, chants, and routines to perform. They are also practicing stunts to hopefully make them part of their time-out performances. As there is a need for the mas-cot uniform to be replaced, they hope to have another fundraiser before Basketball Home-coming.

As most of the cheerleaders are in-volved in other activities, it has been difficult to find a time available for everyone to prac-tice. Another difficulty the Cheer Squad is having is trying to find areas that are safe to perform stunts in; however, they feel confi-dent in their ability to overcome and excel.

By: Jamey Smoot



