

# *The Lions' Roar*

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# Local News

## MAAP Day

On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> we had MAAP Day, MAAP stands for Military Appreciation And Pride. The National Guard came to our school and set up a fun time. The events started off with the Color Honor Guard, Alma Mater, and an introduction video. The groups then split to engage in events such as obstacle/PT course, Shooting van, National Guard Motorcycle, basketball toss, drill and ceremony, drug/demand/reduction, benefits briefing, camouflage station, flag etiquette, halo VS halo, and there was a web cam to Afghanistan; the connection was bad but some people were able to talk to Stan Cox for about 25 minutes.

Some students had comments. Kaylee Knoll said, "I thought it was fun, and I enjoyed learning about the military." Mariah Bing also commented, "It was amazing and hilarious."

Overall I believe everyone had a good time, including the teachers. The National Guard provided pizza and soda for lunch. We appreciate all they did for us. We hope this is not the last of MAAP days!

By: Danyel Anglemyer

Come join us for yearbook Bingo tonight, Friday April 17th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm! They will be serving chili, cinnamon rolls and a drink for 5 dollars. Bingo cards are 25 cents per card per game. Bingo prizes include merchandise, gift cards/certificates, and cash!



Carson Sowers dives to win at the obstacle course.



Freshman Sidney Dey fights back in the obstacle course during MAAP Day.

## Regional Music Contest

On Thursday, April 9, band and vocal students took part in Regional Music Contest here at the school. Ten band students performed solos, and twelve vocalists performed solos. Three students from both band and vocal, as well as Madrigals, received a "I" rating, meaning they will travel on to perform at the state music festival on Saturday, April 25. The following is a list of the performers and the rating they received.

### Band

Haley Wolf, Flute- I  
Leonie Kosin, Flute- II  
Jenna Gannon, Flute- II  
Amanda Schmidt, Alto Sax- II  
Katherine Hardenbrook, Clarinet- II  
Madison Medley, Tenor Sax- I  
Molly Leed, Tenor Sax- I  
Patrick Warren, Trombone- II  
Colleen Turner, Trombone- II  
Trevor Landreth, Percussion- II

### Vocal

Crystal Loper- II  
Trevor Landreth- I  
Brittany Graham- II  
Bailey Bickham- II  
Eric Esparza- II  
Tegan Feaster- I  
Mixed Ensemble- II  
Chambers- II  
Madrigals- I  
Katarina Walker- II  
Jenna Gannon- II  
Mackenzie Baxter- III  
Felicia Crease- III  
Kendra Wade- II  
Kristina Porter- III  
Colleen Turner- I

Congratulations to all of the performers, and good luck to the state qualifiers!

By: Daric McCoy

# Senior Feature



## Kevin Hampton

What are your plans for next year? Going to K-State of Salina for a Professional Pilot Degree

Activities throughout high school: Football, Wrestling, and Baseball



## Amanda Hatfield

What are your plans for next year? Going to ESU, and trying to become famous

Activities throughout high school: Dance, Theater, Madrigals, Volleyball, and Softball



## Cory Hildreth

What are your plans for next year? Going to UTI in Arizona and working

Activities throughout high school: Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Golf, SADD, and FCA



## Chris Hodges

What are your plans for next year? Going to Independence CC to play football, then going to K-State for agribusiness

Activities throughout high school: Football, Basketball, Track, Skills USA, and SADD



## Jessica Hubbard

What are your plans for next year? Going to Hutch CC for Radiation Tech Program, working

Activities throughout high school: Cross Country, Track, Wrestling, Skills USA



## Cody Huelsman

What are your plans for next year? Going to start my apprenticeship for becoming an electrician

Activities throughout high school: Track



## Josh Irwin

What are your plans for next year? Going to College, working

Activities throughout high school: Football, Skills USA, and Debate



## Billy Johnson

What are your plans for next year? Attending college, degree in massage therapy, working, livin' life, playing video games.

Activities throughout high school: Cross Country, and Track



## Alicia Johnston

What are your plans for next year? Going to college to start nursing school

Activities throughout high school: Debate, Softball, Forensics, Track, and Band



## Leonie Kosin

What are your plans for next year? Finish School in Germany

Activities throughout high school: Volleball, Band, and Softball



## Zane LaClef

What are your plans for next year? Butler Community College

Activities throughout high school: Basketball, Cross Country, Scholars Bowl, Debate, Forensics, and Theater



## Kevin Liggett

What are your plans for next year? Working and going to Butler

Activities throughout high school: Track



## Daric McCoy

What are your plans for next year? Attend BCC and working on The Grizzly.

Activities throughout high school: StuCo, Yearbook, Madrigals, Band, Newspaper, and Theater



## Wade McHone

What are your plans for next year? Undecided

Activities throughout high school: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling, and Skills USA



## Madison Medley

What are your plans for next year? Active Duty Army

Activities throughout high school: SADD, Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band, FCA, StuCo, Track, Forensics, Theater, Newspaper, and NHS



## Zach Muckenthaler

What are your plans for next year? Fort Hays State University

Activities throughout high school: Football, Basketball, Golf, Madrigals, Jazz Band, Skills USA, SADD, StuCo, NHS, and Theater

## Weird News

A stray cat came to Oregon's Willamette Humane Society and was named after NBC's *The Apprentice's* star and mogul. The cat was named "The Donald" after Donald Trump because of the unusual piece of fatty tissue on top of his head. It is covered with a rust-colored hair.

Every time the cat eats or drinks anything the fatty tissue plops down and get into the bowl.

Donald Trump uses hair spray to keep his hair in place. The cat is scheduled to have the fatty pouch removed and then he will be put up for adoption. There is no word on if he will keep his nickname, "The Donald", or not. They are pretty sure that he will get adopted soon.

By: Andrea Wynn

*This information was obtained from [www.pawnation.com](http://www.pawnation.com)*



## National News

In Mombassa, Kenya, Somali pirates vow to kill Americans in revenge. They want to hunt down American ships and kill the people aboard. They fired automatic guns and grenades at the *Liberty Sun*. The sailors aboard managed to escape to the engine room and were safe. The ship was headed to Kenya under the U.S Navy Guard.

A pirate admitted that they are targeting American sailors and ships. A twenty-five-year-old pirate said, "We will seek out the Americans, and if we capture them we will slaughter them".

Ismail, a pirate who was not involved with the attack on the *Liberty Sun* said, "We will target their ships because we know their flags. Last night, an American-flagged ship escaped us by a whisker. We have showered them with rocket-propelled grenades."

The move happened when in order to release a hijacked American sea captain, Richard Phillips, U.S Navy sharpshooters killed three pirates.

By: Andrea Wynn

*This information was obtained from [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com)*

## State News

The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission is investigating a complaint the Speaker of the House violated the state's nepotism law.

On Wednesday the decision came after a three-member subcommittee of the commission reviewed the complaint. When the Hutchinson Republican became speaker, his wife, Cindy O'Neal, was hired as a twenty-seven-thousand dollars a year House Republican Caucus liaison.

State Rep. Marti Crow stated that O'Neal committed "a clear violation of Kansas law regarding nepotism."

If the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission finds out O'Neal violated the nepotism law, he could be fined up to five-thousand dollars.

By: Andrea Wynn

*This information was obtained from [www.kake.com](http://www.kake.com).*

# Opinionated

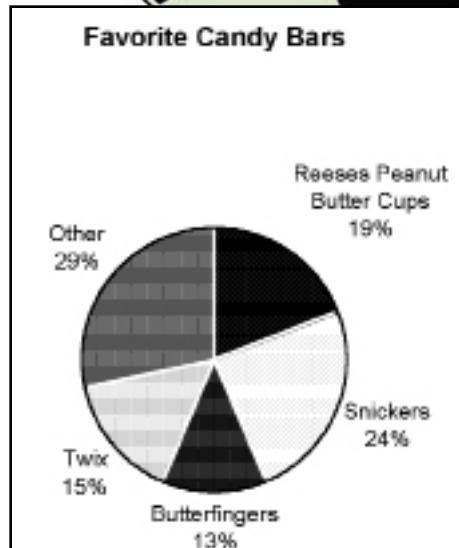
Do you think wild animals should be domesticated as pets?  
**Pro** **Con**

Whether an animal is born into captivity or born in the wild, it is the way the animal adjusts to his new environment that affects his behavior. Most animals have a natural instinct and can sense when danger is approaching. So when an animal that is supposed to be in the wild suddenly gets put into a different environment, it will react to changes according to his natural world.

In February of 2009 a house broken pet chimpanzee that went on a blood rampage and nearly killed a woman only reacted to his natural instinct. The woman arrived to the house where the primate lived in a new car and apparently wore her hair in a different color and style. The chimp didn't recognize the woman and therefore tried to protect his owner by causing great bodily harm to the elderly woman.

This proves my point very clearly; animals react in captivity as they would in their natural environment. Therefore it is important if you have a wild animal it should be kept in close correlation to their natural world.

By: Richard Stevens



Wild animals should not be pets. Wild animals are wild they should be kept in their own habitat where they belong. I believe no one should have permission to keep a wild animal.

There are many dangers to having a wild animal as a pet. Even if you have had it for long time, it doesn't take much for them to turn on their owner. They can be a danger to small children who may think they are meant to be played with all the time. As the animal matures it becomes more aggressive and probably will attack.

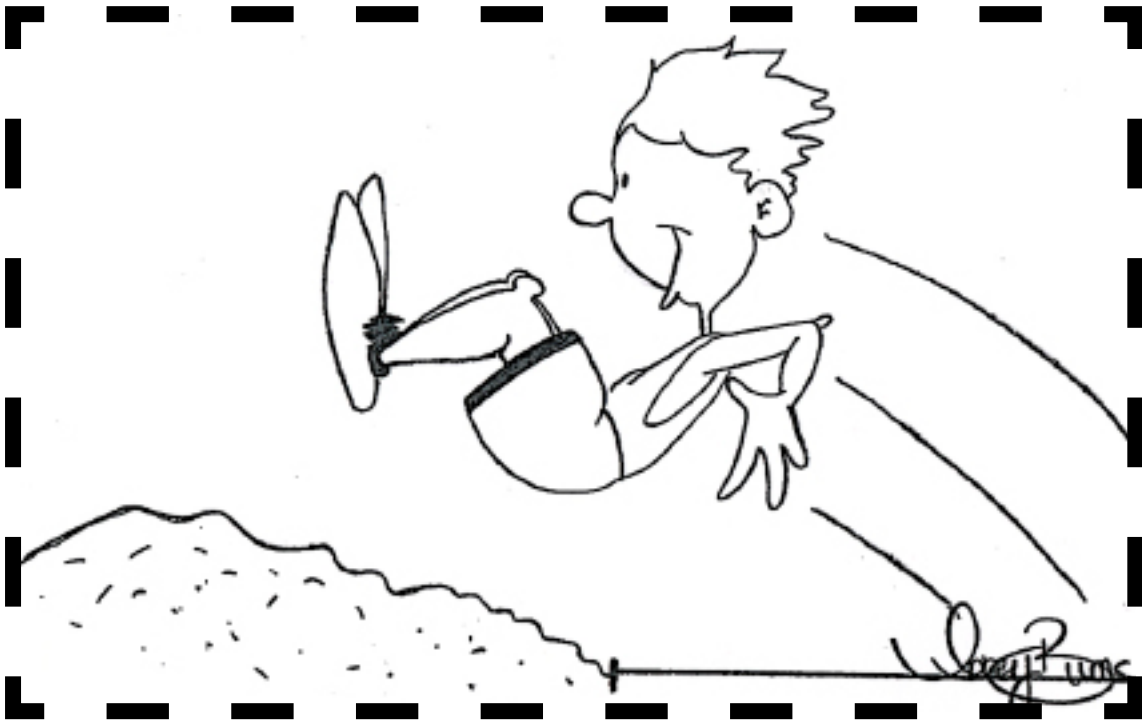
People could catch a Zoonotic disease, a diseases shared by animals and humans, from a wild animal. In the wild a person does not know what an animal has or has been in contact with. They are taking a risk having them as a pet. They can get rabies, distemper, salmonella, polio, tuberculosis and many more. Wild animals also carry parasites, like intestinal worms and protozoa.

Wild animals require special care that many people cannot give them. Without it they could eventually die. Their environment has to be specific; it has to fit them. Having them caged up in a home is not the right habitat.

In my opinion I believe that people should stick to having domestic animals, like dogs and cats, as pets. Leave the exotic and wild animals alone.

By: Andrea Wynn

# Entertainment



## Mystery Staff

Hobbies: Raising and training American Quarter Horses

Hair Color: Brown

What Was Your High School Mascot: Raiders

Favorite Movie: Hoosiers

What Would You Have Been if You Were Not in Education: Farmer or Rancher

Favorite Restaurant: Cracker Barrel

Favorite Color: Blue

## What do you think Groodles means?

- Jenna Gannon- some kind of poodle thing
- Ms. Smith- Like a noodle that you eat on Halloween
- Heather Davis- A bumble bee
- Ashlyn Chamness- The third cousin of a Hephallump
- Preston Eberly- Some kind of soup
- Jamie Smoot- Something slimy
- Tommy Roderick- excited or happy
- Meaning of groodles- Leftovers
- By: Crystal Loper

## Mystery Student

Number of siblings: Two

Hair color: Brown

Height: 6'0"

Hobbies: Playing sports and hanging with my boyfriend

Favorite movie: 21

Favorite color: Aqua blue

Favorite school lunch: Chili and cinnamon roll

What kind of music do you listen to: Hard rock

Favorite class: Entrepreneurship

What year were you born: 1992

# Sports & Organizations

## Golf

So far, golf has been off to a pretty good start, but J.V. hasn't been having very much luck with the weather and had to miss three tournaments. Right now the golf team has sixteen golfers trying to fight for six Varsity spots. "I think we are a pretty balanced team this year. We have really good athletes and I look for us to peak at the right time" Coach Gomez explained.

When varsity went to Chaparral Varsity took fourth place as a team and Darius Semisch, senior, took tenth place. Eureka Varsity tournament was very much successful. Darius Semisch, senior, shot 84 strokes and took first place, Dustin Semisch, junior, shot 85 strokes and took second place, and Cory Hildreth, senior, shot 91 strokes and took tenth place. The varsity team shot a 362 and took first place.

Members on the team are:

### Seniors

Darius Semisch  
Cory Hildreth  
Austin Puetz  
Ezriah Call

### Juniors

Morgan Kilgore  
Dustin Semisch  
Carson Sowers

### Sophomore

Scott Parnell

### Freshman

Josh Hrabe  
Cody Lewis  
Calen Kearns  
Nick Hampton  
Jordan Batta  
Katherine Hardenbrook  
Katie Reding  
Kenzie Baxter

By: Crystal Loper

## Shooting Team

The Bluestem Scholastic Shooting Team has once again started practice. The team practices every Saturday morning at Lynbrook Sporting Clays. The team members who have more experience spend the morning shooting Sporting Clays, and the new members will spend a few weeks on the Skeet field to learn the basics.

The main coach for the team is Jeff Diehl, and the assistant coaches are Dean Bender and Jim Harris. Currently, the team is preparing for the Frontier Shoot on May 2<sup>nd</sup> where there will be one team of five that competes, and the rest of the team will help run the concession stand and sell raffle tickets. All of the money that will be raised that day will go towards paying for shells and clay targets.

Some of the team members will be competing individually at the Kansas State Sporting Clays Shoot on June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup> at Claythorne Shooting Lodge, and the entire team will be competing in the Scholastic State Sporting Clays Shoot. There will also be one 3-man team compete in the Scholastic State Skeet Shoot. There is also the possibility that the team will be competing in a couple other shoots, however it has not yet been decided.

By: Jenny Diehl

## Track

This year track is off to a good start. With five silver medals and one bronze from the last track meet, head coach Mr. Stewart is expecting a good outcome for the rest of the season. Along side Stewart is coach Johnson and coach Thomas. They have a lot on their hands with a total of twenty-three students. This year's roster holds the following:

### Sprinters/Jumpers

Cheyene Barnhart  
Zach Branam  
Marshall Coheneur  
Britnee Flowers  
Dakota Barnhart  
Garrett Gross  
Zach Haney  
Jake Marlnee  
Alex Muckenthaler  
Cody Roberts  
Clint Solis  
Ty Young

### Distance Runners

Trevor Landreth  
Madison Medley

### Throwers

Eric Esparza  
Jenna Gannon  
Ethan Haworth  
Wesley Pfund  
John Schilling  
Augie Schmidt  
Colleen Turner  
Rita Windle

When asked against who do you think your toughest meet will be Mr. Stewart answered, "The CPL meet in May" and when asked how do you think the team is doing this far he added, "Working hard, we need some better weather so we can get some work one." Stewart is expecting the end of the season to hold improvement and thinks the team is better this year than the last.

-Abbey Burns

# June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BHS Drivers Ed. First Session- June 1-12					
	8:30-11:30am					
	1 BOE Meeting- 7:00pm	2 Happy Birthday- Nikki Anderson Cody Cokeley	3 Happy Birthday- Jenny Diehl Danielle Powell Mariah Bing	4	5 Happy Birthday- Tegan Feaster Ashton Cooley	6 ACT Test
7	8 Happy Birthday- Kaylee Knoll Justin Oliver	9	10	11	12	13
	BHS Drivers Ed. Second Session- June 15-26					
	8:30-11:30am					
14	15 Happy Birthday- Katherine Hardenbrook	16 Happy Birthday- Laramie Bird Jake Marhee	17	18	19 Happy Birthday- Dairic McCoy Sidney Dey	20
Father's Day	21 Happy Birthday- Sean McCormick Kaysi Wolf	22	23	24 Happy Birthday- Steven Akins	25	26 Happy Birthday- Paden Gomez
28	29	30				