

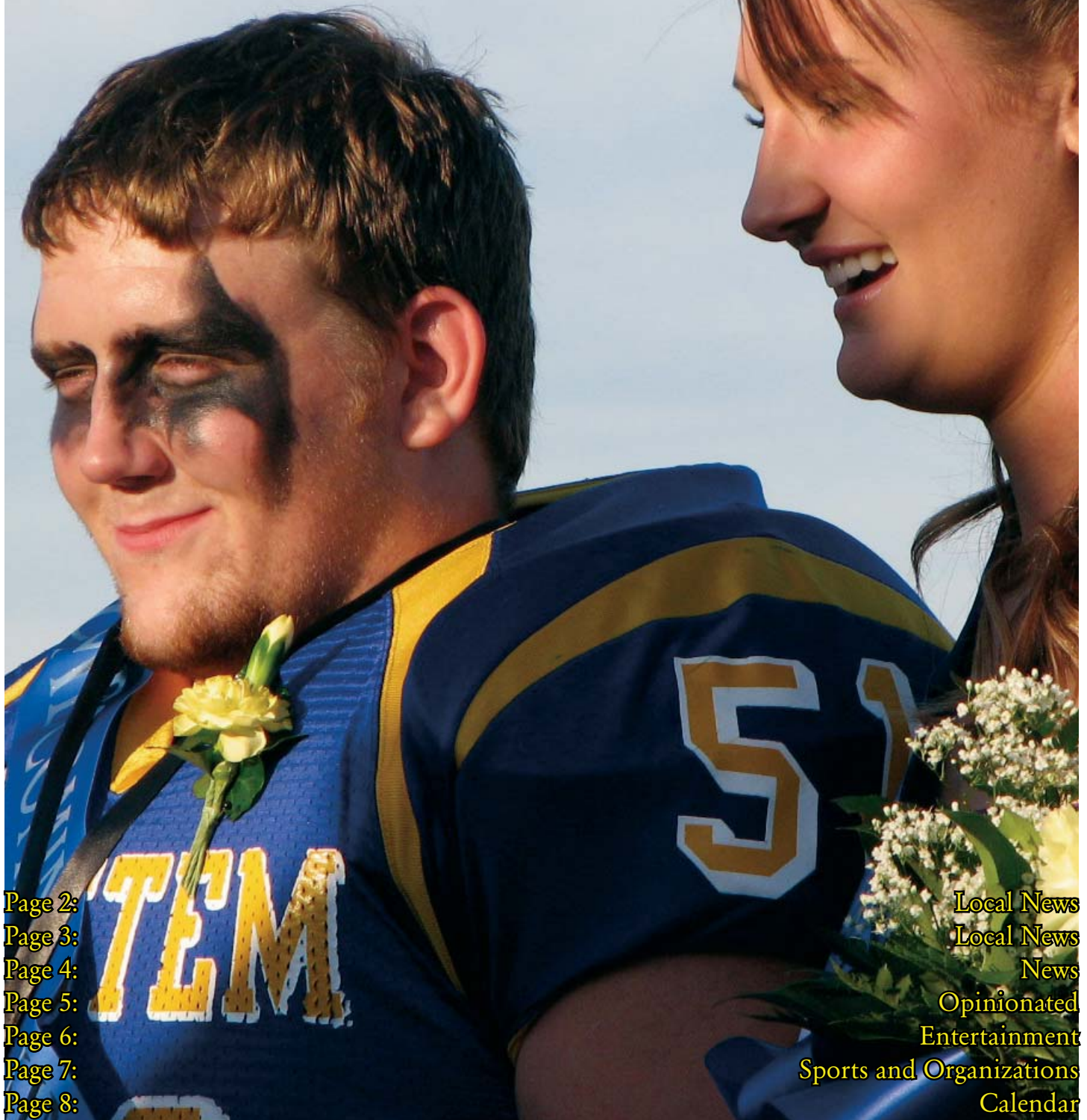
The Lions' Roar

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Homecoming

Homecoming week is a week filled with school spirit and pride. Monday was dress like a rock star, Tuesday was favorite sports person, Wednesday was formal day, Thursday was class color day (Freshmen-Pink, Sophomores-Purple, Juniors-Red, Seniors-Black, and staff was Rainbow/Tie-dye), and Friday was blue and gold day!

The homecoming game was against Belle Plain. The candidates running for queen were Jessica Albers, Chelsea Dey, Jenna Gannon, Keneil Gomez and Nicole Moore. The candidates running for king were Dakota Barnhart, Daniel Carter, Ethan Haworth, Morgan Kilgore and Jacob Smith. They had the ceremony for the crowning and medaling at 6:00, then it was game time! Congratulations, King Ethan Haworth and Queen Jessica Albers.

After the game was the dance. It was held in the commons area from 9:30-12:00. It was \$3 to get in. The sponsors for this were Mr. Day, Mr. Clark, Officer Jackson and Mr. Wrampe.

By: Mariah Bing



King Ethan Haworth and Queen Jessica Albers.



Shannon LaClef, Brandee Oliver and Mary Davis enjoy the Homecoming dance.



Homecoming Candidates

Roof Job

Due to the fact that we ran out of trash cans to catch all the leaks that were in the roof, Ray's Roofing Company has come to help! They started August 1st and plan to work long and hard until around October 1st, which is when it's suppose to be done. They are putting the new tar roof on which has caused lots of noise, (as if you haven't noticed!). Some noise we can barely hear but some is unexpected and loud causing us to lose concentration on our work. I understand that the machines they are using cause some of the noise. Ray's Roofing Company is doing their best to ensure no more leaking and better insulation for the whole building. Being a tar roof it is costing our school \$1.6 million to fix. One question I wanted to know was why they didn't do it over the summer so that we wouldn't be so distracted by the noise. According to Mr. Wrampe, the reason they didn't do it over the summer wasn't quite clarified. With them working 10-12 hours a day, it should soon be fixed and we will be able to carry out our day without the annoying but relevant noise.



By: Katelynn Ware

New Students

By: Aaron
Buettgen-
bach



Austin Cameron
Age: 14
Old school:
Haysville
Sports: Football,
Baseball



Tyler Lyon
Age: 18
Old school:
Andover Central
Sports: Basketball,
Baseball



Ryland Hill
Age: 15
Old school:
Andover
Sports: Wrestling



Alexandra Emmons
Age: 16
Old school:
home school
Sports: Basketball,
Volleyball, Track



Aaron Cosby
Age: 16
Old school:
Parsons
Sports: Wrestling



Jess McDonald
Age: 15
Old school: Rosehill
Sports: Basketball, Base-
ball, "parking on curbs"



Kayla Rector
Age: 14
Old school:
El Dorado
Sports: Volleyball



Taylor Hill
Age: 17
Old school:
El Dorado
Hobby: riding horses
and rodeo



Maryjane Atkins
Age: 14
Old school: Burden
Hobby: likes to draw



Jennifer Cutsinger
Age: 18
Old school: Maize
Sports: Basketball



Francisco Lopez
Age: 15
Old school:
Wichita
Sports: Football



Aaron Buettgenbach
Age: 17
Old school: Andover
Sports: Drag Race

Weird News

Under-aged Dating Contract

In Schenectady, N.Y. two moms were arrested because of a deal they made to each other about their children dating.

The problem was one of the children was a nineteen-year-old, Shawn German, dating a thirteen-year-old.

They signed an agreement allowing them to date and just in case the thirteen-year-old was to get pregnant while dating.

They believed it would protect the nineteen-year-old, but it didn't.

The boy and his mother were "enshrined" into the Weird Crime Mug Shot Hall of Shame; instead of protection that is what they received.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from weirdnews.about.com



Nineteen-year-old Shawn German

National News

Facebook's New Record

Facebook is nearly as large as the United States population.

CEO for Facebook Mark Zuckerberg thanked the users on the site for helping them get to the three-hundred million mark. There are about three-hundred and seven million people residing in the United States.

The California "start-up company" announced that it has hit fifty-million new users in just two months, which is more than eight-hundred thousand new users daily.

New technologies are helping keep the cost of Facebook's computer servers down. It is important because Facebook stores an abundant amount of data.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.cnn.com



State News

Police and Fast Food

The Woodson County sheriff faces charges for illegally gathering county funds to pay for a meal at a Wichita KFC.

Waddell turned in a reimbursement and voucher form for the camera he bought at Wal-Mart and a KFC meal, Prosecutors said.

The charges state that Waddell claimed that the camera was for a "patrol camera" and the KFC meal was part of training for him and a deputy in Wichita.

The camera and meal should not have been paid for by the sheriff's department, says the Attorney General's Office which has those items. Waddell appears in court September 24th at 9:30 a.m., in the Woodson County District Court.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from www.kansas.com



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Opinionated

Con

Obama's Health Care Plan

The debate on the health care plan is whether Obama's universal health care program will work, which allows a person to have either private or national health insurance, or the national health insurance which is an alternate to the private health insurance.

I believe Obama will not fulfill his promises about his health care plan. The reasons for my belief is because he plans to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans; that is how he will fund his plan. I don't believe it will work. I don't mind the rich getting taxed so the poor can get benefits, but my concern is whether it will work or not.

Our economy is already going down; we need as much money as we can get, and this plan is going to cost a lot. The plan is supposed to add up to two trillion dollars in the next two years. Our national debt is close to twelve trillion dollars.

This is going to be a tough job to get it all finished, and I don't believe it will happen like Obama wants it to. There is not enough money to get it all done.

By: Andrea Wynn

Pro

Obama Health Care Plan

Did you know many citizens of the United States don't go to the doctor for regular check-ups because they don't have insurance? In the U.S. there are more than 500,000 citizens without any kind of medical insurance, which is crazy because we are still paying over two trillion dollars a year on health care. And yet, for all this spending, more of our citizens are uninsured, the quality of our care is often lower, and as our nation's president said, "We aren't any healthier."

One of the things affecting me is that I will turn eighteen soon, and when that happens I will not be covered on my current medical plan, so I will have to get affordable insurance on my own. With this plan, I can do that. With Obama's health care reform, it is going to be mandatory for all citizens to carry the bare minimum health insurance much like it is with automobile insurance.

However, the plan also calls to limit how much insurance companies can charge, and the premium can never go up. The most important part of this plan is that it will save billions of dollars for taxpayers that are still paying for other people's Emergency Room visits and hospitalization bills. In my opinion, this is the best thing to happen to the Health Care system in the United States.

By: Richard Stevens

Opinion Polls

With all the roofing and repairs going on, I asked around to get the students' thoughts on the new roof. I asked them a series of three questions: Question one, "Do you think that the money on the roof was well spent?"

Danielle Powell: "If they are falling through it, then, no."

Heather Davis: "No."

Jenna Gannon: "No, however if they were done with it, yes."

Mattie Heck and Bethany Davis: "I guess."

Question two was, "Can you think of anything else that might need to be repaired or replaced?"

Danielle Powell: "The football field bleachers need to be metal."

Heather Davis: "The senior lockers."

Jenna Gannon: "The whole school."

Jordan Haworth: "Coaches."

Mattie Heck & Bethany Davis: "Teachers and Coaches."

By: Jamey Smoot

Entertainment

By: Katelynn Ware

The Newspaper Staff is asking for submissions for shout-outs and Dear Sally. If you have submissions please put them into the black box by Mrs. Winter's room.



GO BLUESTEM!!

Lions! Go fight win!!!!

Mystery Student:

Color of Hair- Dark Brown

Color of Eyes- Blue

Years at Bluestem High- 1

Height- 5'4"

Hobbies- riding horses and four-wheelers, and also hanging with friends.

Favorite Color- Black

Favorite Sport- don't have one

Mystery Staff Member:

Hobbies- reading, tractor pulling, and getting pedicures

Number of Kids- 3

What did you want to be when you were little?- teacher

Where did you grow up?- Piedmont, Kansas

Favorite movie- Tommy Boy

Favorite Restaurant-Sal's

Favorite Color-Black

Sports & Organizations



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, also known as FCA, is a group for anyone in high school who would like to join. They have meetings every Thursday morning at 7:45 in the auditorium. The students that usually show up make a pretty good-sized group, averaging 12-15 students. Usually after a football game they have an estimated group of 50 individuals show up.

They are going to add some new activities this year like community service, food drives and game nights. They have this program because they set goals by gathering together and encouraging each other in their Christian faith. FCA is inspiring and challenging and provides opportunities to learn. They also have an activity called the 5th quarter after basketball and football games.

A recent event for FCA was the KFCA conference. About 20 students went to this event. The conference was September 19-20, 2009.

By: Mariah Bing



Picture Courtesy of Jason Lowery

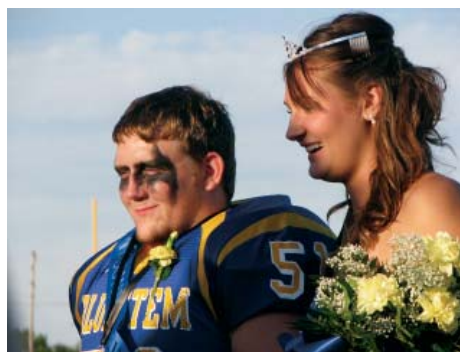
BHS Football

On September 18, 2009 Bluestem Lions played the Belle Plain Dragons. In the end we had a score of 12-21, with Belle Plain winning. Three of the players got hurt; Ethan Haworth with a knee injury. Bluestem scored twice, both times during the third quarter.

Cody Roberts opened scoring by running a 55-yard touch down, and Cade Minnick scored with a one-yard run at the end of the quarter.

Denver Ridgway led the Lion's defense with 8 tackles and 7 assists. Ryan Bevan had 6 tackles and 3 assists. Chad Cosby, Justin Oliver, Justice Edwards, Ethan Haworth, Dakota Barnhart, Jordan Haworth and Chad Izzo also made great defensive plays.

By: Mariah Bing & Aaron Buettgenbach



SkillsUSA is a national organization for students in secondary and post-secondary schools that provides and encourages careers in technical professions. In order to join SkillsUSA you need to fill

out the recruitment form and pay dues totaling \$30 in all. SkillsUSA gives job training and job opportunities in fields such as Auto-Repair, Painting-Auto, Motorcycle, Drafting, Nursing, and Culinary Arts.













If you are planning to make a career in any of these fields or in a related field, be sure to ask one of our local chapter advisers about joining (Mr. Dyer, Mrs. Kramer or Mr. Johnson). Membership is still open, and will remain open until February 1st.

By: Jamey Smoot



BHS students holding SkillsUSA state office are Colleen Turner, Cody Cokeley, Jessica Albers and Denver Ridgway.

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy Birthday- Janessa Gannon Justice Edwards Ashley Harris 	2 Happy Birthday- Zach Haney 	3 Happy Birthday- Samantha Sooter	4 Happy Birthday- Clint Solis 	5
6	7 Happy Birthday- Ali Barnard Haley Wolf No School LABOR DAY 	8	9	10 Happy Birthday- Demi Metcalf 	11	12 Happy Birthday- Garrett Rollins 
13	14	15 Happy Birthday- Amanda Owsley 	16 Happy Birthday- Chad Cosby 	17 Happy Birthday- Cally Nixon 	18	19
20	21 No School INSERVICE	22	23 Happy Birthday- Daniel Carter Carson Sowers Parent Teacher Confrence 	24 Happy Birthday- Calen Kearns Tyler Lyons 	25	26 Happy Birthday- Andrea Wynn 
27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday- Denver Ridgway 