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BATTLE *My Little* BUDDY



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Local News

My Little Battle Buddies!

My little battle buddy is a program that Regan Gillespie started so that high school students could write to the children of soldiers who are currently on active duty. The purpose of this program is to correspond with these children to take their mind off of the war and to let them know that people care. There are currently about fifty-five members in the "battle buddy" program. Members of the "battle buddy" program write letters to these children, first introducing themselves, and then talking to them about things that will take their minds away from the Middle East and all the dangers of war. Each high school student gets assigned a battle buddy to pen pal with.

By: Richard Stevens



NHS Requirements

In National Honor Society you must meet specific requirements in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. If wanting to get in you can't just apply. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the Faculty Council. You must have completed three semesters of high school and at least one semester at BHS. Members must have a 3.5 grade point average, but membership is never considered on just grades. If NHS is interested in you, you will be notified and told that you are being considered for membership. If notified you have to complete the Student Activity Information and Reference Forms. The survey you get isn't an application for membership just more information on you. The Faculty Council will then evaluate candidates. If you are selected you must keep up with the NHS Handbook and abide by its rules and you are only allowed one probation. If members graduate in good standing they will wear gold honor cords or honor stole for NHS, support school policies as well as obey them, and complete 24 individual service hours per school year, only 8 if you are a spring inductee. Don't forget to have a great character, leadership, and good service skills. Many students that are in it now enjoy, so be on your best behavior and maintain good grades, they just might choose you!!!!

By: Katelynn Ware

Local News

English 9

English 9 has been working on their book trailers for about a couple weeks. The books they read in their literature circle last semester are about young people growing up in the great depression. Mrs. Winter intends to put them on the school website, and put them in the library on the TV. "Thank you Mrs. Herl for designing the assignments and helping the students and me," the words of Mrs. Winter.

Mrs. Herl is the mind behind this project. She heard about it from other librarians, researched it and spoke to Mrs. Winter about it. "It's a good way to show off their media skills while enticing others to read the book," Mrs. Herl comments.

Book Trailers are based on movie trailers, they should be between 30 seconds and two and a half minutes long. The books can be fiction, non-fiction, biographies, it doesn't matter. You can take any book and turn it into a trailer.

By: Mariah Bing



New Students

Blake Bolander:

Favorite class: Yearbook

Hobbies: Sports

Grade: 10th

Old school: Erie



Devyn McCart:

Favorite class: English

Hobbies: Watching TV

Grade: 10th

Old School: Augusta High



Gabby McCart:

Favorite class: Art

Hobbies: Art

Grade: 9th

Old School: Augusta High



Andrew Eubanks:

Favorite class: Science

Hobbies: Fencing

Grade: 9th

Old School: Peabody



By: Taylor Hill

Weird News

In Sheboygan Fall, Wisconsin, a year after a morbidly obese dog named Jiffy, who weighed about 120 pounds, became frozen to the sidewalk, he has finally slimmed down.

On December 2008 in single digit temperature when the incident happened. His dense layer of fat was probably the only thing that kept the dog alive.

Afterward, the court gave an order to Jiffy's owner that stated to give up the dog.

When Patty and Peter Geise adopted Jiffy he could barely step over a four-inch pipe without resting.

Now he walks a mile at a normal pace. Patty said it's rewarding to see how much Jiffy improved.

This information was obtained from www.today.msnbc.com

By: Andrea Wynn

State News

In Lawrence, Kansas a man, Arthur Davis III, who was trying to get his children to kill their mother with a baseball bat, has been sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.

Davis was sentenced last Monday for attempted first degree murder.

Davis tried to get his twelve-year-old daughter and fifteen-year-old son to kill his ex-wife on June 16th prosecutors said. After the children were beating her up, Davis went and helped.

The ex escaped with several cuts to her head and was treated. The daughter received immunity for testifying against her father. The son was sentenced on Friday to three years in state custody after entering a plea to a reduced charge of aggravated battery. He will serve that at a state youth center.

This information was obtained from www.kansas.com

By: Andrea Wynn

National News

A recent study in the journal Psychology of Addictive Behaviors found that binge drinking leads to nerve tissue damage in the brain.

Researchers believed the study translated to the teens' tests. It showed short attention spans in boys, difficulty interpreting visual information and comprehending in girls and memory damage in both boys and girls.

Teen binge drinking can permanently affect the brain, neuroscientist Susan Tapert of the University of California, San Diego, leader of the study says that alcohol is toxic for the still-developing teenage brain.

Tapert told National Public Radio, "The adolescent brain is still undergoing several maturational processes that render it more vulnerable to some of the effects of substances."

Tapert and her team examined twelve-to-fourteen-year olds that drink heavily- having four or five drinks per occasion, two or three times a month. Brain damage occurred in the teens that drank only few times monthly.

Tapert said, "These results were actually surprising to me because the binge-drinking kids hadn't in fact engaged in a great deal of binge drinking," she said. "They were drinking on average once or twice a month, but when they did drink, it was relatively high quantity of at least four or five drinks an occasion."

There was nerve damage the study showed. For teens it meant a decline in memory and thought functions.

Girls did more poorly on mathematics and engineering, and the boys suffered from short attention spans.

University of Pittsburgh brain researcher Ron Dahl said, "But, of course, that also creates a liability for the spiral of addiction and binge use of these substances. It makes it easier to consume higher amounts and enjoy some of the positive aspects."

This information was obtained from spherenews.com

By: Andrea Wynn



Opinionated

Texting and Driving

Pro:

“Stay alive, don’t text while you drive” that is a good motto for drivers across the nation these days. I think we would all agree that it is pretty scary when we are driving down the highway and we see some teenager text on their cell phone while they are attempting to drive. I thought I could do it, until I had to learn the hard way that accidents do happen. On February 16th 2009 I was driving to meet my sister and pick up my cousin, I was sending my sister a text message that was supposed to say, “Hey, I’m on my way to the meet you and Jess.” Unfortunately the message was sent a little too late because when I looked back up to the road it was too late and I was going way to fast. My sister had changed her mind about going back home; she decided to come out to my house, instead of just meeting me at the end of the road. We hit head on; after the initial impact her car took out a tree and my head broke the windshield. Nobody was seriously injured, but I thank God everyday that I didn’t kill anybody; our cars were replaced, but our lives never could have been. I hope my story will encourage you to be more safe while driving.

By: Ricky Stevens

Con:

Texting and driving is not a good idea. You could run into another vehicle, hurt a stand-buyer or yourself. You could hurt or kill others or even yourself by having your attention focused on texting instead of driving. If you need to send an emergency text or call someone, pull over and take care, of it instead of being in harms way. Drivers that have a passenger with them could have the passenger text or call for them. Put your phone on silent and somewhere you won’t look at it while you’re driving, so you don’t hear it go off and automatically think you need to check your phone to see who’s calling or who texted you about the color and design of their prom dress. It should be illegal to text and drive, but if you’re sitting in the passenger seat texting it would be a boring ride. You should get pulled over for having your phone out and the police see that you have it out. We shouldn’t have stationary texting technology because you could be walking down the street, not driving and you wouldn’t be able to send a text.

By: Mariah Bing

Opinion Poll:

How do you feel about texting and driving?

Chad- It’s safe especially when you’re using one knee.



Savannah- It’s dangerous, but I still do it.



Joe- It’s stupid.



Damon- I suck at it.



Preston- It’s fun, kind of like a roller-coaster.



Trent- I frown upon it like a big frown I can’t even express how big of a frown it is. Don’t text and drive.



By: Taylor Hill



Entertainment



Winners from last week were...

Mystery Student was Sierra Hall, guessed by Layne Gil-liand.

Mystery Staff was Tara King, guessed by Keelie Browning.

Thanks for participating!!!
Now it's someone else's turn so get to guessing!!!

Mystery Student:

Fav. Color: Turquoise

Fav. Car: Corvette

Hair Color: Dirty Blonde

Fav. Movie: Gone in 60 Sec-
onds

Fav. Hobbies: Riding four wheelers

Eye Color: Brown

Fav. Song: "She's Country"

Fav. Animal: Dog

By: Andrea Wynn

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Mystery Staff:

Where did you graduate college from?: BS Emporia State U. and MA Pittsburg State U.

How many kids do you have?:
Two.

Favorite thing about BHS?: How resilient the student body is at handling adversity.

What is your favorite food?: Pizza

What is your favorite quote?: Veni, Vidi, Vici, "I came, I saw, I conquered."

By: Katelynn Ware



Dear Sally,

So I really like this guy, right, but stupid people (including his girlfriend), stop us from dating!! What should I do??!!

Answer: Obviously there is a reason that he is with her; she makes him happy. Let them be, and if he breaks up with her for you then you know that it was meant to be. Don't try and get between them, because that is wrong and will just end up hurting your chances, just give it time. Until then you should try your best to move on and be happy.

Shout-out!

I love you, Abigail, Mariah, Keelie, Katelynn, Daniel, Samantha, Nicole, Taylor, and Danyel!!!

- ?Anonymous?

Sports & Organizations

Tournaments

YLB

The J.V. Girls Basketball had a home tournament in which they placed sixth. They played well. The Varsity boys tournament was held in Sterling, and they placed eighth. As the tournament went on they improved, Mr. Womacks commented.

Last week the varsity girls played Berean and placed seventh against Trinity. The J.V. boys didn't make it into the tournament because they didn't win the playing game.

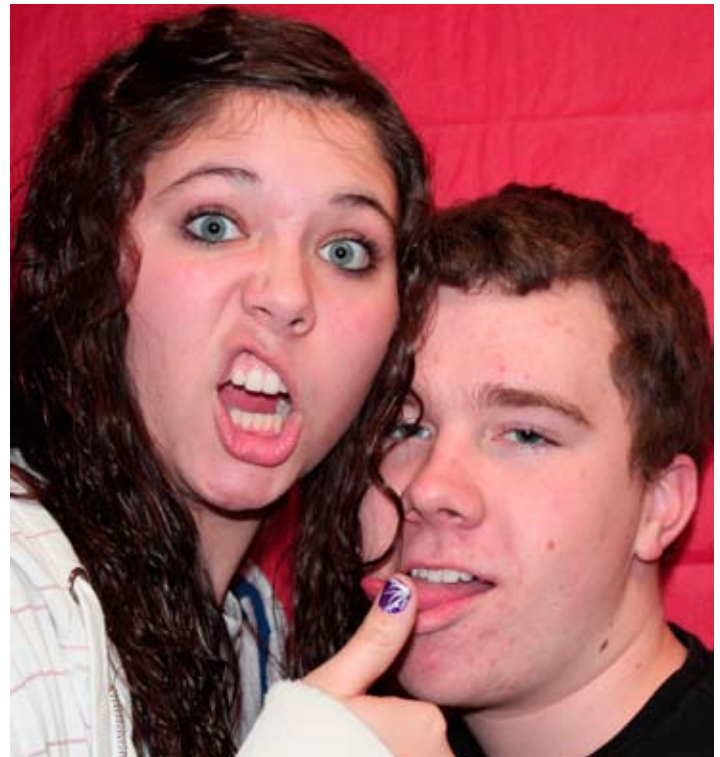
By: Mariah Bing



Danyel Anglemeyer told me some information about Youth Leadership Butler. In this program they learn leadership skills and how to use them with different groups they work with. They learned a lot about themselves and their learning style. In YLB you learn to work as a team. If you are in it you can get a college credit if you pay for it. Danyel likes it a lot because she and Daniel Wolfe met lots of new friends!

Here lately they did a texting and driving awareness at lunch. They are going to put two signs at two entrances of every high school in Butler County. They are taking a trip to Topeka on February third. Danyel and Daniel will be graduating from YLB a few weeks after their trip.

By: Katelynn Ware



FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		BHS BB @ Independent 4:30pm BHS Dance Clinic/BHS Dancers		Jarrett Holtz Garrett Gross Anthony Tiekong	BHS WR @ Circle-4:00pm BHS BB @ Chaparral- 4:30pm Matthew Brownlee	BHS WR @ Circle 9:00am Heather Davis
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Kelsi Ferren	BHS BB vs Conway Springs 4:30pm Parent teacher conference 5:00-9:00pm	BMS/BHS pictures	BHS Madrigal/Jazz Band Concert 7:00pm Parent teacher conference 5:00-9:00pm	NO SCHOOL!! INSERVICE BHS WR @ Chaparral 4:00 pm BHS BB vs Medicine Lodge 4:30pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
ST. Valentine's Day	NO SCHOOL!! President's Day	BHS BB @ Belle Plain 4:30pm Jess McDonald BHS BB Trinity Freshmen Tournament	Alexandra Emmons	Jennifer Cutsinger (Boys)-15-21	BHS WR Regionals- TBA BHS BB @ Cheney- 4:30pm Lauren Griffin	BHS WR Regionals- TBA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Patricia Lentz		BHS BB vs Douglass- 4:30pm	Cody Lewis	Cailey Woody	BHS WR State-TBA	BHS WR State-TBA Whitney Young
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Bailey Bickham leap year baby					
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