

Lions' Roar

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Local News

BES Book Fair Cheer Clinic Band Concert

The book fair was through Friday October 28 from 7:30 to 4:30. Tonight the Book Fair will also be open during the Title Night supper and program. Title Night is from 6:15 to 7:00 pm. All the proceeds will go to buy books for the library. By the check out will be a jar for spare change. The money in the jar will go to buy books for charity. The company will match what we raise to buy books for Christmas. If we buy books on the internet at:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bluestem

then all the books we buy will count for us.

By: Natalie Booth

The Bluestem High School cheerleaders held their annual Cheer Clinic on October 21st during the Ferdonia game. Everyone involved had a blast. Twenty-four girls from Bluestem Elementary School participated. They cheered during the first two quarters and performed a routine during half time.

The girls worked very hard; they had a four-hour practice. They played games such as say what I say, do what I do, Little Sally Walker and duck duck goose.

Before the game they participated in the parade around town. They wore pink T-shirts to support breast cancer awareness.

The girls who participated had fun. Everyone did a fantastic job! Good job cheerleaders and participants!

By: Kirby Shaffer

Bluestem bands have come far this year! Not only have the bands participated at Bluestem games, but also in marching parades, pep band performances during games, and pep assemblies. High school band has done very well and continue to grow stronger. Middle school band has also improved and shown there skills along with high school band for homecoming halftime show on September 30th. High school band put on a concert in the high school auditorium on Tuesday October 25th, which featured the high school marching band, jazz band, high school concert choir, and madrigals. The concert was a success, involving a light show by high school band and choreography by vocal groups. They all worked very hard and received a job well done!

By: Savanna Masters



By: Charity Young



Students of the Month

Derek Dassel was chosen for High School Student of the month for September.



He was nominated because he is hard working and gets his work done. He doesn't have a motto he lives by. His favorite classes include carpentry and welding. Keep up the good work!

Kaylyn Baker was chosen for Middle School Student of the Month for September.



She was nominated because she is super sweet, helps teach students and is a great student herself. Her favorite class is history. She doesn't have a motto she lives by. Good job!

John Stiger was chosen for High School student of the Month for October.



He was nominated because he's helpful, always kind and never afraid to step in. His favorite class is math. The motto he lives by is if you're not first, you're last. Way to go!

Cheyenne Ford was chosen for Middle School Student of the Month for October.



She was nominated because she's nice to everyone, always happy, always has a smile on her face and is never disrespectful. Her favorite class is gym. The motto she lives by is don't worry be happy. Nice work!

Opinion

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Jordan Batta

“I think it is lame to wear costumes, but some think it’s cool.”



Brandee Oliver

“It would be fun but annoying.”



Shelby Martin

“I don’t think we should because we are too old.”



Adam Wolfe

“Yes, because we have to come to school on a holiday.”



Buddy Harrington

“Yes, because I am being Dora.”



Jackie Kearn

“Yes, because it would be fun.”

Should we be able to wear Halloween costumes to school since it is on a school day?

No, we shouldn’t

No, we shouldn’t be able to wear our costumes to school. The reason I think that is because people dress inappropriate and we now have seventh and eighth graders in the school and we are supposed to set an example for them as the older people. Another reason is that we have people in our school who don’t believe in Halloween. There are also people who are not allowed to celebrate, so it wouldn’t be fair for them to be in that environment. I mean if we were in the elementary school then it would be okay, but we’re not. We’re soon to be young adults. You can still dress up on your own but I don’t think it would be appropriate to wear your costumes to school while you’re in high school. We also already get to dress up during spirit week, so it’s not like we don’t get to dress up at all.

By: Cesley Coggins

Yes, we should

We should be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school! Halloween falls on a weekday this year; we wouldn’t just be wearing them because. We are allowed to wear different things on spirit week, why not on Halloween? Everyone would be allowed to express his or her creativity and uniqueness. The building also just isn’t a high school anymore; it’s a junior senior high school. So middle schoolers could dress up as well. It would be so fun to dress up! We could have contests and have rewards for best costume. This could promote school spirit and individuality. Halloween is a holiday, and we should have the right to celebrate whether or not we are in school. Everyone could be involved; it would be a blast!

By: Kirby Shaffer

Entertainment!

Mystery Student

What is your favorite movie:

P.S. I Love You

What is your favorite color:

Pink

How many siblings do you have:

Two

What are your favorite hobbies:

Dance and going out to eat

What is your favorite class:

English

Height: 5'4"

Mystery Staff:

What was your favorite class in high school:

Science

Favorite holiday?

Rinnday

College you attended:

Kansas Wesleyan

How many pets do you have?

Had one, he died.

What's your favorite hobby during the summer?

Breaking things and tearing stuff up.

What's your favorite color?

Plaid

What's your favorite book?

The Flying Circus of Physics

Do you dress up for Halloween?

It's been at least thirty years, maybe forty.

Mystery Location:

If you think you know any of the mystery answers, go see Mrs. Winter.



Last week's winners

Mystery Student winner: Candis Remsberg

Answer: Jordan Remsberg

Mystery Staff winner: Karson Lewis

Answer: Mrs. Kramer

Mystery Location winner: Matt Womacks

Answer: Mr. Swindler's room

Organizations

Ecology Club

Ecology has been doing many things, and has lots to do. They have recently adopted a trail at the lake where they pick up trash, do trimming, and put up birdhouses.

They are about to plant around the school and all the classes are helping out with recycling. Sometimes the Ecology Club picks up trash around the roads and around our school.

The fun and exciting zoo trip is coming up very soon to the Tanganyika Zoo! Mr. Day is also having some wildlife people coming in with interesting animals they can tell us about. Everyone in Ecology Club is also getting wristbands.

By: Bethany Davis

FCCLA

FCCLA has been up to a lot lately. October 24-27 is red ribbon week promoting drug awareness. The red ribbon committee passed out numbered ribbons on Monday. If your number is drawn then you get a prize.

They are getting ready to do a fundraiser and are planning on purchasing shirts and hoodies. Every year they have a community closet; they have clothes of all sizes, so if you know anyone who may need clothing send them to the FACS room.

During Christmas time they have a party they all fill up a cup or sack and they trade. The officers are President: Mariah Bing, Vice President: Whitney Young, Secretary: Amanda Owsley, Treasurer: Layne Gilliland, Stuco Rep: Kenzie Baxter.

By: Kirby Shaffer

SADD

SADD is an organization sponsored by Darren Jackson, to prevent student from making destructive decisions. President of SADD is Augie Schmidt, Vice President Blake Bolander, Secretary Amanda Owsley, and Treasurer Lacey Lane.

SADD is a great way to help students understand the consequences of their decisions and help prevent them from making bad decisions. This year SADD is planning to go on a end of the year trip to reward the members of SADD who have helped Bluestem students become aware of the meaning of SADD.

SADD will continue to bring great ideas to Bluestem.

By: Savanna Masters

By: Cesley Coggins

Sports

Football

The Bluestem lions had their third straight win this week! The final score was 20-12. This win lets us go to the state playoffs. At the state playoffs, the Lions suffered a tough loss 13-42 against Neodesha Friday, October 27. Their playoff hopes continue tomorrow at Caney Valley at 7 p.m.



Coach Wallis commented, "I think we have had such great success in the past couple of weeks because the boys have become very competitive and have worked very hard. I think our last three wins have definitely had a big impact on the boys' attitudes and have encouraged them to work harder toward winning more in the future. They deserve it, and so does the community. We're all very proud of them and hope they continue to push themselves!"

By: Bethany Davis



Cross Country

At league last Thursday two medals were won and a school record was shattered. Brianna Chrastina took home a third-place medal in the JV 4K. Earning a PR was Matt Womacks with a time of 19:40 in the Varsity 5K. Brenda McCollum was the big winner, she placed fourth in the varsity 4K with a PR of 16:04. and broke the 4K school record of 16:20 held by McCollum earlier this year.

Cross Country ended on a happy note at the Regional meet. Brenda McCollum placed fifth, earning her a spot at the State meet on Saturday, October 29th; she finished 13th of 97 runners at state. At regionals Matt Womacks who placed 66th, Brianna Chrastina placed 64th and Shelby Augur placed 34th while running her personal best of 18:34.

By: Natalie Booth



Government Class Elections

Elections

The government classes are learning about the election process. We are having mock elections. The classes' students have to steer a past candidate through a current election.

Seventh and eighth grade has the primaries on November 2nd, 2011; they will have fifty-seven delegates available (seventh has 28 delegates and eighth has 29 delegates). The Freshman primary will be on November 3rd, 2011; they have thirty-eight delegates available.

The Sophomore and Junior primaries are November 7th, 2011; they will have sixty-eight delegates (Sophomores have thirty-eight delegates and Juniors have thirty delegates). The Senior primary will be November 8, 2011; they will have thirty-seven delegates.

The National Conventions will be November 9th, 2011; there will be twenty super delegates. The National Convention is where the delegates officially announce their Presidential candidate.

The General Election will be November 12th, 2011.

My name is Theodore Roosevelt, and I am a Republican candidate for presidency. I was a colonel in the Spanish- American War, commanding the Rough Riders. We won the battle of San Juan Hill. I want to further education by requiring college for everyone. Remember when you vote, Teddy Roosevelt is a friend for all.

My name is Herbert Hoover and I am running for the Republican candidacy. The issues I plan to take care of in office are taxes, abortion, health care and welfare, jobs and education. Remember Hoover: it's the right maneuver.

Lincoln for President! Lincoln drives America toward the future. I'm bringin' 'em back, the jobs that is. A vote for me is a vote for the future.

I, Franklin Roosevelt, have over 23 years of political experience and support The Newer Deal. This will create jobs and reverse unemployment. We don't want a pretty- boy that doesn't know or have the experience to lead us. Remember- FDR represents who we are!

My name is John Tyler. I am a member of the Democratic Party. I believe that every person should have the same educational opportunities. I also believe that health care should not be mandatory but should have the option. Abortion should be optional by the women whom has conceived but only before the second trimester. I support the idea that people whom are wealthy should be taxed extra. Every person should have a job unless unemployed for serious health concerns of themselves or children. Unemployment should not be offered to those who simply do not want to work. If you believe in these issues then vote for me and I promise you won't be disappointed. Let's take Tyler to the top!

"JFK is there anymore to say?" A naval officer who has seen the good and bad in the U.S. and knows what our country needs to survive. As a president I plan to fix the deficit, fix jobs, and create laws that will help those who are in need. Also as President I will cut the taxes for all; to make our country an equal and balanced society.

My name is Richard Nixon and I am running as a Republican candidate for President of the United States. I believe that abortion is wrong and education and taxes should be equal. If I'm elected, it is my intent to put the power back to the people.

LBJ, All the Way! Protecting and serving the homeland from foreign and domestic conflicts. Changing the nation, one step at a time!

Woodrow Wilson

Change to Change! Back to Reality! The only way we can move forward and have continual development of our country is by making education easily accessible for all and developing jobs to help the country get back on the right track.

I'm Dwight D. Eisenhower. I'm a Republican running for the President of the United States. I believe in creating jobs and opportunities for the hard-working men and women of this country. I also believe that a successful American starts with a great American education. I will fight for your rights.

Our campaign slogan for our presidential election for Harry S. Truman is "Harry Truman is a very true man." "Let's be true" is our theme. We are aware that we will have some issues with our campaign with jobs. Our main plan is to start helping the unemployed find work.

Hi, I'm Ronald Reagan, running for president. I believe in lowering taxes and reducing government spending in order to expand the economy. I joined the Republican Party in 1962 and then became governor of California after a successful campaign, keeping my title for two consecutive terms. Remember- on election day a vote for Reagan is a vote for the nation.