

THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

BROADCASTING BRINGS OUT THE BEST

BY KWYNN BLANTON

As the Mavericks continue to excel in sports and academics, the Kiowa County Media Center is there to capture all of these moments. The KCMC is a filming/recording business that is ran by Executive Director Grant Neuhold. The KCMC has been filming the Mavericks since 2008.

The students at Kiowa County Junior High that are on the main filming/recording crew are: 8th grader Kason Fulton and 7th graders Shelby Fulton and William Kyle. 8th graders Lilandra Smith and Joseph Corbally fill in and help out when needed.

Neuhold reported, "I really like working with the team to create broadcasts that are fun for a viewer at home to watch and training new team members to help us in our broadcasts. It's fun to create and add elements that make a more professional show."

The foundation was formed in 2008 by the K-State/Board of Directors team. Grant was hired in 2010 and what is when real activity started as far as operations. There was a team from K-State in their Research and Extension division that created the idea of having a non-profit entity within our community that could help with technology education and training. A board of directors was formed from local people to help organize the start of this effort and then Neuhold was hired by that board in 2010 to begin operations for the Media Center.

K. Fulton stated, "I started filming in 5th grade for the Media Center. My favorite part is filming football games and my least favorite is filming basketball games." He also added, "I started because my brother just started bringing me along with him to go and film."



Top: 7th graders William Kyle and Shelby Fulton work the cameras for the SPIAA League Basketball Tournament. Bottom: 8th grader Kason Fulton films for KCMC Sports. (photos by Dallas Derley)

LIL' PEPSTER'S PRIDE

BY MYA HOFFMAN

Lil' Pepsters took a big stand this February pumping up the stands during the boys' halftime basketball game against the Pawnee Heights Tigers on February 21st. The Junior High Cheerleaders kicked their way to success with the little kids. The cheerleaders helped little kids feel like big stars at this semester's little pepsters.

Walking on Sunshine by Katrina & the Waves was this year's song for Lil' Pepsters. The cheerleaders worked with the kids to teach them cheers and the dance on February 17th and 20th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

7th grade cheerleader Grace Brown reported, "My favorite part of Lil' Pepsters was getting to see these little girls having fun while dancing and cheering."



8th grader Delaney Little has a pep in her step as she cheers with the Little Pepsters at the High School Pep Rally. (photo by Mya Hoffman)

FIGHTING TO THE FINISH WITH FOURTH PLACE

LADY MAVS BOAST A 9-7 RECORD TO CULMINATE THEIR SEASON

BY GENTRY BALLARD

After fighting hard all season, the Lady Mavericks finished up their season in 4th place in the SPIAA League Tournament. They had a record of 9-7.

6th grader Mya Mitchell reported, "We had amazing defense this season but we have a lot to improve on for next season including pressuring the ball to fluster the other teams. We also need to be way less frazzled because it costs us a lot of games."

Their first matchup of the league tournament was a play-in game against Hodgeman County. After playing with all of their effort, The Lady Mavericks came out with a winning margin of 18 points.

Following that, the Lady Mavs played the Timberwolves from South Central. The T-wolves' shots kept falling, and the Lady Mavs couldn't hang on. This was a tough loss, but they still had to think about the game ahead of them.

For their last game of the season, they faced the South Gray Rebels once again. After a good and intense game, the Lady Mavericks lost a nail biter with a final score of 25-28.

8th grader Addison Walters said, "My favorite part of basketball is my teammates and getting to play with my friends." She also stated, "I like defense more because I think it feels more rewarding to get a steal or something else defensively than to make a good pass or play on offense." She added, "My favorite memory from basketball this year is when we were really hyped in the locker room with our coaches after beating Hodgeman County the second time."

The Lady Mavs wrapped up their season with their last game on Feb. 13th, finishing in 4th place. Thanks to everyone who came out to support them in their season. Best of luck to the Mavs next year!



Top L: 8th grader Jemma Ploger shoots the bunny shot, adding points to the scoreboard. Top R: 6th grader Mya Mitchell takes the ball down the court while looking up for a pass. Bottom: 8th grader Charlee Jantz runs through starting lineups, high-fiving her team as she goes. (photos by Dallas Derley)

LADY MAVS SCOREBOARD

02/03 @ Minneola

A Team (W): 33-10

B Team (W): 31-05

SPIAA Tournament: 4th

02/06 vs Hodgeman County

SPIAA League A Team Tourney

A Team (W): 38-20

02/10 vs South Central

SPIAA League A Team Tourney

A Team (L): 49-23

02/13 vs South Gray

SPIAA League A Team Tourney

A Team (L): 25-28

Final Record: 9-7



The Lady Mavericks gather for a picture after the SPIAA League Tournament, where they placed 4th. (courtesy photo)

MAVS BATTLE TO THE END WITH GRIT

SEASON ENDS WITH A 2ND PLACE FINISH IN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

BY CHARLEE JANTZ

The Kiowa County Junior High Boys' Basketball team finished their season as regular season league champions. Going into the league tournament as the overall #1 seed, they were hopeful to bring home a tournament championship, but they unfortunately fell short of taking second place. The Mavs final record on the season was 13-2.

7th grader Bodie McDonald stated, " The season went well until the end because we lost the Championship game. It felt good knowing we were going to the championship game because we had a chance to win it all. My favorite memory was when we won regular season champs."

As the #1 seed in the league tournament, the Mavericks first had a bye game. Their first game in the tournament was against the Meade Buffaloes. The Mavericks came out on top, winning the game by 8 points. Ending their season, the Mavs took an unfortunate loss to the Hodgeman County Shorthorns, losing the game by 8 points.

Brody Hoffman stated, "It was a good year, we had ups and downs and made it to the championship. One thing I would change is that we beat Hodgeman County and won the SPIAA League Championship."

Congratulations to our Mavericks with an impressive season with 13 total wins!



Top: The KCJH Mavericks SPIAA League Tournament Team. (courtesy photo) Bottom L: 8th grader Jack Minyard shoots the free throw, gaining a point for the Mavericks. Bottom R: 8th grader Preston Coss goes for the layup and draws the foul to shoot free throws. (photos by Dallas Derley)



Principal Travis Powell passes out medals to the Mavericks. They placed 2nd in the SPIAA League Tournament. (photo by Dallas Derley)

MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

02/03 @ Minneola

A Team (W): 49-26
 B Team (W): 27-22
 C Team (L): 19-23

**SPIAA League
 Tournament: 2nd**

**02/10 vs Meade
 SPIAA League A Team
 Tourney**

A Team (W): 28-20

**02/13 vs Hodgeman County
 SPIAA League A Team
 Tourney**

A Team (L): 34-26

Final Record: 13-2



TEAM FINISHES ON TOP AT EVERY MEET

THE KCJH QUIZZERS ARE UNSTOPPABLE EARLY IN THE SEASON



Top: The Kiowa County Varsity Quiz Bowl prepares for Round 2 against Spearville. Bottom: The KCJH Varsity and Junior Varsity show off their medals after the Meade Meet. (photos by Mrs. Ballard)

BY DALLAS DERLEY

This year's Kiowa County Quiz Bowl Teams have kicked off their season with top medals and placings at their first three meets.

Head coach Mr. Lohrding is overjoyed with the start of the season successes with the new buzzers. Lohrding stated, "The new quiz bowl teams are working very well together".

Their first meet took place at Meade on February 20th, where varsity and junior varsity both came in 2nd place in close finishes. The varsity came down to their last question in finals, losing by only 5 points. There were 13 schools competing during the Meade competition where quizzers competed in five rounds of pool play, and both varsity and junior varsity qualified for semi-finals and then finals.

On February 24th, the varsity team traveled to Copeland to compete against 11 teams during the South Gray meet. The KCJH quizzers dominated the day going undefeated throughout the entire competition bringing home the gold hardware.

The final February competition took place on February 27th at Minneola. Both varsity and junior varsity teams competed well in the long competition that went 11 rounds. The varsity team once again went undefeated with an 11-0 record on the day. Both teams finished on top with 1st place! Each team is bringing home plaques and medals.

"I was nervous about how the Minneola meet would go because we were missing a couple of players," said Lohrding. "However, people stepped up, and we came out on top still."

8th grader Truman Barnes reported, "I think this season is going very well. Overall, it's been a learning experience so far, and I think that everyone will improve greatly by the end of the year."

SCHOLARS BOWL SCHEDULE

- 3/01 @ Spearville, JV
- 3/04 @ Satanta, V/JV
- 3/11 @ Ashland, V/JV
- 3/25 @ Bucklin, V/JV
- 4/03 SPIAA @ South Central (Protection), V/JV



MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

2/20 @ Meade

Varsity: 6-1 2nd Place

- Vs Hodgeman County (W): 65-50
- Vs Rolla (W): 105-0
- Vs Ingalls (W): 80-60
- Vs Spearville (W): 80-15
- Vs Satanta (W): 70-30
- Vs South Central (W): 50-40
- Vs Ingalls (L): 60-65

JV: 5-2 2nd Place

- Vs Hodgeman County (L): 15-70
- Vs Haviland (W): 35-30
- Vs Meade1 (W): 70-40
- Vs Ingalls (W): 40-20
- Vs Satanta (W) 40-10
- Vs Ashland (W): 40-10
- Vs Meade (L): 40-60

2/24 @ South Gray

Varsity: 8-0

- Vs South Gray (W): 110-30
- Vs Bucklin (W): 95-30
- Vs Hodgeman (W): 70-35
- Vs Rolla (W): 90-0
- Vs Minneola (W): 65-30
- Vs Hodgeman (W): 100-60
- Vs Spearville (W): 80-25
- Vs South Central (W): 60-50

1st Place

2/27 @ Minneola

Varsity: 11-0

- Vs South Central (W): 80-70
- Vs Satanta (W): 70-30
- Vs Minneola 2 (W): 90-10
- Vs Hodgeman (W): 50-00
- Vs Bucklin (W): 100-40
- Vs South Gray (W): 90-30
- Vs Speaville (W): 100-40
- Vs Pawnee Heights (W): 75-30
- Vs Minneola 1 (W): 75-0
- Vs Ingalls (W): 60-35
- Vs Meade (W): 110-10

1st Place

Junior Varsity: 9-2

- Vs South Central (W): 80-40
- Vs Satanta (L): 15-40
- Vs Minneola (W): 60-10
- Vs Hodgeman (W): 30-20
- Vs Bucklin (W) 50-40
- Vs South Gray (W): 60-20
- Vs Speaville (W): 60-55
- Vs Pawnee Heights (W): 40-20
- Vs Haviland (W): 30-20
- Vs Ingalls (W): 50-20
- Vs Meade (L): 50-60

1st Place

FUN FACTS WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article by Khloe Gilkey

KASON FULTON



Photo by Ellie Hayes

Kason enjoys filming for Kiowa County Maverick Athletics.

Q: Would you rather live on a beach or in the mountains? A: Beach because it is sunny.

Q: Would you rather do math for a whole day or science? A: Science because I'm terrible at math.

Q: Would you rather write with a dry erase maker or a sharpie for the rest of your life? A: Sharpie because it will be permanent.

Q: Would you rather meet an NBA player or an NFL player? A: NFL player because I'm not very good at basketball.

Q: Would you rather own all the Kobes in the world or Lebrons? A: Lebrons because I want his shoes.

KWYNN BLANTON



Photo by Sebastian Favela-Clayton

Kwynn likes to cheer on the Mavericks.

Q: Would you rather wear crocs or sandals for the rest of your life? A: I would rather wear crocs for the rest of my life because if I wear sandals, people will see my dawgs.

Q: Would you rather play basketball or volleyball for a week nonstop? A: I would rather play volleyball because I don't like basketball.

Q: Would you rather change your first name or change your middle name? A: My first name because I like my middle name.

Q: Would you rather live in zero gravity or live in the water with breathing easily? A: Live in water because that sounds interesting.

Q: Would you rather have homework for every class everyday or have a test every 3 days? A: I would rather have homework for every class because I would fail all of my tests.

LILANDRA SMITH



Photo by Ellie Hayes

Lilandra loves singing with her friends.

Q: Would you rather get Chick-fil-A or Sonic? A: Sonic because I'm not a big Chick-fil-A fan.

Q: Would you rather only take one class in college but get a bad job or take a lot of classes and have a good job? Take a lot of classes and have a good job because I want to make a lot of money.

Q: Would you rather eat pizza or hamburger for the rest of your life? A: Hamburgers because I like them better.

Q: Would you rather have 5 dogs or 5 cats? A: 5 cats so my sister can come over because she is allergic to dogs.

Q: Would you rather travel to NYC or Paris? A: Paris because it is pretty there.

HANDING OUT HAPPINESS

BY SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

Some of the employees from the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital came down to the school for Valentine's Day handing out smiles, high-fives, and little goodies to students and staff members! They were at the front doors, so when the students and staff came in, they would greet them with happiness and gifts.

6th grader Cheryl Rosenbaum stated, "I thought it was nice of them to give us the toy sticky hands." All of the kids were overjoyed when they saw the employees greeting them that morning. Rosenbaum also reported, "I liked the greeting, and I would love to have them back again." Hopefully they will come back again because the kids loved them!

6th grader Michael Heredia get a high-five and takes a lollipop from one of the hospital employees. (photo by Sebastian Favela-Clayton)



AROUND THE SCHOOL

FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH

HONOR BAND PERFORMS WELL

BY IVA BROWN

February started with many kids in the 6th grade gaining fun, new memories and experiences in 6th Grade Honor Band. This event happened back on February 5th, and while the 6th grade students were there, they rehearsed with band members from Minneola and Southwestern Heights the entire day before hosting one big performance in the afternoon at the Minneola High School gym. This opportunity was given to the top performers in band in the 6th grade class.

The 6th grade Honor Band students from KCJH were: baritonist Rhett Heinson, trombonist Treyden Walters, flutists Jessie Wirth & Mya Hoffman, percussionists Gentry Ballard & Mya Mitchell, clarinetist Hannah Torres, and trumpeter Cash Hayes.

Mr. Cowley, the Junior High/High School band and vocal teacher, described the honor band as, "A wonderful opportunity for students to work on music that is more challenging while also getting out of their comfort zone and meeting some peers from different schools." As with how the students did, he says, "I'm so happy with everyone's performance at the 6th Grade Honor Band. All of the students were leaders at this event and represented Kiowa County well."

The performance was available for anyone to watch in Minneola, and the songs they played during the event included: *Blessings*, *Celebration Overture*, *Furioso*, and *The Yellow Submarine*. The students joined in with other 6th graders who were the top of their own band classes. Our 6th grade students worked hard to get this chance and did a fantastic job.



Top: The 6th Grade Honor Band members pose after their performance at Minneola on February 5th. Members include: R. Heinson, T. Walters, M. Hoffman, G. Ballard, M. Mitchell, H. Torres, J. Wirth, and C. Hayes. Bottom: The 6th Grade Honor Band performed with students from Minneola and Southwestern Heights. (Courtesy photos)

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT

BY IVA BROWN

March is about to arrive, and it's going to start with National Breakfast Week! This goes on from March 3rd to the 7th.

Wanda Booth, who works in our cafeterias during breakfast and lunch, says this about why breakfast is such an essential step in waking kids up: "It's important because it helps get kids going and ready, they end up having better concentration and memory, and they usually score higher on tests."

If you start your day with a delicious school breakfast, you'll be entered into a special contest to help our amazing cafeteria cooks create a lunch menu! Important Reminders: You must sign up for breakfast in your classroom. Breakfast does come with a fee.

Don't miss this fun opportunity—fuel up with a great breakfast and have a say in what's served for lunch! See you in the cafeteria!



KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE

REGGIE'S PIZZA...IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER

BY ELLIE HAYES

Swing by Reggie's Pizza whenever you're hungry or your family needs to eat! Also, you will get to experience amazing staff and customer service!

Pizza, pasta, breadsticks and more are what you can get at Reggie's. Go to Reggie's to get the best pizza in Kiowa County.

Mindy Wilson, the owner/manager of Reggie's reported on the restaurant, "We just hit 10 years of business in December! Reggie's doesn't run specials, but everything we have is special! The Heart Attack pizza is probably our most popular pizza, which is the meat lover's pizza." Wilson's favorite part about being in Kiowa County is the community never getting tired of their amazing pizza and staff.

One of Wilson's favorite parts about being in Kiowa County is, "seeing all the regulars every week makes us all so happy at Reggie's Pizza!"

7th grader William Kyle said, "My favorite thing about Reggie's is their amazing pizza!" Kyle likes going to Reggies every week because they have fast service and good customer service.

Reggie's restaurant hours are 4-8 pm on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, their hours are 11 am - 8 pm.

6th grade Cash Hayes reported, "My favorite thing to eat at Reggie's is their pizza taco. I also like how fast they get orders out and the amazing, hard-working, super nice staff!"

Stop by this amazing restaurant or call to place an order to go: 321 W Kansas Ave, Greensburg, KS 67054 (620) 723-2200. Follow them on Facebook for updates as well.



HOURS:

Monday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Tuesday CLOSED
 Wednesday CLOSED
 Thursday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Friday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Saturday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Sunday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM



Pizza	Pasta/Starters/Desserts
Reggie's Paco	Chicken Alfredo
Barbeque Chicken	Meatball Pasta
Heart Attack	Chicken Wings
Overload	Cheesy Bread
Hawaiian	House Salad
Reggie's Veggies	Chocolate Cookie
Chicken Bacon Ranch	Cheesecake
Buffalo Chicken	
Cheese Pizza	

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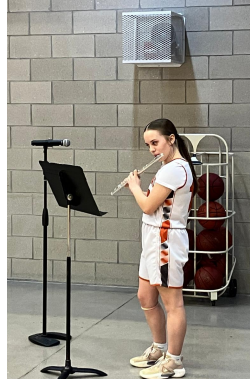
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(Courtesy Photo)



Clockwise from Top R: The Elementary-Junior High places 1-3 County Spelling Bee. Bottom R: Some of the Scholars Bowl Team students chilling, awaiting their first place award. (Photo by Mrs. Ballard)

Bottom Middle: The Kiowa County Maverick Cheerleaders cheer on the stands during the Meade game. (Photo by Dallas Derley) Bottom L: The Junior High listens to a career panel for Business Management in the Varsity Gym. Top L: The Junior High gathers for a picture on the Elementary playground. (photos by Mrs. Ballard) Top Middle R: 8th grader Kwynn Blanton plays the National Anthem on her flute for The Lady Mavericks' last game. (courtesy photo)

Bee-ING THE BEST

BY KWYNN BLANTON & SHELBY FULTON

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G

B-E-E! The Kiowa County Spelling Bee was originally scheduled for February 12th and then got rescheduled for the 19th. However, due to snow, it was rescheduled again and was finally held on the 27th of February at 10:00am at the Ross Ellis Center in Haviland.

The competitors from Kiowa County Junior High included seventh graders Rowdy Young, 6th graders Caleb Watson and Gwen Smith.

Young received 1st place at the County Spelling Bee. He reported, "I think the spelling bee went a lot better than last year. I did pretty good. A lot of the people did really good this year. I am very happy with my placing."

The winning word was "artificial". Good luck at the State Spelling Bee!

Rowdy Young: 1st
Julian Garcia: 2nd
Caleb Watson: 3rd

MARCH CALENDAR

BY KWYNN BLANTON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 1A-3A State Wrestling 1A Sub-State BB Semifinals (Girls) KCHS Forensics @ TBD
2	3 1st Day of Spring Sports Practice 1A Sub-State BB Semifinals (Boys)	4 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 2:45pm: KCHS Forensics Novice Tournament 4:00pm: KCJH V/JV Scholars Bowl @ Satanta	5 5:30pm: Family Literacy Night	6 Versus HS Art Competition @ Wichita-Mark Arts 3:05pm: Tornado Drill	7 1A Sub-State BB Finals (Girls) @ Kiowa County 7:00am: DLT Meeting 8:30am: Preschool Screening @ Mennonite Church 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	8 1A Sub-State BB Finals (Boys) @ Kiowa County
9 Daylight Saving Time starts	10 4:30pm: Student-Led Conferences	11 3:00pm: KCJH V/JV Scholars Bowl @ Ashland 4:30pm: Student-Led Conferences 7:00pm: SPIAA All-League BB Meeting	12 KSHSAA State BB JAG-K State Career Development Conference 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	13 End of 3rd 9-weeks KSHSAA State BB	14 KSHSAA State BB NO SCHOOL	15 KSHSAA State BB
16	17 St. Patrick's Day SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL	18 SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL	19 SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL	20 SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL	21 SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL	22
23	24	25 3:00pm: KCJH V/JV Scholars Bowl @ Bucklin 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	26 11:30am: SPIAA League Meeting	27 KCHS Forensics @ South Gray Invitational	28 K-5 Art 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed	29 Regional Solos & Small Ensembles 6:30pm: Promenade 7:00pm: KCHS PROM 10:30pm: After-Prom
30	31 Teacher Inservice - No Classes 6:00pm: Cheer Tryout Practice					

(Photo from usd422.org web page)

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WORD SEARCH

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- LEPRECHAUN
- PANCAKES
- SPRING
- BIRDS
- MARDI GRAS
- PARADE
- ST. PATRICKS DAY
- FAT TUESDAY
- MASKS
- SHAMROCK
- TIME CHANGE

