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LANCERS

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STATE BOUND!

By: Hillarie Thacker

The Lady Lancers had an amazing year! The ladies got the opportunity to play at state this year. Tuesday, October 6th, the girls traveled to Minneola. They won all of their matches, taking first. On October 10th, the Lancers went to Dodge to play in the SPIAA League Tournament. The girls played with all their heart and came out with a win in the championship game, bringing home with the 2009 banner. The next games they faced were at South Gray, winning all of them. Saturday, October 24th, the girls traveled to Sublette for sub-state. Traveling all that way, they didn't plan to come home with anything less than first place. With the girls working as a team they brought back what they had in mind, a first place plaque, earning them a spot in the state tournament. The next full week of practice the Lady Lancers focused on the state title. The tournament was held at Fort Hays on Friday the 30th and Saturday the 31st. Unfortunately the girls came up short, losing all three games on the 30th. Our Lady Lancers had a very successful year. Congratulations on making state the first time since 1996!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



- Juniors and Seniors – You and your parents are invited to the Financial Aid Night on November 4th at 7:00 pm in the band room. Representatives from DCCC will be here to explain the FAFSA and answer any questions you may have about attending college in general. If you have questions, see Mrs. Lorie Stein

- ACT Dates:
 - o December 12th (Late registration deadline open until November 20th)
 - o February 6th (Regular registration deadline is January 5th)
 - o You can register online @ www.actstudent.org or pick up a packet from the counselor's office.
 - o Spearville High School's code: 172805

- Other Important Test Dates:
 - o SAT Tests on November 7th and December 5th.
 - o ASVAB Test on November 4th for those interested in the military (Sign up with Mrs. Lorie Stein ASAP.)

- Juniors' Pre-College Checklist (November/December)
 - o Begin your scholarship searches at www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com
 - o Continue to talk to your parents and your high school counselor about where you want to go to school.
 - o Attend college fairs.
 - o Attend college representative visits at your school.

- Seniors' Pre-College Checklist (November/December)
 - o Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school.
 - o Begin/continue preparing your college admissions/scholarship applications. Check with colleges to determine deadlines and when materials must be postmarked.
 - o Take the SAT or ACT exam, if necessary.
 - o Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights.
 - o Get a PIN for applying for financial aid online for you and your parents by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - o Begin working on the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov . Do not submit it before January 1.
 - o Apply for outside funding or scholarships.
 - o Check the scholarship binder in the library or Mrs. Lorie Stein's office.
 - o Continue scholarship searches on www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com

RANDOM FACTS

1. Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
2. Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
3. The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
4. It is impossible to lick your elbow.
5. The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven is around \$6,400.
6. Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
7. The youngest pope was 11 years old.
8. The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
9. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
10. $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
11. In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight."
12. In Scotland, a new game was invented. It was entitled Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden.... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
13. At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

By: John Helfrich

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Be sure to tune in to next month's paper for all the scoop on what's going on in Spearville High School!

NEW FACES IN THE HALL



You may have seen our new math teacher, Mr. Uhlrich, either in the classroom or out and about, but there are some things you may not know about him. He is from Washington, KS, and graduated from Washington High School. He attended Fort Hays State University and just graduated; this is his first teaching job. Mr. Uhlrich is 23 and has an older brother and an older sister. In his spare time, Mr. Uhlrich likes playing college football. His favorite team is KU, and his favorite movie is *Braveheart* because it has lots of action, fighting and blood. When asked what made him want to be a teacher he told us that a high school teacher had inspired and helped him and he thought it would be interesting. Mr. Uhlrich's biggest accomplishment in life so far has been graduating from college since a lot of his family hasn't gone to college. His goal for the year is to get the most out of the students to help them in the future. So be sure to make Mr. Uhlrich feel right at home here at Spearville!

By: Sara Krewson



Patrick Crowdis is our new Middle School/High School principal for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Crowdis grew up in Thomas, OK. He started college at McPherson and got his degree there, got his teaching certificate at Newman and Barton County, and got his masters at Emporia State. In his spare time Mr. Crowdis enjoys hunting, golfing, spending time with his family, and watching TV. He is married to his wife, Kristi, and they have two kids, Kynlie, who is four, and Grady, who is 19 months. His favorite college team is OU and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite movie is *Shawshank Redemption* and his biggest fear is drowning or being burned to death. Mr. Crowdis earned his BS in psychology, he's teaching certified in science/biology, and he has his masters in administration. When asked what his goal for the year was he responded to have a great year and build relationships with the students and staff. His greatest accomplishment in life so far is his two kids. Mr. Crowdis's favorite quote is "It's not the will to win but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference."-Paul "Bear" Bryant. Mr. Crowdis has a lot in mind to help out our school this year so make sure you welcome him to our school and town!

By: Ashley Konda

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

By: Sara Krewson

The Lancers set out on September 25, homecoming night, to play the Minneola Wildcats on their own turf. The Lancers put up a great fight, but their intensity just wasn't enough to keep up with the Wildcats. The Lancers came up short with a score of 48-18.

On October 2, our Royal Lancers took on Pratt Skyline; our guys took an early lead and held onto it for the entire game. The Lancers never let up and came out with a big victory of 38-6.

The next week's game proved to be a tough trial for the Lancers, as they played Jetmore. The Longhorns came out with a strong early lead, but you can't keep our Lancer team down. The second half they really came alive and fought back. However, in the end it just wasn't enough to overcome the Horns. The end score was 54-32.

October 16 had our Lancer football team heading to Greensburg to take on the Rangers. The Lancers came out strong and took the first touchdown. They played a solid tough game and never backed down to Greensburg. With about 20 seconds left in the 4th, the score was 34-34, when suddenly Greensburg intercepted the ball and on the next play ran for a touchdown. It was a tough loss, but our Royal Lancers played their best. The final score was 42-34.

The Lancers played Macksville on the 23rd; they played hard but just couldn't overtake the Mustangs. The Lancers lost in an upset, 50-0.

On October 29, parents night, the Lancers played against the St. John Tigers. They played a tough game and battled against the Tigers but just couldn't take home the win. They lost 36-26.



ENTERTAINMENT

UPCOMING MOVIE RELEASES

By: Berenice Flores



The Box

Opens 11/6/09

Screen vixen Cameron Diaz and former X-Man James Marsden star in the supernatural horror picture *The Box* (2008), directed by Richard Kelly. The film's plot involves a strange and ominous box granted to a young couple by a mysterious stranger. They are informed that pressing various buttons on the box will grant them riches while killing a person unknown to them in the process. The film was adapted by Kelly from Richard Matheson's 1970 short story "Button, Button."



Disney's *A Christmas Carol*

Opens 11/6/09

Writer/director Robert Zemeckis adapts Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale *A Christmas Carol*, Jim Carrey's performance captures the imagination in this Disney Digital 3-D animated film for all ages. Carrey will not only take on the role of Ebenezer Scrooge, but all of the three ghosts who come to haunt him as well. The filmmaking process will be reminiscent of the director's other animated outings such as *The Polar Express* and his *Beowulf* adaptation.



The Fourth Kind

Opens 11/6/09

The Fourth Kind is a fact-based thriller set in the fall of 2000, starring Milla Jovovich as Dr. Abigail Tyler, a Nome, Alaska-based psychotherapist whose videotaped sessions with her patients offer the most compelling evidence of alien abduction ever documented. Elias Koteas and Will Patton co-star.



2012

Opens 11/13/09

OMG the world is ending; maybe a meteor will wipe us out, because we're dinosaurs get it? Disaster movie director, Roland Emmerich sets up his apocalyptic sci-fi thriller following an academic researcher who opens a portal into a parallel universe, making contact with his double in an effort to prevent the catastrophic prophecies of the ancient Mayan calendar from coming true.

HOT NEW TRACKS

By: Ashley Setzkorn

October brings the change of season, and the oncoming of cold weather. What better to do than to stay inside and listen to new music? The top artists for the month of October are Lil Wayne, Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Led Zeppelin, Notorious B.I.G, Miley Cyrus, Eminem, Jay-Z, Britney Spears, and Taylor Swift. Depending on what genre you are most interested in, there are a TON of album releases this October.

Tuesday October 13

David Archuleta- *Christmas From The Heart*

Baroness- *Blue Record*

Barzin- *Notes To An Absent Love*

Bob Dylan- *Christmas In The Heart Fanfarlo Reservoir*

Five For Fighting- *Slice*

The Flaming Lips- *Embryonic*

Grooms- *Rejoicer*

Lightning Bolt- *Earthly Delights*

Sugarland- *Gold And Green*

Those Who Lie Beneath- *An Awakening*

Yoga- *Megafauna*

Tuesday October 20

Atlas Sound- *Logos*

Cartel- *Cycles*

Bowling For Soup- *Sorry For Partyin'*

Terri Clark- *The Long Way Home*

Failures' Union- *In What Way*

Flight Of The Conchords- *I Told You I Was Freaky*

Sufjan Stevens- *The BQE*

Russian Circles- *Geneva Soil Picture Perfect*

White Denim- *Fits*

Themselves - *Crowns Down*

SUPERHERO OF THE MONTH



Created by: John Helfrich

Mustachio Man is one of the greatest superheroes in the world. He is so good at keeping his identity a secret that I bet half of the people reading this didn't even know he existed. He has been protecting the world from the evil alliance of Red Beard (a schizophrenia pirate) and Arm Pit Hair Girl.

Mustachio Man has a very unique power. His mustache is the source of all his power. He can move his mustache to apprehend criminals. He has six prongs on his mustache. Well part of it is his beard, but that's ok. The bottom two prongs of his mustache/beard are laser beams for ranged attacks. The other four prongs are used to slap his enemies into submission. There has never been a villain that has been able to survive his infamous Mustachio Slap. His day job is a taxi driver. He would be Mustachio Man full time but the bank rejected his application for a loan, and without that loan he can't build the Mustachio-Mobile until he earns enough money.