



Tiger Talk

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Geography, Spelling Bee Winners



The Jeff West Middle School Spelling Bee was held Jan. 25 at the middle school in Meriden.

ard Stevens, and Mason Seals, son of Kevin and Shannon Seals.

The Spelling Bee winner was Liam Magathan, son of John and Joan Magathan. The alternate was Brynne Lassiter, daughter of Ken and Amy Lassiter.



Wyatt Grooms, the winner of the Geography Bee.

Finalists in the Bee were Brandon Valdivia, son of Anthony and Michelle Valdivia, Macy White, daughter of Barry and Michelle White, Preston Stanley, son of Scott and Wendi Stanley, and James Sayles, son of Frank and Rhonda Sayles.

The middle school Geography Bee was held Jan. 26 at the middle school.

The Geography Bee winner was Wyatt Grooms, son of Eric and Sonya Grooms. Second place finisher was Allie Deiter, daughter of Larry and Michelle Deiter.

The six finalists were Zac Surritt, son of Andy and Alexa Surritt, Jesse Hazelton, daughter of David and Nicole Hazelton, Liam Magathan, son of John and Joan Magathan, David Sayles, son of Frank and Rhonda Sayles, Travis Howard, son of Jennifer and Leon-



Spelling Bee alternate Brynne Lassiter, winner Liam Magathan (l. to r.)



Allie Deiter, who took second place in the Geography Bee.



Spelling Bee finalists were (l. to r.): Brandon Valdivia, Macy White, Preston Stanley, and James Sayles.





Art Guild Showcases Jeff West Art, sponsors Friday Walk

The Topeka Art Guild Gallery will host an exhibition of Jefferson West High School's student artists. The student show will be on display during the month of February in

conjunction with the Art Guild Member Show. The exhibition will display drawings, paintings, sculptures, and ceramics created by the student this year.

Opening night will be Friday, Feb. 4. The First Friday Art Walk is a city-wide event that is held on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located in Fairlawn Plaza

Mall at 21st and Fairlawn in Topeka.

Any questions can be directed to Mr. Ralston or visit the Art Guild Gallery website at <http://topekaartguild.org/>

JWHS Curriculum Aligns with Washburn University

In December, USD 340 and Washburn University agreed to articulate business education programs. The purpose of the agreement is to provide eligible high school students the option of earning academic credit from Washburn for the successful completion of designated business courses offered at Jeff West High School. The benefits of the business program offered at Jeff West include a smoother transition from high school to college, and upon completion of the program students could attend Washburn University and be awarded three undergraduate credit hours.

from high school student in good standing (i.e., a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher in the 12 hours of coursework completed at Washburn).

4. The Washburn credit may only be used to partially satisfy the requirements for Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Classes at Jeff West starting next year are:

Required Courses

1. Business Essentials* (Encouraged to take as 8th graders)
2. Business Economics*
3. Business Management*
4. Entrepreneurship*
5. Applied Business Development**

Supportive Courses

1. Business Communication*
2. Accounting**
3. Marketing*
4. Business Law*
5. Internet Marketing*

* - semester

** - year

Requirements:

1. Students must be a completer according to KSDE business standards.
2. Students must achieve at least a 3.5 GPA in the pathway curriculum.
3. To receive the Washburn credit, the students must also complete a minimum of 12 hours of Washburn undergraduate coursework as a full-time direct

Annual Alumni Visit to College English Classes

Eight former students came back to visit our school's College English classes Thursday, Jan. 6. Their panel discussions included the colleges they attend, the classes they took, their living accommodations, and major adjustments in making the transition from high school to college. The classes ended with a question and answer session.

Those alumni attending were:

Paul Brink, Wichita State University; Austin Siess, Lindenwood University; Mallory Riley, Pittsburg State University; Karly Kennedy, Emporia State University; Kaitlin West, Kansas State University; Aaron Starr, Cloud County Community College; Melanie Beeghly, Washburn University; and Ashley Grubb, Neosho County Community College/ Wichita State University.



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Students pictured in front of "The Minstrel" statue outside of Century II are (l. to r.): Troupe Historian and Troupe Honor Book Presenter Kayla Dillenbeck, Troupe Vice-President Brayden Moore, Troupe Sponsor and JW Theatre Director Shawn Beuchat, Troupe Member Anthony Sanchez Jr., and Troupe President Josh Fritz.

Troupe #7245 Repeats Bronze Honors at Wichita

Jeff West theatre students, members of International Thespian Troupe # 7245 attended the Kansas Thespian State Conference in Wichita at the Hyatt Regency/Century II complex this Jan. 20-22, where they received the troupe's 3rd consecutive Bronze Honor Troupe Award in as many years.

Students attended workshops ranging from saber combat to African dance, to improvisation, to stage management, and much more. It was not just the international presenters and workshops that gave students a bigger picture of theatre, but also the evening activities that featured four Kansas high school theatre productions and special contests such as Creative Costume, Tech Olympics, Competitive Improve,

Charades, or Pantomiming to Music, that challenged the student's theatrical skills.

Mr. Beuchat, when not attending workshops himself, presented a "Temporary Yet Realistic Tattoos for the Stage" workshop at the conference to about 60 students and sponsors. He also assisted his wife with her workshops on stage make-up and rehearsals for the conference's opening choreography number with the student State Board members. This year's high school productions at State where: "Crimes of the Heart," "A Christmas Carol," "The Effects of Gamma Rays on the Man on the Moon Marigolds," and "The 25th Annual Puttman County Spelling Bee."

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Laura Newberry, Sierra Lillie qualified for varsity in state debate.

Four Qualify for State Debate

The Jefferson West High School Debate teams finished their seasons with competitions at Novice and KSHSAA State. Christian Fast and Joshua Hothan qualified to attend Novice State held for first year debaters at Washburn Rural High School Jan. 7 and 8. They finished their season 3-2 and were ranked about 80th out of a field of 155.

Laura Newberry and Sierra Lillie qualified to attend KSHSAA sponsored varsity state competition at Blue Val-

ley Northwest on Jan. 14 and 15. They ended their season 3-3 and were ranked 24th out of 63 teams.

This year's topic was reducing military or police presence in one of six countries. Next year's topic is the United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the Earth's mesosphere. The students in debate from Jeff West are very excited about this topic and research is already underway!



Joshua Hothan, Christian Fast qualified for Novice state debate.

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Physics Students Observe Momentum

Google the question “Is momentum conserved?” and the answer is yes. . . always.

Jeff West High School physics students were asked to “prove it.” Using colliding marbles students recently looked at momentum in two directions, straight and sideways.

If you are interested in their results ask any of these students in high school physics: Lysette Anderson, Tabatha Bell, Taryn Brees, Dalton Dean, Ryan Debus, Frankie Farrant, Nicci Feyh, Josh Fritz, Billy Garner, Logan Herring, Heather Ice, Kegan Kennedy, Cece Liby, Noah Livingston, Taylor Madeira, Kevin Moluf, Laura Newberry, Jessica Pearson, Krista Reville, Katie Ricklefs, Richard Schmidt, Jarek Van Petten, Tristen Wright.

Physics students discover that REAL research is much more complicated than “just Google it” and are planning to visit Argonne National Lab, one of the world’s top research centers, in April. This trip is TOTALLY self-funded by physics students and parents. They don’t even miss a school day.



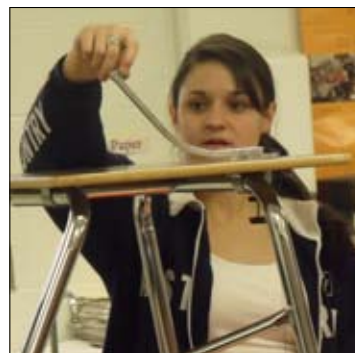
Frankie Farrant and Billy Garner



Cece Liby and Katie Ricklefs



Ryan Debus and Kegan Kennedy



Taryn Brees



Dalton Dean



FBLA members compete at JCN

The Future Business Leaders of America District Competition was Jan. 17, 2011 at Jefferson County North High School. Jeff West students placed 4th out of nine schools. Here are individual results:

Blaine Hawley–1st, Help Desk Performance; 5th, Management Decision Making Performance; 10th, Help Desk Test.

Jonah Mooradian–8th, Job Interview; 9th, Word Processing I.

Ty Buschbom–4th, Economics; 10th, Business Law; 5th, Introduction to Technology Concepts; 9th,

Accounting; 9th, Public Speaking; 5th, Client Service; Madison Fangman–4th, Help Desk Test; 4th, Help Desk Performance.

Jessica Pearson–4th Word Processing II; 4th, Parliamentary Procedures; 6th, Business Procedures; 3rd, Business Communication; 8th, Management Decision Making.

Heather Ice–1st, Spreadsheet Applications; 5th, Management Information Sys-

tems; 5th, Sports Management; 7th, Personal Finance; 9th, Marketing; 1st, Network Concepts; 4th, Technology Concepts.

Jesse Best–4th, Client Service; 2nd, Cyber Security; 2nd, Introduction to Technology Concepts; 8th, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures.

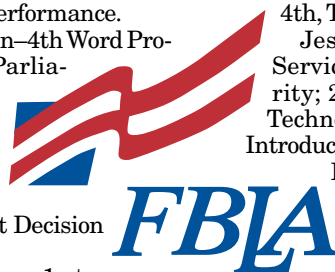
Nicole Feyh–2nd, Help Desk Performance; 3rd, Public Speaking; 5th, Help Desk Test; 10th, Sports Management; 2nd, Market-

ing. Tyler Flint–5th, Computer Problem Solving; 4th, Network Concepts.

Kevin Moluf–9th, Cyber Security; 1st, Business Math; 5th, Business Communications; 1st, Computer Problem Solving; 3rd, Technology Concepts; 5th, Business Calculations.

Mik Barancik–6th, Public Speaking; 3rd, Cyber Security; 9th, Parliamentary Procedures.

Business Ethics Team (2nd Place) 1. Kevin Moluf 2. Jessica Pearson 3. Nicole Feyh





February 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Royal Valley 4:30 pm 	2 FCCLA Dist. E-West Elections at Holton HS 8:30 am Booster Club at ES Library 6 pm	3 Scholars' Bowl Regional Meet TBA 4 pm MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Holton 4 pm (H)	4 FFA Meats Judging at Easton JV WR League Meet at Royal Valley 3:30 pm FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Hiawatha 4:30 pm	5 Regional Piano Festival at Baldwin Speech Contest at Nemaha Valley Booster Club Bowling
6	7 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Hiawatha 4 pm Progress Reports This Week FFA Speech/Winter Day at Marysville	8 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Perry-Lecompton 4:30 pm (H) Physics Meal	9 FCCLA Star Events at Rossville HS 8 am	10 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Perry-Lecompton 4 pm (H)	11 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Holton 4:30 pm (H) FCCLA Meal Junior Cheerleaders Back-up date for FCCLA Star Events at Rossville HS 8 am	12 State Scholars' Bowl TBA 1 pm ACT Test HS 8 am V WR League at Hiawatha 9 am
13	14 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Royal Valley 5:15 pm BOE Meeting-7 pm	15 FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Santa Fe Trail 4:30 pm	16 Speech Contest at Maur Hill/Mt Academy	17 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Santa Fe Trail 4 pm MS Spring Pictures 2nd Grade Music Program at ES 7 pm	18 FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Nemaha Valley 4:30 pm ES Spring Pictures WR Regionals TBA	19 State Piano Festival at Wichita Speech Contest at Royal Valley
20 Booster Club ES Skate Party at Sk8away 5-7 pm	21 NO SCHOOL OR WIT Parent-Teacher Conferences MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Sabetha 4 pm	22 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Sabetha 4:30 pm (H) After Prom Meal Senior Parent Night MS 7&8 Boys' BKB Tournament at Holton 4 pm	23 ES Country Store	24 FR Parent Pre Enrollment Meeting 7 pm	25 MS Dance 7-10 pm WR State at Salina	26 Speech Contest ACCHS/Wellsville
KMEA State Music Convention at Wichita						
27	28 Spring Sports Practice Begins for HS & MS V G/B BKB Sub-State TBA					



March 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 STUCO Community Blood Drive 9 am-3 pm	2 Booster Club at ES Library 6 pm FFA Spring Area Meeting at Holton	3 Spring Sports Parent Meetings 7pm	4 Registration Deadline April ACT	5
		V B/G BKB Sub-State Tournament				
		6	7 NO SCHOOL WIT MS Vocal Concert at HS 7 pm	8	9 FCCLA Pot of Gold at Royal Valley HS 5:30 p.m.	10 Winter Sports Awards Night at HS 7 pm FBLA Meal
FCCLA State Officer Selection in Hesston		State Basketball at Salina				
13 BOE Meeting 7 pm	14	15 Kindergarten Music Program at ES 7 pm	16 Spring Sports Pictures	17 Winter Awards Backup Night	18 End of 9 Weeks	19
					HS Play "Radium Girls" 7 pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NO SCHOOL OR WIT—Spring Break						
27 NO SCHOOL—½ Work Day, ½ Professional Development HS Band/Vocal Concert 7 pm Weststepper Tryout Practice at HS 6-8 am	28 Weststepper Tryout Practice at HS 6-7 am Kindergarten Roundup ES 7 pm JV SB Royal Valley 4:30 pm (H) JV BSB Royal Valley 4:30 pm (H) at Ozawkie BB Field	29 FFA Livestock Judging at Tonganoxie Weststepper Tryout Practice at HS 6-7 am Weststepper Tryouts at ES 4 pm	30 Baker University Band Clinic at Baldwin 8 am - Noon FBLA State Conference at Kansas Expo Centre MS TR 7&8 Northern Hills Invite at Seaman 3:30 pm JV BSB at Seaman 4 pm	31		