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Lady Couriers Excited for New Season

By: Desiray Miller

This year's girls basketball team is excitedly anticipating the upcoming season. Their first game is on January 25. The team, coached by Dawn Henely and Jen Shetler, consists of fifteen girls in grades fourth through sixth.

The girls have all been working hard in practice. Tiffany Miller and Emily Borkowski both enjoy being with friends. Makayla Bontrager likes scrimmaging the best. The team unanimously agreed that the worst thing about practice is running suicides.

Both Myka Shetler and Hallie Wingard are looking forward to having more games this year. In all, the team has twelve games. Alexis Miller said, "my goal for this year is to make as many baskets as I can." One of the team's goals for this season is to beat New Creation.

Varsity Basketball

Shad Miller

Spirits are high and the players are ready, as we start the 2009-2010 basketball season. The record for varsity is two and two. They beat Hamilton and Horizon but lost to Elkhart Christian Academy and Jimtown.

We conquered Horizon, with the final score being 62-48. Judson Yoder, Matthew Beiler, and Tyler Eash all agreed that the Horizon game was the most fun. Tyler Eash stated, "We won to a team that we dislike highly and we knocked down free throws as a team to win." Judson Yoder liked the Horizon game because they "played like a real team."

Dustin Yoder liked the ECA game the best because it was an intense and close game. James Riegsecker and John Miller both liked the ECA game, too. John Miller said, "It was a close, fun, and competitive game."

This season we played the biggest school we have ever played, Jimtown. When asked what his favorite game was, Justin Stutzman said, "Jimtown- the biggest game I got to be a part of and make history at our school."

Junior Varsity Basketball Guys Anticipate Upcoming Season

By: Jamin Hochstetler

The 2009-2010 basketball season is underway and everyone is looking positively to this year's program. After a 13-3 record last season, this year's junior varsity team is hoping for an equally rewarding year with a 2-3 record so far.

This year's schedule is loaded with crucial games. Even though his team lost, Justin Horst still said that his favorite game this season was playing at Jimtown. Lance Miller said that he is anticipating the game at Trinity because "it is the first time I've played there."

With the retirement of the previous head coach Bert Bontrager, Roland Shetler has stepped up as his replacement and as a great addition to the team. Matthew Bontrager and Trenton Miller both said that they liked him for of his style of coaching. Tyler Naff stated, "I like him because he actually practices with us." Also, Ethan Miller enjoys him because he's really nice. This season has just begun, and the junior varsity squad is hoping to hear you all in the stands.

Junior High Having Fun Basketball Season

By: Kendall Miller

The junior high basketball season is just beginning. This year the team has a new coach, Wil Shetler, and Evan Stutzman is also helping out as assistant coach. So far the team has played MCE and Bethany, with an upcoming game on December 12 against Elkhart Christian Academy. They have a current win/loss record of 0-2.

This year the junior high team consists of seven returnees and two new players. The returnees include eighth graders, Cory Eash, Trevor Martin, Madison Yoder, Justin Yoder, and Cole Schwartz, and seventh graders Josh Horst and Chandler Beachy. Sixth grader Benji Eash and seventh grader Chandler Naff are also joining the team this year.

The players have been enjoying this year's basketball season. Cole Schwartz says "[I like] the good team that we have." Others say they like the sport and love playing it, and Cory Eash says he enjoys being with his friends.

In practice the team does many drills. Madison Yoder said, "[The hardest drill is] when Evan guards me." Most others agreed that running steps is the hardest drill, but Trevor Martin also commented that running suicides is quite difficult.

Having Fun with the First and Second Graders

Tyler Naff

The first and second graders had a variety of favorite things they have done so far. Ethan Yoder enjoyed going to the apple orchard and picking apples, while Justin Lai liked making cards for people at Faith Mission. In Heritage Studies, Herschel Miller liked making the keeping room that Pilgrims used. So far the first and second graders are having a fun time this year!

The most popular game to play at recess is dodge ball. Although the first and second grade enjoy dodge ball, Connor Stanley said, "I like playing with my friends." Brittany Shetler says she enjoys going down the slide.

The first and second graders are learning and doing a lot of fun things this year. When asked what their favorite subject was, the overwhelming response was recess. Although recess was a popular choice, Leon Shirk, Ethan Yoder, Courtney Miller, and Brittany Shetler all enjoy math. Courtney Miller said, "I like math, because of the numbers and colors."

Kindergartners Have Fun Learning

By: Brooke Rosas

The kindergartners have already started their year of hitting the books. They've already learned all of their alphabet sounds, and now are learning to put two and two together.

These kindergartners are flying through all their work as they now have just finished a section on animals. These animals include zoo, farm, pound, Bible, and insects. Also, they are now just finishing up learning their numbers one through fifty and on up.

Now they have just started their piggy projects, which are always displayed in the front office. These little piglets are made out of crumpled up newspaper and papier mache. But through all their hard work, they will still find the time to go out and go Christmas caroling at Greencroft on December 18 with grades one and two.

Third and Fourth Grade Looking Forward

Myra Bontrager

The Third and Fourth Grade have been having a blast this quarter. The students have been working hard and have earned their Christmas party scheduled for Friday, December 18.

It will be a pizza party and the students will have fun playing games like apples to apples and charades.

This quarter the students have been focusing a lot on creative writing. Mrs. Krull changes the topic every week, and the Third and Fourth graders have to complete different activities with them. "The answers can get really fun," Mrs. Krull commented.

The students also got to see the *Pilgrim's Progress* Skit the Eleventh and Twelfth graders performed. "It was really fun. I liked it!" Natasha Zimmerman exclaimed. There were also games for the elementary to play. This quarter has left the students ready for Christmas break and the holiday season.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Have Fun

Ethan Miller

The Fifth and Sixth graders have been having a great quarter. With basketball starting, the students are very excited and eager for the upcoming season. Art class has also been an adventure, with self portraits and Christmas ornaments. Art was a unanimous favorite among the students, although Tiffany Miller commented, "My favorite subject is reading."

The Fifth and Sixth graders have had a new "half teacher", Mrs. Huffman, who helps Mrs. Chupp by teaching some afternoons. Mrs. Chupp recently began fostering a child and will need the help until after Christmas break.

The Eleventh and Twelfth grade performed a *Pilgrim's Progress* skit for the elementary, which the students highly enjoyed. The high schoolers organized games and the students got to get out of class for the event.

With Christmas break just around the corner, the Fifth and Sixth grade has been working hard, but always leaving room for a little fun.

Junior High Still Working Hard

By Justin Horst

This year the junior high is trying new projects that have not been done before. Right now in Bible they are making a Tabernacle like what the Jews would have used in the desert. They are making it a scale model, using one Bible cubit equal to two centimeters. They are making it completely accurate to the Bible in dimensions and in looks. The junior high is doing this not only in Bible but also in math and science. In math they are doing all the measurements and conversions from cubits to centimeters. Then in science they are learning about the types of materials God told the Jews to use, which types of wood and why it was important for the overall structure stability. The project will be on display in the lobby of the school, hopefully before Christmas.

Earlier this year the junior high made volcanoes for science. They took cardboard and white paste, and they then painted them to finish the structure. After they experimented with two different chemical reactions, they were ready to set off the volcanoes. One of them was a reaction of dish soap, baking soda, and vinegar, and the other was Mentos and Diet Coke. Both of them drew excitement from the students watching them.

The junior high has also had a fun time interacting together at a class party held at Clinton Christian gym. The class enjoyed playing games such as spoons. Tory Hathaway said that this was her favorite event of the evening. Also class volleyball

was a highlight for some like Annette Hammond. Justin Yoder had the most fun throwing a football with Madison Yoder. All the students were also filled with pizza, which was Travette Miller's favorite part.

Work-Athon:

Fun on the Job

By: Lance Miller

On October 30, 2009, the high school students took a day off to help the community. The students were broken into groups and assigned to where they would go to work. They were raising money for the new gym. The students got pledges from people sponsoring them.

The students went to lots of different places this year. Most of the freshmen guys stayed at the school to wash and wax the bus and van. Kendall Miller said he liked clogging a river with leaves also. Some students got to go to a grandparent's house to do what they wanted done. Trenton Miller commented on how good the food was at a grandparent's house.

Other groups went to The Window or Gospel Echoes. Throughout the day a group even helped a single mom rake her leaves.

Some of the favorite memories this year are great. Matthew Bontrager liked when his group raced and jumped into a giant pile of leaves. Desiray Miller stated she liked digging through a pile of leaves and manure to find someone's cell phone. Matthew Beiler had fun having leaf blower fights with his friends. Judson Yoder liked watching John Miller jump out of leaf piles and scare drivers in cars. Justin Horst said his most fun was having a paint war.

Spiritual Renewal Week

By: Amber Mullet

This year for spiritual renewal week, Terry Bly came in and spoke to junior and high school students. The theme verse for the week was James 4:7, 8; “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double minded.” Terry focused on telling us how to resist the devil and draw near to God. To end the week, he allowed anointing and prayer to those who wanted it.

Terry also told stories about his family to help us understand what he was trying to tell us. For example, one of his daughters decided to take a punishment for her younger sister. This story was used to show how Jesus took our punishment for us.

Many were influenced by him and remarked that he was able to get his point across. “I like how he related to us.” commented Nicole Hochstetler. Terry also used visual objects to show meaning. Janessa Bontrager and Anna Riegsecker both agreed that they enjoyed the hand washing the most

We Are Thankful

By: Krystyna Borkowski

On November 25, the juniors held a fantastic Thanksgiving lunch with the aid of several moms. Held in the old gym, it was everyone’s way of celebrating Thanksgiving at school.

With the lights turned off and candles lit, students and teachers laughed and made memories while the juniors served ham, mashed potatoes, and biscuits. Karmen Yoder said her favorite part of serving was dressing up as an Indian and making memories with her class. But the juniors weren’t the only ones dressing up; the elementary students dressed up as Pilgrims and Indians, adding to the Thanksgiving fun.

Everyone thought the food was great. Abigail Borkowski stated, “The mashed potatoes were the best,” while Kami Miller thought the biscuits were the most delicious.