



# *BULLDOG POINTS OF PRIDE*

- Students from Carl Junction High School recently auditioned for the Missouri All-State Jazz Choir. Six Carl Junction singers were selected for the Honor Choir. They are seniors Jake Devore, Dyanne Lile, Katie Lile, and Rachel Stroud, and juniors Jacob Spencer and Richard Wostal. The students will travel to Jefferson City in July for two days of rehearsals and a performance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel on Thursday, July 22. Their director will be Greg Jasperse, a well-known composer and recording artist from Chicago. Mr. Jasperse has directed All-State Jazz Choirs in Colorado, Illinois, and British Columbia. He also serves as the clinician at vocal jazz festivals across the U.S. The Carl Junction singers are under the direction of Mrs. Anita Tally.
- Carl Junction High School Senior Nii Abrahams is one of fifteen public high school students honored by the State Board of Education as a recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship Award. The award was established by the Missouri Legislature in 1989 and first given in 1990. With assistance and financial support from The Missouri Bar, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education presents the award annually. Every public high school is eligible to nominate one senior for the award. Students are selected on the basis of their academic achievement in civics and government courses, participation in civic and government-related extracurricular activities, and exemplary community service. Candidates also must submit an essay on the importance of citizenship.
- Vocal music students from Carl Junction High School performed at the District Vocal Solo and Small Ensemble Festival at MSSU in March. Twenty-eight students received a superior or "I" rating on their event and will be performing at the State Music Festival in Columbia on May 1. They are: Nii Abrahams, Laura Allgood, Jake Devore, Christine Dunn, Haven Falkner, Corey Hughes, Julie Jones, Mark Kartchner, JW Keckley, Lindsey Keckley, Sarah King, Brittany Lietz, Dyanne Lile, Katie Lile, McKinzie Payton, Michelle Rice, Brandon Roche, Caitlyn Royster, Courtney Smith, Eliysha Spangler, Jacob Spencer, Austin Stapleton, Hailey Sterns, Kara Stutesman, Becca Tanner, Abby Washburn, Chelsea West, and Richard Wostal. The singers are under the direction of Mrs. Anita Tally.
- Twelve freshman and sophomore singers from CJHS auditioned and were selected for the Missouri Youth Honor Choir. The group will perform in Jefferson City in July. Honor Choir members are Marcus Donham, Haven Falkner, Taylor Grayson, Corey Hughes, Julie Jones, JW Keckley, Sarah King, Kyle Newby, Michelle Rice, Austin Stapleton, Abby Washburn, and Megan Youtsey.
- Hannah Kerr won two awards totaling \$2,700.00 in scholarship money at the 2010 Genesis Competition sponsored by Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology Visual Communications division. Kerr won the Best of Photography Award and received a \$1,500.00 scholarship. She also won the Genesis Gold



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Award in Color Photography and received a \$1,200.00 scholarship. In addition, she received a Bamboo Craft Pen and Touch, which is a digital sketch pad and editing system.

- Teams from the Carl Junction R-1 School District recently competed in the State Destination ImagiNation Tournament held on the campus of Missouri Southern State University. Eighty-five teams of participants traveled to MSSU to compete in Destination ImagiNation, the world's largest creative problem solving program. The teams solved challenges that were technical, theatrical, structural, and improvisational. Teams placing first or second at the affiliate tournament will represent the state of Missouri in international competition on May 26-29 on the campus of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Carl Junction team results : First Place-Middle Level Challenge A-Technical Challenge— Luke Arnce, Emily Cole, Dane Gardner, Amelia May, Tucker Morey, Jensen Smith, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell; Second Place-Middle Level Challenge A-Technical Challenge— Stone Bastings, Olivia Donnel, Amanda Hardy, Connor Hughes, Brianna Mertens, Brandon Weston, Danielle York, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell (*This team was awarded a DaVinci award for outstanding creativity and artistry.*); Second Place-Middle Level Challenge B-Technical/Theatrical Challenge— Zach Beyer, Abigail Danley, Tia Fisher, Carissa Martin, Tanner McMurtrey, Chaz McRae, Toby Pederson, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell (*This team was awarded a Renaissance Award for outstanding set design.*); First Place-Elementary Level Challenge B-Technical/Theatrical Challenge— Mark Arnce, Hope Gardner, Kinsey Morey, Zach Morris, Will Bebee, Eli Middleton, Amber Jason, Team Managers-Kara Arnce & Chris Morey; First Place-Secondary Level Challenge C-Theatrical Challenge— Nate Demery, Lyndsey Dickson, Parker Fitzgerald, JW Keckley, Carter Richardson, Morgan Ross, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell (*This team was awarded a Renaissance Award for outstanding technical design.*); First Place-Middle Level Challenge C-Theatrical Challenge— Bryce Boyd, Ashton Calhoon, Kaitlin Fraser, Molly Hurley, Christian Repsher, Lake Shelton, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell (*This team was awarded a Renaissance Award for outstanding set design and costuming.*); First Place-Secondary Level Challenge E-Structural Challenge— Scott Knutzen, Cricket Masters, Stijn Dobbeleare, Fien Dobbeleare, Jordan DeGraff, Sam Wolf, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell; First Place-Middle Level Challenge E-Structural Challenge— Lauren Buchele, Andrew Cannon, Matthew Henson, Michaela Hosp, Adam Fields, Dayton Murtey, Chance Slade, Team Managers-Lori Good & Greg Campbell



Kerr's winning photograph.



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- Each month the faculty and students of Carl Junction High School select two students as recipients of the Bulldog Award of Excellence. These students excel both in and out of the classroom, and exemplify positive attitudes. Monthly Award winners: April– seniors Lauren Turner and Taylor Smith, March - seniors Brandon Roche and Lydia McGriff, February - seniors Samantha James and Brittany Puller, January - seniors Claire Ackiss and Statler Beck, December - seniors Sagan Graskemper and Anthony Ware, November - seniors Jansen Adams and Elyshia Spangler, October - seniors Lauren McRae and Scott Knutzen, September - seniors Nii Kpakpo Abrahams and Chelsey Easter.
- Senior Nii Abrahams took 3rd place in Business Presentations and 3rd place in Job Interview at the Crowder College Business Contests.
- The CJ Winter Guard competed in the MCCGA Regional competition and placed 3rd in the Scholastic C division in their first year of competition. The team was also recognized at the event for receiving two promotions during the course of the season. Teams from Illinois, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri competed. Team members include: Lauren Turner, Nikki Southard, Eliysha Spangler, Courtney Smith, Larani Thexton, Victoria Willoughby, Lydia Kyser, Andrea Ackerson, Felicia Ackerson, Shelby Campbell, Jessica Walls, Rachel Nutt, Rebecca Warner, and McKenzie Burnett. Coach: Denise Keatts.
- The Junior High Choirs, under the direction of Doug Campbell, all received I ratings at the Spring competition held at NEO in March. The choirs include: Boys' Choir, Girls Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Chamber Choir. Students receiving a I rating for solos include: Taylor Beck, Josie Cahoon, Andrew Cannon, Lindsey Daniels, Olivia Donnel, Grant Lewis, Andrew Lietz, Cara Perkins, Travis Perry, Vincent Puller, Maddie Smith, Becky Southard, and Steven Stroud. Soloists receiving a II rating include: Jordan Daugherty, Madison Edwards, Derrick Frakes, Hope Hines, Kailee Jones, Michael Karraker, KatyKay Kistler, Kelsey Shallenburger, Katie Skaggs, and Chelsea Smith.
- Congratulations to the following student-athletes for being named to the Softball Academic All-State Team. First team- Natalie Fox, Sagan Graskemper, Sami Thomas, and Sydney Koch. Kara Stutesman was named to the Second team.
- Sam Ward received the Certificate of Recognition for Extraordinary Personal Action at the 7th Annual Heroes Breakfast sponsored by the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the Ozarks. Sam was credited with aiding an injured boy who had been thrown off a personal watercraft during a boating collision.



Jr. High Boys' Choir



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- Ashley Ferris placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in advanced public speaking and Stetson Beck placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Creed speaking at the FFA Leadership Jackpot held at East Newton.
- Quinten King placed 2nd in the Columbus High School Poetry Competition. Vickie Turner is his teacher.
- CJ Vocal Music students performed well at the District Vocal Festival. The students receiving a 1 rating on their solos and/or ensembles will to the State Music Festival in Columbia. Students receiving a 1 rating are Freshmen— Haven Falkner, Corey Hughes, Julie Jones, JW Keckley, and Hailey Sterns; Sophomores- Laura Allgood, Christine Dunn, Sarah King, Michelle Rice, Austin Stapleton, and Abby Washburn; Juniors- Mark Kartchner, Brittany Lietz, McKinzie Payton, Caitlyn Royster, Jacob Spencer, Becca Tanner, and Richard Wostal; Seniors- Nii Abrahams, Jake Devore, Lindsey Keckley, Dyanne Lile, Katie Lile, Danielle McDaniel, Brandon Roche, Courtney Smith, Eliysha Spangler, Kara Stutesman, and Chelsea West.
- Senior Lauren Clement has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Obama. Lauren participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Carl Junction High School.
- Carl Junction Future Business Leaders of America placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 24 teams in Districts. Individual awards are as follows (students and projects in bold qualified for the state competition): Placing 1st was: Jansen Adams, Whitney Koch, Sagan Graskemper- **Business Financial Plan**; Scott Knutzen- **Electronic Portfolio**; Jory Mertens, Joey Henson, Lydia McGriff- **Entrepreneurship**; Hailey Degraw, Taylor Smith- **Management Decision Making**; Stijn Dobbelaere, Jordan DeGraff- **Management Information Systems**; and Scott Knutzen- **Mr. FBL**; Placing 2nd was: Brittany Thomure- **Business Law**; Stijn Dobbelaere, Scott Knutzen- **Business Presentation**; Jacob Bennett- **Digital Video Production**; Hailey Degraw, Taylor Smith- **Global Business**; Nii Abrahams- **Impromptu Speaking**; and Nii Abrahams- **Job Interview**. Placing 3rd was: Desiree Felker- **Accounting II**; Matt Schumacher- **Datadbse Design and Application**; Parker Fitzgerald- **Introduction to Technology**; Sagan Graskemper- **Ms. FBL**; Sammy Thomas— **Public Speaking I**; Kelli Podleski- **Scrapbook**; Matthaus Klute- **Sports Management**; Anthony Ware- **Spreadsheet Application**; and Kelli Podleski- **Word Processing II**. Placing 4th was: Shelby Knight, Matthaus Klute, Whitney Koch- **Business Law**; Cassie Crowley- **Business Plan**; Kat Beier- **Client Services**; Anthony Ware- **Computer Applications**; and Staci Sonntag- **FBLA Principles & Procedures**. Placing 5th was: Paige Drummond, Ryan Osborn- **Banking and Financial Systems**; Parker Fitzger-



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ald- Business Math; Kai Ducre- Cyber Security; Brittany Rose- FBLA Principles and Procedures; and Matt Casper- Introduction to Technology. In addition, the following students will compete at the state-level: Lydia McGriff and Tori Graskemper, Community Service Project; Anthony Ware, Computer Gaming Program; and Hailey Degraw and Maddie Martin, Local Chapter Business Report.

- The Carl Junction Youth Empowerment Project won 2nd place and \$1,000 in the Community Foundation of the Ozarks "60 Second Video" Competition. This money will be used for youth related projects in the CJ area. Video Link: <http://www.cfozarks.org/60-second-video-challenge/>
- Sixteen singers from Carl Junction High School attended the second annual JazzFest at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis. The singers are members of the Dynamics, a jazz choir at the high school. At the non-competitive festival, they showcased their talents, along with jazz choirs from other Missouri high schools. They received instruction from well-known jazz composer Dr. Kirby Shaw, and they performed in a combined choir under Dr. Shaw's direction. The students who performed are freshmen Corey Hughes and Kyle Newby, sophomores Laura Allgood, Michelle Rice and Austin Stapleton, juniors Mark Kartchner, Brittany Lietz, Caitlyn Royster, and Jacob Spencer, and seniors Nii Abrahams, Jake Devore, Lindsey Keckley, Dyanne Lile, Katie Lile, Danielle McDaniel, and Brandon Roche. The singers are under the direction of Mrs. Anita Tally.
- Several CJ students attended the annual Independence Community College High School Competition Day. Results are as follows: Shelby Rigg- 1<sup>st</sup> Photojournalism, Ashton Dorris- 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic Lunch, Nathan Hand- 1<sup>st</sup> Toy Design, Hannah Kerr- 5<sup>th</sup> Photojournalism, Kim Ward- 2<sup>nd</sup> Picnic Lunch, Kristin Brockman- 4<sup>th</sup> Fresh Floral Design, Ashley Wever- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fresh Floral Design, Lacy Carey- 4<sup>th</sup> Silk Floral Design, Chelsey Easter- 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Brunch Table Arrangement, and Jaime Dunaway- 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Overall Newspaper. The students are sponsored by Kim Easter and Kelli Nolting.
- Winter Guard took first place in their division (Scholastic C) at the Ozark competition. They were also the 4<sup>th</sup> highest scoring team out of all divisions.
- Lauren McRae is only the 7<sup>th</sup> Carl Junction Basketball player (male or female) to score at least 1,000 points during their high school career. Lauren surpassed the 1,000 point mark while playing in her last high school basketball game. She ended her career with 1,019 points during her career.
- Five Carl Junction Wrestlers qualified for the State Tournament: Nick Koon (119), Sostenes Infante (135), Dalton England (140), Trent Landes (145), and Levi Maggard





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(189). At the state tournament the team placed 7th in Class 2. Dalton England placed 3rd at 140 lbs.; Levi Maggard placed 3rd at 189 lbs.; and Trent Landes placed 2nd at 145 lbs. The team is coached by Jeremy Finley and DJ Driskill.

- The Readers Theater Troupe placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 15 schools at the Crowder Festival. The cast includes: Mark Kartchner, Seth Killion, Brittany Lietz, Dylan Long, McKinzie Payton, Aaron Savage, Kylea Welton, Chelsea West, and Richard Wostal. Felicity Houpt served as the tech crew.
- The Speech and Debate team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in overall Sweepstakes Points at the Lamar IE Tournament. Becky Corum placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Extemp Speaking; Nicci Schmitt and Kylea Welton placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Duet Acting; McKinzie Payton placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Poetry Reading; and Nicci Schmitt and Kylea Welton placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Improv Duet Acting. They are coached by Ruth Wood.
- Singers from the Carl Junction High School Vocal Music Department competed at the NEO Music Festival in Miami, Oklahoma on Thursday, Feb. 18. The following ratings were earned: Three singers received an excellent rating on their vocal solos: Shaughnessy Finley, Jacob Spencer, and JW Keckely. Ten singers received a superior rating on their vocal solos: Haven Falkner, Kyle Newby, Corey Hughes, Abby Washburn, Rachel Stroud, Austin Stapleton, Michelle Rice, Addison Houser, Brittany Puller, and Mark Kartchner. The following students sang in small ensembles which received an excellent rating: Courtney Bogart, Sam Hardy, McKinzie Payton, Emma Rosenow, Kammie Short, Rachel Stroud, Kara Stutesman, Becca Tanner, and Chelsea West. The following students sang in small ensembles which received superior ratings: Nii Abrahams, Laura Allgood, Guido Araya, Adrienne Cramer, Jake Devore, Marcus Donham, Dakota Dykens, Courtney Eastman, Haven Falkner, Corey Hughes, Lindsey James, Julie Jones, Hope Joyner, Mark Kartchner, JW Keckley, Lindsey Keckley, Sarah King, Bailey Lenahan, Brittany Lietz, Dyanne Lile, Katie Lile, Danielle McDaniel, Jacob Morey, Kyle Newby, Michelle Rice, Brandon Roche, Caitlyn Royster, Jacob Spencer, Jordan Spencer, Austin Stapleton, Hailey Sterns, and Abby Washburn. The Dynamics, a vocal jazz group, received a 1+ rating for their jazz choir performance. A total of 44 singers participated in the festival. The singers are under the direction of Mrs. Anita Tally.
- Future Farmers of America honors are announced. Receiving Area FFA Degrees are Bradlee See, Statler Beck, Macajah Irwin, and Shelby Rigg. Area FFA Proficiency Winners are Corey Cagle, 1st place for Vegetable Production Placement; Bradlee See, 1st place for Agriculture Sales Placement; and Statler Beck, 2nd place for Agriculture Mechanics Repair & Maintenance Placement.
- CJ's Reader's Theatre troupe took 1st place at the Big 8 Conference tournament on February 6. Members of the troupe are Mark Kartchner, Seth Killion, Brittany Lietz, Dillon Long, McKinzie Payton, Aaron Savage, Kylea Welton, Chelsea West,



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and Richard Wostal. They are coached by Ruth Wood and Colleen Kartchner.

- Results are in for the Joplin Speech and Debate Tournament held February 11-12. CJ students Felicity Houpt, advanced to the semi-finals in Original Oratory, and Janelle Pew advanced to Super Session in Student Congress. Their coach is Ruth Wood.
- Congratulations to the CJ Winter Guard for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in their division at the Nixa competition. The team has been moved up to compete in the Scholastic Division for their next competition. This has not been done in 9 years. Members include: Lauren Turner, Nikki Southard, Eliysha Spangler, Courtney Smith, Laran Thexton, Victoria Willoughby, Lydia Kyser, Andrea Ackerson, Felicia Ackerson, Shelby Campbell, Jessica Walls, Rachel Nutt, Rebecca Warner, and McKenzie Burnett. Coach: Denise Keatts
- The 8th grade Boys' Basketball Team finished their season by winning 3rd place in the conference tournament. The "A" team's only loss came in the Big 8 Tournament (season record "A" team: 13-1; "B" team 9-1). Coaches: Trevor Chase and Austin Rhodes. Players: Tyler Armentrout, Kris Bird, Landon Bray, Bobby Clark, Gaige Crockett, Blake Ewing, Kurtlin Hulette, Matt Kersey, Matt Magee, Dayton Murty, Christian Pittman, Dustin Saterlee, Jordan Smith, and Chris Whelan.
- The 7th grade Boys' Basketball Team won the Big 8 Conference Tournament. Their season record was 10-3 for the "A" Team and 9-1 for the "B" team. 7th grade players include: Chase Johnston, Aaron Nelson, Andrew Reed, Lucas Hertzberg, Jensen Smith, Ben Coltharp, Cody Vogt, Tucker Morey, Kaden Branin, Drew Marsh, Blake McCollough, Kyle Johnston, Logan Jolly, Reece Tholen, Keynan Scheurich, Austin Niemeyer, Sean Guillory, Tate Armentrout, and Dyllan Avery-Smith. Coaches: Greg Thompson and Frank Pittman.
- The Carl Junction Varsity Academic Team went undefeated and took 1st place in the Big Eight Conference Academic Tournament. Team members are Scott Knutzen, Taylor Wilson, Matt Cantrell, Rebecca Corum, Nicole Schmitt, Nathan Hight, and Brandon Inman. Knutzen was high scorer for the meet, Knutzen and Wilson were named as members of the All-Conference Academic Team. The team is coached by Cindy Karraker.
- CJ students competed in the Big 8 Conference Speech and Debate Tournament, winning the following hon-





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ors: Reader's Theater Troupe, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Policy Debate, Nic Smith & Haden Walker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Becky Corum, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Original Oratory, Felicity Houpt, 5<sup>th</sup> Place; Extemporaneous Speaking, Becky Corum, 6<sup>th</sup> Place; Original Oratory, Ben Lee, 6<sup>th</sup> Place; Poetry Reading, McKinzie Payton, 5<sup>th</sup> Place; Poetry Reading, Nii Kpakpo Abrahams, 6<sup>th</sup> Place; and Radio Speaking, Nii Kpakpo Abrahams, Big 8 Conference Champion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Speech and Debate are coached by Ruth Wood.

- Four student-athletes earned All-State Academic Volleyball Team Honors. Senior Desiree Felker, Junior Mackenzie Valenti, and Sophomores Harlee Stutesman and Emily Zimmerman earned this honor by playing at least 75% of varsity matches and having at least a 3.6 cumulative grade-point-average.
- The CJ Academic Team competed in Joplin on January 25. The Varsity Team went undefeated. Members are: Taylor Wilson, Scott Knutzen, Rebecca Corum, Nicola Skaggs, Matt Cantrell, Christian Abbot, Nathan Hight, and Brandon Inman. The Junior Varsity Team went 1-1-1. Members are: Brady Campbell, Katryna Goodwin, Mitchell Jackson, Amy Johnson, Taylor Momchilovich, Aaron Stafford, Rebecca Tanner, and Sam Wolf. They are coached by Cindy Karraker.
- The Carl Junction High School Winter Guard competed at Missouri State University in January. This is the first year for the Winter Guard. Honors from their first competition include: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Regional Class B preliminary competition/Score of 82, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in class/Score of 87.7. The team scored 21 points higher than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and higher than all teams in all classes that were participating in the competition. Team members are: Lauren Turner, Nikki Southard, Eliysha Spangler, Courtney Smith, Larani Thexton, Victoria Wiloughby, Lydia Kyser, Andrea Ackerson, Felicia Ackerson, Shelby Campbell, Jessica Walls, Rachel Nutt, Rebecca Warner, and McKenzie Burnett. They are coached by Denise Keatts.
- CJ wrestlers performed well in the Harrisonville Wrestling Tournament— Dalton England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Levi Maggard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Trent Landes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Sostens Infante, 5<sup>th</sup> place; and Jayden Gunnett, 6<sup>th</sup> Place. The team placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 32 teams.
- The CJ staff has been extremely generous this school year. Just recently they raised \$4,915 for the Shop with a Cop program. This amount added to the contribution from the Community Problem Solvers of \$905, made a total of \$5,865 from the school. That is about a third of the total raised for the program. Add that to what was contributed for United Way and the CJ Educational Foundation it is over \$21,000 that the staff has given back to others this year.
- The Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Regional Competition in December. They placed first in their division (large - all-girl). They also received an invitation to the National Competition in Florida. In



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order to receive the invitation a team must score above 70%. The Carl Junction squad scored above 80%.

Team members include: Leah Brown, Adyson Conley, Brianna Davidson, Fallon Hickman, Lauren Joyner, Paige Kreighbaum, Katrina Loar, Heather Meyer, Abby Moody, Samantha Sack, Shaelyn Tatum, Cassie Williams, Chelsea Wilson, Kayley Cabalero, Karissa Hemby,



Lindsey Murray, Haley Reynolds, Kayla Runnebaum, Staci Sonntag, and Emma Veri. Coaches are Erica Johnson and Molly Miller.

- CJ High School wrestlers did well in their own CJ Classic Wrestling Tournament. The team finished fourth out of 11 teams. Individual honors included: Nick Koon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Dalton England, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Trent Landes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Devin Hance, 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Jayden Gunnett, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Levi Maggard, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; and Jacob Wall, 4<sup>th</sup> Place. The team is coached by Jeremy Finley and DJ Driskill.
- At the Monett/Aurora Speech & Debate Tournament, Becky Corum placed 4th in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Extemporaneous Speaking. The following students earned National Forensics League Degrees: Mckinzie Payton, NFL Membership and Merit Degree for 25 Points; Sami Hall, Honor for 75 Points; and Janelle Pew, Excellence for 150 points. The students are coached by Ruth Wood.
- Nii Kpakpo Abrahams has been named to the All-Region Soccer Team. His team mate, Brandon Kennedy was placed on the Honorable Mention All-Region Soccer Team. The CJ soccer team is coached by Nii Abrahams and Kevin Hauck.
- The Freshmen Boys Basketball team placed 1st at the Labette County, Kansas Basketball Tournament. They defeated Girard in the finals of the tournament 40-17. Members of the team are: Nick Smith, Nick Thompson, Parker Fitzgerald, Devin Corbin, Keegan Pittman, Derek Hively, J Thomas, Ricky Tum, Andrew Wilson, Conner Rohmiller, Andy Gloschen, and Hunter McPherson. The team is coached by Mark Robertson.
- The Jr. High Wrestling Team, coached by DJ Driskill and Brady Hill, finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place out of 10 teams at the Seneca Tournament. Individual honors included:



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Ethan Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Rickey Sherrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Brandon Harner, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Mason Markham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Blake Barth, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Andrew Lietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Andy Killion, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Ethan Wingo, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Dylan Pyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Calvin Bremmerkemp, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Regan Weston, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Matthew Kersey, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Vince Puller, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Gage Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; and Brant Weston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

- The High School Wrestling Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 23 teams in the Pleasant Hill Tournament. Individual honors included: Dalton England, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Trent Landes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Nick Koon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Levi Maggard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Jacob Wall, 5<sup>th</sup> Place; Dakota Matter, 5<sup>th</sup> Place; and Devin Hance, 5<sup>th</sup> Place. The team is coached by Jeremy Finley and DJ Driskill.
- The Junior Varsity Knowledge Bowl Team, Brady Campbell, Nate Demery, Mitchell Jackson, J.W. Keckley, Taylor Momchiovich-Arnce, Aaron Stafford, and Sam Wolf placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 teams at the Lamar JV Tournament. Nate Demery was named to the All School JV Team.
- Allen Tripp, a senior at Carl Junction High Schools, has been selected to the Missouri All-State Band. Over 1,000 students from across Missouri auditioned for the honor of participating in the top honor band in the state. Only one hundred and eight students are accepted into this elite ensemble. The band will meet, rehearse, and perform at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference in January 2010 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks. Allen is a four-year member of the All-State band.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Dara Restivo won the "Juror's Choice" award at Spiva Center of the Arts' Membership Show. She is a member of the JH art club. Her photograph entitled, *Bird Bath*, along with pottery by JH Art teacher Elizabeth Cosby will be on display in the AT&T Main Gallery at Spiva through December 27. Over 140 artists submitted work for the 2009 Membership Show.
- CJHS Academic Team went undefeated in pool competition at the Mind Games Competition advancing to the final round. Members of the team include Scott Knutzen, Taylor Wilson, Sam James, Matt Cantrell, and Nathan Heigt. The B team were 1-2 in pool competition. Members of the B include Brady, Campbell, Rebecca Corum, Nate Demery, Branden Inman, Christian Abbott, and Aaron Stafford.
- CJHS Journalism students recently received the following awards at the Missouri Southern Media Showcase and The Joplin Globe Journalism Workshop. MSSU Media Showcase: First place, Matthaus Klute, Newspaper Column category; Second place, The Ragout, Best Overall Newspaper, Jamie Dunaway and Bran-





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don Stokes; Third Place, Jamie Dunaway, Newspaper Column Category; Third Place, Matt Thompson, Jacob Bennett, Video--Comedy Drama category; Honorable Mention, Newspaper Page One Design, Jamie Dunaway, Brandon Stokes; and Honorable Mention, Jacob Bennett, Video--Comedy Drama category. In the Joplin Globe Journalism Workshop: First Place, Trevor Hill, Sports writing; and Second Place, Kirsten McGuirk, Feature writing. Journalism and Media teachers are Roy Jackson and Brady Graham.

- Nathan See, CJ's school winner of the VFW "Voice of Democracy" essay contest placed 2nd in the district competition.
- Mike Cox was awarded the Eagle Scout distinction on November 22, 2009. His Eagle Scout project included erecting flag poles at the Smithfield Christian Church and at the Carl Junction Fire Station #2.
- Adam Roy was awarded the Eagle Scout distinction on November 1, 2009. For his Eagle Scout project, Adam worked on repairs to the climbing wall at The Bridge in Joplin after it was deemed unsafe after flooding in the building.
- CJ's High School Academic Team competed in the Seneca Quad Meet. Varsity team members Rebecca Corum, Jordan DeGraff, Stijin Dobbelaere, Nathan Hight, Sam James, Scott Knutzen, Nicole Schmitt, and Taylor Wilson won two out of three matches. The Junior Varsity team of Christian Abbot, Brady Campbell, Nate Demery, Katryna Goodwin, J.W. Keckley, Brenden Kuse, and Aaron Stafford won both of their matches. The Academic Team is coached by Cindy Karraker.
- Junior High Football teams had a great season with a combined record of 17 wins and only 4 loses. The 7th Grade A team went 4-2, while the B team had a record of 3-2. The 8th Grade A & B teams were undefeated with records of 5-0 each.
- The following student/athletes received All-Conference recognition in football: Chase Price, 1<sup>st</sup> Team -Linebacker; Nii Abrahams, 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Kicker; Jacob Wall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team - Center; Jake Stevenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team - Receiver; Zach Waranch, Honorable Mention - Running Back; Brandon Ray, Honorable Mention - Running Back; Dakota Sailor, Honorable Mention - Defensive End; and Levi Maggard, Honorable Mention - Linebacker. The team is coached by Brett Gosch.
- We would like to recognize the following student/athletes for receiving All-District Honors in soccer: Nii Kpakpo Abrahams, 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Brandon Kennedy, 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Juan Rojo, 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Zane Cassidy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; Andrew Jiles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; and Nii Addo Abrahams, Honorable Mention.
- Earning All-District Band honors are: Freshmen— Daniel Callihan (9<sup>th</sup> Chair Trumpet & 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Jazz Band), Bryce Burney (4<sup>th</sup> Chair Percussion), Rachell Nutt (8<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet), and Aaron Stafford (20<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet); Sophomore



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Evan Noel (Alternate Trombone); Juniors— Andrew Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Percussion), Ryan Marlett (14<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet),



Yavez Jeong (Jazz Piano: The Judges said they couldn't even comment on his piano playing because he sounded like a professional. If you get a chance to hear this young man play piano, you're in for a real treat.); Seniors— Allen Tripp (1<sup>st</sup> Chair Clarinet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Alto Saxophone, Lead Alto Sax in Jazz Band), Katie Lile, (1<sup>st</sup> Chair Piccolo, 11<sup>th</sup> Chair Flute), and Shannon Thompson, (8<sup>th</sup> Chair Trumpet). CJ's two trumpet players actually tied for 8<sup>th</sup> chair but Shannon beat Danny in a tie breaker. The band is directed by Ryan Churchill, Scott Schneider, and Erin Smith.

- The Cross Country Team, coached by Frank Pittman, earned several post-season awards including: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference—Chello Falkner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference—Jake Garretson, Lauren Clement, Candice Aton, Morgan Prather, and Sagan Graskemper; All-District—Cameron Pittman, Chelo Falkner, Casey Keeling, Lauren Clement, and Candice Aton. Cameron Pittman qualified for the State meet along with the entire girls team—Chelo Falkner, Casey Keeling, Lauren Clement, Candice Aton, Emily Keeter, and Morgan Prather.
- The following student/athletes have been named to the All-District Volleyball Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District—Katelyn Joyner, Desiree Felker, and Mackenzie Valenti; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District—Korie Johnson. The volleyball team is coached by Sarah Wall, Amy Doennig, and Chelsi Leggett.
- Katelyn Joyner was named Max Preps Volleyball Player of the Week for the state of Missouri
- Lauren McRae was named to the 2nd Team All-State Softball team.
- Soprano Dyanne Lile (senior) was recently named to the All-State Honor Choir for the second year in a row. Alto Katie Lile (senior) also received All-State honors. Others receiving state recognition include Alto Kara Stutesman (senior), 2nd Alternate; Tenor Jacob Spencer (junior), 1st Alternate; and Tenor Sam Hardy (senior), 2nd Alternate. The students are coached by Mrs. Talley.
- CJ students named to the All Conference Volleyball Team include: Katelyn Joyner, 1st team; Mackenzie Valenti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; and Desiree Felker, Honorable Mention. Players chosen for the All MHSVCA All MHSVCA Southwest Region Team include: Katelyn Joyner, 1st team; and MacKenzie Valenti, 2nd team.



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- The all Conference Softball Team included several representatives from Carl Junction. Honors include: Coach of the Year, Jonathan Wengert; Most Valuable Player, Kaitlin Wilson; 1<sup>st</sup> Team selections include Jessica Sullivan (Pitcher), Kelsey Wilson (1<sup>st</sup> Base), Lauren McRae (Shortstop), Kaitlin Wilson (3<sup>rd</sup> Base), and Sagan Grasskemper (Outfield); 2<sup>nd</sup> Team selections include Kara Stutesman (Catcher), and Shelby Knight (Outfield); Honorable Mention selections include Maddie Stevenson (2<sup>nd</sup> Base), and Sami Thomas (Outfield).
- CJHS held their Fall Awards Assembly on October 26. View the program and award winners from the High School homepage under the Academics button.
- Carl Junction Speech and Debate competed at the Neosho Novice Tournament on Oct. 23 & 24. Neosho Novice awards trophies to the top 10 entries in each of the three debate styles. This year, Becky Corum brought home a fourth place trophy in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
- Members of the High School Speech and Debate team competed in the Clever High School Individual Events tournament on October 17. Jayson Maloney and Aaron Savage placed 5th in Duet Improv, Nii Abrahams placed 5th in Radio Speaking, and Jayson Maloney placed 6th in Poetry Reading.
- The Carl Junction High School Band participated in the Maple Leaf Parade on October 17 in Carthage. The band placed 3rd overall in the parade, 2nd in Class 4, and 5th in field finals (all classes).
- The CJ FCCLA attended the Region 11 conference at MSSU on October 13. The Dynamics, representing CJ, presenting the national anthem, Nii Abrahams introduced the state and regional officers from Region 11, and Chelsey Easter, Region 11 Vice-President, led the closing ceremony. Forty-eight members, 2 guests, and 1 adviser attended from CJHS.
- Julie Holloway, CJHS Vice Principal, received an award for her dedication and years of service advising FCCLA in Region 11.
- Thirty singers from Carl Junction High School were selected for the All-District Honor Choir. Sopranos Lindsey Keckley, Brittany Lietz, Dyanne Lile, McKinzie Payton, Becca Tanner, Haven Falkner, Michelle Rice, Abby Washburn; altos Katie Lile, Danielle McDaniel, Courtney Smith, Kara Stutesman, Chelsea West, Laura Allgood; tenors Sam Hardy, Seth Killion, Jacob Spencer, Matt Casper,



So far, 24 CJ seniors have attained the President's Award for Educational Excellence - an ACT score of 26 or better and a minimum GPA of 3.5. Seniors may still qualify for this award before graduation.



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Parker Fitzgerald, Michael Gehrke, Corey Hughes, J.W. Keckley; basses Jake Devore, Brandon Roche, Richard Wostal, Marcus Donham, Kyle Newby, Jordan Spencer, Austin Stapleton, and Will



York. Both Honor Choirs will present a concert at MSSU on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 5 pm in Taylor Auditorium.

- The Carl Junction High School Softball Team captured both the Big 8 Conference and District Championships. CJ players named to the All-District team include Kara Stutesman, catcher; Jessica Sullivan, pitcher; Sagan Grasskemper, outfielder; Lauren McRae, infielder; and Kaitlin Wilson, infielder.
- In its first year, the CJ Girls' Tennis Team placed 2nd in the Conference Tournament. Highlights included: Erica & Haley Pope, Doubles Champions; Fien Dobbelaere, #6 Singles Champion; Erica Pope, #1 Singles Runner-up; Haley Pope, #2 Singles Runner-up; Emily Cook, #3 Singles Runner-up; Megan Boline & Fien Dobbelaere, #3 Doubles Runner-up. The team place 7th out of 14 teams in Districts.
- CJHS Speech & Debate team brought home several awards from the Kickapoo/Glendale Tournament on October 10. Stephen Martin and Lucas Slankard reached the semi-finals in Novice International Extemp. Speaking, Janelle Pew won 4<sup>th</sup> place in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Kylea Welton and Nicci Schmitt won 6<sup>th</sup> place in Varsity Duo Interpretation.
- The 2009 Girls' Golf Team finished 4th at Districts. Senior Adyson Conley and Freshman Maddie Ferson received All-District honors. Conley also qualified for the state tournament.
- Scott Knutzen, a senior at Carl Junction High School, recently completed Stanford University's High School Summer College. Chosen as one of 320 national and international students, he enrolled in the eight-week quarter and took undergraduate courses for Stanford University credit.



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