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Hats Off to the Past, Present, and Future

by Jacqueline Chacon and Michael Mirto

As the 2016-2017 school year begins, the Yearbook/Stampede Staff has made the decision to bring to you a blast from the past: *The Stampede* Newsletter. For those who are unfamiliar with *The Stampede*, it is a student-staffed newsletter that presents current events and activities that are happening in our school. While doing some research about *The Stampede*, we discovered an interesting bit of information.

As we were looking through some old yearbooks, we came across some of the original *Stampede* Staff members. One of the members of the original *Stampede* was the 41st governor of Kansas, Mike Hayden. Naturally, we contacted Mr. Hayden and were lucky enough to interview him about his time working on *The Stampede*. From our interview, we learned that *The Stampede* was printed at *Citizen Patriot*, which was the old name of the newspaper before it was changed to *The Square Deal*.

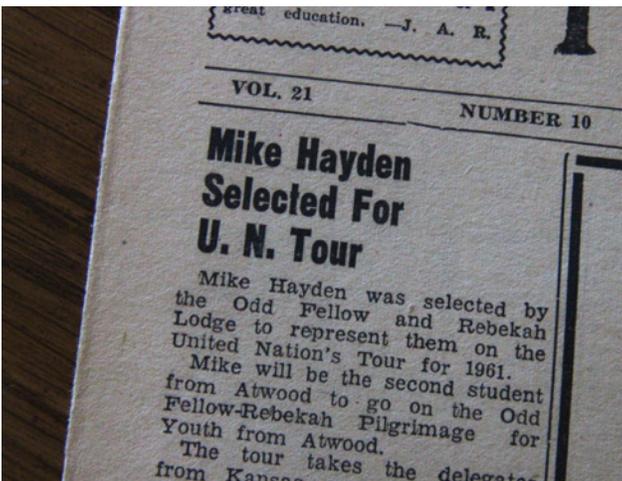
Some of the questions we asked him were:

Q: Why did you want to be on *The Stampede*?

A: Well honestly, you either had to be on the newspaper or take English IV and I would much rather be on the newspaper. You had a choice back then and I thought it would be more fun to be on *The Stampede*.

Q: What is your favorite memory from being on *The Stampede*?

A: Well, it would have been Mr. Davenport. We had a pep rally and he masqueraded as Dizzy Dean, back in those days he was a famous sports announcer, and from that day on we called him Dizzy Davenport. (Mrs. Popp laughs.) He was a famous baseball player and became an announcer later. Even when I saw him 30 years later, I still call him Dizzy.



Photos of *The Stampede* from 1959-1961. Thanks to Lois (Fikan) Smith for sharing your *Stampede* Newspapers with us.

Q: What did you do as a business manager?

A: The paper was printed down at *The Citizen Patriot* (Mrs. Popp whispers "that's really cool"), it was my job to coordinate with them. It cost so much to have it printed every time and so it was my job to make sure that the payments were made. We paid them so much each edition to print the paper and we sold advertising too and one of my jobs was to sell the advertising and the ads and make sure the citizen was paid for each edition.

Q: What were some of the articles you did?

A: Now that one's hard. One of the things I remember you guys will probably do it too or will do a resume on all the seniors. We would do an article on each senior, and what they have done throughout their high school career. What sports that have been in, what their hobbies were, what their college plans were. All those kinds of things we would do. I can't remember. We would do it across the year. In each edition, there would be three or four seniors. Most of my articles were on condensation. There are a lot of kids in high school who hunted, and who would do a story on pheasant season. The story may be on duck season and different things like that. I usually wrote more about the outdoors.

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Q: Why was the yearbook and *The Stampede* separate?

A: We had two different teachers. Marie McCormick, she was a business teacher. It was decided that she was more of an appropriate teacher to teach yearbook. She was also the school photographer, so she took most of the photographs that were in the yearbook. Whereas on *The Stampede*, we actually had students taking the pictures. We had at least one photographer or maybe several. They were issued a camera and a lot of the pictures were grainy. So that was why it was separate and if I recall, I don't think yearbook got a credit. You got a credit for journalism but not yearbook. I think it was volunteer. (Mrs. Popp says wow that's crazy to think about now.) The yearbook was a lot of work.

We are inspired to change the way *The Stampede* has been done over the last few years we want to bring back the old and add a little new in the mix too. In our first week of school, Jennifer Kastens came in and taught us how to use the camera. We took all the skills that Mrs. Kastens taught us and used them at the scrimmage game on that Friday.

The next week we had to make some big decisions. For the first time in a long time *The Stampede* has elected positions. Those positions are as follows:

Editor: Jacqueline Chacon

The job of an editor is to oversee what is going to be in the Yearbook/Stampede, to make sure that everyone is on task and doing their job, and finally makes sure that assignments are done by the deadline.

Layout Editor: Dylan Dulany

The job of the layout editor is to assist the editor in finalizing the layout of the Yearbook/Stampede, checks all pages for consistency, style, and technical errors.

Photography Editor: Emily Trail

The job of the photography editor is to track the school's activity calendar to be sure every event is photographed and that no photo is used more than once.



RCHC Cheerleaders performing their "Welcome to the Black Parade" cheer routine at the Homecoming pep rally.



RCHC Students showing team pride during the volleyball WIN against Wauneta-Palisade.

Copy Editor: Monserrat Salais

The job of the copy editor is to assist the editor in developing the copy portion of the yearbook and assist on the theme and closing copy.

Photographer: Valerie Aldrich

The job of the photographer is to confirm with page editor that the shots provided fill in all needed for the spread. The photographer is available to take pictures if another person from the staff is unable to do it.

Creative Technologist: Michael Mirto

The job of the creative technologist is to come up with creative ideas and finds ways to imply them.

We also had to decide what our new logo for the stampede would look like. Now, thanks to the graphic design class (Amy Crouse, Jordynn Fields, Lydia Britt, Devin Horinek, and Charlie Smith) we have a new design for our logo. They took 15 minutes of their third hour class to present their two different logos and we all came to a decision on which logo we liked best. It was a tough decision because the two logos were both amazing.

Over the past month, we have made many changes but we believe we will have a lot of success with *The Stampede*. We've learned a lot of new things and we hope to learn more as the year continues. We are extremely grateful we got to interview Mike Hayden and hope to use some of the ideas he gave us for *The Stampede* this year. As our first edition of *The Stampede* heads off to the printer, the staff finds ourselves very excited to start this new year of change.



The Season's Already Kicking Off!

by Valerie Aldrich and Dylan Dulany

As this year's athletic season begins in a big way, with both volleyball and football having an energetic and winning start to the season. Fans can't help but notice young players helping the seniors on a great last season. It's an exciting time to be a buffalo, not only as an athlete but as a student, we see our volleyball and football teams doing so well.

The volleyball season was off to a great start, but the team has recently fallen behind in the ranks. Hopefully they will be able to work their way back to the top soon. Coach Sara Schmidt mentioned, "Last night was 9:3 and we were ranked number three in the state but now we're ranked number twelve, we hope to change that." Currently the team is 11:4 and ranked number fifteen. Schmidt also noted that the girls are learning how to play the whole game and credited them for not giving up on each other. Senior Sofia Hampton commented, "The senior girls have taken a lot of the leadership responsibilities."

As for the football team, we have seen them learn to play through injuries and make the necessary changes to help the team succeed. They have had an amazing season so far, with a new 4-0 record, thanks to a big win against Hoxie at the homecoming game. The football team has also noticed the senior leadership present this year. The strongest part of the team is defense. With players stepping up, the turnovers keep adding up for the opponents. Jalen Kruep has had three interceptions in two games.

If the defense is good, the offense is stellar. With Maverick Green as quarterback, throwing touchdowns to Wyatt Britt (a senior leader in the offensive backfield) they can always rely on Cole Sramek for some hard earned yardage running the ball. We asked the guys about the season so far and they replied, "It's pretty good and fun. As seniors we think we're leading the team pretty well, especially Will Ginther."



RCCHS Football Varsity defense is going full speed to recover the fumble against Hoxie during the Homecoming game.



RCCHS Volleyball Varsity setting up for the spike.

We asked the coaches of the RCCHS volleyball and football teams about the season so far. Both coaches said they always had a passion for coaching and for the sports themselves. Coach Schmidt said, "Yes! I love coaching, it's rewarding and fun; I want to hug and strangle them at the same time too." When we asked Coach Smith he replied with, "The season's been good! The kids have been playing hard too, we can always get better and continue to make good choices on and off the field." Smith also quoted, "Take advantage of every opportunity you have."

With both of our teams starting out strong, we have high hopes for this season. The senior leadership we are seeing is help our teams to be successful. For the remainder of the season, both teams will look to go deep and win a lot of games. Stay tuned for the rest of each season and see how far the seniors can lead their teams in their final year of high school.

New Principal, New Prosperities

by Monserrat Salais and Emily Trail

When we first walked into the principal's office, we felt nervous. Being in the principal's office is an idea that has terrified us since kindergarten. But after a short interview with our new principal, Mr. Matt Smith, we were dying of laughter.

As Mr. Smith is new to Atwood, we decided to ask him a few questions that we felt would let us get to know him better. From our interview we learned a lot about him that gave us a look at his personality.

Taking a deep breath Emily and Monserrat started the interview.

How did you go bald?

Laughing, Mr. Smith responded with, "I don't like to wash my hair." After thinking about it, he also said, "and it grows a funny color, so I just shave it."

What is your favorite movie?

"I like 'Goonies', 'Friday Night Lights', and 'When the Game Stands Tall', Mr. Smith responded after searching on his computer the names of the movies.

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RCCHS Principal Mr. Smith



Do you prefer tall or short socks?

Whispering the question again, he responded with, "I like short socks".

If you only had 24 hours left to live, what would you do?

Mr. Smith asked, "would it be a hot or cold climate?" and after thinking about it, we finally told him cold, and he said, "If it is snowing, I would have a snowball fight with my family."

What is your greatest fear?

"Failure", he responded with no hesitation.

What was your favorite subject when you were in school?

"I would have to say science."

What is something you are obsessed with?

With a serious face, he responded with, "food."

Who is your favorite superhero?

Smiling, Mr. Smith responded with, "Superman."

If you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Astonished Mr. Smith said, "only one thing," but then he responded with, "Ice cream."

How did you meet your wife?

Smiling, Mr. Smith said "we taught together in Kansas City, Kansas."

Do you believe in aliens?

Laughing, Mr. Smith repeated the question, and said, "I would have to go with a no."

What is your favorite childhood memory?

"At 4 years old in T-Ball, I hit the ball and ran in the other direction. Also when I was 4, I learned to water ski."

What's your feelings on social media?

"It's a great tool when used appropriately, I use Twitter."

If your life was turned into a movie, what actor would play you?

Without hesitation Mr. Smith said, "Mel Gibson."

How many sides does a circle have?

Laughing Mr. Smith responded with, "It's round!"

Would you ever travel to outer space?

"It would be fun but scary."

In one word describe your family reunions.

Mr. Smith laughed at the question, but then went with, "Circus."

The interview was a great experience for us. We had a great time, and we were able to share laughs. We hope that Mr. Smith will make our school prosperous, and that he enjoys being a part of our community.



RCHS Homecoming Royalty from left to right: Homecoming Queen Gracyn Higley, Sofia Hampton, Karli Heim, Cole Sramek, Braden Anderson, and Homecoming King Tyler Beckman.



Juniors Maverick Green and Nick Withington celebrate a buffalo TOUCHDOWN against Trenton. Buffaloes won 50-0.



RCHS Freshman Harrison Colgan, Brea Lankas, Maddie Livas, and Kristen Beckman dressed as "Movie Characters" for Homecoming Spirit Week.