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## **Dewey Carl Beuttenmuller**

By Linly Stum



I first knew the Beuttenmuller family when the father, Grant Beuttenmuller Sr., worked for Henry Neughbauer and lived on north section 15, north edge of 20 42 in 1961. Shortly thereafter, they changed employment and moved to a mile west of where we lived and our farm headquarters. Moreover, in the

mid-60’s, the older brother, Grant, Jr., worked for us when not in school; in the summer of ’65, Dewey also would drive tractor for us. The truly sad part of this story is that Dewey’s death could have likely been avoided. Dewey had been battling what was called yellow jaundice, a yellow pigment that causes red blood cells to die in the liver.

Grant, Jr., and I had been gone that day, and I had dropped off Grant Jr. at their home and drove the mile plus back to our house. No more than I had barely got home, Grant Jr. had arrived at our home as he had just ran the mile from his home to ours. He asked to borrow a vehicle to take Dewey to the hospital as his condition had worsened that day.

Back in those days, not only did they not have a telephone, but also they only had one vehicle that the father had to use to get to work; therefore, the mother was stranded with no means to get help as Dewey’s condition steadily grew worse. Since the loss of this young man, I have always furnished a vehicle for an employee to drive to work unless they had more than one. In earlier times, there could have been a horse that the mother could have ridden to get help, but in this situation, there was no horse, phone, or vehicle to get help. The family left after the loss of Dewey, I think the family left to Baca County.

## **Editorial**

### **School**

By Olivia Specht

School. School never changes. Or that's what some of the students think. As for me, I see an abundant number of changes, physically or feeling wise. To get the obvious changes out of the way-- all door has been replaced and we (finally) have gotten a new air conditioning system in the gym, hallways, and office! Now, the school feels different; not because of the construction that has happened for the first few weeks. The water is a bit of a problem, but with much hope, we will get the water back to cold and it will no longer be salty.

The feeling in the air is more comfortable this year, with new students and friends. But I, as a junior, have this sad foreshadowing of graduation of Benji Davis and Kayla Wanderlingh. I have known them for over a decade and the thoughts of them leaving Plainview High School make my heart heavy. But it makes me, and many others happy, to see two bright students becoming Plainview valedictorian and salutatorian.

Back on the topic of friends. I see that a lot of Junior students are getting along (as I know of-). With everything new coming in (teachers, doors, cool air), everything around the school has a feeling of freshness. In my opinion, this year is going to be the best!

## **Locker Decorating Party**

By Savannah Stum

On August 30, some of the high school and junior high got together for pizza and soda. After they ate, everyone grabbed a strip of paper and started looking up their pictures for their lockers.

Many of the kids put favorite bands, video games, books, etc., on their lockers; one kid even drew his own pictures. Everyone enjoyed the night and was not very excited about going home after the two hours of decorating their lockers. Ms. Ruth Fees told some of the kids that if they didn't finish, they could keep adding to the lockers until it was time to laminate the strips. By time the school year ends, the kids can take the strips home and hang them on their walls.

## **Junior Peach Sales**

By Olivia Specht

The number of boxes sold: 100 boxes

the amount of money earned: \$675

Note:

"I personally believe the selling peaches for a fundraiser is a good investment; especially with a community of peach lovers!~"

## **Back to School Night**

By Olivia Specht

After a week of school, the 4-H club provided ice cream for our yearly community gathering: Back to School Night. This event allows so many people from the communities near our school to have a chance to meet new faces. The ice cream was sweet, but the thought we can come together, socialize, and greet the new staff members of Plainview is a sweeter thought.

We introduced our new teachers: Tara Stum, elementary paraprofessional; Chris Berg, social studies teacher; Tim Biggers, science and P.E teacher; and Jessi Lacher, special education teacher.

Outside, the air was warm and bright as little kids played with ice cream-filled tummies while adults held long conversation of farming or other subjects. Soon after the ice cream, the peaches, which the juniors had been selling, arrived with the help of Kelvin and Amy Schmidt and juniors, Alex Schmidt and Kyle Scott.

As the evening event ended, parents, students, teachers, and other community members headed home for the weekend, some with ice cream and others with peaches, but all with a good feeling of a new school year.

## Interviews:

### Shaneise Stum

By Josh Beck

Shaneise Stum moved to Colorado from Syracuse, Kansas where she was born and raised. She and her family are very close.

Mrs. Stum didn't go to college; she chose to stay home and raise a family.

She graduated from Plainview. Mrs. Stum feels that Plainview is now a better environment for everyone. She also likes that Ms. Yonda Leonard is the principal.

Her professional and personal goals for this year would be getting her teaching degree and to get a degree in counseling.

Her favorite place that she has traveled to is Germany. She liked getting different perspective in the way people live. She would love to take a trip to Australia.

Her favorite movie is Harry Potter and her favorite book is Love Comes Softly.

Mrs. Stum's biggest accomplishment in her life is being a mom.

### Tara Stum

By Savannah Stum

Tara Stum moved from Lamar to Towner. This is her first year as a teaching aid.

She graduated from Lamar and has taken courses through LCC as a minor. Her favorite area to study is history.

Her favorite part of Plainview so far is the people.

Her favorite place that she has traveled to is Hawaii. She enjoyed being able to relax and take in the beautiful scenery. Her dream trip is to go to Italy because she wants to see the river roads, the sights, and learn the history of the country.

Her favorite movie is Top Gun because it has the actor Tom Cruz.

She describes her family as chaotic and tightly knit.

### Chris Berg

By Olivia Specht

I take long strides to the history room, the familiar Christmas lights on the wall, along with many posters varying from countries to Star Wars. This is Mr. Berg's room.

Chris Berg moved from Yuma, Arizona, but was born in Michigan. In his years growing up, his mother raised him; but his grandmother taught him all he had to know: How to drive, how to change a tire, and how to be a great role model. I can relate to this to a point, having no father and being raised by an older woman.

Berg has one younger brother who is married, and he (Berg) feels happy that his small family is growing --with his new niece and nephew.

After high school, he invested into Michigan

colleges but the thought of becoming a teacher was far from his mind until one professor showed Berg how to have fun while teaching others and helping them decide for themselves. Inspired, Chris Berg now strives to teach others and have an impact in the lives of students. He has done it for me, and I hope for many others.

Mr. Berg is a man who enjoys books like Lord of the Rings, cool video games like the Legend of Zelda series, and even some Anime like "Attack on Titans" and "Full Metal Alchemist"! It makes me happy to have a teacher who is like a teenage nerd like my friends and me!

He's willing to hear what you believe and respects others' choices. Unless you're messing around, that's a different story. He also respects himself and his health, giving us some health advice now and then. Every so often, he encourages us to help the earth in ways as we can! Nevertheless, he enjoys traveling: his dream spot, the mountains!

I really do think that Chris Berg is going to leave a mark in Plainview High School.

## **Mr. Tim Biggers**

By Josh Beck

Mr. Biggers moved here from Pueblo, Colorado. He still has a house in Pueblo, where he goes and stays on the weekends. The only time he stays here is when he has to work, of course.

Mr. Biggers graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He has a major in biology and a minor in physical education.

Mr. Biggers has been teaching for ten years since 2007. The school Mr. Biggers taught at was much bigger and had a lot more students. Mr. Biggers' favorite area of study is biology. He likes teaching elementary physical education the most because the students are funny. Mr. Biggers' personal goals for this year are to finish the year off with a good attitude and to be able to come back. His professional goal is to complete his teaching license class. Mr. Biggers liked school when he was in school. He really likes teaching. He knew he wanted to become a teacher after he had a chance to substitute.

Mr. Biggers' favorite place he has ever traveled to is the Ozarks. It's his favorite place because it has nice scenery. Mr. Biggers' trip that he dreams about is going to

Alaska. The reason why he wants to go to Alaska is that it is still considered a free frontier.

Mr. Biggers' favorite book to read and favorite movie to watch are Dances with Wolves.

Mr. Biggers' favorite part of Plainview is that it is quiet and the classes are small. He, of course, never had that at the old school where he used to work.

## **Yonda Leonard**

By Savannah Stum

Yonda Leonard moved from Eads to Sheridan Lake. She has been teaching for 30 years in Durango, Lamar, Eads, and Plainview. She has a Bachelor's Degree in humanities, an early childhood degree, an elementary teaching license, a principal's license, and has almost finished her Master's Degree in educational leadership. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). Her favorite area to study is education and her favorite class that

she likes teaching is English because she likes vocabulary.

Her personal goal for this year is to finish remodeling her house, and her professional goal is to finish her Master's Degree.

Her favorite part about

Plainview is the people.

Her favorite place that she has traveled is Greece; she loved the food. Her dream trip is to go to a beach because it will be warm and sunny. While on the beach, she plans to throw her phone in the water. Her favorite movie is Fried Green Tomatoes because it has a good lesson, and her favorite book is The Sacketts because it is a western.

She describes her family as large and crazy.

She decided to become a teacher because she likes to see people succeed. She knew that she wanted to become a teacher when she was in the first grade when her teacher would let her tutor other classmates.

Her favorite color is black.

## **Jessi Lacher**

By Cauy Stum

Ms. Lacher moved from Tribune, Kansas; she has been teaching for 10 years. She taught in an elementary school. She says that Plainview is awesome.

She went to college at Pittsburg State University and majored in elementary education. Her favorite area of study and class to teach is special education. Her personal goal for the year is to finish her CDL, and her professional goal is to finish her alternative license.

Her favorite part about Plainview is the faculty and students.

Her favorite place she has traveled to is the mountains. Her dream trip would be to go to Ireland.

Her favorite book/movie is The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Her family consists of her daughter and several animals. She describes her family as “small.”

## JH Knowledge Bowl

By Olivia Specht

This year the Junior High Knowledge Bowl team consists of the following: Elijah and Ky

Harkness, Mary Kathryn and Josh Votruba, and Taylor Lacher. All are young and bright, giving the hope for a great year! Ms. Fees, the coach commented, “There’s potential, but they need to work together.”



## HS Knowledge Bowl

By Olivia Specht

This year, we have a bigger high school knowledge bowl group! The following participants include Benji Davis, Kayla Wanderlingh, Ben Splitter, Zoe Chai, Savannah Stum, Kyle Scott, and Olivia Specht.

I expect numerous changes, especially at our first meet at Holly (October 5); and with hope, we go to state once more!

## Recycling

By Cauy Stum



Mr. Berg, the history teacher and STUCO sponsor, says recycling is important for the environment. According to Mr. Berg, we only have so many resources left on the planet and it’s important to preserve them. We have to do our best to make sure future generations have a healthy planet to live on. Earth's ecosystems and the plants and animals that live in those ecosystems are endangered, or close to going extinct if we don't do all we can to conserve resources; every person can make a difference. Save the turtles!!!!!!!!!!!!

He brought recycling to the school because he wants students to understand that recycling is not difficult and doesn't take much effort to protect the environment. Every bottle, every can, every sheet of paper recycled is another chance to decrease carbon emissions and prevent forests from being cut

down. If you want to see birds in the air show that you care.

There are recycling stations located in various places in the school. Mr. Berg takes the recycled items to La Junta every two weeks.

## School Construction

By Olivia Specht

This year the school was awarded the Best Grant to upgrade the school. Over the summer, a construction team came in and replaced the doors with doors that have safety locks that can be controlled by the office.

Other new upgrades include air conditioners in both the cafeteria and the gymnasium and a new boiler. The company has also repaired the generator for the school.

## Moon Festival

By Zoe Chai

The Moon Festival is a big festival in Taiwan. It is the most important festival for your family to gather with you.

The Moon Festival is always on August 15 in the lunar calendar. This year, in the solar calendar, Moon Festival is on September 24.

On the day of the Moon Festival, we usually eat pomelos (grapefruits) and moon cakes. Sometimes we have a BBQ, too. We eat pomelos because pomelos in Chinese means bless. Moon cakes in Chinese mean reunion. BBQ's were not a custom for Moon Festival at first. Because many Taiwanese people like to BBQ on the Moon Festival when they are camping, BBQing naturally became one part of the Moon Festival's feature.



We have three interesting stories about the Moon Festival. The most important story is “Change’s Ascent to the Moon.” The other two are “Wu Gang Chops the Osmanthus Tree” and “Jade Rabbit, Maker of the Elixir of Life.” They always bring us a lot of fun at the Moon Festival.

## New Student Spotlights

Compiled by Savannah Stum

### Elementary:

**Name:** Edgar Tena

**What is your age?** 4

**What school did you go to?**

Plainview

**What do you do in your spare time?** I play with toys.

**Name:** Lillyan Kaufmanfelker

**What is your favorite animal?** Cat

**What is your favorite color?** Blue

**What is your favorite food?** Nuggets

**What is your favorite band?** Elsa

**What is your age?** 5

**What you would like to be called?** Lillyan

**What do you like about Plainview?** Playing outside

**What do you not like about Plainview?** Reading

**Where did you live before you moved here?**

Colorado Springs

**What school did you go to?**

Pre-school

**What do you do in your spare time?** Watch the phone

**Name:** Alijah Morales

**What is your favorite animal?** Dogs

**What is your favorite color?** Blue

**What is your favorite food?** Chips

**What is your age?** 9

**What you would like to be called?** Alijah

**What do you like about Plainview?** There are not so many kids.

**What do you not like about Plainview?** I like everything.

**Where did you live before you moved here?**

Colorado Springs

**What school did you go to?**

Carver Elementary

**What do you do in your spare time?** Ride bikes

**Name:** Clarence Snyder

**What is your age?** 4

**Where did you live before you moved here?** Horace, Kansas

**What school did you go to?**

Ms. Carol’s

**What do you do in your spare time?** Play with trucks

### Junior High:

**Name:** Sadie Wilson

**What is your favorite animal?** Horse

**What is your favorite color?** Blue

**What is your favorite**

**food?** Blueberries

**What is your favorite band?** Keith Urban

**What is your age?** 13

**What you would like to be called?** Sadie

**What do you like about Plainview?** The floor

**What do you not like about Plainview?** Nothing

**Where did you live before you moved here?**

Buena Vista, Colorado

**What school did you go to?**

Avery Parsons

**What do you do in your spare time?** See my horse, donkeys,

goats, dogs, chickens, ducks, bunnies, dogs, cats, bugs

**Name:** Skyler Wilson **What is your favorite animal?** Dog

**What is your favorite color?** Red

**What is your favorite food?** Pumpkin pie

**What is your favorite band?** Bone Thugs-N-Harmony

**What is your age?** 14 **What you would like to be called?**

Skyler

**What do you like about Plainview?** It is a small school.

**Where did you live before you moved here?** Buena Vista,

Colorado

**What school did you go to?**

Buena Vista Mugginus Middle School

**What do you do in your spare time?** Hang out with this guy

named Herb

### High School

**Name:** Brianna Wilson

**What is your favorite animal?** All, but anteaters

**What is your favorite color?** Black, red, blue,

grey

**What is your favorite**

**food?** Pickles  
**What is your favorite band?** Any country bands  
**What is your age?** 15  
**What you would like to be called?** Bree  
**What do you like about Plainview?** Working in the pre-school  
**What do you not like about Plainview?** The hours  
**Where did you live before you moved here?**  
Buena Vista  
**What school did you go to?**  
Buena Vista High School  
**What do you do in your spare time?** Volunteer, play with animals, play sports, hang out with friends

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**Name:** Li-Kuei Wang, Kevin Wang  
**Birthday:** 2001/12/02  
**Age:** 16

**Favorites:**  
**Color:** Blue, red wine  
**Food:** Pasta and Taiwanese food  
**Drink:** Ginger ale  
**Music:** Hip hop, electronic  
**Season:** Fall  
**Animal:** Bear  
**Dislikes:**  
**Color:** Pink  
**Drink:** Pop (with cherry)  
**Animal:** Cockroach, fly  
**Sports:** Table-tennis  
**Music:** Rock-n-roll, Taiwanese  
**Season:** Spring

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**Name:** Zoe Chai  
**What is your favorite animal?** Rabbits  
**What is your favorite color?** Purple  
**What is your favorite food?** Tomatoes

**What is your favorite band?** BTS  
**What is your age?** 16  
**What you would like to be called?** My Chinese last name. My Chinese name, Yisyun Chai. But Zoe is the best, and it's simple for you.  
**What do you like about Plainview?** The students, the teachers, the food, the activities  
**What do you not like about Plainview?** The student numbers are too low  
**Where did you live before you moved here?** Sanxia, New Taipei, Taiwan  
**What school did you go to?** Tur Ya Kar Elementary and Junior High School  
**What do you do in your spare time?** I dance, listen to music, read, write in my diary, play on cellphone, watch BTS's live videos

**Dear Ms. Honey**



**Dear Ms. Honey,**  
**I hate school and don't want to be here now or ever. School sucks!!**  
**What do I do?**  
**Sincerely,**  
**Hate school**

Dear Hate School,  
School is a temporary thing. You won't be here forever. Once you find your friends and yourself, it makes everything a lot easier. Do what you need to graduate, so you won't be here longer.

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**Dear Honey,**  
**I hate history and I don't know how to deal with it.**  
**Sincerely,**  
**Hate History**

Dear Hate History,  
History will always follow you wherever you go, because the history is the past. So, in other words, whatever you do, you will never get away from it, so you should probably make the best of it.

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**Dear Honey,**  
**I have a problem. My mom made me delete Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, and the Nickelodeon app off my phone. Those apps are the only things I use my phone for. Now I'm sad. What do I do? HELP!!!**  
**Sincerely,**  
**The Child I Forgot The Name Of**

Dear The Child I Forgot My Name Of,  
It can really suck having your things taken away. The apps you had to get rid of, could end up being a good thing! For example, you have more free time to get homework completed. Since you got rid of the apps, you won't be sitting around being lazy, you can be active and do exciting things while you are still young! If you are really wanting the apps back, you need to work to make that happen. Talk to your mom.

**Dear Honey,**  
**I have a kid in my class who's**  
**being mean to everybody; he's**  
**stolen, he keeps "cussing,"**  
**and I really don't like it.**

**HELP!**  
**Sincerely,**  
**Frog Queen**

Dear Frog Queen,  
If this boy in your class is being  
mean continuously, then you  
need to take it up with an adult.  
You could also try to talk to  
him and tell him how you feel.  
If he continues to be mean, then  
it is considered bullying; and  
you NEED to tell an adult.

## **Birthdays**

Compiled by Britteny Wilson

### **Belated**

#### **June:**

15: Jennifer Wilson  
16: Alexa Enriquez  
22: Gael Enriquez  
Tara Stum  
24: Savannah Harkness  
27: Jozlynn Schell

#### **July:**

1: Susan Greenfield  
17: Lori Healy  
19: Dennill Splitter  
22: Taylor Lacher

#### **August:**

18: Kyle Scott  
31: Ruth Fees

#### **September:**

10: Josiah Hall  
Zoe Chai  
19: Brittny Wilson  
22: Jeanne Smith  
23: Sadie Wilson  
24: Austin Beck  
26: Skyler Wilson

## **Up Coming**

### **October:**

12: Kayden Moser  
13: Tim Biggers  
15: Tyler Schell  
16: Savannah Stum  
21: Alijah Morales  
27: Joshua Beck

### **November:**

2: Carter Meece  
4: Alden Stum  
9: Ella Splitter  
23: Karigen Stum  
26: Benjamin Splitter

### **December:**

2: Kevin Wang  
5: Jessi Lacher  
13: Cheri Hopkins  
17: Ciyana Stum  
Katelyn Stum  
Kayla Wanderlingh  
19: Jaime Ramsey  
21: Misty Harkness  
29: Maggie Votruba  
30: O'Ryan Sprueill

## **Up Coming Events**

Compiled by Josh Beck

**October 4:** JHVB @ Karval  
@3:00

**October 5:** HSKB @ Holly

**October 8:** JHVB @ CW @  
4:00

**October 11:** End of first quarter

**October 12:** Staff Work Day/  
Knowledge Bowl

**October 18:** Senior Carnival  
5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

**October 19:** HS Knowledge  
Bowl @ Vilas

**October 24:** Yearbook students  
to Lamar

**October 26:** JHKB @ Eads,  
JH/HS Lock-in @ 7 pm

**October 29:** Flu Shots @ 2-  
4pm

**October 30:** Staff Meeting @  
7a.m.

**November 2:** HS KB @ Lamar

**November 9:** HSKB @ Cheraw

**November 21**

**-30:**

Thanksgiving Break

## **Today in History:** **October 4**

**1669** Rembrandt Van Riji,  
Dutch painter, died at 63.

**1988:** Melissa Benoist,  
American actress and singer  
(Glee, Supergirl, etc.), was born  
in Littleton, Colorado.

**1994:** Keith Moore was charged  
with stealing five-million from  
Sting.

**1999:** "Breathe" single was  
released by Faith Hill.

## **TRICK OR TREAT! CORNY HALLOWEEN JOKES**

**Q:** Why do skeletons have low  
self-esteem?

**A:** They have no body to love

**Q:** Know why skeletons are so  
calm?

**A:** Because nothing gets under  
their skin.

**Q:** Why did the Vampire read  
the *New York Times*?

**A:** He heard it had great  
circulation.

--Reader's Digest

# Volleyball

By Zoe Chai

This is the first time I have played volleyball. I was nervous at every game. But all of the girls on the volleyball team are hard workers and kind. That's the reason I'm not as nervous as I was before. We always have fun on the way to another town and back to school. Snapchat is our friend. We usually take pictures something strange or funny and send it to our volleyball team group. Ms. Wilson is in this group, too.

I asked the players and coaches about the season.

## Questions for the players:

### What do you think about volleyball practices and games so far?

Olivia: The practices are fun; so are the games! I know that my team members are always trying their best!

Brianna: I think the practices and games have been a lot of fun. Even though we haven't won yet, we have built great friendships.

Kayden: I think that as a team we are doing better both in practice and in games.

Savannah: The volleyball practices and games are ok.

Kayla: I think they are going well!

### How do you like your team members in volleyball team (1~10)?

Olivia: 10! I feel my team is part of my family!

Brianna: 10. They are amazing! Everyone is extremely supportive! We have built some great bonds, and everyone gets along.

Kayden: 10, they are pretty "cool" this year, and I get along with all of them.

Savannah: 10/10.

Kayla: 10!!!!!!

### Do you think our volleyball team should change something? If yes, what do you want to change?

Olivia: I want Kayla and Zoe to stay for my senior years.

Brianna: I think we should change nothing.

Kayden: Yes, I think we need to change our outlook on this year because we are doing better than previous years.

Savannah: No.

Kayla: I think we just need to continue working on our skills and talk more during our games.

### Which activity of practices is your favorite?

Olivia: I enjoy spiking practice and Queen of the Court!

Brianna: Queens of the court!

Kayden: My favorite activity would either be 3 vs. 3 under the net or over the net.

Savannah: Getting on our stomachs and having to pop up and hit the ball.

Kayla: The ground volleyball game.

### Before the games started, how did you feel?

Olivia: Before the games, I'm excited and nervous; but I have hope that we can do our best.

Brianna: Before most games, I am super nervous! Then the last game, when we didn't play, I was super excited.

Kayden: I felt good and prepared.

Savannah: I'm sometimes nervous.

Kayla: Excited! And nervous!

### In the game, how did you feel?

Olivia: During the game, I feel energized, like my drive to win.

Brianna: Excited!

Kayden: It was a good feeling I had, but I also got frustrated throughout the game.

Savannah: Excited.

Kayla: Excited!!!

### If someone wants to join the volleyball team and it is her first time to play volleyball, what important thing would you want to tell her?

Olivia: Don't be afraid to hit the floor!

Brianna: To play hard and never give up, but never forget to have fun!!

Kayden: Do it because it's a fun sport to do. It gets overwhelming at times and gets frustrating, but it is worth it.

Savannah: Hope you have a great season with us.

Kayla: I would want to tell them to try their hardest and it's okay to make mistakes as long as you learn from them.

**Give one sentence to encourage your team!**

Olivia: You all are amazing; you can move mountains!

Brianna: You guys have made my first year, the best year! Thanks for being supportive and amazing!

Kayden: It doesn't matter if we lose as long as we are having fun.

Savannah: Go Hawks!

Kayla: You are all amazing women and volleyball players!!

**If you have a chance, will you join volleyball team next year?**

Olivia: Yes! A thousand times over!

Brianna: I probably will!

Kayden: Yes, I would really enjoy joining it next year, but it depends on my knees.

Savannah: Yes.

Kayla: Yes, but it will be on a college team.

**Questions for the coaches:**

**What do you think about our volleyball team so far?**

Ms. Amanda: Each player has raw talent and drive, but building confidence has been our main goal.

Ms. Wilson: The team is a fun team to coach. There is a mix of players, who are experienced and brand new to the game. It is interesting to watch the players to come together as a team.

**Why do you want to be a coach?**

Ms. Amanda: Volleyball is my jam and I enjoy working with youth.

Ms. Wilson: I coach so that young people can have good experiences while they are in high school.

**Did you play volleyball team before? If the answer is yes, how long did you play?**

Ms. Amanda: Played pee-wee until end of sophomore year. I tried intermural in college. I played co-ed for three years. Now I am playing in a Lamar women's league.

Ms. Wilson: Yes, I played volleyball in junior high and high school and a couple years of intramural and town team volleyball. I have coached volleyball for 12 years at the varsity level (7 years of which were in the Denver area.

**Do you think our volleyball team should change something? If the answer is yes, what do you want to change?**

Ms. Amanda: The girls are playing well but I always wish for more girls so we could have a scrimmage situation in practice.

Ms. Wilson: It takes a long time to learn all of the nuances of the game of volleyball so each player just needs to continue working on their skills and let their confidence in themselves develop more.

**Please tell us some interesting things happened on volleyball practices or games.**

Ms. Amanda: There are always a smile to go around and a laugh to be had.

Ms. Wilson: I think the most interesting thing that the team does is the silliness that goes on during their group Snap Chats.

**What do you think the most important thing during the volleyball practices is?**

Ms. Amanda: Consistency is key when performing any action so then it becomes a learned body reaction to the ball/play.

Ms. Wilson: As the old saying goes, "practice doesn't make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect." Of course, perfection is next to impossible, but you should be on a quest at practice to do every skill to the best of your ability every time.

**What do you think the most important thing during the volleyball games?**

Ms. Amanda: Remember to play one point at a time and not to dwell on any mistakes.

Ms. Wilson: In my opinion, there are 2 things that are the most important things that should go one during games: 1.

Get the serves over and in. 2.  
Have fun!!!

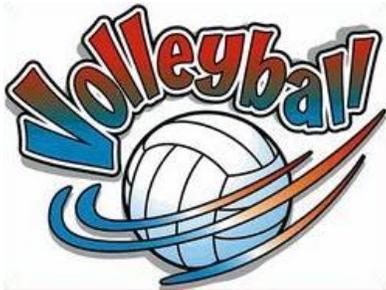
**Give one sentence to encourage our team.**

Ms. Amanda: In all things, practice until you can't get it wrong.

Ms. Wilson: Just be grateful that you have the opportunity to spend your time with each playing volleyball together as a team and always appreciate this time in your life.

**How do you feel about being involved with the volleyball games group?**

Ms. Wilson: I have always enjoyed being involved in the growth of students both as players and as people. The girls on the volleyball team this year are great kids, and the community should be proud of them.



**Amanda Koeller: Assistant Volleyball Coach**

By Josh Beck

Amanda Koeller went to the University of Wyoming and majored in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management, but she chose to step away from education to get a job and enter the adult world so no college degree.

She enjoys being a mom and making a difference in the community and school.

Mrs. Koeller says that volleyball is her jam, and she enjoys working with the youth.

She likes the small community that creates a family environment. She also likes that the school