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### Chadwick Basketball ips Off

The Chadwick Boys and Girls Basketball Teams have high expectations for the upcoming season.

#### By Craig Thomas

The Chadwick Cardinals boys and girls basketball teams have high hopes for the 2004-05 season. Both teams had winning seasons last year, with only eight losses apiece, and both teams have all five starters starter returning

Last year, the Chadwick Lady Cardinals made their second state tournament appearance in four years, and they are starting this season with another trip to the Big Show in mind. They began strong with victories over Niangua (53-10), Bradleyville (72-36), Spokane (65-61), and New Covenant (73-14).

Coach Doug Dunn said, "We want to defend our district titles, stay focused, and work hard every day to keep improving throughout the year."

The Lady Cardinals squad consists of only seven players: seniors Jessi Pierce and Courtney Jones; juniors Cassie Lewis and Stacey Sisco; sophomores Misty Bettis and Amanda Workman; and freshman Brittney Jones.

The Chadwick Cardinals boys team is also off to an amazing start with victories over Halfway (97-47) and Bradleyville (82-48). They also defeated Hollister JV (97-62), Bradleyville (89-60), and Galena (81-54) to win first place in the Chadwick Tournament.

Coach Terry Jester wants to focus more on polishing defensive skills and let the offense follow. He said, "We want to win every game, and hopefully, we will do that."

The Chadwick Cardinals include seniors
Bub Payne, Drew Rozell, Craig Thomas,
Brady Herd, and Josh Finney; juniors
Zach Daugherty, Andrew House, B.J.
Applegate, and Stephan Hahn;
sophomores Colten Jones, Chris
Wilkerson, Trevor Hale, and Cody
Weter; and freshmen Dylan Coffer,
Shannon Holt, and Justin Holt.

Senior guard Bub Payne said; "If we keep practicing hard, we could have another great year."

# Quiz Bowl Places Third in MTC

By Josh Finney

On November 31, the Chadwick Quiz Bowl Team placed third in the Mark Twain Conference Tournament.

The Quiz Bowl team consists of senior Arron Brown; juniors Stephan Hahn and Adam St. Laurent; sophomore Cody Brown; and freshmen Elizabeth Dewitt, Kathleen Hahn, and Sarah Witham.

Team Captain Adam St. Laurent said, "We worked hard, and it paid off. Now, we're looking ahead to districts."

"It's great to see students getting excited about knowledge the way these students are," said Quiz Bowl Coach Mr. Tyler Walker.

## Palm Pilots May Help MAP Scores Soar

By Arron Brown

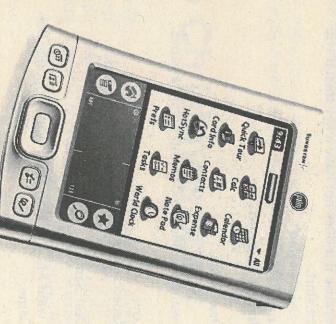
Chadwick School District has purchased palm pilots to be issued to every student and teacher for grades K-12.

Many students are already using their palm pilots in the classroom in a variety of ways. The palm pilots can be used as a planner, a calculator, and a word processor. Students can take notes, browse web pages, and even read entire books on the palm screen.

The teachers are still being trained on how to use this new technology. A total of six professional development days will be used to familiarize the staff, and an additional fifteen training days have been proposed.

Representatives of Success Link, who will be responsible for the training, say that palm pilots could be the key to improving student motivation, MAP test scores, and reading and writing skills.

Superintendent Dr. Gordon Logsdon said, "By providing each student with a handheld computer, we are leveling the playing field for Chadwick students."



Above: The Palm Tungsten E will soon be in the hands of the majority of Chadwick students.

INSIDE: Your guide to Christmas films, Christmas spirit, and letters to Santa! how to decorate your way to

#### Letters to Santa Claus

Selected by Hayley Guerin

Dear Santa,

cowboy boots, a 22 Gun, and a CD. A BB Gun, a sword, a pocketknife, a

I would like a Barbie set, toy mouse trap. Ronnie Maggard

Dear Santa,

Kindergarten

Shayna Adams

I would like a watch, a bike, and a frog game.

Dear Santa,

Zach Fetters

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie car, a Barbie, and a

I would like a BB Gun. Dear Santa,

Shelby Weter

First Grade

Jimmy Nelson

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Jeep and a key to go with it, because if it does not have a key then it will not start.

Bridget Maggard

Dear Santa,

I want it to snow today, but I want a game.

Rebecca Bates

Dear Santa,

I want Ms. Pac Man and I want a Sponge Bob

Kelsey Walker

I want a 22 and a 22-250 and a 300 and A 257 Roberts and a shot gun and a muzzleloader

And a 280.

Dear Santa,

Hunter Daugherty

clothes and Scooby-Doo stuff. and it's tank and gloves and a warm hat I would like a charm bracelet and a fish for winter and warm

Hailey Stevens Your Friend,

Dear Santa,

Race car and a COON DOG and a 12 gauge And Scooby-Doo game and a x-box and a candy cane. want a bow for Christmas and a

Jeffrey Shockey Love your friend,

P.S. the coon dog is black and white

Dear Santa,

basketball and a puppy and a elephant and a horse and a little Christmas tree and more earrings. and a bubble gum machine and and a and a Cinderella story and mean girls and folders and a hit-clip and robot dog and sorry and a big swimming pool and make-up and a diary and a beach ball Mole and a charm bracelet and kittens I would like a DVD player and Wac-a-

Makenzie Walker

Third Grade

Dear Santa,

everyone to have a merry Christmas. I don't want very much, just camouflage to go hunting in. I also want most of all for

Maddie Hursh

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Second Grade

like a new saddle and real horse reins for Gus. I would like a play station 2, some books, sled and a little electric scooter. I would also horse games and horse movies. I would like a

Riley Massey Sincerely,

Dear Santa,

I want a video now, a Shrek 2 the movie, and a TV. I want a country CD. I want a Silver Dollar City pass, Celebration City pass, and a White Water Pass.

Landon Rozell Sincerely,

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I would like a game cube and Pokemon and Tony Hawk Proskater 4 and Pokemon Pinball.

Guy Weagley Sincerely,

Dear Santa,

I want lots of toys, also I want a game called Shrek 2 and a toy called dinosaur.

Sincerely, Cory Taylor

Dear Santa,

station 2 games, video now a purple one, cowboy boots, a bike, a four-wheeler, spurs, makeup book, drums, lava lamp, cds, flute, I want these toys, play station 2 and play paint, jump rope.

Rebecca Weter

#### Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,

6 want a dirt bike for Christmas. I would also like person cruise to California. a

Dylan Daugherty Your Friend

I want a four-wheeler so I can ride it in my back yard. I want a pair of shoes, and an outfit. I want a new basketball. I want a swimming pool. I want a CD Player like my brother's. . I want a

Kaylee Swindle Your Friend,

Dear Santa,

want is a go-cart. My brother likes Sponge Bob just like me. Would you get my brother and I I want a puppy and a kitten. One thing I really something with Sponge Bob.

Shyla Guerin

Dear Santa,

Fifth Grade

Dead Revolver the game, computer, and a sword. things, x-box, Lemony Snicket the movie and the game, Red would like for you to get me the following hings, x-box, Lord of the Rings 3 the game,

Nick Thompson

Whom was Dr. Seuss describing when he wrote, "You're as cuddly as a cactus, you're as charming as an eel,...You're a bad banana with a greasy black peel"?

A. Mr. Dorband

C. Mr. Walker

Answer: D

#### Elfies

Movie guru Drew Rozell honors the best and worst of holiday films

Most Mean-Spirited St. Nick: Bad Santa.
In this film, Billy Bob Thornton portrays a somewhat less than jolly fat man.

Funniest Family Gathering: Christmas Vacation

Hilarity erupts as good ol' Clark Griswald struggles to create the perfect Christmas experience for his dysfunctional family. Most Explosions in a Single Holiday Season: Die Hard

presents to all the bad little boys and girls. Bruce Willis spreads his own brand of Christmas cheer as he delivers deadly

Most Embarrassing Christmas Movie to be Involved with: Jingle All The Way

Mayhem and murder are the only tidings these mini-monsters bring

Best Performance by a Little Green Demon: Gremlins

Most Remakes of a Christmas Film: The Night Before Christmas Sinbad, Schwarzenegger, and a giant pink tiger. You do the math.

end. With six remakes spread out across an entire century, one wonders if it will ever

tinsel town Will Ferrell takes a dive on the funniest actor list after this two-hour torture

Hardest Holiday Movie to Sit Through: Elf

This is the movie that launched the tool man's frequently festive film career.

Best of Tim Allen's Christmas Films: The Santa Clause

Most In-depth Look into the Legend of the North Pole: Rudolph The Red-Nosed This movie gives insightful facts about the troubled childhood of the reindeer of all. Reindeer

there's still room for Santa. Even in a claymation world that revolves around Halloween, Tim Best Use of a Lump of Clay: The Nightmare Before Christmas **Burton proves** 

Christmas Most People Living in One House During the Holidays: A Very Brady

Ah, the Brady Bunch! Greg, Emily, Peter, Rachel, Bobby, Cindy, Tom, Richard, Tina, John, Susie, Michael, Julie, Randy, Sarah, and of course, Marsha Marsha

## How to Decorate Your Way to Christmas Spirit

By Jake Schwartz

big Christmas lights on the frame of your simple places in your-home: entertainment house, and little lights to put around your windows. Wrap some garland around center, coffee table, buffet, etc.

If you are going to fully enjoy the holidays, you need to be in the holiday spirit. One of the ways to heal a case of the bah-

humbugs is to decorate your house because it helps keep you

in the Christmas mood

Put up your Christmas tree, and find interesting ways to decorate it. You may and family can make ornaments for white, and blue. Remember, decorating doesn't have to be expensive. Your friends silver; red and green; silver and gold; or red, want to use a color scheme, like purple and your

web sites with ideas about how you can decorate your entire house with clothespin tree. But don't stop there! There are plenty of and much more! Christmas villages made of popsicle sticks reindeer, popcorn tinsel, homemade wreaths,

By the time Christmas comes rolling along, your whole house will be beautifully holiday spirit. decorated, and you will be filled with the

Start decorating your house as soon as possible. Put up Christmas lights inside and outside of your home. Use a variety of lights: white icicle lights on your porch,

## Leadership Council

By Jessi Peirce

The Chadwick Leadership Council, an organization of teacher-appointed juniors and seniors, is very busy with fundraisers and activities. The members are juniors Stacey Burkhart. Adam St. Laurent; and seniors Jessi Peirce, Courtney Jones, Drew Rozell, Katy DeWitt, Whitney Lykins, and Jessica Sisco, Kristin Melton, Stephan Hahn, Andrew House, and

The council is hosting a Leadership Breakfast for all senior citizens at the Chadwick Community Building on December 14. Biscuits and gravy will be served, and door prizes will be given away.

Springfield. A toy drive and a giving tree are also being organized to support the Victory Mission and a women's shelter in

and our collective desire is to be able to touch as many said, "The Leadership council has a great opportunity to make a difference in the community by helping others who are less fortunate. These students have very giving hearts, Chadwick Leadership Council sponsor Mr. Jarad Rinne hearts as we can."

### Teachers Read, Too!

What are Chadwick teachers reading on their own time?

Mr. Cataldo: Tides of War by Steven Pressfield and Selected Poems of Dylan Thomas
Mr. Walker: For Whom The Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemmingway
Mrs. Goin: Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks
Mrs. Davis: What to Expect When You're Expecting by H. Murkoff
Mr. Dorband: Character: Profiles in Presidential Courage

Chris Wallace Logsdon: How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must) by A. Coulter

#### onservation Corner

By Bub Payne

(9 pointer), Brady Herd (9 pointer), Colten Jones several Chadwick students. Students who killed include Craig Thomas (button buck), Drew Rozell This year's deer season proved to be a huge success for a deer

8 pointer), Zach Daugherty pointer), and B.J.

stated, "It was a lot of fun, and many good bucks were taken."



## FFA Stays Active

By Courtney Jones

The Chadwick FFA has been busy sponsoring a blood drive, holding a fruit sale. barnwarming, and having their annual

many fun games. The winners senior candidates Bub Payne and

winners were

Peirce, who raised over \$75.00.

Advi-"The

didates competed for king and queen

This consisted of collecting pennies and

President all of the people who helped them meet their goal. ally good to know I was saving three people's lives, and I also got a free t-shirt." The FFA would like to thank drive in Chadwick's multi-purpose building attracting 29 donors. FFA On November 8, Community Blood Center held a blood Jessi Peirce said, "It felt rethe FFA and the

barnwarming November 19. The can-The Chadwick FFA also held their

week of December

sold will arrive at school by the second

involved in their fund-raiser. The items

and they would like to thank everyone This year they made a total of \$464.00,

The latest thing the FFA has been involved with is their annual fruit sales.

barnwarming was a lot of fun and I hope the members had as much fun as I did."

sor

Mr.

Phillips

stated,

Opening Morning

1 WOS

Twas opening morning and all through the creeks. The suckers were moving and so were my feet. The line had been strung through the eye holes with

care, In hopes that my buddies soon would be there

The sinkers were wrapped up all tight on the line. The hooks were all borrowed 'cause someone stole

mine.
The tackle box was loaded. The poles were in place.
Never had there been such a smile on my face.

Then out in the yard there arose such a noise, It could be only one thing: a pack of teen boys. They were late, of course, but ready to leave. They'd been driving so fast they could hardly breathe.

The sun had peaked over the trees and the hills so eager to go I could almost smell gills. We all loaded up and took off like a flash. Bub hoped and Craig prayed that we would not crash.

Brady's gray Chevrolet made hardly a sound As we flew around corners with wheels off the ground. We jerked to the left; we jerked to the right; I knew any second that we would take flight.

We turned down the cut-off not a moment too so My eyes were as wide and as bright as the moon. I couldn't believe he was driving so fast. How had he not had more wrecks in the past?

We arrived at the spot, all of us were intact.

I was happy to see that the place wasn't packed.

We grabbed our poles and our tackle boxes

And crept through the field like a pack of sly foxes.

We were walking so fast Colten couldn't keep up, He was whining around like a little lost pup. The journey was long; the tall grass was wet, But the fish would be worth it, on that you can bet.

The fog had all lifted; the sun had rose high;
The fish were so thick all I could say was, "Oh my!"
The once bright creek bottom was as black as the night,
Some of them were quite large; they'd put up a fight.

We cast out our lines and gave them a jerk. Bub hooked one in the side; man, I bet that hur "I got one!" "Me too!" I yelled with delight. These babies would taste good later that night. lines and gave them a jerk. in the side; man, I bet that hurt

We loaded them up and got them home quick, 'Cause hot rotten fish can sure make you sick. We passed lots of trucks going fishing, we thought "Sorry guys," Brady joked, "but they've all been caught!" One after another we recled the fish in.
We'd each caught the limit of at least three men.
The buckets were full and the stringers were too,
If asked how many we'd say, "Just a few."

We scaled, and we sliced for what seemed like six hours.

Needless to say, we would all need hot showers.

We stepped back from our work to check out our prize And saw a pile of fillets, enormous in size.

The grease it was popping; the french fries were hot; Craig grabbed the last sucker, but I said, "I think not." We ate and we ate 'til our britches were tight. Happy fishing to all, and to all a good night!



Happy Fishing 5 All!

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