



Above: senior, third year broadcasting student Emily Morris carefully checks the channels to see where the various graphics are located and serves as the editor or “switcher” for the show. **Left:** The show has begun with student co-hosts Pierce Clott and Kelsey Smith. “It’s a fun class,” Smith says. “I like there’s no homework, but there’s plenty to do in class.” Jay County’s daily news show, “Jay Today” is on a delayed broadcast until lunch, and is being produced in High Definition (HD).



‘Good Morning Jay County’ Daily broadcasts student run

For the latest in national, state, local and school news, students at Jay County need go no further than their own student center area.

It’s 8:30 and the students are already scurrying around to ready themselves for the 9:10 daily show, “Jay Today.” Two students are gathering the latest sports from ESPN.com and from the sports pages of the local newspaper. Another is typing in the cues on the teleprompter, and still a fourth and fifth student are busying themselves creating and collecting the graphics that will accompany the lead story on Obama and immigration reform.

Blackford junior Ben Bartlett is entering the graphics for the crazy weather of the week which will top out in the 60s and then plummet to the teens.

“I like films and want to be a filmmaker, so I took



Anthony Bye reads from the prompter under the watchful eye of Darren Bogenschutz.

“this class so I can learn all about what it takes to put video together,” Bartlett said.

Next to Bartlett on the audio board is classmate Jaden Herbert, who also has a career interest in films.

“I think everyone should take a class like this. Everyone should know how the media works,” Herbert said.

At the heart of the operation is senior and third year broadcasting

student Emily Morris. She operates the “switcher” where she will edit all of the pieces together during the delayed live broadcast.

“What I like most about this class is that it is a real world experience,” senior co-anchor Pierce Clott said. “This experience has helped me be able to speak more easily in front of a crowd.”

Telecommunications graduate and seventh year broadcasting instructor at Jay County, Lori Reece, has her hand outstretched as she begins the silent countdown. Five, four, three, two, and cue.

The show begins, and all 11 students are working furiously to do their part.

“This is a student-run operation,” Reece says. “That’s how the kids learn best.”

Tyler Back, sportscaster, agrees. “You’ve got to be prepared so you don’t look like an idiot on air.”



“We recently switched the program to HD - we may be the only school in the state to be broadcasting in high definition.”

— LORI REECE
7TH YEAR BROADCASTING TEACHER
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- Jay Today

(TV Production class)

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Third-year broadcasting student Brooke Fraley, senior, summarizes and types the entertainment content for the day. In addition to writing for and reading during the broadcast, Fraley joins her classmates in creating weekly news and feature packages. “I just completed one for the upcoming choir competition,” Fraley said. “I recorded the choir singing and then edited in a voice over.”