

# variety show

•HIS YEAR'S CHOIR and select choir classes held their annual Variety Show on Nov. 8 in the main gym. With the bleachers brimming with friends and family, the choir kicked off the show by singing "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" and "There is a Time."

The choir class has black uniforms that they usually would wear for any performances that they do, but Mrs. Stewart let them wear their own school appropriate dress clothes for the Variety Show. With the ladies in dresses, skirts or slacks and the men in slacks or nice jeans, the choir students dressed the way they wanted to give the evening a more relaxed vibe.

A few performers of the night were junior Patty Torres and senior Shay Erwin singing "Home" by Philip Phillips, junior Riann Heft singing "Holding Out for a Hero" by Ella Mae Bowen and sophomores Addi Price, Heather Melton and Maddie Cannon performing "Dark Side" by Kelly Clarkson.

A few of the new freshmen to perform were Natalie Stewart, Aubrey VandenHoek, Marissa Kendall and Tatum McKinney. continued on pg. 14

"The song that I sang at the Variety Show is called "The Melody Within." I chose to sing the song because it really expresses the meaning of music." A. VandenHoek, fr.

"My brother Eliot and I always sing together, and I wanted him to be a part of my performance. It's how we bond." L. Hinshaw, jr.

"I've always liked the song, "Holding Out for a Hero" and it caught my attention. After I sang it, I realized there was a reason I chose it. I devoted it to my Grandpa Holloway. He is my hero." R. Heft, jr.

"My favorite song that the choir sang was "Poor Wayfaring Stranger." S. Spicer, so.



**National Honor** Society has been busy this month helping the community and volunteering. PAGE 3



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Kari Beth Neuhold shared her experiences at the annual Veteran's Day Assembly. PAGE 6



*friend*test

Best friends, Addi Price and Maddie Cannon see how well they really know each other. **PAGE 14** 





"My favorite part of Scholars' Bowl is hanging out with people from everywhere all the time." J. Colclazier, jr.



"I went out for Scholars' Bowl to get out of school." B. Conrad, fr.



"My goal this year is

to win more than we

lose." C. McVey, sr.

THE SCHOLARS' BOWL season kicked into full swing on Thursday, Nov. 1 at South Central High School. The junior varsity competitors were sophomore Denisse Ramos and freshmen Teigan Ellegood, Ben Spainhour, Morgen Ulrich, Melanie Brown and Brylee Conrad. Ten other teams provided competition for the team. Overall the scholars ended up winning four of their ten matches.

After the meet was over, the team journeyed to Dave's Pizza Oven for their evening meal. The freshmen they paid for it out of their own pocket.

A two week break took place before both the junior varsity and varsity teams were bound for their next meet at Ashland High School. The teams would compete against ten other area teams. Both the junior varsity and varsity only had four members present for the meet. The varsity team was made up of seniors Canyon Brack, Rachel Schmidt, Cody McVey and junior Lillian Hinshaw. At the end of the meet, the team ended up with a record of five wins and five losses. The junior varsity team consisted of Ramos, Ellegood, Brown and Conrad. They ended up with a record of four wins and six losses.

After a short stop at the Kwik Shop on Nov. 15, the varsity scholars' bowl team left for Jetmore. The competitors were McVey, Schmidt, Hinshaw and junior John Colclazier. This meet would determine whether the team would go into the rest of the season with a winning or losing record. At the end of the day, the team's record was three wins and nine losses. This made their overall record eight wins and fourteen losses.

The team journeyed to Dodge City after the meet to grab a quick meal at Wendy's before heading home. and sophomore had their choice of the menu as long as 
They were not the only ones who wanted to stop here for a bite to eat. As the team was leaving the South Gray, Ashland and South Central teams arrived to get their food.

> Right before school dismissed for Thanksgiving Break, the junior varsity team ventured out one last time to compete in Minneola. They came out with one victory over South Gray, defeating them by only one question. Their losses were many. The team, however, was tough competition and only lost by one or two questions in almost every match.

"The rest of the season will go by quickly, and we will be competitive," said Coach Jan Case.

# *black*friday

BLACK FRIDAY IS the time of year when stores have big sales for Christmas. The term of Black Friday has been applied to the day after Thanksgiving in which retailers make enough sales to put themselves "into the black ink." Some stores have even been led into depression from some of the destruction people have caused during the day.

A lot of people get into it by spending the whole night outside the store, hiding stuff beforehand and even bringing pepper spray for whoever gets in their way. Some people even hide in the store overnight.

Black Friday is not a very friendly time. People put up fights when it comes to getting their children what they want for Christmas. There are always ambulances and paramedics nearby when it comes to Black Friday. There are also lots of police officers nearby for whoever tries to sneak things out of stores.

Over the years people have started staying up all night and shopping online, preventing getting injured. People get pretty good deals by getting in there early and knowing what they want ahead of time.

Over all, it is a pretty frightening experience for whoever attends Black Friday. But on the other hand, some people love, and are guite excited for Black Friday.





LEFT: Crowds flocked into Walmart on Thursday night, wanting to snatch up those great deals. "It was crazy! We were packed so tight in that place that you could barely breathe. I'd be okay to never go through that again," said senior Audrey Wheeler. photos by A. Wheeler

TWEETS OF THE WEEKS: black friday.. oh how I adore you. #shopaway #winning L Tuttle, so. (@ToshaNichole04)

# NHS happenings

KCHS's National Honor Society has kicked it into gear this month with reaching out to the community and stacking up some volunteer hours. Students have been volunteering and working the cash register at Care and Share, helping with blood drives, and most recently, putting together Christmas boxes.

Most of the NHS members set their alarm a few minutes early to come to the school and help put together Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes included trinket like flash lights, batteries, socks, candy, bouncy balls, hairbrushes, and much more.

NHS has been working hard to help the community in any way they can, big or small, before they get to take a break and go on their annual trip. This year the students are thinking about going to Colorado for their trip, but the destination is not yet cemented.

## howto:

Be overly obsessed

- Be clingy, call them at least three times a day, need his attention all the time.



night."

days

Make a future family album - "I just love to think about my future family with you all the time!" said no guy...ever.

Use cheesy nick names

- You know, the weird and annoying ones. Honey boo, sugar plum, pumpkin cake.

Complain

- Complain all the time; about anything! About him always being gone, or talking to other girls.

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"My height. That's all." C. McVey, sr.



"I'd have to say my attitude. When I started high school, I was really shy and kept to myself a lot, but I don't think I'm like that anymore. I'm definitely more open." K. Kendall, sr.



"Nothing really..." D. Perez, sr.



"My career choice definitely. I'm still changing that right now actually!" M. Morton, sr.





ORMED ON OCTOBER 22 and dissipated on October 31, Hurricane Sandy is the largest Atlantic hurricane on record. It comes in right behind the 2005 Hurricane Katrina as the second costliest Atlantic hurricane in history. Sandy devastated portions of the northeastern United States as well as parts of the Caribbean.

On October 22, a storm was formed from a tropical wave in the western Caribbean Sea and quickly developed into Tropical Storm Sandy within six hours. As Sandy slowly moved toward the Greater Antilles (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico), the storm intensified greatly. On October 24, Sandy developed into a hurricane and made landfall near Kingston, Jamaica. When she reemerged in the Caribbean Sea, she strengthened into a Category Two hurricane, but after Sandy hit Cuba, she weakened into a Category One hurricane. Sandy moved ashore near Atlantic City, New Jersey, as a post-tropical cyclone on October 29.

It is estimated that Sandy has caused around 52.4 billion dollars in damage, and at least 193 people were killed in seven different countries due to the massive storm.

Sandy affected around 24 states from Florida to Maine and as far west as Wisconsin. New Jersey and New York received a lot of severe damage. The storm hit New York City on October 29 and resulted in flooding of streets, tunnels and subway lines. Power was cut in and around the city due to this flooding.

Scientists believe climate change contributed to hurricane Sandy's size and intensity, as it would to any weather event. The reason weather events are affected by climate change is because the environments where the storms occur are warmer and moister than they used to be. Scientists describe this as putting the storm on steroids.

Most power is expected to be restored soon, but longer term relief could stretch on for years. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie stated that the hardest-hit areas, such as the Jersey Shore, will take years to recover fully.

A tremendous number of people were affected by Sandy in one way or another, whether they had friends and family in the storm or they endured the storms themselves, but many people are still hopeful and working toward recovery. English poet Lord Byron once wrote, "Be thou rainbows in the storms of life." Let this be true for all affected by the storm.

# *super*intendents

ONCE EVERY MONTH there is a superintendent's meeting held in Topeka at the Department of Education. This meeting consists of a Council of Superintendents that represent all the schools throughout Kansas. Once or twice a year the council picks a school to host the meeting, outside of Topeka.

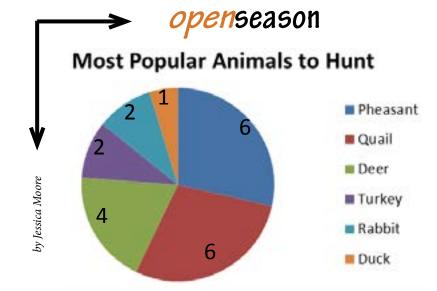
Kiowa County was selected this month because Superintendent of schools Mr. Darin Headrick is the president- elect (for the 2013-2014), and also because we have a new school and we are somewhat centrally located.

This year's meeting was held on November 15. This lasted about three to three and a half hours. The Superintendent's Council meeting was held from ten thirty to two in preparation for the Superintendent's meeting. During these meetings the council discussed education issues and issues about public schooling.

In preparation, the school had to prepare for sixty to a hundred people. Mr. Ballard worked with Mr. Headrick to enable him to Skype with the president of the council in Topeka. Since there were so many extra people in our school, it was a good chance to give them tours of the entire school. You might have noticed more people than usual, dressed in suits, getting tours of the school.



ABOVE: Superintendents from all across Kansas gather in the library after getting a tour of the high school and grad school to listen to Kiowa County School District's superintendent Darin Headrick. photo by M. Kimble



WITH HUNTING SEASON finally starting, a student body poll was taken to see which animals are the hunters' favorite. The results show that pheasant and quail are the favorites.

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# -veterans day

HAT IS A veteran? By dictionary definition, a veteran is a person who has served in a military force. This includes everyone who has fought or is fighting to defend our country's freedom. November 11 is reserved to honor these men and women.

This year since Veterans' Day fell on a Sunday, the school district took time out of the school day on Monday to publically recognize the local veterans. At 2:00 p.m. the student body and citizens who chose to attend gathered in the gym for an assembly.

Mike Case, husband of teacher Jan Case, began the assembly by asking everyone to stand for the National Anthem. A saxophone trio made up of sophomores Hannah Brown, LaTosha Tuttle and freshman Mackezie Heft played the Star Spangled Banner. Everyone in attendance then recited together the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Sue Greenleaf-Taylor led the prayer and Case stepped back up to the podium to introduce the speaker, Kari Beth Neuhold, a First Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. Neuhold told about her personal experience in the military and about how many people were still serving today. Greenleaf-Taylor then led the benediction and the students were dismissed to return to class.





"To me, the word veteran means someone who has done something important for a long time." A. Heft, fr.



"I enjoyed being a part of the assembly because I like to play the sax. and it was fun." L. Tuttle, so.



"We could improve the assembly maybe by involving the students more and having more stories from veterans." P. Miller, jr.



"My cousin is an Air Force veteran. I respect him because he showed courage to risk his life for his country." E. Bertram, sr.



"My overall thoughts are that I would like to see the students get more involved with the program." S. Greenleaf

# intoxicated incidents

MORE TEENS ARE turning to alcohol and drugs every day. There have been quite a few teenagers dying every year because they either were driving drunk, or allowed their drunken friend to drive them.

There are people every day who are pressured into drinking. They say "you are only cool if you drink."

Studies show that about 78 percent of teenagers have drank alcohol. Researchers found that today's teenagers start drinking at about 13 or 14 years old. Drinking from a younger age leads them to drink more frequently and more heavily in the future.

They say that more women in their 20s and 30s are increasing their chances of getting liver diseases. Teenagers from 16-18 years of age are starting to drink more on a typical night than adults 23-25 years of age.

But why do more teenagers turn to alcohol? Do they think it's the "cool" thing to do? Or are they having problems with getting their life together? Is it really worth losing your life or getting a disease?



ABOVE: In a single year, 522 teenagers 14 or older are arrested for driving while intoxicated. 60 percent of all teen deaths in car accidents are alcohol related. *courtesy photo* 

# *honor*choir

Congratulations to senior Erica Bertram, juniors Lillian Hinshaw and Patty Torres and freshmen Natalie Stewart and Aubrey VandenHoek for making it to District Honor Choir.

Before the girls could perform at District, they had to try out at Regionals for a set of judges. To help the students with their nerves, the judges face the back and do not look at the students as they try out.

The five girls and choir teacher, Mrs. Kim Stewart, left on Saturday, Dec. 1st to make it to the Dodge High School auditorium in time for the concert at 3:15.

Junior Lillian Hinshaw said, "Performing was definitely the best part of the day! It's kind of an indescribable feeling when you are surrounded by people who love to sing and sing well and you share that common ground."

# → f-ballhonors

#### All League

#### Offense

- Trever Powell, 1st Team, Running Back
- Erik Torres, 1st Team, End
- John Terhune, 2nd Team, Interior Line
- Rustin Ardery, HM, Center
- Creighton McDonald, HM, Running Back

#### Defense

- Trever Powell, 1st Team, Back, 2nd Team, Kicker

- John Terhune, 2nd Team, Down Lineman
- Creighton McDonald, 2nd Team, Back - Rustin Ardery, HM, Down
- Lineman
   Erik Torres, HM, Down
  Lineman
- Evan Jacks, HM, Linebacker
- Trevor Tyree, HM, Linebacker

#### District 6 honors

#### Offense

- Rustin Ardery, 1st Team, Center

- Erik Torres, 1st Team, End
- John Terhune, 2nd Team, Offensive Line
- Trever Powell, 2nd Team, Quarterback
- Creighton McDonald, 2nd Team, Running Back
- Keenan Behee, HM, Running Back

#### Defense

-Trever Powell, 1st Team,
Defensive Back
-Erik Torres, 1st Team, Defensive End
-John Terhune, 2nd Team,
Nose Guard
-Aaron Heft, 2nd Team,
Defensive End
-Trevor Tyree, 2nd Team,
Linebacker
-Creighton McDonald, HM,

Defensive Back

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Audrey Wheeler

# videoclub

WANT SOMETHING TO do on Monday nights? Why not go to Video Club at the Media Center.

"What the kids do at video club is up to them, I give them some idea suggestions and then they decide what to do from there" said Grant Neuhold, Video Club Director

What they are currently working on is a news show. The show will cover what is going on in the schools and the community. They hope they will be able to shoot the show live in the studio at the Media Center just like a real news production. Something Neuhold would like to do is make a short film with the kids, what that will look like he's not sure yet.

Video club also videos each of the home high school sporting events. The students learn how to record games, edit the videos, and stream the videos live.

KCHS students involved in video club include senior Kadie Larsh, juniors John Colclazier, Payton Miller, Corbin VandenHoek, sophomores Justin Hall and Cole Kendall.

by Miranda Kimble



ABOVE: Video Club President, senior Kadie Larsh, works with the team to broadcast a football game to the internet. In video club, the students learn how to video, broadcast live and edit films. *courtesy photo* 

# *top*three

#### WALMART

- Sales rose 3% on Black Friday to \$10.6 billion.
- Not surprising that people flocked to Walmart for "everyday low prices."

### TARGET

- Total spending reached an extimate of \$45.0 billion over the 4-day Thanksgiving weekend.
- 212 million customers visited the stores on Black Friday.

### BEST BUY

- Best Buy came through this Black Friday and lived up to its name with hundereds of great sales on electronics, the best bargains being or HDTVs.

# wouldyou rather

# Would You Rather: Go down in history for something terrible or live an average life?

T. McKinney, sr.: "I would do something bad. Super bad. So bad that it would change everyone's life for generations to come. Otherwise I'd just be an average dude."

M. Morton, sr.: "Does being ridiculously good looking count as doing something terrible? If so, then I'd go down for that. If not, then I'd still go down for doing something terrible, but not too terrible. Being average is no fun."

# Would You Rather: Put your cut up hand in a bowl of vinegar or eat 3 live worms?

C. Kendall, so.: "I would rather eat 3 live worms because I can handle throwing up, but pain is a no go!"

H. Melton, jr.: "I would rather eat worms because they are nutritious and they won't hurt me."

# Would You Rather: Die by freezing in Antarctica or die by walking through the Sahara?

T. Brozek, fr.: "I would rather freeze in Antarctica because I think it would be less painful than dying in the heat."

N. Mull, fr.: "I would rather die freezing in Antarctica because being hot is miserable. In the cold you can just cuddle up and die."

# -scienceclass









ABOVE: Freshmen Jansen Miller, Dylan Jacks and Morgen Ulrich are science buddies for the day as they work together to keep the light on and study its effects in Mrs. Greenleaf's Physical Science class. photo by H. Prosser

RIGHT ABOVE: Science teacher Mrs. Sherrie Schnoebelen helps out senior Trevor Tyree in her Physics class. This class was doing one of the very many labs that Mrs. Schnoebelen implements in her classes. *photo by R. Schmidt* 

RIGHT MIDDLE: Junior Riann Heft writes down her data from her experiment in Chemistry. Heft is evaporating water in order to get the salt out of it. *photo by H. Prosser* 

RIGHT BELOW: Seniors David Perez and Kendall Watson work together to finish the lab. Perez has sensors on his face that determine how much force his mucles use when he clenches his jaw. The data is then made into a graph on the device that Watson (right) has in his hand. *photo by M. Cannon* 

HIS YEAR MRS. Sherrie Schnoebelen is teaching three classes: Biology, Physics and Advanced Biology. This month in Biology the students are finishing up cell division, and getting ready to start learning about genetics. In Physics they are studying the forces and motion. The Advanced Biology class has been studying the respiratory system this month.

Do you ever sit in class and think why you even need to know all that information?

Mrs. Schnoebelen stated, "Everything can be applied to yourself in everyday life."

Mrs. Tonya Greanleaf, a new teacher this year, is also teaching three science classes: Anatomy, Chemistry and

Physical science. In Anatomy they are studying blood, and the cardiovascular system. In Chemistry they are studying the periodic law, which basically is the periodic table. The Physical Science class is studying electricity, magnetism and chemistry.

Mrs. Greanleaf said, "Most colleges require at least two science classes, so if they do decide to go on to college, it will help them get in."

There are six science classes, but students are required to take just three to graduate. The freshmen have Physical Science, the sophomores have Biology, juniors and seniors have Advanced Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Anatomy.

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ASKETBALL SEASON IS here! The men's basketball team has 24 boys out this year.

"I'm excited for basketball to start, because we have a great group of seniors coming back, a good amount of under classmen and a big competition at practice," said varsity coach Perez

The boys had their very first practice of the season on November 12.

Sophomore Xander Brensing said, "Yes, I'm glad basketball started because there's more bonding time on the court with the homies."

Some of the team members think that Fowler will be their biggest competition this year, because they have a decent amount of skilled players.

The team plans on improving their ball handling, shooting and defensive skills before the first game, which is on November 30 against the Lacrosse Leopards.

"I'm really glad basketball started, because it's important to get out there, get a good laugh and most importantly get some exercise." senior Kendall Watson stated.

A lot of the players this year think that if they work hard enough that they could make it to state. For the people who aren't big basketball fans, state is for the eight best teams in the state who play a week for the final two spots. State is held in Manhattan for the 2A

In the beginning of the season after the first games, they have a tournament which is held in Larned called the "Gene Keady Classic." At this tournament, before every game they choose two players from each team to shoot as many three pointers or free throws as they can in one minute. For the Gene Keady Classic tournament there are eight to ten teams who compete, and the winner gets a plaque. There's also the SPIAA League which is held in Dodge City for the teams who are in our league.

# *green*machine

ORGANIC, NATURAL, GREEN, wildlife, and earth. Yeah, that's right. I'm going green!

My older brother, Isaac, and I have recently been tediously watching all of the documentaries on Netflix under the section "nature and nutrition." These documentaries basically cover anything from protecting the whales to learning about diabetes. After watching these and becoming more educated I feel as though I need to completely alter my life. Ok, maybe not completely alter, but at least make some changes.

One documentary that we watched talked about how our generation is called the Plastic Age. Not the Stone Age, not the Iron Age, but the plastic age. Plastic was invented approximately 50 years ago. 50 years! That's not that long ago considering how much plastic we now use in our daily lives. The documentary informed us that plastic doesn't just go away or decompose. It sits in a land fill for 200 years before it starts decomposing. And when it does decompose, harmful molecules break down and go into our soil. So we don't even want it to decompose!

A solution to this plastic problem is simple; recycling. In recycling, the old plastic is melted down to be used again, instead of rotting in a landfill.

So, after being informed on the problems of plastic, my family decided that it was time to start recycling. Nothing big. Super easy. All we've done is add another trash can, labeled "recycling" (inventive...I know") next to our regular trash can. We have been so surprised at the amount of trash that we normally would just throw away that can be recycled.

In addition to helping sustain the planet I am also moving towards helping myself individually. I learned on another documentary that apparently our country is unhealthy (like we didn't know!) and that we are eating way too much sugar and fat. To alter this norm, I have made a personal decision to stop eating obvious sugars. This doesn't mean that I'm off of sugar completely, because basically everything has sugar in it. I'm not having candy or donuts or stuff like that. I am also off of caffeine and pop.

I feel so much better! Our bodies weren't meant to process so much sugar or run on caffeine. I hope that my family and I can continue to recycle because it is just one small step towards helping our ecosystem and dying planet.

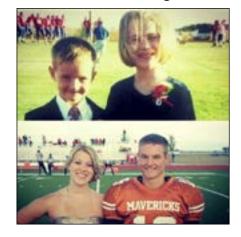
After my rampage, I encourage all of you to think about recycling and the effects of plastic, and maybe even change your diet. Because you never know, you might just find out that recycling is super easy and that your body will feel so much better when you're eating more healthy.





13 likes: "It's getting closer! #senior2013 #7months:)" C. Enfield, sr. (@chloe\_noellee)

# *inside*instagram





29 likes: "FLASH-BACK!" G. Sirois, sr. (@gracesirois)





9 likes: "Out to lunch at Pueblo Nuevo! Spanish 2 at its finest @heather\_melton"L. Hinshaw, ir. (@lillianeliseee)

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"I'm looking forward to winning games, playing with girls one last time and getting my pre-season track conditioning in!" C. Oberle, sr.

"I'm really looking forward to having Coach Derstein as a coach." K. Francis, fr.

"I'm mostly just excited to play and see what we can do. I think we'll have a pretty good team this year." K. Gamble, jr.

"Playing my favorite sport and winning some games!" H. Brown, so.

"I am looking forward to improving myself and getting to hang out with the girls on the team." E. Bertram, sr.



HIS YEAR IN women's basketball there are 21 girls out and they are coached by Kiowa County Junior High/Elementary Principal Staci Derstein.

They started practice November 12th, and their first game is November 30th against Lacrosse.

Commenting on the year ahead of them, Derstein stated "I am excited about the possibilities that our season will hold for us. We have returning experience, quickness and depth. I believe that it will be a successful one."

# thanksgiving interview What dish would you take out of the Thanksgiving meal?

"Stuffing because why fill up on something you don't like when there is better food to eat." R. VandenHoek



like the texture." M. Ulrich, fr.

"Definitely stuffing because I don't



"I would take away pie because it doesn't tast good." A. Ward, so.



"Cranberry's or sweet potatoes because I don't like all of the marshmallows or anything on my sweet potatoes" D. White

TWEETS OF THE WEEKS: happy thanksgiving all you followers! hope everyone has a wonderful day, don't forget to count your blessings:) R. Heft, jr. (@riann22paige)

## *teacher*mosts

Most likely to win teacher of the year

Mrs. Schnoebelen

Mr. Zack White

Most likely to become famous

Mrs. McMurry

Mr. Perez

Most likely to run someone over

Mrs. McKinney

Mr. Rogers

Most likely to adopt a child from Africa

Mrs. Stewart

Mr. Ballard

Most likely to become a runway model

Mrs. Alarcon

Mr. Zack White

Most likely to be on America's Most Wanted

Mrs. Webster

Mr. Rogers

Most quotable

by Audrey Wheeler

Mrs. Staats

Mr. Harris

Most likely to change the world

Mrs. Schnoebelen

Mr. Fulton

Most likely to go skydiving

Mrs. Staats

Mr. Powell

Most likely to teach until they're 90

Mrs. Richard

Mr. Harris

# *year*book

THIS YEAR THE yearbook is going to be "Journal" themed. In order to corporate the theme more into the book we are putting in students' very own handwriting. We got this cool new gadget that allows us to do so and we will be choosing the lucky students who get their handwriting in the book. Don't worry; it's not too difficult to get the hang of. It's actually really fun and makes the book more personal!

The handwriting will be used in a section of what we call the journal entries. You will date them, and write something that happened that day and how you felt about it. It could be a cool science experiment or maybe a difficult math lesson you had that day. It could also be about something that happened in sports, choir or drama. Anything you want! We look forward to seeing what you all have to write about. – Yearbook Staff



ABOVE: The handwriting will be used in a section of what we call the journal entries. The handwriting transfers directly from a tablet called the Bamboo Wacom Board. photo by H. Prosser

# second term



**ABOVE: President Barack** Obama waves to the crowd following his victory speech, which he delivered early November 7. courtesy photo

AFTER A WELL-FOUGHT campaign from both candidates and the voting decisions made by the people, our leader for the next four years was chosen on November 6. President Barack Obama won the race to 270 Electoral College votes over Mitt Romney, resulting another four years in office for the president. In the final tally, Obama had a total of 332 Electoral College votes while Romney came in at 206.

Obama delivered a victory speech early Wednesday morning in which he thanked every American that voted and vowed to work with both parties to address our country's problems. Obama added that he has never been more hopeful for America and that we are not as divided as politics makes it out to be.

Romney said that he and his campaign left everything they had out on the field, but in the end, the country made the decision and chose another leader. Romney proceeded to congratulate President Obama and his campaign on their victory. The victory marks the end of intense year-long campaigning, which in the end cost both candidates \$1.6 billion combined, giving each American a chance to breathe again...until 2016, that is.

TWEETS OF THE WEEKS: Obama won!! That's what I'm talking about #woo #yes #greatnightnow S. Spicer, so. (@SarahSpicer9)

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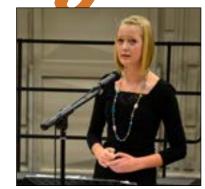
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These girls were brave enough to put themselves out there in front of everybody to show that they weren't afraid of what high school had to bring.

To end the night, the Select Choir class sang "Boondocks" by Little Big Town.

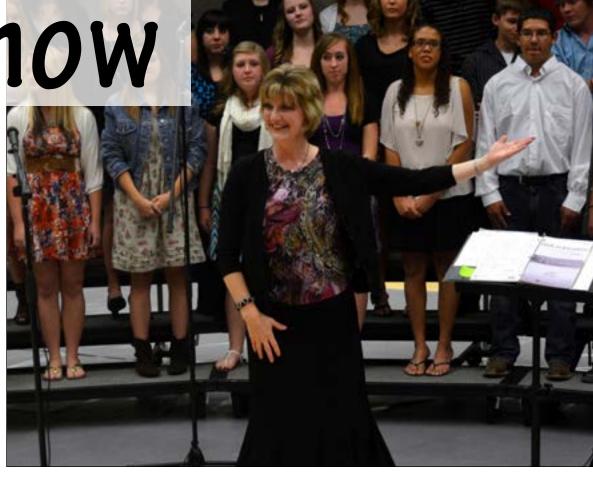
"It's very interesting. I like singing in the smaller group, but at the same time, for me it's kind of scary. Since I'm the only guy, lots of the songs we try to sing are pretty high. Sometimes I feel bad because Mrs. Stewart has to find songs low enough for me, but high enough for the girls. Sometimes I wish there was another guy or two in the class, but it is fun being the only one," junior Corbin VandenHoek said about being the only male in Select Choir.

All in all, the crowd was amazed at the talent the students showed.



ABOVE: Freshman Aubrey VandenHoek wows the crowd with her solo song. Like Aubrey, many freshmen stepped out of their comfort zones and performed at the Variety Show.

RIGHT: Mrs. Kim Stewart, Choir teacher, proudly solutes her choir after their last song. *photos by H. Prosser* 



# **buffer**week

ACCORDING TO KSHSAA, the moratorium during the fall and Christmas Holiday time, was established to give student-athletes an opportunity to have time away from athletics. This is also an opportunity for the school drama productions or music organizations to have performances, without worrying about the sharing of athletics with these types of activities.

From Nov. 5 to Nov. 11, student-athletes have a chance to kick back and relax before their basketball season starts. While some kids use this time to read more, study more or eat all the junk food they can, others don't take a break and continue to prepare themselves for basketball.

"I take it easy and try to run some for basketball. I also eat foods I wouldn't regularly eat during the basketball season," said sophomore Hannah Brown.

"I usually study more and try not to procrastinate," stated junior Mackenzie Rose.

Junior Michael Tedder answered, "Eat, drink pop, go home, hang out with Big Bubba (Aaron Heft), Bubba (Erik Torres), Buff Bubba (Paul Negrete), Asian Bubba (Ben Spainhour), get rides from Hubba Bubba (Evan Jacks), and go to the rec. gym with the team and play basketball."

# *friend*test

	Fav. movie?	Questions Biggest pet peeves?	Fav. thing to do?	Fav. place to travel?
Maddie's answers for Addi	White Chicks	People brag- ging about themselves	Hang with friends	Paris
Addi's answers for Maddie	White Chicks	People eating really loud	Paint her fingernails	Paris

AFTER LOOKING AT the results, the two sophomore girls, Maddie Cannon and Addi Price, pretty much failed the friendship test.... The only question that they answered right about each other was if your best friend could travel anywhere, where would it be? They both answered Paris.

TWEETS OF THE WEEKS: #MentionATrueFriend @MaddieC16 your always there for me and help me through everything! I love you wifey!! A. Price, so. (@addip12)



ABOVE: The Spanish II classes take a trip to Pueblo Nuevo. The students had to order their meals in Español. Senorita Alarcon offers Senior Mikal Behm a taste test of her dessert. photo by R. Schmidt

# spanishtrip

THE SPANISH II classes of KCHS took a trip to Pueblo Nuevo! The whole purpose for the excursion was for the students to practice their Spanish while talking to their waiter.

Only nine students went on this trip, and they all had a good time and good food. Mrs. Alarcon thought it would be a good experience for the students. Along with Alarcon, the students also enjoyed it.

"I thought it was fun, and very helpful. Even though I didn't understand everything they said, I knew what to say at the right time. We also learned a bunch of new vocabulary." said junior Lexi Behee.

Emily Sarber and Charity Schmidt both got in trouble while trying to figure out how to ask for an el tenedor(fork), but because they forgot how to say it in Spanish, they ran to other tables and stole their silverware and paja (straws.)

Charity Schmidt said, "I thought it was fine, but I could only understand a few words that the waiters said."

Even though it was a short meal, the students had fun. The Spanish II classes have been going out to eat to increase their Spanish speaking abilities for four years.

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