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TWEETS OF THE WEEK: LaCrosse bound for the 1st basketball game this year! #letsgomavs - H. Melton, Jr. (@heather13melton) photo by J. Moore

season^{starts}

FOR THEIR FIRST game of the year, the Mavericks travelled to LaCrosse to face the Leopards. The Mavericks finished the first quarter ahead 19-4 and refused to let up. When the second half started, the score was 31-12, Kiowa County holding the lead. Although both teams scored ten points each in the third quarter, the Mavericks did not back down and finished the game with a victorious 55-30. Junior Riann Heft and senior Halie Headrick had the most points from the team with ten each.

The following Monday the team played Larned the first night of the Gene Keady Classic. Even though both teams were tied with nine points at the end of the first quarter, the Mavericks were unable to outscore Larned in the second quarter, which finished 17-26. Although the Mavericks scored 16 points in the final quarter, it was not enough to get the win and Larned stole it 39-50.

The Mavericks' next game of the tour-

namment was held Thursday, Dec. 6 against Macksville. Ready to redeem themselves from their loss against Larned, Kiowa County played to win. Macksville was outscored in every quarter except the third, where both teams scored 12. The Mavericks finished the game with the score of 53-22, taking home the win. Junior Heather Melton scored the most points, 11, followed by junior Katelynn Gamble and senior Angela Liggett both with ten. Melton also had the most rebounds, eight, followed by Headrick with seven.

The following Saturday, the Lady Mavs travelled back to Larned for their last game of the tournament. They faced Ellinwood, both fighting for the fifth place spot. By the end of the first half, Ellinwood was up 18 points and the score was 16-34. The Mavericks were unable to outscore Ellinwood in the third and fourth quarters and took sixth place with the game ending 60-41.

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howto:

1

Give it some sort of sleeping pills.

2

Find a perfect size box for whatever size your "thing" is.

3

Get some bubble wrap. Maybe a nice, cozy blanket and possibly some peanuts.

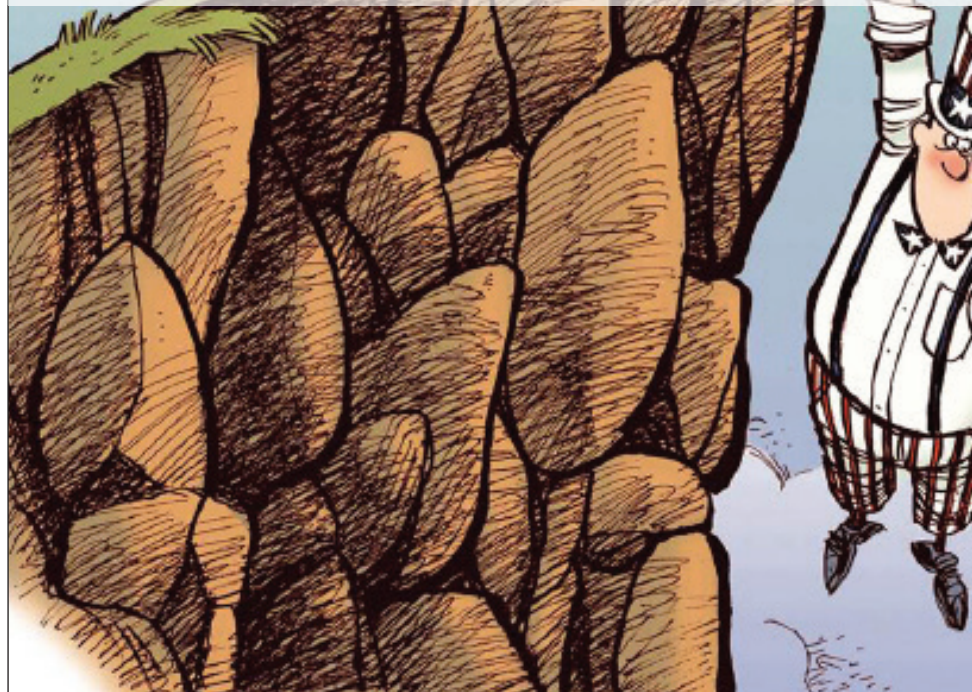
4

Close the box, tape it shut and poke some holes so it can breathe.

5

Wrap the box as normal. Make sure you poke holes in the wrapper as well.

fiscal cliff



FISCAL CLIFF REFERS to the effect that tax increases, the reduction of the country's deficit and spending cuts could potentially have on the United States' economy. The deadline for Congress and the President to come to a decision on the issue is Dec. 31. As the ball drops at midnight on New Year's Eve, the country will either have a new budget limit or taxes will be raised for the country.

Republicans and the President have both proposed the plan that they find to be the best option for the country. President Obama has even gone on the road to promote his plan and to gain supporters. Both sides are strongly supporting the option that they presented.

The House Speaker John Boehner and his fellow Republicans are seeking to save money from entitlement programs. Such programs include Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid. They also believe that if the decision to make the federal debt ceiling is made then spending cuts are necessary. He claims that the Republicans are the party that says taxes should not be raised.

President Obama thinks that taxes should be raised for the top two percent of the wealthy and taxes for the rest of the nation should remain the same. This includes people who make close to half of a million dollars per year. Everyone who makes less than one quarter of a million dollars would have no change in their taxes.

The two groups are continuing to negotiate the issue and attempting to reach a compromise.



by Miranda Kimble

would you rather

Would You Rather: Have the world end by Zombie Apocalypse or Alien Invasion?

"I would rather have the world end by a Zombie Apocalypse simply for the reason that I'll get to kill zombies and if there were to be an alien invasion we would probably be dominated." *D. Perez, sr.*

"Uhm, neither? They are both creepy." *D. Liggett, jr.*

Would You Rather: Live in the wilderness or work a minimum wage job?

"I would rather live in the wilderness because working at a minimum wage job for the rest of my life would be so miserable." *A. Ford, so.*

"I would rather work a minimum wage job because I would probably work at McDonald's, and I could get free food!" *S. Spicer, so.*

Would You Rather: Run the world's only unicorn petting zoo or always have the car of your dreams?

"I would rather have all the cars I want because that would be awesome. Also I'm not very into unicorns." *T. Powell, jr.*

"I would rather have all the cars I wanted because I could sell the ones I really didn't like and get rich off of them, and I could keep the ones I like." *R. Heft, jr.*

fatalvision

KCHS STUDENTS HAD some education fun this month participating in the annual Fatal Vision tests. These tests are provided by the EMS squad of Kiowa and Ford County.

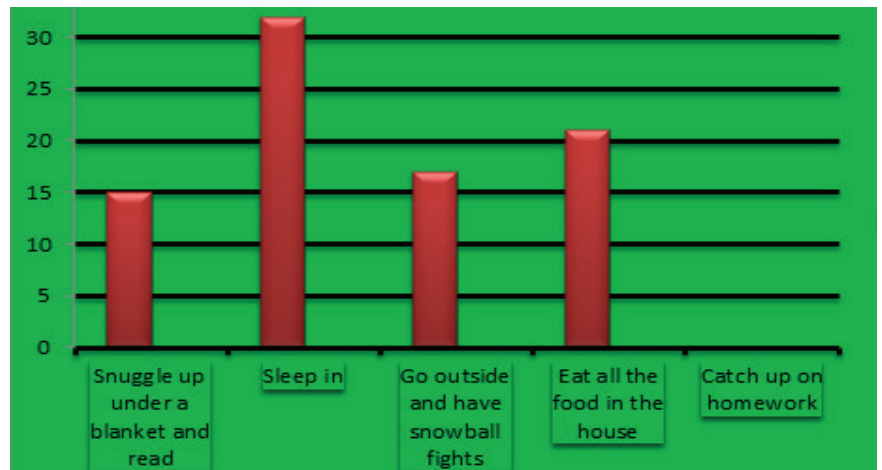
These tests are given to inform the students of the dangers of drunk driving and help simulate what it might be like to drive drunk.



LEFT: Junior Mariah Charlton and Rosa Spainhour, EMT, try to weave around the cones in a drunk driving simulation. *photo by Heidee Prosser*

by Audrey Wheeler

snowdays



101 STUDENTS WERE polled to see what their favorite thing to do on a snow day was. The most popular answer, with 32 students, was to sleep in. 21 students said that their favorite thing to do on a snow day was eat all the food in the house, 17 students voted that the best thing to do is go outside and have snowball fights and 14 students said all they want to do is snuggle up under some blankets and read. Not surprisingly, zero students voted that they wanted to catch up on homework.

by Remington Graszc

close call



TWEETS OF THE WEEK: First game today! Let's go Mavs! - C. VandenHoek, jr. (@Corbmiesters)
photo by H. Prosser

LEFT: Junior Corbin VandenHoek and senior Rustin Ardery go after the same rebound. *photo by H. Prosser*

BOTTOM LEFT: Varsity Coach, Perez, gives a quick pep talk to his team. *photo by H. Prosser*

BOTTOM MIDDLE LEFT: Senior Damien Odle makes the winning, last minute layup. *photo by H. Prosser*

BOTTOM MIDDLE RIGHT: Senior Rustin Ardery leaps into the air for a layup. *photo by H. Prosser*

BOTTOM RIGHT: Junior varsity player, junior Peyton "Smalls" Miller, shoots for the hoop. *photo by S. Odle*



THE KCHS MEN'S basketball team ended the semester with 3-2 record. Friday, Nov. 30 they started the season against Lacrosse and won 37-35. The Keady Classic lasted December 3rd- through December 8th. The boys beat Larned on Monday and lost both Friday and Saturday against Macksville and Hoisington.

"As an individual, I think I could work on dribbling and my moves. Because I haven't spent a whole lot of time on either of them, and I think it would improve my game and it would help the team." said Corbin VandenHoek, junior.

The boys C-teams traveled to Pawnee Heights to play on Dec. 9. The boys played a hard game but lost by one point.

"I think the game went great. Even though we didn't beat Pawnee Heights, we worked hard and improved on everything. I felt like I did very well as an individual. I was able to push the ball up the court, and I also handled it fairly well. There are only a few things that we need to work on. We need to spend more time going through plays and more shooting time," said Garrett Kaltenbach, sophomore.

The most recent game was played against the South Central Timberwolves. The boys won by 22 points.

"The varsity played well in the third quarter, but they had way too many turnovers. The junior varsity didn't seem like they were ready in the fast quarter but stepped up their defense intensity in the second quarter. I think having more intense practices will help the team improve. I might even make them run more," said assistant coach Zack White.

Friday the 14th, there was a rematch with the Macksville Mustangs. As the time began to run out, it got more intense.

With 30 seconds left on the clock, the two teams were tied. With the Mustangs having possession of the ball, Kiowa had to set up their defense fast and look for a steal or rebound. Right when they needed it, senior Caleb Davis got the rebound and passed the ball to senior Rustin Ardery. With the clock ticking, Ardery dribbled down the court, passed the ball off to senior Damien Odle, just in time for him to make the winning shot with two seconds remaining. The crowd went wild and Odle was greeted with high fives and pats on the back by teammates and coaches. It was a close call.

fictionaloriginal

HAVE YOU EVER walked into a room and instantly thought that you need to act like someone else, just so people will like you? Well, I'm here to say that everyone has. We've all tried to be someone who we're not. But there's a problem with that. People won't like the real you or get to know you; they'll just like your acting skills. People need to realize that their real personality is enough.

I believe that there are two main reasons why people should always be themselves. First, it can help build confidence, and second, it can help make lasting friendships.

My first reason why you should always be yourself is because it can help build confidence. When you're being a fake, sure! People will probably tolerate you and hang with you. But will they really like YOU? The real you? Well you haven't given them a chance. If you break down your walls and allow people to see the real you they might

just like you! I believe that it can build great confidence knowing that friends and classmates accept and like the genuine you.

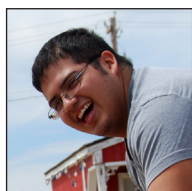
My second reason is it can help you make friends. You know, people aren't stupid. They can tell when you are just being fake or blowing smoke at them. They want a real friend who when they go shopping together will tell them that the sweater they're trying on looks ugly and not to buy it. To be real with them, to honestly love them.

So next time you walk into a room filled with intimidating people, decide to be different. Decide to make an effort to be yourself and who you really are. Don't let fear hold you back because being yourself can help you build confidence and make some great friends.

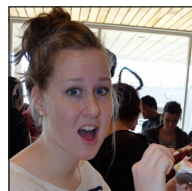
"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." – Dr. Seuss.

by Audrey Wheeler

diagnosis:senioritis



"Well first of all, don't wait until the last two days before the A.R. deadline comes. Also, just try to make good memories throughout high school. That's all. Just have fun and make good memories." P. Torres, sr.



"Just be yourself and don't worry about what others think about you. In the end, high school is just four small years of your life. Don't change who you are for four measly years." A. Wheeler, sr.



"There's always just that one guy... don't be THAT guy." R. Ardery, sr.



"Don't lose who you are, if that makes sense. A lot of people change throughout high school, but don't be one of them. Oh, and have fun, a lot of it!" J. Moore, sr.

advise to underclassmen?

by Jessica Moore

FCAhappenings

ON DEC. 2, the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) hosted a soup supper. This is their fifth year doing the soup supper. The idea for this event is to raise enough money for camp and other activities that FCA does. They also donate 10% of the earnings to the Angel Trees for kids. Every year they get enough for at least two to four kids.

People volunteer to help and bring soups, desserts, crackers and carrots. They served chicken noodle soup, potato soup and green bean dumpling soup. The majority of people said their favorite soup was the chicken and noodle.

"There were a lot of people," said junior Payton Miller. "It went alright, but I think we could have raised more money."

The whole cafeteria was filled with people coming to enjoy the soup supper. So many people came that they almost ran out of dessert. The FCA is hoping they raised enough money to send all the kids to camp. They are also hoping we can continue doing this over the years.

by Addi Price

dearsanta

Dear Santa,

I would appreciate it if you would consider having me to be your apprentice. You can pay me with ginger bread houses and a tank full of dolphins. And a penguin if I work overtime. He will be called Francisco.

Love, Trever

Dear Santa,

This year I have been very good, so I would like Morgan Freeman to read me bedtime stories, a new lava lamp, new Nicholas Sparks books, a six month vacation twice a year, a brand new 2013 red lawnmower, and a 64 pack of Crayons with a sharpener.

Love, Erik Torres

Dear Santa,

My life is blessed. The students at KCHS fill my heart to overflowing each day; I love my job; I love the Lord; my family is happy and healthy. With the exception of wishing that excess calories didn't have adverse effects, my only other wish is that everyone could feel this peace and contentment.

Love, Mrs. Staats

Dear Santa,

This year I just want to have an amazing Christmas spending time with family and friends.

Love, Melanie

Dear Santa,

PONY

Love, Tucker

Dear Santa,

This year I'd like 100 pounds of bacon, a hippopotamus, an Easy Bake Oven, a ride on an ostrich, Rosetta Stone to learn French and Spanish, a unicorn, for you to fix my mother's car, a sparkly pair of purple shoes. Also, I'd like to have a chance on the Amazing Race with my dad or Lillian, whichever would be cool. A pet rock would be nice too.

Love, Corbino

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have any presents go to kids in need. I'm too old for toys now. Although, a couple millions of dollars wouldn't hurt! Also, if you could magically have all my homework done for the rest of the year, it would be greatly appreciated!

Love, Damien Odle

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would absolutely love you forever if you brought me Channing Tatum as a gift! Oh! And about that mini fridge... that'd come in handy this year, please and thank-you. Keep in mind, you can never have too many hippo pillow pets, so that'd be nice.

Love, LaTosha Tuttle

topten

Christmas movie quotes

1 "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

- The Grench

2 "The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear."

- Elf

3 "Wake up! Santa Claus came last night, and he didn't leave you anything!"

- A Charlie Brown Christmas

4 "First, we'll make snow angels for two hours, then we'll go ice skating, then we'll eat an entire roll of Toll House cookie dough as fast as we can and then to finish, we'll snuggle!"

- Elf

5 "A toy is never truly happy until it is loved by a child."

- Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, see what you can do about my list!

No homework!

Money

Love, Rustin Ardery

Dear Santa,

I want a hot man placed in New Zealand waiting to fall in love with me. Oh, yes, please give him a rockin' bod as well.
Love, Grace

Dear Santa,

I would like a ninja throwing star, a real centaur that I can ride majestically into the night and a bag of magic dust to make myself fly like a bird.

Love, Sammy John Cervantes

Dear Mr. Claus,

For Christmas I would enjoy receiving a plane that loops the loop. Me, I want a hula-hoop! I can hardly stand the wait, please Christmas don't be late!

Love, Charity and the Chipmunks

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want you to bring every soldier home so that they can be with their families. I plan to join the Army when I'm older, and I know I'd want to be home with my family during Christmas.

Love, Sharon

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I think I deserve a complete bass fishing set to go along with the new bass boat you're getting me. Either that or a winning Powerball number.

Love, Keenan "Big Dog" Behee

Dear Santa,

I'm not asking for much this year. Just cash, a new car, a bunch of new clothes, Chris Hemsworth, a mansion, MORE cash, a black Amex card with no limit and maybe some candy.

Love, Shelby

P.S. Lookin' good, Santa. Have you lost weight? Also, I'm leaving extra cookies.

Dear Santa,

I would like to get a mansion in Hutch so I don't have to live in their tiny dorms when I go to college there next year! Oh, yeah, and a smoking hot girlfriend.

Love, Zackary Rose

Dear Santa,

How's it going? Good to hear. I was thinking, if it's not too much trouble, I could really use a 6"x 80" Edge Sander for my little shop. Thanks, you're the best.

Love, Mr. Kern

Dear Santa,

I would like everyone to get along and be happy.

Love, Anonymous

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a thirty-point buck.

Love, John D. Colclazier

Dear Santa,

I would like Luke Bryan for Christmas. And a giraffe please and thank-you.

Love, Hannah Brown

6 "Keep the change you filthy animal!"

- Home Alone

7 "I don't know what to say, except it's Christmas and we're all in misery."

- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

8 "Aunt Clara had for years labored under the delusion that I was not only perpetually 4 years old, but also a girl."

- A Christmas Story

9 "Who gave you permission to tell Charlie there was no Santa Claus? I think if we're going to destroy our son's delusions, I should be a part of it."

- The Santa Claus

10 "You're soft! You're sloppy! You're unruly! You're undisciplined ... and I never saw anything look so wonderful in my whole life."

- White Christmas

season starts

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COMMENTING ON THE team's improvements through the tournament, Head Coach Staci Derstein said, "I think as a team we are working to become more confident on the offensive end. Defensively we play well together. We have to continue to improve our rotations defensively in our press and man defenses."

Friday, Dec. 7, the Mavericks played against South Central in Coldwater. The first quarter ended with Kiowa County ahead, 11-8, and they kept the lead all through the first half finishing it 20-17. In the last two quarters of the game, South Central outscored the Mavs and stole the win 41-48. Even though they didn't get the win, the team still had high points throughout the game. Headrick was a huge contributor to the team's points that night with a total of 19, including five three pointers.

The first home game of the year for the Mavericks was held on Friday, Dec. 14 against Macksville. After finishing the first half ahead, 31-15, Kiowa County held onto the lead and finished the game with a final score of 56-42. Gamble and Liggett scored the most points for the Mavs during the game, Gamble with ten and Liggett with 18. Headrick and Liggett had the most rebounds from the game with seven each.

The Mavericks' next game will be held on Tuesday Dec. 18 in Fairfield. They will have a few practices over Christmas Break and will come back and play on their home court Friday Jan. 4 against Minneola.



ABOVE: Senior Kadie Larsh fights for a jump ball. The Lady Mavericks won that night's game against Macksville with a score of 56-42.

BOTTOM LEFT: Junior varsity player Charity Schmidt, junior, brings the ball down the court at a KCHS home game.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Chelsea Oberle jumps high and fights for the rebound. *photos by J. Moore*

frozen formal

MUSIC COULD BE heard coming from the recreational gym after the final game of the semester on December 14. The Winter Dance, put on by the senior class was a formal affair, no jeans allowed. The seniors brought snacks and drinks for all to enjoy, while students participated in games and danced the night away.

A new twist to this year's Winter Dance was the addition of games between dances, with prizes given to a lucky few. Senior Tucker McKinney won the first game, fanning a Christmas ball across the finish line. As the dance was starting to heat up, the fire alarm suddenly went off.

When Roger Harris, Kiowa County and Haviland band

teacher, was asked the reason behind this, he said, "There were some floodlights that were on. They tried flipping some breakers to shut them off, and there is a good chance someone flipped the wrong breaker. Or, maybe some of the dance moves were so hot they set off the fire alarm."

There was no particular theme for the year. "We were just kind of winging it," stated Mrs. McKinney, KCHS computer teacher.

All in all, the night was a success as students could relax and enjoy the companionship of their fellow students.

by Heidee Prosser

by Jackie Whitten

propagandapowers

BOOM! POW! AND Batman saves the day once again. Growing up, reading comic books was the thing to do. Common disputes were about who was better, Superman or Batman? Would you rather fly or leap buildings in a single bound? Did you get the latest issue of X-men? The list goes on, but back then we really didn't read into the actual meaning behind the action-packed plotlines and the masculine super heroes in tights.

Believe it or not, comic books have been used as forms of propaganda and advertisement ever since they came about in 1837. For instance, the first issue of Captain America, which was published in 1941, featured the patriotic hero punching out Adolf Hitler on the front cover. This received a lot of criticism mostly from Nazi sympathizers and other people who thought the dictator was Europe's problem and not the United States. However, many others saw the hero as an idol to look to in times of despair, even though he was fictional. They looked to the red, white and blue hero as a sign of hope. Captain America raised morale and boosted support efforts in the war.

Comic books have also been used to discourage the use of drugs and also show the effects of drug abuse. In one issue of Spiderman, a boy overdosed before Spiderman was able to save him, and a lot of the Green Lantern comic plotlines were about the hero and his sidekick fighting societal issues such as drugs. Marvel Comics even used one of their heroes as an example. Tony Starks, whose Super-hero persona is Iron Man, battled his own war against alcoholism and sometimes succumbed to his vice.

Comic books still thrive in today's world, but if we look a little bit closer at the characters, plotlines and even the illustrations, we may find a different meaning behind them and learn some important lessons.

by Miranda Kimble

topthree

1 THE GRINCH

– from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

2 HEAT MISER AND SNOW MISER

– from "The Year Without a Santa Claus"

3 MARV AND HARRY

– from "Home Alone"

Christmas villains

by Maddie Cannon

insideinstagram



by Skylar Odle



8 likes: "#christmas #lights #tistheseason" K. Kendall, sr. (@kaelie_ann)



14 likes: "My thoughts are bittersweet on this... #christmasnails" D. Ramose, so. (@deniizzers)



7 likes: "set up grandma and grandpas Christmas tree!!!" K. Ross, fr. (@kaitrox)

scholars bowl

JUST BEFORE LUNCH on Nov. 28 both the JV and varsity team embarked on their journey to Pawnee Heights (Rozel) for the final meet of the season. The teams played twelve matches apiece against league schools and others that are not normal competition in the season, like Western Plains, Otis-Bison, Larned and Macksville.

The junior varsity squad ended the day with a record of six wins and six losses while the varsity's record was three wins and nine losses. Due to the early departure, the team was able to arrive home early in the evening.

The following week the varsity team headed to Montezuma to compete. The team had a temporary change of coaches. Mrs. Sue Greenleaf-Taylor escorted the students to the meet. This was due to a prior commitment of Coach Jan Case. At this meet, the schools were split into two pools and the top two teams from each pool moved on to compete in the final round. The team started out the evening with a winning record but ended the night with an overall record of three wins and four losses. They were not able to move on to the final round.

On the road to Dodge City to make a stop for food, the suburban was filled with passengers who were

speaking in accents, telling jokes and laughing. Upon arrival in Dodge, the team made a quick stop at Out-West to partake in a little bit of shopping before going to Applebee's for their meal. The ride back to Greensburg was filled with more laughter and jokes. The team sang Christmas carols such as Jingle Bells, Baby Its Cold Outside and Silent Night.

On Dec. 12, Kiowa County hosted the meet for the league schools. Before the meet, the scholars' bowl students were in charge of setting up the rooms for the competition. Cookies were provided for all of the competitors before the meet by the kitchen staff and were available throughout the meet for the students to snack on.

The teams played nine rounds total throughout the afternoon and evening. The competition consisted of teams from Ashland, South Central, Bucklin, Spearville, Pawnee Heights, Hodgeman County, Fowler, Minneola and South Gray. Competitors for this meet were seniors Canyon Brack, Cody McVey, juniors Lillian Hinshaw, John Colclazior and Corbin VandenHoek. The team won only one of the nine rounds they participated in, defeating Hodgeman County by 20 point (two questions).

"My favorite memory was the time when we went to Dodge after the South Gray meet with Mrs. Greenleaf and ate at Applebee's" C. Brack, sr.

"The most ridiculous answer I gave was when they asked for the limits in math and said 'the limit does not exist!'" L. Hinshaw, jr.

"My favorite part of scholars' bowl is getting to hang out with my friends and have fun. We aren't that good, but I enjoy it." C. VandenHoek, jr.

sciencepics



friendtest

Questions				
	Dream job?	Fav. food?	Thing you couldn't live without?	Fav. movie?
Remi's answers for Charity	Being a ninja	Chicken!	Her cell phone	Wreck it Ralph
Charity's answers for Remi	Being a princess	All food... especially chocolate	Food	Pure Country

by Jessica Moore

OVERALL, THE TWO best friends, juniors Remington Grasz and Charity Schmidt, knew each other pretty well and succeeded in the friend test. Grasz answered two questions correctly about Schmidt, and Schmidt answered an impressive three out of four questions correctly about her best friend Remington.

Grasz knew that Schmidt's favorite food was chicken and that she couldn't live without her precious cell phone. Schmidt knew that Grasz's dream job would be to be a princess and that her favorite movie is Pure Country.

Schmidt's dream job would be to be a social worker and her favorite movie isn't Wreck it Ralph, but rather 8 Seconds or The Blind Side. Grasz favorite food is actually steak.

newyear's



by Jackie Whitten

DO YOU KNOW the history of New Years? How it was started and how it is celebrated throughout the world?

The earliest New Year's Day celebration recorded dates back to about four thousand years ago in Babylon. The Babylonians celebrated with a festival called Akitu. On New Year's they also celebrated the victory of the Babylonian sky God Marduk over the evil sea Goddess Tiamat. Then they proceeded to crown the new king.

Throughout history, different civilizations develop more sophisticated calendars, usually pinning the first day of the New Year on an agricultural or astronomical event. Egypt, for instance, celebrates the New Year by flooding the Nile River.

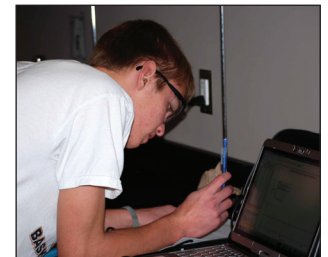
In 46 B.C. the Roman ruler Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the calendar that we use today. Caesar instituted January 1 as the start of the New Year, partly to honor Janus, the Roman God of beginnings. They celebrated by exchanging gifts with each other, and attending parties.

The Christians temporarily replaced January 1 with days carrying more religious significance such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth), and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation), then Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's day in 1582.

Many people make resolutions on New Year's. The practice of making New Year resolutions is said to have also originated in Babylonia. They made promises in order to earn the favor of the Gods and start the year off on the right foot. In the United States, the most iconic New Year's tradition is the dropping of the giant ball in New York City's Times Square. This has been a tradition since 1907. Various towns across America have developed their own versions of the Times Square ritual, organizing public drops of items ranging from pickles in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, to possums in Tallapoosa, Georgia.

ABOVE: Thousands of lanterns rise up into the sky every year on the 15th and last day of the Chinese New Years. Every culture has their unique way to celebrate the new year.

BELOW: Glowing with color, the bright ball is about to drop like it does every year in New York's Time Square on New Years.
courtesy photos



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