

# Maverick onthly

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photo by H. Prosser

## women's b-ball

ON TUESDAY, MAR. 19, the Lady Mavs faced Bucklin on Kiowa County's home court. After the loss against them in January, on top of not having a win over the team in the last few years, the Lady Mavs showed up to compete. The first half finished with Bucklin ahead, 15-18, but the Mavs did not back down. They took control and outscored the Lady Aces in both the third and fourth quarters and stole the long awaited win with the final score 48-43.

Commenting on the victory, jr. Katelynn Gamble stated, "It was awesome! Since I've never beat them in basketball since sixth grade, beating them was just so unreal. It didn't really kick in until the next day. It was just awesome to make them feel the way we've felt for the last five years. It was by far the best win up to that point."

By the end of the game, Gamble had a total of six points and five rebounds.

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FAR LEFT: Junior Heather Melton jumps for the rebound along side fellow teammate, senior Chelsea Oberle and Ashland players.

LEFT: Junior Riann Heft shoots for the hoop at a home game against the Ashland Bluejays. Ashland ended up taking control in the fourth quarter and winning that night's game with a score of 29-36. photos by J. Moore

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## howto:

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Find out what your valentine likes... If you even have one.

2

Get up, get out, and go find that gift!

3

Pay for it, stealing is unacceptable!

4

Find out the perfect time and setting. If you don't have a valentine, FIND ONE!

5

Once you give the gift to the person, you will not only feel better about yourself, but that person's day will be made as well.

# classupdate



photo by R. Grasz

**H**AVE YOU BEEN wondering what all the other classes have been up to? Well, here are a few classes that have been doing some interesting projects this past month.

Mr. Zach White's Government class has been examining the Legislative branch of the United States and is conducting a mock Congress.

Mr. Ballard's junior English class has been preparing for the state reading assessments. This preparation involves practice tests and activities that cover the four text types: Narrative, Expository, Technical and Persuasive. Mr. Ballard has kept the juniors busy with having them make PowerPoints, brochures and writing persuasive letters.

Mrs. McMurry's sophomore English class has been learning about sentence structure, and they have also been writing poetry and creating their own personal books of poetry.

Mrs. McMurry's Forensics students choose and continue to prepare for their tournament performance pieces. They went to several tournaments prior to Spring Break. When they return, most of their time will be spent getting ready for League and State competition. They also hosted two forensic meets in February, and will be hosting and managing the 2A State Tournament in Wichita at the beginning of May.

Ms. Richard's Art students are learning to use one point and two point perspective. Perspective is a means of creating depth on a flat surface, like paper. The upper classmen have been continued on pg. 6

## wouldyourather

**Would you rather: get paid \$5 everyday for the rest of your life or get \$50,000 right here, right now?**

"I would rather get \$5 dollars a day because I wouldn't blow it all. I would save and spend wisely." *K. Ross, fr.*

"I would rather get \$50,000 right here, right now because it's a lot of money, and I can buy stuff." *D. Kaltenbach, fr.*

**Would you rather: eat the same thing every night for dinner or never be able to eat the same thing twice?**

"I would rather never eat the same thing twice. It would help me try new things." *T. McKinney, fr.*

"I would rather never eat the same thing twice because you can always change the ingredients just a bit and it still be basically the same meal." *Z. Rose, sr.*

**Would you rather: spend a week with your worst enemy or without your best friend?**

"I would rather go a week without my best friend because we just did that during the time we got out of school for the snow. We did a lot of catching up, but we survived!" *M. Charlton, jr.*

"I would rather spend a week without my best friend because if I spent a week with my worst enemy, I would not be happy." *J. Hall, so.*

## timeflies

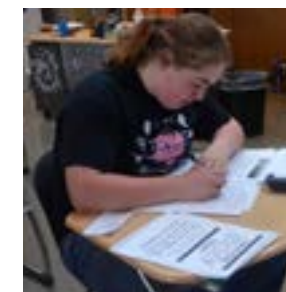
IT SEEMS LIKE it was just yesterday we were graduating from eighth grade, and about to start with a clean slate as freshmen in high school. However, it's the year two thousand and thirteen and we are seniors, graduating on May 11. Man doesn't time fly, it is so crazy to think about all the memories that we have made in the last four years!

It is going to be different seeing the people you have spent years with, go their separate ways and start their own lives. I have done a lot of thinking, and asked myself questions like: How many of us will change, or not change, will it be a big or small difference by the time it comes to our ten year reunion. Also seeing each of us going through our own obstacles in life, and who may succeed and who may not. Who will stay close by and who will move many states away? Who will get married first, who will become filthy rich? Haha It is answers to questions like that, that will be interesting to find out someday.

"The road to success is not straight. There is a curb called failure, a loop called confusion; speed bumps called

friends; red lights called enemies; caution lights called family. You will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination; an engine called perseverance; insurance called faith, and a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success!"

This is a quote I like to go by when it comes to college. We all know life isn't easy and college won't be either, we just need to have a little faith and confidence in ourselves. I believe this is why I am excited, yet nervous for college. I want to see if I can pull through and become successful. I think of college as a test for the rest of my future.



LEFT: Senior Halie Headrick takes advantage of a free day in English by filling out as many scholarships as she can; making sure she has all of her essays, letters of recommendation and so forth, prepared to be sent to K-State where she is planning to attend. *photo by L. Titus*



# reg. journalism



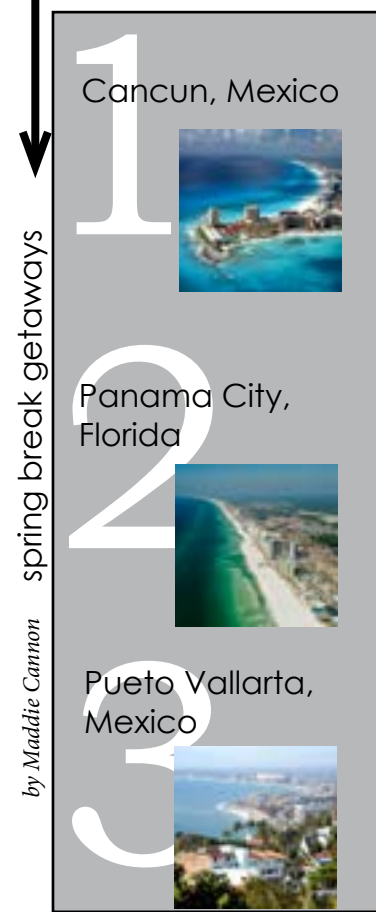
THIS YEAR THE yearbook staff was unable to make the trip to Fort Hays State University to compete in the KSPA Regional competition due to the snow. The competition was to be held on Jan. 21. Instead they had their own a “mini regionals” where junior Heidee Prosser, seniors Rachel Schmidt, Audrey Wheeler, Jessica Moore, sophomores Skylar Odle and Jackie Whitten competed in “on-site” competitions.

Each girl had 90 minutes to complete their two sections of the competition. Prosser competed in News Writing and Feature Writing, Schmidt in Cutline Writing and Yearbook Sports Writing and Wheeler in YB Sports Writing and News Writing. YB Copy Writing and Editorial Writing were the areas where Moore competed; Odle participated in Cutline Writing and Editorial Writing and Whitten in Newspaper Sports Writing and Editorial Cartoon. The final copies were then mailed to Fort Hays State University to be judged.

The staff as a whole competed in various carry-in competitions which were mailed in the day the storm hit to be judged at FHSU. The categories that the girls competed in were Advertising (Schmidt and Wheeler), Headline Writing (Schmidt and sophomore Addi Price), Infographics (Whitten and senior Lakin Titus), Yearbook Layout (Schmidt and Prosser), Newspaper Design (Wheeler and sophomore Miranda Kimble), Student Life Photography (Moore and Kimble), Academic Photography (Odle and Moore), Sports Photography (Prosser and Moore), Photo Illustration (Kimble and Titus) and Theme Development/Graphics (Prosser and the team of Price and sophomore Maddie Cannon).

There are six places, first through third and three honorable mention spots, in each category to qualify for the chance to move on and compete at the KSPA State Journalism which is to be hosted in May at Kansas State University in Lawrence.

## topthree



by Skylar Odle



25 likes: “how we fix things..” M. Heft, fr. (@kenzieleigh\_22)

## insideinstagram



12 likes: “The heel of my foot literally went through my bball shoe during the game. #ball-tohard” D. Odle, sr. (@damien\_odle25)



11 likes: “There are a few things more beautiful to a triple jumper than the runway and a freshly raked pit.” C. Oberle, sr. (@chelseaoberle)

TWEETS OF THE WEEKS: Quote of the day; Mom - “what’s an Instagram?” #sillymom - C. Oberle, sr. (@ChelseaOberle)



by Maddie Cannon

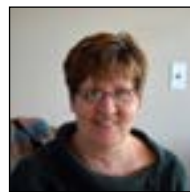
What's your motto?



"Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength."  
C. Kendall, Jr.



"Dream the impossible."  
S. Headrick, Jr.



"Be grateful."  
Mrs. Staats, English teacher



"If you aren't first, you're last."  
B. McVey, Jr.



"Never regret anything because at one time it was exactly what you wanted."  
M. Rose, Jr.

by Miranda Kimble

## motto interview

# little pepsters



ON FRIDAY, FEB. 8 the Little Pepsters performed five cheers and a dance to "What Makes You Beautiful" by One Direction with all the Junior High and High School cheerleaders. There were 62 girls that came to practice and performed. The cheers consisted of It's a Bird It's a Plane, KCH, Cookie Monster and Roll it Shake it.

Third grader Raygan Heft said she loved Little Pepsters. Hefts favorite cheer was It's a Bird It's a Plane and she liked the flipping her hair in the chorus of the dance. First grader Marley Little said she enjoyed Little Pepsters and that her favorite part of the song was when it said light up my world and she got to pump her arm. She liked doing the Cookie Monster cheer the most.

Cheer Coach Heather Powell stated, "Each year they do Little Pepsters they have gain more and more girls." The reason the cheerleaders do Little Pepsters is to give little girls something fun to do and it's also a good fundraiser.

## classupdate continued from pg. 2

drawing from a photograph and changing it in some way to make it their own creation.

Mrs. Schnoebelen's Advanced Biology class started a unit on energy, studying energy sources, especially alternative energy sources. They built wind turbines to lift a load (weight) and to generate electricity.

Mrs. Stevens' Journalism class spent the month preparing for their regional competition at FHSU. The class also continues to work on their yearbook pages, having various students come in and write a journal entry for the activity they are involved in.

by Jessica Moore

favorite class and why?



"Vocal, because I enjoy hanging with some of my closest friends every day." Z. Rose, Sr.



"My favorite classes were probably English freshman year and choir because they were both really laid back classes, and I became a lot closer with my classmates in both of those classes." E. Bertram, Sr.



"Probably computer apps 2 or 3 because I think that's what I'm going to go to college for." R. Williams, Sr.



"Advanced Biology with Mrs. Schnoebelen my junior year because we got to build rockets!" S. Ewrin, Sr.

TWEETS OF THE WEEKS: I feel like there's something I didn't do for school.. oh yeah. all my homework. whoops. #senioritis - M. Morton, Sr. (@markala\_morton)

by Addie Price



ABOVE: Senior Chloe Enfield works on her scratch painting of a leopard during her second period of art. photo by A. Price

## student spotlight

ART CAN MEAN a lot to someone who plans on doing it for the rest of their life. Last semester senior Chloe Enfield went ahead and did not only one, but two hours of art class to help improve her skills. In the future she plans on having a job involving art.

Enfield loves to draw and paint and is very good at it! She has a total of nine paintings and is working on several others, but she's currently working on her scratch board.

Her favorite subjects to paint are sunsets but she loves sunrises as well. Recently she's been more into world travel paintings and focusing on the places she wants to visit and their landmarks, monuments or whatever makes those places famous.

She took two hours of art because being a senior she knew the time would go by really fast and she wouldn't get near the projects done that she wanted to. Having two classes, in a row especially, allowed her to complete more of those projects.

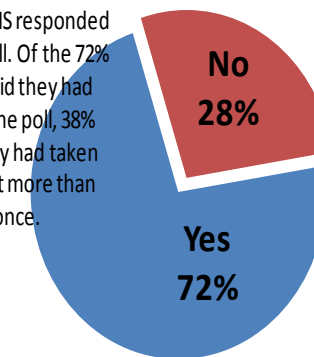
This coming fall she's going to K-State to major in art education, with plans to be an art teacher one day. Art might not be a big deal, but to those who love it and are good at it, it can mean a lot.

## diagnosis: senioritis

## ACT results

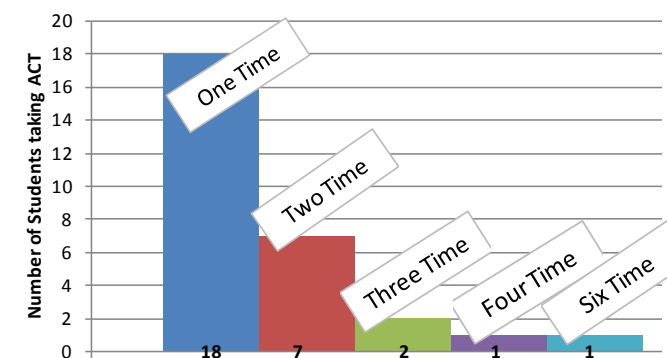
### Have you taken the ACT

40 juniors and seniors from KCHS responded to the poll. Of the 72% who said they had taken the poll, 38% said they had taken the test more than once.



by Jackie Whitten

### How many times ACT was taken







# men's b-ball



"When the season ended I thought that it pretty much stunk. Easily the worst feeling ever had in high school." *D. Odle, sr.*



"The season ending is one of the worst feelings in the world." *K. Watson, sr.*



"I've enjoyed playing basketball my whole life so I'm sad the real competitive playing is all over." *T. Tyree, sr.*

ONCE AGAIN, THE men's basketball team has taken off and their records are changing each week. Recently, the Mavericks have played the Spearville Lancers, Fowler Goldbugs, Ashland Bluejays, Hodgemen County Longhorns, Bucklin Red Aces, and the Sterling Black Bears.

The Mavericks pulled out a win against the Lancers, Longhorns and Red Aces but lost against the Goldbugs, Bluejays and Black Bears.

In the game against the Lancers, the boys won 67-39. The lead scorers were senior Damien Odle with 21 and senior Caleb Davis with 20.

"I thought we played well. We limited our turnovers, played solid defense, took good shots and shot a good percentage from the field. Spearville is a pretty young team and we did a good job of not giving them any confidence early in the game which is important when you are playing a talented young basketball team. We only gave up 39 points in the game and if we held teams to 39 points a game every night we would have 5 more wins than what we have right now. So the takeaway from the Spearville game for me would be that we are

capable of playing great defense if the kids have that mindset and defensive intensity every night," stated assistant coach Zach White.

Fowler was the next game. Everyone loaded up on the bus and traveled the hour long drive to play ball. The JV boys won against the undefeated JV Goldbugs by two. As the time came, the boys started the game. The lead scorer was Rustin Ardery with 20 points.

"I thought we played a great first quarter, a good second half and a disappointing second quarter. I don't think we could have changed much. Fowler is a state champion caliber team and we went in and played about as hard as we are capable of playing. Did we miss chip shots? Yes. Did we miss rebounds? Yes. Could we have played harder? I don't think so. We let down offensively in the second quarter and settled for jumpers instead of moving the ball and making them play defense. I was proud of our effort for the game. I felt like we played hard and missed a few chip shots which would have possibly made the outcome different. I felt a ton better after leaving that game then I did at the league tournament," stated Coach Perez.

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## carpediem

CARPE DIEM IS Latin for "seize the day." For many KCHS students this saying rings true as anticipation comes to a boiling point and they put the finishing touches on their spring break extravaganzas.

Seniors Kaelie Kendall, Audrey Wheeler and junior Lillian Hinshaw are seizing their Spring Break by first taking a trip to Wichita with the Haviland Friends Youth Group and then to Denver, Colorado. While in Wichita the crew plans on volunteering at an organization. After doing their Christian and civic duties the girls plan on having some fun in Denver by going shopping, to the movies, hiking the Rockies and much more while in the beautiful state of Colorado.

Junior Heidee Prosser's big plans are to go to the Capital and then the "Big Apple" with her mom. While in Washington D.C. they plan to see the sights and then travel on up to New York. They are going to stay on Long Island and do some volunteer work and then "do New York" as Heidee says.

Prosser said, "I am most excited to leave Kansas and to also see the Ground Zero Memorial because it wasn't finished last time I was there. I am also looking forward to do volunteer work with my mom. I don't know what we will be doing yet but it will be part of the Hurricane Sandy relief.

Seniors Rustin Ardery, Caleb Davis and Trever Powell and possibly some others are also going to Colorado to go skiing.

So whether they are planning on going to Colorado, New York, or just lounging like a couch potato all week, KCHS students are going to live it up in their own way and enjoy their Spring Break.

## 4-H

WHEN SPRING ROLLS around so does County Club Days in the 4-H world. At Club Days, 4-H members can compete in several areas if they choose to do so. The original date of the event was Feb. 22 but had to be moved to March 8 due to the blizzards. It is to be held at Kiowa County Schools that evening. Depending on how the members do in their individual event, they may be given the chance to move on and compete at Regional Club Days held on March 16 in Kinsley.

Only two high school students will be participating at the event; sophomore Hannah Brown and junior Emily Sarber. Brown will be performing a Instrumental Solo, a Speech and participating in a Model Meeting with the rest of her club, the Upward Strivers. Sarber will also be competing in the Instrumental Solo category.

"I am looking forward to competing. My goal is to score higher than Hannah and move on to compete at Regionals," said Sarber.

## photocontest

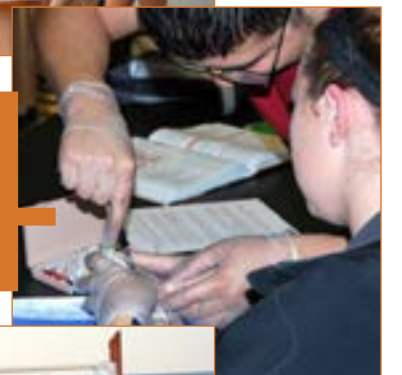
Which picture do you think is the best? Tweet your answer to @KCHSjournalism.



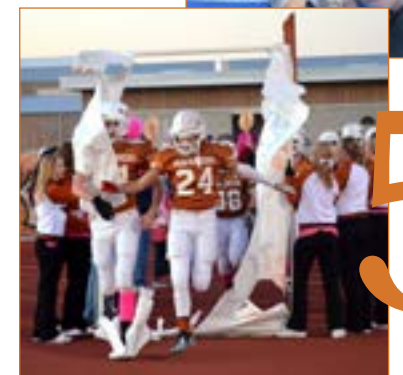
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## appattack

the hottest and most addictive apps

by Audrey Wheeler

# 1

**What's the Word**  
- rated the number one free app right now

# 2

**Temple Run 2**  
- a sequel to the incredibly famous Temple Run

# 3

**Wanelo**  
- a pinterest-like app but all about fashion  
- makes shopping on-line easy and at your fingertips

# 4

**Flow**  
- an addictive puzzle game where the goal is to connect the matching colored dots together and fill up the whole screen without any white space. May sound easy, but it can be quite difficult

# 5

**Ruzzle**  
- a virtual scrabble-like game where you can play and try to beat your friends

# forensics



by Miranda Kimble



"Forensics is where you can express your inner dork and not be judged for it."  
*P. Torres, jr.*



"Forensics isn't just good... it's GRRR-Reat!!!" *A. Kipp, so.*



"Forensics is when you are an attraction at a freak show and you think you're all that." *N. Stewart, jr.*



"Forensics is fantastic!" *S. Butler, jr.*

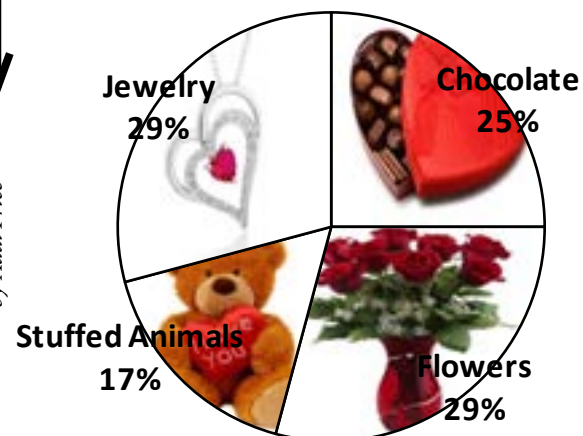


Forensics is when you get to be yourself while being other people." *L. Behee, jr.*

## valentine's poll

### What is the best gift to receive for Valentines Day?

by Addi Price



Of the students polled at KCHS 29% thought flowers or jewelry were the best gifts to receive.

## trackpreview

AS THE YEAR begins to dwindle down, leaving behind football, volleyball, tennis, cross country, and basketball, something new has arrived with the awaiting spring. Track, the one sport that nobody can hate and everybody looks forward to. Some look forward to track because it signals another school year coming to a close. Others, like the many students that have already decided to go out for the track team just do it because it is something they love, such as freshman, Jansen Miller, who can't wait to begin.

"I've been counting down the days until track since the school year began, it is my absolute favorite sport and I'm super excited for the training and outcome in the end!" said Miller.

Overall, track looks to be a promising season as usual. Looking forward to another league win to make it the third year in a row, the track team has already started getting into shape and practicing with high hopes for the season, hoping for another shot to take state track by a storm.

by Jessica Moore

**W**HAT A BUSY month for forensics! In February, the team was to compete in a total of six meets and also host two home meets on top of that. On Feb. 2 the team left for Kinsley at 7 in the morning for their first meet of the season. Novices did not compete in this meet, but stood by and observed to see how a meet is run. A total of seven Kiowa County team members broke into the final round and out of those seven, five qualified for state. Overall, the team earned second place in the whole meet.

Five days later, the Novices headed to Kinsley again to compete in Kinsley's Novice Invitational while the rest of the team traveled to Medicine Lodge. The Novices put up quite a fight, but in the end only Lakin Titus broke into finals and qualified for state. Medicine Lodge was a good sized meet with a lot of teams the Mavericks hadn't competed with this year so it was a challenge for the team. Six of the teams events broke into finals and two more events were qualified for state. In team sweeps, Kiowa County placed second yet again and received a trophy for their efforts.

Only two days after that, 11 of the 23 forensics students left Greensburg at 6:30 in the morning for the Pratt Invitational. This meet had a lot of tough competition. The team had a bit of an advantage due to the fact that only Kiowa County signed up for the event Impromptu which in the end added a great amount of sweep points to the team's final total. The team ended up winning first place by one sweep point, which is the teams first, first place of the year.

The KCHS Invitational was held on Saturday Feb. 16. The team does not compete in the Maverick Invitational, but they still had a very busy day. There were a total of 17 teams in the meet. During the meet the team had various duties such as time keeping, concessions and patrolling the halls incase anyone needed any assistance. Overall, the meet went over well with the exception of a few small crisis'.

Due to the weather, the Kiowa County Novice Invitational was postponed until Mar. 1 and the Ashland Invitational was rescheduled for Apr. 11. The next meet for the team will take place on Mar. 21 in Minneola.





# women'sb-ball

photo by R. Schmidt

**L**EADING UP TO the Bucklin win, Kiowa County faced Fowler, Ashland, Hodgeman County and South Gray. The Lady Mavs outscored Fowler in every quarter, and went home with the close win, 50-47. Senior Halie Headrick finished the game with the most points, 13, which included three three-pointers. Junior Riann Heft had the most steals, seven, and jr. Heather Melton had the most rebounds, eight.

The following week on Feb. 5, the Mavericks hosted Ashland. The score was tied 8-8 at the end of the first quarter, but the Bluejays took off in the second quarter and scored nine more points than the Mavs. Although the Mavs scored more than the Bluejays in the third quarter, Ashland took back control in the fourth quarter and won the game 29-36.

Friday, Feb. 8, the Mavs hosted Hodgeman County. Ready to make up for the loss against Ashland earlier in the week, Kiowa County came ready to play. The first half ended with Hodgeman County ahead by one point 20-21, but Kiowa County kept fighting until the end. Both teams scored six points in the third quarter, but the Mavs stole the lead in the fourth quarter and won the game with a close score of 39-37. Senior Angela Liggett held the most points during the game, ten, along with the most blocks, three.

Kiowa County's next game was the following Friday

against the South Gray Rebels. The Mavs finished the first quarter ahead 20-3, and stayed tough for the whole game. The final score was 50-33, Kiowa County headed home with another win. Senior Kadie Larsh ended the game with the most steals, six, and the second most rebounds, nine. Liggett held the most rebounds with 11, and Gamble finished the game as the lead scorer with a total of 13 points.

The week following the Bucklin win was the start of the Sub-State games. The Mavs first opponent was Little River. Kiowa County started the second half ahead, 19-14, and kept hold of the lead for the rest of the game. The final score was 49-27, and the Mavs moved on in the tournament. Gamble had the most points against by the end of the game, 12, followed by Heft with 11.

Sterling was the Mavs' next competition in the tournament and also the last.

Although the game ended 26-60 and the season ended sooner than she had hoped, head coach Staci Derstein commented, "I think this year's team learned how to execute their offense in tough situations to get the kind of shots that we wanted. I am looking forward to building on what we started this year for next season. Our seniors and their talents will be missed, but I am pleased with how our younger players developed throughout the season."

## men'sb-ball

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The leading scorers in the game against the Ashland Bluejays were Trevor Powell with 14 points and Ardery with 12.

"Although we didn't win, we played hard, but we just couldn't finish," freshman Landon Davis stated.

The final score between the two teams were 58-47.

Freshman Ben Spainhour states, "In the JV game, we played aggressive, and we played really hard. I'm happy with the outcome."

Tuesday 19, we played the Bucklin Red Aces. The boys won 63 to 19. The leading scorers for the game were Kendall Watson and Rustin Ardery with 16 points each.

The boys played the first round of sub-state in Sterling against the Sterling Black Bears. The final score of the game on Thursday Feb., 27 was 59-52. The two leading scorers were both Odle with 13 and Davis with 14 points.

The Maverick boys' basketball team ended their season Thursday night with a record of 12-10.



LEFT: Junior Corbin Vanden-Hoek drives the ball to the basket. The opposing team came up short when trying to defend VandenHoek.

photo by H. Prosser

by Skylar Odle

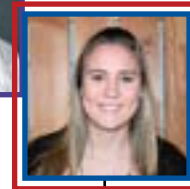
## k-what?

KU or K-State fan?

by Miranda Kimble



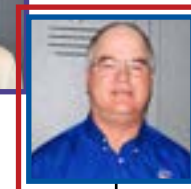
"K-State because they're awesome, and they're better than KU. Also purple is my favorite color." A. Heft, fr.



"KU because I grew up in a KU family, and when I got older and understood it better, I became even more of a hardcore KU fan." J. Miller, fr.



"I am an alumnus of K-State. I just LOVE the atmosphere there. I always felt, and still feel 'at home' there!! GO CATS!!" S. Schnoebelen, Science Teacher



"I'm a fan of KU because all of my kids went to KU, and I spent a lot of money for that." D. White, Math Teacher

## tryouts

by Kayleen Stevens

As this year's cheer season comes to an end, another is already looming on the horizon. Ten girls have put their names in the drawing to become one of the seven 2013-14 Kiowa County High School cheerleaders.

The girls had until Friday, March 1 to decide whether or not they wanted to try out. Of the ten trying out, four are returning cheerleaders from the 2012-2013 squad, with six incoming freshmen vying for one of the coveted positions.

The tryouts were held March 7, in front of three judges from the Dodge City Community College cheer squad. The girls having been divided into groups of two, performed a chant, a cheer and a dance routine with their partner. Upon completion they each individually performed three specific jumps.

The announcement of who the new cheer squad will be will be made on Friday after school before the girls leave for Spring Break.

## snowdayweek

tweets from the recent snow days

"What if it just never stopped snowing?" C. Enfield, sr. (@chloe\_noellee)

"Another couple inches of snow and I can start working on my secret tunnels to my friends' houses." K. Behee, sr. (@KBehee)

"Never thought I would be so sick of snow days." R. Williams, sr. (@RyanWillil5)

"These snow days keep pushing studying for my government test farther and farther back." K. Spainhour, sr. (@kristen:))

"Ready to go play in the snow! (: #snow-daynumberfive" K. Kendall, sr. (@kaelie\_ann)

"Well who knows when we will go back to school, but there's only about a week and a half then it's spring break! haha, that's convenient." R. Heft, jr. (@riann22paige)

"Snow drifts are a scary thing when you're short." M. Morton, sr. (@markala\_morton)



et cetera

five random and interesting facts

by Audrey Wheeler

1 The most money ever paid for a cow in an auction was \$1.3 million.

2 Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump and also the only ones with four knees.

3 Canadian researchers have found that Einstein's brain was 15% wider than normal brains

4 William Shakespeare invented hundreds of sayings that we use every day including All's well that ends well, good riddance, in a pickle, wild goose chase and much, much more.

5 Giraffes, on average, only sleep 2 hours a day and can go without water longer than a camel.

by Rachel Schmidt

# scholars bowl



courtesy photo

ON MONDAY, JAN. 14, the six scholars loaded up into the suburban to head for Bucklin High School to compete in the 2012-2013 League Scholars' Bowl Tournament. The students that participated in this meet were seniors Cody McVey, Rachel Schmidt, Canyon Brack, juniors Corbin VandenHoek, John Colclazier and sophomore Denisse Ramos. All matches were close with one team or the other winning by only one or two questions. The tournament ended with a record of two wins and seven losses.

After the meet was over there was an awards ceremony. During this ceremony the three teams that placed were announced, as well as the All-League Honors and the All-League Honorable Mention. This year two of the seniors from KCHS were awarded these honors. Brack received All-League Honors and Schmidt received All-League Honorable Mention.

The last day of January would be the last time that the Scholars' Bowl team would compete this school year. Brack, McVey, Schmidt, Colclazier, Ramos and junior Lillian Hinshaw embarked for Ellinwood at noon for the regional meet. The students and coach for the day, Mrs. Sue Greenleaf-Taylor, stopped in Great Bend for lunch at a Chinese buffet and then journeyed to Walmart to kill the time remaining before they had to be at EHS.

The competition for the day consisted of Skyline, Medicine Lodge, Central Plains, South Gray, Sterling and Wichita County (Leotia). The team won their first two round of the meet against Skyline and Medicine Lodge and lost the remaining four matches. In order to move on they needed to win at least three of the seven rounds to move on to finals.

## nancy'sfancies

anonymous editorial about yoga pants

IT HAS COME to my attention that some of the girls in this school have misplaced all of their school appropriate pants and have found that they can only be replaced by the new trend, yoga pants; the word "pants" being used lightly. Being as it is winter, I do not understand how that can possibly be comfortable when it is freezing outside and they are so thin. I don't doubt that they are comfortable when you aren't outside and freezing, but is school really the place for them?

As most of you seem to have forgotten, yoga pants were brought up at the school dress code meeting at the beginning of the year. And when yoga pants were brought up, the answer was, "No, yoga pants are not allowed." My question is, why are you being allowed to still wear them? But just because you are getting away with it doesn't mean you should keep pushing the boundaries and wearing them.

I also want you to realize that while you are probably getting the extra attention you wanted from that "cute guy" over there, you are also getting it from all other guys in the school, even the "creepy" or "weird" ones. And please keep in mind that we do have male teachers. They should not have to be made uncomfortable just because you are attention desperate. Come on ladies. Have some class. Leave something for the imagination. I'm begging you.

by Audrey Wheeler

## guncontrol

GUN CONTROL. I know, some people are thinking ENOUGH! I've heard both sides so many times and I just honestly don't care. Others might be saying "Come on, bring it!" and are super fired up about gun control rights. For me, I'm kinda on the fence. I mean if you know me then you know that I can pretty much debate any topic but I wouldn't say that gun control is something that I'm super passionate about. But after talking about in my senior government class for about a millennium I realized that it is an important issue and that others don't share my same "on the fence" opinion.

The Second Amendment has been a controversial topic since it was created by our forefathers. It is just vague enough, like the rest of the Constitution, that it can be interpreted in many different ways. The Second Amendment states, "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!? Is it just the right of the militia to have guns? What do arms mean; do fully automatic weapons qualify as an arm and therefore give us the right to own and use them? The Second Amendment is a tricky situation.

Junior Denises Ramos commented on how she thinks the Second Amendment should be interpreted, "I think that restricting the public's access to assault weapons and guns in general is a breach on our Second Amendment rights because it's our right. We've had that amendment for many decades, why change it now? *People are acting like guns kill people. That's like saying forks make you fat.*"

In addition to the controversy of how to interpret our Constitutional rights to guns, there is also the issue of how strict we should be. Should people have to go through intense background checks to acquire a gun or is it everyone's right to have one and therefore there shouldn't be background checks?

Freshman Landon Davis commented, "I think that the background checks to acquire a gun are very good. It could be a little stricter but I don't think it needs to be that much more. If someone wants a gun bad enough then they are going to find a way to get it."

So whether it's with people who couldn't care less about gun control or with activists who get fired up about protecting citizen's rights, I believe that gun control will continue to be a controversial and touchy subject.



# photoops

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