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## Scholars' Bowl takes Third at League

By Corbin VandenHoek

On Jan. 16, the varsity Scholars' Bowl team went to Ashland to take part in the SPIAA League meet. They won six rounds and lost three, placing third. Seniors Jimmy Hoyt, Weston Jantz, juniors Cody McVey, Rachel Schmidt, Canyon Brack and Audrey Wheeler were the students competing at the meet.

On Feb 2, the team will travel to Sublette for their final meet of the season to participate in the Regional meet (unless they place and then they will continue on to the State competition).

Senior Scholars' Bowl participant and All-League team member Jimmy Hoyt doesn't know what to expect.

"I'm not sure. Some of these teams are from bigger schools and we haven't seen them yet. So yeah, I don't know what's going to happen" stated Hoyt.

### Courtesy Photo:

Scholars' Bowl Coach Mrs. Case decided to treat the students after beating Ashland at one of their earliest meets. She took the kids to Dave's Pizza after placing third at the SPIAA League competition. Junior Audrey Wheeler commented, "It was fun just getting to hang out after the meet and go to Dave's. We all were excited and surprised that we placed third."



## Starting the year with a New Year's Tradition

By Mariah Charlton

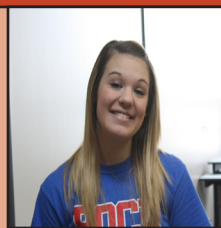
The most famous tradition in the United States is the New Year's ball in Times Square. Thousands gather to watch the ball make its one-minute descent, arriving exactly at midnight. The tradition first began in 1907. The original ball was made of iron and wood; the current ball is made of Waterford Crystal, weighs 1,070 pounds and is six feet in diameter.

A traditional southern New Year's dish is Hoppin' John—black eyed peas and ham hocks. An old saying goes, "Eat peas on New Year's day to have plenty of everything the rest of the year."

Another American tradition is the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. The Tournament of Roses parade that precedes the football game on New Year's Day is made up of elaborate and inventive floats. The first parade was held in 1886.

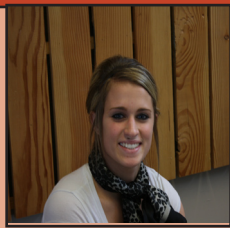
It's believed that the Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, and people all over the world have been breaking them ever since. The early Christians believed the first day of the New Year should be spent reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the New Year.

## What do you want to change?



**Kimberlyn Hayes**  
Senior

"Branch out and meet new people"



**Riann Heft**  
Sophomore

"Be less judgmental of strangers"



**Sharon Shaw**  
Freshman

"Not to have a New Year's Resolution"



**Dana Trummel**  
KCHS Secretary

"Get the book work done for taxes"



**Canyon Brack**  
Junior

"Get in less trouble"

By Creighton McDonald

# School Happenings

## What's been going on....

### Sophomore test planning

From the third to the ninth of January, the sophomores spent part of their English hour preparing for the ACT's, which some will take this summer.

### Senior Financial Aid Night

On January 18, Mrs. Greenleaf met with senior parents to explain the FAFSA, which students will have to have filled out in order to receive financial aid. Mrs. Greenleaf also told parents about various scholarships that are available both locally as well as nationally. Along with Mrs. Greenleaf, the financial adviser from Pratt Community College was on hand to handle questions from the parents.

### Erica Bertram

Congratulations go out to junior Erica Bertram for being selected for the All state Honor Choir. She will perform with other students from across Kansas at KSMTTC, which will be held in Wichita on February 25.

## What's coming up...

### Groundhog Day

On Feb. 2, the United States will be watching to see what Punxsutawney Phil will predict for the remainder of our winter. If he sees his shadow, he will retreat back into his burrow, and we will have winter weather for another six weeks. If it is cloudy when he emerges, he will leave his burrow and winter will soon end.

### Local and County Spelling Bee

The local spelling bee will be held on Feb.1 for students in grades 3-5 and 6-8. The top three winners in each division will travel to Haviland on Feb. 8 to compete in the county wide spelling bee. The winner there will travel on to Great Bend to compete in the state competition.

### Presidents' Day

Feb. 20 will find students sleeping a little longer as school will not be held on that day. The teachers, however, will not fare as well; they will be having in-service meetings throughout the day.

### Spring Sports

Yes with winter still upon us it is hard to think about spring sports starting, but they are right around the corner. The first day coaches may get together with their athletes is Feb. 27.

## First Semester Honor Roll Honorees

### Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Seniors: Montana Ralstin

Juniors: Erica Bertram, Halie Headrick, Kaelie Kendall, Kadie Larsh, Markala Morton, Chelsea Oberle, Rachel Schmidt, Kristen Spainhour, Trevor Tyree, Kristin Wade, Audrey Wheeler

Sophomores: Katelynn Gamble, Riann Heft, Lillian Hinshaw, Dena Liggett, Heather Melton, Heidee Prosser

Freshmen: Micah Kendall

### Principal's Honor Roll:

Seniors: Ross Binford, Colter Brown, Cole Cobb, Weston Jantz, Jordan Wyrick

Juniors: Rustin Ardery, Keenan Behee, Chloe Enfield, Trudi Greig, Angela Liggett, Tucker McKinney, David Perez, Grace Sirois

Sophomores: Lexi Behee, Charlie Kruse, Mackenzie Rose, Corbin VandenHoek

Freshmen: Hannah Brown, Samantha Gwin, Miranda Kimble, Addison Price, Chelsye Racette, Dylan Trujillo, LaTosha Tuttle, Jessie Williams

### Honorable Mention:

Seniors: Dillon Crumpler, Casie Price, Drew Price

Juniors: Canyon Brack

Sophomores: Remington Grasz, Trever Powell, Emily Sarber, Charity Schmidt, Patricia Torres

Freshmen: Jackie Condray, Sydney Headrick, Aaric Kipp, Lance Ralstin, Denisse Ramos, Shantae Wheeler, Jasmine Williams

By Heidee Prosser

## Night of Song



On Monday, Jan. 9, the Kiowa County Band and Vocal students got to show everyone their musical talents.

To start the concert off, the choir, instructed by Kim Stewart, sang for the crowd. Their first piece was a Christmas song sung in Latin, called "Hodie." Next, they sang "The First Noel with Pachelbel's Canon," with junior Kaelie Kendall and choir accompanist Heathyr Rogers playing duet accompaniment on the piano. "Away in a Manger," was the choir's next piece, with a flute duet played by freshman Samantha Gwin and Addison Price. The choir also sang a jazz arrangement of "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" featuring soloists freshman Denisse Ramos and senior Shannen Hall. They finished their concert with "Keep on Following the Star,"

with senior Jordan Little and sophomore Lillian Hinshaw as soloists.

Commenting on this year's choir, Stewart said, "The choir has worked very hard and I am proud of our progress. We have been exploring different types and styles of music and I think the Christmas program selections show this very well."

Also that night, the band, instructed by Tim Rogers, played four pieces for the crowd: "Santa Meets Sousa," "A Childhood Hymn," "African Bell Carol" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

"We have a very talented band this year, and the kids have been working very hard. I have enjoyed working with them a lot this year, and since we have a young group, I think we have a lot of potential," Rogers commented while reflecting on this year's band.



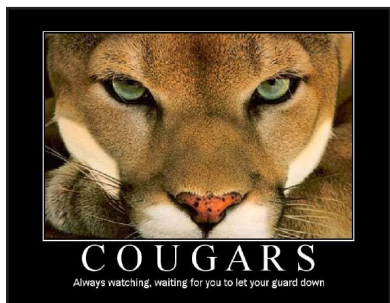
### Photos by Rachel Schmidt

Top Left: At their belated Christmas concert, freshman Denisse Ramos and senior Shannen Hall sing a duet together in "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!"

Left: Choir students perform for the first time in their new concert attire at their Christmas concert.

By Shelby Butler

## Current Event



### Taken off of Google.com

COUGARS! Always watching, waiting for you to let your guard down. The board on the Corner Canyon High School won't let the mascot be a cougar because of the double meaning.

The future students of Corner Canyon High school are upset because the school board won't let the new mascot be a cougar. The students of the new school were allowed to vote for the mascot and "cougars" won, but parents and board members feel that the name is inappropriate because of the alternate meaning of the word.

The formal definition of the word cougar is a large cat often found in North and South America, but now the word cougar is also used to refer to older women who seek the company of much younger men.

The school board didn't want anyone offended, and chose a different mascot, the Chargers. Students are upset because their opinion was ignored, but they are still hoping the school board will change their mind before the school opens in 2013.

## Top 10 Best Selling Movies

1. Avatar (2009)

Director James Cameron

2. Titanic (1997)

Director James Cameron

3. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)

Director Peter Jackson

4. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006)

Director Gore Verbinski

5. The Dark Knight (2008)

Director Christopher Nolan

6. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001)

Director Chris Columbus

7. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007)

Director Gore Verbinski

8. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007)

Director David Yates

9. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (2009)

Director David Yates

10. Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace (1999)

Director George Lucas

By Audrey Wheeler



## Mavericks take Fourth at League Tournament

By Corbin VandenHoek

On Friday, Jan. 6, the basketball team travelled to Minneola to take on the Wildcats. The Varsity pulled out a close win, with the score of 38-35. Junior Damien Odle led the team with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The next day, the JV had a tournament at Kiowa County, their first game was against Bucklin. They won the game 54-12. Sophomores Trever Powell and Corbin VandenHoek led the team in points with Powell, 14 and VandenHoek, 12. The boys' next game was a closer one, when they took on Ashland. The game ended with Kiowa County coming out with the win of 54-51. Again Powell and VandenHoek led the team with Powell, 17 and VandenHoek, 12. Junior Tucker McKinney also was a leading scorer with 11 points. The team finished first in the tournament.

On the 10th, the boys travelled to Jetmore to play Hodgeman County. The varsity, junior varsity and 'C' team each won their games. The JV won their game with Powell, VandenHoek and McKinney leading the team with eight points each. The varsity pulled out a close win again the Longhorns, ending the night with a win of 45-40. Junior Damien Odle led the team with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Friday, Jan. 13, was Winter Royalty for Kiowa County. The 'C' team and JV boys played Kinsley while the varsity boys played Pawnee Heights. The 'C' team game was tough for the boys, but they pulled out a win with a close three points, ending the game 44-41. Junior Cody McVey led the team with 14 points. The JV game went really well for the boys, who won by 28 points. The final score was 57-32. VandenHoek led the team with 15 points, followed by sophomore Michael Tedder with 13. The varsity went into their game also looking for a win. The team ended the first half with a lead of 51 points. Towards the end of the game Coach Perez

put in the JV players who were eager to get in the game. The boys ended the night with a win, 78-17. Junior Rustin Ardery led the team with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

On the 17th, the boys headed to Ingalls to take on the Bulldogs. The JV game went well for the boys, and they came out with a win, 53-22. Junior Mikal Behm led the team with 11 points. The varsity boys went into the second half of their game with an eight point lead. Before the end of the night, the boys led by 36. They ended the night with a winning score, 52-26. Ardery led team with 18 points and Odle led with 11 rebounds and seven blocks.

The week of the 23rd brought a challenge for the boys as they headed to Dodge City to play in the SPIAA League Tournament at the United Wireless Area, taking on the Fowler Goldbugs in the first round of game. At the end of the first half, the Mavericks led the game 28-22. The boys ended the game, pulling out a close win, with a score of 52-49. Odle led the team with 19 points and senior Montana Ralstin led with seven rebounds and six assists.

On the 27th the Mavs went back to Dodge City to take on the Ashland Bluejays. At the end of the half, the Blue Jays were up 32-17. The second half didn't go as planned for the Mavericks and the Bluejays ended up with the win. The score ended with the Bluejays leading 62-28. Junior Mikal Behm led the team with 11 points.

The next day the boys again headed back to Dodge to play the South Gray Rebels, to play for third place honors. The score was pretty close for most of the game, but the Rebels pulled ahead in the fourth quarter, ending the game 44-37, Rebels. Junior Kendall Watson led the team in points, with 11. Ardery and Odle each led with nine rebounds.



### Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Top: Senior Montana Ralstin dribbles towards the basket in an attempt to score.

Left: Junior guard Mikal Behm shoots a free throw during the Ashland game in Dodge City. Behm led the team with 11 points.

Right: Junior Caleb Davis fakes out his opponent and attempts to make a pass to another teammate. Davis had eight points and four steals.



# Lady Mavs still working to improve

By Heidee Prosser



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Left: Senior Brook Boman, sophomore Mackenzie Rose and junior Chelsea Oberle listen to head coach Randy VandenHoek go over time-out adjustments.

On Friday, Jan. 6, the Lady Mavericks traveled to Mineola to face the Wildcats. By the end of the first quarter of the game, Mavericks were ahead 12-3. They managed to stay ahead the whole game, but almost lost control during the third quarter. When they entered the second half, the Mavericks were ahead 34-25, but the Wildcat's made a fast recovery and quickly caught up. In the end, Kiowa County won 43-37. Out of the game, soph. Katelynn Gamble and jr. Halie Headrick were the lead rebounders, with five each.

The following week on Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Mavericks

faced the Longhorns at Hodgeman County. After the JV girls won, the Varsity was also looking for a win. By the end of the game, Headrick had scored the most points, eight, and sophomores Riann Heft and Heather Melton each had one steal. Also, jr. Angela Liggett was the lead rebounder with three; two offensive and one defensive. At the end of the second quarter, the Mavericks were ahead 17-10. Even though the Longhorns quickly caught up in the last half, Kiowa County held their own and won, finishing the game 27-26.

For the Homecoming game on Friday, Jan. 13, the Mavericks played Kinsley. Heading into the second half two points behind, Kiowa County was looking to improve. Without being able to score in the third quarter, the Mavericks couldn't catch up and finished the game 46-59. Despite the loss, there were many highlights of the game including Melton being the lead scorer with a total of 17 points.

From Monday, Jan. 24 to Saturday, Jan. 28, KCHS participated in the League Tournament in Dodge City. The Lady Mavs first game was against the South Central Timberwolves on Monday, Jan. 24. Even though the T-Wolves beat them 51-28, some highlights of the game include Liggett finishing the game with nine points, and getting the most rebounds, four. Gamble was the second lead scorer racking up a total of eight points by the end of the game.

Their next and final game of the tournament was against the South Gray Rebels on Thursday, Jan. 26. At the end of half time, the Mavericks had a six point lead, and managed to keep a lead the rest of the game, which ended 41-36. Adding to the win, there were also many highlights of the game including Heft with the most points, 15, and Melton with the most rebounds, eight.

Although they didn't make it to the championship game, the Mavericks managed to come out with fifth place, leaving with room to improve.

Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Far Left: Junior Kadie Larsh and sophomore Riann Heft are a part of a mob of players trying to gain control of a rebound.

Left: Senior Kimberlyn Hayes tries to look over a Kinsley defender and find someone to pass the ball to.



# Life inside...KC High

By Jessica Moore

## Senior Spotlight



**What would you do for a Klondike bar?**

"I would sick a mad grizzly bear on you and send

you to Aruba."

**As a senior, what will you miss the most about KCHS?**

"I will miss seeing my friends and awkward lunch conversations with Rayne, Magnus and Laina.

**What are your plans after you graduate?**

"I plan to attend FHSU and major in elementary education."

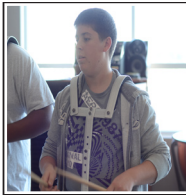
**What are you looking forward to the most in 2012?**

"Graduating and not dying."

**If you could say anything to anybody in the world, who and what would it be?**

"Well this is super complicated to answer. I would tell anyone that wants to listen that Skittles do not taste like the rainbow!"

Casie Price



**What would you do for a Klondike bar?**

"Catch a grenade."

**As a senior, what will you miss the most about KCHS?**

"The teachers and friends I have made here."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**

"Join the army and get a degree in college during the process of serving the United States Military."

**What are you looking forward to the most in 2012?**

"Graduating and getting on my own."

**If you could say anything to anybody in the world, who and what would it be?**

"No comment."

Drew Price



**What would you do for a Klondike bar?**

"I would quite possibly sick the grandma off of

Madagascar on you"

**As a senior, what will you miss the most about KCHS?**

"I will miss Casie, Shannen, Shay, Magnus and my very awkward conversation at lunch!"

**What are your plans after you graduate?**

"Just being HAPPY!"

**What are you looking forward to the most in 2012?**

"Graduating and being on my own."

**If you could say anything to anybody in the world, who and what would it be?**

"I would say to anyone that would listen that you're born an original, so don't die a copy."

Rayne Jamison

By Laina McMurry

## Picture Hunt

If you spot all four of these random items throughout the school then email Mrs. Stevens at [kstevens@usd422.org](mailto:kstevens@usd422.org) for a special prize.



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# What really goes on in our classrooms

By Mariah Charlton

## Journalism

The Journalism classes got their Regional contest assignments, which is in February at Fort Hays. Everyone has to at least try everything. Sports Photography, News Page Design, Advertising and Yearbook Layout are only a few categories to enter in.

## Art

In Art, the students have started working with their shapes, shades and drawing with pencil. Mrs. Richard is teaching the students how to shade objects, starting with the dark side and slowly getting lighter.

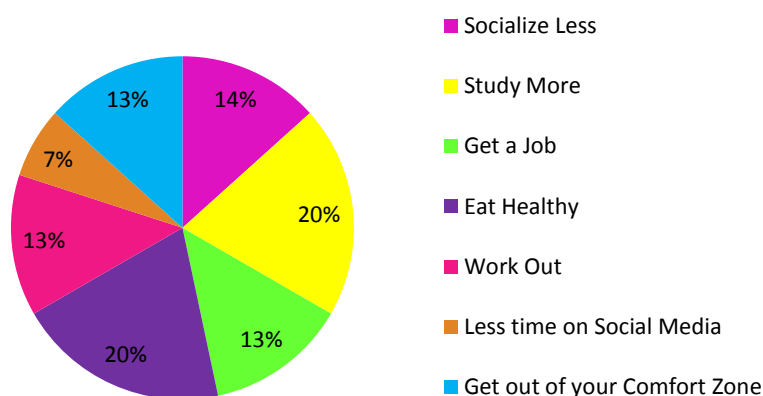
## Algebra 1

Mr. White's Algebra 1 students are graphing functions.  $f(x) = 2x - 7$  This is a function in slope intercept form. Students learned how to interpret the equation and make a graph out of it.

## World History

World History is currently studying ancient hominids and different aspects of anthropology. Anthropology is the study of humankind.

### What Do You Want to Change This Year?



## Lakin's Monthly Poll

Each month journalism staff, Lakin Titus, gives a survey to the student body to see what they think about a subject. This month because of the New Year, Lakin wanted to know what most student's New Year's resolution was? Here are the answers.

## Do you know who's teaching you everyday??

By Rachel Schmidt

1. Favorite color? 2. Favorite sport? 3. Favorite hobby?  
4. Where did he graduate? 5. How many kids?

### Student Guesses



Samantha Gwin

1. Yellow
2. Football
3. Roping
4. Fort Hays State University
5. Two kids



Payton Miller

1. Orange
2. Football
3. Bull fighting
4. Fort Hays State University
5. One on the way



Halie Headrick

1. Blue
2. Basketball
3. Rodeo
4. Adams State
5. To be continued



Roy Lothman

1. Red
2. Bull fighting
3. Breaking horses
4. Adams State
5. Expecting



Mr. Calkins

1. Blue and orange
2. Rodeo
3. Breaking colts and fighting bulls
4. Adams State
5. One in the oven

### Teacher Answer

## How to...

### Make Puppy Chow

1. Find the ingredients to make the chow. Peanut butter, chocolate chips, powder sugar, vanilla, butter and Crispix cereal.
2. Combine the peanut butter, chocolate chips and butter together in a bowl.
3. Put the bowl in the microwave and heat it for one and a half minutes. Add the vanilla and stir the ingredients.
4. Put the cereal in a different bowl.
5. Pour the peanut butter, chocolate, butter and vanilla mix over the cereal.
6. Put the powdered sugar in a zip-lock sack.
7. Put the covered cereal into the sack with the powdered sugar.
8. Shake the sack intensely, covering all the cereal.
9. If you are planning on sharing the bag, put the puppy chow into a large bowl.
10. If you would like to add any other sweets or candies, you can also place them in the bowl and shake it again.
11. Find a friend and share the bowl.

By Corbin VandenHoek



# Opinion Page

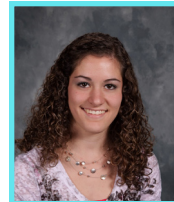
## How do you feel about the show Toddlers and Tiaras?



Kaelie Kendall, jr.:  
"I think it's terrible  
the things that par-  
ents put their kids  
through. It has to  
be mostly the parents, like  
the kids don't understand.  
It's just ridiculous."



Grace Sirois, jr.:  
"I think it's redic'.  
Some of those  
girls look better  
than I do! Their  
teeth are like flawless."



Erica Bertram, jr.:  
"My thoughts are  
that pageants are a  
means to build up  
self esteem and I  
think that their parents push  
their kids to be so close to  
perfect that they end up with  
a lower self esteem than when  
they started."

By Audrey Wheeler

## Words from the Editor



Toddlers and Tiaras is a reality TV show on TLC that follows families all over the world who put their young children into beauty pageants on a race for the top crown, the cash prize and the fame. The parents spare no expense on the pageants with the majority spending thousands of dollars on each pageant from the cute little outfits to the gas money to travel all over the country and compete.

Most of the pageants are what's called "full glitz" which means that the children have to get flippers (fake teeth because apparently having a childhood cap isn't cute anymore), big southern fake hair (which looks crazy on them because toddlers aren't suppose to have that much hair!), and a smooth fake spray on tan. The pageants also have a talent portion which means having to buy crazy costumes that cost thousands and coaching sessions where they say "always smile" and "never look down!" The contestants that feel that their child is cute enough just the way they are and go with the more natural affect end up not placing and soon learn that in that world the more fake and glittery, the

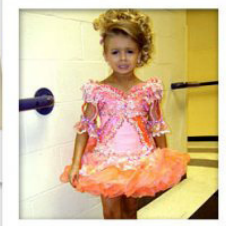
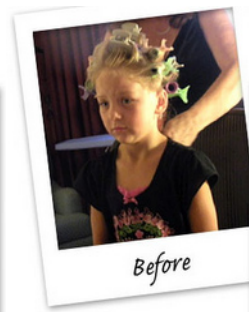
better.

Though I've watched the show myself many times because it is quite entertaining, I think that it is very inhumane and ridiculous what these little girls and sometimes boys have to dress themselves up as to win. I think that it is portraying to them a world where you need to be totally fake and perfect to make it. And most of the parents are pretty much clinically insane. This one mother insisted that while her daughter was on stage, she has to be another person with a sassy attitude. This is teaches her child to have multiple personalities!!

The mothers say that they are doing it because their child just loves competing and being on stage. Obviously not, because the toddlers are always throwing a temper tantrum and aren't steaming with joy when their mothers are ripping their hair out with curling irons or shoving sticky fake eye-lashes on them. The mothers are obviously just trying to live the life that they never had through their childhood.

Now I'm not against beauty pageants or anything but I do think that what these parents are doing in Toddlers and Tiaras is just a bit too far. I understand that it makes for good TV but really?? I honestly don't think it's good for the child.

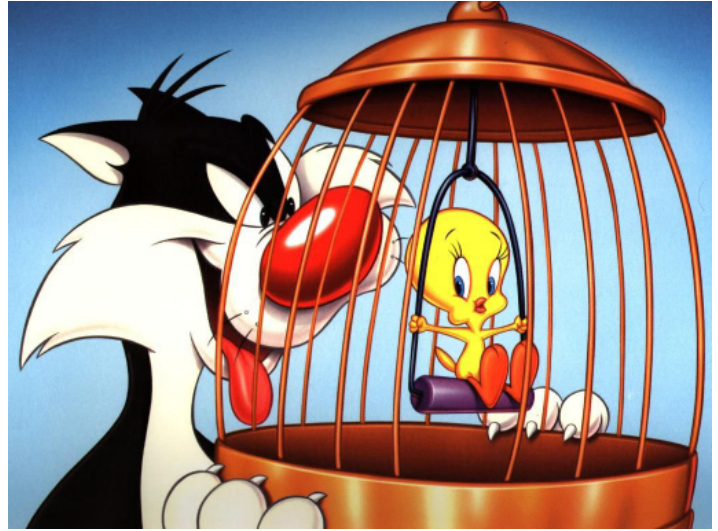
## THE BIG *transformation*



# Cartoons, what happened to the good ones?

By Laina McMurry

What happened to all the good old cartoon characters? The good ones like Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Road Runner, Wylie Coyote, Tweety, Sylvester, Johnny Bravo, Tom and Jerry and all the Flintstones. The cartoon characters we have today don't even compare. They were simple, funny and entertaining. They said things that kids could understand and repeat without getting into trouble. My favorites are Tweety, Sylvester and Tom and Jerry because they were just entertaining. I didn't have to think about anything they were trying to get me to do or say, they were just fun. Today's cartoons seem to be filled with subliminal messages. Take Sponge Bob for example, lots of little kids watch his show and repeat the somewhat inappropriate things he says without realizing what they are saying. So as far as I'm concerned bring back the old ones and get rid of the new ones.



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Above: Tweety gets attacked once again by Looney Toons character Sylvester. These two have been classic cartoons for generations.

By Audrey Wheeler

## Cheerleaders take center stage

The cheerleaders have had a busy, busy past few weeks. The League Tournament lasted from Jan. 23 to Jan. 28 with games being on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The cheerleaders, unlike most people, had (or got, however you want to see it) to go to every game on every day. The basketball players only had to go when they played which was every other day.

The league tournament does a special thing for the cheerleaders where every cheer squad in the league gets together and does a cute little dance at the half time of the championship boy's game. This is done first by receiving the dance disk from Ashland, who hosted and made up the dance this year, weeks in advanced so you can practice it at home. The dance consists of a few eight counts at the beginning that every squad does together and then each squad gets 4 eight counts, a really short time, to create their own dance. The KCHS cheer individual dance was created by former cheer graduate Adrielle Hewitt. After going through the dances of each squad, all of squads get back together again at the end to do another short part together. This consisted of a rock-out air guitar part and completed with two mega kick lines. So you could say the Kiowa girls have been busy with extra practices and meetings just to make sure the dance would be perfect on the special day.

During one of the games at the Tournament the cheer squad threw out t-shirts; but not just ordinary ones. Two of these lucky t-shirts were stuffed with Harlem Globetrotters tickets, who will be coming to Dodge City's United Wireless Arena in a few weeks later. Junior Markala Morton and Tucker McKinney caught these lucky T's.

After finishing up the busy week in Dodge the cheerleaders came home to host a game against Sperville that following Tuesday on Jan. 31.



Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Far left: At a practice for the League Dance the night before the big performance, sophomore Remington Gras, junior Erica Bertram and freshman LaTosha Tuttle leap into the air and do a hercky.

Left: Freshman cheerleader LaTosha Tuttle pumps up the crowd at the Friday boys game against Ashland in Dodge. Tuttle is the only freshman on the cheersquad.

# Battle of the Sexes

## Jimmy Hoyt

### Dating

## Lillian Hinshaw

Just asked Lillian Hinshaw out on a date. Pretty nervous. I really hope I don't come off as a dork or a loser because I'm neither of those things. Confidence Jimmy, confidence. Breathe in, breathe out. You're a confident, swaggering man who takes pride in his skills in football and his stocky, muscular frame, and oh who am I kidding? I didn't even start as a senior and most eighth graders are taller than me! What could she possibly see in me? No, that's wrong Jimmy. You need to be confident. Be comfortable in your own skin.

I picked her up from her house to take her to Dave's Pizza down in Coldwater. This car ride is really awkward. Should I say something? Nah, it'll just get a dumb response like "Yeah" or "Cool". Hmmm. What XM station should I put on? Top 40? No, there's a possibility Justin Bieber will be on. Uhhh.... Alternative rock? No, she'll think I'm a hipster. Hip-hop? Not that either, she might not be into that. Alright fine, I'll put on the top 40 station and take the risk of hearing Justin Bieber's shrill voice.

Alright, pulling up to the pizza place now. All that's left is to walk in and WAIT OH CRAP NONONONONONO! I forgot to hold the door open for her! I just walked right on in in front of her without even thinking about it. Now she probably thinks I'm a jerk without any sense of chivalry or respect for women.

This isn't going very well. I ordered a supreme and without realizing it, I ate five pieces in ten minutes. Wait, am I chewing with my mouth open? No? Okay, good. She's babbling on about Tim Tebow and how attractive he is. Nothing worse than a girl talking about another guy on your date. Okay, time for intervention.

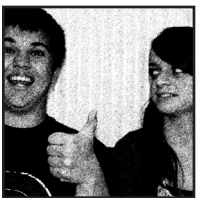
Did you seriously just mention Battlefield 3, Jimmy? What a nerd! Now she probably thinks you play Dungeons and Dragons and do Civil War re-enactments in your spare time. Time to change the subject. Uhh... I've got nothing else. Uh oh.

**Disclaimer:** This was not an actual date, but take it as advice on what should and should not actually happen on a first date, or any other date for that matter.

What do girls think about while they're on a date? Well, that of course depends on the guy. So here I am, the girl who can't say no, and I'm on a date. With Jimmy Hoyt. You know, I thought I'd just give the guy a chance. We're like friends. I mean, we're in journalism together. That means we're friends, right? I'm not crazy. This is normal to go out to eat with your friends. Does he know we're just friends? I should probably tell him that we're just friends.

In the car. You know that awkward moment when a situation is so awkward that you literally just don't move? Yup, I'm frozen. So as Jimmy fiddles with the radio, I look out the window just hoping that he won't try to talk to me. Yes, Justin Bieber's on the radio. I love me some Justin Bieber.

We're here and I'm already hungry. Wow, he just opened the door...and walked in before me. What a gentleman. Okay, we're sitting down and he's ordering a pizza. I can handle this, I like pizza. Now, he's trying to make small talk. "How was your day?", "Have you played Modern Warfare 3?", "How do you feel about the new 35mm camera lens?" I'm so hungry, my answer to all of his questions were yes. Yes! The pizza is here, steamy, hot and cheesy. I love pizza. As Jimmy is indulging himself in his first bite, he asks with a full mouth, "Didn't you order anything?" Of course he wasn't planning on sharing. How could I be so stupid? Friends don't share pizza. So now I'm drooling over a pizza that's not even mine. Hey now, I agreed to go on this date, I deserve to eat whatever I want. So I take a piece and I eat it. And it's good. As I'm working on my second piece, Jimmy is looking at me like I just told him I eat people for a living. Which I don't. But his face is just cracking me up, so I take another piece. I'm not even hungry anymore, I'm just finding his reactions incredibly amusing. He's not even looking at his food. He just keeps feeding himself, robotically, staring me down as I eat his pizza. This is great. Now, take me home.





# Royalty Comes to KCHS

## Winter Royalty 2012

By Cathrine Kibel

Homecoming is a time when students can interrupt their stressful life for a week and get into the school spirit. The week consisted of many different events, all leading up to the Homecoming game which then led to the dance afterwards. This year's Winter Royalty dance

was sponsored by the sophomore class and the DJ for the night was Marshall Ballard. People came in singles, couples and even groups. All to enjoy a night of fun.

With the lights down low and the disco ball going, many couples and friends danced around the dance floor.

With the flashing lights going the students had fun dancing around and enjoying the beat of the music with the rest of their friends. The night progressed and was a success with much laughing and enjoyment by all.



Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Left: King and Queen Jordan Little and Casie Price sit above candidates Jordan Wyrick, Rayne Jamison, Keith Prosser and Shannen Hall. After lounging around for a while, Wyrick and Prosser had to leave to go play Pawnee Heights, winning by over 40 points.



*Jordan Wyrick  
Rayne Jamison*



*Keith Prosser  
Casie Price*



*Jordan Little  
Shannen Hall*

## Royal for a night

By Audrey Wheeler

The 2012 Winter Basketball Homecoming went off without a scratch. The female candidates consisted of seniors Rayne Jamison, Casie Price and Shannen Hall. The male candidates were seniors Jordan Wyrick, Keith Prosser and Jordan Little. After being announced and walking to their spots, the moment arrived that everyone had been waiting for; the announcement of who would be KCHS's new King and Queen. Junior Kristen Spainhour broke the silence with, "Our 2012 Winter Royalty King and Queen are Jordan Little and Casie Price." After a cute kiss on the cheek, the candidates and new king and queen proceeded to the bleachers, decorated by the senior class sponsors Mrs. Case, Mrs. Staats, Mr. Calkins, Mrs. Alcoron and Mr. Rogers.

# SPIRIT

## MONDAY

Pajama/Snuggly Day



Top: Senior Casie Price and Rayne Jamison pose for the camera all decked out in comfy clothes. Price decided to go the extra mile with a wonzy and an eye mask.

Middle: Left to right, Remington Grasz, Jessica Moore, Rachel Schmidt and Lakin Titus sit together in their PJs at a meeting for the sophomores and juniors. The meeting was held to inform the kids that they have the option to apply for a free trip to Colorado or Washington D.C. provided by Southern Pioneer Electric Co.

Bottom: Left to right, sophomores Emily Sarber, Lexi Behee and Heather Melton. Heather decided to bring her friend, an Eeyore pillow pet.

Photos by Audrey Wheeler

## TUESDAY

Wacky Tacky Day



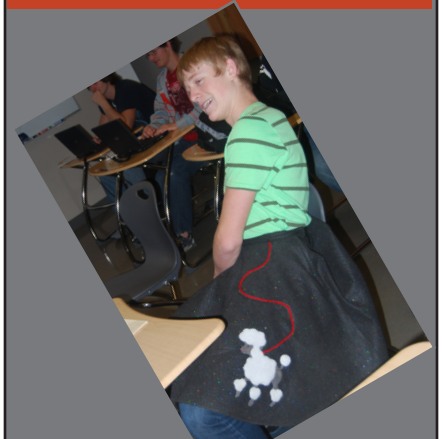
Top: Seventh grader Morgan Powell smiles for the camera in her wacky tacky buck teeth. Photo by Laina McMurry

Middle: Various KC grade school students huddle together while wearing their wacky clothes. Photo by Laina McMurry

Bottom: Seniors Kimberlyn Hayes and Brook Boman with juniors Erica Bertram and Audrey Wheeler reluctantly pose for the camera. The wacky tackiness didn't just stop with shirts and pants but spread to wearing different colored shoes and out-of-season Santa hats. Photo by Laina McMurry

## WEDNESDAY

Decade Wars



Top: Corbin VandenHoek, sophomore, looks ravishing in his 50's poodle skirt. VandenHoek reluctantly only wore it for a few hours of the day, I think we all know why.

Middle: Freshmen Samantha Gwin, Denisse Ramos and LaTosha Tuttle look mighty grungy while all decked out in 90's apparel. The outfits were completed with scrunchies and big bright pink glasses.

Bottom: Awed at the sheer awesomeness (or fear) sophomores Remington Grasz and Charity Schmidt eye Lymon Morehead who is representing the senior class by wearing clothes from the 80s. Photos by Heidee Prosser



# WEEK

## THURSDAY

Nerd/Plaid Day



**Top:** Looking pretty nerdish, freshman Denisse Ramos flips through a book. Ramos was great and went all out for everyday of Spirit Week.

**Middle:** Freshman LaTosha Tuttle completes her nerdy look by scrolling on a computer. Apparently nerds really are good with computers.

**Bottom:** Freshman Aaric Kipp reads a book while his computer sits on an old briefcase. Nerd day was a big hit for all classes with much of the student body looking white and nerdy and that.

Photos by Mariah Charlton

## FRIDAY

Maverick Nation Day



**Top:** Seniors Jordan Little and Shannen Hall race at pep rally to see who can pull out all of the tissue from the box the fastest. Jordan ended up winning with a mile load of tissues around him to prove it.

**Middle:** The KCHS student body reacts to something at the Friday pep assembly, probably laughing at senior Keith Prossor trying to hold the tissue box down by putting his leg on top.

**Bottom:** One and only senior cheerleader Brook Boman pumps up the crowd with a chant. Boman has been a cheerleader all through high school, two years at Haviland High and two at KCHS. Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

**F**rom nerds and pajamas to decade wars and royalty, Kiowa County High School spent the week dressing

the part to show their school spirit. On Monday, students came dressed in their comfy pajamas, followed by Tuesday as students let out their inner funk on Wacky Tacky day. The high school took a blast to the past on Wednesday as Decade Wars was in full swing. Seniors dressed for the 80's, juniors for the 70's, sophomores for the 50's and the 90's decade was portrayed by the freshman. Thursday was a big hit as students trudged the halls dressed as nerds. Friday was a day of Maverick nation and royalty. Students were proposed with the choice of wearing spirited Maverick apparel or fancy nancy royalty attire. The halls consisted of burnt orange and sparkling jewels.

"Spirit week was awesome! I finally got to wear my pajamas to school. I had so much fun dressing up!" exclaims freshman Jessie Williams. Williams dressed up every day of the week, excited about her school spirit. The winners of this year's winter homecoming spirit week were the seniors. They were given a pizza party supplied by the cheerleaders and Mrs. Powell!

By Lillian Hlnshaw

Captions by Audrey Wheeler



## Junior high basketball still working on basics

Heading into the home stretch, both junior high basketball teams are 3-6. They have Hodgeman County on Jan. 30, Bucklin Feb. 2 and then the league tournament at Spearville starting Feb. 6.

Winning seems to have eluded the girls' team, having lost their last four games. On Dec. 15 they met the South Gray Rebels at home. They lost 14-36. Then the Mavericks traveled to Fowler Jan. 5 and lost a closer game, 21-28. The Spearville Lancers came to Greensburg on Jan. 12 and beat the home team 12-24. And on Jan. 19 the girls lost 13-36 at Minneola. Girls head coach Mallorie Ballard said, "We are allowing our opponents too many opportunities to score by not boxing out before trying to rebound. In junior high, there is a high percentage of missed shots, so we have to be

better at eliminating those second chances. As a result of securing the rebound, we can push the ball up the court quickly, creating a better scoring opportunity for ourselves."

Seventh grade starter Janessa Zinger has been moved to outside shooter and likes that position. "I'm comfortable there," she said. She thinks her team needs to slow down, take more time running their plays and shoot more relaxed shots. She's looking forward to the Hodgeman County game because "they are good and we can beat them."

Boys head coach Travis Powell said, "The kids are start-

ing to believe in themselves a little more. That is hard to do when you lose some games that you feel like you should have won. I know that other teams are worried about how good we can be, so we have to start believing that as well and I think we are starting to."

His team has split the last four games, starting the stretch off with South Gray. They lost a close one, 30-35. At Fowler they won a close one, 25-22. Then the Spearville Lancers beat them in Greensburg 20-26. The Mavericks earned a win, 25-16.

"We need to finish at the basket better and improve our passing," said eighth grade starter Blaine Liggett. He thinks his game has improved because he's forced himself to do better since the start of the season, and he is also looking forward to playing Hodgeman County next week because they are "always a challenge."

His head coach said, "As far as getting ready for the tournament, we have to continue to execute offensively and continue to play good, hard defense."



### Photos by Jimmy Hoyt

Far left: Eighth grader Blaine Liggett takes the ball down the court at a home game.

Left: Seventh grader LaChelle Tuttle pushes through a Spearville defender as she races towards the basket.

## Students prepare for local and county spelling Bees

Competing in the local spelling bee this year is different for grades 6-8. Instead of being tested in English classes and the highest scorers enter the local contest, this year anyone wanting to enter can. Principal Staci Derstein thinks this might increase participants that really want to be the best spellers and move on to the next level.

The local bee will be held in the auxiliary gym on Feb. 1 at 10:00 a.m. The top three winners in the grades 3-5 group and the grades 6-8 group will go on to compete at the County Spelling Bee that will be held Feb. 8 at 10:00 at Haviland.

## Scholars' Bowl teams announced

Seventh and eighth graders took a timed paper test in order to make the junior high scholars bowl team. It was only three minutes long and had questions from all the categories they will be competing in at a meet.

Coach Cindy Carson announced the team members: eighth graders Melanie Brown, Brylee Conrad, Teigen Ellegood, Ben Spainhour and Morgen Ulrich, and seventh graders Cameron Conrad, William Enfield, Mackenzie Kendall, Jenner Little and Morgan Powell.

Some of the members were on the team last year. But Little will be competing for the first time. "I thought it seems fun," he said.

They started practicing during lunch on Jan. 16. Their first meet is at Ashland on Monday, Feb. 13. They have five other meets before the league meet at South Central on April 11.

Former team captain Spainhour said, "I like quiz bowl because it's fun and something to do." He thinks he'll answer more accurately this year than last, and that his team will win more matches.

# Students receive awards for Conservation Poster Contest

An awards assembly was held Jan. 17 in the auxiliary gym to announce the winners of the 2011 Kiowa County Soil Conservation Poster Contest. Seventh grader Maddi Brensing won third place for her class with her poster titled "Cotton We Grow. Becomes the Clothes We Wear." Eighth grader Morgen Ulrich won first place in her grade and was Reserve Champion overall in the Grades 6-8 category. Her winning poster was "There's No Planet B."

Before the awards ceremony, Scott Gregory, the director of the Brit Spagh Zoo, Great Bend, spoke to grades 1-8 about the three animals he brought with him from the zoo. He brought a Columbian Red-tailed Boa Constrictor, an opossum and a Great Horned Owl.



Photo by Jimmy Hoyt

Reed Rhodes, Chris White and Antaeus Behee get a chance to touch a python while it's handler, Scott Gregory, from the Great Bend Zoo holds it.

## KCJH Fall 2011 *Honor Roll*

### Superintendent's List

#### Sixth Grade

Kiauna  
Ashlin  
Jacquelin

#### Seventh Grade

Madison  
Jenner  
Morgan  
Tierra

### Principal's List

#### Sixth Grade

Peter  
Alexas  
McKelvie

#### Seventh Grade

Joshua  
Frank  
Allison  
James  
Janessa

#### Eighth Grade

Melanie  
Brylee  
McKenzie  
Tatum  
Jansen

### Honorable Mention

#### Sixth Grade

Taylor  
Payton

#### Seventh Grade

Henry  
Nina

#### Eighth Grade

Aaron  
Benjamin  
Erik  
Morgen

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