

# Lions' Roar

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# Local News

## High School Stucco

Student council is traveling to Wichita to help with a community service project. Students council members will be divided. They will travel to heart springs to help set up Christmas Decorations. Another group will be helping un-pack and set up Christmas lights for the St. Paul event, and may include other miscellaneous jobs as well. The third group will be stuffing bags with candy and putting in and informational flyers. It is beneficial to our society when our student leaders understand the importance of community service and volunteer work. Heart springs is a world wide center for children with special need it is a honor to be able to volunteer for them. The students have a great opportunity to work with the United Way of the plains, the city of Wichita and many others schools. They are providing lunch and T-shirts to participating students.

By: Kirby Shaffer



## The Play

Kirby Shaffer - Juror 3  
Mary Jane Atkins - Juror 8  
Tiffany Guardiola - Forwoman  
Sierra Hall - Juror 4  
Natalie Booth - Juror 10  
Trent Narrov - Juror 7  
Alexandra Becker - Juror 2  
Matt Brownlee - Juror 5  
Heather Rolfe - Juror 9  
Layne Gilliland - Juror 12  
Adrian Gaurdiola - Juror 11  
Andrew Long - Juror 6  
Summary

The jurors converge in a room and decide if a kid is guilty of murdering his father. After the Jurors argue and fight for awhile. The Jurors finally conclude that there is reasonable doubt and he is found not guilty.

After two and a half months of practice the play was here. The play was Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th. Many people came to see the play and really liked it. In the play one of Trent Navarro's lines were "I have tickets to \_\_\_\_\_ and I don't want to miss it. I have got to be the only guy that hasn't seen it yet." and he had to fill in the blank. During the play he filled in the blank with "the new twilight movie". It was hilarious. Friday when he said that it made the whole auditorium laugh. On Saturday there were only a few laughs at it. The cast was like "What? That was funny. why didn't they laugh?"

By: Natalie Booth

# Opinion

Should we add on two days to Thanksgiving break and take away two days from Christmas break?



“No, because then we wouldn’t have New Years off.”

Emily Bevan



“No, I like Christmas break better than Thanksgiving break.”

Jordan Stiger



“Yes, because I want a longer Thanksgiving break.”

Sami Cooper



“Na, I like Christmas break better.”

Josh Hrabe



“No, because Christmas break is for us to get away from school.”

Chris Windle



“Yes, because Christmas break is long enough.”

Cooper Minnick

Should we add on two days to Thanksgiving break and take away two days from Christmas break?

I think we should add two days onto Thanksgiving and take away two days from Christmas. In my opinion if we did this we would have more free time and you don’t have to wait until Christmas to get a break from school. Christmas is a long enough break already. There is a lot of time for Christmas but not enough for Thanksgiving. Some people have to alter their schedules to spend time with their families, and we should be given an amount of time where we can do that. Some families, also have to travel for Thanksgiving to where their families are. If it was a round trip that would only give them three days to do this, and some families would like an enjoyable time where they don’t have to worry about how much time they have.

By: Bethany Davis

I don’t think that we should take two days off our Christmas break to add to our Thanksgiving break, because many people enjoy Christmas break more than they enjoy Thanksgiving break. I think having more time on our Christmas break would be helpful to those who go out of town to visit other family members. Also Christmas is time-consuming and may take longer to prepare for; having a longer break would give many people more time to prepare for the holiday. Thanksgiving is also time consuming, but I think it is easier to prepare for and those who do stay in town with their family may only celebrate Thanksgivings up to two day. In my opinion Christmas is favored more and should be given more time.

By: Savanna Masters

By: Charity Young

# Organizations

## Robotics

Our official robotic team was: Dylan Gaskill, Jacob Warren, Mary-jane Atkins and Tiffany Guardiola. Those who contributed significantly but didn't meet the requirement to be official members were: Cassey Tompkins, Matt Brownlee, Jonathan Hutchens, Trent Navarro, Russell Vanderpool and Austin Toper. Our robotics team participated in the B.E.S.T program. B.E.S.T. stands for Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology. Our team was one of five teams that were first year participants.

The Robotics year started off with kick-off. At kick-off all teams are given a kit that has all the hardware they can use in it and are told what the year's challenge will be. Two teams came and helped our robotics team write the software, the information that tells the robot what to do, for our robot. Those two teams qualified for regionals.

There was also a mall day; at mall day they got a chance to practice on the actual course that would be used in the competition. After mall day they had to make several significant changes to the robot. They also had seating rounds; seating rounds is like round robins in volleyball. Out of 29 teams we placed 17th in the seating rounds.

Game day was at Koch Arena. When we got to Game Day our robot didn't meet the requirements. Between rounds our robotics team made changes to the robot. Unfortunately, we didn't qualify for regionals.

By:Natalie Booth

## Middle School StuCo

Middle School StuCo has been a very active group of kids. The participating members include Michaela Korte, Montana Korte, Shayla Benton, Taylor Williams, Cheyenne Ford, Sarah Wolf, Tray Asbill, Kaylyn Baker, Gricelda Gracia, Becca Hurd, Hannah Emmons and Jordan Stiger.

They have recently been to the football field to clean up. Also this Friday they are having a Thanksgiving luncheon for the teachers and staff at Bluestem. They have each home cooked two meals to bring to the luncheon.

They will also be doing a food drive soon. In December, they plan on making Christmas cards to take to take to the nursing home in Augusta. While at the nursing home they will be singing Christmas carols to the elderly and staff.

By: Cesley Coggins

## Scholars Bowl

The scholars bowl team this year consists of Matt Womacks, Katie Reading, Marjorie Willhite, Kirby Shaffer, Colter Griggs, Brandon Powell, Jacob Warren, Brenda McCollum, Ian Hughes, Juan Gracia, Cassey Thompkins, Cassidy Holtz, Dylan Standfast and Turner Day. They have had a very successful season so far; they took second at the Maize JV tournament. JV also took second place at the Bishop Carrol tournament. So far the teams have had a great season!

Some of the tournaments that the team participated in are Maize, Chaparral, Bishop Carroll, Flinthills, Eureka and Conway Springs. The top point earner is Ian Hughes. A round consists of 15 questions over various topics. Keep up the good work, team!

By: Kirby Shaffer

# Entertainment

## Mystery Student

What is your favorite subject?  
Art

What is your favorite color?  
Blue

What is your favorite sport?  
Basketball

What is your hair color?  
Sandy Blonde

What is your height?  
6'

What is your eye color?  
Blue

## Mystery Location



## Mystery Staff

What is your favorite color?  
Yellow

How many kids do you have?  
Two

What is your favorite quote?  
"Carpe Diem"

What is your favorite movie?  
Ever After

What hobbies do you do during the summer?  
Excercise, Read

Who is your favorite cartoon character?  
Tweetie

What is your favorite holiday?  
Thanksgiving

What is your favorite brand of shoes?  
TOMS

What is your hair color?  
Blonde

If you think you know any of the mystery answers, contact or go see Mrs. Winter.

## Last Week's Winners!!

Mystery Student winner: Layne Gilliland  
Answer: Macee Genter

Mystery Staff Winner: Matt Womacks  
Answer: Mr. Swindler

Mystery Location winner:Destiney Webster  
Answer: Magnet hanging on the clock in the office.

By: Cesley Coggins

# Middle School Sports

The middle school had a lot of players go out for basketball this year. The boys had ten seventh graders and nine eighth graders. The girls had eight seventh graders and ten eighth graders. There are ten middle school cheerleaders for basketball.

The middle school basketball teams had their first game on Monday, November 7th against Douglass. There was a lot of energy in the stands; you could definitely tell the fans and players were ready for a win. Boys and girls both played hard and fought for every point. Unfortunately both boys and girls came out with losses with the seventh grade boys losing with a score of Bluestem 27 Douglass 40, along with the eighth grade boys losing Bluestem 23 Douglass 41. The seventh and eighth combined, which makes up the C team, played very competitively but with an unfortunate loss of Bluestem 25 Douglass 27.

The girls as well played very hard but lost as well with the seventh grade score being Bluestem 16 Douglass 21. The eighth grade girls played hard but with a struggle of Bluestem 10 Douglass 41. The C team also fought with a score of Bluestem 12 Douglass 14.

The middle school basketball teams played their second games at Wichita Independent on Thursday, November 10th. Seventh grade girls lost with a score of Bluestem 16 Wichita 35. Eighth grade girls had an automatic win with a forfeit. The C team lost with a score of Bluestem 16 Wichita 38.

The seventh grade boys also lost with a score of Bluestem 35 Wichita 41. Eighth grade lost as well with a score of Bluestem 20 Wichita 56. The C team came out with a win being Bluestem 25 Wichita 20.

The middle school basketball teams played their third games here at the Bluestem High School and Bluestem Elementary on Monday, November 14th against Belle Plaine. There were many wins throughout the day. The seventh grade boys started it out with a win of Bluestem 51 Belle Plaine 29. The eighth grade boys pulled out a win as well with a score of Bluestem 37 Belle Plaine 32. The C team boys had a difficult loss of Bluestem 19 Belle Plaine 22.

The seventh grade girls had a great game with a win of Bluestem 33 Belle Plaine 27. The eighth grade girls played a tough game but an unfortunate loss of Bluestem 13 Belle Plaine 20. The C team girls had a great game of Bluestem 16 Belle Plaine 14.

We are very proud of our middle school basketball teams. If you have not been able to make a game yet but would like to, the next game will be Thursday, November 17th at Cheney at 5:30 p.m.

By: Charity Young



Seventh grader Garet Johnson goes up for a rebound.



Middle school cheerleaders Marah Bentz, Heaven Webster and Rachel Masterson watch the game.



Eighth graders Danielle Chilcott, Shayla Cornell, Angie Nixon and Montana Korte await the pass for a basket.