

Lions' Roar

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Local News

Psychology videos

Sixth hour psychology class has been learning about the effects of drugs. They made videos about a certain drug of choice, some chose to make funny videos and some chose a serious route. One group made a serious/sad video about alcohol; the group included Brandee Oliver, Candis Remsberg, Bailey Egger and Casady Marlnee. One group made a comedy about Meth; this group included Bethany Davis, Layne Gilliland and Kirby Shaffer. Hannah Davis and Sami Cooper made a comedy about marijuana. Alexa Bailey, Sierra Hall, Natalie Booth and Cassey Tompkins did a very serious video about Oxycotin. The entire school watched these videos during seminar on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break. Some of these videos were funny but they are not to be taken lightly; they all have a very serious message: stay away from drugs; they can be very dangerous! Thank you psychology class for educating us!

By: Kirby Shaffer

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Dare

Dare is a program for all fifth graders. Dare was organized to help prevent kids from doing drugs and getting into bad situations. Officer Jackson is the dare instructor. Dare was brought to all fifth graders of Bluestem Elementary during first semester. Jackson helps kids say no to drugs. Helping kids understand the effects of drugs will help prevent drug abuse. Kids learn that peer pressure can have a large impact on them, so knowing how to say no will help them in the long run. Dare has many activities they participate in. The fifth grade class wrote essays describing why it is bad to do drugs. A student of Mrs. Lydon's named Abby Noble won first place. Also a student of Mrs. Henry's student named Megan Dahna won second place. Megan's essay will be going to state. Megan has the chance to win many prizes, one of them being a savings bond. Dare students had a lot of fun learning about the consequences of drug abuse and most of all how to say no. Dare students had their graduation on the 28th at 6:00 P.M. It was a great success.

By: Savanna Masters

Spelling Bee

The middle school spelling bee was Monday, November 28th. The winners were: eighth grader Amanda Becker and the runner-up was seventh grader Tray Asbill. The spelling bee was a great success and allowed many students to showcase their spelling abilities. Amanda will be going to compete in the Butler County spelling bee on February 10th at Butler County Community College. All students who participated did a very good job and worked very diligently. There was lots of studying included. The competition was very tough. Amanda is very excited to compete at the Butler County spelling bee. The word that won her the whole thing was astrophysicist. Good job to all the students who participated! Good luck Amanda, you will do awesome!

By: Kirby Shaffer



Local News

Debate

Debate league took place on Saturday, November 19th. The teams that went open (varsity) were Jacob Warren and Matthew Brownlee were on the affirmative; Trent Navarro and Kirby Shaffer went negative. The JV teams that went were Ian Hughes and Sierra Hall were affirmative and Shelby Martin and Juan Gracia were negative. The different schools that participated were Wichita Independent, Bluestem, Chaparral, Cheney, Trinity and Attica. There was some very tough competition! The tournament consisted of four rounds and was a round robin. JV won third place and Varsity took fourth. Independent took first in both classifications. District Debate will be held on the 10th. Regionals will be held on December 17th.

By: Kirby Shaffer

By: Cesley Coggins



Madrigals

The Madrigal feast was held December 3 at 6:00 p.m. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and were entertained by “The Ring of Truth.”

Jester and Town Crier welcomed the audience to the madrigal dinner with a rhyming contest. The King, a crabby sort of fellow, returned from the hunt and invited a wise woman he met in the woods to the court. Though the King’s only purpose was to have fun at her expense, he found that the wise woman had a few tricks of her own. She left the Queen with an unusual ring, one that will force the wearer to always tell the truth. As the ring was passed around the court, they found that they must tell the truth, which simply is just not done in polite society. Truth replaced flattery in the court, and the King’s dungeons were getting, well, full. The Queen was able to talk some sense into him, but it took more than that.

Opinion

Should there be a Black Friday?



Andrea Harkins

“Yes, how else are we going to get all the crazy deaths?”



Kirby Shaffer

“Definitely! Good deals.”



Charity Young

“Yes, because of the sales but no, because it’s dangerous.”



Anna Solis

“Yes, you can buy a lot for cheap.”



Danielle Chilcott

“Yes, lower prices for people who can’t buy a lot for cheap.”



Skylar Montgomery

“No, too many people get hurt over shopping.”

By: Bethany Davis

Should there be a Black Friday?

No, they shouldn't	Yes, they should
<p>In my opinion I think Black Friday should be put to a stop. Black Friday is very dangerous and there have been many deaths because of it. Black Friday is overrated, and I don't think anyone should be that crazy over getting a good deal. People take Black Friday too seriously. I think if Black Friday continues that businesses should have a limited amount of people in a store at once. Businesses need to have better security. Black Friday also puts a great amount of stress, not only on the shoppers but on the employees. Employees don't get to spend the holiday with their families. I think employees that have to work on Black Fridays should get paid more. Black Friday shoppers will do anything to get a good deal even if it means hurting someone to get to that item. Many of people have been ran over, stabbed, pepper sprayed, and have even started fist fights.</p>	<p>I think Black Friday is a good thing to have during the holidays because it lets people get a lot of sales. It allows the people to get family members expensive gifts but for a cheaper price. The holidays are very crazy and wild and Black Fridays just add to the chaos. The most important reason I think Black Fridays are good is because it allows stores to clear out items and allows them to restock on stuff. It also gets people in the shopping mood for the next holiday which is Christmas. Everyone says that Black Fridays are crazy and out of control, but I think that if people enjoy the chaos of shopping then Black Friday is a good experience and also good for stores. It allows the stores to get money if they are down and need money.</p>
<p>By: Savanna Masters</p>	<p>By: Charity Young</p>

Sports

Girls Basketball

Bluestem basketball girls had two games so far: December 2nd against Belle Plaine and December 5th against Flinthills. Bluestem played very well and worked really hard. The girls unfortunately lost their first game 33 to 40, but won their second game 50 to 16. Everyone was proud of the girls and showed their support in the stands.

Bluestem Varsity team consists of Emily Bevan, Britni Nixon, Casady Marlnee, Katlin Jurging, Sierra Gale, Brandee Oliver, Kari Nixon, Hannah Davis, Candis Remsberg and Gabby Albers. Bluestem JV consists of Hannah Boline, Miranda Harrison, Shelby Benton, Tristen Landreth, Danielle Gaston and Avery Dover.

Both teams are working hard toward improving themselves. Coach Gomez stated, "The girls have done very well so far and continue to push themselves. They have worked hard in all their practices. It's been a change up since there are no seniors, but I think the juniors are going to do great with leading the team. We're pushing toward a win...!" We wish all the players the best of luck and hope they have a successful season.

By: Savanna Masters

Wrestling

Wrestling season has finally started! Coach Benton says, "I believe we are off to a great start this season. We have been focused on getting in shape for our upcoming season. I do feel we have some great potential with this year's team. If we stay focused and concentrate on our technical skills and apply them in our matches, we should have some definite state qualifiers this year. As our season progresses, we will get a better picture of both our individual strengths as well as our strengths as a team."

Their first meet was last Thursday, December 1. At the meet there were many who placed, including Joseph Reinert with 6th place, Alex Noland with 7th place, Trent Navarro with 2nd place, Aaron Juby took 3rd place, Nick Hampton with 6th place, Blake Ray took 5th place, Brendan Turner took 4th place, Cody Easterday took 1st place, Tyler Timms took 4th place, Trey Farthing took 3rd place, Matthew Barnett took 4th place, Augie Schmidt took 1st place, Logan Haworth with 5th place, and John Moore took 3rd place.

Also competing were Karson Lewis, Dakota Huckabee, Justin Stevens, Clay Hokr, Bo Graham, Charley Willhite, and Johnathan Trumpower.

By: Bethany Davis

Boys Basketball

Varsity

Blake Bolander
Matt Womacks
Cade Minnick
Ty Young
Dylan Chilcott
Cody Lewis
Trevis Farthing
Josh Muckenthaler
Bobby Duarte
Patrick Hurd

Junior Varsity

Chad Izzo
Josh Hrabe
Jessey Lanier
Dylan Emmons
Adam Wolfe
Nick Saia
Dakota Bullard
Jacob Warren
Juan Gracia
Tristan Gray
Tanner Young
John Stiger
Judd Simon
Casey Lewis
Cooper Minnick
Steven Muckenthaler
Skyler Sooter

Varsity vs. Belle Plaine game was lost 38 to 64.

Varsity vs. Flinthills game was lost 47-53.

"The boys are playing hard; we made a lot of improvements from the first game. We need to keep improving, and keep playing as a team," Coach Wuthrich commented.

By: Natalie Booth

Entertainment

Mystery Student:

Favorite subject in school: Zoology

Hair color: Brown

Height: 5' 9 1/2"

Favorite hobby: None

Eye color: Greenish blue

Favorite color: Black

Mystery Staff:

Favorite sports team: Bluestem Lions

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Rib-eye steak

Favorite animal: Lion

Favorite holiday: Easter

Mystery Location:



Last week's winners

Last week's mystery student:

Joshua Muckenthaler

Gussed by:

Trent Navarro

Last week's mystery staff:

Andrea Scharenberg

Gussed by:

Trevis Farthing

Last week's mystery location:

Bulletin board by Mrs. Chiaro's room

Gussed by:

Marjorie Willhite

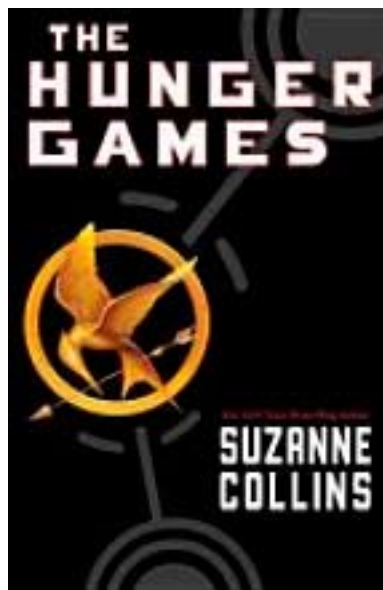
By: Savanna Masters

Entertainment

Book Review

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is amazing. The book is the first of a trilogy. It is about a girl named Katniss who lives in district 12; she is smart, strong and able to hit just about anything with a bow and arrow, but will this be enough to survive The Hunger Games? Every year two tributes from each district, one boy and one girl, ages ranging from 12 to 18, are forced to participate in The Hunger Games and fight to the death in hopes of being the last one standing. Things become even more complicated when Katniss begins to realize she has feelings for the other tribute from district twelve, but will she have to kill him in the end? This book has a little something for everyone; girls will love the romance, guys will love the action, adults will enjoy how deep this book is. I honestly can't say anything bad about this book; it may be a little sad but it's definitely a page turner. I haven't spoken to anyone young or old who has read this book and didn't enjoy it. The Hunger Games movie is coming out in March! All Hunger Games fans should definitely be there.

By: Kirby Shaffer

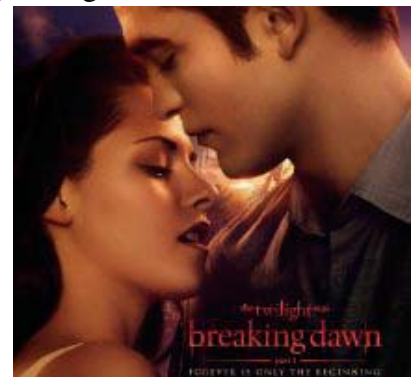


<http://www.thehungergames.co.uk/>

Movie Review

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn was released in theaters on Friday, November 18th. I personally saw the movie twice and loved it both times. The movie Breaking Dawn is from the Twilight series of movies and books written by Stephenie Myers, this being the fourth one. The movie comes in two parts, Part I and Part II. The Twilight Saga is about a girl who moves to a small town to live with her dad. She meets a boy who turns out to be a vampire and falls in love with him, but she also loves a family friend which is a werewolf, a threat to the vampires. In Breaking Dawn you see that Edward, the vampire and the girl Bella, are newlywed, and come to find out there is a baby soon to be born. They must decide what to do with the child developing inside her, because the child is a demon that may destroy her. This movie is very breathtaking and will have you sitting on the edge of your seat. Even those who have not read the books because of the interest they have, come to love the movies. My interest in both the movies and the books are really high just because they are such big fairy tales and they are easy to get into for me. There is only one part of the saga left, and I am sad that it's over, but I am glad they made movies out of the books.
















By: Charity Young



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				BMS BB at Conway Springs -5:30pm  1 Happy Birthday Dylan Chilcott		BHS WR at Flinthills -9:00am BHS Madrigal Dinner -6:00pm  2 Happy Birthday Raleigh Boline	
	BHS BB vs Flinthills at Oxford 5	BES 3-6 grade Music Program -7:00pm 6	 7 Happy Birthday Brittany Graham Anna Solis	BMS BB vs Chaparral -5:00pm 8 Happy Birthday Bethany Davis Hannah Davis Jace Brewer	BHS BB at Oxford -4:00pm 9	ACT Test BHS WR at Hesston-9:00am BHS BB vs Ark City at Oxford Girls- 1pm Boys-3pm  10 Happy Birthday Allison Wonsler	
	BOE Meeting 7pm BMS BB at Douglass -5:00pm BES PTO -6:30pm BES Honor Choir/Band Concert -7:00pm 12	BES Craft Day BHS BB vs Trinity -4:30pm BHS WR at Halstead -5:00pm 13	BES Craft Day BHS Finals BES PreK-6 grade reports  14 Happy Birthday Natasha Admsmond Derek Dassel	BES Holiday Parties -3pm BHS WR at Augusta -5pm BMS BB vs Wichita Independent -5pm END OF FIRST SEMESTER BHS Finals 15	Staff Development Day BHS WR-V at Marion -3pm BHS BB at Independent -4:30pm Regional Debate  16 Happy Birthday Brenda McCollum	 17 Happy Birthday Brandee Oliver	
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