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3D movies make *waves* in movie industry



THREE DIMENSIONAL VISION: Senior Dee Roblyer wears her 3D glasses down the school hallways. "The best 3D movie I've seen is *Shrek Forever After*," said Roblyer. "It was really cute." (Thompson photo)



I WEAR MY 3D GLASSES AT NIGHT: Sophomore Brittnee Pingsterhaus rocks the movie theater look at school. "My favorite 3D movie would have to be *The Green Lantern*," said Pingsterhaus (Thompson photo)

By Abby Thompson

All the colors and movements are so vivid they seem real. The objects are so tangible you feel as though you can touch them. You actually find yourself reaching out to grab something or shielding your face against oncoming debris.

Then you remember that it's not a dream and it's not real at all. It's a Saturday night and you're sitting in a theater, just watching a 3D movie!

3D movies have existed since the 1950s but didn't become hugely widespread until the '90s and 2000s. Now, 3D films are viewable in almost every theater across the country.

Movie producers have placed three-dimensional viewing technology in many genres of film, but perhaps the most exciting genre of 3D movies is action.

"The best movie I've seen in 3D is *Clash of the Titans*," said Junior Alex Neuschafer. "The 3D part just made it more intense."

For younger audiences (and those of



RUNWAYLOOK: Senior Talley Friesen struts her stuff while wearing her 3D glasses to school. "I saw *Cars 2* in 3D when it came out in theaters and I really liked it!" said Friesen. (Thompson photo)

us who are still kids at heart) many new animated films are shown in 3D as well.

"I saw *Shrek: Forever After* in 3D and it was awesome," said Senior Megan Claar. "Everything is so realistic. They really make you feel like you're there."

At present 3D movies are only viewable in 3D if you wear special glasses, although new glasses-less technology is coming out.

"I saw *Avatar* in 3D when it came out and I really liked it!" said Senior Gianluca Saviano, "But the glasses were not good at all."

Price may be another downfall of three dimensional movies.

"Although they're really cool to watch they're a few dollars more than a regular movie which is a drawback," said Claar.

Three dimensional movie technology has made leaps and bounds since their introduction in the 1950s and with very few negatives 3D movies can enhance anyone's movie going experience.



FASHION TREND: Sophomore Kali Redburn sports her 3D glasses in the hallway. "My favorite 3D movie is *Toy Story*," said Redburn. "It brought back so many childhood memories!" (Thompson photo)

3D movie facts

• *Man in the Dark*, a film by Columbia Pictures, was the first film to capitalize on the 3D film industry.

• *House of Wax*, released in 1958, was the first full sound, full color 3D film.

• *A Christmas Carol*, released in 2009, had a production cost of \$200 million, thus being the most expensive 3D film produced to date.

• *Alice in Wonderland*, released in 2010 grossed \$116.1 million dollars in its first three days of opening, being the highest grossing 3D film on an opening weekend.

• The year 2009 marked the beginning of a 3D film craze in the movie industry. A total of 10 3D films were made, the most number of 3D movies to be released in a single year.

NIGHT OF ENCHANTMENT

CHS vocal group will present its showcase of musical talent on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available from any CHS vocal member up until show date. Proceeds will help fund the choir's trip to Branson next spring.



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3 - HS Scholars' Bowl @ Satanta
- Nov. 8 - HS Scholars' Bowl @ Syracuse
- Nov. 10 - Eighth grade EXPLORE Test
- Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day assembly 10 A.M.
- Nov. 14 - First practice of Winter Sports
- Nov. 15 - H.S. Scholars' Bowl @ Leoti
- Nov. 17 - J.H. BB vs Lakin
- Nov. 19 - J.H. BB @ Sublette
- Nov. 21 - J.H. BB @ Syracuse



Guilty, not guilty? Take stand on **bullying**

By Austin Flores

A big problem in modern-day society is bullying. Many young teenagers commit suicide because they go to school and try to achieve their own personal goals, but because of bullying and getting picked on day after day, they are unable to survive.

According to kidshealth.org, two of the main reasons people are bullied are because of appearance and social status.

Bullies pick on the people they think don't fit in, maybe because of how they look, how they act (for example, kids who are shy and withdrawn), or their race or religion.

Some bullies attack their targets physically, which can mean anything from shoving or tripping to punching or hitting, or even sexual assault.

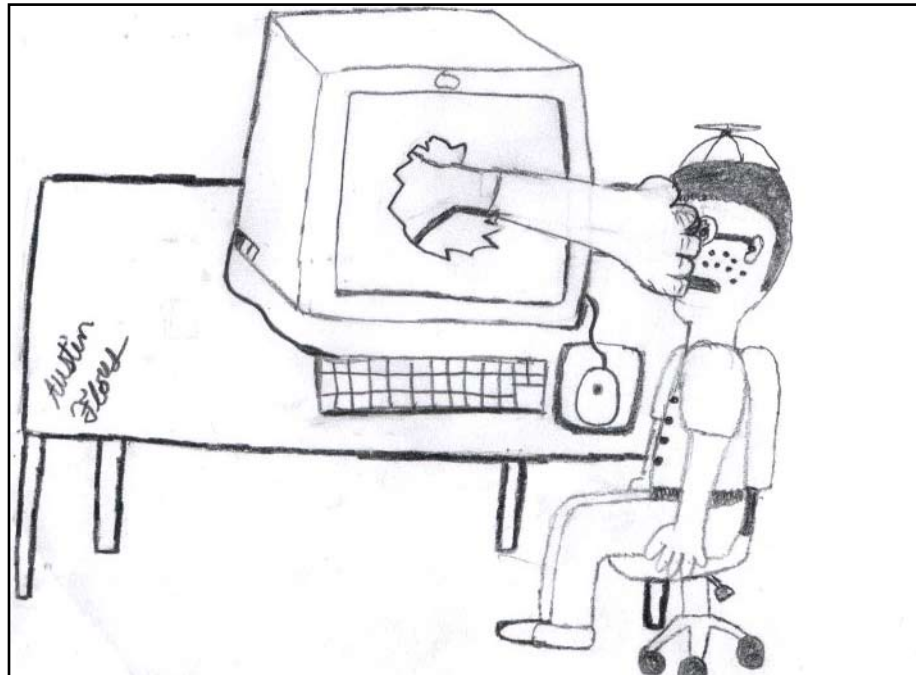
Others use psychological control or verbal insults to put themselves in charge. For example, people in popular groups or cliques often bully people they categorize as different by excluding them or gossiping about them (psychological bullying). They may also taunt or tease their targets (verbal bullying).

Bullying needs to stop.

If it has become a big ordeal and if someone is skipping school or physically hurting their own being because of bullying, then we should have the courage to step in and say, "enough is enough."

Many people we love the most get bullied every day and we don't even know it because we don't ask them what goes on in their daily lives enough.

We don't take the time or have the pa-



tience to sit down with that person either.

Maybe we should all think of what is really going on in other people's lives and step into their shoes for a day and see how miserable or how mistreated they are.

Nobody should look forward to going home at the end of the day after they got verbally or physically abused. Nobody should think that tomorrow won't be just another day where the sun shines bright and the grass is always green.

We should all look forward to going

home at the end of the day and be proud that we stopped bullying and helped a friend in need.

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For expense of **school pride**

By Brittnee Rodriguez

School spirit plays a huge part in most teenagers' lives, but when cheering on your fellow classmates starts to empty out your pocket, it can take away some of the joy.

Being in a sport or a certain extra-curricular activity can have its perks. For example, every band, choir, and sport member receives an activity pass.

Those students are forced to pay a certain fee at the beginning of the year for their passes and can use these passes to get in free to most games. Not every single game, just most.

The fee for an activity pass is \$30. The fee for a student to get into a game is a mere \$3.

Activity passes can only be used at regular home games. If it's a tournament, league, or state game, a student isn't allowed to use a pass.

Throughout an entire year there are approximately twenty or so home sporting

events. Now take into consideration that some students are able to get into games for free because they may be in band or are working concessions.

So technically they don't even have to pay for every game they choose to attend. Also during the year, a student with an activity pass will not attend every single home event.

In reality, some students may actually be paying more for an activity pass than they would if they were to just pay the simple \$3 dollars at the games that they actually attend. So why force a student to pay for an activity pass? What if a student isn't the type to show up to every single home game and get their money's worth out of it?

In the long run if an activity pass is truly meant to save students money, then passes should be able to be used during tournaments and state events, not just regular occasions. People are more likely

to show up to bigger and more important events and that's when the passes should come into play.

But instead, we must pay the fee that usually increases due to the importance of the event.

Activity passes have many positives to them, but it isn't quite fair to assume that every student will get the full benefit from the pass.

If a student doesn't want to pay for a pass, then that choice should be allowed. If they would rather pay the regular fee to get into games, then that's their decision. They should not receive a notice telling them to pay for a pass that they never used.

At enrollment, a student should be given the choice of purchasing or not purchasing an activity pass.

Some students will use a pass to its full potential, but it shouldn't automatically be assumed that is the overall consensus.

What is your favorite movie?



"Planes, Train, and Automobiles," says Junior Julliette Reimer.



"Fast Five," says Senior Eduardo Ramirez.

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Close and personal with Washington, D.C.

By **Brittnee Rodriguez**

Junior Miguel Jiminez is one of the eight lucky students who will be leaving their hometowns and heading to the capital on November 5th for Harvest of Hope Leadership Academy.

Harvest of Hope Leadership Academy is a KU program for migrant students.

The camp's goal is to inspire and support the students between the ages of 13 and 18. It shows them that they can graduate high school and go on to college. The program also takes them to explore different college campuses.

Miguel Jiminez has been a member of the Harvest of Hope Leadership Academy for the past two years, but this year he's been chosen to go on the trip to Washington D.C. for a week.

"I think they chose me because this year I participated in everything and also went to different trips to many colleges and asked many questions," said Jiminez.

Students from Liberal, Hugoton, Garden City, Dodge City, Wichita, and also Kansas City participate in this academy but only eight people attend the trip.

"The trip is from November 5 to 12. We're going to explore Washington but at the end we'll get to meet with the Kansas representatives and talk to them," said Jiminez. "But we have to write a 500 word essay and present it in front of the entire House of Representatives."

Doing little things like being involved and asking many questions can go a long way.

Being invited to a trip of such high importance can definitely be something that someone will forever remember.

"When I found out that I was going, I was pleased and excited, and I kind of rubbed it into my brother's face," said Jiminez.

After November 12, Jiminez will be one of the very few people in the entire nation to have the privilege to see the Senate and the House of Representatives in action.



HEADING TO THE WHITE HOUSE: Junior Miguel Jiminez prepares to travel to the White House. "I think they chose me because this year I participated in everything..." said Jiminez.

CHS conducts annual CRISIS drill

By **Hunter Exum**

Every school is not required to have a crisis drill, but Cimarron High School chooses to practice safe evacuation precautions. The school conducted its annual crisis drill on October 20.

"There are three purposes for a crisis drill," says CHS Principal Bill Brown. "One is to practice just in case of an actual emergency. Second, would help the insurance go down. Third would be to help with good public relations."

When the office announces that there will be a lock down drill, every teacher is to lock their doors and shut off their lights. Next, the students go to the furthest corner away from any doors and/or windows. The lock down lasts for about three to four minutes.

When we are informed that the crisis drill is starting, we are to exit the southwest doors and head three blocks southwest toward the old high school. There we wait for about 10 minutes while the teachers make sure we are all present.

"If in case of a real emergency, no child will be released into anyone's hands other than their parents," says David Ediger, sport/activities director and assistant principal.

While at the old high school, Ediger tells us what would happen if it had been a real emergency. After the instructions, we return to CHS. The overall experience lasts about 35-40 minutes.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: Cimarron students walk to the old high school during the annual crisis drill. The crisis drill helps keep insurance costs down. (Courtesy photo)

Many students have asked what would happen if we were attacked during passing period or lunch. As it turns out, the school board has thought about this.

"We have talked about other times to practice the crisis drill just to have extra

precautions," says Brown.

The crisis drill is not to be taken as a joke because if and when an emergency happens, we need to know what to do and where to go.

Organizational Updates

FFA:

- Nov. 2- FFA @ Dodge City
- Nov. 9- FFA @ Panhandle State

KAYS:

- Nov. 3- Regional KAY Conf. @ Ransom
- *Clothes Drive* ends on Dec. 16

Entrepreneurship:

- *Funding Factory*- Recycling electronics

Operation Christmas Child:

- Toys, educational supplies, hygiene items, sweats, clothing, etc., but all items must be new.

Contact Mrs. Jantz for more information.

STuCo/SADD:

- Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m. - Motivational Speaker Laymon Hicks



New video games sweep entire nation



By **Brittnee Rodriguez**

What do you get when you combine a seventeen-year-old boy and an Xbox 360 or a Playstation 3?

A cell phone full of a million text messages from an angry girlfriend.

Video games have become quite popular over the last 30 years. They are so popular that 65 percent of American homes play video games. But there is an obvious competition between two distinct gaming consoles: the Xbox 360 and the Playstation 3.

Over 154 million consoles have been sold around the world, which includes rural Cimarron, Kansas. When students have a hard time discovering ways to entertain them-selves, many turn to video games.

The number of gamers is increasing day by day, and so are their opinions when it comes to each gaming system. Many professional gamers could debate for hours upon hours about this subject. But you don't necessarily have to be a professional gamer to give an opinion.

Seventh grader Brandon Rodriguez favors the Xbox over the Playstation for many reasons.

"I like the Xbox more because it's more of a family-based machine and attracts more children because of the types of games it offers," said Rodriguez.

"Also, the people who play the Playstation online seem to be more com-

petitive and meaner."

The Xbox 360 competes with the Playstation 3 in the seventh generation of gaming consoles. There are many differences between the consoles. For example, the Xbox 360 requires you to pay so you can play online with other gamers, unlike the Playstation, which allows you to play online for free.

Senior Zach Fields is on "Team Playstation" and believes the Xbox needs to alter a few things.

"I don't like the Xbox because you have to pay for online, it has bad graphics, and it tends to freeze a lot," said Fields.

Many people believe there are a few things that could be modified for the Xbox; other gamers believe it is more advanced than the Playstation.

"The Xbox has more of a sleek design and also has better games than the Ps3," said Rodriguez.

Even though people could argue over which console is better, numerous players would actually agree when it comes to their opinions on playing online with strangers.

Senior Ed Ramirez, who is "Team Xbox," has both positive and negative comments about joining strangers online.

"I don't like it sometimes because other people can say offensive things," said Ramirez. "But I also like it because you get to meet new people that like to play the



game the way you enjoy playing."

Fields has nearly an identical opinion to Ramirez.

"I like playing online because you play actual people and not computers," said Fields. "Also, it challenges you and improves your gaming skills."

There are hundreds and hundreds reasons as to why one machine is superior to than the other, but this conflict will never

be solved.

As time changes, so does technology. At the moment, it's Xbox vs. Playstation, but in a matter of years it'll be an entirely different battle and there will be a million more people added to the gaming family.

So, girls, hold on to your boyfriend before a new game comes out and rips his attention away from you.



PUMP THE BEAT! Seventh grader Brandon Rodriguez listens to music with his Beats. (Rodriguez photo)

The power of music: Headphones, Beats, Subs

By **Fernanda Cabrera**

Attending school for seven hours straight starts to take a toll on CHS students. Take a moment to look around and you may be able notice that a majority of students listen to music at some point of their day.

For some, it helps them concentrate while working on something during school. For others, music can also be a great way to deal with the daily stress of high school.

"It helps me relax and gives me a break from everything," said Senior Lyndi Stokes. "Also, it helps me drown out all the noises and everything else around me so I can actually focus on whatever it is I'm working on."

Musician Bob Marley once said, "One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."

Music is and will continue to be a huge

part of most teenager's lives.

When it comes to music, it's all about the quality of their electronics. Whether big or small, everyone wants some sort of distraction from daily stress.

In the last few years our generation has experienced the evolution of a lot of new technology. The popularity of high quality headphones has increased. The "Beats" by Dre came out on June 30, 2009, and have become very popular.

Although most people who own a pair of Beats prefer the wrap- arounds, we are given the option of either that, or the ear buds.

"I have the wrap/arounds, said Junior Mitch Chalkley. "They are better in my opinion because they block out sound better, and I feel as if the wrap- arounds have better bass than the in/ears do."

In spite of the fact that all this new

technology is expensive, many students at CHS have electronics such as Beats, Skullcandy headphones, and Subwoofer speakers, also known as subs.

Some lucky students don't have to use the money out of their own pockets to pay for them.

Junior Mitch Chalkley said, "I get my stuff as gifts and presents."

Other students have had to work and pay for their electronics themselves, such as CHS Senior Mario Barraza,

"I worked at Downy lawn and landscape all last summer," he said. "That's how I paid for all my stuff."

Although these things aren't cheap teens feel like the products are definitely worth their money. Sometimes it's better to pay more for quality. Cheap isn't always best when you want good music.



Durham relaxes with help of futuristic gear

By Austin Flores

Every weekday, after attending class for seven hours and forty-five minutes a day for five days and then practicing for two hours for three days and playing two to two and a half hours for two days, Junior Brian Durham sits down at the end of a long, grueling day, plugs his headphones into his iPad, and relaxes.

From the time he gets home until the time he goes to sleep, Durham does homework, does his chores, spends time with family, and encourages his siblings to do better in their lives. After that he plugs in and phases off to his own realm of his thoughts and goals with the help of music from his iPad.

What keeps Durham from losing his composure over and over again?

"After a rough day, I listen to music to help me relax, or get me revved up for a Friday or Monday night under the lights," Durham said.

Although having an iPad is completely worth it because applications are cheap, graphics are enhanced, and it's so convenient to carry around instead of heavy books, but there are hazards to avoid when controlling your device.

"Dropping it and getting something spilt onto it are two of my major concerns," Durham said. "If you drop it, you take a big risk of cracking its huge screen. Also, if you get it wet, you could destroy the circuit

board, thus ruining it forever."

Having an Apple iPad has many advantages for teenagers, including applications, graphics, and sound clarity.

"I have installed a lot of sports apps to keep myself updated with my favorite teams for free, and their scores," Durham said, "since I don't get much time to see them during the week due to being so busy. Games are fun to play on my down time when I am bored and have little to do, but most of all the iPad has great graphic designs and sound clarity. Listening to music is pretty clear. The bad thing is that you always have to be in an area that contains WiFi to get Internet on your iPad, but one good thing is that Apple keeps their equipment up to date and is guaranteed."

There are many brands of tablets and many of them do the same thing, but some also do more than the Apple iPad.

"If I got the chance to get a new tablet, I would pick the Droid Tablet," Durham said. "It's more convenient to install a wireless card in the tablet so you have internet everywhere you go. The down side of it though is you have to pay monthly for that Internet card at a phone company."

Other tablets out there are cheaper, but Durham prefers quality.

"I do prefer the Apple iPad over many if not all tablets," he said. "Apple has come so far since they have started as a company, and they have rocketed with their technol-



HARDWORK AND NO PLAY: Junior Brian Durham disposes of spray paint canisters after helping his weights class paint the field for an upcoming football game. "After a rough day, I listen to music to help me relax, or get me revved up for a Friday or Monday night under the lights," Durham said. (Flores photo)

ogy for the entire world. It's really amazing that a company so small can do something like that and then become so big and sweep the competition away. I will always be in favor of Apple technology, and although they have already made the iPad 2, my

iPad is still in its prime, and I don't plan on updating soon."

Brian Durham is thankful to have this Electronic device to help him relax and get through his busy days.

Loving those apps, CHS plugs into Mp3 players

By Hunter Exum

A little over 10 years ago, 13 to be exact, teenagers got something that would forever change the way they lived: The First Mp3 Player.

The first mp3 player came out in May of 1998 by MPMAN. It held 32 MB of memory and was awkward to handle.

Now 13 years later we have flash players with 1000 times the capacity, several times the battery life, WiFi, Bluetooth, video and a mountain of other features.

Student of CHS talk about what mp3 players they prefer and what makes it so special.

"I like Ipods because they are better than any other Mp3," says Sophomore Brandon Trautloff.

Trautloff says that although his second Ipod, 5th Generation Ipod Nano, he really loves the Ipod touch because all the games

and other applications and the fact that it is a touch screen. Trautloff got his second Ipod from a friend, which he says is not as cool as the touch screen, but is still pretty awesome.

"I fell in love with the color blue," says Senior Tyler Creed about his Zune.

Creed got his Zune touch screen for Christmas, though at first he didn't really like it, but fell in love with its color.

He says he doesn't really like the touch screen because every time he puts it in his pocket, it always changes songs.

"I don't really like it except for the touch screen," says Sophomore Katie McDowell.

Like Creed, McDowell got her mp3 for Christmas as well. Though McDowell says that she particularly doesn't like the Ipod that much, just the touch screen. She says that she loves that she gets to play

games and have Internet when you have no computer around.

Unlike Trautloff and Creed, McDowell has gotten in trouble and has had her mp3 taken away for some time. McDowell also says that she is attracted to her Ipod and could not live without it.

"I had an Ipod, but I ended up losing it somewhere," says Junior Tori Trahern.

Trahern had the Ipod touch and says that she is really depressed now that she has lost it.

She says she thinks that it is the best Ipod because it is touch screen and you get to have many apps, including games. Also if you get lost, you have a maps app that will get you just about anywhere.



LIVING WITH MUSIC: Sophomore Alex Adams listens to her Mp3 player before class during CHS's spirit week. (Courtesy photo)





Lady 'Jays volleyball: hitting nothing but success

By **Fernanda Cabrera**

On October 15, CHS hosted the 2011 High Plains League volleyball tournament.

The Lady 'Jays started the tournament off by defeating Stanton County 25-18, 25-16 Sublette, 25-9, 25-16; Lakin 25-17, 25-18; Leoti 25-5, 25-10.

They followed these wins by also defeating Meade in the semi-finals, 25-22, 25-21. The Lady Jays then defeated SWH for the championship, 21-25, 29-27, 26-24, earning themselves the Hi Plains League Title, a great accomplishment for the team.

This group of girls had great expectations from the beginning of their season.

"We were determined to win all our tournaments," said Senior Lindsay Wehkamp, "and so far we have won two out of the three. But our main goal is to win sub-state and head to state."

Like everything else in life, the road to success is never easy, of course, and there were some things the girls knew they had to work on in order to improve their game.

"I feel like I've grown 'smarter' as a volleyball player," said Senior Taylor

Siek. "I had to work on knowing where to set the ball and to who. Also knowing where to place my serves."

All the hard work, sweat, and dedication this group of girls put in during the season was well worth it. Defeating SWH was one of the obstacles they were determined to overcome. Both teams worked hard, but at the end it was the Lady 'Jays who were awarded the League Title.

"I felt relaxed and relieved, but also very excited and proud of my girls," said Senior Avery Burns.

"During the game I was nervous and uptight (I could barely tie my shoe). When the line judge motioned out, and the ref gave us the point, the heaviness in my chest left and I knew we had accomplished the goal we had dreamed about. I thought it was a great way to end our last home game. Thanks to everyone who was there supporting us!"

The team now prepares to go into sub-state, feeling determined and confident of what they are capable of doing.

The girls will travel to Goodland on October 22nd. This will determine whether or not they will be heading to state. Our best wishes to this talented group of girls.



WINNING TEAM: The Lady 'Jays volleyball team after winning the Hi Plains League Title. "We were determined to win all our tournaments," said Senior Lindsay Wehkamp, "and so far we have won two out of the three. But our main goal is to win sub-state and head to state!" (Courtesy photo)

CHS girls' tennis ends for season

By **Austin Flores**

The end of the fall sports season has finally come, and most of us have enjoyed whatever it was we were playing, from football, to volleyball, to cross country, and finally to girls tennis.

"The girls this season were really young, but they worked hard and showed a lot of heart on the court," said girls tennis coach Steve Giebler.

The tennis team this year consisted of a good amount of freshmen.

"No one made it to state this year but, next year we should have some potential and have a few athletes step up," Giebler said.

Although no girls qualified for state tennis. Next year we do have a few who should reach that goal.

The team has put in days and hours of intense physical training to better themselves for next season.

Even in the grueling heat when



CHS GIRLS' TENNIS: (Front row) Azucena Casas, Sierra Gladman, Jennifer Castro, Aubri Krosschell, Taryn Valentine, Shay Moffitt, Madison Chalkley, Zuri Armenta (Back row) From Left: Coach Lee Jantz, Magaly Lozoya, Lizzet Mendoza, Karina Zamora, Morgan Ediger, Karley Knobbe, Katie McDowell, Coach Steve Giebler. (Courtesy photo)

we had 110 degree weather, our girls were still out there practicing.

FALL SPORTS STATS

CROSS COUNTRY STATE QUALIFIERS:

Kari Blattner, and Joisan Smith

LADY JAYS' SEASON RECORD:

32-3 and 2nd at Sub-State

BLUEJAY FOOTBALL RECORD:

2-6



STATE BOUND: Freshmen Kari Blattner and Joisan Smith have both qualified for state Cross Country, despite the fact that it's their first year. They have both worked hard. (Megan Claar photo)



Coping with long hours

Because of budget cuts, custodians work twice as hard

By **Fernanda Cabrera**

Have you ever thought about all the factors that go into a “clean” learning experience? I mean, someone has to, right?

High school custodians Leon Schartz and Gary Alexander play a large role in making sure we have just that.

They dedicate their time to making our school look the best it can. From painting the lines at the football field, to cleaning the floors of our basketball court, to making sure our restrooms are clean, to keeping each individual classroom spotless, they do everything and anything that needs to be done around our school.

In previous years we have had three custodians in the building. This year we have been cut down to two, which means Schartz and Alexander are currently doing more than they ever have done before. Our other previous custodian was traded over to the grade school.

Schartz and Alexander start out their day by coming in at very early hours of the morning, their work is not finished until the entire school is well groomed and ready for the next day, which means finishing up at late hours every evening.

Unlike at home, students at school are not necessarily forced to clean up after themselves, though some of us probably should. These two men deserve a lot more credit and appreciation than they are currently receiving.

It's time for our students to say thank you to the two men who make our school shine.



TIME FOR A BREAK: Leon Schartz and Gary Alexander take some time off their busy schedule for a quick break, Schartz and Alexander are in charge of making sure our school looks the best it can. (Cabrera photo)

We made it!

CHS continues to improve education

By **Abby Thompson**

Every year students across the country journey into computer labs and spend hours laboriously struggling to finish their state assessments in the allotted time while teachers' hairs turn gray as they pray their students pass.

But why are we forced against our will to take these tests?

According to *Wikipedia* the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 was signed by President George W. Bush as an initiative that requires states to create assessments to be given to all students of a certain grade. That way schools receive funding from the government.

Another requirement of this act states that schools must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on each test given.

For example, this year's sixth graders must score high than last year's sixth graders on the same test given.

If schools continually do not make AYP, steps are taken by the government to improve the school.

However, according to the Kansas Department of Education, out of the hundreds of schools in our area, very few made AYP on last year's test.

Cimarron High School is one of these few.

Teachers, students, parents, administrators, and board members should all be incredibly proud of this accomplishment.

Making AYP means we have improved our scores from the 2009-2010 year in reading and math.

All in all, making AYP not only means our students are becoming more intelligent, but also that our teachers are doing a better job of teaching the needed requirements while fitting in their own curriculum.

So next time you see a faculty member sweating profusely around the time of state assessments, give him or her a message of encouragement; then give yourself a pat on the back for all your hard work too.

Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots come to life

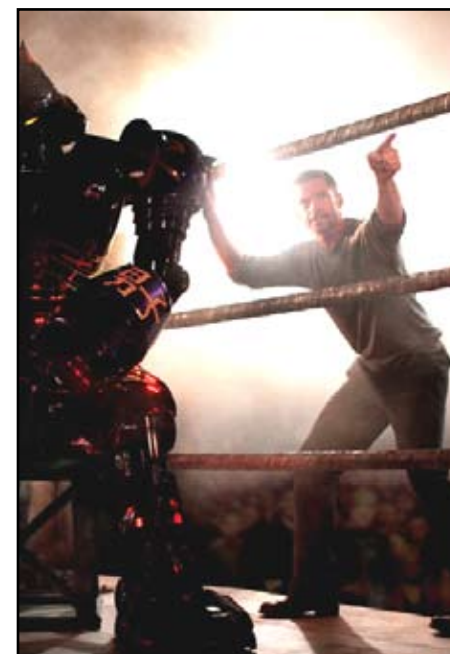
By **Hunter Exum**

ROBOT BOXING! Imagine that the red and blue plastic robot boxing game came to life. Where in future years, metal robots take the roles of human boxers, and humans can control these robots. It would be like a real-life video game.

In the Movie *Real Steel* directed by Shawn Levy, this is the plot. *Real Steel* stars Hugh Jackman as Charlie Kenton, an ex-boxer who is addicted to fighting robots and gambling, but ends up losing all his money. He is forced to take care of his 11-year-old son when the boy's mother dies. Along the way Kenton learns to take responsibility of his son while also finding himself along the way.

Real Steel is number one in the box office, making \$16.3 million in its opening weekend. The movie over all is a pretty good movie, considering the subject. It even has a moral. It teaches us that we should always take responsibility for what is ours and to not get too caught up in what is going on around us.

I would give *Real Steel* 5 robots out of 5 because of the fact that it is about fighting robots.



ROUND THREE: Hugh Jackman stars as a robot fighting coach in the movie *Real Steel*.



Counselor's Corner

What does it mean to be a good friend? What does it mean to be kind or compassionate?

I have had many students tell me it would be so much easier if they knew the "rules" on how to be a good person or how to get along with others.

As I was visiting with a teacher this morning, I looked up at her classroom wall and she had posted exactly what my students had been asking for: "A set of rules for getting along with others" I loved what it stated and decided I would like to share it with all of you.

I asked Mrs. Feldt where she found them, and she mentioned that they were on the wall at the COOP. Thank you, Mrs. Feldt, for sharing your words of wisdom:

10 Suggestions for Getting Along Better with People

Guard your tongue.....Say less than you think.

Make promises sparingly.....Keep them faithfully.

Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind word.

Be interested in others, their pursuits, work and families.

Be Cheerful.....Don't dwell on minor aches and small disappointments.

Keep an open mind.....Discuss but don't argue, disagree with being disagreeable.

Discourage gossip.....IT IS DESTRUCTIVE!!

Be careful of other's feelings.

Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you...Live so that nobody will believe them.

Don't be anxious about getting credit...Just do your best and be patient.

If everyone lived by these simple rules each day, can you imagine how wonderful this world would be. Have a great week and if there is anything I can do for you, please stop by and see me.

I leave you with this quote: "Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something and has lost something."-----H.Jackson Brown, Jr.

*Mrs. Millershaski
CHS Counselor*

Principal's Perspective

THE SEA LION (PART 2)

Last month, I started to share a story with you. I will share a portion of the story each month until I've shared it all with you. In each part of the story, I'm going to highlight just one or two sentences for you to contemplate. If you missed the first installment of this story, please go to www.cimarronschools.net to read what you have missed.

There was a time, many years back, when the sea lion, knew he was lost. In those days, he would stop every traveler he met to see if he might help him find his way back to the sea. But no one seemed to know the way.

On he searched, but never finding. After years without success, the sea lion took refuge beneath a solitary tree beside a very small water hole. The tree provided refuge from the burning rays of the sun, which was very fierce in that place. And the water hole, though small and muddy, was wet, in its own way. Here he settled down and got on as best as he could.

Had you journeyed in those days through the barren lands, you might have seen the lion for yourself. Quite often in the evening, he would go and sit upon his favorite rock, a very large boulder, which lifted him off the burning sand and allowed him a view of the entire country.

There he would remain for hours into the night, silhouetted against the sky. And on the best of nights, when the wind shifted to the east, a faint smell of salt air would come to him in the breeze. Then he would close his eyes and imagine himself once more at the sea.

When he lay himself down to sleep, he would dream of a vast, deep ocean. Twisting and turning, diving and twirling, he would swim and swim and swim. When he woke, he thought he heard the sound of breakers. The sea was calling to him...

*Bill Brown
CHS Principal*

October Students of the month

Each month, the faculty honors students who have exhibited exemplary conduct, helpfulness, and enthusiastic involvement as "Students of the Month."



Senior Stephen Stanley

"Stephen is very polite and a kind young man. He helps others with what he's learned in my classes. He is always ready to help when needed."

--Mrs. Jacobs



Senior Breanna Bryant

"Breanna is dedicated, responsible, and caring. As district FCCLA president, she has completed tasks that require effective communication and organization."

--Mrs. Wilson



Eighth Grader Korina Bailon

"Korina is a quiet leader. She is polite and courteous, and really works hard when no one is watching!"

--Mrs. Minneman