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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



*From The Trimester Two Informer Class*

# Pinterest is becoming a Hot Topic!

By Kaytee Anderes

Fifty- six percent of Americans use social networking sites. There is Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and many more, but there is one that many junior high students may not be familiar with. It's called Pinterest. For those who know what it is, they surely have found many ideas from things that Pinterest has shown to the world.

Pinterest is a social networking site, where people can put pictures and captions over things they like or things you can do. You find these things from searching, or news feed of popular items that others have posted. It's kind of like a folder of ideas that you can create. Mainly, girls read and follow Pinterest.

Pinterest is a very interesting website. Many cool things on there have become a trend. For example, one popular idea is the way you can paint your finger nails, with the one painted a different color than all the rest.

Some clothing trends have also started.

Pinterest has shown other things to people. Hairstyles and recipes are popular categories.

I also know that many people do or use some of the things they see on

Pinterest. Maddie Mathis said that there are many cute ideas on Pinterest, and some ideas are easy and others are somewhat hard to master.

Pinterest is not a bad website at all. Other websites can be a bad influence on teens. All it does is show you different things that are "trending," so to say. So log on to it and check it out for yourself, and you might just



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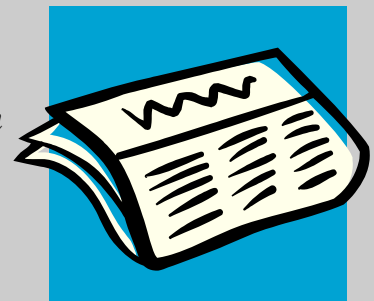
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# Minecraft

By Thomas Durham

Over 1,000,000 players are playing Minecraft right now. If you have never played Minecraft before, then you're going to learn about this popular game you can play Minecraft on the IPod, IPad, computer, Kindle Fire, and on any smart phone. In the game, you are a character named Steve (a lot of people call him that). The creatures that you fight are zombies, skeletons, creepers, spiders, and heroine. The zombie is a creature that looks exactly like your character, but it is green instead of tan. The skeleton came back from the dead and it tries to shoot you. The creeper is a science experiment gone wrong and tries to blow up in your face. The spiders can't hurt you in the morning but in the night they try to kill you.

Herobrine is a black creature with red eyes that kills you instantly. There are animals like cows, pigs, chickens, and sheep. The name is called Minecraft, because your mine has to do with the different types of stone and ores. You also have different kinds of pickaxes, axes, swords, and shovels. The goal of the game is to make the most elaborate world. There are two types of

modes to play the game in.

In survival mode you only have so many hearts and that is your life. You also kill animals for food or wool. For this mode you need to build a house so you can survive the zombie apocalypse. You also have no resources at the beginning of the game.

You can also get ores and other objects you need to survive. The one seed called Herobrine is a hard seed because you have to try to kill a dark figure with red eyes. If you look into his eyes, he kills you instantly. A lot have tried but very few have succeeded. In creative mode, players have unlimited resources. There are no creatures you have to kill, and you can build forever and ever. Now you know more about Minecraft. Minecraft is also a very addicting game so do not play for too long.



## Jr. High needs more Arts opportunities

By Gracie Stutterheim

When I was in the sixth grade, I was looking forward to junior high. I looked forward to the new classes, finally being out of elementary school, and specifically more arts classes. Unfortunately, I was disappointed to find out that there were no more classes than before, (in fact, even less for eighth graders). SES should consider adding more classes or after school activities for the junior high students when it comes to the arts. Many people would say we have enough arts classes and activities for students in junior high, but there are very few. For art (sculpting, drawing, painting, etc.), there is only one short trimester class for seventh graders. Maybe there could be more or an art club. Students could meet every now and then, and they could learn more advanced skills than what they learned in 7<sup>th</sup> grade art. For dramatic arts and musical theater arts, the situation is the same. Even with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir there is still a problem. In choir, some or even most of the students in choir are only there because they have to choose one music class. That holds the students back that want the choir to be the best it could be, because some of the people do not even

sing. If there was a special show choir, they could perform the songs instead of just standing and singing them. The show choir could have their own concert, or they could perform at the regular concert. If the schedule and time doesn't allow for adding another music class, another idea is to let the junior high kids audition for

the high school plays and musicals. I believe this could improve the musicals because of a bigger cast. In addition, junior high kids could try it out before they get "too busy" in high school. They would also learn lessons from the upperclassmen and they could learn skills from them for when they are freshman. I understand that this would take a lot of work, but I think that it would be worth it for the students that plan to take arts classes in high school. After all, junior high is supposed to prepare us for high school, so for those students interested in the arts, this would help them out.



# Texting and driving

By: Justin Jensen



When texting became popular in teens and young adults, many of them started texting and driving, resulting in car wrecks. The car accident death rate related to distracted driving has risen

while texting became popular. If caught texting and driving in the state of Kansas, you may be ticketed with a \$60 fine.

In 2011, 1.3 million car wrecks had been caused from texting. If you are traveling at a speed of 55mph, in 5 seconds, you have traveled approximately the length of a football field without looking at the road. In that time,

you could have passed many cars and crashed into one.

Teens that text and drive spend about 10-15% of their time outside of the driving lane. It is a proven fact that people who text and drive have an increased rate of being in a wreck. If we could lower or even stop texting and driving, we could go from 11 teen deaths from texting and driving to almost 0 deaths from texting and driving.



# Eating healthy

By: Orion Perry



Eating with healthy habits or eating with unhealthy habits?

Which do you choose? I would encourage you to choose the first option. Eating in a healthy way is good for everyone.

Eating healthy foods is just one of the many things you can do to help your fitness. These healthy habits do not just affect your fitness. They can affect a whole bunch of other things too.

These include, sports, school and even work!

They help you be in a better mood. They can also help your immune system. If you want to lose weight, eating healthier can help with that too.

Everyone wants to achieve something. Usually healthy eating habits can be involved. It could also help stress or many other things.

There's all sorts of things eating healthy can do for you, like being more energetic and not being tired all the time. It can even be good for the fam-

ily by being able to go outside and play, or picnics and even hikes.



# <3 Advice sisters!

By: Maddi Mathis and  
Kaytee Anderes

Dear Advice Sisters  
I have a problem  
with two girls in my class.  
One looks like she is or-  
ange and the other gets big  
highlights. It really bugs  
me. Please help me.  
#EW-hatergurl



Dear #ChickenHeart  
You go girl.. Ask him!  
Don't let your best friend  
keep you from it.  
<3 Advice Sisters!

Dear Advice Sisters  
I have a hard time in a  
class understanding new  
things because I am in a class  
where a few kids are a big dis-  
traction.  
#Can't Focus

Dear #Can'tFocus  
Maybe ask for another  
seat far away from them. Or  
you could ask them if they  
could stop or be quiet.  
<3 Advice Sisters!

Dear #EW-hatergurl  
Everyone has a right to  
do what they want to do to  
their own body. We don't  
think you should really judge  
them for that. Everybody has  
flaws, nobody is perfect.  
<3 Advice Sisters!

Dear Advice Sisters  
I am glad we are hav-  
ing a dance, but I am nervous  
about asking the guy I like.  
And, my best friend is already  
teasing me about it.  
#Chicken Heart

## Peer pressure

By: Maddi Mathis

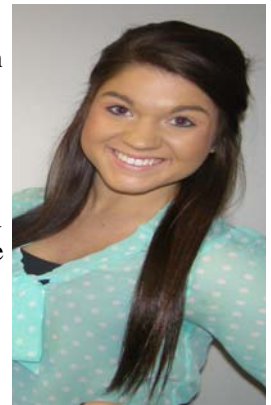
Peer pressure is a big problem in our world today. Most teens give in to it, others just do it to look cool and brag, but some stand up against it and hold their grounds! Sex, drugs, and drinking are definitely not cool and very dangerous! I am totally against drinking and sex as a junior high and a high school student. Drugs should never be an option because they are illegal.

All of these things are very dangerous and harmful to your life and your surroundings! Peer pressure can be very scary, maybe because you're scared to say no or maybe because you don't want to be thought of as a loser, but in the long run, you are the smart one and the one that has to take care of yourself. You have to take a stand and say no!

Teens today are dealing with all of these illegal things. The start of all of the peer pressure usually at parties. You have to stop and think.... a party? Is this really a place for me to be? If the answer is no, then by making the

choice to not go, you will prevent all these dangers from becoming problems in your life.

Your one decision for the night could ruin your life forever... for instance it could kill you or others, or make your life very hard. I'm sure we all have been in a predicament where we have felt to be pressured into doing something we don't want to do! Just be the one to stand up and say no!! I have always been very strong willed so it isn't very hard for me to be like UM NO! Others are not. If you aren't, make up an accuse and get the heck out of the predicament Remember one decision could ruin your life forever.



# Farming and I Grow it!

By Shayling Ptacek



Laura Peterson . She filmed "I'm Farming and I grow it!"

Thousands, if not millions of people post videos on You Tube every day and only some of them get millions of hits. Even less of them get millions of hits in twenty four hours. "The Peterson Farm Bros" did just that; they got over one million views in twenty four hours... twice!

It wasn't just them when it came to recording their videos. That's when their younger sister, Laura Peterson, seventh grader, came in.

Laura didn't mind recording their videos. "It was fun," said Laura. "They made me laugh a lot." However, at first they had to convince her to do it. It took them two to three weeks to record each of their videos. She liked recording *I'm Farming and I Grow it* better than *Farmer Style*.

Then their video *I'm Farming and I Grow it* got over one million views! They never thought it would reach around eight million views, but it even reached that. They thought it might get 100,000 views but not eight million.

"It's weird having famous brothers," said Laura,

"people want our autographs and stuff." She still likes being known as their sister most of the time. She likes traveling to places with her brothers. They went to the State Fair, Craft Show, and her brothers went to a ton of other places that she didn't get to go to.

"The Peterson Farm Bros" became our local "celebrities" on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. Their lives have been changed ever since. According to Laura people recognize them and come to their house. Eventually their lives will go back to the way they were, but for now they are our local "celebrities."



Laura's brothers, Nathen, Kendall and Greg. Known on YouTube as, "The Peterson Farm Bros" Photo Found Online.

# Cedar On YouTube

By Toby Johnson

Cedar Van Tassel, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, has had a fun time for the past year making videos for YouTube. He currently has six videos on YouTube. His favorite one is *Ginny Zillah*. His least favorite one is one he did about Indians. He did this for a project in his gifted program. He says that video is "boring."



His favorite one, *Ginny Zillah*, is about a ginny pig that terrorizes a town. His other favorite video is called *Magic Spoon*.

Cedar's latest video is *Sandman Style*. It is a spin of the music video *Gangman Style*. Cedar enjoys the song *Gangman Style*, especially the dancing.

Cedar has always enjoyed drawing comics, and he wanted to try something new so he turned to animated comics on YouTube. His favorite character is Spatula Joe.

This is Cedar's second year of putting videos on YouTube. He has six videos in his account, but he has made more for school as-

signments.

Cedar has enjoyed making animated videos for the past two years. He started because he wanted something new. Cedar said



Left: Cedar's YouTube Logo Above: One of Cedars many sketches: "Ginny Zilla."

## An Artistic group Katelynn McBurney

A group that likes to draw, read, write, and talk about the *Avengers*.

Have you ever loved the Movie *Avengers*? Or have you ever loved making up your own stories or drawings? Well, I know a group that loves the same thing you do.

Katie Jackson, Anna Reece, and Taylor Ingham are all in that group. They like to talk about the *Avengers* everyday. They also have drawings and stories to tell.

The *Avengers* are a group of super heroes that are in the movie *Avengers*. It has Captain America, Ironman, Hawk guy, Hulk, and Thor. Anna Reece loves to draw people. She says, "When I see something that

I like it inspires me to draw it". What she likes to draw most is Ironman, Loki, and her made up cartoons from the *Avengers*.

Katie Jackson loves to make up her own stories and she loves to read. She said, " My favorite book is the *City of Bones*". She also said, "My favorite character in that book is Jace. It is a great book! Students should read it!" said Katie Jackson

Taylor Ingham loves everything. But most of all she loves the *Avengers*. " The reason why I love the avengers is because of the actors and the fact that you are always off your seat. Also, that the director is like me," she said. She also said she likes Captain America.

This group of girls likes to do what makes them, them, whether it is drawing, reading, or making up their own stories. You should follow your dreams just like they are right now.



## Confessions of a Youngest Child By Gracie Stutterheim

"They always get everything that they want!"  
 "They are always being favored by the parents!"  
 "They always get special treatment!" Who are "they"? The youngest kid in the family. There are so many misunderstandings about the life of a youngest child. These students are here to point out the fact and fiction of the life of a youngest child.

Now, yes, some of you would be right when you say the youngest sibling has it *easy*. In fact, Most of the youngest children could make a list of benefits they had over the other kids. Tyler Blochlinger and Matthew Pantle both said that they liked being a youngest

child because the have/will have the house to themselves when their siblings go off for collage. However, along with the advantages there are the downsides. Evelyn Barnhart says that she never gets to be in charge, and Hunter White says, he gets beat up by his two older sisters.

Also in Families there, are different ages. While all of the people we interviewed said that that got along with their siblings, they have mixed opinions about if age affects how well they get along. "I think it has more to do with gender. I think I would get along better with my siblings if they were both guys." Hunter White says.

"I think it has more to do with interests and if you and your siblings like the same things," Matthew Pantle says.

While most of the kids like being a youngest child, not all the things said about them are true. "They think it's more fun than it really is," Tyler says. "The think we have it *easy*," Evelyn says.

Most of the misunderstandings come from yes, unbelievably, the parents! "They think the oldest and middle children are perfect," Tyler says. "They think we are babies and we can't do anything," Hunter White says.

Now, even though there are those benefits of being a

youngest child, some say they would trade there age. Some of them say they would want to trade their age so they could have more privileges, some say they want to trade so they could blame things on their younger siblings.

Even though they are taunted and teased, many still like being a youngest child "Without my siblings, life would be boring!" "I like having my siblings because they can help me with homework."

Surprised? Youngest or oldest, family is family, and even though you make fun of them and get in fights, you love them regardless, even if you don't want to admit it!

# X-mas shopping

By, Justin Jensen

On December 13th of 2012, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class split into two groups and went to Target and WalMart to shop for those who needed help at Christmas time. Earlier in the month, seventh graders did the same thing. The shop was on.

Small teams of five branched out into the two stores and bought toys for children that might not have much of a Christmas. They had a limit of spending only \$50.00 worth of gifts. I asked Mr. Cearley and Mr. Douglas if they enjoyed seeing the kids going and spending a certain amount of money.

Mr. Cearley said, "I really think that since the kids have only 50 dollars to spend that it helps them learn part of a life lesson."

Seventh graders went shopping for little kids at Walmart, on the same day they went to the Salvation Army and the Food Bank." They also had a fifty dollar limit to spend on a child to make their Christmas special. For example, one group bought a girl a Ken Doll and clothes.

Mr. Douglas, 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, said, "I enjoyed going and watching the kids learning some life lessons."

The teams tried their hardest to get that exact amount of fifty dollars and only a few did. The time had flown by for the students while shopping and it quickly ended and was time to go home. Later on that day, seminar kids wrapped the gifts for the younger ones.

"Overall we had a lot of fun helping the community," Jade Zigler and Emily Francis, both 7th graders said.



Katie helping with Christmas activities!



Gracie Stutterheim helping wrap presents!

By, Kaytee Anderes, Zeb Tunner, Orion Perry

## Holiday jokes!

- 1) Why isn't the turkey hungry at Thanksgiving?
- 2) What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
- 3) What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
- 4) What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?
- 5) What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?
- 6) What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentine's Day?
- 7) What did the naughty rabbit leave for Easter?

(Answers)

- 1) Because he's already stuffed!
- 2) Frostbite!
- 3) Snowflakes!
- 4) Ribbon hood
- 5) Hog and kisses!
- 6) Cauliflowers!
- 7) Deviled Eggs!



# Girls basketball season comes to an end year!

*Taylor Wells, and Karis Calahan*

The Southeast of Saline Junior High girls basketball A team ended their season on a win. They went 13-3 to end a very fun and competitive year.

The A team played Beloit in the bracket play to see if they would move on for the championship at the league tournament. They lost and played Russell in the final game to end up with 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

“We had a great season, and had lots of fun,” Coach Gilpin says. Coach Gilpin thinks the best played game was Minneapolis and the worst game was against Beloit in the league tournament.

The B and C team, also had very good years. The B

team ended a tournament with a first place prize, playing Minneapolis, Mrs. Gilpin enjoyed beating Minneapolis because she's from there, and thought it was cool to compete and win against them.

C team also finished out first as well. The C team came out with the final win against Sacred Heart.

“We had an amazing time; I only wish we could’ve come out first,” said 8<sup>th</sup> grader Kylee Thaxton and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Karis Calahan. Their teams went out on a win, which is a great way to end a season.

Mr.Lilly and Mrs. Gilpin coached the girls basketball season this year. They

both are thinking about coming back next year. They both loved coaching and had lots of fun. If Mr. Lilly could describe this year of basketball in one word, he said it would be “fun,” and that he enjoyed it very much.

“I loved coaching the girls, I very much enjoyed the season,” Coach Gilpin said.



*Girls A team in huddle*

Opponent	A	B	C
Smoky Valley	34-27	13-15	
Ellsworth	39-6	22-13	
Turkey shootout*	*	*	
Concordia*	31-27	*	
South*	28-16	*	
Beloit	23-21	27-23	
Minneapolis	37-10	32-11	
Abilene	36-44	32-22	
Central Plains	24-35	25-21	
Council Grove	42-33	15-28	

Sacred Heart	31-10	27-9
republic County	25-37	29-28
*SES B-tournament	*	*
*Minneapolis	*	20-6
*republic County	*	25-31
Minneapolis	42,12	38-8
SES A- Tournament		*
Sacred Heart	28-13	*
Record	13 W- 3 L	12 W- 4 L

# Junior high boys accomplish 3-peat

By: Jackson Montgomery

Asking Mr. Gies, the boy's junior high basketball coach, how all three teams did this year, he responded, "You guys all did pretty well." He was pleased. The A team went 14-1, B team went 8-5 and C team went 4-8, overall going 25-14.

This season, the junior high boys A team won the league championship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, which gives us the chance to call it a '3-peat'. The A team played Beloit in the semifinals and Ellsworth in the championship. Taking league was a great way to finish the season!

The B team tournament was also a successful time Mr. Gies and Mr. Garretson, the assistant coach, said, "We could have played a little better, but we're proud of the boys!" The B team ended up taking second, losing to Sacred Heart in the championship.

Now, the C team went 1-1 in their tournament at Southeast of Saline. They beat Ellsworth in the first game they played on Saturday. After that, they got beat by Sacred Heart that afternoon.

Both Mr. Garretson and Mr. Gies were happy with the way the team developed skills and improved as the season went on. They said that the team was making good progress over the season.

After the hectic season, the coaches said that they could not be happier with all 22 kids. Asking Coach Gies to describe the season he simply said, "3-peat." That sure was funny! Now hopefully next year they'll carry on the tradition of winning league and make it four years!

Smoky Valley	43	5	13	44	0	36
Russell	50	14	45	30	11	22
Ellsworth	44	28	37	14	15	12
Hays Felton	44	33				
South Middle	34	12				
Beloit	30	17	28	19	12	23
Minneapolis	46	12	36	16	18	15
Central Plains	37	21	27	35	22	31
Council grove	47	37	29	46		
Sacred Heart	37	24	13	37	8	38
Republic co.	49	18	20	16	13	23
Abilene	33	44	35	34	12	8
b team tny-Minn			33	20		
b team tny-s Heart			11	34		
c team tny-E-Saline					17	13
c team tny-S Heart					11	39
Minneapolis	44	22	44	14	11	12
NCAA Beloit	30	26				
Ellsworth	49	32				
Total Record	14	1	8	5	4	8



Southeast of Saline Junior High huddles in a timeout.



Ben Murray shoots a free throw during the game against Republic County.

# Dances, are they fun?

By: Gracie Stutterheim

Junior high dances: some of us love them, some of us hate them. There are many mixed opinions on dances. For guys, they can be awkward, and for girls they can be exciting.

"I think they are fun because it's a time where you can hang out with your friends outside of school," Madison Roths said. Bryce Banks disagrees with this saying, "The guys are always left out, and they can be boring!" Madison and Bryce may have their own ideas on how to make the dances more enjoyable, and how to make more students attend.

"If we could invite people from other schools it would be more fun," Bryce says. "I wish we could have more slow songs," Madison Roths said.

"Last year's dances seemed less strict and had better music," Bryce says.

"At the last dance we had, we had a little problem with the mu-

sic. People kept switching the iPods, and sometimes it is hard to get the music all together in time for the dance!" Karis Calahan, STUCO member said.

"STUCO doesn't have to just plan dances. It's just easier to plan than other events and there hasn't been very many non-dance STUCO events in the past," Karis says. Both Madison Roths and Bryce think that it would be a fun idea to have a school lock in. "We could have dodge ball tournaments too," Bryce Banks said.

"I think if there was more food at the dances more people would come," Madison said.

"You are allowed to bring other students only at the final promotion dance of the year. Karis added. "We can plan two events each semester, and we must have at least two staff and two parent sponsors to have the event." (This is why the "Christmas movie night" was canceled; lack of spon-

sors.) It normally takes us about 2-4 weeks to plan an event. We have to get permission to use whatever area we plan to use, get sponsors, and get the music ready if we are having a dance. Then WE have to get information together to type a letter up."

Therefore, there is more that goes into dances than you might think. If you have ideas for what STUCO activities should be planned, then talk to your student representatives!



By: Leah Eddings

## Music appreciation

The first day of school, students walk into Music appreciation. They were surprised that there were only three people in the class. They enjoyed being in a small class. It's not always fun.

Some students might think this could be a fun class. Students get to play on the iPad and play piano. However, you have to learn about composers, and how to actually play the piano. Madison Cruz 7<sup>th</sup> grader, says, "I don't like really like it but it's ok."

Gabby Brindle says, "Miss Purcell is a good teacher. She helps you understand it better and makes it fun."

They do take class because they don't like singing or they

are tired of being in vocal.

Madison does not always like this class but Brandon Spellman thinks this class is fun, and crazy. They still have to do papers and research. Gabby says, "I don't like starting projects and never getting to finish them."

Gabby did not like going to music when she was younger so she wants to try something new. Madison says "I like singing I just don't like vocal."

Only having three people in a class might be fun but it will have its challenges. Maybe next year there will be more people in Music Appreciation!

## Wrestling

*Tyler Blochlinger and Zeb Turner*

“One, two, three! He is down!” Wrestling is the current sport in season now for junior high and is a good option for athletes, according to the people I interviewed.

There are 14 kids this year out for wrestling. They are not all boys; there is one girl out for the team. Karleigh Smith is the only girl on the wrestling team and it is her first year. Athletes have to wear head gear, a singlet and wrestling shoes.

Mr. Krehbiel is the head coach for junior high wrestling. He has also had positions for 1-year as a high school assistant, 3 years as a junior high assistant and this is his fourth year as junior high head coach. Southeast is the only team is has been a head coach for.

Mr. Krehbiel’s favorite moves to teach the

kids are the Sweep Single, Gramby Roll and the Double Chicken Wing. They are his favorite moves because of the aggressiveness. Ball Chain Stack is Coach Krehbiel’s favorite move because it is a “punishing move”. This year he says it’s been an average year for the number of players the team has out and he thinks they are going to go far in wrestling this year.

“The team is very athletic, practice has been going good and they try hard,” says Coach Krehbiel.

The team has a typical number of meets this year, a total of 7, and everyone I’ve talked to has thoughts they are going to do well. So let’s see.

## Scholars Bowl

*Aaron Butler and Orion Perry*

Scholars’ bowl teams started having practices a week after Christmas break and since then they have had several meets. There are 42 people in scholars’ bowl this year and Mr. McClure is the coach.

Many people made the decision to be in scholars’ bowl this year. There are more eighth graders than seventh graders this year. Seventh graders are outnumbered about 2 to 3 this year.

Scholars’ kids typically enjoy challenges, and commit to making the once a week practice for 20 minutes a week. It does challenge one’s brain; there are many different subjects, like math, social science, language arts, fine arts, sports, miscellaneous, year in review, and music.

Mr. McClure enjoys coaching scholars’ bowl because he likes to see that people that don’t do sports still can compete. He thinks it is important that they feel they are involved in something and not just alone and do nothing if they are not part of a sports team.

Mr. McClure has been coaching junior high scholars’ bowl for 12 years. He thinks it is a good opportunity to give to junior high kids, so that they could decide if they wanted to be in scholars’ bowl when they get to high school. The first meet this year was on January 29 at Lincoln.

## iPads in our School *By: Toby Johnson*

One in three kids knows how to use an iPad or a tablet. Technology helps us learn from a new perspective such as the iPads in our school.

The past year some of the classrooms at SES have invited iPads into their rooms. Two of the Jr. High teachers that have them are Mrs. Schoenfeld and Mr. Bergin. They also have apple TVs in their rooms as a way to project the things on their iPad on to the screen.

I believe that the iPads open up

new learning opportunities for the kids at Southeast of Saline. One way it helps us is by helping us study for tests and quizzes. Like the word parts cards in English.

Our seventh Grade PE teacher uses his personal iPad to take pictures or videos of us when we are running or throwing a football and even shooting a basketball. Then he looks at the video and gives us tip on what we can do to help improve our technique.

The iPads at our school help us academically and in the sports we participate in. I believe that it has opened a new door for learning at our school.



# Honor Choir Aaron Butler



There are all kinds of music, like rock and roll, jazz and country, but our junior high choir does classical music, and so does the honor choir. The honor choir only has eight SES JH students in it, Making it quite a select group, considering there are 8 SES kids in the whole group choir!

Honor Choir is for seventh and eighth graders only; there are separate choirs for high school and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The reason why honor choir is good be-

cause it gives students a chance to sing with a large choir, improves skills, and work with different directors. Even though it does single people out, it does it in a good way, because they learn new music techniques and bring them back.

Most of the time we have many kids in activities music, theater, sports and more. Mrs. Boley would like at least 50% of enrollment to be in it.

Madison Roths has been in honor choir for both years of junior high. She says it is a fun and exciting place to meet



new people and sing beautiful songs.

There are many schools involved with honor choir, like Salina, Manhattan, Concordia, Minneapolis and the rest of the north central Kansas. The eight kids in honor choir are Madison Roth, Gracie Stutterhiem, Hope Reinhart, Braydon Boyer, Emma Fear,

Brooks Garretson, Trent Pennington, and Jess Koehn.

Therefore, if you want to get in honor choir, show dedication, passion, will, and the love to sing and improve. Then you just might get in.

# 7th grade Christmas trip

*Leah Eddings*



Isaiah Wilson helping at the Salvation Army The 7<sup>th</sup>

graders went to Salina, on December 12 to help the food bank, Salvation Army, and the Ashby house.

The first stop was the

homeless shelter. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders collected 412 rolls of toilet paper during the days before they left, at the school and gave it to the shelter. They let SES students tour the building. Students went to the kitchen and upstairs to the bedrooms.

Mr. Garretson's seminar went to the food bank. They sorted food and backpacks. Jessica Hustus said, "I enjoyed helping them out." The backpacks are bags full

of food to give to people.

Mrs. Clements's seminar went to the Salvation Army. They sorted toys by age in piles. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade helped for about an hour.

Mrs. McClure's seminar went to the Ashby house. They toured around the facility. They have many buildings there. They went to the preschool and the white house. Paul said, "I felt good after we were done."

Most of the 7<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed helping and bring-

ing toilet paper to donate before they left. Part of the deal for bringing the toilet paper, was that if the 7<sup>th</sup> graders brought 300 or more then each person got a can of pop and a candy bar. That motivated the group to bring a bunch of paper.

## Baby Mathis cries for the first time

*By: Taylor Wells*



“Whaa, whaa!” Baby Mylah takes her first cry. On November 13<sup>th</sup> Mylah Mathis was born! She is the third sib-

ling for Maddi Mathis, 8<sup>th</sup> grader. The excitement was in the air. Maddi has a new baby sister and now has to adjust to a new baby in the house.

“It might be frustrating sometimes but it is so worth it!” Maddi says. Maddi is very excited to have a baby sister. She is very helpful with the baby. Madison

loves having a baby in the house.

Maddi had to move rooms. She moved down into the basement, which is a good thing according to Maddi since the basement is improved; there is more space and room to spread everything out. Even though Maddi is in the basement, she still can hear Mylah crying at night, which is so frustrating since she cannot get a good night’s sleep.

“Mylah was a miracle baby,” said Maddi. Amy Mathis (the mom) had very high blood pressure and her heartbeat was tremendously high and fast. Due to Amy’s medical conditions, Mylah’s chances of living were

very slim.

When the family heard the first cry from Mylah, relief filled the room. Tears of joy spread through on their faces. Mylah definitely was a miracle baby. Now she lives at home with a happy smile and gorgeous fun clothes to wear!

“I’m so jealous of all her cute clothes!” Maddi said. Mylah is healthy and everyone absolutely adores her!



## Twin brothers make more fun

*By: Kaytee Anderes*



When Katie Sanchez went to the park with her dad and step-mom, she was not expecting the news of twin brothers. Katie

could hardly control her excitement when she found out.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> 2012, Jackson and Jacob Sanchez were born, in Salina Kansas. Unfortunately for Katie she was not at the hospital when they were born. “When I woke up, and read the text from my dad that the babies were here, I made my mom take me to the hos-

pital right away,” said Katie.

“When I got to the hospital, I got to hold them right then,” Katie said, “they were so adorable in their little blankets.”

“With two new babies in the house it can be crazy and stressful, but they are so worth it,” said Katie. Katie also said that there is baby stuff everywhere, like bottles, toys, and diapers lots of things like that.

There are some new jobs Katie has now that they are home. Like feeding them, changing their diapers, washing bottles, and even putting together playpens and baby swings. Some families have to either move or build on to a house

when a baby is born; all that the Sanchez family had to do was rearrange for the nursery.

Some people say twins can sense when things are going on to one another. “It’s sort of crazy, to say, but I think they truly can,” said Katie. She also said that she thinks they can sense what’s going on, like who is holding them and things like that.

Even though the Sanchez house can be crazy with these two new bundles of joy, they love Jackson and Jacob with all their heart and nothing will change that.

# Sweater vest addiction

By: Zeb Turner



Do you know anybody that wears sweater vests? Jackson Montgomery said that he likes sweater vests because they are

comfortable. His mom tells him that they look nice when he wears them. He likes his red polo vest the best out of the other vests he has.

He wears them to dress up for occasions, such as game days or programs. He wears them to look

nice. He likes all of all sorts of patterns on the sweater vests, and he has about 10 or 11 of them.

He started wearing them when he was at the age of 8 or 9.

Jackson said, "I do not share with my brothers."

# Students make portfolios for PT conferences

By: Kaytee Anderes

On February 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> parent teacher conferences began and for that, the JH students make portfolios to show their parents different things they've accomplished over the year.

Students at Southeast of Saline Junior High have been making portfolios for the past four years. Most of the students seem to not mind to making portfolios either. In portfolios, students collect several things like making an effort chart, putting items in for their parents to look at, and making goals for yourself. "I don't think many kids slack off in putting together their portfolios, but there probably are a few," said Mrs. Schoenfeld. Kendall Summers also

said that she does not really think there is not a reason not to evaluate yourself truly on your effort chart.



Students can also personalize their portfolio projects. "I really enjoy personalizing my portfolio; it shows my creativity and personality," said Hope Reinhart. Some kids like to print coloring pages and put them in the front while others like to draw a picture to put in.

Tony Walker said that he thinks

portfolios are a good idea and that it is good to show your parents what you have accomplished. "I'm actually nervous about presenting to my parents, just because my portfolio isn't done and parent teacher conferences are just around the corner," said Kaylen Lasely.

Some of the kids enjoyed making portfolios and others not as much. Some thought it was another boring thing to do. Leah Eddings said that she thought presenting to her parents was boring and is really not that excited to do it next year.

# Valentines Day fun

By: Madison Mathis

Have you ever wondered why they give away roses on Valentines Day? Well, flowers were considered to be "love tokens" before there even was a St. Valentine's Day. Flowers are said to be tied with fragrance and love, so when they gave flowers away they would chose to give them away to the people they adored or loved.

People ask how roses out of all

flowers are the sweet elegant flower they appear to be, when they have thorns? Well there are several myths behind it. One is about a soft west wind named Sephyr one day opened a lovely rose and Cupid bent over to kiss the elegant petals. When he did, an irate bee hiding inside stung him. Venus got so angry she told Cupid to shoot some bees and string then up on

one of his arrows. She then planted this string of dead bees on the rose stems, and the strings became the rose thorns and ever since then roses have had thorns. This is why we have valentines day!

