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## Chocolate Caramel Cheesecake

### INGREDIENTS

2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
 1/3 cup white sugar  
 1/2 cup butter, melted  
 30 individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped  
 3 tablespoons milk  
 3/4 cup chopped pecans  
 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
 3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
 3/4 cup white sugar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 3 eggs

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Mix well and press into the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of a 9-inch spring-form pan. Pour on melted caramel/pecan mixture and chill for 30 minutes.
2. To make the caramel filling: In a small saucepan, combine caramels and milk. Cook over low heat, stirring, until smooth. Stir in chopped pecans. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
3. In the top of a double boiler, heat chocolate, stirring occasionally, until chocolate is melted and smooth. Remove from heat and allow to cool to lukewarm. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Fold 1/3 of the filling into the melted chocolate, then pour the chocolate mixture back into the filling and mix until no streaks remain. Pour into crust.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 50 minutes, or until center is almost set. Place a pan of water on rack underneath cheesecake as it bakes to help keep it from cracking. Cool in oven with door cracked open. Refrigerate at least 5 hours before serving.

from <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Chocolate-Caramel-Cheesecake/Detail.aspx>



On the cover: Kyla Ball as Annie and Chance Carmichael as Daddy Warbucks.  
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# T. G. I. B. F.

story by: chance carmichael

The sky is as black as tar. Not even the moon or stars show through today. As the pitch black encompasses you. A loud howl sounds off in the distance behind you signifying a crying child. As you turn around, you shriek at the site of lethargically moving grey people shuffling from place to place. As florescent lights wash out everything, you realize...it's time to shop! Wait...what? Yes, Black Friday is not a dark day, but supposedly the start of profit for many businesses.

Thank goodness it's (almost) Black Friday!

"It is my favorite day to go shopping; not just for the deals but for some serious people watching," teacher

Kristy Ebersole laughed.

Businesses do see quite an increase in shoppers, since it is the day after Thanksgiving and the first day of the Christmas season. It is supposedly most profitable shopping day of the holiday season. Many shopping bags sway in crowds and the malls are saturated with shoppers, but Black Friday has actually been the second busiest shopping day. The busiest in some preceding years has been the Saturday before Christmas.

"My mom doesn't like it 'cause it's hectic. But I think shopping is a sport and I want to go!" Maddie Wise said.

The busiest shopping day of the year involves traffic

jams and lines winding out of the door into streets and parking lots, but despite this dark side its name lies in economics.

In the business world, "black" refers the profit a business makes. Up until Black Friday, the profits are supposedly down in the "red," or negative, which signifies no profit.

However, Black Friday throws the profit line back up into the "black" as sales sky-rocket during the holidays. Most stores even offer special sales to lure more people into their ever-expanding crowds.

If you decide to join the masses, the savings are sure to be hot, but don't get lost in the crowds.

## Thanksgiving Vocabulary Lesson

**A●dopt-a-tur●key** [uh-dopt-uh-tur-kee] n.: Instead of consuming a turkey on Thanksgiving, some people – mostly vegans and vegetarians – rescue and feed a turkey for the holiday. For more information, check out [adoptaturkey.org](http://adoptaturkey.org).

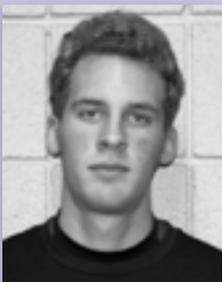
**Cy●ber Mon●day** [sahy-ber-muhn-dey] n.: The first day back to work from the Thanksgiving holiday on which it is said that people shop online most. However, this theory has been debunked for the past few years.

**Ch'u●sok** [chew-sock] n.: A Korean thanksgiving meaning "fall evening" that celebrates the "harvest moon" near the end of September. This is one of Korea's most important festivals. Koreans give thanks to their ancestors for good fortune. Korean foreign exchange student Ji Hyun Lee explains the event. "We wear traditional clothes, make food – a big dinner like in America, and we visit our grandparents' tombs."

## Thanksgiving Q and A

feature by: jackie schwemmer

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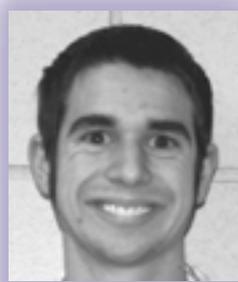


**Q:** How do you spend your Thanksgiving?

**A:** "I go to both of my grandmas' houses, then if I'm still hungry I go over to Devin's."  
Kaitlin Lanzrath

**Q:** What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?

**A:** "Spending time with family, eating homemade food, and watching football!"  
Brice Walsten



**Q:** Do you travel anywhere for Thanksgiving?

**A:** "Yes, to Salina or Atwood, Kansas."  
Joe Marks

**Q:** What are you thankful for?

**A:** "I am thankful for my family, friends, my church family and all the blessings God has given me."  
Kristina Nulik



**Q:** Do you have any special family traditions?

**A:** "My brothers and I see who can eat the most without declaring it a competition."  
Courtney Maikowski

## Catching up with last year's foreign exchange students

### Karin Sundt Bendixvold

feature by: chance carmichael

Q: What have you been up to since you returned to your home?

A: Since I got home I've been really busy. It seems like everything needs to be done this year! School is really hard and at the same time there's the big school play, horseback riding, college visits; and also I've started to exercise because I would like to get into the military. And I have been cold for months! The snow has come, and it is not going away until May next year. . .

Q: Has it been odd adjusting back to normal life?

A: Coming home was almost like arriving in America for the first time. I mixed up the two languages, and I dreamt in English for a long time. When I woke up in the

mornings I was ready for a new day in Mulvane, until I felt the cold and realized I was in Norway. It broke my heart every time. Now I'm used to being here, but I still miss Mulvane A LOT.

Q: Would you like to say anything to anyone here in Kansas? If so, what?

A: Mrs. Haar: I couldn't bear taking chemistry when I came back; I knew it would never be the same again! Brandy Stapleton: Move to Norway! I miss your face! Haha! Shanna Smith: I am longing for your spaghetti and little potatoes.

Q: Are you planning on returning to America anytime soon?

A: March 16<sup>th</sup> I'll be in Kansas again! I can't wait!

### Jadesarit "Wai" Promvicha

Q: What have you been up to since you returned to your home?

A: I have been in school like nonstop! When I got back here my school just started.

Q: Has it been odd adjusting back to normal life?

A: Yeahhhh, it was sooo odd for me, I felt like. . . a weirdo! [When I am] asked [a question] in Thai I always answer it in English, [to the point where] I don't know what language I've just said. Well, I can tell from their countenance. LOL.

Q: Would you like to say anything to anyone here in Kansas? If so, what?

A: OMG!!!!!! I miss Mulvane and everyone there. I miss Homecoming, where we can shout out loud to cheer

our football players and basketball players on; I miss the school Christmas dance and prom where I can shake my booty. I miss cross country where I met good friends like Amber Smith and Tatum Kotsis! Most of all "I love Mulvane!"

Q: Are you planning on returning to America anytime soon?

A: Well, during this time I'm quite busy with all of my school stuff 'cause I'm getting ready to get into college, but I still look forward to seeing you all, so I'm still finding my right time for flying back there. It might be this summer . . . or next summer . . . whatever. But yeah, you'll see this Thai Asian girl again!

## KAY Regional Conference

Eleven members of the Mulvane KAY Club attended the Area 6 KAY Regional Conference on November 2 at Garden Plain High School. The club received the Gold Award, recognizing their student leadership and service to their school, community, nation and world for the 2006-2007 school year.

The theme for the 2007 Regional Conference was "Got Service?" This conference affords opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share successes and challenges as well as exchange ideas.

KAY members from MHS attending were: Kayla Loper, Brook Kendall, Stephanie Boal, Angela Korbe, Dana Nelson, Devan Redington, PJ LaCoss, Haley Knapp, Taite Pulliam, Tamara Vasko and Becki Rhodes. Accompanying the group was Mrs. Denise Woods, co-sponsor.

## Upcoming School Events:

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Jazz Band concert @ 7:30

Thursday, Nov. 29: Wrestling @ Newton 5:00

Friday, Nov. 30: Basketball @ Winfield

Freshmen 4:15, Girls 6:00, Boys 7:30

Saturday, Dec. 1: Wrestling @ Campus 9:00 am

Snowflake Soiree 8:00

Monday-Friday, Dec. 3-7: KAY Citizenship Week

Basketball early-season tournaments

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Winter sports team pictures

Thursday, Dec. 6: Wrestling @ Winfield 5:30

# Sweat for Success

◀ When the eating starts slowing down, be sure to tone it up! ▶

feature by: jackie schwemmer and heather branson

photos by: jamie thomas and axel costello

## 4 Simple Steps

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1. First you will need two canned goods. Place one in each hand and find a set of stairs.
2. Once on the stairs, put your feet on the edge, toes pointing parallel forward and your heels hanging halfway off the edge. Then slowly do calf raises.
3. With each raise, hold your heels in the air for 10 seconds using your abdominal and gludial muscles to hold yourself steady.
4. Lift the canned good up for bicep curls while holding this position. Repeat these steps for five sets of 10.

# Football dream season comes to a close

story by: robin carmichael

“Thunder’s rollin’, boys, thunder’s rollin’,” was a major motivational phrase said during every practice and game this football season.

Another popular ritual was “Stand Up For the Champions,” which is a title to a song that was played at every home game this season.

As you know the football team had an 11-1 season. It started off with a bang, winning against El Dorado with the score of 38-7.

Then they traveled to Valley Center for yet another win 30-20.

Next on the list was Buhler where they took names and well, you know the rest.

After that was all said and done, Andover was a piece of cake and they ended up at homecoming against the Rose Hill Rock-

ets. With great plays and extraordinary players they put another notch in the victory belt.

They claimed the league championship against Augusta with a win of 28-22 over the Orioles. Another step closer to the District Champions, they destroyed Wellington 33-6.

With a big name for themselves they kept it big with the huge 42-13 win over the Douglass Bulldogs.

Last in the regular season with their perfect record, Belle Plaine was a very easy opponent, they slayed the Dragons 50-21.

Their first match was Rose Hill, but the “thunder was rollin’” in their favor that night, they made it through winning 38-28 kicking Rose Hill out of the race for state, and being crowned Bi-District Champions.

The Wildcats traveled to Wamego to battle the Red Raiders. A battle it was, but they took them out in the end with a final score of 30-27, it was a true nail-bitter.

After so much support, the Wildcats traveled five hours away to the number three ranked Ulysess Tigers. After winning every game this season it was hard to go home with their first loss. But their heads were held high after so many achievements.

With the titles of League, District and Bi-district Champions, and a multitude of individual awards they had one amazing, incredible, breath-taking, nail-biting, extraordinary season.



photos by Cheryl Cardwell

above: David Kraft pushes back a Ulysess lineman. Quarterback Jordan Gosch looks for an open receiver.

## Klassy Kats are hot, hot, hot!

story by: tyler schuckman

Most people know Klassy Kats are dancers, but what else do the Klassy Kats do? Who are these dancing divas?

“Our practices consist of occasional technique, but for the most part we learn routines and perfect them to perform,” Jackie Schwemmer said.

left to right: Chelsy Hardin, Emily Lager, and Bridgette Webster.



photo by Kristy Ebersole

“My favorite part of Klassy Kats is meeting and gaining friendships with girls that I might have never met,” Emily Lager stated.

At the North High School showcase on November 13, the Klassy Kats did a fantastic job with their dance mix to a medley of music titled “hot.”

Twenty-four teams performed at the showcase, and about 30 fans from Mulvane showed up to support the girls.

These perfectionists are coached by Mrs. Nicole Streff-Collignon and include: seniors Lacey Herrmann, Bridgette Webster (captain), Emily Lager, and Angela Korbe (captain); juniors Heather Branson, Jackie Schwemmer (captain), Shelby Sorensen (captain), and Brianna Korbe; sophomores Grace Schwemmer, Stormi Potucek, and Kalina Bartlett; freshmen Katie Wall and Chelsy Hardin.

# Where were you then?

editorial by: katie holladay

I find this amazing. I have been to over 30 cross country meets in my life. At all of them, there have been the same general spectators.

You've got your team members, coaches and administrators, family, and some friends. That is who has been at every meet I've been to, until the end of this year.

It amazes me. Just because our team is doing extremely well, half the town decides to start supporting

our team. It happened with football as well. With every new win came more and more spectators.

I am not in any way putting people down for supporting our town's teams. I think it is wonderful to have so many people at a meet or game.

What bothers me is that they aren't there unless the team doing well. It's the same participants, whether they're winning or losing!

It's as if they're saying, "If you are winning, we helped

you get there; but if you're not doing well, we had nothing to do with it."

A team wins together and loses together. I think supporters should be brave enough, and willing, to put as much effort into a losing team as a winning one. A lot of times it is a group that is not doing very well that needs the most support.

Please continue being there for our teams. But be there no matter what the score or record may be.

# Hey fans, let's show class

editorial by: heather branson

The lights dim and the scoreboard flashes victory.

"Mulvane Wildcats undefeated once again!" is splattered across *The Mulvane News*, and on local new channels. Honestly it doesn't get any better than this.

The excitement has spread through the halls of MHS like the plague, in a good way. Even those who don't feel passion for football are still enthusiastic about this season's outcome. I feel very privileged to be a part of Mulvane High, but let's prove that we deserve it.

There has been some frustration about some of the actions taken during the games, but is it really that hard to be considerate?

I know that some of you

are too naïve to answer this, so I'll just come right out and tell you, no it's really not. Trust me, I get into the game just like everyone else, but the other team strives for victory too.

It's stupid that some feel that it is necessary to put down our surrounding schools. Good clean competition is always encouraged, but booing and cussing is not acceptable. I am not speaking to everyone; few may start this trend, but it takes only that few to ruin everything we've worked for.

The football boys and go out there and make us look amazing, and then people in the stands just turn around and do the opposite.

Consequently, what is all over [varsitykansas.com](http://varsitykansas.com) the next day; a short story

about the game, and an all-out brawl about the bad sportsmanship.

People, this is what makes us look bad. It may not be everyone that does it, but it only takes one person to turn the focus on the bad attributes.

It has been a hard year for all of us; it really is amazing how much we have all come together, and I'm not just referring to our football team. This is what movies are made of.

I am so proud of the football team, the Rowdie Crowd, the cheerleaders, the band, the Klassy Kats, and the community for supporting Mulvane. November 29 is the first wrestling match, and on November 30 basketball games will follow suit; I expect to see you all there!

# We are family

story by: katie holladay

If you came to watch *Annie* this weekend, you didn't even see half of what went into that show.

The cast and crew spent three or more hours a night, four days a week, for three months to present just three performances.

Practices included singing, dancing, running lines, constructing the set, checking lights and sound, learning shift moves, and building a family. These fifty or so people, who are as different as the colors in a crayon box, came together to create one show.

This year, I became a part of this family. And honestly, it was different than anything I could have imagined. There are so many traditions that I still don't know even half of. One is the infamous tape ball, which is wrapped in medical tape before each MHS production and signed by all individuals that are a part of the show.

Also, "Thank you places," is a common term backstage. It is chanted by every cast and crew member after the stage manager says "Places," to instruct that it is show time.

Everyone involved is so welcoming during a production. I was truly amazed at how quickly I was accepted. People can be worst enemies anywhere else, but when they walk onto that stage, they become a family.

### jamie's random fact

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 to commemorate the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony after a harsh winter. In that year, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. The colonists celebrated it as a traditional English harvest feast, to which they invited the local Wampanoag Indians.

Days of thanksgiving were celebrated throughout the colonies after fall harvests. All thirteen colonies did not, however, celebrate Thanksgiving at the same time until October 1777. George Washington declared it a national holiday in 1789.

Reference: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/tgturkey1.html>

### joke of the month

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,  
but I just couldn't sleep...  
I tried counting backwards,  
I tried counting sheep.  
The leftovers beckoned...the dark meat and white,  
but I fought the temptation with all of my might.  
Tossing and turning with anticipation,  
the thought of a snack became infatuation.  
So I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door,  
and gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.  
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,  
stuffing with gravy, green beans and tomatoes.  
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,  
till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.  
I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky  
with a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.  
But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees...  
"Happy eating to all -- pass the cranberries, please."

Reference: <http://www.101thanksgiving.com/jokes.html>



### things to do in Wichita

- Nov. 23: **Lights of Love**, Bradley Fair  
**Star of Bethlehem** opens, Exploration Place  
**Illuminations**, Botanica, weekends 'til Dec. 9
- Nov. 26: **Clay Aiken Christmas Show**, Central Christian Church
- Nov. 27: **Jim Brickman Holiday Concert**, Century II
- Dec. 5: **"The Santaland Diaries,"** Stage One, through Dec. 16
- Dec. 7: **"The Nutcracker,"** Friends University, weekends 'til Dec. 16  
**Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert**, Coliseum
- Dec. 11: **Wichita Symphony free concert**, Century II
- Dec. 13: **"A Christmas Story,"** Orpheum

### holiday movies to see with the family

Nov. 21: *Enchanted* - An animated fairy-tale princess-to-be is jetisoned to real-world New York City by an evil queen.

*August Rush* - August Rush is a musical prodigy sprung from genetically blessed parents. Problem is, he's never met them. But that's about to change if fate has a say.

Dec. 7: *Atonement* - Keira Knightley and James McAvoy star in the season's big English romance, based on Ian McEwan's novel of flirtations and false accusation set in 1930s England through World War II.

Dec. 14: *Alvin and the Chipmunks* - Tim Hill (a writer on "Spongebob Squarepants") leads this effort of computer animation mixed with live action involving the signing rodents.

*I Am Legend* - Will Smith and a German shepherd take on the big-screen adaptation of the Richard Matheson novel about one man against others infected by a man-made virus.

Dec. 21: *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* - Nicolas Cage investigates newly-discovered pages from John Wilkes Booth's diary, which suggest others were involved in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.