

# The Cougar Claw

## Newsletter



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## The Stage Door Opens

In this Issue



"A stage door is where the actors come out onto the street after a performance. It is common today for fans to wait outside the stage door after a Broadway play to see their favorite stars." In this play, "we learn that telling ourselves we can do anything {and it} gives us the strength to keep go-

ing," said Camee Faulk. Kearns High School's production of Stage Door" was directed by Camee Faulk, Technical Director is Tom Rogers, and Stage Crew Supervisor was Monica Black. Stage Crew includes: Miriam Gutierrez, Kayla Elderedge, Jessica Larrabee, Brady Smith, Jordan Robin-

son, and Compton Defretas. Cast includes: Annabeth Martinez, Kyle Grimes, Andreas Inkley, Rebecca DeGraffenried, Logan Jeperson, Sierra Unger, Paige Anderson, Suzy DeGraffenried, Gabrielle Grubaugh, Courtney Maybe, Holland Hanks, Deanna Inkley, Alexandria Leonard, Keilee Gustafson, Alexis Spears, Bailee Schafer, Ayanna White, Kristina Eubanks, Amanda Kelsey, Sariah Pierce, Caleb Gustafson, Alan Virgen, Ramses Contreras, Zach Lucero, Franky Lopez, Dillon Bell, Luis Salazar, and Dillon Bell.

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## Upcoming Events

March 28-April 6: Spring break

7th- 10 Grassroots

7th Sterling Scholar breakfast 7:30-8:30 am

8th Panoramic Senior picture 10 -10:30 am

8th -11th Cheer Tryouts 3-7 pm

10th Region Band Festival @ WX 2-9 pm

11th Election Assembly

11th Band Spring Spectacular Concert 7-9 pm

12th ACT test 7 am - 1 pm

15th Federal Income Tax due

17th - 18th Dance Company Spring Concert 7-9 pm

21st - 23rd Dance Company auditions 3:30 - 6:30 pm

23rd Large Choir Festival @ WX 6-8 pm

24th Band string extravaganza concert 7-9 pm

25th Battle of the sexes assembly 8:50- 9:50 am

26th Band State solo and ensemble @ Northridge

28th District performing arts awards 5-9:30 pm

## President Addresses Student Body



Well cougars here we are, at the end of 3rd quarter. The finish line of the school year is arising quickly but always remember wherever there's an end, you will have a new beginning.

There are SBO elections taking place currently and we wish all candidates involved with grassroots the best of luck. If anyone is interested in being a junior or senior class

officer next year you can pick up an application in room 134 on April 14 and they are due April 16 so make sure to ask for recommendations beforehand. Make sure to encourage your friends to get involved; there are only a few months left! Like Rashad Evans said, "I'm going to appreciate everything because before you know it, this will be just a memory."

Sincerely,  
Jade LoPatriello  
Student Body President



## Announcements

- Key Club Fundraiser for "March of Dimes" is taking place all this month! Help improve the health of mothers and their babies, including premature babies. Talk to a Key Club officer or Mr. Steinacker (room 227) to donate or find out more.

- Yearbooks are selling quickly! Go online and order yours asap so you do not miss out on the best yearbook yet.

- The Literary Arts Magazine is a collection of student artwork, writing, and photog-

raphy. This year's theme is "Passion Unleashed" and we are still looking for submissions. Please showcase your talent in this student publication. All entries are due to Mrs. Duran in room 210 by April 11th.

- Attention students: If you earned a 3.8 GPA for each of the three quarters so far this year (not cumulative), and if you have great citizenship grades with no ones or zeros, and you have at least three academic classes during each of the three quarters, then

you qualify for the academic letter award. You must apply to get the award. Applications will be available in your English classes or from Ms. Nicholson in room 103 starting Monday, April 7th. It must be turned in with a copy of your third term report card attached by Friday, April 11th.

- Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be completed on March 27, 2014.

- During the month of May,

credit recovery will be available for seniors only. Seniors, any classes failed during fourth quarter cannot be made up until the summer. This means if you fail a class during fourth quarter that you need to fulfill graduation requirements, you cannot participate in the graduation ceremony.

- Field trip permission slips to Utah State on Friday, April 18, 2014 are due to the counseling center on March 17, 2014.

## Cop Column, Advice for Traffic Accidents

By Officer Wilkins

Car accidents can be scary and stressful no matter how minor. Here are some helpful Q&A about accidents and some safety tips which may help you if you are involved in a traffic accident. 1) Should I call police for every accident? If anyone is injured, the damage is significant, or property was damaged (like hitting a light pole or fence) then YES you must notify police. If there are no injuries and the combined damage is less than \$1,000.00, you have the option to just exchange driver & insurance information with the other driver and forego waiting for Police. 2) What should I do about a collision in a parking lot when nobody is around and I need to leave? Wait for police if damage is over \$1,000. If not, you should leave a note for the owner with your insurance and contact info so they can file

a claim if needed, and so they do not report a "hit and run". You should also report it to police just to be safe.

Note the plate numbers, time, location, and vehicle description. Call the non-emergency number 801-743-7000 for police rather than 911.

3) Should I move my car if it's blocking the roadway? If there are injuries do not move the vehicles until police arrive. You may move the vehicles to the side of the road if nobody was injured, and it's safe to do so. Some other helpful tips

relating to accidents are:

- Do not talk about who is at fault to anyone other than police. This can lead to

arguments and incorrect assumptions.

- Get the case number from the responding officer, the insurance company will need it when you file a claim.

- Keep a "crash kit" in your car with a current copy of your ID, and registration, insurance card. Consider adding a first aid kit, blanket, note pad, pencil (pens freeze), and disposable camera.
- Air bags have a burnt smell and a release a powder or smoke when they go off.



Officer Wilkins

It's good to know this in advance in case they go off. The most common causes of crashes are not yielding when turning left, running red lights, and rear-enders. The most common collisions here at Kearns High are due to unsafe backing or parking maneuvers. Please remember to buckle up, park your phone. And last safety tip DON'T ride with your feet on the dash. The last crash I responded to involved a teen female passenger with her feet casually up on the dash. Suddenly, another car turned left in front of them as they went through a busy intersection causing a crash and the air bag deployed. The girl with her feet on the dash suffered broken ankles and femur. I hope in sharing this I can prevent a similar incident from happening to you. Thank you Cougars for reading and drive safe out there!



## Congratulations For Going To Region Drama Competition!

The drama classes had great success at the Region Drama Competition! Of the 19 pieces taken to region, 13 are going to state!

### **CLASSICAL SCENES:**

Sierra Unger and Kyle Grimes--*Othello*

John Holmes, Emily Harmon, and Faha Uhi--*Ruddigore*

### **CONTEMPORARY**

### **SCENES:**

Rebecca DeGraffenried and Suzy DeGraffenried--*Stage Door*

Donovan Miller and Dylan

Bjornberg--*Sunshine Boys*  
Alexus Spears, Deanna Inkley, and Kimberlee Barnhurst--*Crimes of the Heart*

Mariah Norton and Logan Jepperson--*The Staggering Heartbreak of Jasmine Meriweather*

### **DRAMATIC MONOLOGUES:**

Holland Hanks--*Nuts*

### **HUMOROUS MONOLOGUES:**

Nathan Berry--*Portal*

Anneliese Johnston--*Serial Killer*

### **PANTOMIME:**

Cody Martinez and Chris Brothers--*Blood Brothers*

### **MUSICAL THEATRE:**

Annbeth Martinez--*There's a Fine, Fine Line*

Chris Hymas--*Confrontation*

Bailee Schafer and Melissa Salguero--*Stepsisters Lament*



## WWW turns 25

By Sierra Shields

This year is the World Wide Web's birthday. It did exist before then, but it wasn't used for the public. Its first software was Mosaic. Hoffman, a professor at Vanderbilt University, loaded her software. Hoffman said "We've changed the world forever," She was right. The use of the

Internet has had a dramatic jump over the years. Going from 14% to 87% in 25 years is impres-

sive. Most of the world today uses the Internet. It's said most Americans would give up their television for the Internet. Most companies back in the 90's wouldn't have dreamed it would be this



big. So whenever you're on the web say, "Happy Birthday".

<http://www.nbcnews.com>

## Hailey Kinder Gets an Honorable mention



Hailey Kinder

This year, Hailey Kinder entered a piece of writing into the Scholastic Writing Competition. Hailey's piece was written well enough to receive an honorable mention. According to Mrs. Coon, only 40% out of 225,000 entries are mentioned. The piece was written as an assignment for Mrs. Coon's Advanced Placement class.





## Having a Sporty Summer!

By: Clover

During the summer, many people like to exercise to lose weight, and to just have fun. The Cougar Claw reporter interviewed some students. The majority of the students said that basketball outdoors, football, and soccer always come to mind when they're bored in the summer. One student, Nohemy Montez, says "Soccer is great for summer because the sun is out and you can just enjoy the breeze."

Volleyball is another great

sport because you can be out with your tank tops



and shorts and become physical.

Another sport is Basketball, you can play it at the

gym and out at the parks; just bring your basketball

and start playing. Playing basketball in the summer is great because you can play all day with no worries that it will rain and you can just play until the end of the day. With football, you can just go out and play some football because the weather is nice and the grass is nice and green. Be motivated to play any sport because it's healthy and its fun.

Play sports this summer so that you can enjoy Mother Nature!

## Track is springing with fun!

By: Fernanda Partida

Track and field has begun and they're off to a good start. Track & Field isn't, as many people think, just running. It varies from sprinting, long jump and throwing. There are different coaches for every event there is, who help the beginners. Coach Flannagan works with the throwers and Coach Williams works with Sprinters. They train everyone on each specific event so that everyone knows what they will want to do. Practices are everyday from 2:30 until 4 p.m. and it's held out on the track, of course.

If anyone is interested, people can still join, but there are a few requirements such as:

1. No more than one F.
2. GPA & CPA cannot be lower than a 2.0
3. Have a physical done
4. No illegal drugs or any alcoholic beverages.



### Upcoming Sporting Events

April 7

M. Varsity Baseball game @ Kearns vs Highland 3:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m

April 8

Cheer Tryouts 3-7 p.m (Auxiliary gym)  
M. Tennis @ Kearns vs East 3-5 p.m.  
M. Soccer @ Bountiful vs Bountiful 3:30-6:30 p.m

April 9

Track & Field @ Kearns vs Highland & Woodcross 3-6 p.m

April 14

Dance Co. Family Meeting in auditorium 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 15

W. Softball @ Cottonwood 3:30-6 p.m

April 17

Dance Co Spring concert @ Auditorium 7-9



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## Poetry Corner

### Butterfly

Fluttering little butterfly,  
In my belly I watched you fly.  
Twisting, turning, and taking to a  
summers breeze,  
Can he see? My butterfly can he  
see?

Before the love and butterflies,  
Winter settled where love had died.  
Along came a gardener, who saved  
Saved the garden deep in my heart.

Planting flowers of energy  
And rivers of emotion.  
Like a river long since abandoned,  
Love rushed in and flooding life  
within

Within my belly there began to  
grow,  
A little, little caterpillar.  
Through forests and rivers my but-  
terfly grew  
With the wings of my heart and  
love anew.

My butterfly remembers when it all  
began,  
The day he arrived and my sorrow  
ran.  
Whenever I see him, my butterfly  
does so,  
He flutters and flutters until my  
stomach does too.  
-Jay Parker

## Be Yourself

Being yourself is way better than faking who you are and what you stand for.

Dear Bertha  
I feel like no one likes me, and  
does not want to get to know me.  
It's really hard trying to fit in  
with everyone, but I keep trying  
and it seems like it is just making  
matters worse. I have friends, but  
the problem is they don't know  
the real me. They only know  
what they want to know. I am  
afraid to show them the real me  
because they might not accept me.  
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
"Be yourself no matter what.  
Some will adore you and some

will hate everything about you,  
but who cares? It's your life;  
make the most out of it." -Un-  
known

"Be yourself because an origi-  
nal is worth more than a copy."  
-Unknown

Being yourself is way better  
than faking who you are and what  
you stand for. You're wrong about  
no one liking you. You should  
never let people change who you  
are. They are not true friends if  
they want you to change, and  
they are not worth the time. It is  
always easier to be friends with

people like you but you will not  
be able to know who you are if  
you are hiding behind a mask. If  
they are your true friends, they  
will accept you no matter what,  
no matter your values in life or  
even your personality. My advice  
is to show them who you really  
are and what you stand for. If they  
don't like it, they are missing out  
on a lot of awesome things in life.  
Don't let anybody change who  
you are. You are you and no one  
else.

-Bertha Le' Fouldes

## Overcoming

By Evelyn Montes  
Taylor's perspective on life was not  
the best. Her mother had passed  
away and she never knew her  
dad. Taylor lived with her  
grandmother Anne, but life  
wasn't all that easy because her  
grandmother was abusive. It was  
hard for Taylor to show up to  
school because she always had  
bruises and people would ask  
how she got them. All the kids  
would stare at Taylor and talk  
about her. Monday morning, Taylor  
was walking into the computer  
lab to work on an essay when she  
bumped into a girl and dropped  
all her books. While helping her

pick them up, Taylor noticed the  
girl had bruises all over her arms.



They both just stared at each other.  
Taylor asked for the girl's name but  
the girl simply walked away. Later  
on that day, Taylor heard someone  
say "It's Alex". When she turned

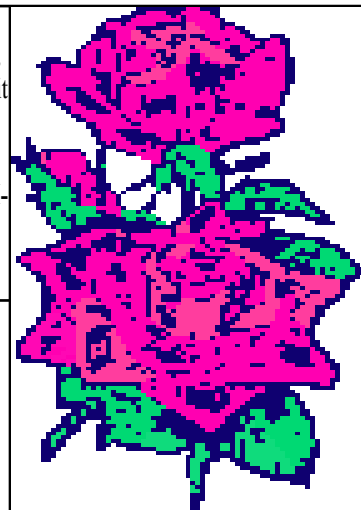
around she noticed it was the girl  
who she had bumped into. Taylor  
asked Alex how she had gotten her  
bruises and Alex replied that her  
dad was very abusive. They began  
to talk because they both were go-  
ing through the same thing. Alex  
took Taylor to a program she was  
in that really helped her out. The  
program was an abusive awareness  
club which helped both girls. For  
the next couple of weeks, both Alex  
and Taylor attended the program  
and they ended up in a foster home  
which they loved. Together, with  
each other's help and support they  
overcame their situation.

## Let's be heard, don't be silenced!

Do you want to have your short story or  
poem in our next newspaper issue? If so,  
do not wait for the right moment. Make it  
the right moment.

Email your short stories or poems at [KH-Spoetrycorner@yahoo.com](mailto:KH-Spoetrycorner@yahoo.com) and visit  
our website at [khs poets.webs.com](http://khs poets.webs.com)

Ads: Something to say to an-  
other student? Happy  
Birthday, Congrats, Etc.  
~\$5 for 15-25 words  
~\$1 for every 5 extra words  
that you want to include.



Recently, more and more people  
are losing their voices to the crowd  
that is pressing in, but I won't be  
silenced. My voice deserves to be  
heard and so does yours. If you have  
anything that you feel should be  
added into the paper, then do not let  
your thoughts go to waste.  
Together, a difference can be made,  
let's give a voice to the clubs and  
crowds who are smothered by  
everything else. Go to my site and  
lets make a difference one step at a  
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