



Pictured L-R: Sophomores Charleigh Haskins, Aiden O'Dell, Juniors Emily Lewis, Evin Simpson, Senior Aislyn King, Junior Logan Webb, King Alistair Lara and Queen Emma Morrill, Senior Paige Henderson, Juniors Gable Norman, Fabiola Favela, Caleb O'Dell, Sophomores AllyAnn Beard and Kyson Head. Flower Girl- Harper Head and Crown Bearer- Levi Turner

Wrestling Royalty

By Paige Scott

On January 21st Emma Morrill was crowned as our 2019-2020 Wrestling Queen and Alistair Lara as our 2019-2020 King. The senior attendants were Paige Henderson and Aislyn King, with Gable Norman and Logan Webb, juniors, as their escorts. The junior attendants were Emily Lewis and Fabiola Favela who were escorted by Evin Simpson and Caleb O'Dell. The sophomore attendants were AllyAnn Beard and Charleigh Haskins, escorted by Kyson Head and Aidan O'Dell. The theme for the evening was rustic with colors of light blue, mauve, navy, and greenery. The wrestling team did not disappoint with a huge win over the Newkirk Tigers.

Australia Ablaze

By Zarek Burkert

Fires in Australia are not a new occurrence, and typically develop during the arid Australian summers. Australia has what is called a "fire season" where their land is especially dry due to extreme heat. This past year, however, led to the both the driest and hottest year measured in the country's history. This led to some of the worst fires the country has ever faced. Many experts believe the fires started due to natural causes and human-caused global warming. However, in recent days, there have been multiple arrests of those who are believed to have set the fires intentionally. This fire has not only burned over 12.35 million acres, but has also led to the death of over a billion animals. These fires have caused some of the worst devastation in Australia's history.

Puerto Rican Rumbles

Carson Garrett

The earth in Puerto Rico once again trembled with earthquakes earlier this month. On January 6th, a 5.8 magnitude earthquake took down one of the biggest tourist attractions in Puerto Rico, a natural rock formation called "Punta Ventana", or window point. A bigger, more devastating earthquake, measured as a 6.4 magnitude, caused a nationwide blackout and destroyed many building and homes. Fortunately, there has only been one casualty and eight injuries reported. Things were settling down after the January 7th earthquake until a warehouse of hidden relief supplies were discovered. Hopefully, Puerto Rico can begin to heal and rebuild without any more natural catastrophes—or man-made ...

International Corruption

Ramon Dominguez

General Soleimani of Iran attacked our U.S. Embassy. This alarmed the United States and President Donald Trump, who decided to retaliate by sending airstrikes that killed Iran's General Soleimani. Iran was shocked at the U.S. response, so they responded with another attack on a base where U.S. troops were staying in Iraq. President Trump in turn sent more troops to the base.

According to npr.org, "Trump says Iran is standing down and vows to continue the pressure". The White House notes, "The President emphasized the value of NATO increasing its role in preventing conflict and preserving peace in the Middle East."

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What's New?

Hoop It Up

By Emma Morrill

The Lady Maroons have been working hard this season, and their record at the moment is 5-8. This year, our team is lead by 8 seniors: Madison Kincaid, Paige Scott, Tori Wood, Graycee Chambers, Riley Matlock, Emma Weidman, Jayden Looper, and Brittany Harth. We also have two senior basketball managers, Carmen Navarro and Mekayellah Dill. The girls are currently competing in the NOC Tournament, Jan. 23rd-25th, so head down to Tonkawa tonight at 4 p.m. at the THS gym to support our Lady Maroons!

Maroons on the Mat

By Madison Kincaid

The Blackwell Maroon Wrestlers are over half-way through their season and are doing well with a dual record of 6-2. While at the Norman Tournament, we had Aiden Odell, Christian Mora, and Tanner Botts get 1st, Caleb Odell get 2nd, and Kayden Ailey get 3rd. Also at the Cushing Tournament, Tanner Botts got 2nd, Mikey Riley got 3rd, and Aiden Odell and Christian Mora got 5th. Even though the season is growing closer to the end, it is also nearing its most important part. So with districts right around the corner in Pawnee, on January 28th, our wrestlers need all the support we can give!

Are you 21?

By Tori Wood

On November 13th, 2019 the legal age to purchase tobacco and vaping products was raised to 21. Tobacco remains the number one cause of preventable death and disease with nearly 500,000 premature deaths a year.

Lawmakers hope to lower this number because most users start before age 18. The rate of high school students using these products has increased over the last five years.

This change is not going over well with people at the age of eighteen. They feel that if they are able to go to war for their country then they should be able to decide whether or not they choose to use Tobacco.

Boys Basketball

By Brett Lenon

The Maroons Boys Basketball are 9-5 this season, with their last win against the Woodland Cougars with a score of 57-43. They will play Pawnee tonight at 8 p.m. in the NOC Tournament at the NOCgym. The next home game is Tuesday, January 28th against Frontier. Come and support our Basketball players!

Go Maroons!!



Movie Review

By Carmen Navarro

This last week we had a three day weekend since we had no school Monday. All I did was watch movies!

One of the movies that I watched was *My Sisters Keeper*. This movie came out in 2009 and it is about a family who are very close. One of their daughters has cancer so she spends a lot of her time in the hospital. This leaves the other daughter at home to fend for herself because her parents are always at the hospital. When the oldest daughter decides to emancipate herself it threatens to ruin their family for good.

I watched this movie with my mom and my family and they all give it a 'thumbs-up'. This is a heart-warming film although it is very sad and you might cry. If you like family movies I highly recommend checking out this film from the early 2000's. It is an "oldie...but goodie".