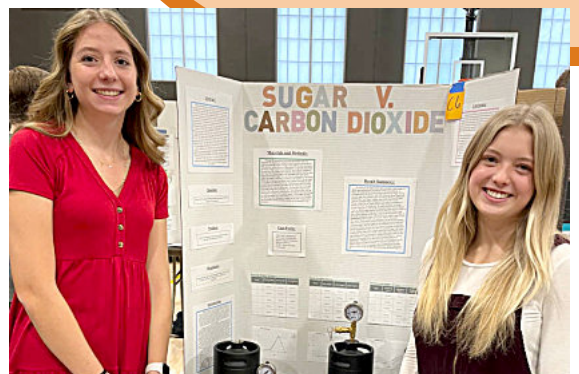


SCIENCE *feud*

Kombucha Conundrum. For this years Science Fair sophomores express a new perspective to the Kombucha projects. **Hadley Parks** and **Catherine Berg** worked on the Kombucha project together. "It was nice because it helped give structure for the class, but I feel that you could get the same learning out of a different topic that doesn't just have to be Kombucha," Hadley said. Likewise, **Ben Schumm** expressed that it "was a really interesting way of relating it back to chemistry and making sure everyone has a project in that field, but I also think it makes it a lot harder for the students because they're not able to choose and it's something that is not super interesting. So, a lot of them don't have the drive to work on it."

Katelyn Harding, whose partner was **Leyna Gibson**, explained the mutual longing for a Kombucha category within the Science Fair. "We should have our own section because I think it would help judging and to learn more about what Kombucha is," Katelyn said.



HOLIDAY *hustle*

Terrific Travels. Over Winter Break, some students take the adventurous route of traveling. **Daisy Rush** visited London and Iceland which provided opportunity for many adventures. "I liked being able to hang out with my family for Christmas and to just have fun and make memories," Daisy said. In addition, **Grace Kingen** traveled to two locations over the break. "I went to Chicago and California. I loved Christmas in Chicago and then sunset boogie boarding with **Ravel LaBerge** and **Cadence Fredricey** in California," Grace said. **Riley McManus** traveled with her sister **Morgan McManus** on a cruise. Riley experienced the ups and downs of traveling for a holiday and participated in many fun activities. When traveling over the holidays, family and friendships become the most important thing at the end of the day, even through the chaotic atmosphere of traveling.



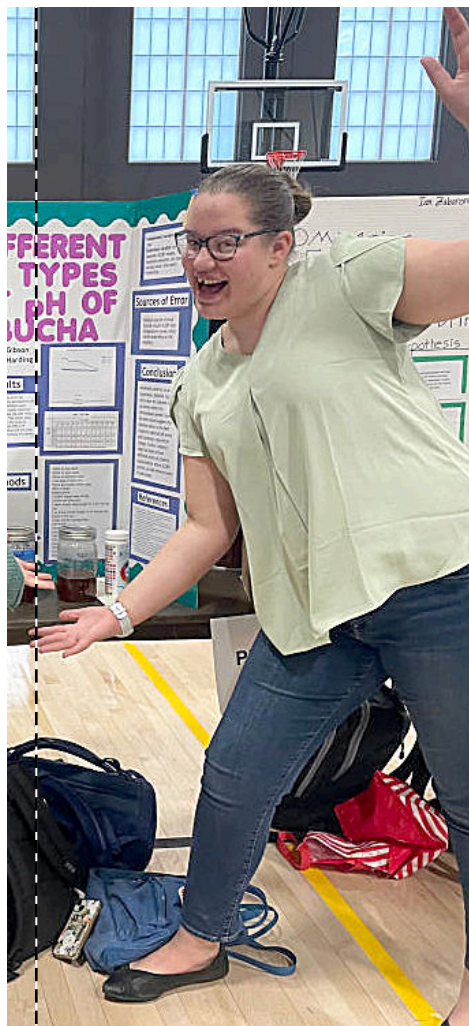
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TESTING the elements



The freshmen of this year's Science Fair express a multitude of emotions about their projects. **Sabrina Madruga** and **Ian Garza** projects both had to do with growth. "It was good. I got to learn more stuff about Microbiology, which was good because I was interested in Microbiology," Ian said. **Soren Thorsten** provided a different experience, "I thought that it provided a lot more stressful experience this year and I kind of lost time." **Ravel LaBerge** expressed, "It makes me try things that I never would." Nevertheless, students from all grades were able to learn and grow from the Science Fair.

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COLLEGE knowledge

College application season is a highly anticipated time of the year by most seniors. "I applied to CU Boulder, Rowan University, CU Denver, Oregon, and South Carolina University. The application process was fairly easy for me because all I had to do was the general application and then, for some schools, a music application with an essay as well. I felt excitement and nervousness with applying, but mainly excitement because I am ready to be done with high school. I wanted to specifically go into a music major because I have been surrounded by it my whole life and I recently found that music production is what I really want to do because I really like the techniques behind music. I also feel that a music space is where I can best show myself and connect with people and find my people too," **Connor Berg** said.

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