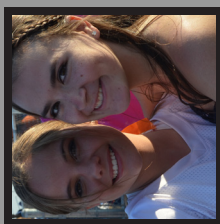


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Homecoming Royalty

By MADDI BRENSING



Nick Mull and Denisse Ramos glowingly walk to their thrones moments after being crowned Fall Homecoming King and Queen. Photo by Marissa Kendall

Homecoming morning appeared chaotic. Everyone could be seen rushing around getting building supplies for class floats, creating signs and figuring out last minute details. Candidates were anxious for the evening ceremony and football boys started getting pumped up for their game at seven. It felt as if there was no time to spare.

When time came, the attendants and candidates lined up to walk out on the field with all eyes on them. The crowd applauded while announcers Morgan Powell and Janessa Zenger read off each of the candidates and attendants

names and answers to the questionnaire they were given earlier in the week. First seen were the attendants, freshmen Alisyn Davis, Isaiah Hohl and Brayden Watson, followed by sophomores Mackenzie Kendall and Franco Holguin, and juniors Aubrey VandenHoek and Ben Spainhour. After that were the senior candidates, Maddie Cannon and Nick Mull, Denisse Ramos and Xander Brensing and Samantha Gwin and Lance Ralstin. Last out on the field was crown bearer, Boone McDonald and flower girl, Kimberly Redecop.

Everyone anxiously waited, and the time finally arrived. There was a slight pause, then the announcers declared, "Your 2014 Kiowa County High School Fall Homecoming King and Queen are Nick Mull and Denisse Ramos!" Mull swept Ramos into a fervent dip. Everyone cheered and congratulated the 2014 Homecoming Royalty as they posed for pictures off the field.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."

- Albert Camus

A FAREWELL TO SUMMER 2014...

BY MARISSA KENDALL

djacks22 is Dylan Jacks, jr.



♥ 36 likes

● djacks22 Jus doin wat I love

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT SUMMER?



"I will miss all the free time that I had to do whatever I wanted. I'll really miss not having any homework."

– Josh Cannon, so.



"The thing that I will miss the most about summer is being able to relax all the time and having the freedom to do whatever I want." – Lauren Hinshaw, fr.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER MEMORY?



"My favorite memory was going to all the bonfires and seeing people I didn't get to hang out with normally during the summer."

– Kelsi Francis, jr.



"My favorite memory of summer was baking a cake with Marissa. We were half way through the frosting recipe when she realized she did it wrong, and it turned out looking like cottage cheese." – Nicole Ballard, so.

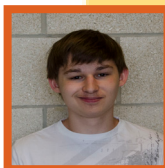
janessakayzenger is Janessa Zenger, so.



♥ 94 likes

● janessakayzenger Mud volleyball today with my USA team! Defiantly doing this again next year. 🇺🇸 #0-3 #fun

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?



"I am looking forward to graduating and moving on from this chapter of my life. I'm also looking forward to having a fun last year with my classmates." – Alex Ford, sr.



"I am looking forward to creating new memories with my friends." – Jenner Little, so.

dancinglolo is Lauren Hinshaw, fr.



♥ 51 likes

● dancinglolo The tans will fade, But the memories will last forever. Summer '14

WELCOME BACK!

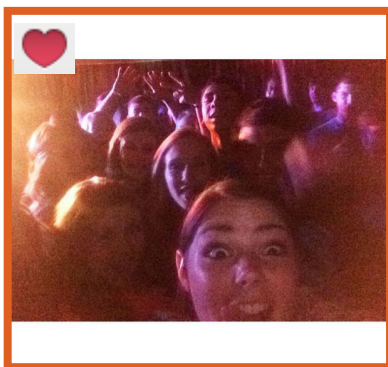
By TIERRA WEST



The Kiowa County High School students join together on the dance floor for the favored dance, "Wobble" by V.I.C. **Photo by Nick M.**

Friday, August 15, the Kiowa County High School students gathered at the Greensburg Rec Gym for the annual Back-to-School Dance. The dance had been the chatter of the week. This dance is not only the first dance of the year, but for some it was their first high school dance to ever attend. "The dance was really awkward at first, but it got a lot better towards the end when us freshmen were not so nervous," stated Alex McVey.

The dance had an amazing turnout. Social media was blowing up all night about how incredible the dance was. It was some people's favorite dance. It is usually favored among the student body because it is the one dance where only Kiowa County High School students are allowed. Another reason it was enjoyed by students was because we had younger DeeJays, David Cesmat and Thomas Derstein. They seemed to have just as much fun as the students! The Back-to-School Dance was a success, and it left many students anxiously awaiting the next.



kenzieleigh_22

back to school dance 2k14. 📷



Brylee Shay
@BryShay3

I love this school year already 🍷



skylar.
@SkylarOdiee

My mom told me I should wear a dress to the dance 😂😂



tierra :)
@TierraWest99

best. dance. ever.

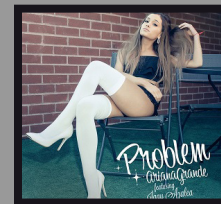
SUMMER TUNES...



Fancy
Iggy Azalea Featuring Charli XCX
The New Classic



Rude
MAGIC!
Don't Kill the Magic



Problem
Ariana Grande Featuring Iggy Azalea
My Everything



Stay With Me
Sam Smith
In the Lonely Hour

INSIDE THE HELMET

By Nick Mull

Hi, I'm Nick, and this is my view from the field. Our Homecoming game against Ashland was really important to the team because we still had not had a win. We came out pretty hyped and ready to play even though we did not have Dylan Jacks and Blaine Liggett with us due to shoulder injuries. We did pretty well in the first half. In the second half some of the players started getting tired, and then, Poncho Banman sprained his ankle. That injury made it harder to run our offense with only one real running back. Coach Young decided to put Erik Torres in the back field. Torres ended up rushing over 120 yards and had 2 touchdowns. That made Torres a key player in our win against the Bluejays.



The Lady Mavericks receive encouragement during a time out from Coach Fulton.
Photo by Jenner L.



The team captains march out to center field for the coin toss before beginning the Homecoming game. Photo by Marissa K.



Olivia Dawson sets during her number one singles at her meet in St. John.
Photo by Lori W.



The cross country team poses for a quick picture after they finish their meet at Skyline.
Photo by Lori W.

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY

Macksville - L
Norwich - W
Hodgeman County - W
South Central - L
Stanton County - L
Sublette - W
Stanton County - L
Wichita County - W
Southwestern Heights - L
Meade - L
Holcomb - L
Minneola - W

FOOTBALL

VARSITY

Hodgeman 58-12 L
Minneola 44-36 L
Ashland 50-34 W

TENNIS

Olivia Dawson

Cimarron 4th place #1 Singles

Congratulations JV volleyball girls for winning the Satanta Invitational and the Kiowa County Invitational!

CROSS COUNTRY

	Meade	Skyline	Stafford
Frank C.	18:19	16:48	16:45
Nick S.	21:39	19:36	21:40
William E.	27:06	21:35	21:34
Corey E.	24:27	19:52	20:10
Noah P.	28:35		30:30
Garrett K.	28:56	25:20	26:59
Elias L.	37:04	31:55	32:02
Kaitlin R.	21:20	18:32	17:43
Alisha W.	22:54	18:40	18:32
Jackie T.	23:38	20:52	23:16
Madison M.			21:49
Stephanie G.	26:33	21:35	22:12
Denisse R.	28:18	24:19	24:21

SCHOOL YEAR GOALS

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR?

BY MADDIE CANNON



"To achieve greatness."
- *Brett McVey, jr.*



"To graduate with the best
grades I can get!"
- *Chelsye Racette, sr.*



"Learn to do crossword puzzles
in English faster."
- *Josh Cannon, so.*



"Make new friends with under-
classmen and to graduate."
- *Justin Hall, sr.*



"Going to try to take the good with
the bad this year."
- *Steph Gwin, so.*



"Pass all of my classes and to lift
since that's my favorite part of P.E."
- *Payton Tyree, fr.*



"Be the best possible student
that I can be."
- *Nathan Lee, fr.*



"Create a great Prom."
- *Shayna Lingafelter, jr.*



WE GOT SPIRIT



BY KYLEE MORFORD



Photo by Tierra W.

Day one of Spirit Week was Over Accessorize Day. Some of the girls went full out, but the guys obviously were not able to since they do not sport necklaces, rings, headbands, etc. Even with the degree of difficulty there were a few guys who did put on sunglasses, headbands, and the occasional bracelet, and called it good. Over accessorizing may be challenging for some people, a few gave it all they had.



Photo by Tierra W.



Photo by Jenner L.

The second day of Spirit Week was Twin Day, and many more people participated. Twin day is when two people put their heads together and come up with an outfit and hair-styles that are similar. Even though we have three sets of twins in our high school, only one set of twins dressed alike.



Photo by Jenner L.

Pattern Day was the third day of Spirit Week. A variety of people wore a patterned shirt or pants, and there were a few that wore an assortment of different patterns on patterns. Isaiah, Jericho, Jessie and Alex showed school spirit wearing a variety of patterns.



Photo by Kylee M.



Photo by Marissa K.

The fourth day of Spirit Week was Color Wars, which is the most popular Spirit Week day. Each class as well as the faculty were assigned a designated color and were to deck themselves out in said color. The freshmen had green, sophomores purple, juniors pink and seniors black.



Photo by Marissa K.



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On the last day of Spirit Week, Maverick Day, everyone wore their Maverick apparel. This was Homecoming day. Students were busy with parade preparations, but that did not stop them from supporting our school.



Photo by Marissa K.



Photo by Miranda K.

A ROYAL FLUSH

BY FRANK CUEVAS



2ND PLACE - JUNIORS
"SMOKE THE JAYS"



3RD PLACE - FRESHMEN
"NO JAYWALKING"



4TH PLACE - SOPHOMORES
"DON'T CATCH THE BIRD FLU"



1ST PLACE - SENIORS "FLUSH THE BLUEJAYS"



Homecoming parade 2014 had a great turn out this year. Each High School class built their own float with their own theme. The seniors built a float with the theme of "Flush the Blue Jays." They constructed a giant toilet on their float that took a lot of work. All morning from the seniors' part of the bus barn, you could hear the sound of the table saw cutting wood and people with drills putting the toilet on their float together. During the parade, attendees could see bird legs sticking out of the toilet kicking and flailing while some of the seniors were trying to flush the Blue Jay down the toilet.

The juniors' float theme was "Smoke the Jays." Their float had a gigantic grill that took them most of the morning to get on the trailer, then strapped down for the parade. The grill had Blue jays on it cooking, and a cage with more Blue Jays in it ready to cook. At the back of the float the juniors had a table with some hungry Mavericks ready for a smoked Blue Jay.

The sophomores' float was covered with doctors and one sick Blue Jay. They were trying to inject that sick Blue Jay with giant syringes to cure it of the bird flu. The sophomores' float theme: "Don't Catch the Bird Flu."

The freshmen's float theme was "No Jay Walking." They spent most of the morning building and spray painting signs and building a road across their trailer. During the parade, they had Blue Jays trying to cross their float road and Maverick police stopping the Blue Jays from jay walking. At the football game everyone anticipated the announcement with the results of the float competition. The sophomores placed 4th, the freshmen made 3rd place, the juniors came in 2nd and the winners of the float building competition were the seniors, with their float theme of "Flush the Blue Jays."

HOMECOMING 2014



Photo by Marissa K.

JUNIOR ATTENDANTS:
AUBREY VANDENHOEK &
BEN SPAINHOUR



Photo by Marissa K.

SOPHOMORE ATTENDANTS:
MACKENZIE KENDALL &
FRANCISCO HOLQUIN

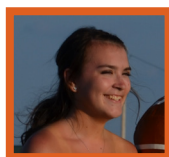


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FRESHMAN ATTENDANTS:
ALISYN DAVIS, ISAIAH
HOHL & BRAYDEN WATSON

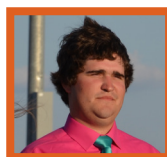


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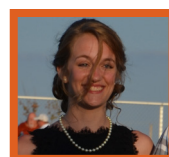
MADDIE
CANNON

"I was super excited to be nominated as a candidate and couldn't be happier that my class nominated me."



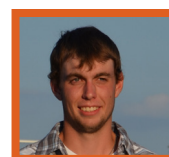
XANDER
BRENSING

"I felt honored! I was pretty excited because both my girlfriend and I got nominated, and we got to walk together!"



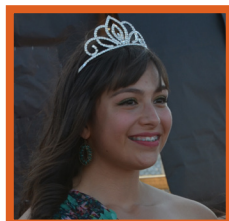
SAMANTHA
GWIN

"I felt so happy/ excited when I found out that I was nominated! I honestly didn't care if I won or not because just being able to be a part of it was awesome."



LANCE
RALSTIN

"I only did it for the cookies."



HOMECOMING QUEEN: DENISSE RAMOS

"I was pretty surprised to win. I wanted to win but wasn't expecting it. Maybe I kept that mindset so that I wouldn't be disappointed if I didn't win. I didn't know how to exactly feel at first. It was definitely a lot of shock though, and then a lot of appreciation for my classmates and others who felt that I deserved it. It's a grand honor, and I'm humbled to be queen."

HOMECOMING KING: NICK MULL

"Winning was really excited about winning at first, and I was excited to dip the queen, then I just wanted to go play the game."





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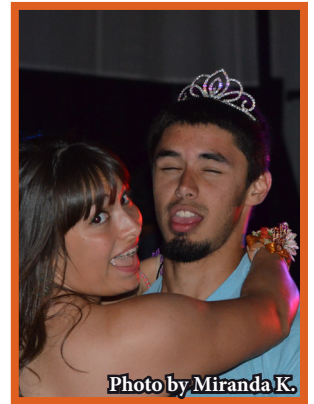


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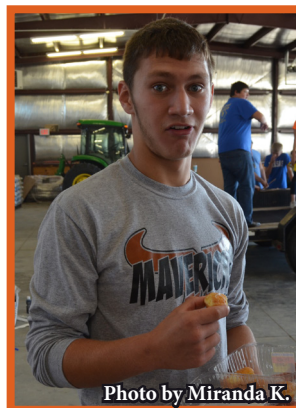


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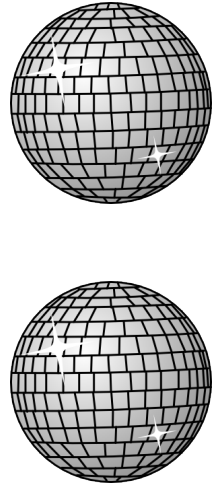
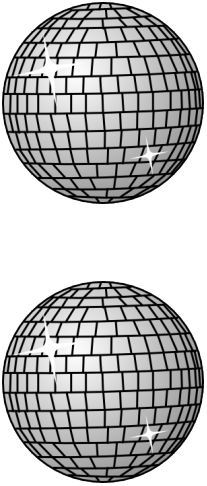
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HOMECOMING DANCE

By JENNER LITTLE



A group of freshman, sophomore and junior girls dance lively, amused and entertained. Many students enjoyed the variety of music throughout the night and found themselves hitting the dance floor at least once.

Photo by Miranda K.

Football Homecoming week is considered one of the most stressful stretches in the span of a nine-month school year by students and staff. Building the floats, showing them and seeing the excited enthusiasm of spectators feels very fulfilling for many, if not all, of the student body and staff members of the school. But, throughout all the blood, sweat and tears put into the production of Homecoming week, many students are usually excited most for three things: Maverick Royalty, the football game and the Homecoming dance after the football game.

On Friday, September 19, subsequently minutes after the big game, the Homecoming dance took place in the Greensburg Recreational Gym.

Full of lively spirit, the student body literally danced the night away. From songs like “Fancy” by Iggy Azalea and “Shake it Off” by Taylor Swift, students were seen grooving and moving, though some preferred sitting with a group of friends and attempted to speak over the loud, upbeat music. Since the dance took place minutes after the big victory, many of the football players, cheerleaders, supporters and teachers were tired from the day’s busy schedule, but that didn’t stop them from dancing. Teacher Thomas Derstein participated in a group dance called “The Wobble,” and soon after, freshman Isaiah Hohl performed a solo routine for the song “Eye of the Tiger.” It was a very eventful Homecoming dance for Maverick Nation. To many that came, it was a great ending for a demanding day.

SPOKEN, UNSURE AND QUIETLY OBSCURE

By JENNER LITTLE

As a student at Kiowa County High School, I see different kinds of personalities roaming throughout the hallways. There is always that loud, outspoken girl who aggressively twirls her hair and smacks her gum with an everlasting annoyance, rambling on and on about the person whom did her wrong between passing periods; and there is her sporty boyfriend she silently tortures, who she goes to about all of her drama.

No. Just kidding. This is not Mean Girls.

My point is, though, stereotypical judgments are made about the student body of this school, whether we want to admit it or not. Naturally, there will be that ditzy girl with the vocabulary that only consists of “um” and “like.” There will also be that really athletic dude who supposedly trains his whole life away and has never eaten over 40 carbs within a day. Of course, we do have stereotypical teenagers within this school that are very easy to misinterpret.

But think for just a minute. You all have those people in the back of your mind that you judge severely, the students and peers you “know” hate the world and hate every living thing in it. There are also the people you think highly of but have never really gotten the chance to converse with. So you assume that they are perfect...

In reality, you do not know them. You just perceive them from a distance, watch them in the hall smiling or laughing or griping, or even sitting in the silence of a loud, never-ending buzz of voices. Admit it though, we put them into stereotypical clusters.

For instance, there is the clique of girls sitting over there—the chatterboxes. Over there is where the “weird kids” sit. Beside them are the jocks. All of them are talking—chatting about something you really have no interest in. They all seem to belong. They all have a place. And so do you, only maybe you are not the chatty-type.

Maybe you are an introvert—the most misunderstood out of the misunderstood, the easiest to condemn to a stereotype.

As an introvert myself, I understand the judgments that are bestowed upon me and people like me—the people that necessarily have no interest in making small talk with people they do not know. I can hear the way some people talk about wallflowers; I can see the way they look at them, and I do not like it.

Introverts are a special type of person to understand. They like to talk, just not necessarily with people whom they are not familiar with. To categorize an introvert stereotype is harsh. To categorize anyone is harsh, but we do it anyway, out of human nature. But when you think of an introvert, you might think of a girl or a boy, maybe arrogant, silently sulking in their solemn nature, never smiling and never talking. To you, that is. The introverted person has not talked to you. In retrospect, introverts love to talk, but only to the people they feel comfortable around—the people they know and trust!

Last year—my freshmen year—was tough. I had just come out of junior high, a place that I felt content with staying in—a place where it felt easy speaking to everyone. Coming into a huge, new environment was scary for me. My close friends were making friends, and I was not. I didn’t want any new friends, and I certainly did not want my close friends making other friends. If they made newer friends, I’d be stuck without a friend. And for a while, I was.

On social media, such as Instagram, I’d see my friend and their newest photo post, posing candidly for a silly shot with their new, great friend who I thought was so much better than me. I felt a little betrayed and a little hurt, when I should not have.

They would text me the next day and ask me to come hang out with them and their new friend.

And I would think, “So-And-So is your new friend. I don’t want to talk to your new friend!” Of course I never replied that. I would usually just make an excuse not to go and hang out. I was keeping myself from experiencing the whole vibe of high school, and that was selfish of me. I was selfish for telling my friends that I would not hang out with them if they hung out with the new friends.

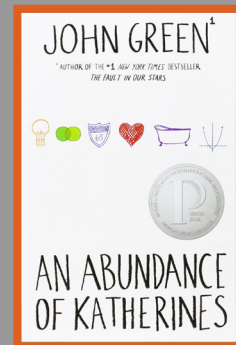
As an introvert, I’m usually cynical about meeting and socializing with new people. It scares me. And it scared me back then, most of my freshmen year.

As my first year of high school went on, I found myself being exposed and being in situations where I had to meet and speak to new people. I eventually became more comfortable mingling with newer people my friends had introduced me to.

So, my message to introverts is that it will get better. You will meet new people. You blab on and on about anything and everything to them, and the essence of keeping yourself contained will eventually wear off. There is hope!

For people who judge the “quiet ones,” try and get to know us. That goes for everyone. We should not judge people that we don’t know. As students of Kiowa County Schools, I feel like we should work on being less judgmental and more accepting. We should think about others and where they come from. High school is a scary place, and students just want a friend. They want someone to accept them. So, no matter what the stereotype, approach and talk with fellow peers and get to know them, get to really know them. Everybody deserves the right to their own image—to their own reputation—respectfully and honestly, fully and wholeheartedly.

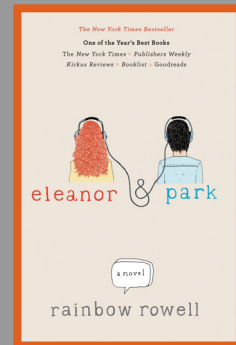
JENNER'S MUST-READS



An Abundance of Katherines
by John Green



Throne of Glass Series
by Sarah J. Maas



Eleanor and Park
by Rainbow Rowell



Dark Places
by Gillian Flynn

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