

THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

BACK IN BURNT ORANGE

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

As the year kicks off, the Kiowa County Mavericks pile back into the classrooms for more education and athletics. Though the Mavericks have just begun, many sports, clubs, and other in-school and extracurricular activities are well underway. Even with the crazy schedule, you may have noticed a few changes for the school year.

MEET THE NEW TEACHERS

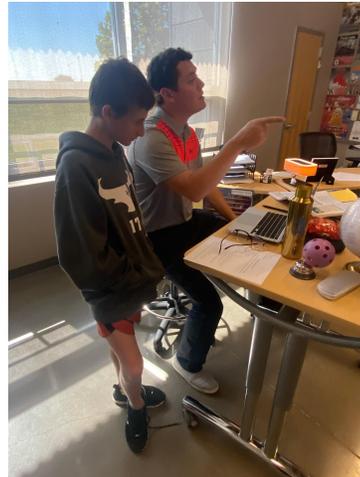
At the end of the junior high hall are two unfamiliar faces occupying rooms 164 and 165. These new faces belong to Mr. Lohrding, the Social Studies teacher, and Ms. Engelcke, the Science teacher.

Mr. Lohrding recently began his teaching career and was just the South Gray High School Social Studies teacher. Students may be familiar with him, as he co-taught with Mr. Ploger during the 2021-2022 school year. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. Mr. Lohrding said he is excited about "teaching social studies every day, watching my students compete and succeed at sporting events, and finally I most look forward to building relationships with my co-workers and students."

Ms. Engelcke has been part of the education system for several years as a science teacher and administrator in Dodge City and Cimmaron. Before teaching, Ms. Engelcke worked in multiple healthcare roles for over 20 years. Ms. Engelcke said she loves running and feeling good, nature, tinkering with things, learning about the cosmos and math, and working on maintaining her front yard. The new Science teacher said, "I am having a blast so far." She is excited to get to know her students and their families and can't wait for the remainder of the school year!

2:30 DISMISSAL TIME ON FRIDAYS

The Mavericks have been following an early dismissal schedule on Fridays since students are released from school at 2:30 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. The early dismissal schedule shortens classes to 47 minutes and Advisory 13 minutes. Don't fret! Though class times are shortened, sports practices continue to be 90 minutes. Now, the Maverick student body can start the weekend sooner!



Top Left: Mr. Lohrding, a.k.a. "Mr. L" is helping 7th grader Joseph Corbally with his IXL during Advisory. Corbally reported that he "really likes Mr. L because he is funny, but if he rings his bell 3 times, you will have detention."

(Photo by Mrs. Ballard)



Bottom Left: Ms. Engelcke, a.k.a. "Ms. E" is assisting 8th grader McKenzie Banta with her science work. "Ms. E is a loud, energetic teacher and a lot of fun," said Banta. "She plays music for us and is a little crazy, but in a good way."

(Photo by Mrs. Ballard)

We Love KC

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

The 2023 Homecoming candidates and attendants were selected earlier this month. This year's attendants included Freshmen MaKenzie Gilkey and Boone McDonald, Sophomores Sydney Taylor and Jace Frazier, and Juniors Brooklyn Gilchrist and Brett West. The Homecoming King and Queen candidates included Atleigh Gumpenberger, Marley Little, and Elle Yost for queen, and Brock Hassiepen, Ethan Yost, and Hunter Thompson for king. Congratulations to Ethan and Elle Yost, the Kiowa County Maverick's 2023 Homecoming King and Queen!

Below: For Homecoming, the junior high students went around the town, picking up trash. This activity is known as Love KC. It is an enjoyable time for the students and helps make our community happier and cleaner place!



Photos by Mrs. Ballard

GOING THE DISTANCE

CROSS COUNTRY IS OFF TO A WINNING START



Top L: Sebastian & Tayten are off to a great start in Larned. Top R: Aly & Cadie are battling for 5th and 6th at St. John. Bottom: The 6th/7th grade team ready to run hard in Larned. (photos by Mrs Ballard)

BY PRESTON COSS

The Kiowa County Junior High Cross Country team's season is off and running. With seven returners from last season, the team has made an impressive showing at their races with the boys' team taking first place at several meets.

Veteran 8th grader Alyson Taylor reported on the season, "The cross-country season has been going very well!".

A high point for the season is that at every meet they have attended, there has been several finish in the top 5. Also, at the Skyline Meet on Saturday, September 9th, every runner set a new personal record.

Taylor shared some of the team goals for this season, "Our team goals are to keep improving, having fun, and setting personal goals. I am excited to see how the season continues to go!"

The Maverick runners will be trekking to Cheney on October 5th to continue their successful season.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

8/31 @ Meade

8th Grade Girls

- Aly Taylor - 1st
 - Cadie Follette - 2nd
 - McKenzie Banta - 11th
- #### 6th/7th Grade Boys
- Sebastian Favela - 4th
 - Joshua Gilkey - 5th
 - Brody Hoffman - 7th

9/9 @ Skyline

8th Grade Girls

- Aly Taylor - 1st
 - Cadie Follette - 2nd
- #### 6th/7th Grade Boys
- 1st as a team
 - Josh Gilkey - 1st
 - Tayten Newell - 4th
 - Brody Hoffman - 11th

9/14 @ St. John

8th Grade Girls

- Aly Taylor - 5th
 - Cadie Follette - 6th
 - McKenzie Banta - 11th
- #### 6th/7th Grade Boys
- 1st as a team
 - Josh Gilkey - 2nd
 - Tayten Newell - 4th
 - Sebastian Favela - 6th
 - Brody Hoffman - 16th
 - Jayce Banta - 20th

9/28 @ Ness City

6th/7th Grade Boys

- 1st as a team
- Josh Gilkey - 2nd
- Sebastian Favela - 3rd
- Tayten Newell - 5th
- Brody Hoffman - 10th

9/21 @ Larned

8th Grade Girls

- Aly Taylor - 3rd
 - Cadie Follette - 4th
 - McKenzie Banta - 7th
- #### 6th/7th Grade Boys
- 1st as a team
 - Josh Gilkey - 3rd
 - Tayten Newell - 5th
 - Sebastian Favela - 7th
 - Brody Hoffman - 11th
 - Jayce Banta - 16th

8th Grade Girls

- Aly Taylor - 3rd
 - McKenzie Banta - 7th
- Jayce Banta - 19th



Coach Wade gives her team last minute encouraging words at the St. John Meet. (Courtesy photo)

SERVING UP A NEW SEASON

VOLLEYBALL TEAM LOOKING TO IMPROVE

BY FAITH COSS

The Kiowa County Junior High Volleyball Teams have bump, set, and spiked their way into the 2023 season.

The Lady Mavericks have only one returning starter from last year for this 2023 season. With new players seeing considerable amounts of varsity playing time, the team has had some normal growing pains early in the season.

Kiowa County A Team player Norma Espericueta is hoping to improve on the A team's 2-7 record. "Our A Team has a losing record, but we are working hard and getting better with each game. We definitely have room for improvement," Espericueta said.

The B Team has had the most success with a 4-4 record, and winning the B/C Tournament played at Kiowa County on September 9th.

The Lady Mavs A team is coming off their biggest win at home on September 28th against the Minneola Wildcats. Winning both sets with a large margin, head coach Audrey Pore said, "It was fun to see our team put all the pieces together. We served aggressively and also did a great job setting it up and hitting."

Pore added, "we have improved so much from the beginning of the season, so it's nice to have some momentum heading into our final 2 weeks." Be sure to watch out for the Lady Mavericks as they travel to Montezuma on October 2nd for a triangular and hope to continue to improve on their season.



Top L: 8th grader Aubree Gilchrist bumps the ball to her teammates. Top R: 8th grader Cierra Price receives the ball. Bottom: A Team starters get hyped up before their first set against Meade. (photos by Alyson Taylor)



7th grader Jemma Ploger serves the ball over the net and gets a point for the Mavericks (photo by Alyson Taylor)

LADY MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

8/31 vs South Central
 A Team (L): 25-10, 20-25, 17-25
 B Team (L): 20-25, 17-25
 C Team vs. C1 (L): 25-27, 16-19
 C Team vs. C2 (T): 16-25, 25-19

9/7 vs Meade
 A Team (L): 18-25, 23-25
 B Team (L): 25-22, 24-26, 8-15
 C Team (W): 18-25, 25-23, 9-5

9/9 B/C Tournament
 B Team (W) vs Bucklin: 23-25, 26-24, 15-9
 B Team (W) vs Minneola: 25-9, 25-20
 B Team (W) vs South Central: 25-11, 25-20

C Team (L) vs SC 1: 23-25, 22-25
 C Team (W) vs SC 2: 26-28, 25-18, 15-13
 C Team (L) vs Bucklin: 25-22, 21-25, 8-15

9/11 A Team Triangular
 (L) vs South Central: 17-25, 21-25
 (L) vs Ingalls: 9-25, 26-24, 15-25

9/18 A Team Triangular
 (W) vs Satanta: 25-15, 25-16
 (L) vs Hodgeman County: 8-25, 15-25

9/14 vs South Gray
 A Team (L): 24-26, 22-25
 B Team (L): 13-25, 17-25
 C Team (T): 19-25, 25-19

9/21 vs Hodgeman County
 A Team (L): 8-25, 15, 25
 B Team (L): 25-17, 18-25, 12-15
 C Team (T): 25-17, 11-18

9/28 vs Minneola
 A Team (W): 25-9, 25-11
 B Team (W): 25-9, 25-20
 C Team (W): 25-14, 25-15

RUSHING IN WITH WINS

MAVS SEASON STARTS OFF WITH SUCCESS

BY PRESTON COSS

The Junior High Mavericks kicked their football season off against their rivals, the South Central Timberwolves. The game had the crowd at the edge of their seats with a Maverick winning score of 42-22, handing the Timberwolves their first loss to the Mavericks in seven years. Asst. Coach Colton Oshel thought, "It was a good team win, with everyone doing their job."

The second game of the season against the Meade Buffaloes dealt the Mavericks their first loss. Unable to score any points, the Mavericks tough loss motivated them to work harder for their third game against the South Gray Rebels. The Mavs showed no mercy in their domination of the game, winning 58-12 with the game ending at half-time due to the 45-point mercy rule.

The next game of the season the team traveled to Jetmore to face the Hodgeman County Shorthorns, where they added another win with a 52-6 final.

In their last home game of the season against an undefeated Minneola Wildcats, the Mavs dished out another win with a score of 60-26.

The Mavericks are off to a bright start with 4 returning starters from last year. The team has a current record of 4-1 and are proving to be a powerhouse once again in the SPIAA league.



Top: 8th grader James Greenleaf runs the ball for a Maverick first down. Bottom: The team takes a halftime talk to discuss about the game. (photos by Faith Coss)

MAVERICK SCOREBOARD

8/31 vs South Central: Won 42-22

9/7 vs Meade: Lost 0-28

9/14 vs South Gray: Won 58-12 (45 mercy rule at half time)

9/21 vs Hodgeman County: Won 52-6 (45 mercy rule in third quarter)

9/28 vs Minneola: Won 60-26

Upcoming Games:

10/5 at Spearville

10/12 at Bucklin

Current Record: 4-1



7th Grader Truman Barnes is planning out the next play with his teammates at Jetmore. (photo by Faith Coss)

FUN FACTS

WITH THE 8TH GRADERS

Article & Photos by
Sebastian Favela

SAMUEL RAMOS



In his spare time, Samuel enjoys creative writing and writing various stories.

Q: If raindrops weren't a thing, what would you want to fall from the sky? A: "Tacos"

Q: Would you rather have eyelashes or eyebrows? A: "Eyebrows"

Q: Favorite ice cream topping? A: "Cherry on top"

Q: What is your dream job? A: "To be a computer technician"

MCKENZIE BANTA



Going for a run on a nice day is one of McKenzie's favorite activities.

Q: If you could erase any color from existence, which one would it be? A: "Brown"

Q: If animals could talk, which species do you think would be the meanest? A: "Lions"

Q: What is the worst pickup line? A: "Did you fart, 'cause you blew me away..."

Q: If your pet could talk, what would its voice sound like? A: "Very loud"

KEEGAN BLANTON



Without any hesitation, Keegan reports that his favorite sport is track, specifically the hurdles.

Q: If you could have any pet, what would it be? A: "Tiger"

Q: Have you ever eaten a bug? A: "No"

Q: If the police arrested you with no explanation, what would your family assume you did? A: "Talk too much"

Q: If you could be any crayon, which color would you be? A: "Blue"

MEET THE PUBLICATION TEAM

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Grade 7
Writer/Photographer



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KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE

BY SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

It is harvest time again, so be sure to watch out for all the dust.

The pool has closed for the 2023 season, but swimmers enjoyed the addition of the basketball hoop this year. The hoop was a hit for the junior high and high school students.

Both Greensburg and Haviland have new coffee shops that opened this summer. L7 is open across from the hospital in Greensburg, and it offers both drive thru and walk up service. MWL — or Made With Love — opened on Main Street in Haviland.

Kiowa County has enjoyed a little rain recently, and cooler temperatures are around the corner!

BY FAITH COSS

Greensburg's Historical Museum and Soda Fountain is a great place to hang out with friends and learn a little more about our town's past. The Soda Fountain offers a variety of options including shakes, ice cream, soda, coffee, hot chocolate, icees, lemonades, limeades, and even sugar free options. All of the options can be found on their website: <https://www.kchmsoda.org>, with prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$40.00. The most expensive dessert is the Soda Fountain's famous EF5. The September special is ½ off of all icee's and Caramel Macchiato ice cream. Be sure to stop by during their 2:00-4:00pm hours while soda drinks are 50% off for happy hour!

Looking for something to do around town? Greensburg's Twilight Theatre offers movie showings for all ages. They recently put on the play "Tuck Everlasting." Haviland 8th grade student Cadie Follette starred as Winnie Foster and said she enjoyed "getting to act, sing, and dance with such a great group of people." Cadie has been participating in plays since she was seven and dancing and singing for as long as she can remember. While working at the Twilight, Cadie liked that the prep for the show was only about six weeks while past shows she has been in have taken up to four months of preparation. The theater also recently showed the Barbie movie. For future screenings and events, check out the Twilight's Facebook page. Bingo fan? Twilight hosts Bingo on Friday evenings at 7:00pm. The community is very lucky to have a local movie theater, so be sure to stop by and support this local business!



(Above courtesy photos from MWL Website, Soda Fountain Website, & L7 Website.)

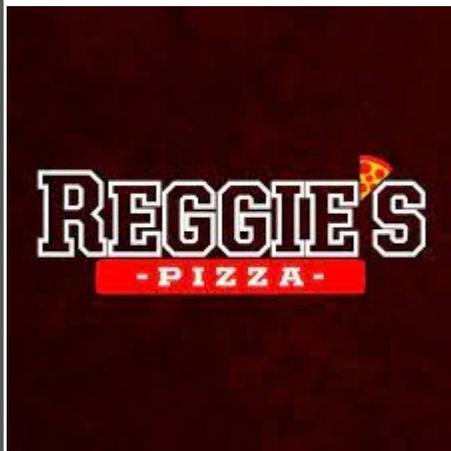


L: Twilight Theatre is showing "The Blind" this weekend. Friday the 29th & Saturday the 30th at 7:30pm. Sunday, Oct. 1st Matinee at 2:30pm. This is the true story of the Phil Robertson Dynasty. (Twilight Theatre Photo)

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Hours: Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 4:00pm - 8:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00am - 8:00pm.

Price: Ranges \$2.00 - \$20.00

Contact: 620-723-2200

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

OCTOBER CALENDAR

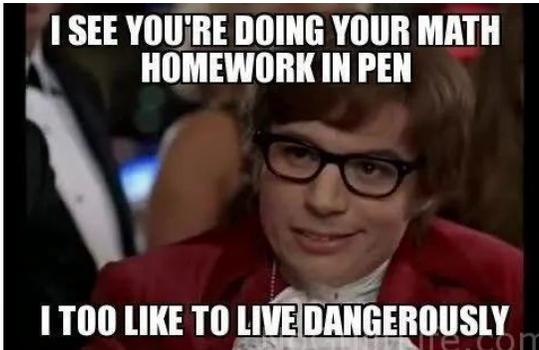
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8 6:30pm: KCHS JV FB @ Skyline 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	9	10 5:00pm: KCHS VB @ Hodgeman County Triangular	11 JAG-K Leadership Conference - K-State DCCC Tech Day 10:00am: Late Start Day 7:00pm: SPIAA Cheer Sponsor Mtg	12 LIED Across Kansas Prek-5 4:00pm: KCJH/KCHS SPIAA CC @ Meade 4:00pm: KCJH VB @ Bucklin 6:30pm: KCJH FB @ Bucklin	13 KSHSAA State TN AM ONLY PRESCHOOL 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 7:00pm: KCHS FB @ Ness City	14 KSHSAA State TN 9:00am: SPIAA JH League VB Tournament 6:30pm: FFA Work Auction
15	16 8:00am: KCHS Pre-ACT Testing 6:30pm: KCHS JV FB vs. Ness City	17 4:00pm: KCHS VB @ Minneola Quad	18 9:00am: SPIAA Vocal Clinic @ Kiowa County 9:00am: FFA Greenhand Conference/Officer Training @ Sublette	19 8:00am: KCHS PSAT Testing 1:15pm: KSHSAA Regional Administrator Meeting	20 End of 1st 9 Weeks K-5 Art 2:05pm: Pep Assembly 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 6:45pm: KCHS Fall Sports Recognition - CC/FB/TN 7:00pm: KCHS FB vs. Macksville	21 KSHSAA Sub-State VB Tournament KSHSAA Regional CC
22	23 NO PreK-12 CLASSES 1:30pm: Parent/Teac Conferences 4:00pm: KCHS Scholars Bowl @ Satanta	24 ESSDACK Career Fair 6:30pm: JAG Initiation & Installation Ceremony 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	25 ESSDACK Career Fair	26 7:00pm: KCHS FB - Bracket Play	27 KSHSAA State VB Tournament NO SCHOOL	28 KSHSAA State VB Tournament KSHSAA 1A State CC ACT Test Date
29 7:00pm: SPIAA All League VB Meeting	30	31 Halloween				

(Photo from usd422.org web page)

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JUST FOR FUN



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SEPTEMBER	SUNFLOWER	SWEATER	THANKSGIVING	TURKEY

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