

THE SAGE

Cokeville High School

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Homecoming Week: Panther Pride Burns Inside!



Kutler Keetch and Logan Halls in their BBQ dad dress-up clothes! PC: Andrea Halls

Dress-Up Days

The dress-up days for Homecoming 2022 were Soccer Moms vs. Barbecue Dads, Beach vs. Snow, Pink Day (Breast Cancer Awareness), Class Color Wars, and the classic Orange and Black Day. We had some outstanding students and teachers dress up! Some of our winners included Coach Teichert on Pink Day, Kaden Haugstad as the best soccer mom, and Nephi Cook, who came prepared for the beach. This year, the student council picked random names from the classes who participated the most each day, and these students were awarded a free shake from the Gold Buckle Grill. We appreciate the cheerleaders for selecting the dress-up days, and thanks to everyone who participated!

–Gracie Himmerich

Assembly

This year's assembly was very well done, and we had a good variety of speakers. Landon Walker welcomed everyone, the pep band performed the Star-Spangled Banner, and everyone joined in on the school song with our fall cheerleaders. Jack Dayton did the recognition of alumni and was followed by the introduction of the grand marshall by Cael Thompson.

Our grand marshall this year was Ralph Johnson, and he shared some great stories with us, including finding a bunch of kids in the Big Piney swimming pool after a trip.

As a graduate of 1992, Brian Nate gave a speech, and Tenor Teichert spoke for the class of 2012. We heard from the three volleyball captains (Ashleigh Brooks, Gracie Himmerich, Jayci Thornock) and our homecoming queen, Jayci Thornock. We then heard from Kristen Vierig as the head volleyball coach and the football captains, Landon Walker and Jesus Bencomo, followed by Tanner Hatch, the homecoming king. Marty

Linford spoke to us as the head football coach, principal Mr. Dietz followed, and we finished off the homecoming assembly with the introduction of CHS by Jan Moody. Thank you to all who helped make this year's assembly successful!

–Gracie Himmerich

Decorating

Homecoming week is one of the best weeks during the school year, and decorating plays a huge role in making the week so fun! Our homecoming theme this year was "Panther Pride Burns Inside." Panther pride burned inside all of the students, and it presented itself in every class's decorating. We all tried our hardest, and all the students participated in decorating either their designated windows, lockers, or floats.

The seniors ended up winning the lockers, and the juniors won the float and window. The freshmen ended up winning overall when the dress-up

days were added into the final decision. They celebrated with a pizza and ice cream party!

Cambry Harmon, a sophomore, says, "The sophomores suck at everything and never win anything." Ainslie Himmerich and Livi Thornock, seventh graders at Cokeville High, got fired up when we asked them how their first homecoming in high school went. Ainslie said, "I think we should have won! Gracie [Ainslie's sister who is a senior this year] said we could have won if we weren't seventh graders."

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**"A little party never killed nobody."
–Fergie**

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Livi said, “Seventh graders should be treated equally while they are decorating. We got all of the old and already used supplies.”

Decorating is a huge part of homecoming, and this week wouldn't be the same without it. It really makes our school spirit skyrocket and helps us get excited and prepared for our games. We get out of classes for a few hours a day so we can decorate, and at the end of the week it's cool to see how it all comes together. Homecoming week was so fun, and everyone's decorating was amazing. We all showed our panther pride!

—Ashleigh Brooks

Tailgate Party

The tailgate party is a huge part of homecoming week. It brings students and community members young and old to support Cokeville sports teams. The food this year was soup, and there were pots strung out over two full tables. Every last one of them was empty at the end of the night. After dinner, the students all painted their names on the road. We gathered around the cheerleaders and senior girls as they cheered on Main Street. The cheers seemed to be louder than they've ever been before. Up on Big Hill, the senior boys lit the C. It could be seen from miles away. When the senior boys came back down from the C on Big Hill, everyone headed to where the wood was laid for the bonfire. This is always exhilarating. Students sprint to the fire, hoping that they don't trip and get run over by the whole town coming behind them. When we made it over to the wood, the junior boys

were ready with sticks already set on fire. They lit a runway of diesel, and Micah Petersen rolled a tire through it. We all know he is an expert tire roller; he was probably the only one qualified for this job. The fire jumped 30 feet into the air and was so hot it seemed to melt your face paint right off. All the seniors got out in front and cheered, and everyone followed what they said. When all the seniors were done, everyone ran to get into a car. We sped over to the high school. There the coaches and classes cheer and try to lose their voices. After all this excitement comes the best part—all the students get apple juice and donuts to quench their slaughtered throats. Everyone takes hundreds of pictures and reminisces on the previous events of the evening with what little voice they have left. Then the night is over and the teams get ready to win their games the next day.

—Kalob Haderlie



The bonfire!! PC: Jamie King



The juniors and their winning float. PC: Andrea Halls



Students around the bonfire.

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Tanner Hatch and Jacyi Thornock as the Homecoming Royalty. PC: Tonya Hatch



CHS Sports

Panthers Roast the Rebels

This year for the homecoming football game, the Cokeville Panthers faced off with the Rich County Rebels. It was a really entertaining game to watch once everyone got engaged. The Panthers started off with four turnovers in the first half. This rapidly made the Rebels' score 12-0 (Rebels in the lead) going into halftime. The Panthers' spirits were down, because this was their homecoming and they didn't want to lose. But they didn't give up just because they were losing 12-0. The Panthers brought this mindset onto the field during the second half and completely turned the game around. The first time the Panthers scored during the game was a pass to Tanner Hatch from the

quarterback, Landon Walker, to score a touchdown. After this touchdown, the Panthers worked hard; they were hungry for more points.

Soon the Panthers tied with the Rebels! Cokeville High junior Jack Dayton scored a touchdown. The next scoring of the game was by Jack Dayton, yet again! He picked up a dropped ball and flew into the endzone, giving Cokeville their first lead in the game. To finish it off, Landon Walker passed another touchdown pass to Tanner Hatch, resulting in a final score of 26-12.

I had the opportunity to interview the head coach, Coach Linford, and the quarterback, Landon Walker. One of the questions I asked both of them was, "What was the motivation for the team to keep going even when you were down?" They both said the same thing! Coach Linford said, "We knew we were better. We're a better team than we'd shown in the first half." When Landon was interviewed, he said, "We realized we were better than the level we were playing at." This shows how and why the Cokeville Panthers beat the Rebels that Friday. The Panthers knew they were better, so they played like it! They had good offense and defense going into the second half. Landon continued, "Before the game, we met as a team. We told everyone we weren't going to play for ourselves; we were going to play for each other." This shows the true mindset of the Panthers. They don't care if they are the star players or not; they play to help their team succeed. They pitch in anything they have to offer to help make the team great. That is how the Cokeville Panthers came out after being beat down in the first half and ended up beating the Rebels 26-12. What a great way to start off the Cokeville homecoming events of 2022!

—Brooke Bell



Justin Moyes making a nice tackle at the homecoming football game. PC: Christy Brooks

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Cheering section for the volleyball game.
PC: Christy Brooks

Lady Panthers Bring a Homecoming Win

As the majority of the town knows, October 3–7 was homecoming week at Cokeville High School. This means every student participated in countless activities and great sporting events. The Lady Panthers faced off against a non-conference opponent, the Grace Grizzlies, on Friday night and beat them in four sets.

I spoke to one of the team captains, Gracie Himmerich, and asked her about her thoughts on the game. She seemed satisfied with the way the team played. She commented, “We played very well as a team but still have some things to work on.” She was proud of the team's performance and is excited to continue on through the season and improve their game.

The volleyball team also seemed very happy to have the boys superfan for their game. Almost every boy on the football team came out to support the girls and superfan for the first time this year. Another team captain, Jayci Thornock, said, “We performed very well! It's always helpful to have a good cheering section.” The games on Friday were a success, the volleyball team played very well, and we are proud of them and their hard work. Overall, it was an excellent win for the Lady Panthers on Homecoming Night.

–Micah Petersen

Junior High Volleyball Finishes a Great Season

The 2022 Cokeville junior high volleyball season consisted of 13 girls from Cokeville Junior High and Cokeville 6th grade combined. The players from all the classes were: 8th grade: Peyton Gilmore and Sarah Dietz; 7th grade: Taylar Nate, Livi Thornock, Ainslie Himmerich, Paislee Tims, and Whitli Groll; 6th grade: Lyric Gilmore, Joslyn Willis, Bentley McKinnon, Geneva Murdock, Kynlee Davis, and Presli Pope. Because there were only two eighth grade players, many seventh graders had to step up and play 8A volleyball, and the sixth graders had to step up and play 7A volleyball.

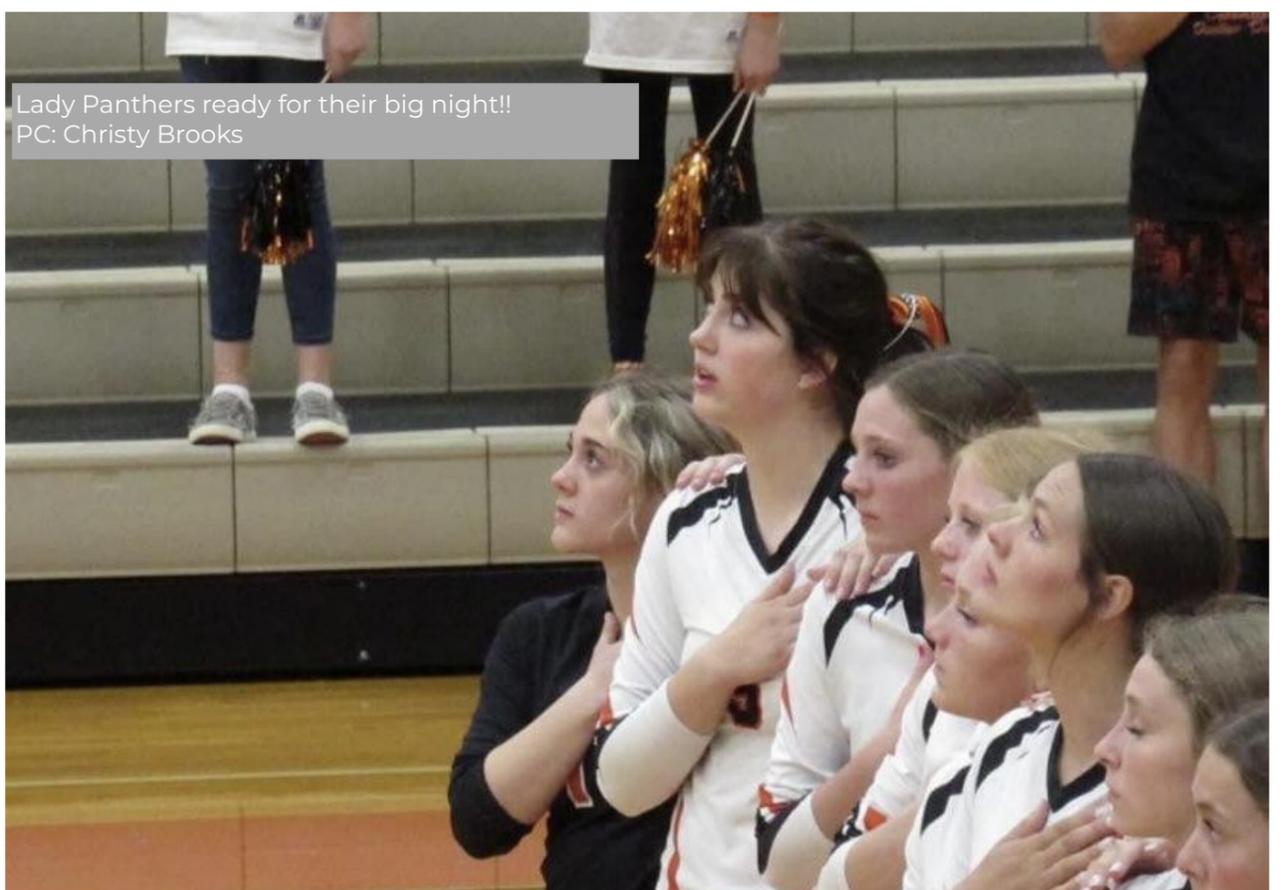
Head coach Lauren Hoffman and assistant coach Alisa Pond were exceptional at teaching each girl the skills needed to compete and get better every day. Due to Cokeville's small team size, each player had the opportunity to play a lot! They each got large amounts of court and net time. In most games, the Cokeville Junior High teams played opponents a year older than they were! Their teamwork and communication carried them to victory during many of these games! Our Cokeville girls held their own and improved greatly throughout the season. This year they played teams from Rich, Kemmerer, Farson,

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–Paislee Tims

Evanston Middle School, Davis Middle School, Manila, Star Valley, Lyman, Mountain View, Pinedale, and Big Piney. They concluded their season at a tournament held on October 8th in Pinedale. A few of the seventh grade girls recapped their experiences this season. Paislee Tims said, “Our season was amazing! We had some great games. It was very enjoyable, and I learned a lot from our great coaches. They even bought us Costa Vida! I'm excited to see our team next year!” Way to finish a great season!

Whitli Groll said, “I improved a lot. In the beginning of the season, I couldn't pass to the setter. I didn't think I could do it, but over time I learned a lot and got a lot better at passing! The coaches helped a lot. It was all thanks to our coaches! This season was super fun!” Way to finish the season off strong, girls! Go Lady Panthers!

–McCall Murdock



Lady Panthers ready for their big night!!
PC: Christy Brooks



Drake Plowman in cross country. PC: Tammy Plowman

“The faster you run, the faster you’re done.”
–Drake Plowman

Drake Plowman Runs XC

Cokeville High School offers one fall sport for girls and boys each: volleyball and football. If athletes choose not to do those sports, they have no other options at Cokeville High during the fall. Drake Plowman, along with his brother, Blaze Plowman, did not choose football, but they still compete in a sport. What sport, you may ask? Drake and Blaze run cross country for Star Valley High School.

Cross country (abbreviated CC or XC) is a running event in which runners compete to complete a course over open or rough terrain. The courses used at these events may include grass, mud, woodlands, hills, flat ground, and water. The races stretch over 5000 meters (3.1 miles) of terrain. The competing teams' top five fastest runners are scored. Whatever place the athlete takes is his score—for example, if you take first, it's one point, second is two points, and so on. The team with the lowest score wins.

Special Interest

I had a chance to interview Drake Plowman, the older brother of the Plowman boys, about cross country. I asked him a couple of questions, and he gave me some interesting feedback.

I first asked if he enjoyed cross country. Drake responded saying, “Yes, especially the meets. It’s a fun social life, and once you run your one race, you’re done.” He finishes the question with, “It makes me a better athlete.” I asked a couple more questions, such as what his favorite part is and how good his team is, and he answered by telling me that his favorite part is making good friends and making new PRs (personal records). He told me his PR is 17 minutes and 20 seconds, which puts his average mile time at around five minutes and 35 seconds. He then told me that his team just went from 3A to 4A, which will make it harder for them, but they are still a top 5 team in 4A. On Drake’s team, he is right in the middle of the varsity pack. He places 4th or 5th best, which means his placement will be scored.

I asked Drake if he would recommend doing cross country, and he said if you really like to run, then cross country is for you. He also told me that sometimes you can get lonely because you’re all alone running, so if you don’t like being alone, then you might not want to do cross country. But at the same time, if you like being alone, cross country is a good time to think and, as Drake would say, “solve world problems.” Drake told me that cross country is really fun if you have

a good group of friends; he says that every run with his team is a new adventure.

I finished off by asking him something he has learned while running cross country, and he told me a quote that says, “The faster you run, the faster you’re done.”

–Jack Dayton

Junior High Football

The junior high football team ended the year with the record 4-3. They beat Lyman, Pinedale, Green River and Star Valley. They lost to Mountain View, Kemmerer, and Big Piney. They got two new coaches this year: Coach Tims and Coach Jackman. Not a bad season, ending with a winning record.

–Jack Dayton



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Entertainment & Review

Top Gun: Maverick

“Top Gun: Maverick” flew into the world with force and power on its release date, May 27, 2022. In the short time it has been out for public viewing, it has seen incredible success. This movie has earned its place as one of the highest grossing films of all time: The movie is positioned below “Furious 7” and above “Frozen II,” making it the 12th highest grossing film of all time. What made “Top Gun: Maverick” the great and successful film we all know and love?

One of the first factors to consider when examining this movie's success is that it had a very popular and eminent movie that came before it. The original “Top Gun” was this movie's predecessor. It was released in 1986 and had a good showing overall as, according to BoxOffice Mojo, it came in at 402nd place in the overall revenue of movies. Although this may seem like a pathetic statistic, it is nothing to scoff at.

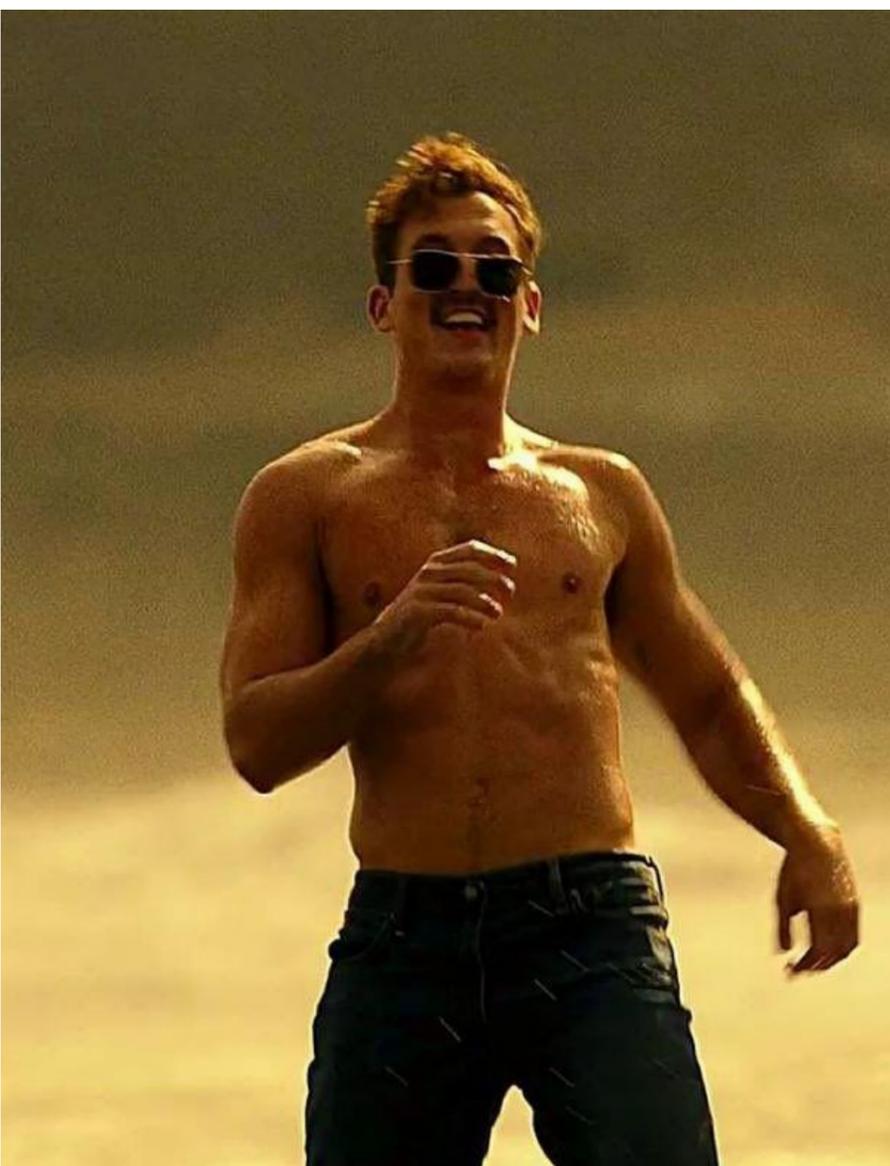


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Having such a strong prequel to “Top Gun: Maverick” must have been a huge part of this movie's positive outcome. Many people had already been exposed to the franchise that was widely enjoyed.

When you think about a movie, one of the first things you will probably think about are the actors. A movie's actors will either make or break that movie's success. The bigger and more commonly known and loved the actors are, the better the turnout of the movie will be. “Top Gun: Maverick” truly has a star-studded cast as it employs an action-movie specialist, Tom Cruise. Not only is Cruise the lead actor in “Top Gun: Maverick” as well as the first “Top Gun,” he also has notable performances in “Minority Report,” “Edge of Tomorrow,” “Mission: Impossible,” and many other well-known movies. One main reason explaining why “Top Gun: Maverick” is so renowned is because the star was the same actor in both movies to this series. Tom Cruise is extremely successful and popular. After all, the cover of the film does say Tom Cruise – “Top Gun: Maverick,” not just “Top Gun: Maverick.”

With that said, even if you have a great prequel and really good actors, your movie still has the potential to flop. “Top Gun: Maverick” executes some necessary aspects of popular movies extremely well. It has pronounced and interesting characters with intriguing and intense backstories. This movie has important elements like humor, romance, and conflict that keep viewers engaged from beginning to end. In addition to executing all of these aspects well, one principle characteristic remains throughout the entire movie. This is the suspense of the practically impossible mission. “Top Gun: Maverick” is based on preparing for a vital, but dangerous, mission that happens near the end of the movie. There are plot twists and problems to solve that increase the adrenaline for what's to come. This suspense builds throughout the entire movie until the mission—the climax. The tension that occurs throughout this movie is what earns “Top Gun: Maverick” a seat at the table of the best movies ever.

When you examine the contributing factors to “Top Gun: Maverick,” it becomes very apparent as to why this movie sustains the success it achieved. Things like the already invested fanbase that had interest in a sequel, the star-studded cast including Tom Cruise, and the masterful use of a suspenseful plot line with great characters have all helped to make “Top Gun: Maverick” the exceptional movie it is.

–Evan Dietz