

THE SAGE

Cokeville High School

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Celebrating Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday of November. The very first Thanksgiving took place on December 4, 1619. The British settlers and the Wamanoag Indians shared a feast celebrating their new colony and friendships. After that day, Thanksgiving was on December 4 up until 1863. At this point, President Lincoln proclaimed that it be held in November.

A common Thanksgiving tradition includes people having a big dinner. Food items for that dinner include turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, rolls, pumpkin pie, yams, jello, and many other delicious foods. Another fun tradition for many is to go around the table and say what you are thankful for, “thanks” giving. There are many other traditions too.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful and spend time with your family. We celebrate these things, just like how the settlers and Native Americans celebrated their new accomplished friendship.

–Jack Dayton

<https://bedfordlandings.com/blog/being-thankful-in-a-pandemic/>

“I am Thankful for”

Kayson Walker – “hugs because they express my feelings for my friends.”
Micah Petersen – “my family especially around this time of year.”
Jack Dayton – “a healthy body.”
Kalob Haderlie – “good friends so I can have a good high school experience.”
Kylee King – “my family.”
Drake Plowman – “great food I have at home, sleep, basketball, friends and my family.”
Tanner Hatch – “teachers.”
Brooke Bell – “fireplaces to keep me warm in the winter.”
Madi Pauni – “my family because I love them.”
Kodee Johnson – “food and hot cowboys.”
Gavin Weske – “Kayson and Jack.”
Mr. Tims – “my family.”
Reagan Teichert – “my house.”
Cambry Harmon – “my friends and Jethro and my family, obviously.”
Wylie Mackey – “my little brother, Will.”
Kylee King – “heat when we have it.”

Savannah Bell – “the soda bar.”
Maliyah Thompson – “my family.”
Brynn Lyman – “the community.”
Avree Thornock – “the gospel.”
Rebecca Hymer – “parents that have my back.”

–Gracie Himmerich



<https://tastesbetterfromscratch.com/easy-no-fuss-thanksgiving-turkey/>

Fun Facts about Thanksgiving

- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries.
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863.

Thankful

[thangk-ful] adj.

feeling or expressing gratitude; appreciative



Honor Band performance. PC: Brodie Dean

Incredible Honor Clinic

On the 21st and 22nd of November, Cokeville was the host of an incredible opportunity: the honor clinic for band and choir. In this clinic, nine schools sent their best musicians to make incredible sounding choir and band groups.

Obviously, a group of the best from many schools would sound very good; however, what makes honor clinics so amazing is the very small amount of time spent to prepare songs for the concert at the end of the clinic. Typically, groups will spend about two months in preparation for their performances, but in a clinic, there are only two days to get things ready. This makes for a very impressive feat when it is accomplished.

It is important to note that this great performance is not accomplished alone; it is the directors that make it all happen. For this clinic, Corbin Rasmussen was selected to direct the choir and Dave Faires was selected for the band. These directors have a huge role in bringing a production like this together. They do far more than simply wave their hands. They bring expertise and seemingly endless amounts of charisma and energy to the table, which helps young musicians learn.

Speaking on the topic, our band director and organizer of the honor clinic Jonathan Rose said: "It is great because students get the opportunity to be a part of a big ensemble, which we don't have the luxury of here in Cokeville." Honor clinics truly are a great opportunity, especially for us in Cokeville. It was an amazing opportunity for our school to be able to hold this honor clinic.

–Evan Dietz

Throwback for Sadies

The theme for Sadies this year was "throwback," and there were many amazing decorations that went along with that theme: a disco ball hanging in the middle of the dance floor that lit up the whole room, lights hung from the ceiling, and many colorful shapes on the walls. There were also colorful decorations on the doors and windows. The inspiration this year was from the show "Saved By The Bell." The cheerleaders worked hard to set up the dance and decorate to make sure that people had fun. The dance started at 9:00 and went to 11:30. There were many good options for snacks, from cookies to popcorn. The songs were perfect and they were fun to dance to. Many people came and danced, so the cheerleaders had a successful fundraiser. Overall, Sadies was super fun, and people had a blast. I asked Isaac Halls how he felt about the dance this year. His response was, "It was good." Everyone else I talked to had a great time as well!!

–Ashleigh Brooks



PC: Brodie Dean



Katlynn Dean and her boyfriend at Sadies. PC: Brodie Dean



Jayci and Aedan at Sadies. PC: Brodie Dean



Dakota and Amelia having a good time at Sadie Hawkins. PC: Brodie Dean



Third place PC: Kodee Johnson

CHS Sports

Lady Panthers at State Volleyball

State Volleyball is always at the Ford Wyoming Event Center in Casper, Wyoming. This year, the Lady Panthers drove to Casper with their minds focused and ready to play their first game against Kaycee. The Panthers really wanted to beat Kaycee, because last year Kaycee stole first place from them. They wanted revenge. The Lady Panthers ended up winning that game in three, the scores being 25–18, 25–18, and 25–19. This win made the Panthers pretty positive going into their game against Southeast. Southeast came out strong in the first game against the Panthers, leaving the score of the first set 25–16. We didn't give up there, though. The Panthers came into the next set with a positive mindset even after their first loss, but it wasn't enough. Southeast took that set also, and the resulting score was 25–20 for the last two sets. Southeast won the game in three and booted the Lady Panthers out of the Championship. Now the Panthers couldn't take first, but they were determined to take home third. Everyone always says the

only people who walk out winners are first place and third place. The varsity team this year only consisted of three seniors, Jayci Thornock, Gracie Himmerich, and Ashleigh Brooks. I had the chance to interview these three wonderful seniors to see what they thought about the team and state. One of the things that caught my attention was something Jayci Thornock said. When I asked her, "Do you guys think you played the best you could have?" she didn't respond with the usual, *yes, we are always trying our hardest*. She instead said, "I think we can always play better, because we are always trying to play to a standard. We're constantly climbing a ladder and trying to get to the top. I don't think we played the best we could have because we can always play better." This ties into the other question I asked them: "Do you think you were capable of winning the state championship?" Gracie, Ashleigh, and Jayci all answered yes to this question, and I also agree they could have. Cokeville never settles in sports; we always try to go above and beyond and, like Jayci said, we climb up the ladder of trying to improve every day. Other teams set the standard, and we just break right through it. All of this led to us beating Little Snake in four and going into the final match against Kaycee. This game was intense and close every time, but the Lady Panthers didn't settle, and they persevered. They came out with third place. They got their revenge. The coach of the Cokeville volleyball team is Coach Kristen Vierig. At the end of the season she said, "It's hard to look and see that first place is the only time you can be happy with how the season went, and that's not true." The Lady Panthers had a great season, and left Casper with third place at State Volleyball! Great job that weekend, ladies! Go Panthers!

–Brooke Bell



The Lady Panthers in their huddle. PC: Kodee Johnson

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–Kristen Vierig



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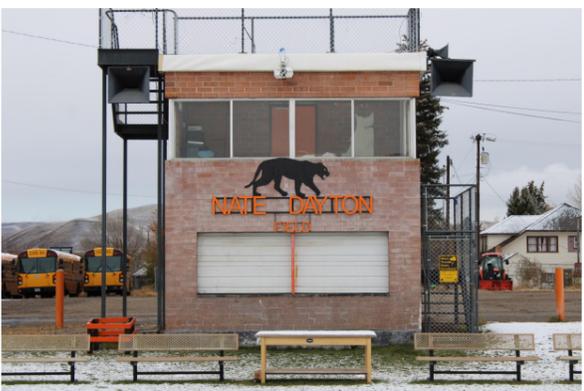
Panthers Football Ends at Semi-Finals

This year the Panthers ended their season with a record of 8–3, making it to the semi-final game in the playoffs. Unfortunately for the football boys, their season ended earlier than they would have liked. In the first round of the playoffs, the Panthers traveled 411 miles to Dayton, Wyoming, where they faced off against the Tongue River Eagles. The Panthers played a great game, having five interceptions and holding the eagles to a shutout. The final score was Panthers 17, Eagles 0.

In the semi-final round of the playoffs, the Panthers traveled all the way to Lovell, Wyoming. The Panthers had played Lovell early in the year and lost, but they still came out strong on defense and made the Bulldogs turn the ball over on a fourth down. The game went back and forth, but eventually the Bulldogs scored the first touchdown. Later, the Panthers were able to respond with a touchdown, tying it up 7–7. Right before halftime, the Bulldogs scored on a reverse play. The second half did not bode well for the Panthers, as they got outscored by 14 points. The final score was Panthers 7, Bulldogs 28.

Although the football boys did not get the results they wanted, it was a great season.

–Micah Peterson



End of fall sports and beginning of winter sports. PC: Gavin Weske

“Ready to Rumble”

Cokeville, also known as “Title Town,” is ready to rumble into the winter sports season after a strong finish of the sports season. Players and coaches are looking forward to another great year.

The girls basketball team is excited for another year to try for the state title. Coach Barnes is very eager to start playing basketball. I asked him how he keeps his players motivated and what he is most excited about. He said, “I think motivation comes from success, and I try to help my players experience success. That helps them become motivated. I’ve got a lot of young players and a few older players, but I’ve got players that play really hard. They will play really fast and they will play really scrappy, so I’m excited for that.”

Jayci Thornock is one of the older players that Coach Barnes talked about. With all the young players coming in, I asked Jayci how she could help any of these younger players that are struggling to learn a new play. She replied with, “I try to help them out, because I have played the game for a long time. I’ve done it for four years so I know the plays well. I can usually tell everyone where they need to go. It also helps to just encourage them along the way.”

The reigning 2A state champs in Game Day cheer are looking forward to another year of defending their title. Coach Clark knows her team must work hard because their state competition is at the end of January. I asked her what she is most looking forward to this year. She remarked, “I am anxious to see what the girls can and will accomplish and to watch them grow as a team. We all have the same goal, and that is to be state champions. To achieve that goal, we all know how much hard work and dedication has to be put in throughout the whole season.”

The number of cheerleaders has dropped this year, so they know they have to work even harder to defend their title. One of the seniors on the winter cheer team this year is Ashleigh Brooks. I asked her about how she can help those that haven’t been in cheer for very long. She said that she will help them, especially if they are flyers, because she

knows what they are doing. She also said, “I just try to be positive and help them know they can do it.”

The more I have talked to others in the school, the more I have realized that our wrestlers have a huge amount of respect for other wrestlers either at high school or collegiate level. I asked Cael Thompson who is an athlete that he looks up to. He was quick to respond, “Carter Starocci. He is a wrestler for Penn State and he just works hard all the time. He is a nice guy and he always has a smile on his face. I want to be like him.”

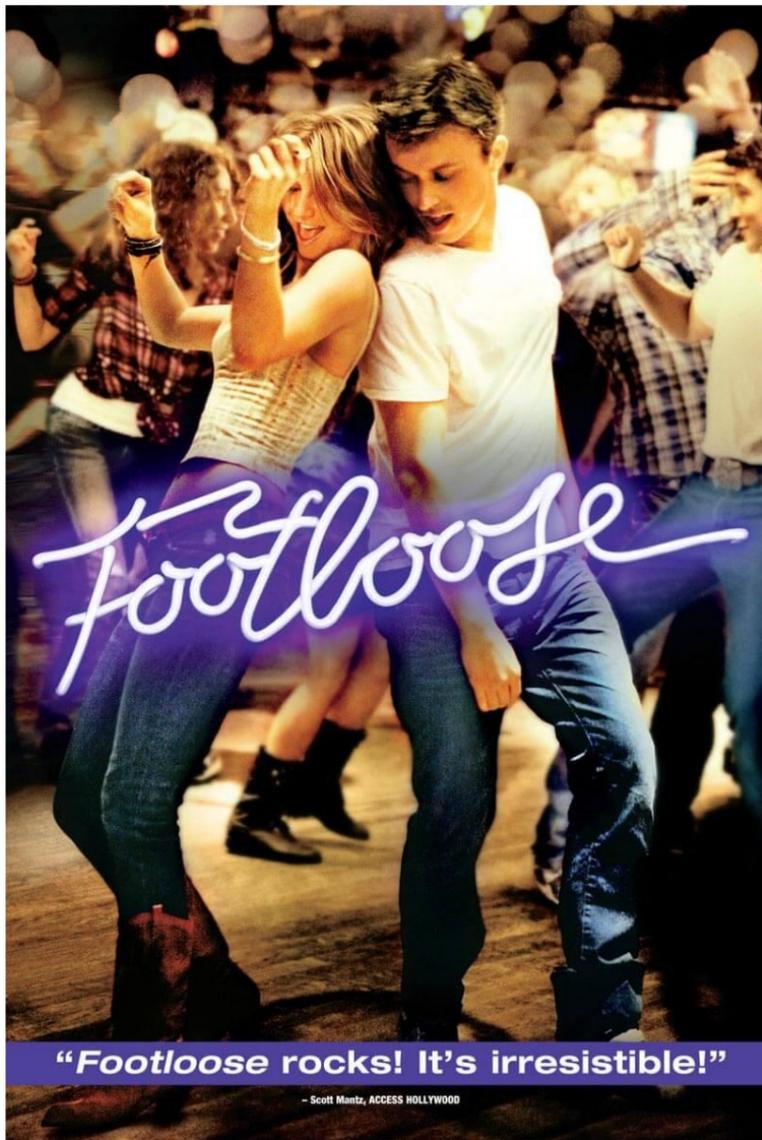
Coach Linford has coached wrestling for multiple years. He has seen many different wrestlers come through his program, and his goal is to always have them leave as a better person. I asked him why he decided to become a coach and how he keeps his team motivated throughout the year. He answered, “I love to compete and to help kids learn to compete. I keep them motivated with parties and Popsicle Tuesdays, but a lot of motivation has to come from them wanting to be better. I try to bring that out of them.”

The boys are looking forward to a great year in basketball as well. They enjoy spending time together and “balling up” together. I asked Jesus what he was looking most forward to and he remarked, “I’m excited to go out and have fun on the court with my friends. Every player this year is one of my friends. So I’m ready to have a good year.”

Coach Hatch is anxious to get this winter season underway for his second season as the boys basketball coach. When asked why he decided to become a coach, he responded, “I have loved basketball since I was old enough to breathe. I became a coach because of the love I have for the game, and for the athletes that are playing it.” I also asked him what he is most looking forward to this year. He said, “We have a great group of players that work hard. They support each other and have serious skills. They love the game, and I look forward to helping them be the best they can be.” We look forward to watching each of these athletes throughout the winter season. Let’s have a great year!

–McCall Murdock

Special Interest



Revealing the High School Play

The Cokeville High School Musical Production is many of the students' and community members' favorite part of the year. As soon as the fall sports season ends, students start to place their guesses as to what the musical will be. This year, the director of the CHS plays, Andra Petersen, put a hint towards the name of the musical in the flier for tryouts. One of her assistant directors, Nannette Cook, rallied students together to get them super excited and to gather a large cast for this year's production. On Monday after school, anyone interested met in the music room to finally figure out what the musical is. The 2022 CHS musical cast will be presenting "Footloose" in March! After watching the movie Monday afternoon, students grabbed the audition materials and prepared to try out for a role on Tuesday after school. Auditions flew by, and all those that auditioned eagerly came to school Wednesday morning to see if they got a callback. Callbacks are done for the directors to see the potential candidates for a part act in a specific role, rather than just the song sung and the lines spoken in the general audition. On Thursday morning, all those that auditioned come to school and go directly to the column in the commons area where the cast list is posted each year. Everyone is super excited to start rehearsals and perform the play in March!

–Jayci Thornock

“Let me tell you something about the law: it’s meant to be challenged.”

**–Ren McCormack,
*Footloose***



Mr. Barnes. PC: Gavin Weske

Coach Barnes Ready for a Great Season

After placing third in last year's girls basketball season, the only thing Coach B could think about was next year's basketball season. Well, next year came fast and it is upon us now. He is going to have a young team coming in and is super excited to coach them. He says that this team hustles, is athletic, gets along, and has teamwork like he has never seen. Coach B says that these girls have put in a lot of work and effort this summer that will help them in the season to come. Even with all this work, they are still going to have to improve in the season. He calls this getting baptized by fire. He says their goal, like anybody else's goal, would be to win state. He is super excited to play a couple teams. He is excited to play Saratoga in our conference. They are always a good team and are fun to beat, especially at their home. In the region, he is excited to play Riverside and Burlington, and Southeast at state. Coach B loves coaching with Coach Thomas because they have been long time friends and he has a great mind to help the team be better. Overall, Coach B is hoping to have a great season and a great time coaching.

–Kalob Haderlie



The Selection Series

<https://strugglingbookaddict.wordpress.com/2016/08/11/the-selection-series-by-kiera-cass/>

Entertainment & Review

The Selection Book Review (From the Boys' Point Of View)

The first time I read *The Selection*, by Kiera Cass, I fell in love with the books. I had only heard good things about the series, so I had to read them to find out for myself. After reading the books, I realized that I'd never heard of any boys reading them. Recently, however, four junior boys have been reading *The Selection*, and I thought it would be fun to hear their perspective on the book.

Jack Dayton, Quintan Bird, Micah Petersen, and Drake Plowman all had the same idea as to what the theme of the series is. They said, "Love can come in unexpected ways. The books are about romance, and they teach us that love may even come at a time you least expect it to."

Each enjoyed different specific parts of the book, and none of them had the same favorite scene. Jack's favorite part in the first book was when Celeste gets slapped in the face. Quintan's was at the very end, when Maxon gets shot while he's talking to America.

Micah's was when Maxon and America slept together because it made him happy, and Drake's favorite part was when Maxon and America meet for the first time, because you really get to know Maxon's personality. They also all agreed that the best book in the series is the first one.

I asked them if they have enjoyed reading these books, and they unanimously said yes. Jack said, "I've enjoyed reading them because you have to find out what happens."



<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/the-selection-kiera-cass-delivers-movie-news-205538309.html?scitybrkr=764dcb56>

Quintan said, "I like reading them because they're just really good." Micah said, "I've enjoyed them because they are intriguing and keep me interested in what will happen next." Drake said, "I like reading these books because you always want to keep reading and find out what happens next."

I asked all the boys who their favorite character was. Jack and Drake said the same person: Marlee was their favorite character, because she was genuine and seemed like a nice person. They also agreed that she would most likely be a really good friend. Quintan said Maxon was his favorite character, but just because he was pretty cool. Micah said America, because she's the main character. Micah explained his answer with, "Even though she's stupid sometimes, she's my favorite, and the story revolves around her."

Next, I asked Micah, Jack, Drake, and Quintan who their least favorite character was as well. Jack was the only one who disagreed on this question. The other boys said Aspen was their least favorite character, but Jack said his least favorite was the king, because he's a "piece of work." The others said Aspen for many reasons, such as, "He was annoying," "He was just a dirtbag," and "He comes to the palace and seduces America even though she's supposed to be with Maxon."

The next question I asked them was what they would rate this book on a scale from 1–10. Jack said, "I'd rate this book a 9/10 because it was infuriating, but a couple parts make it so it's not annoying." Quintan said, "This book is definitely a 10/10, because it was good." Micah said, "Out of 10, these books are a 9, because they keep me reading." Drake said, "I'd give this book an 8.5/10 just because it's a good story line, but America is sometimes an idiot."

The last question I asked the boys was if they would change anything in the first book if they could. Jack and Micah liked the book and agreed that they wouldn't change anything about it. Quintan would make it so America's father doesn't die, and Drake said he would change the book so Aspen didn't exist. If Aspen didn't exist, America could be more in the present.

After interviewing these boys about the book, I feel very happy. It is fulfilling to know that a boy could love a book like *The Selection*. This series is full of romance and action. It truly does make you want to keep reading to see what happens next. I agree with these boys on so many of their answers to my questions, and I highly recommend these books to anyone who may be even slightly interested!

–Kylee King (and Ashleigh Brooks, ed.)