

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

written by Macy Boese

The Back to School Bash took place August Friday, 19th at the city park to kick off the new school year. The bash was ran by the KAY board and its members. There were yard games provided by some KAY members. The games that the members brought were washers, cornhole, and a ball throw.

To get more high schoolers in KAYs to make the club bigger, root beer floats were given if you decided to join. On the sign up sheet there were 15 high schoolers that signed up at the back to school bash.

Cassie Dunlavy says, *"I enjoyed the food, a lot and I liked to see how many people showed up and had a good time."*

At the park there was a free swim from 6:30pm to 9pm. It was a great turnout and there were a bunch of children/teens enjoying the night. If you did not want to swim or play yard games, you could play basketball with your friends or play sand volleyball. Some boys from the high school played a game with Mr. Hoopes. Most high school girls played at the volleyball court.

Aiden Hoopes said, *"It was a great day to be a charger. Just a lot of teachers and classmates getting together outside of school and having a good time."*

There was one food truck called, *"Cheesepanzeer"* and there were chicken quesadillas provided by some members of the town. Everyone had a blast and the food was enjoyable. The free swim lasted till 9pm and there were so many kids playing water games. All of them looked like they were having fun while their parents were chatting it up poolside.

RECHARGE NIGHT

written by Cassie Dunlavy

Recharge night was on Friday, August 26, and started at 7:00. This was a time to meet new teachers and connect with others at our school after the summer break. A pulled pork Potluck dinner was served preceding elementary games, New Staff and team Introductions, and the high school football and volleyball scrimmage.

The volleyball scrimmage consisted of a mix of Jv and Varsity girls. They made it a little more fun this year by adding props. If they made a mistake or if the coaches thought they needed one, they would run onto the court and place a fun object on them. The props consisted of glasses, wigs, tutus, and various outfit pieces. The girls seemed to have a lot of fun with it this year. Mallore Matlack shared, *"I think it was super fun to change it up this year and to add a little more fun to the scrimmage!"*

The boys football scrimmage occurred shortly after. It went very well and definitely got them playing like they would in an actual game. Jude Barns exclaimed, *"It was fun to play with my boys and really get the feel of how a real game will feel."*

This was an excellent opportunity for the teams and school to get together and make everyone feel ready to start the school year.



Volleyball team after the scrimmage on recharge night



Labor Day

By Olivia Evans

Labor day transpired on Monday, September 5th 2022, the first Monday of September. Labor day is known as a day to honor and celebrate American workers and their achievements, some being better wages, hours, and work conditions. The weekend celebrating labor day signifies the end of the summer.

Brooklyn Ford (Ashton Childs) said, "I worked most of the day at IHOP and it was really slow from 5pm to 10pm."

In the late 1800's at the peak of the American Revolution, working everyday for 12 hours minimum was normal... just to support themselves. During these lengthy shifts they had to work in unsafe and filthy working conditions. They also did not get breaks or luxury of fresh air in these environments.

Olivia Perkins says, "I think it is a good thing that we celebrate everyone that is working for the country and themselves."

Due to the malnourishment the workers had gone through years ago, they began to make a stand to change things. They built up a labor union and from there they started rallies and strikes to protest the hours, pay, and child labor.

As of today we celebrate labor day with family and friends. We as a country are honored to be a part of this movement. We get to enjoy this day with all of our friends and family. **Thank you all to everyone who is a hard working citizen of our country.**



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Shelby Ryan, Cassie Dunlavy, and Macy Boese enjoy the sunrise

SENIOR SUNRISE

written by Cassie Dunlavy

Friday, Aug 19th the senior class hosted their senior sunrise. Though there were only 5 people that showed up, they still did their best to enjoy the morning together. The seniors that showed up were Shelby Ryan, Macy Boese, Cassie Dunlavy, Patrick Hudson, and Darious Bailey.

Patrick Hudson said, "I'm getting better at going to school events so it was fun to participate in one at the beginning of the year."

The senior Moms brought Chocolate Milk, Apple Juice, Coffee, and Donuts. They all sat around the track on blankets and watched the sun come up together. This was a great start to the day and to the year! Shelby Ryan said "The snacks were yummy and the sunrise was so pretty."

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New Arrivals

By Olivia Perkins

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MS. FEYES

We have welcomed several new faces to our halls. **Ms. Hogan, Ms. Feyes, Mr. Darkis, Ms. Campbell, and Superintendent Ms. Schwindt.**



Mrs. Lindsay Hogan grew up in Conway Springs, Kansas. She is our new school counselor. Ms. Hogan attended Cloud Community College for her Associates Degree, Kansas State University for her Bachelors Degree, and Wichita State University for her Masters Degree. She instantly knew that this would be the perfect place to begin her school counseling role. She currently lives in Valley Center with her husband and black/white cat. She loves watching shows on Netflix. She credits her parents who she learned from. They played roles in psychology and education.



Her cat helping organize her pens during lesson planning

Ms. Katherine Feyes grew up in Valley Center, Kansas. She is the High School Mathematics teacher. She is also the National Honor Society Sponsor and Co-Sponsor of the Freshman class. She attended Wichita State University.

She missed the community a small school provides, because it involves parents, grandparents, and even neighbors. Her daughter Emma is a freshman at K-State. Her partner Cody cannot wait to attend Football games.

She loves her cats, Fira and Peppermint. Her cat loves to help her lesson plan by organizing her pens.

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NEW STUDENTS



Mr. Darkis

Mr. Darkis was born and raised in Wichita until he moved to Great Bend, KS in the middle of his 7th grade year. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 2013. He is the High School English Teacher at Burrton High School. He is also employed through Hutch CC which allows him to teach Composition 1&2 to the seniors.

He studied for one year at Independence Community College where He then transferred to Fort Hays State University. He studied at FHSU in the English Department and received both his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He is currently taking online classes through FHSU in pursuit of his 2nd Masters degree. He came to Burrton HS to instill his passion for literature with the students.

"Literature and writing is the one thing in the world that makes sense to me and I want to share that with the students in hopes that literature can one day change their lives." Besides reading and writing fiction in his spare time, He love spending time with his wife, Becca, and two children, Elijah and Everleigh. He loves spending time with his family and his friends on lazy days. *"Becca and I binge watch Hell's Kitchen while Eli screams at Mickey Mouse playing on his tablet and while Evie stares at random things around the room"*. He is also huge anime and video game nerd! His favorite game of all time is Persona 5 Royal. He loves Halloween, especially Michael Myers!

"That I am honored and excited to be here at Burrton as a first-year teacher! I have such high expectations for the students here because I have been able to see the potential in each and every one of them."



***Carl Williams is a new student at
Burrton High School***

This year at Burrton we have one new student, Carl Williams. Carl is a junior this year and came from Nickerson High School. Nickerson is where he was born and raised, and where he attended his past years of school. Carl isn't currently in any sports, but he is looking forward to playing basketball. He ran Cross Country at Nickerson. Carl has one older sister, Paige Daniel, who graduated from Burrton in the year 2017.

His favorite movie is Top Gun and his favorite song is Superstars by Upchurch. His favorite quote is "if you aint first, your last" by Ricky Bobby.

When we asked him where he would want to travel he said Florida, because that is where some of his family lives and it's also beautiful. If he ever moves there or visits there he wants to go in a shark tank. After high school he plans to either drive semi trucks or continue with martial arts.

While he attends Burrton he strives to be a better student and get better grades. He also strives to have a solid friend group which he has already accomplished while being here. He likes Burrton more than Nickerson because he likes the way that the school is set up and he can navigate it better, he also says there are less fights which is positive.

Acellus

By: Lucy Embree

Due to staff shortage, there are not enough teachers for certain subjects such as high school science and foreign languages, so we have confided in a curriculum called Acellus. Acellus has short videos to watch, about 7-15 minutes. Then after the videos there are short quizzes, about 5-15 questions.

There are many struggles with this curriculum and not many students like it. Some of the struggles include not understanding, not being able to answer personalized questions, and just simply not being able to pay close attention.

Malloree Matlack is the only junior in English 3 that does her class online through Acellus. She says, "I feel like I get stuff done faster because I don't have actual assignments but I don't really learn anything."

Noble Phillips says something similar, he says, "I am passing but it would be easier if there was a human teacher in the classroom." Most students say something along the lines of it is easy sometimes, but they wish they had a real teacher.

Logan Lane is a freshman taking sophomore classes but he is only 13! He skipped the 8th and 9th grade doing Acellus at home. Logan says, "the classes were easier depending on the teacher, but I feel like I learned everything I needed to learn." One of the teachers at Burrton, Mr. Lang added, "I didn't like it because once kids figured out how to beat the system and it became a useless tool." He used Acellus during Covid so it wasn't helping the students when they were at home learning or half online.

Overall, there aren't many students who like Acellus. There are a couple of students who like to work at their own pace and it's nice to be able to get work done ahead of time, but it does not seem to teach everything and it's pretty difficult to understand.

Dress Code

By: Cassie Dunlavy

Starting this year, students have already had concerns with some of the new rules in the dress code. There were new rules set this year and in my opinion, many students seem upset about the changes.

One rule is you can't wear oversized shirts or hoodies that go past your shorts. Last year, female students wore this without any concerns or consequences. Which makes many of us question this, considering this was one of the most comfortable and popular outfit trends.

Apparently, oversized clothes are considered inappropriate... because adults are afraid that students will come to school with no shorts, which has never happened. Considering this, we also can not wear crop tops, which is a huge style trend with teens right now.

Malloree Matlack said, "This is upsetting because they dress code us for our shorts, so if our shirts are longer than our shorts, they get upset, so they shouldn't be upset that they can't see our shorts."

Colby Embree says, "As a boy, I do not see a problem with the dress code. Because I wear the same clothes everyday, jeans and a t-shirt. I have never been dress coded. Most other boys have not been dress coded in my high school years."

Many teenage girls wear these things because it is trendy, comfortable, and doesn't show off skin. Dressing the way you want to dress makes you comfortable with yourself and also boosts your confidence level.

A Four Day School Week?

By: Olivia Evans

There are many pros and cons to the four day school week idea. Recently, about 25 school districts in Kansas have transferred over to a four day school week. This allows schedules to be more flexible for students and parents. Here is some more insight to the four day school week.

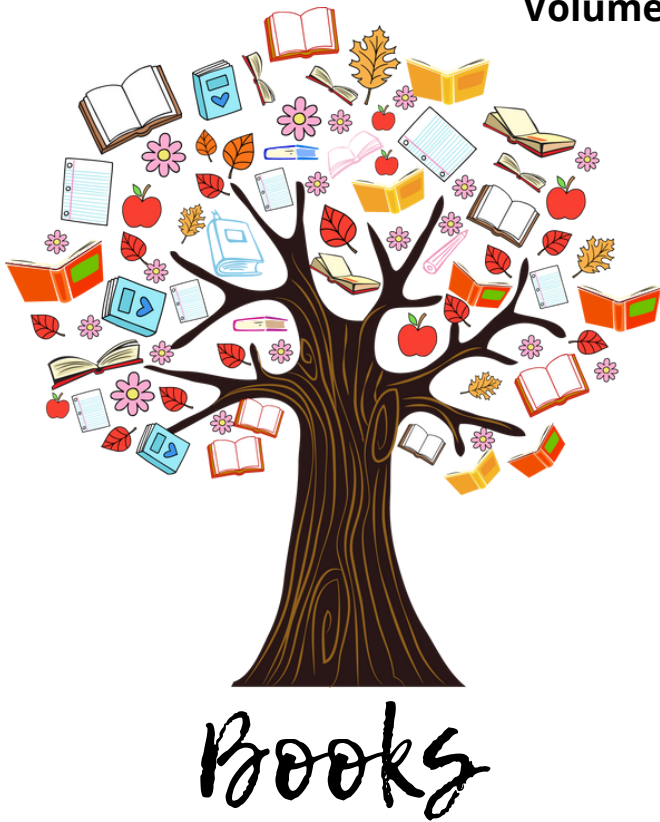
Tyler Deschner said "Yes, I would have more time to complete assigned work." Schools might believe that they will end up saving more money by taking off an extra school day, but they still have to run extra curricular activities. This concept could make it easier to get teachers hired, because it is a more flexible schedule for them. While there are many pros, they still have some cons, as well. Colby Embree said "I would have more time to attend to my job on those extra days." In some cases juvenile crime could be increasing. The reasoning behind all of this may be due to kids having more time outside of school to cause trouble.

I think and feel that if Burrton High School provided a 4-day school week, everyone would be much happier. Most kids would have adequate time to work on their assignments and have a sustainable working ethic. Having less days gives the students less time to procrastinate.

It would be nice to have a shorter work week and longer weekends to do what you want, and to have more fun with family or friends.



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By. Shelby Ryan

Reading is a hobby that often gets listed not as a hobby. People, especially high school students, would explain reading as boring, lame, or even NOT FUN. This is not at all true. It all depends on the things you are interested in and then you can easily find a very enjoyable book. There are many different genres of books, such as: thriller, romance, horror, fantasy, mystery, comedy, drama, and so many more!. With this list of endless options you are bound to find a book you would love to read.

Teens these days are locked in on their phones and tend to think of no other worlds outside of silly things like Tiktok or Snapchat. They simply have not yet experienced the amazing worlds that you get brought into when you read a book. Although, Tiktok can have some very good book recommendations so seeing books on there could get you motivated to pick up a good read. There has been notice of more and more BHS students reading lately. Given, the majority of the readings at BHS are girls, it is still good to see students going down the halls with their faces glued to pages instead of screens.

Colby Embree gives his opinion on the books, "I don't read because it never found a way into my heart. Last time I read a book it messed up my brain. I don't like reading books because it looks like a bunch of jumbled words that make no sense."

There has been a common factor seen in the types of books here at BHS. Colleen Hoover has been a very trendy author being read by the students. Colleen Hoover writes mystery/romance novels. She has been the hot new thing going all over Tik Tok and in schools. Thriller books are also another popular genre that have been floating around the high school.. While walking down the halls you may hear girls babbling on and on about something that sounds totally out of this world, but never fear, it is probably the plot to a juicy new book they're reading. Books will get passed around from person to person so then they can all conversate on how good it was.

Mallorie Matlack says, "For me it's normal cause I've been a reader my whole life but I think it's good that everyone is starting to read cause it's a better way to pass time than just being on your phone."

Overall, it has been nice to see reading become more popular at the school.

Though it does not seem cool to the boys yet, hopefully one day they will come around and realize reading tops all things like video games, Tiktok, or Snapchat. Now, depending on what kind of things you are interested in, you should be able to find a suitable book that will get you tied in and unable to look away.



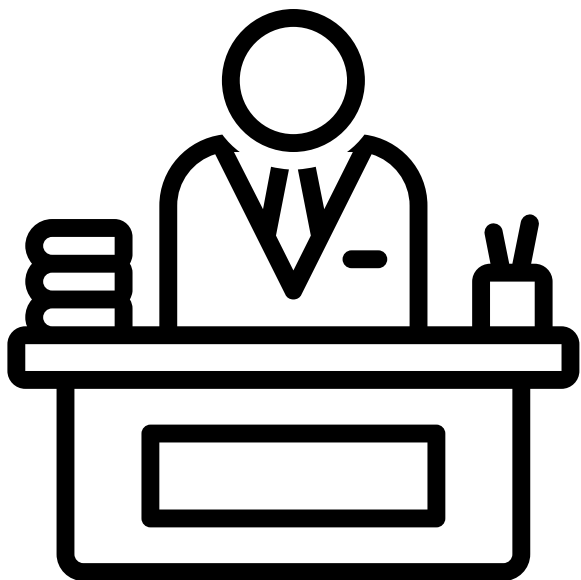
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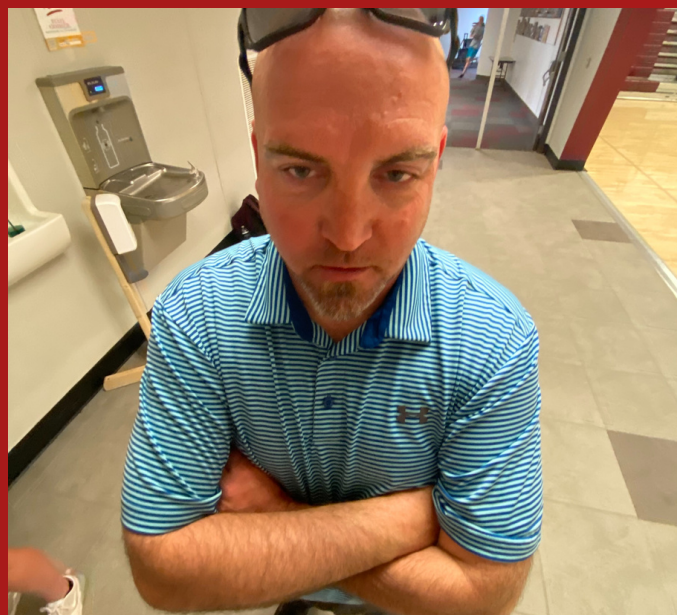
By Gabby Barden

Mr. Hoopes shares that he has been in Burrton since 2006. He began as a PE/Health teacher. About 7 years ago, he became the 6-12 principal. ***"There are days that are challenging. On a scale of 1-10, it would be around a 4. Like any other job there will be ups and downs. You have to find the good in every bad situation. I also try not to take any of the issues home with me."*** He arrives each day at 7:30 a.m. and sometimes is here until 10:00p.m. depending upon games. Mr. Hoopes shares his favorite duties as an administrator are, ***"...watching kids grow into adults. I enjoy those talks with students and watching them listen to what I have to say. It is very satisfying to see students mature and take a step in the right direction. I also enjoy my time with the staff during the day, watching them work and teach our students is very satisfying."***

Mr. Hoopes enjoys observing all classes. He thinks it is fun to see what each staff members does and also enjoys watching how they grab their attention. He understands how staff puts a lot of time into lessons and he loves to watch them do what they love to do, ***which is to teach kids***. He greets students at the door each morning. Hoopes began this tradition about 3 years ago and makes it a priority each day. He wants Burrton to be known as the school that allows students to be themselves and also allows students to participate in any or all activities if they wish to. His favorite quote to live by is... ***"To succeed you have to fail first. Learn from it and become a better person day by day."***



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Mr. Hoopes honors the motto, "Proud to be a charger."

Blood Drive

By Olivia Evans

This year Burrton Chargers, National Honor Society, and the Red Cross hosted a blood drive on September 2, 2022. The goal for this drive was 17 units of blood and we in total collected from 18 blood donors.

The meaning of what a blood drive is, "An activity, usually charitable, in which persons are requested to donate blood, either to maintain a general supply or in response to a specific shortage or emergency." Macy Boese, NHS member said, "I feel like the whole day itself was very successful and I gave blood, but didn't pass out though sadly."

This event went on during the entirety of this school day starting at 9am and ending at 3:30pm. The teacher/sponser is Mrs. Feyes, who is a Math Teacher at BHS.

Shelby Ryan, also an NHS member says, "I worked the whole day and everyone else in the club came in through shifts. I did think overall the day was nice and I had a lot of fun getting out of school."

For the next Blood Drive coming up, I hope to see if the goal donation is met. Maybe there will be other new people to donate and some donors that always give blood each time.

First win of the Season

By Cassie Dunlavy

On September 2nd, at 7:00 it was the Highschool boy's first game. The game lasted 'til around 10:30. It was an extremely long game for the boys and the crowd. The final score was 80-71. It was an excellent way to start the year with a win!

Aiden Hoopes said, "It was a good team win and I think this year we can put some things together and have a better season than the past years."

Aiden Hoopes led the team with 12 touchdowns, Cam Schmidt with 5 touchdowns, and Josh Phillips with 2. Noble Phillips and Jude Barnes each had 1 touchdown. Everyone had a very high-point game.

The defense was pretty good for the boys. Overall, Jude Barnes led the team in tackles with 9 followed by N. Phillips with 4, J. Phillips, and Leyton Graves with 3. Jace Martin and Levi Durner had 2, and lastly Hoopes with 1.

N. Phillips also had 2 interceptions. Barnes and N. Phillips with 3 Assists and J. Phillips and Graves with 1. Cam Schmit said, "It went really well. All we need to do is run one play and give Aiden the ball and the rest is history."

All in all, this was a great start to the season and hopefully, it gives them the confidence to play like that again to win more games.



FOOTBALL GAME AT BURRTON

By Macy Boese

Friday, September 9th, the Charger Football team played against Southern Cloud at Burrton's home field. The final score at the end of the game was 74-50 with the Burrton Chargers winning.

For each quarter the boys did a really good job with each play. Almost every time they scored 20 points every quarter. They were so close to scoring 80 points, but the last quarter only 7 points.

Charlie Musser stated, "They were a big team, but the Chargers were better."

Leading with the most tackles was Noble Phillips with 8 and Josh Phillips with 7. The most yardage was by Aiden Hoopes with 75 followed by Cam Schmidt with 71 and then Charlie Musser with 54 yards. Rushing touchdowns was Hoopes with a total of 5 and then receiving touchdowns was Musser with 3 completed.

Defensively, the Chargers all got solo tackles and some assists. J. Phillips had 2 different assists and N. Phillips, Leyton Graves, Jude Barnes, Salvador Araujo all had 1 each.

Cam Schmidt said, "I got to throw the ball more, which I liked to do. I also threw three touchdown passes and caught one throughout the game."

Overall, the Charger football team played one of their best games, so far in the season. Can't wait to see how the next game, hosted in Natoma, goes!

Natoma Football Game

By Lucy Embree

Friday, September 16th, the Burrton Charger football team traveled 2 ½ hours to Natoma, KS. The game started at 7 pm and was over by 9:30 pm. The Chargers got 45ed in the 3rd quarter, and the final score was 19-58.

Jude Barnes leads the team in tackles with 6 solo tackles. Noble Phillips was a close follower with 4 solo tackles and 3 assists. Joshua Phillips got a jaw dropping 61 yard touchdown thrown from Cam Schmidt.

Junior Levi Durner says, "I think that we should have put in more effort, so we won't get 45ed in the third quarter because that's embarrassing."

Shortly after the first quarter, Leyton Graves, number 20, got in an argument that led into a squabble with one of the players from the other team. They were jumping on each other and hitting each other, but thankfully the fight got broken up quickly. Both Leyton Graves and the player from Natoma were escorted out of the game.

After everything was over they were not allowed back into the game. Cam Schmidt was also ejected from the game around halftime for being disrespectful and throwing his helmet. He had to sit out for the rest of the week and wasn't allowed to play in the homecoming game.

Noble Phillis says, "The offense suffered without Aiden although I think we bonded more as a team, because we played better together."

The Natoma football game was hard, because two of the boys got ejected and Aiden couldn't play the whole game for health issues. This game was the Chargers first loss of the season making the record 2-1.

Although the chargers lost, they continue to keep fighting hard and hopefully they can pull out another win next week!

The Chargers 45 Chase on Homecoming Night

By. Shelby Ryan

The Burrton Chargers took on Chase for a pretty wild football game Friday night. This was also the night of homecoming, so the Chargers were hungry for the win. The football boys did indeed fight hard to win the football game by forty-fiving them in the fourth quarter, ending the game with a score of 87-39.

Aiden Hoopes gives his thoughts on the game, "It was a good game. We were missing some key players, but we put it all together in the end."

The Chargers were forty-fived by Natoma at last week's game. Taking a full 360, it was awesome to see the Chargers forty-five Chase in the following game. All it takes is a lot of hard work and mental strength to push through losses and keep fighting. Colby Embree had his first touchdown of the season, running 16 yards.

Embree talks about how getting his first touchdown felt, "This was my first touchdown of this season and it was pretty enthusiastic. Definitely pumped me up and not only that, but our first forty five in years."

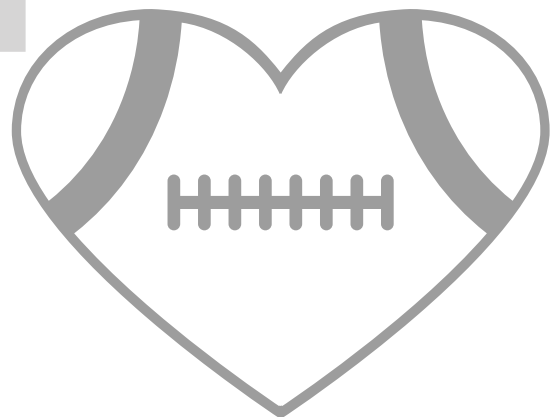
The football team has been making extremely good progress this season. Now with a record of 4-1. The boys are confident this will be a good season for them. The Chargers hope to keep working hard and are pushing for more accomplishments.



Jude Barns running the ball at a home game



Football team after a long game against Chase





Volleyball Girls continue to work their hardest

By Maudie Hudson

On Thursday, August 30th, at 4:00p.m. the Burrton Lady Chargers took on St. John and Halstead at Burrton. JV played first followed by Varsity. The girls endured a long night against their rivals.

Varsity gave it their all against St. John and Halstead. The final score against St. John was 24-26; 25-20; 18-25 the girl lost this game.

Kennedy Mcmurry had the most digs on the team with 17 followed by Macy with 13

Cassie Dunlavy said, "I thought we played pretty well, but we couldn't pull together a win.. but I'm proud of how we played overall."

The final score against Halstead was 20-25; 16-25 also with a loss for the Lady Chargers.

M. Matlack led the team with kills with 5 followed by Taylyn Matlack with 2 kills.

Paula Bose said, "This team doesn't quit, they never give up and they always fight their way back up."

The girls were pumped up and they worked hard that night. The game concluded at 10:30p.m. after hours of intense plays. All in all, the lady chargers fought really hard that night and hope to see how they all do next week!



Lucy Embree, Taylyn Matlack and Kennedy Mcmurry

Burrton Volleyball gets beat again

By. Ally Hatch

On Tuesday, September 6th at 4:00 p.m. The Burrton girls took on Central Christian and Skyline in Hutchinson at Central Christian High School.

The Lady Chargers played their first match against Central Christian. Lost with 12-25; 23-25. Their second set with

The Lady Chargers serving percentage was 95%. Mallore Matlack had 3 Aces while Shelby Ryan had 2. Kennedy Mcmurry had 10 digs and Matlack had 4. The team total they had 29 digs. Matlack had 4 assists and Ryan had 2 the team had 7 assists in total. The Lady Chargers had 8 kills. Ryan with 3 kills and Cassie Dunlavy and Macy Boese both had 2 kills this game.

The Lady Chargers second match was against Skyline. Their first set against Skyline the score was 9-25; 19-25 we lost.

Matlack and Dunlavy led the team with 3 kills each and Ryan with 2. Matlack also led the team with 1 ace.

Icyanna Bailey had said, "Us girls knew it wasn't going to be easy to win both of those games and we definitely could've done a lot better. We learned from our mistakes that day and we have improved and are still improving. Overall it was a fun night."

Macy Boese said, "I think we did play hard as a team and had some good plays here and there. It was just that night we all did not communicate and that's what lost the games for us."

The volleyball game may not have been a success, but it was a learning experience for all the girls. That night the volleyball girls tried their best and will continue to do their best farther into the season!

The Fight Against Goessel

By. Macy Boese

On Saturday, September 10th, the Lady Chargers played at Goessel which was the Goessel Volleyball Tournament. The volleyball tournament lasted most of the Saturday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

For the first game in the morning we failed to play against the Moundridge Wildcats. We ended with a 0-2 with them and the girls fought hard for their first game of the day. Serving aces for the two sets with the most was Macy Boese, Cassie Dunlavy, Lucy Embree, and Shelby Ryan all with one ace each. For kills Dunlavy and Mallorie Matlack each had 5 kills and Taylyn Matlack had 1. Everyone had digs for this game with Embree and T. Matlack each had 4 followed by M. Matlack and Boese with 3. Then Dunlavy and Ryan each had 2 digs.

Canton-Galva Eagles was the second game of the morning and the Lady Chargers went 1-2 with them. Dunlavy had the most kills for both sets with 7, Ryan had 6, and M. Matlack had 5

each. For assists M. Matlack had 13 assists followed by Ryan with 9 each. Serving for both of these sets was good with only 4 miss serves out of the whole team.

Third game started after lunch against the Goessel Bluebirds. Goessel was one of the harder games that day and the girls tried their best playing. At the end of the two sets Burrton went 0-2 with the Bluebirds. Icy Bailey and Boese each had 100% serving for both sets and M. Matlack with 83.3%. There wasn't a lot of kills for these games with only Ryan and M. Matlack with 3 kills each. M. Matlack had the most digs with a total of 9 digs. Boese had the second most with 7, Bailey and Ryan each had 5 digs as well.

The Fairfield Falcons was the last game of the day which was around 3 pm and we won both games ending with 2-0. Serving was great these games and Boese, T. Matlack, Bailey, Lucy Embree all had 2 aces each for both sets. Ryan had 6 kills for these sets followed by M. Matlack and Dunlavy with 3 kills each.

All the girls worked their hardest to win every game. They unfortunately lost three games out of four total throughout the day

VB Senior Night

By. Madison Araujo

On Tuesday, September 27th, the Lady Chargers played at Burrton and had senior night against Norwich and Cunningham. Before the Lady Chargers went on to play against Cunningham, they had a senior night where our seniors Macy Boese #22, Cassie Dunlavy #5, and Shelby Ryan #12, were announced.

Boese played for 4 years and truly will be missed by us all. Freshmen, "Thank you for always cheering us on when the team does good. You always make everyone laugh and you care for everyone on the team." From Sophomores, "Thank you for doing your best to help the team and pushing us to do our best. We love and are going to miss your laugh! Don't miss us too much at college."

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Lastly Juniors, "You never fail to make everyone laugh with your blondness! You've really stepped up in the back row since you've been here! Thank you and love you, Statue!"

Dunlavy also played for 4 years and will be missed dearly. The freshman says "You always lift us up and make us laugh when we aren't feeling the best. We love how you make practice fun and are always supportive of everyone." From Sophomores, "You always know how to put a smile on everybody's face. Thank you for helping us when we are confused or lost. We're so grateful for you and sad to see you leave us. We know you're going to be the life of the party at college!" And finally the juniors, "We will really miss your awesome hits and blocks! We are so proud that you finally learned to control your giraffe legs! (for the most part) We love you so much ginge!"

Ryan played for 4 years and will be missed. Freshmen, "Whenever we make a mistake you always lift us up and are always positive. You always make us smile and encourage other to do their best. Thank you for making the court fun!" Sophomores, "Thank you for being a strong leader for all of us. You really inspire us to try our best and be ourselves. You always pump us up and cheer us on. We are going to miss you so much and love you!" Finally the Juniors, "We love your amazing sets and ambidextrous hits. We love that you're constantly uplifting and encouraging the whole team. We will miss you lefty!"

Coach Matlack said to all of the Seniors, "Thank you for giving me all you've got! It has been so fun this season and I appreciate your effort. I love how all have worked so hard and still have fun with everyone. We will miss each of you so much next year!"

Lastly, the senior received a gift from the moms and Coach Lesley and the senior moms. Some of the gifts they got were a black bag with their names on it containing a t-shirt, some candy, a water bottle, a 309 gift card and a necklace with their name and numbers on it.

Unfortunately, the season is almost over and this is the seniors last season before they leave high school. We will miss the seniors very much and we wish you well for the future.



Shelby Ryan going up for a Hit



Cross Country

HESSTON CROSS COUNTRY MEET

By. Macy Boese

The meet was on Thursday the 8th of September at Hesston. It was a beautiful, hot day to run for all the athletes. In cross country for the high school we have four runners this year, unlike last year we had only two high schoolers. This is the second meet of the season and, so far the team can only get any better!

Everyone ran a 5k at the meet. There is one freshman, Logan Lane, two sophomores, Sophia Klein and Colton Robinson, and junior, Olivia Perkins.

Lane ran a 29:18:00 5k with 9:26 per mile and got 70th place out of 81 boys.

Klein ran a 40:59:00 5k with 13:11 per mile and received 38th place out of 39 girls.

Robinson ran a 23:56 5k with 7:42 per mile and acquired 41th place out of 65 boys.

Perkins ran a 31:36:00 5k with 10:10 per mile and got 30th place out of 36 girls.

Robinson says, "I did fine for it being the second meet of the season, but I could do better for the next meet hopefully."

Lane said, "I thought that running was a little more harder this meet, but I feel like I am slowly getting better each race."

Overall, everyone did their best and gave it their all at the meet. They can only improve from here and hope to see how each of their times get better.

Cross Country at St. John

By. Lucy Embree

On Thursday, September 15th, Burrton High School Cross Country team went to St. John for their cross country meet. Junior Olivia Perkins, sophomore Sophia Klein, and freshman Logan Lane all ran 5k's. Sophomore Colton Robinson usually runs but he sprained his ankle right before this meet and was not able to run. He should be ready to go for the next meet hopefully!

Lane says, "It was the most fun meet of the year and I liked the course that we ran. I was more focused at that meet and I felt like I had my head in the game."

Lane ran 23:34 in his 5k and placed 11th place out of 34 boys. It is Logan's first year running cross country.

Perkins ran 29:53 in her 5k and placed 7th place out of 18 girls. She PRed in at this meet.

Klein was the other runner that ran at this meet. She ran 36:22 and placed 14th out of 18 girls.

Perkins says, "It was a good meet. I thought it was because it was cooler outside and I didn't throw up."

As of this meet Klein, Perkins and Lane have reached their goals and PRed! They are on their way to reaching their new goals for the season.