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WBA Championships hosted at KHS, Welcoming Kingsburg has Honor of holding Marching Band Competition



By Lorne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Kingsburg High School Music Department had the honor of hosting the 2019 Western Band Association Championships at Kingsburg High Nov. 23-24, where 42 bands from all over California and Nevada came to compete in the final competition of the marching season.

KHS was asked to host the 2019 WBA Class and Grand Championships after winning the division 2A Class Championships for two years in a row.

Though the finals competition was cancelled last year due to the extreme fires throughout California, the Viking Marching Band maintained their title.

For those readers who don't know how WBA works, WBA stands for the Western Band Association, and was founded in January of 1979 by a group of band directors wanting to "change the face of Marching Band in California."

Their goal was to create an "educationally based competitive performance opportunity."

To put it simply, it is a program in California that allows marching bands to enroll and compete in numerous competitions with the goal of earning the best score.

In order to compete, high schools must compose and perform a field show, which is a musical performance combined with marching and choreography. Bands are then rated by judges using a score sheet to accurately score the bands performing.

Not all bands are the same size, so it wouldn't be completely fair if a 30 person band competed in the same division as a 200 person band. To solve this problem, divisions were created much like sport's team divisions.

There is a 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A division, with 1A being the smallest division and 5A being the largest. Bands compete against other bands in their division in hopes to win the title of Class Champion of their division.

Kingsburg is a 2A band, and competed

against 10 other bands in their division on Nov. 23 in the Class Championships, taking second place with a score of 80.300.

This year, first place in 2A went to Oak Grove High School from San Jose, Ca. who earned a score of 84.05, and third place went to Vanden High School from Fairfield, Ca., with a score of 78.3.

On Sunday, the KHS Marching Band came back and competed against the top 20 bands from the previous day in the Grand Championships.

Kingsburg managed to improve their score by 1.5 points, scoring an 81.8 and placing 14th in Grand Championships. The Grand Championship competition groups all bands together, regardless of size or division and includes the top five teams from each division. Participants represent the creme de la creme of West Coast high school marching bands.

Mission Viejo High School from Mission Viejo, Ca. came in first overall in the Grand Championships, scoring a whopping 92.45.

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42 Marching Bands from Across California

Band Director Mike Schofield said, "I am extremely proud of the band's hard work, and I am very pleased with the band's results." He added, "The band has grown a lot since their first competition, and they came out strong and only got better."

The band members themselves also agree. Despite being initially disappointed about losing at home, they were proud of their overall performance.

"It's always a bummer when you lose, but it doesn't take away all the fun we've had leading up to now," Caleb Bahne, a sophomore said. "We've worked really hard, and I wouldn't change anything about what happened," Visual Design Staff Oliver Bullock added.

"Besides, second place and 14th in finals is still really good," Schofield remarked.

The band will get a chance to do even better next year when marching season rolls around again. Schofield has built a strong music program at KHS over the years and the Marching Band's continued excellence at these competitions is proof of the hard work and high standards he has set for his musicians.

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But with marching season having ended, the band must say goodbye to their field show that they worked so hard to perfect. And for the senior band members, it was their last time per-

forming a field show in highschool, maybe even their last time ever, and many members were a little shaken up after their last performance. However, the band will continue to work harder than ever and always strive for greatness, as Concert and Jazz Band season is quickly approaching.

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Kingsburg Presence at National FFA Convention

By Avneet Purewal

Page Editor

KHS FFA took 9 students to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the 92nd annual National FFA convention.

The students that attended are as follows: Senior Katie Crawshaw, Junior Taylor Trigueiro, Junior Marissa Burkhard, Junior Mason Waldner, Junior Brandon Hirschfield, Junior Drew Brett, Junior Taytum Neves, Sophomore Caden Reddell, and Sophomore Tanner Rosales. Students were chaperoned by KHS FFA teacher, Allexsis Calvert.

The purpose of the convention is to learn about the agriculture industry, agriculture colleges, and leadership. When asked what students will learn from the convention

Calvert replied, "I won't speak on their behalf, but I feel that most students will gain a sense of ownership over their education. I think they really grow as young professional after this conference. They have opportunities to be independent and choose which sessions and workshops will benefit them most. It's a conference that is truly guided by their goals and wants."

The 2019 FFA National Convention was a 4 day conference. Students from all over the U.S. met on Oct. 30th and stayed until Nov. 2nd. KHS FFA arrived on Oct. 28th and was able to tour Traders Point Dairy with their extra day. Other special events during the convention included going to Indianapolis Speedway, an Old Dominion Concert, touring the Indiana State House, and going to a rodeo.

Calvert explained, "This convention is special in that it the largest most inclusive youth conference you will find in the US. We have students who come all the way from the Dominican Republic. There were roughly 70k members in attendance (members not chaperones). It offers

students opportunities to travel, network and further their leadership skills."

One special aspect of the convention is meeting all of the FFA students. Junior Taylor Trigueiro stated, "My favorite part of the convention was meeting members from other states. The National FFA Organization is very similar throughout the states; however, it is interesting to learn how uniquely different we all are. It was also fun to support our fellow California members as they competed on the competition teams."

KHS FFA encour-

Even teachers who attend learn a lot at the convention. Calvert said, "It's a great experience for teachers as well! The National FFA puts on several workshops for teachers while students are doing their workshops. Beyond that though, there is the Expo, where teachers can find new curriculum and find new resources for the classroom. The expo is huge! There are vendors that come from all over the country, like John Deere, and Merke Veterinary Supplies."

The convention is just one example of all

that can be learned from FFA. There are many special opportunities from that come from participating, such as this national convention. Calvert explained, "FFA is a

program that offers students real world skills. We teach students how to do simple things like have professional conversations or give a presentation. These are all skills that I think any student can benefit from. A big misconception is that you have to be a farmer or live on a farm to be in FFA and that's so far from the truth. Our program is rooted in agriculture but we offer students leadership opportunities, job skill opportunities and personal growth. We strive to help students become well rounded adults when they leave this program."

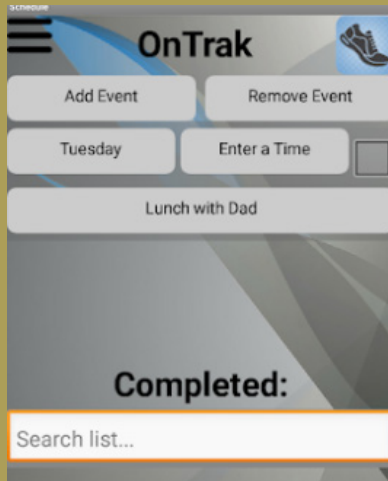
KHS FFA students had an amazing experience at the 2019 National

Convention. Trigueiro said, "I would highly recommend attending the national convention. It truly is a life changing experience and is a great way to step outside your comfort zone to learn about agriculture outside of California."



ages all FFA members to attend. Although the trip can be costly, Ag Boosters and the KHS tri-tip dinner fundraiser helps raise the money. It is a time for students to step out of their comfort zones to meet others and form lifelong friendships.

KHS Computer Science Students Win Congressional App Contest



By Mattea Zimmerman
Page Editor

On Dec. 4th, students from Computer science teacher, Joshua Woods' Computer Science class were honored by a representative from Congressman TJ Cox' office for their winning app in last year's Congressional App Challenge.

Woods guides his students to understanding how they can build apps, work with other aspects of programming, and use computers. Under his tutelage his students have excelled.

Last year, students from KHS were assigned a project in their Computer Science class. Three students who are now juniors, built and designed an app for their project. This fall, they submitted the app they created into the Congressional App Challenge.

Juniors Luis Martinez, Connor Yoko-



Photo Credit Zach Howell

ta, and Hayden Yakligian described their app, OnTrak, as a fitness app, designed to encourage people to maintain a healthy life-style by running or walking.

The three students competed against many schools in the 21st Congressional District, and the winner was chosen by the head congressman, TJ Cox, who sent a representative to present the awards to the students in class on December 5th.

According to the Congressional App Challenge website, the purpose of the competi-

tion is, "transitioning into how congress views computer science and STEM. Since the challenge was first announced Congress' mentions of computer science and coding have increased by 2,000%!"

The reward the students received included getting their app displayed on the House of Representative Website, and each winner will receive 250 credits for Amazon Web services.

They also have the opportunity to go to Washington DC and interact with peers there, who are learning Computer Science as well.

Intro to Teaching Visits Fresno State

By Mary Palmer
Staff Writer

Michele Schiller's Intro to Teaching class got a first hand look at the Education Department at Fresno State University on November 7, when they visited the campus to gain exposure to the life of a teaching careers student.

During this trip, the students split into three groups and visited three different classes that are required for students working to earn their teaching credential. One group attended a Communications course, another went to a Natural Science class, and the last group went to a writing class.

Each of the courses they visited is designed to teach future teachers in multiple subjects and different majors how to provide proper instruction within an elementary classroom.

In addition, KHS students were placed at separate tables with college students enrolled in the class. They were expected to participate and interact during the appropriate times.

Some students provided feedback to the college students about their current writing assignment while others responded to professor requests and questions.

After the students attended their classes, they regrouped to go on a campus tour that highlighted certain features of the university, including the library, student union, bookstore and precise areas of study.

After a quick break for lunch, they returned to the library for a more in-depth look at the teacher resource center and the Arne Nixon Children's Book Center, which is a 70,000 book collection that students are not able to use. Here, the students received special tours and access to the various materials available to prospective and active teachers.

Junior Hailey Pack described her trip as "eye-opening, educational, and fun."

Pack attended the writing class they offered out of the three options.

"It was exciting and I might take a class similar in college. It's an experience I think every

future teacher should have,"

Pack's experience in the writing class gave her a realistic view into what she should expect in a few years after she graduates college and enters a credential program.

Student in Schiller's Intro to Teaching class spend the first semester learning pedagogy and develop personal teaching philosophies that help them gain exposure to what it takes to be a teacher.

Students learn to develop lesson plans and manage classrooms. By December, students are assigned school sites and individual teachers. They go into the classroom and aid teachers, and some even get to teach lessons.

The class offers real world experience in Ed Careers that most high school students do not have the opportunity to live.

The opportunity to visit Fresno State's Kremen School of Education & Human Development exposed future teachers to the program and the path they will take to realize their goals and a career in teaching.

Loved Social Science Teacher, Chair Retires

By Avneet Purewal
Page Editor

Former AP Government and Civics/Economics teacher, Dina Siebenaler left a legacy at KHS that will forever be remembered. Siebenaler taught at KHS for 26 years and served as the KHS Social Science Department Chair for 24 years.

Siebanaler taught a wide array of courses at KHS. Although her main classes were Civics/Economics and AP Government and Politics, she also taught Mock Trial, AVID, World History and U.S. History.

KHS will always hold a special place in Siebenaler's heart and she was sad to have to leave. She cherishes all the memories she has with staff and students here.

When asked how she felt about leaving KHS she said, "This is the hardest question. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to teach at KHS at the time that I did. I am also grateful that I have the family support that I have to make this difficult decision. I am grateful that the leadership of KHS understood the position that I was in. Obviously I wish things had been different in so many areas, but how lucky am I that I was able to spend 26 years with amazing, selfless people. KHS has unbelievably caring staff members (looking at you Mrs. Hale) and the students I have been blessed to spend time with will always have my heart."

Siebanaler feels that her path to becoming a teacher at KHS was meant to be.

She graduated from high school from Clovis schools and went to CSU Fresno to major in history. Her initial plan was to pursue law school after receiving her four year degree.

However, her path changed when she took a free new career placement test at Fresno State. She was encouraged to take the test



by her professors and peers, so she decided to take it.

She explained, "The number one match was as a 'high school government teacher.' I was pretty heart broken that lawyer was not at the top of the list. (It was #5) This same professor gave me a pep talk about happy accidents and encouraged me to sit in

on a high school government class. Once I sat in that room and saw those faces, heard the level of concern they had for the world around them, I knew. That afternoon I went to the School of Education at CSUF and got the ball rolling. Never looked back!"

Siebenaler left an impact on so many students on the KHS campus. Although many current KHS students weren't able to have her because she mainly taught upperclassmen, some were able to have her through the Mock Trial class, Pre-law Club, and Mock Trial Club.

"She always made me smile when I walked into her class no matter how I was feeling."

Senior Jordan Medrano interpreted, "Mrs. Siebenaler was real with us and always compassionate. She always made me smile when I walked into her class no matter how I was feeling."

KHS students feel that there was something special about Siebenaler. Junior Zachary Howell explained, "Her relationship with her students was great and she was an incredibly approachable person."

KHS staff and students will miss seeing Siebenaler on campus. Medrano said, "I am so sad that Mrs. Siebenaler is leaving, I was ecstatic to be in her class again. I will miss her being here and always being able to wave at her during passing periods."

Siebenaler had many accomplishments at KHS. She left an impact here that will be missed. KHS wishes the best to Siebenaler in her future endeavors.

Clubs and Programs Donate During Holidays

Key Club

Key Club organized a book drive open to the whole school. Green Club and Ribbons of Hope urged its members to donate. Key Club has also adopted a family for the holidays.

Mrs. McDonald's Classes

Mrs. McDonald's Civics and AP Government classes have 'adopted' a family. Each student will be in charge of bringing a gift for a family member, and if they do so on time, they will receive extra credit.

AVID

AVID organized a schoolwide adoption of Christmas families. Each group got a box of food, clothes, and a present. Ms. Schiller's class provided jackets and the Ag Department contributed blankets. Individual classrooms donated food.

Math Club

Math Club adopted a Christmas family, with members bringing items of different categories to give to the family.

Catholics in Action Club

Catholics in Action club is conducting a coat and blanket drive to help those in need during this chilly season.

FFA

The Kingsburg FFA chapter is its annual winter blanket drive, in which they collect over 300 blankets for any families that have been adopted by KHS clubs and groups. The FFA members are aiming to gather 350 blankets this year!

KHS Veteran's Day Rally Honors Community Veterans who Served



By Emma Chappell
Staff Writer

Kingsburg High's Veteran's Day rally occurred on November 7th and educated students about honoring our veterans. It gave a glimpse into what the holiday truly means.

The rally included a few small speeches by the KHS ASB, a showing of three videos featuring veterans, a speech from Board Member Steve Nagle, followed by a 21 Gun Salute and the playing of taps.

The three videos had three different messages. One talked about all that veterans have sacrificed for the people in America by fighting for our country. Another discussed how some Americans lose sight of the true meaning behind the holiday. It's more than an excuse to have a sale or a day off from school. The third video portrayed what happened to a few veterans and how the war had changed their lives forever.

With a brief introduction by Mr. Doug Davis, Nagle, a former teacher at KHS and Vietnam War veteran, told students about his personal experiences during his time in the military. He specifically described what he did with his life afterward and how the military benefited him. He explained that by being a veteran, he received

discounted tuition for college when he earned his degree in teaching, and even obtained help with the cost of his house. He encouraged students at KHS to look into the military and think about it as a possible career path to pursue after graduation from high school.

Freshman Kendra Hodges stated, "I

for us!"

Following Nagle's speech, came a 21 gun salute from Kingsburg's past veterans.

Senior Brianna Linder, who has had the honor of playing "Taps" following the 21 Gun Salute at these rallies over the past four years, thinks the Veteran's Day Rally as "a way to respect all

that they have done," and said that the best way to honor a veteran is to simply "just go up and give them a handshake because the last thing they want to do is talk about their past experiences. The best thing you can do is to go up and give a firm handshake and say, 'thank you for your service.'"

At the end of the rally, students were encouraged to thank our veterans for what they did for us in fighting for our country. Numerous students remained after dismissal to speak to the veterans.

The many components of the assembly, including the videos, speeches, 21 Gun Salute, and the playing of taps was KHS' way of honoring Kingsburg's past veterans and educating students on their sacrifices.

Students were able to appreciate the sacrifice that veterans have made, not only for them, but for the country as a whole. The experience was not only informative, but also allowed veterans to be honored.



learned that Veteran's Day is not about the sales. The marketing people are, 'Oh, we are going to give you a sale for all that the veterans have done,' but that is not what our veterans want. They just want to be appreciated for all that they have done

Health and Wellness Fair Provides Assistance

By Jady Franco
Page Editor

On Oct. 22, KHS held its annual Health and Wellness Fair. Every year, the theme they focus on is changed. This year, we had booths and numerous sources to reach out to students in need.

There are students at this school that may need some help with an issue that nobody knows about because they are embarrassed, and the Wellness Fair is somewhere that they can find the resources they need for help.

One focus during the fair was alcohol abuse. Many adults drink it daily and regularly, but for students it should be different. It's not healthy. Our brains aren't fully developed and alcohol may cause health problems. Many highschoolers drink to fit in or because of peer pressure. Others drink to get away from problems and the issues they're having, but there are much better solutions that were introduced at the Health and Wellness Fair.

Drug use is also something that, while unfortunate, is typical among teens. When they become addicted to it, it can become a lifelong problem if they don't get help. Sometimes, a

simple curiosity or one-time use can result in a downward spiral. The Wellness Fair had many resources for people to take advantage of if they needed that kind of help.

The Wellness Fair also had a multitude of exciting booths. One example was the booth for Adventist Health of Kingsburg. At this booth, students who are looking into a future of medicine were able to learn about different routes and options for medical careers. They were able to talk to professionals working in medicine and take advice from them.

The Kingsburg Youth Council also had a strong presence at the fair. They were seeking people who want to be a voice for young people, to make change, help the community to get better, make new friends, and just to have some fun. Students were encouraged to join the Kingsburg Youth Council and to get involved.

The Landing was a booth for students that are facing struggles. It's a hope-filled program for teens. If a teen is facing issues, bad habits, or even hangups, the Landing is a good place to go. The Landing is a Christian-based recovery program for teens. There are weekly gatherings

where teens can find complete freedom from any guilt, shame, anger, hate, broken relationships, abandonment, insecurity, addictions, resentment, codependency, depression, suicidal thoughts, and more. They're here for students who seek help they need.

One booth was there to educate students on the dangers of vaping. Vaping has become common among teens, but users don't realize how dangerous it can be to their health. A lot of times, vape juices say they're nicotine free, but they really aren't. The vapor contains more than just water. It is an aerosol mist full of toxic chemicals. Some of the toxins found in vapes include formaldehyde, heavy metals such as nickel, tin, or lead, and much more. These chemicals are known to harm your health by causing cancer, lung disease, and even heart attacks. Vapes may seem like they cause no harm, but they can do serious damage to your health and to your body.

There were multiple booths at the Health and Wellness Fair that provided useful information to students here at KHS. If any KHS students needs help, they now know where they can reach out to receive support and assistance.

KHS Students Get the Chance to Experience Whale Watching In Monterey Bay

By Jillian Sasaki
Head Editor

This year, KHS' annual whale watching trip took place on Oct. 19th. Students were treated to amazing marine sights in Monterey Bay.



The trip has been happening for several years now, and while the weather occasionally gets in the way, only one year was canceled since AP Biology, Honors Biology, Biology, and AP Environmental Science teacher Leigh-Ann Olsen joined KHS in 2013.

The bus left at four in the morning and when they arrived in Monterey, students boarded a boat. The excursion was narrated by marine biologists who also answered questions and explained

the behaviors of the animals. Afterwards they had time to explore the wharf.

"I feel it's an excellent real-world application for education," Olsen added, "Students often tell me they had a great time and saw some amazing things they never thought they'd see."

Senior Saneh Kahlon was able to join the

group for the first time. Although, like many, she suffered seasickness, she still enjoyed the trip as a whole.

"My favorite part of the trip was catching glimpses of a whale fin or just any sea creature in general," Kahlon explained. "Seeing these animals up close is breathtaking and kind of magical,

mainly because you forget how they exist in reality after seeing them in the pages of a book or phone screen regularly."

Often on trips students are able to witness whales breaching the water. They also have the opportunity to see pods of dolphins, and other marine life. This year they were even able to see blue whales, one of the rarer sights on the trip.

However, it is extremely important to take medicine since it is easy to get sick on the choppy

waters. "I think I will remember most those ginger candies that the crew gave me every time I hurled into the ocean. I apologize to the fish," Kahlon said.

Kahlon agreed that the experience was not only unique but also educational, "We had a tour guide who explained the characteristics and

identifications of all the marine life we came across."

The whale watching trip is a breathtaking experience, not only exposing people to the creatures of the ocean but also educating them and allowing them to see the animals up close.

"This is most definitely a memory I will treasure because I got to see some fishy friends that I have only

seen in movies," Kahlon said.

With this breathtaking experience, students are able to see potential future careers. These include marine biologists or any career with marine animals.

When the opportunity arises next year students should take advantage of the amazing trip. Surely it will be just as delightful as every year before it.





Downtown Rally Falls Flat, Does it Truly Represent us?

By Judith Reyes
Head Editor

This year, Rivalry Week was held from Oct. 28-Nov. 1st, and the festivities culminated on Friday, with the Downtown Rally as per Kingsburg tradition. Leading up to this day, KHS students demonstrated their school spirit by participating in various dress-up days.

On Friday, the Vikings faced off against the Selma Bears in a much-anticipated football game, but ahead of this, KHS got into spirit at the Downtown Rally, where students and staff alike flocked down the streets of Kingsburg.

In front of City Hall, the rally unfolded. ASB members led the show and team captains informed the students about their sport seasons.

Senior Jordyn Maxfield stated her beliefs, saying, "I think that [this rally is] important because it gives people in town the chance to see our school spirit, and know what's happening at KHS."

Although the downtown rally has been going on for three years now, this particular time around was somewhat different.

For starters, there was a drastic lack of student participation. Freshman Janelly Garduno addressed this, "Only like 1/2 of the school showed up and the other 1/2 skipped it."

One of the major challenges KHS faces is finding a way to keep students from ditching the rally. As all 1000+ students made the trek down Draper St., many could be seen fleeing down alleyways in an attempt to escape to freedom.

Of the few who remained with the rest of the caravan, even fewer actually engaged with the rally.

Another difficulty with this type of event is that only a certain amount of people can manage to get close enough to hear and see what is going on.

Garduno went on to add, "It was more of an 'act'... than what it should have been, a good time with everyone."

While a few brave souls gathered around the platform where most of the action was taking place, the majority of students huddled under the eaves of neighboring businesses during the rally, which was held under the blaring sun.

Regardless, these types of rallies are planned with dedication, and ASB works hard to pull everything together. One can only hope that this year's challenges can be used as a way to improve the rallies to come in order to maintain this tradition.

Maxfield believes, "The rally has slowly improved. This year I feel like they tried to cram more activities into it compared to previous years."

Not all schools have something like the



Downtown Rally. The Kingsburg environment is something that sets us apart from other schools. Just the fact that we take the time to come together as a community demonstrates our unity. The encouragement and support set forth by students, staff and Kingsburgers alike is what makes us who we are.

Final Warning: Student-Teacher Advice for Finals

By Anajelly Hernandez
Staff Writer

On Dec. 17th, 2019, finals for KHS will start for all grades. On Tuesday, finals 5/6 will begin. On Wednesday, finals 2/4 will take place, and then finals 1/3 will be held on Thursday.

This year, many students will be facing their first finals ever! Since they are new to the idea of finals, many of them do not know what finals are or what to expect from them.

Frank Carbajal, a World History, AP History, and AVID teacher, gave students some tips for the finals. He, as a teacher, expects for his classes on finals to have his students review all of their notes and maintain good study habits.

Carbajal also advises his students to keep up with their homework, along with their readings. He explains that his history students' grades will be affected by 10%. If their students are in his AP class, the finals are 30% of their grade.

Carbajal mentions that he personally studied for his high school finals by looking at the summaries and questions of his written Cornell notes.

He states, "The finals starts as soon as they (the students) walk in so that people have enough time to finish."

Carbajal explains that he thinks, in general, students should prepare for finals by reviewing their Cornell notes summaries, and questions, twice. He says, "I think they will be surprised at

how much they will remember. Good luck to all."

From a student's perspective, Senior Judith Reyes believes that finals can "definitely make or break your grade". In Reyes' opinion, her experience with finals has been very positive so far. She says that finals "really aren't as bad as they sound".

Reyes suggests, "I think reviewing things you are uncertain on helps, if you have any doubts make sure to clarify."

What she did to study her first year was to

the weeks leading up to finals and improve on her study habits. "I'll need good study habits in college, when I get there," Reyes says.

Serina Moreno, a sophomore here at Kingsburg High School advises students to study and to do all the work that the teachers give out. Moreno states that finals did affect her grade.

Moreno's own experience with finals was "stressful" but she also claims that, "after taking it, I was confident in my scores."

Moreno states that the finals, "weren't as difficult as I thought they were going to be." Moreno admits that when studying for her first final usually, "teachers give you reviews or study guides, so make sure to do them", along with, making flashcards and quizzing yourself.

Moreno claims that compared to her freshman year, she knows what to expect from finals this year and she is more aware of finals.

Overall, the way upperclassmen think of to study for finals is to ensure that they are completing work, while making sure to study. Teachers add on to this, advising students to review

all of their work from throughout the year.

You either know it or you don't, so the best way to prepare for any type of test would be to put in the time and effort in order to have the best chance at success.

As finals loom overhead, it's important to keep your head in the game, as well as remembering that all that studying is worth it in the end!



"simply skim through the study guides and notes and mostly just procrastinate, telling myself that I would study the next day, and so on."

Reyes states, "Honestly I don't study as much. I just cram it in last minute, but I plan on changing it up this year." She explains that her goal is to focus on reviewing a lot more during

Intro to Teaching Proposes Improvements

By Hailey Pack
Guest Writer

The Intro to Teaching class on campus, presented improvements that the student body would like to see at KHS. Principal Ryan Phelan took time to take all of the suggestions into consideration. Improving the bathrooms, budgeting funds in needed areas, and providing equal recognition and support for all campus activities were topics discussed.

The classes provided survey results from KHS students, and slides with information on each matter that needed to be discussed. After a two hour talk and presentation, the students and Phelan came to a better understanding on the behind the scenes of our school.

After seeing all of the great things about KHS, the Intro to Teaching class decided to find what

works and what can be improved. For example KHS has a great sports program and music program. However, we can improve on adding a school counselor, and providing more programs to serve every student.

Two of the programs recommended to add at

to be paired up, so that new students can have a veteran Viking to mentor and answer their questions. This program helps incoming freshmen build relationships with older students and it makes high school seem less daunting, which would help make the transition for freshmen easier and better.



KHS are Link Crew, and the Janitorial Program. Link Crew is a program that allows two or more students

The Janitorial Program is a program that has students help clean our campus. We have a large campus and stadium and the trash comes in big waves. This program encourages students to take pride and benefits everyone who is at KHS.

After hard work, research, and a thoughtful presentation, KHS students are ready and willing to put in the work to make KHS even better. With

the help of our administration, we are excited to see these improvements in the future.



Black Friday...Does it Live Up to the Hype?

By Wendy Garcia Jauregui
Staff Writer

Black Friday has been a shopping holiday since 1952. It is a holiday for people to shop for clothes, appliances, and other day to day objects. Many people wait to purchase items for a less expensive price during Black Friday, yet it often gets chaotic which is a reason why people avoid that day and just simply shop online.

The holiday is notorious for rabid crowds at stores. It often depends on the deals available. For example, the occasions where electronics go on sale for much less than the usual price attracts many customers, whereas cooking ware would sell at a slower price and attract a more niche crowd of shoppers.

Some people may prefer to shop online because then they can avoid the crowds and the long lines of people. People may not go searching for clothes or other products on Black Friday in stores because the crowds of people in malls and other store chains can be very overwhelming and stressful. It is also much simpler to find items online.

However, due to traffic online, it is not uncommon for sites to crash or not load, preventing customers from getting deals.

Freshman Madison Spomer stated her opinion on Black Friday shopping in stores, "I think it gets really chaotic, I just try to avoid it, I just shop online."

There are many cons to Black Friday

shopping to consider in addition to the number of shoppers, and it can take a toll on many things and people.

Roads, stores, and streets, are already very full at that time of the year due to Thanksgiving and people visiting their families adding Black Friday to the mix is just very messy and can cause traffic. Studies have shown that accidents are more common on Black Friday as well.

"I personally have never gone Black Friday shopping, but I don't think it is worth the hype, it is dangerous and crowded, I believe it is better to just shop online," Senior Ahleena Coolidge explained.

A perspective that people often overlook is how Black Friday puts a lot of stress on retail workers. It requires a lot of manpower to manage a store on Black Friday due to the crowds. Additionally, the people continuously stream in. The customers are often irritable, as well, since they have to deal with long lines and the crowds too.

There is some irony to the holiday falling after Thanksgiving which celebrates gratefulness, as Black Friday is a symbol of materialism and often brings out the worst in people. Although, the savings may be substantial for people living on a tight budget.

While some prefer to stay home with family during Black Friday, and others decide to scout out the savings, whatever shoppers choose to do, they should be thankful and strive to stay safe.

HOLIDAY SONGS

What is your favorite Christmas song?



Senior Jordyn Maxfield

"'Santa is Coming to Town' by Michael Buble because I like the jazzy vibe."



Junior Rogelio Lara

"'Santa Baby' by Ariana Grande, the song sounds good and it brings back so many memories."



Sophomore Kathleen Palmer

"'Mistletoe' by Justin Bieber, it brings joy and happiness to me during the holiday season."



Freshman Sadie Turmon

"'Carol of the Bells' by Mykola Leontovych. It brings back the memories of my great-great grandmother, playing the song while we decorated the Christmas tree."



Trump Impeachment Creates Division

By Jillian Sasaki
Head Editor

Recently, President Trump has faced a potential impeachment, as hearings continue. Having sparked over withheld aid to Ukraine being given in exchange for a favor.

According to an anonymous whistleblower, the presidential administration withheld near \$400 million in aid from Ukraine, in order to pressure the country to investigate presidential candidate Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden. If true, the act would be considered interference in the 2020 campaign, along with numerous other charges such as extortion, bribery, and misappropriation of funds from taxpayers.

In order for the inquiry to begin, the House must create a resolution detailing what will be in the impeachment inquiry. Based upon the inquiry articles, addressing different offenses, are drawn up, for each article President Trump could be impeached. However, he may not be considered impeachable on some articles,

while he is on others.

On the articles he is considered impeachable the House votes to pass them to the Senate, requiring a majority vote. If passed to the Senate



a two-thirds vote is required to pass the Articles of Impeachment.

It is predicted that the articles will pass

the Democratic majority House, but not the Republican majority Senate.

However, even if the President is not convicted of impeachment his 2020 campaign for reelection will likely suffer from any backlash created by the impeachment hearings.

On Sept. 24th House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that impeachment processes would begin. The impeachment hearings began Sept. 17th this year. The hearing was the first in 21 years held against a president.

Due to the presidential administration interfering with certain officials testifying, President Trump may also face obstruction of justice.

Beyond the government, U.S. citizens have also been polarized. In the media there are clear divisions. The conflict within the country is clear.

No matter the results of the impeachment process, it is clear that it will have long lasting effects upon the nation.

PG&E Power Shutoffs Leave Customers in the Dark

By Judith Reyes
Head Editor



To many, one's greatest fear is to be left in the dark, without electricity. For a lot of people, this is the new reality in light of PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).

The utility company has been using these planned outages in order to mitigate wildfires,

and Southern California Edison may soon be following in its steps.

So far, PG&E has set multiple guidelines in order to determine when a power shutoff should be set in effect. The choice calls for a combination of factors: Red Flag Warnings, humidity levels, high winds, dry fuel, and finally observations of weather.

With the flip of a switch, hundreds of thousands of Californians are left with no electricity. Unless they have a generator to rely on, as do many hospitals, there is literally no way for them to have access to electricity.

On Wednesday Oct. 9th, for example, PG&E shutdown the power for nearly a million customers throughout over 30 counties, turning the lights back on a few days later.

The energy company even cut power twice in a single week, first on the 23rd of Oct. for a total of 17 northern California counties and

later on the 26th, affecting an estimated 973,000 customers.

On the 28th of Oct. the National Weather Service issued its first-ever "Extreme" Red Flag Warning. Due to this, PG&E declared that they would shut off power on the 29th.

The shutdowns come after a series of investigations which determined that the culprit behind so many California wildfires had been electrical malfunctions caused by faulty PG&E equipment.

The largest of these fires was the Campfire blaze in Paradise, which resulted in the death of 88 people, the destruction of 18,804 structures, and left 153,336 acres in ash.

Many shutoffs have occurred so far, yet a few fires have continued to pop up here and there, still caused by faulty PG&E equipment.

Only time will tell if this new approach is the answer to so many Californians' prayers.



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KHS 1st: Volleyball wins Valley Championship

By Jennah Torres

Page Editor

The KHS Varsity Volleyball team went down in history on November 9th when they swept the Sierra Pacific Golden Bears to clinch the D4 Valley Championship title.

The Lady Vikings fought against the Golden Bears in 3 sets. In the first set the Lady Vikings were able to stop the Golden Bears holding them at 17-25. In the second set, Kingsburg dominated the court, taking the second set with a score of 8-25. The Lady Vikings fought hard to secure the win and was able to hold them down and finished with a score of 17-25. The Vikings were the only team that went 3 sets out of all the championship section games.

The Lady Vikings placed 2nd in D4, Sierra Pacific High School taking 1st place seed. The Lady Vikings faced off against North Bakersfield High School on October 31st. The Vikings were able to sweep North keeping the score lower than 20 the whole game, advancing to the 2nd round of playoffs on November 5th playing against Highland High School.

The Vikings were able to hold Highland and defeat them in only 3 sets by keeping the lower than 20 points the whole entire gamescore. Even keeping them below 10 points on set 3 with a score of 25-9.

The Lady Vikings advanced to the Semi-Finals having to face off against number 3 seed Mira Monte High School on November 7th. The Vikings were able to beat Mira Monte in only 3 sets. Only letting them score the most of 22 points.

The road to the valley through their season wasn't easy for the Lady Vikings. They were able to get 3rd place in Central Sequoia League falling short to Central Valley Christian High School

tany Henderson starring at the meeting, "I'm very proud of these girls, they worked so hard to get to the Valley Championship"

Coach Henderson also commented, "The scores through playoffs showed how badly they wanted to achieve their goal of Valley Championship, because these girls didn't allow a single set to be taken from them, even in the valley."

Senior Captain Anika Protzmann added, "Winning the Valley Championship for the first time in school history felt so amazing. That win was what my team and I had been working at for so long. All of our hard work paid off and we all came together as a family. I wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

Protzmann also stated, "The way my team came together for our final four games was truly encouraging. It's so upsetting that it had to end but the friendships I made and the memories we have from this sport will forever be with me."

Senior Captain Olivia Doyle commented, "My mentality going into the game was just to win and that was all I could think about."

Doyle also stated, "I was so excited, and almost shocked that it was actually happening. My favorite part was the team coming together to accomplish our biggest goal of the season."

Doyle also added, "My advice for the new year's team would be to continue the accomplishment of this season and win valley again!"

Under the direction of Coach Brittany Henderson, the program she established has become a dominant force in D4 Women's Volleyball.



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who placed 1st and Exeter High School who placed 2nd. The Vikings were the only team out of the CSL to make it to the valley and to win valley this year. The Lady Vikings went 7-5 in League only losing to Dinuba, CVC, and Exeter.

"I'm very proud of these girls, they worked so hard to to get to the Valley Championship"

On November 18th the Lady Vikings were honored at the Board meeting. Head Coach Brit-

Fall Sports Recap: Tales of Success and Struggle

Girls Volleyball



Photo credit: Chad Cotton

For the first time in KHS history, the girls volleyball team won the Division IV Valley Championship. After a tough and exciting season, the Lady Vikings ended their season with an overall record of 21-20. The girls didn't allow a single set to be taken from them through all four of their division playoff matches. After sweeping Sierra Pacific in three sets to obtain their valley title, the girls took a tough loss against Gunn High School in the first round of State Playoffs.

"Being the first volleyball team in KHS history to win the Valley Championship was such an amazing feeling. Our focus and excitement is what helped us through all of those games. I wish it didn't end so soon in state playoffs but it doesn't take away the happiness I feel from our huge win," explained Senior Jennah Torres.

Girls Water Polo

KHS girls water polo, No. 7 seed, started the Division II playoffs by facing San Luis Obispo, No. 10 seed, and claimed a victory, 10-6.

In the quarterfinals, the Lady Vikings were defeated by Monache, seeded No. 2, with a score of 7-5. Their season ended with an overall record of 21-6. After winning the Division III Valley Championship last season, girls water polo had moved up to Division II accounting for a more challenging season.

"I'm really proud of how our team did this year, and how well we all bonded together. It's sad it's over but we had a great season," said Senior Megan Buendia.

Girls Golf

On Nov. 14, Junior Morgan Oehlschlaeger competed in the Valley Individual Championship at River Island to honor the girls golf team. At the competition, Oehlschlaeger competed against the top ten individuals, and also the team qualifiers from North, Central, and South areas. She finished her season ranked 7th.

"To be able to represent my school at tournaments, like individual league is incredible and exciting. Not having my team there for support was challenging, but hopefully next year the whole team will be moving on to this tournament," expressed Oehlschlaeger.



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Girls Tennis



Photo credit: Emma Stahl

Girls tennis started off Division IV playoffs in the No. 4 seed with a first round bye. Their first playoff match was against No. 5 seed, Woodlake, defeating them 8-1. In the semifinals, the Lady Vikings faced Kerman, No. 1 seed, and lost 6-2.

"I'm sad that the season is over but so thankful to have had a fun last season with all my teammates," Senior Megan Stahl said.

"This cross country season was different than it has been in recent years because we got a new coach, Computer Science teacher Joshua Woods. Although, it was tough to adjust to, our coach encouraged us and we believed in him," Junior Rajvir Rai commented.



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Football

After having a strong season with an overall record of 10-0, KHS football, number one seed, had a huge home field upset to CVC, number eight seed, in the second round of playoffs. Ending the season with an overall record of 10-1, the Vikings had a powerful and encouraging season.

"It's been a great season and I am really proud of the success we had this year. It's a huge bummer to lose in playoffs, but I know our boys will continue what we started this season in the years to come," explained Senior Travis Hall.

Boys Water Polo

The KHS boys water polo had an overall record of 16-9 this season. Seeded No. 10 in the division two playoffs, the Vikings began with beating the No. 7 seed, Hoover High School, 10-9. In the quarterfinals, the boys caused a huge upset, defeating San Joaquin Memorial, No. 2 seed, 10-7. They lost to No. 3 seed, Atascadero, in the semifinal.

Senior Jack Penner added, "Our team had an awesome season this year. We ended up going undefeated in league taking the championship against Hanford. During playoffs we upset the number 2 team San Joaquin Memorial. We then went on to semi finals against Atascadero and barley lost by 2. Great season boys."



Cross Country

The KHS boys and girls cross country team has been giving their best efforts at races throughout the fall. They competed in the Division IV Valley race at Woodward Park where their season ended. They ended their season on a high note and couldn't have asked for a better season.

Winter Sports: Welcoming New Season of Challenge

Girls Soccer

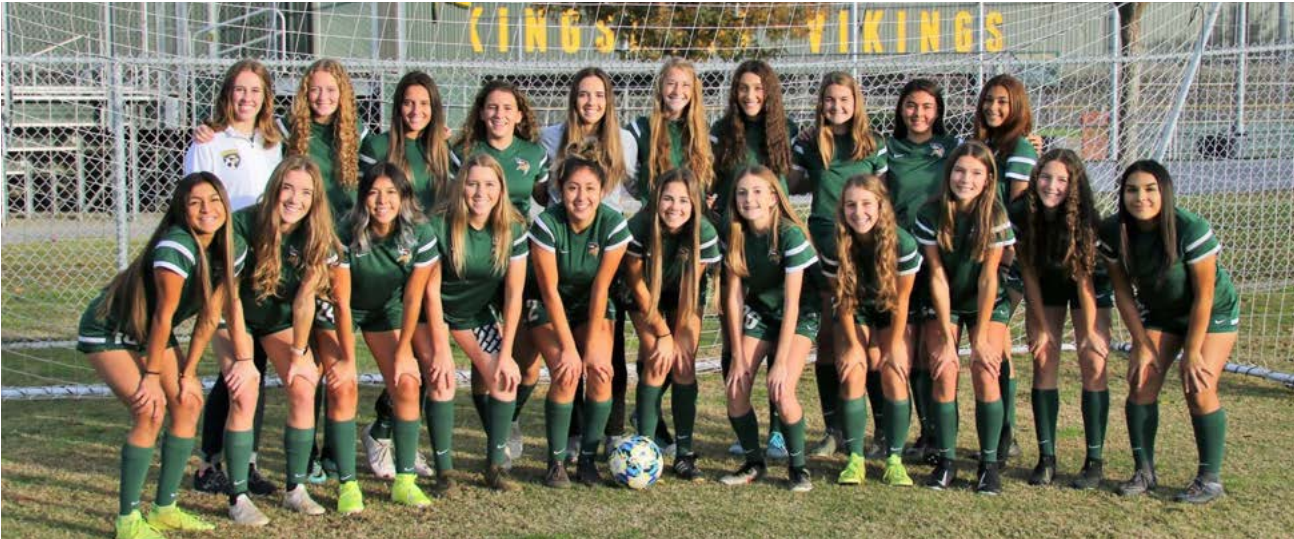


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The KHS Lady Vikings soccer team have returned after their third Valley Championship win last season. The girls have an overall record of 4-3-1 during their preseason match ups. They have faced: Reedley, 4-0; Washington Union, 6-0; Liberty, 1-0; Taft, 4-0; Clovis North, 0-1; View-

point, 0-0; Costa Mesa, 1-2; Flintridge, 0-3.

Senior Marissa Montelongo stated, "Since this is my final season as a KHS Viking, I'm excited to be spending it with this group of girls. Our bond and the fun we have together is unforgettable. I have cherished each season, but this season is extra special due to it being my last time playing KHS soccer. There's no other team I'd rather spend it with."

Girls Basketball



Photo credit: Chad Cotton

Ready to battle this season, KHS girls basketball kicked off their season with a win against Mt. Whitney, 63-47. Following the win, the Lady Vikings faced: Washington Union, 30-55; Reedley, 37-42; Mendota, 54-36; Sanger, 20-49; Sunnyside, 41-47. The girls basketball team has a 2-4 overall record so far in their preseason matches.

"This season, I'm super excited because I have such a fun team. I can't wait to get closer to each of these girls and to have a great final season of basketball for me," Senior Ally Cotton expressed.

Wrestling

The 2019 wrestling team is expected to start out strong, led by returning head coach Clemente Moreno. Many students showed up to the first wrestling meeting and conditioning has begun. At least 25 kids showed up to the first meeting, and they will be expecting a lot more trying out.

Senior Ty Lewis stated, "I am most excited to get through all of the hard workouts, and into the big time competitions."

The biggest tournament of the season is the State tournament, which is going to be in Bakersfield this year.

Boys Soccer

With an overall record of 4-3 in their pre-season, the boys soccer team has faced: McLane, 1-4; Hanford, 4-2; Orange Cove, 2-3; Liberty, 0-4; Hanford West, 4-1; Wonderful College Prep Academy, 4-1; Corcoran, 1-0.

"I can't wait to enjoy my last year with all my friends. We get to play the sport we love together one last time," Senior Jacob Torres said.



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Lewis also added, "My main goal is to take everything and go to State. I am determined to accomplish this and no one is going to stop me."

Junior Xsavier Jimenez explained, "I am really excited for the State competition this year, because there are a lot of teams and competitors."

Jimenez also added, "My main goal is to place at the state tournament, it is going to be hard, but with enough determination I know I can do it."

Both wrestlers believe the team consists of strong wrestlers who will help them go far this season. The team continues to push through the difficult practices to ensure they stay in the best shape possible.

Boys Basketball

The Vikings have had a very encouraging and exciting preseason. With an 8-0 overall record, the KHS boys basketball has defeated: Mt. Whitney, 63-46; Washington Union, 65-48; Madera, 70-45; El Capitan, 65-52; McFarland, 77-45; Hanford, 73-51; Fowler, 67-61. The Vikings have come out strong and intend to remain

strong as they go into league matches.

"I'm looking forward to having a great season with all of my brothers and hopefully winning the league title. I also hope we are able to go all the way to the Valley Championship and farther," Senior Korey Koskoski explained.



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Christmas Spirit Abounds in the Community



WHAT WE HAVE

By Jillian Sasaki

Head Editor

Cold breezes nip at our nose
In our hearts, a rumbling joy rose
On our breath fog rolls
Christmas spirit drifts into our souls

Christmas carols dance on our tongues
Melodies waiting to be sung
In chorus the song rings inside
In the air the notes of Yuletide

Little dances made by tiny feet
Cold cheeks and warm lips meet
Hands intertwined
Each act so kind

Peppermint candies on full display
Hot cocoa on its way
Each dinner of everyone
Unique faces each shine like the sun

Wrapping paper torn on the ground
Smiling faces abound
Cards opened in the light of a fire
This time which no one can tire

As gratefulness rests by the bedside
Let your heart be a guide

Be grateful for the home you have
Happy for the presents under the tree
For food at the table
For those still around

This Christmas let your thankfulness abound

Local Church Organizes Event For Christmas

By Grace Porter
Staff Writer

When we think of Christmas, we think of the warm hot cocoa that we drink by the fire and of all the movies that we begin to watch.

Well this year, and for many more, many Kingsburg residents are attending a new event that started last year located right downtown. This event is called "Community Christmas".

Organized by the First Baptist Church of Kingsburg (FBK), many pastors and volunteers have been planning for months for this week-and-a-half event taking place from December 6th to December 16th. The main coordinator for this event is Brian Griffin, the associate pastor of FBK.

"Community Christmas is a way that our church can fulfill our mission statement to love others and further their relationship with Jesus Christ," Griffin stated.

Fulfilling a mission statement is a major goal for every church and by holding this event, it is helping the church thrive in their community service and provide a safe place for families to enjoy themselves.

Some events scheduled for this year's Community Christmas are the following: reading booth, lego stations, prayer booth, hot cocoa/coffee, raffles, ice skating, and hayrides.

Since there are so many different opportunities for families to engage in during Community Christmas, Griffin's favorite by far is the family aspect.

"Watching families gather as a group around the fire pits rather than gathering around a television brings joy to my soul as I see them interact with each other."

Since this effort has succeeded for the past 2 years, First Baptist Kingsburg is going to continue to offer this event every year thanks to a very generous donation.

In fact, the Larry Hillblom foundation gave a generous donation of \$50,000 for the purchase of the ice rink and skates which will help this organization continue to thrive as an annual event.

This gift was given in honor of Larry's uncle, Walter Hillblom who passed away earlier this year and was part of the graduating class at KHS or 1944.

This is yet again another example of Kingsburg High School graduates who go on to benefit the community that they came from. This grant will do so much for this church and will help them continue to spread the word of God to all.

In future years, Kingsburg residents and their families should attend this event as it allows people to spend time without the screens.

We here at the Viking Voice hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday this year.



Dress up Days Celebrate Christmas



Community Prepares for Christmas



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