

The Roar

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Worldnews: Southern California Fires

By Alice Ling

On December 4, the howling Santa Ana winds pushed a wildfire from rural hills into parts of the Southern California city of Ventura. It all happened with explosive speed. The fire



has destroyed dozens of houses and thousands of people had to evacuate. At least six people are injured and 25 ranch horses are dead so far. A third of Ventura's citizens has been evacuated. It's almost impossible to stop the fire because of the strong winds.

The strong winds combined with dry ground are the two biggest

reasons to why the fire has spread so fast. President Donald Trump has declared the fires as a national emergency and ordered federal aid for California. The fire is burning at a rate of nearly an acre per second. Right now the fire is four times the size of Manhattan and showing no signs of stopping.

Information found at CNN, New York Times, and Fox New.

World News: Colorado Cake Maker Refuses Service to Gay Couple

Is it unlawful to go against a person's religious beliefs, because they don't want to make a cake for a same-sex couple, or is it discrimination towards homosexuals? This was a question asked of the Supreme Court, when Jack Phillips, baker of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado refused to make a cake for a same-sex male couple, because he believed that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. Jack Phillips said, he had also refused to make cakes for Halloween because of his religious beliefs. Phillips went on to say it is well within his Constitutional rights to refuse to make a wedding cake for a gay couple, and to force him to do so would be an infringement of his First Amendment rights

By: Alexandria Eledge
of freedom of speech, and freedom of religion. The couple who were allegedly discriminated against for their sexual orientation, David Mullins and Charlie Craig, see this situation in a different light. Mullins said, "This case is about more than us, and it's not about cakes. It's about the right of gay people to receive equal service." The Trump administration is standing with Phillips, stating that because a wedding cake is more artistic than utilitarian, they cannot force Phillips to make the cake. They did go on to say that racial discrimination would be a different matter, as it is a struggle that our country has faced in the past that causes more concern.

There has yet to be a ruling on this case, but many believe that it will have a fundamental change in the way we view religious freedom vs equal protection rights. If the court rules in Phillip's favor, people believe this will open the doors for other businesses to refuse service to members of the LGBTQ+ community. If the court rules in favor of Mullins and Craig, it is believed that this will help in eliminating discrimination for sexual orientation. Information found on: CNN and LA Times.



Student Spotlight: Karlee Plante

(By: Shandra Griffin)



- ❑ What is your favorite school subject and why? **Math because I like challenging myself**
- ❑ What was your favorite childhood toy and why? **I didn't really play with toys I was usually outside climbing trees**
- ❑ What has been one of the happiest moments of your life? **When my little brother was born**
- ❑ Do you have a favorite extracurricular activity/sports, if so what is it? **Sing and painting**
- ❑ What is your favorite color? **Blue**
- ❑ Funny fact about yourself? **Artistic**
- ❑ Who is your hero and why? **Dad because he is always here for me**
- ❑ If you could have one wish, what would it be? **Be closer to my mom**
- ❑ Describe yourself with three words? **Quiet, funny, smart**
- ❑ Favorite movie, song, band, TV show? **Movie: Labyrinth Song: Promise Band: Cage the Elephant**
- ❑ What do you like to do in your spare time/hobbies? **Draw and paint**
- ❑ If I had a million dollars I would? **Give it to some of my family and use the rest to go around the world**
- ❑ What is your favorite nickname? **EB**
- ❑ If you were an animal what would you be and why? **I would be a cat because they are kinda lazy and boring**
- ❑ What countries/states have you traveled to? **Missouri ,Colorado, Indiana, and California**

Word Search: Theme - Natoma High School

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Boys Basketball

(By: Shandra Griffin)



Both coaches for high school boys basketball are pleased with the numbers they have. After three weeks of practice, head coach Steve Custenborder said, “even though we are young, we seem to be well prepared to start the season.”

When asked what goals he had set for the season, Coach Custenborder said that he would like to have more wins than last year, and have another sub-state win.

As for his personal goals he would like to “learn to become a better coach.”

Along with being a coach there are several team aspects that need to be emphasized.

Coach Custenborder is stressing teamwork, commitment, and the “16 keys to success (Bill Snyder- K-State Football Coach) with a major emphasis on getting a little better every day.”

The boys are fun to work with, so to describe them it would be energetic, fun, and willing to learn. All of them are willing to work hard everyday to get better.

Vaughn and Shayne said they are “looking forward to winning more games and spending time with the team the most this season. “

If you’re hesitant about signing up for this sport, they said, “it’s not as bad as you think, if you feel like you won’t get much playing time to remember that we are a small school and that you will get playing time.”

Some personal goals they set for themselves, are it would be great to have more wins than last year and to come out of the season with a winning record. Their favorite part of the season so far is the UCLA drill and that the teammates are better. As individuals they would like to improve on scoring in the games, ball handling, and defense from last year.



Pictured in the back row: Head Coach- Steve Custenborder, Preston Ostmeyer, Dakota Howard, Bon Pongsuwan, and Assistant Coach Philip Murphy. Front row: Jayce Dickerson, Vaughn Stull, Shayne Engling, Jacob Murphy, and Jayson Engling. Not pictured is Ethan Dickerson.

Girls Basketball

By Alyvia Zeigler

The Tigers basketball season has officially started. This coming Tuesday, they will take on the Plainville Cardinals, here in Natoma. Both the Tigers and the Lady Tigers will take on on three tough teams this week in the annual Tiger Classic tournament. The Lady Tigers include: Hannah Chambray (Senior), Peyton Ostmeyer (Senior), Madison Cotterill (Senior), Madi Nickles (Senior), Alice Ling (Senior), Emily Cotterill (Junior), and Carley Christler (Freshman).

Co-captains Peyton and Hannah said in an interview

that they're "excited to see all the girls improve" this season, and throughout their six years of basketball they've learned that "basketball isn't a 'me' sport, it's a 'we' sport." The girls said that the team's goal was to improve each day, and their advice for new basketball players was to "try your best everyday, be confident, and don't give up."



Tonight the Tigers will face off against the Palco Roosters in the final game of the tournament. This game will determine the placings of all the teams, including Western Plains-Healy, Palco, Pawnee Heights, and Natoma. If the Natoma boys beat Palco, they will place second in the tournament.

The Tigers play again this Tuesday against the Plainville Cardinals, again here in Natoma. With their fantastic ideals and goals in mind, the Lady Tigers are sure to have success this season and show their Tiger Pride on and off the court.



Pictured: Madi Nickles, Coach Dunlap, Alice Ling, Carley Chrisler, Peyton Ostmeyer, Hannah Chambray, Madison Cotterill, Emily Cotterill, Coach Kochinski

Weather

By Alyvia Zeigler

Saturday	Sunny	52 degrees	Wind at 14 mph
Sunday	Sunny	64 degrees	Wind at 17 mph
Monday	Mostly Sunny	56 degrees	Wind at 24 mph
Tuesday	Sunny	57 degrees	Wind at 15 mph
Wednesday	Sunny	60 degrees	Wind at 17 mph
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	51 degrees	Wind at 17 mph
Friday	Sunny	55 degrees	Wind at 15 mph

