

Issue Focus:

Sports success and homecoming.

Sports and homecoming festivities take center stage in this issue of Tohatchi High News.

The Tohatchi High School Girls Basketball players who won the Girls Basketball State Championship last year received their official rings on Nov. 27, 2023.

The THS Cross Country teams, both boys and girls, went to the Cross-Country State Championship on Nov. 11. They had a good turnout for both team and individual results.

On Nov. 18, the Volleyball team won sixth place this year at the High School Volleyball State Tournament, which is the best score they have gotten in years.

Check page 2 for information concerning homecoming will be included. This information will include homecoming photos and stories written by students.

Offseason Football Training

Tohatchi High School Head Football Coach Darrick Henry will be running workouts Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 at the gym.

Senior Cap & Gown Pictures

Tuesday December 12, 2023

Students will be scheduled in the afternoon from 12:20 PM to 3:05 PM

Homecoming Winter Formal

- January 13

Winter Homecoming

- The school has designated Jan. 8 through Jan. 12 for the Winter Homecoming.
- Stay tuned for more information.

Girls Basketball players receive state championship rings



Photo by CHRISTOPHER S. PINEO | The New Mexico State 3A Girls Basketball Champions Tohatchi High School Lady Cougars line up alongside their teammates to receive their official championship rings from Gallup McKinley County Schools Superintendent Mike Hyatt and school board member Kevin Mitchell before a home game Nov. 27.

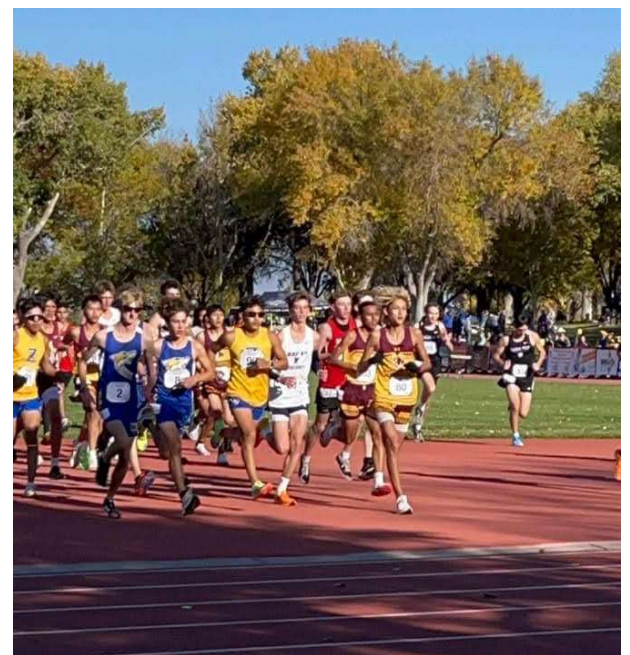


Photo by DANIELLE NOTAH | From left to right, Tohatchi High School Freshman Catherine Denetclaw runs alone at the New Mexico Activities Association State Cross Country Championships, Nov. 11, and senior Briley Dauphinais leads a pack at the beginning of the boys run. Both athletes ran in the championship. See page 3 for more information. Caption by Christopher S. Pineo

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Editorial: Students Sparkle with Excitement at Tohatchi 2023: A Night in Paris High School Homecoming Parade



Photo by TWAILA T. BITSIE | Two Tohatchi High School Students carry a banner for the Tohatchi Elementary Princess at the Tohatchi Homecoming Parade on Oct. 25.

By Lamberto Geolin

Tohatchi High School sparkled with excitement and community spirit on the evening of October 25, 2023, as the much-anticipated Homecoming Parade unfolded, themed "A Night in Paris." The air was filled with joy, laughter, and the vibrant colors of creatively crafted floats that showcased the artistic prowess of students, faculty, and community members alike.

A Night in Paris: Unveiling the Spectacle

The theme "A Night in Paris" brought the romance and elegance of the City of Lights to the heart of Tohatchi. The floats, adorned with intricate details reminiscent of Parisian landmarks, captured the essence of the theme, transporting spectators to the charming streets of the French capital.

Three distinct categories brought forth a dazzling array of creativity and teamwork, with participants from Tohatchi High School, other GMCS (Gallup-McKinley County Schools) schools, and the community, all vying for the coveted top spots.

Category 1: Tohatchi High School Delegates (19 participants)

The pride of Tohatchi High School shone brightly in this category, with 19 dynamic and enthusiastic

Each float was a testament to the dedication and teamwork of the students.

From the Eiffel Tower to quaint Parisian cafes, the floats showcased the diverse talents within the school, leaving spectators in awe.

Congratulations to the Winners:

- First Place: Cougars Football Team
- Second Place: Ccra Cecil & Talan Long's Float
- Third Place: Seniors Class' Float

Category 2: Other GMCS Schools (8 participants)

The collaborative spirit of GMCS schools was on full display as eight participating schools brought their unique flair to the parade. From neighboring schools to those farther afield, each float added a touch of Parisian magic to the event.

Congratulations to the Winner: -Twin Lakes Elementary School - 5th Grade Class

Category 3: Community (10 participants)

Tohatchi's vibrant community played a crucial role in making the Homecoming Parade a truly special event. Ten community participants brought their creativity to the streets, contributing to the tapestry of Parisian wonders that unfolded during the parade.

Congratulations to the Winners:

- Long's Haunted Trail

A Community United: Celebrating Together

The Homecoming Parade was not merely a display of artistic prowess; it was a celebration of unity and community spirit. Families, friends, and neighbors lined the streets, cheering on the participants and reveling in the shared joy of the occasion.

As the winners celebrate their well-deserved victories, let us also extend our appreciation to every participant who dedicated their time and effort to make the Tohatchi High School Homecoming Parade 2023 a resounding success. The event not only showcased the talent within Tohatchi but also fostered a sense of pride and

togetherness that will undoubtedly resonate within the community for years to come.

As the echoes of laughter and cheers linger, we look forward to next year's Homecoming Parade, eagerly anticipating the creativity and camaraderie that will once again grace the streets of Tohatchi. Until then, let the memories of "A Night in Paris" continue to illuminate our community with warmth and unity.



Photo by TWAILA T. BITSIE | The Tohatchi Elementary Princess sits on a car throwing out candy to kids during the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 25.

Lady Cougars receive official championship rings for second-in-school history win at the 2022-2023 New Mexico State 3A Girls Basketball Champions



Photo by CHRISTOPHER S. PINEO | Lady cougars of the 2022-2023 championship team pose for a photo, Nov. 28, at a ceremony just before the varsity team took on Robertson High School at the Tohatchi High School Gym. The Lady Cougars defeated the Cardinals, 58-43, with solid scoring from Brooke Bedoni who scored twelve points to surpass 1,300 career points by six points.



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Cougar Cross Country runners and teams take top spots at New Mexico Activities Association State Cross Country Championships



Photo by DANIELLE NOTAH | Freshman Kaylee Mitchell stands at the podium after the New Mexico Activities Association State Cross Country Championships, Nov. 11, to receive her eighth-place medal. Caption by Christopher S. Pineo

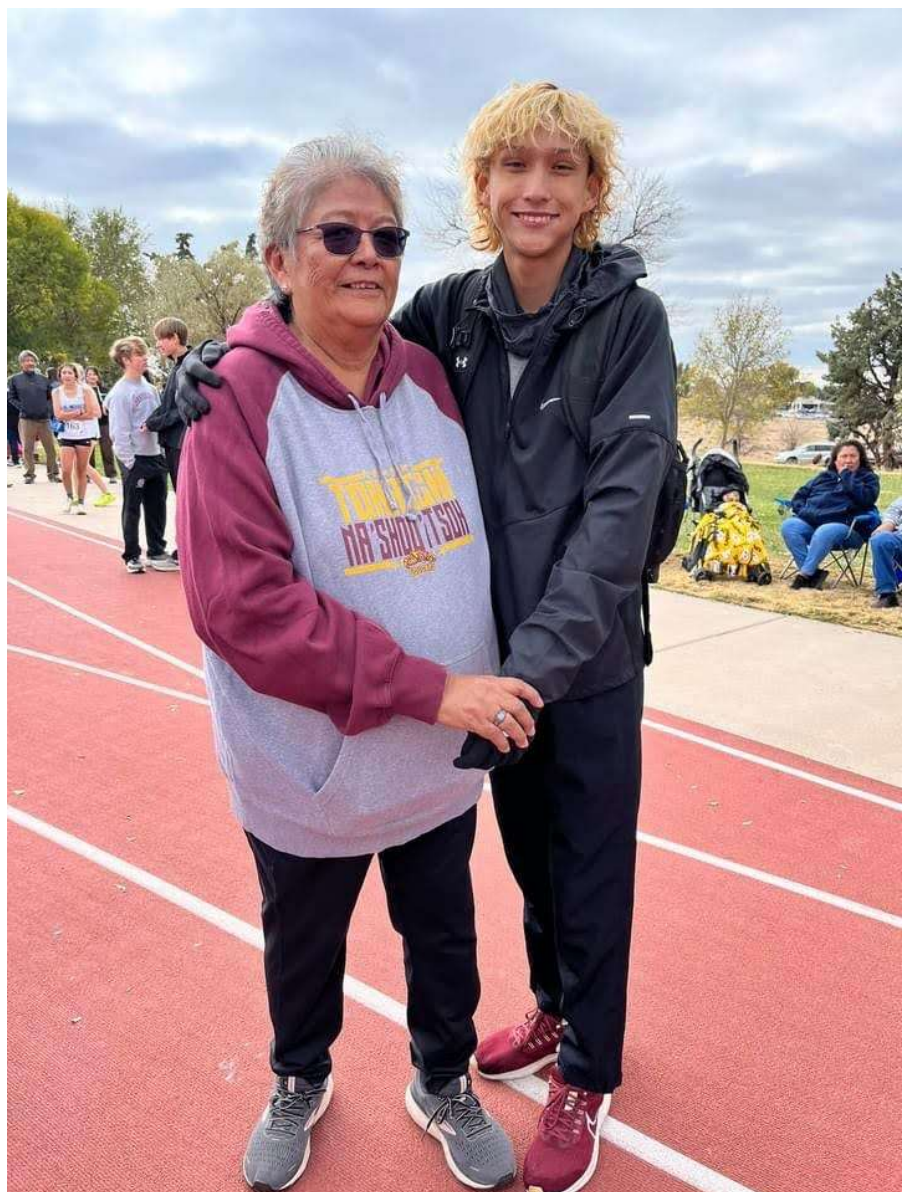


Photo by DANIELLE NOTAH | Senior Briley Dauphinais poses with long-time Tohatchi High School Cross Country Coach Fern Spencer, who retired in 2023.