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Do you like Green Eggs and Ham? “Try them! Try them! And you may.”



Governor Heineman visits Mrs. Rezac's fifth-grade class after enjoying his green eggs and ham breakfast.

by Cassie Nicholls

“I do not like them, Sam-I-Am. I do not like green eggs and ham!”

The people in Wahoo seem to have a different opinion about green eggs and ham than Sam-I-Am because many attended Wahoo Elementary School's eleventh annual Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast on Feb. 28. Adults and children of all ages enjoyed a delicious breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. At the cost of \$1

for adults and 80 cents for students, the breakfast is a bargain.

The Cat in the Hat, played by freshman Lindsay Luers, Thing 1 and Thing 2, played by seniors Kelsey Luers and Laura Houfek, made a special appearance during the breakfast.

With the help of fifth-grader Gabby Shannon, the elementary school hosted very special guest Governor Dave Heineman. Shannon wrote Governor Heineman a letter

asking him to join her and fellow classmates at the Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast. About two weeks after sending the letter, Gabby got a phone call from the Governor's secretary confirming that he would be at the breakfast!

When Governor Heineman arrived at the school, Gabby and her father WHS science teacher Steve Shannon were waiting to greet him. Gabby and Governor Heineman walked through the breakfast line and ate breakfast together. Gabby

then showed Governor Heineman her classroom where he told his story about his connection to Wahoo Public Schools and answered questions asked by Mrs. Rezac's fifth-grade class.

Six hundred and fifty people showed up to eat the delicious breakfast prepared by the Wahoo Elementary and Wahoo High School lunch staff. The green eggs and ham breakfast is sponsored annually by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.



Ready to cause some mischief, the Cat in the Hat with Thing 1 and Thing 2 make their annual appearance. From left are Kelsy Luers, Lindsay Luers, and Laura Houfek.

WHS mourns the loss of 2004 alumna Rachel Dixon

Wahoo Public Schools joins many others in mourning the loss of a very talented member of the Class of 2004. News reached the district yesterday that Rachel (Simon) Dixon was killed in a weather-related automobile accident on a highway near Norfolk, Nebraska.

Rachel was close to completing her studies at Wayne State College, and had aspirations to become a teacher and coach.

The 2003 WHS Homecoming Queen who is listed in her senior yearbook as the “girl every parent wants their son to date”, Rachel was known for being a very well-rounded, likeable student, and a positive

leader/role model for her peers. Rachel was an active member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and Choir. She was also passionate about softball and basketball. Rachel received numerous awards for her performance (including MVP in softball and record-setting 377 assists in basketball) and was named multiple times to the All-State teams in both sports.

“Students like Rachel are what makes our profession so rewarding. Her former teachers here at WHS have nothing but fond memories of her dedication, an attitude that was always positive, and her talents

in so many areas. This is a very difficult loss for those of us who had the opportunity to teach her,” said former WHS English Instructor David Privett.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 21, at 10 a.m. in the Wahoo High School Gymnasium. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m. at Pruss-Nabity Funeral Home in Wahoo (911 N. Linden). Interment followed the funeral at Indian Mound Cemetery.

The thoughts and prayers of the administration and staff of Wahoo Public Schools go out to Rachel's husband Moe, and to her entire family. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.



2004 WHS Graduate Rachel (Simon) Dixon will be missed by many throughout the community.

2008-09 Dance Team Announced

After weeks of practice, nerve-racking tryouts and the tense wait for the announcement, the 2008-09 Wahoo Dance Team was introduced on March 16.

Returning to the team are juniors Hilary Plybon, Benishia Siemer, Sami Timm, Taylor Flessner, sophomore Annie Divis, freshmen Jessica Barry, Erin Walker and Kylie Krecklow. New to the team this year are juniors Taylor Kavan and Jen Proctor, freshman Ally Clark and incoming freshman Dayna Gulliksen.

Congratulations to all of these young ladies!



Benishia Siemer and Taylor Kavan are all smiles after learning they both made the dance team.

Student Council exchange shakes the halls of WHS

by Erin Curran

Tuesday, March 4, proved to be a day of new experiences. Twenty-one student council members from Millard South High School participated in an exchange with the Wahoo High School student council. Their high school contains nearly 2100 students, compared to the mere 300 students roaming the halls of WHS.

"I love how small this school is. Everyone gets along and is nice to each other," said senior Abbey Berosch, a Millard South student council member.

Many of the members agree with Berosch. Upon entering the school, several joked about doubling the size of the freshman class. They also had to adjust to the class periods. Millard South has block scheduling, meaning that their day consists of only four, one and one-half hour class periods, which they attend every other day. The eight 45-minute periods of the Wahoo school day was a drastic change.

A number of teachers also found the addition of students to be a challenge. Several chairs and desks were borrowed throughout the day in order to deal with the extra bodies. The teacher's plans for the day, however, remained unchanged.



Millard South High School students chill out with WHS students on March 4.

"I treated it as if it was a normal day," said WHS science teacher Steve Shannon.

The Wahoo High School student council took a trip to Omaha on Feb. 26. They also shadowed a student council member and took part in their classes at Millard South.

"It was massive," said Wahoo student council vice president, Jake Barry. "I liked the block scheduling, too."

Overall the exchange produced great results.

"I feel the exchange was a tremendous success. Both schools were

given the opportunity to see a different atmosphere in the educational setting," said WHS math instructor and student council co-sponsor Melissa Schmidt.

"The students were able to see firsthand a typical school day at the opposite school. Students were also able to compare their high school experience through the common connection of student council," Schmidt added.

The student council would like to thank the students and staff for their flexibility and openness during this event. It was greatly appreciated and made for an exciting day.

2008-09 WHS Dance Team



First row (l to r): Kylie Krecklow, Jessica Barry, and Erin Walker. Second row: Jen Proctor, Ally Clark, Taylor Flessner, and Sami Timm. Third row: Dayna Gullikson, Hilary Plybon and Annie Divis.

WMS 8th grader to receive 2008 Breakfast of Champions Award



WMS eight-grader Sydney Hancock

Wahoo Middle School is proud to announce that eighth grader Sydney Hancock has been selected as its representative for the 2008 Breakfast for Champions Award.

The Breakfast of Champions award is given to a male or female eighth grade student who best exemplifies the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service in our school and community. The Nebraska Alumni Association, the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation and the United States Olympic Committee sponsor this award.

The Breakfast for Champions Banquet will be held on Friday, May 9 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Winners throughout the state of Nebraska will attend the banquet.

WAY TO GO SYDNEY!!!!

2008-09 Cheerleaders Announced



2008-09 Cheerleaders (l to r) front row: Ally Clark, Megan Brown, Stephanie Brown, Molli Miller. Second row: Kirstin Nervig, Ali Anderson, Lindsey Dreyer, Tina Robinson. Third row: Kali Kramer, Jessica Barry, Laura Calfee. Not pictured: Janelle Jansa, Cassie Buckmaster, Caitlin Watts, Hailey Zetocka, Shanly Steffes.

Squeals of joy could be heard from one end of Wahoo to the other when the 2008-09 WHS cheerleading squad was announced on the evening of March 27.

Cheering for the Warriors will be juniors Cassie Buckmaster and

Janelle Jansa; sophomores Ali Anderson, Megan Brown, Stephanie Brown, Lindsey Dreyer, Kali Kramer, Kirstin Nervig, Shanly Steffes, Caitlin Watts, and Hailey Zetocka; and freshmen Jessica Barry, Laura Calfee, Ally Clark, Molli Miller, and Tina Robinson.

3rd Annual Ron & Tim Larsen Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: Sunday, May 18
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Hilltop Country Club

Format: 18-hole, three-person scramble

Cost: \$120/team or \$40/person
(Includes golf, T-shirt, pin prizes, and lunch)
Lunch only tickets are \$5/person
Carts may be rented for \$12

All proceeds from the golf tournament will go to the
Ron & Tim Larsen Memorial Scholarship Fund

For more information, contact Steve Shannon at
sshannon@esu2.org or call 443-7693 after 6:00 p.m.

Entry forms are available at
www.wahooschools.org

WHS Quiz Bowl team takes third at ESU2 South Competition

by Ian Hoppe

The synthesized sound of mechanical buzzers emanated from the Wahoo High School Commons Area on Monday, March 3. Five quiz bowl teams from the ESU2 South Division met at Wahoo to compete. Among those vying for the title of ESU2 South Champion was Mead, Yutan, Dodge, and Wahoo.

The scores of the first rounds were low, and Yutan shut out Wahoo by two questions. In the next two matches, Wahoo played against Prague and Mead, narrowly pulling through both matches on top. The subsequent game saw a three-way tie between Yutan, Mead, and Wahoo after Wahoo beat Dodge. Each team had gone 3 and 1 for the tournament. In order to break the tie, an assessment was taken of the total points accrued throughout the evening. In this manner, Yutan took first over Mead and Wahoo by a slender margin.

The Quiz Bowl program en-

ables students to pursue knowledge and trivia in a niche they find enjoyable and to compete in an academic atmosphere. Wahoo High School social studies instructor Ryan Mueller served for his second time as a moderator during the tourney. His responsibilities included posing the actual questions to the teams, as well as judging responses and team conduct.

"It is a great program," said Mueller. "It's a great opportunity for students to get together and compete and meet students from the other districts. It's a fun and interactive way to learn."

WHS Principal Chris Arent also participated in preparing for the event.

"I think it's a good avenue for our students," Arent said. "I personally enjoy the trivia format myself."

Quiz Bowl is sponsored by Weldon and Paula Hoppe.



Wahoo High School Quiz Bowl placed third at the ESU2 South Competition on March 3. Front Row l to r: Hillary Fick, Melissa Campbell, Chris Clark, Jeff Borreson, and Kinsey Clark. Back Row l to r: Ashley Jordan, Joe Nabity, T.J. Sloup, Tyler Schaben, and Ian Hoppe.

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