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Heartwarming Huenink



Abbie Huenink, pictured above with her family, is the Transitions educator at WHS.

Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I've just always wanted to be a teacher. Ever since second grade I've always had a passion for helping kids, especially those with disabilities.

Q: What is your favorite part about working at Wahoo High School?

A: I would definitely have to say the people, Wahoo High School is just like its own little community.

Q: What was your favorite subject in high school?

A: Probably math, just because I liked how you could always check your answer, and know right away whether or not it's right or wrong.

Q: What was your favorite part of being a teenager?

A: My favorite part would have to be homecoming week, I always went all out on those days. I also liked basketball, going to football games, and hanging out with friends.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Green

Q: What is your current favorite movie?

A: The Blind Side. I loved the two different perspectives it gave, as well as its message to love everyone for who they are, and to help those who need it, regardless of who they are.

Q: What is one word that you could describe yourself with?

A: Passionate

Q: Who is your favorite actor/actress?

A: Matt Damon

Q: Who is your favorite athlete?

A: Robinson Cano #24, New York Yankees. He was named after Jackie Robinson. Nick Swisher from the New York Yankees is also becoming another favorite.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do?

A: I would have to say going to sporting events, particularly baseball games.

Q: Who is your idol?

A: My Nana. She has this passion and fire for life. She's a go-getter and she always puts everyone before herself.

Q: Do you like to sing, or dance?

A: You can't sing without dancing!

♡ MS. Huenink

Majestic Matlock

Meet WHS freshman Nathan Matlock

Couldn't live without: Friends

He likes to talk and can be seen with his best friends Michael Jonas and Jaclynn Jansa, both freshmen.

Birthday: January 20, 1993

Facts: He and his family moved from Stromsburg to Wahoo the summer of 2009. He said he didn't know really anyone until his first day of school.

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Pets: Had a Teacup Yorkshire Terrier named Kota, and a Chocolate Lab named Sheena



Travels: Four years ago, Nathan went trucking with his Grandpa to Twin Falls, Idaho. They unloaded pipe and picked up hay bales.

Hobbies: Fishing. He and his family stay at a cabin in Genoa for about a week during the summer.

Parents: Jessie and Michelle Matlock

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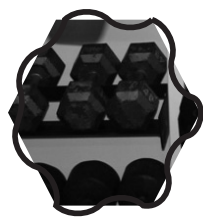
Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Place To Visit: Los Angeles, California. He wants to see the places around the city.

Siblings: Brother: Colton (10), Sister: Breann (8)

Favorite Sport: Basketball. He plans on going out for basketball next school year.

RANTS & RAVES



The New Fitness Center

RAVE

This new addition has been an athletic hot-spot after its completion this fall. Many students and teachers are seen in this facility before or after school getting their daily dose of exercise.



Snow Day Pile-Up

RANT

This winter has been a cold one, and with this cold weather has been snow storm after snow storm. Unfortunately, the snow isn't the only thing piling up. Snow days have also and we have used all of our snow days, and them some.



New Bathroom Equipment

RAVE

You may have noticed that the bathrooms by the administration offices have been looking a little different as of late. That's due to the new stalls that have been installed making our bathrooms look pretty spiffy.



Prom Secrets

RANT

This year's prom theme has been a highly disputed matter and with the final theme decided everyone is dying to know, but the prom committee is keeping it on the down low for the time being.



Saving Lives

RAVE

A great turn out at the NHS blood drive, with around 50 people giving blood. As we all know, giving blood saves lives, so thank you to those who have become heroes to someone in need.



Disrespect

RANT

As the school year begins its slow downhill ride into summer, tensions have been getting high as some students disregard their teachers and forget about the respect needed in the learning environment.



Close-Up

RAVE

Last week the halls seemed kind of empty, the reason being that 38 juniors left for D.C. The kids returned this last weekend with high spirits as everyone enjoyed the trip.



Silver-Where?

RANT

Despite the benefits of being clean and disposable, it seems like the new plastic silverware can't always stand up to foods such as chicken fried steak, chicken pattie, hot ham and cheese, and any other foods you may have to cut.



42 days

RAVE

Well, seniors, your last day is approaching fast. In 42 days we won't see you again wandering these halls to class after class because you will be gone, on to bigger and better things. Congratulations and we will miss you dearly!

Snowday Snafu

By Emily Brodahl

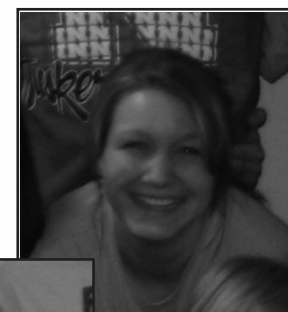


This winter has truly been a cold one. With record snow fall, the school saw many snow days this year. By the finish of the seemingly endless snow fall it was realized that we would have to make up for the five days we missed. Seeing as the school has only four days built into the schedule for snow days, it posed a problem for getting the required hours of school in, especially when at the time there was still two months of winter to come. The changes include adding minutes to the school day, which now starts three minutes earlier and gets out five minutes later. In addition to this, three days have been added back onto the calendar: Friday, February 19th, Friday, March 5th, and Monday, April 5th. With these changes, four days will be added onto the calendar. In the event that we have no more bad weather days, days will be taken off at the end of the year. Hopefully though, as it begins to warm up, little by little, March will treat us well as we head into spring!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WON AWARDS AT SOUTH-EAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S BUSINESS COMPETITION:

- JOE NABITY: 5TH PLACE IN ACCOUNTING
- SKYE SABATKA: OUTSTANDING IN JOB INTERVIEW
- EMILY BRODAHL: 7TH PLACE IN INTRO TO BUSINESS
- CHLOE' DAVIDSON: 9TH PLACE IN INTRO TO BUSINESS

Photos listed from left to right



Car Trouble?

By: Mahala Egr
With help from
Mr. Weyers Auto 1 Class

How to Change a Flat Tire

1. Pull off to the side of the road and turn on hazard lights.
2. Put on the E-Brake and pop the trunk.
3. Get tools out of the trunk (jack, wrench, tire). Get tire out from the trunk.
4. Loosen lugnuts just a little.
5. Find a good place on the frame to lift up the car.
- 6 & 7. Take lugnuts off and take off tire.
8. Put donut or spare tire on.
9. Tighten lugnuts down.
10. Double check lugnuts.
11. Lower the jack.
12. Take the flat tire and tools back to the trunk, remove E-Brake, turn off hazards, and check for traffic before pulling back onto the road.



Red goes on positive, Black on negative?

66% of the students at WHS know how to change a tire, jump-start a car, and change the oil. 33%, on the other hand, don't know how to do any of those.

I'll admit I was one of those 33% who didn't know how to change a tire, jump-start a car, or change my car oil. I'm not a car genius. If someone asked me what the difference between a donut and a spare tire, I'd probably say one's glazed and the other can be found around the waist of a middle-aged man. By the way the difference is nothing. They are the same, just different names.

To boost my knowledge (and yours) I visited Mr. Weyers Auto 1 class while they practiced changing a tire and jump-starting a car. After listening to the lesson, I was happy enough to tell people that I officially know how to do those two things now!

Not only should you know about those two things, but you should also know what to keep in your car in case of an emergency. According to AutoTrader, you should keep an auto escape tool, blanket, can opener, cell phone charger, cleaning items, extra (hidden) cash, fire extinguisher, first-aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, liquid latex, matches, meal kit, maps, pencil and notepad, snow scraper, telephone book, towel, warning light or road flares, water, and a whistle. With these items you'll be ready for any emergency that comes your way.

How To Change Car Oil

1. Make sure you have all your materials: new oil, filter, oil pan, and correct size wrench.
2. Safety lift car by using the jack stand on the frame of the car.
3. Remove drain plug and drain oil into oil pan.
4. Once oil is drained, put plug back in and tighten it.
5. Locate the oil filter and remove it.
6. Put on the new oil filter.
7. Remove Jack stands and lower car.
8. Add 4 1/2 quarts of oil.
9. Start car and let it run for 10-20 seconds.
10. Check oil and add correct amount.

How to Jump Start a Dead Battery

1. Line cars up so batteries are close as possible. Make sure cars are off and batterie is not leaking.



Jumper cables



Dead battery!



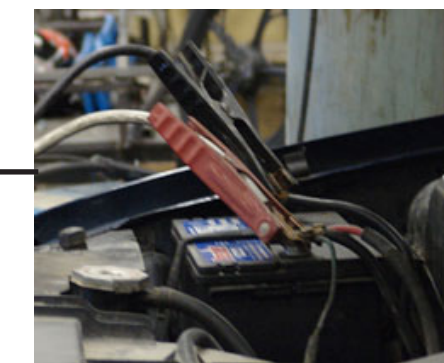
2. Connect positive on dead battery and to the good car.



3. Connect negative on dead battery and to the good car



4. Turn good battery on and turn key on the dead car.



5. If car doesn't start, check connections and try again. Unhook cables, close hood, and drive away.



Spirit Shows At State

Cheer and Dance *By Sarah Becker*

After weeks of practices, the Wahoo Cheer and Dance squads got to show their stuff at the third annual State Cheer and Dance Competition in Grand Island. Over 35 schools in classes A through D competed on Feb. 20 at the Heartland Event Center. Close to 2000 spectators filled the stands throughout the day.

The dance team gave it their all with two powerful performances. They walked away with 4th place in the Jazz and Hip-Hop categories. The girls were hoping to walk away with 1st, they were just six points under that placement.

Junior Jackie Brazda, a first year dancer, said that she surprisingly wasn't nervous.

"I was just worried that I would mess up. My heart was pounding and it was such an adrenaline rush. But, I liked performing in front of everyone," said Brazda.

The experience was brand new for Brazda, but had a completely different effect on senior Annie Divis. For her, it was bittersweet.

"I was excited for us to show what we'd been working on," said Divis. "Yet, I was sad because I knew I wasn't going to come back."

Dance Coach Natalie Sherman said they practiced extra hard in preparation for the competition.

"I was extremely pleased with the overall performance. The girls have grown so much as performers and I was really proud of them," said Sherman. "Their hard work and dedication really

paid off."

The cheer squad performed well, placing in the top ten. They rallied onto the mats and showed the crowd the sideline cheer that they had been working on for weeks. Senior Hailey Zetocka's experience was one of mixed emotions.

"Cheerleading was my way of helping the team, letting them know that we were there to support them," said Zetocka. "After our performance, it just hit me that I'm done. It's been a big part of my high school career."

Cheer Sponsor Judy Stukenholtz was impressed with the girls' effort.

"I was proud of the girls, watching them practice week after week and seeing the improvement was great. They had a great time and they were fun to watch," said Stukenholtz.

A handful of students gave up their Saturday to support the teams. They drove out on their own and helped keep spirits high.

"I went to the competition to support the girls and had a lot of fun being there," said Sam Cook. "It was a loud and very supportive environment."

The State Competition was a good experience for both teams. They worked hard and had fun. Though this year is over, many dancers and cheerleaders will be returning next year with high hopes and lots of talent. Way to go ladies!



The Wahoo High School Cheerleaders hold their final pose of their performance at state.



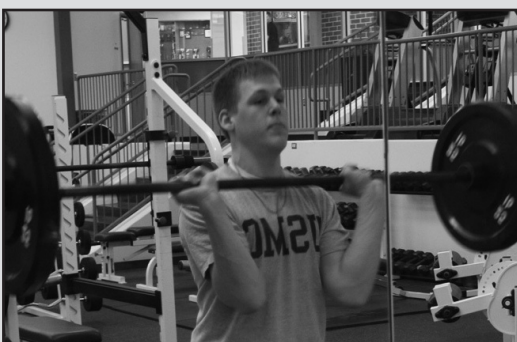
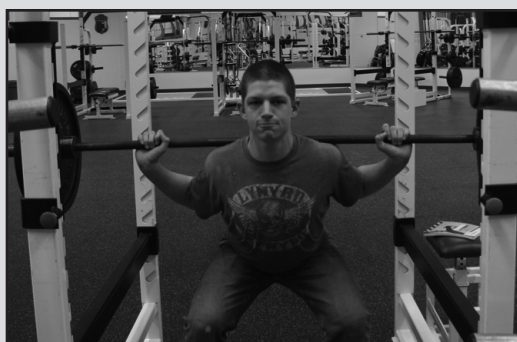
The Wahoo High School Dance Team puts attitude into their moves as they perform at State.

Physical Education Weight Lifters of the Month

These students have exhibited outstanding effort and attitude during the third quarter while exercising in the weight room for PE-1 and Strength & Fitness classes. Their continual efforts demonstrate positive leadership and character to their peers.

Strength & Fitness:

**Dakota Caniglia
Sean Smith**



PE-1:

**Jon Abbott
Preston Raymond**



Wahoo Warriors Get Down to Business at State

By Sarah Becker & Emily Brodahl

Ninety-six minutes. At the beginning of districts, that was the amount of time that stood in front of the Lady Warriors. After those 96 minutes, tickets were punched and the girls were determined to finish out their season with another 96 minutes.

Before the Warriors made it to the big dance, a hard road was set in front of the girls. Just one year before, the girls' dreams were crushed in a loss to Ashland-Greenwood during the first round of sub-districts. This year the Warriors had to battle their Blue-Jay foes once again in the first round, but this outcome was different, and as the final buzzer rang, a loss was avenged, and the Warriors came out victorious, winning by ten points.

The next day the girls returned to their district site, Westside, for their hardest district game, the #1 team in Class-C1, Bishop Neumann. The game was close every quarter, and with a tie at the end of the fourth, an over-time battle began. In the four minutes the Warriors and Cavaliers traded points, but the Warriors pulled away with a five-point victory. A stunning upset had occurred, but it wasn't surprising. The Warriors came ready to play, anyone could see that these girls were hungry for the win, and the passion that burned within their hearts for this game was blazing bright as the girls stepped off the court to continue their journey to the District Championship.

One week later, the Lady Warriors traveled to Midland-Lutheran College to meet their final hurdle in making it to the "big dance." The Warriors faced the Wayne Blue Devils in this last battle, and the Warriors proved to be too powerful a force for the Blue Devils. The Warriors powered through the District Final with a 54-37 win. This makes this the second District Championship in the history of the Lady Warriors' basketball program.

Yet another week later, the Lady Warriors found themselves in the Pershing Center. The girls were ecstatic and ready to play. Most of the players had dreamt about the State Tournament since they were little. The feeling of just making it there was amazing enough, but the Warriors were determined to make more than just an appearance, they wanted to go all the way, which is exactly what they did. The fifth-seeded Warriors faced off against the fourth-seeded team, Southern Valley, and came out with the win with a score of 65-41.

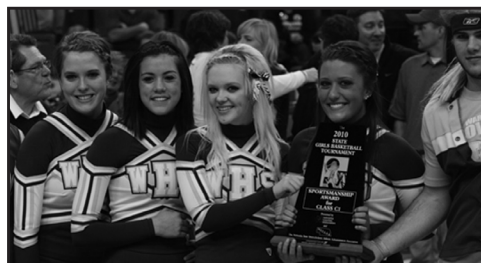
The win now sent the Warriors into round two to play Lutheran High Northeast, who was the undefeated #1 seed. The Warriors played very well the first half, going into the locker room ahead by over ten points. As the second half began, though, Lutheran High Northeast came back with a fire, and by the end it was a close game. With under a minute left, Morgan Hancock went in for a lay-up extending the Warriors' slim lead to five, and with just seconds left a foul sent one of the Lutheran High Northeast players to the line. As both shots were made the Warriors in-bounded the ball, and a few seconds later the girls were jumping for joy as they advanced to the Championship game with a 52-49 win.

"The Ship." The words had been on every girl's mind since the District win over Wayne. Only now, though, had it become a reality. To make the stakes even higher, Neumann, who had

entered in through a wild-card had also battled their way to the championship. Despite the thought of playing their cross-town rivals, the Warriors were still as ready as ever as the Saturday game rolled around. The atmosphere was absolutely electric, as it seemed the whole town of Wahoo had come to watch the ultimate cross-town battle. As the girls began, everyone knew it would be a close game.

With correct predictions, the Warriors and Cavaliers traded slim leads back and forth, and by the end, once again, a tie. Another over-time. Four minutes left for a town championship, as well as a state championship. Just as in the regulation time, the lead was traded back and forth, but in the end, a three-pointer made the difference. Neumann walked away with the championship. But not all was lost. This year's girls' team made it the farthest ever in a state competition, as well as earning the first girls' banner for the gym. On top of that, our school came out with the Sportsmanship Award for Class C-1.

Sometimes victories aren't always represented by championship trophies, sometimes it's an important moment in history, other times it is a banner or a surprise award, or even could be the memories and friends made in the journey. No matter what the victories were this year, everyone will be back next year, ready to play.



Hillary Fick, Kali Kramer, Hailey Zetocka, Ali Anderson and Branden Walling accept the Class C-1 Sportsmanship Award



The Warrior fans supported the girls throughout the entire tournament.



Erin Walker builds up a screen against her opponent during one of the games.



Sadie Murren battles down to the floor for the ball during the game against Bishop Neumann.

Winter Sports Shorts

Boys' Basketball

It is important when looking at the Warriors' season, to not focus on the losses and the heart-breaking, season-ending game against D. C. West, but to look at how much the Warriors thrived during the season. The players really bonded and played like a true team. They started off with a bang trouncing Bennington by a 12-point margin. This helped them climb the ranks to a Capitol Conference tournament runner-up, and a Capitol Conference regular season runner-up, both times falling to the Syracuse Rockets. The boys finished with a 13-8 record. It was a great season that ended a little too soon.

All-Conference:

1st Team:

Greg Milliken

2nd Team:

Jake Barry

Honorable Mention:

Josh Discher

Max Cook

Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World Herald All-State:

Honorable Mention:

Jake Barry

Max Cook

Josh Discher

Greg Milliken

Girls' Basketball

Capitol Conference Champions

District Champions

State Runner-Up

All-Conference:

1st team:

Mattie Murren (Honorary Cpt)

Sadie Murren

Erin Walker

2nd team:

Morgan Hancock

Honorable Mention:

Emily Brodahl

Kayla Bennett

Lincoln Journal Star All-State:

1st Team:

Mattie Murren

2nd Team:

Sadie Murren

Honorable Mention:

Morgan Hancock

Erin Walker

Omaha World Herald All-State:

1st Team:

Mattie Murren

Sadie Murren

Wrestling

State qualifiers:

Corey Davis (5th place)

Matt Hornung

Joel Gensler

Secret Favorite Movies:

Barbie and the Nut Cracker
-Christine Syverson

High School Musical
-Greg Miliken & Jessica Barry

Hannah Montana Movie
-Derek Virgl

My Dog Skip
-Josh Discher

Barney and the Magic Egg
-Alicia Iverson

Everyone has that one movie they love. Maybe it's sappy. Or maybe it's a childhood favorite. Definitely those that no one knows about! Well now the secrets are out, and here are some of Wahoo High's "guilty pleasure" movies.

Wedding Crashers
-Mr. Rastovski

Blues Clues
-Brandon Walling

P.S. I Love You
-Marc Hrdlicka

So I married an Ax Murderer
-Tierney Gensler

Fern Gully
-Kinsey Clark

Veggie Tales "Silly Song Countdown"
-Tyler Urban

Land Before Time
-Derek Fiala

The Notebook
-Dylan Kellner, Dyllon Nelson, Tyler Kavan, Mitchell Shukis, Ethan Harders, Jacob Barry & Max Wonka

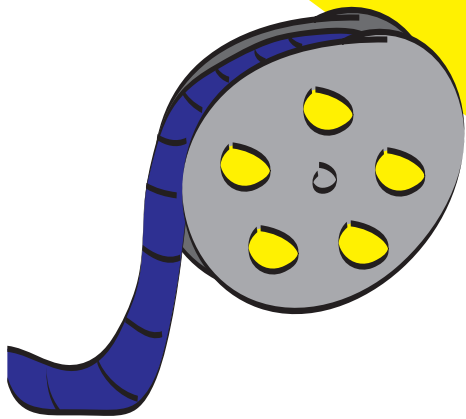
A Walk to Remember
-Kyle Zeleny & Brook Stuart

Pocahontas
-Erin Walker

Polar Express
-Olivia Biehl

Mulan
-Kali Hauschild

Horse Whisperer
-Hank Hrdlicka



MOVIE MANIA

By Emily Brodahl

Dear John

The movie *Dear John* was a hit across the country. Nicholas Sparks, author of the book *Dear John*, has been in this position before. One of the most famous love stories of this generation, *The Notebook*, was also one of his creations.

Dear John is a great love story, depicting John, a soldier on leave, falling in love with Savannah, a college girl on break. The

two have an instant connection, and seem to be perfect for each other. The feeling of perfection though, soon diminishes as John has to return to the army. Despite the absence of each other, the two lovers stay close and write letters every chance they get.

But the young couple soon dive face first into adversity in this heart-wrenching story, and as it progresses we see just how strong true

love can be. As the distance takes its toll, things soon begin to look bleak, and hearts' strengths are tested.

To find out whether or not John and Savannah can make it through you will either have to pick up a book, or take a trip to the theater. This story is made for everyone, and something that all will love; it's well worth the trip. Not only does the movie have talented actors, such as Channing Tat-

um (John) and Amanda Seyfried (Savannah), but it also has a story that will take you on an emotional roller coaster ride as things go quickly from happy and jubilant, to a tear-jerking sadness. In a world where fate is tempted by love and war; can the two young loves fight their way through? Or will they struggle and fail?

