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High School Newspaper: Year One

by Shanly Steffes

Chances are students, parents and other Wahoovians have noticed a different look to the monthly newsletter this year. That is because the district newsletter has morphed into a high school newsletter written and designed by WHS principal Chris Arent and administrative assistant Launa Cook.

So, where does this change leave all of the high school news? You know, the articles about sports, music and people we all love to read. This school year, newspaper adviser Carol Mertl is teaching new reporters the ins and outs of news writing and reporting and newspaper design.

This is the new generation of the WHS newspaper, *The Warrior Echo*. The staff consists of Ali Anderson, Megan Brown, Eric Curran, Ian Hoppe, Kali Kramer, Skye Sabatka, Tyler Schaben and Shanly Steffes. The newspaper is created in Mertl's eighth period class.

The newspaper staff began the year by conducting research for the first feature story and to see first-hand how a dairy works, a trip that took the staff to Robert's Dairy in Omaha on Sept 30. Since 9/11, Robert's Dairy has been in a sort of virtual "lock down" mode, so it was very fortunate that *The Echo* staff was permitted inside. This rare tour provided a lot of information and graphics for the "Milk" story on page 8-9.

Next, the staff took a trip to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for the Nebraska High School Press Association Fall Convention on Oct. 13. The staff attended sessions that explained how to work in Photoshop and InDesign, how to take sports photos, and how to write feature stories, headlines and captions, among other things, which helped to prepare the staff for this very first edition of *The Echo*.

The newspaper will publish quarterly. Look for the next issue of *The Warrior Echo* in December before finals.

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Meet The Warrior Echo Staff

by Megan Brown

Ali Anderson



Grade: Junior

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Food: Fettuccini Alfredo

Hobbies:

Drawing, musical, sports, acting, Cheerleading and perfecting her beauty

Best Part About Newspaper: "Interacting with the many different individuals we encounter over our stories."

Megan Brown



Grade: Junior

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Food: Tacos

Hobbies:

Cheerleading, Show Choir, FCA, Dancing, Speech Team, Reading, Student Council, One Act, Musical

Best Part About Newspaper: "You get to choose what to write about, it's not assigned by a teacher."

Eric Curran



Grade: Senior

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Food: Hamburgers

Hobbies: Running, Music, Model Railroading and Reading

Best Part About Newspaper: "The best part of Newspaper is being able to express your mind on major issues."

Ian Hoppe



Grade: Senior

Favorite Color: Brown

Favorite Food: Ice Cream

Hobbies:

Reading and Writing

Best Part About Newspaper: "Being able to express your opinions and beliefs in a public forum."

Kali Kramer



Grade: Junior

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Food: Chinese

Hobbies: Volleyball, Swimming, Cheerleading and Show Choir

Best Part About Newspaper: "You get to write your story and other people get to read it."

Skye Sabatka



Grade: Junior

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Food: Cheeseburgers

Hobbies:

Friends, Driving and Swimming

Best Part About Newspaper: "Being able to write your own story on your own."

Tyler Schaben



Grade: Junior

Favorite Color: Orange

Favorite Food: Italian

Hobbies:

Mock Trial, One Act, Quiz Bowl, Musical, Spring Production, Book Club, Speech Team, Writing, Reading,

Show Choir and International Thespian Society

Best Part About Newspaper: "This class is totally BOMB!"

Shanly Steffes



Grade: Junior

Favorite Color: Hot Pink

Favorite Food: Italian

Hobbies:

Cheerleading, hanging out with friends, driving around and swimming

Best Part About Newspaper: "It's always a positive class to end the day with."

New Beat for the Wahoo music department

Julie Baker-Anderson puts her magic touch on the music department

by Megan Brown

You might have noticed that there is a new teacher hanging out around the choir room lately. Some people might know her from seeing her at Wahoo athletic competitions or as the lead singer of Crossroads. You could possibly recognize her from seeing her at the local grocery store, or you might just know her as a mom to her five children. Yep, she's Julie Baker-Anderson, the new vocal music teacher at Wahoo High School.

Anderson grew up in Erickson, Neb., a little town out west with a population of around 100 people. After graduating Wheeler Central High School in Bartlett, she started UNL as a Music Theater major, but changed to teaching when she became pregnant with her first son James.

While doing her student teaching she met one of the most influential people of her life, Anita Elliot.

"She really helped me to understand kids, how to decode what is really going on with them. You know sometimes when they're angry at you, they're not really angry with you," said Anderson.

It was then that Anderson had found her passion, making a difference in others' lives. With teaching she could make a difference in student's futures.

Anderson commuted from Wahoo to Monroe Middle School in Omaha for seven years before accepting the vocal music position at Wahoo Public.



Mrs. Anderson

"It's a pay raise just not having to drive to Omaha," said Anderson.

With five children, four of whom are Wahoo Public students, one big plus about being at Wahoo High School is that, even when she is at work, she can be with her family. Now she gets to sleep in later and is always home after school to make dinner.

With five kids she is always busy at home. But her job doesn't get any easier at work. Anderson currently teaches Middle School Choir, Sixth and Seventh grade Vocal Music, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir and Music Technology. She also directs the Middle and High School Show Choirs as well as the musical.

We are so glad to have Mrs. Anderson be a part of the Wahoo High School teaching staff.

New Science Instructor Spreads Her Wings at WHS

by Tyler Schaben

While roaming the hallways at Wahoo High, students and others have noticed a fresh, new face among the teachers. Meredith Meyer joined the staff in the science department and teaches General Science, Biology, and Zoology.

Meyer commutes from Lincoln where she lives with her fiancé and dog.

After graduating from Norris High School, Meyer attended Doane College majoring in biology and with a minor in chemistry.

Meyer's first job out of college was at

Barnes and Noble, where you can still find her behind the cash register on the weekends. She has also worked as a zookeeper with the zebras and giraffes at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

She chose to go into teaching because she wants to teach young people about conservation, and with global warming looming, that's just what we need.

"The most inspiring person in my life would have to be my grandma," said Meyer. "She survived World War II in Germany, and she has been a very strong woman throughout her life."



New science instructor Ms. Meyer

Port-A-Potty Pays for Post Prom

by Tyler Schaben

While cruising the streets of Wahoo, you may have noticed a port-a-potty placed in the yards of several houses, like it's the newest in lawn ornaments, perhaps a lawn gnome for good luck or some other fashionable lawn ornament. A port-a-potty in someone's yard is not a typical lawn ornament, but with this, money is involved.

The Wahoo High Junior and Senior Post Prom Committee got the idea from another school that putting something embarrassing in someone's lawn and having them pay for it to be taken away would raise money, in this case for the 2009 Post Prom.

Post Prom helps keep high school students from making destructive decisions after prom. On their website, MADD, or Mothers Against Drunk Driving, states that during typical prom weekends in 2005, 290 young people ages 15-20 were killed in alcohol-related crashes—of those crashes, 198 deaths involved a 15-20-year-old impaired driver.

But with Post Prom after the dance, Wahoo High students can look forward to something fun and entertaining to do without the use of alcohol or drugs, which will help keep minors from driving drunk.

The fundraiser is currently active now, and will not end until snow starts to fall. If you were so lucky to be chosen to have this port-a-potty bestowed on your lawn, it would cost you twenty dollars to send it to someone's house of your choosing, or for just five dollars more you can insure that you will never see it back in your yard again.

The port-a-potty only ends up on lawns in Wahoo and surrounding subdivisions such as Heritage Heights. It gets to these places on a trailer driven around by a white truck. It has visited the yards of Greg Hohl, Brad Freidel, Mr. Arent, Ed Rastovsky, and many more. Unfortunately one person did not find the humor in the port-a-potty fundraiser and painted over the WHS school colors with red and white oil-based paint, making it difficult for post prom committee members to restore it to its natural beauty.



Since this is the first year for this fundraiser, the amount of money that will go to Post Prom is unknown, but they are hoping for \$2,000 or more. The Post Prom Committee feels that is a way to get the whole community involved with Wahoo High post prom so that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable 2009 Post Prom.

So after talking with Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Meyer about their commutes to and from school, we wondered which teachers drive long distances and which ones barely have to drive at all. We asked faculty and staff how far they live from WHS and how long it takes to get here. So here are the top five farthest and closest WHS commuters.

Top Five Teachers that Live the Farthest from WHS

1. Mr. Miller 49.9 miles 1 hour drive
2. Ms. Meyer 40 miles 1 hour drive
3. Mrs. Heine 35 miles 50 minute drive
4. Ms. Heunink 35 miles 40 minute drive
5. Mr. Mueller 30 miles 40 minute drive

Top Five Teachers that Live the Closest to WHS

1. Mr. Arent 200 meters 1 minute drive
2. Mrs. Mertl 6 blocks 3 minute drive
3. Launa Cook 7 blocks 5 minute drive
4. Ms. Schmidt 1 mile 5 minute drive
5. Mr. Shada 1 mile 7 minute drive

Solutions

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You are our shining Starr.

by Ian Hoppe

No matter how far you travel in life, home is a special place that remains in your heart forever. For Patricia Starr, who has found success as far away as California, that special place is in Wahoo.

Starr, the current Ms. Senior Nebraska, returned to her hometown of Wahoo to embark on a bicycling journey that would take her 1,400 miles to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she will be competing for the title of Ms. Senior America 2008 in the Ms. Senior America Pageant to take place Oct. 19 through the 25.

A lifelong musician, Starr's trek is designed to raise music awareness as well as to establish a perpetual scholarship fund for music students graduating from Wahoo High School. In a ceremony at the school commemorating her departure, which took place on Sept. 19, Starr presented the High School Music Department with the first fruits of this endeavor. Starr; her husband, Gabriel Gonzales,

"She has had a lifelong passion for music, and I admire that in her," said Christie Tyler.

and many others have raised \$1,000 toward the fund thus far.

In May of 2009, one vocal student and one instrumental student will receive \$500 each towards furthering their music education. Of course, this reward does come with a few stipulations. Recipients must perform well in the classroom, and exhibit a drive and passion for music. A passion like that which Starr has demonstrated through her actions.

"She has had a lifelong passion for music, and I admire that in her," said Christie Tyler, a local music booster and Master of Ceremonies for the event.

"When you go through life, you're going to run into many different types of people," added Tyler. "And if you're lucky, you're going to come in contact with some people that care passionately...about giving of themselves to others. They feel so strongly about enriching the lives of others. Patricia Starr is that type of person."

WHS Marching Band: Bring It On!

Marching band brings home first-place trophy from Wayne State.



by Ally Clark

2008 WHS Marching Band

When the WHS Marching Band sets their mind to something they really go for it, and that's exactly what they did on Saturday, Oct 4.

The high school band traveled to Wayne, Neb., to compete in the Wayne State College Band Day Parade where they marched to the beat of their own drummer, taking the Class B first-place trophy.

The competition was fierce, especially powerhouse Wayne High School with over 100 members; but, Wahoo, with its band of 35, persevered to win the title. Eric Snyder, WHS band director, is very proud of these kids and the leaders they have turned out to be. Senior Janelle Jansa is this year's drum major.

"She has done an outstanding job at leading," Snyder said.

After the win, Jansa felt great, especially since it's her senior year.

"I was very nervous when I saw the other team," admitted Jansa. "But, I was very confident with our band."

Confidence was not only apparent in Jansa,

but also all the others in the band.

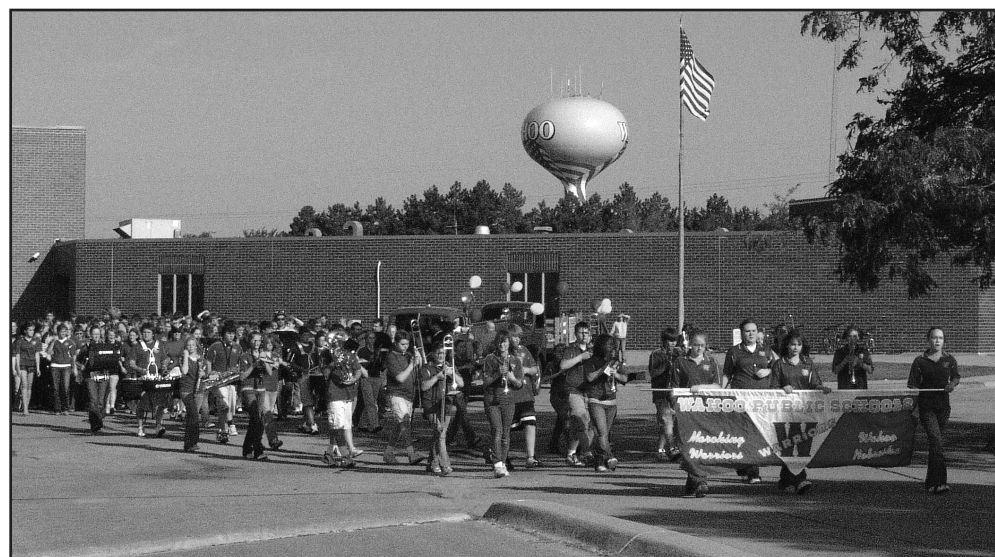
"I give credit to Janelle Jansa. She's an awesome band leader and drum major," said Aunbrea Zeleny, sophomore trumpeter.

Marching in a band may sound easy, but judges look for a lot during competition, like basic fundamentals. They look for balance, blend, tone, and style. Judges are not only judging how well a band can play music, but also the formation, the marching, the uniforms, and body position.

"The kids have worked really hard this year," said Snyder. "They started practicing this summer and went to a music camp at CoCo Key Water Resort in Omaha."

The band won the hearts of the judges with songs like the energetic "Aztec Fire" by Jay Bocook.

This is the second competition the band has competed in. The first was in Norfolk where they placed third. That third-place finish made them hungry for more. They battled back, played louder, and marched stronger to make up for it by beating the stronger team and winning first in Wayne.



Patricia Starr is given the "star" treatment. The WHS marching band escorts Starr to 15th and Locust on Sept. 19 as she embarks on her bike ride to Atlantic City.

Starr will be accompanied on her expedition by her husband, Gabriel and riding partner Tony Aitkens. She hopes that her love of music will make a difference in the lives of others by inspiring them to achieve their goals.

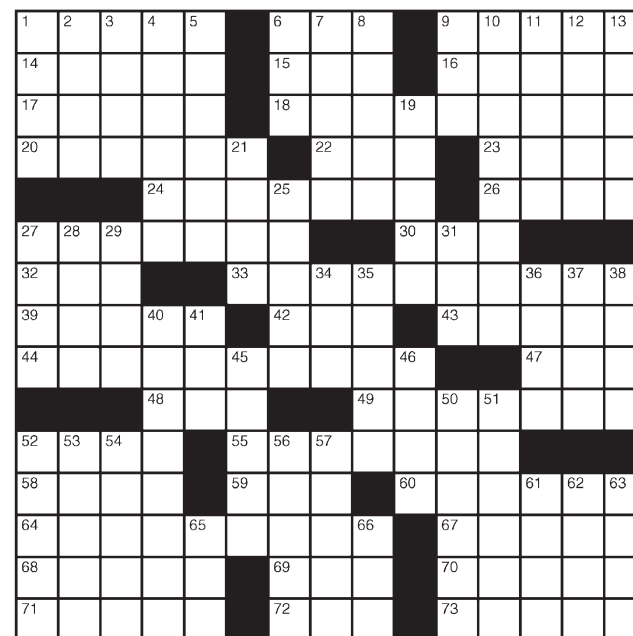
"Sometimes we think one person can't make

a difference, but that's not true," Starr said at the September event. "One person does make a difference."

To learn more about Starr and her mission, and to find out how you can make a difference through donation, visit www.patriciastarnebraska.com.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Standee's handgrip
 - Printer's measures
 - Body's bulk
 - Writer Jong
 - Fifth note
 - Benefit
 - Skater's figure
 - Worked on walls
 - Nosegays
 - Picnic spoiler
 - Campbell of "Scream"
 - Blow up
 - Small songbird
 - Hire a bus, e.g.
 - Notable time
 - Attila follower
 - Slow down
 - De Mille of the dance
 - Figs.
 - Downstairs
 - Smell-masking agents
 - Payable
 - One in Madrid
 - Makes beloved
 - French chalk
 - Not tested
 - Riding waves
 - Tug's charge
 - Spectrum makers
 - Splashed and spotted
 - Physicist Newton
 - Choir part
 - Humankind
 - Magician's interjection
 - Doorway
 - Wanted-poster letters
 - Signed off



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- DOWN
- Ooze
 - Small combo
 - Fits out
 - More painful
 - Inventor's document
 - 6th sense
 - Grinding tooth
 - Street talk
 - Make lace
 - Heat-resistant baking dishes
 - Harder to find
 - Sifting utensil
 - Ancient
 - Harden
 - Luge or toboggan
 - Fight site
 - Location of Ndjamena
 - Tremendous
 - Domini
 - CSA boy
 - Swindle
 - Organic compound
 - Robert or Alan
 - Vacation trip
 - Female sheep
 - Teacher of the Year, e.g.
 - Word in sequels
 - Travel course
 - Clip
 - Reason by deduction
 - Phonograph inventor
 - Gustatory sensation
 - Rockies resort
 - Emulated Pisa's tower
 - Actress Shearer
 - Fine-tune
 - Vocalized
 - Cob or drake
 - Large quantity
 - Make an attempt
 - Genetic stuff

Solution on page 3

Mission Possible for Warrior Volleyball

"Winners are born. Champions are made"

by Emily Brodahl



2008 WHS Volleyball Team

Screaming crowds, two first place trophies, and a mission to be accomplished. The 2008 Warrior Volleyball Team's season has been one of the most exciting yet.

September proved to be a very busy month. The Warriors competed in eight games and three tournaments. The girls chalked up wins against Conestoga, Raymond Central, Yutan, Arlington, Ashland, Fort Calhoun, and D.C. West. Tournament placements included a historical first at the Bishop Neumann Tournament, and two second-place wins at the David City Invite and Logan View Tournament.

One of the most exciting games came against rival Bishop Neumann. Having defeated the Cavaliers earlier in the season in the Bishop Neumann Tournament, the girls knew the Cavs would come to play with a vengeance. After a five-set battle, the Warriors proved victorious once again.

"It was the greatest feeling ever," said Katie Sloup. "It was the game I most wanted to win!"

The defeat was historical because it was the first time the Warriors have defeated the Cavaliers twice in one season.

"Our team has improved a lot," Jen Proctor said. "And the game showed that."

The Warriors rode the win into October. After an undefeated run in the Ashland-Greenwood Tournament, and a devastating five-set loss against Lincoln Lutheran, the girls prepared themselves for one of the biggest challenges, Centennial.

It was another five-set battle in favor of the Warriors and an exciting win for everyone.

Taylor Kavan felt their hard work was paying off.

"We knew we had to come ready," Kavan said. "We had prepared for a game like this all season."

The Warriors won the first set with an

impressive 28-5 win, but the Broncos took the next two sets 26-28, and 24-26. With the game on the line the Warriors battled back with a 25-23 win in the fourth set, and a 15-10 win in set five to win the game.

"I felt everyone stepped up and that we played as a team," said Libero Benishia Siemer. "I also think the coaches really got us going."

The Team has had a great season so far under the coaching of Ann Egr, Trisha Larson, and Monica Smith. With a 22-9 record, the best in WHS history, the team is showing just how tough they can be.

This year six outstanding seniors, Taylor Kavan, Jenifer Proctor, Christina Reynolds, Benishia Siemer, Ashley Sloup, and Katie Sloup lead an otherwise very young team.

All three coaches emphasized the most important quality: leadership.

"They're what keeps the team together," said Egr. "They've been the backbone and have provided a sense of leadership and insight."

Larson agreed, "They've proven to be great leaders on and off the court, which really impacts the team in a positive way."

Junior Annie Divis, and sophomores Mahala Egr and Emily Brodahl have joined the ranks to help out the starting seniors.

"It feels good to be the setter," said Egr. "But it makes me feel like I have a lot of pressure on me because I'm only a sophomore playing with mostly seniors."

A loss to #5 Syracuse, a fourth-place finish at Conference and a disappointing loss against Bennington have the girls fired up and ready to get back in the game and show everyone what they've got.

With only a few practices left the girls brace themselves for intense competition in Districts, working to make their "mission possible."

Wahoo Girls Tee Off Their First Golf Season

by Hailey Zetocka

The Wahoo girls' golf team made a definite breakthrough during their first year in business. They made their mark at many meets proving that they are a new, but serious force to be reckoned with.

Coach Curtis Carlson was unsure of how the first season would go.

"At the beginning of the season I really didn't know what to expect since a majority of the team had just taken up the sport," Carlson said.

After placing well in several meets, Carlson and the girls realized that they could reach their goals easier than they had planned, which raised their expectations for the season.

"As the season continued, the girls continued to improve and have success," Carlson said, "which was topped off by winning the Capitol Conference Tournament."

With good weather, familiar course conditions, and many friends and family from the Wahoo community on their side, the girls shot their best team score of the season, a 421, earning first place at Conference, which was played at Wahoo's Hilltop Country Club.

Freshmen Emma Harris and Nicole Pearson, sophomore Tina Robinson, and juniors Ali Anderson and Hillary Fick were strong competitors

in the meet. Harris, shot a 101, finishing in second place. In third place was Anderson with a 102. Pearson and Robinson also landed among the top ten.

Carlson added, "Individually the team was lead by Emma Harris, who had an impressive Freshman season," said Carlson.

Harris qualified for the State meet and tied for 30th place out of 97 competitors. Making it to State is a definite accomplishment, proving that Wahoo girl's golf is new, they may be fierce competition for years to come. And while Harris is only a freshman, she has high expectations for herself and for her teammates.

"My goal is to place in the top 15 in State by senior year," Harris said smiling.

With her accomplishments so far, that goal is certainly a possibility.

Though many people believe that golf is an easy and boring activity, it certainly is neither of those things. It takes a lot of practice to become good at this sport. Golf puts the spotlight on individual talent, effort and hard work.

With one great season under their belt, WHS is excited to watch the girls grow and improve as a team.



Freshman Emma Harris makes a putt at Beatrice on Sept. 9.



2008 WHS Girls Golf Team

“CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN”

by Ali Anderson

Truthful. Honest. Accurate. These aren't words usually associated with politics, but African-American, Hawaiian-born Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. is all of these things and more. His opponent, 72-year-old, prisoner-of-war, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., on the other hand, is not. Both candidates vow to change the United States, but which one would change it for the better?

The “winner” of the 2008 presidential election will inherit a multitude of issues plaguing the United States, but there are a few that are central to politics that polarize voters during almost every election. Same-sex marriage, abortion issues, and our volatile economy are some of the reasons the slogan for Obama's campaign is “Change and Reform.”

Both candidates have different views regarding same-sex marriage. Obama was brought up to believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman, but he looks beyond his own personal beliefs and now supports the notion that Americans need to be able to marry whomever they choose.

If two people wish to share in the sacred bond of matrimony, whether the bond is heterosexual or same-sex, they should be able to choose for themselves what they wish to do. The laws of others should not tell them whom they can or cannot love. McCain believes that the sanctity of marriage is not to be shared between anyone other than a man and a woman. But, love has no gender and people in love who wish to

marry should be able to do so.

Another sensitive moral issue that Obama and McCain disagree on is that of abortion rights. Obama believes that a woman's right to choose must remain protected by the Constitution. He also maintains that just because he is in favor of abortion rights, he is not “pro-abortion.” McCain is anti-abortion and believes that a baby is alive at the moment of conception giving a fetus the same Constitutional rights as every living person.

Many women who get pregnant too young, who are unmarried, or who are not ready to have a child have to decide whether or not having an abortion is the right choice for them. It is undoubtedly a difficult decision to make, but they need to be able to make the decision that is right for them and repealing Roe vs. Wade would take away a woman's legal right to choose. The bottom line is that the government does not have the right to force its moral judgment on every woman in the United States.

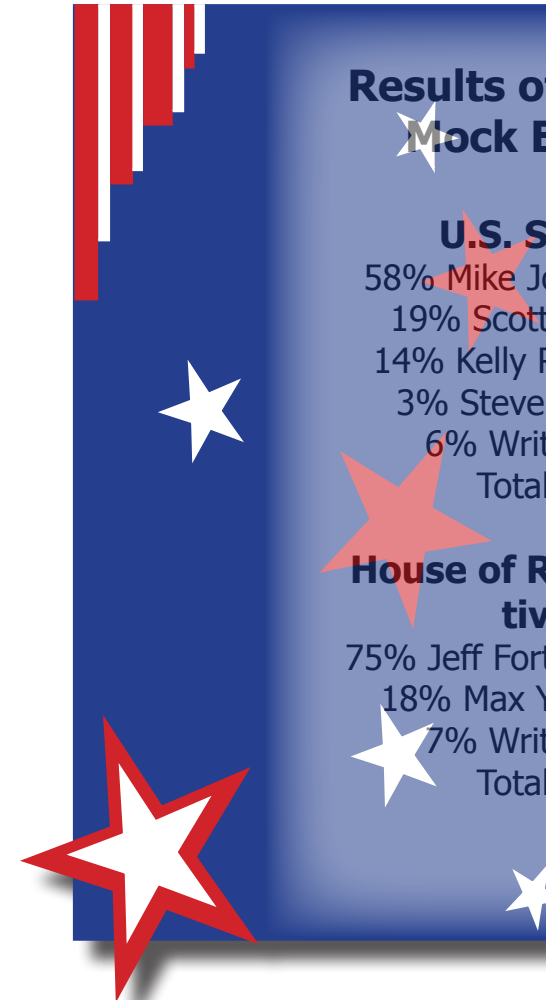
The state of our economy has also divided the presidential candidates this year. Energy sources and taxes are two issues in which Obama and McCain have taken different sides. While McCain supports drilling for oil in other countries, Obama plans to alter the funding for oil and to contribute to the development of alternate energy sources. He supports renewable energy sources, which would not only reduce the cost of living, it would also be better for the environment. Finding reusable resources to take the place of oil would save money and time and create jobs in the U.S.

Another way Obama hopes to help the economy is to reduce taxes for about 95 percent of Americans and raise the taxes for people who make an annual salary of over \$250,000 a year. McCain wants to implement tax cuts across the board, but his ideas will mostly benefit the wealthy and are really no different than the system that has been corrupting our country for eight years under the presidency of George W. Bush. Putting another Republican in the White House would lead to more of what Americans can't afford!

Obama and McCain both make promises for “change” for the United States, and with such a tight race being run, it is the responsibility of all Americans to explore their own beliefs, hopes, and dreams for themselves and for all Americans. Choose sides. Vote.

Wahoo High R

by Eric



The presidential election of 2008 is positioned to be one of the most historical elections in United States history.

If 72-year old Senator John McCain wins for the Republicans, he will become the oldest president to take office. Also poised for historical significance is McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin. A Republican victory would make her the first female vice president in American history.

The Democratic Party could make history as well. Senator Barack Obama, 47, is only the second African-American to earn his party's nomination for the presidency. (Charlene Mitchell campaigned for the Communist Party USA in 1968.) If he wins in November, he will become the first African-American president of the United States.

To gauge Wahoo High School's voting preference, Oct. 23, Ryan Mueller's Honors American Government students conducted a mock election. The election, a statewide event, ran in conjunction with

the Omaha World-Herald. Ryan Mueller's students, with their class period, occupied the school's gymnasium. Voters picked up ballots from the World-Herald and voted for President, Senators, and Representatives. At the end of the day, Ryan Mueller counted the votes.

Eighty percent of Wahoo High School's student population participated in this mock election. Obama was the favorite presidential candidate.

“I was impressed with the accuracy,” said Mueller. “I thought it was fairly accurate for high school students to go, but we'll see.”

Support for Obama was strong throughout the election.

“He's [Obama] a man of his word, and he's going ahead,” said senior J.

Other students who voted for the Republican president

“I voted McCain



Rocks the VOTE

Curran



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of Wahoo High population took part n, rallying for their candidates.

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n because he would

keep our country the same while improving the economy," said freshman Tyler Urban.

However, not everyone agreed with either of the two presidential candidates. One of those students, junior Katie Foust, cast her vote for Independent Ralph Nader.

"He's different from everyone else," Foust explained.

Following a school day's worth of voting, Mueller's students tallied the election's results. Senator Obama defeated Senator McCain for President, with 54 percent of the ballots cast for him. Former Nebraska governor Mike Johanns (Rep.) captured the victory for House of Representatives, taking 58 percent of the votes cast. Jeff Fortenberry (Rep.) won 75 percent of the vote for the position of Senator, therefore pulling out a victory over Dem. Max Yashirin.

The nation will know real results when they go to the polls on Nov. 4-for real this time.

"COUNTRY FIRST"

"John McCain and Sarah Palin Will Always Put Our Country First"

by Skye Sabatka

Strong minded, promising and to the point, are just a few words that describe Senator John McCain, R-Ariz. McCain sets a good example for America as a leader and a confident man in whom we can trust.

As president, McCain will help us recover from a devastating economic crisis. He will lead us to a quick resolution to the war in Iraq and his ideas for the country to improve as a whole are all reasons he should be elected president of the United States.

McCain's positions on abortion, the economy and same-sex marriage are views that promote strong moral values and a promising outlook for our future.

Concerning abortion, McCain is a pro-life supporter. McCain has said before "A baby's life begins at the moment of conception." I too believe that is when life truly begins, and I don't think that it is fair to say that we, the ones bringing this new life into the world should be able to take it away.

Many women are unable to have babies, so they rely on adoption in order to have families. Young, pregnant women considering abortion should reconsider and perhaps offer her baby for adoption to another family who is relying on adoption to have a family. That, I believe, would be the proper, logical and humane way to handle this strong and hard decision.

Another moral issue McCain and I agree upon is regarding same-sex marriage, which should stay between a man and a woman, preserving the traditional family. His position supports the

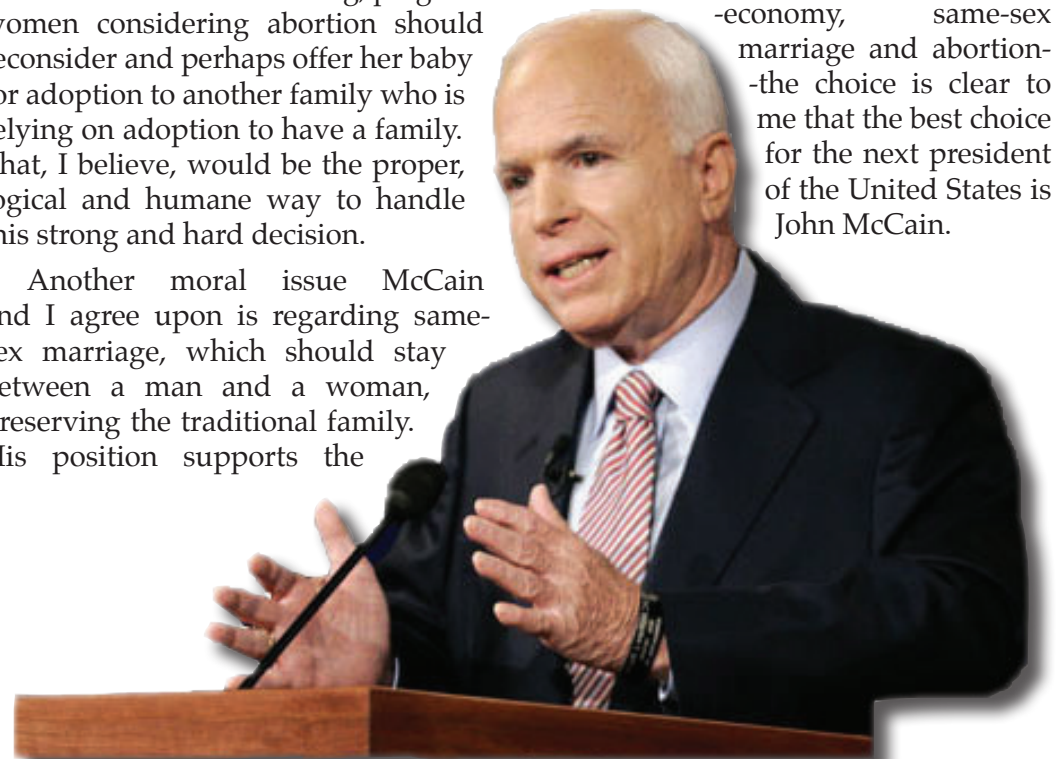
belief that the definition of marriage is unique in that the role of mothers and fathers in a family are what shape and strengthen our communities and our nation. His thoughts are closely aligned with my own and important as I choose a candidate for president.

Finally, on his plans for the economy, cutting taxes to give more money to the American people is a big part of his plan for economic recovery. Doing this will allow consumers to spend their money on items of their choice and interest. This would inject money into the economy and government where it needs to be spent.

What we need as a nation is tax relief across the board, which is ultimately why McCain is the best candidate to solve our economic problems.

McCain and his opponents have political views that deserve both respect and questioning. When deciding on whom to vote for this presidential election, try to keep in mind the good and bad aspects of all candidates. The choice won't be an easy one for many, but for others it will be a no-brainer.

Considering these views-economy, same-sex marriage and abortion-the choice is clear to me that the best choice for the next president of the United States is John McCain.



Curran Brings Home the Gold!

An undefeated season and a gold medal at state puts Erin Curran in the books. by Ian Hoppe

Erin Curran woke up as a contender on the morning of Friday, Oct. 28, and by the day's end, she was a champion. Erin, a senior at WHS, competed in the 2008 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C State Cross Country Meet in Kearney. The event formed the pinnacle of a grueling, undefeated, seven-meet season including Capitol Conference at Fort Calhoun and Districts at Bennington. At state, Erin raced with a time of 15:16, her season best.

Cross country has always been an important facet of Erin's life. In fact, it is something of a family affair. Her mother and Cross Country head coach Karla Curran (Christensen) brought the state championship home to Wahoo in 1982. That year, Karla celebrated an undefeated season before her win at state, a feat that went unequaled until Erin succeeded in accomplishing just that this year. Both Erin's mother and father, Craig Curran, competed in high school and in college, each earning the title All-American in their college career.

Erin's twin brother, Eric, competed at state for the third time in his high school career, a stupendous achievement after sustaining a serious injury, which took him out of the last half of last year's season.

Furthermore, Erin's sister Michaela, a freshman, took second at the state competition to close out the first year of her promising high school career. Needless to say, their mother was pleased.

"I was in awe, actually. It was very unexpected. Actually a dream come true. I was very proud—as a coach, but especially as a mom," Curran said of her children's performance on the 28th.

It is obvious that Erin has a passion for the sport, and that her passion runs in the family.

"I love the pure simplicity of running," she said.



That love, that passion, reveals itself in her dedication and persistence. In preparation for this year's season, Erin ran 250 miles over the summer. Of course, that perseverance does not always come without effort.

"The most challenging part about running is staying motivated during the summer when it's 90 degrees and 70 percent humidity. That's not much fun," Erin said, proving that it's not always the easiest thing to keep trying. But then, Erin isn't generally accustomed to doing the easiest or the most convenient thing.

Aside from her accomplishments on the course, Erin maintains a 4.0 GPA and is ranked first in her class. She is active in a number of student and community organizations, including National Honor Society, in which she is vice president; Student Council, of which she is president; and Project Extra Mile. She was chosen to be homecoming queen in September, and the senior class recently elected her as their president for the second consecutive year.

Erin keeps a rigorous class schedule, too, and was selected to be among 48 finalists from across Nebraska for the Believers and Achievers scholarship for her outstanding academic performance in addition to her participation in athletics.

Erin plans to attend college after graduation, and the competition between those schools vying for her enrollment has proven fierce. Among those schools is Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, which has offered her a full tuition scholarship should she attend and participate in their cross country and track programs. Erin wants to pursue a major in exercise science and sports medicine.

One would likely see Erin either helping out in the administrative offices or taking copious notes in class. Always working, always with a smile on her face, Erin truly knows the value of hard work and perseverance. She is a friendly, personable, young athlete, and she will always be a champion in the hearts of all those who know her.

WHS Cross Country Team brings on the heat.

by Jacob M. Barry



2008 Cross Country Team

"Runners set!" Bang! The starting gun signals the start of the Wahoo High School Cross Country season.

Both cross country teams started off to a great season at Schuyler. The boys stole first place as a team and were led by Matt Hornung, Eric Curran and Nick Dobesh taking first, second and fifth places respectively.

The girls didn't disappoint. Leader Erin Curran, Michaela Curran and Erin Walker took the top three places. As a team, the girls took first place with ease. These wins set the tone for the 2008 XC season.

From Schuyler, Wahoo came home to defend their own turf. The whole team performed exponentially well compared to past years. Once again Erin led the girls team taking first with Michaela nipping at her heels taking fourth and pulling out a second place finish as a team. The boys team was led by Eric placing 14th and Hornung at 21st catching fifth place for the team.

Wahoo's next trial was Columbus Scotus, better known as "the Wall" due to a rather steep hill.

"Rather steep is an understatement," said Sam Cook.

The course showed its toughness with only Hornung taking home hardware for the boys with an 11th place finish and helping pull the boys team into fourth place. The girls placed sixth as a team, but Erin and Michaela ran very well with first and sixth place finishes.

Racing off to North Bend, Wahoo XC stayed in stride. Once again Curran scored a first place medal. Michaela and Walker also contributed to the team by racing to sixth and tenth place respectively and helping the girls to a second place finish once again. The boys performed extremely well placing all six varsity runners, including Hornung, Eric, Dobesh, Kreig Lacey, S. Cook, and Max Cook in the top twenty-five each lending their own talents to the team to place third.

Lincoln Lutheran was the next meet the Warriors would run rampant. Here, Erin and Michaela took the one and two spots as individuals, assisting the girls team to take home yet another

first place trophy. The boys also did their part by stealing team first, led by Curran and Hornung who placed in the top five.

Off to conference at Fort Calhoun for the Warriors. To no surprise both girls and boys teams held their own. Once again Erin and Michaela took the top two spots individually, this time pushing the girls to a second place finish. The boys also had some phenomenal running with Hornung and Curran leading the pack snatching the seventh and eighth places respectively. The boys team would come out with third place, just missing the runner-up trophy by nine points.

Crunch time, better known as Districts for the Wahoo Harriers, would be held at the grueling Bennington course. Though the course was not to the teams' liking, it didn't phase them. Both boys and girls teams earned State births with a couple of third place finishes. Michaela and Walker ran huge races crossing the finish line at third and twelfth.

The girls team was once again led by Erin Curran. The boys were headed by Hornung who achieved a ninth place finish followed by Eric and Lacey who finished 16th and 17th. "It's exciting that both teams get to go, especially since we thought Fort Calhoun had beat us out," said Hornung.

State is a great time to shine, and that's precisely what Wahoo did. Erin Curran and Michaela stirred things up in the girls' race. While Erin coasted to an easy first place to seal her undefeated season, Michaela was coming from third place with a head of steam. The freshman out-sprinted top Auburn senior, Meleia Oestmann, for second place.

"I was just thinking about beating her, nothing else," said Michaela. "I never thought in my wildest dreams that this would happen," said coach and mother Karla Curran. "It was a pleasant surprise." The girls' team's third runner, Walker, came in at 40th with Ali Norris at 78th.

Hornung again led the way for the boys, taking 43rd with Curran only three places behind. Dobesh placed 73rd and Sam close behind at 75th.

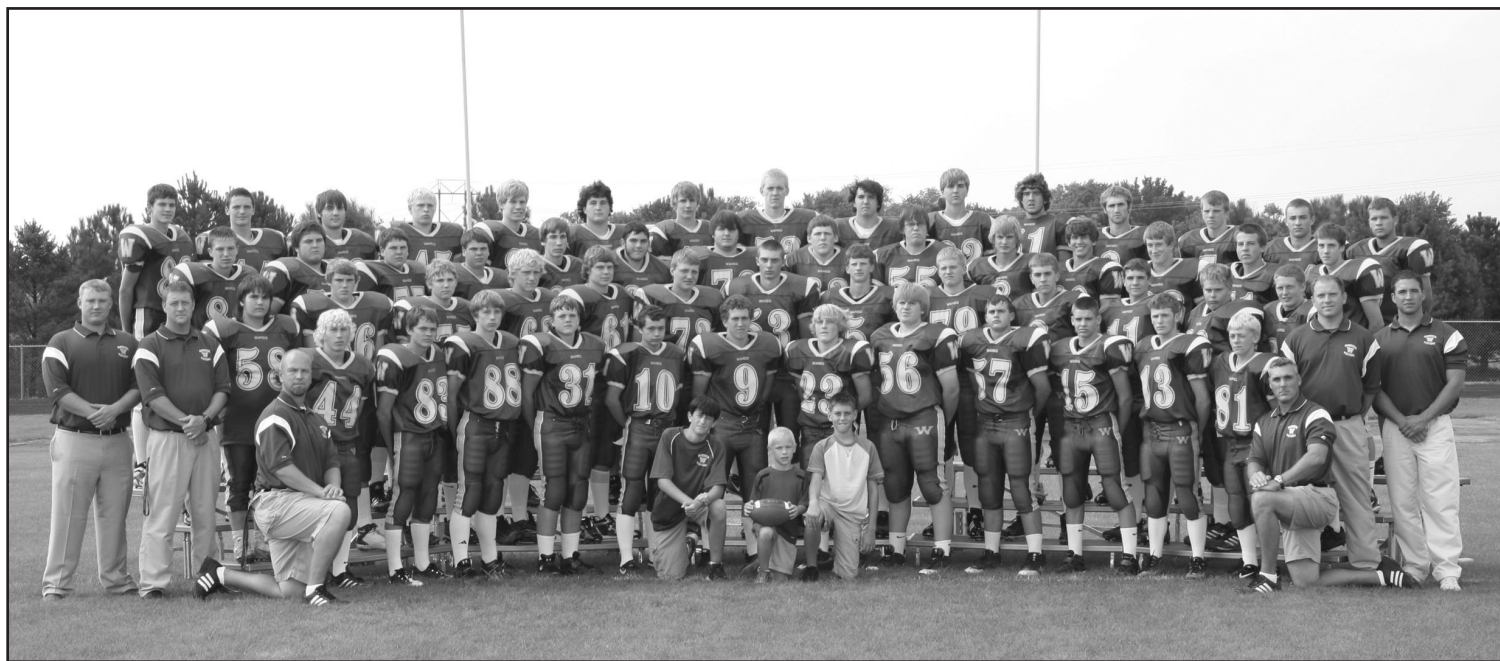
"I thought it was an excellent season," said Coach Curran. "The kids had a very hard work ethic. I knew they would get it done."

Little Shop of Horrors

November 30
December 1 & 3
Show starts at 7:30 p.m.
In the Wahoo High School Little Theatre
\$5 admission
Can't wait to see you there!

Warrior Football Team Earns Spot in State Playoffs

WHS finishes off a 6-2 season with a series of shut outs. *by Mya Nicholls*



2008 Wahoo Football Team

While most of Wahoo was asleep, snuggly in their beds, the Wahoo Warriors football team donned their helmets and trotted out onto the football field for their first practice. That's how the 2008 football season began on Monday, Aug. 12 at 12:01 a.m.

Many players thought holding the first practice of the 2008 football season was exciting and Head Coach Chad Fox thought it was beneficial.

"I was pretty excited," said Fox. "I think the kids really enjoyed it. Usually at 6 a.m. the kids are tired. At 12 they're still awake and energized."

"All in all, it was a fun, exciting thing to do," added Fox.

The late-night practice paid off with an exciting 41-26 season-opener win over Omaha

Roncalli on Aug. 29, but the results of the Sept. 5 game against Syracuse wasn't as successful. The score of the Homecoming game was 21-28, with the Rockets coming out on top.

Perhaps the most intense, yet devastating game, was against rival Bishop Neumann. After being ahead almost the whole game, the six-point loss in overtime was truly devastating.

Wahoo had four tries to break the tie in overtime, but the Cavaliers would have none of it. Wahoo finished the attempt six inches from the goal line.

"It was rather intense, and there was a lot of emotion," said senior quarterback Tyler Brunsting. "There was a lot of anticipation. I was disappointed when we didn't score."

The Warriors came back with three straight shutouts. The first was against district foe Ashland-Greenwood (38-0) on Oct. 10. The second was over Milford (49-0) on Oct. 17. The final win was over Raymond Central (28-0) on Oct. 24, closing off the regular season with a record of 6-2.

With all the success of the season, including an undefeated JV team, perhaps the biggest feat was making it into the State Playoffs.

Making the playoffs is the highlight of the season so far, but improving each game is what these players strive for. This progress shows how hard the team works each and every day.

With a 6-2 record, Wahoo goes into the playoffs ranked 10th in class C-1. The Warriors will play Omaha Roncalli at home on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

...Lady Warriors Step Up at State

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plate and won the next two games at the Capitol Conference Tournament.

"I feel confident and know the team can come together and win," said Jordan Hinrichs as the team prepared for districts.

Day one of the District tournament the girls went up against Arlington, showing that the WHS softball team was ready to play. They won the game (6-4). The contest against Bennington proved to be unsuccessful (0-3), but they picked themselves up and came up with a win against DC West (3-2).

Going into day two of the tournament, the WHS softball team faced rival Bishop Neumann. The girls battled down to the eighth inning. The team suffered a disappointing loss (5-4), which was thought to be the end of the softball season.

However, all the teams that were predicted to win their Districts' Championships did, which gave Wahoo a wildcard into the State Tournament. The team played against Twin River, who was seated second in the tournament. Sydney Hancock led the team with two homeruns, followed by a homerun by Taylor Flessner, and an in-the-park homerun by Morgan Hancock. The Warriors won the game (6-1).

Going into game two of the tournament, the girls stepped up and won the game (6-3) against Gothenburg.

Day two of the tournament turned out to be a disappointing day for many of the girls. Losing to Yutan/Mead (1-2), the girls faced Bennington. Wahoo's loss to Bennington (1-6) solidified a third-place finish at state.

"We had a great team and worked really hard," said head coach Trina Christen.

"I will miss the funny memories and Mattie Murren," said senior Shelby Partridge.

WHS Softball Team Steps Up to the Plate

Lady Warriors finish 3rd at state with 22-9 season record.

by Tricia Stuchlik

Going! Going! Gone! Although the WHS softball season is gone, it will not soon be forgotten. The team finished the season with a record of 22-9, brought home the Capitol Conference Championship trophy, and topped off the season with a third place finish at State.

"We had our ups and downs," said Aubrey Voboril, freshman. "But we fought hard and accomplished our team goal of making it to state."

The team started the season off strong with wins over Milford (5-0) and Omaha Roncalli (2-0).

On Sept. 4, they suffered their first loss against Yutan/Mead (3-0), but they recovered to win games against Ashland-Greenwood (7-1), Raymond Central (5-1) and Syracuse (4-2).

On Sept. 20 the Lady Warriors traveled to Plattsmouth for the Plattsmouth Invite. The

Warriors dominated the first two games against Conestoga (11-1) and Omaha Roncalli/Fort Calhoun (11-2). They were off to the championship game where they played Class B Seward who was also rated fifth in the state.

The game was scoreless until the seventh inning, where Sarah Chvatal started off with a base hit, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Mattie Murren, which moved Chvatal to second base. Next, Voboril stepped up to the plate with a base hit to score the winning run by Chvatal. The Warriors won the championship and one of the most intense games this season.

"It was a great feeling," said Voboril. "We had great senior leadership and some underclassmen coming up with great plays."

Coming out of the Plattsmouth Invite more confident than ever, the girls stepped up to the

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2008 WHS Softball Team

DID YOU KNOW...

- How much a cow eats a day affects how much milk is produced each day?
- Milk is one of the safest foods you can eat?
- In the dairy plant the milk is never touched by human hands, which is why it stays so pure and fresh-tasting?
- Not until 1964 were plastic jugs introduced?
- Long ago, before dairy parlors even existed, when people traveled, they had to take their cows with them if they wanted milk?
- Cows drink 25-35 gallons of water each day?

Drinking milk isn't just for kids anymore.

Milk is one of the most consumed drinks in the world. It is definitely the preferred drink to have with cookies, Oreos for sure. (Who ever heard of cookies and water?) But what people aren't fully aware of are the amazing health benefits milk has and can have on you and your body.

Drinking milk benefits teeth, bones, brain, nails, hair, and weight management.

The recommended amount of milk that a teenager should drink per day is three cups.

"It's during these years when you're building your adult bone health," said Jennifer Meyer, Nebraska Director of Nutrition Education.

Three cups of milk per day will help you get a good percentage of calcium, vitamin D, protein, potassium, and vitamins A and B.

Milk itself contributes to the healing and prolonging of enamel and it prevents bacteria from sticking to your teeth. Not only does it keep bacteria from sticking to your teeth, but it also keeps them healthy so they won't decay or rot. That can't be said of soda or even Gatorade.

Gatorade has been said to be one of the most 'essential' drinks to have before, during and after sports practices and games. But now that milk is on the scene, and people are learning of its health benefits, there is a possibility that it may surpass Gatorade as the sports drink of choice.

Wahoo High School's...

Milk is becoming a popular sports recovery drink for several reasons. Carbohydrates refuel muscles. Vitamin B helps to convert food to energy that also fuels muscles. The vitamin D in the milk helps to maintain and build strong bones. The protein in milk reduces muscle breakdown and stimulates growth. Finally, the fluid and electrolytes in milk replenish what is lost when you sweat to help re-hydrate your body.

Now that milk is being offered at the end of games and practices, it will be easy to drink three cups a day for most at WHS. WHS has also placed milk vending machines near the cafeteria and locker rooms. Milk is also offered lunch and breakfast.

Dairy products', especially milks', calcium and nutrients are believed to stimulate fat breakdown and inhibit fat storage. If children don't drink enough milk, they are more likely to experience more broken bones, or they may gain weight easier than children who get their recommended daily allowance of milk.

Although WPS is trying to get students to drink more milk, milk is not the only dairy product that counts as a dairy serving. Eight ounces of yogurt, one ounce of natural cheese or two ounces of processed cheese can also count towards the RDA of dairy.

Some items that you would think might be considered dairy items, but really aren't, are cream cheese, cream and butter.

Besides the fact that milk is good for you, milk also comes in different flavors and packaging that appeal to the teens and children of our generation. Some of the different flavors are white, chocolate, and strawberry.

When you drink flavored milk, statistics show that you drink less soda and fruit drinks and do not have higher intakes of added sugar or total fat.

So what exactly is the difference, health-wise, between white and flavored milk? There isn't any difference really, besides the amount of calories and fat percentage due to the added sugars and flavorings. There is the same amount of nutrition in white milk as there is in flavored milk, it's just a matter of taste.

WPS offers the top three flavors-chocolate, strawberry and white milk-but other flavors are being manufactured and sold, too.

If you're not quite sold on milk yet. There are lots of delicious recipes, like peanut butter-chocolate slime fruit dunkers or minty witch's brew, you could try.

For more information about the benefits of milk or for cool recipes and interactive games, go to www.gotmilk.com or www.whymilk.com.

Don't be a milk "dud"! Get your RDA of milk each and every day!

From Dairy Cow to Dairy Case

You might not ever imagine that the process of getting milk to your local dairy case would be a such an intricate process. But, getting the milk from the cow to that bottle in your hand is a big deal. Here are just a few of the basic steps that has to happen so you can stay healthy!



First, the cow is fed properly and taken care of in order to keep the cow, and its milk, healthy.

After the cow is fed and taken care of, it can properly produce milk to be collected and cooled in the milking parlor at dairies across the US.



GOT MILK!

by Skye Sabatka and Kali Kramer

STOP! Read *this* before grabbing that *other* drink!

Water? Gatorade? Powerade? What do you grab when you're really thirsty? Maybe you've just completed a three-mile run. Or, perhaps football practice lasted over three hours. Or, maybe lifting weights took away all of your energy.

Most people reach for a nice, cold drink of water, but athletes at Wahoo High grab a bottle of cold, delicious milk! Believe it or not, milk is actually better after exercise than water, Gatorade, or Powerade.

"Milk has been shown that it is, if not as equal to those drinks, possibly even a better drink to help our muscles recover," said Jennifer Meyer, Nebraska Director of Nutrition Education.

Wahoo High School athletes completed a survey at the beginning of the 2008 sports season. The survey asked simple questions about what the athletes drink after an athletic practice, sporting event, or after exercising.

Most of the athletes that participated in the survey answered that they prefer to drink

chocolate milk, but there are others who prefer strawberry or white milk.

About a month into the season, athletes were supplied with coolers full of chocolate, strawberry and white milk to drink for healthy recovery.

"It doesn't matter what flavor of milk you drink," said WHS superintendent Ed Rastovski. "All the flavors have the same nutritional value."

"It doesn't matter what flavor of milk you drink," said WHS superintendent Ed Rastovski. "All the flavors have the same nutritional value."

And Rastovski knows. He is an avid runner and athlete and works hard to provide healthy food choices for the students at Wahoo Public Schools. In March 2008 Rastovski was recognized by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of Nebraska (ADA/DCN) with the Leadership in School Nutrition Education Award.

In addition to the coolers supplied by Robert's Dairy, WHS has also been supplied with milk vending machines near the cafeteria and locker rooms.

One reason we get flavored milk instead of fruit drinks or carbonated sport drinks is because milk contains less added sugar than those other ones. When high amounts of High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) come into



flavored milk it does not take away milk's many health benefits. And, flavored milk is a favorite with kids because it tastes good. If you are lactose intolerant chocolate milk can be more easily digested than unflavored milk.

Milk contains nine essential nutrients, including calcium, vitamins A, D and B12, protein, potassium, riboflavin, niacin, and phosphorus. This powerful package of nutrients does more than just build strong bones.

Calcium is a very powerful mineral that builds strong bones and teeth. Vitamin D is a bone builder that enhances calcium absorption.

Vitamin A keeps skin healthy, regulates the immune system, and helps muscles to contract.

Riboflavin produces energy in all the cells in the whole body.

Niacin helps enzymes function normally.

Vitamin B12 works very closely with Folate to make red blood cells and it also plays a key role in cell growth and division.

And, finally, Phosphorus works with calcium to keep bones nice and strong.

It is proven that focusing on small changes, like being involved in physical activity and eating nutritious foods such as fruits, vegetables, and milk, can help maintain

a healthy weight in a healthy way.

Drinks such as pop, coffee, tea, energy drinks, and any other drinks that contain a lot of caffeine are very unhealthy. Caffeine speeds up the heart rate and dehydrates the body. When that happens, the body is not able to function properly.

So before you reach for that bottle of water, Gatorade or Powerade, reconsider. Because Wahoo High School's GOT MILK!

Are you getting 2-3 servings of milk each and every day?

You could eat or drink:

- 1 cup of milk
- 1 cup of yogurt
- 1 1/2 oz. natural cheese
- 2 oz. processed cheese
- 1/2 cup ice cream or frozen yogurt

Third, the milk goes to the processing plant where the milk goes through several stages to make sure it's clean and safe, then packaged and shipped....



...to YOU, and to the supermarket dairy cases across the United States!

Devastating Defeat on the Gridiron

Warriors suffer a 28-21 homecoming game loss to Syracuse.

by Ali Anderson

The sun was just beginning to set on Friday, Sept. 5 as the senior football players took the field for their last Homecoming game as Wahoo Warriors.

The team came out of the locker room with confidence knowing they had a good chance of defeating the Syracuse Rockets and homecoming festivities got the crowd ready for a game that just didn't pan out for the blue and gold in the end.

Wahoo scored first on a 53-yard run by quarterback Tyler Brunsting. The extra point gave the Warriors a 7-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Syracuse scored twice in the second quarter and took the lead, but the Wahoo offense answered quickly with a touchdown and a success-

ful extra point attempt. WHS went into the half with a 14-13 lead.

The Warrior offense was unable to get their game back during the second half and the defense struggled most of the night.

Syracuse scored in the first few minutes of the third quarter to take the lead. The Rockets' offense dominated the line of scrimmage for the rest of the game.

The big play of the game for the Warriors came during the third quarter when Taylor Murren ran a Rockets' kick-off 93 yards for a touchdown tying the score at 21 a piece.

Unfortunately, Syracuse answered with a 24-yard pass into the end zone. The Rockets took the lead and control of the clock handing the Warriors a 28-21 loss.

Spirit Week Sparkles

by Ali Anderson

Spirit Week 2008 marked another week of fun activities and dress up days leading up to the Homecoming football game against Syracuse on Sept. 5 and the Homecoming dance on Sept. 6.

The hallways were decorated with banners and posters compliments of the WHS Student Council. Decorations also started going up for the second annual homeroom decorating contest that pitted homeroom teams against each other in a contest to come up with the best-decorated areas of the building.

For the second year in a row, the social study pod, led by Spanish teaching Susan Dinsmore-Talbott and social studies teachers Eric Miller and Ryan Mueller, won the competition.

During the week, which came early in the season this year, students dressed up for special wacky theme days, which included Farmer Day,

Class Color Day, Homeroom Dress Alike Day, and Space/Spirit Day.

"I enjoyed homeroom dress-alike day because we dressed like Hawaiians and we came close together," said junior Chris Colon.



Homecoming Queen and King; Erin Curran and Ben Pokorny.

Activities throughout the week included the annual pep rally, the car bash, and new this year, duct taping Mr. Arment to a wall. Due to rainy weather, the Powder Puff game had to be postponed until the following week and the bonfire was cancelled.

Despite the inclement weather, students were excited for the Homecoming game and dance.

Thanks to the WHS Student Council, cheerleaders, teachers, administrators, sponsors, parents, and friends, the week was a success and showed a ton of Warrior pride.

Hooray for Hollywood!



2008 Homecoming Court (l to r): 2007 Homecoming Queen Abbey Grandgenett, Benishia Siemer, Jenifer Proctor, Katie Sloup, Taylor Kavan, Mallory Shanahan, Crownbearer Aspen Arant, 2008 Homecoming Queen, Erin Curran, 2008 Homecoming King Ben Pokorny, Crowbearer Gage Sherman, Jacob Anderson, Tyler Brunsting, Taylor Murren, Layne Moore, Garrett Bowers, 2007 Homecoming King Ben Grandgenett.

by Shanly Steffes

Lights! Camera! Action! Homecoming 2008 was the year for the students of Wahoo High to become over-night celebrities.

Cheerleaders brought out the movie film, tape and scissors right after school on Friday, Sept. 5 to begin transforming the Little Theatre. Emmy trophies were posted on pillars, and sparkly little movie cameras hanging from the ceiling. The biggest talk was the movie reel with script flying out from all directions.

Everyone took a break to cheer on the Warriors during the homecoming game against Syracuse, but after a tough loss against the Rockets, cheerleaders, dancers and student council members put their heads together again to put the finishing touches on the Hollywood scene. It was hard to focus with everyone so tired, but the night ended with every decoration in place.

Just around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 6, students started arriving at the school. Although raining, students were eager to get inside and start their Hollywood night. Waiting in line in the rain was a pain, but it was well worth it. Just a quick breathalyzer and we were in. Black paper covered the doors and windows so students were pleasantly surprised as they entered.

Once the night got started it stayed busy.

With cameras flashing, people laughing and dancing the homecoming dance was a night truly spent in Hollywood.

Just around 10:30 p.m., nervous parents, WHS alumni along with friends and neighbors entered the Hollywood scene and the homecoming court was introduced. Candidates for queen included: Erin Curran, Taylor Kavan, Jenifer Proctor, Mallory Shanahan, Katie Sloup, Benishia Siemer. King candidate were Jacob Anderson, Garrett Bowers, Tyler Brunsting, Layne Moore, Taylor Murren, and Ben Pokorny. WHS 2007 queen Abbey Grandgenett and king Ben Grandgenett crowned 2008 queen Erin Curran and king Ben Pokorny. As Ben and Abbey watched their royalty pass to a new class of seniors, the crowd cheered. The queen and king shared their traditional inaugural dance as Wahoo's royalty, with the rest of the Homecoming following.

The night events slowed down as the clock reached 11:30. The music came to a halt. Girl's feet hurt from their high heels. Guys were ready to change into sweats. The night ended on a bitter sweet for the seniors. Looking back on all four years of high school this was it!

Now the students of Wahoo could really say they partied like rock stars.

Tuesday



Farmers Carrie Nabity and Sam Cook are prepared for learning.

Wednesday



Seniors Felicia Brazda and Janelle Jansa are decked out in black for class color day to show their seniority.

Thursday



Mrs. Brigham's Average Joe's Sam Cook, Taylor Murren, and Jake Tenopir show their homeroom pride during homeroom look-alike day.

Friday



Derek Virgl and Kyle Willis demonstrate their creativity in Mr. Mueller's U.S. History class on Space! Spirit Day.