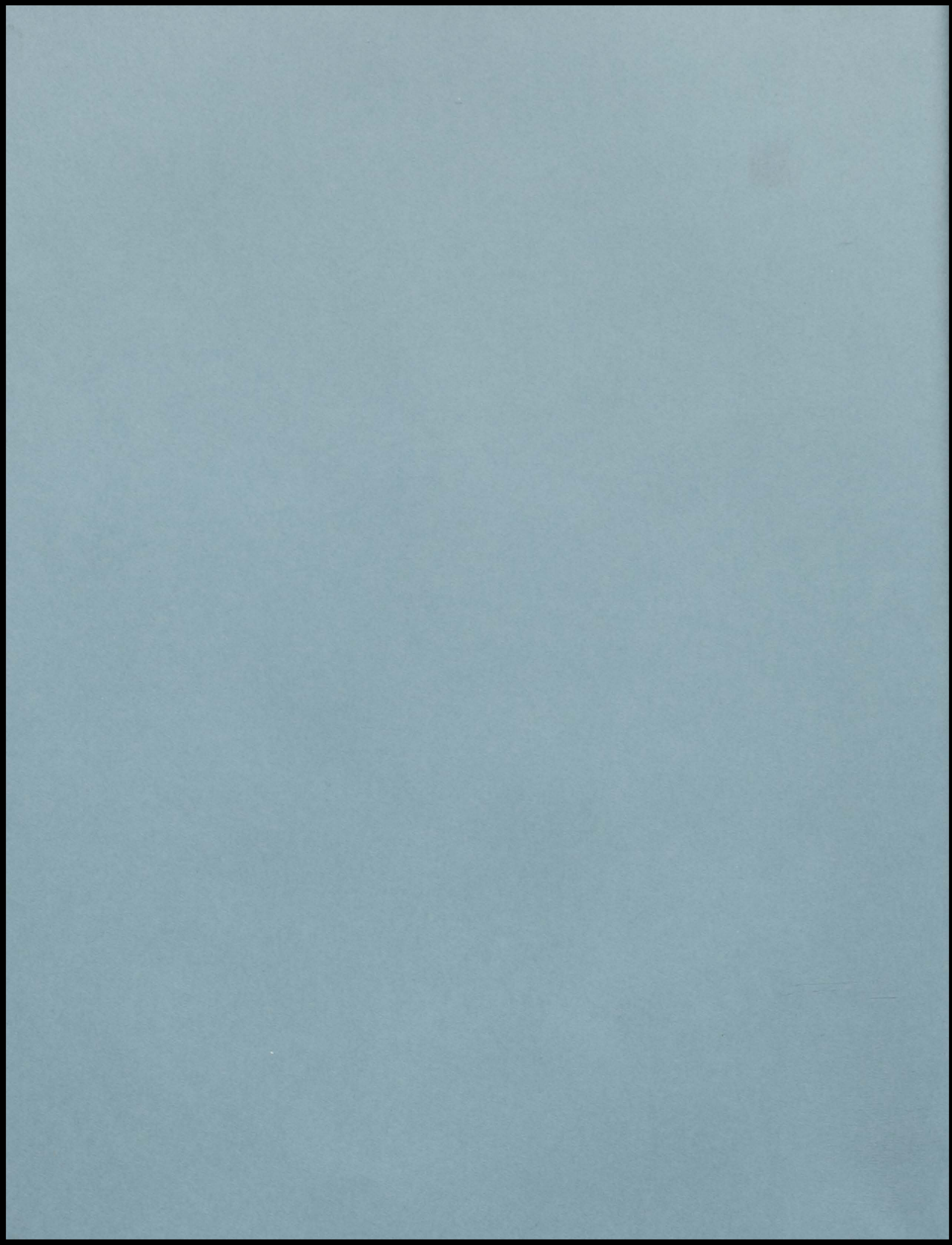


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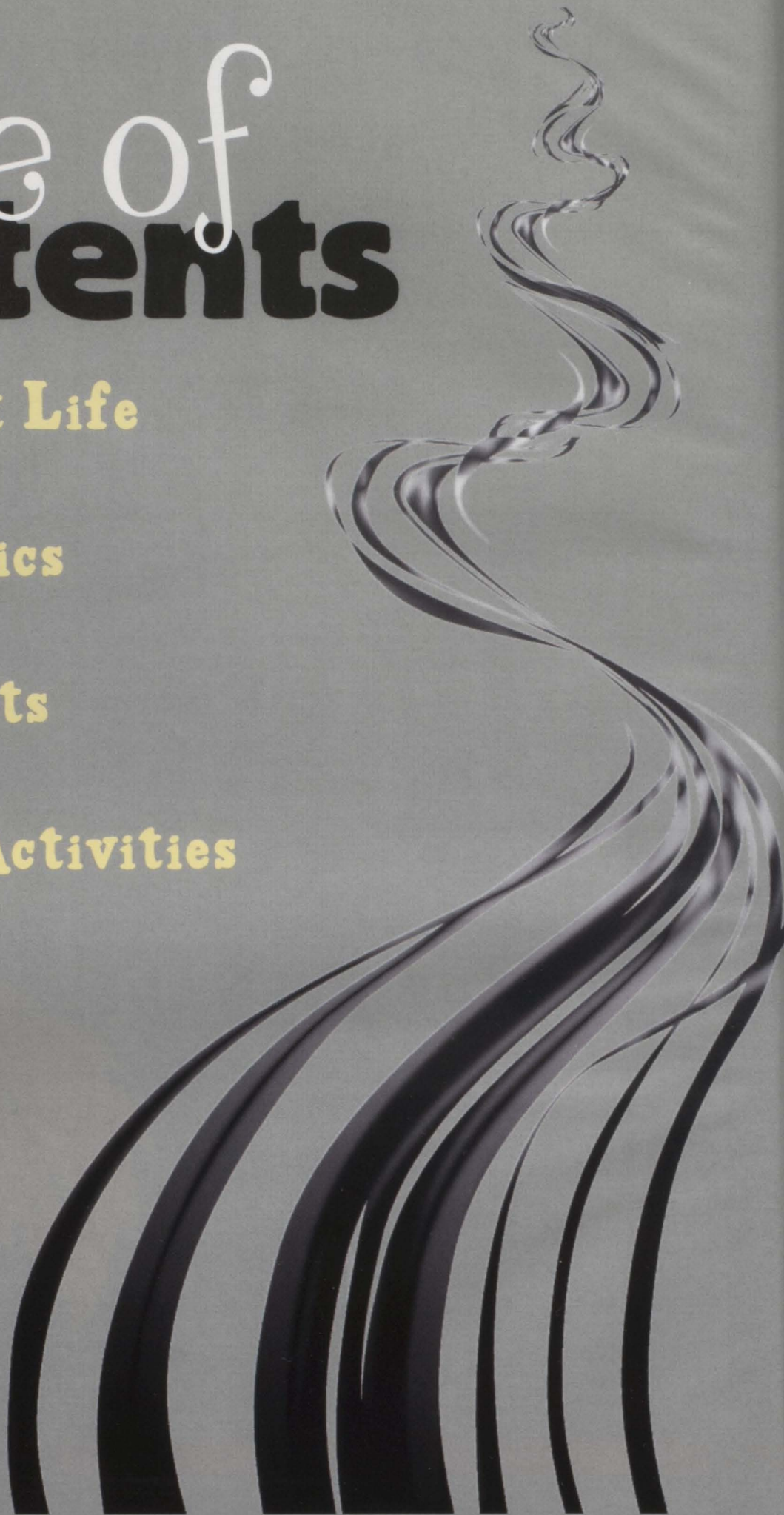


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Back Home

Welcome to small town Wahoo, Nebraska, where nights consist of watching movies, going to the mall in Omaha, or cruising with friends. But the day will come when we have to leave here. Everyone will go their separate ways. Some will stay close, and some will go far. We will enter the workforce, the military, or become college students.

But here's the thing, no matter how many places we go, or the different lives we lead, we can always trace our roots back home to small town Wahoo, Nebraska.

We will always remember our days here. We will remember the friends that we spent thirteen years with. But most of all, we will remember the memories we made here. Those will never be lost, no matter what we do in the future.

You may be really excited to leave here, to go to college, to do what you want to do with your life. However, no matter how much "senioritis" you have now, one day you will miss small town Wahoo, Nebraska. But the most important thing to remember is that you can always come back to your roots. You can always come back home.

Student Life



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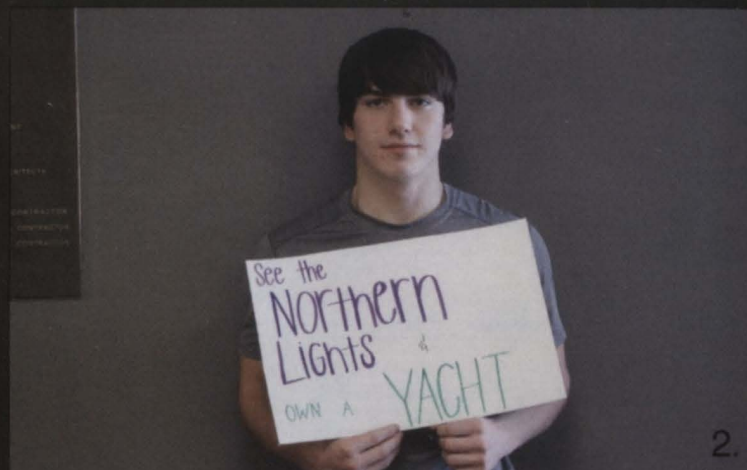
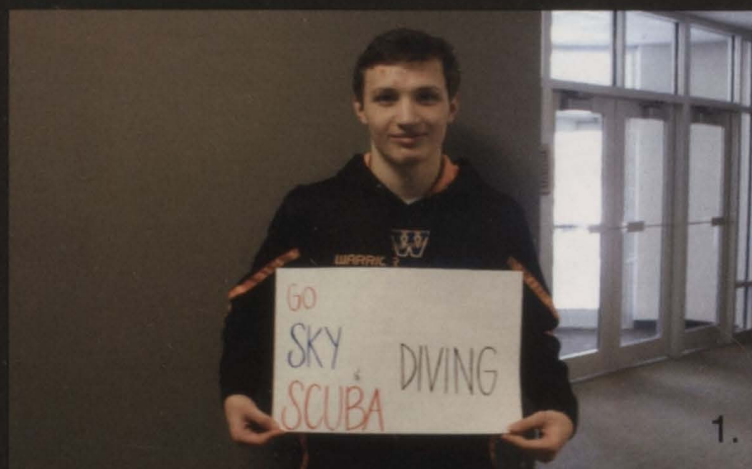
1. Freshmen **Karley Kaiser**, **Hallie Reeves**, **Leah Maass**, and **Call Britton** are all smiles during Spirit Week. 2. **Zach Frain** (12) displays his creative side while decorating during Spirit Week. 3. **Brendan Lacey** (10) and **Josh Nuckolls** (10) check out the competition during a pie-eating contest. 4. **Cody Hayworth** (11) laughs at **Tate Peterson's** (11) cheesy joke during the Cross Country send off. 5. Cheerleaders lead students in the crowd favorite cheer, "Rowdy."



What's on your Bucket List?

by: Annie Petska and Jacelyn Teter

A bucket list is a number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime. Students believe if you want to live a life full of fun, success, and adventure, you need to dream big! These are a few "dreams" WHS students wish to accomplish in their lifetimes. What's on the top of your bucket list....



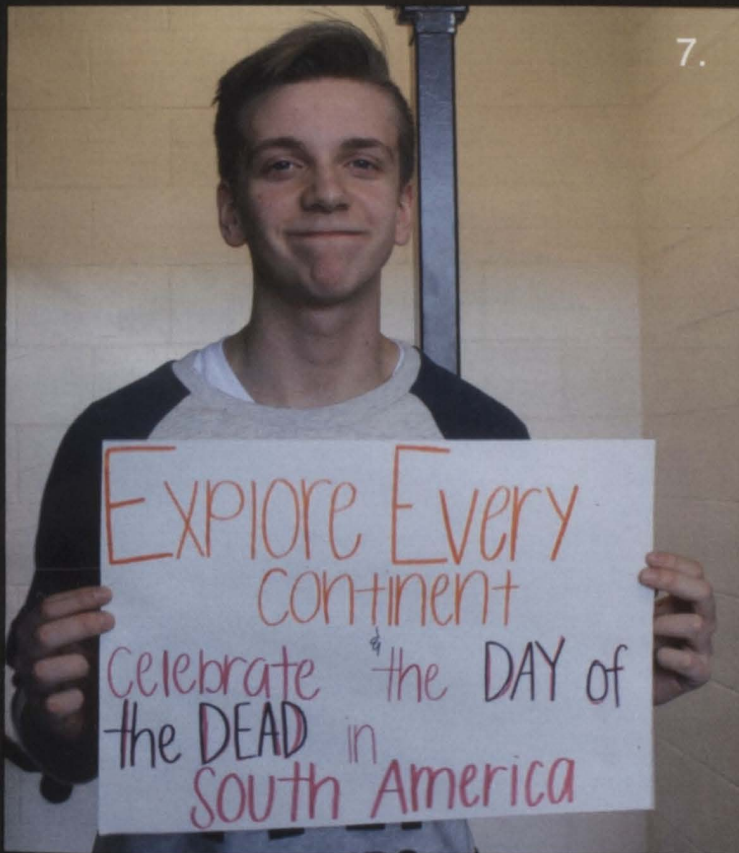
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1) Freshman Zane Bennett hopes to sky dive and scuba dive one day. 2) Sophomore Ryan Ickler wishes to see the Northern Lights and own a yacht. 3) Sophomore Bridget Dalton plans to graduate college and visit Africa. 4) Junior Saul Carson wants to make people happy and be content. 5) Freshman Mattie Pfeiffer hopes to bungee jump and sky dive. 6) Senior Zain Smith wants to see the birth of his child and kiss a girl. 7) Foreign exchange student Michael Bratkowski hopes to explore every continent and celebrate the Day of the Dead in South America. 8) Senior Zach Frain wishes to meet President Obama and Darth Vader.

What time do you get up in the morning?



Tayler Cuda (12)

My alarm goes off at 7:18 a.m. and then I take a shower and brush my teeth.



Jeremy Barnhill (12)

My alarm goes off at 7:00 because I like to have enough time to eat breakfast.



Josh Johnson (12)

My alarm goes off at 7:35 but I don't actually get up until 7:40 and then I get dressed and rush to school.

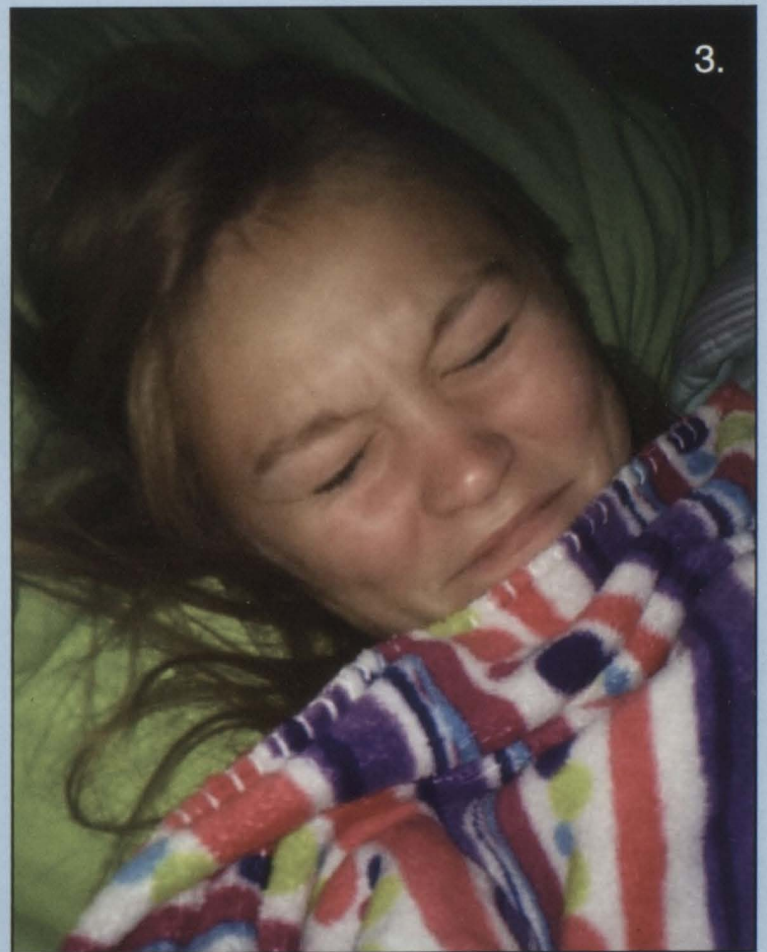
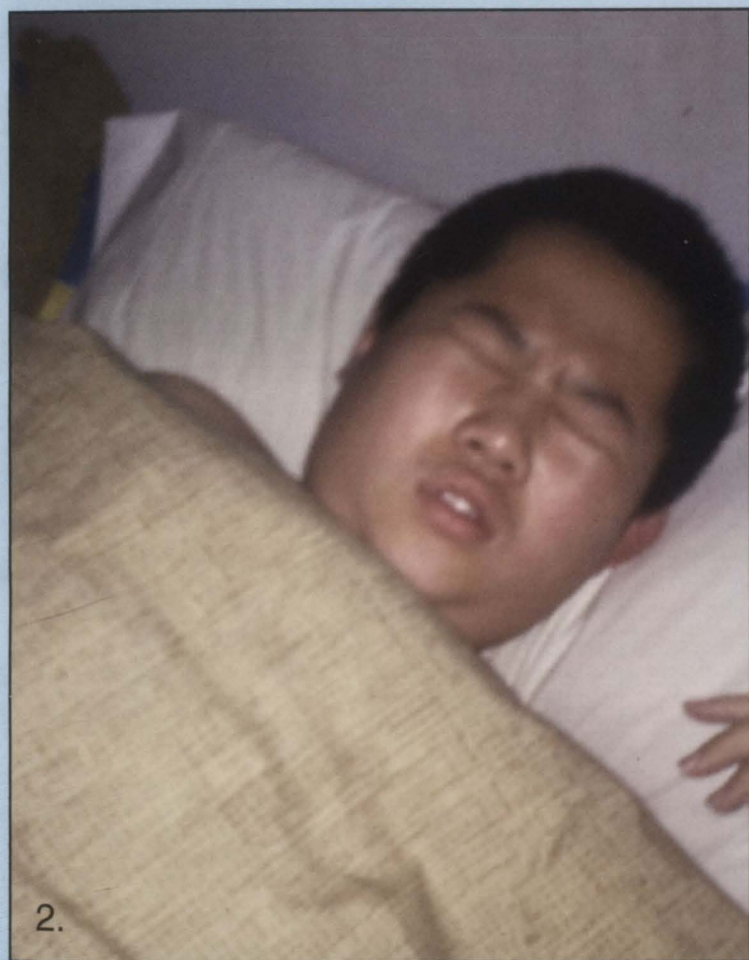
Rude Awakening

By Christy Zheng

Waking up in the morning is tough for most students. Most teenagers hate getting up early, but it is a necessary evil during the school year. While most students take every last minute of sleep they can get, some Warriors consider themselves early risers and are up and at 'em before the sun. **Justin Sabatka** gets up early in the morning every day. He said "I get up around six to go to church and get ready for school." **Shelby Milliken** gets up late in the morning. She said "I would rather get up late and not care what I look like than lose sleep and care what people think." The WHS yearbook staff snuck up on some unsuspecting sleepers right before their alarm clocks went off.



Senior **Alexis Vrana** is confused from the early morning wake up.



1. Junior **Mallory Lindstrom** reacts to a surprise awakening from a camera flash. 2. After having his slumber interrupted, freshman **Kam Zheng** tries to go back to sleep. 3. Freshman **Erin Sutton** tries to pretend that her alarm going off is just a bad dream.

Parking Lot Problems

Many students have struggled with issues in the school parking lot. Seniors especially, find themselves complaining about bad parking behavior. For example, **Jacey Sutton** said, "Parking in two stalls is the most annoying thing in the school parking lot because if you are in a hurry and trying to find a stall it is hard to when people are always taking up multiple stalls." Many of the other students we talked with had this same complaint. Some students also think it is funny to park badly, which leads to door dings and small fender benders. Parking lot accidents are common during the before and after school rush.



1. Senior **Alexis Libal** gives a thumbs down to a driver who couldn't park between the lines. 2. In a particularly terrible example of bad parking, these two students who would rather remain anonymous, avoid a close call. 3. Sophomore **Cameron Quick** is known as a wildlife killer in his stylin' gold Plymouth. He has taken out at least fourteen raccoons, six possums and one deer in the last year. 4. **Maddie Larson** was pulled in twice within a week for having missing license plates. She has since rectified the situation and hasn't been pulled over lately. 5. Senior **Sean Anson** provides a good example of how to park in the crowded senior lot before school. 6. **Cameron Quick** provides a dramatic reenactment of when **Will Shanahan** almost had his window shattered by a crowbar.

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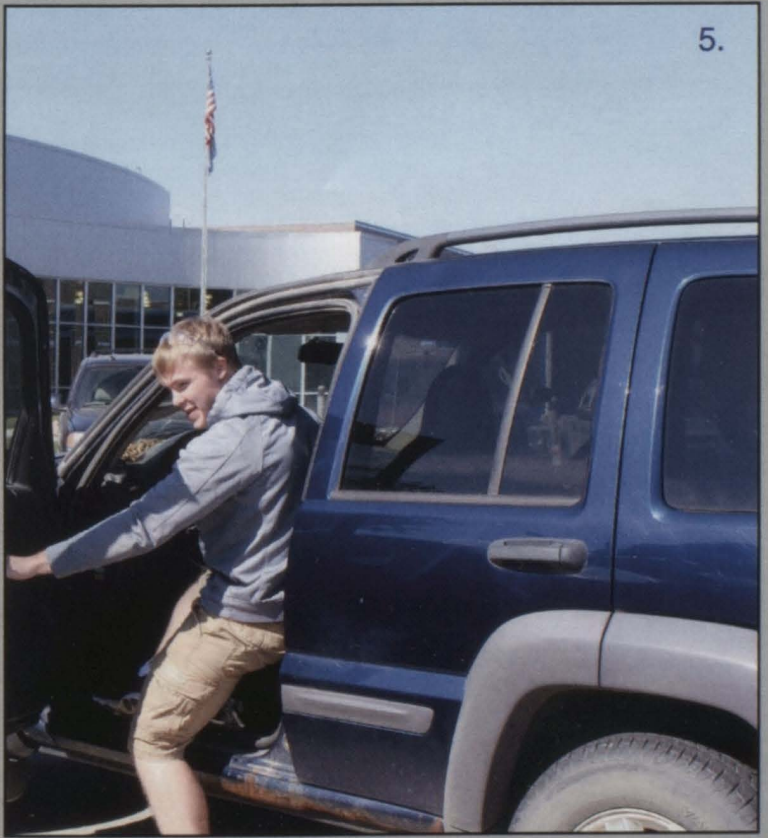
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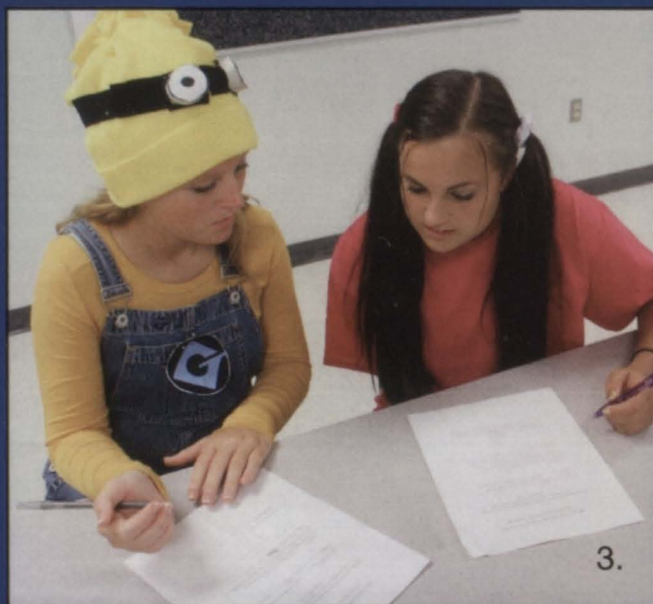


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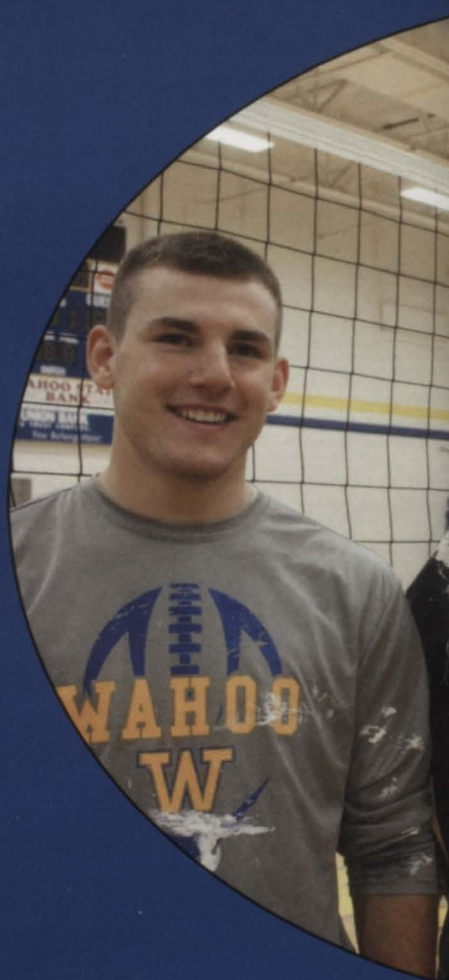


Spirit Week

by Annie Petska



This year's spirit week centered around the magic and whimsy of Alice and Wonderland. This year's themes included color day, character day, generation day, and spirit day. Students dressed up and competed to win prizes for being the best dressed. Hallway decorating competitions were held that transformed Wahoo High School into a new world as students "fell down the rabbit hole." During a spirit week pep rally, the cheerleaders hosted a pie eating contest. One person from every homeroom participated along with Mr. Libal. This year's homecoming game was against Columbus Lakeview, and the WHS student body came out in blue and yellow to show their Warrior pride.



1. Sophomore **Maddie Larson** gives two thumbs up to character day. 2. Junior **Courtney Vanek** and Senior **Brittany Vech** decorate a wall for the homecoming week hallway challenge. 3. Seniors **Alexis Libal**



2015 Homecoming Court. Back Row (L to R): Bobby Spicka, Clayton Redding, Zain Smith, Anthony Reed, Jordan Ptacek, Ethan Stratman. Front Row (L to R): Alexis Libal, Jacey Sutton, Shelby Milliken, Anna Gottschalk, Makeda Russ, Lauren Crockett



and Jacey Sutton fill out homecoming candidate information. 4. Tiana Wilcox owns her pie in the pie eating contest. 5. Seniors Ethan Stratman and Humberto Villarreal show the results of their pie fight with Mr. Libal after the Spirit Week pep rally. Mr. Libal clearly lost.



Seniors Anna Gottschalk, Lauren Crockett, and Shelby Milliken dressed up as elderly women on generation day



Cynthia Ruiz creates a realistic looking Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum in hopes of winning the hallway decorating contest.

**This Way
That Way
To Homecoming**

By: Hannah Janda
and Kate Rodriguez

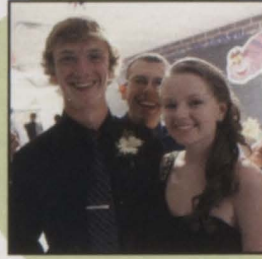
On the night of September 12th, the students of Wahoo High School fell down the rabbit hole into a night in Wonderland. Some were generally thrilled by the night's activities. Freshman **Jack Krenke** said, "I had a great time running around with my friends and dancing with my date!" Many comments floated around the hall Monday morning as WHS remembered the weekend's events, from hanging out to with friends, to having dinner in Omaha, and even just getting out of the nice clothes and into comfy clothes at home!

Gage Lamprecht (10) said, "I had an okay time, it wasn't as good as last year's dance but being with my friends made it all right!"

At 10:00p.m. the Homecoming Court came out into the middle of the gym and **Ethan Stratman** and **Lauren Crockett** were crowned 2015-2016 Homecoming King and Queen. Last year's king and queen, Kelsey Tomjack and Gavin Iversen came back to pass on their crowns. After coronation, the music continued until eleven, and soon after, the students of WHS found their way out of the rabbit hole and back to their homes.



Who was the cutest couple of the night?



After informally surveying students in both first and second lunches, the cutest couples of the 2015-2016 Homecoming night were: Maddie Mann and Jonathan Wotipka in first place, Dani Groff and Justin Sabatka in second place, and Cole Krecklow and Corby Brigham in third. Congratulations on your cuteness!

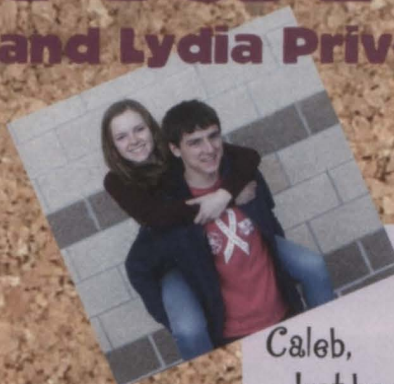


1. Freshmen **Cali Rampendahl**, **Braedenn Olson**, **Kylee Edmonds** and senior **Noah Koltermann** dance the night away. 2. **Steven Holst** (11), **Sam Lindgren** (11), and **Devin VonSeggern** (10) share a slow dance. 3. Freshman **Chris Murren** shows off his sweet moves on the dance floor. 4. **Hallie Reeves** and **Katie Pearson** pose for an iPhone photo. 5. Silly Seniors **Christy Zheng**, **Makeda Russ**, **Anna Gottschalk** take a turn in the photo booth. 6. **Grace Siebenaler** (11) and **Jack Krenke** (9) have a portrait taken by Photo Joe Vulcek. 7. **Lydia Privett** and **Kristin Callan** prove that threes not a crowd on the dance floor. 8. The 2015 Homecoming Court. 9. **Hallie Reeves**, **Kinsley Tingelhoff**, **Claire Johnson**, **Emma Hastings**, **Maddie Larson**, and **Karley Kaiser** goof off in the photo booth. 10. Freshmen **Leah Maass**, **Zane Bennett**, and **Sam Kolterman** dance the night away.

Sibling Advice

By Madison Talbert and Lydia Privett

Josh,
Get your
crap straight.
-Jacob



Caleb,
Just because you're trash
doesn't mean you can't do
great things. It's called a
garbage can, not a
garbage cannot. -Dani

Ablgail,
Don't be afraid
to tell the truth,
people need to
hear it.

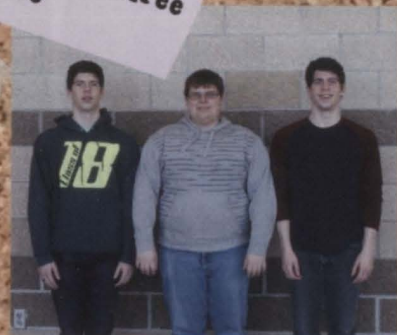
-Ana



Aaron,
Eat bad sometimes. It's
the last time in your life
when you can do this
without feeling guilty about
it. Love you lot!

-Brittany

Aaron and Isaac,
Don't
procrastinate!
-Clayton
P.S. this was three
days late



Wendy and Kam,
Study hard, but
don't forget to
have fun. ;)

-Christy



Macy,

Be prepared, you are
going to have several of
them.... Mental
Breakdowns.

-Taylor



Cheyenne,

Hey Starshine! I'm proud of
you. You're already doing
better than me. The only advice
I have is to keep working hard
and don't forget your goal!

-Caitlyn

Eli,
 "Life ain't
 always beautiful,
 but it's a beautiful
 ride," Gary Allen.
 -Kallynn



Bridget,
 Don't trust or
 believe everyone
 that says they are
 your friend. It
 doesn't always
 work out. -Jerome



Mary,
 God gave you a brain...
 please use it. Good luck
 living up to the Privett
 Legacy! You'll do great
 things. -Lydia

Madison,
 Don't pick
 your nose. Don't
 spit in the wind,
 and always drink
 lots of water.
 -Cole



Erin,
 I might just miss you
 more than I miss the
 dogs! Remember who
 you are and enjoy the
 rest of high school, it
 flies.
 Love you, Jacey



Riley,
 DON'T FAIL! Also, drugs
 are bad for you so
 probably don't do that
 either. Have a great rest of
 high school without me, it's
 not going to be as fun.
 -Paeton

Jazmin,
 Do your best
 and don't give up.
 Work hard. Have
 fun and good luck!
 -Cynthia



Miguel,
 Make sure you
 actually try in
 school.
 -Austin



Nathan,
 Just keep giving
 encouragement.
 -Bobby

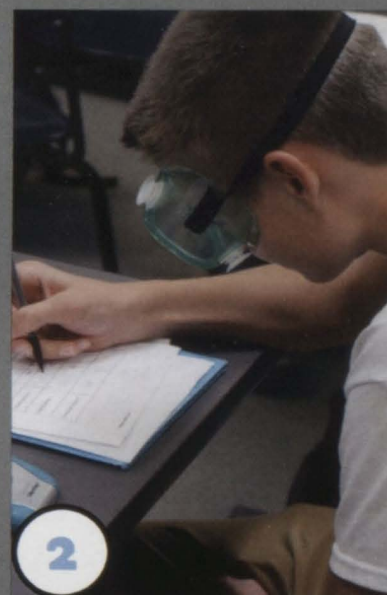
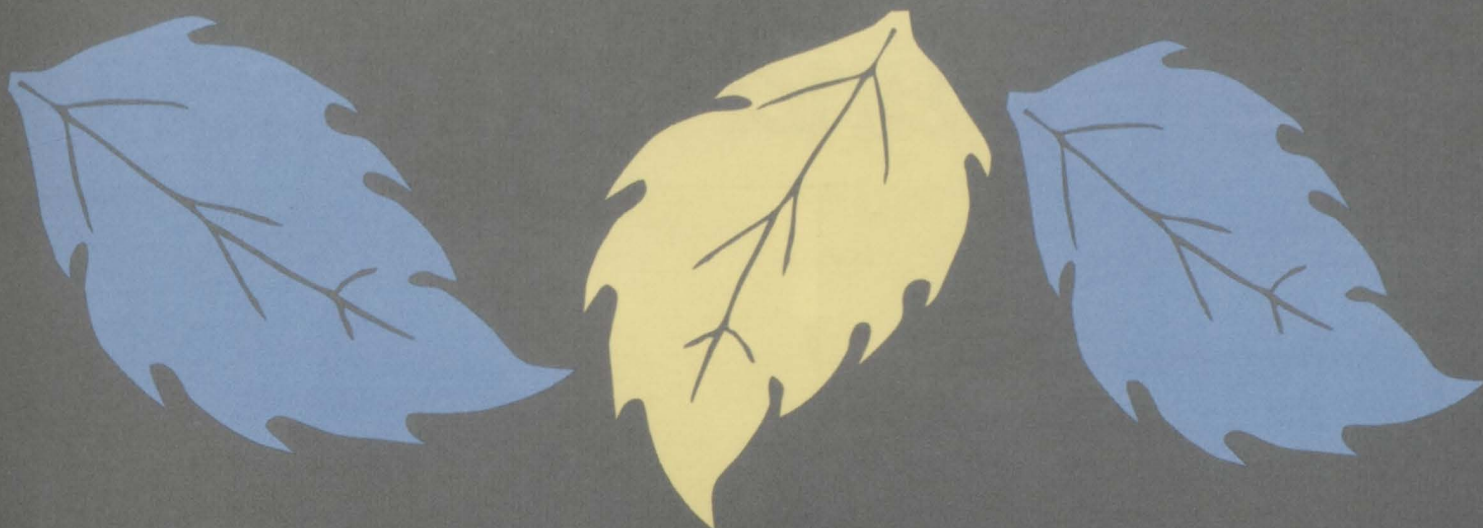
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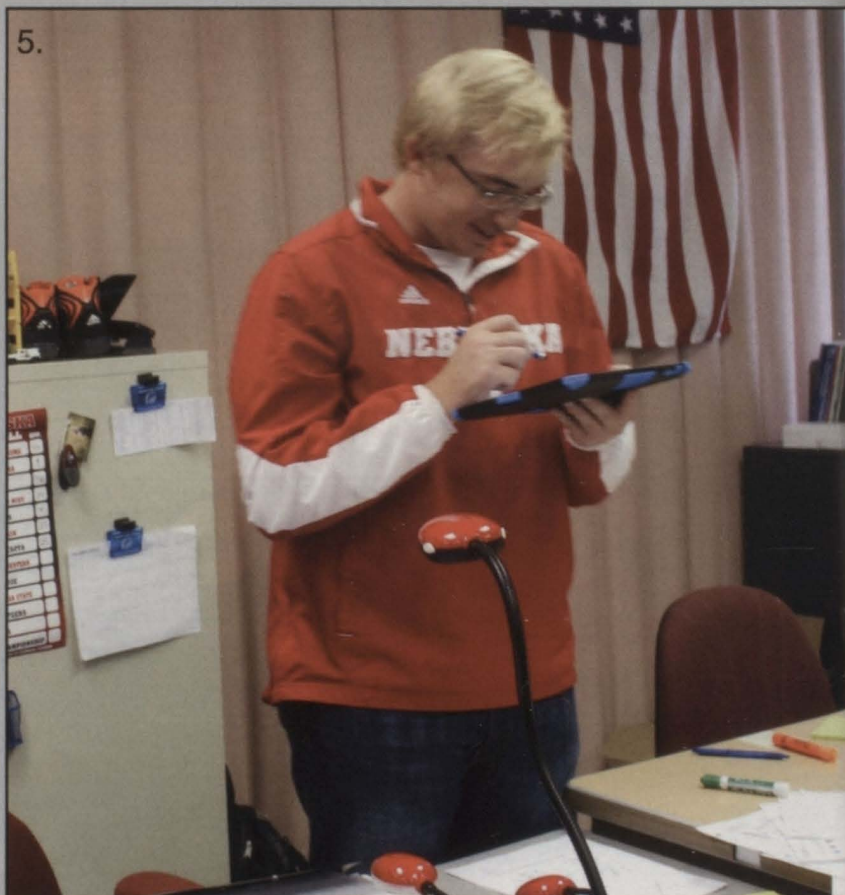
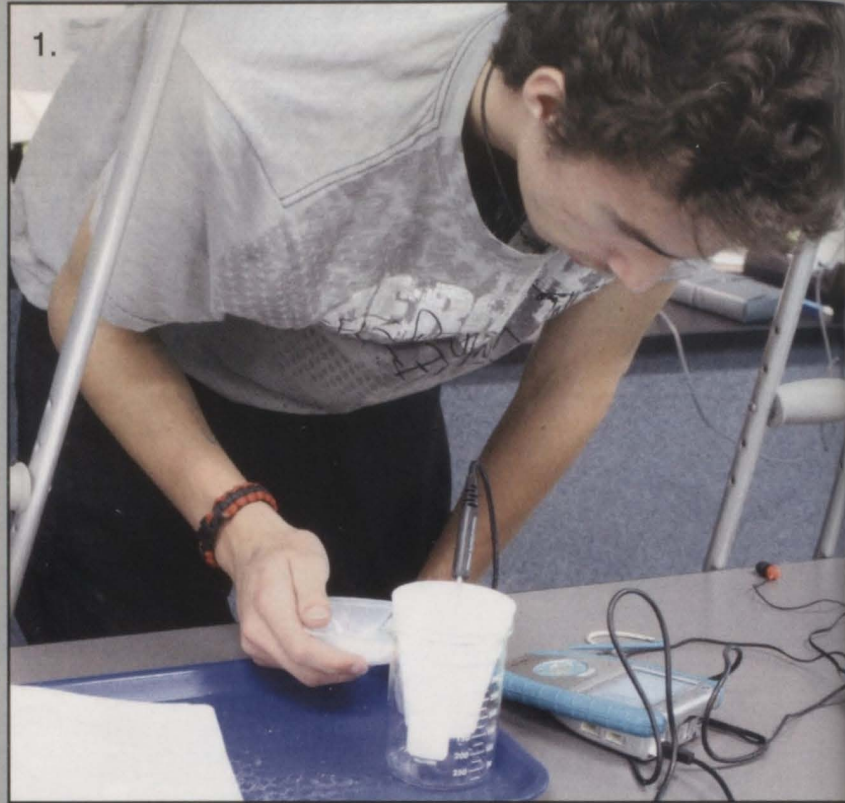


1. Seniors **Josh Johnson** and **Mason States** measure wood for a project in the shop. 2. **Ty Syverson** (11) calculates accurate results during a chemistry lab. 3. **Sheldon Johnson** (9) serves an ace during a game of volleyball in PE. 4. **Mattie Pfleffer** (9) and **Raegan Andresen** (10) use a phone to look up song lyrics for a project. 5. **Corbin Maldaner** (10) and **Zain Smith** (12) study for a personal finance quiz.



Math and Science

Many teachers like, but also dislike, the use of iPads in the classroom. Mr. Fox says, "the technology is good for many things, there are less paper cuts and fewer missing assignments. The downside is that sometimes the internet is down, which limits the use of the iPads. Students also can get distracted by playing games or social media." The school has tried to limit student use of games and social media on our iPads. Many apps that are considered distracting have been blocked on the iPad. Students have a certain amount of freedom on their iPad, but once their grades slip, or they cause trouble with their iPad, the iPad will get restricted by the school. Overall, the students enjoy having the iPads. Senior **Caitlyn Moore** said, "I love my iPad, I use it all the time. The only thing I hate about it is that I often have a lot of internet problems. My iPad also often distracts me, but I have gotten better at knowing when a good time to use my iPad is."



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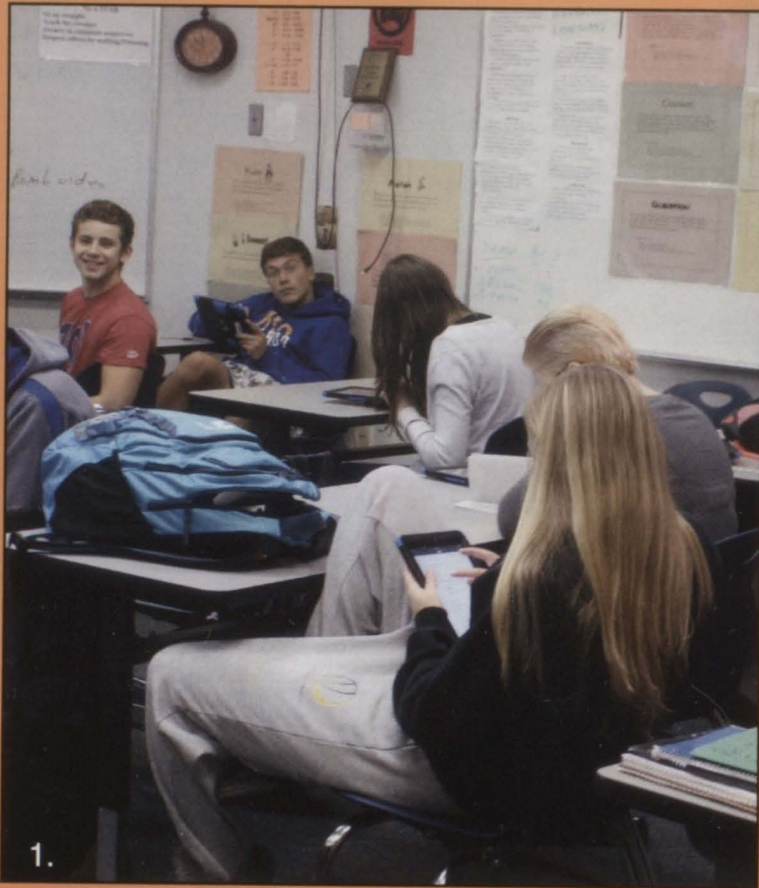
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1. Junior **Deric Day** measures the temperature of acid and baking soda in chemistry. 2. Sophomores **Savanna Bruce** and **Sydney Nicholls** hold a live snake in Mrs. Myer's biology class. 3. Mr. Tomjack and junior **Mallory Lindstrom** faithfully follow the number one lab rule: Always wear eye protection. 4. Sophomore **Katie Pearson** studies for a big test in biology. 5. Mr. Shields pulls up a lesson for the day on his iPad.

Language Arts

By: Kylee Jones and Mary Pockrandt



1. Mr. Fangman's seventh period English students work on their poetry packets. 2. Famous writer Rainbow Rowell signs books for creative writing students. 3. Senior **Taylor Rouse** and sophomore, **Dacoata Triplett** pose for a picture with Rainbow Rowell at a book signing in Omaha.

Poetry journals, Spanish buddies, electronic story books, and la ropa are some of the many things the students have done this year. in the Language Arts subjects, English and Spanish.

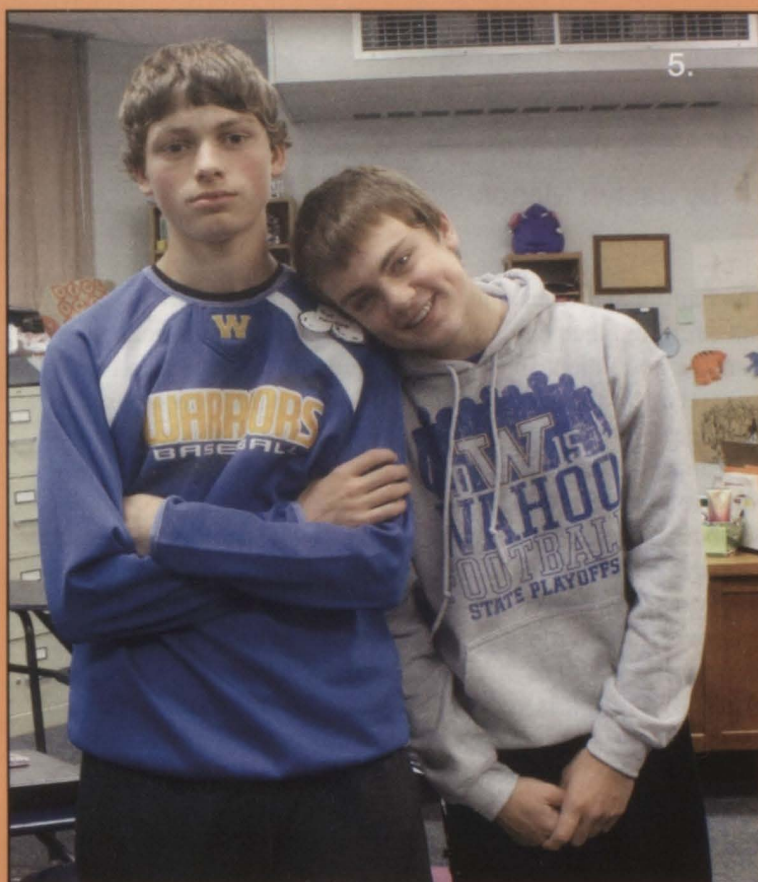
"In Spanish Buddies, The original idea was to have Spanish taught by a Spanish teacher at all grade levels, with the high school students reinforcing and giving the elementary students extra practice. they definitely knew more when they got to high school Spanish." said Spanish teacher Mrs.Dinsmore-Talbott.

Spanish Buddies was created by Mrs.DT who said, "I wanted my seniors to get some practice and review with Spanish 1 vocabulary, so we decided to reach out to the elementary." The high school students who teach the elementary kids look forward to it every other week.

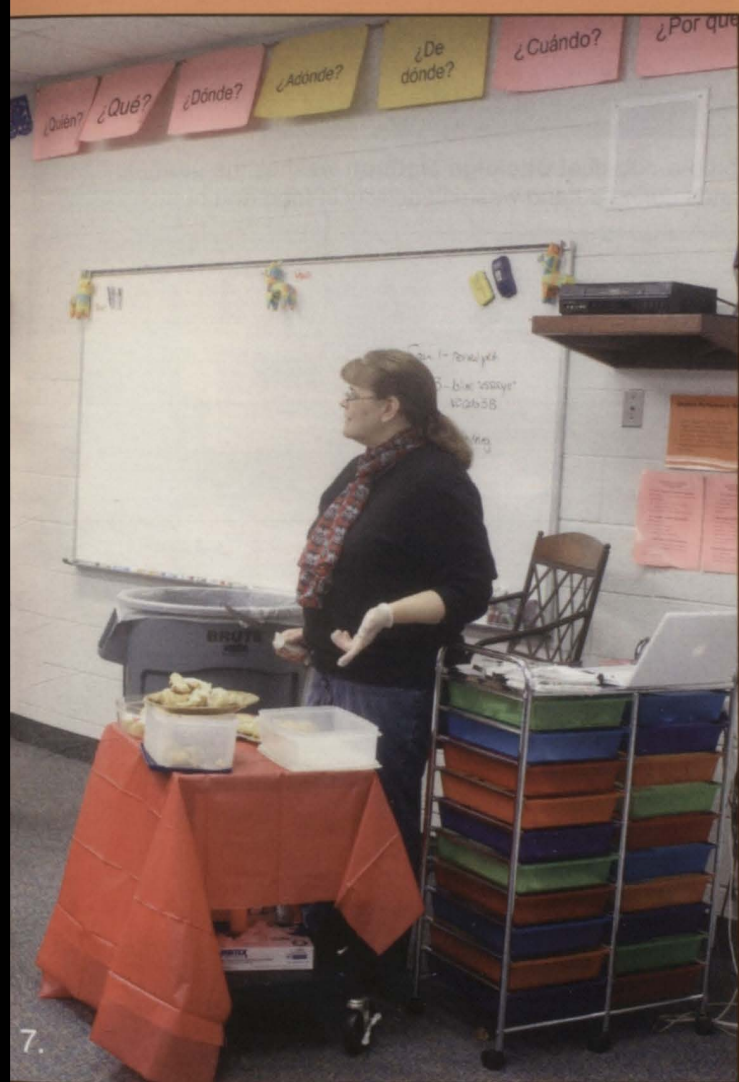
Spanish buddy, **Josie Schnakenberg** said, "I like being able to interact with the little kids and teach them games that actually help them learn Spanish. It's a fun way to practice what we are doing in class."



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4. For extra credit, **Hanna Jemisen** and **Jaime Lee** create traditional sugar skulls in Spanish 3. 5. Spanish buddies **Colin Grandgenett** and **Corby Brigham** prepare to go to the elementary to teach kids Spanish. 6. Spanish 4 students play Los Huesos with Mrs. DT. 7. Spanish teacher, Mrs DT, bravely tries Day of the Dead bread made by students.

Family Consumer Sciences & Social Sciences

by Jaclyn Masek

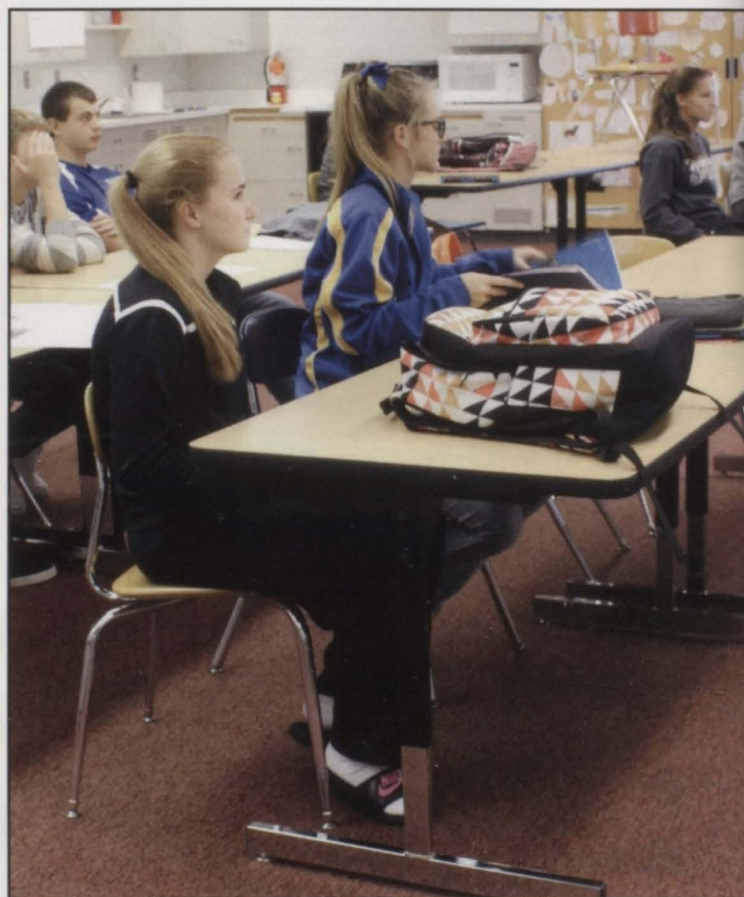
The Family and Consumer Sciences classroom is always a fun and exciting place on campus. From cooking fun snacks to learning good diets and nutrition, students learn how to fend for themselves in the real world. This might include something as simple as which utensils to use and how to use them to how to plan and maintain a healthy diet for your family. Food and Nutrition is one of the top classes to take in Family Consumer Sciences. **Maddie Mann's** favorite thing about foods is "all the yummy snacks we get to make and eat!" Mrs. Mullendore-Dilsaver said her favorite dish to make with students is pasta bolognese. "It's a more complex recipe," she explained, "so students are proud of themselves when it's done!" According to **Maddie Mann**, it is very rewarding to be able to take what you learned in class and apply those lessons in the real world. "Whenever I make a dish from foods for my family or friends, they are always super impressed."



Scrub-a-dub-dub! **Chaleigh Mattson** washes the germs off her hands during a hand washing activity in food and nutrition class.



Juniors **Cole Krecklow** and **Corby Brigham** pass out Halloween pencils during a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by FCCLA and FBLA for kids at the elementary school.



Allie Presley and **Hannah Janda** pay attention to Mrs. MD explaining illnesses in Food's class.



All huddled together! **Wendy Zheng, Jazmin Ruiz, Eliza Zaragoza, and Natalie Capron** sit in Eliza's trunk to keep warm during the Trunk-or-Treat festivities for FCCLA and FBLA.



1. **Jonathan Wotipka** patiently waits for more people to arrive at the Close-up Turkey Dinner. The dinner is a fundraiser to help students pay for a trip to Washington, DC in the Spring. 2. **Claire Johnston and Mallory Lindstrom** count turkey dinner tickets. 3. **Elizabeth Hill, Annie Petska, Ashley Jarman, and Tiana Wilcox** proudly show off some of their handmade decorations. Months of planning goes into Close-Up and the multiple fundraisers that support the program. 4. **Hannah Brust** fills cups with Gatorade.

"I will miss these graduating seniors for how active they were in Skills USA and how trustworthy and dependable that they are. It's always nice to have a select few students who are very advanced in the shop." - Mr. Herrera

RIGHT: Seniors Jusin Sabatka, Jacob Nuckolls, and Reuben Sanchez meticulously examine a scrap of metal for his tractor engine rebuild.



ABOVE: Senior Josh Johnson cuts a piece of metal for a deer stand he designed.

RIGHT: Seniors Mason States and Josh Johnson work together on complicated measurements for a tree stand.



Industrial Tech

By Lydia Privett

You never know what you might find students working on in the WHS shop. Students projects are limited only to their imagination. This year, industrial tech students created everything from deer stands to wire trees to ornate tables. Often times, the experienced students are let loose and are simply told to build something. Senior Justin Sabatka was able to bring a part of his brother's tractor into the shop and reconstruct it for him during class as his project with the guidance of Mr. Weyers. "The projects built in class are something the guys definitely take pride in," said Mr. Weyers. Senior Jacob Nuckolls' favorite project was his prized Captain America belt buckle, "I'm making it for my friend Bobby Spicka. It's 4.5" in diameter, I haven't decided yet if I'm going to paint it". The majority of the seniors in Industrial Tech classes have been in the classes all four years of high school because they plan to pursue a career in it, whether it be welding, woods, metals, or automotive. Senior Reuben Sanchez intends to pursue a career as a foreman at a shop, "Being in Weyer's classes for four years has taught me leadership, teamwork, and a lot of the knowledge I'll need in my future as a foreman." This special group of seniors will be greatly missed by Mr. Herrera and Mr. Weyers.



Senior Austin Hand measures and takes notes for his table.



Senior Jacob Nuckolls uses the computer equipment to create detailed plans for his belt buckle.

Yearbook and Aca



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1. Juniors **Spencer Clark** and **Courtney Vanek**, along with senior **Lydia Privett** try to escape a human knot during an Aca Deca team building activity. 2. A group of students in Aca Deca work together to cross a homemade bridge. 3. Aca Deca students play a problem solving game during a field trip. 4. Seniors **Lydia Privett** and **Caitlyn Moore** take on a high ropes course as part of an Aca Deca team building trip. 5. Seniors **Anna Gottschalk** and **Taylor Homes** work on their spreads for yearbook. 6. Sophomore **Jacelyn Teter** and junior **Annie Petska** brainstorm design ideas. 7. Juniors **Josie Schnakenberg** and **Emma Hastings** talk about proposed yearbook cover designs during class.



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Academic Decathlon

By: Taryn Sceef and Sarah Iversen



Academic Decathlon is a challenging class that can improve your study skills. Senior **Tyler Timm** said, "I was thrown into this class as a freshman not knowing much about it. I have done very well in Aca Deca competitions because of the studying habits I have formed." The team attended two scrimmages and a regional competition this year and brought home medals from all of them. Impressively, the team earned 18 medals at the regional competition at Midland University, with junior Sam Brabec representing Wahoo as overall high scorer. They also took an annual field trip to YMCA challenge course where they zip lined and did high rope courses. It was an exciting way to learn about teamwork while still having fun!



Transitions

By: Kinsley Tingelhoff



Transition students spend their days studying English, math, science and history. Along with their core classes, they get to do a lot of other cool stuff. From volunteering in the community to making a new dish in cooking class, the students in transitions are always on the move! Some students spend time working at Region V or you might find the group shopping for ingredients for their latest kitchen creation. If you are really lucky you might run into some of the transitions students hanging out around town with Circle of Friends. This year they took trips to Vala's, Paint Yourself Silly, the Autism Walk and even hosted a cooking night at school to show off their skills in the kitchen.





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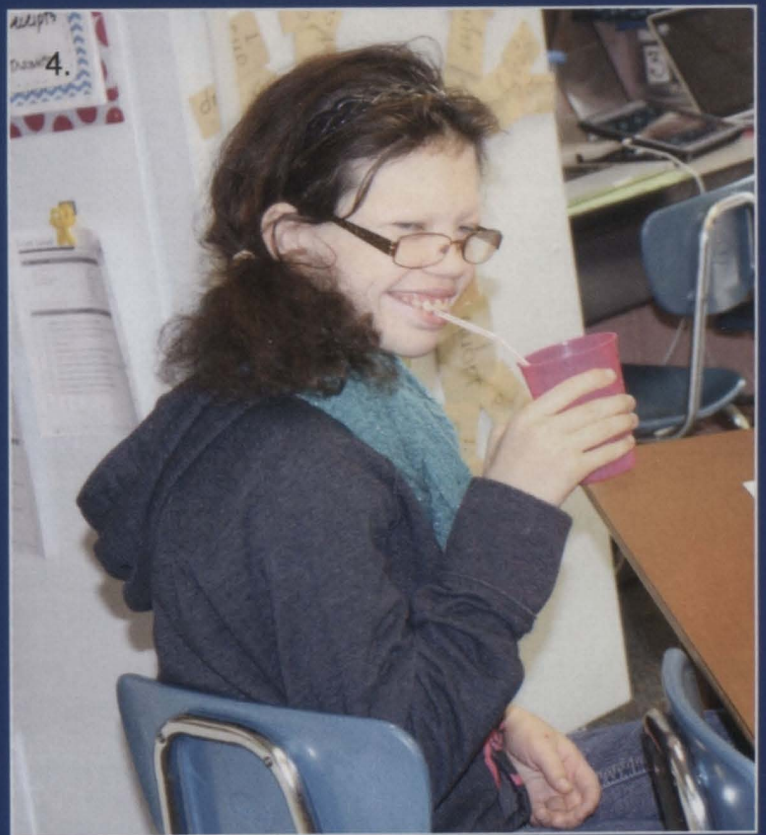
1. **Zach Frain**, **Jacob Weichman**, and **Lakota Marvin** dress the part while learning about the feudal system. 2. **Jacob Weichman** welcomes friends to his imaginary kingdom during a lesson on feudalism. 3. Junior **Mallory Lindstrom** gives **Daisy Rojas** a piggy back ride at Vala's Pumpkin Patch. 4. **Jaymie Dorer** tries a smoothie she made in cooking class. 5. Circle of Friends members spend time together at Valas. 6. **Devin Weichman** takes a spin in a fire truck at the Autism Walk.



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By: Raegan Andresen

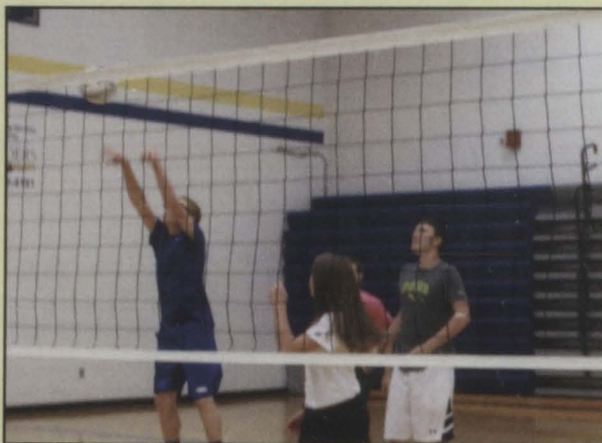
PE

Every student is required to start out their high school years with PE and may continue with strength and fitness. The year of PE is full of sweat, and the dread of having to run 'The Mile'. But every student has their own story for that one year of their life where their athletic ability was put on stage for everyone to see.

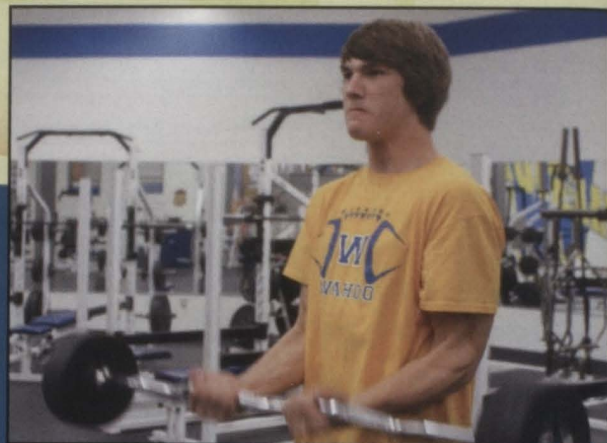
Mrs. Larson and Mr. Scheef are the head honchos of PE and strength & fitness. What they say goes, and if not, then you're running laps around the gym.

Mrs. Larson said that people dread the mile because its thought of as an impossible or difficult task, but that over time, if students work at it, the mile is a completely attainable goal. Mrs. Larson said her favorite part of teaching was watching the students be competitive and have fun. She also enjoyed watching her students improve at lifting or other activities. "A good athlete should have a good work ethic, be coachable, and have a good attitude," according to Larson. Her favorite unit this year was archery. She liked watching the students improve over the week and hit the bullseye.

Sophomore **Aaron Redding** said that his favorite unit in PE is volleyball because he enjoys spiking the ball over the net and winning his team points. He says his least favorite is lifting because it is "uneventful and boring."



Freshman **Zac Lamprecht** jumps to hit a volleyball over



Freshman **Sam Kolterman** lifts weights to increase his muscle mass



Freshman **Mattie Pfeiffer** practices her overhand serve during volleyball.

Freshmen **Sheldon Johnson** and **Winston Cook** use medicine balls to increase resistance during strength exercises.



"Physical Education may be tough and sweaty, but it's a boat load of fun." -Mrs. Larson



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"Everyone is going to use business and finance in their lives. Don't try to tell me anything different"
-Mrs. Shanahan

b.



BUSINESS

There are so many opportunities to fulfill the business and technology credits needed to graduate from Wahoo High School. The business hallway is the number one destination for all of your business needs.

Mrs. Shanahan's favorite project in her class was the new Dave Ramsey videos they started watching this year. According to Mrs. Shanahan, to be productive in business you must be excited for business. Anybody can take a class and pass. But it takes commitment to really absorb what you learn.

Mrs. Shanahan's favorite thing about teaching business was teaching students life lessons that they will use their entire life. Shanahan said that business is one of the most important classes you can ever take in high school.

Junior Josie **Schnakenberg** says she joined business to because she wishes to prepare for her life after high school.



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(a.) Sophomore **Corbin Maldaner** and senior **Zain Smith** compare notes as they work on homework.
(b.) Juniors **Tiana Wilcox** and **Jake Ruzicka** do some serious studying before a quiz. (c.) Mrs. Shanahan assists sophomores **Mary Privett** and **Kylee Jones** during class. (d.) Students listen to Mrs. Shanahan as she explains a question.

Teachers' Aides

By Anna Gottschalk & Taylor Homes



Mrs. Johnson and Bobby Spicka

"When he is not teaching me how to use my smartphone, iPad, or laptop and when he is not putting together puppet stages or having pie and coffee with Justin, Nucks, and Reuben- he is complaining." -Mrs. Johnson

"I help her with her computer, because she has issues when it comes to that." -Bobby Spicka



Mr. Fox and Jordan Ptacek

"Whatever I tell him." -Mr. Fox

"I print copies and get stuff ready for football practice." -Jordan Ptacek



Mrs. Dinsmore-Talbott and Emily Colgan

"She goes to the office and disappears and does who knows what and doesn't come back until the end of the period."

-Mrs. DT

"I make copies, grade Tocas, and I feel like I do a lot more, but I don't know."

-Emily Colgan

What does a TA do?

"Brittany helps save me time and keep me sane. Someday, when I win the lottery, she'll get a sweet check to make up for putting up with crazy Mrs. MD." -Mrs. MD

"I grade papers, work on homework, decorate the bulletin board, and shred papers." -Brittany Vech



Brittany Vech and Mrs. Mullendore-Dilsaver

"When he's not picking his nose, he is listening to Miley Cyrus and nursing his nose bleeds."
-Mr. Smith

"I copy music, fix pep band folders, or put away chairs and stands."
-Cole Talbert



Mr. Smith & Cole Talbert

"They don't do a whole lot. Sometimes they cut metal, sometimes they clean the shop, and sometimes they don't show up."
-Mr. Weyers

"I don't do a whole lot, but I do fix the halftime tricycles." -Jacob Nuckolls

"I help in the shop whenever something needs to be done and work on homework when there is nothing to do." -Mason Russell



Mason Russell, Mr. Weyers, and Jacob Nuckolls

Fine Arts

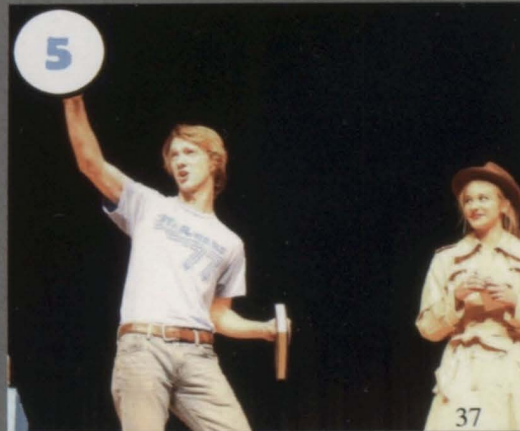
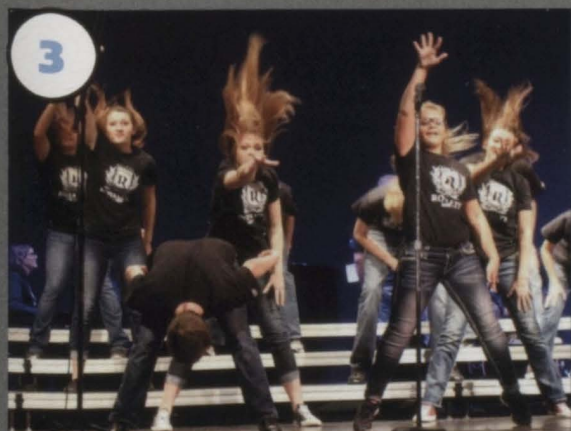


• Music and Band •
Choir and Show
Choir • Art • Drama •
One Act •



1. Seniors Lydia Privett and Caitlyn Moore 'bully' their way onto the stage during an One Act performance. 2. The Royalty Show Choir perfects their routine during a dress rehearsal. 3. Carlissa Koranda (11) performs a solo during the Veteran's Day assembly. 4. Justin Sabatka (12) and Hannah Janda (11) command the stage during One Act. 5. Lara Celesky (9) and Payton Carstens (9) take a break from their instruments during a school send off.





Right: Sophomores **Kristin Callan** and **Maddie Rappl**, along with freshman **Emily Obert** are caught goofing off during an outdoor marching rehearsal.

Below: Sophomore **Aaron Redding** waits in position as the band rehearses their new field marching routine.



Above: The WHS Marching Band marches during the Saunders County Fair parade in downtown Wahoo.

Right: Sophomore **Sydney Holdsworth** was selected to play in the Nebraska All-State band.

Far right: Senior **Cole Talbert** prepares to play his tuba with the Husker Marching Band during half-time of a Husker game.



Music & Band

By: Mayson Nicholls & Frances Hoffman

"Being in band all four years of high school has given me memories that will last a lifetime."

-Lydia Privett, Senior and Drum Major

This year was the third year that the Wahoo High School has participated in field marching competitions after an eight year break. Although many students complain about all the work that goes into marching, sophomore Kristin Callan said "Field marching is enjoyable because we get to compete and have fun as a group. It's not so hard when your friends there with you to make memories."

Also new this year is the addition of a drum major, which is the student leader of the marching band. This

years drum majors are seniors Lydia Privett and Caitlyn Moore. They had to go through a rigorous audition process to get the position. During competitions the drum majors lead the marching band in their show. This years show is a tribute to John Williams with songs like the Indiana Jones theme song and the Star Wars theme song. Drum majors must demonstrate musical skill as well as possess strong leadership qualities. It gives them a chance to show their musical talents in more ways then just playing their instruments.



Senior Drum Major **Lydia Privett** leads the band in a warm up before a competition.



Freshmen **Sheldon Johnson** and **Chase Aldrich** goof around while waiting for their turn to play.

Choir

The Wahoo choir department is an army of musically inclined companions who just want to have fun and sound good while doing it. The commanding officer of this battalion is Ms. Valish. She controls the chaos and keeps them from sounding tone deaf. Ms. Valish says her favorite part about teaching choir is being able to share music with students from different musical backgrounds. When asked about her favorite song the choir has done, she responded with Lux Aurumque by Eric Whitacre. Ms. Valish said she was nervous and excited for the musical. Senior Clayton Redding says that his favorite part of choir is seeing how music positively effects people's lives.



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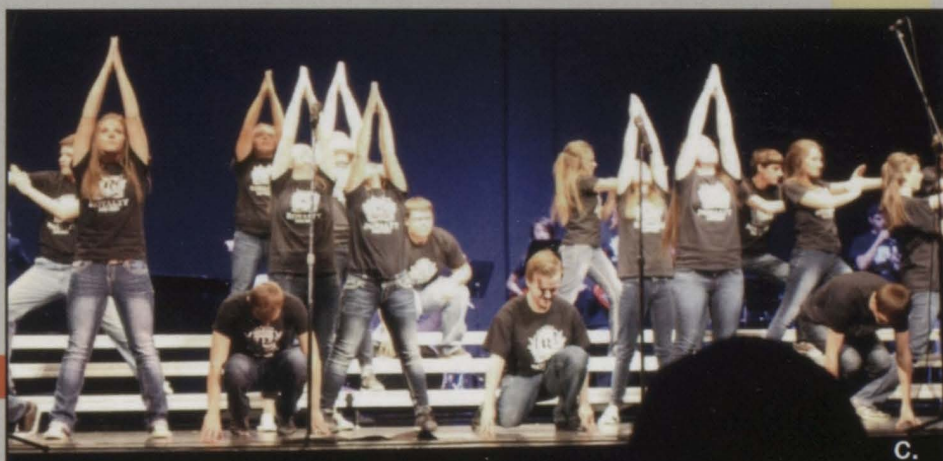
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(a.) Sopranos hit the high notes during class. (b.) The bass section belts out the low notes in one of their songs. (c.) Ms. Valish conducts the choir during the Christmas concert. (d.) Tenors perfect their melody on a new song. (e.) The Bishop Neumann and Wahoo choirs come together to sing for the veterans during the Veteran's Day concert.



Show Choir

The Wahoo High Show Choir is aptly named Royalty. The queen of these noblemen is Ms. Valish. She is an all powerful monarch and rules with a gold sequined fist. Ms. Valish said what she enjoys most about coaching show choir is seeing the bonds that students create with each other over the year. Ms. Valish explained that you need determined to be successful in show choir. Junior Maddie Mann says that she loves being in show choir because of the people she meets and the things she experiences.



(a.) & (d.) The show choir performs at Sioux Falls where "Royalty" received small school division champions. (c.) Royalty performs at Peru State College. (b.) Senior Joey Pestal, sophomore Aaron Redding, and freshmen Hunter Celesky and Braedenn Olson shake their groove thing at Sioux Falls, SD.

Art & Artists

by Jacelyn Teter

Art is something anybody can do as long as you can tap into the creative side of your brain. Wahoo High School art students under the watchful eye of teacher Kim Brigham, dug deep and created interesting and compelling works of art at every level. Beginning Art 1 students spend most of the year learning the basic concepts of art while creating a portfolio of their work. Portfolios hold a variety of works from sketches to paintings and even a clay sculpture. After Art 1, they may further their artistic abilities in Art 2 for more complex work and projects. Most Art 2 students say that their favorite project is the color wheel. Advanced art students are given more freedom to create their own projects based on their interests and skill level. Whether student are in Art 1 or advanced art, creativity and learning are the name of the game.





1) Sophomore **Morgan Moratz**, junior **Mallory Lindstrom**, and senior **Morgan Novak** work on their shades of red. 2) Junior **Cassidy Simon** helps senior **Anthony Reed** fix a mistake on his color wheel. 3) Sophomore **Raegan Andresen** focuses on an intricate design. 4) Junior **Matt Dobesh** mixes his paint for a blue-green look while **Zoe Meeusen-Norris** looks on. 5) Junior **Blake Kaiser** paints a blue portion of his color wheel. 6) Sophomore **Abbey Meyer** works on a project for her portfolio.



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Below: Tylie Tingelhoff and Cheyenne Moore, playing twin sisters, annoy Justin Sabatka's character, Falcon.



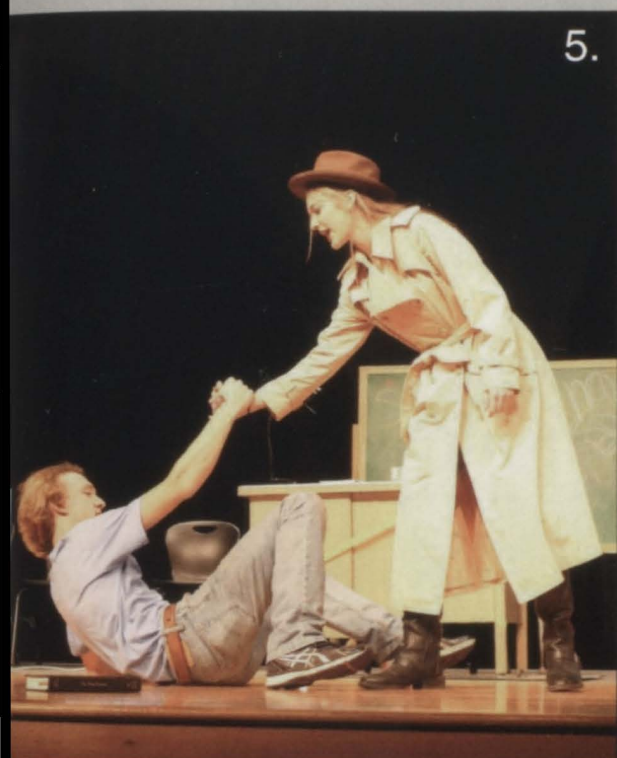
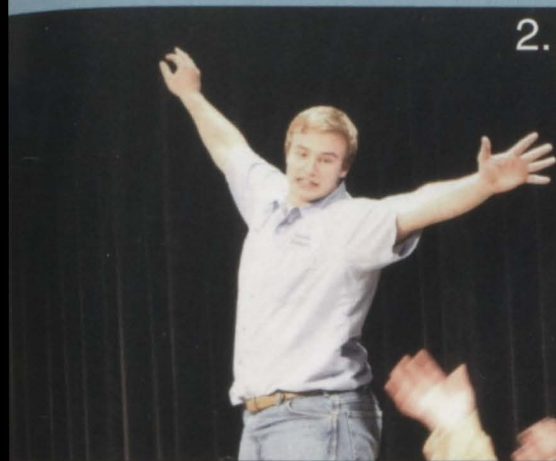
One Act & Drama

"It's not the competition that excites me, but knowing we entertained the crowd. When people come out of their lives and enjoy something we do." -Ms. Johnson

One Act is a school sponsored activity that includes a group of students who rehearsed and performed a short play, while drama class is a period where students learned more about the history and elements of drama. These two WHS groups not only provided a way for the thespians and drama kids of all kinds to unite and put their talents together, it was also a way for students to bond and make relationships that last a lifetime. In One Act, Ms. Johnson and the students decided to perform "Enter Bogart," a play about Sam Spade and her gang of sleuths who solved the (fictional) mystery of Mr. Tomjack's death. "People are enthusiastic about drama, and we have good senior leadership for those off-kilter moments in rehearsal," said Ms. Johnson, drama and One Act teacher. Behind the curtains of this hilarious performance, students could be seen making memories and having fun. Sophomore Sydney Holdsworth said that her favorite part of performing is, "The improv games are always great. And hilarious, most of the time." No matter how they did it, WHS found a way to delight their audiences, enjoy themselves and make plenty of memories.

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1.) Cole Talbert, Hannah Janda, and Justin Sabatka perform during a One Act dress rehearsal. 2.) Sam Lindgren perfects his physical comedy on stage. 3.) In drama class, Mayson Nicholls and her group get ready for a class puppet show. 4.) Clayton, Isaac and Aaron Redding harmonize together during a scene with freshman Jack Krenke. 5.) Hannah Janda, playing Sam Spade, helps Falcon (played by Justin Sabatka) up off the stage. 6.) Elise McIlhane, Raegan Andresen and Lucy Welsh get into character before a performance. 7.) Kristin Callan, as Janelle, shows off her comedic chops in One Act. 8.) As the school bully Bridget, Lydia Privett shows off her tough persona. 9.) Cole Talbert takes advantage of some down time between rehearsals.

By Kristin Callan

Activities & Clubs



• Student

Council • NHS • FCCLA • FCA • FBLA

• Skills USA • Multicultural

Club • Quiz Bowl • Chess • Circle of

Friends • Speech • One Act • Junior

Mates • Blue Crue



1. Emily Obert (9) plays a board game with her Junior Mates mentee.
2. Paige Fritz (10) hands out treats during the FBLA/FCCLA Trunk or Treat event.
3. Macy Homes (9) visits her mentee during lunch.
4. Lauren Crockett (12) receives the Runza Student Athlete of the Week Award surrounded by her fellow NHS members.
5. Senior Makeda Russ surprises junior Nathan Spicka with his NHS rose.



Clubs & Activities

By Kristin Callan and Hannah Janda



Named the Runza Student of the Week, senior Lauren Crockett accepts her award during an NHS meeting.



Austin Hand donates blood during the Red Cross Blood Drive, organized by NHS.



Sophomore Paige Fritz hands out candy during FCCLA's Trunk or Treat event.



Aaron Redding takes on the role of a lifetime during One-Act.



Freshman Emily Obert enjoys a game of Sorry with her mentee.



Back row (l to r): Mr. Mueller, Cheyenne Moore, Maddie Mann, Caitlyn Moore, Tyler Timm, Austin Hand, Cole Talbert, Clay Redding, Corby Brigham, Caleb Groff; Middle row: Dani Groff, Emma Hastings, Lauren Crockett, Chaleigh Mattson, Anna Gottschalk, Taylor Homes, Alexis Vrana, Emily Pokorny, Blakely Thrasher; Front row: Anna Dobesh, Mallory Lindstrom, Hannah Brust, Makeda Russ, Lydia Privett, Paeton Johnson, Carleigh Olsen.



Back Row (l to r): Samuel Brabec, Mitchell McGill, Nathan Spicka, Caleb McGill, Jack Maass, Corby Brigham, Colin Grandgenett, Shawn Knowlton. Front row: Dani Groff, Lauren Crockett, Anna Gottschalk, Taylor Homes, Alexis Vrana, Paeton Johnson, Madison Talbert, Lydia Privett, Emma Hastings, Hannah Brust, Lexis Stuchlik, Ana Boesiger, Caitlyn Moore.



Back row (l to r): Jazmin Ruiz, Lara Celesky, Annie Petska, Christy Zheng, Anna Gottschalk, Morgan Marotz, Maddie Larson, Kinsley Tingelhoff, Paige Fritz. Front row: Cole Talbert, Cole Krecklow, Corby Brigham, Madison Talbert, Emma Hastings, Jaclyn Masek.



Back row (l to r): Isaac Redding, Clay Redding, Josh Nuckolls, Nathan Spicka, Aaron Redding. Front row: Jacob Nuckolls, Sam Lindgren, Cole Talbert, Emily Obert, Emily Pokorny, Blakely Thrasher.



Back row (l to r): Cole Krecklow, Mitchell McGill, Bret Walker, Kylee Swanson, Katie Borchers, Erin Sutton, Emily Obert, Emily Pokorny, Elly Larson, Macy Homes, Shelby Griego, Anna Dobesh, Abi Klein, Leah Maass, Hallie Reeves, Blakely Thrasher, Tayler Cuda, Morgan Marotz, Brianna Brabec. Middle row: Josie Schnakenberg, Nick Oden, Dylan Caples, Will Shanahan, Cade Belitz, Brendan Lacey, Cameron Quick, Dylan Egr, Bryson Keller, Samuel Brabec, Spencer Clark, Austin Scott, Cali Britton, Erica Carnahan, Jaci Schakenberg. Front row: Lucymarie Brooks, Alyssa Lewandowski, Hannah Brust, Karley Kaiser, Jacey Sutton, Claire Johnston, Alexis Libal, Madison Talbert, Alexis Vrana, Mallory Lindstrom, Corby Brigham, Sarah Iversen, Colin Grandgenett, Annie Petska, Jacelyn Teter, Kinsley Tingelhoff, Taryn Scheef, Maddie Larson, Christy Zheng.



Back row (l to r): Kallynn Zeleny, Lexis Stuchlik, Emily Colgan, Paeton Johnson, Caitlyn Moore, Ana Boesiger, Brittany Vech, Dani Groff, Cheyenne Moore. Front row: Mason Russell, Joey Pestal, Justin Sabatka, Jacob Nuckolls, Reuben Sanchez, Spencer Clark, Mason States, Cole Talbert.



Back row (l to r): Ana Boesiger, Caitlyn Moore, Morgan Marotz, Emma Hastings, Seth Anderson, Jack Maass, Spencer Clark, Mitchell McGill, Corby Brigham. Third row: Kinsley Tingelhoff, Jamie Lee, Shelby Griego, Claryssa Sladek, Abigail Boesiger, Madison Talbert, Josie Schnakenburg, Cali Britton, Katie Pace, Taylor Rouse. Second row : Lara Celesky, Emily Obert, Emily Pokorny, Erin Sutton, Jaci Schnakenburg, Katie Pearson, Claire Johnston, Carleigh Olsen, Maddie Larson, Cynthia Ruiz. Front row: Christy Zheng, Raegan Andresen, Riley Harrell, Payton Styskal, Sydney Nicholls, Alexis Libal, Jacey Sutton.



Caleb Reyes, Payton Carstens, Lily Ellis, Mr. Fangman, Korena Edmonds, Lucymarie Brooks, Sheontee Moize-Albertson



Back row (l to r): Tyler Timm, Josh Johnson, Mr. Fangman; Middle row: Jack Maass, Sam Brabec, Mathew Wolf; Front row: Cole Talbert, Caleb Groff, Noah Polacek.



Back row (l to r): Jacob Weichman, Lakota Marvin, Treyvon Milliken, Devin Weichman, Hunter Celesky, Taylor Homes, Josh Nuckolls, Ryan Volin. Middle Row: Alexis Libal, Daisy Rojas, Josie Schnakenberg, Anna Gottschalk, Lauren Crockett, Makeda Russ, Lydia Privett, Paige Fritz, Ms. Huenink. Front row: Zach Frain, Mallory Lindstrom, Corby Brigham, Cole Krecklow, Ryan Walker, Mitchell McGill, Ethan Stratman.



Back row (l to r): Sarah Iversen, Caleb Groff, Cole Talbert, Mallory Lindstrom. Front row: Mattie Pfeiffer, Kristin Callan, Lara Celesky.



Back row (l to r): Mathew Wolf, Sam Lindgren, Reuben Sanchez, Isaac Redding, Cole Talbert, Matthew Fiscus, Aaron Redding, Austin Abramo, Jacob Nuckolls, Justin Sabatka, Bobby Spicka, Jack Krenke, Noah Kolterman, Grace Siebenaler, Krisitn Callan, Lucy Welsh, Raegan Andresen. Front row: Ms. Johnson, Mary Privett, Cheyenne Moore, Tylie Tingelhoff, Caleb Groff, Clay Redding, Hannah Janda, Lexis Stuchlik, Lydia Privett, Caitlyn Moore, Elise McIlhaney, Jordan Franklin.



Back Row (l to r): Eliza Zaragoza, Josie Johnson, Emily Obert, Cole Talbert, Emily Pokorny, Macy Homes, Jamie Lee, Riley Harrell, Sydney Nicholls. Front row: Josh Nuckolls, Aaron Hays, Billy Hancock, Lauren Crockett, Mallory Lindstrom, Tiana Wilcox, Maddie Larson, Emma Hastings, Dylan Egr, Kate Rodriguez, Briceidi Barraza.



Back row (l to r): Alexis Libal, Clay Redding, Josie Schnakenberg. Front row: Mallory Lindstrom, Elizabeth Hill, Emma Hastings, Anna Gottschalk, Sarah Iversen.

Sports



• Softball • Football
• Volleyball • Cross Country • Girls
Golf • Wrestling • Girls
Basketball • Boys
Basketball • Dance and Cheer •



1. Aaron Redding (10), Riley Johnson (10), Braedenn Olson (9), and Noah Polacek (9) warm up before a cross country race. 2. Cheerleader Annie Petska (11) rallies her fellow students at a volleyball game. 3. Carissa Koranda (11) throws the softball down the line. 4. Alexis Vrana (12) swings for the green during a golf meet. 5. The football team kicks off.





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Softball

By Makeda Russ



2015 Seniors (left to right): Elise McIlhaney, Alexis Libal, Brittany Vech, and Makeda Russ.

"Outstanding in the Field"



Back row (from left to right): Coach Trina Christen, Brianna Brabec, Jaci Schnakenberg, Lexis Stuchlik, Josie Schnakenberg, Jacelyn Teter, Karley Kaiser, Tiana Wilcox, Coach Lee Plybon, Coach Liz Gregg. Middle Row: Kaden Christen, Katie Borchers, Cali Britton, Courtney Vanek, Leah Maass, Mattie Pfeiffer, Sarah Iversen, Carissa Koranda, Macy Homes, Sydney Stuchlik. Front Row: Katelyn Urban, Carleigh Olson, Alexis Libal, Brittany Vech, Makeda Russ, Elise McIlhaney, Kylee Swanson, Kiara Libal.

Season Recap

Bumps and bruises are signature traits in softball. Some bruises are physical, such as a nasty gash on the leg or a black eye. Which are considered minor injuries to some. Other bumps are not physical, such as losing a pitcher or moving up to Class B. The Warriors fought through the pain and had a great season. It was a slow start but the Warriors were able to adapt to adversity. By winning their District, they were able to make an 8th consecutive trip to State.

Scoreboard

Raymond Central 2-10	Freeman 9-8
Raymond Central 0-8	Platteview 9-0
Falls City 5-7	Syracuse 12-7
Polk County 11-5	Raymond Central 5-9
Fort Calhoun 4-16	Cass County 2-0
Milford 6-4	Arlington 2-0
Lincoln Southeast 3-11	Bishop Neumann 4-5
Ralston 0-10	North Bend 12-0
Kearney 4-13	Logan View 12-5
Bishop Neumann 0-10	Bennington 0-6
Yutan-Mead 2-8	Polk County 9-1
Crete 1-8	D.C. West 9-4
Waverly 3-10	Polk County 14-2
Ashland-Greenwood 7-1	York 3-11
Tekamah-Herman 0-8	Hastings 2-3
D.C. West 10-7	

Final Season Record: 14-17

Wahoo scores in bold



Top: Junior Tiana Wilcox waits for the perfect pitch.

Middle: Sophomore Brianna Brabec scoops up a ball by second.

Bottom: Freshman Kylee Swanson mid-pitch during the Yutan-Mead contest.



WAHOO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL~2015

2015 Warrior Football Team, back row (from left): Brett Greenfield, Parker Barnes, Jack Krenke, Sam Kolterman, Jack Sutton, Coby Andresen-Ricketts, Nick Oden, Zane Bennett, Winston Cook, Aaron Hays, Austin Schneider, Jonathan Barraza, Nate Fox, Coach Tyler Kroenke. Third row: Coach Jayson Iversen, Sheldon Johnson, Ryan Ickler, Isaac Redding, Trevor McEvoy, Cade Belitz, Cameron Quick, Brendan Lacey, Jacob Martinal, Chase Aldrich, Sergio Venegas, Dylan Caples, Dylan Dreher. Second row: Coach Chad Fox, Coach Jayme Iversen, Coach Robert Barry, Nathan Spicka, Gage Lamprecht, Jake Ruzicka, Jonathan Flight, Blake Kaiser, Seth Anderson, Sam Lindgren, Josh Abbott, Jack Maass, Billy Hancock, Blake Lacey, Bret Walker, Dylan Egr, Coach Jon Herrera. Front row: Logen Walling, Ty Syverson, Ryan Walker, Cole Krecklow, Clayton Redding, Bobby Spicka, Jordan Ptacek, Ethan Stratman, Humberto Villarreal, Jerome Dalton, Trevor Wood, Corby Brigham, Caleb McGill, Austin Scott, Coach Kyle Weyers, Coach Clete Vrbka. Kneeling: Joe Herrera, Zach Fox, Josh Fox, Braylon Iversen. Not pictured: players Daniel Dunn, Tucker Hancock, Noah Kolterman, Will Shanahan, coaches Alex Shada, Trent Toline, Jameson Wiebold (photo courtesy of "Photo Joe" Vculek)



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1.) Corby Brigham waits for the ball to be snapped as Blake Kaiser lines up to put the kick in. 2.) The Warriors huddle up before kickoff. 3.) Ethan Stratman makes a run with the ball. 4.) Bobby Spicka sits in his stance waiting for a play to begin.

W 7-3 Football

Jake Ruzicka

Going into the season the Wahoo Warrior football team was not predicted to be the competitors they showed they were. The boys were unranked and predicted to be not much competition on the field. They started off the season with a tough test in the number one ranked team in the state, Ashland- Greenwood. The Warriors survived and won that game with a good effort by all the players. Clutch field goals by kicker Blake Kaiser helped contribute to the win. During the Ashland-Wahoo game Kaiser tied the state record with four field goals in one game. The Warriors played the newly number one ranked team, Norfolk Catholic. Unable to win that game, the boys battled tough. The Warriors were now sitting at a respectable record of 4-1 and were in a good spot to make the playoffs. The Warriors other two losses of the season came from Bishop Neumann and Holdredge. The Warriors finished the season 7-3, losing in the first round of the playoffs to Holdredge. But some positive things they have to look back on with the season is that they beat the number one team twice, Ashland and Scotus. The boys thank the seniors for all of their season contributions, and are excited to see what next year's football squad will do.

Highlights

The Wahoo Warriors beat two of the number one ranked teams: Ashland Greenwood and Columbus Scotus. They were also State Playoff qualifiers. Another notable achievement the Warriors had was from Junior Blake Kaiser breaking a kicking record.

Coach's Note

**"If you are not willing to put the team before yourself you are in the wrong place."
-Coach Fox**



All In: Warrior Volleyball

By: Kinsley Tingelhoff and Jaclyn Masek



Back row (l to r): Coach Erin Simons, Coach Kjirsten Abkes, Kinsley Tingelhoff, Maddie Larson, Taryn Scheef, Maddie Mann, Elly Larson, Mallory Lindstrom, Emma Hastings, Coach Trish Larson, Coach Benisha Siemer. Middle row: Elle Glock, Greeley Hauswald, Emily Pokorny, Shauna Walla, Morgan Marotz, Natalie Capron, Allie Presley, Kate Rodriguez, Lindsay Wirka, Mya Larson, Maddie Masek. Front row: Josie Larson, Dylan Simons, Lauren Crockett, Taylor Homes, Shelby Milliken, Anna Gottschalk, Alyssa Luedtke, and Toni Greenfield.

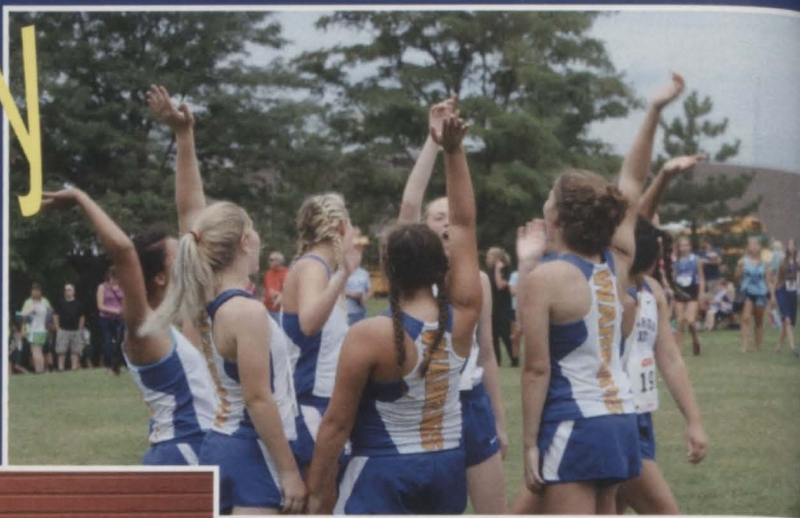
Wahoo Warrior Volleyball has made a major name for itself in the past 2 years. With back to back NSAA State Tournament appearances, and coming off a fourth place finish in 2014, the Lady Warriors were hoping to make a state appearance again this year. The season started off with a three set sweep against Raymond Central. The annual Wahoo Invitational Tournament was an aggressive tournament and soon the Lady Warriors saw their perfect 2-0 record fall to 2-2. The Lady Warriors united and lived up to their motto "All In" and went on a winning streak. With a tough loss to Plattview, the Warriors placed second at the Nebraska Capital Conference Tournament. The young Warrior team entered sub-districts with an impressive 26-4 record. With an exciting sweep over DC West in the first round of the C1-5 sub-district, the Lady Warriors were headed to the sub-district finals against cross town rivals, Bishop Neumann where the season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss. Lauren Crockett said "It was very tough to end the season with a loss like that, but I will remember all the happy moments of the season." The Warriors proudly ended their season with a 27-5 record. Coach Trish Larson said "My favorite part about coaching this team was watching them improve so much throughout the season, both individually and as a team."



1. The Warrior volleyball team and bench gets excited after they score a point against Platteview in the Conference Championship game. 2. Sophomore Morgan Moratz sends a set to the outside hitter during a J.V. game. 3. Sophomore Maddie Larson, senior Taylor Homes, sophomore Kinsley Tingelhoff, junior Mallory Lindstrom, and freshman Elly Larson throw their hands in the air as they are celebrating a point during the Conference Championship game. 4. Junior Emma Hastings tosses the volleyball into the air as she serves the ball over the net. 5. The Lady Warriors watch as junior Emma Hastings passes the ball with her hands. 6. "Put your hands in the air," says the Warrior volleyball team as they celebrate a block during the sub-district finals game against Bishop Neumann.

Cross Country

By Kylee Jones and Mary Pockrandt



This year, the Cross Country team was bigger and better than ever before. In total, the team is made up of roughly around thirty runners.

The team had a few goals this year, primarily becoming more accomplished with speed. This season saw many runners beat their goal times by more than a minute.

At the State Tournament, both the boys and girls teams competed. Out of forty competing teams the boys achieved ninth place and the girls achieved tenth.

Blakely Thrasher said, "State is pretty exhilarating and awful at the same time. The adrenaline carries you away for a long time, which is great, but the effort and energy you put towards the race takes a lot out of you. It's definitely a different feeling, but it makes us all come back for more."

There were many incredible moments in the season but Coach Curran stated, "Our district meet at Boys Town was the most memorable for me. I knew we had a good chance of qualifying both teams for the state meet in Kearney, but we would have to perform well. It made my heart happy to see our two teams fight with so much spirit. They knew that a trip to state was on the line. They came through very well, and both teams earned a berth to state. This is a feat that has not happened in seven years! I could not have been more proud!"



Above: Working together, freshmen Erin Sutton and Blakely Thrasher, pass another runner.

Right: **Payton Styskal** sprints to the finish line.





Left: Varsity boys warm up before competing in the Wahoo

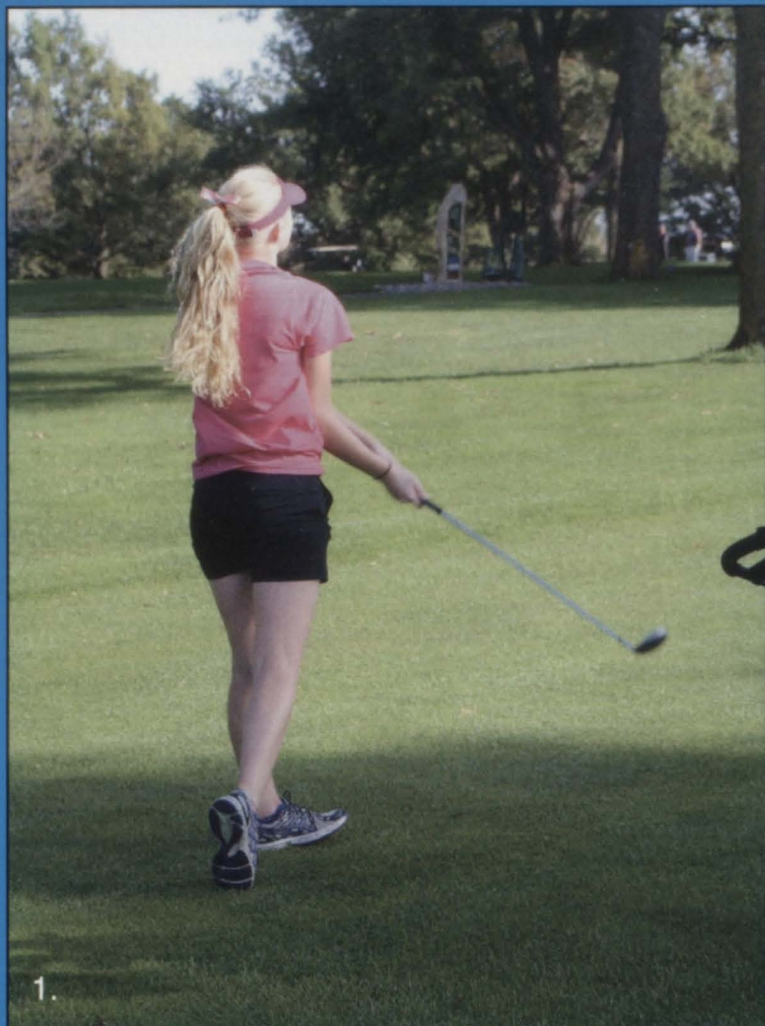
Below: Sophomore **Caleb Groff** gives it his all as he rounds the final curve.



Above: **Josh Luedtke** sets his sights on passing a runner in front of him.

Right: **Colin Grandgenett, Josh Nuckolls, Tyler Timm** and the JV boys team get fired up before a meet.





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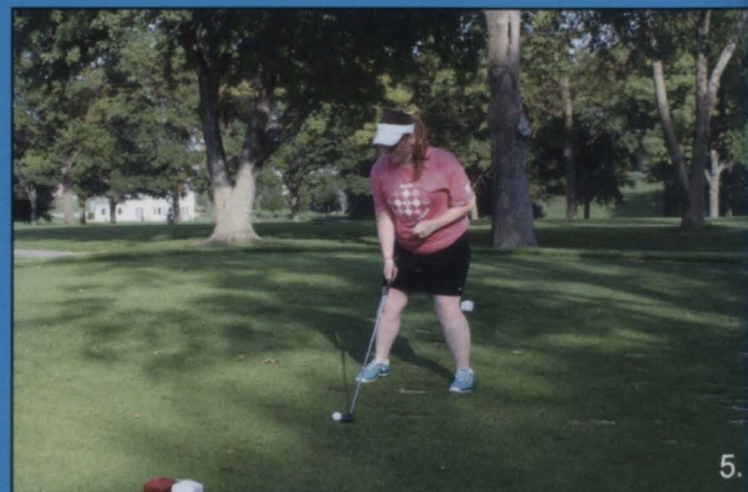
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1.) Visualizing her next shot, senior **Alexis Vrana** approaches the tee box. 2.) Freshman **Anna Dobesh** takes a big swing at the ball. 3.) **Maddie Rappl** sets up a chip shot. 4.) Junior **Hannah Polacek** drives the ball towards the green. 5.) Senior **Emily Colgan** gets into the position for the perfect shot.



2015 Girls Golf Team. Back row (l to r): Hannah Polacek, Alexis Vrana, Coach Curtis Carlson, Emily Colgan, Maddie Rappl. Front row: Hannah Brust, Payton Carstens, Shelby Griego, Anna Dobesh.

Girls' Golf

**It don't mean a thing if you ain't
GOT THAT SWING!**

By Emily Colgan

The WHS girls' golf team had a lot to say about this season's practicing routine.

"I think Carlson was out for blood this year. We started early summer practices, and a few on the weekends. We had never done this before," says junior Hannah Polacek. She added, "I'm not complaining, though. I actually liked having an excuse to golf on the weekends and I'm seeing significant improvements on my scores."

Also new this year: team size. Last year, the golf team lost two seniors, but gained five new players. "Our team got bigger this year, and it's always nice to meet new girls," said senior, Alexis Vrana.

"Our team this year really became a family. We have no drama. We have inside jokes. We've really bonded. I know if I feel that I can't turn to anyone, my golf girls have my back, and that's a great feeling," stated sophomore, Maddie Rappl.

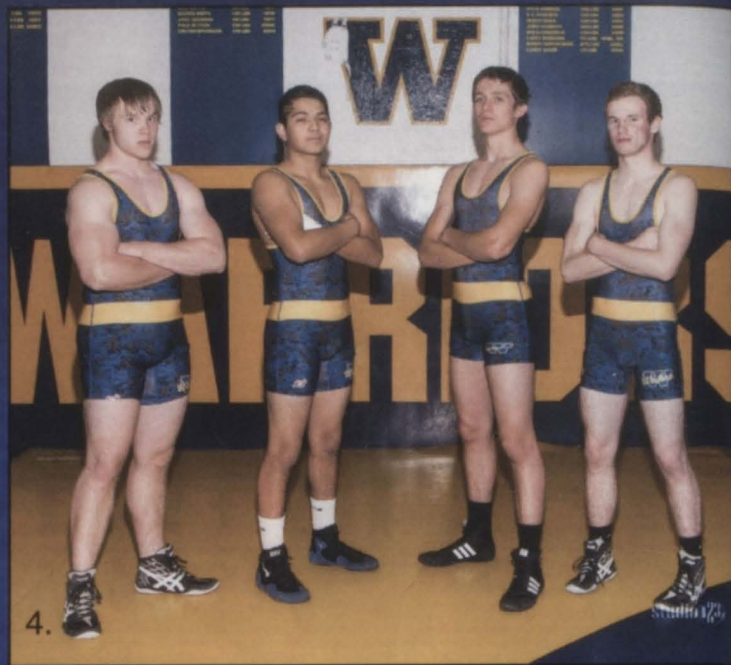
Golf and family. That's all you need.



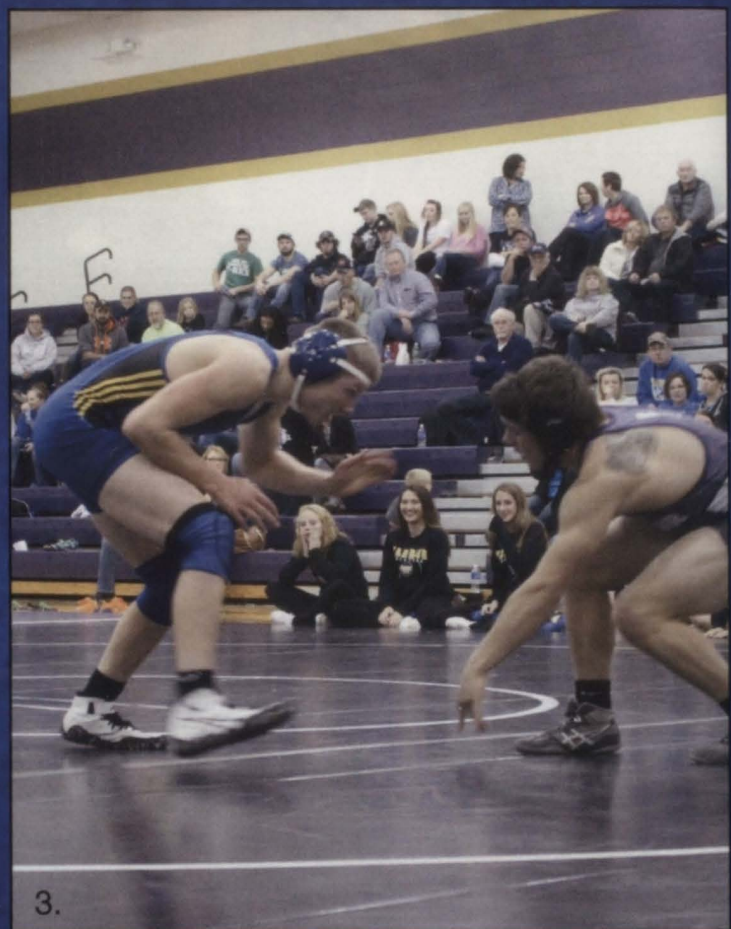
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1.) Senior Humberto Villarreal takes a quick breath before taking his position at the Fort Calhoun/ Ashland-Greenwood Triangular. 2.) Junior Cole Krecklow scores back points at the Boys Town Invitational. 3.) Junior Ryan Walker prepares for his next move at the Blair/West Point-Beemer Triangular. 4.) The Warrior Wrestling Seniors. (l to r): Sean Anson, Humberto Villarreal, Jacob Nuckolls, Tayler Cuda.

Warrior Wrestling: Paving the Way to Omaha

by Emily Colgan

At the beginning of the season, the Warrior Wrestling team was asked, "Where will you be on February 20th?" Most people may not know how to answer this question, but this season's wrestlers knew they wanted to be at the State Tournament in Omaha battling it out with the best of the best for a medal. Keeping that goal in mind, the Warrior wrestlers had a very successful season. Capitalizing on their successful season, the Warriors were proud to send six individual wrestlers to state. Cole Krecklow led the team with a 4th place finish in the 220lb weight class while senior Sean Anson earned a 6th place medal at 182lbs. While the Warriors enjoyed their most successful season to date, Coach Darold Foster says the team will come back hungry for even more success next season.



2015-2016 Warrior Wrestling. Back row (l to r): Coach Iverson, Coach Shields, Tayler Cuda, Humberto Villarreal, Jacob Nuckolls, Sean Anson, Coach Leon, Coach Foster, Kallynn Zeleny. Middle row: Emily Colgan, Zane Bennett, Paxton Janecek, Ryan Walker, Sam Kolterman, Jack Sutton, Cole Krecklow, Josh Nuckolls, Caitlyn Moore. Front row: Nathan Guerrero, Eli Zeleny, Tucker Hancock, Caleb Schleiger, Bret Walker, Jordan Thorson. Not pictured: Levi Janousek, Ana Boesiger.

Girls Basketball

By: Kylee Jones and Mary Pockrandt



1.) Sophomore Taryn Scheef makes an open pass to Emma Hasting. 2.) Sophomore Brianna Brabec fiercely dribbles down the court. 3.) Forcefully, Shelby Milliken goes up for a shot. 4.) Freshman Elly Larson takes a shot in mid-air. 5.) Focusing on her shot, Emma Hastings takes a free throw shot. 6.) The Lady Warriors basketball team of 2015-2016 . 7.) The varsity squad works hard together to make a play.



One senior, three juniors, six sophmores, and nine freshman made up the 2015-2016 girls basketball team. This years team captains were Emma Hastings and Shelby Milliken. The lone senior Shelby stated, "It didn't bother me at all that I was the only senior, I'm close to everyone on the team so it felt like we were all equal. It makes me feel really sad because it was my last year but I'm trying to make the most of it as I can, I play with a great group of girls and I'm going to miss them next year." The team has also went through so much this season and dealth with some challenges but that didn't stop them. Coach Walker said of this season, "We have faced a very tough schedule this season with a very youthful team. Our record doesn't show how much we have improved, but my girls are gaining momentum and our goal is to be playing out best at districts. Our positive attitudes and determination to improve individually and as a team has made the difference in overcoming the season's challenges. We want to finish this season well and build for the future."

Boys Basketball



2015-16 Warrior Boys Basketball Team, back row (from left): Josh Abbott, Jake Ruzicka, Cameron Quick, Blake Kaiser, Will Shanahan, Cade Belitz, Karson Hesser, Derek Hill, Trey Scheef. Third row: Blake Lacey, Treyvon Milliken, Zac Lamprecht, Coach Scheef, Billy Hancock, Brett Greenfield, Austin Scott. Second row: Seth Syveron, Colin Grandgenett, Bryson Keller, Brendan Lacey, Coach Chvatal, Coach Bomar, Nick Oden, Winston Cook, Mitchell McGill, Chase Aldrich. Front row: Kamron Kasischke, Gage Sherman, Corby Brigham, Jordan Ptacek, Anthony Reed, Dylan Egr, Trevor Kasischke, Owen Hancock. Not pictured: Sheldon Johnson, Yordy Talavera, Coach Shada, and Trey Johnston.

The Wahoo Warriors had a rough start to the 2016 season. The young Warrior team graduated seven seniors last year and did not have many returning players with extensive varsity time. The team knew this would be a season of rebuilding, but the Warriors still struggled with their early 7-8 record. As the season continued and the team became more experienced in working together, the Warriors found their groove and went on a hot streak. Notably, the team got 2nd place in the Holiday tournament beating the class B defending State Champs Elkhorn South, but ultimately losing to cross-town rival Wahoo Neumann in the championship. The Warriors became the 2016 conference champions with an exciting win over Fort Calhoun in the semi finals of Capitol Conference play. The Warriors played the Boystown Cowboys in the first round of districts. They lost 71-69 in a heart breaker. The Warriors finished the season at 14-9.



SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Wahoo
Bennington	42-65 L
Seward	51-61 L
Wayne	71-53 W
Logan View	60-53 W
Ft. Calhoun	48-56 L
Elkhorn South	79-76 W
Bishop Neumann	46-77 L
Lincoln Lutheran	56 -67 L
Syracuse	58-65 L
Crete	36-58 L
Platteview	71-85 L
DC West	72-61 W
Raymond Central	79-46 W
Norfolk Catholic	72-39 W
Arlington	60-39 W
Boystown	69-71 L

1.) Senior Jordan Ptacek passes the ball to a teammate. 2.) The Warriors get fired up during a pre-game huddle. 3.) Sophomore Dylan Egr watches as Billy Hancock concentrates on a free throw. 4.) 2016 Warrior Basketball seniors Anthony Reed and Jordan Ptacek. 5.) Colin Grandgenett ponders life at the free throw line.

Why did you
join cheer or
dance?



Elizabeth Hill, 11

I joined cheer because I get to cheer on our sports teams and show my school spirit.



Claire Johnston, 11

I joined dance because I love dance and knew it would be a good way to get to know other high schoolers I wouldn't have known before.



Morgan Novak, 12

I joined dance because I've been in dance for 14 years and I wanted to have a close relationship with the rest of the girls.

Cheer and Dance

Life as a Lady Warrior

By Madison Talbert

The dance and cheer teams are best known for their performances at games and athletic events, but most people don't know about all the work cheer and dance does behind the scenes to support all activities at WHS.

The teams decorated for the homecoming dance, made good luck bags for the teams that traveled to state, and spread spirit throughout the school. Both teams had extensive practices throughout the summer to be ready for the first football game. The cheer team had a Midland University cheerleader come and teach them new cheers and sidelines during camp. The dance team had the Midland University dance coach, Trish Ryan, come and teach them two new dances to perform at halftime of football and basketball games.

"The best part about cheering at games is having a positive atmosphere and a big crowd of fans all cheering and clapping with us," said cheerleading co-captain **Elizabeth Hill**.

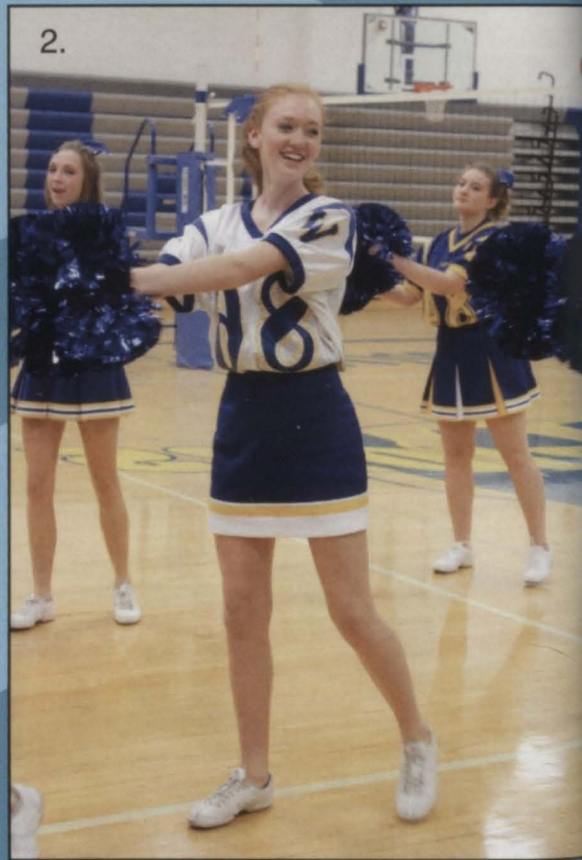
Both teams were smaller this year than in the past few years. The cheer team had fourteen members and the dance team only had five. "I think this year's team is the strongest of my three years I've been, because we all have the same level of technique," said junior dancer **Claire Johnston**. The dance team coach Megan Reisen said, "Our dance team is different from other schools because everyone is goal driven. The entire team has one goal and everyone is willing to do what it takes to accomplish it." Both the cheer and dance team had an exciting and successful year. They worked hard throughout and didn't want the season to end.



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Above: Senior **Morgan Novak** and juniors **Carissa Koranda** and **Claire Johnston** perform their jazz dance at the halftime of a home football



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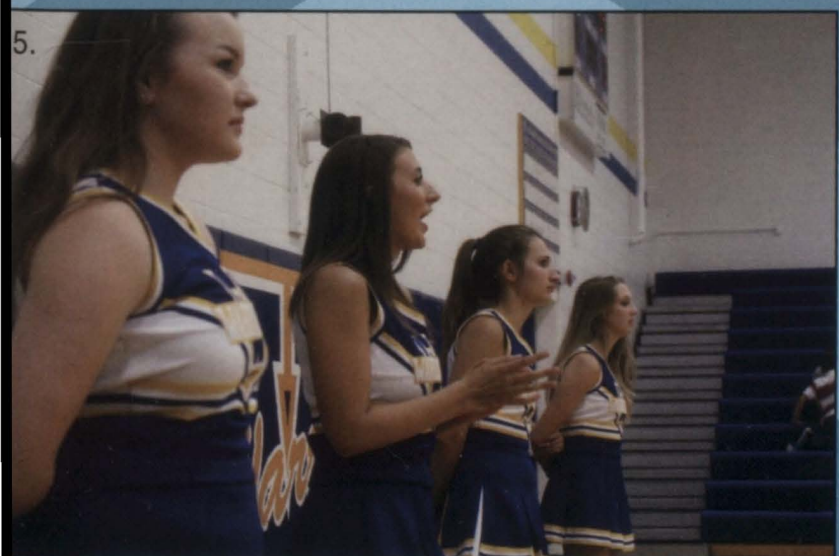
1. **Maddie Rappl** gets the crowd involved in a cheer for the pink out volleyball game, against Beatrice. 2. Junior **Grace Siebenaler** cheers loud at the homecoming pep rally in the gym.



Warrior Cheer: Top row (l to r): Annie Petska, Grace Siebenaler, Elizabeth Hill. Middle row: Kristin Callan, Monica Stein, Madison Talbert, Callie Ampendahl, Emily Obert, Maison Schaefer, Maddie Rappl. Front row: Jacey Sutton, Cassidy Simon, Tessa Bewley, Sydney Nicholls.



Warrior Dance: Top row (l to r): Madison Talbert, Claire Johnston, Carleigh Olsen. Front row: Carissa Koranda, Morgan Novak.



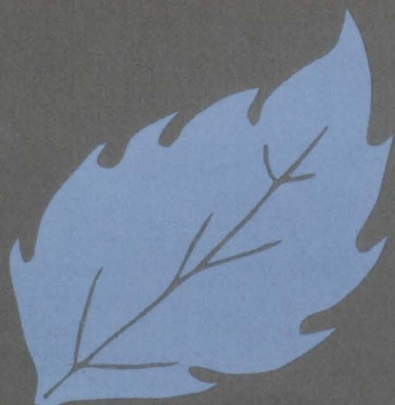
3. The cheerleaders and dancers dance to the school song at the first home football game against Norfolk Catholic. 4. At the Homecoming pep rally, the dancers perform their Alice and Wonderland themed dance in front of the student body. 5. Cheerleaders: **Elizabeth Hill, Tessa Bewley, and Maison Schaefer**, cheer on the Lady Warriors at a home volleyball game against Norfolk Catholic.

People

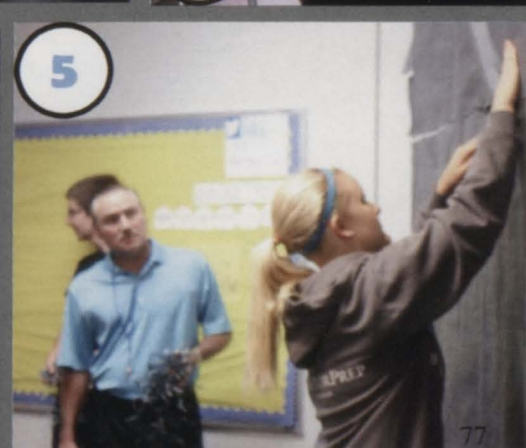


• Freshmen • Sophomores •

Juniors • Faculty •



1. Sophomores Brendan Lacey, Tucker Hancock, and Will Shanahan show their Warrior pride in the student section at a volleyball game.
2. Mallory Lindstrom (11) does her best impression of Mrs. Shanahan.
3. Hallie Reeves (9) and Leah Maass (9) sport their class color during Spirit Week.
4. Juniors Corby Brigham and Josie Schnakenberg snuggle up at a basketball game.
5. Morgan Marotz (10) decorates during Spirit Week under the watchful eye of Mr. Watton.



Class of 2019

Chase Aldrich
Coby Andresen-
Ricketts
Parker Barnes
Jonathan Barraza
Alyson Bartels
Zane Bennett



Abigail Boesiger
Kaitlynn Borchers
Cali Britton
Lucymarie Brooks
Erica Carnahan
Payton Carstens



Hunter Celesky
Lara Celesky
Winston Cook
Anna Dobesh
Daniel Dunn
Kylee Edmonds



Brandon Ehmke
Brett Greenfield
Shelby Griego
Aaron Hays
Karson Hesser
Derek Hill



Michael Holmes
Macy Homes
Josie Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Sheldon Johnson
Caden Jonas



Karley Kaiser
Abigail Klein
Samuel Kolterman
Ivan Krenke
Haydin Krivanek
Blake Lacey





Zachary Lamprecht
Elly Larson
Joshua Luedtke
Leah Maass
Kameron Maldaner
Treyvon Milliken



Paige Mitchell
Sheontee Moize-Albertson
Christopher Murren
Drew Needham
Emily Obert
Nicholas Oden



Braedenn Olson
Mattison Pfeiffer
Emily Pokorny
Noah Polacek
Saphire Quintana
Cali Rampendahl



Hallie Reeves
Maison Schaefer
Jaclyn Schnakenberg
Austin Schneider
Caden Searcey
Claryssa Sladek



Darian Stang
Devon Stein
Erin Sutton
Jack Sutton
Kylee Swanson
Yordy Talavera



Jordan Thorson
Blakely Thrasher
Cale Tweedy
Sergio Venegas
Shawna Walla
Jacob Weichman



Mathew Wolf
Kam Zheng

Austin Abramo
Raegan Andresen
Colton Bass
Cade Belitz
Tessa Bewley
Chase Bonine



Brianna Brabec
Savanna Bruce
Kristin Callan
Dylan Caples
Natalie Capron
Cole Culver



Bridget Dalton
Alexandra Dey
Korena Edmonds
Dylan Egr
Kahleb Elliott
Lily Ellis



Paige Fritz
Dillon Gill
Caleb Groff
Tucker Hancock
William Hancock
Brannin Hansson



Riley Harrell
Frances Hoffman
Sydney Holdsworth
Ryan Ickler
Sarah Iversen
Paxton Janecek



Hanna Jemison
Riley Johnson
Kylee Jones
Colton June
Bryson Keller
Brendan Lacey



Madilyn Larson
Jamie Lee
Austin Leedom
Cody Maas
Corbin Maldaner
Morgan Marotz





Jacob Martinal
Jaclyn Masek
Morgan Mathis
Trevor Mcevoy
Abbey Meyer
Sydney Moline



Cheyenne Moore
Sydney Nicholls
Kaitlin Pace
Katie Pearson
Mary Pockrandt
Mary Privett



Cameron Quick
Madeline Rappl
Aaron Redding
Isaac Redding
Jazmin Ruiz
Miguel Ruiz



Taryn Scheef
Austin Scott
Jeffery Sellke
Will Shanahan
Brayden Shirley
Andrew Stebbing



Jordan Strong
Payton Styskal
Colton Sudik
Jacobi Swanson
Jacelyn Teter
Kinsley Tingelhoff



Dacoata Triplett
Devin Vonseggern
Bret Walker
Logen Walling
Lindsay Wirka
Elijale Zeleny



Wendy Zheng

Class of 2018

Class of 2017

Joshua Abbott
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Cannan Baldozier-
Schaefer
Briceidi Barraza
Samuel Brabec
Corby Brigham



Hannah Brust
Spencer Clark
Deric Day
Matthew Dobesh
Olivier Ellis
Cole Fisher



Jonathan Flight
Colin Grandgenett
Emma Hastings
Cody Hayworth
Elizabeth Hill
Steven Holst



Thomas Jackson
Hannah Janda
Ashley Jarman
Claire Johnston
Elijah Jorgensen
Blake Kaiser



Shawn Knowlton
Nikita Kopejtko
Carissa Koranda
Cole Krecklow
Douglas Lamprecht
Zach Leffler



Alyssa Lewandowski
Samuel Lindgren
Warren Lindgren
Mallory Lindstrom
Jack Maass
Madeline Mann





Paula McCall
Caleb McGill
Mitchell McGill
Zoe Meeusen-Norris
Carleigh Olson
Collin Ostrand



Tate Peterson
Annie Petska
Hannah Polacek
Alexis Presley
Caleb Reyes
Kendra Robinson



Juana Rodriguez-Medina
Jacob Ruzicka
Caleb Schleiger
Joselyn Schnakenberg
Grace Siebenaler
Cassidy Simon



Nathan Spicka
Monica Stein
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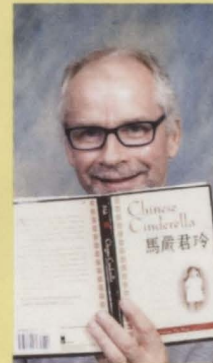
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Cass Didier
Susan Dinsmore-
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Larry Fangman
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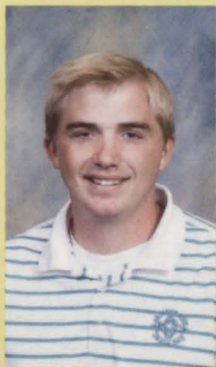




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Kelsey Sestak



Barbara Shanahan
Connor Shields
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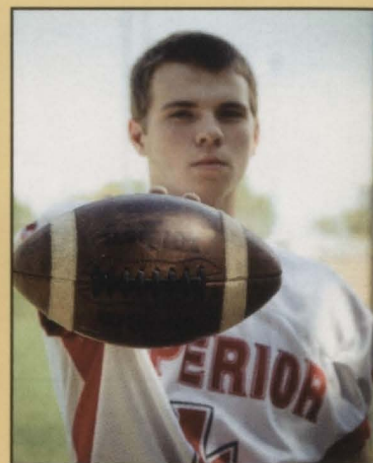
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1. Shelby Milliken, Makeda Russ, Anna Gottschalk, and Lauren Crockett(12) show off their outfits on "generation day." 2. Jacob Nuckolls(12) wears his sunglasses at night. 3. Alexis Libal(12) gives blood during a student council blood drive. 4. Jordan Franklin(12) plays drums during the cross country send-off. 5. Elise Mellhaney(12) hands out a rose during National Honor Society tapping.



Class of 2016

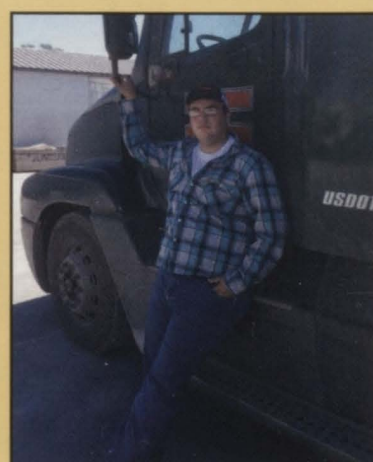
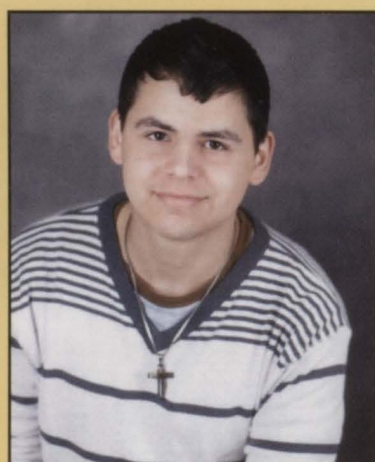
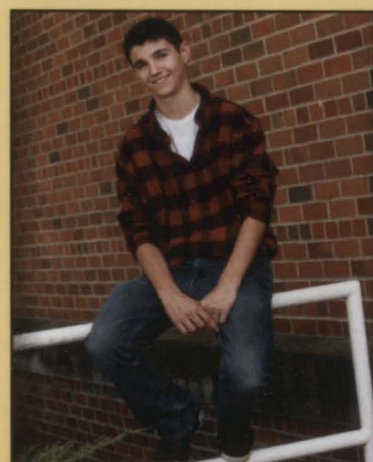


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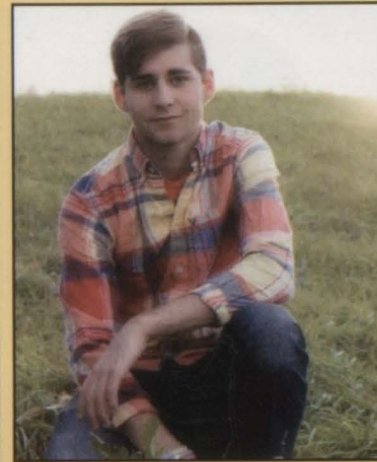
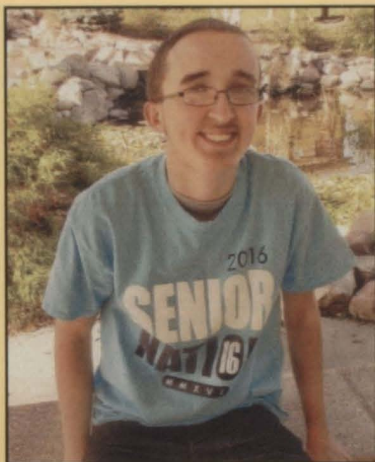
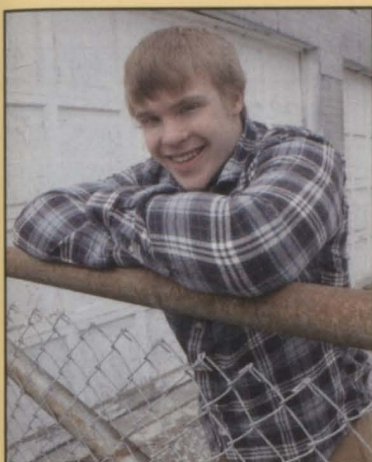


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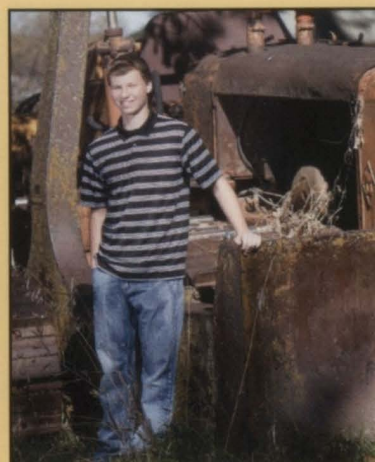
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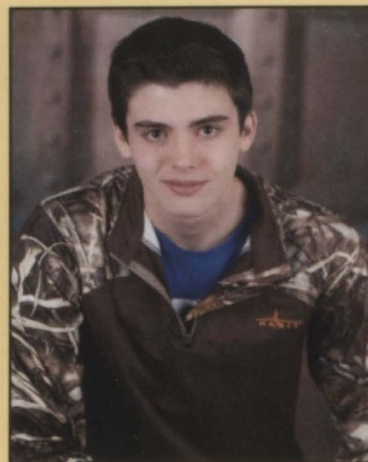
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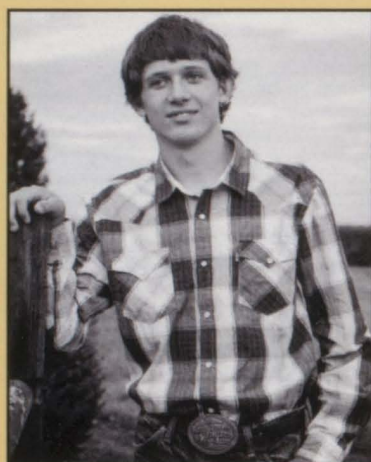
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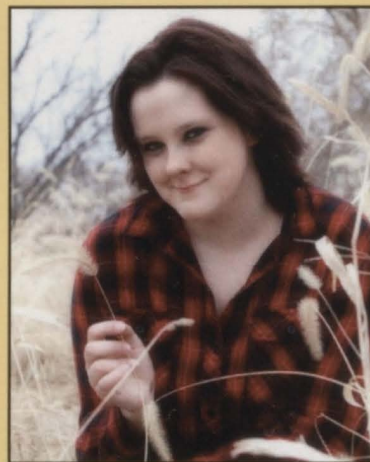
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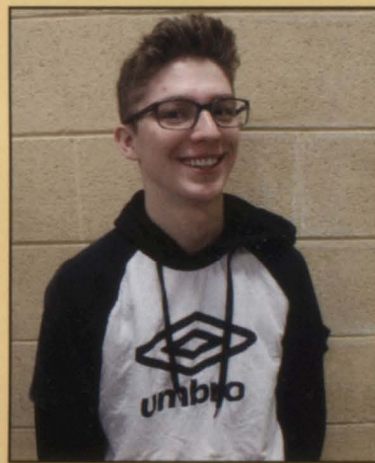
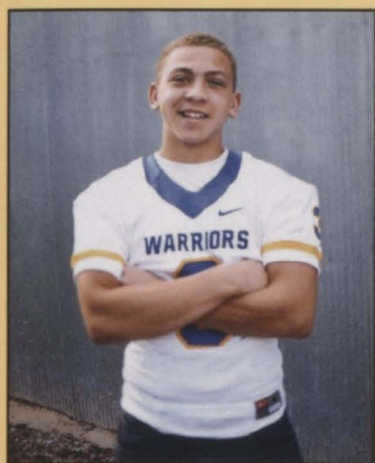


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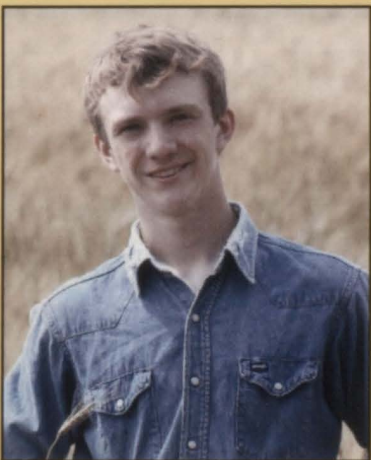


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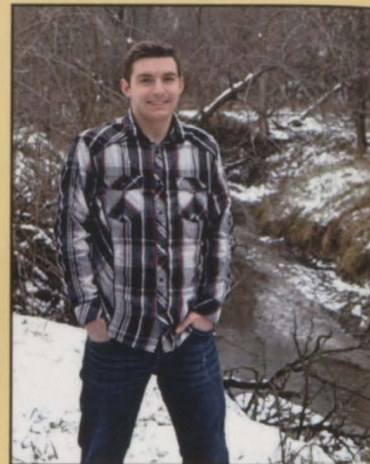
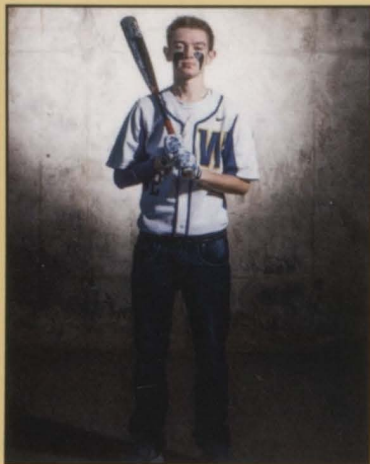


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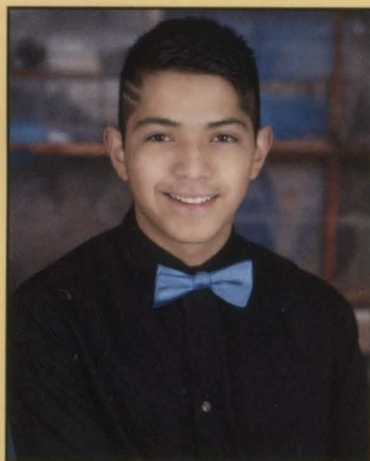


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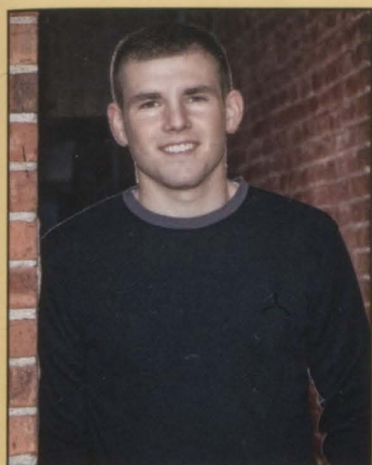
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"Chase your dreams
road that will lead

- Tim M



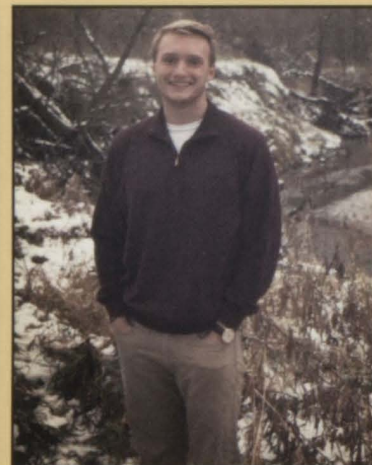
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Jacey Sutton



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Tyler Timm



Jared West



Eliza Zaragoza




Kallynn Zeleny



Christy Zheng

but always know the
"you home again."

McGraw



Senior Superlatives



Most Likely to
Cheer You Up

Clayton Redding & Lydia Privett



Most Likely to
Become a
Politician

Tyler Timm
&
Caitlyn Moore



Best Smile

Zach Frain & Anna Gottschalk



Cutest Couple That
Never Was

Alexis Libal & Ethan Stratman



Most Likely to Stay in
Wahoo

Jacey Sutton & Jeremy Barnhill



Class Clown

Ethan Stratman & Christy Zheng



Cutest BFF's

Anna Gottschalk
& Taylor Homes



Most Changed Since Freshman Year

Morgan Novak
&
Reno Burge



Most Likely to Get Married

Paeton Johnson
& Mason Russell



Best Bromance

Sean Anson & Tayler Cuda

By Anna Gottschalk
& Taylor Homes

Baby Dedications

Class of 2016

Caitlyn Moore

From the little girl who struggled to speak, to the strong, independent, and amazing young woman - we are so proud of everything you have accomplished! Stay true to yourself and you can be anything you want, do anything you want, have anything you want. We love you Angel Face.



Shelby Milliken

We are so proud of the wonderful young woman that you have become. We are excited to see what the future holds for you. Follow your dreams and you can do anything you set your mind on. Love you bunches and bunches.



Love, Mom and Dad

Dani Groff



We are very proud of the young lady you have become and can't wait to see what the future holds for you. You have amazing gifts and we know you will find the right path to take! Enjoy the adventure!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Lauren Crockett

We are blessed to have such an amazing daughter. You are a beautiful person inside and out. You make us proud in so many ways. Remember to never give up on your dreams and always keep a thankful heart. We love you to the moon and back.



Noah Kolterman

We are so proud of the young man you have become. From the moment we held you, you captured our hearts. Let your spirit and compassion take you into the future, and achieve great things. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Tyler Timm

What a blessing it has been. Since you were a little boy you have always made your father and I extremely happy and full of pride. Over the last 18 years you have given us some of the best memories of our life. I really look forward to seeing what you do in the future and all the great memories that will come.

Love, Mom and Dad



Mason States



You have grown up to be a very smart, strong, and positive man. Even through hard times you always find a way to have fun. We wish you the best in all your endeavors in life. We couldn't be any more proud of you! We love you to pieces!

Mom and Family

Morgan Novak

We are so proud of the amazing person you are becoming! You've had so many lasts this year but think of all the firsts yet to come. Never let your sparkle dull, keep shining, keep dreaming and keep laughing. We can't wait to see what your future holds.



Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dylan

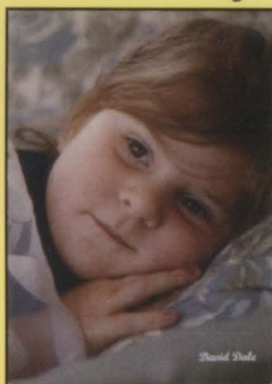
Alexis Vrana

So proud of our independent, bright, hard-working, occasionally stubborn girl. Let your faith be bigger than your fear. Dream big and dare to fail so you'll have no regrets. And always use your head-- it serves a larger purpose than keeping your spine from unraveling!



Mom, Dad, and Evann

Taylor Homes



The day has come for you to spread your wings, test your faith, prove your ambitions, and chase your dreams. We can't be more proud of who you have become, where you plan to go, and the motivation you possess that has taken you this far.

Love Mom, Dad, and Macy

Joey Pestal



I am very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in college. Remember to work hard, always try your best and never give up.

You are the best brother a girl could ever have.

Love, your sister Emily

Joey Pestal

"If you can imagine it, you can dream it. If you can dream it, you can achieve it." -William Arthur Ward

Congratulations! We are so proud of your achievements. Don't give up on your dreams. You are truly an amazing son!

All our love, Mom and Dad



Anthony Reed

We are all SO proud of the fine young man you have become. God has truly blessed you with great strength and a humble heart to serve him.

May all your dreams come true!

Love you, Chris, Tim, (Jenna & Duke), Emily, Nick, Jon and Julia
Mom and Dad



Alexis Libal



It is hard to believe that you are already graduating. We are so proud of the legacy that you built and the person that you have become. Our greatest pride stems from how you treat others and the fact that you put others before yourself. Carry these traits with you in the future and success will be a given. We are so excited for you to begin the next chapter in your life, as it will be a great one. Love you, Mom, Dad, & Kiara

Brittany Vech

Britt, You've always been my spunky, funny, loving, obstinate, smart, beautiful baby girl. You've grown into such an amazing young woman. Your drive and desire to achieve anything is contagious. You will do and be ANYTHING because of your determination. I'll love you to the moon and back forever! Love, Mom



Paeton Johnson



Dear Pae Rae,
We are so proud of you and the accomplishments you have achieved. You are a smart and confident young woman who has a very bright future ahead of her. We know that you will accomplish anything and everything that you put your mind to. We love you!

Mom and Dad

Ethan Stratman



We are so proud of the young man that you have become and the accomplishments that you have achieved. We are so excited about what the future holds for you and know that you will be successful in all that you do!

Love You More!

Mom & Dad

Makeda Russ

To our girl who shows "great strength and beauty." You have always lived up to the meaning of your name - from your beauty inside and out, to your determination and strong, independent spirit. We can't wait to see what great things God has in store for you!

Love you lots!

Mom & KJ



Bobby Spicka

Bobster,
We love you and watching you grow has been a joy! You made an impact on every team you joined, made friends everywhere you went, and always did your best to help others.

"Let us not love with word or tongue, but in deed and truth"

Dad and Mom



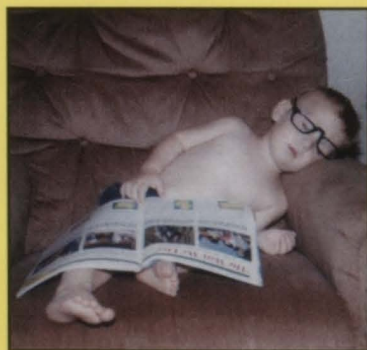
Jordan Ptacek



You went from "Little Jordy" to "Mr. Jordan" in the blink of an eye. Your integrity and loyalty to the things you love will lead you to great things. We are always here for you and couldn't be prouder of the man you have become.

Love,
Mom, Vince, Tessa, & Mya

Justin Sabatka



Our little J-Man, it is going to be hard to let you go and grow up. We are very proud of the man you have turned into. Faith, family, farm, and friends, and never forget who you are and where you came from!

Love, Mom & Dad

Taylor Cuda

It's so hard to believe it's your senior year already. Watching you grow into the amazing young man you are has been an honor I don't take lightly. I know you will go far in life. I am so proud of you, son and love you very much.

Love, Mom & Dad



Anna Gottschalk

What a joy it's been standing beside you on your path through life. We are so proud of the person you have become. The future is sure to hold many new memories for us to share.



GUESS WHAT?

All our love, Mom and Dad

Jacey Sutton



Life is about the journey, not the destination. Dare to dream, dare to try, dare to follow your heart. Thank you for all the firsts you give us. Remember your mom and dad's love for you is a journey, starting at forever and ending at never.

Love, Mom & Dad

Jacob Nuckolls



You grew up WAY to fast! We are so proud of you. Hold fast to your faith in God and be comfortable in your boots (you wear them well!). Never give up, give in, or settle. We look forward to watching you live your dreams!

Love, Mom and Dad

Lydia Privett

To the sweet girl that initiated us into parenthood, As Eleanor Powell once said, "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." We are so proud of the kind, fun-loving, generous person you have become, and are excited for what your future has in store for you.

Congratulations! We love you Lydi-bug!

Mom, Dad, Mary Claire & Isaac



Christy Zheng



It has been a joy to watch you grow up. We have loved every minute of it.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Class of 2016!





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Back Home



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'See, we won't forget where we came from
The city won't change us
We beat to the same drum
No, we won't forget where we came from'
- Andy Grammer 'Back Home'

Spring 2016



Musical • Baseball • Track • Boys Golf • Prom • Graduation



1. Lydia Privett(12) and Michael Bratkowski(12) pose for a picture at Prom. 2. Aaron Redding(10), Isaac Redding(10), Tylie Tingelhoff(11), and Noah Kolterman(12) perform a scene in "Into the Woods." 3. Makeda Russ(12) attempts to PR in high jump. 4. Mitchell McGill(11) swings at a pitch.



Junior **Maddie Mann**, playing the witch surprises the crowd with a shower of glitter after breaking her staff.



With their hands full, **Elizabeth Hill** and **Isaac Redding**, playing Rapunzel and her prince, tend to their twin children.



Sophomore **Kristin Callan** wows the crowd with her solo, playing the whimsical Cinderella.



Sophomores **Aaron Redding** and **Caleb Groff** draw their swords on **Chaleigh Mattson**.



Hannah Polacek, playing Little Red threatens **Paxton Janecek** (Jack) with her knife .



Left: **Tylie Tingelhoff** (11) and **Austin Schneider** (9), discuss their plan as Baker and Baker's Wife.



Right: Junior **Hannah Brust** sings appears in a tree as Cinderella's mother

INTO THE WOODS

This spring at Wahoo Public Schools, there were princesses, witches, bakers and giants spotted in the halls. Under the direction of Christine Valish and co-directed by Cherie Johnson, the cast of *Into the Woods* brought forth an amazing performance. In *Into the Woods*, there are multiple fairytale stories wound together when a baker and his wife need to break a spell. In Act II of the musical, everything seems to go wrong as a giant enters the land. In this show, the performers brought comedy, drama and entertainment to the people of Wahoo. Sophomores Aaron and Isaac Redding, stated that their favorite part of being in the show was "Making people laugh!" (Aaron Redding) and "BEING FAMOUS." (Isaac Redding) They played the characters of the two princes, each fallen in love with a maiden they seemingly cannot have. With their duet "Agony," and many other musical numbers bringing hope and love to these magical characters, the show was a smashing success. Director Christine Valish stated, "This was the first musical I have ever directed, so trying to organize, plan, and get started was a little daunting. But, I consider myself lucky to have had a cast that was so supportive and ensured that we put on a successful show."



Above: Back row (l to r): Kylee Edmonds, Isaac Redding, Lily Ellis, Grace Siebenaler, Hannah Brust, Cole Talbert, Clayton Redding, Jack Krenke, Joey Pestal, Caleb Groff, Cheyenne Moore, Aaron Redding, Alyssa Lewandowski. Front row: Noah Kolterman, Hannah Polacek, Maddie Mann, Kristin Callan, Austin Schneider, Tylie Tingelhoff, Paxton Janecek, Chaleigh Mattson, Elizabeth Hill, Raegan Andresen.

Right: Little Red Riding Hood, also known as junior **Hannah Polacek**, sings a song about her encounters with the mean wolf.



Warrior Baseball

FACE OFF **GAME ON**

By: Alexis Libal, Kinsley Tingelhoff, Jaclyn Masek, Sarah Iversen, and Taryn Scheef

This year's young team with only four seniors has had quite a year. Sophomore Cameron Quick said, "This team was a great group of guys that made me love baseball even more than before. We came together to defeat some good teams such as the Gretna Dragons 1-0. Not only a great group of teammates, but great friends." The members of the team, who come from different schools, have forged strong friendships. With their many away games, getting to know each other was inevitable. The team's chemistry really showed on the field with their smooth plays and great communication. Coach Weyers said, "We had a young team that got better over the year and we have a really bright future."



1. Junior Brenton Davis gets ready to catch the ball. 2. Junior Mitchell McGill slides into home plate. He was called safe for the winning run against Waverly 3. Junior Tom Tewes hits a foul ball into the crowd. 4. The Warriors celebrate an exciting victory over Waverly with a dog pile after battling back from 0-7. 5. Senior Peter McNally reaches for a ball that was thrown high to get a Gretna Dragon player out at first base. 6. Junior Mitchell McGill gets ready and low to slide back to first base as the Gretna Dragon's pitcher throws it to first base.

BAND OF BROTHERS



Back Row (Left to Right): Karson Hesser, Austin Oerman, Tom Tewes, Jake Killham, Andrew Blum, Cameron Quick, Peter McNally, Chase Stebbing. Front Row (Left to Right): Nick Oden, Billy Hancock, Brenton Davis, Mitchell McGill, Colton June, Tyler Haden, Kasey Ohnoutka, Dylan Egr.

WARRIOR TRACK & FIELD







2016 Warrior Golf (l to r): Braedenn Olson, Michael Holmes, Josh Abbott, Josh Johnson, Seth Anderson, Chase Aldrich, Jack Maass, Brett Greenfield, and Jordan Thorson.

1. Coach Iversen helps freshman **Braedenn Olson** on his stance. 2. The team listens carefully to Coach Iversen's instructions. 3. Junior **Seth Andersen** sinks a put. 4. The team treks across the gold course at practice. 5. Senior **Josh Johnson** recovers his ball from the hole.



The 2016 Warrior Boys Golf Team had a blustery start. With a rainy Spring, the Warriors had to work hard to get competition ready. Led by senior **Josh Johnson**, the varsity team included juniors **Josh Abbott, Jack Maass, and Seth Andersen** and freshman **Chase Aldrich**. The JV squad consisted of four freshmen, **Jordan Thorson, Brett Greenfield, Michael Holmes, and Braedenn Olson**. The Warriors opened their season with the Gretna Invite, where the Warriors claimed 9th place. Shortly after, the Warriors claimed their first victory at the a triangular in Blair versus Ashland and Fort Calhoun, where the Warriors secured the victory. With such a successful start, the Warriors used their momentum to propel them through the season. It's clear that this young team has a bright future ahead of them.

Boys Golf

Happily Ever After...

Prom 2016

by: Christy Zheng, Jake Ruzicka,
Annie Petska, Jacelyn Teter



2016 Prom Royal Court: Kristen Tomjack, Dani Groff, Alexis Libal, Makeda Russ, Jacey Sutton, Anna Gottschalk, Crown Bearer Annie Hill, Queen Lydia Privett, King Devin Weichmann, Crown Bearer Jonas Schnakenberg, Josh Johnson, Tyler Timm, Clayton Redding, Jordan Ptacek, and Bobby Spicka.

1) Tylie Tingelhoff (11) and Paxton Janacek (10) take a quick break from dancing.
 2) Junior Maddie Mann and senior Lauren Crockett show off their beautiful dresses.
 3) Devin Weichmann and Lydia Privett celebrate after being crowned king and queen.
 4) Juniors Jon Wotipka and Blake Kaiser wait patiently for the royal court to be announced.
 5) Michael Bratkowski (10) and Lexis Stuchlik (11) post a quick selfie to Snapchat.
 6) Taylor Rouse (12), Paige Fritz (10), Bri Johnson (12), and Cheyenne Peterson (12) enjoy the evening.



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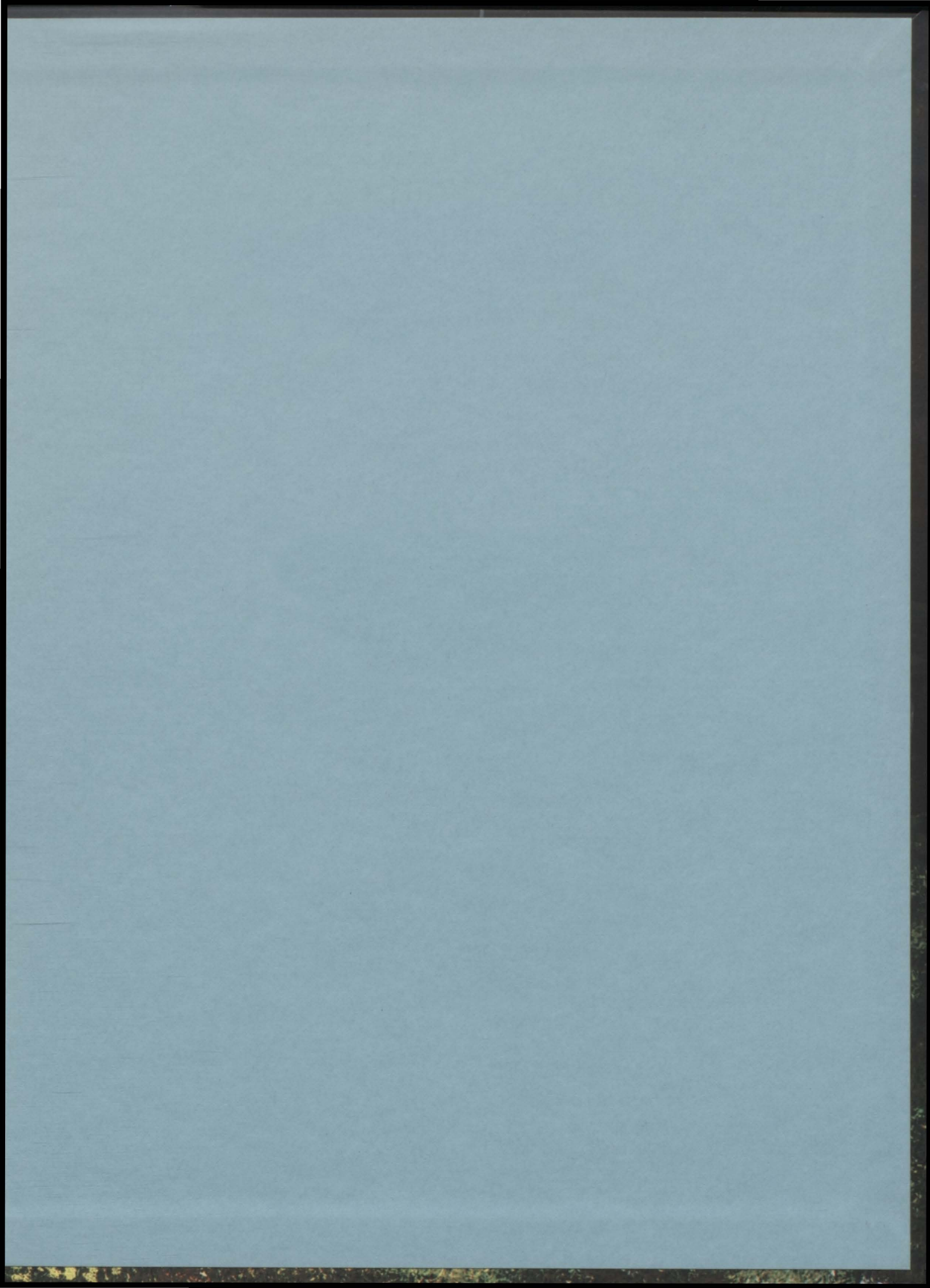
Graduation

By Kylee Jones, Madison Talbert,
Mary Pockrandt



Class Colors: White and Gold
Class Flower: White Rose
Class Song: Back Home by Andy Grammer

1. Valedictorian Lauren Crockett presents her speech to the class of 2016.
2. Brittney Vech gives a rose and a sentimental hug to her mom during the emotional ceremony. **3. Caitlyn Moore, Emily Colgan, Jeremy Barnhill and Tyler Timm spend some time together before graduation begins.** **4. Alexis Libal receives a celebratory hug from a friend after graduation.** **5. Superintendent Mr. Boldt introduces Salutatorian Elise McIlhaney.**





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