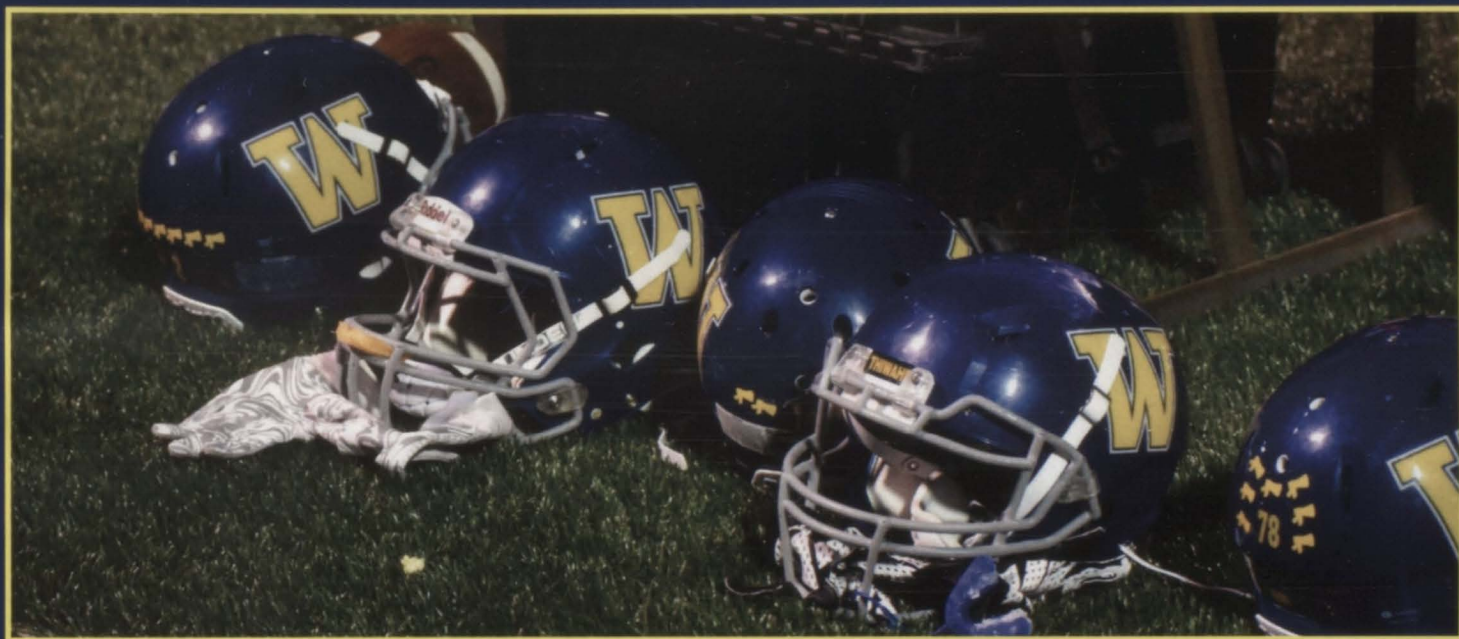


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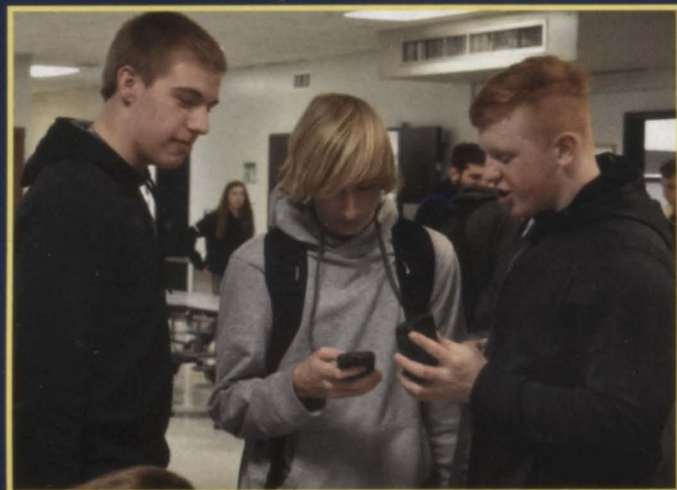


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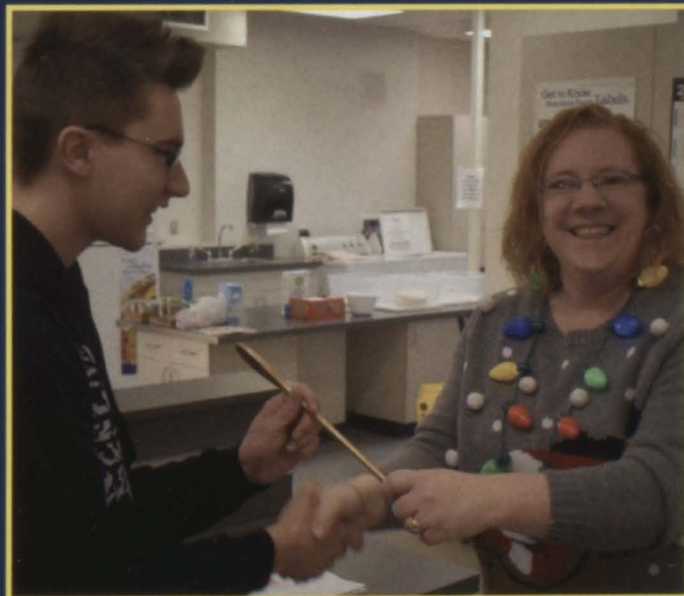
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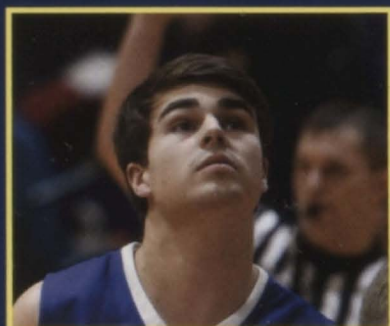


Clockwise, from top left: Junior Nate Fox and sophomores Brett Whitaker and Brody Specht check out the latest on Snapchat at lunch. Above right: Freshmen Nicki Walla and Hayleigh Simanek sing with the choir. Right: The Wahoo Cheer team poses for a picture during the Pink Out football game. Above: Senior Elly Larson prepares to give her mother (and volleyball coach) Trisha Larson a hug on Senior Night.



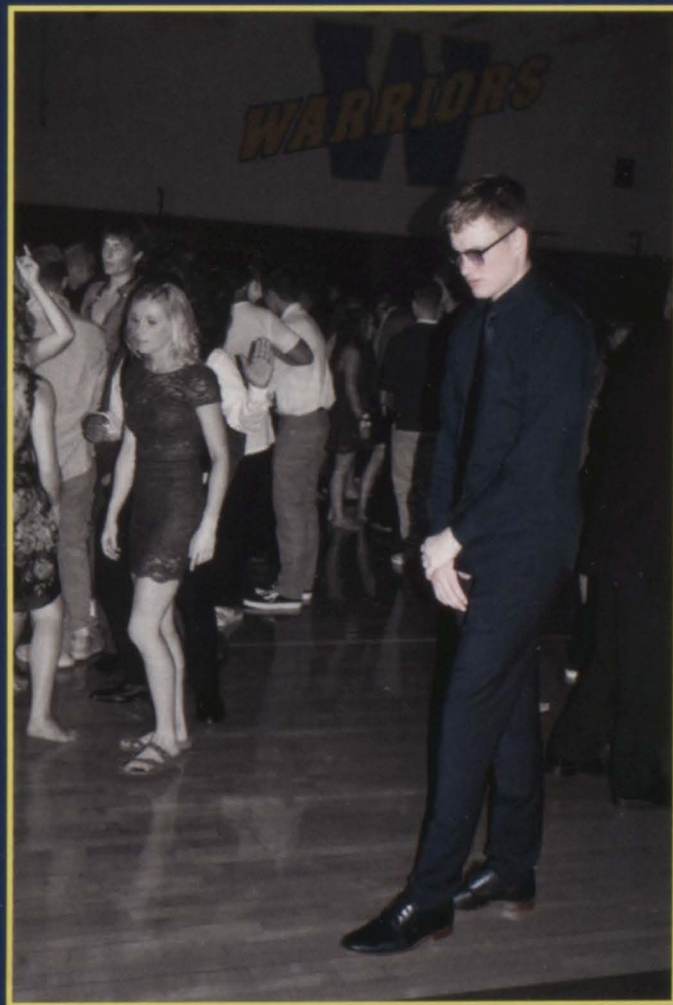
Left : Junior **Eli Brabec** plays with the pep band at the state volleyball tournament in Lincoln. Below: Junior **Quinn Zeleny** helps sophomore **Sydney Stuchlik** with an assignment during Spirit Week. Below left: Senior **Lara Celesky** cheers on the group performing at the winter choir concert. Below right: FACS teacher **Mollie Kriz** presents the "Golden Spoon Award" to junior **Alec Gettert** after the "Chopped" competition in Foods class.





Top: Sophomores **Ellie Glock**, **Lauren Kavan** and Juniors **Lillie Mann** and **Trey Johnston** watch the fireworks at a football game. Middle: Seniors, from left: **Nick Oden**, **Emily Obert**, **Austin Schneider**, and **Janisa Gronenthal**. Right: Softball Coach **Trina Christen** gets ready to hug Senior **Jaci Schnakenberg** at Senior Night. Above: Junior **Callan Phillips** works with the grinder during Metals class.

Meet the Warriors



Class Of 2019



Chase Aldrich



Coby Andresen-
Ricketts



Parker Barnes



Jonathan Barraza



Alyson Bartels



Zane Bennett



Abigail Boesiger



Katie Borchers



Erica Carnahan



Payton Carstens



Hunter Celesky



Lara Celesky



Winston Cook



Anna Dobesh



Daniel Dunn



Brooklyn Eckley



Kylee Edmonds



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Brett Greenfield



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Aaron Hays



Madison Healy



Karson Hesser



Michael Holmes



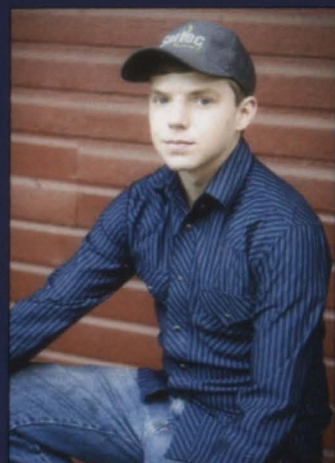
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Josie Johnson



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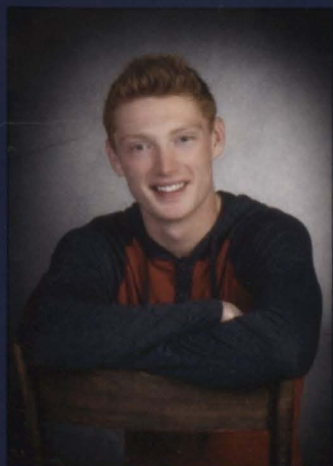
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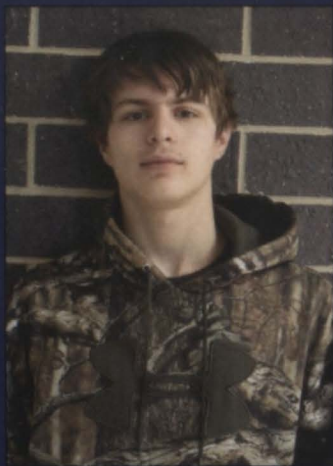
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Mattison Pfeiffer



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Noah Polacek



Maria Ramirez



Cali Rampendahl



Hallie Reeves



Jaclyn Schnakenberg



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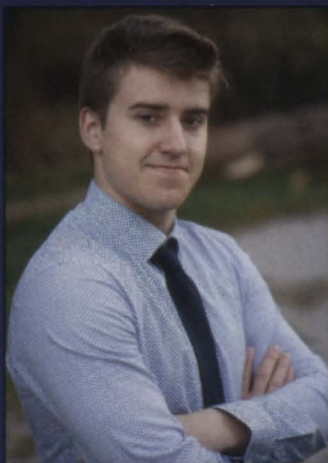
Emma Thrasher



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Sergio Venegas



Dan Vyhldal



Shawna Walla



Jacob Weichman



Mathew Wolf



Kam Zheng

Together Forever



Above: These Seniors have attended Wahoo Public Schools together since kindergarten in 2006. Top row (left to right): Caden Jonas, Parker Barnes, Jordan Thorson, Braedenn Olson, Aaron Hays, Hunter Celesky, Nick Oden, Zane Bennett, Chris Murren, Jack Krenke, Sam Kolterman, Jack Sutton, Daniel Dunn, Jonathan Barraza, Sergio Venegas, Zac Lamprecht, and Noah Polacek. Bottom Row (left to right): Lara Celesky, Abi Klein, Darian Stang, Abby Boesiger, Shelby Griego, Claryssa Sladek, Emma Thrasher, Emily Obert, Leah Maass, Kylee Swanson, Mattie Pfeiffer, Macy Homes, Emily Pokorny, Katie Borchers, and Shawna Walla. Not pictured: Chase Aldrich, Michael Holmes, Jacob Weichmann, and Kam Zheng.

JUNIORS

Class of 2020



Jade Andresen



Madison Bittleston
Kole Bordovsky
Elijah Brabec
Logan Brabec
Kendal Brigham
Jaynie Bustad
Elise Cejka



Gerardo Chavez
Madrid
Zoe Christenson
Bryce Claussen
Kalon Cooper
Grant Crockett
Vanis Davidson
Evan Divis



Alyssa Dunkle
Marshall Elder
Trenton Erdmann-
Hughes
Zoe Ferguson
Dylan Fittro
Ashley Flight
Nathaniel Fox



Jordan Garlock
Alec Gettert
Connor Grandgenett
Dyllan Gunderson
Braden Harris
Adam Hayworth
Ryker Henderson



Tayler Henderson
Kaitlyn Herndon
Sophie Holst
Joey Janda
Tucker Janecek
Kyle Jelinek
Trey Johnston

Joseph Linscomb
 Abygayle Lowther
 Trevin Luben
 Samuel Maly
 Lillian Mann
 Jackson Markvicka
 Jenna Masek



Nathan Mather
 Melina McClain
 Rachel Myers
 Jaden Nota
 Morgan Oden
 Luke Partridge
 Jaquelyn Perkins



Paige Peterson
 Callan Phillips
 Isaac Privett
 Andrew Robichaud
 Logan Rouse
 Joseph Scanlon
 Trey Scheef



Colby Schleiger
 Trey Shanahan
 Calin Smith
 Rolando Sotelo
 Wyatt Stewart
 Hannah Subbert
 Brandon Swahn



Jackson Taylor
 Alex Tomjack
 Gunnar Vanek
 Thomas Waido
 Alyssa Walla
 Peyton Walling
 Grace Wirka



Jesus Zaragoza
 Jerstan Zeleny
 Quinn Zeleny



Sophomores

Class of 2021



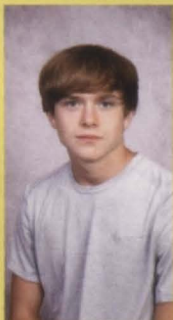
Austin Arney
Max Barton Thies
Jack Berggren
Brooke Borrenpohl
Jordan Broome
Emma Bruce
Ellen Carlson



Samuel DuBois
Sierra Duckworth
Kharissa Eddie
Noah Eivins
Tessa Gatewood
Elle Glock
Toni Greenfield



Hayden Griego
Zachary Hamling
Cooper Hancock
Daven Harrington
Greeley Hauswald
Aja Henderson
Matthew Holdsworth



Vincent Hutson
Aaron Ickler
Trevor Kasischke
Lauren Kavan
Landon King
Chris Kochner
Grant Kolterman



Benjamin Krivanek
Sebastian Lausterer
Sara Lindgren
Rachel Loya
Alyssa Luedtke
Megan Marrs
Madison Masek

Cadie Mattson
Xander McClain
Chase McGill
Haley Meduna
Louis Morley
Natalie Neal
Jazlyn Nelson



Taten Nelson
Justin Nuckolls
Caleb Obert
Kaylia Pratt
Payton Ricks
Sean Rowe
Rebekah Rummel



Zachary Sanderson
Haylie Schall
Kelsie Sears
Micah Sears
Gage Sherman
Harrison Siebenaler
Brody Specht



Avery Spicka
Rachel Steele
Courtney Strait
Sydney Stuchlik
Elexia Stuck
Nathen Sudik
Faith Westlund



Brett Whitaker
Kennedy Wobker
Andrew Wolf
Johnathan Wolf



Freshmen

Class of 2022



Jenna Adams
Kaitlin Arney



Cody Bailey
Sydney Barnes
Abigail Borchers
Jake Bordovsky
Malachi Bordovsky
Ruzenka Carlson
Tabitha Cooney



Mikala Cuda
Wyatt Demaray
Mickele Divis
Mara Dobesh
Matthew Dooley
Star Eckley
Allison Eggleston



Benjamin Eriksen
Samuel Flores
Maya Foxworthy
Haley Galloway
Joshua Graber
Trent Hallowell
Brandon Hasenkamp



Kyra Hays
Julia Heming
Joseph Herrera
Anthony Hoffman
Emali Holtz
Brody Jacobsen
Carter Janecek



Jacob Jarrett
KaDee Johnson
Kyleigh Johnson
Spencer Jonas
Hannah Jorgensen
Garritt Kavan
Kylee Kenning

Rylee Koehler
Mason Kreitzer
Mya Larson
Kyan Lausterer
Carson Lavaley
Braydon Lofgren
Keegan Lowther



Taylor Luben
Colin Ludvik
Jacob Maas
Caleb Malousek
Gavin Markvicka
Brooklyn Marxsen
Justin McEvoy



Zachary Meyers
Peyton Nelson
Makenzie Nosky
Dylan Novak
Ryan Olson
Dustin Otte
Ethan Pehrson



Celeste Phelps
Matthew Phillips
Gavin Pokorny
Luke Polacek
Shawn Pruss
Carson Reynolds
Michael Robinson



Jordan Rodriguez
Sydney Roucka
Olivia Rustermier
Elizabeth Sellke
Waylon Sherman
Haleigh Simanek
Isaiah Simon



Myles Simon
Jessica Snelling
Cheyenne Standley
Deena Stang
Josie Sutton
Curtis Swahn
Brennan Teter





Ben Thrasher
Caden Tingelhoff
Katelyn Urban
Madison Valish
Klarice Waage
Andrew Waido
Nicki Walla



Kelso Wobker
Rebecca Wotipka
Evelyn Zaragoza

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1) Freshmen **Kylee Kenning**, **Evelyn Zaragoza**, **Katelyn Urban**, **Deena Stang**, **Abby Borchers**, and **Emali Holtz** enjoy their first homecoming dance.



2) Freshmen **Caleb Malousek** (left) and **Matthew Phillips** (right) sing their hearts out at a choir concert.

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3) Freshman **Rebecca Wotipka** practices her saxophone skills at an early morning marching band practice.



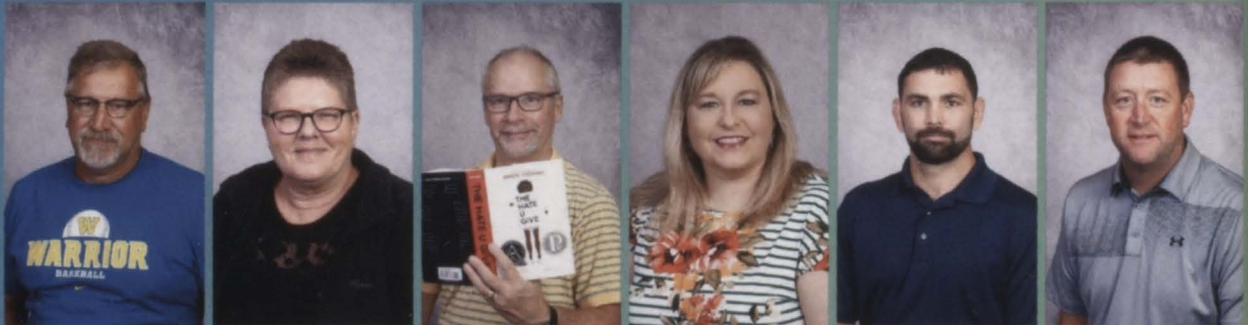
4) Freshman **Star Eckley** posing before she starts the half time dance at a football game.

Faculty and Staff

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Hunter Boe
Carol Brabec
Kristal Brabec
Kim Brodahl
Sarah Campbell



Robert Chvatal
Jodi Cihal
Larry Fangman
Kim Forbes
Darold Foster
Chad Fox



Kenny Fuchser
Tony Fulton
Caleb Grummert
John Harris
Shannon Hauswald
Sarah Herndon



Jon Herrera
Samantha Jacobson
Matthew Jansa
Daniel Kaminski
Marc Kaminski
Thomas Kaminski



Maurine Kavan
Michelle Krecklow
Mollie Kriz
Chad Kula
Trisha Larson
Brandon Lavaley





Shelley Maass
 Bryan Meyer
 John Minnick
 Alexandra Munch
 Kathy Myers
 Mary Nuckolls



Rhonda Obert
 Kristine Peterson
 Jenny Phelps
 Kris Pokorny
 David Privett
 Jarred Royal



Vicki Ruzicka
 Kevin Scheef
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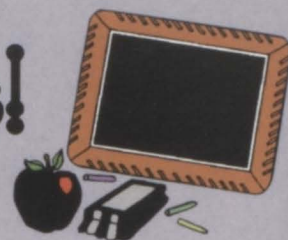


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 Josh Snyder
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 Clayton Tomjack



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 Kyle Weyers
 Lote White

Welcoming our new teachers!



Mr. Peyton Lewis



Mr. Peyton Lewis is a retired professional baseball player who took on the job of our new high school and middle school art teacher here at Wahoo High. Previously he was a teacher for ten years at Gretna, O'Neill, and St. Mary's. Lewis was also a principal for five years at Johnson-Brock and Ralston. Mr. Lewis was inspired to teach when he came back on his baseball off-seasons to substitute and enjoyed it very much. He got his graphic

design degree at Midland, his teaching degree at Peru State, and his masters in administration at Concordia. Mr. Lewis grew up in Yutan and is familiar with the Wahoo area so he knew Wahoo High was the right place for him. "Teaching at Wahoo has been a rewarding experience" says Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis also gets to know the students outside of class through baseball camps and sporting events. We are very lucky to get such a great new art teacher!

Mr. Kenny Fuchser



Mr. Kenny Fuchser is our new biology, zoology, and anatomy teacher. He has taught for 24 years at Filley, Fremont (Jr and Sr High), and now at Wahoo High. In his career he has also taught earth science, physiology, and physical science. Mr. Fuchser decided to become a teacher after having his two children. He realized that he loved teaching and coaching them new things. He wanted to do the same with other students.

Fuchser earned his bachelors and masters teaching degrees from Wayne State. He took an early retirement from Fremont but wanted to continue doing the thing he loved. "I love it here at Wahoo High. I like the smaller classes which enables me to get to know my students better" says Fuchser. We are very thankful he decided to become a Wahoo Warrior!

Mrs. Mollie Kriz



Mrs. Mollie Kriz is on her tenth year of teaching FACS previously at Schuyler, Humphrey, Lindsay, and now here at Wahoo High. Kriz wanted to become a teacher because she wanted to make a difference in the life of people. "Teaching, and FCCLA especially, have helped me accomplish this" Mrs. Kriz said.

She earned her teaching degree from Wayne State. Kriz decided to come to Wahoo because her husband relocated near his family farm and this job opened up. She loves teaching here. Mrs. Kriz's favorite parts of WHS are her amazing classroom and kitchen. We are sure very lucky to have scored such great FACS teacher!

Mr. Bryan Meyer



Mr. Bryan Meyer is in his 7th year of teaching. He taught two years at Minden, then spent three years teaching in Elkhorn. We welcomed him into our community as the freshman English teacher and 8th grade writing teacher. Mr. Meyer decided to become a teacher because he grew up loving school and everything involving school.

He got both his undergraduate and graduate degree in teaching from Doane University. Meyer moved here with his wife in search for a smaller community to start a family in. Mr. Meyer said his favorite part of teaching at Wahoo is how personable and kind everyone is. We are looking forward to enjoying these next years with him!

Student Life



WARRIOR SPIRIT FUN & GAMES

To help break up the monotony of the endless winter of 2019, Blue Crue organized a winter pep rally that was postponed once because of a snow day. Finally, the weather cleared long enough on Friday, Jan. 25, for everyone to blow off some steam and recognize our winter sports athletes on the girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling and Unified Bowling teams. Blue Crue organized games of skill and a raffle was held to give a lucky student a chance to throw a pie in a teacher's face. Everyone--students, teachers, staff and even a UNL student observing classes--got into the spirit of the event, and, as usual, at Wahoo High School, a good time was had by all.



Above, left: WHS Students assemble for some fun at the Winter Pep Rally as Senior **Winston Cook** leads the boys basketball team onto the floor. Above, right: Junior **Quinn Zeleny** takes the mike and emceed the pep rally. Opposite page, left column: The girls basketball team competes against each other in one of the challenge games. Girls basketball coach **Linda Walker** starts up a cheer for the whole school. The unified bowling team lunges fast to be the first to grab the cup. All of Wahoo's cheerleaders join together and perform. Junior **Jesus Zaragoza** wins the raffle to throw a pie in UNL student **Matt Loseke's** face. The Warrior wrestling team hustles to hit the pizza boxes off their teammates. The boys basketball laugh while they put shaving cream on each other and throw cheese balls in their faces. Members of the Pep Band prepare to play the school song.



WARRIOR



If you were enjoying a dinner at your friend's house and found a dead cockroach in your salad, what would you do?

**Payton Ricks said "the cook would get jumped."
Caleb Obert said "I would eat it."**



For \$30,000 would you go for two months without washing, brushing your teeth, shampooing, or even using deodorant?

Thomas Waido said "Yeah, I already do it."



Haleigh Simanek said "NO!"



Spencer Jonas said Maine.

If you could take a trip anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Rachel Loya said she like to visit Mexico.



Q&A'S

If you had to be obsessed with money, sports, religion, or food, which one would you choose?

Jenna Masek said "food."

Brett Greenfield said "money."



If you won a housekeeping robot that could do every household task r what would you still want to do yourself?

Quinn Zeleny said "Laundry."

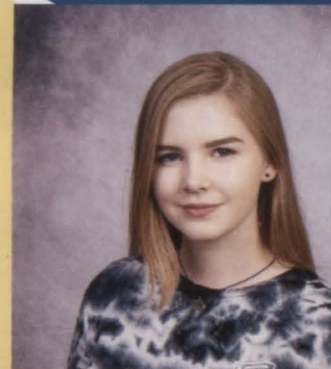
Jesus Zaragoza said "Folding my own clothes."



Five years from now, what would you like to be doing?

Sophie Holst said, "I want to be a pro play-doh maker"

Trent Hallowell said "I want to be studying hard."





Seniors **Lara and Hunter Celesky** with their camels Chloe and Camille.



Senior **Elly Larson** and her Cockapoo dog Molly.

Interesting Pets!

Wahoo High School
students have special pets of
all types, shapes, and sizes.
Here are a few..



Senior **Emily Pokorny** and her brother, Freshman **Gavin Pokorny** with their dogs Lola and Leo.



Creations

Senior **Erica Carnahan** and her horses Tequila, Leeota, Lolly, Dude, and Lena.



Senior **Emma Thrasher** and her pet rooster, Peter.



Senior **Abi Klein** and her dog, Coda.



Senior **Shelby Griego** and her cat, Oreo.



Senior **Macy Homes** and her dogs, Oreo Cookie and Abbe



Senior **Parker Barnes** and his dogs Max and Addy. His family also has a dog named Loki, who is not shown.



Junior **Logan Rouse** and his dog, Bear.



Senior **Abigail Boesiger** and her cat, Fynn.



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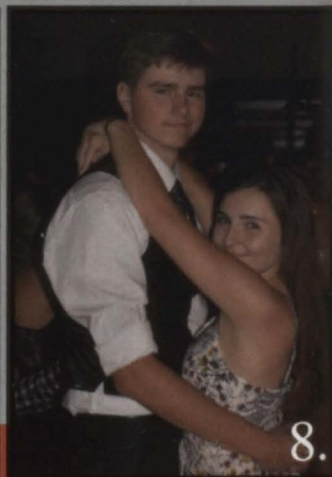
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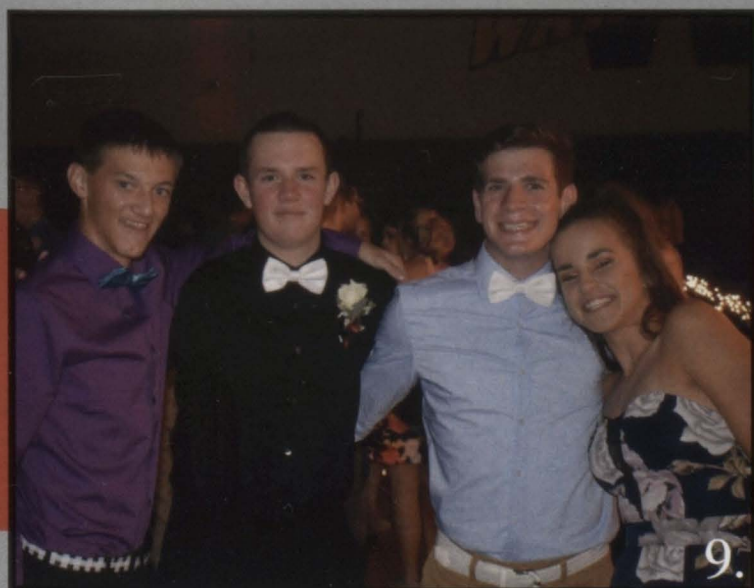
1. Junior **Vanis Davidson** and Senior **Parker Barnes** have tons of fun at the dance. 2. A crowd of people wave their hands without any care. 3. Seniors **Leah Maass** and **Emma Thrasher** pose for a picture. 4. Seniors **Mattie Pfeiffer** and **Sam Kolterman** celebrate winning Homecoming Queen and King. 5. Junior **Kalon Cooper** shows off his moves on the dance floor. 6. All of the students are enjoying the DJ's music selections. 7. Seniors **Maria Ramirez** and **Dan Vyhidal**, and Junior **Sophie Holst** are all smiles at the dance. 8. Senior **Jack Krenke** slow dances with his date. 9. Senior **Braedenn Olson**, Neumann student **Seth Varner**, Senior **Austin Schneider**, and Junior **Morgan Oden** gladly take a quick picture. 10. Juniors **Aby Lowther** and **Jenna Masek** enjoy themselves at the dance.

UNDER THE BIG TOP

Wahoo High School students were transported into a circus as they entered the building for the 2018 Homecoming dance on Saturday, Sept. 29. A lion tamer met the excited students at the entrance, bright lights shining on them as they walked in, and the music blaring. Everyone began to dance the night away. **Senior Jon Barraza** said, "twas lit." Also, Junior **Paige Peterson** said, "I stayed till the very last song. The DJ was poppin'." All of the chatter around the school people heard that everyone had a great time at the dance.



The 2018 Homecoming Court, from left: 2017 Queen Sarah Iversen, Seniors **Emma Thrasher**, **Sydney Vanicek**, **Emily Obert**, **Elly Larson**, **Kyla Swanson**, Queen **Mattie Pfeiffer**, King **Sam Kolterman**, **Winston Cook**, **Jack Sutton**, **Zane Bennett**, **Blake Lacey**, and **Austin Schneider** with 2017 King **Cameron Quick**. In front are attendants **Ella Gregg** and **Roman Wesely**.



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SPIRIT WEEK

Filled

With Fun

Cheer

and Spirit



Top: Junior **Jesus Zaragoza** and Seniors **Yordy Talavera** and **Sergio Venegas** pose for a picture during Spirit Week. Below: From left to right, Seniors **Jordan Thorson** and **Karson Hesser**, Junior **Peyten Walling**, and Senior **Winston Cook** show their game faces on Retro Day.



Left: Juniors **Luke Partridge**, **Nathan Mather**, and **Callan Phillips** get into the fun of Character Day. Right: Junior **Grace Wirka** and Freshmen **Star Eckley** and **Curtis Swahn** decorate their homeroom door for the Spirit Week competition.

Right: Senior **Mattie Pfeiffer** welcomes Junior **Kalon Cooper** into Wahoo High School's National Honor Society during Spirit Week. Below: Junior **Paige Peterson** fires up the crowd at the pep rally before the Homecoming game against Raymond Central.





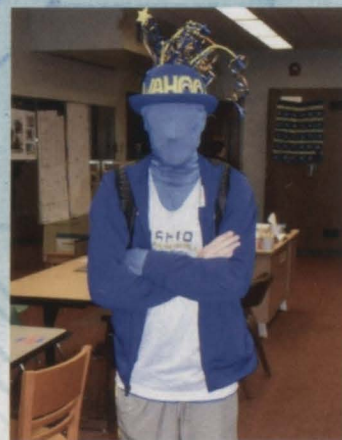
Far left: Senior **Sam Kolterman** gets in the spirit during Character Day. Left: Sophomores **Elle Glock** and **Faith Westlund** throw up peace signs during Spirit Week.

Below left: Seniors **Leah Maass** and **Zane Bennett** on Character Day.

Below: Freshman **Ben Thrasher** and Sophomore **Alyssa Luedtke** are all smiles on Blue and Gold Day.



Above: Junior **Hannah Subbert**, Senior **Sydney Vanicek**, and Junior **Paige Peterson** rehearse for the Spirit Week pep rally.



Above: Senior **Zac Lamprecht** goes all out for Spirit Day.



Left: Sophomore **Avery Spicka** and Senior **Payton Carstens** show off their costumes for Character Day.

SIBLING ADVICE

Elly and Mya Larson



"Don't lose championships!"

Anna and Mara Dobesh



"Do your thing with confidence and no one will question it."

Josh and Alyssa Luedtke



"Stay away from the boys."

Emily and Gavin Pokorny



"For the rest of high school, don't have any more accomplishments than you already do. I am tired of being surpassed."

Sam and Grant Kolterman



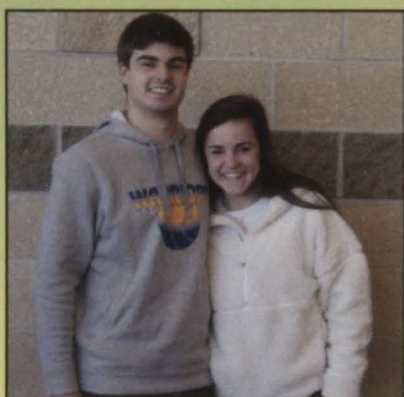
"As Shakespeare said, 'To thine own self be true.'"

Katie and Abbey Borchers



"I'm always the favorite and don't let Alex take my room"

Nick and Morgan Oden



"Don't do something I wouldn't do"

Shelby and Hayden Griego



"Continue the Griego golf legacy!"

Noah and Luke Polacek



"Fall down seven times; get up eight."

Brett and Toni Greenfield



"Drive carefully."

Emma and Ben Thrasher



"Don't wish your days away in high school!! Btw have fun doing all the horse chores when I'm gone :)"

Aaron and Kyra Hays



"Last chance to make our parents proud. Make it great!"

Emily and Caleb Obert



"Do your thing and don't care if they like it"

Mathew, Jonathan, and Andrew Wolf

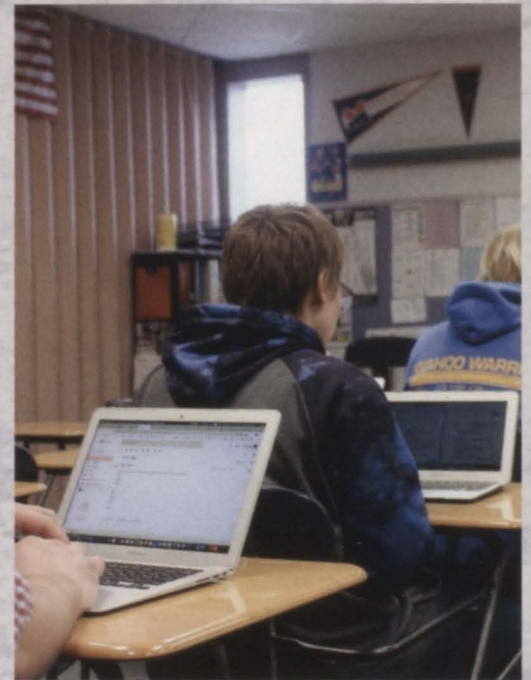


"One on one they won't look you in the eye but when the (Wolf) pack is together... there's a battle cry"

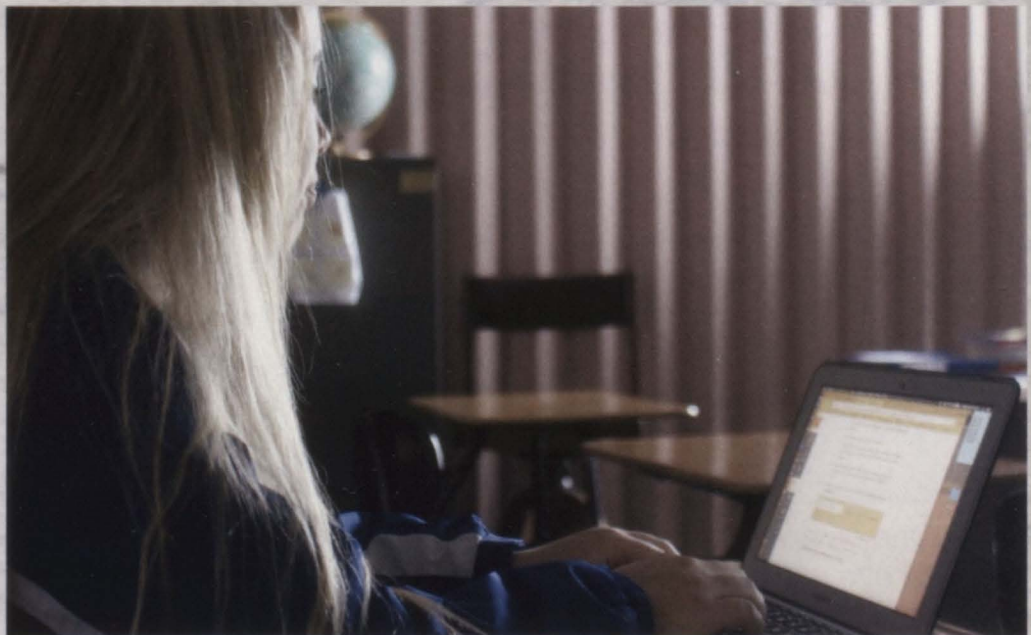
Shawna, Alyssa, and Nicki Walla



"You both have bright futures ahead of you. Go after them! Always try your best and never give up. Remember I'm only a phone call away."



Above left: **Senior Lara Celesky** puts her phone in a phone holder where phones reside during class. Center and above left: Sophomores check out their brand new MacBook Airs replacing the iPads used in previous years. Juniors **Thomas Waido, Gunnar Vanek, Bryce Claussen**, and Senior **Sydney Vanicek**, and, opposite page, **Junior Kaitlyn Herndon** all use their MacBook Airs during class.



Technology at WHS

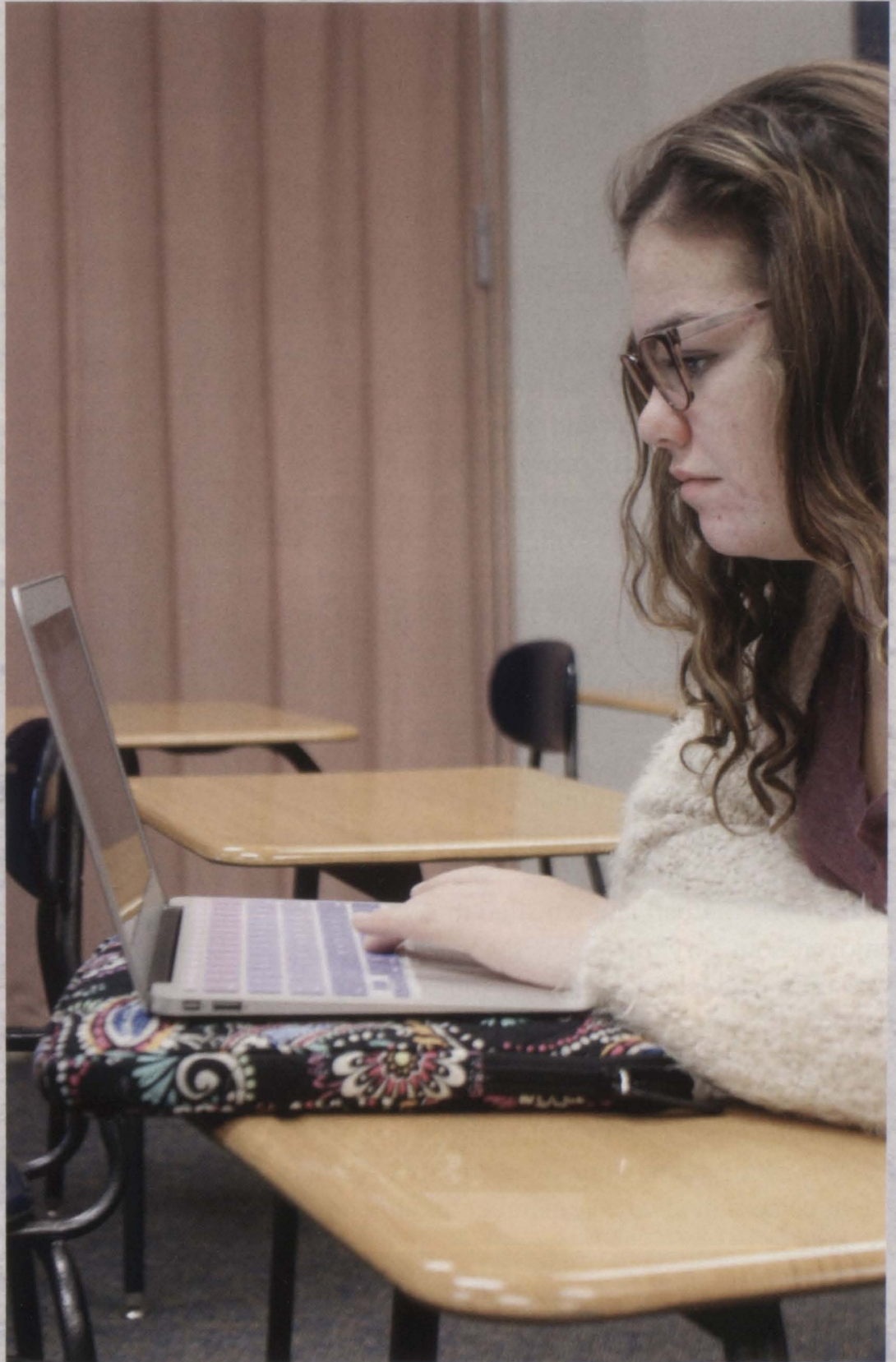
Students at Wahoo High School received MacBook Airs on the first day of school this year, replacing the iPads that had been given to students in previous years. The transition was a smooth one, and students used their new laptops to write papers, create projects, and complete assignments in their classes. Students taking college-credit classes complete all their coursework online. Teachers upload their class materials in Canvas, a learning management system used in schools and universities across the State of Nebraska.

"Having everything online for my classes helps keep me more organized," said senior Cali Rampendahl.

Sophomore Megan Marrs said "I can write my papers for classes so much faster, and I like submitting them and getting feedback from my teachers online."

Sophomore Tessa Gatewood agrees, saying "It really prepares us for online courses in college.

As far as putting up their cellphones before class, most students seem to like it. "It helps keep me more focused in class," said junior Thomas Waido. "Instagram and Snapchat can wait for 46 minutes," he said.

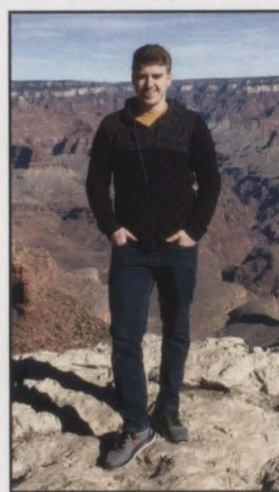


Dan, The Man

This year Wahoo High School welcomed Dan Vhyldal, a foreign exchange student from the Czech Republic into our classrooms and community with open arms. When asked what the biggest adjustment for Dan was he expressed how difficult the language barrier was along with the trouble all new students have: making friends. One of the most surprising things was how Dan described the teacher-student relationship in Wahoo and how it differs from the Czech Republic education. Dan explained that in the Czech Republic, teachers are treated with respect and have a solely instructor/student relationship, while in Wahoo there is more of a bond and relationship between student and teacher and even a sort of friendship in many cases.

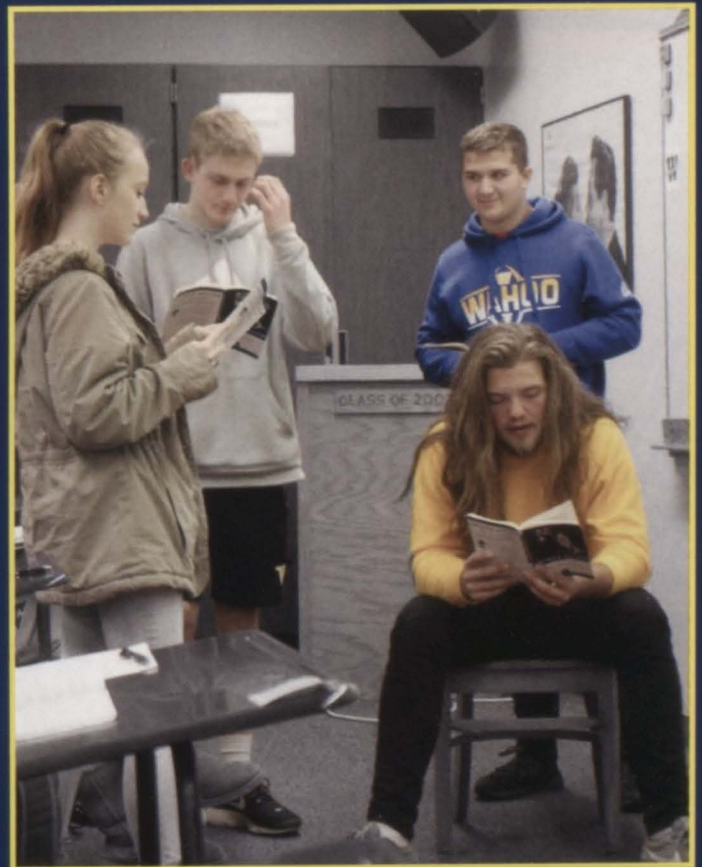
Dan happily welcomed the friendliness and was actually surprised by it. Dan took a chance to enjoy some of the amazing features our country has with his host family over Christmas break this year. Some of his favorite spots to visit were the Grand Canyon which left him in awe and Fort Collins, Colorado, known for its history and Museum of Discovery.

Dan played football and wrestled this year and enjoyed both very much. His favorite sport was wrestling which he said he only joined because he thought it may have similarities to the WWE, a popular professional wrestling network. Dan has been a fantastic student at Wahoo and has integrated smoothly into such a big change. Many will miss him when he leaves this year and we hope he will always remember his time in Wahoo.



Top: Senior **Dan Vhyldal** waits with Junior **Nathan Mather** for a home wrestling dual to begin. Center left: Dan and his host family visited Colorado over Christmas Break. Center right: Dan walks into senior night with his host parents. Above: Dan shows off his computer skills to Juniors **Jerstan Zeleny** (left) and **Dyllan Gunderson**.

Academics





Above left: A memorial created in **Allie Munch's** Spanish Classes to honor those who have passed away during the traditional Hispanic Holiday, Dias De Los Muertos, or Day Of The Dead.

Above right: Senior **Mattie Pfeiffer** helps some of her struggling Spanish Buddies on a tough concept in Mrs.Cooper's 2nd Grade classroom.

Below: Senior **Jonathan Barraza** plays a guessing game with Mrs.Stukenholtz Kindergarten Class as to the names of shapes in Espanol.

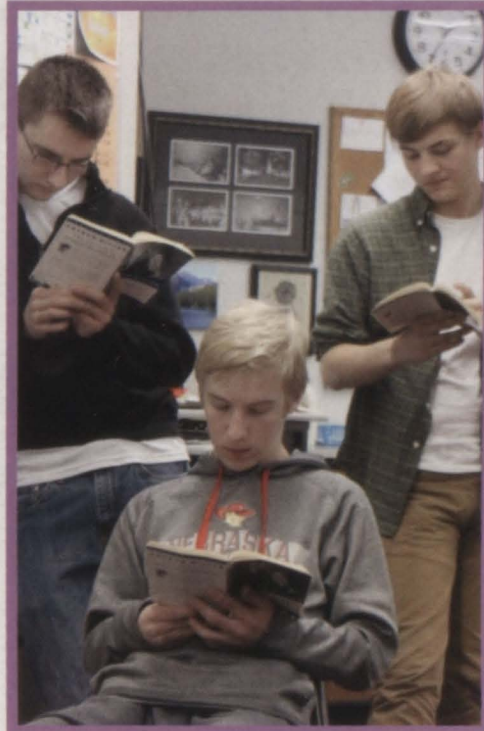
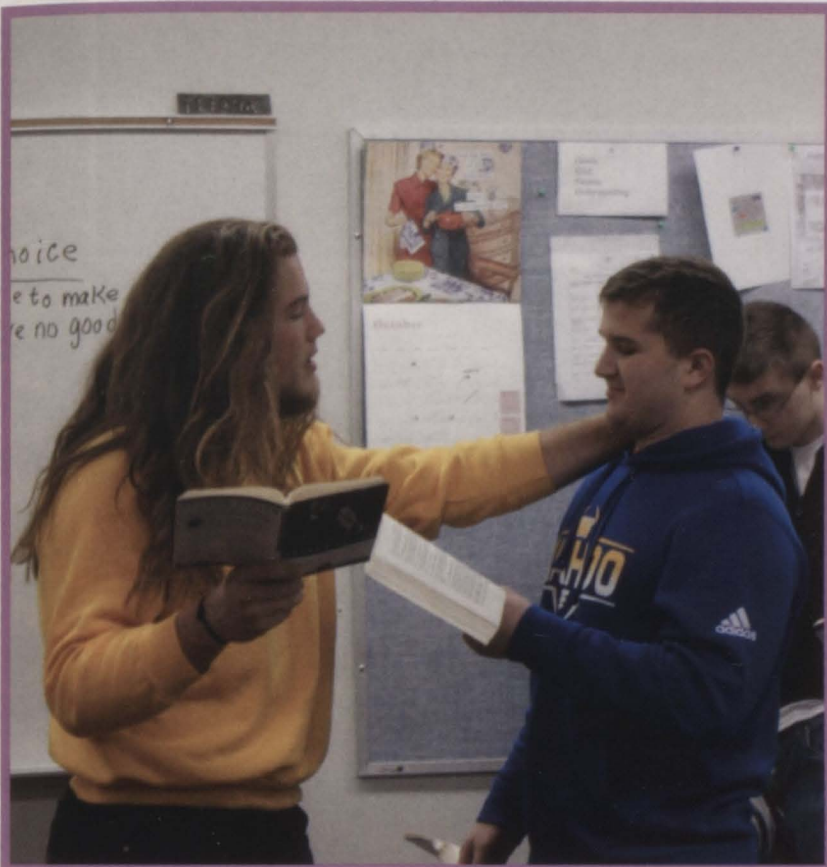


Espanol

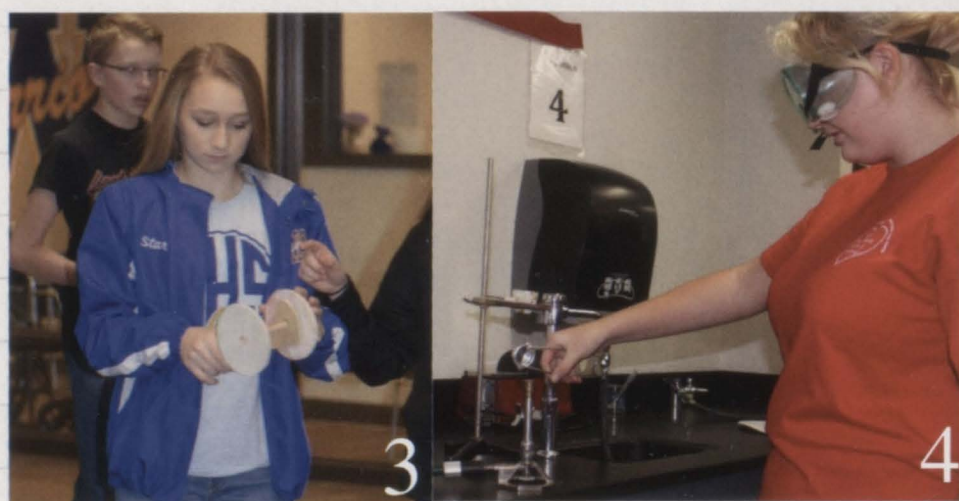
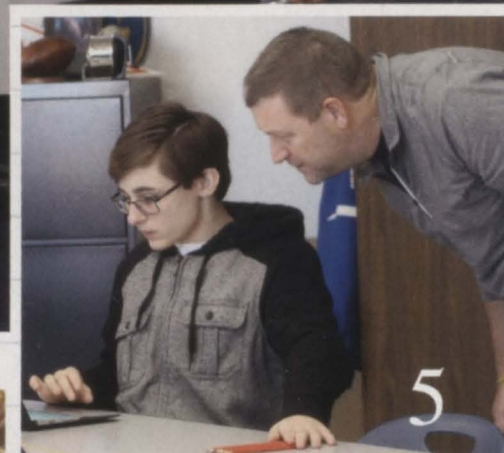
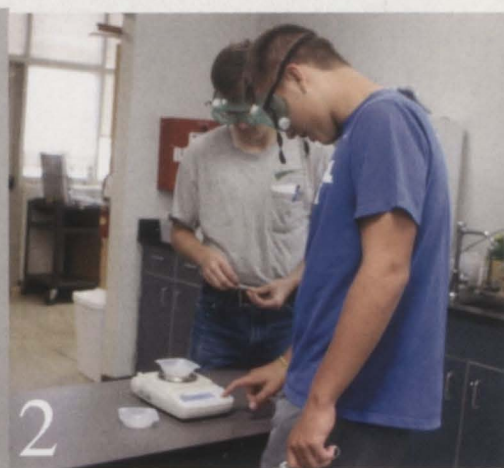
English

1.) Juniors **Alec Gettert**, **Tucker Janecek**, and **Issac Privett** act out their roles while reading *The Crucible* John Minnick's English 11 class.

2.) Juniors **Kalon Cooper** plays John Proctor and **Evan Divis** plays his wife, Elizabeth Proctor, in a dramatic scene from *The Crucible*.



Above: Freshman **Ethan Pehrson** gives an impromptu speech in John Minnick's Speech Class to Freshman **Ben Thrasher**, Junior **Rolando Sotelo**, and Sophomore **Cooper Hancock**. Right: Freshman **Sydney Barnes** gives her "bag speech" to introduce herself to her 7th period Speech class.



science

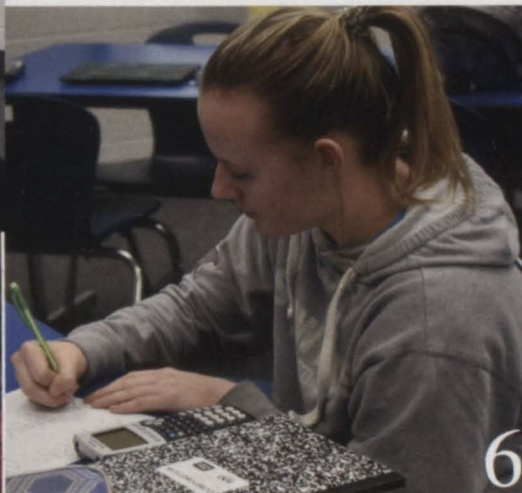
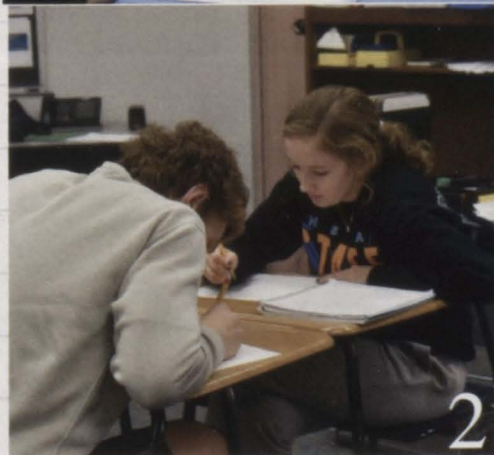
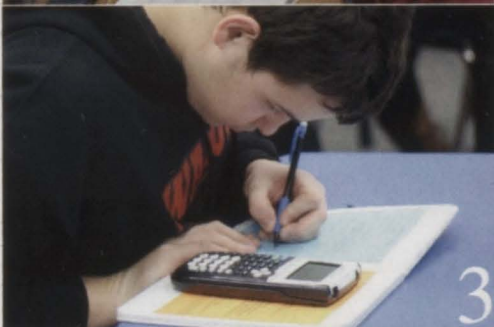
This was the year of wondering if the freshmen were going to get done with their cars. The juniors are finally getting their taste of chemistry, whether they liked it or not and some kept their head above water. The sophomores went going through the growing pains of getting used to a new biology teacher.

1. Science teacher **Clayton Tomjack** helps juniors light the Bunsen burner. 2. Junior **Logan Brabec** figures out a measurement. 3. Freshman **Star Eckley** prepares to race her car in General Science. 4. Junior **Madison Bittleston** lights the Bunsen burner. 5. Science teacher **Chad Fox** helps Freshman **Carter Janecek** with a science problem. 6. Freshmen (clockwise) **Nicki Walla**, **Joe Herrera**, **Garrett Kavan**, and **Rebecca Wotipka** race their cars down the science hallway.

math

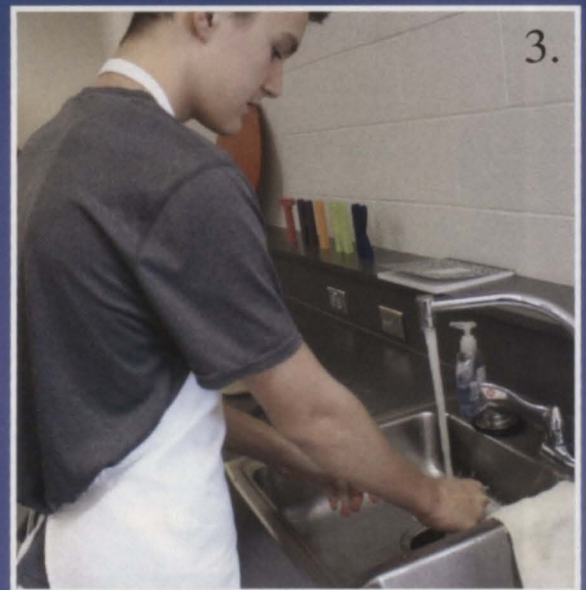
1. Mary Nuckolls helps junior **Aby Lowther** with her homework.
2. Senior **Kylee Swanson** and junior **Kole Bordovsky** work on homework together.
3. Sophomore **Payton Ricks** stays busy working on his notes.
4. Juniors **Kendal Brigham** and **Trey Scheef** have fun solving equations.
5. Junior **Trenton Erdmann-Hughes** works on IXL.
6. Sophomore **Haley Meduna** works on math.
7. Junior **Hannah Subbert** shows off her math notes.

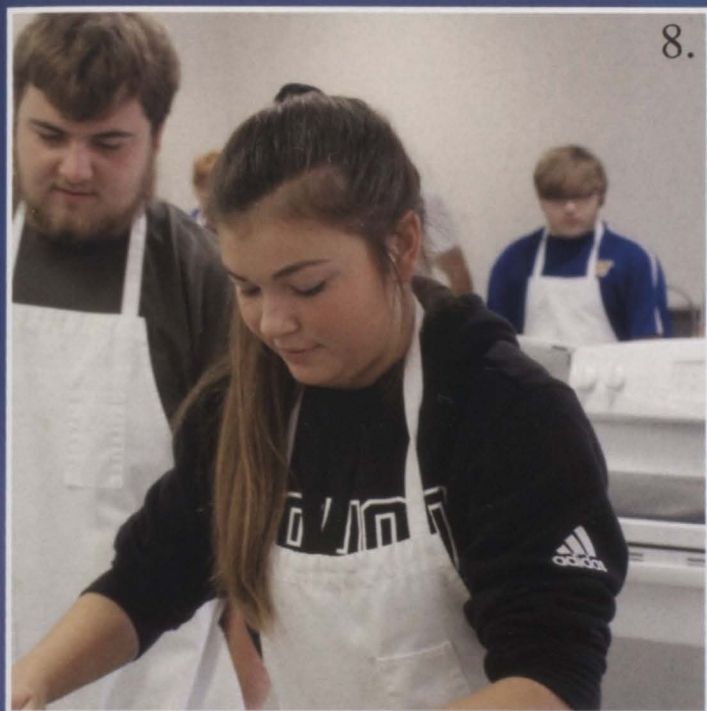
Everyone's favorite subject at Wahoo High School is math! Freshmen tackle either Algebra I or Geometry, while upperclassmen take Algebra II, College Algebra or Pre-Calc. Helping the Warriors learn all about angles, formulas, cosines, and the quadratic formula are math teachers Mike Bomar, Kim Forbes, Mary Nuckolls and Connor Shields.



straight outta FACS

Family And Consumer Sciences is a category of many different classes. Some of the classes include Basic Foods and Nutrition, Housing and Interior design, Life Skills, Parenting and Development, Sewing, and College and Career Readiness. Students learn many skills they can use in the future, including cooking easy and healthy dinners or snacks, interior design, sewing and clothing construction. They also learn about parenting and child development. These popular classes were taught by Mrs. Mollie Kriz, who was new to Wahoo High School.





1. Sophomore **Faith Westlund** cleans the stove after making a delicious cheese pizza. 2. Sophomore **Toni Greenfield**, junior **Quinn Zeleny**, and Sophomore **Alyssa Luedtke** win the "Chopped" competition in Foods and Nutrition Class. 3. Sophomore **Benny Krivanek** washes the dishes for his group. 4. Junior **Alex Tomjack**, Senior **Noah Polacek**, and Freshman **Luke Polacek** explain their meal to the "Chopped" judges. 5. Sophomore **Elle Glock** and Freshman **Kylee Kenning** show off their completed pizza. 6. Freshman **Taylor Luben**, Sophomore **Kennedy Wobker**, and Freshman **Anthony Hoffman** finish making their pizza. 7. Freshman **Julia Heming** waits patiently for her group's food to finish cooking. 8. Sophomore **Zach Hamling** and Freshman **Deena Stang** finish washing the dishes. 9. Freshman **Rylee Koehler** flattens out the dough to make pizza. 10. Junior **Alec Gettert**, Sophomore **Kennedy Wobker**, and Senior **Zac Lamprecht** wins their class's "Chopped" competition. 11. Sophomores **Benny Krivanek**, **Bret Whitaker**, and Freshman **Colin Ludvik** present their finished meal to the "Chopped" judges.

Industrial Technology

The Industrial Technology classes, taught by Jon Herrera and Kyle Weyers are some of the most popular at Wahoo High School. Again this year, Herrera's Construction and Woods classes worked on building a fully-functioning children's playhouse that will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Students in Kyle Weyers' Metals and Auto classes worked on a variety of projects where students enhanced their mechanical and welding skills.



Clockwise, from above: Senior **Sam Kolterman** cuts a piece of wood for the playhouse his class built. Senior **Chase Aldrich** works on his step stool. Junior **Evan Divis** uses the table saw in Woods class. Juniors **Connor Grandgenett** and **Eli Sanchez** figure out the best way to complete a weld in Metals class.



Above: Senior **Jack Krenke** cuts metal for his project. Right: Junior **Joe Scanlon** perfects his welding skills in Metals.

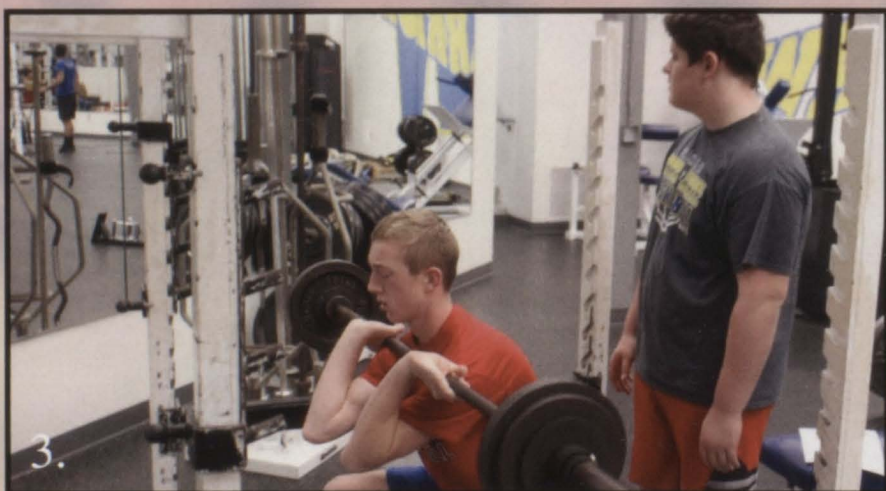
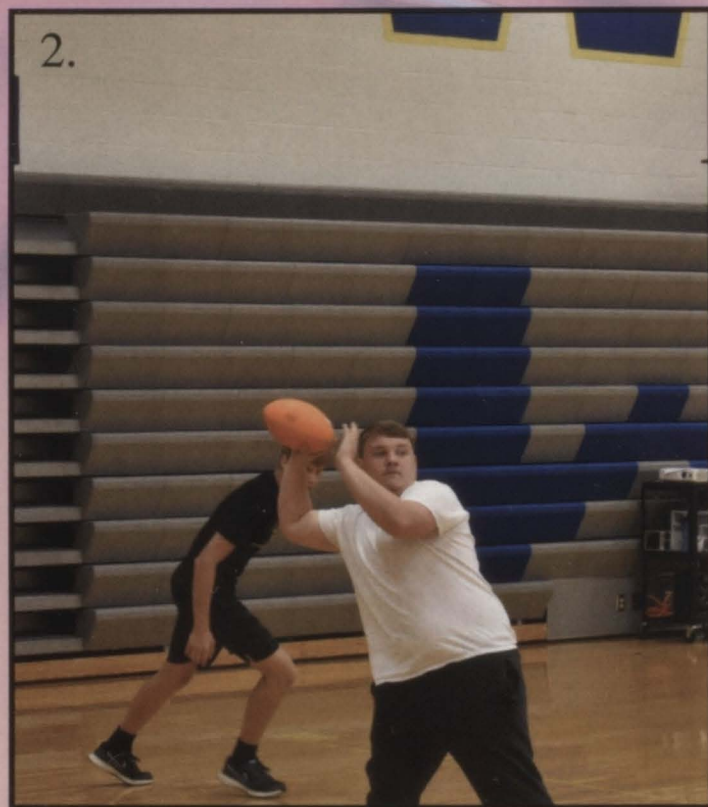


Strength and Fitness/ Physical Education

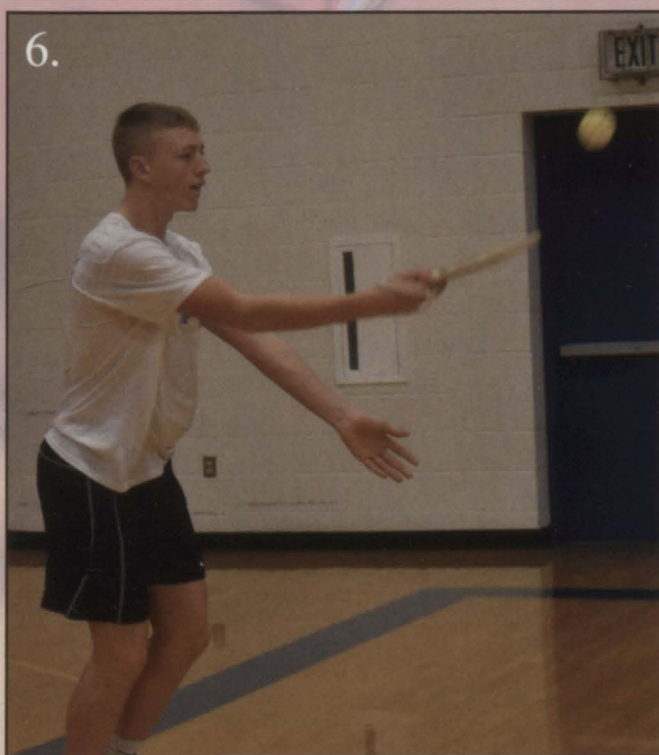
The Strength and Fitness classes lift three times a week. Working on balance, strength, and agility. Coach Kevin Scheef teaches sophmores and upperclassmen to help them become better lifters and athletes.



Physical Education classes, taught by Trisha Larson, complete many units teaching students different types of sports and ways to exercise use healthy habits. The classes lift twice a week and work on their technique and form.



1. Senior **Aaron Hays** attempts a front squat, while Senior **Austin Schneider** spots him
2. Junior **Nathan Mather** throws a football to his partner.
3. Sophomore **Trevor Kasischke** attempts a front squat while Junior **Dylan Fittro** spots him.



4. Freshman **Jake Bordovsky** and Freshman **Matthew Dooley** play a game in **Trisha Larson's** PE class.

5. Senior **Sydney Vanicek** gets ready for the serve in Pickle Ball.

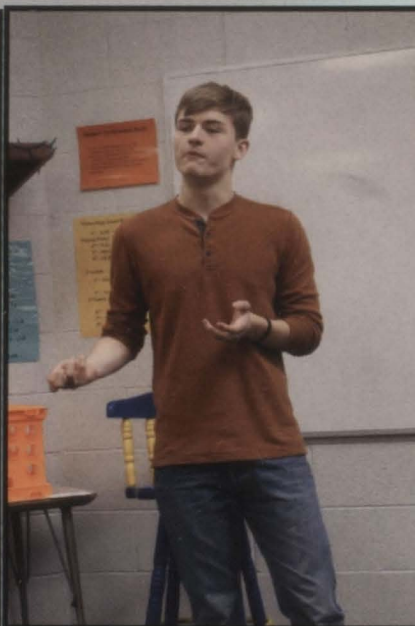
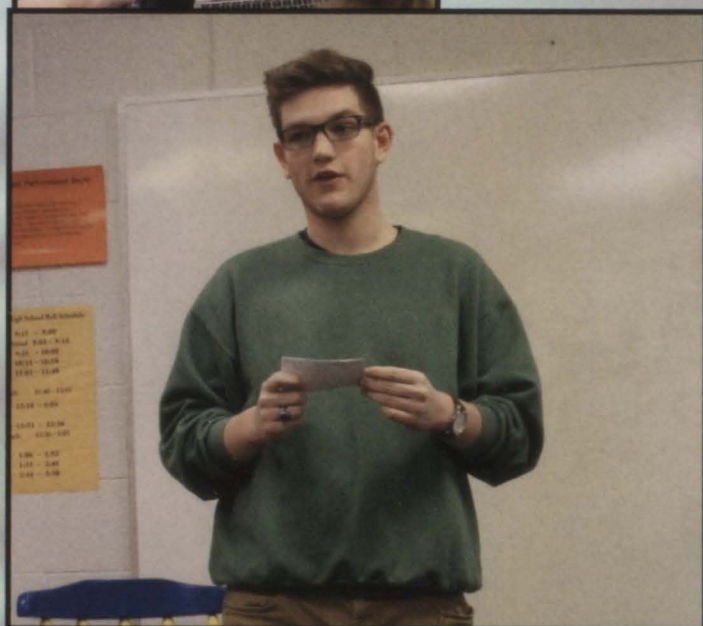
6. Freshman **Myles Simon** serves in Pickle Ball.

7. Freshman **Trent Hallowell** returns the pickle ball back to his opponent.

Academic Decathlon

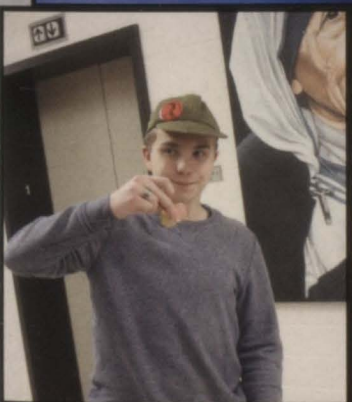
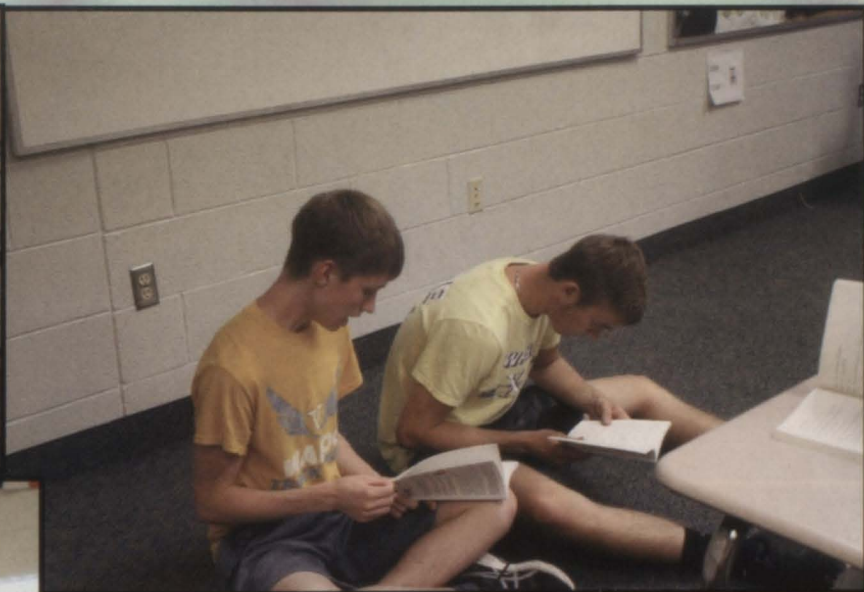


Can you dig it? This year's Academic Decathlon students learned all about the 1960s. From subjects such as math and science to art and music, students across the nation compete at scrimmages to put their knowledge to the test. At the scrimmages, students take tests that are to be completed in 30 minutes. Total scores are calculated and the medalists are determined based on highest scores.



Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Students study using Quizlet Live to prepare for a regional competition. Competitors pose for a picture. Junior **Eli Brabec** and Freshman **Luke Polacek** read from Tom Stoppard's play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. Medalists from the scrimmage at Omaha's Daniel Gross High School. Sophomore **Brett Whitaker** and Seniors **Noah Polacek** and **Michael Holmes** hold up their medals from the scrimmage at Pius X in Lincoln. This page, top left: Juniors **Taylor Henderson** and **Tucker Janecek** prepare for a scrimmage. Above and right: Junior **Jackson Taylor**, Junior **Tucker Janecek**, Junior **Isaac Privett**, Senior **Michael Holmes**, Junior **Nick Fuller**, and Junior **Isaac Privett** deliver speeches about the 1960s to their class.





ACA DECA STATE MEDALISTS:

Noah Polacek: **GOLD** in Music, Science, Language & Literature, Math. **SILVER** in Art, Economics, Essay Competition.

Michael Holmes: **SILVER** in Science. **BRONZE** in Language & Literature, Music.

Alec Gettert: **SILVER** in Professional Interview.

Tucker Janecek: **BRONZE** in Economics.

Marshall Elder: **BRONZE** in Essay Competition.

Brett Whitaker: **GOLD** in Soft Science.

Isaac Privett: **SILVER** in Soft Science.

BRONZE in Hard Science, Fine Arts.

Yearbook

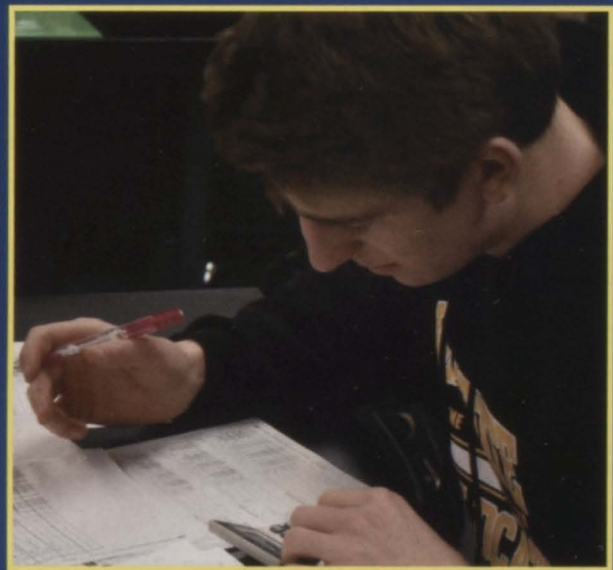
The 2019 *Thunderbird* staff had both a new adviser and several new staff members this year. English teacher John Minnick took over as adviser. Mr. Minnick was not new to yearbook publishing, having been a journalism major in college, and he had been a yearbook adviser before. "A lot has changed since I sponsored my last yearbook 16 years ago," Minnick said, "so there was a little bit of a learning curve for me. We had several new staff members, and I had fun learning right along with them."



Clockwise, from top left: Yearbook staffers Junior **Gerardo Madrid** and Sophomore **Faith Westlund** work on a team-building project at the beginning of the year. Top right: First-year Adviser **John Minnick** pays close attention as Senior **Shawna Walla** shows him how to create a yearbook spread on a laptop instead of a stone tablet. Above: The 2019 yearbook staff: Back row (l to r): **Aby Lowther**, **Shawna Walla**, **Calin Smith**, **Bryce Claussen**, **Jack Sutton**, **Gerardo Madrid**, **Erin Sutton**, **Kharissa Eddie**, **Elle Glock**, **Kelsie Sears**. Front row: **Claryssa Sladek**, **Jaynie Bustad**, **Lillie Mann**, **Morgan Oden**, **Faith Westlund**.

Students at Wahoo High School get important real-world knowledge and build a foundation for their careers in the Business Education classes, taught by Mrs. Barb Shanahan and Mr. Kevin Scheef. Mrs. Shanahan teaches Personal Finance, Business Economics, and Accounting, while students acquire important 21st century technology skills in his Digital Media, Web Design, and Information Tech. classes.

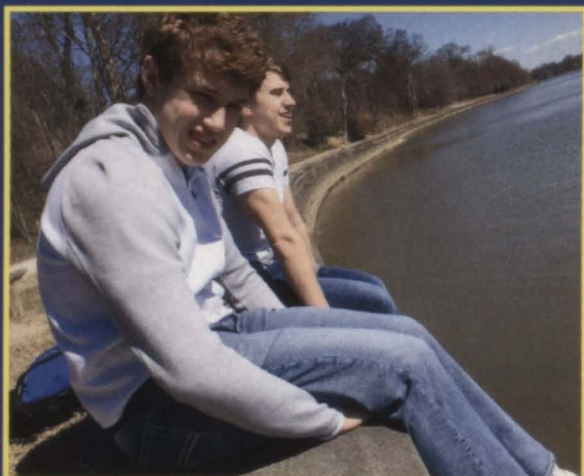
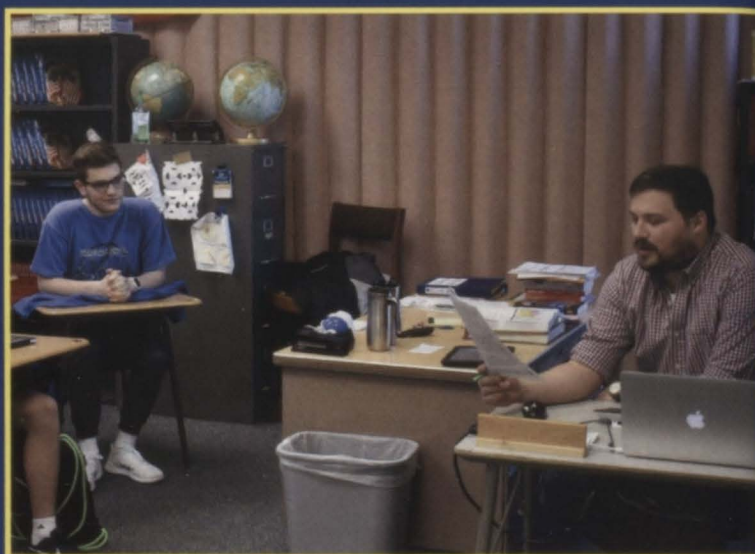
Business Education



Clockwise, from top left: Junior **Tucker Janecek** watches as Sophomore **Caleb Obert** and Senior **Cali Rampendahl** work together in Mr. Scheef's Web Design class. While Senior **Blake Lacey** kibitzes with Seniors **Zane Bennett** and **Winston Cook**, junior **Callan Phillips** stays focused on his design. Senior **Brett Greenfield** makes sure his debits and credits are balanced. Sophomores **Courtney Strait** and **Lauren Kavan** learn about supply and demand in Business Economics. Junior **Jackson Markvicka** and sophomore **Justin Nuckolls** work together.

Social Studies classes at Wahoo High School are taught by Darold Foster, Chad Fox, and Caleb Grummert. Freshmen take World Geography, sophomores take World History, and juniors and seniors take American History and American Government. Students can elect to take Honors American Government, which includes a week-long trip to Washington, D.C., in March as part of the Close Up program. The program provides educational opportunities to "inform, inspire, and empower young people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy." To earn money for the trip, WHS students host a Thanksgiving dinner for the community on the second Sunday in November.

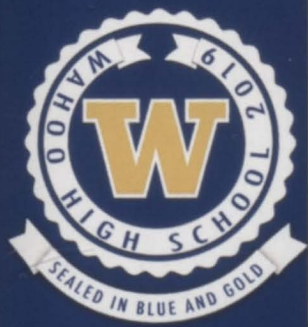
Social Studies



Clockwise, from top left: WHS students at the Einstein Memorial in Washington. Honors American Government teacher **Caleb Grummert** goes over details about the Close Up trip as Junior **Jackson Taylor** listens. WHS students visit the Iwo Jima Memorial on the first day of the trip. Junior **Kole Bordovsky**, left, and Senior **Dan Vyhldal** sit on the shores of the Potomac at the Jefferson Memorial.



Fine Arts

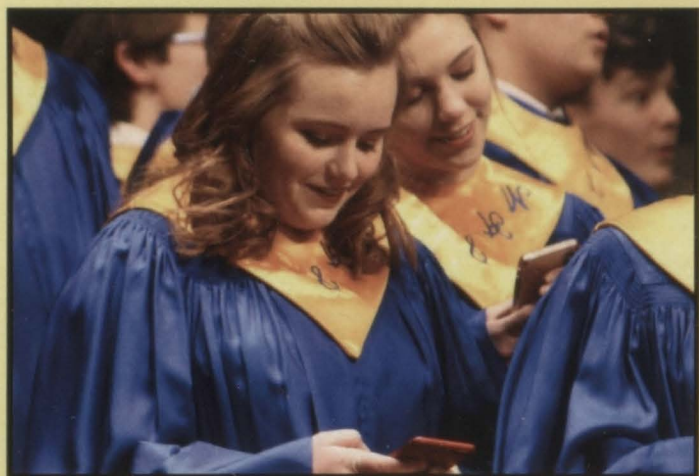


STANDING

CHOIR/SHOW CHOIR

ON THE

EDGE!



Senior **Gabi Girmus** texts on her phone during a choir concert as part of the performance.



Sophomores **Noah Pestal**, **Payton Ricks**, and senior **Braedenn Olson** sing together with the choir.



Freshman **KaDee Johnson**, **Haleigh Siamanek**, and **Nikki Walla** sing at a choir concert.



From left, Sophomore **Cadie Mattson**, Freshman **Cody Bailey**, Senior **Cali Rampendahl**, and Freshman **Ryan Olson** perform during the Court of Champions competition hosted by Wahoo on Feb. 15.



Back row (l to r) : Gabi Girmus, Alec Gettert, Madison Bittle, Lindgren. Fourth row (l to r) : Rachel Myers, Jackson Taylor, Ryker Henderson, Cadie Mattson. Third row (l to r) : Claryssa Eggleston, Ryan Olson, Emma Bruce, Sierra Duckworth. Second row (l to r) : Cody Bailey, Janisa Gronenthal, Payton Carstens, Klarice Walla, Austin Schneider, Kylee Edmonds, Luke Polacek, Darian Starnes.

Royalty

This show choir season has been an exciting season for our varsity group, Royalty. To start the season in January they attended Midwest Cup, where they received first in their division. Next, they went to Ralston "Ramageddon," and placed sixth overall. They then traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they received first in their division. Royalty's last competition was held at Lincoln Northeast's "The Rock," and the Show Choir earned third place overall.

Legacy

Legacy, the girls group, has also had an exciting season. They sang first at Peru State College in October. To start off their competitive season, Legacy went to Ralston Ramageddon, where they had received fifth in the girls division. They also attended the competition in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and UNO and had an outstanding time. The last competition they attended was Lincoln Northeast's the rock and received fourth in the women's division.



Freshman **Carson Lavaley** and Junior **Alec Gettert**

**NOTABLE
NEWCOMERS**



Freshman **Nicki Walla**



Junior **Morgan Oden**



Freshman **Rylee Koehler**



Freshman **Caleb Malousek**



...n, Benny Krivanek, Alyson Bartels, Tucker Janecek, Abigail Boesiger, Sara Kennedy Wobker, Caleb Obert, Sydney Barnes, Harrison Siebenaler, Avery Spicka, Bladek, Rachel Steele, Sam DuBois, Emily Obert, Carson Lavaley, Allison ...
...d row (l to r) :Caleb Malousek, Lara Celesky, Parker Barnes, Cali Rampendahl, ...
...e, Braedenn Olson. First row (l to r) : Elise Cejka, Payton Ricks, Morgan Oden, ...
...Michael Robinson, Emali Holtz, Chris Kochner, Jessica Snelling.

The Warrior Marching Band, led by Jason Smith, had another successful year in 2018-19. Smith said, "I am extremely proud of all that we accomplished this year. The hard work the students put into our performances made the music come to life." The Band received "Excellent" ratings at all of its competitions this year and missed receiving a "Superior" by two points at the NSBA Marching Competition. Junior Jackson Taylor, who was drum major along with Junior Zoe Christenson, said "Being drum major expanded my marching band knowledge and gave me good experience to head into senior year."



Clockwise, from above: Sophomore **Greeley Hauswald** waits to play at an early morning practice. The Drum Line listens to Mr. Smith's directions at practice. Freshman **Rebecca Wotipka** plays her saxophone at practice. From left, Junior **Eli Brabec**, Freshman **Payton Nelson**, and Senior **Braedenn Olson** fire up the crowd as part of the Pep Band at State Volleyball. Junior **Nick Fuller** and Senior **Lara Celesky** fight the glare of the sunrise as they practice marching. Sophomore **Sam DuBois** and Freshman **Ryan Olson** brave a chilly practice.



Band



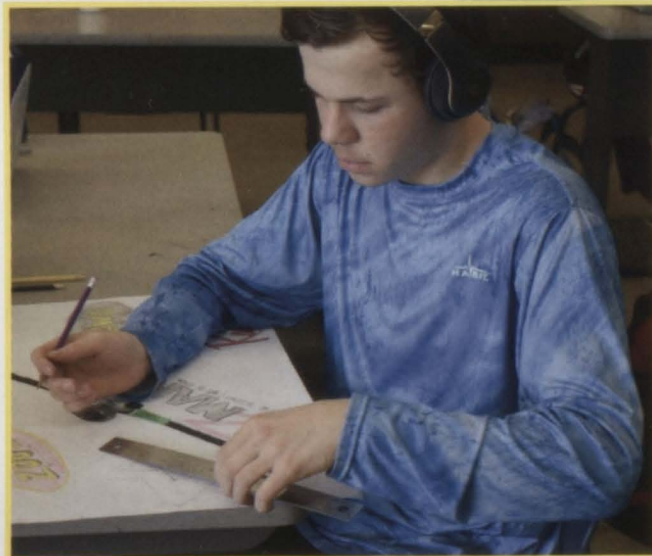
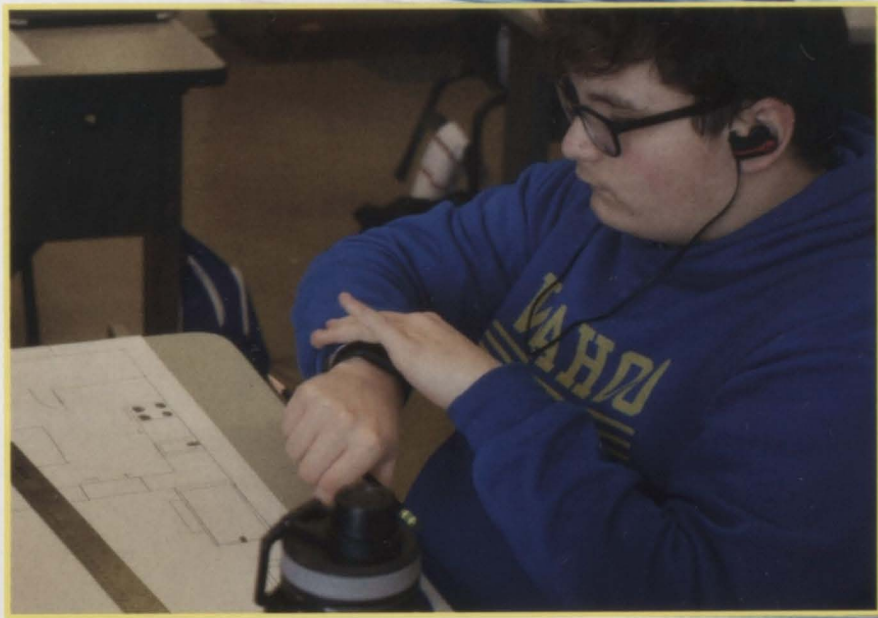
Clockwise, from top: the 2018-2019 Warrior Marching Band. Drum major, junior **Zoe Christenson**, leads the Pep Band at the Girls State Basketball Championship tournament in Lincoln. Drum major, junior **Jackson Taylor**, leads the band at a football game.

Art & Artists

Students taking art this year at Wahoo High School had a new teacher, Peyton Lewis. In his Art I classes, Mr. Lewis had students working hard throughout the year expressing their creativity through block printings, water color, ceramics, acrylic painting, hand drawings, and art on canvas drawings. They studied the principles of design and all elements of art. Students in Art II expanded on what they did in Art I, but more in depth. They also worked on a community outreach project. "Taking art class is a nice break in the day. It allows me to be more creative than in other classes," said junior Quinn Zeleny.

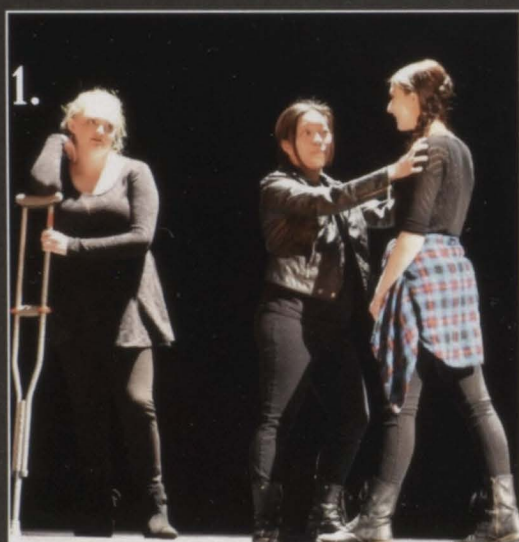


Freshman **Elizabeth Sellke** applies the finishing touches to a tempera painting project in Art I.



Clockwise, from top left:
Freshman **Kylie Kenning** works on a project in Art I. Freshman **Dustin Otte** considers a fresh perspective on his Art I sketch. Freshman **Justin McEvoy** listens to tunes for inspiration as he works in art class. Freshman **Spencer Jonas** expresses his creativity on a masterpiece for Art I. Freshman **Cheyenne Standley** works with tempera paint on a project for Art I.

"Who do I want to be?" was a question this year's one act cast was asked frequently. This year's one act play was all about discovering who you want to be and coming to terms with who are despite your flaws. The play was titled 'Anonymous' written by Allison Green. The play was about a girl called Me who transfers to a new school and finds it difficult to make friends because of a secret she's never told anyone. Directed by Kate DeCoste and Allie Munch, the many members of the cast brought home a first place victory at their conference competition and placed third at districts.

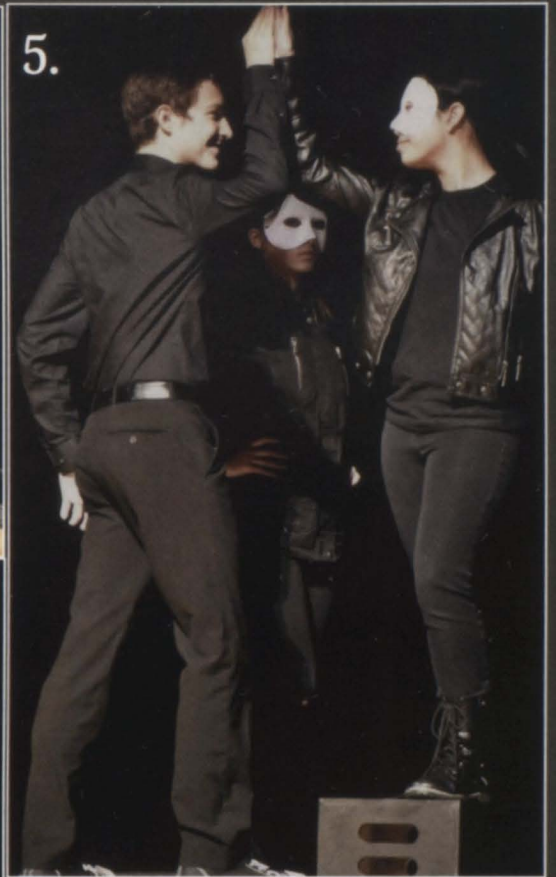


1) Her (**Madison Bittleston**) and She (**Grace Wirka**) talk about Me (**Emma Bruce**). 2) Me (**Emma Bruce**) talks about the kid who she calls "Bert". 3) Mom 1 (**Kylee Edmonds**) talks about her job on Parents' Day. 4) Cast and crew pose for a picture after the community performance of "Anonymous". 5) You (**Sam DuBois**) and She (**Grace Wirka**) high five. 6) Me (**Emma Bruce**) asks when we had to grow up and throw away childhood innocence.

4.



5.



6.



CAST

Me — Emma Bruce
 You — Sam DuBois
 Her — Madison Bittleston
 She — Grace Wirka
 Counselor/Dad 2 — Lara Celesky
 Teacher — Aby Lowther
 Dad 1 — Noah Polacek
 Dad 3 — Rachel Steele
 Mom 1 — Kylee Edmonds
 Them — Lara Celesky, Kylee Edmonds, Zoe Ferguson,
 Aby Lowther, Caleb Obert, Noah Polacek, Rachel
 Steele

CREW

Light Board Operator: Avery Spicka
 Sound Board Operator: Mathew Wolf
 Spotlight Operator: Cody Bailey

*Signed,
 Anonymous*

Seniors in the Fine Arts



Mattie Pfeiffer

Mattie Pfeiffer has been involved in the Fine Arts Program for seven years. She is involved in band, Royalty Show Band, jazz band, Legacy Show Choir, and musical. Her favorite thing is to joke around with Sheldon Johnson in band. To encourage others to join the Fine Arts Program Mattie says, "You create a new group of friends, and make so many great memories. There are so many life skills you learn"



Austin Schneider

Austin Schneider has been involved in the Fine Arts program for seven years. He is involved in Royalty Show Choir, one act, choir, and musical. His favorite thing to do is to entertain people. To encourage people to join he says "It is a super fun time to get to know people, have fun, and make friends for life." Austin's favorite memory is when he got a lead role in the musical as a freshman.



Lara Celesky

Lara Celesky has been involved in the Fine Arts program for seven years. She is involved in band, choir, one act, musical, Royalty Show Choir, Legacy Show Band, jazz band, pep band, and marching band. Her favorite memory is winning grand champion for show choir at Lincoln Northeast. Lara's advice for upcoming students is to get involved early.

Sports



Don't be Memorable... Be Unforgettable

The Warrior Softball Team ended the 2018 season with a record of 18-11. In regular season conference play, they finished 6-2. During the course of the season, the Warriors were a very strong hitting team. Nine seniors led this team all season long. Selected Warriors were named 2018 All- Conference, Mattie Pfeiffer (First Team), Macy Homes and Kylee Swanson (Second Team), Karley Kaiser and Jaci Schnakenberg (Honorable Mention). Mattie Pfeiffer was also named 2018 All- State Second Team, with Kylee Swanson & Macy Homes named All- State Honorable Mention.



Senior Karley Kaiser



Senior Sydney Vanicek



Senior Kylee Swanson

RECORD BREAKER



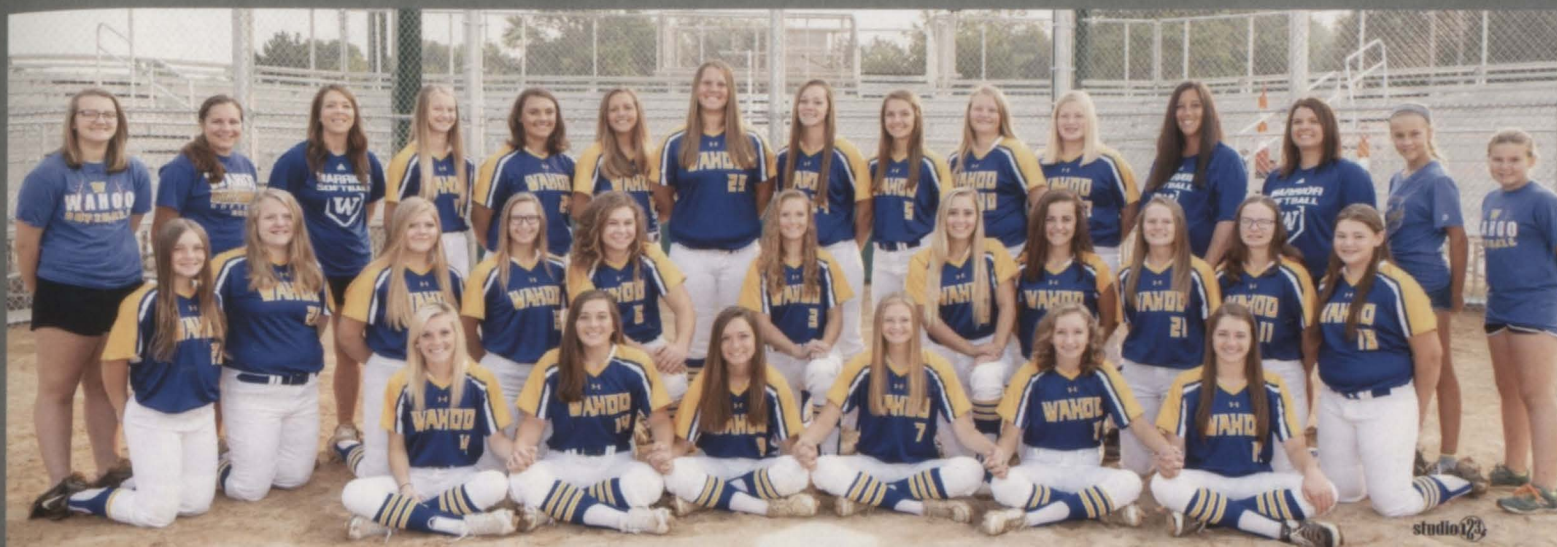
Senior, Macy Homes
Most Home Runs in a single season
10



Senior Mattie Pfeiffer



Sophomore Alyssa Luedtke



2018 Warrior Softball Team, back row (from left): Sydney Stuchlik, Coach Cassidy Chapman, Coach Ashley Otte, Abbey Borchers, Madison Masek, Rebecca Wotipka, Tessa Gatewood, Kharrisa Eddie, Paige Peterson, Kylee Kenning, Rylee Koehler, Coach Liz Gregg, Coach Trina Christen, Madelyn Snyder, Mollie Urban. Middle row: Tabitha Cooney, Nicki Walla, Aja Henderson, Jazlyn Nelson, Macy Homes, Janisa Gronenthal, Sydney Vanicek, Morgan Oden, Alyssa Luedtke, Sara Lindgren, Katelyn Urban. Front row: Karley Kaiser, Mattie Pfeiffer, Leah Maass, Katie Borchers, Kylee Swanson, Jaci Schnakenberg.



Seniors, back row: Sydney Vanicek, Mattie Pfeiffer, Katie Borchers, Jaci Schnakenberg, Macy Homes. Front row: Janisa Gronenthal, Karley Kaiser, Leah Maass, Kylee Swanson.

"This season was a very successful season for our softball team! We battled some of the tops teams in the state and come out on top many times! We also had a lot of fun together along the way. Our nine seniors will be missed tremendously!"
- Coach Trina Christen

Cross

Left: Seniors **Noah Polacek, Erin Sutton, Lara Celesky, Abi Klein, and Braedenn Olson** led the Warriors this season.



Country

The Wahoo Cross Country team worked hard all season from the beginning of summer to the state meet in October. Both teams, boys and girls, improved at every meet and six boys made it to state along with Zoe Christenson for the girls. The boys finished 8th as a team at state and Zoe Christenson left everything out on the course and earned herself a top 20 finish, placing 18th. Overall the 2018 cross country team had a great season and will strive to improve for next season.

Varsity

Girls		Boys
2nd	Schuyler Invite	2nd
4th	Wahoo Invite	7th
7th	Columbus Scotus Invite	3rd
3rd	North Bend Central Invite	4th
2nd	Lincoln Lutheran Invite	2nd
3rd	NCC Meet	2nd
6th	District Meet	3rd
Zoe Christenson	State Meet	8th
18th		

Right: Junior **Zoe Christenson** chugs along a race. Zoe finished 18th at state.
Center: Senior **Erin Sutton** pushes through at the Wahoo Invite. Far Right: Sophomore **Micah Sears** competes at the Wahoo Invite.

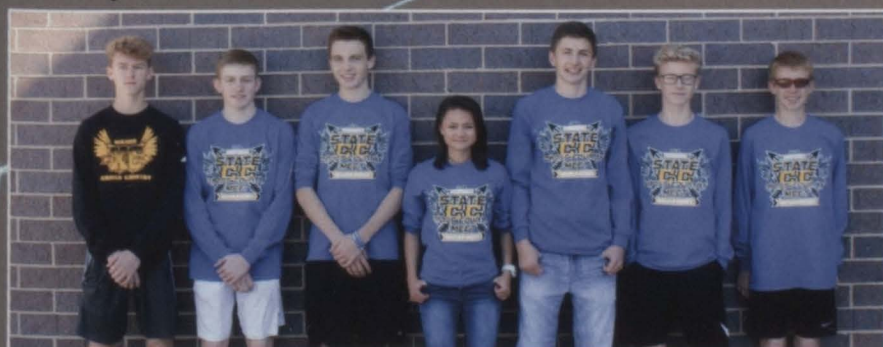




Left: Junior **Grant Crockett** leads the pack at the Wahoo Invite. Grant finished 22nd at state. Right: Freshman **Josh Graber** finished 23rd at state.



2018 Wahoo Cross Country Team, back row (from left): Coach Weston Sieck, Eli Brabec, Jackson Markvicka, Noah Polacek, Trenton Erdmann-Hughes, Jerstan Zeleny, Micah Sears, Grant Crockett, Coach Karla Curran. **Middle row:** Carson Reynolds, Isaiah Simon, Luke Polacek, Michael Robinson, Braedenn Olson, Josh Graber. **Front row:** Coach Rose Sutton, Hannah Jorgensen, Mara Dobesh, Zoe Christenson, Lara Celesky, Erin Sutton, Abi Klein, KaDee Johnson, Makenzie Nosky.



State Cross Country Qualifiers (from left): Micah Sears, Grant Crockett, Trenton Erdmann-Hughes, Zoe Christenson, Jerstan Zeleny, Michael Robinson, and Josh Graber.



Top row, left to right: Katie Reeves, Kelsey Sestak, Lillie Mann, Kelsie Sears, Elly Larson, Kyla Swanson, Elle Glock, Josie Sutton, Head Coach Trisha Larson, Erin Simons. Center row, left to right: Brooklyn Marxsen, Ashley Flight, Mya Larson, Megan Marrs, Taylor Luben, and Dylan Simons. Front row, left to right: Audrey Waido, Haley Simanek, Kendal Brigham, Deena Stang, and Josie Larson.



Left: The Warrior Volleyball Team celebrates winning the State Championship for the second year in a row. The Warriors won in five sets over Lincon Lutheran.



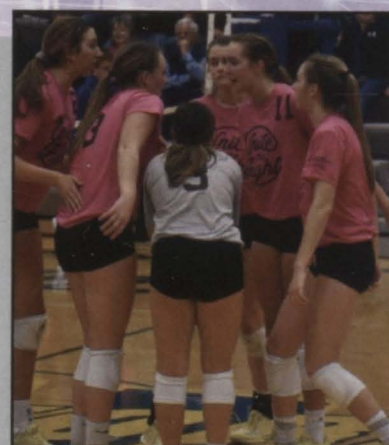
Right: **Senior Elly Larson** hits the ball for a kill in the State Championship Game.

Better

Seniors Elly Larson and Kyla Swanson led their team in their final season of volleyball at Wahoo High School.



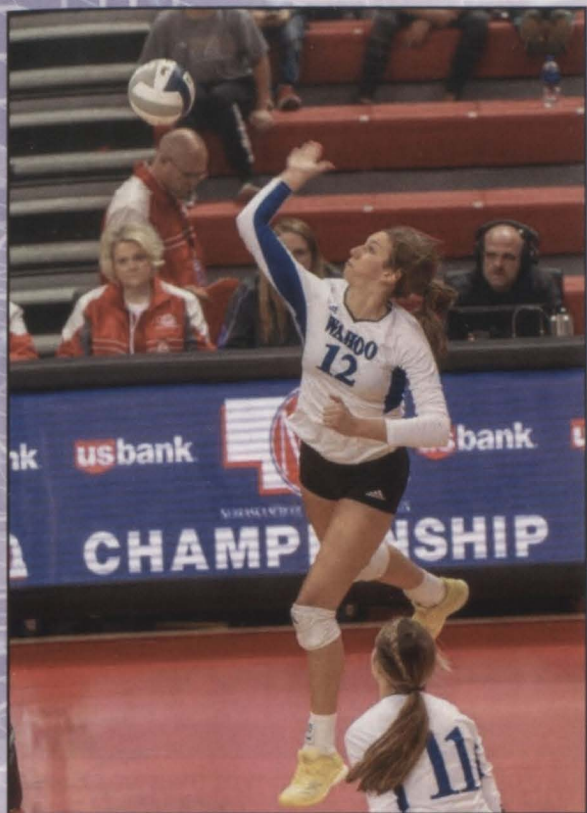
The team discusses a plan for a win at their last home game of the season.



Wahoo Volleyball

Class C-1

State Champions



Above: **Senior Kyla Swanson** goes up for swing in the State Championship Game.

The 2018 season was another amazing time for the Warrior volleyball team. Their season record was 35-2, the best volleyball record in Wahoo High School history. They made their way to the Class C-1 state tournament once again, hoping to bring home the gold for the second year in a row. The first round of the state tournament the Warriors played the Wayne Blue Devils. They won the first three sets, in a sweep, and then took on the crosstown rival, the Bishop Neumann Cavaliers, in the next game. In the semifinal game, the Warriors beat the Cavaliers by three sets to one. That game punched their ticket to the State Championship, once again. The Warriors played the Lincoln Lutheran Warriors in the Championship. Earlier in the season, they had already played each other two times and split their games. Everyone knew this would be a great game. It was, as the game went to a five set thriller, and our Wahoo Warriors worked hard until the end, to bring the gold medal back to Wahoo once again.



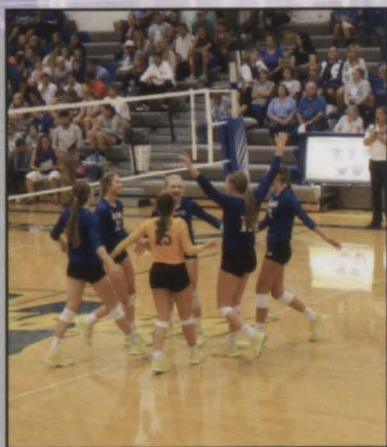
Left: The Warrior Volleyball Team comes together one more time, before their season comes to an end.



Right: The Team holds up their second State trophy.

Together

The Warrior Volleyball Team comes together to celebrate winning match point.



Senior Kyla Swanson and **Sophomore Kelsie Sears** put up a big block, while **Senior Elly Larson** plays defense.





Left: The Warriors get a big 14-12 win over crosstown rival Bishop Neumann. Above: Head Coach **Chad Fox** leaves the field after talking to quarterback Junior **Thomas Waido**.



Above: The Warriors were led by Seniors **Jack Sutton**, **Sam Kolterman**, **Sheldon Johnson**, **Zane Bennett**, and **Chris Murren**. Above center: the Warriors suffered a tough 55-21 loss against the Aurora Huskies in September. Right: Junior **Rolando Sotelo** runs the ball in the home game against West Point-Beemer.



Warrior Football

The 2018 Warrior Football team had another successful season, only to come up one game short from making the State Championships. The Warriors advanced to the Semifinals for the second straight season after handling the fifth-seeded Adams Central Patriots. In the Semifinals, the Warriors fell to the eventual Class C-1 state champion, the Aurora Huskies, ending their season. The Warriors finished their season with a record of 10-2, with both losses to Aurora.

A big shoutout goes to Warrior junior **Trevin Luben** on setting a new school record, previously held by Tyler Kavan, for most rushing yards in a season (2,215). Luben also tied the school record, shared with 2018 graduate Dylan Egr, for season scoring with 186 points. **Luben** said, "Honestly, I never envisioned myself being able to fill Dylan's spot. He was so good at everything he did and he did a lot for our team last year. I have learned to work hard and the time in the weight room in the off season pays off."

Above: The Warriors celebrate a victory. Center: The Warriors run a play against Columbus Scotus, Right: Juniors **Kole Bordovsky** (52) and **Brandon Swahn** were two of the Warriors' defensive leaders.



2018 Warrior Football



2018 Warrior Football Team, back row (from left): Malachi Bordovsky, Ethan Pehrson, Mason Kreitzer, Joe Herrera, Colin Ludvik, Caden Tingelhoff, Ryan Olson, Andrew Waido, Myles Simon, Kyan Lausterer, Carson Lavaley, Wyatt Demaray, Curtis Swahn, Trent Hallowell, Ben Thrasher, Gavin Pokorny, Justin McEvoy, Brandon Hasenkamp, Keegan Lowther, Coach Jaime Iversen. Middle row: Coach Robert Barry, Coach Jayson Iversen, Sebastian Lausterer, Waylon Sherman, Jordan Broome, Matthew Holdsworth, Aaron Ickler, Sam DuBois, Cooper Hancock, Grant Kolterman, Landon King, Harrison Siebenaler, Justin Nuckolls, Zach Hamling, Brett Whitaker, Tate Nelson, Brody Specht, Noah Eivins, Jake Maas, Matthew Phillips, Coach Brandon Zetocka. Front row: Coach Chad Fox, Jesus Zaragoza, Nate Fox, Callan Phillips, Peyton Walling, Kalon Cooper, Trevin Luben, Thomas Waido, Gunnar Vanek, Sam Kolterman, Jack Sutton, Sheldon Johnson, Zane Bennett, Chris Murren, Kole Bordovsky, Luke Partridge, Logan Brabec, Brandon Swahn, Evan Divis, Rolando Sotelo, Connor Grandgenett, Coach Jon Herrera, Coach Clete Vrbka. Student managers: Jace Kaminski, Zach Fox, Braylon Iversen, Eli Shada, Josh Fox. (Photo courtesy "Photo Joe" Vculek)

Schedule and Results (Record 10-2)

Wahoo 14, @Wayne 0
 Wahoo 54, Nebraska City 19
 @Aurora 55, Wahoo 21
 Wahoo 60, @Platteview 0
 Wahoo 36, West Point-Beemer 0
 Wahoo 75, Raymond Central 6 (Homecoming)
 Wahoo 14, @Bishop Neumann 12
 Wahoo 21, Columbus Lakeview 7
 Wahoo 40, @Columbus Scotus 14
 Wahoo 35, Milford 0 (State Playoffs)
 Wahoo 45, Adams Central 7 (State Playoffs)
 @Aurora, 35, Wahoo 10 (State Playoffs)

GIRLS' GOLF



2018 Warrior Girls Golf Team, from left: **Darian Stang**, **Shelby Griego**, **Coach Curtis Carlson**, **Gabi Girmus**.

This year the girls' golf team, coached by Curtis Carlson, had only had three members, all seniors. Shelby Griego, Darian Stang, and Gabi Girmus. "Gabi and Darian both showed immense improvement throughout the season," Griego said. "It was great to see Darian improve so much, since it was her first season," she said. Shelby placed third at Districts, which allowed her to travel to North Platte for the state golf tournament. Unfortunately, some early winter weather hit in mid-October, and the two-day tournament ended after just one day. "Even though we were a small team, we had great determination and team spirit," Griego said. "Our favorite memory throughout the season was getting Taco Bell after the meets"



Senior **Darian Stang** hits a chip shot to land on the green.



Senior **Gabi Girmus** putts during an early season tournament.



Senior **Shelby Griego** tees off and aims for the green.

This was Wahoo's third year participating in Unified Bowling.

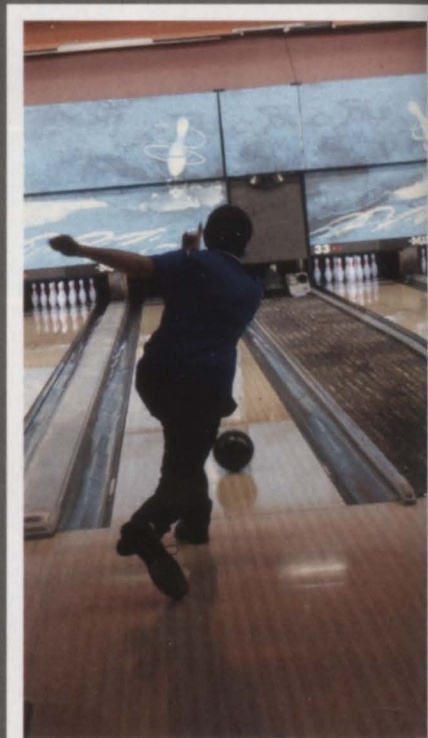
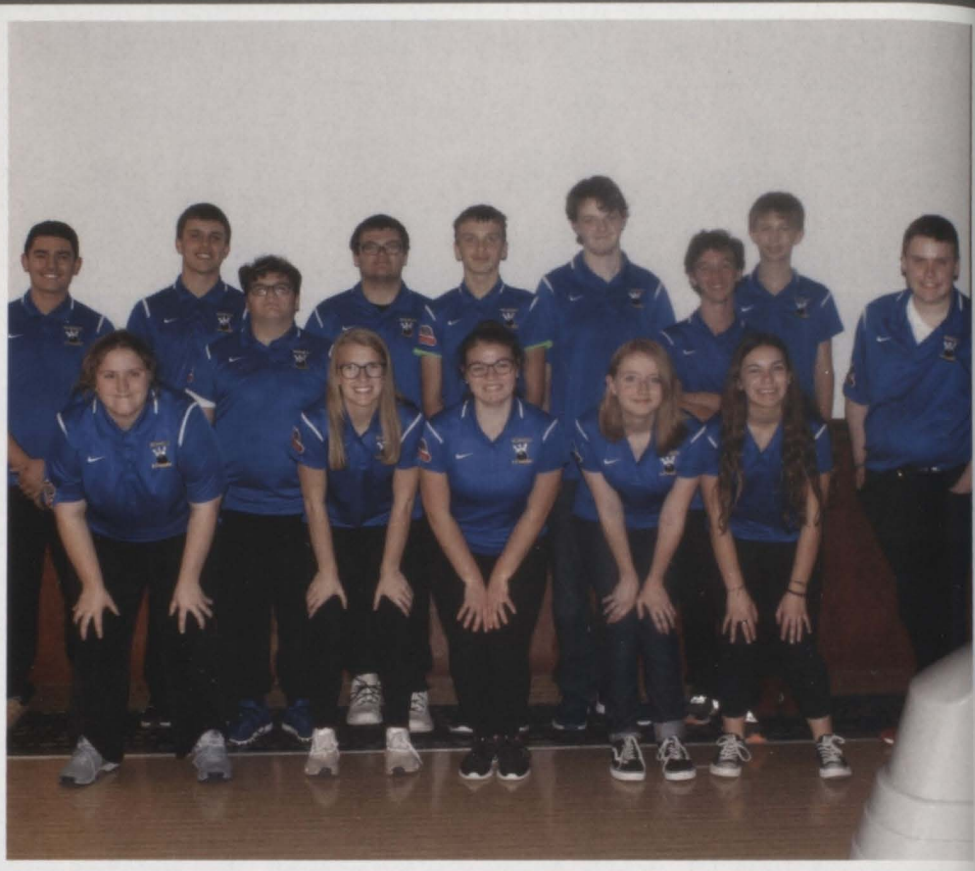
The goal of the program is to unite all WHS students to have fun, learn and practice a new sport, and make new friends.

Coached by Kelsey Sestak and Kristal Brabec, the team traveled to several area bowling alleys to compete against other schools. "It

was a lot of fun bowling and getting to meet other students, not only from our school, but other schools as well," said freshman Andrew Waido. Assistant Coach

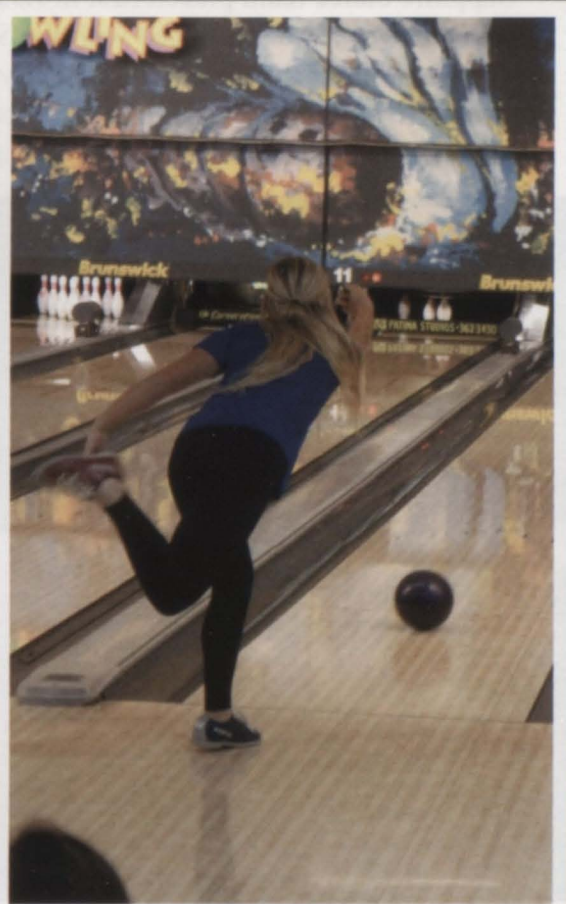
Kristal Brabec said what impressed her about the season were the bonds that were created among the students and coaches throughout the season. "The students had a great time getting to know each other and competing against the other teams while becoming better bowlers," Mrs.

Brabec said. Senior Josh Luedtke, who has bowled for two years, said "It's much more than bowling. We created lifetime friendships. It was a very worthwhile experience for me, and I encourage others to participate in this activity."



Clockwise, from top: Team members pose after a competition. Junior **Jesus Zaragoza** waits for the ball to roll down the alley for a strike. The team celebrates a victory. Opposite page, clockwise from far right: Senior **Sydney Vanieck** demonstrates her bowling form. Junior **Jesus Zaragoza** aims for a strike. Freshmen **Mickayla Cuda** and **Ruzenka Carlson** wait their turn to bowl. Students show off their team spirit during a tournament.

Unified Bowling



Cheer and Dance

This year was the first for the cheer team to go to state. Senior Emily Obert decided one month before the championships to get a group of girls together to compete in the 2019 Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition in February in Grand Island. With just a month of practice, the cheer team placed sixth in the sideline division. At the same event, the Sapphire dance team placed first in Jazz, and 4th in Pom. Sophomore Sierra Duckworth was surprised with the Sapphires' win. "As a team, we left the floor thinking we didn't very well in Jazz. Even though we worked hard as a team, we didn't expect to take first. We were very excited when we got the results," Duckworth said.



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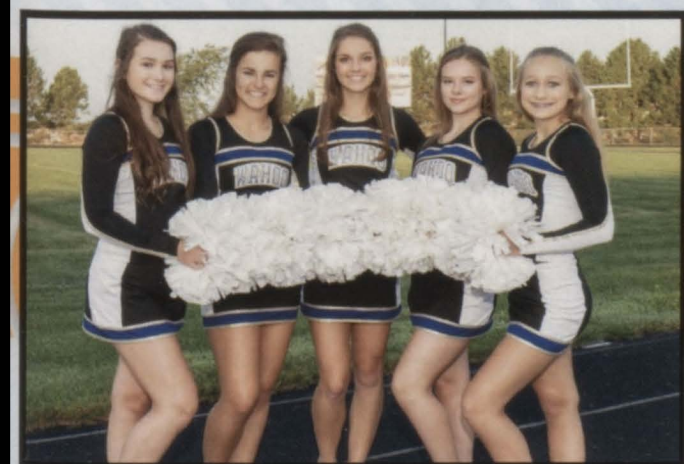
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The 2018-19 Cheer Team. Back row, from left: Olivia Rustermier, Paige Peterson, Jaynie Bustad, Hannah Subbert, Faith Westlund, Kaitlyn Herndon. Middle Row, from left: Grace Wirka, Emali Holtz, Star Eckley, Sierra Duckworth, Alyssa Walla. Front row, from left: Seniors Sydney Vanicek, Emily Obert, Cali Rampendahl, Alyson Bartels.



1. The competitive cheer team gets ready to show off its routine at a home basketball game. 2. The Warrior Sapphire dance team performs at the Boys State Basketball Tournament. 3. The Warrior Sapphire dance team show off their championship medals. 4. Emily Obert and Emali Holtz pose for a picture. 5. Alyson Bartels cheers. 6. The competitive cheer team poses at the state meet in Grand Island.



Above: The 2018-19 Wrestling cheer team. Back row, from left: Cheyenne Standley, Klarice Waage, Rachel Steele, Katelyn Urban. Front row, from left: Senior Brooklyn Eckley, Jade Andresen, Madison Bittleston, Ashley Flight. Left: The 2018-19 Sapphire dance team, left to right: Klarice Waage, Morgan Oden, Paige Peterson, Sierra Duckworth, Star Eckley.

Warrior Wrestling

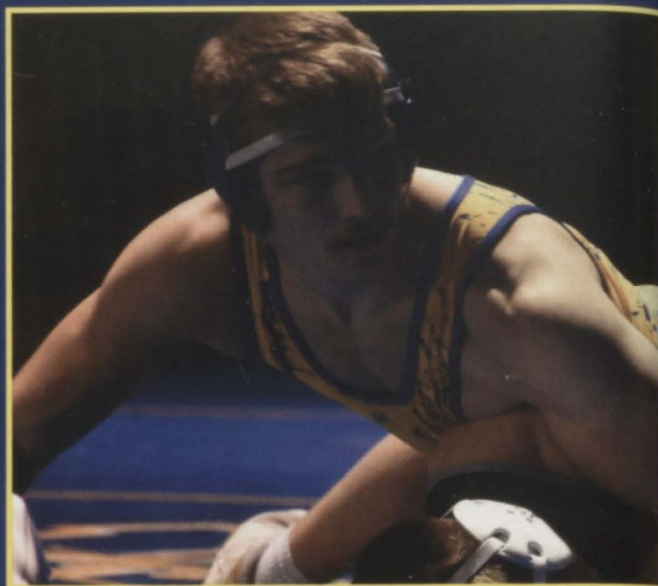
Team Qualifies Nine for State

The Warrior Wrestling team, led by Head Coach Darold Foster, qualified a record nine wrestlers for the Class B State Wrestling Tournament in Omaha in February. Qualifiers included Malachi Bordovsky (106 pounds), Sebastian Lausterer (113), Trey Shanahan (138), Peyton Walling (145), Zane Bennett (152), Cooper Hancock (160), Kole Bordovsky (182), Sam Kolterman (195), and Jack Sutton (285).

Sutton took first place, becoming the first Warrior wrestler to win back-to-back state championships.

Kolterman took 2nd place, and Bennett took 4th place. Overall, the team took 4th place in Class B.

Senior Jack Sutton said, "It's bittersweet for me for me because it's my senior year, and Sam (Kolterman) lost in the finals. But I'm proud of our team." Senior Sam Kolterman said, "We could have done better at state, and my loss in the finals was disappointing, but the good news is that we have a lot of talented young guys coming up for the future." Junior Peyton "Rosco" Walling said the season was a good one, but it required "embracing the grind" of practices, making weight, and going to a lot of weekend meets.



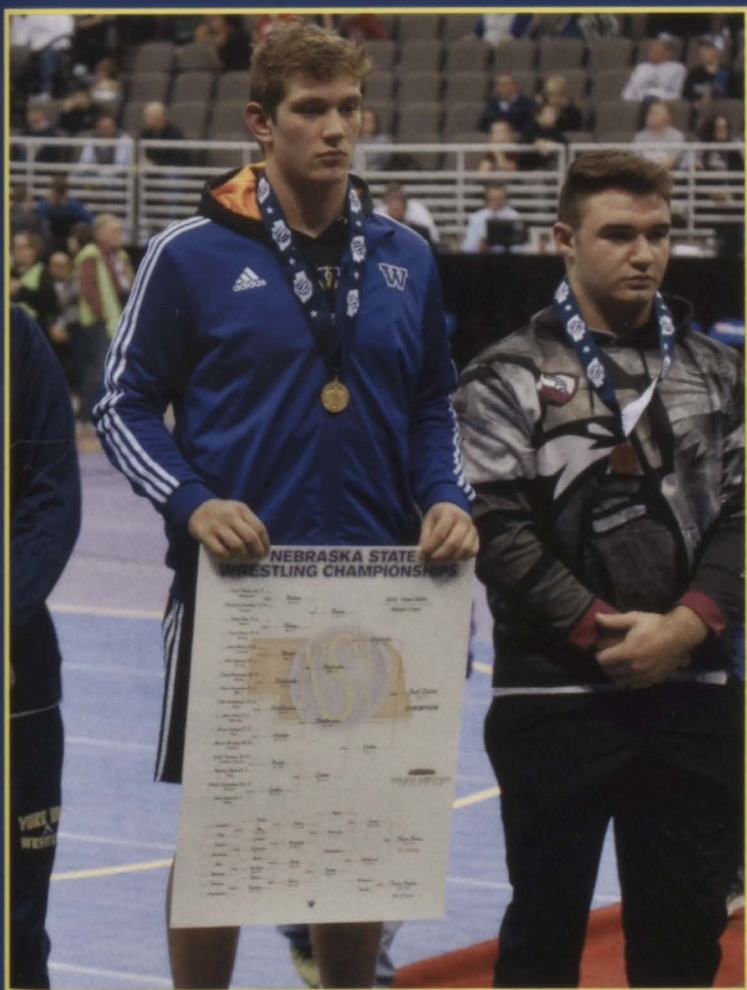
Sophomore **Sebastian Lausterer**, who qualified for state at 113 pounds, prepares to take down his opponent.



Top: Senior **Sam Kolterman** gets ready to pin his opponent at a home dual. Kolterman had 165 victories and 125 pins in high school career. Center: Senior **Zane Bennett** waits for the ref to declare him the winner of his match. Above: Senior **Jordan Thorson** goes for a takedown.



2018-19 Warrior Wrestling. Back row, from left: Coach Tyrell Galloway, Coach John Sutton, Jordan Thorson, Sam Kolterman, Jack Sutton, Zane Bennett, Coach Clete Vrbka, Head Coach Darold Foster. Center row, from left: Peyton Walling, Cooper Hancock, Kole Bordovsky, Brandon Swahn, Grant Kolterman, Dan Vyhlidal, Trey Shanahan. Front row, from left: Brandon Hasenkamp, Sebastian Lausterer, Gavin Pokorny, Colin Ludvik, Nathan Mather, Malachi Bordovsky.



Senior Jack Sutton wins back-to-back state championships

Left: Senior **Jack Sutton** takes the podium as the 2019 Class B 285-pound State Champion at the State Wrestling Tournament in Omaha. With his victory, Sutton, who had 162 wins in his high school career, became the first back-to-back state wrestling champion in Wahoo High School history. He will wrestle at UN-Kearney in the fall. Above: **Jack Sutton** takes on his opponent at the home dual against Nebraska City.

Girls Basketball

Third-Place Class C-1 State Champions

The girls basketball team ended the season with a record of 25-2. They were Holiday Tournament Champs, Conference Season Champs, District Champs, and took third place at State. The Warriors, led by Coach Linda Walker, defeated the number one seed, Mitchell, in the consolation game. Senior Hallie Reeves ended her high school career with 1,338 points, which puts her as the second-highest point-scorer in school history. Hallie and Elly Larson both came back better than ever this season after suffering ACL injuries last year. With them, and the help of others, this team had a great season and it was very enjoyable. To top it off, Hallie Reeves, Kendal Brigham, and Kyla Swanson all earned first team Capital Conference, and Elle Glock earned second team. Elly Larson, Jaci Schnakenberg, and Mya Larson earned honorable mentions.



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1. Senior Hallie Reeves passes the ball.

2. Senior Jaci Schnakenberg goes up for a lay-up.

3. Junior Kendal Brigham takes the ball down the court.

4. Senior Elly Larssen watches the action.



5. Seniors Kyla Swanson, and Jaci Schnakenberg defend against Arlington at a home game.



6. Senior Kyla Swanson boxes out for the rebound.



8. Sophomore Elle Glock dribbles the ball down the court.



Back row (l to r): Coach Wes Kramer, Coach Michelle Wilt, Coach Linda Walker, Coach Curtis Carlson, 4th row: Kellen Wilt, Brailey Gronenthal, Tabitha Cooney, Haleigh Simanek, Mickele Divis, Abbey Borchers, Kylee Kenning, Jaxsen Wilt. 3rd row: Toni Greenfield, Mya Larson, Tessa Gatewood, Kelsie Sears, Taylor Luben, Audrey Waido. 2nd row: Lanta Hitz, Courtney Strait, Kharissa Eddie, Lillie Mann, Kendal Brigham, Elle Glock, Alyssa Luedtke, Front row: Hayden Nelson, Jaclyn Harris, Jaci Schnakenberg, Katie Borchers, Hallie Reeves, Kyla Swanson, Elly Larson, Janisa Gronenthal, Lilly Harris.

Boys Basketball

NCC Champions; 4th at State

The Wahoo Warriors Boys Basketball team, led by seniors Winston Cook, Brett Greenfield, Karson Hesser, Blake Lacey, and Nick Oden, finished their season 24-5.

The Warriors won the Nebraska Capitol Conference (NCC) Championship and the District C-1-2 championship. In the district championship, Wahoo defeated Wayne 66-47 to earn the #2 seed at the State Championships. In the first game, the Warriors defeated Boys Town, 64-50 to advance to a quarterfinal game against #3 seed Auburn. The Warriors played that game without Blake Lacey, who broke his ankle in the Boys Town game. The Warriors lost to Auburn, the eventual Class C-1 champions. "We had a great season, but it ended in disappointment with all the injuries," said Winston Cook. Head Coach Kevin Scheef said "It was a very enjoyable season, and I was particularly proud of how they defeated Boys Town at State, even though we were short-handed. I'm very proud of what these boys accomplished."



Above: Senior **Karson Hesser**. Right: Senior **Blake Lacey**.



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Clockwise from left: Senior **Winston Cook** and Junior **Thomas Waido** watch the play during the quarterfinals of the C-1 state championships against Auburn. Junior **Trey Scheef** protects the ball during the opening round of the Class C-1 state championships against Boys Town. Junior **Gerardo Madrid** stays focused during the Auburn game. Junior **Trevin Luben** displays the intensity the Warriors had throughout their 24-5 season. Below: the Boys Basketball team, led by Coach Kevin Scheef.





Seniors, back row, from left: Elly Larson, Kyla Swanson, Hallie Reeves. Front row, from left: Katie Borchers, Janisa Gronenthal, and Jaci Schnakenberg.



Seniors, from left: Blake Lacey, Brett Greenfield, Winston Cook, Karson Hesser, and Nick Oden.

Girls and Boys Basketball Teams Qualify for State Tournaments: Girls take 3rd; Boys take 4th

Girls Basketball 2018-2019 Season (25 wins, 2 losses)

@Bennington 45-43 W
Aurora 53-18 W
@Ashland-Greenwood 62-20 W
@Wayne 72-21 W
@Louisville 45-41 W
@Fort Calhoun 68-14 W
Lincoln Lutheran 64-41 W
Lexington 58-33 W
Seward 58-36 W
Syracuse 54-39 W
Crete 54-51 W
@Omaha Mercy 57-31 W
@Platteview 55-37 W
DC West 83-19 W
@Raymond Central 64-36 W
Norfolk Catholic 61-42 W
DC West (NCC) 67-13 W
Arlington (NCC) 53-25 W
Syracuse (NCC Final) 47-26 W
Gretna (Canceled)
Arlington 63-41 W
Malcolm 56-36 W
David City 67-21 W
Bishop Neumann 42-46 L
Chase County 54-37 W
Adams Central (1st Round State) 37-24 W
Bishop Neumann (2nd Round State) 42-44 L
Mitchell (3rd place State) 46-24 W



**Head Coach
Linda Walker**

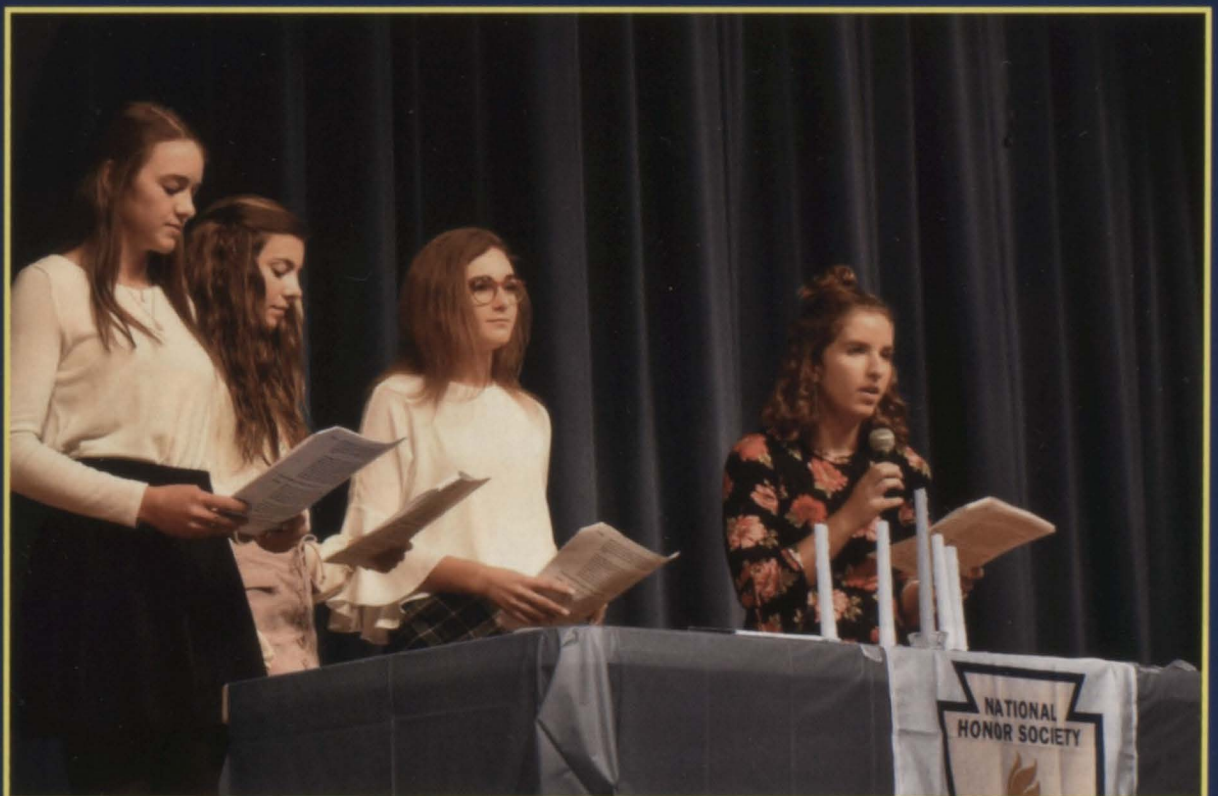
Boys Basketball 2018-2019 Season (24 wins, 5 losses)

@Bennington 54-69 L
Aurora 74-76 OT L
@Wayne 72-64 W
@Logan View/Scribner-Snyder 70-32 W
Fort Calhoun 87-40 W
@Yutan 71-64 W
Lincoln Lutheran 67-45 W
Lexington 80-72 W
Seward 54-56 L
Syracuse 82-54 W
Crete 65-44 W
@Platteview 68-49 W
DC West 82-48 W
@Raymond Central 83-36 W
Norfolk Catholic 81-32 W
Raymond Central (NCC) 86-27 W
Platteview (NCC) 62-50 W
Ashland-Greenwood 57-44 W
Arlington 84-54 W
Grand Island CC 58-57 W
@Columbus Scotus 82-52 W
Ashland-Greenwood 81-14 W
@Elmwood-Murdock 63-56 W
David City 79-31 W
David City Aquinas 70-62 W
Wayne 66-47 W
Boys Town (1st Round State) 64-50 W
Auburn (2nd Round State) 46-59 L
Ogallala (4th place State) 63-74 L



**Head Coach
Kevin Scheef**

Clubs and Activities





Back Row (left to right): Alec Gettert, Mattie Pfieffer, Mr. Tomjack, Anna Dobesh, Shawna Walla, Noah Polacek, Trey Scheef, Trey Johnston, and Grant Crockett. Middle Row (left to right): Kalon Cooper, Nate Fox, Jackson Taylor, Emily Pokorny, Katie Borchers, Leah Maass, Abi Klein, Kendal Brigham, Paige Peterson, Kaitlyn Herndon, Rachel Myers, Kylee Edmonds, Elise Cejka, and Brooklyn Eckley. Front Row (left to right): Zane Bennett, Erin Sutton, Macy Homes, Emma Thrasher, Emily Obert, Jaclyn Schnakenberg, and Lara Celesky.



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Back Row (left to right): Noah Eivins, Harry Siebenaler, Michael Robinson, Carson Lavaley, and Jerstan Zeleny.
Front Row (left to right): Isaac Privett, LJ Morley, Joe Herrera, and Luke Polacek.



Back Row (left to right): Thomas Waido, Abi Klein, Josh Luedtke, and Hannah Subbert. Middle Row (left to right): Brett Greenfield, Nate Fox, Madison Bittleston, Aby Lowther, and Paige Peterson. Front Row (left to right): Emily Pokorny, Emma Thrasher, Katie Borchers, and Macy Homes.



Circle Of Friends

Back Row (left to right): Vincent Hutson, Xander McClain, Joseph Linscomb, Hunter Celesky, Anthony Hoffman, Landon King, Dustin Otte, Wyatt Demaray, Zach Meyers, Zach Sanderson, Ruzenka Carlson, Jaci Schnakenberg, Elly Larson, and Lara Celesky. Middle Row (left to right): Tessa Gatewood, Paige Peterson, Kendal Brigham, Elise Cejka, Maya Foxworthy, Kaitlyn Herndon, Jenna Masek, Aby Lowther, Greeley Hauswald, and Nate Fox. Front Row (left to right): Erin Sutton, Katie Borchers, Emily Pokorny, Emma Thrasher, Macy Homes, and Hannah Subbert.



FCCLA

Back Row (left to right): Lara Celesky, Alec Gettert, Aby Lowther, Mrs. Kriz. Front Row (left to right): Chris Kochner, Elle Glock, Tessa Gatewood, Kharissa Eddie.

One-Act



Back Row (left to right): Zach Sanderson, Aby Lowther, Sam Dubois, Noah Polacek, Cody Bailey, and Megan Marrs. Front Row (left to right): Lara Celesky, Rachel Steele, Grace Wirka, Emma Bruce, and Zoe Ferguson.

FBLA



Back Row (left to right): Greeley Hauswald, Nate Fox, Quinn Zeleny, Vanis Davidson, Thomas Waido, Payton Ricks, Adam Hayworth, Jordan Broome, Gunnar Vanek, Trey Scheef, Luke Partridge, Nick Oden, and Trey Johnston. Middle Row (left to right): Tessa Gatewood, Elle Glock, Sydney Stuchlik, Erin Sutton, Mattie Pfeiffer, Kendal Brigham, Emily Obert, and Jaci Schnakenberg. Front Row (left to right): Paige Peterson, Leah Maass, Abi Klein, and Elly Larson.



Left to right: Alex Tomjack, Noah Polacek, Mat Wolf, Andrew Wolf, and Mr. Fangman.



Back Row (left to right): Parker Barnes, Paige Peterson, Sydney Stuchlik, Jaynie Bustad, Elly Larson, Kyla Swanson, and Quinn Zeleny. Middle Row (left to right): Jaci Schnakenberg, Tessa Gatewood, Erin Sutton, Leah Maass, Hannah Subbert, Abi Klein, and Kendal Bringham. Front Row (left to right): Trey Johnston, Hallie Reeves, and Sheldon Johnson.



Unified Bowling

Back Row: (left to right): Jesus Zaragoza, Logan Brabec, Tayler Henderson, Sam Dubois, Wyatt Demaray, Matthew Dooley, and Jake Maas. Middle Row (left to right): Macy Homes, Sydney Stuchlik, Kaitlyn Herndon, Ryan Olson, LJ Morley, Dustin Otte, and Ms. Sestak. Front Row (left to right): Tessa Gatewood, Erin Sutton, Leah Maass, Hannah Subbert, Paige Peterson, Faith Westlund, Kharissa Eddie, and Ruzenka Carlson.



FFA

Left to right: Emma Thrasher, Hailey Meduna, Marissa Meduna, and Joe Scanlon.



Multicultural Club

Back Row (left to right): Kendal Brigham, Jaynie Bustad, Tessa Gatewood, Kyla Swanson, Elly Larson, Kharissa Eddie, Macy Homes, and Greeley Hauswald. Front Row (left to right): Jaci Schnakenberg, Leah Maass, Paige Peterson, Hannah Subbert, and Courtney Strait.



Spanish Club

Back Row (left to right): Leah Maass, Mattie Pfeiffer, Alec Gettert, Tessa Gatewood, Gerardo Madrid, Trey Johnston, and Mr. Sieck. Front Row (left to right): Erin Sutton, Hannah Subbert, Paige Peterson, Kendal Brigham, Jade Andresen, and Jaynie Bustad.



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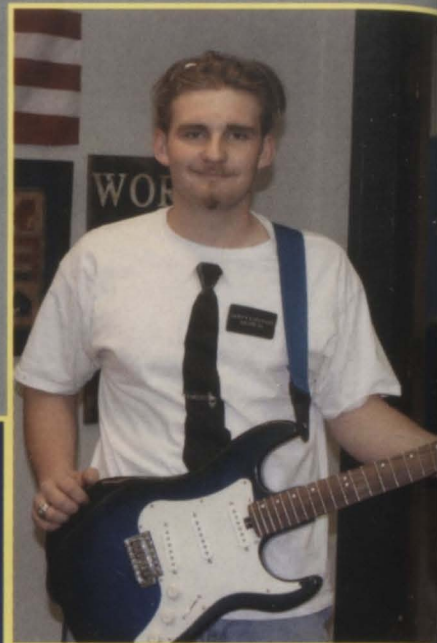
(left to right): Coaches Sam Lee and Jessica Poli from UNL, Payton Carstens, and Mr. Fangman.
Not pictured: Hayden Galloway, Sean Rowe, and Allison Eggleston.



Dr. Seuss Breakfast Club

Left to right: Aby Lowther, Ryker Henderson, Braedenn Olson, Jackson Taylor, Eli Brabec, Madison Bittleston, Lara Celesky, and Sydney Stuchlik. Not pictured: Austin Schneider.

Clockwise, from right: **Parker Barnes** shows off the guitar he built in art class. **Hallie Reeves** protects the ball during a basketball game. **Josh Luedtke** speaks at the annual Veterans' Day Assembly held in the PLC.



Seniors



Opposite page from top left; **Brooklyn Eckley** and **Alyson Bartels** cheer at the football game. **Lara Celesky** hits all the right notes on her trumpet. **Kylee Swanson** shows off her skills in softball. **Macey Homes**, **Emma Thrasher**, **Zane Bennett**, and **Hallie Reeves** show off their costumes on "Retro Day" during Spirit Week.



Baby Dedications

ZANE BENNETT



We are so incredibly proud of the man you have become. Through all of your struggles with injuries you overcame adversity with a whole new perspective on life. We cannot wait to watch you spread your wings and chase your dreams! We truly hit the "Jackpot" with you!

LOVE YOU!

Mom & Dad

EMMA THRASHER



Emma,

There are no words that can convey our love and admiration for you.

Your character, strength, and transparency are qualities that have taken you far and have landed you where you are today! Enjoy the now, breathe, and always keep God close!

We love you! Mom, Dad, and Ben

BRETT GREENFIELD



God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile. We are so proud of the man you've become and this milestone you accomplished. Always stay humble and kind and great things will come your way.

Love, Dad and Mom

JACK SUTTON



It's been great so far...Can't wait to see where you go from here on out! Best of luck in all you do.

Your biggest fans, Dad and Mom

AARON HAYS



You've always been my red, white, and blue boy. It's only fitting that you've joined the Marines! I'm always proud of you! I love you so much. Your Dad is smiling down from you with love and pride. Good luck, my Marine!

SHELBY GRIEGO



We are so proud of your initiative and determination. You have always kept us laughing and have never been afraid to do your own thing. Keep chasing your dreams precious girl-nothing can stop you! (Don't forget to twirl now and then.)

Love, Mom, Dan, Natasha, Cody and Hayden

JOSH LUEDTKE



"Keep your eyes on the stars, and
your feet on the ground."

Josh, we are proud of all you have
accomplished, and we can't wait to
see what the future holds.
Remember to work hard, be
respectful, and stay humble.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Alyssa

EMILY OBERT



We watched you grow with joy
filled hearts, and are proud of
everything you have accomplished!

The future holds all types of
possibilities; believe in God and in
yourself. Step into your future with
a prayer in your heart and
commit to the Lord
whatever you do.

Love, Your Family

CLARYSSA SLADEK



Dream big and work hard and you
can achieve any goal no matter how
large, but always take the time to
recognize the little things.
They may be small, but they can be
pretty amazing.

Love,
Mom and Dad

MATTIE PFEIFFER



We were happy as a family of five,
but something was missing. You
came along and completed our unit,
making our world a better place.

We're excited to see what your
future holds. Remember, we're all
here if you ever need us.

Love you bunches,
Mom, Dad & The Originals

JACK KRENKE



Jack-Jack,

We are so proud of the young man
that you've become. Strong,
opinionated, and passionate about
your path in life. Hold on to that
zest for living; it makes you
one of a kind.

You have made our lives better.
Love, Mom, Dad, Heather, Jenna,
Ryann, Cole, and Tyler

ABI KLEIN



We are so proud of you and all that
you have accomplished!
Stay true to yourself and enjoy the
ride!

Love,
Mom and Dad
(Ali and Bob)

ERICA CARNAHAN



We are very proud of you, Erica!
Good luck as you go down the next
trail!

"Do not go where the path may lead
Go instead where there is no path
and leave a trail"

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Meghan, Travis, Prince,
Husker, Dude, Lolly, Lena, Leeota,
Peanut, and Tequila

SYDNEY VANICEK



What a quick eighteen years it's
been!
Can't believe it's time for you to
venture off to college.
The world is out there, so go get it!
We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

NOAH POLACEK



Noah, You've gone from a sweet little "pawn" to the "king" of many things. Your accomplishments have proved many wrong.

"When people make the mistake of underestimating me, that's when they are really in for their biggest surprise"--Donald Trump

Love,
Mom and Dad

PARKER BARNES



Parker J,
You have so much talent, and have made us very proud to call you our son. Parker, you have been hell on wheels since you could walk. Never give up, Believe in yourself and you will go far.
Love you to the moon!
Mom, Dad and Syd

CADEN JONAS



Congratulations on this great accomplishment. We are so proud of you and excited to see what is to come in the next chapter of your life.

Love,
Mom and Dad

SHAWNA WALLA



You have accomplished so much already, and we know you'll continue to impress us. Keep working hard, and you'll go far in this world. We're excited to see what the future has in store for you. Always remember that your Dad is with you and you have a proud family standing behind you. We love you. Mom, Alyssa, and Nicki

ERIN SUTTON



Hardworking, focused, determined, independent, fearless
Kind, funny, smart, compassionate, adventurous, faithful

All these words make you the wonderful daughter that your parents are very proud of. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jacey, and Samantha

TREY MILLIKEN



Once you came into our lives, you changed it forever. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings for you. We are very proud of you. We love you very much.

Love, Mom and Dad

KYLA SWANSON



Kyla,
The life that you live is a joy, inspiration, and a true gift. You are highly blessed and favored by God and man. We are so proud of the incredible young lady you have become. You have left a legacy for others to follow!

Love,
Mom and Dad

JACI SCHNAKENBERG



Jaclyn,
You make your family so proud! What a kind, intelligent young woman you have grown up to be. No matter where your path may lead you, we know you're destined for great things!

Love always,
Dad, Mom, Josie, and Jonas

AUSTIN SCHNEIDER



Watching you grow up has always kept us very entertained! You are so full of energy and life; nothing can slow you down! We are so proud of you and love you very much!

"Just breathe"

Love Always,
Mom and Dad

JANISA GRONENTHAL



You are my sunshine. My only sunshine. Believe in yourself and ALL things are possible. My wish for you: ABUNDANT happiness, Endless journeys, Great Success, and paths strong enough to handle the footprints you are going to leave :) "MOST"

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike, Anna, Meriah, Brailey, Tatiana & Camden

MACY HOMES



Mojo, Your contagious smile, loving heart, unwavering dedication, and kind soul will take you far. We have no doubt you will make crazy goals and do everything in your power to achieve them. Remember: "Whether you think you can, or whether you think you can't, you're right!" Go get 'em, girlfriend!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Taylor

EMILY POKORNY



We can hardly believe you are graduating and ready to set off on your biggest adventure yet.

Watching you grow into an incredible, smart, beautiful, and outgoing woman has been our greatest blessing. We know you'll do great things! So proud of you!

Love you to pieces,
Mom and Dad

KYLEE SWANSON



Kylee,

We are so very proud and humbled to have you as our daughter. With your determination and hard work, nothing can stop you! We are so excited to see what your future holds.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Jaiden

BROOKLYN ECKLEY



Climb On! Your adventure is just starting we are proud of who you are and everything you've accomplished. You're an amazing daughter and sister there's no limit to what you can do. Now go climb mountains, keep God close and know we love you always.

- Dad, Mom, Star, Aspen & Axel

ABBY BOESIGER



No job's too big!
No pup's too small!
We love you, Abby!

ANNA DOBESH



Our hearts burst with how proud of you we are!

Your accomplishments so far are just the tip of the iceberg for you! You are beautiful, inside and out!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Mara
"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."—Gandhi

HUNTER CELESKY AND LARA CELESKY



We are so proud of everything you've accomplished. You have bright futures ahead of you, and we are so happy God blessed us with you both!
Congratulations!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Lauren, Lindsey, and John



BLAKE LACEY



"If God had let me choose a son. There is no doubt you'd be the one. It seems it was just yesterday I read to you and watched you play.

I'm thankful I was in God's plan To help my boy become a man."

We are so proud of you and blessed to have been a part of this journey in your life.

We love you! Mom and Dad

CALI RAMPENDAHL



Cali,

"Every good and perfect gift is from above..."

Your life has been a perfect example of God's love, as He has blessed us with you! Now it is time to share you with the world. May your light and love be spread in all you do. We love you!

ALYSON BARTELS



You are an AMAZING young lady! As you journey through life, KEEP PURSUING what brings you HAPPINESS and JOY. Learn from the past, but live for the future. Life brings challenges; seek to find the silver lining.

Love U 4ever and 4 Always!

Love,Dad, Mom, Erica, Justin, and Jackson

GABRIELLE GIRMUS



Gabi,

It's time for you to show the world what a caring, responsible leader you've always been. Do not ever succumb to fear or tolerate less than what you deserve. We couldn't be more proud of the inspirational, beautiful, fierce woman you are!! We are forever proud!! You're always loved!!

CONGRATULATIONS!



TO THE CLASS OF 2019

You will always hold a special place in my heart with good memories from English 11, Yearbook, and Speech. As juniors, you made my first year at Wahoo so special. What bright futures you have ahead of you!

Do great things!

KATIE BORCHERS



We are so proud of the young lady you have become and all the hard work you have put in to set up your future success. Keep believing in yourself and working for what you want.

We Love You!

Mom, Dad, Abbey & Alex

MADISON HEALY



In the blink of an eye, you have grown to become a beautiful young woman. Each moment and every experience helps shape you, but your inner strength defines you. You have a bright future in front of you, and we look forward to what the next 18 years will bring.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

PAYTON CARSTENS



Baby Girl, Baby Girl:
How I love you so with
strawberry hair and bonnie-blue
eyes.

You stole my heart.

Love,
Grammie Pat

CHASE ALDRICH



We are so proud of you and the young man you've become. The future has great things in store for you. Congratulations and good luck at college.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Chloe

WINSTON COOK



You've made us so proud, and we are certain your future holds great promise.

All our love,
Mom and Dad

MICHAEL HOLMES



Mikey,
Best wishes for the future
Love,
Mom

Leah Maass



Princess Leah,
Our love is always with you
even if we are not.
Try to stay positive
even in your thoughts.
Listen to your heart.
Be thankful and giving.
Make yours a life that is so worth living.
Always believe in yourself
and follow your dreams.
If you can do this,
YOU can do ANYTHING.

YORDY TALavera

Hijo, estoy muy orgullosa de ti. Te has convertido en un hombre persistente. Admiro tu determinación. Sé que puedes alcanzar tus metas si te lo propones. Ten fe en Dios. Te amo.

Mama



Son, I am very proud of you. You have turned into a persistent man. I admire your determination. I know you can reach your goals if you put your mind to it. Have faith in God. I love you.

Mom

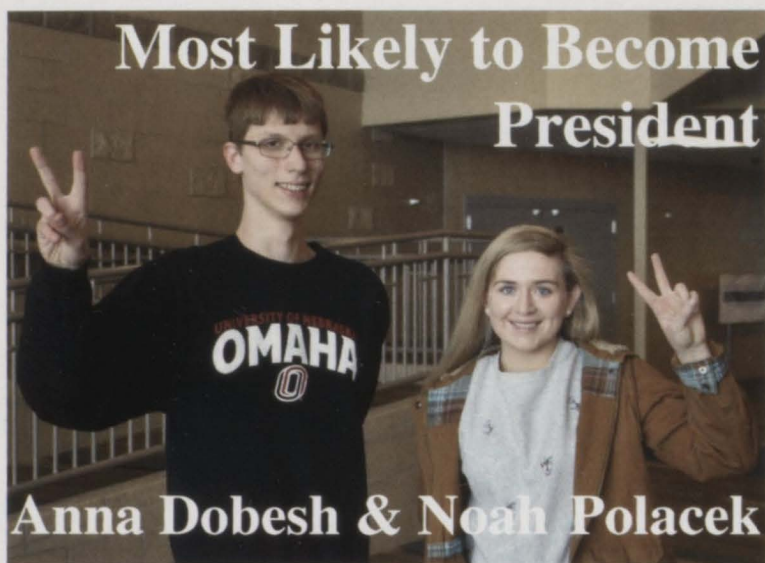
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Class of





Most Likely to Become President



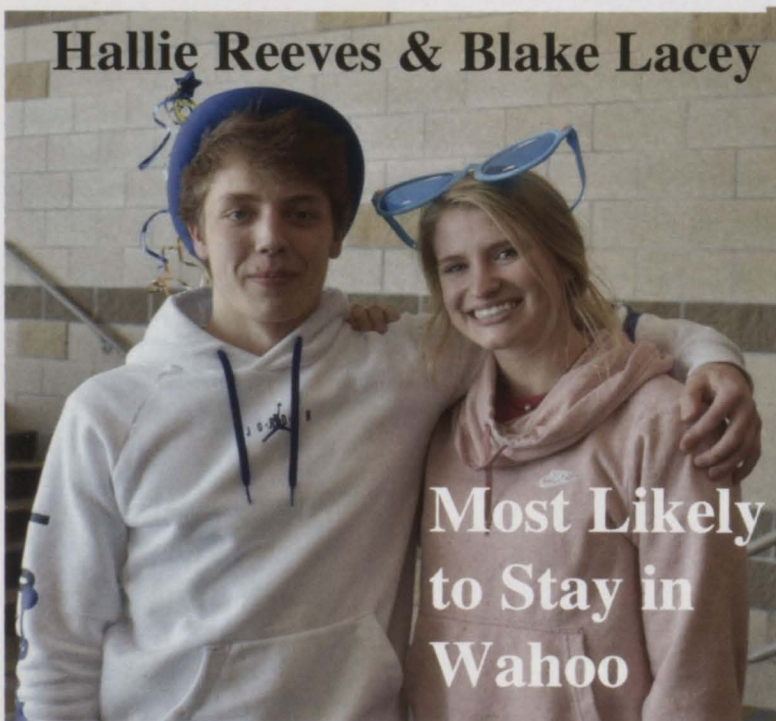
Anna Dobesh & Noah Polacek

Emily Obert & Zane Bennett



Most Likely to Put Most Miles on their Passports

Hallie Reeves & Blake Lacey



Most Likely to Stay in Wahoo



Cutest Couple that Never Was

Winston Cook & Elly Larson

Mattie Pfeiffer & Austin Schneider



Most Likely to Win an Oscar

Anna Dobesh & Sheldon Johnson



Most Likely to Become Millionaires



**Best
Bromance**
Jack Sutton &
Sam Kolterman



Best Smile

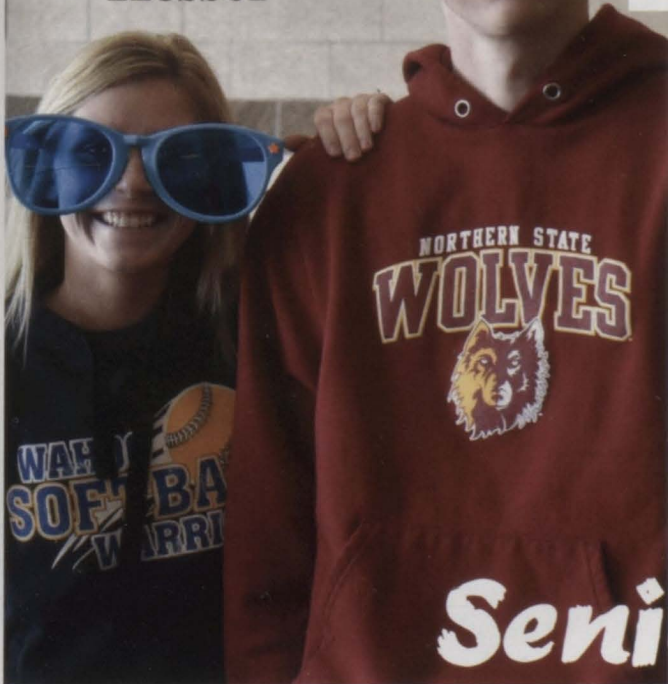
Hallie Reeves &
Jack Krenke



Best Eyes
Karley Kaiser
& Karson
Hesser



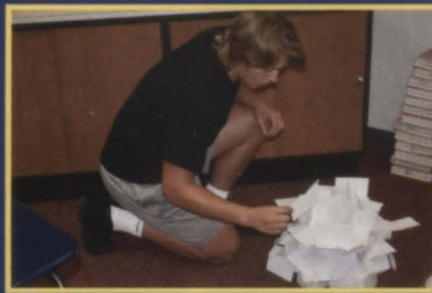
Worst Drivers
Emma Thrasher &
Brett Greenfield

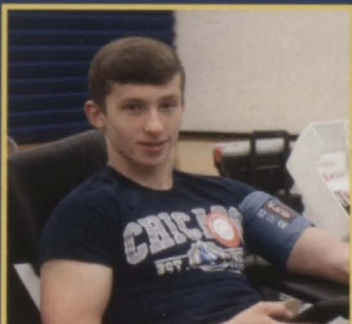
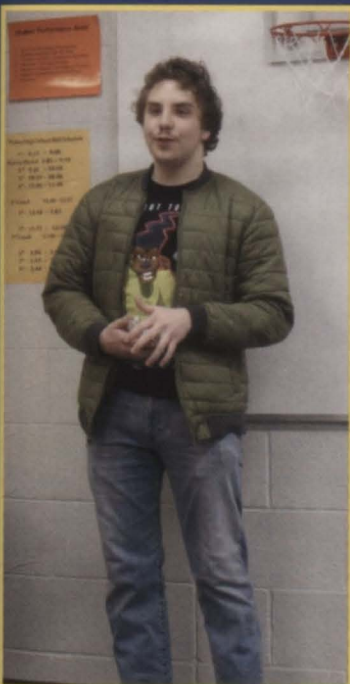
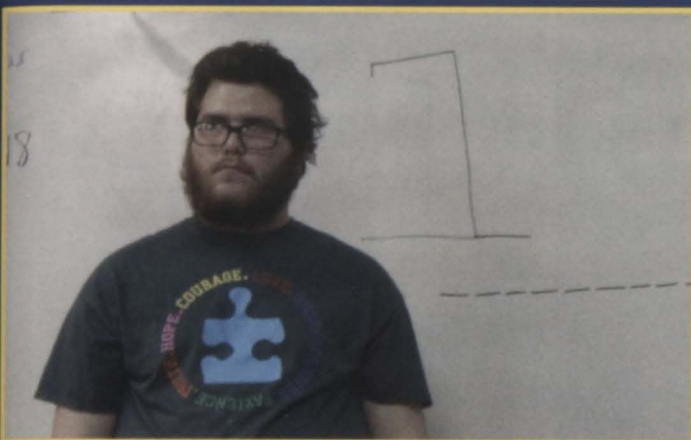
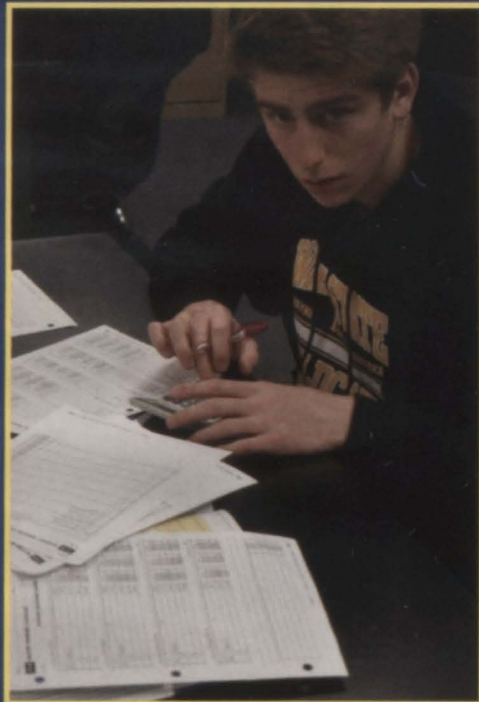


Life of the Party
Chris
Murren
& Mattie
Pfeiffer

Senior Superlatives

For the Class of 2019, a Year of Memories Sealed in Blue and Gold





Colophon



The 2019 *Thunderbird* was printed by Walsworth Publishing Company in Marceline, Missouri. Our account is serviced by Greg Adams and Michelle Brosemer. The 2019 *Thunderbird* includes 110 pages in full color. Layouts were produced and submitted using Walsworth Publishing Company's Online Design on MacBook Air computers. WHS Senior Sheldon Johnson designed the original cover art. Professional portraits were provided by Tammie Tonniges of Studio 123. Copies of the book sold for \$45, and the book was delivered in May 2019.

The yearbook staff would like to thank those who generously allowed us to use their photographs in this book, including Tammie Tonniges, Joe Vculek, David Waido, Kari Lacey, and Kate DeCoste, who also took the Senior Class photo on p.p. 108-109. We are grateful for the support shown to us by WHS Principal Jarred Royal, Superintendent Brandon Lavaley, Athletic Director Marc Kaminski, the WHS faculty and staff, and the members of the Wahoo Public Schools Board of Education. Mr. Minnick would like to express his appreciation to the staff for their hard work, creativity, sense of humor, and initiative. Mr. Minnick also would like to thank Gerardo Madrid for getting him hooked on fuego Takis and Shawna Walla for teaching him how to produce a 21st century yearbook.

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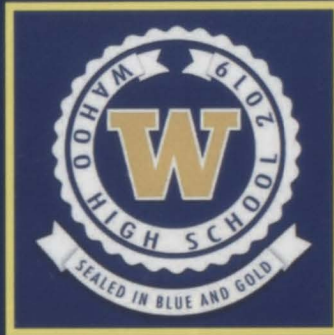
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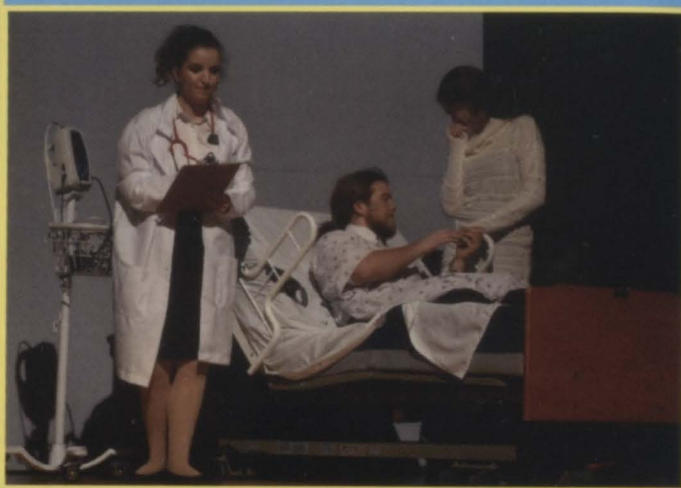


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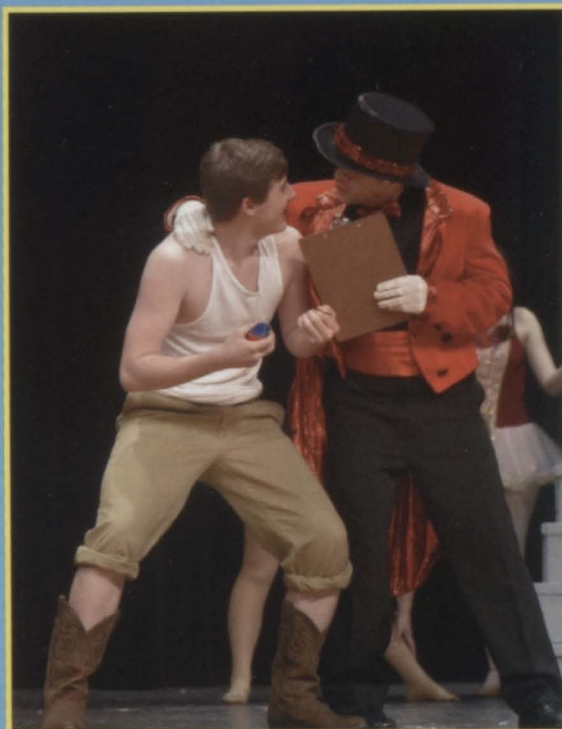
Supplement 2019

Musical: "Big Fish"

The WHS Music Department presented the musical "Big Fish," based on Daniel Wallace's novel, on March 28-31. Directed by Hunter Boe and assisted by Cherie Johnson, the musical is about Edward Bloom (played by Kalon Cooper), a traveling salesman with a gift for storytelling, who, after he learns he is dying of cancer, tries to repair his relationship with his estranged son, Will (Jackson Taylor). Bloom convinces his son that life is short and you need to live it to the fullest while you can. The play comes full circle when Will continues his father's storytelling legacy with his own young son.

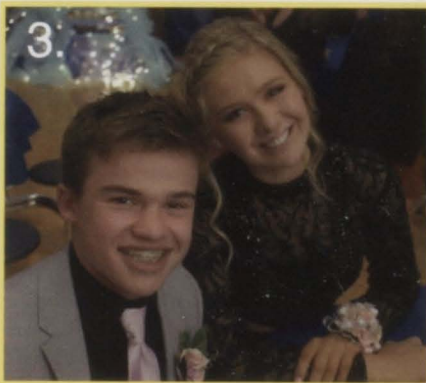


Clockwise, from top left: The townspeople of Ashton, Alabama, recognize their favorite son, Edward Bloom (junior **Kalon Cooper**). Dr. Bennett (senior **Lara Celesky**) and Edward's wife Sandra (junior **Rachel Myers**) talk about Edward's cancer diagnosis. Fisherman (freshman **Ben Ericksen**) complains to Edward that he can't catch a fish. Edward, as a young man, talks to his future wife, Sandra, and her classmates (sophomore **Sierra Duckworth** and senior **Emily Obert**) at Auburn University.



Clockwise, from top left: Edward teaches the ensemble the Alabama Stomp. The ensemble is ready for the first act to start. A sideshow juggler (junior **Ryker Henderson**) learns he's not needed for the circus while talking to ringleader Amos (senior **Austin Schneider**). Newlyweds Will and Josephine Bloom (junior **Jackson Taylor** and senior **Mattie Pfeiffer**) dance at their wedding reception while their wedding guests look on.

Midsummer's Night Dream



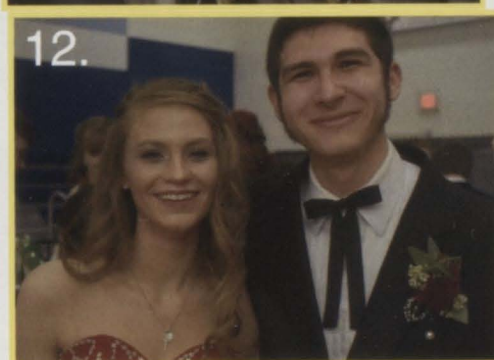
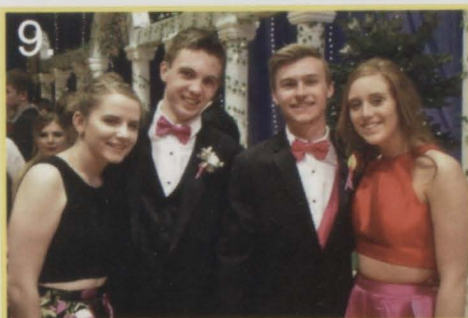
**The Co\$t
of Prom:
2019**

Flowers



Corsage- \$29.95

Boutonniere- \$15.95



Seniors Austin Schneider and Lara Celesky were chosen King and Queen at this year's Prom at the Elementary School on Saturday, April 6. Among those at the Prom were (1) Jesus Zaragoza, Faith Westlund, Lauren Kavan, and Logan Brabec. (2) Janisa Gronenthal, Toni Greenfield, Alyssa Luedtke, and Sydney Vanicek. (3) Colin Ludvik and Lillie Mann. (4) Jackson Taylor and Eli Brabec. (5) Shelby Griego, Cali Rampendahl, and Alyson Bartels. (6) King and Queen candidates Elly Larson and Jack Sutton. (7) Leah Maass, Emily Obert, and Hallie Reeves. (8) Paige Peterson, Kendal Brigham, and Hannah Subbert. (9) Kaylene Paisley, Trenton Erdmann-Hughes, Eli Brabec, and Jaynie Bustad. (10) Austin Schneider and Lara Celesky. (11) Peyton Walling and Quinn Zeleny. (12) Sara Else and Eli Sanchez. (13) The 2019 Prom Court.



Dress



Average dress price
\$150-200

Dinner



Average cost of
dinner:
\$50 per couple



Graduation: The Class of 2019



Graduation exercises for the Wahoo High School Class of 2019 were held on Sunday, May 12. Seventy seniors received their diplomas from School Board members Mike Hancock and Tom Hrdlicka. Valedictorian **Anna Dobesh** and Salutatorian **Josh Luedtke** spoke on behalf of their class. Juniors **Kendal Brigham** and **Paige Peterson** served as ushers. The class color was gold, and the class flower was the sunflower.

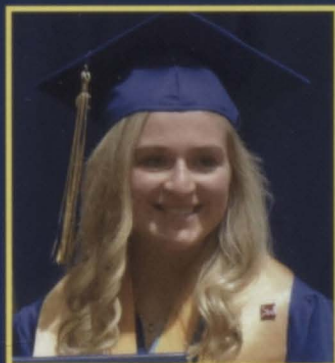
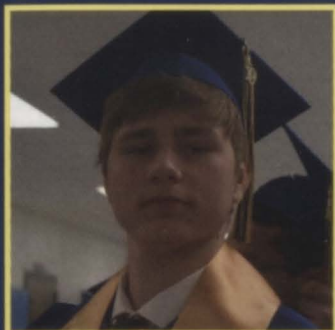




Josh Luedtke

Salutatorian

Josh Luedtke graduated as Salutatorian. He will continue his education at the University of Iowa. Josh will major in economics, then move forward to study pre-law.



Anna Dobesh

Valedictorian

Anna Dobesh finished her high school career as Valedictorian. Anna will continue her education at the University of Alabama with a full scholarship. She will major in biology and plans to become a veterinarian.





1. From left, **Trent Hallowell**, **Kyla Swanson**, and **Xander McClain** compete in the unified 100-meter dash.



2. **Vincent Hutson** runs the unified 100-meter dash.



3. **Vincent Hutson** and **Sam Kolterman** compete in the unified 100-meter dash.

State Champions



4. From left, **Jaci Schnakenberg**, **Lauren Kavan**, **Coach Carla Curran**, **Zoe Christenson**, and **Kendal Brigham** celebrate after winning the state championship in the 3200-meter relay. (Photo courtesy of Coach Curran.)



5. Junior **Zoe Christenson** hands off to junior **Kendal Brigham**.

6. Junior **Luke Partridge** and freshman **Curtis Swahn** run the 100-meter.



7. Senior **Kylee Edmonds** competes in the 100-meter dash.



8. Junior **Paige Peterson** runs the 100-meter hurdles.



Track and Field



9.



10.

The 2019 Warrior Track season was one to remember. Flooding throughout eastern Nebraska and cold and snowy weather in March and April canceled or postponed several early meets. Despite the weather, Wahoo qualified 11 athletes to the state meet in Omaha. At State, the girls' 3200-meter relay placed first with **Jaci Schnakenberg, Lauren Kavan, Zoe Christenson, and Kendal Brigham**. **Zoe Christenson** placed 8th in the mile. **Toni Greenfield** placed 5th in triple jump, **Austin Schneider** placed 5th in the long jump, **Brandon Swahn** placed 7th in shot, **Luke Partridge** placed 5th in discus, and **Kylee Edmonds** placed 5th in pole vault.

9. Sophomore **Toni Greenfield** competes in the triple jump. 10. Junior **Grant Crockett** runs the 1600-meter.

This year the Warrior unified track team made it to state for long jump, the 100-meter dash, and the 400-meter relay. **Kyla Swanson** and **Xander McClain** participated in the long jump and the 100-meter dash. **Xander McClain, Vincent Hutson, Kyla Swanson, and Sam Kolterman** placed second in the 4x100-meter relay.



11.

11. Top row, from left: Ellen Carlson, KaDee Johnson, Jazlyn Nelson, Tabitha Cooney, Kylee Kenning, Abbey Borchers, Rachel Loya, Megan Mairs, Sara Lindgren, Mickele Divis. Middle row: Hannah Jorgensen, Zoe Christenson, Haleigh Simanek, Courtney Strait, Taylor Luben, Lauren Kavan, Alyssa Luedtke, Kharissa Eddie, Tessa Gatewood, Klarice Wagge. Front row: Toni Greenfield, Kelsie Sears, Kylee Edmonds, Katie Borchers, Erin Sutton, Mattie Pfeiffer, Jaci Schnakenberg, Kendal Brigham, and Paige Peterson.



13.

13. Senior **Austin Schneider** competes in the long jump.



12.

12. Top row, from left: Tucker Janecek, Daven Harrington, Keegan Lowther, Josh Graber, Carson Lavaley, Gavin Pokorny, Kyan Lausterer, Andrew Waide, Myles Simon, Brett Whitaker, Zach Hamling, Sam DuBois. Middle row: Rolando Sotelo, Ethan Pehrson, Cody Bailey, Curtis Swahn, Waylon Sherman, Michael Robinson, Nathan Mather, Cooper Hancock, Trey Scheef, Adam Hayworth, Nate Fox, Kalon Cooper. Front row: Jake Maas, Trenton Erdmann-Hughes, Evan Davis, Brandon Swahn, Gunnar Vanek, Austin Schneider, Sheldon Johnson, Yordy Talavera, Chris Murren, Callan Phillips, Luke Partridge.

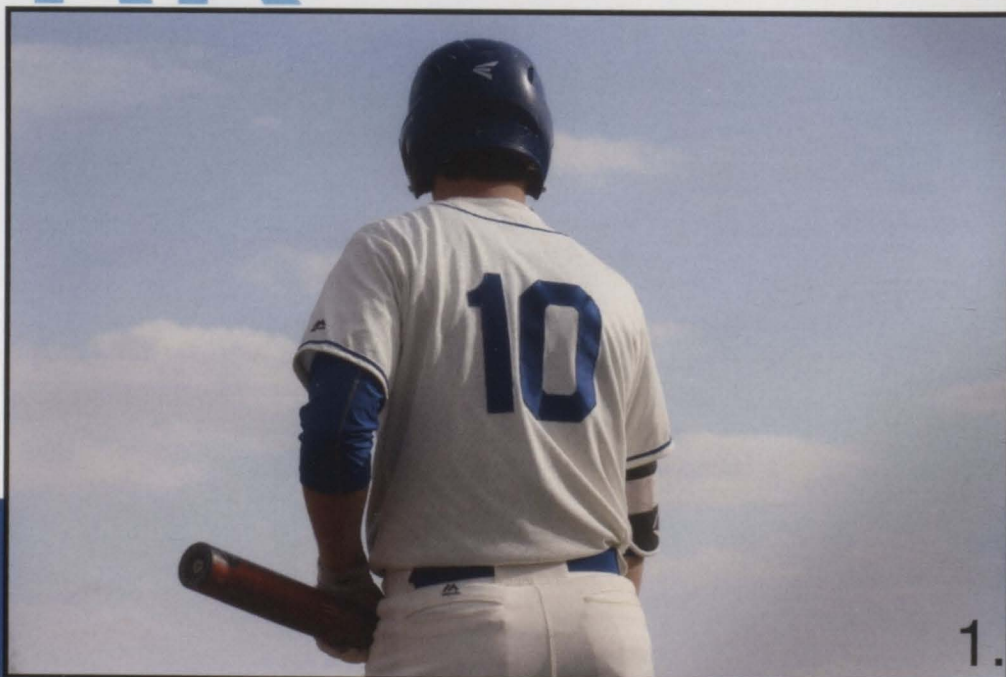


field

WORK

The 2019 W/LL/BN Varsity team. Back row L to R: Trey Ahrens, Andrew Lofgren, Jackson Oerman, Karson Hesser, Luke Volin, Collin Morrissey. Middle row: Aaron Ickler, Jarret Kamick, Nick Oden, Jon Matulka, Trevin Luben, Nolan Sabatka. Front row: Colin Ludvik, Tanner Lebo, Jake Whitney, Tyler Blair, Colby Bliss

The Wahoo/Lincoln Lutheran/Bishop Neumann Warrior baseball team ended the 2019 season with a record of 13-5, and a conference championship. The team had lot of experience this year with seven seniors leading the way, including Colby Bliss, Collin Morrissey, Trey Ahrens, Tyler Blair, Jackson Oerman, Karson Hesser, Nick Oden, and Nolan Sabatka. Despite this experience, the team fell short in district play, losing 8-4 to Platte Valley at Fort Calhoun. "The district loss was tough, but we learned a lot from the seniors to prepare us for next year," said Junior Trevin Luben, who played right field.



1.



1. Senior **Nick Oden** watches the pitcher. 2. Freshman **Colin Ludvik** leads off from 1st base. 3. Senior **Karson Hesser** taps **Colby Bliss** on the helmet. 4. Senior **Nick Oden** gets ready to bat. 5. Junior **Trevin Luben** runs back to the dugout. 6. Junior **Trevin Luben** looks back from first base. 7. Sophomore **Aaron Ickler** watches the action from the dugout. 8. Senior **Karson Hesser** leads off from second base.

Boys GOLF



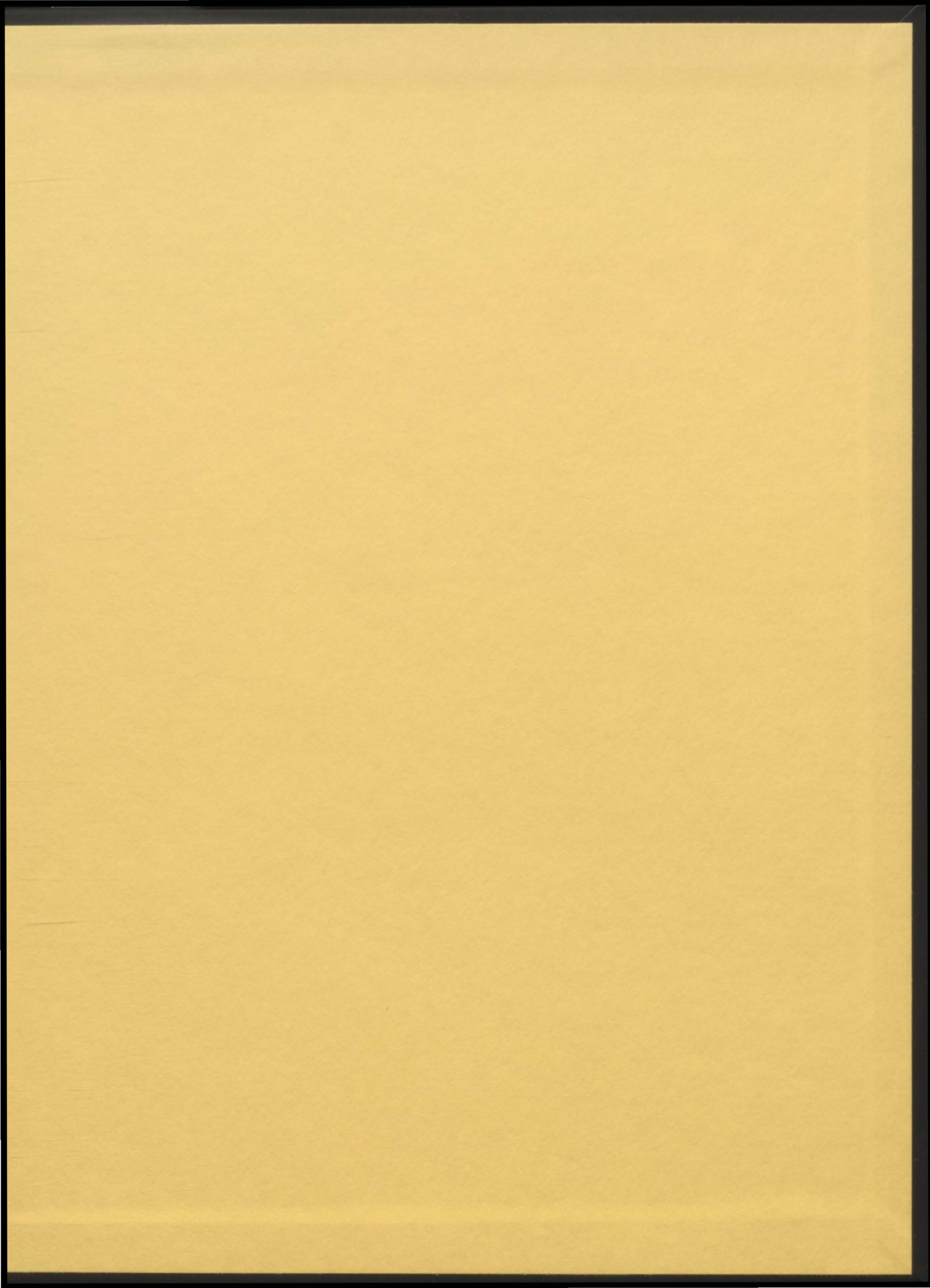
Back Row (L to R): Coach Jayson Iversen, Alex Tomjack, Jackson Taylor, Caleb Obert, Brett Greenfield, Braden Harris, Hayden Griego, and Joe Scanlon. Middle Row (L to R): Payton Ricks, Jordan Thorson, Braedenn Olson, Chase Aldrich, Vanis Davidson, and Micah Sears. Front Row (L to R): Gage Sherman, Isaac Privett, Luke Polacek, Brody Jacobsen, and Trey Johnston.

The spring 2019 boys golf team, coached by Jayson Iversen, consisted of 18 members. Even though the team had a rough start to the season due to the endless Winter of 2019, they improved throughout the season. Seniors Chase Aldrich and Braedenn Olson were the season's top scorers, while seniors Brett Greenfield and Jordan Thorson, along with Sophomore Hayden Griego, contributed to the team's success. All five golfers set new personal records in the first half of the season, only to fall short at districts at Blair. Aldrich missed qualifying for state by one stroke. "Compared to previous years, we've had lower scores and have done better overall," Olson said. We had more guys join the team, and I'm happy with the way the team progressed. Everyone showed much improvement throughout the season."



1. Sophomore **Hayden Griego**
2. Senior **Brett Greenfield**.
3. Junior **Braden Harris**.
4. Junior **Alex Tomjack**.
5. Senior **Braedenn Olson**.
6. Senior **Chase Aldrich**.
7. Sophomore **Caleb Obert**.





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