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SEVEN MORE SENIORS COMMIT TO COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



On April 18, 2026, seven seniors signed to play sports after high school in four sports: football, wrestling, track, and baseball. Starting with football, Michael Montgomery, Brennen Dale, and Nolan Staker all committed. Montgomery will play for The University of Ohio, Dale will play for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and Staker will play at Coe College. Cash Hatfield will attend Loras College in the fall to wrestle for its team. Three seniors are committed to track: Addi Schultes will go to Loras College, Brandon Pedersen will be at Indian Hills, and Nolan Staker will also run at Coe College. Hunter Knorr will attend Eureka College to play baseball. Left to right: Cash Hatfield, Michael Montgomery, Brennen Dale, Addi Schultes, Nolan Staker, Brandon Pedersen, Hunter Knorr. Front: Jake Stenberg. Photo contributed by Jake Stenberg.

BEARS WITH GRIT; SOCCER TEAM LEARNS NEW MEANING OF STRENGTH

Cassie Swisher
Staff Writer

The West Branch boys' regular season of soccer ended last week, and as their record stacked up, it reflected their growth and progress. For the 2026 season, progress is the name of their game.

Every year, the process of setting up a team for success is a grueling one. For the Bears, part of finding success came in developing chemistry on and off the field.

Beyond team relations, the group dealt with field struggles as well. Maintaining possession in the midfield, or keeping the ball moving offensively, is crucial for scoring. The Bears initially found difficulty in both of these.

However, with challenge comes progress. In an effort to fix offensive action, passing between players improved throughout the start of the season.

On April 10 at 5 pm, the varsity team played the Regina Regals away. In the first half, the Regals scored three goals with one Bears goal by Reese Gingerich.

Going into the second half, the Regals maintained their lead with six more goals and finished the game at 1-9, Bears' loss.

Junior Bears Forward Connor Sexton shared that mentally, they went into the game thinking they would win.

"I knew it was going to be a tough game, but I figured it was going to be a lot closer than it actually was," he said.

Sexton assisted the sole Bears goal during the first half.

"I definitely need to work on keeping my head up because I like to look at the ball instead of where I'm supposed to go with the ball," said Sexton.

However, Sexton also shared that his passing improved throughout the game.

With every loss comes a learning point, and the team learned where their weakest points laid. These points consisted of keeping the defense strong and working together through passing.

The Bears took the loss in stride, however, as they moved on to mercy rule (ending the game at 10-0), the Wapello Indians on 4/11.

The varsity team played the Prince of Peace Irish at home on Monday, April 20, at 7 pm. The game began with a Bears goal in the first few minutes, made by Reese Gingerich.

Followed by an Irish goal, the game continued until Gingerich made the game-winning shot from a corner kick. The final score consisted of a Bears win 3-2.

Junior Bears Goalkeeper Robby Boaz held a 94% success rate during the game with 34 saves and two goals allowed.

"I made sure to tell my team that the record doesn't

mean anything," said Boaz, "because they were competing with us if not better than us in the first half."

Ultimately, the Bears pulled through adversities and picked up their playing in the second half.

"A big challenge this game presented was keeping a level head and keeping our cool," Boaz said.

With the intensity of a looming tie, the physicality of the game gave way to another challenge for the team. Discourse from fans, parents, and players ramped up with 10 minutes on the clock.

Following the game, a fight nearly broke out between the audience and the opposing team.

Boaz reported getting drawn into the situation as it escalated.

With six graduating seniors, the majority of the underclassmen will continue the efforts of building a state-worthy team under the coaching of Jose Gongora and Tyler Gross in the 2027 season.



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WBHS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES COMPETE AT DRAKE

Ava Lacina
Staff Writer

WBHS athletes took on one of the nation's most prestigious track and field meets at the 116 annual Drake Relays, held April 22-25 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The boys 4x100-meter relay team and junior Grace Hamann in the 800-meter run both competed.

The boys' relay team—Keaton Gates, Arik Marsh, Nolan Staker, and Brandon Pedersen—competed on April 25, placing 33 overall with a time of 43.38 against a highly competitive field.

Hamann delivered a standout performance in the 800-meter run on April 24, placing 13 with a time of 2:14.62—a personal record and new WBHS school record, breaking Brittany Dhly's previous time of 2:15.31 set in 2008.

The Drake Relays, held annually at Drake University, began in 1910 as an event where men and boys (women's events were implemented in 1961 with Wilma Rudolph running the 100m) from local colleges & high schools could run against high-level competition. The event grew rapidly, with the first world record

set in 1914 and the duration of the event increasing to two days in 1922.

Eventually, even Olympic gold medalists set records at the Relays, and now, it is one of two events in the United States to earn Silver Level status.

In order to qualify for the Relays, a race or field event must meet a strict cutoff widely known as the blue standard.

Blue standards automatically deem athletes eligible for participation in the Relays. The requirements are determined based on the top 25% accepted

entries of the previous Relays.

For example, the 2026 blue standards for high school girls' 800m and high school boys' 4x100m were 2:15.40 and 43.20.

Today, the Drake Relays is extended to a four-day event, covering over 175 track & field events and featuring thousands of athletes from across the globe, ranging from middle school to collegiate and professional levels. With postseason fast approaching, WBHS athletes look to build off their Drake performances and use the experience as momentum for the remainder of the season.

TIPTON TIGERS TAKE-DOWN; GIRLS SOCCER WINS 8-0

Karlee Hansen
Staff Writer

The WBHS girls' soccer team took on Tipton on Monday, April 27, with a winning score of 8-0. The girls played at Tipton City Park in Tipton.

In the first half, the Bears lead the Tigers 5-0. By the end of the second half, the Bears scored another three goals, ending the game 8-0.

"I thought we did really well on communication, being motivating, and having confidence in ourselves," said Junior Chloe Albrecht.

Throughout the game, many

players worked to take the ball down the line, crossing it in for a potential score.

This game comes after a 1-0 loss to Mid-Prairie on April 24, so the win is a good morale boost for the team.

Junior Grace Hamann led the team with five goals. This made up over 50 percent of the team's overall score. The other goals made consisted of one shot by freshman Clancy Trepanier, one shot by Junior Melayna Burmeister, and one shot by senior Brisa Carillo

At halftime, the Bears changed their keeper to Trepanier, due to Julia Herring being hurt. Trepanier continued her 100 percent saving

rate and her streak of shutouts.

The team reflected on what they could do differently for the next game.

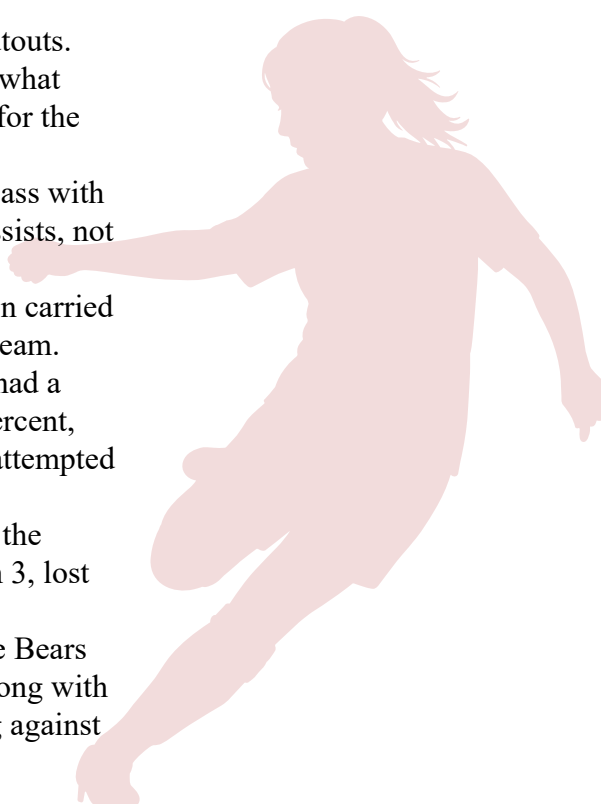
"Look for open feet, pass with a purpose, and look for assists, not goals," said Burmeister.

Senior Caitlyn Harrison carried two assists for the Bears team.

Junior goalie Herring had a save percentage of 100 percent, meaning she blocked all attempted shots.

So far into the season, the Bears are 3-5-1; they won 3, lost 5, and tied 1.

Thursday, April 30, the Bears undertake Maquoketa. Along with Friday, May 1, competing against Bellevue.



Softball Roster and Schedule

Roster:

Kaylynn Stein
Tori Vikel
Emalyn Poe
Ava Burnett
Lander Malloy
Karly Shelton
Maycie Hughes
Kendra Rarick
Layla Hamilton
Madi Brand
Sage Horgen
Zoey Brain
Kendall Driscoll
Lexi Noble
Josey Malloy

Schedule: 30 games

5/25/26 at Home
5/27/26 Central City
5/28/26 at Durant
5/29/26 at Calambus-Wheatland
6/1/26 at Mid-Pairie
6/2/26 at Davenport North
6/4/26 at Home
6/5/26 at Home
6/8/26 at Alburnet
6/9/25 at Camanche
6/10/26 at Home
6/13/26 at New London
6/15/26 at Regina
6/16/26 at Home
6/17/26 at Tipton
6/18/26 at Home
6/20/26 at Central City
6/22/26 at Home
6/23/26 at BGM
6/25/26 at West Liberty
6/29/26 at Wilton

Baseball Roster and Schedule

Roster:

Brennen Dale	Dillan Schenkel	Carter Nelson
Hunter Knorr	Kyler Donohoe	Motley Johnston
Jerricho Hobbs	Carter Thomas	Kincade Rios
Griffen Sydel	Caeson Ginergich	Micheal Miles
Nolan Staker	Noah Noble	Marc Batres
Garrett Sotzen	Jackson Ellyson	Ty Staker
Kaleb Rios	Maksim	Jasper Alvarez
Eli Klinkkammer	Fernandez	Thomas Pederson
Shay Kinsinger	Brooks Seydel	Casen Regennitter
	Levi Rodgers	Teddy Buckell

Schedule: 30 games

5/18/26 at Home	6/11/26 at Alburnet
5/19/26 at Tipton	6/12/26 at Washington
5/25/26 at Home	6/15/26 at Regina
5/28/25 at Durant	6/17/26 at Union Community
5/29/26 at Calambus-Wheatland	6/18/26 at Home
6/1/26 at Mid-Pairie	6/19/26 at Home
6/4/26 at Home	6/22/26 at Home
6/5/26 at Camanche	6/24/26 at Lisbon
6/6/26 at Davenport Central	6/25/26 at West Liberty
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JUNIORS ENJOY THE NEW ANIMAL FARM MOVIE

Sydney Nash
Staff Writer

The juniors of WBHS went to watch the new Animal Farm movie directed by Andi Serkis on its release day, May 1, 2026. The group went after reading the Animal Farm book in their English class.

Beth Gallagher currently teaches eleventh and twelfth-grade Language Arts and English, and thought this would be a fun, new experience for her students.

Students could choose to go to the film, one of them being Ava Burnett. Going into the movie, Burnett only had information about Animal Farm from the book; she did not know what to expect from the film.

Animal Farm is a book written

by George Orwell.

It's about farm animals who revolt against their human master to create a peaceful and equal society, only to create another dictatorship among the animals.

"I liked how they took the idea of communism and used it on animals," said Burnett.

Burnett stated she is most excited to see if the film is similar to the book.

She says an event she predicts will not be featured in the film is when a pig, named Snowball, escapes from the farm.

Burnett predicted she would enjoy the movie, she highly anticipated the battle between the farmers and animals.

After watching the movie Gallagher said she and her students had a good time and they enjoyed

it. She claims the new film connected to the kids in ways like its trendy and popular music.

Fellow student Holly Woody as well went to the Animal Farm movie.

"I liked how they made it more modern, they showed how the world is now, and not in the past, like in the book," said Woody.

This is referring to how in the book the conflicts are trying to make a connection to the Russian Revolution and the rise of Joseph Stalin, who was a dictator at the time.

In the film it makes a connection to modern disinformation, technological surveillance, and the rise of corporate greed. Woody shared her thoughts about differences in the movie compared to the book.

"The other farm was a big company instead of a farm, unlike how it was in the book," Woody said.

This shows how the film is relating to the world's current situation, by replacing less relevant things in our world now with more dated stuff. The changes made from the book to the movie needed to happen to reach the relationship between the story and our current environment.

Overall the students that went to watch the movie enjoyed it. They found it intriguing and dramatic. The book and movie created lots of conversations and caused students to think about the differences between the conflicts between then (1917) versus now (2026), and how the conflicts are alike/unalike

233 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NHS ANNUAL SERVICE DAY

Halia Gade
Social Media Editor

The National Honor Society held WBHS's tenth annual Service Day on April 22, 2026.

Over 233 students participated at the provided sites. The FFA group consisted of 28 students, and 21 in the Skills USA group.

The high school has a population of 283, and around 246 participated in service day.

Started by Aaron Mueller, service day began as an Earth Day prophecy, which morphed into a broader project.

Prior NHS advisor Kristen Westpheling and current NHS advisor Matt Cain now continue the tradition.

NHS members are first assigned a site, then must reach out to the organization to see how many students the site/organization could accommodate.

In previous years, sites got split up by grade level, freshmen going to one place, sophomores to another, etc. Cain tested out a different approach.

"We sent out a Google Form with all the choices. Students then gave feedback on which ones they were most interested in. The majority of students got one of their first two choices." Cain said.

"It's great to see them serving. I was hoping by taking on being the NHS advisor, I could continue the tradition. It was my biggest motivator to take the role."

Students helped organizations including the Lions Club, West Branch Citizens, Cedar County Conservation, Bed Mats Ministry, West Branch Early Learning Center, Iowa City Parks and Rec, and Rose and Mike Rolef Farms.

They traveled to various places, including Hoover Highway, Cubby Park, Wapsi Park, Hoover Trail, Hoover Elementary, Cedar County Fairgrounds, and Herbert Hoover National Park. FFA and Skills USA had their own destination and services being given, so students involved in those activities got the option to go there or choose from the general lists.

"It was a little boring, but it

wasn't bad to actually do. We just weaved mats out of plastic bags, it was pretty simple. It wasn't as bad as I was expecting it to be," said freshman Sophia Petrin.

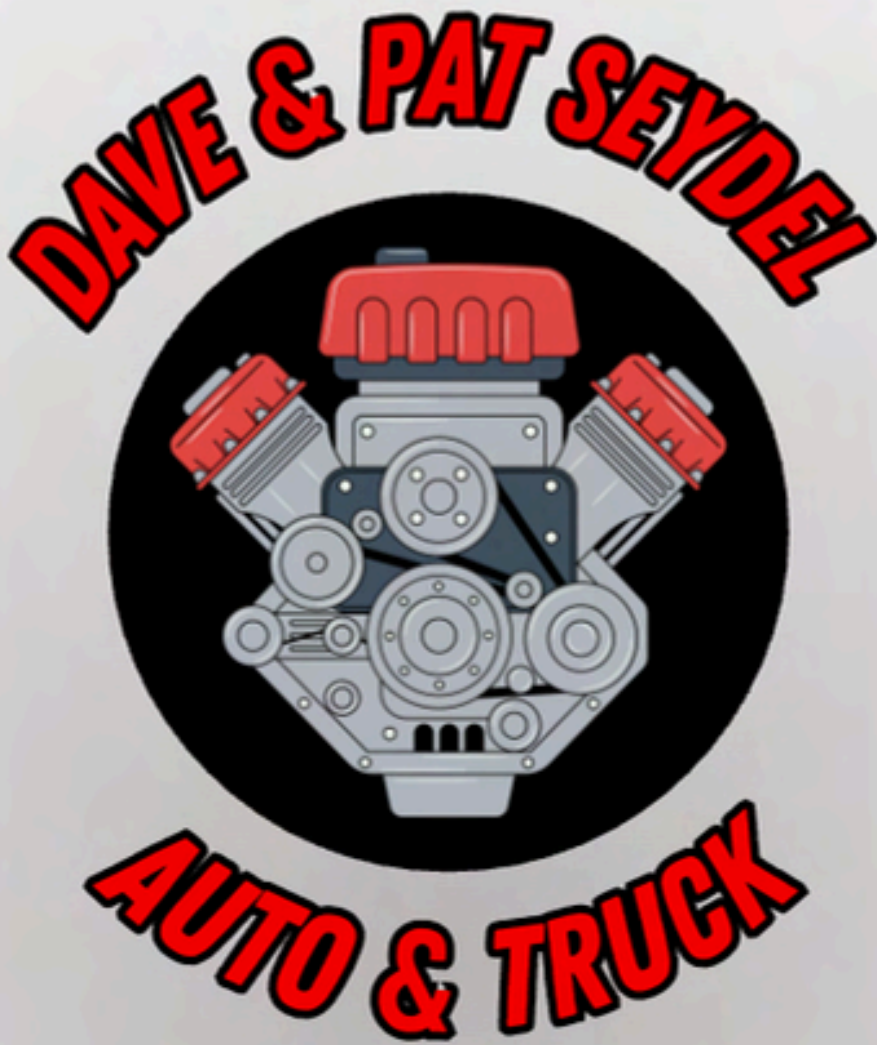
All activities had been outdoors, except for two groups who stayed inside. One created gift bags, period care bags, created cards for cancer patients, pet toys for the animal shelter, and a variety of other tasks.

The other worked at the West Branch United Methodist Church. They cut and tied bags to create beds for homeless people.

"We learned how to cut bags and make beds out of them. The bags had to be cut and tied a specific way; it was fun to do. I liked being inside more because I wasn't around bugs and stuff. I don't like bugs," said Olivia Thomas.

"It was fun but hot. We ripped out weeds in the farmers' food plots, tore out indigenous trees, ripped up plastic, and planted potatoes," Alison Gade, Skills USA president, said, "It's great to give back to our community, and we get to work outdoors while doing so!"

Service day teaches kids to give back and not expect anything in return.



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Editor Farewells



Wyatt Chapman Writing Editor

As the end of the year grows closer and closer, I find myself wishing I had more time in this class with these people. It's not the class that makes it alive, it's the people within it.

Everyone in the class shares a common goal, complete the next issue and make it presentable to the public eye. We've come together throughout the year to help each other. Whether that's myself giving advice on stories and helping people avoid the word 'has' and 'was', Cassie Swisher giving tips on camera angles, Evan Highly helping out with designing, Halia Gade pushing The Bear out into the interwebs, Anthony Heitzman working behind the scenes to acquire and keep the advertisements updated, or Caitlyn Harrison the mastermind behind it all as our head editor-in-chief, looking over everything that the editor team missed. However, The Bear isn't just the editor team, it's all of the staff working their behinds off to get pictures, to write stories, and to design the pages to be printed.

From the beginning of my high school career, I knew I wanted to be a part of the newspaper. I loved and still love writing; it's one of my favorite hobbies. What I didn't know was how much it would leave a lasting impression. After I graduate I am going to college and I plan on majoring in journalism.

I took Journalism 1 my first semester of my freshman year with Karina Krall. I tried every

year to get newspaper into my schedule, but everything continued to work against me.

Finally, the second semester of last year, I removed Earth Science from my schedule and moved my Pre-Calc class to make it fit; that is how badly I wanted to be a part of The Bear.

I am glad I made that choice. I am now taking Earth Science as a senior, but I made that sacrifice for myself to do what I

wanted. If I didn't drop Earth Science last year, I wouldn't be writing this. I wouldn't be an editor.

This year has been such a crappy year for me. I won't bore you with the details, but I lost interest in every thing I did for a whole month. I lost my 4.0, I couldn't write, and I was being such a poor editor... but I pushed through. It helped me realize that people are there for me even in the hardest times. It showed me that I am still an asset to The Bear. No matter what happens in life there's always going to be good days and bad days... maybe even bad weeks, but you gotta push through. It's not the end, push yourself up, thrive in even the worst situations, it'll pass.

I'd like to thank Kara Heick, our newspaper advisor, for giving me the opportunities to make my newspaper career fun. For letting me go on the newspaper/yearbook conference trip my junior year, when I wasn't in the newspaper, and letting me write while also not being in the class. I wouldn't have the interest that I have for journalism if it weren't for her.

Caitlyn Harrison Head-Editor-in-Chief

As this year comes to an end, it's strange knowing this chapter is actually closing. It blows my mind that by the time this is published, I will have already had my last newspaper class. Something that has become such a big part of my life is suddenly over.

If there's one thing I can tell you, it's this: do it anyway. Do it tired, do it scared, do it alone. Step outside your comfort zone, because you never know what might happen or who you might become. It feels like just yesterday I was in 8th grade signing up for Journalism because I liked writing. I didn't think much of it at the time, but that one choice would end up shaping so much of my high school experience.

If I'm being honest, at first, it felt like too much. The writing, the interviewing, the deadlines, it was overwhelming, and there were times I even thought about quitting. But somewhere along the way, I started to love the grind of it. I learned to push through, and I am so glad I didn't give up when it got hard.

Through writing many articles, making social media posts, and learning two different design programs, I grew in ways I didn't expect. I built resilience, confidence, and the ability to keep going even when things got stressful.

This class also taught me the importance of teamwork, which hasn't always come naturally to me. When one person doesn't get their story done on time, or we're missing photos from an event, everything can start to fall apart pretty quickly. It made me realize how much everyone depends on

each other, and during those stressful times, I started thinking less about myself and more about doing it for the people around me.

Last year, I had the opportunity to serve as Co-Head Editor, and this year as Head Editor-in-Chief. Being able to lead the class and work closely with our advisor, Mrs. Heick, has taught me so much. It has pushed me to grow as more than just a journalist, but as a leader. It has also allowed me to build real relationships with my classmates and feel confident

knowing that they respect me as the leader of the group.

Winning the All-Iowa News Team of the Year in my sophomore and junior years showed me that all of our hard work really does pay off. Even though we didn't move on to the top 5 for 2025, we were named finalists, and that is something to be proud of. We handled a lot of change with a new advisor and a fairly young staff, and we did well with what we had. Those moments made everything worth it.

Being a part of this news team meant being a part of something bigger than myself. Every issue we put out was the result of so many people putting in time and effort, and getting to see it all come together was satisfying nonetheless.

To anyone thinking about joining, do it! Even if you're unsure or it feels hard at first, stick with it. Growth doesn't happen when you're comfortable.

I want to thank everyone who made this experience what it was. To Ms. Krall for getting me into journalism in the first place, to Mr. Vos for helping us stay strong as a team even in a season of change, and to Mrs. Heick for being a fresh new face who brought structure and growth. I am incredibly grateful for each of you and all you've done to support this program and our staff.



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Q. How long have you been playing soccer?

A. I have been playing soccer for pretty much my entire life. I first started playing soccer when I was five. I played at Kickers for several years until I decided I wanted something a little more competitive and joined ISC. I was there for about 3 years until

I joined West Branch sophomore year.

Q. What position are you in soccer?

A. I'm a defender.

Q. What piece of advice would you give to someone who is newer to soccer?

A. Soccer is very much a team sport. If you hate the people you're running with, you're going to hate the sport. It's important to have a good understanding of everyone you play with. That understanding will not just help you grow as a person but will also help the team grow.

Julian Weckman

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Q. When and why did you start soccer?

A. I started soccer in kindergarten, because I needed to do something to do, branch out, and do something with other kids.

Q. What do you think is the most challenging part about soccer?

A. Communicating, and having confidence in yourself.

Q. What position do you play?

A. Center mid, and center back.

Q. What advice would you give to a person thinking about joining soccer?

A. Try it your freshman year. We have a good group of girls and it's a good experience.

Q. Do you have any pre-game rituals/superstitions?

A. I never wear jewelry on game days, and I bring the same water bottle on games.

Chloe Albrect

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Q. What do you participate in, in track?

A. I do 100-200's in track.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish this year?

A. I hope to get faster and just work on becoming more athletic.

Q. How do you train?

A. I train focused and give 100% as much as I can.

Q. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

A. My favorite ice cream flavors are chocolate and Oreo.

isele Gross

Q. What do you participate in, in track?

A. Distance, the 4x8, 1600, 3200.

Q. What is your favorite memory?

A. Freshman year, going on a long run, we saw a car that went in a ditch on a mud road and we helped push them out, it was really rainy.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish this year?

A. Make it to state, 5 minutes in mile.

Q. How do you prepare for a meet?

A. Cold shower, painfully ice cold and minimal food.

Q. What would your perfect Saturday look like?

A. Spend all day outside.

reston Mayhew

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Q. What is your role in FFA?

A. This past year I served as the Vice-President in my chapter.

Q. Is FFA helping you achieve future goals/plans?

A. FFA has helped me in more ways than I ever could have imagined. If you looked at who I was as a freshmen to now, it is night and day difference, which I would credit to FFA. It has taught me lots of great and meaningful skills like, great teamwork, communication, public speaking, and leadership.

Q. What advice would you give incoming FFA members?

A. Some advice I would have for someone new to FFA is try new things and go out of your comfort zone.

Q. What's your favorite memory?

A. Some of my favorite memories in FFA include meeting lots of new people from all over at FFA events.

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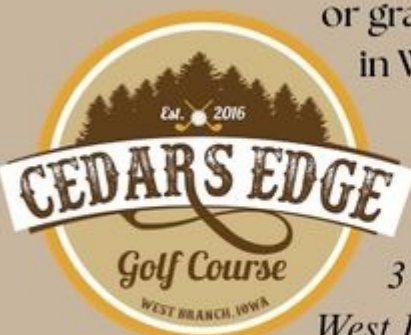
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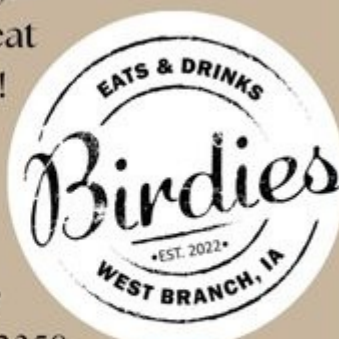
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THE BEAR WINS 17 AWARDS; NOMINATION FOR ALL-IOWA NEWS TEAM OF THE YEAR



- THE BEAR RECEIVED AWARDS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**
- ENTERTAINMENT
 - ILLUSTRATION OR ART
 - NEWSPAPER - ONE PAGE DESIGN
 - NEWS PHOTO
 - STAFF EDITORIAL
 - INFOGRAPHIC
 - ADS
 - REVIEWS
 - NEWSPAPER - MULTIPLE PAGE DESIGN
 - SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTING
 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTO
 - IN-DEPTH SPORTS STORY
 - ENVIRONMENTAL PORTRAIT

The Bear Staff won 17 individual awards for the Iowa High School Press Association Spring Journalism contest and earned the honor of being named as a finalist for the All-Iowa News Team of the Year.

Five schools in Class A, Class B, and Class C are selected and after submitting three complete issues from the 2025-2026 school year, The Bear will be considered for the top five All-Iowa News Teams of the Year.

For individual awards, Raelyn Wilcher won honorable mention for her senior "fun fact" match up in

entertainment.

For illustration/art, Evan Highly won second place for his WBHS bear head drawing.

WB won two spots for newspaper - one page design, third place went to Cassie Swisher for her winter sports spotlights page, and honorable mention went to Caitlyn Harrison for her front page design in the November issue.

Sydney Nash received a third place award for her news photo of the Homecoming Powderpuff game.

The staff editorial category awards Swisher a third place award.

Harrison received two awards, first and second place, for the infographic category with her dance marathon fundraising breakdown and her winter weather student survey.

Kendra Rarick placed first with her D&D club advertisement.

Chloe Kleinmeyer earned an honorable mention for her review of "Suspect Unknown".

The Bear won first, second, and honorable mention for the newspaper - multiple page design category.

First place went to Wilcher and

Highly for their designs in October, while Harrison and Swisher earned second place with their designs from May 2025.

Honorable mention went to Kleinmeyer and Rarick. Halia Gade won honorable mention for The Bear's social media reporting.

The sports action photo category honorable mention went to Cameron Waters.

Karlee Hansen received the second place award for in-depth sports story, and also received third place for her environmental portrait photo.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHOWCASES NEWLY EXPANDED ACTIVITY FAIR

Anthony Heitzman
Business Editor

On Monday, April 27, 2026, WBHS Student Government held its annual Activity Fair, in which middle school students gained the opportunity to explore different extracurricular activities offered at WBHS.

This year, Student Government

decided to expand the Activities Fair to include certain sports such as soccer, golf, and wrestling that were either low on members or did not have middle school-level teams. The committee members proposed the idea of expanding the event to improve student participation. Representatives from the newly added sports were excited about being added to the

event and that it helped them with reaching new students.

"I felt like it was pretty fun getting to see who was willing to go out next year," said Seth Hosier.

Many groups, such as robotics and fire cadets, also brought interactive demonstrations with them, such as driving their robot or having students try on bunker gear to show students what they do in

their respective groups.

Committee members felt overall that the event was very successful and that the additions made greatly helped many groups with outreach and recruitment.

"The committee did a great job organizing and trying to get students engaged," said Student Government Advisor Abby Noelck.

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WEST BRANCH FFA ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION

Anthony Heitzman
Business Editor

Twenty-one members of the West Branch FFA Chapter attended the 98th annual Iowa FFA Association Conference in Ames, Iowa, on April 19-21, 2026.

While attending the conference, members got the chance to connect with politicians, industry leaders, and compete in various events.

The convention opened with a keynote address from comedian Kevin Wazner. Afterwards, members took part

in various competitions. Freshman Clay Gates and senior Lillian Waters took the chapter test, which assesses students on their knowledge of FFA history, parliamentary procedures, and agricultural knowledge.

"I think I did great," said Gates. Seniors Kenzie Kirkpatrick, Maddie Neuberger, Mia Rice, and junior Reid Hansen presented their chapter display showcasing the chapter's livestock judging event which earned a rank in the top ten among all participants.

Senior Lauren Keeler and freshman Gentry Maier each

performed their own solo dance routines in the Iowa FFA Talent Competition.

Several chapter members, including President Saylee Gingerich, Adelyn Hetrick, Treasurer Maddie Tygrett, and Sentinel Lexie Isabel, also earned their Iowa Degrees, which is a prestigious award given to members who demonstrate exceptional leadership and dedication to agricultural education.

Many expressed pride in earning their degrees.

"It feels amazing to see all of

my hard work within my SAE working off," said Tygrett.

Members also took part in non-competitive events. Senior Adelyn Hetrick played clarinet in the State FFA Band. Junior Allison Tygrett and sophomore MaryAnn Stubbs sang in the State FFA Chorus.

In addition members also got to meet with state FFA officers to discuss various issues and partake in a career fair where they got to meet representatives from schools such as Iowa State University and from employers such as John Deere.

WBHS HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE WITH DEGOWIN BLOOD CENTER

Evan Highly
Design Editor

May 14, 2026, marks WBHS' annual blood drive.

In the high school gym, students are given the opportunity to donate blood.

The DeGowin Blood Center, affiliated with University of Iowa Health Care, will assist with the blood drive.

To participate, students must fill out a consent form. Students age 16 must have a parent/guardian signature, but students who are 17 can fill it out on their own.

Before getting blood drawn, students must pass a screening to confirm their eligibility for



Bodee Morehead donates blood to DeGowin Blood Center Drive.
Photo by Anthony Heitzman

donation. A medical questionnaire and a brief physical exam check for the

student's blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and blood cell count. To remind students and make it

easier for them to have access to donating blood, the blood drive helps build a habit for them later in life.

Risks associated with blood donations are typically low; some students may experience dizziness or lightheadedness. In rare instances, students can experience fainting, pain or bruising at the injection site, nausea, vomiting, and muscle spasms.

When the blood is collected, it's put through a test to check for infections such as AIDS, hepatitis, syphilis, and others. Donors who test positive for the following infections will be notified of the results and the blood is not passed on to be used.

NHS WELCOMES THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERS



On Wednesday, May 13 WBHS National Honors Society held its annual induction ceremony during Senior Awards Night in which it welcomed 13 new members into its ranks. In order to be accepted into the organization, students have to embody the four pillars of NHS, being scholarship, service, leadership, and character, as well as maintaining a GPA of 3.90 for incoming juniors and 3.75 for incoming seniors.

Photo Front Row (L-R): Katelyn Banaszak, Emeri Pooch, Kyler Donohoe, Olivia Becker, Lila Finzel, Halia Gade Back Row (L-R) Caeson Gingerich, Ava Burnett, Harper Driscoll, Rylee Grace, Preston Mayhew, Lyla Popkes, Emma Wolf. Photo contributed by Matt Cain.

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WBHS CHANGES AFTER PROM LOCATION

Raelyn Wilcher
Staff Writer

WBHS held After Prom at the University of Iowa Rec Center this year, which opened up lots of activities for the students to participate in. Students began to arrive at 11 pm and the doors locked at 11:30 pm.

“A lot of things were available for us like swimming, basketball, volleyball, bingo, rock wall climbing, and more,” said Kennedy Simpson.

In previous years, After Prom took place at the North Dodge Athletic Club in Iowa City. The 2026 location offered more activities, space, and was overall more organized.

“I did feel like the location worked well. It was super spacious and it was fun to just explore the place,” Simpson said, “I found this year to be far better than the past. I was never bored and I think this new location had so many more activities available compared to past locations.”

Many fundraisers helped pay for the new location, prizes, and more.

West Branch Jr After Prom held a dine-in and take-out at Short's Burgers Eastside, where 15 percent of the sales went to the fundraising. They also partnered with the Honey Den in February, selling candy. Branch Out offered to fundraise for After Prom by selling mega teas or shakes on April 19. On April 22, After Prom also held a second dine out at Hudson's in Iowa City.

Next year, parents predicted changes being made to the event.

“We will be doing all senior gifts at the end of the night instead of drawing throughout the night,” said Jennifer Herring.

When asked if they would push for the same location next year. It was said that they are open minded to suggestions and feedback.

“We do this for students to have a safe and fun prom night, keeping it an option for students that choose to attend prom or not,” said Herring.

CBS RELEASES “MARSHALS” YELLOWSTONE SPINOFF

Connor Davidson
Staff Writer

On March 1, 2026, a new Yellowstone spinoff called Marshals premiered on CBS.

Luke Grimes reprised his role as Kayce Dutton who becomes a US Marshal. He behaves differently because he lost his wife off screen between the end of Yellowstone and this one. He also got approached to join this team.

It is a big departure from the other Yellowstone shows because it was on Network TV. It doesn't have the coarse language that the main show had, however, it did have some of the same violence.

It is also set in Montana just like the original show.

A lot of the other Yellowstone shows are either on streaming or

cable so the switch to CBS was effective.

I think this show is really good because it has the same feeling as Yellowstone but has elements of its own. It transitions from the ranch to law enforcement.

The characters have really great performances throughout the episodes. They do a great job catching the bad guys and then go to a bar afterwards. People should get ready for the guest stars that should surprise them. One of the guest stars will be country music superstar Riley Green who will play a former partner that Kayce Dutton worked with.

I think that everyone should watch this show because there is a lot of action and a lot of shootouts that occur that make this entertaining.

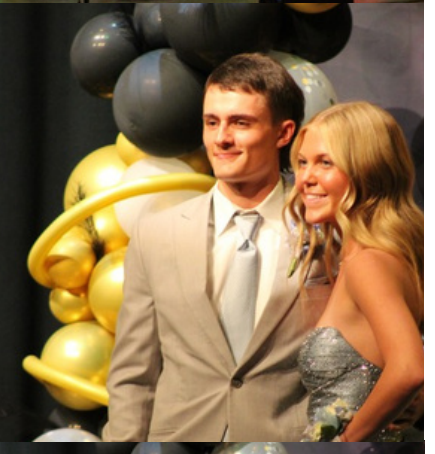
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"I'm looking forward to getting to go to college"
-Adelyn Hetrick



"I'm looking forward to moving on to the next stage of life"
-Nolan Staker

"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at my grad party"
-Alex Moss



"I'm looking forward to expanding my interest in Journalism"
-Wyatt Chapman



"I'm looking forward to being able to move on to new things"
-Kylie Pierce



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Ewan Arlen



What are your future plans? Attend Iowa State University for a major in Mechanical Engineering.
What is your favorite HS memory? Winning Supreme Champions at Central Lee for Show Choir.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Pay attention and do what your teachers ask of you.
What is your favorite quote? "If you can dream it, you can do it." - Walt Disney
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I want to thank my parents, Ms. Flanagan, Mr. Reed, Mr. Cain, and my friends for supporting me, believing in me, and pushing me to do my very best throughout highschool.

Child of Carrie and Robert Arlen

Gray Baker



What are your future plans? I plan to go to college to become a wildlife biologist.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite memory is probably my very first time going to UNI through the band and being able to play music with all of my friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Always stay on top of your work! Just getting it done is way easier than letting it go until the deadline.
What is your favorite quote? "The only person in life you can control is yourself." - My dad
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents and sister. They were my sole motivation to keep going and to push through to actually graduate.

Child of Corey and Jessie Baker

Brenna Benskin



What are your future plans? Go to Kirkwood to get my gen eds then transfer to Iowa for the sonography program.
What is your favorite HS memory? Experiencing new things with my friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Be nice to everyone and enjoy every moment.
What is your favorite quote? "People change, and things go wrong, but just remember, life goes on." - Mac Miller
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My mom, for always being by my side when I needed anything.

Child of Jake and Amy Byram, Nathan Benskin

Xayver Boone



What are your future plans? Work
What is your favorite HS memory? Hanging out with friends
What is your advice to underclassmen? Leave while you can
What is your favorite quote? "Welcome to the real world. It sucks. You're gonna love it." — Monica Geller,
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family.

Child of Amy Thomason and Jordan Thomason

Wyatt J. Brockert



What are your future plans? Become an electrician.
What is your favorite HS memory? Freshmen year football.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't sleep in class.
What is your favorite quote? "Left Is Always Right."
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mr. Robertson because he had the best classes and they taught me things I needed.

Child of Jaime Bevans and Lawrence Brockert

Larkin Brown



What are your future plans? Veterinary Technician.
What is your favorite HS memory? Freshman year Dance Marathon.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Focus on yourself and your goals rather than wasting time on social drama.
What is your favorite quote? "Give yourself a reason." - Noah Kahan.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My bowling coach Dan, he got me through the hardest time when I was struggling in bowling. He made sure that I always loved what I was doing.

Child of Robert Brown II and Patricia Christensen

Wilder Alexis



What are your future plans? I am going to work tomorrow.
What is your favorite HS memory? To have played soccer with the team.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't be afraid to ask.
What is your favorite quote? "Try again. Fail again. Fail better." - Samuel Buckett. "Failing does not make us a failure, but not trying to do better, to be better, does make us fools." From the book: *The Other West More*
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to my dad. I would like to thank him for taking on both parent roles and for being there for me through everything and giving me everything to make me happy.

Child of Catarina Tomás and Jacobo Calixto

Conner Capper



What are your future plans? Aviation school.
What is your favorite HS memory? Beating Sigourney Keota my junior year in football.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't take it for granted.
What is your favorite quote? "Stop talking" - Mr. Walsh
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My mom, brother, and friends.

Child of Angela and Dwayne Capper

Brisa Nayeli Carrillo



What are your future plans? After high school I will attend Kirkwood Community College to complete my prerequisite and then transfer to the University of Iowa and join their Radiology Program. Right now, my mind is set on being an MRI Tech.
What is your favorite HS memory? The memories I made with the friend group I had my freshmen and sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? DO YOUR WORK! and surround yourself around people who are real friends and want the best for you. Stay away from drama because at the end of the day it won't matter, so enjoy high school.
What is your favorite quote? "Life is too short to be worrying about things you can't control"
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my parents for pushing me and giving me everything they didn't so I can have a better future and be successful.

Child of Sergio Carrillo and Edith Rios

Angel Chaney



Best of luck
Angel!



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Wyatt Chapman



What are your future plans? I will be attending ISU for journalism.

What is your favorite HS memory? Getting writing editor after a single semester in Newspapaer. I am proud of myself.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't hold onto things too much. The little things don't matter, just take the days one at a time.

What is your favorite quote? "Keep on going with your silly dream." - Laufey

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Laufey for her music getting me through my senior year, my mom for being there for me through all the good and bad times. Ms Flanagan, Mr. Connor, and Mrs. Heick for pushing me to thrive in high school.

Child of Sara Lowe

Logan Christoffel



What are your future plans? Attend the University of Iowa to major in civil engineering, with a minor in music.

What is your favorite HS memory? When Nolan and I spent the whole day at school trying to convince Deborah over text that we didn't have her son's phone, she ended up calling the police on us.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't let other people hold you back from doing the things you want to do.

What is your favorite quote? "I think, therefore I am." - René Descartes

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Our musical directors and Mr. Ogilvie, as they have pushed me to continue to do music.

Child of Abbey and Justin Christoffel

Danielle Crutchley



What are your future plans? Attend Kirkwood for Dental Assisting.

What is your favorite HS memory? State track junior year.

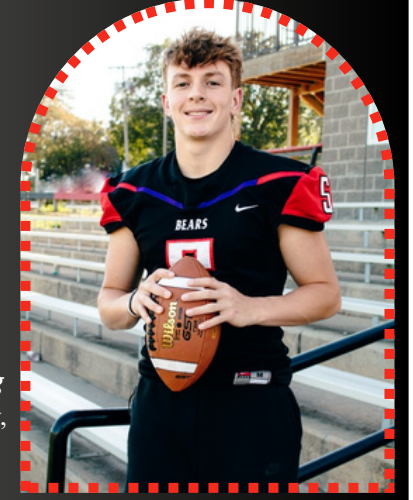
What is your advice to underclassmen? Live it up.

What is your favorite quote? "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." - Henry David Thoreau

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my parents for keeping me motivated.

Child of Jennifer Long and Blake Crutchley

Brennen Dale



What are your future plans? To play football at the University of Wisconsin Platteville.

What is your favorite HS memory? Winning the conference my senior year of football and ending Bellevue's undefeated season.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Work hard and trust the process.

What is your favorite quote? "Scared money don't make money." - Coach John Nestor

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family, friends, and coaches.

Child of Stacie and Eric Dale

Sabree Depoorter



What are your future plans? Going into the military, the Air Force.

What is your favorite HS memory? Winning two championships for show choir

What is your advice to underclassmen? Take your time and have fun. This is your last chance.

What is your favorite quote? "God is greater than the highs and lows."

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my Mom. She helped me keep on track with my grades.

Child of Patty and Eric Depoorter

Kellen Dykstra



What are your future plans? Attend Kirkwood Community College and major in Automotive Technology.

What is your favorite HS memory? Friday nights with friends.

What is your advice to underclassmen? School is important but school isn't everything. Make sure to have some fun and make the most of every moment.

What is your favorite quote? "Don't ask where I'm going, cause where I am going is right where I am." - Jack Met

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I want to thank my family and friends for always supporting me and Mr. Ogilvie for believing in my ambitious ideas.

Child of Derek and Kellie Dykstra

Addi Finley



What are your future plans? I am attending PCI Academy for the cosmetology program with the outcome to become a hairstylist.

What is your favorite HS memory? Junior year ISU volleyball camp.

What is your advice to underclassmen? It goes by very fast so enjoy it while you can.

What is your favorite quote? "The goal is not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than the person I was yesterday." - Dalai Lama

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my mom, dad, and sister for always being there for me and showing up when I need it most. None of this would be possible without you. I would also like to thank Mrs. S for helping me with school work and listening to me talk about nothing even when she doesn't want to.

Child of Amy and Matt Finley

Alison Marie Gade



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood then Iowa State for civil engineering.

What is your favorite HS memory? Freshman year football/cheer season Mud Bowl.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Find your few close friends, they matter more than a large group of friends.

What is your favorite quote? "May the flowers remind us why the rain was necessary." - Xan Oku

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my sister Halia for always being there through all the drama and hard times throughout high school.

Child of Andrea and Chad Gade

Julian G. Garcia



What are your future plans? Welding and pipe fitting.

What is your favorite HS memory? Skills USA Des Moines trip.

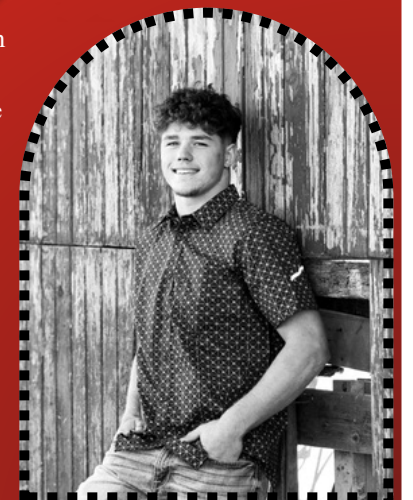
What is your advice to underclassmen? Respect your teachers.

What is your favorite quote? "What your doing is very smart but it's also very dangerous." - idk

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Amy Budreau.

Child of Jonathan and Marie Garcia

Cooper Gates



What are your future plans? Go work for Slocum Excavating.

What is your favorite HS memory? Going to state wrestling and messing around in the hotel.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Get your work done and life will be good.

What is your favorite quote? "You gotta be a dawg ain't no room for kitty cats." - Jake Slocum

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Jake Stenberg because when I moved over to West Branch he made everything so easy, and just has always been super supportive.

Child of Bobby Jo and Pat Gates

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Reese Gingerich



What are your future plans? Go to work.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going 18-1 sophomore year in soccer with 2 overtime wins against West Liberty and Regina.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Enjoy high school while you're in it.
What is your favorite quote? "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Wayne Gretzky.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank Mrs. Cooper for helping me through my high school years.

Child of Megan Duwa and Nick Gingerich

Saylee Jo Gingerich



What are your future plans? Studying Animal Science and Ag & Rural Policy at Iowa State University.
What is your favorite HS memory? Attending the Iowa FFA State Convention and meeting new people there!
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't doubt yourself, the only thing stopping you from taking new opportunities to meet people and try new things is you. Don't hold yourself back!
What is your favorite quote? "For I must be traveling now because there's too many places I've got to see." - Lynyrd Skynyrd (Free Bird).
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my family and Mrs. Thompson. They have supported me in every goal I've set for myself and they have been there for me in my success as well as my setbacks and I will always be grateful to have them in my life.

Child of Myrissa and Jeff Gingerich

Jenie Gomez



What are your future plans? To attend the University of Iowa majoring in radiation science.
What is your favorite HS memory? Jazz band trips.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Be yourself and your true friends will find you. Don't engage in drama.
What is your favorite quote? Don't have one.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Emily Coleman, my bestie who graduated.

Child of Michelle Silva

Haydon Haines



What are your future plans? The union.
What is your favorite HS memory? Basketball.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Never give up your future.
What is your favorite quote? "If you're afraid to fail, then you're probably going to fail." - Kobe Bryant.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Duwa and Mrs. S for always caring to get my work done.

Child of Danya Hinton

Jayden Harris



What are your future plans? Hvac Technician.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going to the football games and watching the guys play.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Turn all of your work in on time, and don't be late for school.
What is your favorite quote? "To be number one, you have to be odd"- Jayden.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I wanna thank Coach Duwa, Jake, all the staff, and lunch ladies for food on the days I was starving.

Child of Kesha

Caitlyn Harrison



What are your future plans? I plan to attend Mount Mercy University to major in nursing.
What is your favorite HS memory? Dance Marathon 2026!
What is your advice to underclassmen? Get involved in as many activities as you can.
What is your favorite quote? "Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see Him." - C.S. Lewis.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my mom for always believing in me. I also want to thank my teachers, especially Mrs. Heick and Ms. Noelck, for giving me the tools and encouragement to step into leadership roles and be part of something bigger than myself.

Child of Janet VanDeWoestyne and Dustin Harrison

Cash Hatfield



What are your future plans? Attend Loras college to major in Criminal Justice and will be on the wrestling team.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going to state wrestling junior year with the wrestling team.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't let losses define you, use them as lessons and those lessons will turn into wins.
What is your favorite quote? "Love your haters - they're your biggest fans."
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents and all of my coaches throughout my high school career.

Child of Melissa and Austin Hatfield

Logan Heick



What are your future plans? Study engineering at Kirkwood and eventually get a job as an engineer.
What is your favorite HS memory? Helping work on and disassemble the robot for robotics.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Things only get as bad as you let them, so if you have a problem don't let it control you before you can't control it.
What is your favorite quote? "Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank the robotics team for providing me the opportunities it did, while helping give me a chance to get to know people better, and getting having a fun time working with them.

Child of Shari and Mark Heick

Adelyn Hetrick



What are your future plans? I plan on heading to Colorado State University, Majoring in Biology while on the Pre - Veterinary Medicine Track.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite HS memory is when I got to travel to Costa Rica.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Get involved. Even if you aren't 100% sure you want to do the activity, just join and give it a try anyway. Who knows, it might surprise you.
What is your favorite quote? "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents, they have always supported me, pushed me to try new opportunities and given me so many experiences to learn new things.

Child of Greg and Sarah Hetrick

Carter Hetrick



What are your future plans? Attend IWCC for Diesel Mechanics.
What is your favorite HS memory? Having band with Ben Short.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Get PART your senior year for 7th and 8th.
What is your favorite quote? "Wazzzuup?" - Ghost Face.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. Cooper for helping me this year and my parents for all their help.

Child of Greg and Sarah Hetrick



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Jericho Hobbs



What are your future plans? Going to HVAC.
What is your favorite HS memory? I deadlifted 525 lbs.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Find what you like.
What is your favorite quote? "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." - Charles R. Swindal.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family and friends, getting through high school.

Child of Donald Hobbs and Patience Dawley

Rena Holmes



What are your future plans? Attending UNI.
What is your favorite HS memory? State track.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Do your work.
What is your favorite quote? "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family for all the support.

Child of Tom and Jen Hartshorn

Lexie Rae Isabel



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood for two years, majoring in exercise science. To eventually become a physical therapist.
What is your favorite HS memory? Mr. Jordan's print making class my sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't take everything so personal and seriously.
What is your favorite quote? "If you can't change it, change the way you think about it." - Maya Angelo.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My dad, and all the parents that believed in me and made sure I felt supported at all times. Keeping me on the right path. With always being there when I needed them. I would also like to include my Aunt Bard, who truly believed I could accomplish anything.

Child of Mike Isabel and Kim Philips

Grayson Johnson



What are your future plans? Attend the University of Iowa for sports media and culture.
What is your favorite HS memory? Beating Tipton in the first round of playoffs 2025.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't be scared to try new things.
What is your favorite quote? "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it" - Ferris Bueller.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mom, Dad, Cody Maddux, Bryce Anderson, Isaac Blackwell.

Child of Troy and Camille Johnson

Guillermo Martin Johnson-Torres



What are your future plans? To go into the arts and become an animator.
What is your favorite HS memory? Talking to my friends in art class.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Work as hard as you can even if your life makes it difficult.
What is your favorite quote? "Que sera sera" a spanish saying I don't remember where it came from but my dad told me it when I was a kid and it stuck with me it means "What will be will be."
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Andrew Niles, Julian Garcia, Draven Ladehoff, Landon Lang, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs S , Mr Vos, and Mrs. Oswald.

Child of Olivia Johnson-Torres and departed Joshua Johnson.

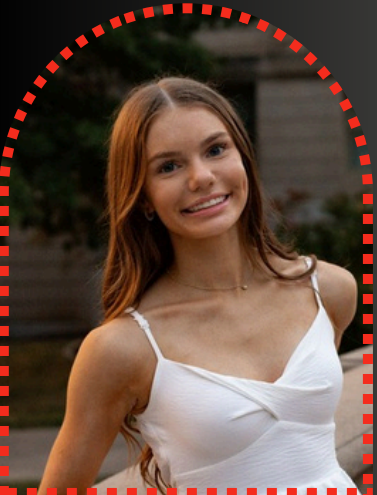
Briley Kaalberg



What are your future plans? To attend St. Ambrose University to study Biochemistry and play volleyball.
What is your favorite HS memory? All my years of playing volleyball.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't procrastinate and put yourself out there.
What is your favorite quote? "Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom," - Aristotle.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents, teachers, and my friends.

Child of Travis and Ashley Kaalberg.

Lauren Elizabeth Keeler



What are your future plans? I plan on attending St. Ambrose University to study Exercise Science on a Physician Assistant pathway while also being on the St Ambrose University Dance Team.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory is State Dance in 2024.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Use Matt Pogemiller for Comp!
What is your favorite quote? "If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." - Dolly Parton
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family and friends for making high-school enjoyable.

Child of Brandon and Jennifer Keeler.

Kenzie Kirkpatrick



What are your future plans? Going to Kirkwood to become a Vet Tech
What is your favorite HS memory? FFA trips
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't be afraid to drop fake friends.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. Thompson, she has pushed me to be the best I can be because she always saw the good instead of the struggles that I saw.

Child of Morgan Hennings

Hunter Knorr



What are your future plans? Play baseball at Eureka College.
What is your favorite HS memory? Spring Break.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Play sports and don't be lazy.
What is your favorite quote? "Don't do drugs" or "I like poptarts."
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mr. Jordan.

Child of Zach and Jacki Knorr

Draven Ladehoff



What are your future plans? To go to Kirkwood for Industrial Maintenance to hopefully get a Pipeline Technician job.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going to the Dome for Butch's final game and creating the friendships I got and the tons of my most favorite memories I could have hoped for.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Just do the best you can, you'll win and you'll fail, but if you just give enough effort, you'll succeed.
What is your favorite quote? "It'll be fine." It's one of my most iconic catchphrases.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? All my friends for giving me the social motivational and encouraging boost I needed and Mr. Robertson and Ms. Cooper and others for helping me along the way.

Child of Rande Bell - Devin Ladehoff

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Abigail Elaine Linn



What are your future plans? To attend Iowa to major in Psychology.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory was winning Grand Supreme Champs at Central Lee for show choir.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Be the reason somebody smiles.

What is your favorite quote? "A tree falls the way it leans, be careful which way you lean" - The Lorax.

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank Jake Stenberg for always helping me whenever I need someone to talk to.

Child of Kim and Matt Linn

Ryan Lukavsky



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory is Sophomore year soccer.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't try to avoid doing your work.

What is your favorite quote? "Hang on to your dreams. The future is built on dreams" -Unknown

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to Mr. Ryner.

Child of Elena and Matthew Lukavsky

Tate Lynch



What are your future plans? Go to the university of Iowa for mechanical engineering

What is your favorite HS memory? The Costa Rica Trip

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't be so worried all the time. As long as you try your best everything will be ok.

What is your favorite quote? "How strange it is to be anything at all" - Jeff Mangum

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I'd like to thank my parents for always being there for me through highs and lows as well as never judging me for my mistakes.

Child of Ryan and Lindsey Lynch

Lynden T. MacGillivray



What are your future plans? To attend UOttawa Canada for political science.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory is SNJ sophomore year when we made a Fortnite BattlePass and Challenges for Liberty's show choir and designed the rooms off of Poi's and we had a brawl stars tourney and hid a llama.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Appreciate where you are, and who your with. Also make sure you actually do stuff and don't waste these years in your room.

What is your favorite quote? "Life happens wherever you are, whether you make it or not." - Unknown

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank Jim Cottingham. He was my running coach for all 4 years and gave me infinite wisdom.

Child of Leonard MacGillivray and Kathryn Cox

Aizlyn Marsh



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood and earn an associates in Biology then transfer to Iowa State and enter their masters program.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite HS memory is drawing with chalk on the sidewalk outside on one of my last days of school.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't wait last minute to do your work and listen to the teachers. If you have questions, ask them instead of suffering in silence. There is no such thing as a stupid question (unless you intend for it to be a stupid question).

What is your favorite quote? "I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best." - Marilyn Monroe

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my best friend, Rey Watt. There have been rough spots in our friendship, but they've always stuck by my side and supported me when I needed them most.

Child of Amber and Scott Marsh

Finn McCullough



What are your future plans? To do an apprenticeship to become a journeymen electrician

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory was winning the district in football senior year at Bellevue.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't take anything for granted and enjoy the moment.

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Family Friends Coaches

Child of Brandon and Wendy McCullough

Mike Montgomery



What are your future plans? To attend Ohio University to play football and major in exercise science.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory is getting together with all of the seniors on senior skip day

What is your advice to underclassmen? Stay away from drama. High school goes by a lot faster without it.

What is your favorite quote? "Impossible is a big word thrown around by small men." -Muhammad Ali

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank Mr. Vos, Mrs. S, Mrs.G, Coach Hughes, Coach Pedersen, Coach Nestor, Coach Hershman, Coach Zuniga, Coach Duwa, Mr. Meth.

Child of Lori and David Montgomery

Bodee Morehead



What are your future plans? Electrical Lineman

What is your favorite HS memory? Football

What is your advice to underclassmen? Do as much as you can.

What is your favorite quote? "Be true, be loyal, be perseverant — just love yourself, man." - LeBron James.

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My brother Wylder as he showed me the way for each year and was always there when I needed him.

Child of Colt and Makena Morehead

Alex Moss



What are your future plans? To attend the Tipton Learning Center.

What is your favorite HS memory? Working with Ms Paula

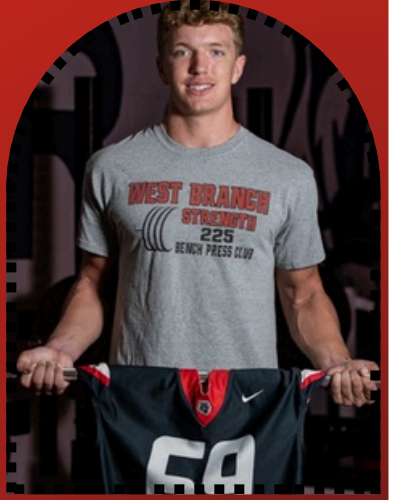
What is your advice to underclassmen? Stay happy and don't think bad thoughts.

What is your favorite quote? "It's gonna be alright." - Unknown

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mr. Dawson, Ms. Paula and Mr. Nathan

Child of Tim and Casandra Moss

Lincoln Naber



What are your future plans? Go to Law School at the University of Iowa.

What is your favorite HS memory? Playing kickball as a class the last day of summer this year.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Be more respectful to teachers, they can make things a lot harder than they are.

What is your favorite quote? "The water won't get warmer by waiting to jump in." - Unknown

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? All of my teachers and coaches for supporting me with everything I need.

Child of Marcy Willier and Jacob Naber



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Maddie Neuberger



What are your future plans? Attend Oklahoma State University to study Animal Science/Pre Vet.

What is your favorite HS memory? Coming back from FFA state convention sophomore year and getting a flat tire, so we put gum on the tire and speed home while everyone was sitting on each other's laps shoved into the vans.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't take high school for granted. Time goes by fast, so try new things while you still can, because the opportunities, people, and experiences you think will always be there won't be there forever.

What is your favorite quote? "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." - 1 Peter 5:7

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to my dad for always supporting me throughout my high school years. He has been someone I can rely on for guidance, encouragement, and honest advice, especially during stressful or uncertain times.

Child of Brian and Lisa Neuberger

Andrew Niles



What are your future plans? Working at the Down Under here in West Branch.

What is your favorite HS memory? Messing around with Draven in Sciences and in AIM never doing work.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Make as much memories as you can, do some dumb stuff with your friends that you will always remember.

What is your favorite quote? "If you begin to regret, you'll dull your future decisions and let others make your choices for you. All that's left for you then is to die. Nobody can foretell the outcome. Each decision you make holds meaning only by affecting your next decision." Erwin Smith. Attack on Titan

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Ms. Cooper, Mr. Ryner, all my friends.

Child of Kristin and Travis Niles

Sophia Oaks



What are your future plans? Attend Kirkwood for Project management.

What is your favorite HS memory? Going to Costa Rica for Spanish.

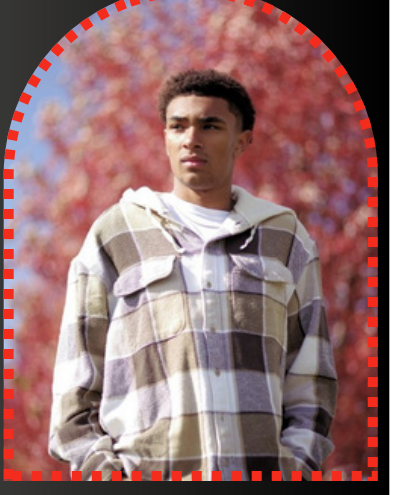
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't wait till 11pm on the night your Kirkwood paper is due, to do it.

What is your favorite quote? "I spent 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake."

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My mom, for never letting me give up.

Child of Bryan and Tammy Oaks

Brandon Pedersen



What are your future plans? Pursue track & Field at Indian Hills

What is your favorite HS memory? Winning the State track meet.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't take it for granted and be grateful and enjoy every part of high school because it goes by fast.

What is your favorite quote? "Be so good they can't ignore you" - Steve Martin

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to Ms. Taylor because she is always motivating me to be my best because she knows the capability I have and always having conversations with me about things.

Child of Jason and Tamia Pedersen

Kiley Mae Pierce



What are your future plans? I will be attending Kirkwood Community College to complete my prerequisites, then I will go to the University of Iowa to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

What is your favorite HS memory? When I scored a goal in soccer my sophomore year.

What is your advice to underclassmen? My advice for underclassman is don't take anything for granted, be kind to everyone because you never know what anyone is going through.

What is your favorite quote? "You make your mistakes, your mistakes never make you." -Mac Miller

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Jake Stenberg for always being there for me no matter what.

Child of Amber and Jake Pierce

Mia Gabrielle Rice



What are your future plans? I am going to Kirkwood for two years to major in biology then transfer to Iowa State to go to vet school.

What is your favorite HS memory? Friday night football games

What is your advice to underclassmen? take your time and do the fun things because you only get 4 years to do it.

What is your favorite quote? "Imagination is a force that can actually manifest a reality. Don't put limitations on yourself. Others will do that for you" James Cameron

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Thank you to Ms. Taylor for helping me with some problems and always being so friendly and checking up on me.

Child of Dan Rice, Lynette and James

Addysyn Alexis Rocha



What are your future plans? My future plans are to attend at Waldorf University to play soccer and study business marketing.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory was going to the football games with my friends and dressing up for the themes. It was fun and enjoyed every moment.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Do it when you first get it instead of pushing it back to the last minute, surround yourself with good people, ask for help when you need it, and don't forget to enjoy every moment because it goes by fast.

What is your favorite quote? "The thing about new beginnings, is that they require something else to end." - Blair Waldorf

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I'd like to thank my family and friends for supporting me through out these years. They have pushed me to do my best, and were always there during the stressful and the good moments. I'm really grateful for everything then have done and made me the best version of myself.

Child of Gavin Rocha and Amber McFarland Rocha

Maddux Rushton



What are your future plans? Work in the sheet metal industry.

What is your favorite HS memory? 2022 football season.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Be in as many activities as you can before you're not able to.

What is your favorite quote? "Everyone has two lives, the second one starts when you realize you only have one." - Kong Qiu

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents for always forcing me to do my homework.

Child of Rob and Emily Rushton

Addison Schultes



What are your future plans? Attend Loras College to study Kinesiology.

What is your favorite HS memory? Attending state track my sophomore year. Going mattress surfing, hanging out, and running at Drake with my teammates.

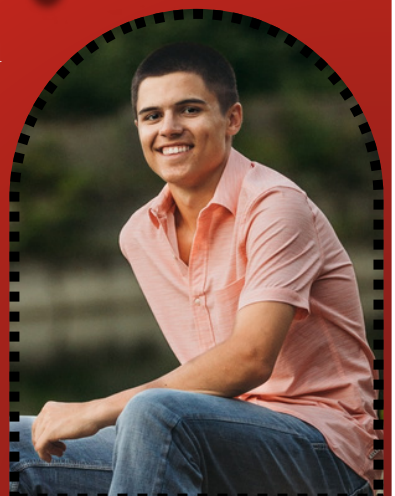
What is your advice to underclassmen? Be the reason someone smiles!

What is your favorite quote? "Enjoy moments before they become memories."

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My friends for making high school enjoyable.

Child of Keith and Diane Schultes

Griffin Seydel



What are your future plans? enter the trades and work.

What is your favorite HS memory? playing football my freshman year and making it to the dome.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't vape in the bathrooms.

What is your favorite quote? "I wake up in the morning and I breathe excellence"- Ricky Bobby

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. S., Mrs. Oswald, and Jake Stenburg.

Child of Randy Seydel and Lindsay Shultz

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Mason Shimon



What are your future plans? Work.
What is your favorite HS memory? Friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't procrastinate turn stuff in on time.
What is your favorite quote? "Ideas are easy. Execution is all that matters." - Casey Neistat.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My teachers for helping me out.

Child of Julie Shimon

Kennedy Simpson



What are your future plans? Attend Kirkwood Community College with a major in Nursing.
What is your favorite HS memory? Iowa State volleyball camp my senior year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Life is too short to worry about what others think of you.
What is your favorite quote? "Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive that is Youer than You." - Dr. Seuss
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my family. They are my biggest supporters and I wouldn't be here without them. Love you guys!

Child of Cory and Bamki Simpson

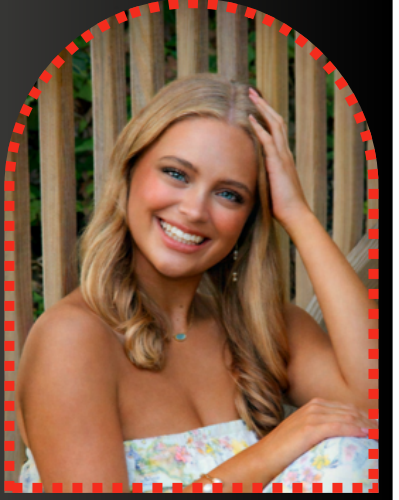
Alexandra Skay



What are your future plans? Attend Kirkwood for 1 year, graduate, then go to Wartburg to run Track to have a degree in elementary education.
What is your favorite HS memory? State Track sophomore and junior year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't accept average and always give it your all because if you don't try you've already failed.
What is your favorite quote? "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents and my sister.

Child of Jayme and Kami Skay

Whitney Ann Spratt



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood Community College to earn an AS degree, then transfer to University of Iowa to major in biology.
What is your favorite HS memory? Show Choir competition bus rides, winning Show Choir Supreme Champions at Central Lee senior year, school dances, Homecoming Week, pep rallies, Honor Cheerleading at the Dome senior year, and the 2026 Disney trip.
What is your advice to underclassmen? To always give everything your all and be kind to everyone. Don't rush high school and remember to enjoy the little moments, because it will be gone before you realize. Join Student Government!
What is your favorite quote? "Don't be sad because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I want to thank my parents and family for always being there and supporting me, my sister, Ellie, for making me laugh and being someone I could count on through everything. A special thanks to Senorita Noelck for answering all my life questions and always being a humorous, positive light.

Child of Kilee and Travis Spratt

Nolan Staker



What are your future plans? Attend Coe College where I will run track and play football with an undecided major.
What is your favorite HS memory? State track freshman year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Try everything at least once.
What is your favorite quote? "Take care of all your memories. For you cannot relive them." - Bob Dylan.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I'd like to thank my parents and my sister for supporting me in everything that I do.

Child of Shane and Kelly Staker

Porter Steele



What are your future plans? To go work on the railroad or get into the management program at Fareway.
What is your favorite HS memory? The entirety of the 2022 Bears football season.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Just pass your classes because most classes aren't that important but what is important is your diploma so make sure you get it.
What is your favorite quote? "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - Walt Disney
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mr. Robertson because he has taught me how to be mechanically inclined.

Child of Gillian Cochrane and Nate Steele

Wesley Strong



What are your future plans? Go to Kirkwood to be an electrician or go to the trades to be a roofer.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite High school memory would be sophomore year of football when all my friends went out.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't be someone you're not, just be you.
What is your favorite quote? "The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in determination." - Usain Bolt.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My coaches thought of high school for pushing me to be even better than I was.

Child of Gina and Travis Strong

Oliver Kevin Trepanier



What are your future plans? Go to Kirkwood for my business degree and then to an airline traffic control academy.
What is your favorite HS memory? Beating Bellevue this year and becoming district champs.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't procrastinate and it's okay to be late.
What is your favorite quote? "Let it be." - Beatles.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank Mrs. Donovan for waiting after school with me so I could pass my Kirkwood classes.

Child of Jessie and Moe Trepanier

Maddie Tygrett



What are your future plans? I plan to attend the University of Iowa with a Biology major.
What is your favorite HS memory? One of my favorite memories are the National Convention trips that I went on in FFA.
What is your advice to underclassmen? The advice I would give to an underclassman is to try everything. You never know what might become your favorite part of high school.
What is your favorite quote? "In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take and the opportunities we were too afraid to try." - Lewis Carroll.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank all of my friends and teachers that have encouraged me and been there for me all throughout high school.

Child of Andy and Christina Tygrett

Alyssa Vargason



What are your future plans? Attend Scott Community College to study radiation science.
What is your favorite HS memory? Getting Starbucks with my friends before track practice.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't fail.
What is your favorite quote? "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" - Wayne Gretzky.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents who are always there for me and never missing an event.

Child of Amy and Josh Vargason



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Lillian Waters



What are your future plans? To attend MTI for welding and pipe fitting.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory would have to be when me and a group of friends filled Mr. O's office with paper boats.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Pay attention in class and get your work done on time.
What is your favorite quote? "Sometimes the right path is not the easiest one." - Pocahontas.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank all my advisors for always pushing me to be my best, and to know that I can do anything I put my mind to. But not only that everyone has a place in anything no matter what.

Child of Benjamin Waters and Christy Danenhauer

Rey Watt



What are your future plans? To attend Iowa State University and major in graphic design.
What is your favorite HS memory? Getting to go to Disney and spend time with friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Even if it's not your best work, get it done, you can go back and change it later.
What is your favorite quote? "Creativity can solve almost any problem." - George Lois.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I'd like to give thanks to my friends for helping me through the years and always being there.

Child of Breanne, Jason, and Alison Watt

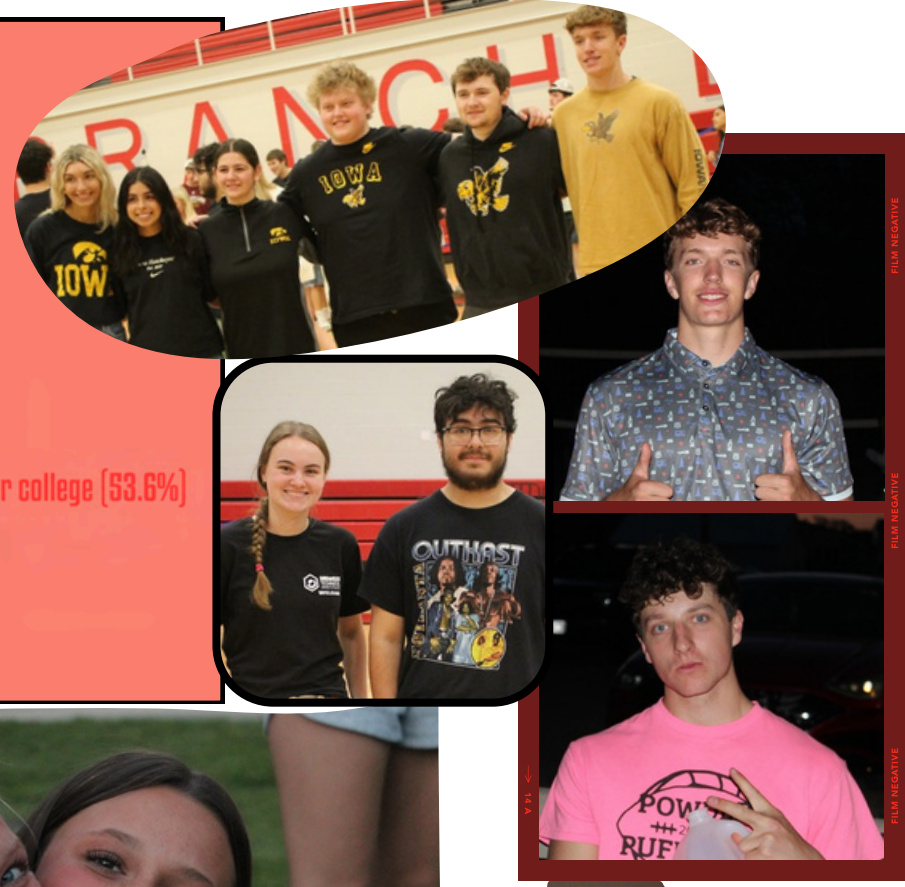
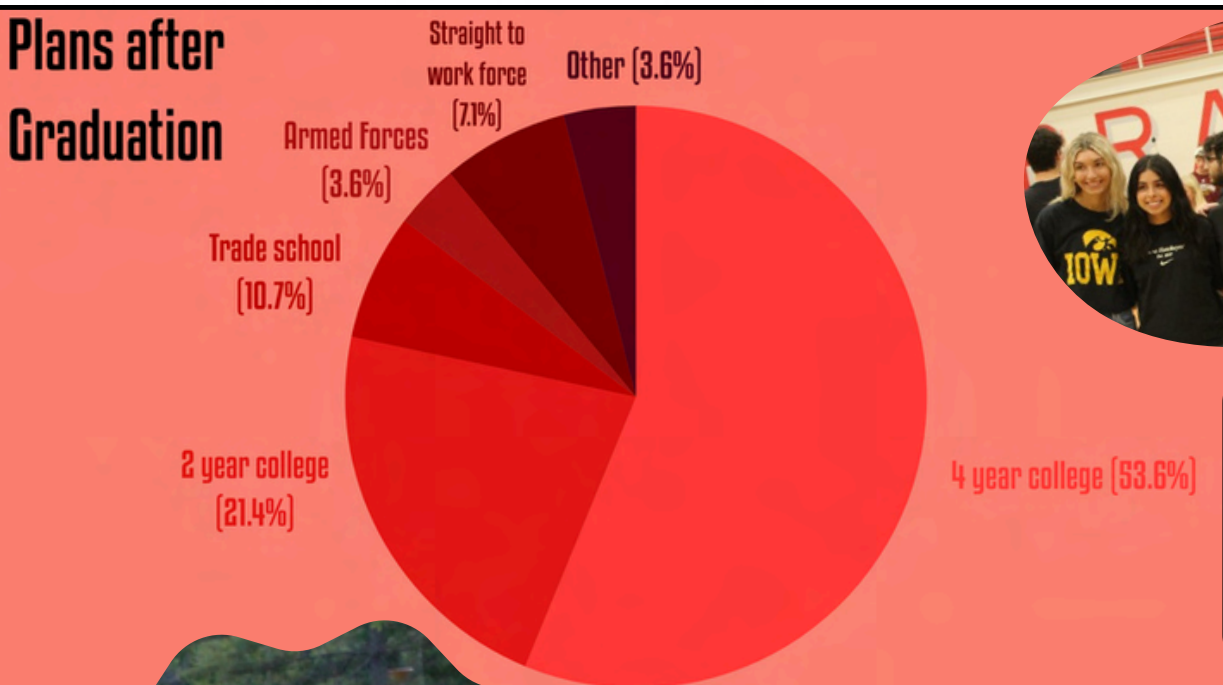
Maria Monfort Felip



What are your future plans? To finish my two last years of high school in Spain and go to college
What is your favorite HS memory? Homecoming week and the Disney trip
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't be afraid to try new things, even if it's scary at first.
What is your favorite quote? "Courage does not always roar, sometimes it's the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'" - Mary Anne Radmacher
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. S, Mr. Reed, and Ms. Taylor for helping me since I got here.

Child of Manuel Monfort and Raquel Felip
Host Family Karin and Pete Swisher

"SENIOR ASSASSIN INCIDENT" BY EVAN HIGHLY



SENIOR SUNSET AND

DECISION DAY



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Senior Matchup



Names

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1. ___ Lillian Waters
2. ___ Wyatt Chapman
3. ___ Wesley Strong
4. ___ Maria Monfort Felip
5. ___ Sophia Oaks
6. ___ Kennedy Simpson
7. ___ Larkin Brown
8. ___ Porter Steele
9. ___ Finn McCullough
10. ___ Sabree Depoorter
11. ___ Adelyn Hetrick
12. ___ Lynden T. MacGillivray
13. ___ Brennen Dale
14. ___ Logan Heick
15. ___ Ryan Lukavsky
16. ___ Maddie Tygrett
17. ___ Draven Ladehoff
18. ___ Maddie Neuberger
19. ___ Gray Baker
20. ___ Rey Watt
21. ___ Caitlyn Harrison
22. ___ Alyssa Vargason
23. ___ Reese Gingerich
24. ___ Saylee Jo Gingerich
25. ___ Kellen Dykstra
26. ___ Addison Schultes
27. ___ Oliver Kevin Trepanier
28. ___ Alexandra Skay
29. ___ Lexie Rae Isabel
30. ___ Carter Hetrick
31. ___ Lincoln Naber
32. ___ Logan Christoffel
33. ___ Rena Holmes
34. ___ Mason Shimon
35. ___ Grayson Johnson
36. ___ Jenie Gomez
37. ___ Julian G Garcia
38. ___ Bodee Morehead
39. ___ Jayden Harris
40. ___ Cooper Gates
41. ___ Brenna Benskin
42. ___ Lauren Keeler
43. ___ Mike Montgomery
44. ___ Jerricho Hobbs
45. ___ Haydon Haines
46. ___ Addysyn Alexis Rocha
47. ___ Danielle Crutchley
48. ___ Alex Moss
49. ___ Ewan Arlen
50. ___ Abigail Elaine Linn
51. ___ Addi Finley
52. ___ Whitney Ann Spratt
53. ___ Wilder Alexis
54. ___ Wyatt J Brockert
55. ___ Briley Kaalberg
56. ___ Hunter Knorr
57. ___ Griffin Seydel
58. ___ Cash Hatfield
59. ___ Guillermo Martin Johnson-Torres
60. ___ Aizlyn Marsh
61. ___ Alison Marie Gade
62. ___ Mia Gabrielle Rice
63. ___ Nolan Staker
64. ___ Brisa Nayeli Carrillo
65. ___ Tate Lynch
66. ___ Brandon Pedersen
67. ___ Kiley Mae Pierce
68. ___ Maddux Rushton
69. ___ Andrew Niles

- A. I wrote a 400 page book.
- B. I was a member of SLB.
- C. I work with kids.
- D. I drove to school. with a cat on top of my car.
- F. A cord exploded in my hand in show choir.
- G. I have spoken Spanish all my life as my first language.
- H. I'm a Bowler.
- I. I can't be around anything green.
- J. I'm the best Overwatch player in the school.
- K. Fast 800 runner.
- L. Ginger.
- M. My First Name starts with an F.
- N. I have 2 first names.
- O. White Square
- P. Good kicker
- Q. I have visited Tanzania, Africa.
- R. I won second place in a state art competition.
- S. The most type A person, yet the biggest procrastinator.
- T. Has drawn a tattoo design for a teacher.
- U. I own two birds.
- V. I am a certified Storm Spotter through the National Weather Service.
- W. I yell your name in the hallway no matter how far away you are.
- X. School record holder for most instruments played.
- Y. Find me at the end of the rainbow.
- Z. 3 sport athlete that broke a 17 year old football school record.
- AA. Long hair
- BB. I am half Canadian and have brothers in Canada
- CC. My car is called "Bullfrog" by my friends.
- DD. Abraham Lincoln and Tom Brady are my 'uncles'!
- EE. I like to put ice cream in the microwave
- FF. I have an outie belly button.
- HH. I barf everytime I touch the blue oval
- II. I am missing parts of my fingers.
- JJ. I borrow Starbucks gift cards
- KK. My favorite color is green
- LL. I transferred to west branch at the end of sophomore year
- MM. I have a tattoo on my left rib
- OO. 3 knee surgeries
- PP. Child
- QQ. I've had 15 vehicles since I've been able to drive
- RR. I'm a middle child
- SS. Go bees
- TT. Biggens
- UU. Uncle ruckus
- VV. Blueberry
- WW. I have two jobs
- XX. The one who always says "ill be here tomorrow" but is gone the next day
- YY. my favorite Thomas character is Samson
- ZZ. I am the only senior band member to have participated in every band at WBHS (there's one band people may forget).
- AAA. My birthday is on July 4th
- BBB. My initials are ALF
- CCC. I tackled Maddux Rushton up against the front whiteboard in Senorita Popke's room junior year
- DDD. I'm never at school
- EEE. Toothless
- FFF. I'm from guatemala
- GGG. My eardrums burst on the 4th of July when I was younger, so I had to get surgery and now the insides of my ears are very differently colored from the rest of my skin.
- HHH. I'm the only girl that's been in SkillsUSA all 4 years of highschool
- III. I have a fat cat that is 18 pounds and name is Chester
- JJJ. Atari
- LLL. I'm going to college to play baseball
- MMM. 2nd team all state in football and first team all district
- NNN. I have done wrestling since I was 4 years old
- KKK. Hates wearing shoes, and always in birks when given the chance
- OOO. I got to be a barback at a bar
- PPP. I still don't have my license and I'm a senior
- QQQ. Pool party merchant
- RRR. I hold the school record for most people hit with a golf ball
- SSS. I run really quick and have gone to Drake Relays
- TTT. I have a red car

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