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It is a common fact that everything changes. Nothing can ever be the same. Everyday is affected by change. Whether they are minor changes, like adjusting to a new fashion statement, or whether they are major changes, like if a friend moves away, things change.

This year at Waconia High School we went through a lot of changes due to the construction. Some changes include not being able to sit down at morning break and being distracted by the construction during class. In the future, there will be more classrooms and more space for the students and staff.
This year we are proud to introduce a change to the yearbook. It is the first-ever all color yearbook at WHS. The theme of this year's yearbook is A Splash of Color.

The days are changing, so cherish every moment you have. Remember all the memories you have at WHS because soon it will all be gone, and you will be changed forever.

By Amanda Bammert

## Extreme Makeover



This is the way the front of the original high school building appeared during its initial construction phase in 1992-1994. The original building was designed to accommodate 700 students.


The first phase of the 1992 building construction included building the school's walls and foundation. When the 2006-2007 addition is completed, the building will be able to accommodate 1,200 students.

## Additional Information

Total Square Feet: 75,000 square feet


Cost of addition: $\$ 30$ million
Total capacity before additions: 700 students
Total capacity after additions: 1,200 students


Construction

Some of the departments requiring additional space include art, family and consumer science, industrial technology, special education, science and English. This picture shows the beginning of the addition to the art, family and consumer science, and industrial technology wing.


This is an aerial view of the school in 1994 prior to the original building's completion. New classrooms and labs will be features of the 2006-2007 addition.


During the summer prior to the 2006 school year, workers spent many hours trying to complete the new serving area and commons in time for the upcoming school year. The project was completed approximately four days before school began on Aug. 28, 2006.
"If we wouldn't have been building this year, I don't know what we would have done," said Principal Mark Fredericksen.


Once finished, the updated commons and serving line made the lunch room more efficient. The two line system and open areas allowed the lines to run more smoothly and resulted in less work for the staff and less waiting time for the students.



Senior Krista Polding showed off her class color.


Juniors Katelyn Rambow, Phylicia Short and Christine Deering presented the T -shirts they made.


Sophomore Jessica Vogel and junior Katie Larsen dressed comfortably for pajama day.


Sophomores Emily Halverson and Sarah Northrup showed their spirit by dressing up in togas.


Seniors Garret Sohns, Brian Krahulec and Craig Boll displayed their school pride by dressing in purple and gold on school spirit day


Top: Juniors Katie Luce, Alicia Champagne, Stephanie
Quaschnick, Amanda Pederson, Katie Olson and Brianna Wall cleaned up the halls due to the mess made by members of the junior and senior classes on class color day.
Right: Seniors Leah Froehling and Taylor Melius and sophomore Sarah Northrup emceed the annual pepfest. Below: Homecoming king and queen candidates lined up to find out what they were going to endure in front of the crowd.


The pepfest began with the cheerleaders performance of the school song, "The Minnesota Rouser.



Mike Mikahalash showed ofr his contest in which he styled Mr. Erickson' hair with shaving cream. He took first place

# Purple addiction 

Homecoming 2006 was a week to remember at Waconia High School. The Saturday before Homecoming week began there was the Homecoming Kick Off dance. This was a new event that turned out to be a success.
"What I liked most about Homecoming was the dance. It was cool and pretty entertaining," said senior Cody Redshaw.

Monday was class color day, and the juniors and seniors caused quite a stir when they were caught with bleach and paint. This almost ended the Homecoming week as students knew it! The student body was informed that the pepfest, power puff, and

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capture the football events were all cancelled. To make up for their wrong doings, many juniors and seniors helped clean the hallways. Although students Homecoming week proceeded as planned.

On Tuesday, which was make
your own T-shirt day,
seniors rebelled by making shirts opposing the junior class. There were many creative t-shirts made

well.
Wednesday was pajama day. The pepfest was also rescheduled for Wednesday.

At the pepfest, one student from each grade
was chosen to participate in the shaving cream contest, a contest in which the chosen student decorated a teacher's hair with shaving cream.

After the pep fest, the first school pillow fight was held in the outdoor ice arena. Even though it was cold and windy, it was still an enjoyable time. Thursday was toga day and the day when the coronation was held.

Friday was spirit day, a day when everyone could dress up in his or her most extravagant purple and gold attire.

What could have been a disappointing Homecoming week turned into a captivating and exciting time.

Bottom row (left to right): freshmen
Fladung, Katie Grinnell, Jessica Rice Top row (left to right):Mercedes Bratsch, Caity Kreig, Ashley Walter, Anna Shaw and Beth Aeling took time out during lunch to


Student Council members Kylie Wroge, Rachel Horner, and Alicia Champagne blew up balloons used as decorations for corenation.
 run with the ball. Left: Brandon Haugen, 31, jumped to block a Dassel-Cokato pass. Below: Kevin Ebert, 7, got ready to pass the football.

all football photos taken by Brad Unangst and the Waconia Patriot
Homecoming Game Box Scores

|  | Waconia | Dassel-Cokato |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First Quarter | 8 | 7 |
| Second Quarter | 13 | 7 |
| Third Quarter | 7 | 0 |
| Fourth Quarter | 14 | 6 |
| Final Score | 42 | 20 |



Despite the cold, windy weather on Friday, Oct. 13, fans still came to the annual Homecoming game to cheer their Wildcats to a $42-20$ victory over the Dassel-Cokato Chargers.

Waconia's defense allowed the Chargers to score an early touchdown, but according to defensive coordinator Mark Grundhofer the team "Made a few adjustments and the defense got better." Waconia answered back with a
55-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Kevin Ebert followed by a two point conversion by Brody Scheff, which put Waconia ahead 8-7.

In the second quarter, junior Derek Earls recovered a fumble and returned it 31-yards for a touchdown. This was one of many great plays, but Grundhofer vividly remembered his favorite.
"The best play of the game was when Dassel-Cokato's leading scorer went through the middle, and Breck Raymond and Brandon Haugen made a pancake out of him," he said. "Unfortunately, he didn't play well the rest of the game."

The 22-point victory certainly was a great wav to end WHS Homecoming Week 2006.

Senior quarterback Kevin Ebert, 7 , ran for a 55 -yard touchdown that put Waconia ahead 8.7 in the first quarter.


Homecoming week was all about golden opportunities that gave students and faculty a chance to show their school spirit. On Thursday, Oct. 12, the WHS coronation was held. The king and queen were chosen by a school-wide vote that took place earlier in the week. John Bly and Meghan Durkin were crowned this year's king and queen.

Before Homecoming week started, each senior candidate was woken up early in the morning and taken to Perkins for breakfast. On Friday, the candidates toured Bayview, Southview, and Clearwater and appeared at the Homecoming football game.

These coronation festivities might have been exciting, but nothing could compare to the thrill of the Homecoming football game that took place the next day.




Student Division


Tyler Abrahamson


Nichole Anderson


Molly Asbjornson


Ashley Ament


Andrew Armit


Michael Ashman


Janell Anderson


Joshua Artmann


Jennifer Bakke


Michelle Anderson


Katie Asbjornson


Amanda Bammert


Erica Barnard


Anna Billings


Craig Boll


Katie Becker


Kirsten Blegen


Sarah Boughten


Lance Beckmann


Trisha Betz


Michacl Bly


Meagan Bozak


Stephanic Brazil



Matthew Clemensen


Chris Crundwell


Michele Delon


Michael Clemensen


Amy Culver


Mary Deweese


Mitchell Collins


Sheryl Cummines


Antonio Dondlinger


Samuel Cousin


Michael DeCann


Joseph Drapcho


Theodore Drees

David Earls


Derek Eiden



Annushka Dubay


Emily Ebert


Seth Erickson


Madel Duenas

Kevin Ebert

Colin Faust



Meghan Durkin


Darwin Ehrreich


Samantha Forsythe


Ryan Frey


Leah Froehling


Derek Golberg


Daniel Gapen


Jessica Glashan


Kelsey Goergen


Jeff Hable


Adam Good


Jessica Grinnell

Sarah Hansen


Jennifer Harold




Laura Kahmeyer


Daniel Kelzer


Jeffrey Klein


Melissa Kahmeyer


Joshua Kerwood


Kurtis Koenig


Mitchell Karels


Christine Kim


Manuela Komperda


Drew Kating
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John Klaustermeier


Charles Kortuem


Brian Krahulec


Kelsey Laplante

Kevin Lenzen



Jessica Krautbauer


Melanic Laplante

Maric Linchan



Kristine Kroells


Katelyn Larkin


Joseph Larsen


Brian Loscheider


Timothy Lund


Sarah Lundberg


Catherine McAvoy


Taylor Melius


Thomas Mahan


Molly Mcdonald


Cody Menth


Daniel Mason


Kyle Mckeever


Jazzlenn Mevissen


Patrick Mathwig


Molly Meeks


Michael Mikhalash

## THE



OF



Danielle Miller


Laura Northrup


Holly Ostlie


Nicholas Miller


Rachel Nystrom


Andrew Overson


Jeffrey Morgan


Kelly Olson


Rebecca Parkinson


Shawn Osterkamp


Kathleen Parris


Kaley Peters


## Ryan Peterson



Erin Porter


Danielle Petersen


Chineda Phommachanh


Alexander Quiring


Brittany Peterson


Taija Pietz


Joshua Ramm


Elizabeth Peterson


Krista Polding


Mitchell Read


Cody Redshaw


Madeline Rifley


Nickolas Samuelson


Ian Redshaw


Alexander Riner


Brody Scheff


Jami Reinke


Cassandra Row


Matthew Schilling


Graydon Rentz


Jacquelin Salden


Leika Schmidt


Lindsay Schmidt


Brittney Schroeder


Nicole Shewchuk


Tabitha Schmidt


Kayla Schuman


Chase Sievers


Heather Schnaible


Kristin Schwab


Anthony Sinnen


Brittany Schoer


Rianna Segner


Nicole Sletto


Robert Smothers


Benjamin Stahlke


Sarah Stojsavljevic


Garret Sohns


Keagan Stangret


Nicholas Sudheimer


Jerad Spike


Joshua Stein


Brianna Swanson


Joseph St. Amand


Nicholas Sterner


Joel Swenson




Not Pictured: Marissa Anderson, Garret Beilby, Michael Clemmer, Ian Cook, Michael Jackels, Gabrielle Malek, Autumn Magels, Miroslav Mikityuk, Michelle Nagel, Chin Ratsabouth, Brian Remer, and Colan VanEyll

Above: The king canidates John Bly, Kevin Ebert, Brody Scheff, Joe Drapcho, Dylan Brown, and Sam Cousn waited to see who was going to be crowned king.



Above: Krista Polding, Molly Asbjornson, and Tim Lund cleaned up the hallways after the junior-senior paint war during Homecoming week. Left: Cassi Row, Meagan Bozak, and Kari Hoen took a break during morning break.

# Top Ten Things to do Before You Leave Waconia High School 

10. Participate in Homecoming Activities

## 9. Camp on the island

8. Get a job
9. Take one of Mr. Machtemes' classes
10. Go to the bathroom for half of a class
11. TA for at least one trimester
12. Use the fact that you're a senior to your advantage
13. Take a fast food run @ 1:00 A.M.
14. Drive a great distance to support the Wildcats

## 1. Graduate

## Senior Favorites

## Favorite Movie

1. Wedding Crashers
2. Beerfest
3. Anchorman

## Favorite Teacher

1. Mr. Fogarty
2. Mr. Machtemes
3. Mr. Hullander

## Favorite Band

1. The Fray
2. Panic! At the Disco
3. Rascal Flatts

Favorite Store

1. Target
2. American

Eagle
3. Dueber's

## Favorite TV Show

1. Grey's Anatomy
2. That 70's Show
3. The Office

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## Favorite Class

1. Team Sports
2. U.S. History
3. AP World Histoy

## Favorite Actress

1. Rachel McAdams
2. Jennifer Aniston
3. Angelina Jolie


Favorite Actor

1. Adam Sandler
2. Johnny Depp
3. Vince Vaughn

Favorite Hangout 1. A Friend's House
2. Frost n' Steam 3. Darwin's House

Favorite Candy

1. Snickers
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Cúp
3. Peanut Butter M\&Ms


Favorite Restaurant

1. Chipotle
2. Buffalo Wild Wings 3. Applebee's
3. "Unwritten" Natasha

Beddingfield
2. "Wonderwall" Oasis
3. "Lips of an Angel" Hinder

Favorite Lunch Choice

1. Pork Steak
2. French Toast Sticks 3. Walking Taco

Best Memory of High School
" Leika Schmidt's disturbing speeches in speech class."
"Boys Basketball State Tournement 2006."
"When Meagan Bozak beat up Paige Vigil while hypnotized at Prom."
"Getting out of school because of the bomb threats."
"Sunset Blvd. 2006."

Best Smile
Kurtis Koenig Meghan Durkin


Most Unpredictable Bob Wightman
Not Pictured: Leika Schmidt

Future WHS Teacher
Jenna Venske
Brian Krahulec


Most Artistic
Marie Linehan Cody Redshaw

## Best Eyes

Brody Scheff
Kayla Wurst


Future President Elizabeth Peterson Darwin Ehrreich


Most Talkative
Chelsie Wilson
Tim Lund

Best Friend Boys Nick Sudheimer His Backpack



Teachers Pet
Erik Haugsby
Laura Jensen


Best Dressed
Keagan Stangret Chineda Phommachanh


Most Likely To Be Famous Kaley Peters Joe Drapcho


Most Accident Prone
Jackie Salden Brock Hegr


[^0]Best Friends Girls
Lani Wohlforth Jen Bakke


Most Musical Michael Hennen Danielle Miller

Most School Spirit Amanda Bammert Joe Timm

$\frac{\text { Best Laugh }}{\text { Molly Meeks }}$
Ben Timmers

## Biggest Flirt <br> Cassi Row <br> Brody Scheff

Most Athletic Meghan Durkin Kevin Ebert




Alex Ditsch Adrienne Donnel Rebecca Dummer Jeana Dunn Derek Earls Trevor Ecklein

Aaron Ehalt Nicole Eischens Courtney Elasky Jayse Ely Gregory Farlow David Fischer


If you were able to change the school's COLORS, what would you change them to and why?

"BLACK \& ORANGE. They are my favorite colors and they stand out." Tara Zuraff

Steve Frempong-Longdon Michael Frey Mitchel Frey Brooke Gatheridge Cassandra Giesinger Nicole Good Garrett Graff Kyle Gray
Matthew Gray
Timothy Gregory Nicole Gueningsman

Hans Gunness
Ethan Gutzmann-Williams Dillon Hackbarth
Steven Hagman Christopher Hahn

Travis Hanson Brianna Hartmann



Brandon Haugen Jacob Hayes Anna Hedstrom Erica Heitz Isaac Hernandez Angela Hilgers
Spencer Hilgers Mariesa Hipolito Hattie Holtberg Rachel Horner Jesse Jaworski Clare Johnson

What is your PURPLE addiction, the one thing you couldn't live without?

"Pasta. It's only the best food in the world."

Kathryn Carrier
"Sports, because it's my outlet." Ethan Gutzmann


Krystianna Johnson Briana Jorgensen Jason Kaare Alexander Kating Mitchell Kelzer Zachary Klindworth

David Klingelhutz Ryan Knutson Kyle Krause Jens Larsen Kaitlin Larsen Aaron Lehrke John Leidiger David Leonard Dalton Lingbeck Nicholas Litfin Steve Lopez Eric Luce

Katie Luce Douglas Luedloff Katharina Lueth Bo Lund Jacob Macy Benjamin Majhor

Rachael Martel Devin Meierding Heather Melchert

Anna Menssen
Eric Menth
Mitchell Meuleners
Aleksey Mikityuk
Seth Miller Nickoli Mitchell

Samuel Mock
Carissa Moonen
Brett Moore
Camille Moore Zachary Morrissette Hayley Mueller-Milne Trent Murray
Lance Neubauer Andrew Newman

Sarah Niaz
Larry Novellino James Oestreich

Brian Olson
Katelyn Olson
Kyle Pajari
Sarah Pasket Amanda Pederson

Tyson Peters
Terra Peterson
Tyler Pouliot Joshua Pruden

Patrick Puckett
Kayla Pugh
Amber Quaschnick Stephanie Quaschnick

Ryan Rague Katelyn Rambow

Adam Rasche
Breck Raymond Brandy Reichenberger Stephanie Reif
Kristina Rice Benjamin Rickel



Brianna Wall Samuel Wasmund Nolan Weber Bradley Weinzierl Bryan Wessale Brittany Widmer

Justine Widmer Nicole Willems Amanda Wood Kylie Wroge Nathaniel Younkin Tyler Zebell
atherine Zimmermann
Tara Zuraff Austin Schwartz



Top Left: Brian Olson and Zach Slice joked around during morning break.
Top Right: Brad Weinzierl, Terra Peterson, Ben Major and Bo Lund worked on homework during lunch.
Bottom Left: Tara Zuraff, Jayse Ely, Alex
Schnedler, Sara Clark and Tyson Peters had fun together in between classes.
Bottom Right: Brianna Wall, Amanda Corson and Katie Larsen smiled for a picture after school.

SOPHMORES

Aaron Albani Samuel Anderson

Kara Bakke Aaron Barden Chaelynn Baumann Bethany Bertelsen
Samantha Bierlein
Ryan Bleichner Justin Boll Clint Borka Ryan Bradt Morgan Braunshausen

Brian Broll Madeline Brown Jared Buesgens Tanner Bullock

Brittany Burr
David Butz
Emily Capaul Matthew Carsten Jordan Cauness Brandon Chappell

Colby Chase
Stephanie Cluff
Ronnie Cobb
Joshua Condon
Kelsey Connor
Emily Cook
Robert Cook Jonathan Crundwell

Anders Culver Tammy Cummines

Shannon Curtis
Lianne Dang Cheyenne Dantona Kyra Daugherty

Dru Delange
Kelly Deweese
Michael Diehl
Kaylyn Dotas Dustin Dunn Cody Ebert
Arron Eder Daniel Edwards Joshua Eiden Jason Elasky Madelaine Elling Brittney Ellis



Ashley Johnson Austin Johnson Donavan Johnson Angelia Jordahl Melissa Kaliszewski Lauren Kalkes

Alex Kapuska Nathan Kelzer Hannah Kimyon Alexa Klos
Abbie Knopik Simeon Kobzar


## What was your most embarrassing moment that made you RED in the face?


"One time I dropped my tray at lunch." Eli Stangret
"When I tripped over a volleyball and fell on my face at the Delano Game."

Kara Pioske


"I think I got pants-ed once." Nate Ristow

Thomas Kortuem Amy Krautbauer Michelle Kroells Andrew Kutzke Preston Lalich Edith Lee Christopher Leivermann Jenna Lester Erin Linden
Sean Linehan
Shane Linehan Garrett Luce

Douglas Lueck
Rebecca Lund Jessica Macedo Jaimie Mankowski Jesse Mankowski Lani Massengale



Rachel Mathwig
Brandon Matson Elisabeth McAlister Ariel McCullum Jessica McGinn Alyssa McMaster
Lynne McMullen Jackson Melius Gattlin Miller Hallie Miller Ken Miyamoto Scotti Moats


What COLOR best describes you and why?
"Blue, because i'm wearing it right now." Kyler Hanson

"Orange, because i'm weird." Jessica Vogel


Dianne Parkinson
Robert Paul Jared Pawelk Taylor Perks Christian Pierce Kyle Pingeon
Kara Pioske Miles Poehler Meryl Pogatchnik Mary Polding Glenda Pomare

Sara Porter
Amanda Quiring Megan Rademacher Naomi Rakow Nicholas Ramm Eric Rathmanner Justin Ratzlaff

Ashley Read Alyssa Reich Jeremy Reichenberger Tamara Reinke Lauren Rice Nathan Ristow Kelsey Robling Brady Roth Christina Rupp Thomas Russell Keelan Ryan Jaymes Schelitzche Joseph Schermer Ashlie Scheuble Calvin Schmidt

Tyler Schultz Mitchell Scrimgeour Tyler Scrimgeour

Elissa Selleck Mandi Selvey Trevor Sidwell William Sievers Amanda Sinnen Tanner Skaalerud Benjamin Smith Kyla Smith Emily Smith-Jolliffe Heather Snyder Warut Srisujaritpanich Joshua St. Amand



Kevin Stahn Elijah Stangret Tyler Stevenson Margaret Stivers Emily Storms Alexa Strand Austin Sullivan Brianna Sullivan Jacklyn Surat Cody Swier Caleb Talbert Ben Tegels

Kyla Thorson Mercedez Tolzmann Lucy Tongen Patrick Van Kirk Keith Voeller Jessica Vogel

Mark Weiland Steven Wert Emily Willems Eric Wolf Gavin Woodland Stephanie Wothe

Zachary Woytcke Alexandra Wright Stephanie Wymore Madeline Zigmund Margo Schwartz

Below: David Butz, Lianne Dang, Kelsey Connor, Sara Porter, Rachel Mathwig, Kara Bakke and Dianne Parkinson gathered around their table during morning break. Right: Back row: Kyra Daugherty, Lauren Rice, Glenda Pomare, Morgan Braunshausen and Christina Rupp. Front row: Amanda Iverson, Emily Willems, Jessica Hunter, Mercedez Tolzmann, and Jessica Vogel congregated for a picture in between classes.



50 Freshmen


Dane Aadland
Bethany Aeling Nicholas Allen Kari Anderson Maxfield Anderson Allison Armstrong
Madeline Asbjornson Eric Bach
Kelly Barnard Tyler Barrett Tyler Borka Hunter Boser

Becky Boughten Corey Bradshaw Mercedes Bratsch Jacob Braunshausen Kelsey Brennan Pete Brettingen

Samantha Broeckert Michael Brown Ellie Brueggemeier Mark Bullis Tyler Burmeister Jennifer Cafarella

Rachel Carlsted
Matthew Carson
John Castaneda
Leah Christensen Jesse Conkey
Nigel Cook
Christina Cradick
Cody Dahl
Tanner Delange
Elizabeth Delmain
Amy Diehl
Rachel Domjahn
Connor Donohue
Travis Drees
Amanda Drontle Allison Dunkelberger Dustin Ehrreich Jacob Ehrreich
Zachary Emerson Alec Erickson Amy Erickson Sarah Farlow Cecelia Findorff Daniel Fischbach


Nicole Fladung Drew Fleming Javier Flores Alyssa Francen Dylan Furst Samantha Gapen
Brenna Garens Isaiah Gatheridge Melissa Geiszler Travis Genz Ryan Gestach Matthew Gieseke Joleen Glashan Kalynne Goplin Evan Graff Jacob Gregory Nicole Gregory Dustin Grimm

Katherine Grinnell Juan Guerrero Tyler Gunnufson Haley Hafften Emily Hansen Shane Hanson Alexandra Harder Sally Haselhorst Tara Haws Kerry Hayes Rachel Helmbrecht Alyssa Hennen

Benjamin Hentges Max Hiivala Jacob Hilk Samuel Horner Trevor Horning Rebecca Hughes
Margaux Jensen
Alec Johnson Tiffany Johnson Zachariah Johnson Brennan Jones Eric Jones Kera Jones Brooke Jorgensen

Trevor Jost Erica Karels Marshall Kelzer Cristin Kieser



Laurel Pierson Dillon Pomeroy Malcolm Porte Meredith Proulx Scott Rajewsky Lisa Rasmussen
Matthew Redinger Jordan Reeve encer Reichenberger Kelsi Reuther Jessica Rice Britta Rinke
Zachary Runyon James Russell Ryan Samuelson Joseph Sandholm Mckenna Schauer Zachary Schieffer
Amanda Schmidt Nicholas Schmidt Shelbey Schmidt Brandy Schultz Katie Schuman Addy Scrimgeour Mitchell Segner

Shane Segner Anna Shaw Morgan Simmons Gunnar Sipper Elle Skerik
Nicole Slepicka Kyle Sletto Charles Smothers Logan Sohns Kelsey Sorenson Justin Spurbeck
Matthew St John Jesse Sterner Robyn Stessen Carly Stockert Cassidy Stumm Asha Sukhu
Jackson Sullivan Matthew Thomas Drew Thomes Benjamin Travis Alejandro Tristan Micah Trujillo



# MINi Mag 

A series of events led to some controversies at Waconia High School. First, the administration decided that students could no longer sit in the hallways during morning break. This caused some anger among the students, as they tried to understand the adminstration's point of view.
"The main reason that the administration disallowed students to sit during morning break was the new fire code," said Principal Mark Fredricksen. He later added that it was also a stress to always walk over people's legs.

Another issue that came up occurred during Homecoming week. The traditional powder puff and power puff games were canceled due to a few incidents during the week. Many students expressed their disappointment. "It was disapointing not to be able to participate in powder puff this year, especially since it was our senior year," said senior Elizabeth Peterson.

The class photo was also a controversy for most of the seniors. The seniors expected a non-formal, fun picture like ones in past years, and that was not what they got. The photo was an organized, formal portrait in which everyone was sitting down, resulting in the dissapointment of many seniors.

Megan Grossman, WHS Yearbook Advisor, said she could sympathize with the students who were upset about the year's senior picture; however, she felt the students' actions were disrespectful to the photographer and his assistant.
"The students didn't have the right to be disrespectful to the photographer because the students' actions and attitudes are a reflection of the WHS community, " said Grossman.

During the 2006-2007 school year, there were various controversies, but the student body still managed to adapt and make it through the year.

## WHS

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Above: Some juniors helped clean up the mess made during Homecoming week's class color day.


This year Waconia High School students, and even some staff members, participated in an old, but not forgotten, activity - hacky sac.

Students started to pass time by playing hacky sac, or foot bag, any chance they got.
"Hacky sack is a great activity to play when there is nothing else going on," said junior Lance Neubauer.

Many games were played and sometimes these games became very competitive with players trying to create the coolest move or the longest stall.

Junior Ben Rickel said his favorite move is the classic foot stall, in which someone catches the hacky sac on his or her foot.


Above Right: Junior Ben Rickel enjoyed a solo run during morning break. Many WHS students spent their free time hackin' it up in the hallways.


Above: Seniors Michael Hennen and Chin Ratsoboth had some fun after a long day of longboarding.
Top Right: Senior Michael Hennen attempted to cross step on his longboard.


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On the streets in Waconia, students may have noticed their fellow WHS students riding very strange looking skateboards. These skateboards, called long boards, ranged from 21 to 60 inches. These boards were made mainly for downhill carving and free- lance skating.

There were many students who took part in this activity, which could admittingly be somewhat dangerous. Senior Mike Hennen stated that some of the biggest risks were falling when going downhill at high speeds, getting hit by cars, and running stop signs. Hennen also said the main reason it was so dangerous was because skaters couldn't stop easily and they had to rely on the cars to stop. He later added that it was definitely worth the risk because it was really fun.

Long boards were not necessarily for tricks, like regular skateboards. But the kids in Waconia started to create their own fun, new tricks.
"My favorite trick probably is walking the plank, which is when you ride your board backward on the tip, and slowly start walking to the back of your board as you carve down the hill," said junior Andrew Vigil.


Below: Seniors Kurtis Koenig and
Brock Hegr enjoyed a friendly game of poker.


Above: Brock Hegr displayed the
best hand in poker, a royal flush.


When Texas Hold'em hit Waconia High School, it spread like wildfire. Many students participated in Texas Hold'em games and most nights of the week students could find somewhere to play.

Texas Hold'em, a type of poker game, is played with two to 10 players. Each player is dealt two cards. With each player having two cards of his or her own, he or she can also play off the five community cards laid on the table.

This game involves a lot of mental strategy, and it takes skill to play one's cards right. Students honed their mental skills and tested their card playing abilities at household tournaments.
"My best hand was a slow playing quad eights against Ryan Knutson," said junior Andrew Brick who attended many of these tournaments.

Senior Robbie Smothers had his own reason for joining in the local poker game.
"The best part about playing Texas Hold'em is you get to be competetive against your friends," said Smothers.


Whether our parents like it or not, high school does involve a certain amount of romance.

The yearbook staff handed out a survey to students during lunch asking them a few questions about romance.

## What guys should know about girls...

What kinds of gifts do
 "20-30 minutes."
Sophomore Taylor Perks
"A few days."
Junior Erin Salveson "20-30 minutes."
Sophomore Taylor Perks
"A few days."
Junior Erin Salveson


Flowers

| Jewelry |
| :---: |
| Chocolate |
| Back Rubs |


"A date? Like 30 minutes." Freshman Tara Haws Junior Erin Salveson

Favorite thing to do on a date...




"Orlando Bloom." Senior Laura Hedges


## What grils should know about guys...

Favorite thing to do on a date...


Describe your \$ERSECN girl.

"Jessica Simpson because she's hot!" Freshman Evan Graff

"Kylie Wroge...haha." Junior Scott Bullis

"Anna Hedstrom." Sophomore Elliot Ferron





Below: Junior Anna Ayers Looby worked cheerfully in an AP art class.


Below: Sophomore Miles Poehler and junior Zachary Slice worked diligently in Intro to Art. Bottom Right: Senior Kyle McKeever worked on the potter's wheel in Studio Art Ceramics.


The WHS Art Department helps to bring out the creative side in students.

The art room and its laid back feel is an escape from the normal classroom. "It is the only time of the day where I can just relax," said junior Kyle Rindahl.

The art department offers a wide range of classes including Intro to Art, Drawing and Painting, Ceramics, Commercial Art, Studio Art, Applied Art and Advanced Placement Art. Teaching the art classes this year are Mrs. Amy Fisher and Mrs. Jennifer Tortoritis.

Of the variety of classes offered, Applied Arts is a favorite of Fisher. She enjoys it because of the hands on projects. She also commented on the construction and how it is affecting the art department. "Two new rooms will be added, giving opportunity to have more classes," said Mrs. Fisher, "we are really excited to have a second room, which we helped to design.'

As the art department continues to grow, so will the creativity of WHS students.


## INDUSTRIAL



Above: Senior Brian Loscheider built a frame during his TA for Mr. Aeling. Below: Juniorlsaac Hernandez perfected his


Above: Senior Jeff Klein worked on the drill press.

: Freshmen Ellie Skerik worked with the saw in Transitions B.

According to Industrial Technology teacher Mr. Dave Aeling, the classes that are chosen by the students in their high school years will have a large effect on their futures. Aeling, along with Mr. Bob Lindemann are the two Industrial Tech teachers at WHS. Lindemann teaches Intro to Woods and Metals, classes that are prerequisites to more advanced classes. Aeling teaches Advanced Metals, Manufacturing, and some cabinet and furniture making classes.
"Any class will help prepare students going into a field better than students who don't have experience in the area," said Mr. Aeling. The industrial tech classes teach kids an array of things from creating a car to building a snowmobile trailer. Although the classes mostly consist of males, there are also females who take industrial tech classes.

Industrial tech helps students shape themselves and their future.

Above:
Senior Joe Larsen made sparks fly while using the grinder.

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The FACS department provides a variety of different classes at Waconia High School. These include Child Development, Foods, Fashion Merchandising, House \& Interior Design, Human Relations and Life Services. Mrs. Sue Hartwig and Miss Amanda Hagen are the two FACS teachers this year.

When asked what Mrs. Hartwig's favorite class is she said, "Child Development beccause she has a double major and it has six different areas to teach just in that one class." FACS
classes provide a basic foundation of how to be successtul in everyday itfe,
Even thougn there is a for of fuss
about the noise made by the construction workers, Hartwig is excited for the outcome of the addition to the FACS department. "The FACS department will be receiving a new design room with
drafting tables put all around the room," she said. This will improve the House \& Interior Design and the Clothing

## Administration



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Mark Dunton


Marie Erickson


Mark Grundhofer


Nelson Heise


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Kari Stevenson


Mike Zaske


Juliet Vredenburg
Sandy Stockert



Sandy Wasness


Melissa Weinand


Mike Werner

## "Looking Boak On Their Time"

 Take a look back on our teachers in their high school years...

Miss Becky Bigaouette played at the positions of left front and left back on the Belle Plaine High School varsity volleyball team.

## What is Your Favorite High School Memory?

"Remodeling the girl's restroom. Our FHA girls got to plan and design the Patriot Pretty Potty. We did all the painting, etc." - Mrs. Sandy Wasness, WELL
"Going to State for volleyball my senior year of high school." - Miss Becky Bigaouette, Physical Education
"Having my dad as a teacher."

- Mr. Dave Aeling, Industrial Technology


## What Is Your Most Embarrassing Moment From High School?

"Modeling the skirt I made in Home Economics. When I turned around the zipper on the back fell off. Oops!"

- Miss Connie Manuel, Physical Education
"Forgetting the lines of my song during a solo ensemble contest." - Mr. Wayne Trapp, Science
" During starting line-ups for football my senior year, they had a new canvas tunnel thing for us to run through at the end of our player tunnel (in place of a paper sign to burst through). They told us it was hard to burst through. They called my name first, so I started sprinting and getting a huge amount of momentum, and when I hit it, it opened up easier that it if were a piece of thread! I went flying head first through the air, did a flip, and landed on by back, which turned into a somersault that I tried to make it look cool, but everyone knew it was an accident. Needless to say, I was made fun of quite a bit!" -Mr. Dusty Neibauer, English


As an award for winning the women's home run hitting contest, Miss Connie Manuel was able to have her picture taken with a member of the Minnesota Twins and a member of the New York Yankees.


## What Was Your First Job?

Mrs. Melissa Weinand played softball at Atwater High School, Her softball team went to state for the very first time her senior year. She also holds the record for most stolen bases.


## What Was Your First Car?

"A 1981 Dodge Aries. I was a junior in college when I bought my first car. I spent $\$ 750.00$."

- Mrs. Stephanie Kappel, English
"A 1978 Ford Fiesta, 48 miles to the gallon, I took trips across the country in that baby!"
- Mr. Clark Machtemes, Social Studies
""A 1974 Ford Mustang II." Mr. Bob Klitzke, Business


Mrs. Marie Erickson is a graduate of Adrian High School in southwest Minnesota.


## What Was Your Favorite Class In High School?

"Mr. Torborg's ninth grade English class. 'Gender Talks.' Am-is-are; was-were-been; verbal alerts; linking verbs that may be used as helping verbs; hairy little gerunds."

- Mrs. Roxanne Kuerschner, Science
"Choir. We sang karaoke the day after concerts. I rocked."
- Mr. Mike Zaske, Science
"12th grade home economics. My parochial school closed before my senior year. We never had home ec. at my school. Our teacher let us choose what we wanted to learn in the class."
- Mrs. Marie Erickson, Special Education



Activities Division


Laura Jensen gave her speech on academics.

National Honor
Society (NHS) is a prestigious organization in which students who are maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher can be involved.
"To be in NHS, students must also be involved in three extracurricular activities, do 20 hours of community service, and be a good role model for other students, "said Mrs. Melissa Weinand, NHS
advisor.
Waconia's NHS chapter began in 1959. Today, the chapter is still going strong. Fortythree seniors, 26 juniors and 35 sophomores were involved in 2006-2007.

All of these students were highly recognized for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, community service involvement, and they were held in high regard by faculty


Michael Bly gave his NHS speech on character.
and staff members.
Weinand said that she had clear expectations for what it meant to be an NHS member.
"We want NHS members to be role models in the community and to other students," she said.

In addition to their other activities, seniors Laura Jensen, Mary Deweese, Leah Froehling, and Michael Bly were selected as

NHS executive board members. Weinand chose them once they completed an application that included two short answer essays. Froehling said each member helped plan the fall induction ceremony, and gave a speech. Jensen mentioned her thoughts on being an executive board member.
"It is my job to positively represent our chapter," said Jensen.


Above: Mrs. Weinand delivered a speech during the NHS banquet. Right: Mr. Fredericksen gave NHS member Evan Butter is his award for being a part of NHS. Far Right: Justin Ratzlaff, Tyler Stevenson, and Kyle Pigeon recited the NHS pledge.


Senior NHS members
Top Row: Mary Deweese, Katie Larkin, Evan Butteris, Brody Scheff, Kevin Ebert, Eric Haugsby, Colin Faust; Second Row: Meghan Durkin, Kelsey Goergen, Brittney Schroeder, Kayla Schuman, Krista Polding; Front Row: Jessica Krautbauer, Jenna Venske, Amy Brennan, Janell Anderson, Jackie Salden, Amy Culver.


Junior NHS members
Top Row: Bryan Wessale, Patrick Puckett, Andrew Brick, Nick Litfin, Sam Mock, David Fischer, Michael Schnedler, Addison Born; Second Row: Rachel Horner, Anna Ayers-Looby, Brooke Gatheridge, Brittany Sellman, Christine Deering, Kyle Rindahl, Nolan Weber; Front Row: Kylie Wroge, Amy Anderson, Hannah Swift, Amanda Corson, Alicia Champagne, Phylicia Short.

Not Pictured Members: Seniors: Katie Becker, Sarah Boughten, Joe Drapcho, Laura Hedges, Kirsten Inderlie, Andrew Overson, Joe Timm, and Vicky Vue; Juniors: Anna Hedstrom, Jason Kaare, Camille Moore, Brandy Reichenberger, and Brianna Wall; Sophmores: Kelly Deweese, Rachel Mathwig, Gattlin Miller, Mary Polding, Kyla Smith, Patrick VanKirk, and Emily Willems.


Senior NHS members
Top Row: Garret Sohns, Charlie Korteum, Patrick Mathwig, Darwin
Ehrreich, John Bly, Derek Eiden; Second Row: Alex Quiring, Joe St. Amand, Kevin Lenzen, Michael Bly, Leah Froehling; Front Row: Taylor Melius, Christine Kim, Rebecca Parkinson, Laura Northrup, Catherine McAvoy,


Sophomore Class Members
Top Row: Justin Ratzlaff, Kyle Pingeon, Steven Wert, Keelan Ryan; Second Row: Edith Lee, Melanie Grangaard, Sarah Northrup, Kjerstin Haugsby, Megan Rademacher, Lucy Tongen; Front Row: Mandi Selvey, Hannah Kimyon, Cassy Norton, Stephanie Wymore.


Sophomore NHS Members
Top Row: Matt Gibbs, Amanda Iverson, Scotti Moats, Ken Miyamoto, Tyler Stevenson; Second Row: Kara Pioske, Jacklyn Surat, Emily Halverson,
Brianna Sullivan, Shana Froehling; Front Row: Dianne Parkinson, Stephanie Wothe, Emily Cook, Cassie Faust.

## LeNonga $A$ Helpina hand:

FCCLA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, has been an influential organization that has been part of Waconia High School for 58 years. This year the organization had 62 members and five officers.

FCCLA is a student organization in which a small group of students chooses an interesting topic that deals with family or community issues.

Once the topic was chosen, the group members researched it and turned their issue into a project.

Group members had the opportunity to present their projects within the community and at regional and state competitions. The 2006-2007 topics included school violence, underage drinking, entrepreneurship, and helping the less fortunate.

These activities provided FCCLA members with many positives attributes.
"I have gained leadership skills and new friends," said sophomore Christina Rupp, a two-year member.

The FCCLA was advised by Sue Hartwig; Stephanie Kappel was the assistant advisor.

Being an advisor meant helping guide members to create and implement meaningful projects for themselves, their school, and community.

Among the many projects Hartwig has advised, she said her favorite is the yearly indepth project.
"The yearly in-depth project provides a community service chosen by the student," said Hartwig, who has been involved with FCCLA for 27 years and has worked with the Waconia High School FCCLA since 1985.

The 2006-2007 FCCLA officers included president Anna Hedstrom, vice president Mary Deweese, treasurer Kirsten Indrelie, secretary Leah Froehling, and historian Brittney Schroeder. The officers' responsibilities included planning activities for the chapter, running business meetings, organizing fundraisers, and helping with the in-depth project.

The FCCLA has provided many positive opportunities for its members and many service-based projects for this school and its communities. With so many creative projects completed this year, it's hard to wait for next year.


## MTH FCCLA DOING ALL IT CAN



Above: Senior Leah Froehling performed community service for an FCCLA chapter project. Froehling helped senior citizens in the community with yard work. Left: Senior Kirsten Indrelie educated junior Brianna Wall and seniors Allie Thompson and Christine Kim at the new member breakfast.


Above: Officers Kirsten Indrelie, Brittney Schroeder Mary Deweese, Anna Hedstrom, and Leah Froehling enjoyed bagels after conducting a monthly business meeting with their fellow FCCLA members.


Back Row: Rachel Mathwig, Carly Stockert, Shanna Froehling, CeCe Findorff, Margo Schwartz, Allison Armstrong, Allyson Klitzke, and Stephanie Wothe.
Front Row: Assistant advisor Stephanie Kappel, Glenda Pomare, Caty Giesen, Emily Capaul, Hannah Kimyon, Becky Lund, Emily Cook, Kara Wynsteker, Kerry Hayes, Nicole Wynsteker, and Advisor Sue Hartwig.


Back Row: Assistant advisor Stephanie Kappel, Eric Aeling, Cody Boll, Kyle Rindahl, Patrick Mathwig, Dylan Brown, Charlie Korteum, Michael Bly, Derek Eiden, Ian Redshaw, Katie Olson, and Colin Faust. Middle Row: Molly Meeks, Kelsey Goergen, Kirsten Indrelie, Chelsie Wilson, Brittney Schroeder, Katie Larkin, Mary Deweese, Meghan Durkin, Manuela Komperda, Chelsey Buesgens, Alli Thomson, Gabrielle Malek, Advisor Sue Hartwig, and Erin Salveson.
Front Row: Ashley Deleeuw, Anna Hedstrom, Anna Ayers Looby, Christine Deering, Brianna Wall, Amanda Corson, Tabitha Schmidt, Emily Schmitt, Courtney Elasky, Leah Froehling, Laura Jensen, and Katelin Boehm.

## Staff Keeping stupents on Track

The high school journalism staff logged in many hours while planning, writing, editing and producing issues of Tracks, the school newspaper.

Completing its seventh year of publication, Tracks was a collaborative effort between the beginning journalism class, a one trimester course taught by Megan Grossman, and a thirteen member extracurricular staff comprised of students in all four grades.

Before they could produce the year's first issue of the paper, extracurricular staff members had to attend work sessions after school. They needed to learn basic print journalism skills including planning and conducting interviews, gathering secondary information for a story, writing copy, creating headlines and learning the basic principles of page layout and design. Members of the journalism class learned the same skills during the twelve-week course.

Even with all the hard work, staff members still had fun creating the layouts and writing stories.
"It is a lot of work but still fun," said fouryear staff writer Leah Froehling. "I enjoy doing this."

In addition to the general staff members' responsibilities, Tracks editor-in-chief Laura Jensen was responsible for extra tasks. She had to plan staff meetings, organize staff breakfasts and work sessions, and make sure the staff was adhering to its scheduled deadlines.
"It's a lot of responsibility. I'm in charge of layout, editing, and writing my own stories. It's a lot to cover, " said Jensen, a fouryear staff member and a two-year editor.

Although some students may not have thrived on the pressures of deadlines and editing, Jensen said she enjoyed it.
"I'm sort of an English nerd. I like editing stories. It's weird but I like fixing mistakes and make the stories flow better."

It took staff members approximately six weeks to plan, produce and distribute an issue of Tracks. Once the page layout was completed, the spreads were taken to the Waconia Patroit office and then sent to a printer for publication. Approximately 400 copies of the paper were printed at one time. Staff members distributed the papers when they were returned to the high school.


Above: (Back Row): David Butz, Allison Armstrong, Leah Froehling, Laura Jensen, John Bly, Kristin Schwab, and Lynn McMullen. (Front Row): Anna Ayers Looby, Hannah Kimyon, Emily Cook, Kristina Rice, and Margaux Jensen. A thirteen member extracurricular staff, along with the students in a one trimester journalism course, produced the 2006-2007 school newspaper. Extracurricular staff members met at the beginning of the school year to gather story ideas and learn basic journalism skills including planning and conducting interviews, writing copy, gathering secondary information, writing captions and learning the elements of page design and layout. Topics covered in the paper included school activities, community events, sports and activity features, and personal features.


Above: Tracks editor Laura Jensen prepared the year's second issue for distribution to classrooms. The school newspaper staff tried to produce and distribute the school paper twice per trimester.


Above: Staff reporter Kristina Rice interviewed prom co-advisor Lori Schwirtz for an upcoming story about preparations for the 2007 WHS prom. Rice was a first year reporter

## Yearbook is Splasuln' with Color



Top: Sophomore Chris Leiverman and junior Chae'le Varnavas proofed spreads before a deadline. The yearbook staff had four major deadlines to meet. Preparation for deadlines included interviewing sources, writing articles, copy editing articles, taking and preparing photographs for print, completing page layouts and design, and proofreading finished spreads. The spreads were sent to El Paso, Texas, where the yearbook was published and released to meet the spring distribution prior to the end of the school year.


Above: Yearbook editor Amanda Bammert helped assistant co-editor Anna Hedstrom with her spread. Bammert and Hedstrom were two of twenty-seven students enrolled in the Intro to Yearbook course.


Above: Junior Nicole Eischens and sophomore Preston Lalich cropped photos for the wrestling spread. Eischens and Lalich helped complete fall and winter sports spreads. Yearbook staff members divided into teams to complete spreads prior to yearbook deadlines.

When Pawprints advisor Megan Grossman heard that the D103 computer lab was going to be unavailable for an entire week prior to the yearbook's third deadline, she had one reaction -- panic.
"Our yearbook software program and all our copies of Adobe Photoshop are loaded on the D103 computers. When I heard that the lab wasn't going to be available for an entire week, I almost cried. It was like our whole identity was tied up in those computers," said Grossman.

Fortunately for the yearbook staff, media specialist Melissa Weinand and computer technician Will Cattrysse helped save the yearbook staff many hours of time by installing all the needed software onto the media center's mini computer lab.

This was just one minor setback for the 2006-2007 Pawprints staff while producing A Splash of Color, the first all-color yearbook in the school's history.

The twenty-seven member staff met daily as part of the Introduction to Yearbook course that was offered during trimesters one and two.

Senior editor Amanda Bammert and coassistant editors Anna Hedstrom and Cassie Giesinger led the staff, whose duties included preparing copy, taking photos, and completing spreads.

Sometimes staff members were required to work on spreads after school just to meet the book's publishing deadlines. This extra effort impressed Grossman.
"I'm so proud of this year's staff. They worked so well together, and they were always willing to put forth extra effort when needed," she said.
Staff editors had additional responsibilities and expectations.
"I have to make sure everything is spelled right, that all layouts are done properly, and I have to check over each spread about three times before the spreads are submitted for publication," said Bammert.

This doesn't mean the class was all work and no play, however. Class highlights included the class deadline parties and awaiting the publication of the all-color book.
"I can't wait to get this year's yearbook. It's going to look really good in all color," said

## Peer Helpers: Sharing Mith Everyone

 with positive activities that benefit the school," said advisor Lynette Pawelk.


Above: Peer helpers Laura Northrup, Sarah Boughton, and Katie Asbjornson listened attentively while Ms. Pawelk gave directions. Andy Newman modeled the group's quote, "It's always more fun to share with everyone."
Below: The students gathered to discuss upcoming activities during a Wednesday morning meeting.


Right: Peer Helpers gave a "Thumbs Up!" to helping others. (Back Row) Bob Wightman, Advisor Lynette Pawelk, Melanie Grangard, Molly Asbjornson, Patrick VanKirk, Jennifer Kutzke, Andy Newman, Kyle Rindahl, Cassy Norton, Sarah Northrup, Sarah Boughten and Laura Northrup. (Front Row) Christine Deering, Cassi Row, Anna Ayers Looby, Katie Asbjornson and Anna Billings.
"Peer helpers are like the silent guy in the background, but they get the job done," said junior peer helper Andy Newman.

There were sixteen enthusiastic students involved in the group this year. It consisted of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who met on Wednesdays during morning break at least once a month.

Guidance Counselor and peer helper advisor Lynette Pawelk defined peer helpers as, "An organization whose goal is to improve the school and student body."

Every year new members are included into the group. Fellow peer helpers usually nominate the students they believe are good role models and will maintain the program's success. Nominees then filled out applications, and the existing group chose members for the upcoming year.

Regardless if he or she is a new member or an existing member, Pawelk noticed one characteristic about all peer helpers.
"The students involved take it upon themselves to help someone, even when there is no reward," Pawelk said.

Students had their own reasons for wanting to be involved with Peer Helpers.
"It is important to me to reach out to those who often times fall in between the cracks. By finding them, you can find yourself," said junior Anna Ayers Looby.

The 2006-2007 Peer Helpers kicked off the school year with new student orientation.

Students new to Waconia High School enjoyed pizza and fun-filled games while they became acquainted with the peer helpers.

In addition to the new student orientation activity, this year's peer helpers organized exciting events including Stuff-A-Truck, a food shelf project; the Decorate the Door Contest, a school-wide activity held prior to winter break; and Kindness Week, a week where the peer helpers recognized good deeds done by the student body, faculty and staff. The group also helped at the open house and freshmen orientation events prior to the opening of the school year.

Pawelk said she's proud of a group that puts cares about the needs of others.
"I am really proud of the group as a whole," said Pawelk, "They are a group of kind, hardworking kids who really care about the school and student body."


Above: The Peer Helpers looked enthused during a meeting. The group met at least once a monthon Wednesdays during morning break.


## SADD: Encouraging Educated Decisions

SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, is an organization that encourages and reminds students to make the right choices.
"SADD is a great organization to get involved in. It gives you something fun to look forward to, and it's for a good cause," said junior SADD member Brittany Widmer.

Advisor Nelson Heise had clear reasons why he advised the group.
"I thought it was important to have an organization that's soul purpose was to promote healthy decisions and give the students an opportunity to show they were making positive choices," said Heise.

SADD members and Heise worked together to make WHS and its communities safer places. They met in the guidance office every Thursday to come up with new events and activities to share with students, faculty and staff.
"I think having hands on activies and involving the students of WHS helps influences them to make the right decisions," said SADD member Tara Zuraff, a junior.

SADD members organized and supported many activities during the 2006-2007 school year. In December, SADD and members of the Waconia High School chapter of the

National Arts Honor Society collaborated to host a new event called Living Live, a concert venue that gave the students a chance to show their talents and hang out with friends in a safe environment.

In the spring time, SADD hosted Red Ribbon Week, which involved many students who placed Red Ribbons on all student lockers. The ribbons were placed to remind and encourage students to make good personal choices and decisions.

During Red Ribbon week, members of the student body also had an opportunity to sign a banner pledging their commitment to make wise decisions and to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Working to make prom and graduation a safer time was another springtime SADD activity. Posters sponsored by MADD, Mothers Against Destructive Decisions, reminded students, faculty and staff of the dangers and consequences of making destructive decisions, but the badly mangled car placed outside the school's main doors served as the ultimate reminder.

This is an organization that may have a lot of influence at WHS.
"Some people think everybody is drinking and doing drugs, but that isn't true and this gives those kids a chance to say we don't do it," said Heise.


Above: (Font Row) Tara Zuraff, Randi Bryntson, Anna Ayers Looby, Hannah Swift, Adrienne Donnel. (Second Row) Amanda Iverson, Hallie Miller, Lucy Tongen, Nikki Anderson, Catherine McAvoy, Tabitha Scmidt. (Back Row) Mr. Heise, Cassy Norton, Lauren Rice.


Above: SADD advisor Nelson Heise said he thought it was important to have an organization in school that promoted healthy decisions and making positive choices.


Top: Junior Addison Born performed during the Living Live Concert.
Above: Senior Joe St. Amand played guitar during Living Live.

## STUDENT COUNCIL : LEADERS IN ACTION

Students were really excited for a week of fun. A week filled with activities such as capture the flag, a school-wide pillow fight, powerpuff, and a pepfest. What happened when all of this was taken away? And what happened to the students who worked so hard to put the activities together? This was the situation this year when various Homecoming activities were canceled.

This was just one of student council's road blocks that the members had to deal with during the school year, but they still continued to lead the school this year putting together many of the school's events and activities. With only nineteen students involved, it took a lot of time and effort to put on an activity.
"No one really sees all of the work involved in planning an event," said student council co-president Laura Jensen.

Student council has many annual events that they organize every year. A few of these activities are the blood drive, the teacher appreciation breakfast, and CAPS for kids, a fundraiser to give unfortunate girls and boys toys for Christmas. They raised enough money to support six families. They also planned Homecoming, but they had to revise some things because of the students' actions.
"It was hard to coordinate administration with students. Students want competition along with tradition," said Jensen.

Some student council members agreed that in the future they need to promote more school togetherness instead of class division.
"We are going to try to stop the battle between the grades and unite the school," said co-president Kevin Lenzen.

Another activitity hosted by student council was The Day of the Month, when one day per month they handed out a special treat for a specific month. Classes were randomly drawn to receive treats. Student council also added an Olympics event to Winterfest week 2007.

Advisor Pam Melchert said the council's goal was to provide a "bigger and better Winterfest" with help from the FCCLA organization.

Student council was faced with many challenges this year. In spite of them, they continued to help make the school a better place for everyone.




Above: Senior co-presidents Laura Jensen and Kevin Lenzen presided over fellow student council members during their usual Monday morning meeting.
Left: (Back row) Rachel Horner, Justin Ratzloff, Leah Froehling, Michael Bly, Amy Erickson, Leah
Christensen, Sarah Northrup, Mary Beth Christensen, Taylor Melius. (Second row) Kevin Lenzen, Laura Jensen, Emily Halvorson. (Bottom row) Anna Ayers Looby, Christine Deering, Alicia Champagne, Kylie Wroge and Steven Wert.
Below Left: Fellow student council members, Anna Ayers Looby, Rachel Horner and Phylicia Short listened as the presidents gave them their duties for Winterfest week 2007.
Below: Leah Froehling and secretary Michael Bly brainstormed ideas for coordinating school activities.


## AMERICA READS: BRIDGING TIE LTERACY GAP



Above: Kelly Deweese, Courtney Elasky, Anna Ayers Looby, Emily Halverson and Zach Wold read to children at Bayview.
Below: St. Joe's group; (Back Row) Amanda Quiring, Kathryn Carrier, Phylicia Short,Jennifer Kutzke, Brandy Reichenberger and Amanda Pederson. (Front) Christina Rupp, Kyra Daughtry, Maddie Brown, Alicia Champagne and Patrick VanKirk.
Bottom Right: Southview group; (Top Row) Mary Beth Christensen, John By, Jessica Krautbauer, Amy Krautbauer, Mercedez Tolzmann. (Bottom Row) Brooke Gatheridge, Anna Hedstrom, Cassie Giesinger, Brianna Hartmann. Not Pictured: Nick Sudheimer and Sarah Boughten.

Early Wednesday mornings, 24 high school students in grades 9-12 involved with the America Reads program assembled at the three elementary schools. With sleep in their eyes, they helped elementary students.

America Reads is an organization in which high school students volunteered their time by teaching elementary students. Once a week, high school students met and helped further elementary students' essential academic skills.
"America Reads is an opportunity for high school students to give back to younger students," said Advisor Melissa Weinand.

By participating in this program, students received community service hours and time to bond with the younger students.

Elementary student participants were chosen by their teachers.
"If a teacher notices that a student is falling behind they recommend that they take part in this program," said sophomore Mercedez Tolzmen.

Students that participated went through packets and completed weekly tasks such as timed tests. When the work was done, there was plenty of time for games. A favorite by many was checkers.

WHS senior Nick Sudheimer shared positive personal experience about his experiences playing checkers with his elementary student.
"Just as I was about to make my winning move, this little kid pulls a fast one on me," said Sudheimer. "He brought to my attention a 'new' rule, which made him the winner, and I couldn't believe it!"

## Scenarios similar to Sudheimer's were

 why high school volunteers kept coming back each week. Teaching students for as little as a half hour every week may have truly helped the kids improve their skills.

Above: Jessica Krautbauer gave one on one attention to a young student at Southview.


## Mock Trial: the Trials and Tribulations

WHS does not currently have a competitive speech team or a debate team, but it does have mock trial, or, what mock trial team members call Law and Order live.

The 2007 mock trial team began practicing in late October 2006 and met one to two times per week. Team members prepared for a "real life" courtroom situation. They were presented with a legal situation, witness statements and evidence; based on this information, team members prepared to present their case in a courtroom.

Unfortunately, this year's mock trial team was unable to compete due to a lack of members. Advisor Susan Lund still saw the benefit of the activity, even though her team was never able to compete.
"My high school didn't have a mock trial team, but we did have debate and speech," Lund said. "Part of the fun of mock trial for me is that it takes a lot of things I enjoyed most about those activities and roles them into one single event."


Above: The 2006-2007 Mock Trial team consisted of legal consultant Tim Looby, team members David Butz, Shannon Curtis, Kevin Stahn, Tabitha Schmidt, Amanda Brown and team advisor Susan Lund. This year's team practiced twice a week between October and January.


## Math League: Strive for Excellence



Above: The 2006-2007 Math League consisted of (Back Row) Hali Germond, Lani Massengale, Michael Schnedler, Patrick Mathwig, Michael Bly, Darwin Ehrreich, Leah Froehling, and John Bly. (Front Row) Amy Anderson, Rachel Horner, Brianna Sullivan, Edith Lee, Emily Halverson, Amanda Quiring, and Michael Diehl.
"We may be last on the score charts, but we are definetly first on cool points," said senior John Bly.

WHS Math League was in a league all of its own. Anyone who was interested in a challenge was welcome to join. The 2006-2007 Math League practiced once a week and competed in five competitions this season.

At a math league competition, team members competed in five events. The first four were individual events, and the fifth was a team event. During the individual events, participants had twelve minutes to answer five math questions. The fifth event, the team event, was a twenty minute competition in which students answered six questions.

The Math League team always strived to defeat its rival, Delano. They may not have always succeeded, but they always ended up having the most fun.

## FFA: Learning. Living. Doing, Earning



Above: The 2006-2007 FFA Members (Back Row) Brian Loscheider, Colin VanEyll, Cody Menth, and Jeff Klein. (Front Row) Kari Hoen, Kelsey Hoen, and Sam Anderson.

The Waconia High School FFA chapter is just one of 7,242 chapters nationwide belonging to an organization whose motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." Through various learning opportunities and competitions, this year's members did all these things and more.

Advised by Dennis Bjorkland, nine members for WHS, along with 105 members from Chaska High School, competed in career development events, attended leadership events, exhibited livestock at county fairs and the state fair, completed a corn drive that benefitted the Courage Center, and attended the state and national FFA conventions.

Junior Katelyn Rambow said her favorite and the most beneficial part of FFA was exhibiting her animals at the Carver County Fair and the Minnesota State Fair.
"Although it takes a lot of time in the summer to prepare, it's well worth it when you win," Rambow said.

## cience Team: Going Above and Beyond

Celebrating its tenth year in existence at Waconia High School, the science team had seventeen members.

The team began its season between October and November and ended after the March science fair.

Advised by Mel Berg, team members would meet Tuesdays after school to practice for approximately an hour to get ready for their four competitions.

The team attended the Science Olympiad, the Science Quiz Bowl, the Brain Bee, and the Regional Science Fair at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Junior Nicole Good said that the science team is about more than solving equations and conducting scientific experiments.
"The science team is a place where anyone interested in science, making friends, and having fun can get together to practice and compete," said Good.


Above: The 2006-2007 Science Team (Top Row) Charlie Korteum, Aaron Barden, Laura Northrup, Patrick Mathwig, Nicole Good, Jenna Venske, and advisor Mel Berg. (Front Row) Darwin Ehrreich, Erik Haugsby, Brianna Hartman, and Kara Breska.

Freshmen Band: Row 4: Dillion Pomery, Eric Jones, Isaiah Gatheridge, Reese Weber, Shane Segner, Joseph Sandholm, Soren Wille, Jonathon Wagener, Sally Haselhorst, Jacob Hilk, Logan Sohns, James Russell, Thomas Morimoto, Anthony McMahon, Daniel Leifermann, Jackson Mitchell, Dane Aadland, Daniel Fischbach, Samuel Horner, Jacob Vipond, Alec Johnson. Nicole Wynsteker, Laurel Pierson. Jessica Tuley. Mr. Berry. Row 3: Jessica Rice, Katherine Grinnell, Emma Wabbe, Rachael Carlsted, Rebecca Hughes, Kelsey Peters, Amy Erickson, Kelsey Woodland, Emily Lundwigson, Kalyme Goplin. Stephanie Tuley, Asha Sukhu, Amy Diehl. Row 2: Britta Rinke, Sarah Farlow, Allison Dunkelberger, Samantha Nelson, Breanna Mahoney, Addy Scrimgeour, Allyson Klitke, Madeline Astjomsen. Becky Boughten, Leah Christensen, Brittany Van Houtte, Brandy Schultz, Amanda Schmidt, Claire Perkins, Lisa Rasmussen, Cristin Kieser, Emily Mueller. Row 1: Kelsey Brennan, Kelsey Weming.

Symphonic Band: Row 3: Kevin Stahn, Lianne Dang,Sara Porter, Margaret Stivers, Rachel Mathwig, Brianna Sullivan, Sarah Northrup, Emily Halvorson, Stephanie Cluff, Rebecca Mueller. Row 2: David Butz, Jackson Melius, Kyle Pingeon, Jonathan Heimdal, Meryl Pogatchnik, Maddie Brown, Lucy Tongen. Cassandra Norton, Hali Germond, Edith Lee, Lani Massengale, Brit Indrelie. Row 1: Stephanie Wymore, Emily Cook, Dustin Hanson, Kara Pioske, Alexa Klos,Cassandra Faust, Emily Capaul, Rebecca Lund, Megan Rademacher, Jessica Hunter.

Symphonic Band: Row 3: Kyle Niebeling.Matt Gibbs, Anders Culver, Caleb Talbert. Cody Swier, Aaron Albani, Keelan Ryan, Clint Borka, Kyle Pingeon, Eric Held, Jacklun Suart,Amanda Grindahl,Tyler Stevenson. Steven Wert.Patrick Van Kirk. Row 2: Zach Hintgen, Gavin Woodlin, Meril Pogatchnik, Maddi Brown, John Hindall, Ken Miyamoto, Kelsey Connor, Jessica Evjen, Shannon Curtis.
Row 1:Michael Diehl, Thomas Kortuem Cory Gieseke, Patrick Vankirk, Elijah Stangret, Dusty Hanson, Jessica Hunter. Lucy Tongen, Cassy Norton. Kyra Smith, Kyla Thorson, Sam Henninger, Kelly Deweese, Kjestin Haugsby.

## The IVaconia Bands Strike a Note

Senior Janell Anderson had a specific reason for being a part of the band program at WHS.
"It's a change of pace from the ordinary classroom feel," she said.

Junior Nicole Good had her own reasons for joining.
"Band is a great way to make friends, you'll have a talent to be proud of and carry on throughout life, and it's just really fun."

Over 200 musicians participated in one of four bands this year.

Directing the bands were Tim Berry, a director with 15 years experience who directed the freshmen band and the wind ensemble, and John Pohland, a first year director who directed the symphonic band and the concert band.

Berry had many reasons why he enjoyed directing bands, but he knew what the best part was.
"The best part of band is what we do in instrumental music because it reflects life and how we feel about the things that happen in our community," Berry said.


Concert Band:Row 3: Nathan Diethelm, Timothy Gregory, Nicholas Litfin, Matthew Stole, Connor Wickenhauser, Alexander Quiring, Kirsten Indrelie, Andrew Brick, Evan Butteris, Andrew Newman, William Terry, Michael Hennen, Michael Schnedler, John Bly, Keagan Stangret, Derek Eiden, Molly Asbjornson, Patrick Mathwig, Sam Cousin, Jessica Glashan, Ashley Ament, Jenna Venske, Amy Anderson, Jason Kaare, Erin Porter, Tabitha Schmidt, Michael Bly, Colin Faust, Matt Schilling. Row 2: Anna Ayers Looby, Mary Deweese, Tara Peterson, Joe Timm, Brandy Reichenberger. Row 1: Erin Salveson, Katelin Boehm, Chelsey Rossell, Ashley Carlson, Katie Larkin, Kelsey Goergen, Kari Buesgens, Katie Asbjornson, Nicole Willems, Christine Kim, Danielle Miller, Taylor Melius, Katie Parris, Becky Parkinson, Amy Brennan, Catherine McAvoy, Erik Haugsby.



## 2006 Marching Band Members

## Commanders

Kirsten Indrelie Kevin Deering Nicole Willems Katherine Jonas Taylor Melius

## Clarinet

Amanda Bammert
Sarah Northrup Katelyn Larkin Tim Gregory Jackie Wagener Mary Beth Christensen Amy Culver
Katie Becker Stephanie Cluff Rachel Mathwig Hali Germond Asha Sukhu Emily Halvorson

## Trumpet

Ashley Tuley Ryan Rague Kathryn Laulainen
Sarah Boughten Jonathan Bakke Scott Bullis Andrew Brick David Klingelhutz Nick Litfin John Bly Derek Eiden

## Greg Farlow

Erin Salveson Erik Haugsby
Patrick Mathwig Hattie Holtberg Steven Wert Kyla Thorson Jacob Hilk Anthony McMahon

## Horn

Brandy Reichenberger
Jenna Venske Katie Hedstrom Camille Moore Gattlin Miller Aaron Albani

## Flute

Amy Brennan
Courtney Wallace Becky Parkinson
Rachel Horner Ashley Ament Rianna Segner Janell Anderson Lianna Dang Becky Boughten Allyson Klitzke

## Tuba

Chris Falk Matt Schilling Eric Held Joe Timm

Baritone<br>Matt Gibb Kyle Neibeling Katelin Boehm<br>\section*{Percussion}<br>Kelly Deweese Isaiah Gatheridge Justin Ely Kyle Pingeon Kjerstin Haugsby Clint Borka Sam Holtberg Sam Mock Tyler Clouse Shane Segner Britta Rinke Austin Schmidt Terra Peterson Justin Ratzloff Cassy Norton Andrew Overson Charlie Kortuem Dylan Brown Ben Rickel Christine Deering Colin Faust Michael Hennen Sam Cousin Lucy Tongen Melanie Grandgaard Lance Neubauer

Bass Clarinet Brianna Hartmann Trombone Andy Newman Ethan Gutzmann-Williams Ken Miyamoto Jackie Surat Alex Quiring Anna Ayers Looby Kyle McKeever Matt Stole David Hobbs Andy Culver Keelan Ryan Riley Swier
Tenor Saxophone
Michael Bly
Matt Neubauer Addison Born Corey Vogel Bryan Wessale Jackson Melius Alto Saxophone Amy Anderson Kala Cermak Mary Deweese Brittany Sellman Edith Lee
Tyler Stevenson Maddie Brown Sam Horner Emily Cook

Cassie Foust Josh Goergen Colorguard

Maggi Stivers Elisa Kelsey Emily Capaul Chelsea Engstrom Becky Lund Patrick Puckett Amanda Dingwall Kelly Munson Tara Niebling Devin Meierding Christina Rupp Kelsey Connor Catherine McAvoy Amber Quashnick Stephanie Quashnick Erin Porter Ashley Deleeuw Katie Parris Kara Bakke

## Honor Guard

Morgan Braunshausen
Jessica Evjen
Spencer Hilgers
Clare Johnson
Diane Parkinson
Meryl Pogatchnik
Megan Rademacher Jessica Vogel
Tabitha Schmidt

## MARCHING to Victory

Choo! Choo! All 146
marching band members came aboard the Night Train as they traveled around Minnesota and to Michigan to compete in parades.

The Night Train was a jazzy piece with lots of brass features and a solid drumline tempo that sounded like a train. The band was victorious in every parade this season including the Alexandria Vikingland Band Festival, where they were named grand champion for the third year in a row, and the Albert Lea Band Festival.

The 2006 season was full of excitement culminating with a
trip to The National Cherry Festival in Traverse City, Michigan. Near the end of the parade, the band played to a group of enthusiastic people that had blocks of wood and clapped them together to make loud noises.
"The Clappers are a memory that I will never forget about the past season," said junior Anna Ayers Looby.

The memories made are one reason why marching band was a fun activity.
"I love so much about marching band the trip, bus rides and parades! It's all fun,"
said junior Camille Moore.
Associate Director Christian Gilbert said marching band provides opportunities to many students.
"Marching band brings the widest variety of kids to create a musical show and everyone participates. Nobody sits on a bench."

Co-commander Taylor Melius likes being part of such an accomplished group.
"It is so cool to be a part of something this incredible. The respect people have for our band is really amazing. I'm so glad to be a member of this band."
 Kirsten Indrelie, Taylor Melius, Nicole Willems, and Katherine Jonas got ready for a parade.


## Top: The band

 marched down the street during a parade.Right: The
colorgaurd performed during the St.Cloud Parade. Left: The drumline performed during their drum show in the Alexandria parade.



## VEEPING THE WILDCAT SPIRTS LP




Row 1: Brittany Sellman, Anna Ayers-Looby; Row 2: Kenneth Miyamoto, Justin Ratzlaff, David Klinglehutz, Bryan Wessale, Alex Quiring, Derek Eiden; Row 3: Kyle Piegnon, Patrick Mathwig, Addison Born, Michael Bly, Ethan Gutzman-Williams, Erik Haugsby; Row 4: Brady Gibbs, Kyle Neibling, Tyler Stevenson, Kyle McKeever, Keelan Ryan, John Bly.

The colorful sound of jazz at Waconia High School attracted 22 students this year. With their saxophones, trombones, trumpets, guitars, bass, percussion, and piano, these 22 , encompassing all four grades, have combined to create music far different from concert band.
"Jazz is a smaller group -. obviously, but apart from the size difference, it's generally a lot tighter group. We're all friends and have lots of inside jokes, too," said Junior Addison Born. Senior John Bly commented that "it's [Jazz] much cooler [than normal band]."

Senior saxaphonist Michael Bly said that his favorite piece of music is "In the Mood," while Senior Erik Haugsby commented
that he enjoyed the trumpet part in "Brass Roots."

The WHS Jazz Band practiced every Monday night and Thursday mornings before school for one hour. Born said that while he practiced his piano parts during rehersal, he also practiced out of school.

With all this diligent practice and hard work, the group performed at the high school, Clearwater Middle School, and the Westside Acres nursing home. Additionally, in March 2007, the Jazz Band embarked on a trip with the Show Choir to perform during the Show Choir's competition in Chicago, Il. With many great musicians, the band kept growing and kept the colorful sound of jazz alive.


## The Colorful Sounds of Jazz

Above: the Jazz Band played during their fall concert; Right: Justin Ratzlaff played on the trap set during an early morning rehearsal; Far Right (Top): Sophomore Tyler Stevenson played his baritone saxophone during rehearsal; Far Right (Bottom): Junior Ethan Gutzmann-Williams and the rest of the trombones prepared for the jazz band's December performances, which included the Yuletide Festival and performing holiday favorites for students and staff.


Varsity Choir Back Row: Margaux Jensen, Nicole White, Kera Jones, Elizabeth, DelMain, Laurel Pierson, Morgan Simmons, Anna Weitz, Amanda Drontle, Scott Rajewsky, Jacob Gregory, Dylan Furst, Shelbey Schmidt, Cecelia Findorff, Carly Stockert,
Samantha Broeckert, Addie Scrimgeour, Mercedes Bratsch Middle Row: Nicole Fladung, Kara Wynsteker, Lisa Rasmussen, Asha Sukhu, Kelsey Sorenson, James Russell, Drew Fleming, Zachariah Johnson, Allison Armstrong, Jordan Reeve, Bri McLay, Samantha Niccum, Jennifer Cafarella.
Front Row: Becca Kimyon, Brenna Garens, Chelsea Wickenhauser, Kerry Hayes, Rachel Helmbrecht, Erica Karles, Elizibeth DelMain,Caitlin Krieg, Stephanie McGinn, Kalynne Goplin


Concert Choir Back Row: Chris Peirce, Kyler Hanson, Kevin Olesen, Steven Wert, Gattlin Miller, Mitch Scrimingeour, Josh Goergen, Sean Linehan, Jackson Melius, Aaron Bardin, Nick Ramm, and Andy Culver;
Row Three: Melanie Grandgard, Britney Burr, Kara Bakke, Kelly Dewese,
Michelle Kroells, Amanda Quiring, Heather Snyder, Sara Northrupp, Amy Krautbauer, Hallie Miller, Jenna Mossberg, and Ashley Reed; Row Two: Lynn Mcmullen, Rachel Mathwig, Jessica Evjen, Emily Capaul, Mary Polding, Hannah Kimyon, Kelsey Hoen, and Lucy Tongen; First Row: Amanda Grindahl, Steph Wothe, Cheyanne Dantona, Molly Helbretcht , Kyla Smith, Dianne Perkins, Kelly Munson, Britney Ellis, Elisa Selleck, and Tammy Reinke.


Contabile Choir Back Row: Brian
Krahulec, Ryan Frey, Alex Quiring, Joe Timm, Andy Newman, Matt Stole, Zach Slice, John Leidger, Nick Miller, Jason Karre, Sam Mock, Nick Litfin, Josh Kerwood, Jake Cowley, Zach Wold, and Josh Ramm;
Row Three: Jenn Harold, Nicole Shewchuck, Ashley DeLeeuw, Ashlei Wood, Brandy Reichenberger, Ashley Ament, Jessica Glashan, Sarah Boughten, Danielle Miller, Adrienne Donnel, Mary Christensen, Brittnay Sellman, and Karissa Chinault; Row Two: Amiranda Brynteson, Madeline Rifley, Molly McDondald, Jenna Venske, Catherine McAvoy, Jessica Krautbauer, Brittany Schoer, Mariesa Hipolito, Stephanie Quaschnick, Tabitha Schmidt, Rachel Nystrom, Melissa Kahmeyer, Brittany Thorne, and Anna Ayers Looby; Front Row: Auturnn Mangles, Courtney Elasky, Nicole Willems, Katie Larsen, Katie Brown, Hannah Swift, Emily Ebert, Katie Becker, Taylor Melius, Katie Parris, Christine Kim, Samantha Sorenson, and Kayla Sayre.
Choir


## Sinang a A Nev Sona

Choir director Aaron Olson looked up from behind the piano. He alone heard the sharps, flats, and intonations of the members of the Waconia High School choirs.

The Waconia Choirs consisted of over 130 members. There were three different choirs-cantabile, concert, and varsity. Every other day, choir students practiced and studied music and expanded their musical abilities.

The choir program let students broaden their horizons and provided them with an opportunity to perform in front of family and friends. It also provided an opportunity for students to learn from each other and distinguish their talents.

Many of the choir students have been in choir ever since their earliest years in middle school. Sophomore Kelsey Hoen credited choir director Aaron Olson for helping to further develop her musical abilities.
"I think Mr. Olson has taught me more than any other teacher that I can remember," said Hoen.

The choir room has a friendly vibe allowing friends to work together to achieve goals.
"Without my friends there, choir would probably feel like longest class ever," said Hoen.

The choir program hosts four concerts per year, in which they perform in front of many large audiences. Each year there are new songs selected.

Olson, who has been the choir director for nine years, said he loves his job because of his love of music, his love for teaching, and he likes to work with kids.

He said he knew he wanted to be a choir director since he was a middle school student.
"I was inspired by my high school choir director and knew I wanted to be a choir teacher ever since I was a junior in high school," said Olson.

This year, Olson directed nearly 160 choir students on a daily basis, and he also directs Waconia High School's show choir, Power Company.

Top: Mr. Aaron Olson directed the Contabile Choir during the 2006 Yuletide Festival. The Contabile Choir is the most advanced choir and is comprised of junior and senior students. Above: Members of the Concert Choir prepared to sing at the Yuletide Festival while Yoko Miyamoto accompanied the choir on the piano.


Row 6: Kelly Munson, Kelsey Sorenson,Heather Schneider, Jordan Reeve Row 5: Kathryn Carrier, Catherine McAvoy, Sarah Boughten, Tyler Stevenson, Matt Gibbs, Clint Borka, Elissas Selleck, Hallie Miller, Kelsey Connor, Alex Quiring, Scott Bullis Row 4: Camille Moore, Eric Held, Kyle Niebling, Ken Miyamoto, Matt Stole, Amanda Drontle, Andy Newman, Adrienne Donnel, Nick Ramm, Cecelia Findorff, Row 3: Brian Krahulec, Ashley Read, Zach Slice, Lucy Tongen, Josh Kerwood, Brandy Reichenberger, Zach Wold, Ashlei Wood, Josh Ramm, Danielle Miller, Ryan Frey, Kelly Deweese, Jacob Gregory, Brittnay Sellman Row 2: Dylan Furst, Anna Ayers Looby, Sam Mock, Diane Parkinson, Devin Meierding, KT Brown, Gattlin Miller, Kyla Smith, Kyler Hanson, Mary Polding, Alex Osborn, Margaux Jensen, Jason Kaare, Jessica Krautbauer Row 1: James Russell, Katelyn Larsen, Steven Wert, Samantha Sorenson, Kevin Olsen, Niocle Willems, Jason Cowley, Kelsey Hoen, Josh Goergen, Hannah Kimyon.


## Singing. Dancing and Performing



The Waconia show choir started in 1998 and has consistantly increased its reputation, as a prestigious show choir.

Choreographed by Damon Brown of Carmel, Indiana, and directed by Aaron Olson, Power Company is a competitive show choir that consists of 46 singers and dancers, a 30 piece band, and a six member stage crew. Members had many reasons to audition, but junior Andy Newman said that he joined "for the friends."

Auditions for the 2006-2007 Power Company were held in March of 2006.

To prepare for the competitive season and other performances, the group began practicing in Aug. 2006. Group members also met on weekends and after school to practice.

This year the Show Choir began its competitive season on Jan. 20, 2007, competing in Johnston, lowa. They also participated in competitions at Sauk Prairie, Wisconsin; Davenport, lowa; and in Fridley, Minnesota, at Totino Grace High School.

The group also took a trip to Chicago and hosted its own competition, Starpower: The Lake Waconia Show Choir Invitational, on Feb. 17, 2007.

At competitions, participants began preparing two hours prior to their performance. Preparations included preparing hair and make-up and ensuring all attire was in working order.

Once the pre-performance preparations were completed, members then had a fifteen minute period of time when they invisioned their best possible performance. This time helped the performers relax and focus before the competition. Finally, Olson came in and spoke about what the performers needed to do on stage, and after a peptalk, they completed the warm ups and were ready to go.

Second-year show choir member Kelsey Hoen said she appreciated Olson's efforts and his commitment to the group.
"He gets us ready before performances, and gets us pumped up," said Hoen.

Far Right: Kyla Smith and Jason Kaare danced together during the Power Company's competition set. Right: (left to right) Jessica Kratbauer, Kelly Deweese, Diane Parkinson, and Brandy Reichenberger waved their arms for effect during the show.
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Top: (L to R) Adrienne Donnel as Hope Harcourt, Kaitlin Larsen as Reno Sweeney, Josh Kerwood as Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, Jimmy Russell as "Moonface" Martin, Jason Kaare as Billy Crocker; Above: The 2006 Fall Musical Cast.

This year's WHS fall musical, Anything Goes, was performed to almost sold-out audiences all three nights. Junior Adrienne Donnel, junior Kaitlin Larsen, senior Josh Kerwood, freshman Jimmy Russell, and junior Jason Kaare played the lead roles and were supported by a cast of 23 others.

Directed by Shawn Stelton, a Clearwater Middle School teacher, the cast spent hours after school every Monday through Thursday practicing their parts during the weeks leading up to the opening night, Thur. Nov. 9, 2006. The extent of their practice showed opening night as round after round of
applause was delivered by the audience.
All this audience energy helped the cast give its best effort.
"Whenever the audience [laughs], you know you are doing something right," said Kaare, who played businessman Bill Crocker.

Auditions were held Sept. 4 5,2006 , and scores of hopefuls showed up to vie for the 28 parts in the play. Even though Kaare said nobody "got to audition for a specific part," the cast's roles were chosen by Stelton and Mr. Tim Berry, the vocal director. Kaare said that most received the parts they wanted.

Anything Goes, a musical originally written by Cole Porter, examines the antics and relationships between Hope Harcourt, her fiancé Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, her former flame Billy Crocker, Billy's newfound friend "Moonface" Martin, and the famous dancer Reno Sweeney as they sail to England aboard the S.S. American.

WHS held three public showings and one matinée in which students from Clearwater came to the high school and watched a "pre-performance" of the show during the day of Wed., Nov. 8, 2006.

Row 1: Jackson Melius, Heather Snyder, Sean Linehan, Josh Kerwood, Dylan Furst, Devin Meirding, Margeaux Jensen, Crissy Schieffer, Adrienne Donnel, Hannah Kimyon, Cecilia Findorff, Ashley Shuebel, Brittney Ellis, Kelly Munson, and Asha Sukhu; Row 2: Aaron Albani, Jason Kaare, Amanda Drontle, Kyla Smith, Rose McAlister, Jimmy Russell, Mariesa Hipolito, Anna Weitz, Josh Goergen, Ashley Ament, Tabitha Schmidt, Jordan Reeve, Anna Hedstrom, Emily Mueller, Katilin Larsen, and Zach Wold; Row 3: Keelan Ryan, Ken Miyamoto, Kyle Neibling, Hannah Swift, Timothy Lund, Addison Born, Katherine Carrier, Eric Held, Emily Halvorson, Michael Bly, and Jackie Surrat.


## ARCTIC BLAST 2007



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Duct Tape Dav
Gattlin Miller and Emily Halvorson showed off their duct tape clothing.

## School Spirit Day

Seniors Kirsten Blegen, Meghan Durkin, Chelsie Wilson, Brittney Schroeder, and Kirsten Inderlie showed off their school spirit.

Pajama Day
Amy Brennan, Rianna Segner, Janell Anderson, and Kevin Lenzen were comfortable in their pajamas.

## Twin Day

Danielle Miller and Taylor Melius were almost twins in their matching Lord Fletchers' sweatshirts.

## Sport Day

Joe Timm showed off his impeccable style on Sport

Day, along with his winning legs from the Lips
\& Legs contest.


SPORTS


Row 1: Eric Menth, Colton Otto, Carter Ostlie, Eliot Ferron, Bradley Weinzierl, Joe Schermer, Miles Poehler, Jared Pawelk, and Mitchell Kelzer; Row 2: Lance Neubauer, John Shaw, Nick Miller, Breck Raymond, Jesse Jaworski, Kyle Pingeon,Shane Hallstrom, Chris Leivermann, and Steve Frempong Longdon; Row 3: Nathan Ristow, Tom Mahan, Trevor Sidwell, Joe Brandenburg, Keagan Stangret, Cody Boll, Nick Litfin, Kelly Olson, Nick Sterner, Mitchel Frey, and Dan Edwards; Row 4: Ryan Rague, Austin Sullivan, Kyle Morgan, Derik Noeldner, Brian Broll, Corey Gieseke, Ben Tegels, Josh Condon, Matt Gibbs, Nick Sudheimer, Brandon Haugen, and Jeff Hable; Row 5: Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Brandon Bullock, Jordan Sutherland, Eric Aeling, Brody Scheff, Darwin Ehrreich, Ryan Frey, Riley Swier, Tyler Clouse Michael Frey, and Dillon Hackbarth; Row 6: Nick Ramm, Austin Schmitt, Joe Timm, Andy Newman. Mike Clemensen, Matt Clemensen, Cody Swier, Chad Wolf, Evan Butteris, Kevin Ebert, Ryan Buetow, DJ Earls, and Derek Earls.





Top: Kayla Schuman served the ball; Above Middle: Sophomore Kara Pioske spiked the ball; Above: Junior Brooke Gathrige served the ball.

## Front Row: Kari Buesgens, Kylie Wroge, Emily

 Willems, Kelly Brink, Jami Reinke; Second Row: Kara Pioske, Emily Storms, Brooke Gatheridge, Kayla Schuman, Katie Larkin; Back Row: Assistant Coach Lori Schwirtz, Manager Steven Wert, Coach Jim Lee, Manager Lauren Kalkes, Assistant Coach Courtney La Tour



The varsity volleyball team saw its winning season come to an end against the Marshall Tigers in the Section 2AAA semifinals. The loss, however, was not an indication of the Wildcat's season.

The Wildcats went undefeated in the Wright County Conference winning the conference title and finishing the season with a 13-7-0 record.

The team also defeated its biggest rivals.
"Our biggest rivals and toughest games were against Delano and Mayer Lutheran," said junior Brooke Gatheridge. After losing six senior starters from last year, the Wildcats did not have a lot of varsity experience on the court. Coach Lee said that having a team with very little experience gave the team the strength to be able to "disregard and let go of previous 'negatives' and to play with little to no expectations."

The team also had many key victories against nonconference teams including Mayer Lutheran and Eastview.

Most of the girls on the team thought that their goals were accomplished.
"Our goals for the season were to play well together as a team and to put ourselves in a position to win conference," said sophomore Kara Pioske.

This year's team was hoping for new star players to come up big.
"The new players performed above and beyond expectations. They have stepped up to the level the varsity program needs," said senior captain Kayla Schuman. " Along with the new players on the team, the fans also really stepped it up this year."

The Wildcats will lose seniors Kayla Schuman, Jami Reinke, Katie Larkin, and Kari Buesguens.

Senior Kayla Schuman, junior Brook Gatheridge, and sophomore Kara Pioske were named all-conference. Katie Larkin, and junior Kelly Brink received all-conference honorable mention.

Above Right: Jami Reinke gets ready to bump the ball; Top: Kelly Brink gets ready to set the ball; Above Middle: The team celebrates a point; Above: Kayla Schuman gets ready to attack; Below: Students show school spirit for thier Conference Champs

2006 Season Record

| Opponent | Score | Opponent | Score |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Eden Prairie | $0-3$ | Orono | $3-0$ |
| Mayer Lutheran | $0-2$ | Mayer Lutheran | $3-2$ |
| Minneapolis South | $2-1$ | Shakopee | $0-3$ |
| Minnetonka | $0-2$ | Glencoe-Silver Lake | $3-0$ |
| Perham | $2-0$ | Annandale | $3-0$ |
| Litchfield | $3-0$ | Delano | $3-1$ |
| Eastview | $2-0$ | Holy Angels | $3-1$ |
| Andover | $0-2$ | Belle Plaine | $0-3$ |
| Owatonna | $0-2$ | Watertown | $3-0$ |
| Tartan | $2-1$ | Norwood | $3-0$ |

Final Record 13-7-0


> Top: Junior Katie Olson sprinted to the finishline. Above Middle: Junior Brian Wessale ran to the finish race Above: Seniors and Captains Laura Jensen, Colin Faust, and Michael Bly smiled for a picture at a cross country meet.

> Fifth Row: Mr. Skerik, Matt Stole, Ben Timmers, Scott Bullis, Hans Gunness, Ian Redshaw, Colin Faust,Calvin Schmidt, David Klinglehutz, Justin Ratzlaff. Fourth Row: Trever OKonek, Andrew Armit, Brian Wessale, Shawn Osterkamp, Amanda Iverson, Brian Lenzen, Gattlin Miller, Cody Redshaw, Michael Bly, Zach Slice, Katie Olson. Third Row: Amanda Corson, Rebecca Hughes Lucy Tongen, Fran Soto, Melanie Grangaard, Eli Stangret, Patrick Logelin, Jackie Surat, Steph Cluff, Hallie Miller, Jake Vipond, Clark Machtemes. Second Row: Mark Klein, Anna Ayers-Looby, Kala Cermak, Amanda Bammert, Cassie Faust, Katelin Boehm, Cassie Giesinger, Brianna Wall, Laura Jensen, Katharina Lueth, Michael Brown, Sandy Wasness. First Row: Ellie Stangret, Kelsey Wenning, Christina Marcaeu, Chelsea Wickenhauser, Kerry Hayes, Christina Nyman, Kelsey Brennan, Stephanie Wymore.


Above Right: The boys began a race at the Crown College Invitational. Top: Junior varsity girls began a race. Middle: Senior Ben Timmers and sophomore Gattlin Miller raced at Crown College. Bottom: Junior Cassie Giesinger and sophmmore Melanie Grangard pushed themselves to finish the race strong. Below: Girls Varsity runners stretched in order to begin a race.


Cross Country runners know that it takes hard work and practice to become great runners. By being more relaxed, both teams were able to grow and become stronger.

This year the girls did quite well placing third at Delano, one of their toughest competitions. The boys started off with a strong start, but had a few injuries along the way.

Overall, the team would not have been able to do so well without the leadership of their captains, Laura Jensen, Amanda Bammert, Ben Timmers, Colin Faust, Kevin Lenzen, Shawn Osterkamp, and Michael Bly.
"This year the captains have done a good job leading the team. They have been kind, humble, and they have really worked hard," said assistant coach Sandy Wasness.

They became closer as a team and were able to improve throughout the season.
"The best part of the team is the camaraderie. With this sport it is easy to push yourself past your limit. We are way more relaxed, and therefore we have more fun," said Jensen.

The younger runners also excelled when the team needed them.

Bammart said that she could really tell that the middle school students wanted to run, and that they were really pulling the team.

Overall, the goals for the team were to improve personal times and to get into better shape.
"We were really strong this year and we were more of a team, and we were in better shape," said junior Cassie Giesinger

The cross country team had put in a tremendous amount of effort into the past fall season. A lot of conditioning was needed and they had fun in the process.
"The team had a few new workouts; one consisted of 30 to 35 minutes of constant running, and an obstacle course, the hardest one still seems to be Cemetery Hill," said Wasness.

Despite all of the hard work they put into getting in shape, they were still able to have fun. Even though running up Cemetery Hill was challenging, it helped the team work hard.
"At the beginning of the season, the boys started off strong. Then the injuries started happening, and it was harder to keep it up. But, they did have a few good meets at first," said head coach Clark Machtemes.

Since the cross country team grew together as a whole, it was easier to improve individually. They had a fun and an eventful season.
"Basically, if you come out with a good attitude, you will have a good season. You have to try your hardest, but you can't take it too seriously or it will not be fun," said Jensen.


Top; Senior Captain John Bly, 14, dribbled the ball down the field in an attempt to make a pass. Bottom; Sophmore Rudy Srisujaritpanich, 17, dribbled around opponents.
Right; Senior Captain Chris Crundwell stayed aggresive in an attempt to take away the ball from the opposing team.

First Row: Alex Osborn, David Fischer, Ryan Knutson, Nolan Weber, Justin Chappell, Second Row: Coach Tyrel Siem, Nick Mitchell, Sam Mock, Jayse Ely, Sam Wasmund, Andrew Overson, Nick Hennen, Tim Lund, Gavin Woodland, Curtis McKusick; Back Row: John Bly, Mitchell Karels, Charlie Kortuem, Will Terry, Chris Crundwell.

## TEARING LIP THE FIELD



The Waconia High School boys soccer team gained many new opportunities and proved that anything is possible with a great amount of effort.
"Coming off to a bad season, our goals were pretty simple. They were to finish .500 or above, but it was a bonus for us to finish
 undeafted in our conference, and our goals were met," said senior captain Chris Crundwell.

Despite a few injuries, the boys looked like they were going to have a rewarding season. One obstacle the boys needed to overcome was to put more effort toward the game itself. Both Bly and Crundwell agreed that the team's past season showed great improvement.

One of the team's major strengthe was the ability to move the ball down the field with no problem.

Throughout the season, the boys faced some competitive teams. The boy's toughest competition was against St. Cloud Cathedral and the game resulted in a $1-1$ tie.
"My favorite game was against St. Cloud Cathedral. They ranked eighth in the state, and we tied them. It was suspenseful because we were losing $1-0$, and we thought we would lose. But with time was running out, Chris Crundwell scored off a free kick. It was our best game," said junior Nolan Weber.

Crundwell said the game was beneficial for more than one reason.
"The game was a good learning experience, and the team improved because of it," said Crundwell.

They ended the season with a 7-5-4 record. The team has grown since last year as a whole.

By the end of the season, the team had learned new skills, and they were able to come together as one.

Top: Senior Tim Lund prevented a goal by grabbing the ball.<br>Above Middle: Junior Will Terry got ready to launch the ball.<br>Above: Senior Andrew Overson reacted quickly to a pass from a teammate.<br>Below: Junior David Fischer (1) fielded a corner kick during a home game at Bayview.



## 2006 Season Record

| Opponent | Score | Opponent | Score |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| Mankato-East | $1-4$ | Becker | $9-0$ |
| So. West Christian |  | Holy Family | $0-0$ |
| High School | $1-4$ | Mound-Westonka | $0-0$ |
| New Ulm Public | $4-0$ | Orono | $1-1$ |
| Shakopee | $3-4$ | Rockford | $5-1$ |
| Kasson-Mantorville | $4-4$ | Zimmerman | $6-4$ |
| Saint John's Prep | $2-1$ | Saint Peter | $2-3$ |
| Delano | $2-1$ | Saint Cloud Cathedral | $1-1$ |
|  |  | Albert Lea | $0-4$ |

Final Record 7-5-4

## Kacking It Lup $A$ Notal

Athletes on the girls soccer team can now say they began their season with a $7-0$ record. The team won seven straight games before losing to the Delano Tigers. Even though the team fell short of its goal to earn a state tournament birth, members did accomplish their other goals.
"Our goal was to beat Mankato West, and we did, to play the best we could every game, and we did, and to go to state," said senior co-captain Krista Polding. "We didn't get to state, but we did get farther in sections than they ever have before."

Assistant coach Gretchen Fritz said that the team's main goal was to have fun, which they did.

A contributing factor to the team's successful season was its depth. Leading the team were six seniors, but all of the team members were capable and able to accomplish their responsibilities.
"The young players were extremely important this year. We wouldn't have been able to win a single game without every single player on our team," said Polding. "Jessica Hunter, Mary Polding, Leah Christensen, and Alli Dunkelberger have really stepped it up this year."

The team ended its regular season with a $10-6$ record while finishing 4.5 in the conference. The team won one section game before losing to Albert Lea.

One frustrating aspect for the team was not being able to score goals. The Wildcats were shut out in all of their losses. Fritz emphasized that the team needed to come together to play as one.
"We are still working on this, but we have come a long way," she added.

The team will ose six seniors, but assistant coach Fritz has some encouraging words for her remaining players.
"Stay focused and keep your love for the game, and you will succeed," said Fritz.



## 2006 Season Record

| Opponent | Score | Opponent | Score |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Mankato East | $7-1$ | Mound-Westonka | $2-1$ |
| So. West Christian School | $3-1$ | Orono | $0-2$ |
| PACT Charter School | $8-0$ | Rockford | $0-4$ |
| New Ulm | $8-2$ | Fridley | $0-2$ |
| Mankato West | $3-2$ | Becker | $3-1$ |
| Watertown-Mayer | $4-0$ | Mayer Lutheran | $4-2$ |
| Saint John's Prep | $2-1$ | Saint Cloud Cathedral | $0-4$ |
| Delano | 0.3 | Worthington | $2-1$ |
| Holy Family Catholic | 0.2 | Albert Lea | $1-4$ |

Final Record 11-7-0

Top: Sophmore Jessica Hunter chased the ball to pass to a teammate. Above Middle: Freshman Alli Dunkelberger, prepared to take a shot on the net. Above Freshman Leah Christensen fought for the ball. Above Right: Senior co-captain Krista Polding broke free to score a goal. Below: Junior Nicole Willems made a move around the defender to attempt to score goal.



Top: Sophmore Lauren Rice ran with the ball down the field. Above Middle: Senior co-captain Kirsten Blegen kicked the ball to the other end of the field. Above: Junior Katie Luce darted to retrieve the ball.

First Row: Emily Ludwigson, Taylor Melius, Sara Northrup, Kirsten Blegen, Chelsey Rossell, Catherine McAvoy; Second Row: Coach Gretchen Fritz, Becky Parkinson, Kathryn Carrier, Amanda Pederson, Dianne Parkinson, Alli Dunkelberger, Mary Deweese, Emily Cook, Mary Polding, Jessica Hunter, Coach Lauren Lesher. Third Row: Nicole Willems, Katie Luce, Lauren Rice, and Krista Polding.

## Raising the Bar



Top: Sophmore Amanda Sinnen did a back bend in competition. Sinnen placed sixth on vault and fifth on bars at the section gymnastics meet.
Above: Sophmore Kyra Doughtery landed in the splits while performing her floor exercise during competition.

Back Row: Hali Germond, Claire Perkins, Kalynne Goplin, Claire Perkins Brandy Schultz.
Front Row: Dana Gentz, Kyra Daugherty,
Mercedez Tolzmann, and Allie Wright.

## The gymnastics team

 accomplished two key things this season: They beat the previous season's high score, and they earned the highest score in the team's history, a 132 ."It [the high score] was a highlight from this season," said junior Tara Zuraff. Another thing that the team achieved was "team unity," said Amanda Sinnen.

The Waconia gymnastics team consisted of approximately 20 girls grades 7-11. There were no seniors and only one junior on the team. The varsity team had six to eight members, and three to four members of the team competed at both the varsity and junior varsity levels.
"It is a very rewarding sport, but you have to have motivation," said sophomore Amanda Sinnen.

Coached by Stephanie Swenson, Mickey Troopes and Molly Anquist, and led by team captains sophomore Mercedez Tolzmann, sophomore Allie Wright, and sophomore Dana Gentz, team members gained motivation at team practices, which were held from 3:00-5:30 p.m. after school every day and from 9:00 a.m. until noon during
winter break. At practice, each girl worked on elements of her individual routines in one of four events - bars, floor exercise, vault and beam.
"Bars is my hardest event. It's hard to stay on and hold yourself up there," said Wright.

Everyone had her own opinion on which was the best event, but most members seemed to have enjoyed the floor exercise event.

This year Waconia held nine meets at home. In total, the Waconia gymnastics team competed in 14 meets, including the section finals where the varsity placed sixth overall and scored 127.775 points. Sophomore Amanda Sinnen placed sixth on vault and fifth on bars.

Regardless of the competitions' outcomes, Zuraff said that gymnastics is fun because she is "able to do many tricks and also to be able to be helped and to help out teammates if needed."

Zuraff said she definitely knew that the best part about gymnastics was "learning new tricks and then getting them perfect."

## Suln To IViN

"Alpine skiing is a very fun sport and gives you an exhilarating rush every run down the hill," said sophomore Shanna Froehling,

In only its second year, the alpine ski team was a fairly new sport offered at Waconia High School. The team consisted of members from four schools: Waconia, Watertown, Holy Family and Mound. It was coached by Scott Smiley and Barry Johnson.

In its first season, the team had three members from Waconia competing. Since last year, Waconia gained four more skiers. All seven members from Waconia were girls; however, the team consisted of both boys and girls. Team member Leah Froehling said she enjoyed working with the other schools.
"Being on the same team with Watertown, Mound and Holy Family is probably my favorite thing about the ski team. You get to meet so many new people and make a lot of friends. Everyone gets along really well," said Froehling, one of the three captains on the team and the only captain from Waconia.

Senior Laura Jensen said she also enjoyed working with the other
schools
"I love that there are kids from so many different schools," she said. "I've made a lot of friends that I wouldn't have met otherwise."

The team practiced three days a week at Hyland Hills in Bloomington. Before it snowed, they worked on dry land drills and ran to get in shape for the season. The first few days of actual skiing consisted mainly of carving, balance, and other technical drills.

Once all the initial practices were finished, it was time to hit the slopes competitively. The team finished its sophomore season in impressive fashion ending their season undefeated in their unofficial conference, and finishing seventh out of 38 teams and 228 racers at the Welch Invitational, the largest high school ski race in the country. Team members were hoping their success at Welch would carry over to the Section 6 ski meet.
Unfortunately, this was not the case as the team finished ninth out of 14 teams.

Even though the team didn't make it to state, the girls' success may be a major motivating factor for next year.


## Top: Senior Leah Froehling sharply carved around the tum. Froehling was a second year member of the alpine ski team and a team co-captain. <br> Above: Sophomore Shanna Froehling focused on her next turn at a competetion at the Powder Ridge Ski Area.

Back Row: Shanna Froehling, Melanie Grangaard, Megan Goldman, and Nicole Hosalek. Front Row: Laura Jensen and Leah Froehling.





## Top: Brenna Garens, Tiffany Johnson, Kelsi

 Rhuether and Amanda Mesenbring, prepared for a basket toss at a girls basketball game. Above: Senior Captains Katie Parris, Jamie Carsten, and Melissa Kahmeyer.

Team Photo Fall \& Winter Cheer (Right): Back Row: Stephanie Quaschnick, Jessica Evjen, Amber Quaschnick, Katie Lacey, Amanda Mesenbring; Middle Row: Coach Nancy Parris, Kelsi Rhuether, Kyla Thorson, Tami Reinke, Jamie Carsten, Tiffany Johnson, Brianna Hartmann, Brenna Garens, Coach Colleen Slice; Front Row: Katie Parris, Zack Morrissette, Melissa Kahmeyer

It was not just the players practicing and getting suited up before the big game or the big match. The cheerleaders also prepared themselves to go out and put on a great show. Whether it was chants, cheers, or stunts, the cheerleaders got the crowd excited for the competition, and hopefully, a win.

The girls, and their mascot, junior Zach Morrissette, had a very exciting year cheering at boys and girls basketball games, football games, and wrestling matches.

This year the cheerleading squads welcomed many new faces, including two new coaches for the winter season. The new coaches this year were Kathy Parris and Colleen Slice. Meg Redshaw coached the fall cheerleading squad.

Seniors Katie Parris, Melissa Kahmeyer, and Jamie Carsten were the captains for the 20062007 season. As the captains, the senior girls had many responsibilities.
"My main job was to teach the 80-90 different cheers and put together the starting line up," said Paris, who said she and
fellow senior Melissa Kahmeyer had been captains for the past two seasons.

This was Carsten's first year as a captain and her second year cheering at WHS.

The cheerleading squad grew close during the year since the approximately 15 member squad basically stayed the same since football season started.

Many of the girls had favorite or best memories from this year.
"My favorite part about this cheer season was to get thrown up in the air," said freshman Brenna Garens who was one of Brenna Garens who was one
the main performers during a basket toss.

Paris, Carsten and Kahmeyer said they will always remember the excitement of cheering for the boys basketball team at the 2006 Minnesota State High School League Boys Basketball State Tournament at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

With the cheerleading squad working so well together, the audience also benefitted: They saw great stunts and became more involved with the sport they were watching.

Purple e Gold. Lex's Go

## FIRST YEAR FLAMES

The sounds of whistles being blown, skates getting sharpened, and pucks dropping were new sounds to the Waconia girls hockey team. Up until this year, female hockey players had to play either with the Chaska girls' team or on the Waconia boys team. Fortunately, this year a new team was developed between Waconia High School and Holy Family Catholic High School

The team consists of girls from both schools aging from seventh grade to eleventh grade.

The Waconia girls enjoyed playing with the Holy Family members.
"All the girls are extremely nice! I enjoy playing on a team with them," said WHS freshman Ashley Walter.

Since the team was such a young team, they competed as a junior varsity team, but they were still up against tough competition. The team earned two victories against Mound-
Westonka and skated to a 2-2 tie against St. Paul Johnson. The team finished the season with a 2-11-1 overall record.
"We were young, but even
this season they improved a lot and are tried to turn the season around," said head coach Corey Martin.

Due to the boys' hockey team practicing after school, the girls' team practiced before school. The teams switched off mornings and afternoons depending on the schedules of the games.

Freshman Christy Wirth of Holy Family and freshman Kelsey Peters of Waconia High School were the captains of the inaugural squad. The captains helped with any team problems and motivated the team before every game.
"My goal for the season was for our team to improve a lot," said Peters.

The girls gained a tremendous amount of experience this season, and with such a young team, team members are looking forward to their upcoming seasons and hope to move up to the varsity level in the near future.

## 2006-2007 Season Record

| Opponent | Score | Opponent | Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chaska | 1-5 | Mound-Westonka | 2-0 |
| Hastings | 0.4 | Chaska | $0-6$ |
| Simley | $2 \cdot 3$ | Edina | 1-2 |
| Hill-Murray | 0.7 | Mound-Westonka | 3-1 |
| Simley | $2 \cdot 3$ | St. Paul Johnson | 2-2 |
| Farmington | 0.4 | Farmington | $2 \cdot 3$ |
| Edina | $0-7$ |  |  |

Final Record
2-11-1


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## Simmming a Bluc Streak

There existed a rare, almost extinct breed of athlete at Waconia High School with speed, precision and a strong sense of will and determination. These few athletes were the members of the boys' swimming team. With every stroke they pull through the water, these boys come closer to their prime time.

Seniors Ian and Cody Redhaw, juniors Tyler Stroming and Jake Cowley, and Danny Lieferman were Waconia's team members on the Royals swim team, a team that consisted of members from three schools: Waconia High School, WatertownMayer High School and Delano High School.

Stroming, a junior, has been swimming since seventh grade. He said his plan for this year was to "go to sections and drop time in breaststroke and freestyle."

Cutting time in swimming is harder than it sounds, but Stroming and the other swimmers never gave up and
continued to swim faster throughout the season.

One of the challenges Lieferman faced during the season was "not being able to make my best times."

This year one of the team biggest hopes was to be section champion. Held in late February the team was in the lead at sectionals after a few events; in fact, before the last event of the competition, the Watertown Royals were tied with MankatoWest. The meet ended with Mankato-West earning first place and Royals taking home second place.

The boys swam their hearts out at sections; many dropped time, met their goals, and ended the season with a positive outlook for next year.

With this season over and two seniors graduating, the boys swim team will now look up to next year's seniors, Tyler Stroming and Jake Cowley to lead the team.

## Top:Tyler Stroming prepared to compete at a meet at Buffalo High School. Above: lan Redshaw and Coach Charmstrome watched the finish of a race.

## Waconia High School Swim Team: Tyler Stroming, Jason Cowley, Cody Redshaw, Billy, Will Chandler, Danny Lieferman, lan Redshaw.



## LAPS FOR GOLD

The forty-eight members of the Waconia girls' swim team came together for one goal in 2006: to end the season with no regrets and to swim their hearts out until the end.

Head coach Chuck
Charnstrom said he had a similar goal for the swimmers.
"I wanted the girls to push themselves farther than they thought they could go," said Charnstrom.

The girls' swim team ended its season with three swimmers, sophomores Ariel McCullum and Christina Rupp, and senior Leah Froehling, receiving Wright County All- Conference honors. Froehling continued to prevail until her season concluded by finishing thirteenth at the state swim meet held at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.
"After swimming the 100 yard breaststroke, I looked up at the clock to see my personal best time of $1: 10.25$. I was so excited. It had been my goal to
advance to state since I was a freshman," said Froehling.

Along with Froehling, senior captain Megan Durkin and head coach Chuck Charnstrom pushed the other swimmers to reach their individual goals along with the team goals.
"We had to set a good example for the younger girls and help them out to stay positive," said Durkin.

The team practiced after school at Clearwater Middle School and also practiced some mornings before others even woke up. The team had a remarkable season receiving fourth place in the conference and sending someone to state. All this hard work paid off for the Waconia girls' swim team.
"Hopefully, all of the time and effort of this year will carry through to next year, and we will have another remarkable season," said junior Erica Heitz

## Above: Leah Froehling

 swam the 100 meter breaststroke at the State meet at the University of Minnesota. Right: Amanda Sinnen flew through the air during a dive at a meet.


Row 1: Stephanie Tuley, Brittany Van Houtte, Amanda Sinnen, Elissa Selleck, Jessica Tuley, Hali Germond; Row 2: Nicolle Wynsteker, Sarah Farlow, Ariel McCullum, Alexa Klos, Cassandra Norton, Sara Porter, Row 3: Addy Scrimgeour, Kara Bakke, Bethany Bertelsen, Michelle Kroells, Christina Rupp, Shana Froehling, Margaret Stivers; Row 4: Ashely Tuley, Amber Chandler, Erica Heitz, Phylicia Short, Leah Froehling, Meghan Durkin, Cassie McCullum.




2006 Season Record
Orono 75-111
Marshall $85-96$
Mound/Westonka 76-112
Saint Peter $\quad 100-86$
Dassel-Cokato 111-75
Monticello $\quad 79.99$
Litchfield 63-39
Becker 94-92
Watertown 84-99

Final Record 4.5


Top: Katie Asbjornson and Meghan Durkin tried to stop an opponent. Above Middle: Kari Buesgens tried to pass to a teammate. Above: Jen Kutzke getting ready to rebound.

Row 1: Molly Asbjornson, Nicole Willems, Kari Buesgens, Katie Luce, Katie Asbjornson.
Row 2: Assistant Coach Paul Henn, Christine Deering, Krista Polding, Katelyn Rambow, Alicia Champagne, Kelly Brink, Meghan Durkin, Coach Tom Doyscher.
Row 3: Scottie Moats, Jenn Kutzke, Amanda Iverson.



Working hard, having fun, and doing their best was what the 2007 Waconia girls' basketball team was all about. They had their highs and lows, but they all competed to the best of their abilities.

Their toughest opponents were in the Wright County Conference, Orono, and in sectional games, Benilde-St. Margaret, this year the Wildcats eagerly anticipated games against these two teams.
"Our goal is always the same," Head Coach Tom Doyscher said, "to be as good as we can be by the section tournament."
Doyscher said that the team established this goal early in the season, and they all hoped it would be attaired.

This year senior captain Meghan Durkin lead the team by being a posirive role model and a good leader both on and off the court. She assisted all the new teammates as did the team's other seniors, Krista Polding, Molly Asbjornson, Katie

Asbjornson, Kari Buesgens, and Jen Kutzke.
" We have come a long way and our team works well together," Durkin said "The juniors and seniors have really come together."

This year's season consisted of many accomplishments. All the girls worked together as a team, and all started to understand the meaning of the word teamwork. The team had many close games, and ended its season with an overall record of 8-18.
"It's been a rollercoaster season," said Molly Asbjornson.


Above Left: Krista Polding attempted to pass the ball to Meghan Durkin; Top: Kelly Brink grabbed the ball; Above: Katie Asbjornson ran with the ball towards the basket; Below: Meghan Durkin fought for the ball with a player from Marshall.


## 2006-2007 Season Record

| Opponent | Score | Opponent | Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Minneapolis North | 43-62 | Orono | 38.57 |
| New Prague | 27.58 | Litchfield | 45-48 |
| Orono | 29.44 | Delano | 55-58 |
| Litchfield | 56.44 | Marshall | 41-55 |
| Delano | 42-57 | Dassel-Cokato | 73-29 |
| Shakopee | 27-38 | Norwood | 39.40 |
| Norwood | 50-61 | Watertown-Mayer | 42-51 |
| Holy Family | 48.50 | Mayer Lutheran | 50-48 |
| Dassel-Cokato | 76-39 | Mound-Westonka | 38-35 |
| Watertown-Mayer | 51.46 | Jordan | 45.49 |
| Mound-Westonka | 51-46 | Annandale | 37-40 |
| Annandale | 48.40 | Glencoe-Silver Lake | 44.45 |
| Glencoe-Silver Lake | 36-49 |  |  |



Top: Senior Garret Sohns grabbed the ball. Above Middle: Freshman Evan Graff passed the ball to junior Lance Neubauer. Above: Kurt Koening tried to avoid a Watertown-Mayer player.

Back Row: Dan Sohm, Lance Neubauer, Brandon Haugon, Austin Schwartz, Tyler Clouse Second Row: Coach Grove, Coach Konrardy, Ryan Rague, Matt Gray, Evan Graff, Dillion Hackbarth, Micael Frey, Coach Marsden, Ooach Hayes; Front Row: Nick Sudheimer, Kevin Ebert, Joe Drapcho, Kurt Koening, Garret Sohns, Brody Scheff, Craig Boll.



## Take IT To The Mat

This year, Waconia High School was faced with rebuilding its wrestling team after losing seven seniors last year.
"This year we had many changes in out line up due to losing all of the seniors," said coach Mike Pettit.

In 2006, the team was made up of seven seniors, most of whom wrestled in the upper weight classes. After their departure, the team had many first-time wrestlers on the varsity squad.
"Last year it was up to our top line up of seniors to pull us though, but this year the lower weights are stepping up to the mat," said captain Joey Larson.

With the loss of such an experienced squad, team members still set realistic goals.
"My goal for the team was to become a family and to have the team work to the best of their abillty," said junior Brandon Bullock.

To add drama to the season, for the first time in high school history, the Minnesota State High School League suspended all wrestling competition for eight days due to an outbreak of an
infectious skin disease called Herpes gladiatorum, a skin condition acquired through skin-toskin contact.

Twenty-four wrestlers, from ten different teams were diagnosed with the condition. No wrestlers from Waconia contracted it.

Even though matches were delayed, the team still held practices, but had to comply with MSHSL rules that practices were void of skin contact.
"I think this helped the wrestling team become stronger and more in shape because of all the conditioning we are doing," said junior Amanda Wood.

On Dec. 9, the wrestling team took first place at the Delano Invitational, and this helped build the team's confidence. However, it was a rebuilding year, and the team ended the season with a 4-14-0 record.

With many underclassmen and juniors returning to the next year, Waconia's wrestling team may have a much more experienced and knowledgable team.

Above Left: Eli Stangret looked for a pin; Top: Dan Hermann was given advice by his coaches; Above Middle: Brandon Bullock tried to put a move on his opponent; Above: Freshman Drew Fleming tried for back points; Below: The team sat and watched a match.


## 2006-2007 Season Record

| $\underline{\text { Opponent }}$ | $\underline{S c o r e}$ | $\frac{\text { Opponent }}{}$ | $\underline{\text { Score }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Shakopee | $28-42$ | Le Sueur | $30-31$ |
| Milaca | $22-53$ | Delano | $21-42$ |
| Wayzata | $15-54$ | Atwater | $0-67$ |
| Maple Grove | $69-6$ | Chaska | $45-28$ |
| Watertown | $14-45$ | Foley | $9-53$ |
| Orono | $57-21$ | Annandale | $18-53$ |
| Glencoe | $21-43$ | Litchfield | $30-39$ |
| B-O-L-D | $17-49$ | Mound | $60-29$ |
| Dassel-Cokato | $19-41$ | Delano | $19-40$ |



Top: Senior Andrew Walter waited for a pass while sophomore Josh Eiden looked on.
Middle: Sophomore Christopher Leviermann tied the game with a goal.
Above: Junior Derek Earls set up a power play. Center: Senior Robbie Smothers and sophomore Christopher Leivermann defended their goal from the opposing team.

Right: Waconia members of the 2006-2007
Varsity Hockey Team. Top: Andrew Walter, Candon Honebrink, Andrew Armit and Derek Earls. Middle: Cody Boll, Benjamin Brettigen, John Shaw and Josh Eiden. Bottom: Christopher Leivermann and Robbie Smothers.


## Fire on lae



After losing the game that would determine whether or not they would advance to section finals last year, the Holy Family Fire hockey team recovered and was back in action. The Fire consisted of 18 players, eleven from Waconia. With only five seniors returning, senior captain Candon Honebrink predicted that this year was going to be a year to remember.

Similar to last year, the Holy Family hockey team had many goals. One of which was to do well in sections. They reached this goal through their hard work put forth throughout the season and from the leadership provided by their three captains. Candon Homebrink and Robbie Smothers, seniors at WHS, and Tyler Erickson, a senior at Holy Family, were the three captains this year. As captains of the Fire, Honebrnk and Smothers, motivated the team before games and were general leaders on the ice.

The captains were an important aspect to the team's
success, but it was the coaches who unified the two schools into one determined team. Head coach Dave Nelson was one of five coaches that led the Holy Family hockey team to victory. Nelson, along with Dan Benim, Paul Russo, Tony Stephes, and Jake Hindermann, played a big part in the daily achievements of the team.

A way to pump up the seniors in particular, was a recurring quote said by Nelson "You only have so many marbles left," seemed to do the job. With a constant reminder that they had only so many games left, the seniors gave it their all.

When it came to game day, each member of the team had a different preparation. Listening to music while visualizing their actions helped the players focus on the game.

The Fire ended the season with a record of 17-6-2. According to Smothers, "the Holy Family hockey team came, saw and conquered."

## 2006 Season Record

Top Right: Senior Andrew Armit gained poisition against a LeSueur opponent. Middle Right: Senior Candon Honebrink passed it out to point on the power play. Above: Junior Eric Aeiling battled for the loose puck in the corner. Below: Seniors' Robbie Smothers, Andrew Walters, Andrew Armit and Candon Honebrink led the Fire.


| Opponent | Score | Opponent | Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Ulm | 1-1 | Delano | 3-2 |
| Rogers | 1-4 | Mound | 1.7 |
| Minnehaha | 8-1 | St. Cloud | 3-6 |
| St. Paul | 4.0 | Orono | 1.9 |
| Plymouth | 8.3 | Litchfield | 3-1 |
| Hutchinson | 11-1 | Waseca | 8-3 |
| St. Michael | 6-3 | Mound | 2-1 |
| Le Sueur | $8-0$ | St. Cloud | 2-2 |
| Red Lake Falls | 12-0 | Le Sueur | 2-1 |
| Shanley | 13.0 | Orono | 3-10 |
| Wadena | 6-1 | Litchfield | 3-1 |
| Rochester | 1-4 | Delano | 4.3 |
| Minneapolis | 3-1 |  |  |

Final Record 17-6-2


Freshmen Girls Basketball
Row 1: Stephanie McGinn, Meredith Proulx; Row 2: Samantha Nelson, Emma Wabbe, Kelsey Woodland, Kera Jones, Jennifer Caferella, Alyssa Hennen, Emily Ludwigson, Coach Neibauer; Row 3: Britta Rinke, Rebecca Hughes, Becky Boughten.


## Freshmen Football

Row 1: Nigel Cook, Marshall Kelzer, John Castaneda, Tyler Burmeister, Jacob Hilk, Travis Drees, Matthew Gieseke; Row 2: Travis Genz, Austin Muewissen, Jared Tuttle, Trevor Horning, Dustin Ehrreich, Thomas VonBerge, Charles Smothers, Joseph Sandholm; Row 3: Tyler Nordby, Tyler Litfin, Benjamin Hentges, Dillon Pomeroy, Jake Braunshausen, Pete Brettigen, Tyler Gunnufson, Logan Overvold; Row 4: Coach Zaske, Hunter Boser, Kyle Sletto, Eric Bach, Thomas Morimoto, Scott Rajewsky, Shane Hanson, Evan Graff, Coach Herrmann


## Freshmen Boys Basketball

Row 1: Jesse Sterner, Zachary Runyon, Connor Donohue, Michael Murray, Joseph Sandholm, Jackson Mitchell, Matthew Carson; Row 2: Michael Brown, Daniel Fischbach, Trevor Horning, James Machuca, Eric Bach, Patrick Logelin, Matthew Gieseke, Alec Erickson; Row 3: Joshua Machuca, Benjamin Metling, Dane Aadland, Logan Sohns, Zachary Schieffer, Thomas Morimoto, Tyler Gunnufson.


## Freshmen Volleyball

Row 1: Madeline Asbjornson, Katherine Grinnell; Row 2: Kayla Krause, Anna Shaw, Brittney Lechner, Katie Schuman, Becky Boughten; Row 3: Caitlin Krieg, Alyssa Hennen, Coach LaTour, Meredith Proulx, Kelsey Peters

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## JV Girls Basketball

Row 1: Jessica Hunter, Cassie Faust, Kelsey Robling; Row 2: Amy Erickson, Leah Christensen, Heather Synder, Jenna Lester, Morgan Braunshausen, Caty Giesen, Coach Henn; Row 3: Alli Dunkelberger, Emily Storms, Amy Krautbauer


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Row 1: Jack Mitchell, Warut Srisujaritpanich, Zachary Emerson, Sullivan Marxen, Matt Carson, Zachary Emerson; Row 2: Ken Miyamoto, Aaron Hulke, Kevin Olesen, Connor Donohue; Row 3: Coach Steffes, Reese Weber, Tommy Korteum, Justin Spurbeck, Michael Schnedler, Spencer Reichenberger; Row 4: Andrew Salo, Tyler Zebel, Jacob Gregory, Logan Sohns, Brandon Chappelle.

## JV Volleyball Team

Front Row: Madeline Brown, Nicole Holasek, Chae'le Varnavas, Alicia Champagne, Katelyn Rambow; Back Row: Lauren Kalkes, Jessica Rice, Scotti Moats, Bethany Aeling, Jenna Lester, Coach Schwirtz.

## AND JVTEAMS

The bell rings. The sound of children aughing and talking grows louder and louder. As the Kids Company room door opens, around twenty students first through fourth graders burst in. The day begins. Seventeen WHS students start off their afternoon each day with that similar routine.

Kids Company is a child care service that provides after school day care for five through twelve year-old children. Marie Linehan, a senior, has been working at Kids Co. for about three years, which is longer than any of the other WHS employees. What is the big deal with Kids Co. that attracts so many high school students?
"It's an awesome job, great hours, excellent kids and you get to go back to your childhood, playing all day," said Linehan.

Other Waconia businesses should watch out because Kids Co. is taking the high school job scene by storm!

## Kide Co.



Above: Kids Company worker Brit Indrelie played a card game with two Bayview third graders.

The 80's Are Back repeated itself. Leggings and leg warmers are back! Trends always repeat themselves, so it's no surprise that the tight spandex pants and warm leg warmers have made their way back into the fashion world.

Leggings and leg warmers have been seen all over Waconia High School during the 2006-2007 school year. When questioning social studies teacher Steve Hullander about the returning fad he said,
"I think, if the students are going to wear leggings, they should also spike their hair to get the full 80's effect."

It seems everyone is for leggings and leg warmers.
"Go for it, whatever keeps you warm in this school is fine with me," said senior Jenn Harold.

## Mocha Monkey

Over the past couple of years, the building next to Hoppers has gone through some pretty dramatic changes. First, it was the framing wing of The Green Door framing and gifts. Then, it transformed into a small coffee shop called the Tin Cup. Now called Mocha Monkey, it's a place to get all your favorite coffee drinks. Mocha Monkey is a new hot spot for Waconia High School students, faculty and staff.
"I love Mocha Monkey. It has great coffee, tasty food, and it's an ideal place to hang out
and study with friends because of its wireless internet," said senior Kesley Goergen.

With the friendly atmosphere, Mocha Monkey is a great addition to this frequently growing town. It may be around for many years to come.


Above: The hot new coffeeshop Mocha Monkey attracted students and faculty.

## YouTube

## Mini Mag



Above: Jami Reinke, Erica Bernard and Cassi Row searched the internet at school, but they didn't find a way around the school's terrific internet security system - no You Tube for them!
"Let's get some shoes..." sound familiar? You may know this famous line from the notorious "Shoes" video on YouTube.com. Although YouTube is amoung the many websites that are blocked from WHS computers, it's a great site to hit up at home.

YouTube is a website you can go to and search for any kind of random video or video clip that appeals to you."YouTube is a great way to waste 15 hours of your day looking at ridiculously outrageous videos," said senior Michael Hennen.

Like Myspace and Facebook, YouTube is a definite new trend to conquer WHS. The next time you have a spare minute or 15 hours, go check it out!

## Super Target

 Comes to Waconla

Waconia will soon be getting a new Super Target. This new addition has a lot of people really excited. Many people around the Waconia area have been waiting to get a new Super Target closer to home, and now Waconia is finally getting one.

The Super Target construction will be starting in May 2007 and will take approximately twelve months to build.
"I think that the new Super Target will be great for our town, and produce more jobs," said WHS paraprofessional Juliet Vrendenburg.

With the addition of the new Super Target, area residents will not have to travel to Chaska or Chanhassen just to go to Target.

Although, a Super Target can be a great place to shop, a lot of people are not very happy about the commercial store coming to Waconia.
"I think that Waconia is getting too big, and Target is only going to bring more people," said senior Kristine Kroells.

Whether more people come because of the new expansion or not, a Super Target may be a great benefit to people who live in the Waconia area.

Left: The new Super Target coming May of 2008 located along Highway 10. Photo courtesy of the Waconia Chamber of Commerce.

# BABY 



## Becky Parkinson

 We Love You Becky! May our love give you roots that will help you find your wings as you fly into life after graduation! Dream Big Dreams!! Love,Mom, Dad, Dianne, Amy, and Megan


Janell Anderson It has been a pleasure watching you grow into a strong, confident and independent daughter. It will be exciting watching your future unfold. We are very proud of you, always remember we are your biggest fans.
Love Always,
Mom and Dad


## Ashley Ament

## To our Ash

 "Books" discover pursue your passions and God's gifts within. We're very proud of the person you have become. Continue to share your colorful spirit with others as you move into the next chapter of you life!We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Autumn and Lexi

## Tim Lund

"Just tryin' to fit in!" You're awesome and we love you so much!
Love, Mom and Dad


## Derek Eiden

It was fun watching you grow up!
Congratulations and we wish you lots of luck in whatever you do. Love,
Mom, Dad, Josh and Aaron


> Adam Hathaway Adam, Congratulations on this milestone in your life. We are all very proud of you. As you move forward in life, always know we will be here for you. You have a lot to look forward to reach for the stars! Love,
> Mom, Dad, Andrew and Alex

Matt and Mike Clemensen It's hard to believe 18 years have passed. Herc you are at kindergarten graduation. You are now seniors and still clowning around. May the future bring you both great success.
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Tanya, and Amanda

## Emily Ebert Dear Emily-

 We are very proud of you and we know that you will accomplish great things. Dream Big!We love you, Mom, Dad, and your entire family

## Jeff Klein

 I am so proud of you. Keep working hard and all your dreams will come true. You are a wonderful person and I couldn't have asked for a more loving, kind son. You're very special to me. Enjoy life! Love, Mom
## Jennifer Bakke

Follow your heart, live your dreams, choose with no regrets. Your life is a journey, go forward and enter a new chapter in your life. But, don't ever forget how much we love you! Love,
Mom, Dad, Jon, Carissa, and Nicole



## Amy Brennan

 We've enjoyed watching you grow into a beautiful young lady who is capable of many things. Reach for the stars but remember to enjoy the simple pleasures in life.We love you!
Mom, Terry, Kelsey and Haley


## Matt Weiland

Good Luck in all you do. Enjoy life, laugh, smile and be happy.
You are a great brother and son. We are so
proud of you.
Congratulations! Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike, Michelle, Mark, and Mitchell


Kaley Christine Peters Keep stylin', keep smilin', keep singing a song...the best of life is yet to come!!! God be with you on your journey and always remember the special place you have in our hearts! With love and best wishes always, Mom, Dad, and-Jordan

Connor Wickenhauser Keep Smiling! Your smile lights up a room when you walk in. You
have a great personality. Whichever direction life takes you, you will succeed. We are very proud of you. Love, Moms Dad and Chelsea


Kristin Schwab
My you've grown up so fast. You're a young lady now and we know you will be a success in the future because of your fortitude and determination. As parents we couldn't be prouder.
With all our love,


## Laura Northrup

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." Listen to your heart and follow your dreams. May your dreams lead you to
happiness and success. Keep smiling! Love,
Dad, Mom, and Sarah

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Garret Sohns
We are so very proud of the man you have become! You are truly an inspiration to us all. Be happy, be safe, live fully and laugh often. Always need us, even if it's just a little! Believe in your dreams, we always will! XXXOO
All of our love "S," Mom, Dad and Logan


Mary Deweese Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head You have brains in your head
Your have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself Any directions you choose.
You're on vour own

You're on your own. Oh the places you'll go. Dr. Suess
Love,
Mom and Dad


Darwin Ehrreich It seems like just yesterday when you were 1 year old. Look at what a cute boy you were. We are so proud of you. You grew up to be such a wonderful young man. We know you will do great things.

> Love, Mom and Dad


Kelly Olson Kelly, you are loved and appreciated. It's been a complete joy watching you grow-up because you're so kind, intelligent and fun-loving. I'm so proud of you! You are capable of absolutely anything you choose to pursue.
Love,
Mom


Joshua Ramm
Rock on Josh! We love your enthusiasm for your Lord and Savior, for music and for life. You are a hard worker and we are proud of you and all your accomplishments. Love,
Mom, Dad, Mindy and


Justin Weinzierl Buddy-
We are so very proud of everything you have achieved so far in your life. Keep up the Great work!
We Love You,
Mom, Mike, and Mariah


## Mitch Karels

There will be a first time for so many things in life. May you carry our love and pride with you as you discover them all. We love you with all our hearts.

Love,
Dad and Patty


Jami Reinke As you turn the page into the next chapter of your life, you will be faced with many choices and challeges. Follow your heart. Remember forever that we will always love you! Love,
Mom, Dad, Jaci and Justin

## Wesley Michael Weinzier

 Congratulations, 1 am very proud of you. My advice to you is: "If you can't be good...be careful..." I have always been there for you and will continue to do so.Love, Dad


Amanda Bammert Amanda, where has the time gone? We are very proud of you and excited to walk side by side with you in all your future plans. We know you will succeed in anything you decide to pursue. We love you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jessica, and Brittany


## Nikki Anderson

Nikki, we are so proud of the wonderful young lady you have become.
Don't ever change!
Always remember to keep smiling and never stop dancing.

Love,
Mom and Dad


Dylan Brown "May God bless you and keep you always, may all your wishes come true, may you always do for others and let others do for you. May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung, may you stay forever young..." -Bob Dylan
We love you DylanLove, Mom, Dad, and Madeline


## Kirsten Margaret

 Aarsvold InderlieWe love you and are so proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Erin, Leah, and Brit

Katelun Larkin Katie, Enjoy each and every moment as your life unfolds and embrace the challenges that are ahead of you. May your beautiful and contagious smile be forever present. We are so proud of you and wish you a lifetime of success and happiness. Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt and Tori


Mitchell Read We are so proud of you. Follow your heart with your gift of music. Live life to its fullest. We wish you happiness and success in the future! Remember we will always be there for you. God Bless you.
All our Love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley, and Shelby

$\frac{\text { Michael Ashman }}{\text { Buddy- Thanks for }}$ being such a Great son! We are very proud of you and the choices
you are making in your life. Congratulations on your graduation and good luck always!

We love you,
Mom and Dad


Elizabeth Peterson
Follow your dreams but don't compromise your values.
Love, Mom


Chelsie Wilson You are full of life! Set your goals high as you journey through your next stage of life. Remember dreams can become reality! Laugh and live life to the fullest! We are so proud of you. Remember, you are always loved. Love,
Dad, Nancy, Kayla, Mom, and Chris

You personify what every parent wants in a child! We are extremely proud of who you are. Always remember even though life's road may be calm, smooth, bumpy, curvy, and even some holes, we know that you will make



Ian Redshaw Ian, we are so very proud of the young man you have become. As you enter the next phase of life remember to find time to enjoy the joy and beauty of God's creation around you. We love you, Mom, Dad, Josh,
Cody, and Carly



Erik Haugsby
May you always enjoy good music and books, good company and conversation, and great pictures. If you do, you'll be happy and cause happiness in others be proud of who you are and all you do. We are! Love,
Mom, Dad, Kjestin, and Peder

## Brittney Schroeder

 Our Smellarella! You have truly amazed us and we are so VERY proud of you. Life is a journey, make sure you enjoy the journey. Follow your dreams and they will lead to happiness and success. WE LOVE YOU!Mom, and Dad


## Rianna Segner

Nanny- You are our pride and joy! It has been great watching you grow up. May God guide you in your journey through life. We will always be there for you! Love ya, Mom, Dad, and Shane

Jaztenn Mevissen When you come to the end of all the light you know, and it's time to step into the darkness of the unkown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: Either you will be given something solid to stand on or you will be taught to fly. Edward Teller
Congratuations on the beginning of a new chapter in your ifie. We love yout Love, Mom, Julie, Cody, and Koton


Jared Spike Two nick names while growing up:
Mega Buddy and The Wuz Love,

## Bill, Chimene, and

 JacobKrista Polding
Kind friend
Really a leader Irresistible Smart Talented Athletic

## We're so proud of you

 and who you've become. Congratulations! We love you, Mom, Dad, Matt, and Mary

Molly Meeks
Molly Moe，Molly Moe， Cute as a button with your weird toe． With the greatest smile and best laugh of all－ you＇re not home？We＇ll check the mall！
Our wish for you is to know－
You＇re loved everyday， Molly Moe．
Jim，Sandy，Alecia and Nick


Kevin Ebert
You＇ve grown from our little man into a great guy．We＇ve enjoyed your first 18 years－
Can＇t wait to see what＇s ahead of you！Trust your instincts，make good choices，and call home often．
Love you！ Mom and Dad

Anna Billings Your wit and humor have filled our lives with joy．Thank you for being the daughter you are． We love you！ Dad，Mom，Adam， and Luke



Kari Buesgens That sparkle in your eye always meant you were up to something，but your incredible honesty told us what it was．Your strong will and determination will bring you far．Stay honest，believe in yourself and remember， well always be by your side．然 Love，
Mom and Dad

aura Hedges You may be one of the youngest in our family，bu you＇re a constant source of inspiration to all of us． We know that whatever you do，your character and hard work will make you successful．Trust God；keep knitting；and ＂To thine own self be true．＂
Dad，Mom，Em，Beth， Claire and Scout



Jessica Grinnell Jessica，We love you and are proud of you．We are excited to see you start a new chapter in life and we know you will do well．God Bless You． Love， Dad and Mom



Nick Samuelson My little＂Nickles＂has grown to be such a fine young man．We are very proud of all you have achieved．We love you and believe you can do anything．If you
learn from your mistakes you will be a success． Love，Mom and Dad


Allie Thomson

## Kari Hoen

We are very proud of the wonderful young lady you have grown into．Follow your dreams，reach for the stars and keep smiling．
God Bless You， Mom and Dad


It has been such a joy watching you grow and your interests develop． Follow your heart． You have a bright and wonderful future ahead of you． Love you， Mom and Dad


DJ Earls Congratulations！ We＇re very proud of the fine young man that you＇ve become． Good luck in the future in all that you do． Love， Dad，Jackie，and Derek

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Nicole Shewchuk Going for silver，and also for gold．Striving for excellence，being so bold．While living is easy，but life is tough． You made it through what a rush！ We love you to infinity and beyond． Love your family

Christine Kim
There is a smile on the wind，it is you，my
daughter with love for all persons in your heart，the truth of your feelings sets you apart．Your thoughts are right and pure you are a＂Pearl of red river．＂ Become a person of value rather than a person of success．
Love forever，
Dad and Mom


Patrick Mathwig
Patrick you have
always been determined, when you want something, you accomplish it! Reach for the stars! Love, Mom and Dad


## Chelsey Buesgens

You are always a dependable good kid. Now that you're headed out into the adult world, remember to be yourself and you will make it far in life. We love you very much Love,
Dad, Mom and your


John Klaustermeier Intelligent, funny, handsome, charming, hardworking, biking, hunting, fishing,
4-Wheeling, getting EVERYTHING greasy, take-it-apart-put-it-back together, Mater lover, Biggest Dale Earnhardt Sr. \#3 fan, and all those LIGHTS!! (circus car). We all love youll Mom, Dad, Nicole, Martin and Lorraine


Taylor Melius
"There's a voice inside of you
whispering all day long, I feel that this is right for me
I know that this is wrong. No teacher, parent, friend can decide what's right for you - Just listen to the voice that speaks inside." Shel Silverstein Love,
Jackson, Mom and Dad


Ashlei Wood
As you begin your next journey in life, always remember we are proud of you. You have always brought so much happiness into our lives. We wish all the same for you.
We love you.
Mom and Dad

## Colin Faust

Words to live by... Have faith, be humble and giving, and serve others. We are so very proud of our son and big brother! We love you and God Bless You Colie boy! Love,
Dad, Mom, Cassie and Bryan


## Brody Scheff

 Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to. Go for it! We love you forever! Mom and Dad

David Wabbe From the day you were born you have brought such joy to our lives. Your personality and wonderful sense of humor have warmed our hearts and made us laugh. We are so very proud of you, David, and know that the world will be better with you in it. All our love, Mom and Dad


Taija Pietz
Life is a journey and everyday is a blessing. You have been a blessing for me. Make the best of your future and you will succeed.

I love you, Mom

Andrew Walter To our little fisherman. We are very proud of who you've become. We wish you success in life and hope all your dreams come true. Work hard and enjoy many days out on the open water! Love,
Dad, Mom and Ashley


## Lindsay Schmidt

Thank you for the last eighteen years monkey! We have so many memories and our wish for your future is that you never settle for less. Love, Mom, Dad and Andy


## Hollv Ostlie

 Follow your hopes, your dreams and your heart. Your life will be everything we wish for you. You make us proud everyday. Dad and Mom

Kayla Schuman Wherever you go, go with all of your heartand bring your own sunshine.
We love you so very much!
Mom, Dad, Katie and Ryan


Meagan Olson
I am very proud of you. I wish you the best to a very special daughter. Congratulations Love Dad

Joseph St.Amand To our "BATMAN:" May life always bring you adventures and may you always be up for the challenge. Never forget "Integrity is priceless." Keep a positive attitude. We are so very proud of you!
God Bless!
Love, Mom and Ross


Melanie and Kelsey

## LaPlante

 How blessed we are to have two young women. Melanie, you're spunky, sassy and your giving personality leaves us breathless. Kelsey, you're outgoing, caring, nuturing one leaves us so proud! Be happy, live and love in everything you do. We love you bunches! Dad, Mom, Craig, and Jake.Nick Sudheimer
Nick, We were proud when you first got on the bus for the first day of kindergarten... We were proud when we finally got you in to that shirt and tie (especially Mom, have you forgiven me yet?)... We were proud when you entered your senior year... We know that you will continue to make us proud as you graduate from high school and enter another phase of your life... And as always, we are here every step of the way... Lots of love comes your way today...and always.
Mom and Dad



## Laura Jensen

 We are so proud of your accomplishments and of you, Laura Bea. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams, and bring as much joy to others, as you have to us. Love, Mom, Dad and Margaux

Seniors-
"There's a big world out there. Bigger than prom, bigger than high school, and it won't matter if you were the homecoming queen or the quarterback of the football team or the biggest nerd. Find out who you are and try not to be afraid of it."

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Another year has come to an end, and we've all spent time embracing the colors around us. From the school to the communities, from the football team to the basketball team, from the science team to the math league, and from the teachers to the students, everything around us has been colorful.

Remember the times you have had this year.
Times spent at sporting events cheering for your favorite purple and gold teams. Time spent during Homecoming week- black, white, purple and vellow. Time spent with friends during morning break - red with laughter, and time spent with your school, bettering your own life and the lives of others around you.

With everything that has happened around you, remember the colors of your high school experience.

# From The Editor 



This experience will be one that I will remember for the rest of my life. When I went into this, I thought that it was going to be a lot of stress and a lot of outside work, but thanks to my family, friends, and especially the yearbook staff, I was able to make it through the year and produce a wonderful yearbook. I enjoyed making this year's yearbook, and I only hope that all of you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed making it.

Even though I was stressed out before every deadline, hoping everything would get done, a lot of hard work had to be put into the yearbook, and I could not have done without the help of the yearbook staff.

I have to thank a lot of people because if I did not have their help, I would not have been able to put together such a wonderful book. Thank you Bruce Lammers, our Taylor representative, who helped answer any questions that

Mrs. Grossman or I had. I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to a wonderful yearbook advisor, Mrs. Grossman. I could not have been able to finish this book without her help. We had a lot of late nights at the school, and she was very patient with me and trusted me to get everything done. Thank you very much Mrs. Grossman, I have learned a lot from you this year, and I hope you learned something from me.

Thank you Mr. Torborg for the wonderful pictures.

I also have to give a big thank you to Erik Haugsby and Mr. Torborg. Without them we would not have had the wonderful pictures or wonderful layouts, that we have. So thank you very much. Two other people I would like to thank are Anna Hedstrom and Cassie Gesinger. I couldn't have asked for two better coeditors. These two girls helped me so much, making sure everyone was on top of their
duties. I also have to give thanks to Anna Billing, Candon Honebrink, Chris Leivermann, and Preston Lalich. These guys help me with a lot of little things, like proofing, getting pictures, or helping me pick out colors. Finally, I have to give another big thanks to anyone who was in the yearbook classes. You guys helped me put together a wonderful yearbook. Without you guys, this book would have never happened. You guys were great!

This year has flown by so fast, and I hope that this yearbook will take you back to this year and you will remember all the great times you have had.

To my senior class, I wish you all the best of luck in the future. I will miss all the great times we have all had

The theme of this year's yearbook was "A Splash of Color." It was published by Taylor's Publishing Company of El Paso, Texas. It was designed using Taylor's EliteVision software.

The book has 144
pages, 144 of color. The page size is $81 / 2 \times 11$. The lithocote cover of the book is a four color process applied to a black base.

The headlines used thoughout the book are Import fonts. The
subhead font was Import. The body copy font is 10 point Momento. The caption font is 8 point Momento.

The book was delivered in the spring and there were 630 copies of the book sold. The Taylor

Sales Representative was Bruce Lammers. The yearbook advisor was Mrs. Grossman, and the yearbook editor was senior Amanda Bammert.


Lights! Camera! Action! The 2007 Waconia High School prom gave Hollywood a run for it's money with students dressed to impress. It was a day full of pictures, smiles, fancy attire, and preparation for the night to come.

The Grand March was quite a success this year decorated with a red carpet, movie posters, ticket booths, paparazzi, and hundreds of couples dressed in tuxedos and gowns. After Grand March ended, students were bused to the Sofitel Hotel in Bloomington, where the prom festivities were held. An amazing meal was served and it was then time for the night to pegin!

Prom activities included mock blackjack, a menna tattoo artist, a caricature artist, as well as the traditional dance. Students danced the night way, taking breaks to participate in the other activities.
"The caricatures were awesome! It was a fun way to remember prom", said junior Anna Ayers Looby.

Once the night came to an end students were bused back to WHS where they were greeted by prizes and a hypnotist. The students got a huge kick out of the hypnotist and the hypnotized students.

When asked about what will be remembered most about prom, junior Katelin Boehm says, "The whole night was such a blast! I loved the dancing and the hypnotist the very best!"

Just like a night in Hollywood, everyone left Prom 2007 with tons of great memories from an amazing night!


## A Night in Hollyvood



Bottom Left: Kelly Brink and Brandon Haugen walked down the red carpet and posed for a picture taken by the paparazzi.


Above: Kayla Schuman, Katie Asbjorinson, Mary Deweese, Brittany Schroeder, Megan Durkin, Katie Larkin, and Molly Asbjorinson smiled for pictures before the Grand March.
Bottom Right: Ashley Ament, Travis Gelhaye, Samuel Roehler, and Nicole Good prepared to walk into the high school for Grand March.


The class of 2007 enjoyed a final day together during their class senior picnic at Baylor Park on Friday, May 18, 2007. The students had a picnic, participated in fun activities, and simply spent a few final moments together before graduation.
"It was one of the best things about the end of the year. It was one of my last chances to get to hang out with my entire grade before we all left for college," said senior Nikki Anderson.

The final time the seniors were able to hang out with their entire class was the following Sunday.

Sunday, May 20, 2007 was a day full of emotion when the senior class gathered together in the high school gymnasium for their graduation ceremony. This year the class of 2007 had three valedictorians: Darwin

Ehrreich, Mary Deweese, and Leah Froehling. Each gave inspiring and memorable speeches to their fellow senior classmates.
"I enjoyed [Mary Deweese's] speech the most, it was funny and memorable at the same time," said senior Alex Quirring.

The ceremony ended with 213 students tossing their caps into the air with mixed emotions. Relief, excitement, and sadness rushed through most of the students as they proceeded out of the gymnasium.
"I was emotional at the ceremony. I was sad that high school was over and I'd soon be leaving all of my friends. But, I was also excited to start a new chapter in my life," said senior Chelsie Wilson.

Congratulations class of 2007!


Above: Jessica Krautbauer, Danielle Miller, and Catherine McAvoy are all smiles after their graduation ceremony. Bottom Left: Robbie Smothers, Garret Sohns, and Jared Spike listen to the valedictorian speeches during the ceremony.
Below: Amy Culver, Kevin Lenzen, Rianna Segner, Amy Brennan, Becky Parkinson, and Janell Anderson gather for a picture during the senior picnic.


## A Final Farcivell



# As You Like $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{T} 1}$ 



As You Like It is one of William Shakespeare's classic comedies. Director Mr. Kim Benson chose it as this year's spring play because "I really like to do a Shakespeare play every other year, and also Shakespeare [is] great to produce."

The play tells the story of two young people who did not wish to obey their elders. In the end, the two sides eventually reconciled their differences.

At auditions, the students had to work hard to prove their acting ability and become a strong part in the play. After auditions, roles were announced and script memorization and acting practices began. The cast practiced for 3 to 4 hours for 3 or 4 days a week. During these rehearsals, they worked hard on memorizing their lines and knowing exactly what they had to do on stage. They helped with costumes; they designed, built, and painted the set; they helped the crew with lighting and curtain calls. The cast and crew together worked on the special effects in order to further enbance the production.

Another important role in the play was
the pit orchestra. The pit practiced with the cast to perfect the music in order to provide a flawless performance.
"Project your voice!" Benson would say to the cast to make sure that they were loud and clear enough to be heard by the audience. Benson would also encourage the students to boost their confidence during their performances, "Way to go! You are doing great, keep up the good work!"

Once practices were over and all lines were memorized, stage crew organized, the set constructed and painted, and the pit prepared, they were ready to perform $A s$ You Like It for the community and students of Waconia High School. The play was a great success: high school students were able to watch parts of the performance during the school day and it had a great turn out during night performances.

This year marked another successful spring production for students at Waconia High School.
Above: Senior Christine Kim paints a portrait during the
opening night of the production.
Left: Seniors Laura Hedges and Bob Whitman put on an
amazing performance of "As You Like It".
Below: Juniors Brandy Reichenberger and Devin Miered-
ing take a quick break to pose for a picture backstage.


## COFFESHOUSE



Above: Seniors Charlie Kortuem and Darwin Ehrreich dominate in guitar hero for hundreds of students watching at the end of the day. Right: Senior Alex Quirring performs along with junior Ben Rickle on drums and sophomore Matt Gibbs. Bottom Right: Senior Cody Redshaw ribbon dances for students in the commons.

The annual Coffeehouse at WHS had a small dhange this year. for the first year ever the location was changed from the media center to the commons. The main reason for this change was to give more students and faculty the opportunity to watch the performances by moving the event to a larger area.

Coffeehouse was once again a huge hit. Many students showed off their performance talents by performing music, dancing, and showing off guitar hero skills. A few staff members even added to the day's performances, Mr. Machtemes and Mr. Berry performed with students like seniors Kaley Peters and Kelsey Goergen and junior Jens Larsen.
"I always love Mr. Machtemes' performance. I like how he involves

students each year," said sophomore Maddie Brown.

A new addition to the coffeehouse repertoire was performing unbelieveable guitar hero skills. Seniors Darwin Ehrreich and Charlie Kortuem showed a packed house that they are truly guitar hero 'experts'.
"My favorite part of coffeehouse was Caleb Talbert's guitar performance. Everyone was shocked and surprised at how amazing he was! It was definitely a crowd favorite," said junior Kristina Rice.

Coffeehouse was a great way to showcase students' and staff's talent and end an amazing school year.



Above: Sophomore Chris Lievermann practices at the driving range early in the season.

# Boys' Golif 

The boys' golf team at waconia has always been very well known, mainly for their four consecutive state championships won, but also because of the success they have had with young talent the last few years.

Although the team had to deal with some distractions last year, the team still managed to place well at almost all of their conference meets and invitationals.

With returning players each year it really makes a difference when talking about team chemistry. All of the members on the team are all about the same age and have been playing


Above: Back Row: Sam Cousin, Greg Farlow, Jesse Sterner, Ryan Knutson, Cory Geiseke, Coach Paul Henn. Front Row: Trevor Jost, Tyler Burmeister, Warut Srisujaritpanich, Tanner Skallerud, Logan Overvold, Kyle Rindahl.

Back Row: Josh Condon, Dalton Lingbeck, Danny Kelzer, Coach Paul Henn. Front Row: Patrick
VanKirk, Ben Brettingen, Chris Leivermann, Josh Sterner.


# GIRLs' Golf 

Girls' golf has always been a well known sport made up of talented athletes here at Waconia High School. The team has mannaged to become conference champs the last three years in a row, and beat out rivals like Glencoe and Litchfield. There usually is at least one girl to make it to state as an individual; that is if the team doesn't go.

Coach Donna Moonen has been leading this team for the past several years now. Some of the best moments in golf are said to be in what the girls call the "Green Machine!" The team often places in the top two teams at every conference meet and they managed to place third at sections this year.

When asked how she makes it through all of those long meets, Sophomore Cassie Norton said, "You gotta stay positive."

So when next year's season rolls around these girls will be out there right away in early March or April, depending on when the snow mealts, trudging away at hopefully another winning season and continuing there streak of conference championships. Some may say it's just another year and it's going to be a walk in the park for these girls, but they know that they are going to have to keep practicing and staying positive to be successful.

Top: Chelsie Wilson watched her shot sail through the air.
Above: Lynne McMullen looked at the break on her next putt.

Back Row: Kelsey Brennan, Chelsie Wilson, Addy Scrimgeour, Lynne McMullen, Scarlett Sterner, Becky Boughten. Front Row: Cassie Norton, Stephanie McGinn, Nicole Wynsteker, Brooke Willborg, Chelsey Rossell, Phylicia Short.

## SOFTBALL

The 2007 Softball team was a group of girls to remember. Most of them had been playing the sport straight through since the 2006 season.
"I have never worked with a team of girls more focused on the sport of softball. I knew the team I had was special. They were incredibly talented and very coachable which is why I knew we would have a great season," said Head Coach Roxanne Kuerschner.

The coaching staff's major goals were to get players to improve, get all the girls playing time, and just let the players experience softball.

The win over Delano was a defining moment for the girls this year. Delano has always been a highly competitive team and the win was a "great morale booster," said Kuerschner. In sectionals the 'Cats showed what they were made of when they pulled off a win in a thirteen inning game against Glencoe. The coaches and players agree, though, that the greatest highlight of the year came when the girls
performed a triple-play against Glencoe.
"It was a textbook play - absolutely perfect," Kuerschner said.

A game against Buffalo ended the 2007 season and dashed the Wildcats' hopes of a playoff win. "The biggest disappointment is always that final loss that sends you home from the playoffs. No matter how hard you play, it is always the end of a major part of the players' lives, especially for the seniors," Kuershner said.

Reflecting on a season passed, Kuershner doesn't necessarily remember the statistics of certain games, which player scored the most runs, or even who might've blown an important play.
"What I do remember are the players. I am incredibly fortunate to be able to work with this caliber of players. The girls bring so much to the field, and working with them is my favorite memory," she said.

## 2007 Season Record

| Oppponent |  | Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NYA |  | $9-4$ |
| Dassel Cokato |  | $8-2$ |
| Orono |  | $0-8$ |
| Orono |  | $0-5$ |
| Becker |  | $0-4$ |
| Litchfield |  | $13-3$ |
| Mound |  | $7-8$ |
| Watertown | $4-0$ |  |
| Jordan |  | $13-6$ |
| New Ulm | $5-3$ |  |




## SIVING AIVAY

"After getting off to a slow start, I thought we played really well toward the end of the season and almost won the conference title," said junior econd baseman Nick Litfin. The Wildcats baseball team started the season with a 3-13 loss to the Eden Prairie Eagles. The team decided they needed to pick up their tempo and finished the season with a second place position in conference. Junior catcher Derek Earls said the change came from the team "coming together."

The team ended up having three All Conference Selections including Candon Honebrink, Robbie Smothers, and Kevin Ebert. The All Conference Honorable Mention awards were given to Joe Brandenburg, Derek Earls and Nick Litfin.

The team also credits their fantastic season to their workouts in

the off-season. They stay in shape by participating on other metro baseball teams, working out in the weight room, and throwing the baseball around. They hope the momentum of the season carries over to next year.

Coach Mark Grundhofer and the rest of the baseball team have made many goals for next season. They can all agree their first priority would be to win the conference and advance to state. In order to accomplish this goal junior Joe Brandenburg says "We will go all out and work hard in the off season."

Senior Candon Honebrink could not agree more. His advice for the future baseball players was "Be aggressive, and never give up. Good luck next year guys."


Top Left: Senior Robbie Smothers swung the bat and attempted to get a hit to the outficld. Top Right: Senior Kevin Ebert pitched a fastball to Junior Derek Earls trying to strikeout the batter.


First Row: Cody Boll, Colton Otto, Breck Raymond, Nick Litfin, Joe Brandenburg. Second Row: Coach Mark Grundhofer, Eric Aeling, Riley Swier, Ian Redshaw, John Shaw, Assistant Coach Collin Bender. Third Row: Candon Honebrink, Robbie Smothers, Derek Anderson, Kevin Ebert, Derek Earls.

Above: Junior Nick Litfin threw the ball to first base to complete the double play. Left: Senior Kevin Ebert took a swing to hit the ball. Below: Junior Joe Brandenburg dove for a groundball that was hit to the short stop position.



2007 Season Record

Opponent
Eden Prairie
Dassel Cokato
Orono Watertown Mound Wakertown Delano
Litchfield
Orono
Annandale

Score
3-13
8. 0
2. 3
4. 6
6. 4

8-1
19. 9

6-7
4. 3

5-2

Opponent
Annandale
Mound
Litchfield
Delano
Glencoe
Dassel Cokato
Glencoe
Saint Micheal Albertville
Worthington
New Ulm

Score
3-8
4. 1
14. 9
7. 6

1. 8

11-1
2. 1
2. 8

10-5
5-11

Final Record 13-10

## TRACK

"We were low in numbers but still took pride in our team," said senior captain Evan Butteris.

With an incredibly young and small team, the 2007 WHS track team still managed to have a successful season due to the great leadership from the teams' two captains, Evan Butteris and John Bly.

Taking first place at the teams' first meet (the Rockford Invitational), was the start of a good rebuilding season. The team worked hard to try and place in every event they took part in, always striving to do their absolute best.

Whether it was running a race or competing in a field event, each member on the team had their own approach of getting ready for the events that they competed in.

While the team members prepared for their events on their own, they also received motivation from head coach Connie Manuel and assistant coaches Tom McDonald, Todd Klein, Kevin Micklo, and Leah Pierce.


The coaching staff brought the team members together as one and helped each team member reach their true potential.

After placing third last year, and not advancing to state by five feet, sophomore Melanie Grangaard reached her true potential in the 100 meter sprint at the 2007 Section Finals meet.
"I just remember standing at the finsih line of the Section Finals race, my knees were shaking and I was kind of dazed," said Grangaard.

Grangaard placed in the top two of the 100 meter race, which advanced her to the state meet at Hamline University. Her time was 12.97 seconds, but those numbers meant little to her.
"I made it to state but my goal was to feel good about the season and not regret how it turned out. Since I reached my goal, the actual numbers meant little to me," said Grangaard.

Right: Sophomore Hallie Miller made her first run in the long jump competition.
Bottom: Senior Mike Mikolash practiced throwing the shot put.
Bottom Right: Junior Katelyn Rambow waited in starting position for the race to start.
Bottom Left: Sophomore Melanie Grangaard ran the 100
meter sprint at the Conference Quad in Waconia.
Far Right: Juniors Matt Gray and Sam Wasmund handed
off the baton in the 4 by 100 meter relay race.
Left: Junior Nate Ristow jumped over the hurdles in the 110 meter hurdles race.



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Boys Track Team: Back Row: Coaches Manuel, McDonald, Micklo, Pierce, Klein; Fifth Row: Scott Rajewsky, Alex
Osborn, Mike Mickolash, Calvin Schmidt; Fourth Row: Dillion Pomeroy, Matthew Carson, Reese Weber, Jared Tuttle, Jacob Vipond, Trevor OKonek, Andy Culver, Brian Broll, Kevin Olesen, Kyler Hansen; Third Row: Hans Gunness, Trevor Horning, Patrick Loglin, Wesley Willow, Ben Hentges, Andrew Salo, Zach Wold, Nick Ramm, Kevin Miyamoto; Second Row: Wille Terry, Ryan Buetow, Sam Roehler, Justin Ratzlaff, Dustin Ehrreich, Reed Bauer, Sam Mock Nick Hennen, Brandon Bullock, Gatlin Miller; First Row; Samuel Wasmund, Stephen Frempong-Longdon, Ethan
Gutzmann Williams, Evan Butteris, John Bly, Matt Gray, Nate Ristow, Gavin Woodland, Andrew Overson.


Girls Track Team: Back Row: Coaches Manuel, McDonald, Micklo, Pierce, Klein; Fourth Row: Tabitha Schmidt, Kari Anderson, Robyn Stessen, Jackie Sturat, Heather Snyder; Third Row: Manager Amanda Grindahl, Kerry Hayes, Morgan Simmons, Kelsey Peters, Kelsey Woodland, Meredith Proulx, Alyssa Hennen, Brandy Schultz, Sarah Farlow, Brandy Schultz; Second Row: Chelsea Wickenhauser, Leah Christenson, Amy Erickson, Carly Stockhart, Kristina Nyman, Lisa Rasmussen, Morgan Braunshausen, Kristina Rupp, Rebecca Kimyon, Kelsey Weining; First Row: Katelyn Rambow, Lauren Rice, Amanda Iverson, Kara Pioske, Katie Luce, Hallie Miller, Lucy Tongen, Melanie Grangard, Sara Northrup.


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Top Left: Senior Kurtis Koen
for a pass. Top Right: Senior B
player from Spring Lake Park dur,
Target Center. Bottom Left: Freshmen
pared to drive to the basket. Above: Senior Garret Sohns looked for an open teammate to pass to. Bottom Right: Senior Joe Drapcho struggled against a Spring Lake Park player to make his shot.



[^0]:    Most Likely To Succeed Laura Jensen Darwin Ehrreich

[^1]:    Top: Ashley Walter waited to receive a pass at the red line.
    Above: Kelsey Peters and Maddie Ebel defended the front of the net in their defensive zone.

    Row 1: Emily Hansen, Maddie Ebel, Kate Johnson, Amber Powers, Dana Noeldner, Erin Dennehy. Row 2: Brooke Weinzierl, Ashley Walter, Kelly Schumer, Christie Wirth, Kelsey Peters, Abby Matheson, Coach Martin.

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