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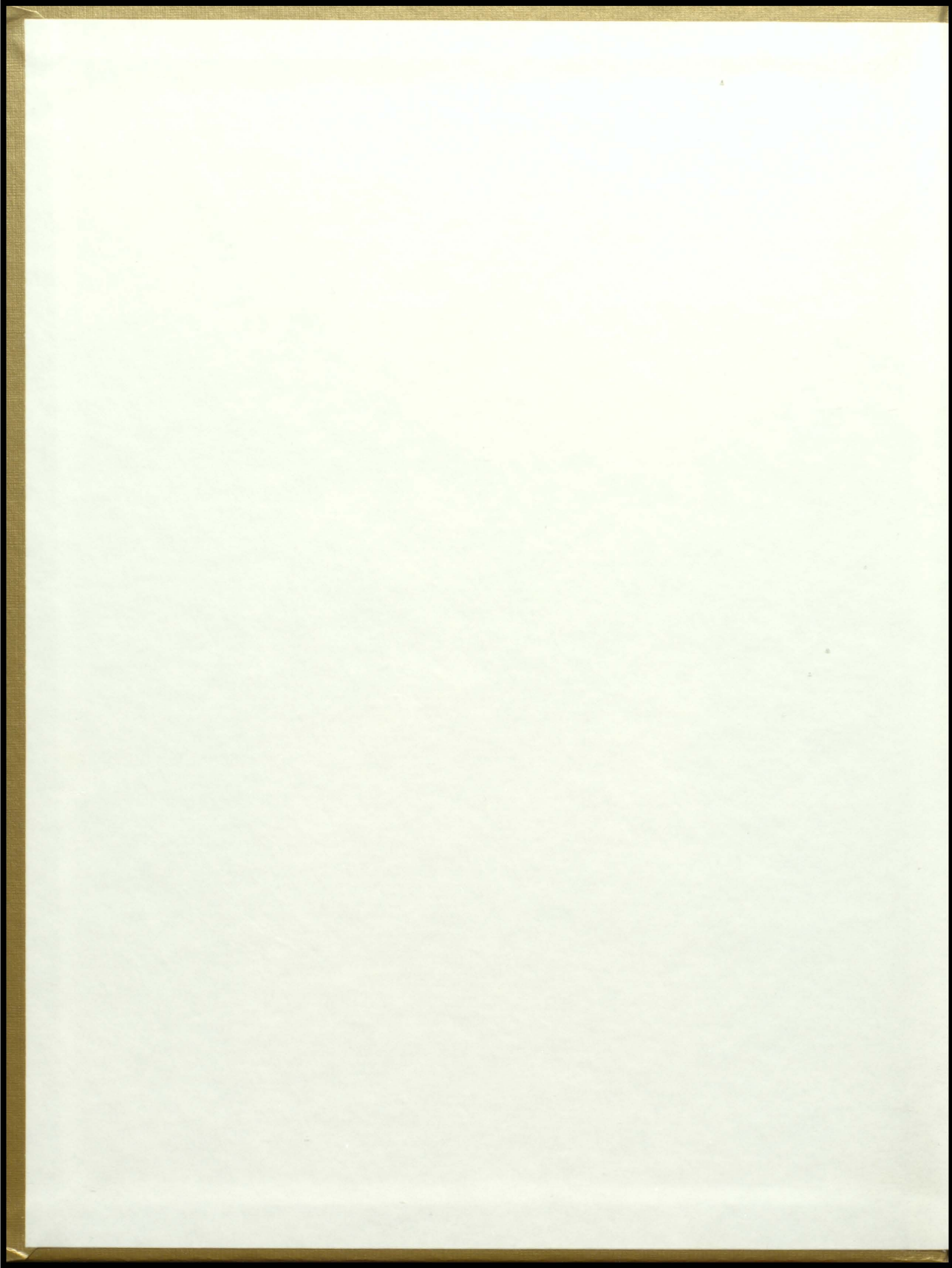
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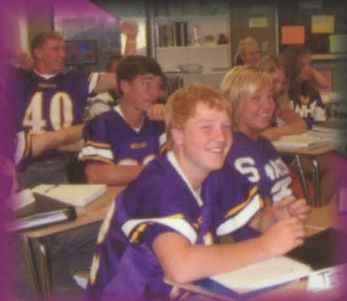




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Academics... 64



Activities... 74



Sports... 104



Closing... 150

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*It's important to
have a voice. It's more
important to use it.*

*Each of us at
Waconia High School
has his or her own
individual voice, and
through the changes
at our school, we have
also come together as
one voice.*

*Although we
have all unified, don't
be afraid to speak out
and be heard.*

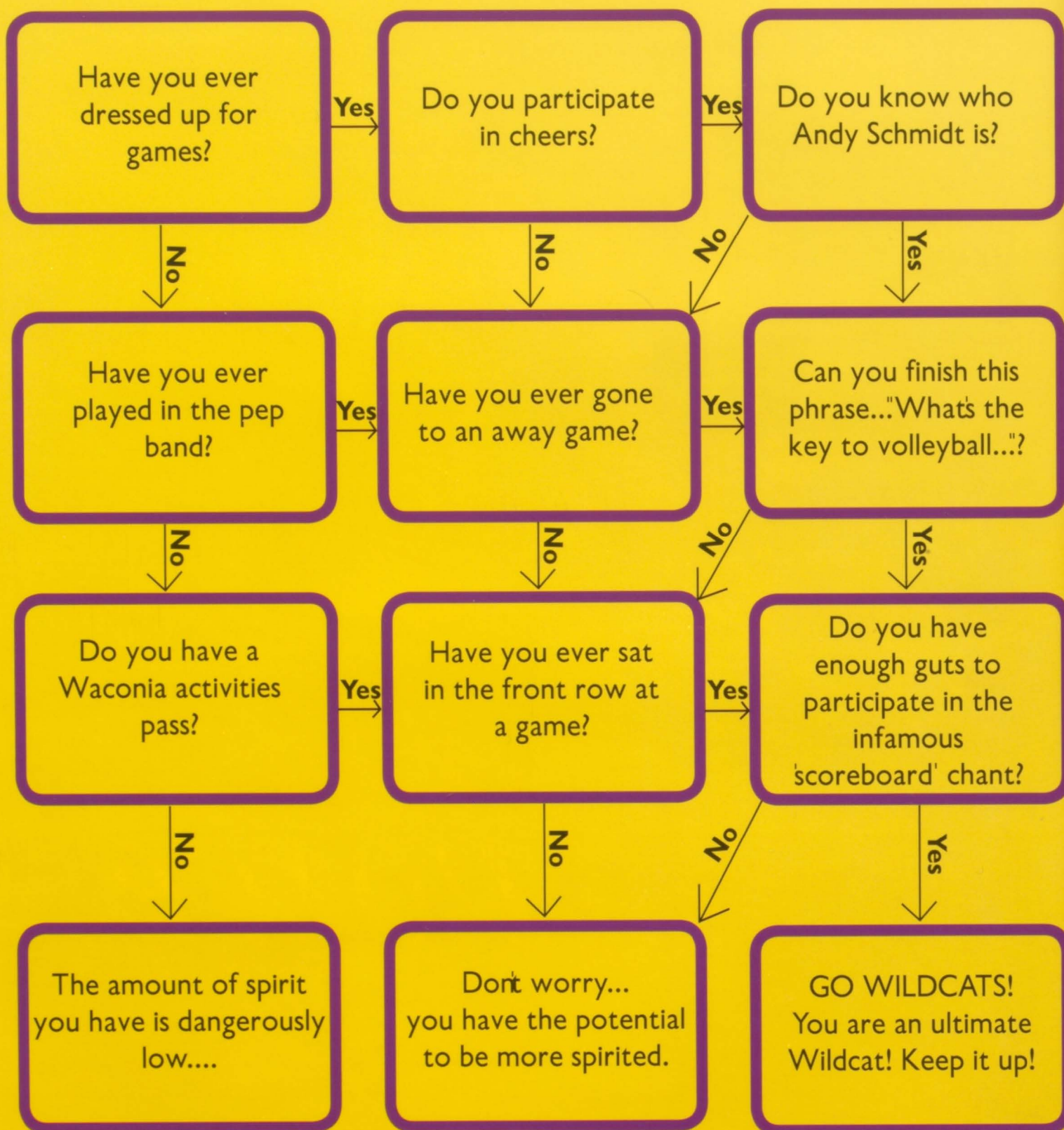
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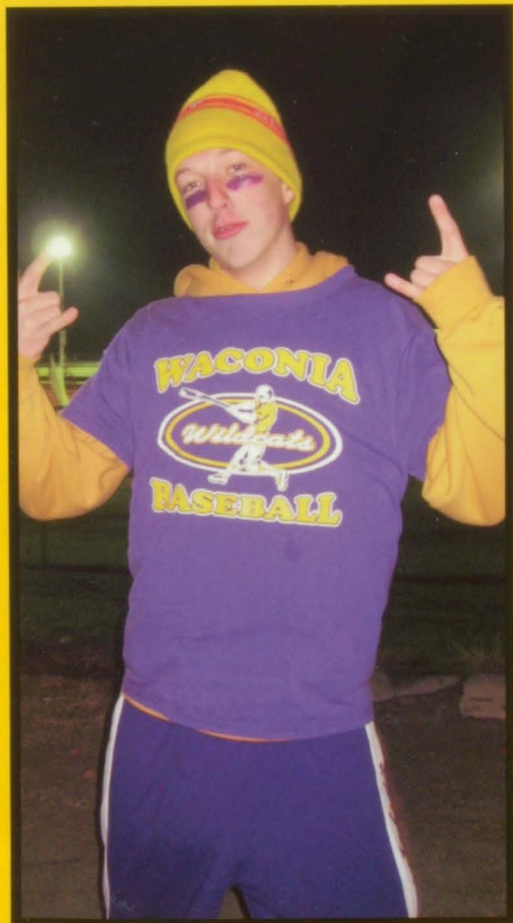
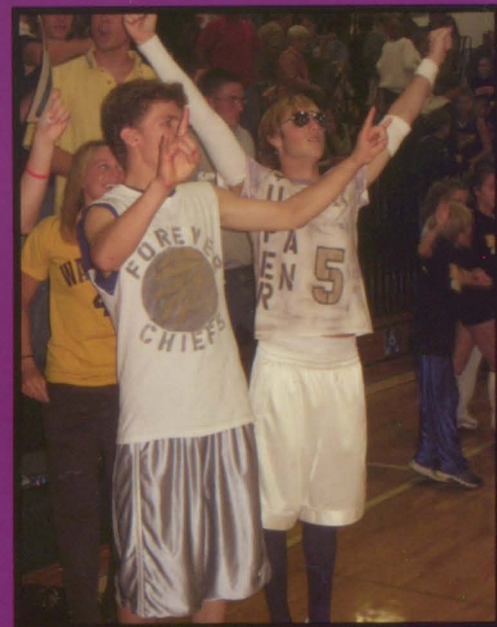
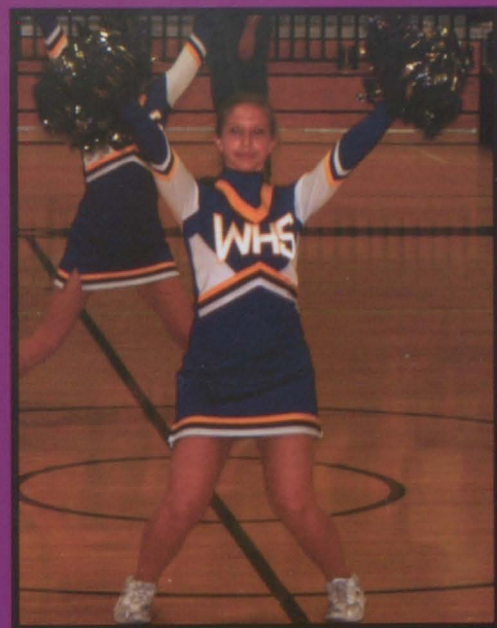




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Are You a TRUE WILDCAT?





Top Left: Seniors Ryan Rague, Dillon Hackbarth, Eric Aeling, Kyle Rindahl and junior Christopher Lelevermann all clapped for their team.

Top Right: Junior Kyla Thorson cheered for the Wildcats at the 2007 Homecoming pep fest.

Right: Seniors Cody Boll and Lance Neubauer showed their enthusiasm for the Wildcat volleyball team after the team was named Wright County Conference champions.

Bottom Left: Senior Andy Schmidt showed off his Wildcat fanatic side at a football game.

Bottom Right: Wildcat volleyball fans made a tunnel for the team to run through at fan appreciation night.

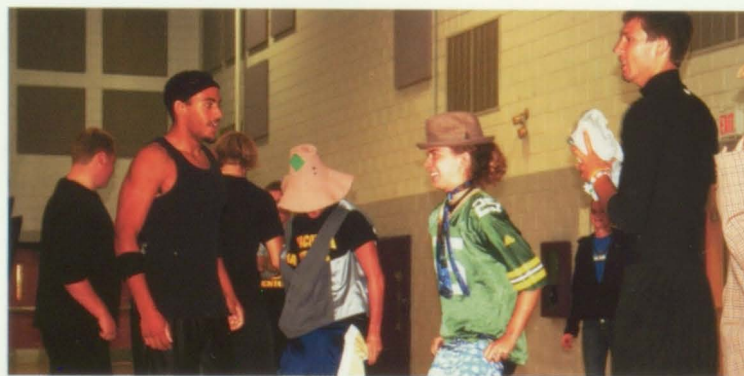




Above: Seniors Nicole Willems and Jason Kaare sang the song, "What I've Been Looking For" prior to the Homecoming coronation. Willems had to change quickly following the duet because she was also one of the Homecoming queen candidates.

Right: Seniors and juniors cheered at the pepfest on Monday, Sept. 24. Members of both classes showed their class spirit by wearing their class colors - black for seniors and white for juniors.

Below: On "B" Day, freshman students Kayla Vit and Kaitlyn Heenie dressed in all B's. They both wore black, blue, beads, bows, and braids.



Left: Homcoming candidates Anna Ayers Looby, Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, and Dillon Hackbarth participated in the candidates' relay race. Gutzmann-Williams dashed to the center of the gym to get a pile of boys clothes to dress Ayers Looby as a boy. After the hectic contest, the candidates receiving the most applause by the audience were named the winners.

Bottom Left: Freshman Josh Torgeson painted Mr. Dusty Neibauer's face at the pepfest on Monday, Sept. 24. Along with Neibauer, Mrs. Roxanne Kuerschner, Mr. Wayne Trapp, and Mr. Mike Zaske volunteered to have their faces painted. Though Torgeson's face painting was good, it didn't compare to the painting of Mr. Trapp's face done by senior Andy Schmidt, which received the most cheers.

Bottom Far Left: On Friday, Sept. 28, Student Council member Kelsey Woodland, Student Council Advisor Pam Melchert and member Sarah Northrup discussed how the gym would be set up for Homecoming coronation. Student Council members decorated the gym Friday morning prior to coronation.



A Wild Week

Juniors verses seniors, seniors verses juniors. The competitions between grades continued this year during Spirit Week. Old traditions, including color wars, Powerpuff volleyball, and the Spirit Week Kickoff dance, and new traditions, including Big Base and service night, pumped the student body up for Friday's football game against the Annandale Cardinals.

To kick off Spirit Week, the traditional Homecoming dance took place on Sept. 22, the Saturday before the football game. The Student Council, led by Student Council Advisor Pam Melchert, planned the dance.

Melchert said the dance gets better every year due to the dance's popularity growing each year.

The Power and PowderPuff games were the next Homecoming event. Principal Mark Fredericksen attended the games and saw the well-known gym game Big Base for the first time. Big Base is like kickball, but

there is an unlimited amount of people allowed on base at one time.

"Big Base looked like a Chinese fire drill because of all the chaos," said Fredericksen.

Mary Polding helped the juniors win this chaotic game 31-20, leading the team with two homeruns.

"I am glad they came up with something for the girls that was fun because of the competitiveness, but I would have liked football better," said Polding.

Melchert said school administrators canceled PowderPuff football because it had just gotten too out of control and there were too many injuries.

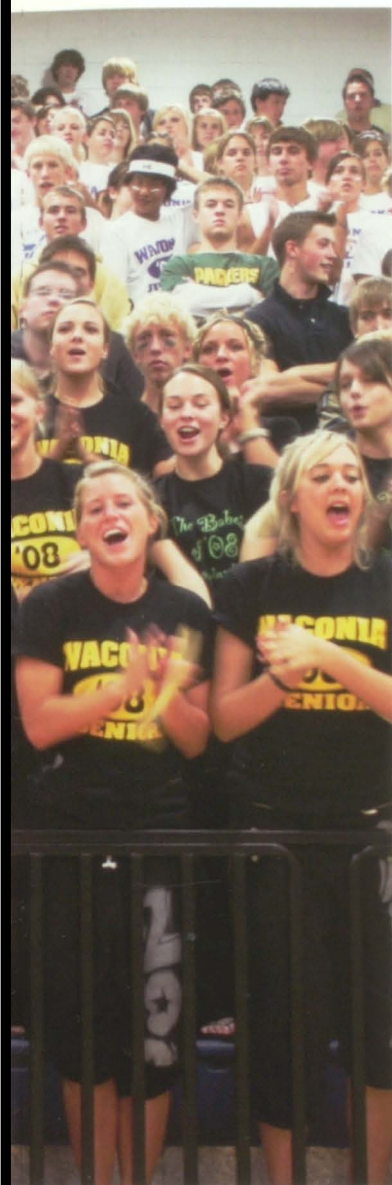
Along with the Big Base game, there was the traditional PowerPuff volleyball game. Instead of having two teams like past years, there were four- two junior teams and two senior teams. The teams first faced the other team from their

own grade, and the winning teams from each grade played for the final game. Physical education teacher Pat Hayes emceed the game.

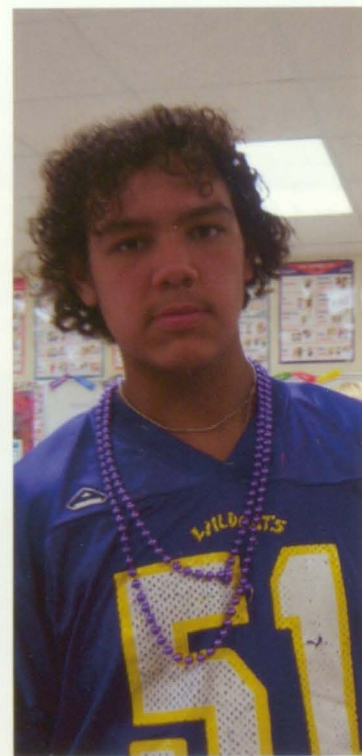
"The senior group led by Derek Earls and Michael Frey overpowered the junior team led by Christopher Leivermann and Patrick Van Kirk two games to none," said Hayes.

With everything that took place this year during Homecoming week, there was still a ton of Wildcat spirit with students participating in dress up days and all the other activities of Spirit Week.

The 40-22 football victory topped off this year's Homecoming festivities.



Above: Junior Liane Dang enjoyed a good song at the Spirit Week Kickoff Dance held at the Carver County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 22. Several students attended this year's dance, which keeps increasing in popularity. Left: The juniors showed their might in support of their teams during the Powerpuff volleyball competition. The senior team consisting of Derek Earls and Michael Frey defeated the junior team two games to zero.



Above: Freshman Will Duran-Lynn demonstrated that upperclassmen weren't the only ones who showed their school pride during the Homecoming week dress up days.

As One...

Students unite for football game, coronation

The 2007 Homecoming king and queen have a long history.

"Anna and I met at a summer enrichment camp in fifth grade," said King Ethan Gutzmann-Williams.

Gutzmann-Williams and Anna Ayers Looby are not just friends; they are also cross country teammates, swing dancing partners and now Homecoming royalty.

On Friday, Sept. 28, the student body gathered in the gym as one, waiting excitedly to find out who would be named Homecoming king and queen. Nicole Willems and Jason Kaare performed, singing "What I've Been Looking For."

The court was then announced, and after that Hannah Kimyon sang "Someone Like You." Everyone then watched the video when Student Council members woke the Homecoming nominees up at 4 A.M. to take them to Perkins.

After the video was done, Adrienne Donnel sang "Gold."

Then the 2007 king and queen were crowned.

First, the nominees for king came up to the stage. As the guys opened their boxes, everyone saw the balloon rise out of Ethan Gutzmann-Williams' box. Everyone cheered and applauded.

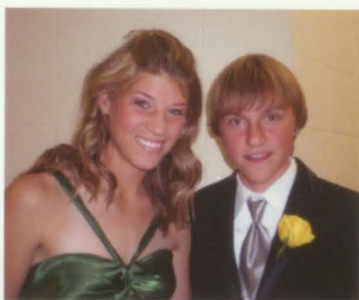
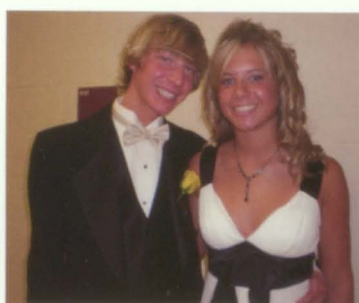
Next, the girls' turn to go. The six queen nominees came up to the front of the stage. Each had a box, and whoever had the red rose won. The student body waited anxiously. As the girls opened their boxes, Anna Ayers Looby held up the red rose.

"It was a huge honor! I was so excited about it all," said Ayers Looby.

The student body and faculty cheered as Ayers Looby and Gutzmann-Williams walked the floor. After the king and queen were done walking, everyone rushed down to the floor to congratulate Ayers Looby and Gutzmann-Williams and all of the nominees, escorts and pages.



Above: The 2007 Homecoming court included (front row) Amanda Pederson, Kelly Brink, Brooke Gatheridge, Anna Ayers Looby, Nicole Willems, and Katie Luce. (Back row) Kyle Pajari, Mitchel Frey, Andy Newman, Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Dillon Hackbarth, and Lance Neubauer.



Above: (Top to bottom) Anna Ayers Looby and Ethan Gutzmann-Williams reigned over the student body during the 2007 Homecoming festivities. Freshman students voted Abby Matheson and Zach Ratzloff as escort and page. Allison Dunkelberger and Matt Carson represented the sophomore class, while the Brian Broll and Glenda Pomare represented the junior class as page and escort.



Score Board

First Quarter
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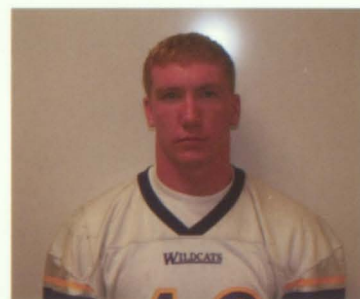
Second Quarter
6-16

Third Quarter
33-22

Fourth Quarter
40-22



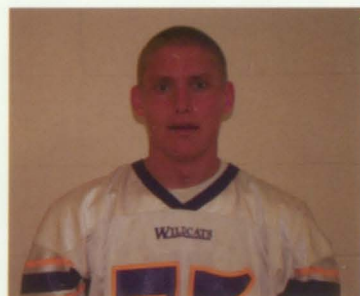
Left: Running back Steve Frempong-Longdon escaped two Annandale defenders during the Wildcats' 40-22 Homecoming victory while Austin Schwartz tried to block for the running back. Frempong-Longdon rushed for 90 yards in the game and averaged 5.63 yards per carry. He gained 17 yards during his longest rush of the game.



"Going into the game, I knew I didn't want to let the fans and team down. The first half was slow, so I knew I had to pick it up," said captain Derek Earls. He scored two touchdowns and rushed for 100 yards.



"I was really proud that our team came back the second half and won the game," said captain Dillon Hackbarth. He threw for 148 yards, including two touchdown passes to wide receiver Lance Neubauer.



"I was glad our fans were there to support us. It helped us get pumped up," said captain Andy Newman. Newman was one of the team's offensive linemen.

One Team, One Victory

To top off Homecoming week, the Wildcats won an intense game, 40-22, against the Annandale Cardinals on Sept. 28, 2007. The Waconia football team worked hard at practice the week before analyzing Annandale's strengths. The team prepared accordingly for the Homecoming game.

"Annandale was quicker than most, so we spread out our defense and used our fast players," said Head Coach Pat Foley.

The team had a slow first quarter, missing a field goal. The quarter ended with the score 0-7 after a Cardinal touchdown and extra point.

Annandale capitalized once again in the second quarter by scoring a safety and a touchdown. Wildcats running back Derek Earls ran for a

3-yard touchdown in the second, making the score 6-16 after the extra point attempt failed. The Wildcats knew they had to step it up in the second half.

"Nothing was clicking, everyone was down, and encouragement was the key," said wide receiver Lance Neubauer.

During the team's half time gathering, the coaches and team unified to evaluate strategies and to create plays.

"We picked it up at half time," Earls said.

The team gained momentum during the third quarter as Neubauer caught a 44-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dillon Hackbarth, and Raymond kicked the extra point. Shortly after this, defensive back Breck Raymond

intercepted the Annandale quarterback and ran 28 yards for a touchdown.

Earls scored his second touchdown of the game during the third quarter on a three yard run, and Raymond kicked the extra point. Annandale tried to rally when Tim Queck returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown. This was the Cardinals' final score of the game.

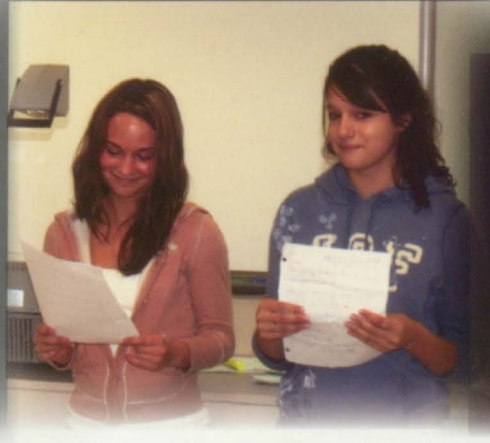
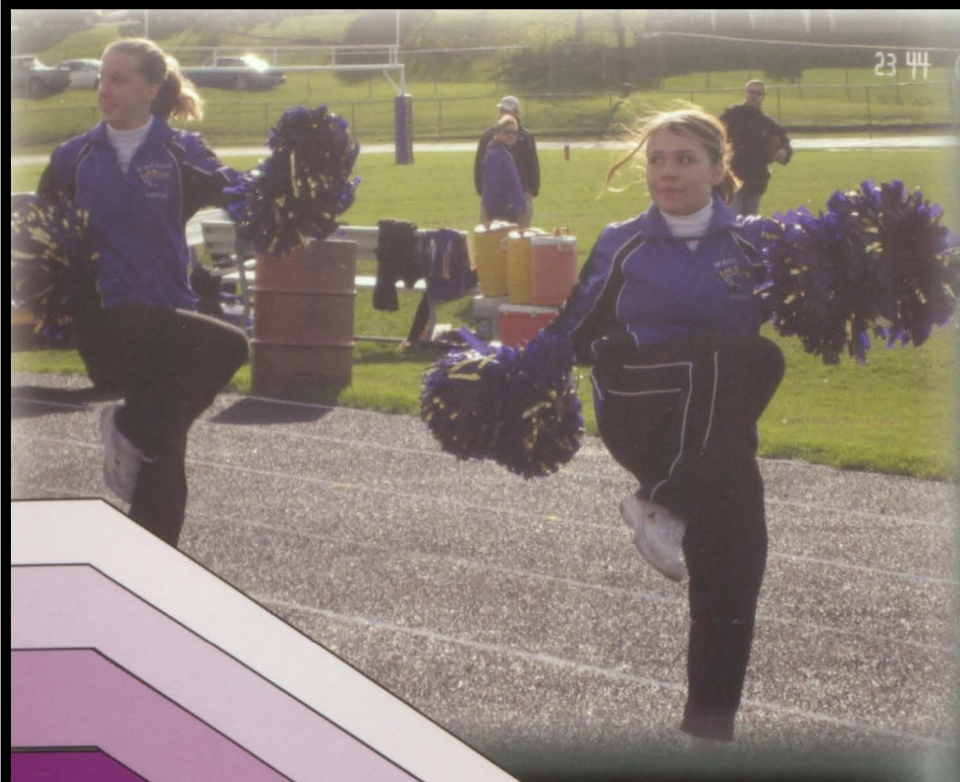
The Wildcats scored one more touchdown in the fourth quarter when Neubauer caught a 30-yard pass from Hackbarth, and Raymond kicked the extra point.

After rushing for a game high 100 yards and scoring two touchdowns, Earls ran to the sidelines and lead the winning chant, "C-A-T-S Cats, Cats, Cats, Cats, Cats."

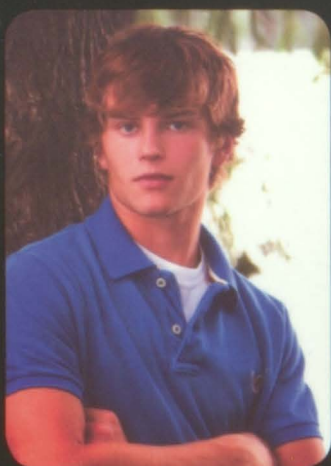


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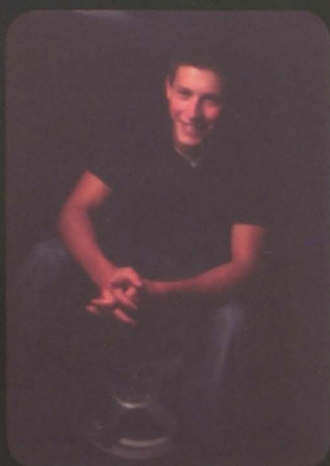




"Never stop smiling, because you never know who will fall in love with your smile." -Bethany Knauf



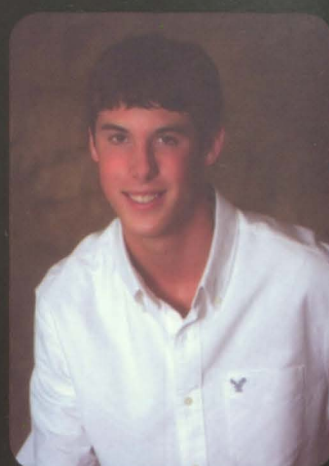
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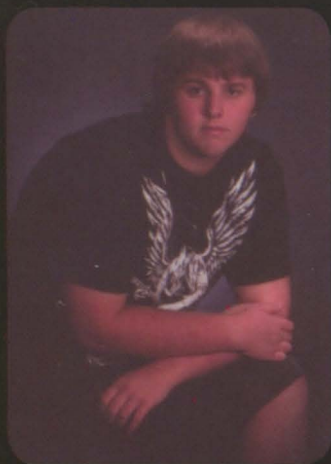
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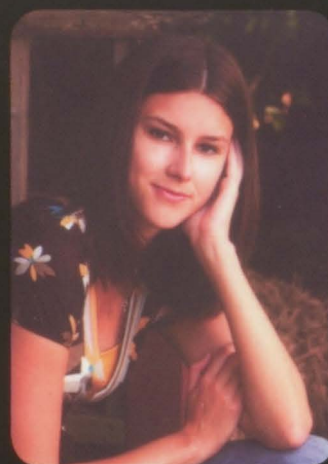
Derek Anderson



Michael Anderson



Anna Ayers Looby



Sara Barnard



Ryan Bartholow



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Anthony Blanchfield



Priscilla Boampong

"Live each day as if it were your last." -Kayla Sayre "Yep! Okay!" -Kyle Gray "When life gets me down,

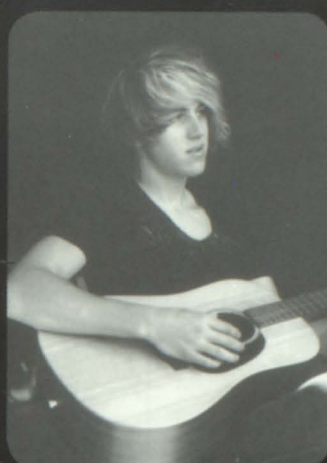
"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." -Stephanie Reif & Catherine Zimmermann



Katelin Boehm



Cody Boll



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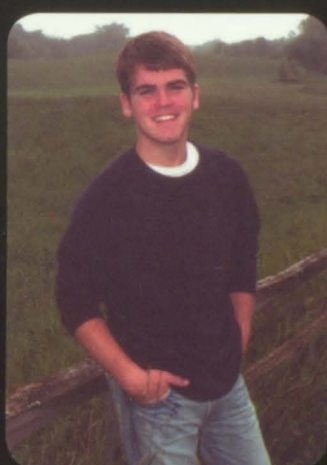
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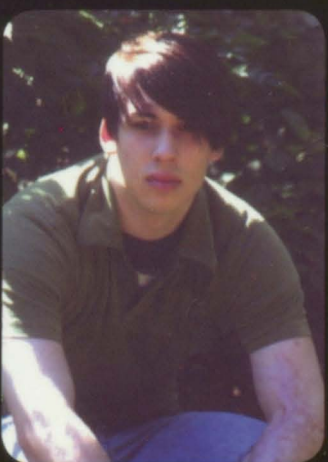
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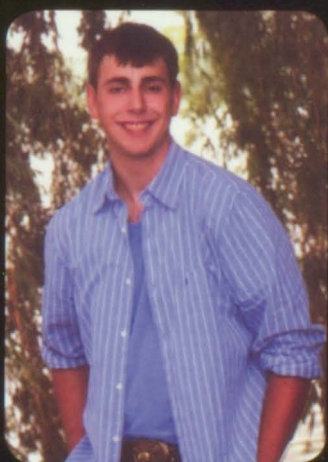
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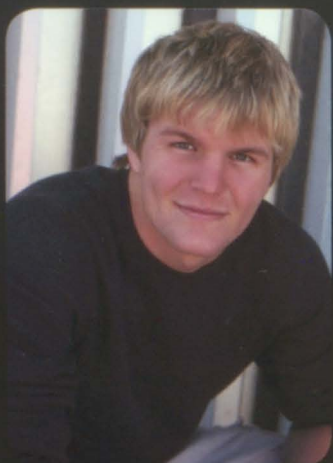
I laugh until my abs hurt, swing in the rain, and paint pictures in purple." - Rachael Martel

"Life goes by pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once and a while, you could miss it." -Brittany Widmer

"Don't worry about dying, it's already tomorrow in Australia." -Cassie Sinclair "If you're not cheating, you're



Scott Bullis



Brandon Bullock



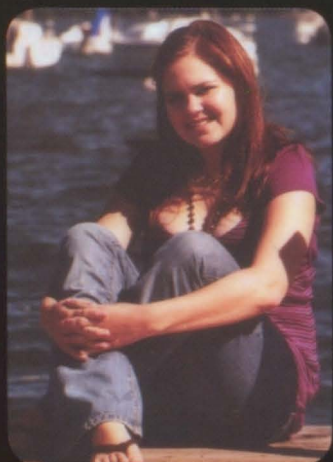
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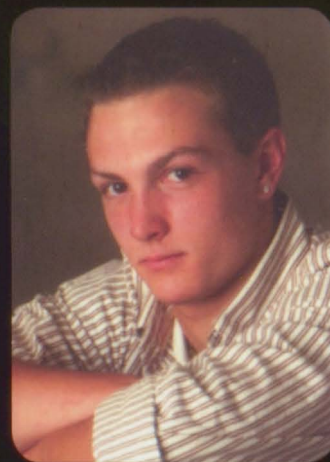
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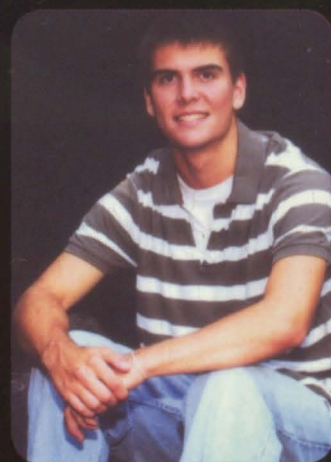
Justin Cheney



Mary Christensen



Sara Clark



Tyler Clouse

"The past is history, the future is a mystery, today's a gift, and that's why it's called the present." -Nick Litfin "Laugh

"Effort is not for everyone, then again neither is success." -Ryan Rague "Adam's Apple meet Banana Clip." -Ben Rickel & Bo Lund

not trying." -Tyson Peters "Aim for the stars and if you miss, you will still hit the sky." -Steve Lopez



Nicholas Cook



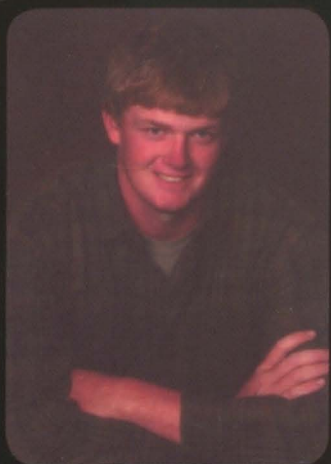
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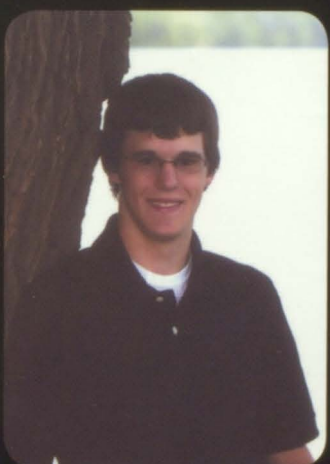
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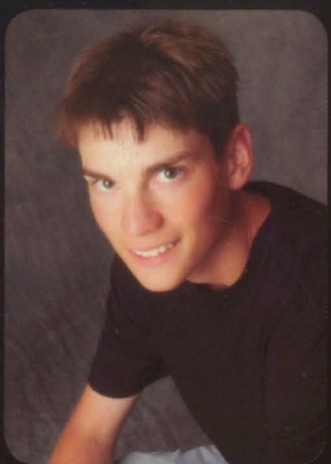
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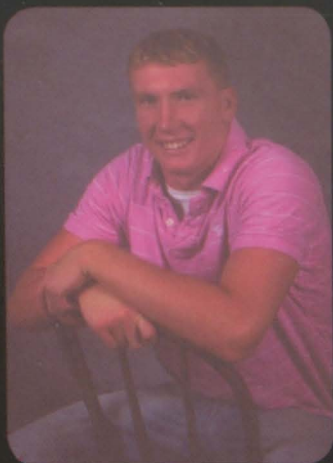
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as much as you breathe, and love as much as you live." -Kristina Rice "When it rains, it pours." -Andrew Brick

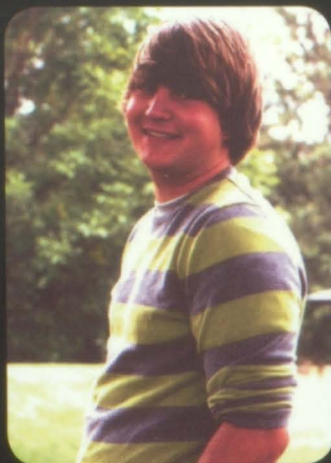
"Love to live and live to love." -Rachel Horner "It's better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation." -Kara Breska

"Everything in life happens for a reason." -Becca Dummer "The bugs were bad, so I took off my shirt."

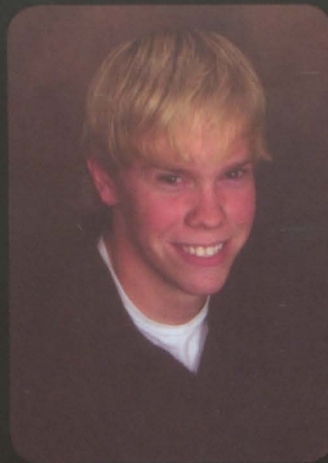
"I would rather regret the things that I have done than the things that I have not." -Brittany Sellman



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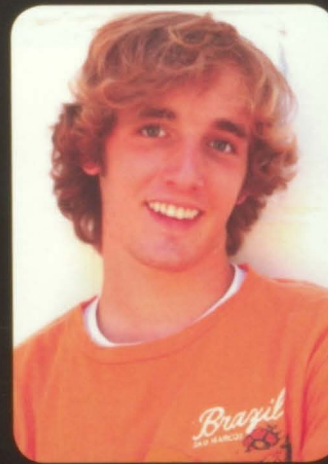
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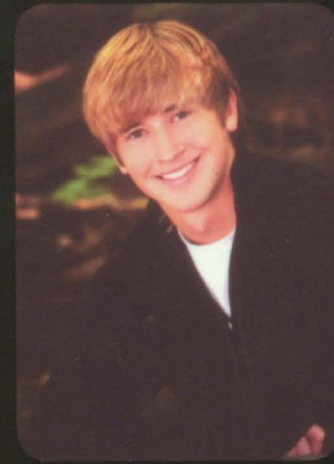
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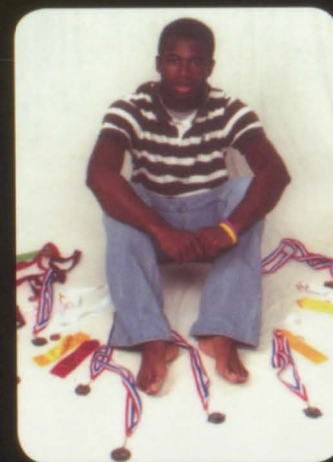
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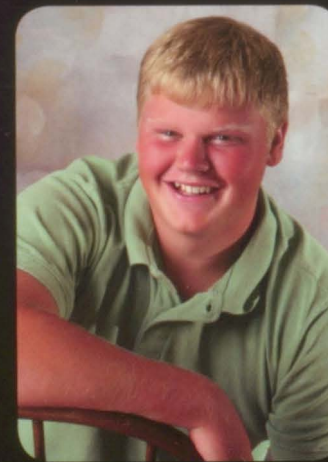
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Michael Frey



Mitchel Frey



Brooke Gatheridge

"Life isn't measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

-Brett Moore "My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." -Kathryn Carrier



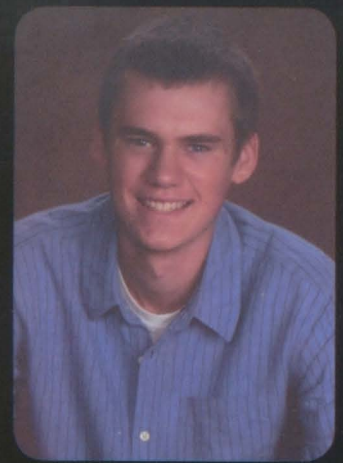
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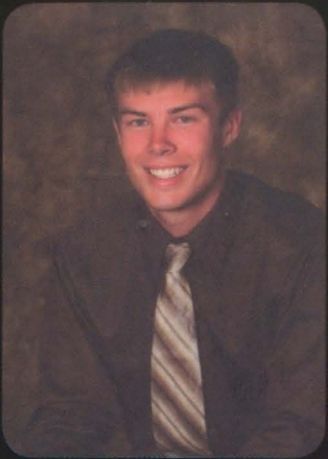
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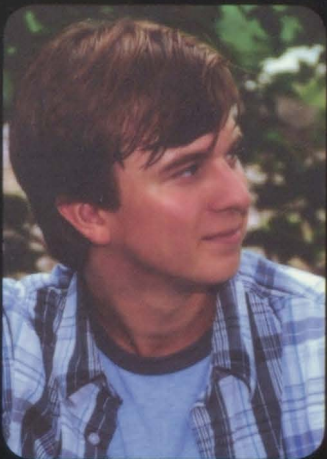
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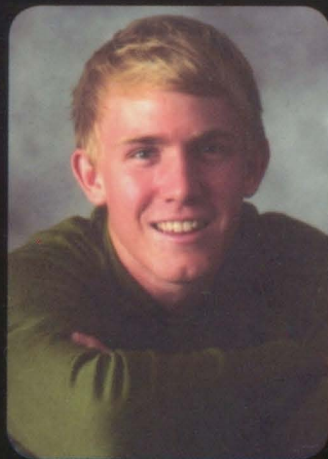
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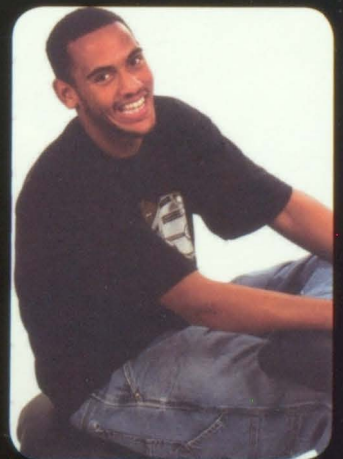
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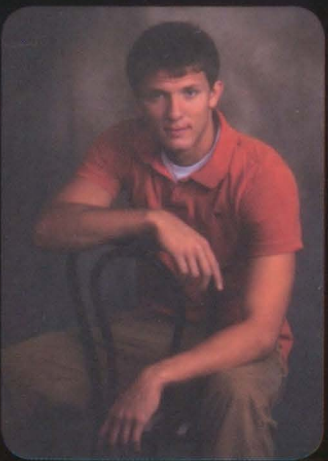
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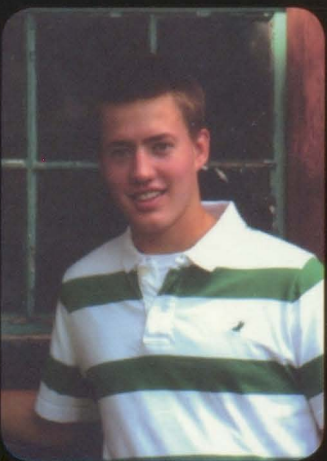
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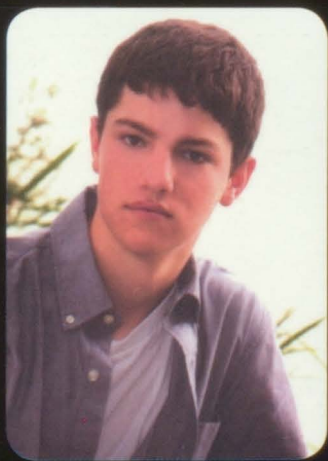
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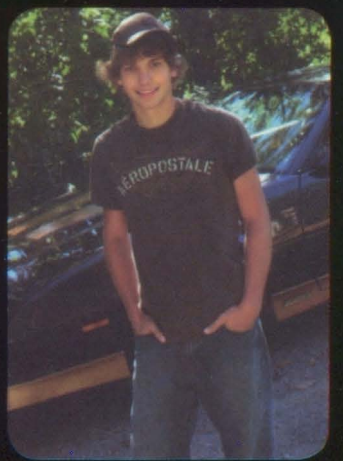
Dillon Hackbarth



Steven Hagman



Christopher Hahn



Travis Hanson

"It is what it is." -Austin Schwartz "In the end everything's okay, if it's not okay, it's not the end." -Anna Hedstrom

-Katelyn Rambow "If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." -Amanda Corson

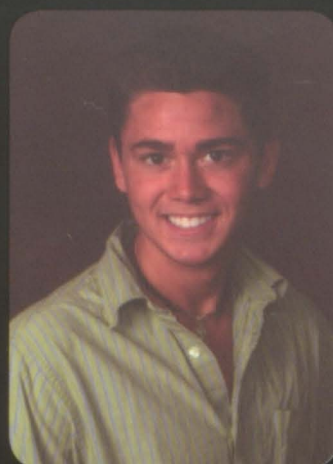
"You must be the change you want to see in the world." -Amanda Pederson "Be who you are and say what



Brianna Hartmann



Brandon Haugen



Jacob Hayes



Anna Hedstrom



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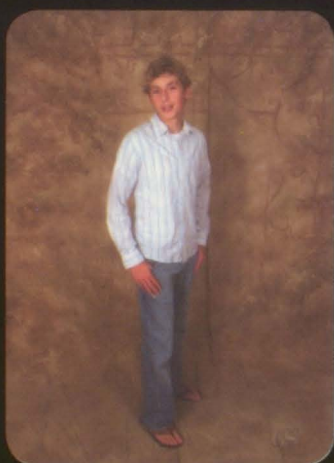
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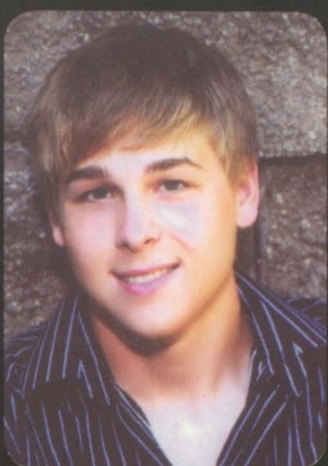
Krystianna Johnson

"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells hundreds of students

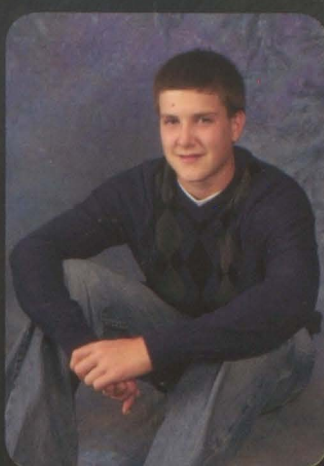
you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." -Krystianna Johnson



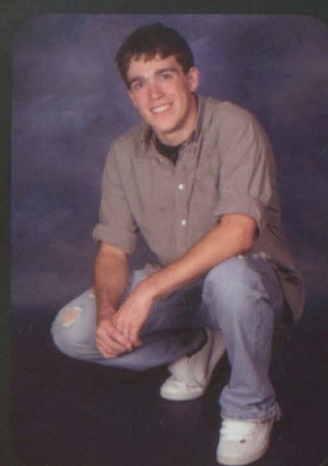
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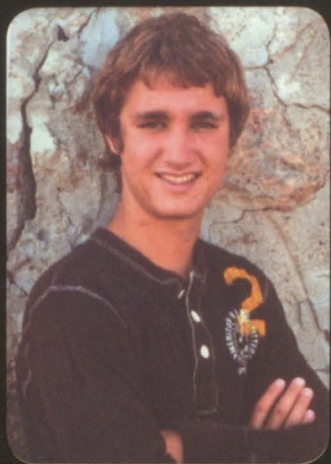
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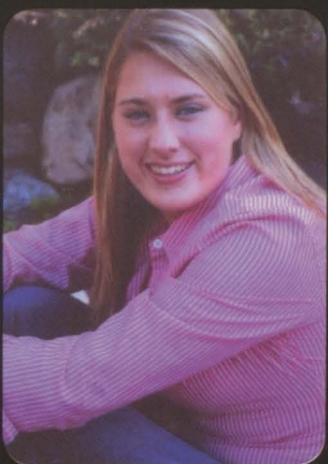
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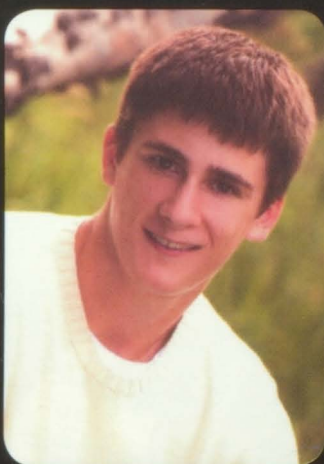
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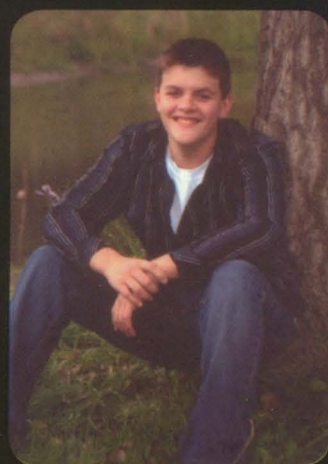
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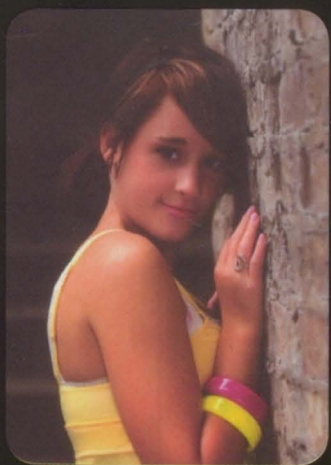
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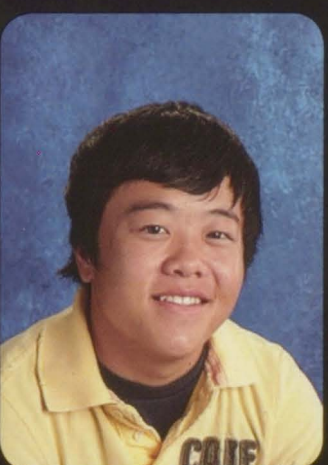
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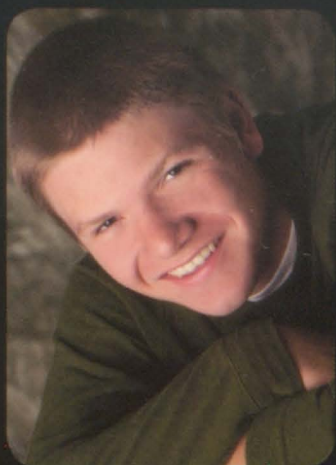
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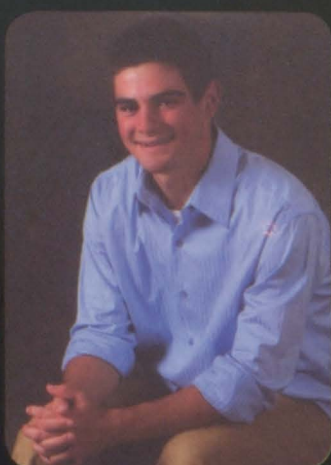
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dressed in identical caps and identical gowns that 'individuality is the key to success.'" -Jackie Wagner

"Each of us are angels with only one wing; we can fly only by embracing each other." -Amy Anderson "Live



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Nicholas Litfin



Steve Lopez



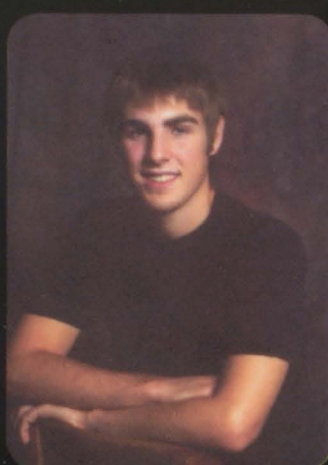
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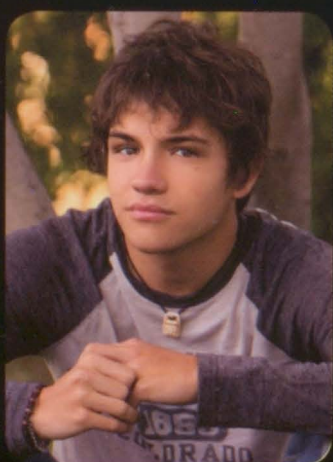
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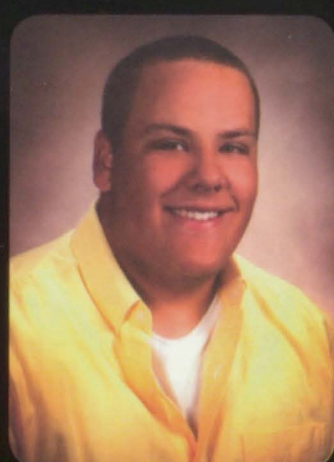
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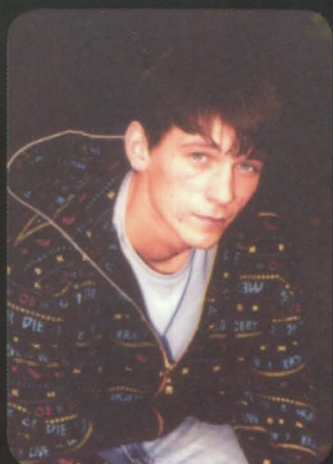
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"Impossible is nothing." -Austin Schmitt "Live every second to its greatest potential because you never know

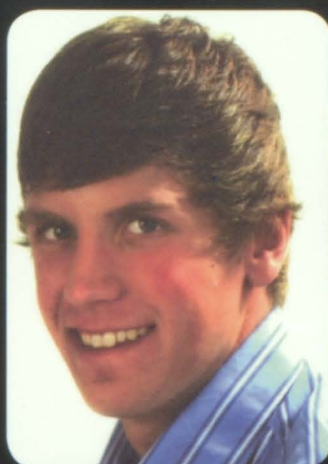
life to the fullest everyday. No regrets." -Vincent Alkire "Wildcats, what is your profession?" -Andrew Schmidt



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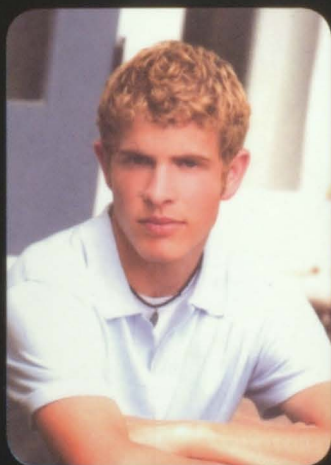
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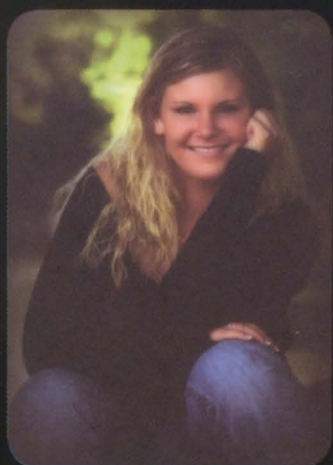
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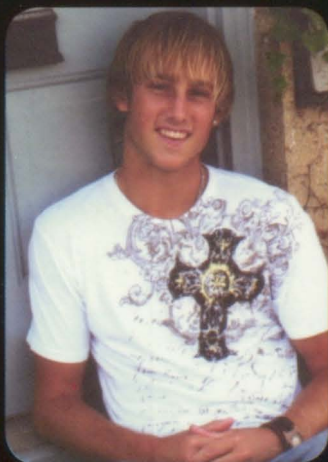
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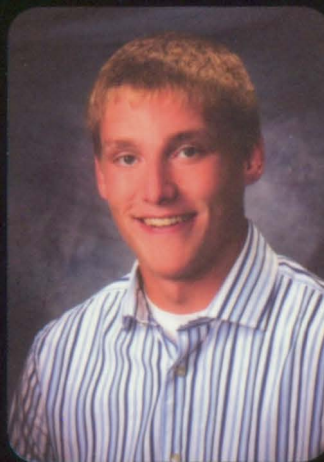
Hayley Mueller-
Milne



Trent Murray



Lance Neubauer



Andrew Newman

if you're going to experience something like that ever again." -Sara Clark "Live life to the fullest." -Justin Carsten

"Life is like a giant canvas, throw all the paint on it you can." -Katie Luce "Live life like you were dying." -Nicole Eischens

Destiny is not a matter of

2008



...it is not a thing to be waited

chance- it is a matter of choice...



for- it is a thing to be achieved.

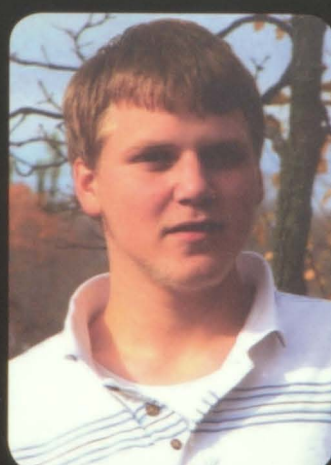
"For those about to rock, we salute you." -Josh Pruden "After all the hours of drills,



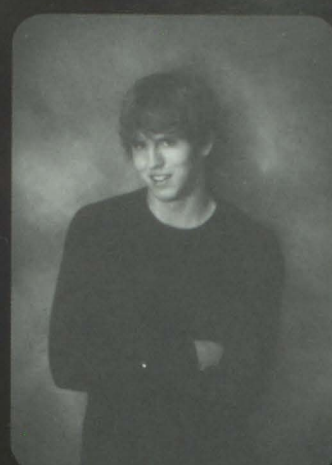
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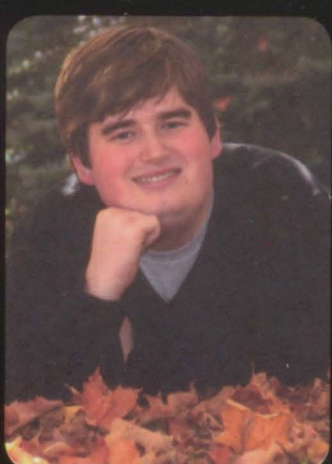
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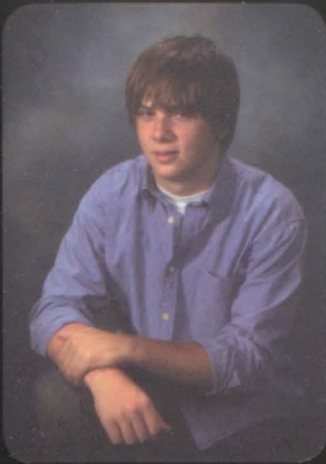
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Aaron Polzin

"All that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream." -Katie Larsen "Don't take life too seriously or

practice, and pain, it all comes down to one thing, how bad do you want it?" -Erica Heitz



Tyler Pouliot



Joshua Pruden



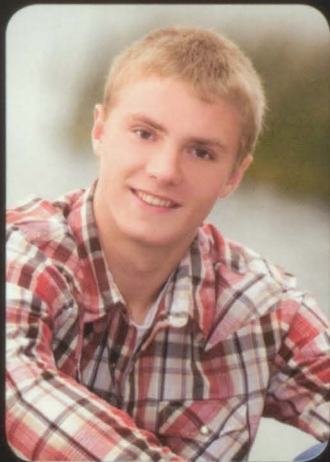
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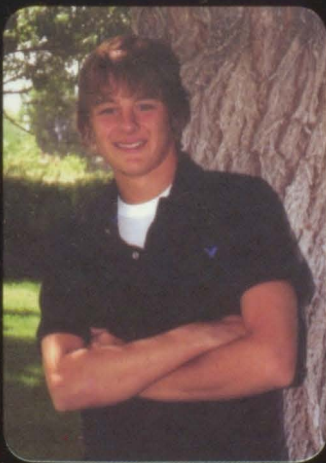
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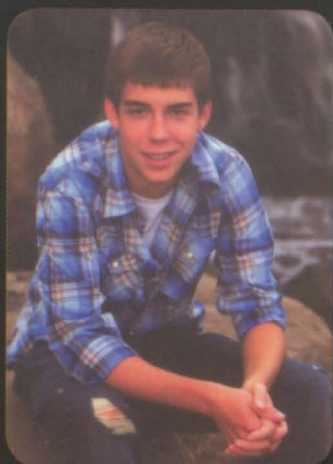


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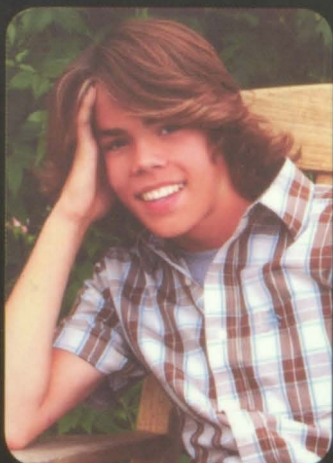
you'll never get out alive." -Jimmy Oestreich "That's how we do it in the Midwest." -Aleksey Mikityuk

"Don't give up on love because it's tough. Love is life, and if you give up on love, then you give up on life." -Amanda Sullivan

"We ride together, We die together." -Tyler Clouse, Michael Frey, Steve Frempong-Longdon,



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Kyle Rindahl



Samuel Roehler



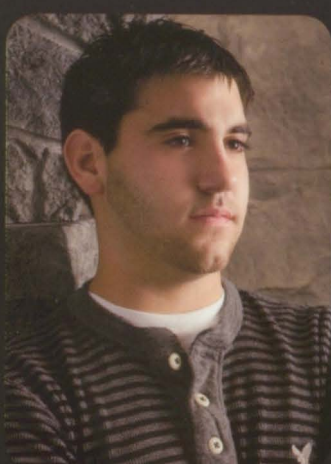
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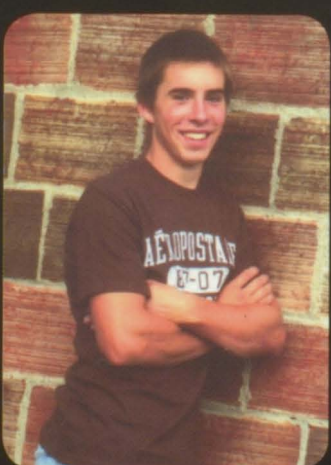
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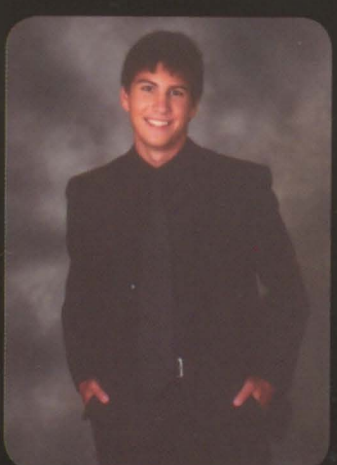
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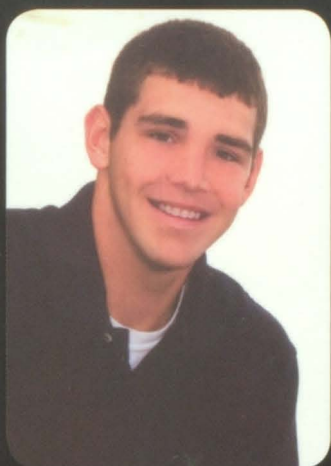
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"I'm not superstitious, I'm just a little-stious" -Hannah Swift "How YOU doin?" -Sarah Niaz

Daniel Sohm, Brandon Haugen, Breck Raymond, Jesse Jaworski "Where y'at?" -Garrett Graff



Jessica Schonhardt



Austin Schwartz



Brittany Sellman



John Shaw



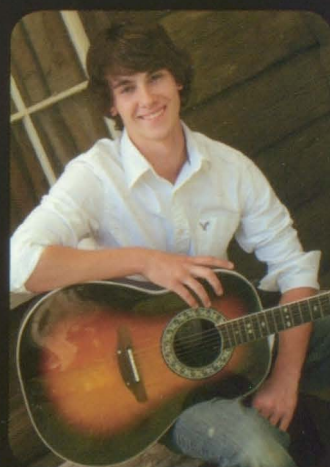
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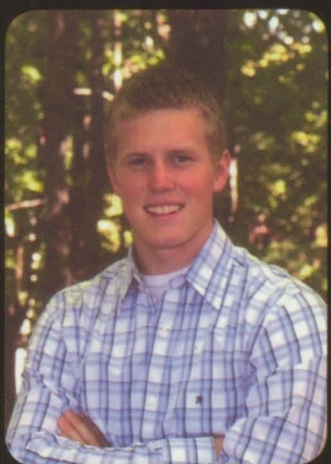
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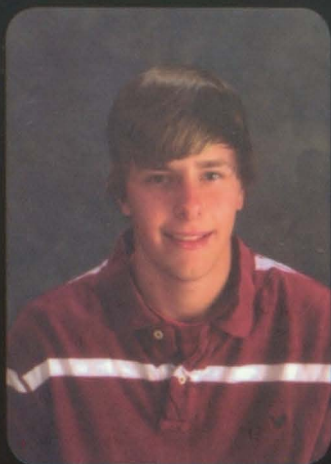


Jessica Splettstoeszer

"That's a wrap!" -Andy Newman, Lance Neubauer, Dillon Hackbarth, Derek Anderson

"If I was an animal, my scientific name would be 'Beastius Sexius Majorus.'" -Addison Born
 "I'll see you at Cenex sometime!" -Ryan Buetow

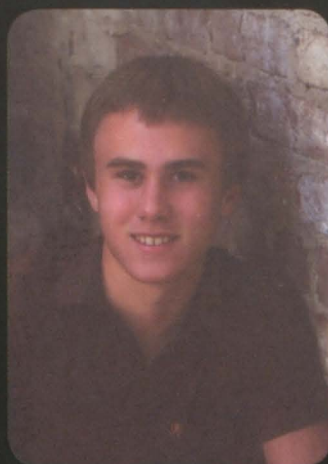
"Behind this smile are stories you may never understand." -Tara Zuraff "Hey Hey see ya." -Seth Miller



Daniel Stavos



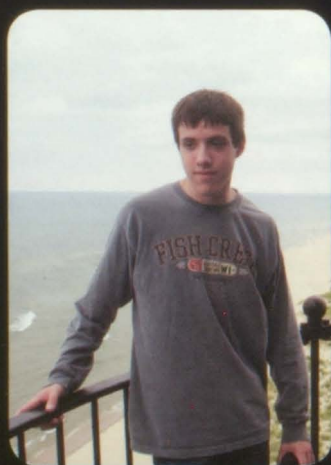
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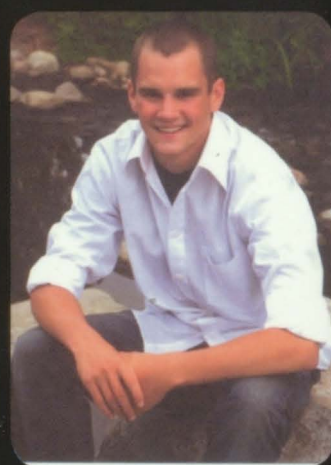
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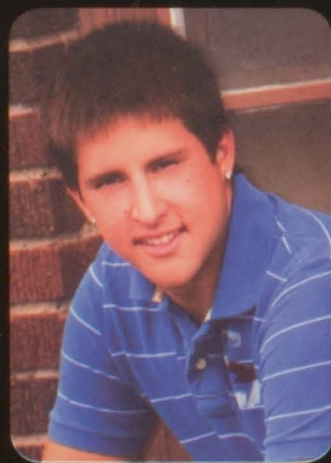
Forrest Strahota



Tyler Stroming



Amanda Sullivan



Jordan Sutherland



Moriah Sutherland



Brittney Sweeney

"Our character is who we are when we think no one is watching." -Devin Meierding "Two people died

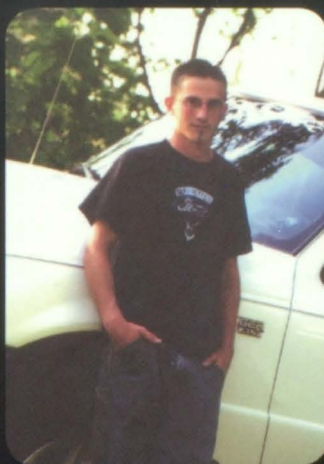
"Nooope." -Lee Taylor "Welcome to the real world. It sucks. You're going to love it." -Krystianna Johnson



Hannah Swift



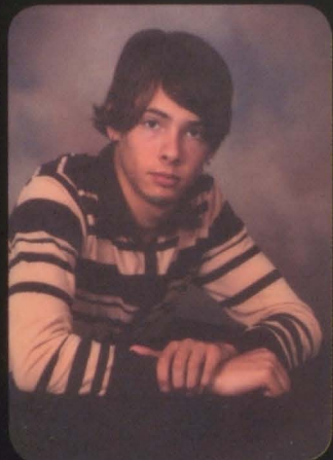
Tabitha Syverson



Lee Taylor



William Terry



Andres Torres



Jeremy Vanderlinde



Chaële Varnavas



Andrew Vigil



Corey Vogel



Shane Wachlin



Jackie Wagner



Brianna Wall

"L is for love." -Brianna Hartmann "There are no mistakes, only lessons to be learned, keep making mistakes." -Forrest Strahota

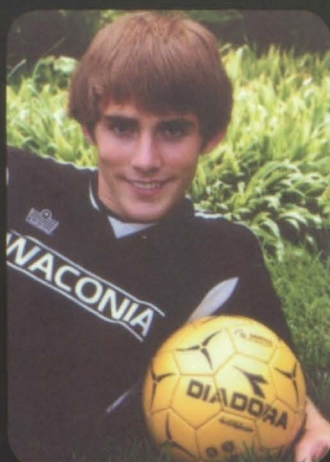
that way..." -Camille Moore "Live life as if it's your last day and have no regrets." -Jonathan Debner

"Don't go where the path may lead, go where there is no path and leave a trail!" -Chaele Varnavas "Brian Olson rules!" -Brian Olson

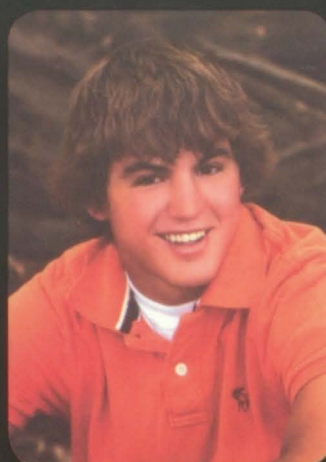
"You can pick your nose, and you can pick your friends, but you can't pick your friend's nose, unless that



Samuel Wasmund



Nolan Weber



Bradley Weinzierl



Bryan Wessale



Brittany Widmer



Justine Widmer



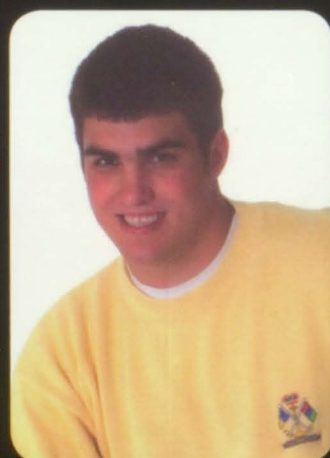
Nicole Willems



Amanda Wood



Kylie Wroge



Nathaniel Younkin



Tyler Zebell



Catherine Zimmermann

"I don't think people use 10% of their mind, I think they only use 10% of their hearts." -Cody Boll "Happiness

friend is Erin Salveson." -Brittni Sweeny "That's right boys, mondo cool." -Jake Hayes & Spencer Hilgers



Tara Zuraff



John Leidiger



Emily Schmitt

Not Pictured:
Isaac Hernandez
Alexander Kating
Andrew Schmidt
Jacob Macy
Olya Weseman

Middle Right: Seniors Katelyn Ram-bow and Amanda Sullivan put their hand prints on the senior wall.
Middle Left: Seniors Brittany Wildmer, Blair Bost, and Briana Jorgensen all showed off their smiles on class color day.

Bottom Right: Senior David Fischer washed his hands off after putting his hand print on the senior wall.

Bottom Left: Seniors Katie Olson and Tabitha Syverson worked on their taboe skills during total fitness.



"I love Jonas Brothers Fantastic Fridays with Pohland and Krusemark!" -Adrienne Donnel "Yee!" -Katie Olson & Tabitha Syverson

isn't perfected until it is shared." -Brianna Wall "Choice dude, choice dude, pound it!" -Travis Hanson

Know You're A Senior When...

*You run into someone in the hallway and they say sorry to you.

*You don't know half the students in the school, but they all know you.

*Nobody questions anything you do.

*You have T.A.s and independent studies

every trimester.

*You can sit next to a pile of homework and simply not do it due to senioritis.

*You take the bathroom pass for 20 minutes and don't even go to the bathroom.

*You walk down the hallway and see the freshmen and think you're way too old to be here.

*You just don't care.

*Your backpack full of homework never makes it out of your car.

*You do more college applications than homework.

*You enjoy every minute of it!

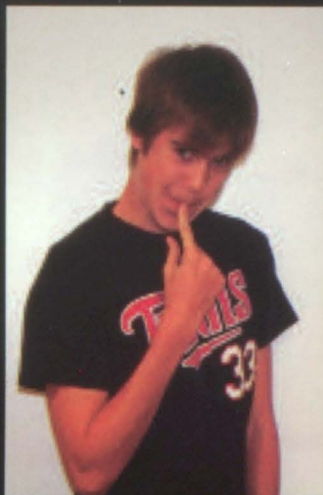
Senior Favorites

Band

1. Kanye West
2. Rascal Flatts
3. Lil' Wayne
4. Jack Johnson

Store

1. Target
2. American Eagle
3. Abercrombie

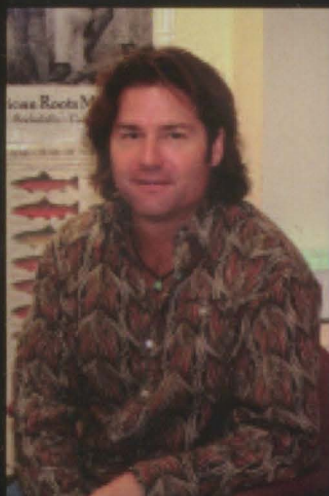


Sports Team

1. Twins Baseball
2. Wild Hockey
3. Waconia Wildcats

Teacher

1. Mr. Machtemes
2. Mr. Aeling
3. Mr. Cavanaugh



Radio Station

1. KDWB 101.3
2. 93X 93.7
3. B96 96.3

Hangout

1. Mocha Monkey
2. Austin Schwartz's House
3. Friend's House

Actress

1. Jessica Alba
2. Keira Knightley
3. Jennifer Aniston

Song

1. "Crank Dat" - Soulja Boy
2. "Our Song" - Taylor Swift
3. "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat



Actor

1. Will Ferrell
2. Johnny Depp
3. Matthew McConaughey

TV Show

1. Family Guy
2. The Hills
3. Sports Center

Memory

Andy Schmidt dancing with the Lakettes
 The 2006 Glencoe Football Game
 Cinco de Mayo at Brett Moore's
 Prom 2007
 Senior Homecoming

Movie

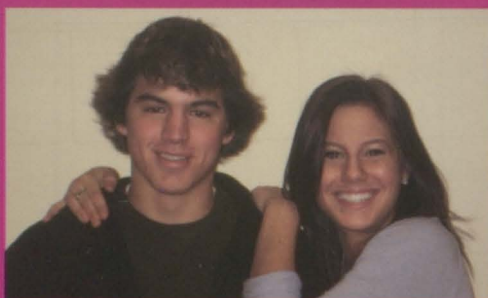
1. Superbad
2. 300
3. Knocked Up

Most Spirited



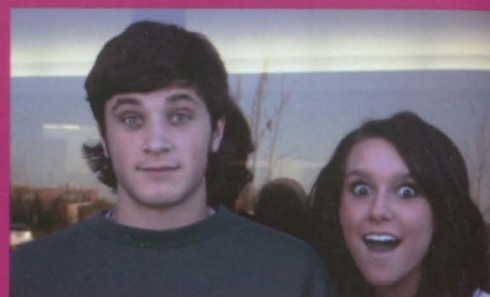
Andy Schmitt
Alicia Champagne

Best Dressed



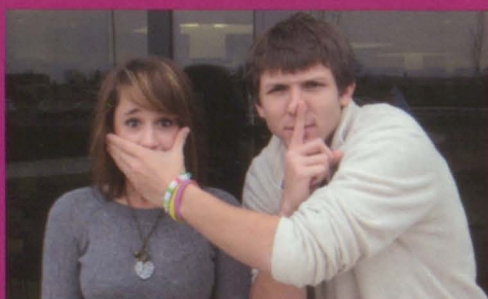
Brad Weinzerl
Erin Salveson

Best Eyes



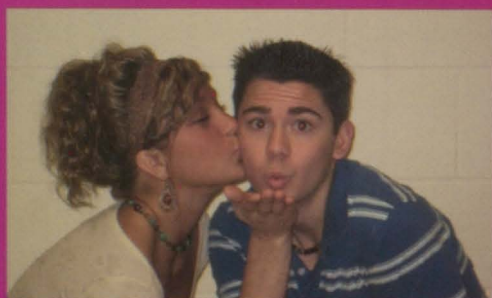
Brett Moore
Brittni Sweeney

Most Talkative



Dillon Hackbarth
Katie Larsen

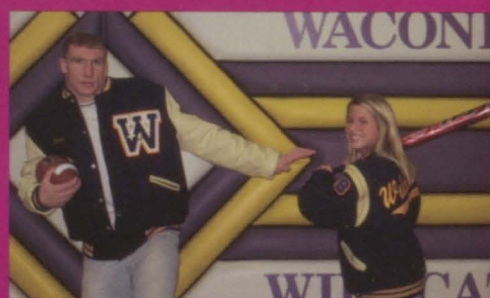
Biggest Flirt



Jake Hayes
Nicole Willems

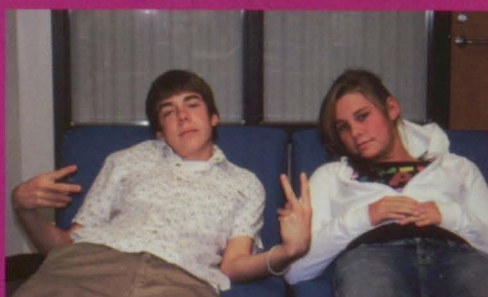
SENIOR

Most Likely to be on SportCenter



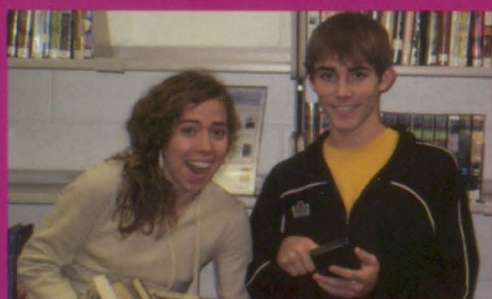
Derek Earls
Katie Luce

Most Laid Back



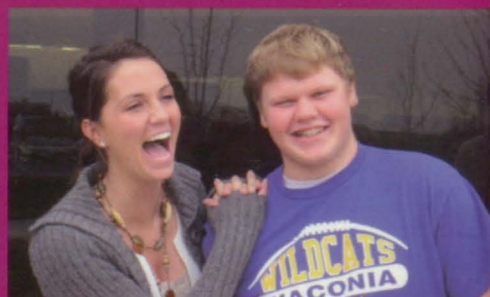
Ben Rickel
Kelly Brink

Most likely to Succeed



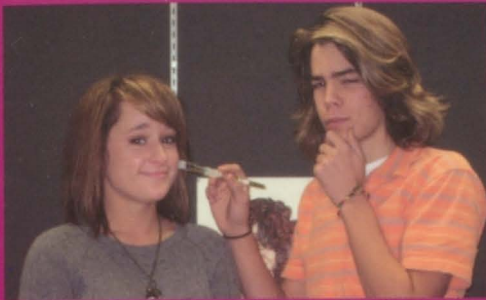
Nolan Weber
Anna Ayers Looby

Best Smile Best Laugh



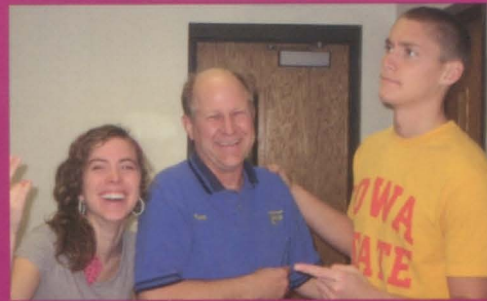
Mitchell Frey
Brooke Gatheridge

Most Artistic



Kyle Rindahl
Katie Larsen

Most Outgoing



Andy Newman
Anna Ayers-Looby

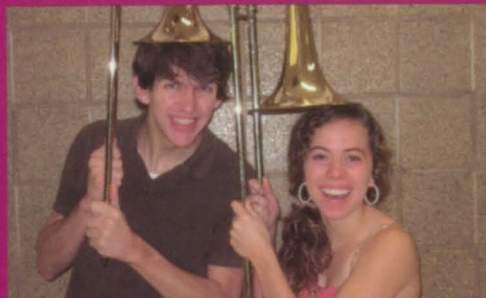
Easily Amused



Ben Brettingen
Chaele Varnavas

POLL

Most Likely to Win a Grammy



Anna Ayers Looby
Matt Stole

Best Friends Girls



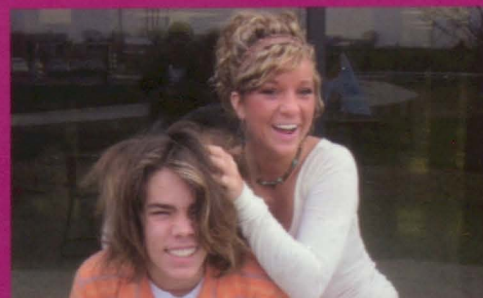
Anna Hedstrom
Cassie Giesinger

Best Friends Boys



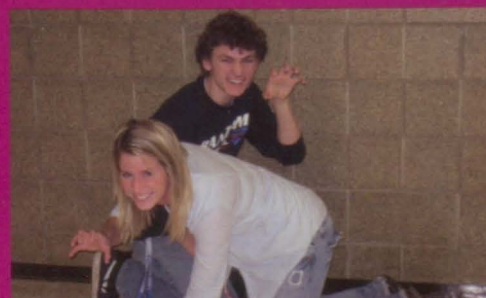
The Hot Tub Crew

Best Hair



Kyle Rindahl
Nicole Willems

Laughs at their Own Jokes

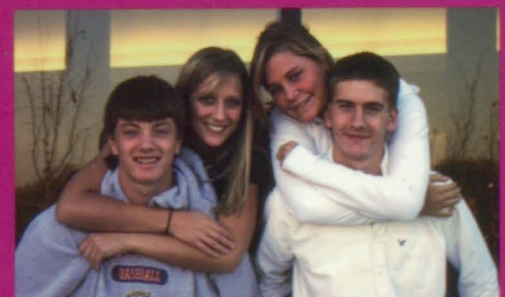


Cody Boll
Katie Luce

Most Accident Prone

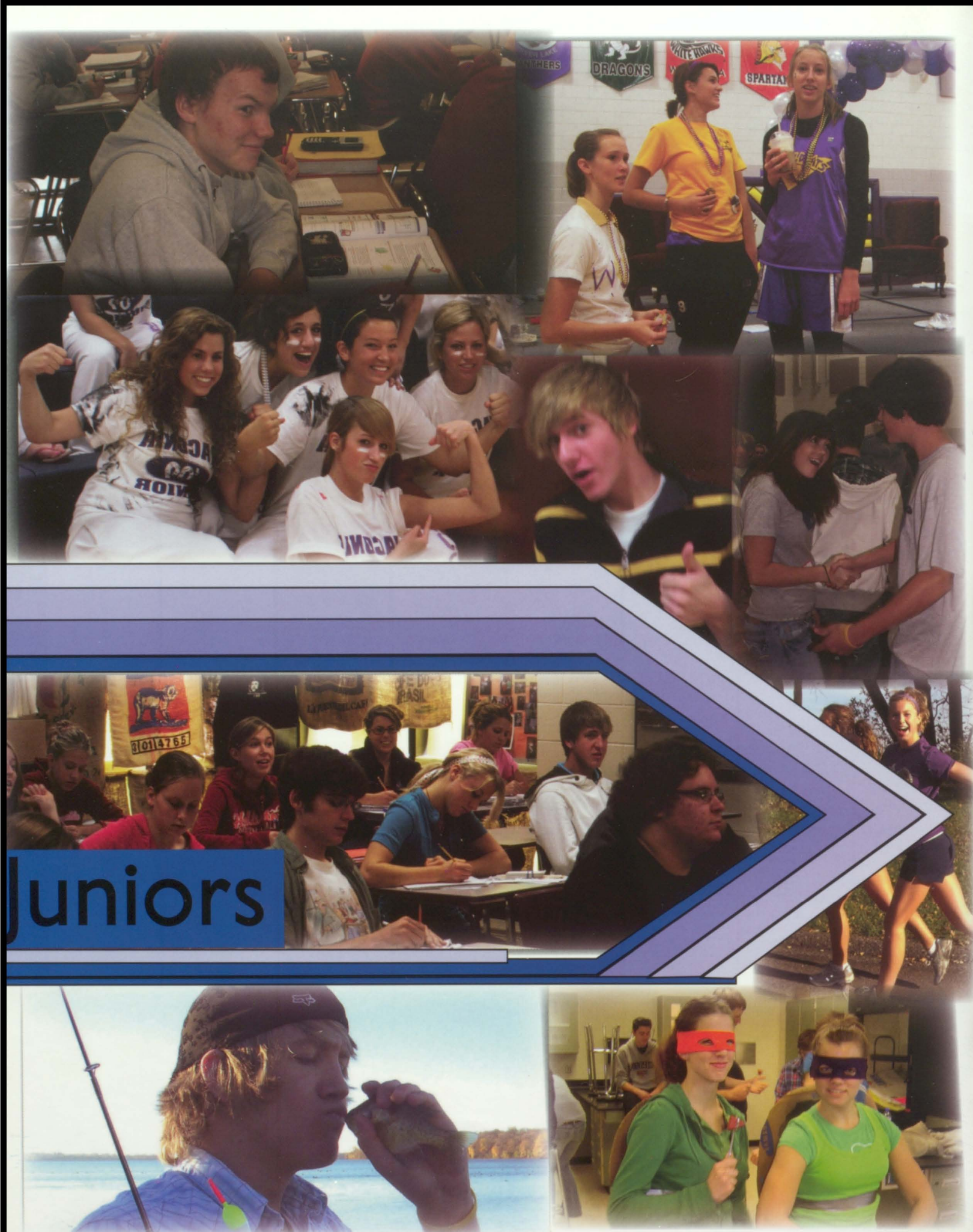
Brianna Hartmann
Greg Farlow

Mr. and Ms. Senior



Joe Brandenburg
Chaele Varnavas

Brandon Haugen
Kelly Brink



Juniors



Aaron Albani



Samuel Anderson



Kara Bakke



Aaron Barden



Denis Bergstrom



Bethany Bertelsen



Samantha Bierlein



Justin Boll



Clint Borka



Ryan Bradt



Morgan
Braunshausen



Brian Broll



Madeline Brown



Jared Buesgens



Tanner Bullock



Brittany Burr



David Butz



Emily Capaul



Matthew Carsten



Brandon Chappell



Rafael Cheang



Jenna
Christopherson



Stephanie Cluff



Ronnie Cobb



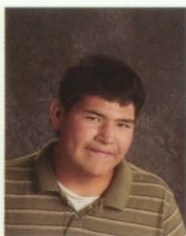
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Kelsey Connor



Emily Cook



Robert Cook



Jonathan
Crundwell



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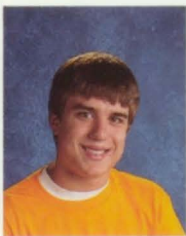
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Arron Eder



Daniel Edwards



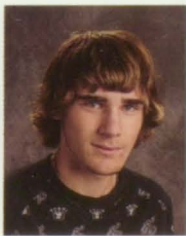
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Jason Elasky



Brittney Ellis



Alexander
Emmings



Shannon Engler



Jessica Evjen



Shane Ewalt



Cassandra Faust



Eliot Ferron



Andrew Fiebelkorn



Rebecca Forner



Shana Froehling



Alexander Gallup



Ashley Gast



Travis Gelhaye



Dana Gentz



Hali Germond



Matthew Gibbs



Cory Gieseke



Caitlin Giesen



Josh Goergen



Megan Goldman



Melanie Grangaard



Amanda Grindahl



Mitchell
Gunderson



Benjamin Hable



Brielle Haggerty



Shane Hallstrom



Emily Halvorson



Dustin Hanson



Kyler Hanson



Megan Harmer



Dakota Hart



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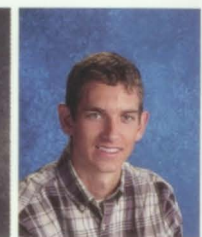
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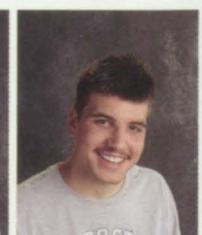
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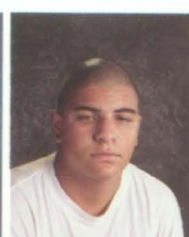
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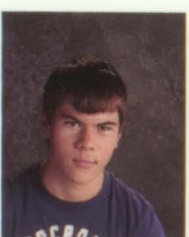
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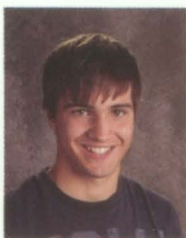
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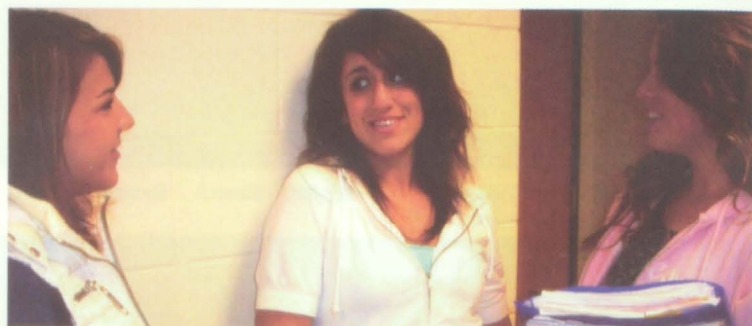
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Stephanie Wymore



Top: Kyla Smith competed aboard Sam during the Pony Cup equestrian competition.
 Left: Alex Hathaway and Dru Delange fished in Mr. Trapp's Fish and Wildlife class.
 Middle: Mercedes Tolzmann, Hannah Kimyon and Kyra Daugherty caught up on the latest buzz during morning break.
 Bottom: Erin Linden and Becky Lund spread their wings during their science class.



"I cram it all in the night before the test."
 -Hali Germond



"I don't"
 -Eliot Ferron

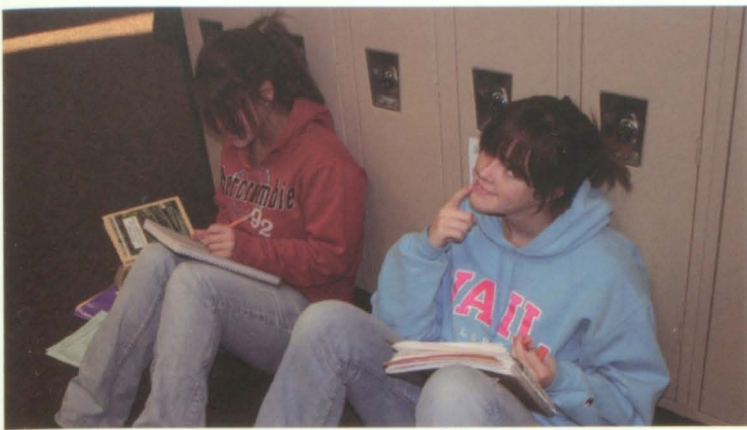


"I study what I need to study a few nights before the test."
 -Jason Elasky

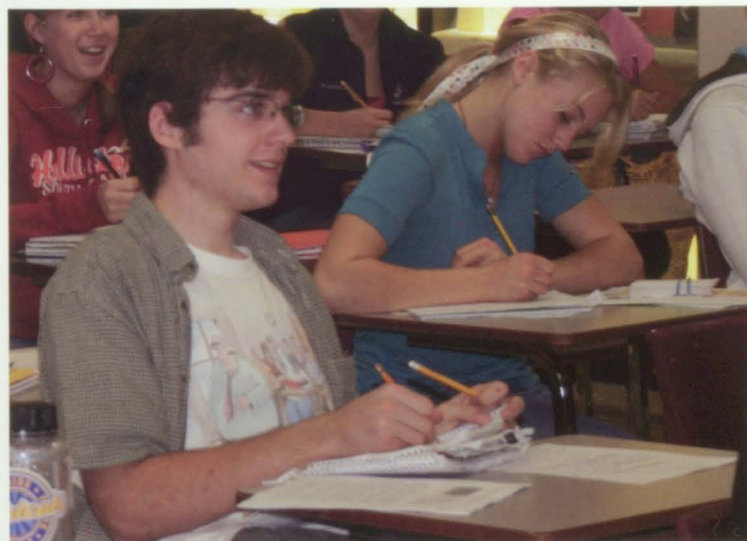
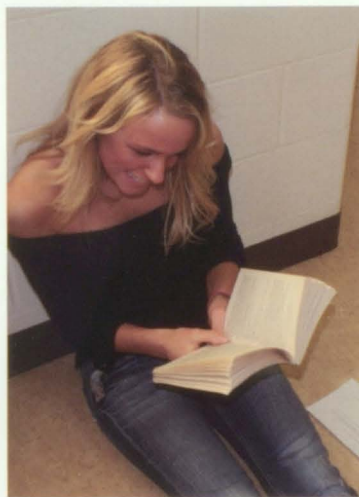
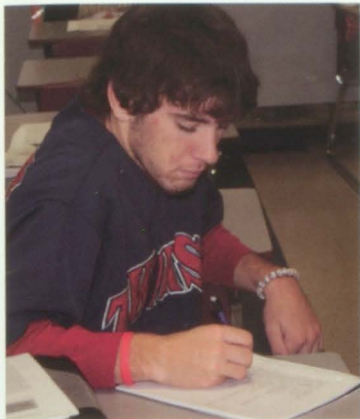


"I stay up super late the night before a test and then get up early and study so it's fresh in my mind."
 -Caroline Marceau

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 How do you prepare for tests?



Above: Emily Cook and Kelly Deweese discussed a novel during Advanced Placement Language.
 Left: David Butz planned his presentation for Mr. Machtemes' class.
 Below Left: Stephanie Lee took notes during a math class.
 Below: Stephanie Cluff caught up on some reading during morning break.



Above: Jackson Melius listened to Mr. Machtemes during his Advanced Placement World Cultures class while Melanie Grangaard took notes.

Juniors...

Working
Hard, or
Hardly
Working?

Let the function F be defined by $F(x) = x^2 - 7x + 10$ and $F(t + 1) = 0$. What is one possible value of t ?

Do you know the answer to this question? This is an example of one of the many questions asked on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

This year, 76 juniors took the PSAT test on Wed., Oct. 17. It was a way for juniors to get feedback on their skills in each subject. Guidance Counselor Lynette Pawelk said that the items on the test included 48 critical reading questions, 38 math problems, and 39 writing questions. One of the many students in the junior class who took the test was Tina Rupp.

"I was nervous, but I just figured that if I did good, then sweet, and if I did bad, then, oh well," said Rupp.

After the test was taken, her thoughts were that, "It was pretty easy, but there were some hard questions."

The Guidance Department received results of the test in

December. The results showed how well each individual student did and how Waco High School compared to other schools.

Guidance Counselor James Bettcher said that the PSAT exam is part of a nationwide competition.

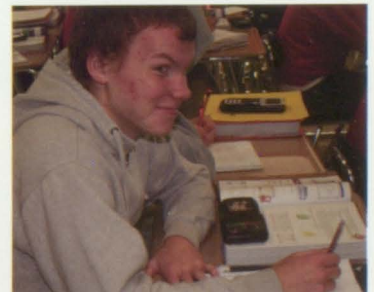
By taking this test, students are eligible to compete for scholarships. According to the College Board website, the scholarships are awarded through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They provide as many as 100 awards each year. The National Merit Scholarship Program is considered one of the highest academic honors a high school student can receive.

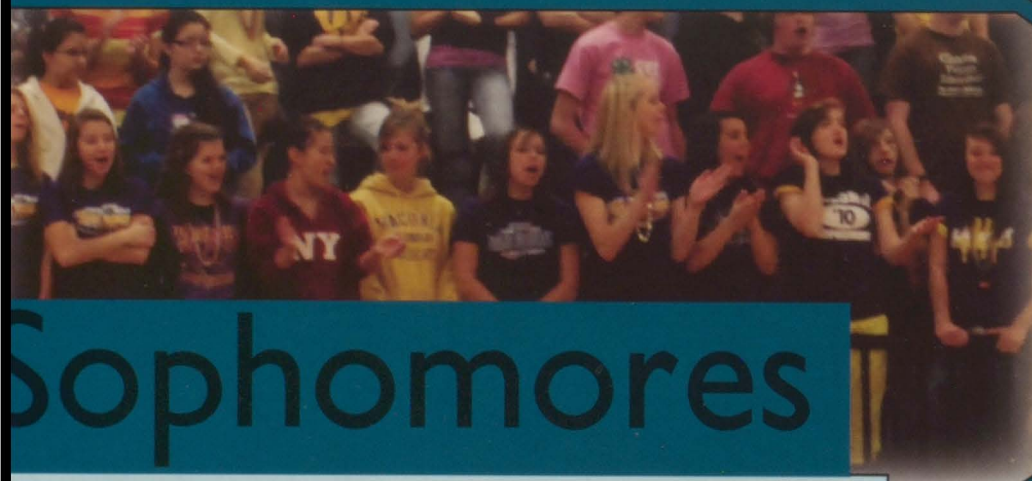
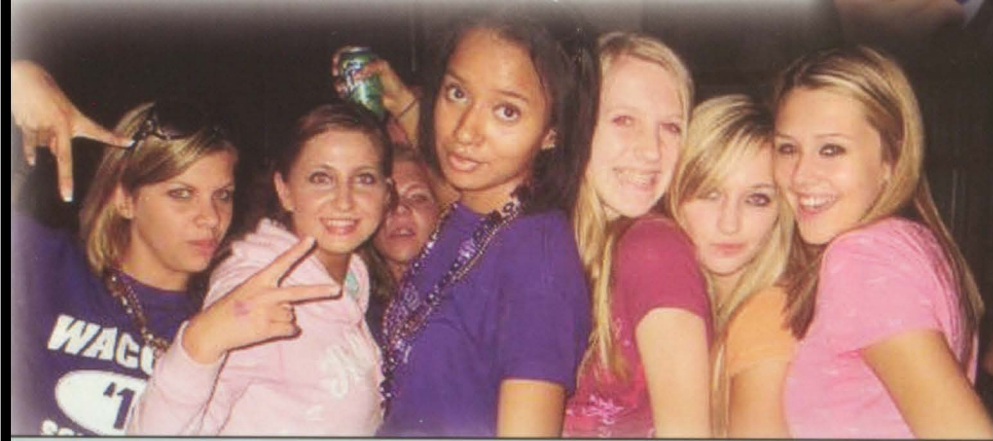
Taking the PSAT may open many doors for high school students' education and careers. Any junior stumped by the math question above might want to consider studying. The answer is: *because $f(t + 1) = 0$, it follows that $t^2 - 5t + 4 = 0$, or $(t - 1)(t - 4) = 0$. Therefore $t = 1$ or $t = 4$.*

Below: Amanda Quiring and Jackie Surat listened attentively during class.

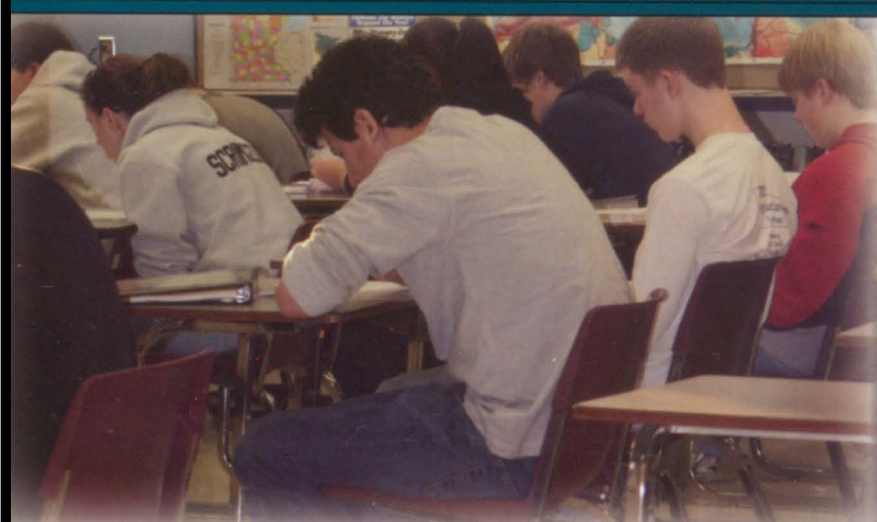


Below: Kyle Neibling worked on math homework in Mr. Grundhofer's class.





Sophomores





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
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Kelsey Brennan



Pete Brettingen



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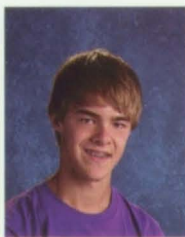
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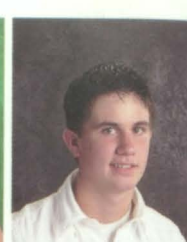
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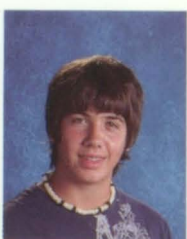
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Samuel Horner



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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



Rebecca Kimyon



Allyson Klitzke



Kayla Krause



Caitlin Krieg



Katie Lacey



Alana Lamkin



Brittney Lechner



Kirsten Lederer



Daniel Leifermann



Tyler Litfin



Patrick Logelin



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Emily Ludwigson



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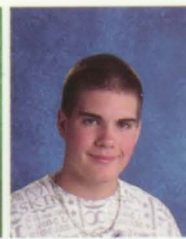
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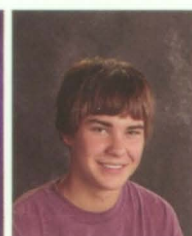
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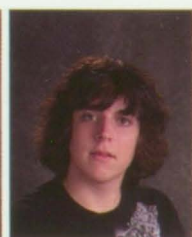
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Wesley Willow



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Kelsey Woodland



Kara Wynsteker



Nicole Wynsteker



Samantha Young



Kylie Zawada

Speeding Up...

Hit the pedal
and go

Sixteen years went by, and the sophomores were more than ready to get their licenses and start driving. Once they received their licenses, they began to have all the privileges of a teenage driver going where they wanted, when they wanted, and being able to do it without a parent.

The road to the driver's examination is paved with many milestones, beginning freshman year with the Safety Education course taught by Pat Foley. Many students took their required 30 hours of driver's education at the school, followed by behind the wheel training, which

many said helped prepare them for the driver's test.

Taking the required course and completing the mandatory driving hours weren't the only things students did to prepare for such an important test.

"I ask my mom lots of questions, studied the booklet, and took a practice test online," said sophomore Cristin Kieser.

Although many sophomores enjoy the freedom that comes with getting their licenses, some students have hit a bumpy path along the way.

"I hit the gas and went up the curb and almost hit Frost

n' Steam," said Alex Harder.

Addy Scrimgeour had a similar driving experience.

"I almost ran into my neighbor's fence."

She's not the other one to almost damage a neighbor's property due to driver's inexperience.

"I hit my neighbor's mailbox," said Jesse Conkey.

Those driving errors might have been a little scary at first, but after getting behind the wheel a few more times, it may have been easier to drive cautiously with fewer mistakes.

Not all sophomores have begun driving, but when they do start to drive, it will

hopefully be a safe and fun experience for them. The anticipation and excitement will soon be fulfilled with the freedom of driving.

Although there are major advantages to getting a driver's license, one thing many sophomores said they would miss is being picked up by their parents in a warm car on a bitterly cold winter afternoon. However, they all decided having a license was worth suffering through a cold car ride. Just be sure to let the car warm up well before taking off.



"My favorite part about driving is braking. I don't know why, but I love braking," - Cristin Kieser.

Below: Students drive a variety of vehicles. This SUV is one example of the many different types of vehicles found in the newly expanded parking lot.

Bottom: A red truck waits to be driven.



Below: The student parking areas were packed full one Monday morning. Bottom: A restored Cougar would be a car some students would love to have.





Top: A black Jeep picks up students from school. The drop off and pick up area at the front of the building can get congested before and after school.
Above: Cars line up as students leave school at the end of the day to go home, hang out, or go to work.
Left: Vehicles in the high school parking lot vary in style and color.
Right: A BMW provides a sleek and comfortable ride to school.



"A functional one, with decent gas mileage."
 -Kerry Hayes



"A Chevy 1500."
 -Jesse Conkey

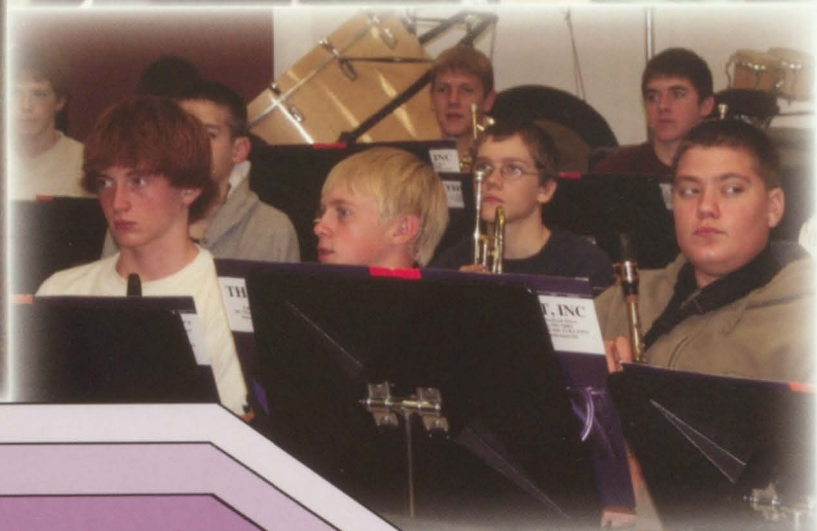
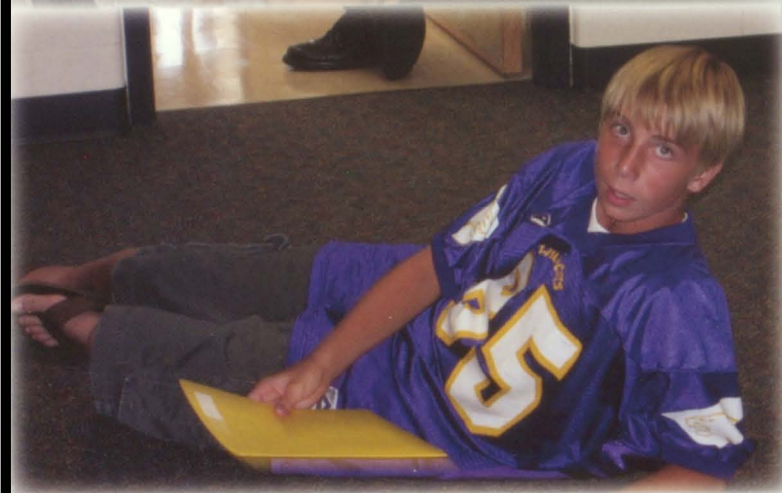


"A black jeep or black truck."
 -Addy Scrimgeour



"Any car would be nice."
 -Alex Harder

What kind
 of car do you
 want for
 your sweet
 sixteen?



Freshmen





Kelcey Albers



Autumn Ament



Kaitlyn Andersen



Alena Anderson



Cassandra
Anderson



Erica Anderson



Brian Andrus



Tyler Bach



Carissa Bakke



Nicholas Barrett



Jacob Bartz



Gerrit Bass



Amanda Beaulieu



Aaron Becker



Brock Bender



Adam Biegel



Jacob Billstrom



Kayla Blachowiak



Sondra Blaschko



Shawn Bode



Kaydee Bohanou



Kayla Borka



Katelyn Bouchard



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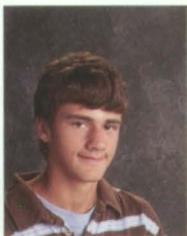
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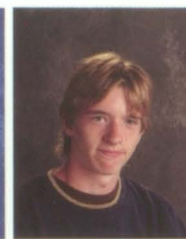
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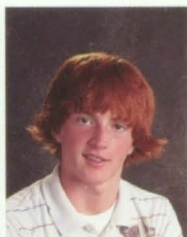
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Brandon Woytcke



Dashawn Wright



Alexander Zajac



Julie Zakashefski

R.E.S.P.E.C.T

Found Out What It Means To Me

Welcomed by a tunnel of Freshman Mentors cheering, screaming and giving out high fives, was how the freshman students started off their day of games, songs, and acceptance. The freshman class spent the majority of Oct. 10, 2007, together in a Respect Retreat organized by the faculty freshman planning committee.

Cliques and respect for one another are evident problems in high school, and the freshman class is no exception. This year, the freshman committee invited two leaders from Youth Frontier, Zuel and Tara, along with the Freshman Mentors, to lead the freshman through many different activities to try and unite them.

The Freshman Mentors are made up of a small group of juniors and seniors. Two mentors, Andy Newman and Anna Ayers Looby both agreed that the retreat was really cool and definitely helped the students out.

While here, the Youth Frontier leaders also stressed to the students how to stand up to people who are being bullied. Zuel and Tara tried to get the students to understand each other more and create a more positive atmosphere among the grade.

"I spent my time socializing with many of my classmates, getting to know them, and learned to truly respect them as well as myself," said freshman Max Rickel.

They played many games and did different team building activities that brought the students out of their circles of friends and got them talking to people they normally wouldn't talk to.

One of the games they played was the chair sit, where everyone squeezed into one giant circle facing clockwise and leaned back to sit on each other's knees. In another game, they got into small groups and made sculptures out of their shoes.

"It made me realize that nobody is better or worse than anybody else," said freshman Kaylin Graff.

To end their day, students were invited up to the front to freely talk about anything that was bothering them.

After the retreat was over, some students were definitely moved.

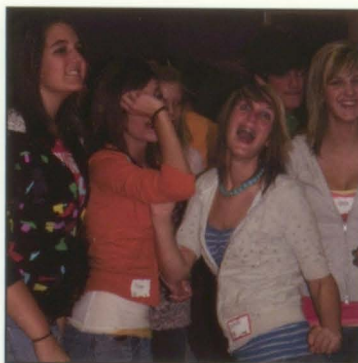
"I never want to be mean again," said freshman Rachel Flemig. "It made me want to apologize to everyone."



Top: Tara and Zuel sang songs and told stories about respect to the entire freshman class.

Right: Zuel danced around the gym during the dance party that took place after lunch.

Bottom: Nicole Fitzgerald, Paige Brown, Kaylin Graff, and Kayla Borka had fun while dancing at the Respect Retreat.



Left: During a game, Zuel yelled out numbers, and the freshmen had to get into circles with that many students in it.

Top: Travis Quaschnick and Nicholas Reinke clapped along with the music during the retreat.





"Steph McGinn, Sadies Bratch, and Cassidy Stumm stuffed me in a garbage can!"

-Mariah Werlich



"Nothing embarrassing happened to me. It went very smoothly."

-Jethro Peterson



"I had to come to school with my sister when she had an afro!"

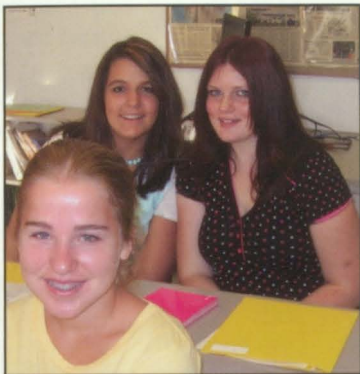
-Dana Martel



"LOL! I went to the wrong room, and Dana Martel was outside yelling at me to get out of there!"

-Kelly Tibbitts

What was something embarrassing that happened to you at school?

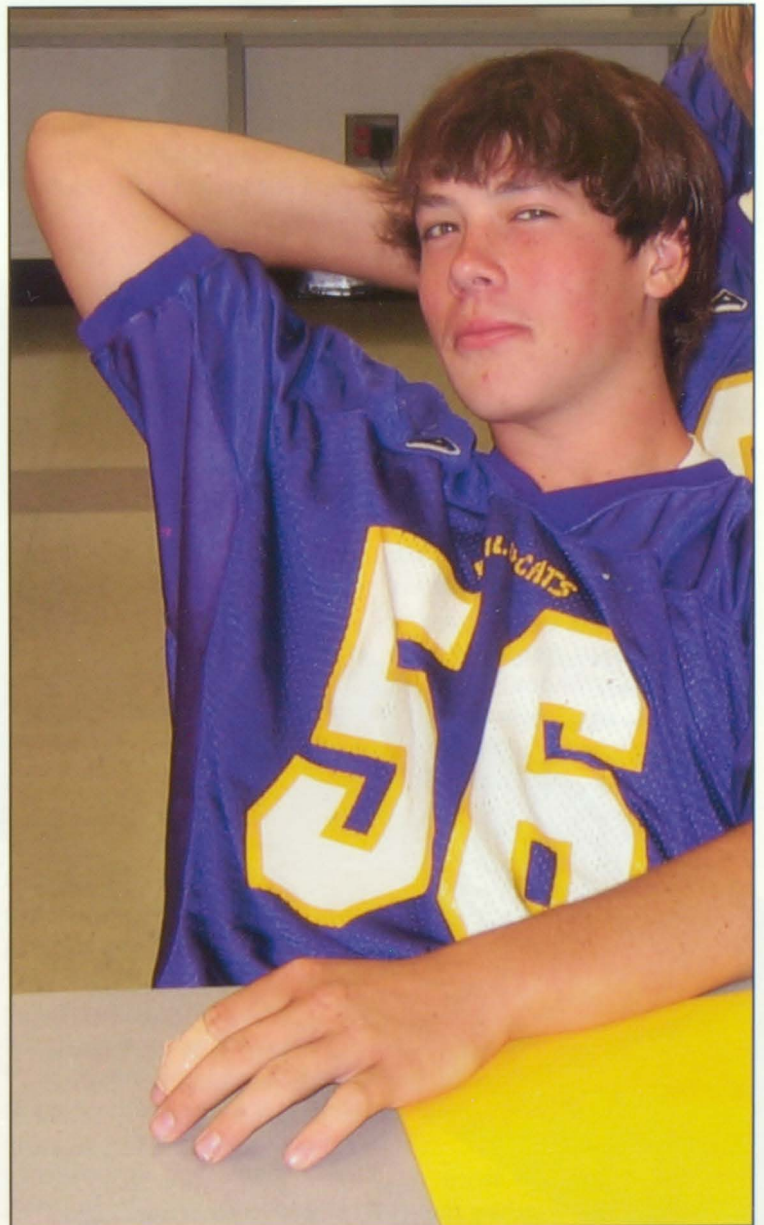
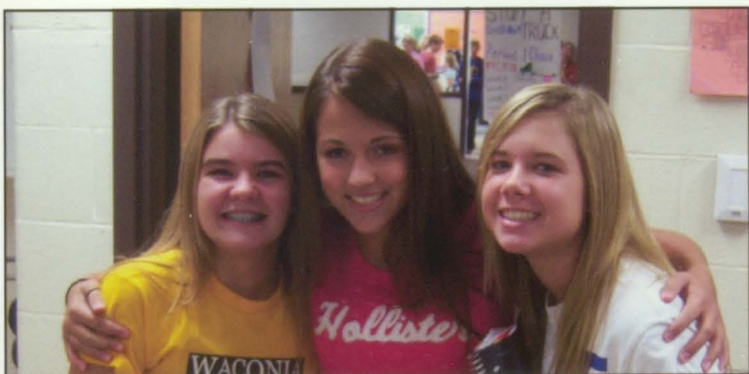


Right: Keaton Everett relaxed during Ms. Mill's social studies class.

Left: Nicole Fitzgerald, Rebecca Florek and Danielle Flesness bonded together at the freshmen orientation day.

Below Top: Abbey Matheson, Anna Pogatchnik, and Whitney Buesgens took a break before science class gets out.

Below Bottom: Kelley Drey, Bailey Farrell, and Molly Elasky make the most of their photo opportunity.



Mini Mag

Mackin' in the Halls



Above: Junior Eric Held held onto Senior Brea Jorgenson in the cafeteria.

When Mark Torborg, an English teacher, was asked what he thought about PDA, he responded, "What is PDA? I'm not a text messenger."

When he was told that PDA stands for Public Display of Affection, he replied, "Caring is what it's all about. Sharing is the name of the game. Less touching and more columns."

This was the same reaction as many of the students as well as faculty and staff at Waconia High School. Roxanne Kuerschner, a science and math teacher,

was asked what she thought about PDA and her only response was "Ew."

Everyday students can see at least one or two couples expressing their affection probably more than needed.

However, not all students are bothered by the PDA in the halls.

"It's cute as long as you're not mackin' all over each other," said junior Heather Snyder.

Some students said they don't pay any attention to it.

Junior Alex Emmings said, "I

don't care about PDA."

And what about the administrators take on PDA?

Principal Mark Fredericksen said that according to the law, whatever makes another student uncomfortable is forbidden.

With that said, let's keep PDA at home kids, or at least out of the halls.

Watch Me Crank Dat

When "Crank Dat" hit Waconia High School this year, kids were doing the dance all over in the school. Students would be practicing the dance on the way to lunch, in the hallways and during morning break.

Soulja Boy released his number one hit, "Crank Dat," on Oct. 2, 2007. According to a student conducted survey, more than 40 percent of the students attending Waconia High know how to do the Soulja Boy Dance. It was so popular senior Andy Schmidt performed the dance with the Lakettes at our Homecoming game.

"The dance for the song 'Crank Dat' is easy for the most part," said senior Vinnie Alkire.

People can learn the dance anywhere, from watching the

music video or from friends.

There are even instructional videos on the internet where they teach the dance step-by-step.

"I learned the dance from the internet," said sophomore Tiffany Johnson.

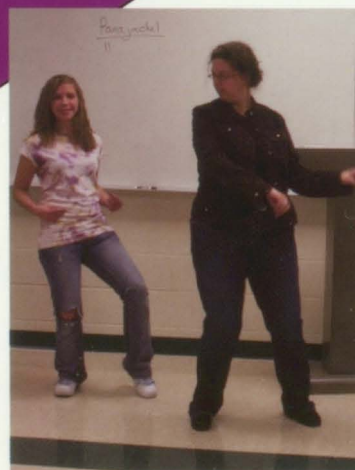
Some may have not liked the song at first, but the more it was played and the more people started doing the dance, the more popular the song became.

"At first I did not like the song, but once you learn how to do the dance, it is so much fun," said sophomore Kelsi Reuther.

At Waconia High some students even gathered in the gymnasium to all get together and do the Soulja Boy Dance. It seemed to be a big hit. Students and even some teachers enjoyed learning this dance.

Spanish teacher Susan Lund

even managed to get in on the action. One of her Spanish classes thought that it would be a good idea for her to learn it and try to perform it with all eyes on her. She did just that, and she definitely "cranked it" with the class.



Above: Seniors Dalton Lingbeck and Steven Frempong-Longdon practiced the Soulja Boy in the gym during morning break.

Left: Junior Kyla Thorson and Spanish teacher Susan Lund, "cranked it."

How To... Date a Football Player

Many girls dream of having the chance to date a football player. Although some may never have the chance, with this section it could heighten a girl's chance and give her the boost she needs.

Senior running back Derek Earls said that a girl should become friends with him and his friends and get to know him a little more. He said a girl does not have to be popular to get his attention, she just has to dress nice.

That's a guy's take. So what do the girls think is needed to win a football player's heart?

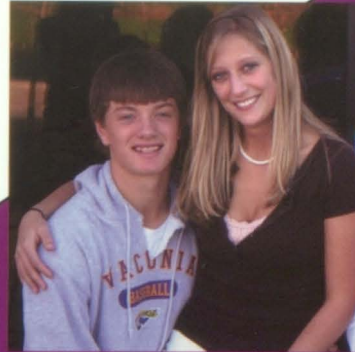
"The girl should show him she is interested by doing little things like good luck notes on

game days," said senior Kelly Brink, who is currently dating a football player. She also said to "be ready for after game mood swings, win or loss!"

Senior Chelsey Rossell, another girl who is dating a football player said, "A girl should show she can have fun in order to get a football player's attention."

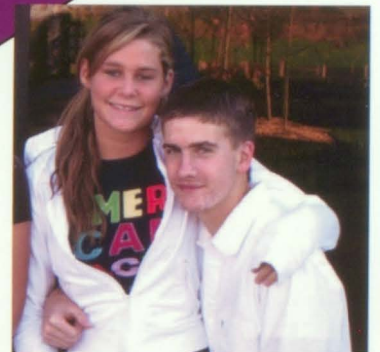
Maybe showing up to the games and supporting the whole football team would help get the guys attention too.

Good luck girls! Hope that this boosts your confidence if you want to start dating a football player. Take some of these tips from our very own at Waconia High.



Top: Senior football player Joe Brandenburg and senior Chaele Varnavas have been dating for two and a half years.

Bottom: Senior football player Brandon Haugen and senior Kelly Brink have been dating for a little over two years.



Celebrating 150 Years!



Above: An old fashion train chugged along at the sesquicentennial parade in Waconia held on Sept. 15, 2007. It was a celebration that involved the whole town and attempted to bring everyone together.

The town of Waconia was founded in 1857. Since then the small town has grown a great deal. This past year was the Sesquicentennial, the town's 150th anniversary. Waconia celebrated it by having many events such as a street dance, the sailboat regatta and auction, a beach party and a parade. The theme for the parade was "Waconia: Then and Now" and included things that represented the town of Waconia from the past and present.

In 2008, Waconia has a population of approximately 9,200, yet it maintains its small town charm. Mrs. Amy Fischer, an art teacher, said she is proud of the progress Waconia has gone through. She said the high points of Waconia are the lake, the schools, and the downtown.

There are plenty of reasons why Waconia is a nice place to live. Waconia has a community center, a lake with a beach and an island, a bowling alley, and a movie theater among other things, and soon we will even have our own Target, Walgreens, a Radioshack, and a Kwik Trip.

The Sesquicentennial events were to celebrate the accomplishments Waconia has experienced. The town may continue to grow throughout the years, and it may benefit the community over time.

Exchange Students

Off to a good start

From Japan to the Ukraine, Waconia has been the home for foreign exchange students from all over the World. All come with their own unique personalities, each with a story to tell. Every one of them comes from a different culture and has a different style of living. These are the 2007-2008 foreign exchange students.



Eri Oshiyama lives in Japan with her family of nine. In her free time, she enjoys going shopping. Eri is involved in the sport of Japanese archery. She said her school is a lot stricter, and the students have to wear uniforms. Her favorite food from Japan is Natto, which is a traditional Japanese food made from soybeans. She said that she likes all american food besides avocados.

Elena Dutich is from Spain and loves going to school here. She said it's a great experience, and it is always nice to have some change. She likes playing volleyball, skiing and cycling. She likes to hang out with her family and friends. She has two sisters, one older and one younger, and a mother and father. She says the food is different, but she is getting used to it.



"It's a great experience, and it is always nice to have some change."

-Elena Dutich



Denis Bergstrom has come here from Greenland. Some things that he enjoys doing are playing soccer, and relaxing during his free time. Denis said that the schools are very different here because in Greenland the teachers change classes, not the students. His family consists of his three brothers and both of his parents. Some of his favorite foods are steak and hamburgers. Overall, Denis says he loves being here because of the great experiences. Denis also played on the WHS soccer team.

Rafael Cheang is from the country of Brazil. His hobbies are playing soccer, playing tennis and hanging out with friends. He has three brothers. He lives with his mom and one of his brothers. His favorite types of foods are Japanese, Chinese and seafood. He said Brazilian schools are a lot bigger, and students don't have the option of picking their classes.





German Ibarra is from Chile. He loves playing soccer, going to the movie theater, and hanging out with his friends. German said the Chilean schools are very different. The teachers moved from class to class, not the students. German has six members total in his family. His favorite food in Chile is *choripan*, which is a popular lunch sandwich.

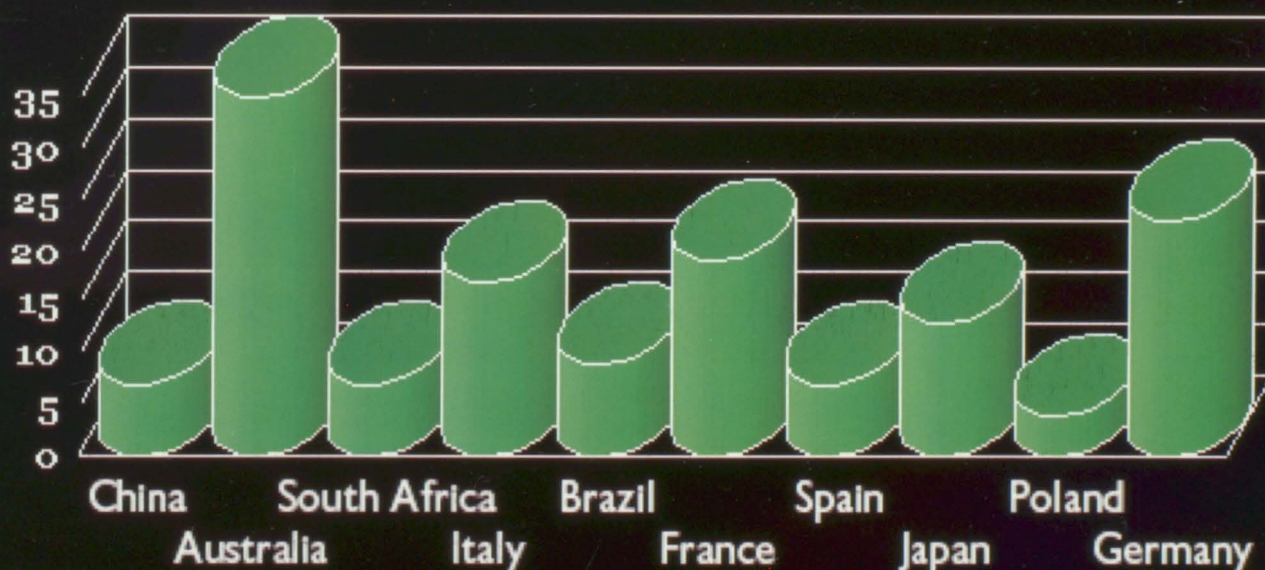
Kateryna Osadchuck lives with her brother and parents in Ukraine. She says her family is young and lives the extreme side of life. They love to go skiing, to travel or to go camping. She said she likes school at WHS very much, and she really enjoyed Homecoming week. Kateryna's favorite food from here is spaghetti and garlic bread.



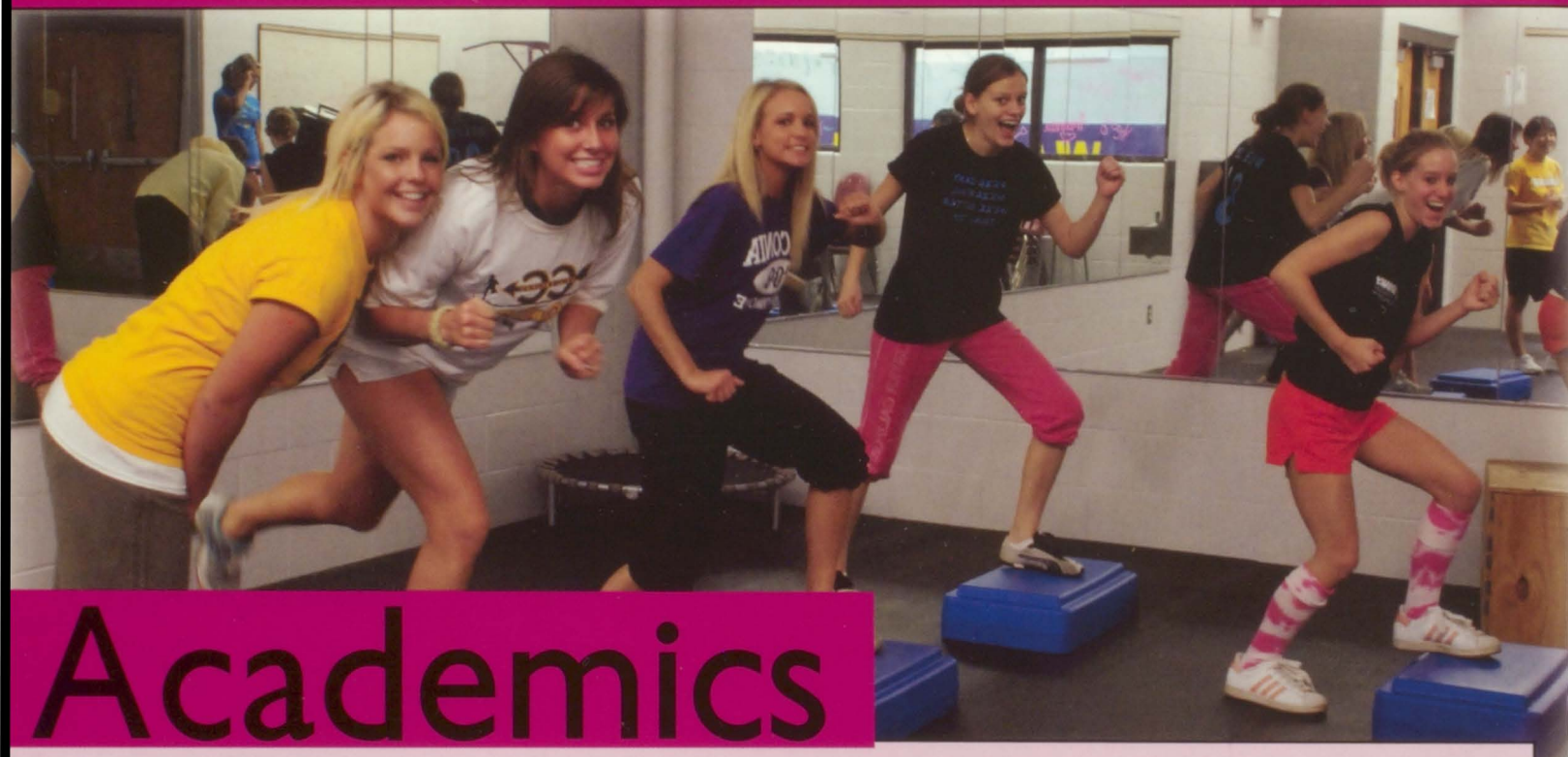
Lars Skodje is from Norway. He loves to hangout with friends, play the drum set, snowboard and kayak. He says that Norwegian schools are very different. They have shorter periods and they do not have school sports. This year Lars participated in football and enjoyed it very much. He also is participating in Drumline. Lars said he has a typical Norwegian family. He lives with his Mom, Dad, and cat. He said he doesn't miss his family; he loves it here.

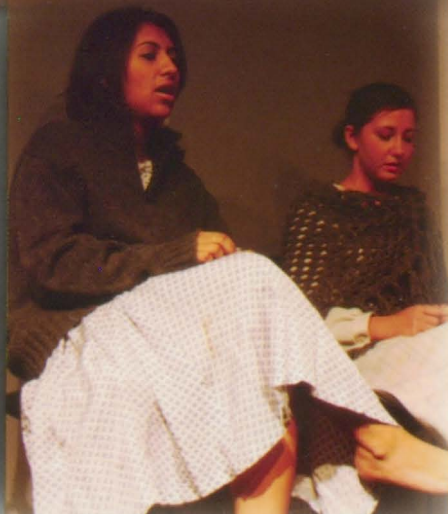
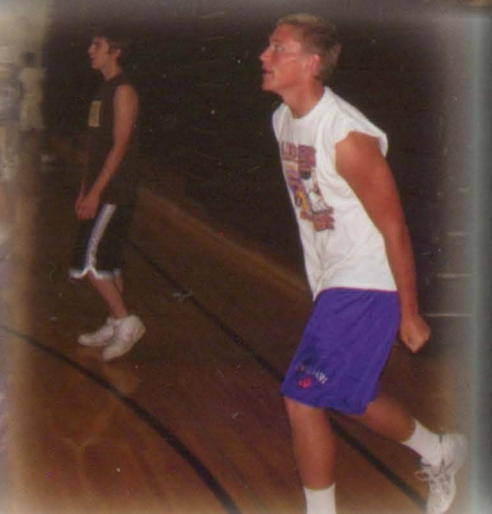
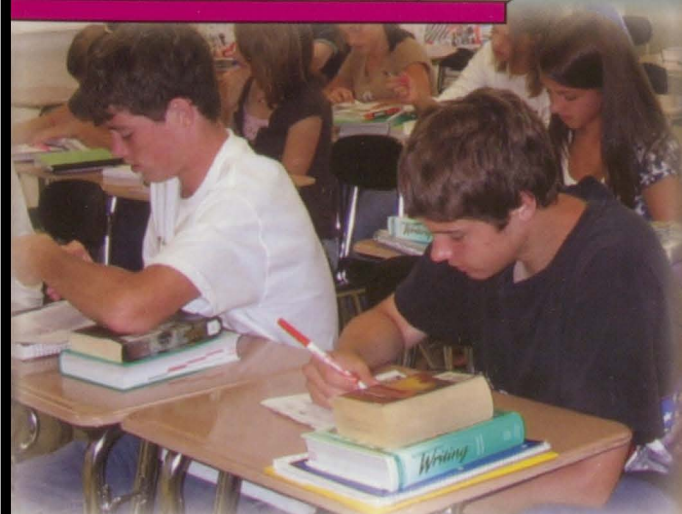
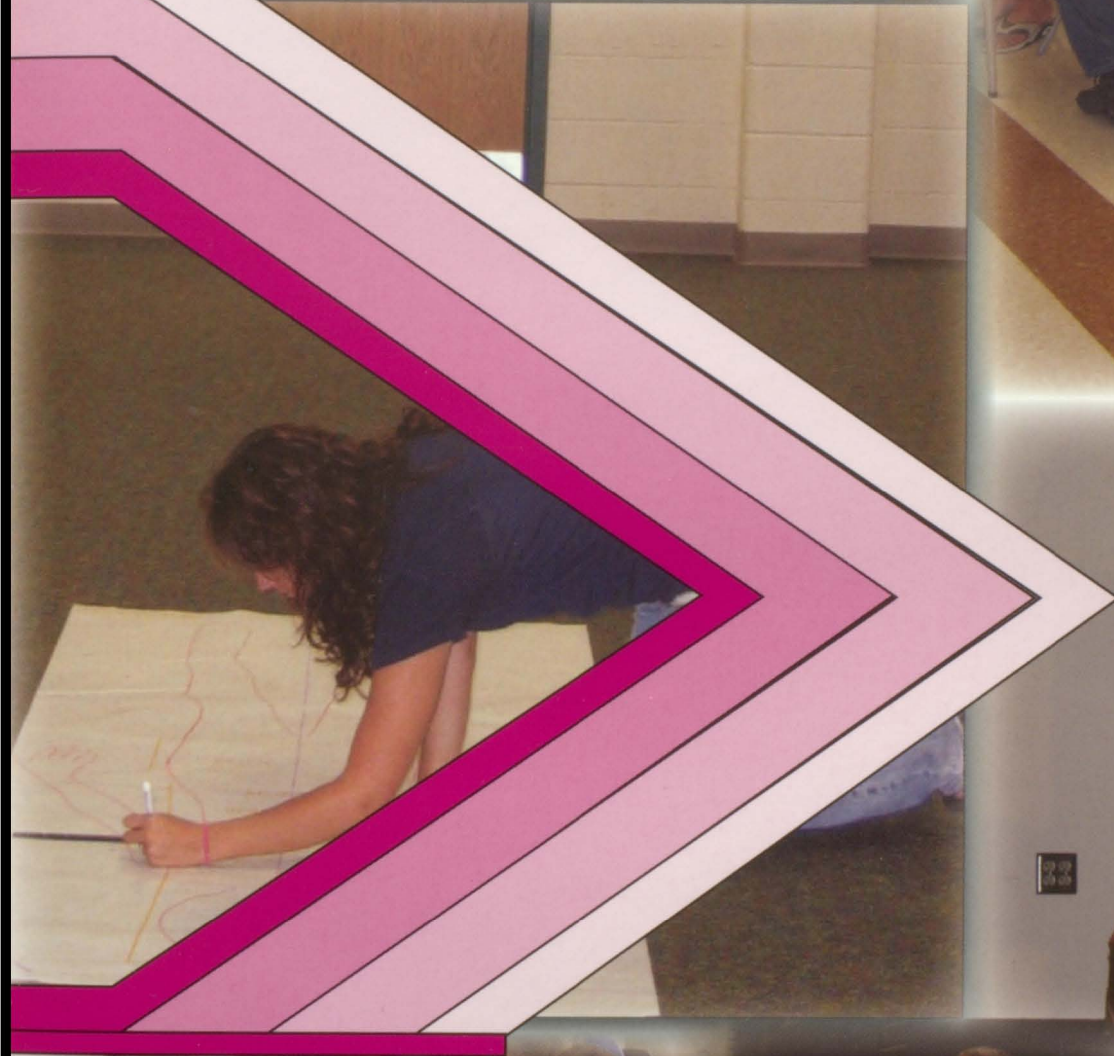
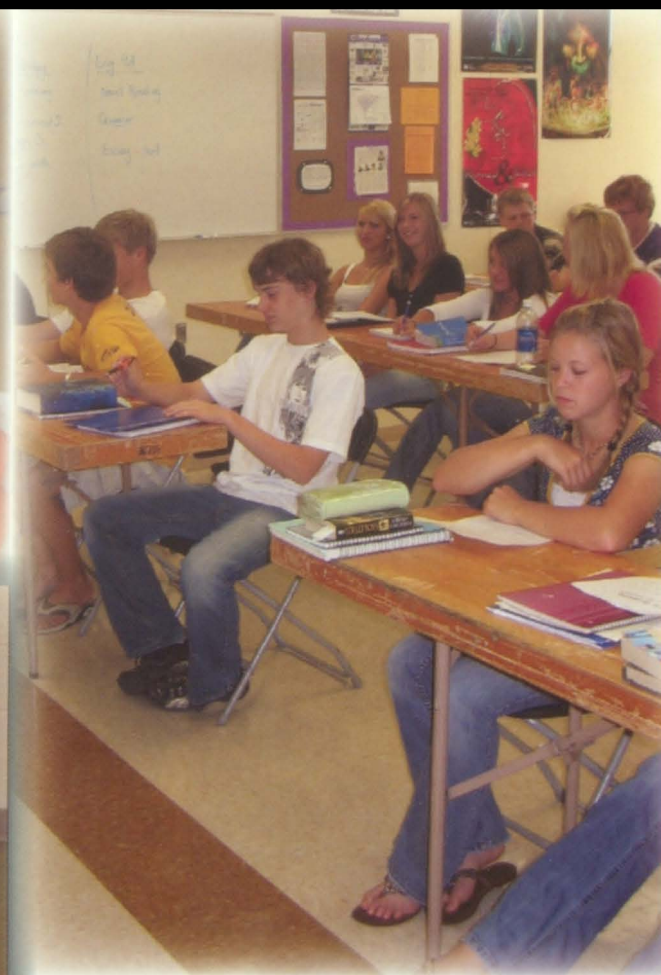
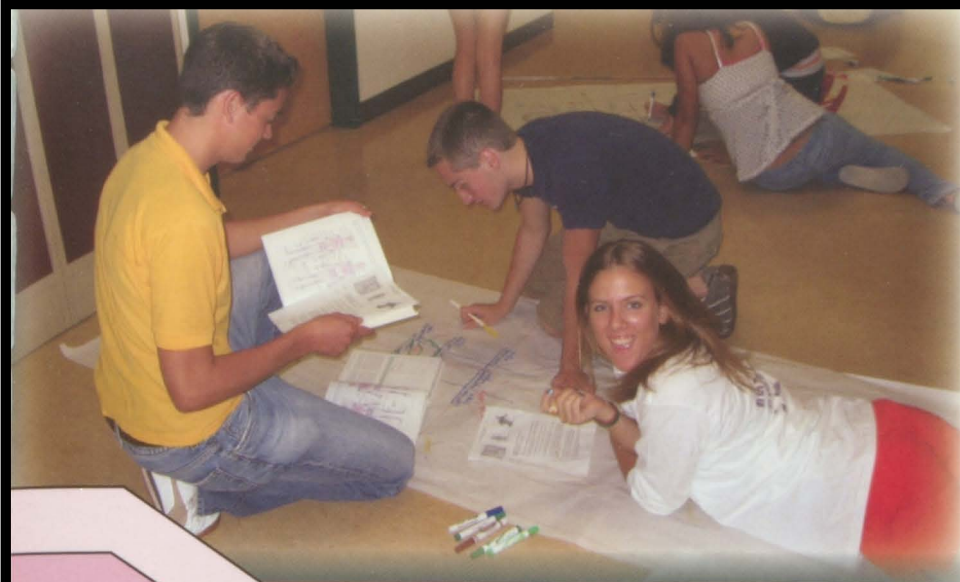
"I like school at WHS very much, and I really enjoyed Homecoming week."
-Kateryna Osadchuck

Student Survey



Where would WHS students most like to travel?





CSI Forensics

To Solve a Crime

CSI Forensics was a new elective course added to the science department.

The history of forensic science, crime scene processing, blood analysis, DNA analysis and processing, fingerprinting, criminal profiling and the study of serial killers were units covered in the course.

Although the course covered some unique topics, instructor Roxanne Kuerschner noted that it was still a science class, so she and fellow instructor Mike Zaske still incorporated scientific topics like the use of the scientific method, class

notes, labs and unit tests.

Kuerschner said she felt this type of science elective was created to add variety to the science curriculum. The modified curriculum incorporated more labs and other fun things. Kuerschner said the students have also helped shape the course.

"The kids have really been good about providing feedback to make it better, making it much easier to teach the class in the coming years," said Kuerschner.



Left: Senior Larry Novellino checked the dimensions of blood droplets during the blood spatter lab. Crime scene investigation labs were part of the CSI Forensics curriculum.

Above: Seniors Justine Widmer and Angela Hilgers analyzed data and tabulated their findings as part of the blood spatter lab. Besides conducting experiments in the lab, students also had to utilize basic scientific principles, including the scientific method.



Right: This classroom was the scene of a mock violent crime. Students completed several labs during the CSI Forensics course. In addition to the crime scene processing unit, students learned about blood analysis, fingerprinting, criminal profiling and serial killers. The course was offered for two trimesters during trimesters one and two. Mrs. Roxanne Kuerschner and Mr. Mike Zaske both taught the courses.

Outdoor

Gym Class...

Physical education courses were very popular at this school, and this department's elective courses often fill quickly.

Because of this, a new course called Outdoor Activities was added to the physical education curriculum this year. Offered during the first and second trimesters, this course gave students a chance to participate in physical activities outside the school building.

Although the course did focus on students' physical fitness and endurance, it gave students a chance to learn more lifetime activities.

During trimester one, students went fishing at Lake Waconia, played frisbee golf on the school's soccer field, and went biking around Waconia.

The cold winter weather during trimester two didn't stop students from sledding at Mount Waconia, ice fishing at Lake Waconia and playing volleyball.

The Outdoor Activities course grew in popularity as the school year progressed. First trimester there were 17 students enrolled, but by second trimester, enrollment was at 40 students.

Having a new course like this involves major brainstorming and cooperation not only from teachers but also from the students.

"We are writing the curriculum as we go along, but having all the of the input from all of the kids really is a big help," said teacher Becky Bigaouette.



Above: Andy Fiebelkorn lined up a shot at one of the targets inside the gym. Other class activities included playing frisbee golf, biking around Waconia, playing outdoor volleyball, and shore fishing and ice fishing at Lake Waconia.

Activities

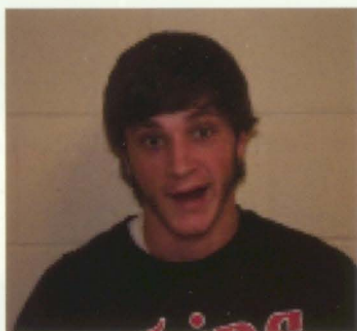
Outside the gym.



Above: Senior Matt Gray practiced his archery skills inside the gym during the Outdoors Activities course. Students participated in many outside activities, but in January when windchills reached -35 below, students were forced to stay inside.



"My favorite activity was ice fishing because we got to sit in Brad Weinzierl's fish house the whole time and just fish."
- Junior Nate Kelzer



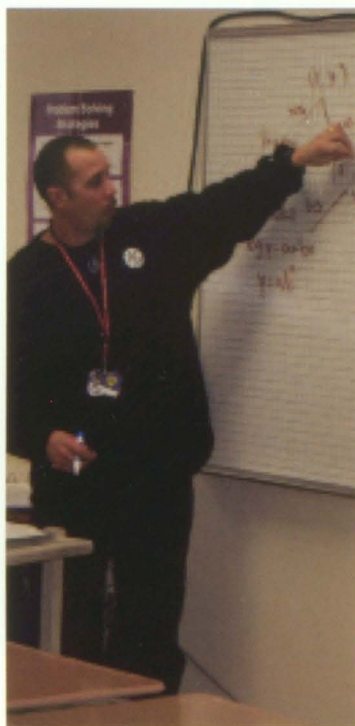
"This class is definately a 13 out of 10 because of the outdoor activities."
- Senior Brett Moore



"This class is different from other gym classes because of the activities like fishing and sledding."
- Senior Andrew Vigil

AP Statistics

Everday Statistics



Left: Mr. Grundhofer taught his students how to statistically analyze information.

Above: Juniors Brian Broll and Ken Miyamoto made some measurements on the white board.

A.P. Statistics is an Advanced Placement statistics class that took place during the second and third trimesters.

Mr. Grundhofer said that, "It is a mathematics course that operates like a science class."

Statistics is a part of everyday life. Statistics are used in the news, during elections, on standardized tests, and in many other facets of life.

This class was added because of the popularity of the class at other high schools, and the good feedback it had been getting.

The class enrollment was small

this year, but the Math Department is hoping enrollment will grow once students hear more about the class.

Because this was the equivalent of a college Statistics course, students moved at a fast pace. They studied probability, random sampling, basic inferential statistics, and hypothesis testing. Students had the opportunity to take the Advanced Placement Statistics exam in May. Those who earned a high enough score could receive college credit for completing the course.



"This class is different from any other math class because the actual math is much simpler, and you would use it in life much more than the other math we have learned."
- Juior Emily Cook

Administration



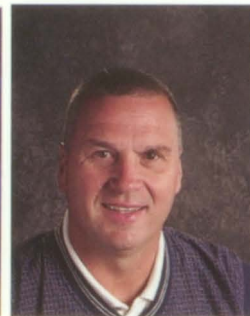
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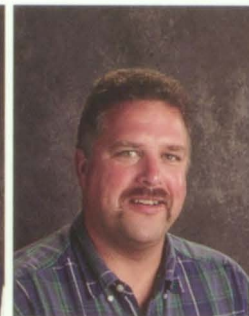
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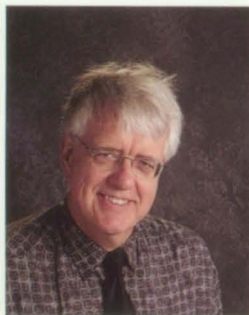
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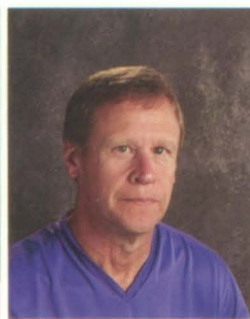
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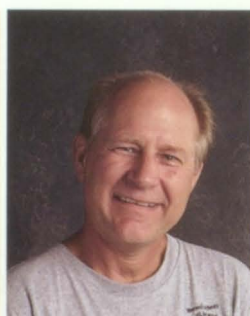
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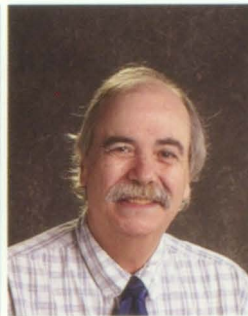
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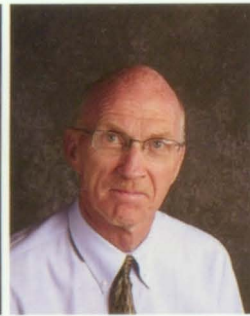
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Face The Music

Did you play an Instrument in High School and do you still play for fun?

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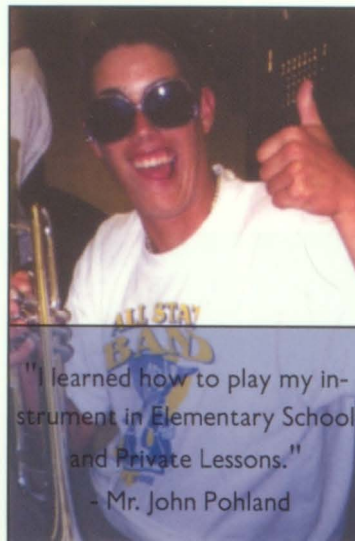
- Miss Lynette Pawelk

I still practice whenever I can, but I don't have my own piano.

- Miss Jennifer Morman

I played percussion in high school, and I still play my guitar for fun.

- Mr. Andrew Sodey



"I learned how to play my instrument in Elementary School and Private Lessons."

- Mr. John Pohland

Left: When he was a junior at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, band director Mr. John Pohland was selected for the all state band. During rehearsal for the state band, the trumpet section made him wear big sunglasses. Pohland still plays the trumpet. In fact, he'll even play with the school's pep band during sporting events and pep fests.

Right: In Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Brady Krusemark played the trumpet when he was a member of a drum and bugle corp. Krusemark, who attended high school in Mankato, Minnesota, is also one of the school's band directors.

How did you learn to play your instrument?

Self-taught. -Mr. Clark Machtemes

From piano lessons. - Miss Jennifer Morman

For piano and drums I took lessons, and I taught myself to play the guitar.

-Mr. Andrew Sodey

I learned to play the spoons from Grandpa Clem. - Mr. Mark Grundhoffer

What instrument do you play?

I play the flute and organ. - Miss Lynette Pawelk

I play the guitar, harmonica, trumpet, banjo, mandolin, and dobro. -Mr. Clark Machtemes

I play the guitar, piano, and drums. - Mr. Andrew Sodey

I like to play spoons. - Mr. Mark Grundhoffer



Above: Even though they aren't an official group, science teachers Mr. Michael Jensen, Mr. Todd Klein, and Mr. Wayne Trapp liked to rock out during morning break.

Why do you like to sing or play your instrument?

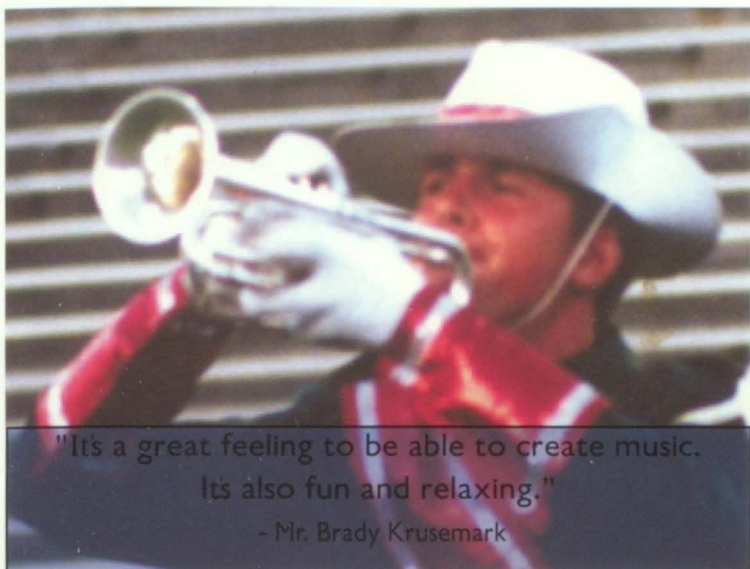
Music is relaxing, and you can annoy people with the drums.
- Mr. Mike Zaske

I want to learn to ROLK IT! It'll allow me to incite JOCKJAM RAGE
DOWNS! - Mr. Dustin Neibauer

It lets me get my emotions out. - Miss Jennifer Morman

It's a good way to relax at the end of the day. - Mr. Andrew Sodey

Teachers share their musical talents and experiences



"It's a great feeling to be able to create music.
It's also fun and relaxing."

- Mr. Brady Krusemark

Are you in a band, and if so, what is your band's name?

I was in a band in high school called Judd Avenue. It was a group made up of high school friends. - Mr. Mike Zaske

I play in a band called Minnesota Symphonic Winds. We play with adults from the Twin Cities and greater MN. - Mr. Brady Krusemark

If I was in a band it would be called Rabid Amoeba Goon Squad! We started since sasquatches started being recognized as righteous! - Mr. Dustin Neibauer

Are you in some kind of singing group or choir?

In the shower and not well. - Mr. Mark Grundhoffer

I sing in the church choir. - Mr. Eric Hansen

I used to be in choir, popchoir, and madrigal. - Mr. Dustin Neibauer

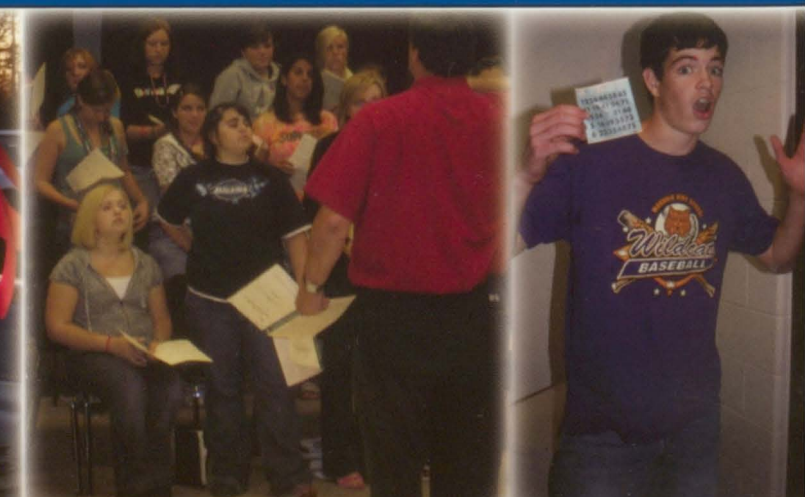
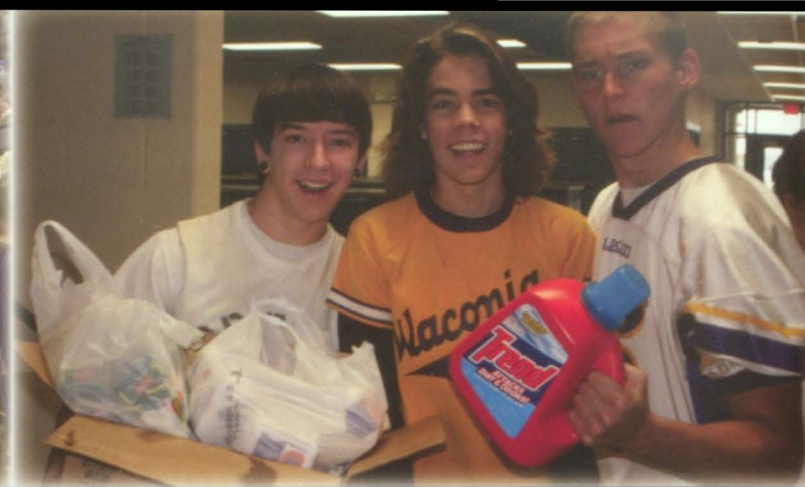
I sing for the Waconia Moravian Church Choir. - Mr. Kim Benson



Above: In the summer of 1986, choir director Mr. Aaron Olson played bass guitar in the group Starburst. The group performed at many events. Olson directs several choral groups at WHS. He is also the director of Power Company, Waconia High School's showchoir.



Above: English teacher Mr. Dustin Neibauer, a self-taught guitar player, relaxed around the campfire while playing his guitar at Horseshoe Lake in Crosslake, Minnesota.





Setting the Bar

Scholars Chosen for Leadership

National Honor Society (NHS) is an honorary organization that recognizes student academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and community service. Taking part in this organization was an immediate flag for scholarship committees, colleges, and eventually future employers.

"It's an established organization. Members are recognized as trustworthy, as good role models for their peers, and as individuals that strive for academic excellence," said Melissa Weinand, NHS advisor.

However, there were certain standards required of NHS members. Students had to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above, had to complete at least 20 hours of community service per year, and had to participate in at least three school activities.

For community service, NHS didn't just put together service

projects; they actually participated in current service projects throughout the communities of Waconia, Saint Bonifacius, and the surrounding area.

"We support what the community is already doing. Instead of doing our own community service drives, we volunteer to help a multitude of organizations that put together service projects that are already going on in the community" said Weinand. There isn't a week that goes by that there aren't calls from organizations looking for help from our members."

Some NHS members liked the outward benefits of being involved in an academic association.

"It looks pretty sweet on a college application. It shows that you are a well-rounded student who is involved in your community," said NHS Officer Brandy Reichenberger.

"NHS encourages you to achieve your best and it gives you

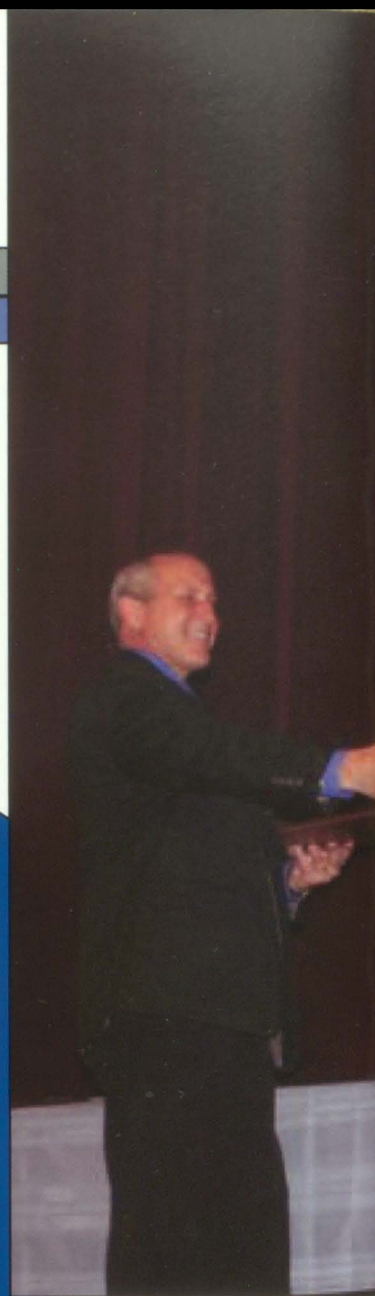
great opportunities to offer guidance to your peers. In the future, colleges and universities will see your participation in NHS and see a well-rounded student," said senior Patrick Puckett, another NHS officer.

Some NHS students also appreciated the benefits of service projects.

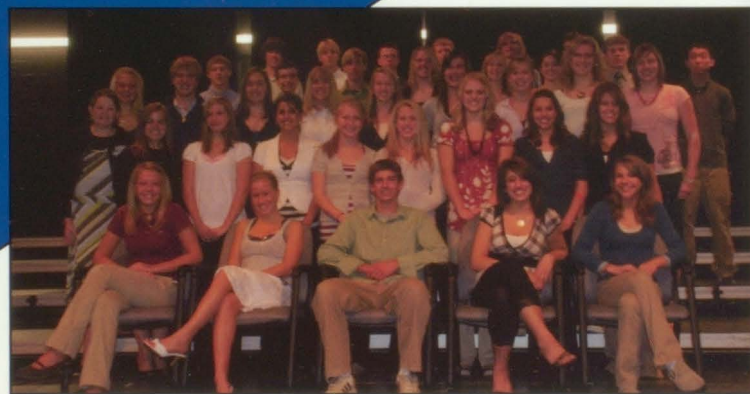
"I feel fulfilled when I do community service projects," Puckett said. "I love to help people, and this provides great opportunities to do so. Service projects are generally a lot of fun and very rewarding."

Officer Anna Ayers Looby also liked the positive influences NHS can have on others.

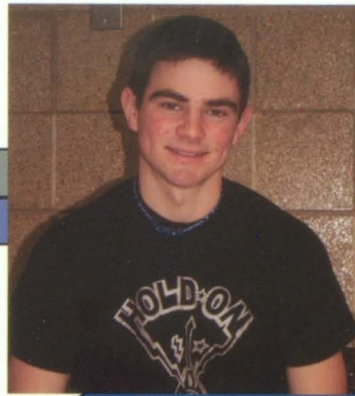
"I like the satisfaction of being an active member and positive influence in the community and environment in which we live," said Ayers Looby. "On top of that, volunteering just makes me feel all tingly inside because it feels good to make a difference."



Seniors Front Row: Patrick Puckett, Phylidia Short, Christine Deering, Anna Ayers-Looby, Brittany Sellman; Second Row: Christine Schieffer, Camille Moore, Brandy Reichenberger, Hannah Swift, Amy Anderson, Anna Hedstrom, Cassie Giesinger; Third Row: Kyle Rindahl, Lance Neubauer, Brooke Gatheridge, Kylie Wroge, Alicia Champagne, Nolan Weber, Bryan Wessale, Addison Born; Last Row: David Fischer, Michael Schnedler, Nicholas Litfin, Samuel Mock, Jason Kaare, Austin Schwartz



Juniors Front Row: Madeline Brown, Mandi Selvey, Nicholas Hennen, Hannah Kimyon, Mercedes Tolzmann; Second Row: Brianna Sullivan, Stephanie Wothe, Mary Polding, Cassandra Faust, Cassandra Norton, Kara Pioske, Emily Willems, Emily Cook; Third Row: Melanie Grangaard, Justin Ratzlaff, Kelsey Connor, Rachel Mathwig, Jacklyn Surat, Caitlin Giesen, Lucy Tongen, Scotti Moats, Shana Froehling; Fourth Row: Elijah Stangret, Steven Wert, Gattlin Miller, Margo Schwartz, Emily Halvorson, Sarah Northrup, Kyle Pingeon, Ken Miyamoto; Last Row: Patrick Van-Kirk, Keelan Ryan, Tyler Stevenson, Matt Gibbs, Anders Culver

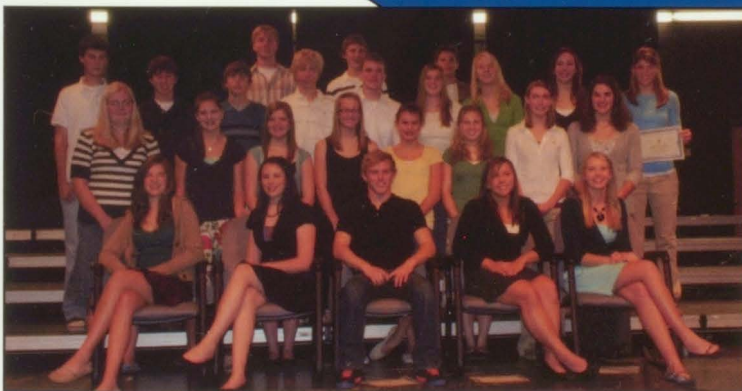


Left: Nick Litfin made his speech on the importance of service. At the fall induction ceremony, the officers gave speeches on the four pillars of being a good NHS member.

Right: Anna Ayers Looby spoke about leadership. She talked about what it means to be a leader in different aspects of our lives and went into detail about the essential leadership qualities.



Left: Brandy Reichenberger gave a speech about the importance of character. Reichenberger talked about how students' achievements in the areas of leadership, activities, and scholarship are all indicative of their character. She also shared her hopes for future NHS members.



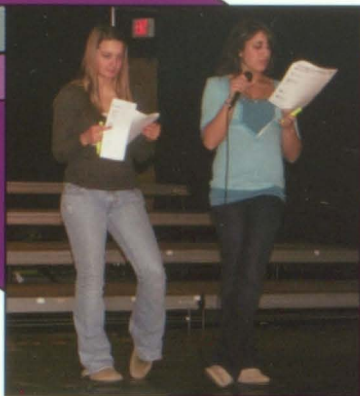
Sophomores Front Row: Emily Mueller, Anna Weitz, Dillon Pomeroy, Stephanie McGinn, Becky Boughten; Second Row: Laurel Pierson, Katie Grinnell, Lisa Rasmussen, Meredith Proulx. Brittany Van Houtte, Claire Perkins, Kelsey Perers, Alyssa Hennen; Third Row: Benjamin Metling, Jesse Stermer, Mark Bullis, Jackson Mitchell, Reese Weber, Leah Christensen, Britta Rinke, Rebecca Hughes, Allison Dunkelberger; Last Row: Logan Sohns, Danny Fishbach, Michael Brown

Right: Patrick Puckett gave a speech on the quality of a scholarship. In his speech Puckett encouraged his peers to challenge themselves academically and to pursue lifelong learning.



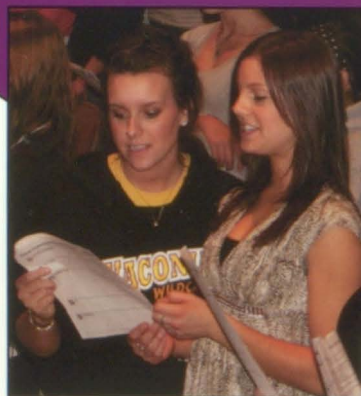
Not pictured: Seniors Mary Beth Christensen, Nicole Good, Rachel Horner; Juniors Kyra Daugherty, Kelly Deweese, Kjerstin Haugsby, Edith Lee, Lynne McMullen, Jackson Melius, Dianne Parkinson, Jared Pawelk, Kyla Smith, Kyla Thorson, Stephanie Wymore; Sophomores Margaux Jensen, Kelsey Woodland

The Ultimate Leadership Experience



Right: Juniors Morgan Braunhusen, Jessica Hunter, and Meryl Pogatchnik received feedback on their Star Event project from FCCLA advisors at the Star Event Open House held at the high school.

Left: Juniors Alexa Klos and Hannah Kimyon spoke at the January business meeting.

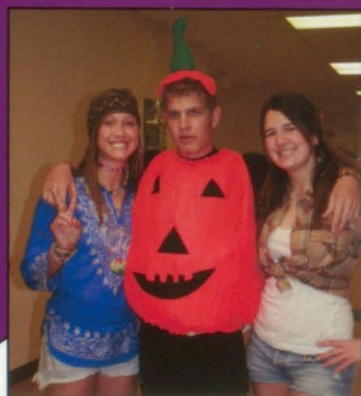


Right: Seniors Brittni Sweeney and Erin Salveson recited the FCCLA creed to start off the December business meeting. At the monthly meetings, FCCLA members learned about upcoming events and activities from the officers and advisors.



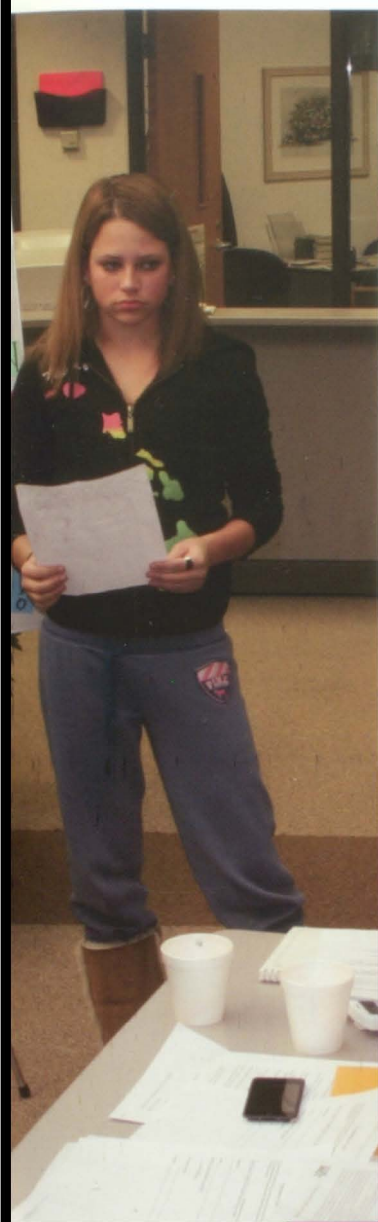
Left: Seniors Katelin Boehm and Becca Dummer explained their in-depth service project to fellow FCCLA members during the FCCLA luncheon. Boehm and Dummer organized "Safety Connections," a project at Bayview Elementary School teaching first and second grade students about various safety topics including summer, Halloween, and home safety.

Right: Seniors Amanda Pederson, Sam Mock, and Kylie Wroge showed off their Halloween costumes. FCCLA members Cody Boll, Kyle Rindahl, and Eric Aeling organized the Halloween Spirit Week as their FCCLA project. This was the first year that the schools administration allowed students to wear Halloween costumes during the school day.



Officers Front Row: Vice President Hannah Kimyon, President Anna Hedstrom; Middle Row: Secretary Shanna Froehling and Historian Alexa Klos; Back Row: Public Relations Officer Eric Aeling; Treasurer Kyle Rindahl was physically missing from the photo, but Eric Aeling remembered him with a caricature drawing.

FCCLA



There were a lot of changes this year in FCCLA, the Family Career and Community Leaders of America. The 2008 chapter was unlike any other. New growth and new in-depth projects were some things that made this year unique compared to every year before.

This year's FCCLA chapter had 81 members, a 19-member increase from a previous year's 62. President Anna Hedstrom's one word used to describe this year was "big."

To cover the growth of the group, there were six officers this year instead of five, the result of a tie in voting for officer positions. In addition to Hedstrom, the other officers included Vice President Hannah Kimyon, Treasurer Kyle Rindahl, Secretary Shana Froehling, Historian Alexa Klos, and the Public Relations Officer was Eric Aeling.

Service and youth safety were the focuses of the in-depth project this year. An in-depth project

is a monthly activity focused on a topic which involves all members. A youth safety project, "Safety Connections," was the main focus this year, educating Bayview first and second graders. For example, October was Halloween safety month. Other subjects of safety were hygiene safety, nutrition and making healthy food choices, and summer safety, which included biking and water safety.

FCCLA was one organization in the school that participated in this year's service night, which took place on Sept. 26. FCCLA did its part by collecting food for families in need.

"Service night was a great way to teach all teens that they can make a positive difference in their community," said FCCLA Advisor Sue Moody Hartwig.

Hartwig said a big benefit of being in FCCLA is that students developed strong leadership skills.

"They don't know they have a leader inside them; they just need to know how to bring it out,"

said Hartwig. "I like seeing how students grow."

Thanks to advisors like Sue Hartwig and Stephanie Kappel, the assistant advisor, students had a greater opportunity to do just that.

This year FCCLA sponsored Career Cluster Discussion Panels, a project put together by Anna Hedstrom and Terra Peterson. The panels were offered to all juniors and seniors and were meant to help students learn about careers in the areas in which they expressed interest.

FCCLA teaches students how to plan things out and be better organized, a very helpful tool to get them through the teenage years. Members saw other benefits as well.

"After you put a lot of hard work into your project and go to state, it pays off, and you get to know that you helped others and it feels good," said junior Glenda Pomare.



11th & 12th Grade Group First Row: Cassy Norton, Cassie Faust, Glenda Pomare, Alexa Klos, John Heimdal, Shane Ewalt, Tanner Skaalerud, Kelsey Hoen, Jessica Vogel, Erin Salveson, Brittini Sweeny, Katelin Boehm; Second Row: Mercedes Tolzmann, Mary Polding, Kelly Deweese, Emily Capaul, Shana Froehling, Caty Giesen, Margo Schwartz, Jessica Hunter, Meryl Pogotchnik, Becky Lund, Erin Linden, Jason Elasky, Whitney Watts; Third Row: Jamie Sanchez, Megan Rademacher, Emily Cook, Christina Rupp, Morgan Braunhausen, Christine Deering, Anna Ayers Looby, Anna Hedstrom, Maddie Brown, Stephanie Wothe, Kyla Thorson, Rachel Mathwig, Maggi Stivers; Back Row: Cory Gieske, Tommy Korteum, Tara Peterson, Kyle Rindahl, Eric Aeling, Eli Stangret, Katie Luce, Amanda Peterson, Kara Bakke, Jessica Evjen



9th & 10th Grade Group First Row: Chelsea Vanderhoff, Kerry Hayes, Stephanie McGinn, Victoria Larkin, Jessica Heimdal, Megan Midthun; Middle Row: Katie Heenie, Callie Schroder, Alyse Herman, Katelynn Doherty, Allyson Klitzke, Marissa Melchert, Jessica Kalman; Back Row: Ellie Hagganmiller, Kera Jones, Carly Stockert, Jenny Cafarella, Julie Zakashefski, James Froehling, Allison Armstrong, Cecelia Findorff, Rachael Helbrecht, Emily Mueller, Nicole Wynsteker

Yearbook

Having a VOICE in something

It has been said that "If your voice can be heard, someone is listening."

This idea was behind the 2007-2008 yearbook as the staff members aspired to give the student body a chance to raise their own voices and be heard throughout the book. Staff members used a few strategies to reveal the 2008 book's theme, *Voice*.

"The book is full of quotes from the student body," said Co-editor-in-chief Anna Hedstrom. "We tried to quote as many people as we could to incorporate a 'voice.'"

Designing a yearbook is not easy. From assigning editors and page positions to completing the final publication, the process took countless hours before, during and after school. It was what Photography Editor Jeremy Reichenberger called, "extra-curricular overtime" because

much care was taken to provide students, faculty and staff with the best yearbook possible.

Besides a unique theme, the 2008 book had a few other original features including its gold leather lithographed cover, which replaced the usual glossy covers of past yearbooks. Another feature was the addition of individual contributions by the students, including the senior quotes that were placed throughout the senior section.

"At first glance, someone may think the theme is about songs or music, but it's actually about the voice of our student body," said yearbook advisor Megan Grossman.

The recurring V graphics used throughout the book further unified the book and reflected the *Voice* theme visually.

The yearbook staff also felt

pressure because they knew they had "big shoes to fill," considering the 2006-2007 yearbook, *A Splash of Color*, was chosen as a semi-finalist for Taylor Publishing's *Yearbook Yearbook*, an anthology containing the best yearbooks produced the previous year.

Even with the pressure of producing a quality yearbook, Grossman said she anxiously awaited the book's publication and release.

"I think this is going to be a great book. I'm glad I've had the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group of students - students who've had to push themselves to contribute as individuals and to work as part of a group."



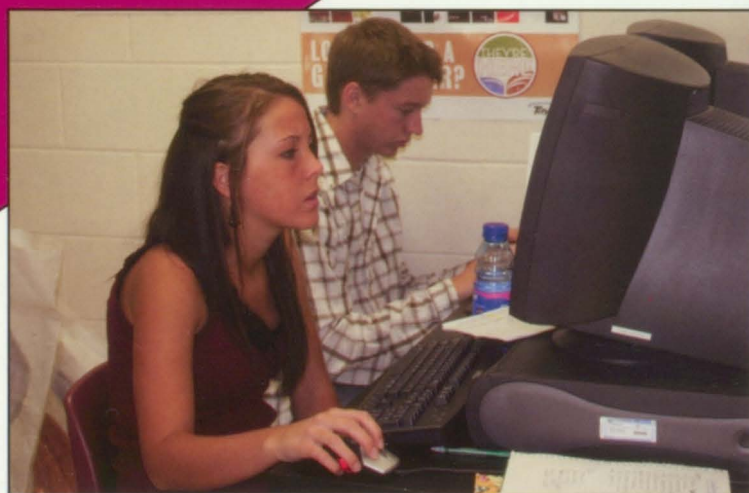
"It was a good experience for the future because I learned a lot about working with a group and learned about photography, writing, and captions."
-Sophomore Leah Christensen.

"It's tons of fun, working with friends and making the yearbook that the whole school will look at years from now!"

-Co-editors-in-chief Anna Hedstrom and Cassie Giesinger.



Above: Prior to the first publication deadline, Activities Editor Amanda Corson and Senior Editor Chae'le Varnavas tallied the results of the senior polls and senior favorites. A new addition to the 2008 yearbook was the addition of senior student quotations that were placed throughout the senior section of the book.



Above: Co-editor-in-chief Cassie Giesinger and Academic editor Josh Condon worked on their spreads to help finish the deadline. The yearbook staff had four major deadlines. Approximately 40 pages were due each for each deadline.

Tracks

Never at a loss for words

In a high school, news spreads fast through text messages, e-mail, and whatever social networking website is hip that week. For reliable school news, students turned to *Tracks*, Waconia High School's official school newspaper.

The process of creating the new edition of *Tracks* began with an after-school brainstorming meeting where the staff met to discuss topics that would be interesting to the readers, as well as the ones writing the articles, because, as Co-editor-in-chief Kristina Rice said, "Whatever a writer is the most comfortable with is the story they will get to write. Otherwise, the stories aren't interesting."

After the stories were chosen and the writers assigned, the writers needed to get a balanced opinion by interviewing people with different views on a topic.

"For example, if one person is in favor of open lunch, you need to also interview someone against it," said Co-editor-in-chief Lynne McMullen.

Using these sources, the writers

used the quotes and info gathered to form a non-biased article.

"The editors suggest changes, which the writers (hopefully) make before submitting their drafts for publication," said McMullen.

After the copy was written, the stories were categorized as news, features or sports, and a layout was created.

Sometimes, one of the staff's most difficult obstacles was deciding what the issue's cover story should be.

"We have to capture the reader's interest with the cover," said Art Director Patrick Puckett, "so we put a lot of thought into it."

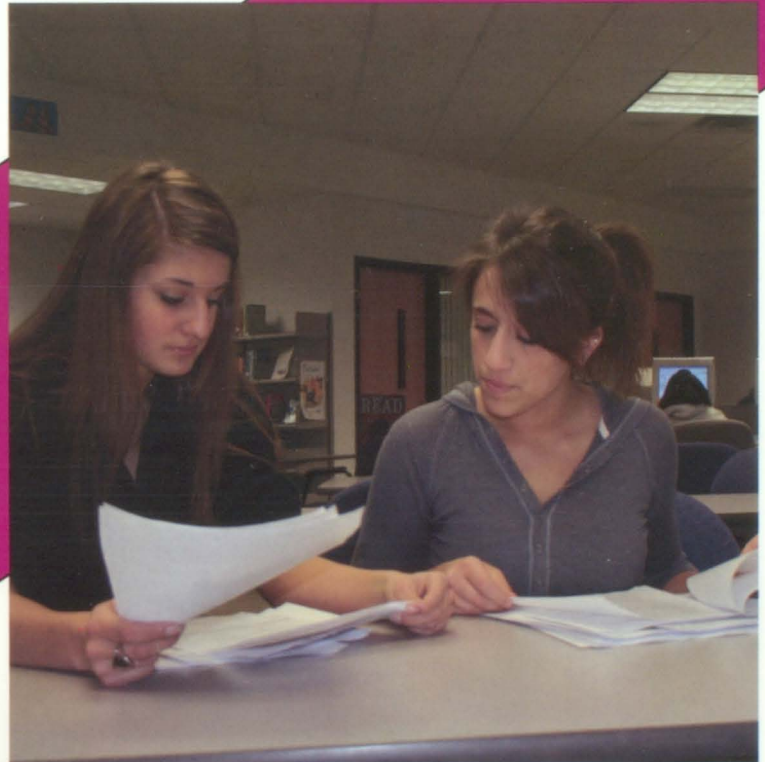
Producing a newspaper was time consuming, but the staff members saw many benefits. "Newspaper teaches you how to work together with other students to create a great quality product," said Puckett. "It teaches you how to improve your writing skills and how to work with some really cool software."

"Writing for the school newspaper is a great educational experience."

-Co-editor-in-chief Lynne McMullen

"You learn a lot about people. That makes it interesting."

-Co-editor-in-chief Kristina Rice



Above: *Tracks* staff members Christina Rupp and Hannah Kimyon spend time in the media center reviewing research they gathered for upcoming articles for the school newspaper. Published on a trimester basis, school newspaper articles covered both school and community topics.



Above: Front Row Hannah Kimyon, Christina Rupp, Lynne McMullen; Second Row Kristina Rice, Emily Cook, Rachel Martel, David Butz.

Actions
speak louder
than words,

Lend a Hand



Above: Senior Kyle Rindahl, junior Patrick VanKirk and senior Lance Neubauer pushed a cart full of food that the stuents collected from Stuff A Truck. Classrooms competed against one another to see which class could bring the most pounds of food. Mrs. Lauren Leshers Algebra IA class collected the most food and was awarded with class party complete with treats provided by the Peer Helpers.

When asked how to describe Peer Helpers, Advisor Lynette Pawelk said, "Helping others, having fun, and being good leaders!"

Peer Helpers has been a successful organization ever since it started. Its main goal is for students to set an example of being positive peer leaders and do worthwhile activities. Some activities that Peer Helpers helped organize were the New Student Pizza Party, the Decorate A Door Contest, Stuff a Truck, and Kindness Week.

"Kindness Week is so much fun when we high five people at the door and scare them with our overpowering, jolly spirit," said junior Sarah Northrup.

Peer Helpers encourage the student body and staff to be active in school and do good things.

"It's always more fun to share with everyone," said junior Pat-

rick VanKirk.

This quote is a message that Peer Helpers tried to spread by their individual and group actions.

The group consisted of approximately 16 sophomores, juniors and seniors who were all nominated by the 2006-2007 Peer Helpers. Those nominated had to fill out an application, and the 2006-2007 group made a decision about whom the 2007-2008 Peer Helpers were going to be.

New members considered it a honor to be selected.

"By being a part of Peer Helpers, you get a feeling of satisfaction by helping people," said senior Cody Boll, a new member.

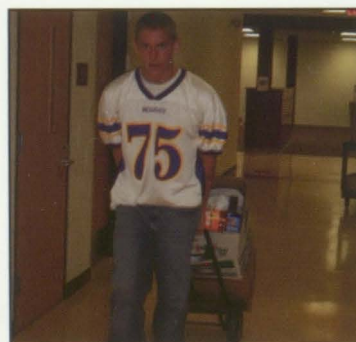
Students take part in Peer Helpers because it's all about making friends and being positive, helpful role models.

"It's always more fun to share with everyone."

-Junior Patrick VanKirk.



Above: Back Row: Tyler Stevenson, Andy Newman, Lance Neubauer, Kyle Rindahl, Patrick VanKirk; Middle Row: Ms. Pawelk, Maddie Asbjournson, Steven Wert, Cassy Norton, Danny Fischbach, Cody Boll; Front Row: Brittany Vanhoutte, Becky Boughten, Anna Ayers Looby, Melanie Grangaard, Sarah Northrup



"Peer Helpers rock, and that's a wrap."

-Senior Andy Newman

Stand Your Ground

Against
destructive
decisions

During the 2007-2008 school year, SADD members worked hard to teach students not to make harmful decisions. The SADD organization tries to find alternative methods to explain to students the consequences of a bad choice. Members did not lecture students about destructive decisions; instead, they showed possible outcomes in a situation.

"Kids make better choices when they see the effects of destructive decision," said junior SADD member Cassy Norton.

SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, is part of a national organization that has impacted many student lives. "It makes me think twice about the decisions I make," said Anna Ayers Looby, a counselor for SADD.

SADD put together many activities. One of the major activities that they organized was Red Ribbon Week.

The week began on Oct. 29 and

concluded Nov. 2. SADD held many student activities throughout the week. They tied red ribbons on cars which served as a reminder for students to be cautious everywhere and every time they drive.

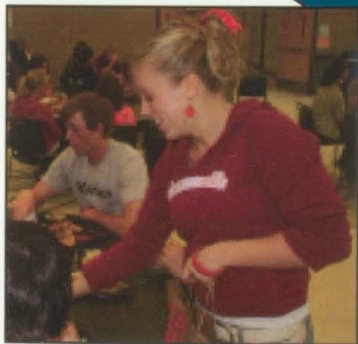
SADD also hosted three motivational speakers. The speakers were young ladies who had gone through many difficulties throughout their lives. The goal of the event was to help students relate to them and realize the same consequences could happen to anyone.

SADD also joined together with a few FCCLA members to conduct a Halloween costume contest.

Overall, the 72 members of SADD worked throughout the year to make these activities possible.



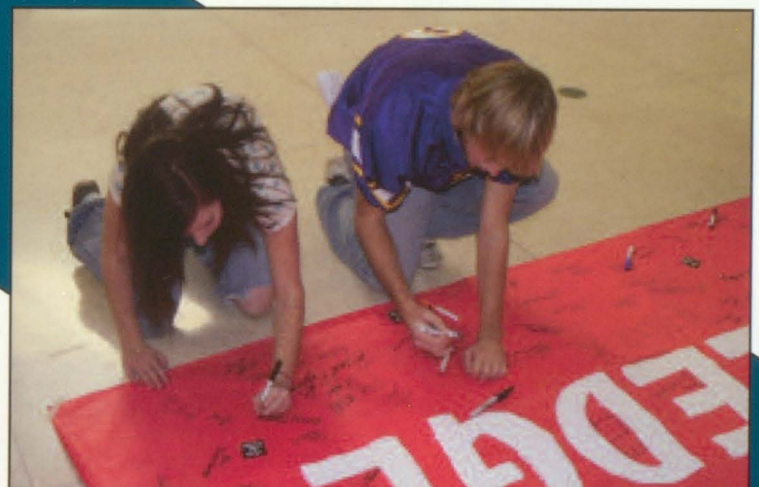
Above: Freshmen Whitney Buesgens, Alisha Bruner, Chelsea Vanderhoff, and Anna Pogatchnik cut out ribbons for Red Ribbon Week. SADD members tied ribbons on all of the vehicles in the school's parking lots during Red Ribbon Week Oct. 29 - Nov. 2.



"Kids make better choices when they see the effects of destructive decision."
-Junior Cassy Norton

"My wish for the future is to involve more students. I would also like to have more activities planned for the students to participate in."

-Advisor Dana Rathmanner



Above: Sophomore Emily Hansen and senior Lance Neubauer signed the banner that read, "We Pledge." By signing the banner, students were agreeing to not make any destructive decisions.

Leaders in Action

While most students were out enjoying their last few weeks of summer, the Student Council was already hard at work making plans for the upcoming school year.

"We started planning Spirit Week in the summer," said Student Council President Anna Ayers Looby. "We held the meetings at my house."

Every year the group, which consisted of 26 students this year, works hard to come up with good ideas for the student body to be more involved.

"Our main goal in Student Council is to enhance student life," said Mrs. Melchert, student council advisor. "The things that go on make a difference; without them, things would be a little dull."

This year, the Student Council came up with some new ideas for the student body. One new thing that had them excited

was the calendar that was hung up in the cafeteria.

Secretary Alicia Champagne said, "We got the calendar that we have wanted for so many years now."

Also new this year was Environmental Week.

"I'm really excited to see how it goes," said junior Sarah Northrup.

With all of their hard work, came feelings of accomplishment.

"I definitely feel like I have made a difference in the school. Anna and I have started a few traditions that will hopefully be around for a while," said Vice President Christine Deering.

As more students are being added to the Student Council team, new ideas are being come up with. They hope to keep getting students more and more involved every year in their activities.



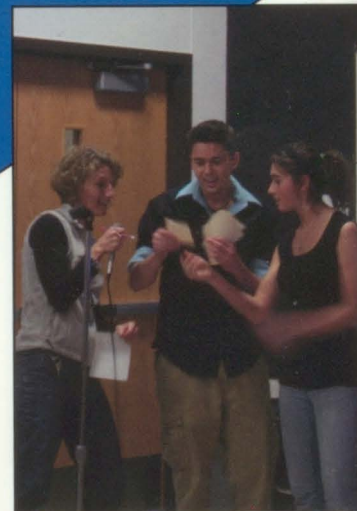
Above: First Row: Sean Linden, Chaneen Haler, Amanda Beaulieu, Leah Christensen, Meredith Proulx, Kelsey Peters, Second Row: Steven Wert, Christine Deering, Anna Ayers Looby, Alicia Champagne, Kelsey Woodland, Amanda Quiring, Back Row: Jackie Surat, Emily Havlerson, Kylie Wroge, Sarah Northrup, Phylcia Short, Melanie Grangaard, Justin Ratzlaff, Missing: Jennifer Cafferella, Taylor Gregory



Above: Junior Jackie Surat shopped at Target with money raised by WHS students for the CAPS toy drive. Students raised approximately \$2400 in the week long fundraising event.



Above: Sophomore Kelsey Woodland put balloons on the coronation display.

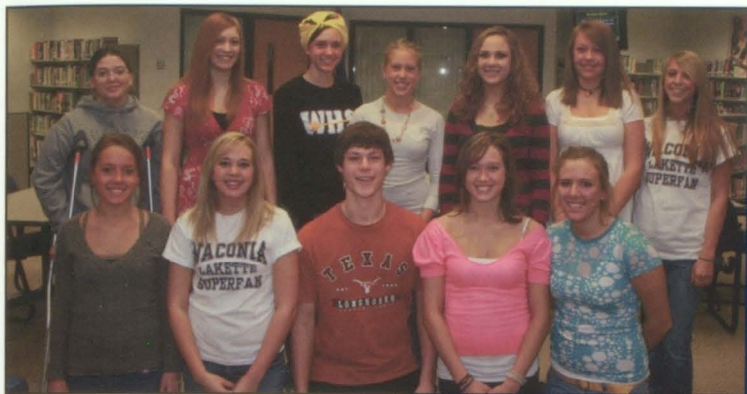


Above: Student Council Advisor Mrs. Melchert and Vice President Christine Deering checked over Jake Hayes' bingo card during Turkey Bingo. His card ended up being a losing card.



Left: Juniors Jackie Surat and Emily Havlerson got ready for the Homecoming Coronation by setting up the stage.

Three Cheers for America Reads



Southview Group Back Row: Brianna Hartman, Amanda Quirring, Hallie Miller, Cassy Norton, Phylicia Short, Maddie Brown, Jessica Vogel Front Row: Cassie Giesinger, Anna Hedstrom, Shelby Moats, Amanda Pederson, Alicia Champagne Not Pictured: Kelsey Hoen, Amy Krautbauer, Ashley Deleeuw, Scotti Moats, Allie Dunkelberger, Morgan Simmons, Rebecca Pederson



Bayview Group Back Row: Morgan Shultz, Cassie Faust, Emily Halverson, Jacklyn Surat Front Row: Rachel Flemig, Lucy Tongen, Christine Deering, Anna Ayers Looby Not Pictured: Caty Giesen



St. Joe's Group Back Row: Patrick Loglin, Michael Murry, Jesse Sterner Third Row: Patrick Van Kirk, Danny Fischbach, Benjamin Metling, Logan Sohns Second Row: Jessica McGinn, Hailey Muller-Milne, Katie Luce Front Row: Edith Lee, Michelle Kroells, Kyra Daughtry, Tina Rupp Not Pictured: Meryl Pogatchnik, Brittney Lechner, Nick Hennen

Instead of sleeping in an extra hour, once a week over 40 WHS students woke up early to help first through fourth graders with their schoolwork.

America Reads is a program where high school students help struggling elementary students with reading, math, and comprehension. Each high school student was paired up with an elementary school student in the beginning of the program and met for thirty minutes each week. Students at Southview and Bayview met every Wednesday morning and St. Joseph students met on Thursdays.

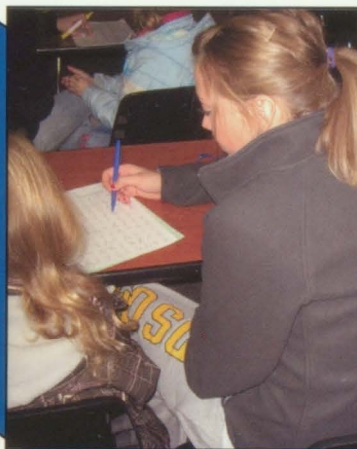
"I don't have a problem waking up early. It's fun to work with our students and definitely worth it," said senior Amanda

Pederson.

Southview Principal Kuzana DeVaun, along with Waconia High School Media Specialist Melissa Weinand coordinate the program and put together all the materials for the students to use.

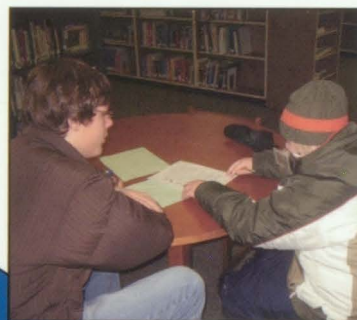
Not only did the WHS students help their child with their school work, they also became a role model and mentor. The first through fourth graders grew very attached to their high school helper and by the end of the program many felt like they had made a new friend.

"Getting to know the kids we work with and helping them succeed is my favorite part about America Reads," said senior Alicia Champagne.

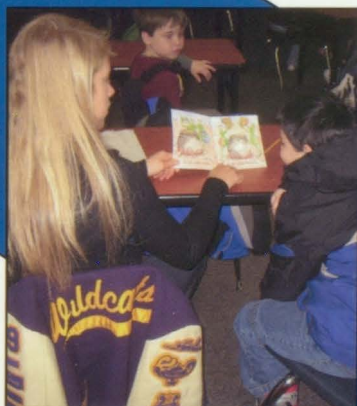


Above: Junior Maddie Brown worked on a math worksheet with her student and taught her helpful hints to solve the tough problems.

Above: Junior Cassy Norton listened as her student read her a book. The high school tutors helped their elementary students learn and understand words they don't know.



Above: Freshmen Shelby Moats helped his student with comprehension problems.



Mock Trial

Guilty until
proven innocent

Math

Ready to

The seven member WHS Mock Trial club began preparations in October for their trials. Members were given a case which they had to study and learn how to act it out either as a witness or a lawyer.

"Basically we play pretend law and order, without all of the action that makes the TV show interesting," said junior David Butz.

After a couple months of practice, the group had their first invitational trial in January. The group was told which side of the case they would argue for and make quick preparations to try and win the case at that particular meet.

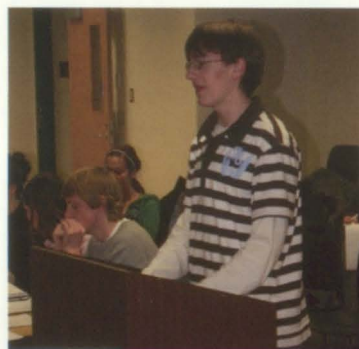
Each trial was presided over by a legal figure to be the judge of the case. The trial began with opening statements from each side, proceeded through direct and cross-examinations, and ended with closing statements from each side. At the conclusion of each trial, the mock judge would give final comments to each side of the trial

regarding their performance and improvements to be made, and who won the case.

According to freshman Larkin Schola, members gain acting, memorization, and critical thinking skills while learning law procedures and how to become a lawyer.

The group enjoyed working with legal professionals to improve their arguments and learn more about the judicial system.

"It was fun to have real experts come in and help us with our cases," said junior Shannon Curtis.



Above: Junior Shannon Curtis gave opening statements during a trial with Watertown-Mayer High School.

Imagine one of the hardest math quizzes you've ever taken, but here's the twist: you have only twelve minutes to complete it.

"Graph beta as a function of alpha as alpha varies from 0 to 360 degrees."

This was the challenge that members of the WHS Math League faced at each of the five competitions they participated in this year. Out of the fourteen members in the group, an eight student team was chosen to represent the entire group and gain points for WHS.

"We never did very well," said

junior Edith Lee, laughing.

Each meet consisted of four individual events: A, B, C, and D tests, with topics ranging from pre-algebra to pre-calculus. Each test was worth a maximum of twelve points. As if these tests were not challenging enough, each meet had a "no calculator" event.

"I hate the no calculator events," said junior Michael Diehl.

After the completion of the individual competitions, the team would go on to a twenty minute event to try and solve problems based off of the indi-



Left: Members of the 2007-2008 WHS Mock Trial club. Front row: Zachary Hintgen, Kevin Stahn, and David Butz. Back row: Larkin Schola, Tyler Bach, Shannon Curtis, and Zachary Kassmeyer

Below: Coach Lund gave the group a briefing about a trial before a meet against Watertown-Mayer High School.



League

throw a tangent

Science Team

How to be a better mad scientist

vidual events, but usually much more difficult. Each problem was worth four points, so if the team did well they could earn a maximum of 20 points on this test.

According to junior Lani Massengale, the most memorable part of the season was the bus rides.

"We'd go crazy in the back of the bus and pretend like every hill we went over was a roll-

ercoaster hill," said Massengale. "One time we were being so loud that we had our bus driver laughing hysterically."

The group participated in its last meet at Lakeville South High School on February 11. The season was concluded with an awards ceremony for top scoring teams and a pizza party.

"The best part was the pizza," said sophomore Gunnar Sipper.

Our goal is to improve the quality of science education, increase student interest in science, and acquire scientific knowledge through hands-on activities and competitions."

This is the goal that Mr. Berg set out for the 2007-2008 WHS Science Team. The group competed at the Brain Bee at the University of Minnesota, the Regional Science Fair at Minnesota State University - Mankato, the Minnesota Science Olympiad, and the Science Bowl.

The Science Bowl is an event where students compete against one school at a time. It is a head to head event where students must buzz in to answer questions in a Jeopardy style.

Members of the group enjoyed competing in the regional science fair due to the availability

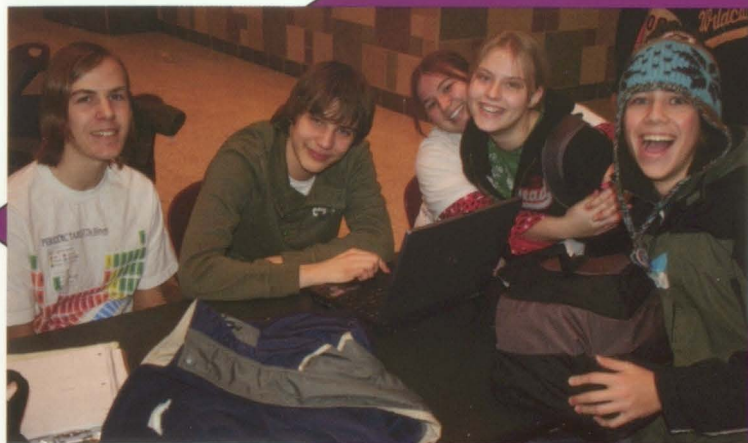
of prize money.

"For me, the most fun part of Science Team is the science fair," said senior Brianna Hartmann. "I love getting the opportunity to design experiments that relate to something I am interested in."

According to senior captain Nicole Good, students who participate in Science Team gain knowledge, friendship, and communication skills. She recommends Science Team to any student who wishes to pursue a career in a science-related field.

Some of the most memorable moments for the group were when they were not doing science activities.

"We enjoy goofing off and getting free food at competitions," said Good.



Above: Jacob Matz, Aaron Barden, Lani Massengale, Robyn Stessen, and Gunnar Sipper spent some time playing The Sims after a meet at Shakopee High School.

Above left: The 2007-2008 Waconia Math League. Front row: Robyn Stessen and Erica Anderson. Second row: Coach Hansen, Michael Diehl, Edith Lee, Jessica Evjen, Amy Anderson, Patrick Puckett. Back row: Aaron Barden, Brianna Sullivan, Jacob Matz, Alex Zajac, Gunnar Sipper

Right: Junior Lani Massengale practiced in the WHS homeroom for an event at Shakopee High School.



Above: Members of the 2007-2008 Science Team: Coach Berg, Nicole Good, Samuel Roehler and Brianna Hartmann

Right: Senior Nicole Good worked carefully to set up a science experiment.



Moo's the word

All Talk

Although there are only two Waconia High School students that partake in FFA, it is a great program that has been in this community for many years.

FFA members help the community by working with area farmers and doing volunteer work. The two members of Waconia

High Schools FFA group are juniors Kelsey Hoen and Sam Anderson.

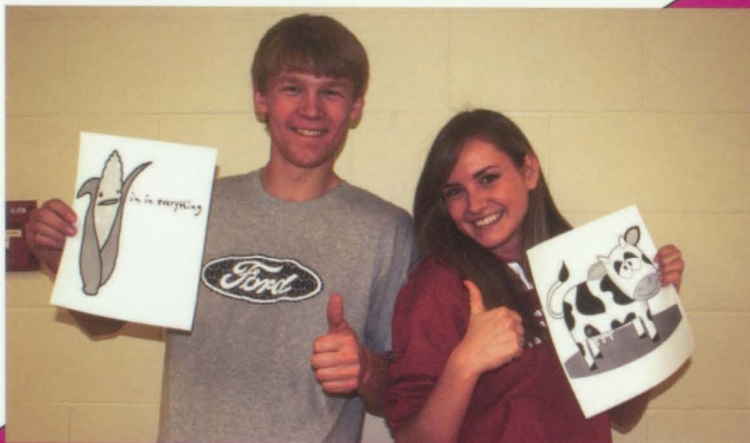
"My favorite part of FFA is that I get to spend time raising my cows and sometimes I even get paid for certain jobs that I do. It is also great because it is a family activity which makes great bonding time," said Hoen. Most members join FFA because older relatives or siblings have been in it in the past.

There are not necessarily any qualifications for being in FFA, other than having a passion for that type of work.

FFA is an extra curricular activity that makes a great impact on the people who choose to be a part of it.



Above: Junior Sam Anderson shoveled corn from a truck during the fall FFA corn drive.



Top: Junior Sam Anderson and Kelsey Hoen show their enthusiasm about FFA.



"Corn... It's in everything... And cows are pretty cool too."
- Junior Kelsey Hoen

Imagine getting up in front of strangers, performing an eight minute speech from memory and being judged on the performance.

This may sound terrifying, but for the 13 members on the first ever WHS speech team, this became a common practice as did waking up early on Saturday mornings, getting on a bus, and going to competitions.

Led by Head Coach Adam Bristor, the speech team participated in five competitions this year.

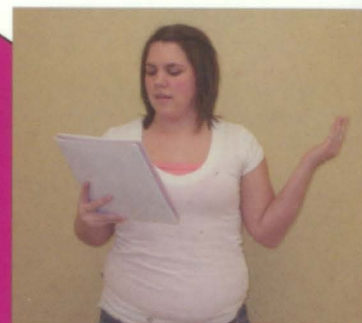
Although there were many personal milestones, one individual highlight was Aaron Albani's fifth place finish in the prose category at the Eden Prairie competition for his portrayal of Nick Caraway, the narrator in the novel, *The Great Gatsby*.

While some students set and reached competitive goals,

others joined the team for other reasons.

Senior Ethan Gutzmann, who competed in the humorous category, said his personal goal was "to have more fun than you can shake a stick at."

Hopefully Gutzmann and his teammates gained a valuable skill and had fun in the process.



Above: Junior Annie Keim practiced her speech with Head Coach Adam Bristor before school.



Front Row: Annie Keim, Whitney Watts, Kjerstin Haugsby, Kyle Wall, Robyn Stessen, Brianna Hartmann; Second Row: Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Eric Held, Aaron Albani, Kera Jones, Jennifer Caferella, Nicholas Allen, Samuel Horner.

Right: Aaron Albani, Kyle Wall, Annie Keim, Kera Jones, Whitney Watts and Samuel Horner all wore matching team headbands and sweatshirts on a Friday before a team meet. Led by Head Coach Adam Bristor, the 13-member speech team competed in five meets during its first season.



Up the Ante

Expressing their voices through art

The Equestrian Club pushed through its first successful year. The team was made up of Coach Helen Thompson, three varsity riders and their horses.

Junior Edith Lee helped lead the team in Eventing Competitions. Eventing is a competition with a prearranged set of movements performed by a horse and a rider. The team gets judged for precision,



Above: Junior Kyla Smith rode her horse Sam through a series of jumps.

accuracy and the horse's obedience. Lee had a successful season winning several awards, capped off by an Eventing win at the state competition.

Lee also helped Jason Kaare and Kyla Smith improve their techniques and gave them more confidence in the arena.

Kaare and Smith competed in the Hunter-Jumper shows. These shows involve a rider directing a horse over a series of jumps. Teams receive a penalty if the horse take too much time, knocks down a fence, or the horses refuses to jump. Kaare's first competition was at the Alpine Farms Animal Humane Society show. He received third place but was later eliminated after his horse would not jump twice. Smith was also eliminated for the same reason.

Despite this unfortunate outcome, team members agreed that 2007 was a successful season.



Above: The 2007 WHS Equestrian Team consisted of Edith Lee riding Prince, Kyla Smith riding Sam, and Jason Kaare riding Skye.



"My advice for future members is to become as involved as possible no matter their riding skills."

- Senior Jason Kaare

NAHS is a relatively new club that has helped promote art around the school and community. Projects included creating the Wildcat stencil used on the football field, creating murals, assisting with the community art festival, teaming up with SADD for Living Live, and creating a sailboat for the Waconia Sailboat Regatta.

"NAHS has given me the opportunity to use art in the community and it allows you to apply art in real life situations," said Erin Salveson, NAHS Activities Director.

What seems to be a common favorite of participating in NAHS is being surrounded by different students from different grades and cliques who all share the same passion: art.

"National Arts Honor Society has given me the opportunity

to accomplish things for our school with my peers who share the same passion for art," said president Anna Ayers Looby.

"NAHS has given me the opportunity to use art in the community and it allows you to apply art in real life situations."

- Senior Erin Salveson



Top: Senior Erin Salveson couldn't contain her excitement while being interviewed about NAHS activities.



Above: The 74 members of the 2007-2008 National Art Honors Society were led by officers Anna Ayers Looby, Katie Larsen, Adrienne Donnel, Brandy Reichenberger, Kyle Rindahl, Erin Salveson and Mrs. Amy Fischer.

"I love interacting with the people in NAHS while doing something I love so very much."

- Senior Katie Larsen



And The Band Plays On...

With two new directors
keeping the beat

There was a "new excitement in the air" regarding band, agreed new band directors, Brady Krusemark and John Pohland. Although Krusemark is new to Waconia, he directed band at the Norwood-Young America Middle School and Central High School for one year. Pohland was a long term substitute for part of the 2006-2007 school year. Both directors also helped during the 2007 marching band season.

Once Pohland was officially named the associate director of bands, he said he "feels pretty lucky to be here."

One reason Pohland felt lucky to be a director here is because all of the enthusiasm from students like senior David Klingelutz, who said, "band is probably the best thing that has ever happened to me."

Senior Matt Stole said that he appreciated how the new directors helped each individual student. He also appreciated their fresh music choices, and how they gave creative control to the band members.

This year Krusemark taught ninth grade band, which was made up of seventy-four students, and the Concert Band,

which was made up of seventy-six juniors and seniors. Pohland taught the Symphonic Band, consisting of sixty-six sophomores.

Along with giving more structure to the classroom, the directors also made the grading system stricter. They both gave lessons, which were required as part of the student's grade. Band students were also required to attend several pep band performances.

As in the past, the Symphonic and Concert Bands participated in Large Group Contest, which was held at Dassel-Cokato. This year's concerts included Parade

of Bands, a yearly concert that showcases the 6-12 grade bands. The marching band also performs their previous season's show one final time. Other concerts included the Yuletide Festival, and the Themed Spring Concert.

The new directors bring big goals to the entire band program.

"We've proven ourselves to be one of the best marching bands in the state, and with Pohland and Krusemark's help, we'll get our school bands up to that level as well," said freshman Gerrit Bass.



Concert Band: **Flute:** Kara Breska, Lianne Dang, Rachel Horner, Eri Oshiyama, Meryl Pogatchnik, Sara Porter, Brianna Sullivan, Jessica Vogel, Nicole Willems, **Clarinet:** Steph Cluff, Hali Germond, Timothy Gregory, Emily Halvorson, Alexa Klos, Rachel Mathwig, Rebecca Mueller, Sarah Northrup, **Bass Clarinet:** Kevin Stahn, **Alto Saxophone:** Amy Anderson, Addison Born, Maddie Brown, Kala Cermak, Nathan Diethelm, Cassandra Faust, Brit Indrelle, Edee Lee, Kara Ploske, Brittany Sellman, Tyler Stevenson, **Tenor Saxophone:** Emily Capaul, Emily Cook, Jason Kaare, Jackson Melius, **French Horn:** Camille Moore, Gattlin Miller, **Trumpet:** Kara Bakke, Andrew Brick, Kelsey Conner, Shannon Curtis, Samuel Henninger, David Klingelutz, Nicholas Litfin, Kyla Thorson, Steven Wert, Ryan Rague, Ken Miyamoto, **Trombone:** Anna Ayers-Looby, Anders Culver, Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Zachary Hintgen, Keelan Ryan, Matthew Stole, Jackie Surat, Caleb Talbert, **Bari-tone:** Aaron Albani, Matthew Gibbs, Kyle Niebeling, **Tuba:** Eric Held, Andy Newman, **Percussion:** Clint Borka, Tyler Clouse, Kelly Deweese, Jessica Evjen, Melanie Grangaard, Dustin Hanson, Kjerstin Haugsby, Lance Neubauer, Terra Peterson, Kyle Pingeon, Justin Ratzlaff, Ben Rickel, Kyla Smith, Lucy Tongen

First-year band director Mr. Brady Krusemark directed the Concert Band at the 2007 Parade of Bands. Krusemark directed band at Norwood-Young America Middle School and Central High School prior to directing at WHS. He is one of two new band directors at WHS. Mr. John Pohland is also a first-year director. Pohland directed the Symphonic Band, which is made up of sophomores.



Freshman Band

Freshman Band: **Flute;** Katelynn Doherty, Jessica Heimdahl, Julia Johnson, Nicolle Kroells, Megan Midthyn, Rachel Riner, Larkin Scholla, **Clarinet;** Autumn Ament, Erica Anderson, Anna Christenson, Stacy Christensen, Laura Cradick, Kendra Johnson, Hayley Jost, Heather Kalthoff, Katie Krogman, Alina Moreno, Anna Pogatchnik, Alyssa Robb, Morgan Schultz, Ariel Shane, Jessica Walter, Paige Welland, Brooke Willborg, **Alto Saxophone;** Whitney Buesgens, Rachel Flemig, Danielle Flesness, Chandra Honebrink, Matthew Lund, Justin Otremba, Nicole Sullivan, Zach Synstegaard, **Tenor Saxophone;** Erica Anderson, Marisa Melchert, Joshua Strate, **French Horn;** Jacob Matz, Daniel Mueller, **Trumpet;** Jacob Boyer, Keaton Everett, Bryan Faust, Tanner Friedrich, Turi Hjelmsand, Billy Jantz, Jennifer Kallio, Travis Ramsey, Rebecca Shirk, Chris Sinclair, Jacob St. Amand, Sara Wachholz, Alexander Zajac, **Trombone;** Kaitlyn Andersen, Calvin Brown, Mitch Martins, Billy Russell, Byron Synstegaard, **Baritone;** Gerrit Bass, Austin Stole, **Tuba;** Chris Cousin, Josh Frischmon, **Percussion;** Brock Bender, Tim Deweese, Bailey Farrell, Maria Forsythe, Taylor Gregory, Nicholas Hennen, Alyse Herman, Annabel Jacobs, Benjamin Kortuem, Tori Larkin, Annmarie Powers, Zach Ratzlaff, Max Rickel, Alexander Steinbrueck, Katherine Tusha



Symphonic Band

Symphonic Band: **Flute;** Maddie Asbjornson, Becky Boughten, Rachel Carlsted, Amy Diehl, Rebecca Hughes, Cristin Kieser, Allyson Klitzke, Lisa Rasmussen, Addy Scrimgrour, Brandy Schulz, Mandi Schmidt, Claire Perkins, Kylie Zawada, **Clarinet;** Breanna Mahoney, Emily Mueller, Samantha Nelson, Kelsey Peters, Asha Sukha, Brittany Van Houtte, **Alto Saxophone;** Danny Fischbach, Kaly Goplin, Sam Horner, Alec Johnson, Emily Ludwigson, Stephanie Tuley, Jake Vipond, Kelsey Woodland, **Tenor Saxophone;** Kelsey Brennan, Jamie Mohr, **Bari Saxophone;** Logan Sohns, **French Horn;** Melissa Geiszler, Sally Haselhorst, **Trumpet;** Zach Emerson, Jacob Hilk, Danny Liefermann, Anthony McMahon, Laurel Pierson, Jimmy Russell, Carly Stockert, Jon Wagner, Nicole Wynsteker, **Trombones;** Dane Aadland, Nick Allen, Jack Mitchell, Joseph Sandholm, Kelsey Wenning, **Baritone;** Jessica Tuley, **Tuba;** Eric Jones, **Percussion;** Tanner DeJonge, Sarah Farlow, Isalah Gatheridge, Britta Rinke, Shane Segner, Emma Wabbe, Reese Webber, Soren Willie



Concert Band

One Band,

Spark! A spark is a term that marching band students use to characterize something that makes them excited, but it affects each student differently. Junior Eric Held, a four year marching band member, said that when he has a spark,

"This is what I want to be doing, and this is where I want to be."

The 2007 marching band got sparked from its three new directors and an innovative, complex show, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Christian Gilbert, John Pohland, and Brady Krusemark shared directing duties.

"It made me spark to see how excited the students were about the music," said Pohland.

Gilbert and Krusemark came up with the idea of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Gilbert said it was a powerful and fun piece with new ideas that have never been used on the street before.

The music had a very different feel compared to some of the past Waconia Marching Band shows, and it involved more challenging music. The show contained many intricate moves and formations, which made it a challenge for the band.

Members went to band camp for one week where they practiced eleven hours a day and learned their entire show. Follow up practices continued throughout the season to help improve the performance.

The band put in hours of hard work and had a successful season winning Grand Champion at Albert Lea, Princeton, Roseville, and St. Cloud. They also received first place in their class at Alexandria, Benson, and Milaca.

"We definitely worked harder than last year, and the new directors were really dedicated, putting a lot of hard work into this season's show," said senior Camille Moore.

This season was full of transitions, from new directors to new music.

"It was a good change this year and it was fun to experience such a different and original style of show," said senior Terra Peterson.

Through their successes, it is evident that members sparked both fans and judges alike. They even sparked themselves.

"It was an incredible season that I will never forget," said junior Maddie Brown.



Above: Alec Johnson and Nicole Sullivan, along with the rest of the saxophone section, marched past the movie theater in Waconia and continued marching down Main Street while debuting the band's 2007 show, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, during the Lake Waconia Band Festival. In addition to learning new music and a new show, the band also had three new directors - Mr. Christian Gilbert, Mr. Brady Krusemark, and Mr. John Pohland.



Above: Kara Bakke, Stephanie Wothe, Kelsey Connor, and Patrick Puckett hit their final pose at the Roseville parade. The colorguard, along with the rest of the band, attended a one week long band camp prior to debuting the band's show. Band camp attendees practiced their show for eleven hours a day. Left: The drumline performed its drum-break at the Albert Lea Festival of Bands competition.

Below: Commanders Nicole Willems, Kirsten Inderlie, Katie Larkin, Rachel Horner, and Taylor Melius received a trophy during the award ceremony at the Albert Lea Festival of Bands. Here the band was named Grand Champion and received the best brass, best woodwinds, and best drumline awards. The band was also named Grand Champion at the Princeton, Roseville and St. Cloud parades.



One Sound



2007 Marching Band Members

Commanders

Kirsten Indrelle
Nicole Willems
Taylor Mellus
Katie Larkin
Rachel Horner

Piccolo

Rianna Segner
Becky Parkinson
Janell Anderson
Allyson Klitzke
Amy Brennan
Ashley Ament
Becky Boughten
Kylie Zawada
Rebecca Hughes
Jessica Vogel
Julia Johnson
Rachel Carlsted
Larkin Scholla

Clarinet

Mary Beth
Christensen

Katie Becker

Amy Culver
Asha Sukhu
Rachel Mathwig
Brianna
Hartmann
Sarah Northrup
Hali Germond
Emily Halvorson
Steph Cluff
Tim Gregory
Christine Deering
Heather Kalthoff
Jessica Walter
Laura Cradick
Erica Anderson
Paige Weiland
Autumn Ament
Alena Moreno
Elizabeth Shermer

Alto

Saxophone
Tyler Stevenson

Emily Cook

Maddie Brown
Amy Anderson
Edith Lee
Kala Cermak
Brittany Sellman
Brit Indrelle
Catherine
McAvoy
Rachel Fleming
Nicole Sullivan
Alec Johnson
Stephanie Tuley
Justin Otremba

Tenor

Saxophone
Michael Bly
Jackson Melius
Addison Born
Bryan Wessale
Kelsey Brennan
Josh Strate
Sam Horner

Trumpet

John Bly
David Klingelutz
Steven Wert
Ashley Tuley
Kyla Thorson
Greg Farlow
Andrew Brick
Nick Litfin
Patrick Mathwig
Anthony
Alec Johnson
Jennifer Kallio
Ryan Rague
Derek Eiden
Erik Haugsby
Jacob Hilk
Shannon Curtis
Turi Hjeltsand
Rebecca Shirk
Carly Stockert
Jacob Boyer
Jennifer Kallio
Nicole
Wynsteker

Jacob St. Amand
Alex Zajac

Horn

Camille Moore
Gattlin Miller
Missy Geiszler
Sally Haselhorst

Trombone

Alex Quiring
Keelan Ryan
Anna
Ayers-Looby
Jacklyn Surat
Austin Stole
Ethan Gutzmann-
Williams
Zach Hintgen
Billy Russell

Baritone

Matt Gibbs
Kyle Niebeling
Gerrit Bass

Jessica Tuley

Tuba

Joe Timm
Matt Schilling
Eric Held
Ken Miyamoto
Andy Newman
Chris Cousin

Percussion

Terra Peterson
Lance Neubauer
Ann Marie
Rowers
Shane Segner
Britta Rinke
Max Rickel
Kyle Pingeon
Ben Rickel
Dusty Hanson
Austin Schmidt
Isiah Gatheridge
Clint Borka
Kjerstin Haugsby

Sam Cousin

Tyler Clouse
Justin Ratzlaff
Lucy Tongen
Melanie
Grangaard
Kelly Deweese
Bailey Farrell
Annabel Jacobs
Drew Neubauer
Marshall Born
Tim Deweese
Tori Larkin
Tanner DeLange

Color Guard

Kelsey Connor
Maggie Stivers
Kara Bakke
Devin Meierding
Dianne Parkinson
Kelly Munson
Patrick Puckett
Stephanie
Quaschnick

Amber

Quaschnick
Jessica Evjen
Ashley Deleeuw
Mackenzle
Watson
Nikki Kroells
Stephanie
Wotho
Christina Rupp

Honor Guard

Tabitha Schmidt
Chris Sinclair
Megan Midthun

Street Helpers

Meryl
Pogatchnik
Zach Ratzlaff
Kevin Lenzen
Emily Capaul

Hey Baby!

This year's pep band went through some big changes including new directors, new music, and new additions. One new addition to the pep band schedule was at the Glencoe-Silver Lake vs. Waconia Battle of the Bands, held during the football game on Friday, Sept. 21, when the two schools' pep bands battled it out.

"The Glencoe game was really fun, and we think it would be great to make it into a tradition," said pep band conductors John Pohland and Brady Krusemark.

Mr. John Pohland and his dad, who had been the Glencoe-Silver Lake band director for years, decided to have the pep bands compete last year at the Waconia versus Glencoe-Silver Lake basketball game and again this year at the football game in Glencoe-Silver Lake.

The directors say that out of the 220 students involved in pep band, some of the leaders included seniors Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Ben Rickel, and Anna Ayers Looby, and junior Kyle Niebeling. These four students attended almost all of the pep band's 25 performances during the year.



Above: Juniors Kjerstin Haugsby, Justin Ratzlaff and Melanie Grangaard enjoyed keeping the percussion section on beat.

Gutzmann-Williams' favorite song was "Hey Baby," which was also a crowd favorite. When that song was played at games, Wildcat fans could be heard singing along with their favorite pep band song. "Heyyy Baby, I wanna know if you'll be my girl!" was all that was heard as the pep band played during the state quarter final football game against the Minneapolis Washburn Millers.

Along with the traditional songs, the pep band also played a song called "25 or 6 to 4," a song originally performed and released by the group Chicago. This song also has the potential to be another crowd favorite in the next few years.

"Mr. Pohland and I decided to play '25 or 6 to 4' for pep band because no other school plays it," said Krusemark.

Practicing the songs helped the pep band improve this year, and the enthusiasm grew.

"There is more enthusiasm from the older players than the younger players, but it is much better than last year. There are more students involved, and the directors get really into it," said Niebeling.



Above: Junior Emily Cook played her saxophone during Bon Jovi's classic, "Living on a Prayer." Junior Stephanie Cluff got to take a break since the clarinets didn't play during that part of the song.



Above: Senior Anna Ayers Looby, senior Kala Cermak, freshman Anna Christensen and other pepband members helped rouse the crowd at a fall pepfest honoring the successes of the varsity football team, the varsity volleyball team and girls swim team members. Crowd favorites included the songs 'Hey Baby,' a song that many students knew, the 'Wildcat Rouser' and the band Chicago's classic song, '25 or 6 to 4.'



Above: Pep band director Brady Krusemark, teacher Christian Gilbert, director John Pohland and several pep band members cheered on the Wildcats at the Metrodome during the state football semifinal game against the Totino-Grace Eagles. Besides playing, pep band members showed they are great cheerleaders too.

All Jazzed Up



Above: Junior Kelsey Connor, seniors David Klingelhutz and Greg Farlow, and other members of Jazz I performed Christmas music in the front lobby for students, faculty and staff during the holiday season. The group also performed at the Yuletide Festival and other concerts. A highlight of the year was the group's trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, prior to and during spring break.



Above: Saxophonists Brittany Sellman, Kala Cermak, and Marisa Melchert, and trombonists Matt Stolie, Ethan Gutzmann-Williams and Anna Ayers Looby concentrate on making great music. Besides performing at school, the group also played at local nursing homes and participated in the Region 2AA contest.

Jazz band was bigger and better than ever this year with two bands, Jazz I and Jazz Platinum, ready to make some amazing music.

To start practicing and performing, each member had to go through an audition process which consisted of playing scales, an etude, and sight reading.

Jazz I was made up of 20, more experienced musicians.

"It's kind of like the varsity team," said director Brady Krusemark.

Jazz Platinum was a slightly larger group this year, made up of less experienced, but still very talented musicians.

The two jazz bands had a few exciting changes this year. The group was lead by two new directors, Mr. Brady Krusemark and Mr. John Pohland. In addition to new directors, Jazz I had the opportunity to travel to Orlando, Florida during spring break and perform at Walt Disney World.

"Jazz band is fun, exciting, and challenging," said senior David

Klingelhutz, a two-year member. He said his favorite part of Jazz band is playing Christmas music. He, along with the rest of Jazz I, performed their Christmas songs at the annual Yuletide Festival.

The band had another opportunity to perform their Christmas repertoire for students during the holidays. Band members played well-known holiday songs in the front lobby before school for students to enjoy while entering the building.

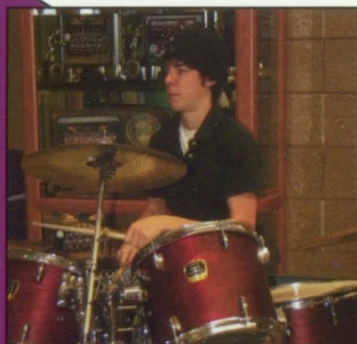
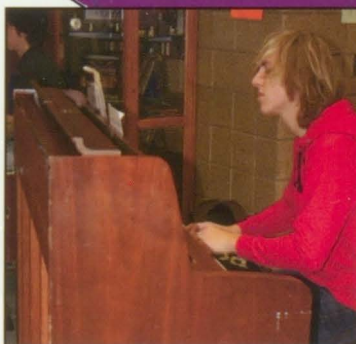
"Hearing the jazz band play my favorite Christmas songs in the morning is a great way to start my day," said senior Terra Peterson.

In addition to playing their two Christmas events, both bands performed at school concerts, events in the community, and at the Region 2AA contest.

Whether playing in the front lobby, at nursing homes, or in the school auditorium, every performance was exciting and entertaining.

The jazz bands always gave their audience a performance to remember.

"Rehearsals are always chill and funky!" -Senior Ben Rickel



"Jazz band can be described in three words: jazzy, mind-blowing, and glorious." - Senior Addison Born

Raise Your Voice

Choir begins with warm-ups at the beginning of class that can be heard drifting down the halls of the music wing. This included sight-reading and exercises that prepared the students' voices to sing and help to create a unified and perfect sound.

After they warmed up, the choirs would continue singing and working hard to learn, grow, and unify their voices.

This year, the choir program's student numbers have grown from approximately 150 to 188 students. Getting new kids to

sing in the school choirs might be a challenge, but this year it wasn't too hard to do, said choir director Aaron Olson. The students were excited for choir as well.

"I enjoy choir because I love to sing. It gets even better when everyone is there for the same reason," said senior choir member Matt Stole.

There are three choirs at Waconia High School. The Cantabile Choir consists of juniors and seniors; the Concert Choir consists of only sophomores;

and the Varsity Choir consists of freshmen.

In addition to those three choirs, there is also a select choir called the Chamber Choir that rehearses on Wednesdays after school until five. Students go through an audition process to be a member of this choir. They perform challenging music during the Christmas season and sing carols at various places around the community.

Mary Polding, three year Chamber Choir member, said, "It was really fun to be a part of

such a high spirited group."

As Waconia High School choral students ended each class, they left the room with words of encouragement from Mr. Olson. Each year they improve their singing abilities and create new memories.

"Every year I notice the choir getting closer, helping us to become better as a group," said Junior choir member Amy Krautbauer.



Above: Mr. Olson directed the Chamber Choir during one of their performances in the school commons area. This select choir also performed at the holiday event at the Mall of America.

Concert Choir First Row: Alexandra Harder, Kalyne Goplin, Caitlin Krieg, Rebecca Kimyon, Chelsea Wickenhauser, Alanda Lantkin, Kerry Hayes Second Row: Kelsey Sorenson, Rachel Helmbrecht, Kara Wynsteker, Brianna McLay, Nicole Fladung, Stephanie McGinn, Erica Karels, Asha Sukhu, Nicole Gregory Third Row: Margaux Jensen, Carly Stockert, Emily Patterson, Allison Armstrong, Jordan Reeve, Cristin Kieser, Shelby Schmidt, Lisa Rasmussen, Shannon Engler, Samantha Niccum Fourth Row: Anna Weitz, Becky Boughten, Cassidy Stumm, Mercedes Bratsch, Addy Scrimgeour, Morgon Simmons, Laurel Pierson, Kera Jones, Ellie Skerik Fifth Row: Leif Jensen, Jacob Gregory, Dylan Furst, Thomas Morimoto, James Russell, Nicole White, Ellie Brueggemeier, Cecelia Findorff

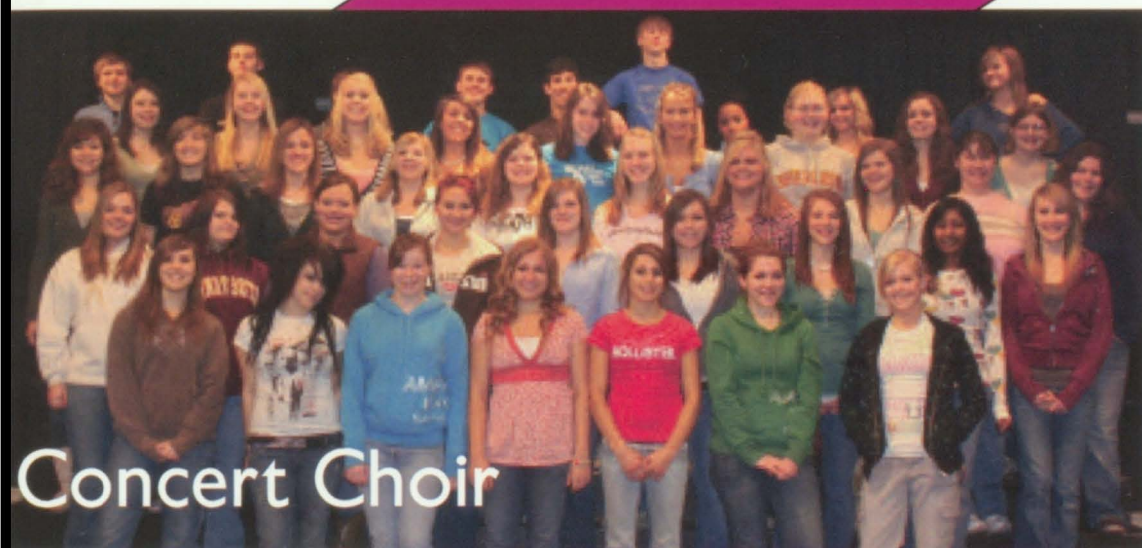


Chamber Choir Front Row: Jimmy Russell, Kalyne Goplin, Kevin Olsen, Anna Ayers-Looby, Jason Kaare, Kyla Smith, Josh Goergon; Second Row: Aaron Barden, Lynn McMullen, Andy Newman, Adrienne Donnel, Zach Slice, Mary Polding, Gattlin Miller; Third Row: Bethany Knauff, Devin Meierding, Hannah Kimyon, Matt Stole, Kelly Deweese, Ken Miyamoto, Hallie Miller, Nick Ramm Not Pictured: Kelsey Hoen and Melanie Grangaard



Varsity Choir

Varsity Choir First Row: Molly Gorghuber, Haley Kruchten, Nicole Winkelman, Cayman Scarrella, Paige Welland, Rebecca Shirk, Kory Melchert, Travis Quashnick, Dana Martel, Melinda Horejsi, Nikki Frydenlund Second Row: Ekhoie Amadasun, Kayla Blachowalk, Kayla Haase, Caleigh Melchert, Sabine Palm, Abigale Christenson, Katherine Tusha, Chaneen Haler, Mackenzie Watson, Nicole Sullivan Third Row: Marisa Melchert, Caitlyn Engler, Katelyn Bouchard, Jessica Kullman, Brooke Willborg, Madeline Gordon, Sheaden Christensen, Tyler Stauffer, Bailey Farrell, Kelly Tibbitts, Megan Brueggemeier Fourth Row: Sondra Blaschko, Miranda Kodj, Jessica Walter, Angela Spletstoezer, Julie Zakashefski, Emma Larson, Molly Elasky, Natalie Kalkes, Kara Stroming, Annmarie Powers, Carissa Bakke, Dawn Miller Fifth Row: Nicole Niesen, Kelcey Albers, Cassie Strand, Taylor Gregory, Ashley Buffington, Kaydee Bohanon, Emily Sanborn, Cassandra Anderson, Meghan Radde, Maxwell Herrera, Alina Moreno, Jennifer Kallo Sixth Row: Jacob Stahn, Quincee Raymon, Rebecca Pederson, Maxwell Rickel, Zachary Ratzlaff, Wyatt Crosby, Christopher Traxler, Austin Stole, Andrew Schulenberg, Cameron Munson, Justin Otremba, Steven Huckabone, Aaron Becker



Concert Choir

Cantabile Choir First Row: Cheyenne Dantona, Molly Helmbrecht, Elissa Selleck, Amiranda Brynteson, Nicole Willems, Kaitlin Larsen, Hannah Kimyon, Keasey Hoens, Emily Capaul, Kjerstin Haugsby, Terra Peterson, Kayla Sayre, Amber Idkes, Kyla Thorson, Samantha Sorenson, Lianne Dang, Eri Oshiyama Second Row: Lynne McMullen, Dianne Parkinson, Kala Cermak, Amanda Quiring, Kelly Munson, Christian Pierce, Steven Wert, Sarah Northrup, Melanie Grangard, Lucy Tongen, Hallie Miller, Alexa Strand, Ashley Read, Brittney Ellis, Jill Morschen, Jenna Mossberg, Ashlie Scheuble Third Row: Brandy Reichenberger, Bethany Knauf, Gattin Miller, Mary Polding, Bryan Wessale, Tyler Stevenson, Devin Meierding, Josh Goergen, Alex Osborn, Kyler Hanson, Ken Miyamoto, Kevin Olesen, Jessica Evjen, Kara Bakke, Rachel Mathwig, Anna Hedstrom, Christine Deering, Jason Cowley Fourth Row: Donovan Johnson, Jackson Melius, Nicholas Litfin, Matthew Stole, Aaron Barden, Zachary Slice, Timothy Gregory, Jason Kaare, Matthew Gibbs, Clint Borka, Aaron Albani, Keelan Ryan, Nicholas Ramm, Kelly Deweese, Kyle Pigeon, Adrienne Donnel, Brittany Sellman, Patrick Puckett, Jenna Otremba, Brittany Burr, Stephanie Quaschnick, Samuel Mock, -



Cantabile Choir



'07-'08 Power Company Members

Singers

Anna Ayers Looby
Katelyn Bouchard
Kala Cermak
Jake Cowley
Kelly Deweese
Adrienne Donnet
Amanda Drengle
Caitlyn Engler
Ce Ce Findorf
Dylan Furst
Josh Goergen
Jacob Gregory
Kyler Hanson
Kelsey Hoen
Margaux Jensen
Zach Johnson
Jason Kaare
Hannah Kimyon
Bethany Knauff
Katie Larsen

Nick Litfin
Devin Meierding
Hallie Miller
Gattlin Miller
Ken Miyamoto
Sam Mock
Andy Newman
Alex Osborn
Dianna Parkinson
Mary Polding
Ann Marie Powers
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Nick Ramm
Ashley Read
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Jimmy Russell
Zach Slice
Brittany Sellman
Kyla Smith
Sam Sorenson

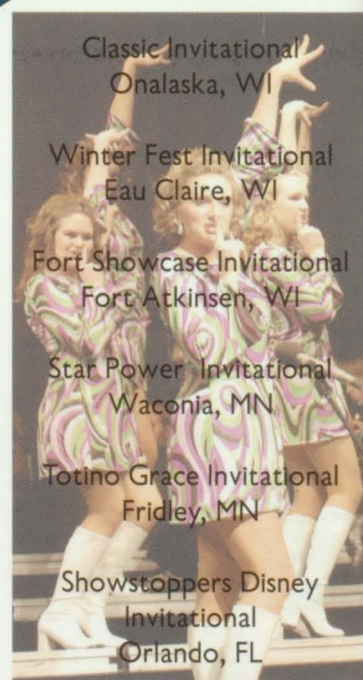
Jacob Stahn
Austin Stole
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Lucy Tongen
Steven Wert
Nicole Willems

Stage Crew

Kelcey Albers
Nicole Fladung
Amy Krautbauer
Caity Krieg
Kelly Munson
Sarah Northrup
Eri Oshiyama
Travis Quashnick
Kelsey Sorenson
Alexa Strand
Cassie Strand
Anna Weitz

Band

Clint Borka
Scott Bullis
Emily Capaul
Rachel Flemig
Matt Gibbs
Taylor Gregory
Eric Held
Camille Moore
Kyle Niebeling
Laurel Pierson
Keelan Ryan
Ellisa Selleck
Tyler Stevenson
Kate Tusha



Classic Invitational
Onalaska, WI

Winter Fest Invitational
Eau Claire, WI

Fort Showcase Invitational
Fort Atkinson, WI

Star Power Invitational
Waconia, MN

Totino Grace Invitational
Fridley, MN

Showstoppers Disney
Invitational
Orlando, FL

Let Your Dreams Be Heard



Above: Junior Alex Osborn, senior Andy Newman and senior Nicole Willemis hit their final poses to end the show at the 4th annual Star Power Show Choir Invitational held at Waconia High School.
Below Left: Singers paid tribute to their band, Megawatt, at the end of the show by giving them a round of applause.
Below Right: Power Company members sang back up for the soloist, Matt Stole, at the Eco Claire Show Choir Invitational. Later on that night, Stole was awarded Best Male Soloist.

For ten years, show choir has been a part of many students' lives. Like the many years before, the 2008 Power Company Show Choir, under the direction of Aaron Olson, Kevin Barnard, and Sue Snorek, continued to build upon its reputation for high-energy shows, beautiful singing, and explosive choreography. Their performance set list included "Hold On," "It Had Better Be Tonight," "I'll Imagine You a Song," "What's Up/History Repeating" and "I Wish/Hit Me Up."

"I loved the songs this year and, overall, the year was great from beginning to end," said sophomore Cecilia Findorff.

The show choir year began during spring of 2007 when auditions were held and the 46 singers and dancers, 14 band members and 12 stage crew members were chosen.

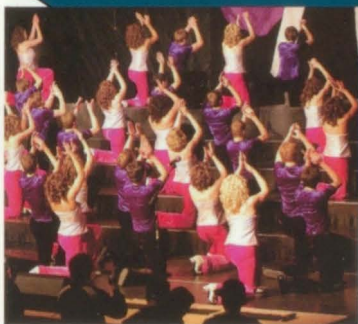
The following July, the students began their hard work by spending one week giving every ounce of energy they had to learn their 20

minute competitive show, taught by Damon Brown, a professional choreographer from Carmel, Indiana.

Many summer practices followed and when September came around, the students got into the swing of regular rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 to 9:30 PM. to perfect vocals, sharpen choreography, fine tune the band music and work out costume changes. They also worked on other show design elements at these rehearsals to perfect their performance.

The show choir competed all over the Midwest capturing many awards including First Runner-Up, Second Runner-Up, Best Choreography, Best Band, Best Male Soloist (Matt Stole) and Best Female Soloist (Brandy Reichenberger).

Power Company finished its competitive season in March by competing in Orlando, Florida at Epcot Center in Walt Disney World.



Left: The girls stroke a pose in their 60s Go-Go outfits.

Right: Singers showed their attitude during the song "Hit Me Up."

Below: The guys did a complicated ripple during the dance break of the song "History Repeating."



'07-'08 The Current



Kelcey Albers, Randi Brynteson, Abigale Christenson, Bailey Farrell, Dylan Furst, Nichole Fladung, Nikki Frydenlund, Kaylin Goplin, Maxwell Herrera, Madeline Gordon, Chaneen Haler, Erica Karels, Rebecca Kimyon, Caitly Krieg, Alana Larkin, Calleigh Melchert, Marisa Melchert, Dawn Miller, Cameron Monson, Thomas Morimoto, Kelly Munson, Jenna Otremba, Chris Pierce, Patrick Puckett, Travis Quashnick, Meghan Rodde, Jordan Reeve, Kelcey Sorenson, Angela Splertstoesser, Tyler Stauffer, Carly Stockert, Austin Stole, Alexa Strand, Cassie Strand, Kara Stroming, Jessica Walter, Anna Weitz.

All Eyes On Me

Going from a comic strip to a Broadway musical, *Annie* has finally reached the stage of WHS. *Annie* is about a young orphan and her quest to find her family. The cast perfected their characters for weeks in preparation for the Nov. 8, 10, and 11 performances for family, friends, and the community.

During rehearsal, the cast worked on expressing their emotions through their characters and the lines they had memorized. The cast simulated attitudes, new ideas, and personalities for their characters.

With practices four days a week, the cast couldn't help but become close. They shared laughs during pre-rehearsal warm-ups, took breaks to Shell - a nearby gas station, and held a party at the end of the last production. Director Shawn Stelton said he enjoyed working with the cast because the atmosphere is different when cast members aren't in a classroom. They were more lively and eager to be there.

Being in the musical gave many people a chance to be in something that allowed them to

meet new people and showcase their talents.

"It gives me the ability to be someone that I am not," said senior Devin Meierding who has been involved with the school musicals since his freshman year.

The play included 31 actors, 11 stage crew members, a 12 piece pit orchestra, and a four member production team. The characters included the orphans Autumn Ament, Kyla Smith, Katelyn Bouchard, Dawn Miller, Caitlyn Engler and Nicole Fladung; Jason Kaare, played Mr. Warbucks the billionaire; Adrienne Donnel, playing Miss Hannigan; and there was even Sadie, the dog playing Sandy.

In the end *Annie*, played by Kalyne Goplin, finds a family and Mr. Warbucks finds a meaning in life.

Even though it wasn't Broadway, those involved with the musical shaped its performance.

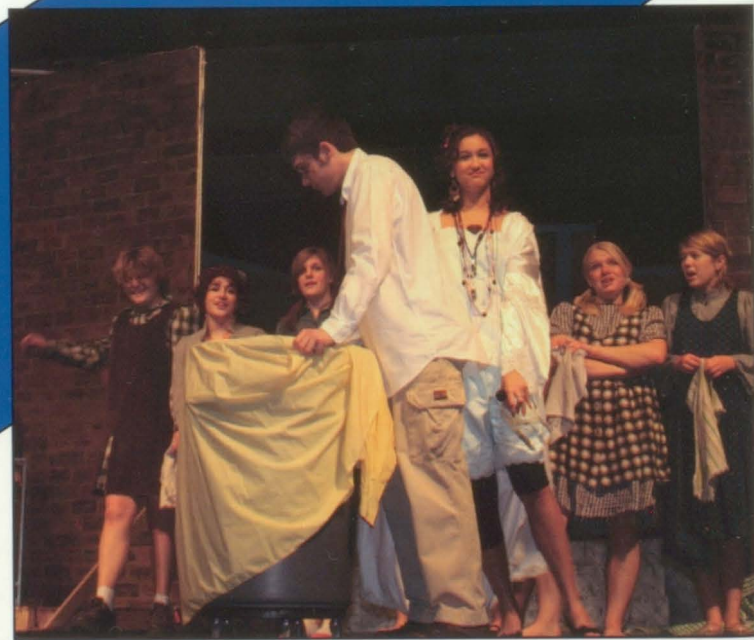
"They [the cast] started with a concept and saw it evolve, putting in their own personality," said Music Director Tim Berry.



Kalyne Goplin and Sadie make a perfect pair. Although they were a perfect pair, Sadie ran off stage during performances, which helped the actors stay on their toes and be ready for anything.



Orphans Duffy (Caitlyn Engler), Annie (Kalyne Goplin), and July (Katelyn Bouchard) scrub the floor during the choreography of the song "Hard Knock Life." Miss Hannigan (Adrienne Donnel) makes the girls do all the chores while she does nothing.



The orphans stand to the side and giggle as Mr. Bundles (Jackson Melius) takes out the laundry. Little does he know, Annie is hiding in his bucket with their sheets waiting to escape the orphanage.

Annie, The Musical



Above: Annie (Kalyne Goplin) and fellow orphan (Caitlyn Engler) sing "Hard Knock Life" after Miss Hannigan ordered them to scrub the floors of the orphanage.



Although they played a small part, the homeless girls sang songs with big meanings including "Hard Knock Life," "Hooverville," "Fully Dressed," and "Bows."



"I'm a leader and I want people to look up to me."

Kalyne Goplin
Annie

Left: Devin Meirding helped paint the bricks to prepare part of the set. Mr. Kim Bensors theater and drama class, and Mrs. Amy Fischer's art students helped paint and prepare the set.

"If I would have shaved my head, it would have been a lot easier."

Jason Kaare, on wearing his "bald cap"
Mr. Warbucks

Right: Kaare talks on the telephone with the President of the United States. For this showing of the play, he decided against wearing his "bald cap."



"If I weren't in the play, my brain would fry."

Meghan Radde
Woman 1

Left: Instead of taking care of the orphans, Miss Hannigan (Adrienne Donnel) falls asleep at her desk after having a tough day dealing with the orphans.



"I have a thing for the tall, cranky, bald guys."

Brandy Reichenberger
Mr. Warbucks' Assistant

Right: Mr. Warbucks' Assistant (Brandy Reichenberger) informs Mr. Warbucks maid staff of Annie's arrival and gives them instructions to help Annie with whatever she needs.



Winterfest

From the Winterfest Dance to the Second Annual Winterfest Olympics 2008, Winterfest provided many activities to help students during the week to forget about the weather outside and focus on all of things going on inside.

During Feb. 4-8, students dressed up appropriately to the theme, whether it was Flannel Day, Hat Day, Twin Day, or the classic PJ and Spirit days.

"Flannel Day is my favorite because its warm and looks sweet," said senior Ben Brettigen.

Junior Chris Leivermann thought otherwise.

"It's Twin Day because Brett Moore and me got to dress up as Dale Earnhart."

Some of the other activities that took place were things like the Medallion Hunt, Tug-of-War, and the Lips and Legs competition.

The medallion hunt was another traditional activity. It was found near the first floor locker bay by juniors Kelly Deweese and Kelsey Hoen and senior Katie Larsen.

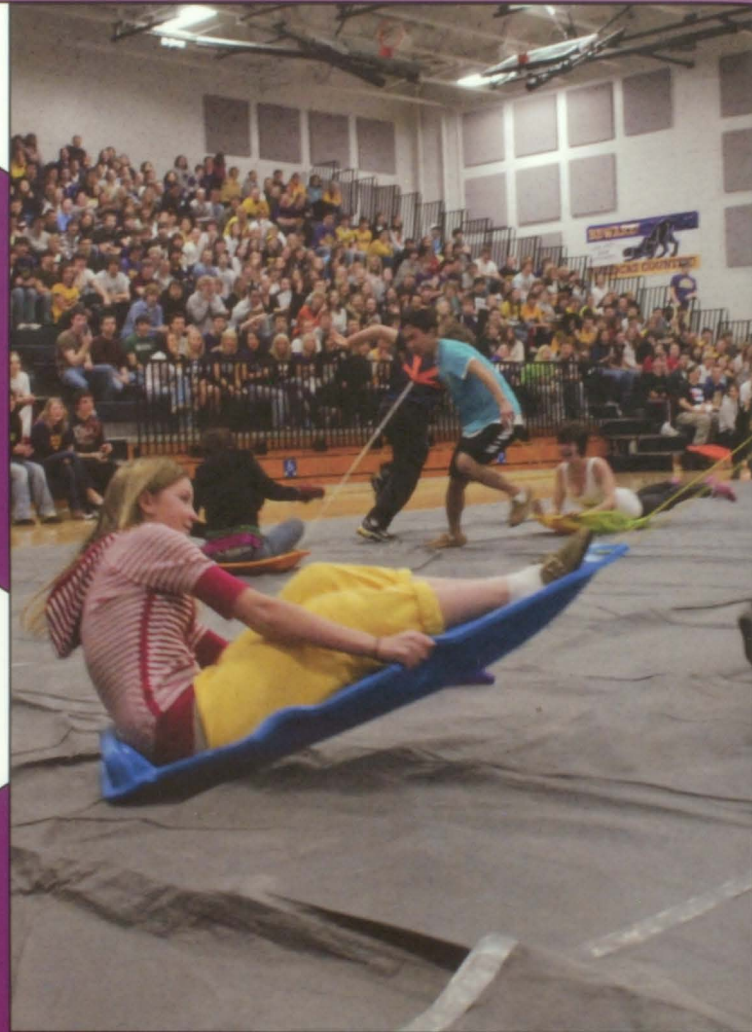
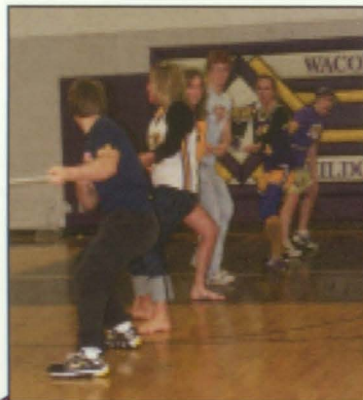
The Tug-of-War took place every morning break in the gym, while

the Lips and Legs pictures were being voted on during the lunch periods.

The winners of the Lips and Legs competition were also announced - Erin Salveson and Ethan Gutzmann.

A change was made this year adding the idea that each teachers first hour class represented a country. The country's representatives took part in an opening ceremony, and teams competed against one another.

As for the Winter Olympics, there may have been a few harsh collisions, but overall it worked out quite well.



Top Left: Juniors Jared Pawelk, Brian Broll, and Dakota Hart, and seniors Terra Peterson, Amanda Pederson, and Alicia Champagne tugged away during the final Tug-of-War.

Top Right: Freshman Bailey Farrell flew around the turn in the third heat of the dogsled race, while juniors Ken Miyamoto and Kjerstin Haugsby headed for home.

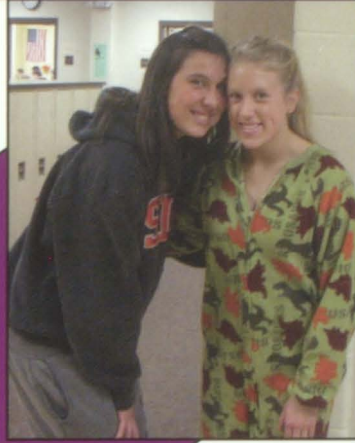
Left: Junior Kelly Deweese, senior Katie Larsen and junior Kelsey Hoen rejoiced after finding the Winterfest medallion. Right: Juniors Alexa Klos and Mercedes Tolzmann sold candy grams, which were delivered on Valentines Day and bracelets supporting Breast and Ovarian Cancer.



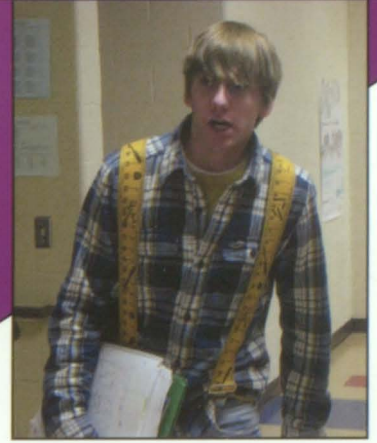
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Above: Students tried to keep their balance and not destroy their snow-shoes during the snow shoe race. Junior Chris Leivermann defeated Trevor Sidwell in the final heat.



PJ Day



Flannel Day



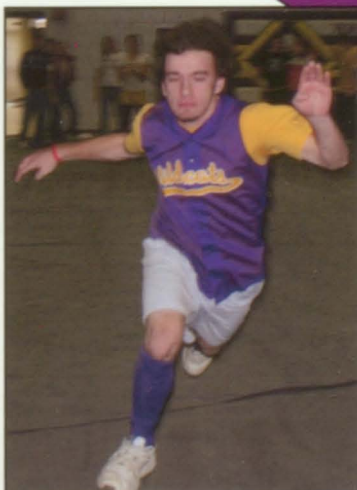
Twin Day

Pride Day

Above: Juniors Katy Giesen and Cassie Norton took a break from normal school fashion and donned their pjs.
 Above Right: Junior Gattlin Miller hurried to class in his flannel shirt and suspenders
 Right: Seniors Hans Gunness and Sam Wasmund in their hats.
 Left: Senior Ben Rickel and Juniors Emily Willems, Glenda Pomare, and Kyra Daugherty wore an array of hats. Bottom Left: Sophomores Kelsey Brennen and Becca Kimyon are identical on twin day.
 Below: Junior David Butz showed off his Waconia spirit while taking part in Winter Olympics activities.
 Below: Juniors Jessica Hunter, Morgan Braunhausen and Meryl Pogatchnik led the Winterfest pepfest.



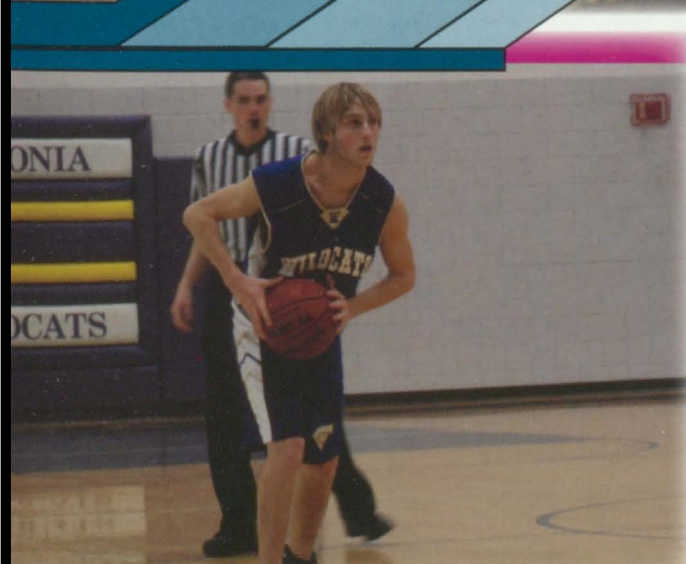
Hat Day





Sports





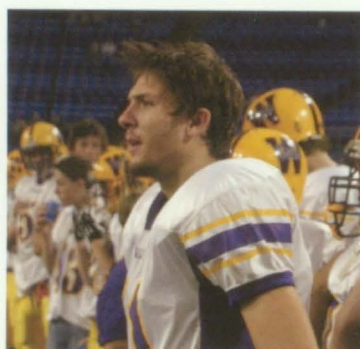


Above: Senior Ryan Rague made a tackle against the Dassel-Cokato Chargers.

Below: Senior running back and team captain Derek Earls jumped out of the way of the other team.

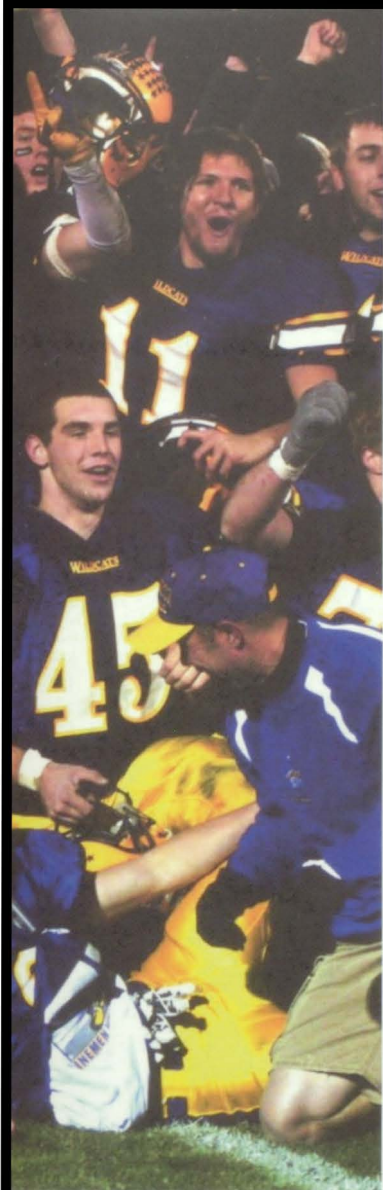
Above: Senior place kicker Breck Raymond attempted a field goal with senior Dillon Hackbarth holding.

Below: Senior quarterback Dillon Hackbarth watched his team intently from the sidelines of the state game.



Front Row: Steve Frempong-Longdon, Michel Frey, Nick Litfin, Breck Raymond, Joe Brandenburg, Lance Neubauer, Brandon Haugen, John Shaw, Eric Aeling; Second Row: Austin Schmitt, Ryan Rague, Austin Schwartz, Dillon Hackbarth, Jordan Sutherland, Derek Earls, Andrew Newman, Brandon Bullock, Michael Frey, Ryan Buetow; Thrid Row: Coach Pat Foley, Coach Bender, Cody Strand, Jared Palwalk, Nick Ramm, Cory Gieseske, Matt Gibbs, Dan Edwards, Derek Noeldner, Chris Leivermann, Ben Tegels, Brian Broll, Marshall Kelzer, Coach Mark Grundhofer; Forth Row: Coach Jim Olsen, Jake Braunshausen, Jason Elasky, Trevor Horning, Matt Gieseske, Cody Swier, Austin Sullivan, Evan Graff, Mark Weiland, Pete Brettingen, Taner DeLange, Joseph Sandholm, Kyle Pingeon, Coach Derek Myhre; Back Row: John Castaneda, Charlie Smothers, Eric Bach, Nigel Cook, Dustin Ehrreich, Jim Watts, Tom Morimoto, Justin Macedo, Scott Rajewsky, Tyler Gunnufson, Shane Hanson, Coach Tom McDonald.

All The Way To State



Bright lights, screaming fans and the adrenaline rush before every game. This describes a typical Friday night at Meuwissen Field. Football games are a joy for the whole community, whether it's tailgating before a big game or just sitting in the stands with friends. Games are a time and place for memories to be made.

"The games are always so much fun. Wearing super fan shirts, making signs, and just hanging out with friends - football games are definitely the place to be on Fridays," said senior Terra Peterson.

This year's football season was one to remember as the Wildcats ended the season with an 11-2 record and a Class AAAA state tournament berth.

The season started with a 40-20 victory against Big Lake., and the winning continued against Watertown-Mayer and Orono, a game in which the team came from behind to win 19-15.

"The night we came back and beat Orono was my favorite memory of the season. That was the moment when the team really

found each other," said junior center Jared Pawelk.

The team lost its next game against Glencoe-Silver Lake, the eventual Class 3A state champion, but saw resurgence, winning its next four Wright County Conference games and finishing second in the conference.

"We improved each week and played our best," said Head Coach Pat Foley.

The team carried its motivation into the playoffs by focusing on one game at a time.

"When you make it to playoffs, you just try and win the next game so you can keep playing," said Foley.

After section playoff victories against New Ulm and Mankato East, the Wildcats claimed the Section 2AAAA title by defeating the Mankato West Scarlets 13-7, earning a state tournament appearance.

They emerged victorious in the State Quarterfinal game defeating the Minneapolis Washburn Millers 28-0 and accomplishing a season-long goal: a trip to play in the State Semifinal game held at the

Metrodome, a feat that hasn't been done since 1992.

"Coach Foley would always talk about how great the 1992 team was. Since the beginning of the season, we wanted to go to the Dome so we would be the new team Foley would talk about," said senior offensive lineman Brandon Bullock.

The team fought a tough battle against the Totino-Grace Eagles, the eventual Class AAAA state champion.

Although the Wildcats lost the game 24-8, highlights included senior wide receiver Joe Brandenburg's touchdown and senior wide receiver Lance Neubauer's two-point conversion. With the touchdown, Brandenburg became the first Wildcat ever to score at the Metrodome.

When the season came to an end that November day at the Dome, the disappointment was seen on the faces of fans, team coaches and team members alike.

"You form a connection with each teammate. That makes you feel like a family," said Pawelk.

Above: The Waconia Wildcats celebrated their Section 2AAAA victory over Mankato West to advance to the State Quarterfinal game against the Minneapolis Washburn Millers. The Wildcats won 28-0.

Below: Junior offensive lineman Brian Broll high fived his teammates as he ran onto the field before a game.



Scoreboard

	W	O
Big Lake	40	20
Watertown	40	7
Orono	19	15
GSL	0	35
Annandale	44	22
Litchfield	14	6
Dassel-Cokato	38	13
Delano	21	0
New Ulm	41	7
Mankato East	13	7
Mankato West	14	7
Washburn	28	0
Totino-Grace	8	24

Season Record 11-2-0



Above: Senior wide receiver Lance Neubauer attempted to make a first down against the Dassel-Cokato Chargers. The Wildcats won the game 38-13.

Tight Like Spandex

The ladies of the 2007 volleyball team started out the first game of the season with a loss to Eden Prairie, the biggest school in the state. The game was close, and the 'Cats didn't go down without a fight. They showed off the talent, teamwork, and determination that would drive them through yet another successful season.

In their first conference game against Litchfield, the team made a clean sweep winning 3-0, and this was just the beginning. In their next seven conference games, the girls also won 3-0, finishing the Wright County Conference undefeated with an 8-0-0 record. The team won the conference title for the second year in a row.

The girls participated in three tournaments this year. In the Eden Prairie tournament, they received fourth place; in

the Marshall tournament, they received eighth; and in their third tournament in Byron, the girls took home the first place trophy.

The team made it all the way to the semi-finals of the Section 2AAA tournament. Unfortunately, the season ended the same way it began - with a loss to Eden Prairie.

Although the team didn't make it to state, Assistant Coach Lori Schwartz said, "The season was phenomenal. We beat teams 3-0 that went to state, so state doesn't reflect how good the girls are."

The team's overall record was 24-4-0.

Head Coach Jim Lee attributes this year's success to team unity.

"The team was very balanced and open to suggestions, which allowed them to focus on the

task at hand."

The players named all conference this year were Brooke Gatheridge, Kara Pioske, and Kelly Brink. Kylie Wroge and Margo Schwartz were honorable mention selections.

Next year, the team will lose four senior players: Brooke Gatheridge, Kylie Wroge, Alicia Champagne, and Kelly Brink. Still, Lee remains optimistic.

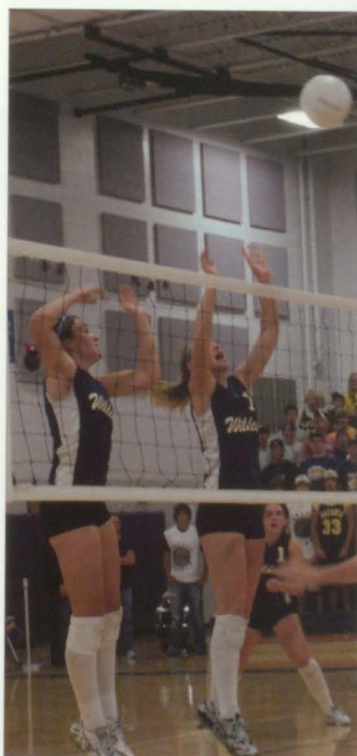
"Every year is a learning experience, and I think next year will be again," he said.

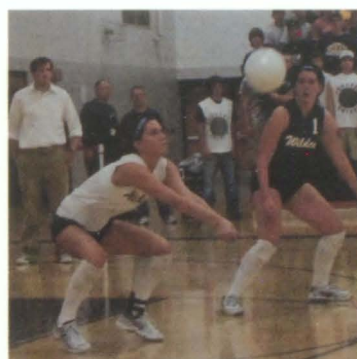
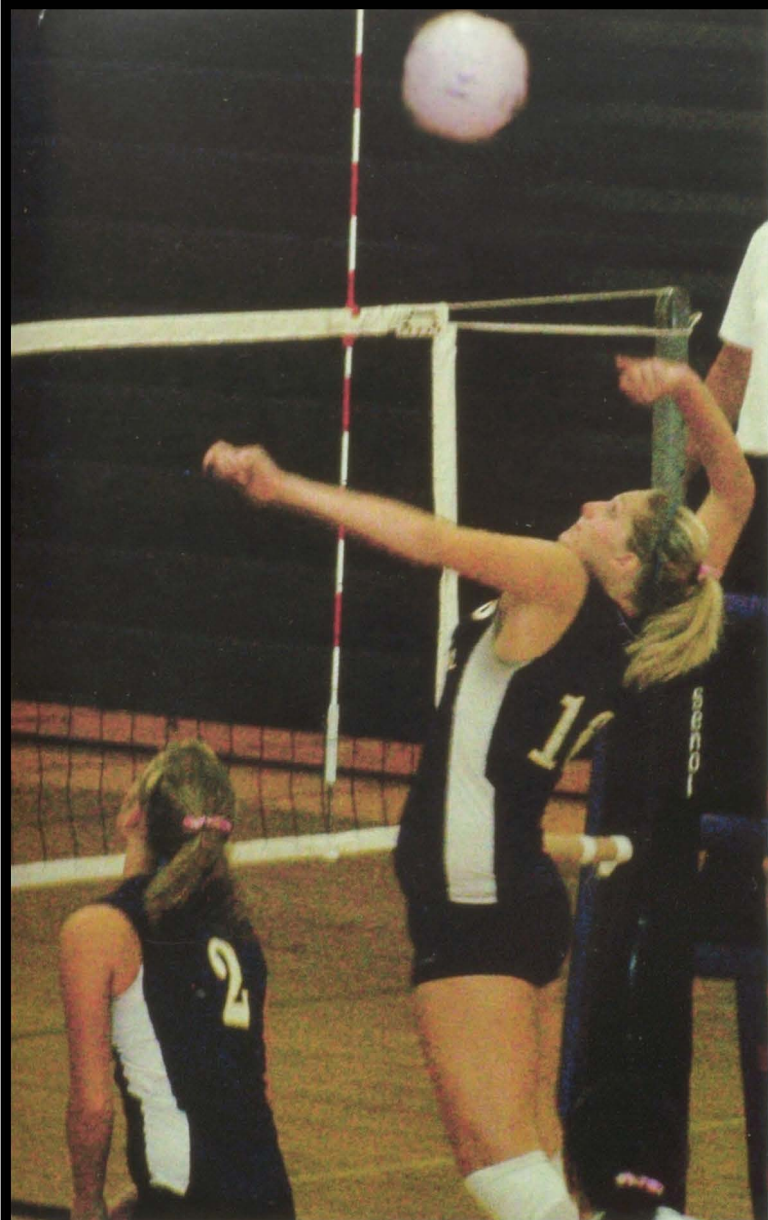
Besides learning how to play good volleyball, Schwartz hopes her players will have learned one more thing before they leave Waconia's volleyball program.

"I hope they learned self-discipline, self-respect, and there's more to life than volleyball," she said.



Front Row: Kylie Wroge, Kelly Brink; **Middle Row:** Assistant Coach Lori Schwartz, Jenna Lester, Jessica Rice, Brooke Gatheridge, Alicia Champagne, Emily Willems, Student Manager Steven Wert; **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Melia Archambault, Head Coach Jim Lee, Chandra Honebrink, Kara Pioske, Margo Schwartz, Emily Storms, Student Manager Lauren Kalkes, Student Manager Maddie Asbjornson.





Above: Senior Brooke Gatheridge prepares to bump the ball.

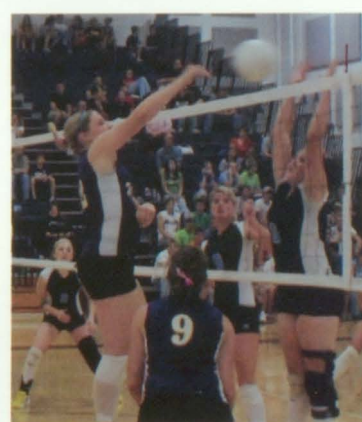
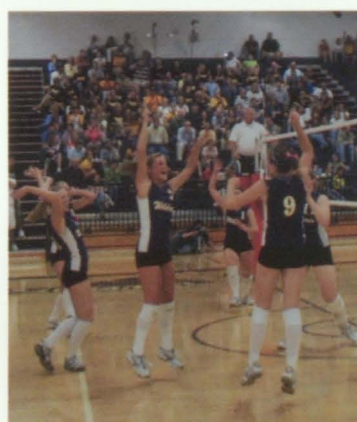
Gatheridge, this year's libero and a team captain, was named to the Wright County All-Conference team.

Below: Senior Kelly Brink and team members celebrate a point. Brink, a team captain, was also named to the Wright County All-Conference team this year.



Above: Senior Kylie Wroge serves the ball. Wroge, another team captain, was a Wright County All-Conference honorable mention selection.

Below: Junior Margo Schwartz spikes the ball. Schwartz was the second player named as a Wright County All-Conference honorable mention selection this year.



Above: Junior Emily Storms goes for a kill in a game against Glencoe-Silver Lake. The Wildcats finished off their third conference game with a score of 3-0.

Left: Junior Jenna Lester and Sophomore Jessica Rice go for a block.

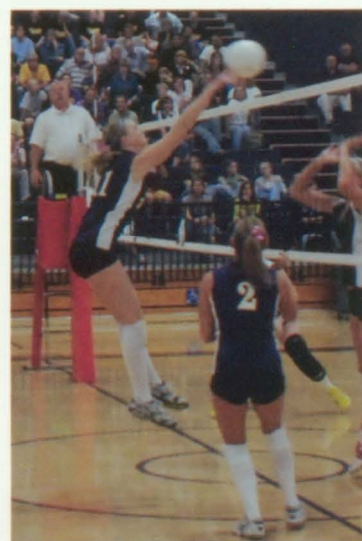
Below: The team celebrates winning the WCC Conference with the fans. The team beat Mound-Westonka 3-0 to finish out the Wright County Conference with an undefeated record of 8-0-0.



Scoreboard

	W	O
Eden Prairie	2	3
Mayer-Lutheran	3	0
Litchfield	3	0
Belle Plaine	3	2
Orono	3	0
GSL	3	0
Annandale	3	0
Delano	3	0
Holy Family	3	0
NYA	3	0
Watertown	3	0
SW Christian	3	1
Dassel-Cokato	3	0
Mound-Wtka	3	0
Minnetonka	3	0
Eden Prairie	1	3

Season Record: 24-4-0



Above: Sophomore Jessica Rice makes a block in a game against Watertown-Mayer. The Cats once again won 3-0.



Above: Seniors Bryan Wessale and Scott Bullis stayed with each other during the race at sections.
Below: The 2007 cross country team ran down main street after running around Lake Waconia before the Homecoming football game.



Above: Sophomore Kelsey Wenning ran hard at the Chaska Invitational.
Right: Junior Kyle Wall worked hard to keep his place in the race at the Section 2A meet.
Below: Captains Katelin Boehm, Katie Olson and Cassie Giesinger still smiled after running their race at the Mound Cross Country Meet.



TOP 10 REASONS TO BE IN CC

1. There's No Bench
2. Cemetery Hill
3. Popsicles
4. Great Legs
5. Dairy Queen
6. Ultimate Frisbee
7. Obstacle Course
8. Run Around the Lake
9. For the Health of It
10. Long and Easy



Above: Freshman Julia Johnson finished strongly during the final stretch of her varsity race at the rainy Waconia Invitational held at Crown College.



Above: Waconia's boys Varsity runners waited at the finish line for the race to start at the section meet held at Chaska.
Right: Sophomore Patrick Logelin kept a steady pace while running in the Mound Cross Country Meet.

Set The Pace

The cross country season started two weeks before school began, and practices continued everyday after school to help prepare the runners for their upcoming meets.

"Even though practices were laid back, you still needed to try hard because if you didn't slack off, then it was easier to improve," said junior Gattlin Miller.

More difficult practices involved running up cemetery hill and doing 800 meter sprints. On more relaxed days, Head Coach Clark Machtemes would assign a long and easy run in which the students would run longer distances at a less intense pace. This helped them improve for race days.

Improving is exactly what the 2007 cross country teams did. The varsity girls took first place at both the Delano and Dassel-Cokato Invitationals. At the Wright County Conference

meet, the girls placed fourth, and the boys placed eighth. At sections, the girls received ninth, and the boys received twelfth.

These victories could be the result of such a united team according to junior Lucy Tongen. The coaches also noticed the strong bond within the team.

"The team really came together and became such good friends this year," said Assistant Coach Todd Klein.

In addition to the team's success, varsity runners junior Hallie Miller, sophomore Chelsea Wickenhauser, and sophomore Kelsey Wenning were named All-Conference following their top fifteen finishes at the Wright County Conference meet held at the Collinwood Park in Dassel.

The team captains also helped motivate the team members.

"It's different this year because the captains are closer than ever, and it makes it easier to motivate the team because we could all

work together to create ways to inspire the runners," said Katelin Boehm, a captain.

Motivation to meet personal goals was the key to success.

"The coaches motivate me during the race by shouting out tips of advice as I run by, which makes me try harder so I don't let them down," said Hans Gunness, a six year team member.

Not only do the coaches motivate the team, but the runners motivate each other. Machtemes said that his proudest moment was when the team did a group cheer at Glencoe meet led by senior Ethan Gutzmann-Williams.

Hard work and team unity created an overall successful season.

"Our hard work definitely paid off and made our season memorable," said sophomore Kelsey Wenning.



First Row: Meredith Proulx, Kelsey Brennan, Kelsey Wenning, Chritina Marceau, Christina Nyman, Katelin Boehm, Cassandra Giesinger, Kerry Hayes **Second Row:** Rebecca Hughes, Lucy Tongen, Melanie Grangaard, Jacklyn Surat, Kelsey Hoen, Stephanie Cluff, Anna Ayers Looby, Hallie Miller, Christine Deering, Katelyn Olson, Amanda Iverson **Third Row:** Jonathan Heimdal, Elijah Stangret, Kyle Wall, Max Herrera, Bryan Wessale, Gattlin Miller, Jacob Billstrom, Michael Brown, Wesley Willow, Shane Segner, William Russell **Fourth Row:** Trevor O'Konek, Justin Ratzlaff, Tyler Stroming, Gregory Farlow, David Klingelutz, Joshua Strate, Sean Linden **Fifth Row:** Assistant Coach Todd Klein, Assistant Coach Don Skerik, Jacob Vipond, Zachary Slice, Hans Gunness, Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Scott Bullis, Alexander Gallup, Patrick Logelin, Assistant Coach Sandy Wasness, Head Coach Clark Machtemes

Pass, Shoot, SCORE

The 2007 boys varsity soccer team began the season by setting a goal of winning 10 games.

The team accomplished its goal and went above and beyond its expectations, ending the season with a final record of 12-4-2.

"This is the best we have ever done," said senior captain David Fischer.

The boys soccer team made this goal realistic by putting extra effort into their practices.

One new thing head coach Tyrel Seim added was communication drills.

"The communication drill gave us the skill of communicating, which was a major skilled needed in completing the goal we set of winning 10 games," said senior Sam Wasmund.

Coach Seim has been the soccer coach at WHS for three

years and he said his favorite part about coaching soccer is watching the team improve.

To unify the team, the boys had team meals the night before games and parties after practice.

"We spent a lot of time together and after practices. At least once a week, we would go to Pizza Ranch as a team," said captain Nolan Weber.

Besides building team unity and further enhancing communication, team members put extra effort into practices building speed and working on improving passing and shooting.

The teams slogan was, "eventually a bounce has to go our way."

The key players this year were "Sam Mock and Sam Wasmund because they provided the best defenses a team could ask for," said Will Terry a fellow varsity

player.

Sam Mock and Ryan Knutson were named to the Wright County All Conference team.

David Fischer, Sam Wasmund, and Will Terry were named honorable mention.

At the soccer banquet on Nov. 8, 2007, Ryan Knutson was named forward MVP; Matt Carson midfield MVP; and Sam Mock defensive MVP. Aaron Hulke was named as the most improved player, and Nolan Weber received the hustle award.

Nine players are graduating this year.

"The team is definitely going to be taking a blow losing all them," said Seim. "But I have faith in all our returning sophomores and juniors."



Front Row: Matt Carson, Aaron Hulke, Sam Wasmund, Ryan Knutson, Nolan Weber; **Second Row:** David Fischer, Justin Spurbeck, Alex Osborn, Gavin Woodland, Nick Hennen, German Ibarra; **Back Row:** Coach Tyrel Seim, Sam Mock, Nick Mitchell, Will Terry, Andrew Salo, Tyler Zebell, Manager Jonathan Crundwell.





Above: Senior Nick Mitchell looked for an open teammate down the field to pass the ball to.

Left: Senior Ryan Knutson scored a goal by heading the ball, tying up the game with two minutes left on the clock.

Below: Senior Samuel Wasmund blocked the ball from going into the goal.



Above: Senior Captain Sam Mock dribbled the ball down the field and looked for an open teammate to pass the ball to.

Below: Senior Andrew Salo and Junior Gavin Woodland warmed up together before their game against the International School of Minnesota.



Above: Senior Captain Nolan Weber makes an outside cut away from an opposing team's defender.

Left: Senior Will Terry headed the ball from his opponents to his open teammate down the field.

Scoreboard

	W	L
SW Christian	3	0
Orono	0	4
New Ulm	2	1
Chaska	0	1
Mound-Westonka	3	1
Watertown/ML	6	0
Kasson-Mantorville	9	0
Holy Family	0	1
PACT Charter	3	0
Shakopee 4	2	1
St. John's Prep	5	0
GSL-GFW 2	1	1
Delano	4	0
Rockford	4	0
St. Peter	0	0
Holy Family	1	1
St. Cloud Cath.	3	6
Intl School of MN	4	0
Holy Family Cath.	1	2

Season Record: 12-4-2



Above: Senior Captain David Fischer flicked the ball overhead to continue a scoring opportunity.



Above: Four year varsity player captain Katie Luce fought to stop the ball from getting to St. Peter player. The 'cats won 3-0.

Below: Captain Nicole Willems raced down the field to take possession of the ball and tried to set up a play against St. Peter.



Above: Captain Amanda Pederson passed the ball and saved the ball from going out of bounds.

Right: Sophomore Leah Christenson fought against the opponent for the ball.

Below: Captains Nicole Willems, Amanda Pederson, Coach Gretchen Fritz and captain Kaite Luce got together after their last soccer game at Benilde Saint Margaret's.



Scoreboard

	W	O
Southwest Christian	7	2
Orono	1	2
New Ulm	4	1
Mound-Westonka	2	1
Watertown-Mayer	9	6
St. Peter	3	0
PACT Charter	12	2
Mayer Lutheran	4	0
Shakopee	3	1
St. John's Prep	3	4
Glencoe-Silver Lake	4	1
Chaska	0	3
Delano	2	1
Rockford	4	0
Fridley	2	0
Holy Family	0	2
St. Cloud Cathedral	1	4
Watertown-Mayer	10	0
Breck	1	0
Benilde-		
St. Margaret's	0	5

Season Record: 14-6-0



Above: Junior Jessica Hunter waited attentively as she looked to pass the ball to an open teammate downfield.

Right: Sophomore Kelsey Woodland saved the ball from getting to the other team.



Below: Sophomore Emily Ludwigson guarded the ball from the other team.

Get the Ball Rolling

With a new coach and five new varsity players, the varsity girls' soccer team looked for a way to jumpstart its success. First year Head Coach Gretchen Fritz and young talent were keys for the team.

"Coach Fritz was pushing us to do better by having us do two a days," said Jessica Hunter, a two-year varsity player.

"The first practice consisted of just running drills. It was a lot harder, but it helped us to do better."

Senior Nicole Willems, a two-year varsity player, also noticed the change in the intensity level of practice.

"We did the same drills, but more intensely. The hard practices had a better outcome on our team. We have never gone this far, and that is really a big accomplishment," said Willems.

Consequently, the amount of running done at practice may have contributed to the team success.

"Our running drills consisted of pyramids, sprints, 15-30s, and the worm, with the pyramids being the hardest," said

Rebecca Pederson, first year varsity player.

The team may have done better because of the hard practices and the hard work the team members put into them. The girls improved their agility and strength. Their improvement was also evident in their 14-6 record, an improvement over last year's 11-7 record.

Besides an improved record, the girls' soccer team advanced the furthest in section competition in the school's history with a 10-0 victory against the Watertown-Mayer Royals.

Unfortunately, a 0-5 loss to Benilde St. Margaret's stopped them from advancing any further in section play.

Amanda Pederson, one of the captains of the team, was named All-State Honorable Mention.

Along with Pederson's honorable mention, Coach Fritz was also named the Section 6A Girls Soccer Coach of the year.

"I feel very honored. I was up against a lot of talented coaches," said Fritz.

Fritz said the team's enthusiasm and excitement played

a huge role in its success. She said this enthusiasm was clearly demonstrated during one of the team's most memorable moments, a 4-0 victory over the Rockford Rams.

Although Fritz said the team faced some tough competition, she said the team's biggest competition was itself.

"Sometimes our energy level needed to be full of strength at every game," Fritz said.

Keeping the team energized and motivated were the captains of this year's season: Katie Luce, Nicole Willems, and Amanda Pederson.

"I was very proud to see how this season turned out, and how they [team members] worked well together since we had many young players," said Luce. "This was supposed to be a building season since we lost a lot of seniors last year."

Bottom row: Student Manager Sarah Nothrup, Kelsey Woodland, Rebecca Pederson, Emily Cook, Dianne Parkinson, Carly Stockert, Amanda Pederson, Mary Polding, Leah Christensen, Jessica Hunter, Head Coach Gretchen Fritz. Top row: Emily Ludwigson, Alli Dunkelberger, Megan Rademacher, Mandi Selvey, Nicole Willems, Katie Luce, Becky Lund, Amy Erickson, Claire Perkins.



Stick It!

The gymnastics girls started their season with a strong note. They won their first two meets against the Glencoe- Silver Lake Panthers and the Watertown- Mayer Royals.

Like any successful program, team members wanted to keep the winning streak going.

They tried to get the momentum going by relying on their team motto, "Go Big or Go Home."

Before the season began, the girls worked on conditioning, which helped them avoid soreness and injury; gymnastics fundamentals, which may have helped them improve their individual scores on certain apparatuses; and the choreography of floor exercise routines.

When the season began, team members put their hearts into the routines and worked their hardest to improve individual and team scores.

The girls worked hard on creating floor exercise routines and finding music to go along with them.

When they worked on their routines, Head Coach Stephanie Swensen and Assistant Coaches Molly Anquist and Micki Toops offered guidance and suggestions for improvement.

The girls practiced for two and a half to three hours daily, five or six days a week.

While they practiced, they made goals that they wanted to reach for the upcoming meet. They used those goals to keep them focused to sometimes receive a higher score than they expected.

At practice, the girls liked to pump each other up for the big event the next day or even later that same night.

The girls used music and personal motivation to help reach their goals.

They were also motivated by

Swensen, who often told the girls, "All you need to do is be strong and you can do anything if you only put your mind to it."

The gymnastics team finished its season with a 7-4 record and some impressive personal bests.

Especially impressive this season was junior Amanda Sinnen who broke school records on the balance beam and vault events and competed at the 2008 Minnesota State High School League Class A gymnastics competition.

Sinnen placed 24th overall with a score of 34.625, averaging 9.375 on the vault, 8.350 on the balance beam, 8.475 on uneven bars, and 8.425 on the floor exercise.

Practicing for many hours and improving routines was just a fraction of the girls' season. They also learned that motivation is the key to success.



Above: Sophomore Brittany Van Houtte, showed the judges how graceful she could be during her floor routine. The floor routine incorporated both dance and gymnastic elements, and choosing the right music could sometimes be a challenge. Another challenge is scoring. Scoring is tight, and gymnasts can gain or lose tenths of points for properly or improperly completing maneuvers.



Above: Junior Mercedes Tolzmann, one of the team's captains, poised herself before completing a back flip as part of her floor exercise.



Above: Brittany Van Houtte competed on the uneven bars. Right: Junior Amanda Sinnen, showed great strength on the bars. She finished 24th at the state gymnastics meet.



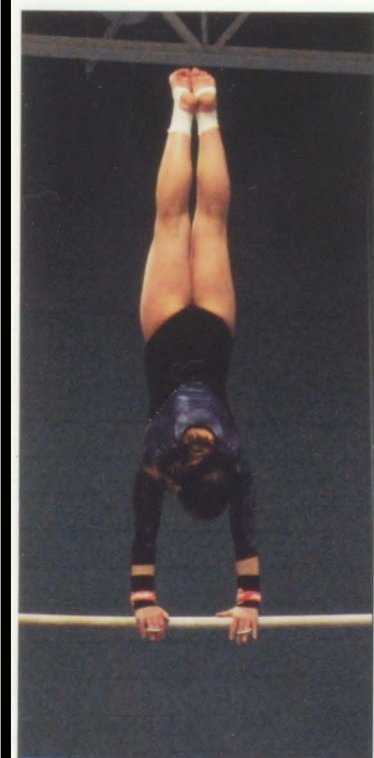
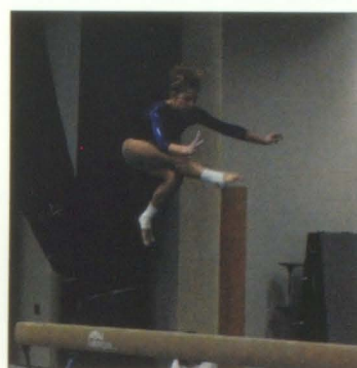
Above: Brittany Van Houtte showed a great side flip on the balance beam.

Left: Amanda Sinnen wowed the crowd and the judges with her floor exercise routine.

Below: Mercedes Tolzmann concentrated on landing her maneuver on the balance beam.

Above: Emily Sanborn did the splits during her floor exercise and showed her great flexibility.

Below: Taylor Helle performed a graceful routine on the balance beam.



Above: First row: Mercedes Tolzmann, Second row: Brittany Van Houtte, Taylor Helle, Third row: Emily Sanborn, Assistant Coach Mickie Toops, Amanda Sinnen, Back row: Head Coach Stephanie Swensen, Assistant Coach Molly Anquist.

Scoreboard		
	W	O
GLS	125.925	122.9
Watertown	129.475	127.025
Delano	128.125	129.175
Howard Lake	137.375	95.425
New Ulm	125.625	121.625
Mound	130.25	139.2
Dassel- Cokato	130.67	125.175
Annandale	132.5	139.55
Rockford	134.025	0
Litchfield	135.375	136.65
Maple Lake	133.4	0
Orono	133.1	119.5

Season Record: 7-4



Above: Jimmy Froehling cut around a turn during a competition at Afton Alps in Welch, Minnesota.

Below: Junior Melanie Grangaard concentrated on her turning during a race held at Buck Hills Ski Area in Burnsville.

Grangaard, a second year team member, was named Rookie of the Year during the 2006-2007 season.



Above: Shana Froehling crouched for speed at Afton Alps.

Right: Shana Froehling skillfully maneuvered the beginning of her at the Sectional competition, held at Afton Alps.

Below: On a sunny but cold winter's day, Justin Ratzlaff and Melanie Grangaard rode the chairlift to the top of a run at Buck Hill.



Above: Junior Justin Ratzlaff flew through the gates at a ski competition. Ratzlaff has been skiing for thirteen years.



Scoreboard

	W	O
Girls		
Benilde-St. Margaret's	48	7
The Blake School	16	39

Season Record: 1-1

	W	O
Boys		
Benilde-St. Margaret's	30	25
The Blake School	23	32

Season Record: 1-1

It's All Downhill From Here

Picture this- you're barreling down a hill at breakneck speeds, flying around corners and through gates with seemingly no control, and coming to a quick stop, only to go back up and do it all again. If this seems like an everyday occurrence to you, you're probably on the alpine ski team.

Practicing two days a week for four hours at Hyland Hills, the eight members of the ski team raced through the winter at Powder Ridge in Kimball; Buck Hill in Burnsville; Welch Village in Welch; Afton Alps near Hastings; Hyland Hills in Minnetonka; and sections at the end of their season.

Competition in these events was based on the combined scores of boys and girls teams at the end of the meet, and the best combined total won.

"Skiing is both an individual and team sport like golf and wrestling," said Head Coach Lisa Froehling, who coaches the team

made up of students from Waconia, Watertown, Holy Family and Mound-Westonka High School. Coaching a team from multiple schools was not a problem for her.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for both the skiers and coaches to branch out and make new friends," said Froehling. "The only challenge is the logistics."

Before the team could start competing, they needed to get ready for the season.

Some members ran to get ready for the strenuous season, while others had their own methods of getting ready before the team had pre-snow dry land practices together.

"I'm in cross country, so I guess I'm in ok shape, and then we had dry land practices for a few weeks," said junior Melanie Grangaard, a second year member.

After enough snow fell to make skiing a possibility, practices moved to Hyland Hills.

"We warm up, set up a course with gates, then ski the course," continued Grangaard.

During practice, patience was the key, that, and repetition.

"We just keep going through again and again while getting critiqued," described junior Justin Ratzlaff who has been skiing for 13 years.

Even though the hard work and cold weather on the hills would make most people run for the chalet, the skiers knew how to keep their spirits up.

A favorite activity of Ratzlaff's was "speaking with different accents as we rode up the chairlift."

Skiing at this level requires not only skill, but also a love for the sport. Most members skied on the weekends with friends in addition to the practices and competitions.

One thing is for certain: A team with this much dedication is sure to go for the gold.



Above: Freshman Jessica Kullman tried to get on the edge of her skis around a turn. Because the courses were slick, skiers relied on the steel edge of their skis to avoid sliding down the hill.



Back Row: Shana Froehling, Melanie Grangaard, Justin Ratzlaff, Jimmy Froehling. **Front Row:** Turi Hjelstand, Victoria Larkin, Jessica Kullman, Maddie Honnold

I Don't Wanna Stop!

"Don't Wanna Stop" was not only the Lakettes' high kick song, it was a way to define their season. From try outs in April of the previous year until February, the Lakettes never stopped working towards their goal of having a successful season.

Throughout the Lakettes' season, the dance team participated in many memorable performances including Homecoming, basketball games, and seven competitions.

"The dancers' conditioning helped them gain more strength and confidence to perform at a higher level than previous years," said Assistant Coach Nina Salveson.

The Lakettes' off season consisted of strenuous conditioning and technique work led by Salveson. Therefore, the Lakettes were much more prepared for

their competition season.

At their first competition in Apple Valley, the Lakettes placed third in high kick.

"It was a really exciting competition because we started off our season winning a trophy. It was also a big adventure getting home from the competition because of the snow storm," said sophomore Cassidy Stumm.

December proved to be a difficult month for the Lakettes. It consisted of many competitions that challenged the team to excel, including the Lakeville and Holy Angels competitions. Over winter break the team reconstructed the routine; therefore, their competition scores increased immensely.

"We were more pleased with the scores we received at Maple Grove because their hard work

really paid off," said Head Coach Amy Segner.

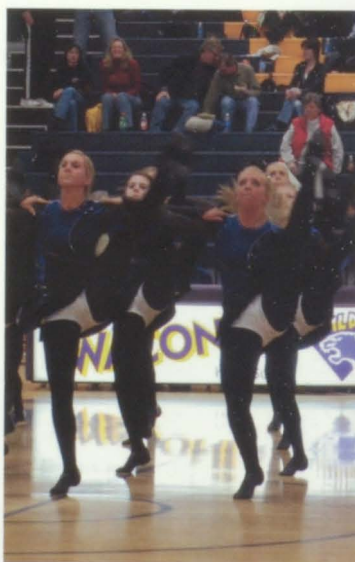
After their success at Maple Grove, they had two more consecutive third place finishes at their home competition and the Wright Conference Meet held at Delano High School. These competitions were crucial to prepare the team for their biggest competition: sections. At the Section 2AA meet, the Lakettes placed sixth in high kick and ninth in jazz funk.

"The Lakettes competition was the toughest they have faced at a section meet in several years," said Head Coach Amy Segner.

To the Lakettes, the scores are not the most important thing, but it is the life lessons learned and friendships that are formed which make each season a successful one.



First Row: Erin Salveson, Brianna Wall, Amanda Corson, Kayla Sayre **Second Row:** Kayla Vit, Kirsten Lederer, Stephanie Wothe, Natalie Kalkes, Lisa Rasmussen **Third Row:** Danielle Flessness, Molly Elasky, Cassidy Stumm, Kaydee Bohanon, Rebecca Shirk **Fourth Row:** Assistant Coach Nina Salveson, Anna Christenson, Carissa Bakke, Head Coach Amy Segner



Above: Seniors Brianna Wall and Amanda Corson performed their first set of kicks in the routine at the first basketball game of the season.



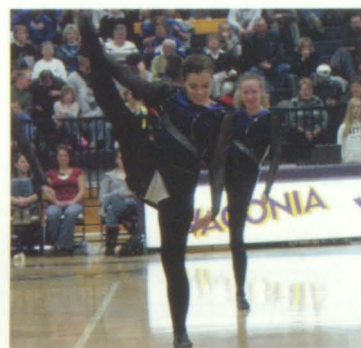
Above: The dance team synchronized their arm movements during their high kick song 'I Don't Wanna Stop,' which was performed during half time of a basketball game.

Left: The Lakettes held their last pose with pride after the well-performed jazz-funk routine.

Below: Sophomore Cassidy Stumm and Freshman Natalie Kalkes performed their jazz-funk routine with attitude.

Above: Freshman Molly Elasky dances the jazz-funk routine at the Waconia Competition. They placed fourth in their division.

Below: Junior Stephanie Wothe and freshman Kayla Vit showed their flexibility during their high kick routine performed at the basketball game against Watertown-Mayer.



Below: Senior Kayla Sayre performed the Jazz-Funk routine for her last time at the Section 2AA competition.



Above: The Waconia Lakettes celebrated their success at the Maple Grove Competition. They placed third out of the ten teams high kick and fourth out of ten in jazz-funk.

Final Placements:

Apple Valley 3rd

Lakeville 7th

Holy Angels 12th

Maple Grove 3rd

Waconia 3rd

Delano 3rd

Sections 2AA 6th



Ready, Set, Go

Pepsi. Sprite. Coca-Cola. Mello Yello. The boys of the swim team were craving pop.

"The first thing I want to do when the season is over is drink pop," said sophomore Daniel Leifermann.

During the season, swimmers could not drink carbonated beverages, including pop, because the carbonation reduces lung capacity, something that is essential in swimming.

The absence of carbonated drinks, combined with hard work and determination, has improved the team this year.

In February, senior Tyler Stroming and freshman William Chandler shattered a 14 year record. They weren't the only ones who improved, however.

"Everyone has dropped time in their races," said Stroming.

Swimming isn't all fun and games. The first thing the boys did this season was get in shape.

"Team members shaved their legs and worked long hours," said Chandler.

These boys were in shape. After practice, their muscles ached, according to Stroming.

Swimming also took a toll on their bodies.

"The worst part was being tired," said Leifermann.

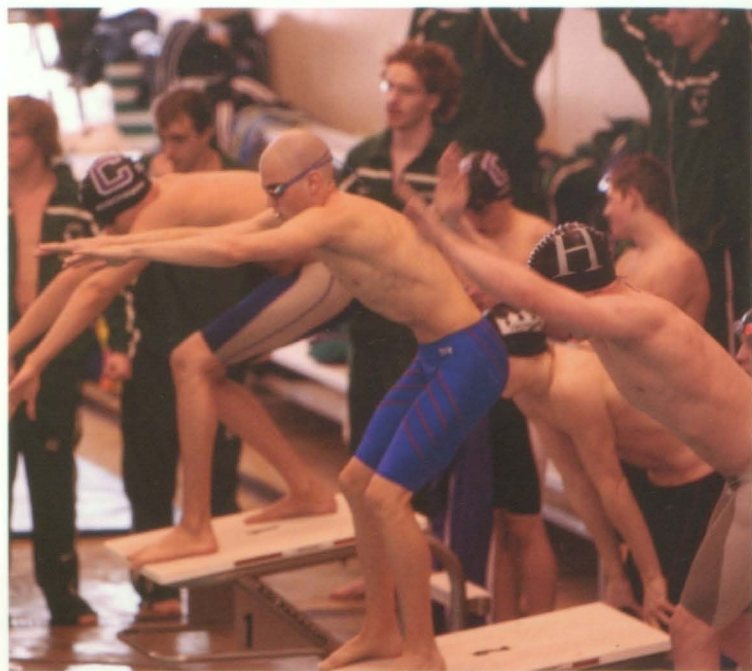
Since Waconia didn't have enough boys to form a team of its own, they were part of a coop that included Watertown-Mayer High School and Delano High School. The team was coached by Chuck Charnstrom.

The team consisted of three WHS students - Stroming, Leifermann, and Chandler.

Mid-season, the boys were down, but they pulled through at their home invitational, scoring higher than every other team.

A team can't be made without a support system. The parents and coaches supported the team this year.

This encouragement, coupled with their determination and self-confidence, proved to create success.



Top: Tyler Stroming hoped for the perfect start off the blocks.

Left: William Chandler and Danny Leifermann supported their teammates during a home meet.

Bottom: Leifermann prepares for his race. He watched his competitors and mentally prepared himself to win.



Above: Members of the Waconia, Watertown-Mayer and Delano High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team included Seth Erickson, Tyler Stroming, William Chandler, Caleb McKussick and Danny Leifermann.

Scoreboard

	W	O
Hopkins	74	74
Monticello	78	92
Blake/Breck	48	53
Princeton	115	71
Apollo	115	68
Cambridge-Isanti	86	100
Dassel Cokato	83	87
Orono	91.5	94.5
Buffalo	108	78
True Team	6th of 6	
Prior Lake Invite	6th of 7	
W-M Invite	1st of 5	
Apollo Invite	5th of 7	
Section 6AA	7th of 8	

Season Record: 3-6-0



Off The Block



Top: Phylica Short used her well gained strength from practice while competing in the breast stroke. **Right:** Senior captain Erica Heitz glided through the water after pushing off the wall in the 500 Free Style race.

Bottom: Junior Shana Froehling concentrated on her stroke while competing in the back stroke.



Scoreboard		
	W	O
Marshall	79	105
Orono	75	106
Mound	78	105
St. Peter	87	97
Dassel Cokato	124	62
Litchfield	107	79
Becker	104	80
Watertown	87	99

Season Record: 3-5-0

Beep. Beep. Beep. It was 4:30 in the morning, and 51 girls trudged out of bed for their hour long mandatory morning practice, where they lifted weights and trained out of the pool three days a week.

"With four hours of swimming a day, it only leaves time for swimming and school," said team captain Erica Heitz. With the level of commitment that the girls had, they were ready for a record breaking season.

Their commitment and practice paid off. They started the season with a wave of accomplishment when junior Ariel McCullum broke three school records: the 400 freestyle, the 200 individual medley, and the 100 butterfly. Later in the season, freshman Alisha Bruner broke the school record for the 100 backstroke. In order to break records and do well, swimmers had to get in the zone and visualize their race said McCullum.

Just three years ago, Waconia was a part of the Watertown-Mayer-Delano swim

and dive team. This season, the Royals were the team's biggest rivals, bringing out the best competition in the team, according to Head Coach Chuck Charnstrom.

At the home meet on Oct. 16, the Royals defeated the 'Cats, 99- 87, even with McCullum, Bruner, and junior Christina Rupp breaking school records at this meet.

"This year's season was a starting point and the school's records are just going to get bigger and better," said Charnstrom.

And they did get better. Four records were broken at sections by McCullum, Bruner, and the medley relay team of Rupp, Bruner, McCullum, and freshman Taylor Gregory.

Out of the 19 section qualifiers only one made it to state, McCullum.

During the season, they may have lost a few times, but it didn't stop them from climbing back to the top of their game.

"Swimming is like a hill. It has its up and downs," said sophomore Brittany Van Houtte.



Top row: Shana Froehling, Ariel McCullum, Alexa Klos, Cassandra Norton, Ashley Tuley, Phylica Short, Erica Heitz, Christina Rupp, Bethany Bertelsen, Michelle Kroells, Elissa Selleck, Hali Germond. **Middle row:** Sara Porter, Kara Stroming, Alisha Bruner, Sarah Farlow, Brittany Van Houtte, Phoebe Fettig, Addy Scrimgeour, Nicole Wynsteker, Olivia McCullum, Taylor Gregory. **Bottom row:** Kara Bakke, Jennifer Kallio, Nicolle Kroells, Stephanie Tuley, Abigale Christenson, Ramya Anne Melichar, Jessica Tuley, Chaneen Haler.

Harambee

Coming Together to Win

Harambee was an expression used by the girls' basketball team all through the season. The simple statement stands for coming together as a team. Harambee definitely proved to be a key component in the success of the 2008 season.

"Harambee definitely describes our team. All the girls get along very well. We are a team on and off the basketball court," said junior Amanda Iverson.

Basketball is a fast moving sport, so there was no question that the girls' basketball team worked hard this season. The girls had a connection - they were team players. All this effort came from practices held after school.

"Our main focus during practice is reviewing footwork, fundamentals and shooting, followed by half court defense and full court scrimmage situations," said Head Coach Tom Doyscher.

They girls turned into a better

team through each practice. They knew that they couldn't win a game by themselves. These girls have learned in order to win a game, it required each and every member of their team.

The team's most challenging competition throughout the season was the Orono Spartans. Junior Scotti Moats remembers one particularly close game against the Spartans.

"It was a close game right up to the end. Everyone put everything they had into the game, but just fell short of the win," said Moats.

The game was tied at the end of regulation; unfortunately, the Wildcats lost 52-57 in overtime.

The loss didn't slow any of the girls down. In fact, it may have even helped them gain momentum for the rest of the regular season. They recorded 13 more wins and only three regular season losses.

"I'm very proud of my team

and the progress we made throughout the regular season," said senior point guard Kelly Brink.

They began their section play offs against the Benilde- St. Margaret Knights. Through strong offensive and defensive efforts, and strong shooting by sophomore Amy Erickson, they pulled away with a 57-53 victory.

The girls next played DeLaSalle in the Section 6AAA Semifinals game, losing 42-53. DeLaSalle advanced to the state tournament.

Being in basketball helps build character and discipline to stay on task. For some players, this team experience is a stepping stone to a basketball future.

"After high school I want to play basketball in college. I want to be the best player I can be and be able to play competitively," said Moats.



Back Row: Jessica Hunter, Morgan Braunshausen, Katelyn Rambow, Kelly Brink, Nicole Willems, Cassie Faust, Leah Christensen. **Second Row:** Christine Deering, Alicia Champagne, Scotti Moats, Emily Storms, Amanda Iverson, Britta Rinke, Amy Erickson, Alli Dunkelburger. **First Row:** Assistant Coach Paul Henn, Head Coach Tom Doyscher and Assistant Coach Dustin Neubauer.

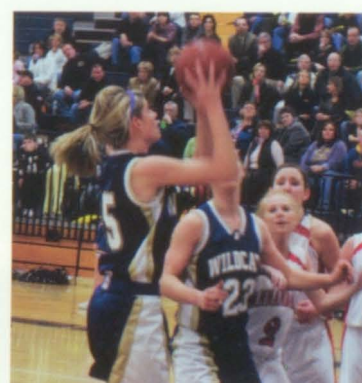




Above: Junior Center Scotti Moats looked for an open player to pass to after getting a rebound.
Below: Junior point guard Jessica Hunter looked to pass while being covered by Cardinals.
Left: Amanda Iverson went up high to get a rebound against several Cardinal players.



Above: Senior point guard Katie Luce tried to get past an Annandale defender while breaking the man to man press.
Below: Sophomore guard Alli Dunkelburger finds an opening to take a two point shot while junior Scotti Moats waits for the rebound.



Above: Senior Katie Luce looked for an open lane to drive toward the basket.
Left: Junior forward Amanda Iverson stretched above two Annandale Cardinal players to get a rebound. The Wildcats defeated the Cardinals 61-52.



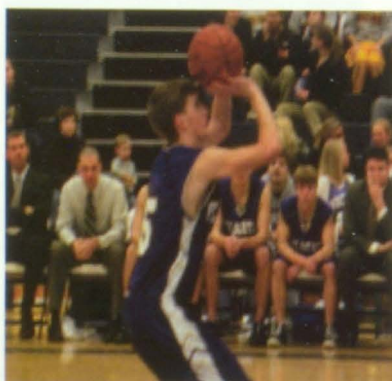
Above: Sophomore Amy Erickson took a two point shot during a Wright County Conference game.

Scoreboard		
	W	O
Orono	47	54
Litchfield	57	53
Delano	47	48
Dassel-Cokato	56	43
Watertown	65	55
Mound Westonka	54	40
Annandale	61	52
Glencoe-Silver Lake	57	53
Orono	52	57
Litchfield	64	50
Delano	56	49
Dassel-Cokato	76	49
Watertown	58	52
Mound-Westonka	67	48
Annandale	45	37
Glencoe-Silver Lake	54	45
Benilde St. Margaret	57	53
DeLaSalle	42	53

Season Record: 17-9-0



Above: Junior Jon Heimdal looked for an open teammate during a home game against Annandale.



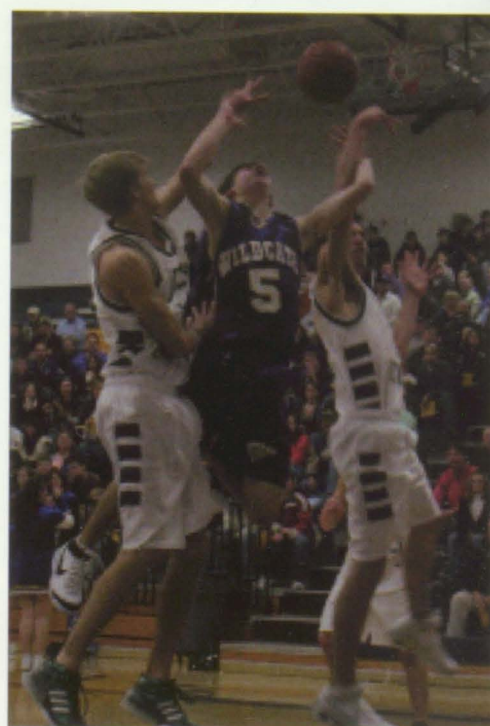
Above: Senior Brandon Haugen showed his fine shooting form while attempting an open jump shot against Holy Family.



Back Row: Assistant Coach Chad Henke, Manager Alec Erikson, Jonathon Heimdal, Tommy Korteum, Patrick Van Kirk, Nate Ristow, Shane Ewalt, Manager Alex Kapuska

Middle Row: Coach Steve Marsden, Dillon Hackbarth, Cody Swier, Shelby Moats, Evan Graff, Michael Frey, Assistant Coach Rich Gove, Assistant Coach Tom Konrardy

Front Row: Daniel Sohm, Austin Schwartz, Brandon Haugen, Coach Hayes, Lance Neubauer, Tyler Clouse, Ryan Rague



Play it Forward

Sixteen guys sprinted out of the locker room and formed a team huddle. Shouting and chanting could be heard coming from the huddle as the team pumped themselves up for a win. Seniors Ryan Rague and Dillon Hackbarth's voices were heard yelling rap lyrics as senior Lance Neubauer loosened up the team before the game.

The 2007-2008 boys' basketball team was fired up for another successful season. With eight seniors taking leadership positions, including captains Lance Neubauer and Brandon Haugen, the team was hopeful for another successful season. To attain that goal, the team members knew they had to practice hard to make up for seven graduated seniors and a

less experienced team.

Both Neubauer and Hackbarth agreed that practices were intense, but the team was always working hard to get better.

Although practices were tough and exhausting, the Wildcats continued to put all of their effort into them, or else "you'll find yourself lying on the floor," said Hackbarth.

Practices were Coach Hayes' favorite part of the season.

"I get to spend more time working with the players."

Those intense practices paid off for the 2007-2008 as the team finished with a conference record of 12-4 and a 17-10 overall record heading into Section play.

The team didn't keep this tight record all year; they began

their year with five pre-season losses, but pulled together as a team when conference games began and played as if they had only one thing on their minds: winning. And that's exactly what they did. With 12 conference wins, they proved to each other and their fans that they were a determined team.

Along with winning, there were some fun and memorable moments during the season.

"My favorite memory from the season this year was watching Trent Johnson's (Holy Family) rapid eye movement," said Hackbarth.

Freshmen Shelby Moats said his favorite memory was "when we beat Annandale by 58 and score was 94 to 36."

Senior Tyler Clouse said his fa-

vorite part of the season was the New Ulm game. "I played well."

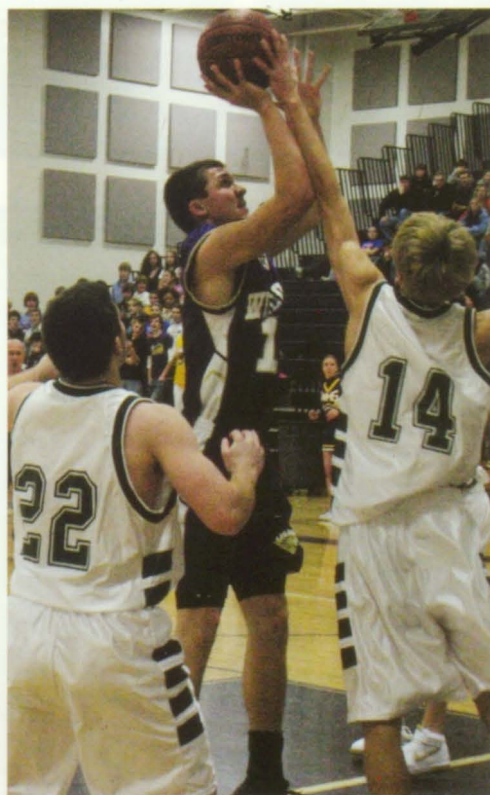
Clouse scored 12 points against New Ulm along with 3 rebounds, 3 steals, and 4 assists.

Playing well was something the team as whole did from their first game all the way to their last. If there is one thing this team can pride themselves on, it's continuing to improve their skills, teamwork, and success throughout their season.

Above: Senior point guard Lance Neubauer shuffled past a Holy Family defender as he brought the ball upcourt.

Left: Senior Brandon Haugen went up against two Fire opponents to try to earn the rebound.

Below: Neubauer drove hard to the basket while attempting a lay up.



Above: Senior Dillon Hackbarth maneuvered around two Holy Family Fire defenders to attempt a two point shot for the Wildcats. Hackbarth is one of the team's captains this season.



Scoreboard

	W	O
Holy Family Catholic	52	57
Hutchinson	74	68
Mankato East	55	50
St. Michael-Albertville	48	69
New Prague	64	79
Heritage Christian Acad.	48	37
New Ulm	80	36
Dassel-Cokato	57	48
Academy of the Holy Angels	50	64
Shakopee	59	74
Watertown-Mayer	53	47
Mound-Westonka	53	27
Annandale	94	36
Glencoe Silver Lake	46	47
Orono	61	69
Marshall	63	59
Litchfield	50	34
Delano	68	55
Dassel Cokato	74	54
Watertown-Mayer	52	43
Mound-Westonka	50	27
Annandale	67	49
Glencoe-Silver Lake	50	59
Orono	56	64
Litchfield	65	44
Delano	68	65
Mpls. Washburn	59	72

Season Record: 17-10-0

Leave it on the mat

Despite what people may think, wrestling is not just about beating on one's opponent.

Wrestling is as much a mental game as it is a physical game.

The wrestlers have to put in many hours of hard work to be able to achieve a full level of mental and physical fitness to prepare them for the upcoming match.

"In wrestling, only you and your opponent are on the mat at the same time. So what happens on the mat is up to you," said junior Jared Pawelk, a third year varsity wrestler.

Wrestling is one of the most physically-demanding sports for high school athletes, and it can also have a harsh impact on the wrestler's body if he doesn't train properly.

Running weight lifting, team drills and managing eating habits are constant activities that wrestlers endure.

Varsity wrestler Eli Stangret said the first thing he is going to do

when wrestling is over is eat.

"I have not been able to eat that much during the season," said Stangret.

The team took a hardship midway through the season when they lost Brian Broll and Brandon Bullock for three weeks due to injuries. They later lost Jared Pawelk, Ethan Gutzmann and Kyle Pingon for a week or two due to illness.

JV wrestlers were moved up to fill in the spots of the people out for injuries and illness.

"We all put in extra effort and the juniors had to step it up a notch to overcome the loss of teammates," said junior Dan Herrmann.

Not only did Waconia wrestling have trouble with illness and injuries, they also started the year out with several first time wrestlers.

"Having so many new wrestlers on the team was a sight to see," said Head Coach Kelly Wagner. "It meant that the team had a lot

of work ahead of them, not just learning the basics of wrestling, but also becoming a family."

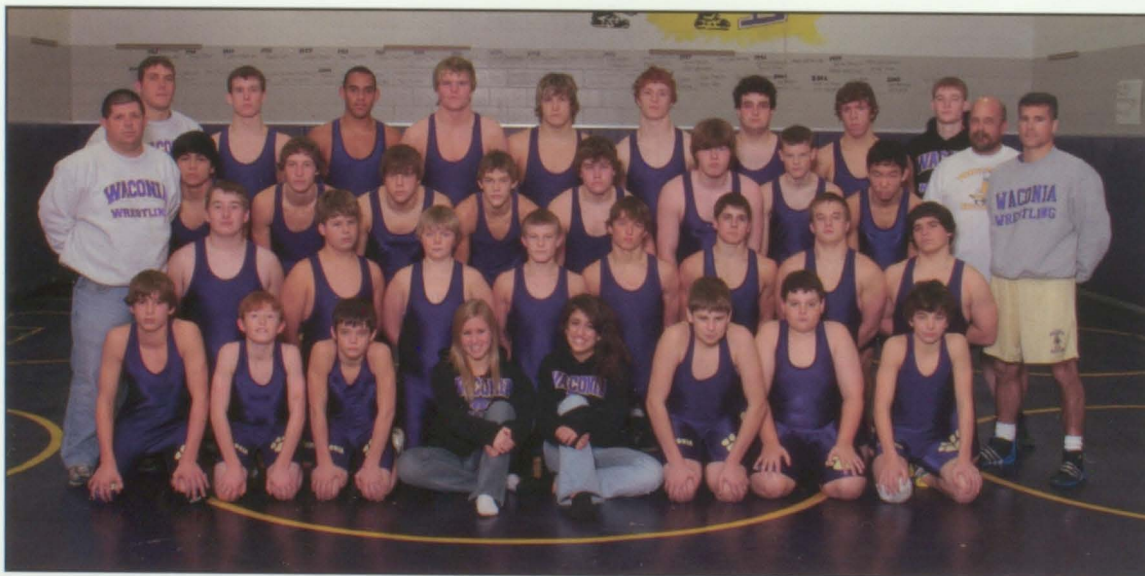
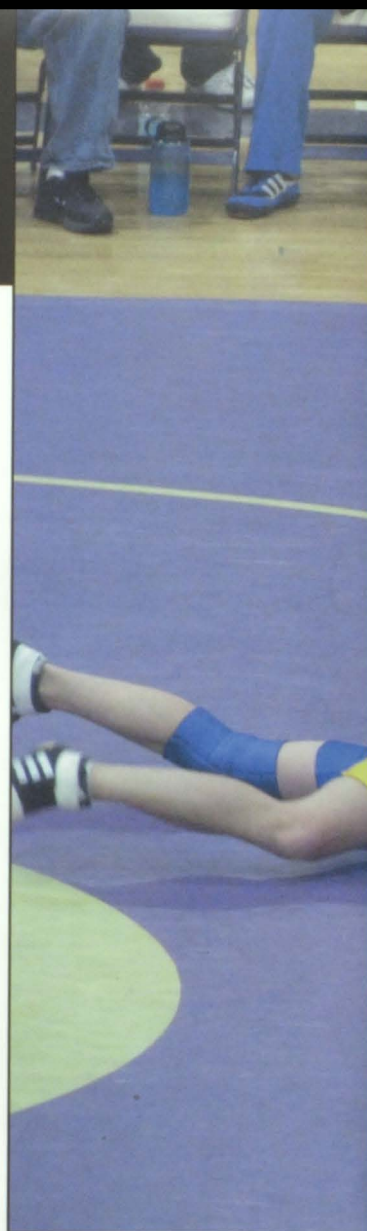
The WHS wrestlers became a family throughout the season and ended the season with a 11-11 overall record, finishing 2-6 in the Wright County Conference.

Juniors Eli Stangret, Brian Broll and Jared Pawelk were named to the Wright County Conference All-Conference squad, while juniors Dan Herrmann and Dakota Hart were honorable mention selections.

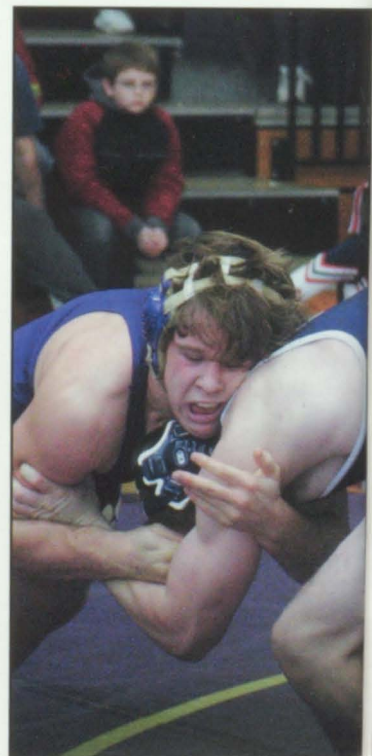
Stangret, Broll and Pawelk also wrestled at the Class 2A state wrestling meet where Stangret took fifth place in the 112 lb. class.

Even though Broll and Pawelk didn't place, Pawelk knew his team was behind him.

"Regardless of the outcome, your team and family will always be there for you in the end," said Pawelk.



Front Row: Riley Trnka, Todd Broll, Nicholas Asmussen, Mandi Selvey, Hannah Kimyon, Colin Bryan, John Braudt, Sam Braunshausen. Second Row: Head Coach Kelly Wagner, Dan Edwards, Kohlton Schmidt, Maxwell Bullock, Jesse Conkey, Cody Strand, Kyle Wall, Shane Wachlin, Tyler Nordby, Assistant Coach Mike Pettit. Third Row: John Castaneda, Dan Herrmann, Jared Pawelk, Eli Stangret, Tyler Schultz, Schoen Kichler, Ryan Eischens, Ken Miyamoto, Assistant Coach Ron Haase. Back Row: Assistant Coach Ethan Weiland, Kyle Pingon, Ethan Gutzmann-Williams, Brandon Bullock, Dakota Hart, Brian Broll, Eric Bach, Trever Sidwell, Assistant Coach Josh Artmann.





Above: Senior team captain Brandon Bullock fought for position during a match.

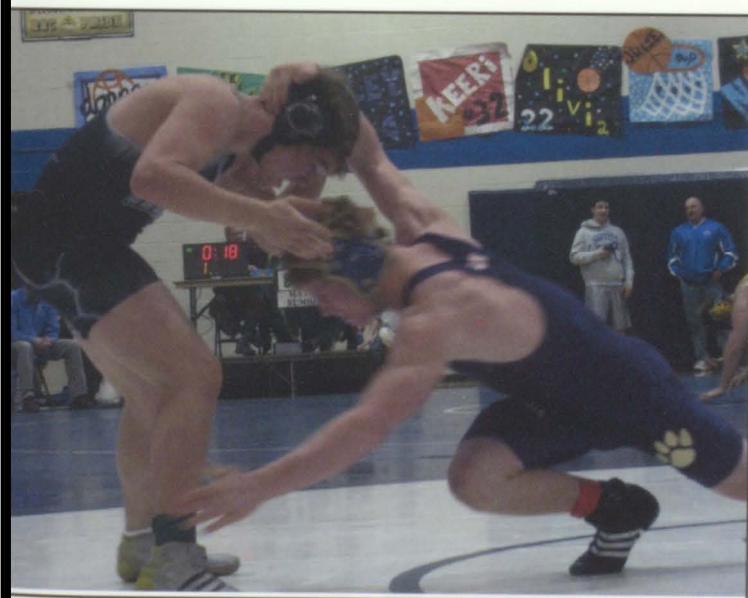
Left: Junior Dan Hermann threw a headlock while trying to defeat his opponent.

Below: Junior Cody Strand adjusts his body to gain better body position over his opponent.



Above: Junior Eli Stangret worked hard to control his opponent. Stangret placed fifth at the 2008 Class 2A state wrestling meet.

Below: Freshman Ryan Eischens tried to flatten out his opponent.



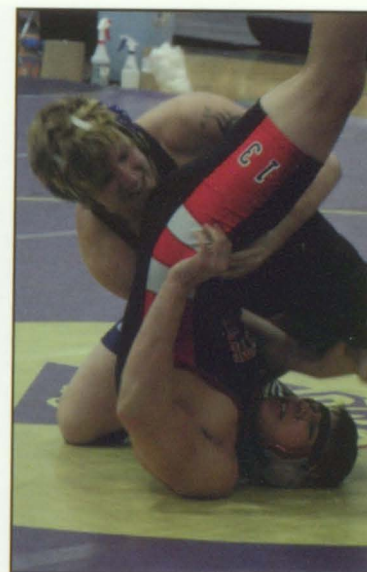
Above: Junior Brian Broll tried to get Joe Puncochar down by using his favorite technique known as the 'ankle pick'. Broll won the match 4 - 3.

Left: Junior Jared Pawelk placed his opponent in a front head lock move. Pawelk, Broll and Eli Stangret all wrestled at the Class 2A state wrestling meet.

SCOREBOARD

	W	O
Shakopee	39	33
Wayzata	33	42
Milaca	22	51
Watertown	24	42
Orono	31	49
Glencoe-Silver Lake	45	28
Minnetonka	52	21
Bold	31	40
Dassel-Cokato	18	49
New Prague	43	32
Le Sueur	31	32
Delano	27	42
Widom	25	49
New Prague	34	33
Chaska	38	34
Benilde-St. Margaret	72	10
Mpls. Southwest	55	15
Annandale	30	49
Litchfield	30	41
Norwood	36	31
Kimball	41	31
Mound Westonka	57	18

Season Record: 11-11



Above: Junior Dakota Hart stacked ex-Waconia student Joey Makee at Waconia. Hart won the match by a fall in 2:41.



Above: Senior Ben Brettigen kept control of the puck against an Orono defender.

Below: The Holy Family Fire huddled together before the start of the game against the Delano Tigers. In the huddle the captains shared words of encouragement to pump the team up.



Above: Seniors Cody Boll and Eric Aeling strategized while resting on the bench.

Right: Junior Chris Leivermann skated down the ice with senior Eric Aeling along side him. Leivermann tallied up the most points on the team with a total of 41 points.

Below: Captain John Shaw looked for a team mate to pass to against the STMA Knights.



Scoreboard

	W	O
Farmington 3	7	
Providence Academy	1	2
St. Cloud Apollo	5	4
Kasson	7	1
St. Michael	5	1
St. Paul Academy	4	1
Faribault	2	0
Morris	7	0
Little Falls	2	3
Rochester	4	9
Litchfield/Dassel	5	3
Delano/Rockford	2	0
Mound/Watertown	3	3
St. Cloud Cathedral	2	5
Delbarton	0	6
Orono	3	2
Litchfield/Dassel	8	1
Delano/Rockford	1	1
Mound/Watertown	1	3
Minnehaha Academy	5	1
St. Cloud Cathedral	4	5
Orono	5	4
Le Sueur- Henderson	5	1
New Ulm	5	1
Owatonna	6	1
Providence Academy	4	2
The Blake School	3	4

Season Record: 16-8-2



Above: Junior Josh Eiden and senior Cody Boll passed the puck to each other in order to keep possession of the puck from the New Ulm defenders. The Fire defeated New Ulm 5-1.



The Fire's Out

Professional hockey player Wayne Gretzky once said, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take."

The Holy Family Fire hockey team lived by Gretzky's words and took as many accurate shots as they could in order to defeat the teams that they played this year.

Along with taking precise shots, the Fire's fortitude to play together, even though the team consisted of two different schools, also drove them to be successful.

"We were like a family, playing together to win hockey games," said senior Ben Brettigen.

The start of the season was slow as the team lost the first two games against Farmington and Providence Academy, but the Fire eventually picked up the pace and defeated all other Wright County Conference teams except St. Cloud Cathedral and Mound. They finished with a 5-3-2 conference record.

"We started out the season being inconsistent, but had everything going good by play offs," said senior captain John Shaw.

Shaw, one of the team's three captains, is the only captain from Waconia. He, along with fellow captains Travis Raser and Tyler Schwartz, helped the team get prepared for each game with their words of encouragement before the games and between periods.

In conjunction with the leadership and motivation from the captains, the team prepared for each game by listening to music and having a good warm up. The team also had tough practices the days before a game that consisted of flow drills, power plays, and conditioning.

Senior Cody Boll saw the need for a good practice.

"I love the intensity of the game as well as the need for agility, coordination and strength."

All the conditioning involved in hockey didn't extinguish the Fire's

flame.

"I love the ton of adrenaline I get when I play," said junior Josh Eiden.

According to many players on the team, the Fire's prime rival was Orono, a team the Fire had never beaten before. But with the agility, coordination, and strength from the Fire, they beat Orono 3-2, a big team accomplishment.

Besides defeating Orono, the Fire had a successful season, finishing with a 16-8-2 record.

Junior Chris Leivermann was named to the Wright County Conference team, and Eric Aeling, John Shaw and Derek Earls were honorable mention selections.

This was the last year that Waconia would play with Holy Family. Next year, each school will have its own team and its own ice arena.

"It's a great new beginning for Waconia hockey, and the sky is the limit," said Leivermann.



Above: Senior Derek Earls and junior Chris Leivermann set up a play against New Ulm. Left: Senior Eric Aeling waited to complete a pass play during a game against Orono. The Wildcats defeated Orono, 3-2.



Front Row: Derik Noelner, Ben Brettigen, Chris Leivermann; Back Row: John Shaw, Derek Earls, Cody Boll, Josh Eiden, Kyle Rindahl, Eric Aeling, Dustin Hansen. These ten students were part of a cooperative effort between Holy Family Catholic High School and Waconia High School. This was the last year of the coop. Next year, each school will have its own team, and its own ice arena.

Raise the Intensity

Sixteen girls from two schools, three captains, and three coaches.

These components, along with hard work, exhausting practices, and individual and team improvement, made the girls' hockey team what they are today.

The most noticeable change this season was that the team "won a lot more of our games and improved our skills," said sophomore Kelsey Peters, a team captain. Another change was the intensity of practices.

The girls' high intensity practices consisted of stretching and skating for a little bit to warm up. After that they worked on individual skills such as stick handling and shooting.

When they were finished with individual exercises, they moved onto breakouts, power plays, and penalty kills. To finish off practice the girls did "Herbies," speed and agility drives named after legendary hockey

coach Herb Brooks.

The hard work at practice was apparent through several victories this season including a 2-2 tie against the New Prague Trojans, two victories against the Farmington Tigers, and a 9-7 victory against the Eden Prairie Eagles.

After a 3-4 loss to Spring Lake Park, the girls rallied to win the 2007 Schwarz Cup, a hockey tournament held at the National Sports Center in Blaine.

The Fire played three games defeating Shakopee 7-6, Mound Westtonka 4-3, and Richfield 3-1 in the championship game. Winning this tournament was a great achievement for the Fire.,



Left: Freshman forward Abigail New prepared for a face off in a game.
Above: Junior forward Kate Johnson looked down ice, anticipating the arrival of the puck.

Right: Junior goalie Heather Snyder blocked the puck in a game against Mound Westtonka.



First Row: Kate Johnson, Abigail New, Heather Snyder; Second Row: Bridgete Ryan, Jenna Christopherson, Jenna Schisting, Chelsea Wickenhauser, Christie Wirth; Third Row: Cayman Sclerella, Abbey Matheson, Kelly Schumer, Dana Noeldner, Shannon Dominic, Kelsey Peters; Back Row: Annmarie Powers, Ashley Walter

Scoreboard

	W	O
New Prague	2	2
Mound - Westonka	2	3
Simley	2	5
Farmington	3	0
Eden Prairie	9	7
New Prague	4	3
Chaska	1	8
Holy Angels	3	6
Spring Lake Park	3	4
Shakopee	7	6
Mound - Westonka	4	3
Richfield	3	1
Eden Prairie	2	5
Mound - Westonka	0	1
Benilde - St. Margaret	2	6
Edina	2	7
Farmington	4	3
Spring Lake Park	5	3

Season Record: 8-9-1

Get Fired Up



Above: At a home football game against Litchfield, the cheerleaders helped get the crowd to its feet.

Right: Junior Jessica Evjen roused the crowd during the pepfest held before the state football game against Totino-Grace.

Below: The cheerleaders supported the girls basketball team during their section playoff game against Benilde-St. Margaret.

Bottom Left: Standing respectfully, the cheerleaders posed during the national anthem.

Whether it's cheering for the football games or cheering for the basketball games, the cheerleaders come for one purpose: to support their home team and fans. At every game, they dedicated their time to get the players and crowd pumped up. To put on a great performance, they practiced twice a week.

In previous years, Meg Redshaw coached the team; however, her family moved during the school year, so Jaci Condon took over as coach for the winter season.

"I like our new coach because she makes practices fun by teaching us new stunts and

knows how to keep us focused," said Brenna Garens, a two-year member.

The team not only gets advice from their coach but their captains as well. This year's captains were Stephanie Quaschnick, Amber Quaschnick, Jessica Evjen, and Kyla Thorson.

"Our captains are always telling us to be loud and never give up, which is a great help in keeping me motivated," said sophomore Samantha Young.

Bonding is a very important part in keeping the team united. Freshman Hayley Jost said that her favorite part about cheerleading is spending times with the other cheerleaders and talking to people with the same interest.

The team created exciting and energetic performances.

"Your [fan] presence is one of the most important part of putting on a great show, so we always need to be smiling and having fun," said captain Kyla Thorson.



Back Row: Head Coach Meg Redshaw, Kyla Thorson, Tami Reinke, Amanda Mesenbring, Jessica Evjen, Tiffany Johnson;
Middle Row: Hayley Jost, Kelsi Ruether, Brenna Garens, Samantha Young, Brianna Hartmann;
Front Row: Amber Quaschnick, Stephanie Quaschnick.

Freshmen and JV Teams



Freshmen Volleyball Front Row: Whitney Buesgens, Victoria Larkin, Jessica Heimdal; Second Row: Katelynn Doherty, Kendra Johnson, Turi Hjelmsand, Ashley Buffington; Third Row: Alyse Herman, Annabel Jacobs, Callie Schroeder, Elise Roche, AnnMarie Powers, Coach Melia Archambault.



Freshmen Basketball Front Row: Jennifer Gray, Chandra Honebrink; Second Row: Brittney Lund, Scarlett Sterner, Whitney Buesgens; Third Row: Nalina Kartak, Morgan Schultz, Coach Dustin Neibauer, Quincee Raymond, Kendra Johnson.



Freshmen Football Front Row: Zachary Fimon, Jacob Boyer, Bryan Faust, Zachary Synstegaard, Luke Kassmeyer, Byron Synstegaard, Anton Lieb, William Duran-Lynn, Timothy Deweese, Tanner Friedrich; Second Row: Joshua Torgeson, Calvin Brown, Joshua Sinnen, James Widmer, Eugene Balterman-Werlich, Michael Schuette, Jared Klein, Eric Durkin, Kenneth Dallman, Kyler Trnka; Third Row: Coach Michael Zaske, Aaron Becker, Josh Frischmon, Christopher Cousin, Andrew Schulenberg, Bronson Scheff, Jake Durkin, Nick Hennen, Zachary Schmitz, Keaton Everett, Coach Eric Herrmann.



Freshmen Basketball Front Row: Emmett Ferron, Michael Schuette, Benjamin Kortuem, William Jantz, Matthew Lund, Calvin Brown, Brock Bender; Second Row: Christopher Cousin, Keaton Everett, Nick Hennen, Christian Goldman, Christopher Sinclair, Christopher Traxler, Jason Ecklein; Third Row: Timothy Deweese, Tanner Friedrich, Byron Synstegaard, Zachary Synstegaard, Andrew Schulenberg, Jacob Stahn.



JV Danceline Front Row: Abby Melchert, Ellie Gorghuber, Josie Sayre, Jillian Sutherland, Chantel Taylor; Second Row: Kelly Drey, Marisa Keidel, Kristine Rademacher, Kelly Tibbitts; Third Row: Jordan Decker, Kateryna Osadchuck, Sybil Rosenau, Paige Weiland, Victoria Haler, Madison Hintgen; Fourth Row: Madeline Beuning, Haley Brennan, Mackenzie Loutzenhiser, Jenna Lund, Jade Anderson, Danielle Johnson; Fifth Row: Coach Ann Singewald, Kristin Stivers, Natalie Beaton, Coach Katie Rademacher.



JV Volleyball Front Row: Nicole Holasek, Dana Noeldner; Second Row: Alyssa Hennen, Kelsey Peters, Anna Shaw, Katie Grinnell; Third Row: Coach Lori Schwirtz, Beth Aeling, Katie Schuman, Morgan Schultz, Liz Nord, Katie Schuman, Becky Boughten, Maddy Asbjornson.



JV Soccer Front Row: Amanda Beaulieu, Maria Spurbeck, Brooke Willborg, Amy Parkinson, Kelly Luce, Stacy Christensen; Second Row: Coach Jared DeWolf, Samantha Niccum, Chelsea Vanderhoft, Scarlett Sterner, Samantha Kelzer, Britta Rinke, Stephanie McGinn, Kyra Daugherty, Marisa Melchert, Coach Chris Starling; Third Row: Karrie Osborn, Anna Pogatchnik, Jessica Kullman, Kelsey Woodland, Kayla Christensen, Maria Forsythe, Sara Wacholz, Mariah Werlich



JV Soccer Front Row: Brandon Machtemes, Sullivan Marxen, Austin Stole, Tyler Bach, Rafael Cheang; Second Row: Sheaden Christensen, Mark Kapuska, Steven Fischer, Bailey Monson, Gerrit Bass, Spencer Reichenberger; Third Row: Peter Moore, Jacob Stahn, Jackson Mitchell, Logan Sohns, Brandon Chappell, Dennis Bergstrom, Coach Tony Steffes.



JV Gymnastics Front Row: Paige Richardson, Katie McMahon; Second Row: Katelyn Bachmeyer, Hali Germond, Brandy Schultz, Marissa Lind; Third Row: Coach Mickie Toops, Haley Krutchen, Callie Schroeder, Morgan Simmons, Kara Krutchen, Kryslyn Olson, Coach Stephanie Swensen, Coach Molly Anquist.



JV Basketball Front Row: Claire Perkins, Stephanie McGinn, Becky Boughten, Meredith Proulx; Second Row: Emily Ludwigson, Brittney Lund, Kelsey Woodland, Kera Jones, Britta Rinke; Third Row: Coach Paul Henn, Alyssa Hennen, Rebecca Hughes, Leah Christensen, Chandra Honebrink, Amy Erickson, Coach Dustin Neibauer.



JV Basketball Front Row: Michael Murray, Connor Donohue, Matt Carson, Jesse Sterner, Zach Runyon, Bronson Scheff, Michael Brown; Second Row: Logan Sohns, Dane Aadland, Ben Metling, Tyler Gunnufson, Dan Fischbach, Patrick Logelin, Coach Steve Marsden.

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Blast From The Past

Below: Junior Jessica Hunter shows off her homemade Chief shirt before a volleyball game.



During the 1994-1995 school year, the school board decided to change our school's mascot from a Chief to a Wildcat because "the board felt pressure due to a lawsuit, and they thought it was the right time because we had just switched from Bayview to the current high school," said Principal Mark Fredericksen.

The lawsuit Fredericksen is talking about happened back in 1992 when seven American Indian leaders sued the corporation that owns the Washington Redskins football team, claiming that the team's name was derogatory.

When the decision to change the mascot was made, school officials decided to have the entire student body take a poll, and they voted for the Wildcat to be the new school mascot. The school board kept using purple and gold as the school's colors instead of trying to come up with ones. There also was an art contest held for the logo. The winner was Jamie Plekkenpol, a 1994 graduate, giving us the mascot symbol we have today.

Although this was many years ago, there are several students this year who are trying to keep

the "Chiefness" alive.

Students like junior Jessica Hunter and Josh Condon wear Chief Pride shirts adorned with a chief head in gold and black. The shirts say catchphrases like "Once a Chief, Always a Chief!"

Condon said, "We made the shirts for volleyball because it was a fun and new way to support the team."

Perhaps Fredericksen said it best when he said "It's our tide to the past, our tide to tradition, and it's being done in honor."

Better Than Just a Fan

As defined in the dictionary, the word *super* means "of a high grade or quality." The word *fan* is defined as "an enthusiastic devotee, usually as a spectator." When you put these two together, you get a pretty good idea of who a Waconia Superfan is. Waconia has many causal fans that attend sporting events, but superfans are the students who really show their school spirit and go above and beyond when it comes to supporting their team.

"A Superfan is someone who will go above and beyond for a team they love!" said Senior Kayla Sayre.

Most superfans buy or make T-shirts with the name of the player they support displayed on the back and wear them on game days.

Superfans also do much more than wear T-shirts displaying their Wildcats pride. A lot of them make it to most if not all of the games for their chosen sport. Making posters and hanging them on the walls, or making locker posters to put on their players lockers show their support where everyone can see it. The most important though, is that they cheer loud during games to get the team pumped up to win.

"We do it because we want the team to know that they have our support and that we care," said Junior Caty Giesen.

School spirit and supporting your team is a big part of the high school experience.

"Being a superfan is great fun and a high school memory kept forever!" said Sayre.



Left: Juniors Jessica Evjen, Kara Bakke, and Kyla Thorson show their support for the Lakettes before a weekend dance competition. Bakke has had two sisters on the varsity team.

Below: Seniors Kayla Sayre and Amanda Sullivan, and Juniors Jessica McGinn and Caty Giesen strike a pose in their basketball superfan jerseys. The girls were also in charge of making posters for the players.



Rollerblading is Back

The first roller skates were invented in the early 1700's by an unknown Dutchman who wanted to go ice skating in the winter. In 1979, brothers Scott and Brennan Olsen of Minneapolis found a pair of antique, first of their kind, in-line skates. Intrigued by this design, rather than by the traditional 4-wheeled "quad" roller skates, they decided to continue to improve on and redesign some aspects of the in-line design. Scott Olsen founded Roller blade Inc., which is how the term "rollerblading" was coined. Technologies improved through time into what we know rollerblades as today.

Rollerblading is really making a comeback among WHS

students.

"Margaux Jensen and I rollerblade all the time. The day before school started, we rollerbladed to school to put up all those Jonas Brothers pictures in our locker. It took three hours," said senior Adrienne Donnel.

Sophomore Becca Kimyon said the main reason she rollerblades is because she doesn't have her license yet, and it's a quicker than walking.

"It's just an extremely fun way to stay active," Kimyon said. "Plus, it's something that all of my friends and I can do together."

Kimyon said she's never had a serious injury as a result of falling down while rollerblading, but she said she's had lots of

scrapes, bruises, and blisters.

"On more than one occasion, though, I've almost been hit by cars."



Above: Sophomores Becca Kimyon and Kelsey Brennan rollerbladed down the hall.

Left: Senior Adrienne Donnel and sophomore Margaux Jensen show off the beautiful work they did decorating their locker while styling their rollerblades.

Local Music Scene

In the age of MySpace where everything can be put on the internet or found within two clicks of a mouse, it's no surprise that the local band scene in Waconia is growing.

With events at the high school like Living Live and Coffee House, local bands have a chance to show the school what

they're made of. With ever growing fan bases, bands from Waconia play anywhere from coffee shops to benefit concerts to venues in the Twin Cities.

One of Waconia's local bands is Cliché, made up of senior Addison Born, freshman Max Rickel, eighth grader Marshall Born, and their friend David

Keup from Belle Plaine. Cliché has had members come and go, but the Born brothers have kept the band going since 2004. They play a few cover songs as well as original pieces that Addison writes, such as "Bittersweet Blues." Just this year they did two state wide tours, including a coffee-shop exclusive tour

where they were able to show a more gentle side of their music.

For anybody hoping to make it big, here's some free advice. "Practice until you can play the song upside down and backwards, while being chased by a giant rolling ball, Indiana Jones style," said Addison Born.



Left: David Keup, Addison Born, Marshall Born, and Max Rickel put on a show at Living Live that got the crowd up on their feet and to the front of the stage.

BABY PICTURES

Derek Anderson
Thank you for all the happiness and wonderful memories you have given us these last 18 years. We are so proud to call you our son and brother and we wish you all the success and happiness the world has to offer. We love you!
Mom, Dad and Emily



Sara Clark
Smootsie,
Things in life may make your Light Blink, but never let it go out! We will love you always.
Dad, Mom and Cody



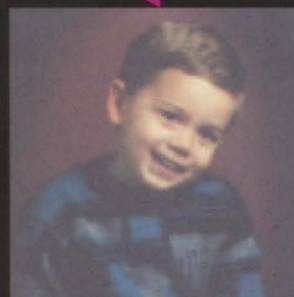
Andrew Brick
We are very proud of the fine young man you have become, and we have cherished the past 18 years. Continue to work hard, enjoy life and make good choices, and you will succeed in every endeavor.
Love Always,
Mom and Dad



Briana Marie Jorgenson
You have always put a smile on my face, a true joy! Thank you for being you!! Now go out there and be all you can be! In case I made a mistake, I put aside some \$ for your therapy too!
Love forever and ever,
Mom, Dad, Brittany and Brooke



Steven Hagman
You've gone through Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Batman to dirtbikes and trucks. You will always be our 'Little Big Man' and your sisters little brother. We're so proud of you as you know, we'll always love you.
Mom, Dad, Ashley and Carrie



Jacob Hayes
Congratulations Jake. We couldn't be prouder of you. You bring us much joy and laughter. We are happy to be your parents.
Love Mom and Dad

Tim Gregory
You have an extraordinary gift to be able to brighten up the day of everyone in your presence. You certainly have an exciting future and we are proud to be part of it. Peace out!
Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor and Tannis



Chade Varnavas
We are so proud of our 'Dunkin Donut'. Our wish for you-always enjoy the moment and never turn away from new experiences. Don't compromise or change for anyone. Follow your dreams. We love you! Congratulations and God Bless you.
Love Mom, Dad and Ciera



Joe Brandenburg
You have blessed us with many years of joy watching you grow. Live all you can and know there is more to life than you ever thought. We wish you hope and success in reaching your aspirations and dreams.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jen and Josh



Phylcia Short
You have brought a lot of joy into our lives. Your smile, kind heart, generosity and dedication have helped you achieve many things in your life and more to come in the next chapter. Set your goals HIGH and dream BIG!
Love, Mom, Dad and Kiersten

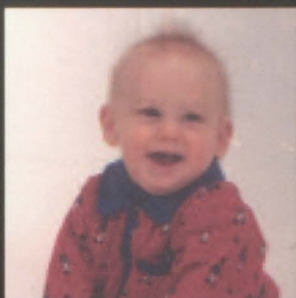


Clare Johnson
You are a true blessing from Heaven. Your independent spirit blended with common sense serve you well. You are the music of your life. Watching you dance into the wonderful woman you are has been amazing. We love you more than you'll ever know. May God bless you and keep you all of your life.
Love, Mom, Dad and Reed



Cassie Giesinger
You are a loving, kind and caring person. You have filled our hearts with SWEET MEMORIES. We are so PROUD of YOU!! Dream BIG and enjoy life. XOXO
Love,
Mom, Dad and Caleb

Lance Neubauer
It's been a joy watching
you these past 18 years.
We are very proud of
the young man you've
become. Thank you for
your example of honesty,
integrity and your drive
to always have fun! With
your strong faith and
focus, your future looks
bright. We love you,
Mom and Dad



Cassie Sinclair
Bino, it's hard to
believe that you are
trading in your bon-
net for a graduation
cap. We are very
proud of you. Don't
stop reaching for the
stars, always believe
in yourself, as we will
always believe in you.
Love, Mom, Dad and
Chris



Breck Raymond
We have been so
blessed to have you as
our son and brother.
We look forward
to watching you
pursue your goals and
dreams. Love Mom,
Dick, Quincee and
Trinity



Chelsey Rossell
Wishing you a
lifetime of happiness
and success! You can
accomplish anything
you put your mind
to. Dream big and
follow your heart.
You are the BEST!
We love you!
Love, Mom, Dad and
Chase



Michael Schnedler
Your willingness to
apply your intelli-
gence, perceptiveness,
integrity and honesty
to challenge conven-
tion will serve you
well in life. You are
such a source of pride
and joy to us both.
Love, Mom and Dad



Nicole Eishens
It's been a real job
watching you grow.
We wish you the
best of luck in the
future. No matter
what happens, keep
smiling.
Mom, Dad and Ryan

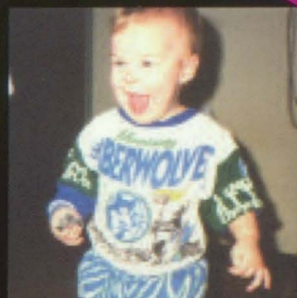
Andrew Salo
You and your smile
have brightened
our lives since the
day you were born.
We know that
wherever you go
and whatever you
do, you will brighten
the lives of all those
you meet. We love
you!
Mom and Dad



Jessica Schonhardt
Our Dearest Jessy,
We love you so
much, and remember
if you have faith, fam-
ily and love in your
heart your future will
have endless possibili-
ties. Your awesome!!!
So proud of you!!!
Love ya, Mom, Dad
and Hannah



Matt Gray
You have given us
so many wonder-
ful memories!
Congratulations on
this milestone in your
life. We are so proud
of you, and love you
so much.
Mom, Dad, Jennifer,
Tim and Amanda



Stephanie Reif
Where have all the
years gone to? We
are very proud of you
and we know that
you will succeed in any
path that you choose
to take. You are a
beautiful person inside
and out! We love you
very much.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad and Harley



Nolan Weber
From first steps to
running, soccer and
academics you've
made us proud.
Now on to the
next step... Keep
smiling!!
Love, Mom, Dad
and Reese



Terra Peterson
We are so proud of
you and excited for
your future! Thanks
for all the memories
and for being you.
Have faith, enjoy life
and know how very
much you are loved!
Love, Mom, Dad and
Jethro

Tyler Clouse
We are so proud of
you, and we love
you very much.
Enjoy the ride into
the future. It will be
a great journey.
All our love,
Mom, Dad and
Mackenzie



Amy Anderson
Little Amy yes siree,
you're our little pumpin
seed... What a blonde
you were. What an
amazing person you have
become. Your caring
heart and dedication will
serve you well in all you
do. We are very proud
of you. Congratulations.
Love, Mom, Dad and
Erica



Brandon Haugen
I have no doubts that
you will do well. You
have made my job of
parenting easy- mak-
ing your own good
decisions, setting goals,
being responsible.
Just know- you are
and always have been
a blessing beyond
measure!!
I love you, Mom





Camille Moore
You have brought us so much joy with your laughter and your love. We are so proud of you! Shoot for the moon and your dreams will take you far.
Love Mom, Dad, Carly and Ted



Derek Earls
We are very proud of the man you are growing into. We are sure that life has no problems that you will not be able to navigate. May you always see clearly and know that we love you.
Mom, Mark, DJ and Kaylah



Erica Heitz
Life is a journey, enjoy the trip! Good luck on your new adventure. We are so proud of you.
Mom and Dad



John Schmitt
Congratulations Dude!
Love,
Your Family



Catherine Zimmermann
We are so proud of you and your determination to achieve goals you set for yourself. You are strong and you have what it takes to succeed. Remember to dream, to love, and to live like you were dying!
Love you, Mom, Dad, Kevin and Jack



Daniel Sohm
A wise man once said "Many people declare themselves loyal, but who can find someone who is really trustworthy?" You have become a trustworthy person and we are very proud of you Daniel. We love you.
Mom and Dad



Bethany Knauf
You have been laughing since the day you were born! Your power of positive thinking will bring you great success. We are proud of you.
Love, Mom and Brian



Justin Cheney
Wow what a ride! We were sure you would get here somehow and by God you did it! We couldn't be more proud.
Love, Mom, Dad, Nicole and Cassie



Amanda Sullivan
We are both so proud of you. Keep believing in yourself. May all your dreams come true!
Love always,
Mom and Dad



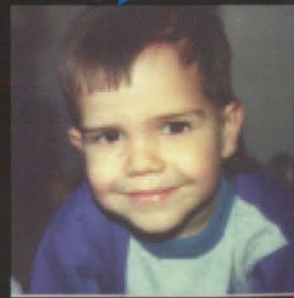
Cody Boll
You have a gift from God. A son to be proud of, a brother to adore, a friend to count on. With so many talents, and personality beyond compare, we know you'll succeed and continue to be our joy and to light up our world! We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Olivia and Carson



Ashley Carlson
You have become a wonderful young woman, and we are so proud of you. Attitude and effort will take you anywhere you want to go. Work hard. Enjoy life!
Love, Mom, Dad and Evan



Devin Meierding
We are all very proud of you. Always stay true to yourself and don't forget the ONE who makes it all possible along the way.
Mom, Bill, Katie and Lucy



Brooke Gatheridge
We are so proud of you and all of your successes. You have worked hard and played hard to achieve many goals. We are confident that you will continue to succeed as you enter a new chapter of life. Live. Laugh. Love.
We love you, Dad, Mom, Zach and Isaiah



Brett Moore
You are standing at the center of two paths - the path of the past, which is paved with memories of years gone by, and the path of the future, which holds all your dreams of things to come. So rely on your instincts and always keep dreaming.
Love, Mom, Dad and Leah



Kara Breska
"Make time to dance alone with one hand waving free. Don't worry, no one will see you." - Elizabeth-town- postcard Be kind. Be different. Be yourself. We are so proud of you, Kara!
Love, Dad, Mom and Kali

Eric Aeling
Just look at that smile! Your true spirit shines through when you smile Eric. You are about to start a new chapter in your life...live well, be smart and work hard, and always smile! We love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Bethy



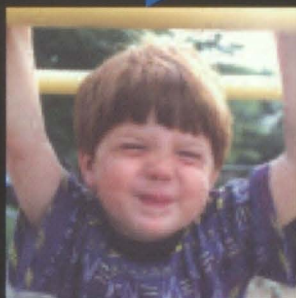
Erin Constance Salveson
Missy Moo, E, Miss E, completing high school marks the passage into adult life. Laugh often. Love the life you live. Shoot for the moon and you will land among the stars. You bless our lives. We love you. Love,
Mom, Dad and Claire



David Fischer
From the classroom to the soccer field, you have always given your all! Keep this up and your life will be truly blessed, as ours has been with you.
All our love,
Mom and Dad



Brittany Anne Widmer
What a wonderful 18 years! We're so proud of the strong, kind, and courageous young woman you have become. You are truly amazing. Love you to the sky and back. Mom, Dad, Jay, Maddy and Jack



Corey Vogel
Just add some black hair and a few blonde streaks, and this picture could be you today. You're always brought a spark to our lives, but always push things to the limit. These qualities will take you far in life.
Love, Mom and Dad



Kala Cermak
You are a beautiful, intelligent person. You have made us proud over and over. Remember we are here for you always as you begin your future plans. You will always have our support. Good luck and congratulations. Love, Mom, Dad and Jake

Reuel Ithiel Lund IV (Bo)
We love you so much, Bo! Good luck in all that you do in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Teddi and Sammi



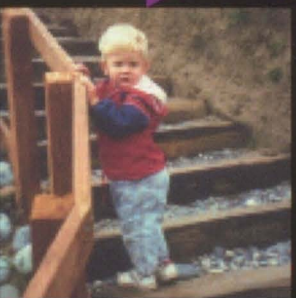
Brianna Wall
Congratulations Brianna!!! We are very proud of you and know your future will be a great success.
Love you, Mom, Dad and Bethany



Jordan Sutherland
We are very proud of the wonderful young man you have become. We loved you when you were young, we love you today, and we will love you forever.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jake and Jillian



Tabitha Syverson
You're a special girl and daughter!! I can't believe it's already time for you to graduate. I know whatever you choose to do in life, you'll be successful. I know you'll also brighten the world with your wonderful smile.
Love, Mom and Shane



Nicholas Cook
You are on your way to the next era of your life! We are so very proud of you! You have endless support as you move on to achieve your goals! Congratulations With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Chris and Andrew



Hattie Mae Holtberg
"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe." Hattie- keep believing in your dreams and know we are always here believing in you. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Sam and Grady

Jayse Ely
You never cease to amaze us! Your goofy grin and happy go lucky ways mask a keen intelligence that will take you far beyond our imaginings. Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, Jenna, and Justin



Rachel Horner
Your sweet smile continues to reflect the beautiful woman you are becoming. It is so exciting to see God working in your life. Remember Psalm 37:3-6. I love you and am so glad to be your mom.
Love ya, Mom



Spencer Robinson-Hilgers
God took all the best things in us and added a whole bunch of really cool stuff to make you! We're so proud of the boy you've been and of the man you've become.
We love you!
Mom and Dad





Michael Anderson
Congratulations to a wonderful son. We are very proud of you. We hope you achieve everything you want in life. Always keep that smile!
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Margaret Stodola
Our wish for you in the future is to always follow your heart and you will see that God has given you the courage to do great things. And we gave you the love to help spread your wings. Walk in faith and not by sight. We are so proud of you and love you more than you will ever know.
Love, Mom and Dad



John Shaw
We are all so proud of you, and know that you will succeed in anything and everything you pursue! We love you very much,
Dad, Anna and Garrett

Courtney Elasky
You've brought music to our lives. All I wanna do "I hope you danced 'Cleaning this gun (come on in boy)' AND 'Don't forget to remember me.' Go out and conquer the world one dance at a time.
Congratulations.
Love, Mom, Larry, Jason, Molly, Zachary and Parker



Bryan Wessale
Congratulations! Good luck in the future and may all your dreams come true. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Rebecca Dummer
Always remember, "If you get the choice to sit it out or dance... we hope you dance!"
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Ryan Bartholow
You have brought us so much joy and happiness. We love you so much and we are so very proud of you! And you always catch your catch of the day and may all your dreams come true. God bless you. With all our love, Mom and Dad I'm very proud of all your accomplishments. Lots of love, Uncle Dean



Ashley Deleeuw
You went from a little girl into a beautiful young woman. We are always so proud of you and will always believe in you. Dream big and laugh often. We love you so much!!!
Your Sister,
Tabitha



Josh Sterner
Thanks for all the smiles and laughter! We are so proud of you and wish you much happiness, success and love in the years ahead. "There is only one success-to be able to spend your life in your own way." The Hunt Begins! Much love, Mom, Dad, Sam, Scarlett and Dakota

Brittini Sweeney
We were blessed beyond our dreams. From a child so beautiful and innocent to a young lady beautiful and caring. Your tenderness and respect of others will bring tenderness and respect in return. Revel in it, for you have earned it. We couldn't be prouder.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Drew



Vinnie Alkire
You have always been a boy who knew what he wanted. Now as you are growing up, you know how to get it. We are all proud of you and love you.
Love, Momma, Lary, Cassie, Dustin, Jesse and Oscar



Kaitlin Larsen
You have been a joy in our lives since day one. You continue to amaze us with your talents and we know you are only limited by where your dreams will take you.
We love you.
Mom, Dad and Joe



Nicholas Litfin
We can't believe that our baby is graduating. It seems like yesterday that we dropped you off at preschool. It has been our great pleasure to watch you grow, to see your hard work and persistence, and to support your great sense of humor. Our love and support are always with you.
Mom and Dad



Blair Bost
Your big heart, good attitude and judgement will take you far.
Love, Mom, Bess, Grandma and Grandpa



Patrick Puckett
"Shine on, you crazy diamond!"
We're very proud of you and we love you bunches.
Mom, Meg, Grandma Rita and Grandpa Ray

Andy Torres

Andyman, seems like just yesterday you were our chubby little baby boy! Now you are a handsome young man with the world at your fingertips.

We are so proud of you and know you will accomplish all you set out to do! We love you! Chad Lee, Mom, Dad, Anthony and Drew



Mary Beth Christensen

Your smile, your laugh, and your love of life are so amazing. We are proud of you and will always be wherever God leads you. Congratulations! WE LOVE YOU! Love, Mom, Dad, Laura, David, Anna, Ryan



Dalton Lingbeck
I'd often heard about the feelings of a Mother for her son. Your impact on this Mother is unparalleled. Being your Mom feels so right. I love you Dalton.
Mom



Rachael Martel

You have grown into such a beautiful young woman, both inside and out. We are so proud of you! May God bless you and guide you on your journey through life. We love you, Mama, Papa, Dana, Emily and Alina



Ben Brettingen
We hope you are always this happy!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Pete and Lauren



Anna Ayers Looby
"One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery everyday. Never lose holy curiosity."
Albert Einstein
Love you forever, Mom, Dad, Maureen, and Bridget

Ryan Rague

From baby steps to giant leaps- in a blink of an eye you're ready to graduate. We are so proud now as the day you arrived, and we know you'll succeed in anything you choose to do. We love you Ryan. Mom, Dad and Lindsey



Adrienne Donnel
Adrie Boo, remember that nickname? Just look at you now, all grown up and ready to spread your wings. We're so proud of you. Always believe in yourself and you will succeed. Best wishes and much love. Love you always, Mom and Dad



Ryan Knutson
Dear Ryan, Always keep that enthusiasm for life. We are proud of you and we know you will have a bright future!
Love, Mom, Dad and Kevin



Kathryn Carrier

Kat- you were always hoping to save the world! Please continue to care for others. Mom and Dad



Benjamin Rickel
Rock on, Ben! It's the beginning of a great adventure. Look in your heart and follow where it leads. We are so proud of you. We will always be there loving you. God bless you and your journey!
We love you, Mom, Dad and Max



Justine Widmer
We are all so very proud of you and excited to see the wonderful things you will accomplish with the adventures you will have. We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Tim and Brooke

Kyle Rindahl

We look forward to following your journey to adulthood. We know you will be a success in whatever you do. We love you, Mom and Dad



Kelly Brink
Congratulations Kelly! We're so proud of you and want to wish you the very best! Keep that smile and follow your dreams! We love you, Mom and Dad



Andrew Vigil
We are so proud of you, Andrew. You can do anything you set your mind to. Thanks for bringing so much laughter and love into the family. We will always be here for you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Paige and Michael





Anna Hedstrom
What a wonderful gift you are. Your love of life and positive spirit have brightened our days and made us so very proud. Keep your light shining. We love you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Craig, Katie and Kurt



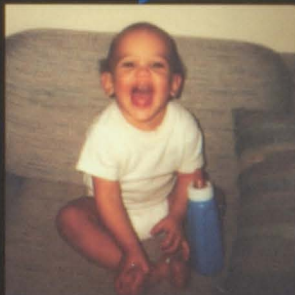
Tyler Stroming
We are so proud of the young man you have become. You are truly a blessing to us. God bless you as you enter into a new adventure in your life. Always remember who you are.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kara and Joe



Alicia Champagne
We couldn't be more proud of the smart, fun loving, caring and independent person you've become. Stay true to yourself. Live life with love and laughter and remember family will always be there for you. You go girl!!
Love, Mom and Dad



Ethan Gutzmann Williams
You are a true miracle of God - just as all creation is - and it's an absolute honor to be your mother! Thank you God!
I love you, Mom



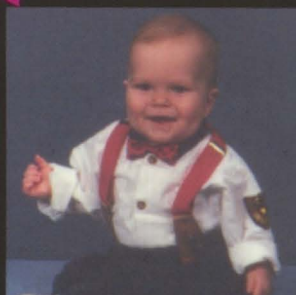
Kayla Sayre
Honey bear, you amaze us! With your strength, passion and dedication, there is nothing you can't do! Always stay true to yourself and remember to dream big!
Love you more...
Mom, Dad, Josie and Tori



Andy Schmidt
Let your voice be heard, your potential is limitless. We know you will be successful in whatever your career path will be.
Love, Mom, Dad, Lindsay and Mackenzie



Sarah Pasket
What an amazing 18 years it's been! Your sense of humor, love of babies, skill with horses, enjoyment of motorsports, and hundreds of hours on Lake Waconia have you ready for many opportunities in your future.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Amber, Ashley, Jake and Tamera



Brandon Bullock
"Oh, the places you'll go! So... you're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"
-Dr. Seuss
You go Big One. You're a Leader. We're here if you need us.
Love ya, Mom, Dad, Tanner and Maxwell



Nicole Willems
It has been so wonderful seeing you grow these last four years. We know your personality and love for people will bring you far in life. Keep smiling as you enter your exciting future.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Blake and Lexi



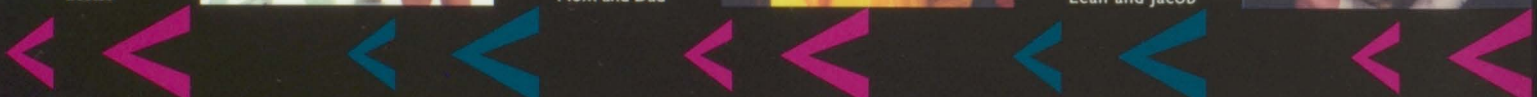
Zachary Klindworth
Zachy Doo-my little buckeroo, the years have flown by. It seems like yesterday you had just blessed our lives. Now you're about to embark on your own new life. We all know you will succeed in anything you do and be great. We pray for love and happiness in your life. Keep your family and friends close and God always in your heart. You are loved! Mom, Maggie, Josh and Dad too



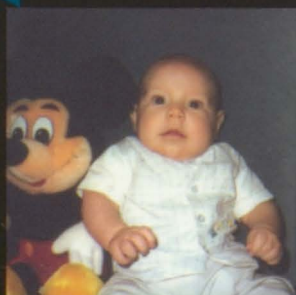
Amanda Corson
You made us laugh with your humor and proud with your character. Stay light on your toes but firm in your walk. Keep God in your heart, faith in your steps, and a smile on your face.
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Samuel N. Mock
"Success isn't a result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire."
- Arnold H. Glasow
Congratulations Sam! We are very proud of you and love you very much.
Mom, Dad, Rachael, Leah and Jacob



Hayley Mueller-Milne
We are very proud of you and excited for what your future holds. You can do anything and everything you want. Here's to a wonderful life. We love you,
Mom and Dad



Austin Schwartz
Your future is as bright and wide-open as your eyes were as a baby. We couldn't be more proud of who you have become, and what you have accomplished. Push the limits, you can make dreams come true. Love, Mom, Dad and Margo



Brittany Sellman
You have blessed our lives with love and laughter. We love you and are so proud of you. We know you will succeed at anything you set your mind to.
Keep smiling, sweetie!
Mom, Dad and Zach

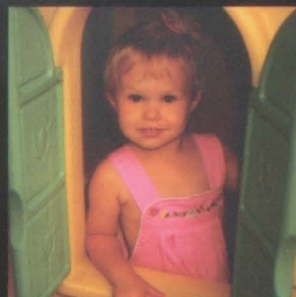
Katelyn Rambow
We are so proud of
the person you have
become. Keep aim-
ing high and you will
achieve any goal you
set for yourself.
Congratulations-
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Kyle and
Kory



Matt Stole
"Music is the
sound within your
soul! So, hold on!
Hold on to your
dreams!" And God
will take you there!
Thanks for the fun!
We love you and
are very proud of
you!
Love, Dad, Mom,
Alison and Austin



Katelin Boehm
Kate, we are so proud
of your accomplish-
ments and the person
you have become.
The future holds
many things for you.
Remember to keep
your determination
and you will succeed.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Steve Frempong Longdon
Steve (Kay), even
though you're going
off to college, you
will still be our very
special jewel.
Mom and Dad



Kristina Rice
You are our sunshine baby! Our
world... the world... changed the
minute you were born. May
you continue to be unwavering
and steadfast in your beliefs. You
are so very special and uniquely
talented; we are so blessed to
have you for our daughter and
big sister.
Love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Tommy,
Jayson and Annie



Derek Earls
You have grown
into a great young
man and we are very
proud of you! We
know that you will
accomplish everything
you want to in life.
We love you very
much.
Dad, Jackie and DJ

Amanda Rae Pederson
"If one advances confi-
dently in the direction of
his dreams, and endeavors
to live the life which he
has imagined, he will meet
with a success unexpected
in common hours."
Henry David Thoreau
The best is yet to come!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Rebecca, Kai
and McKenna



Zach Berge
It seems like yester-
day you were my cute "LITTLE"
guy. Now you've
grown into such a
nice, young man.
Good luck in the
future.
Love you,
Mom, Larry, and
Amanda
Dad and Holl



Tara Zuraff
May you always
keep the smile on
your face, laughter
in your voice, dance
in your step and
God in your heart.
Believe in yourself
and you will suc-
ceed!
Love, Mom, John
and Shane
Dad and Terri



Brianna Hartmann
We are very
proud of you,
honey.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Bradley Weinzierl
As you reach new
steps in your life's
journey- always
remember we love
you and wish you
the very, very best!
Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, Brandon
and Brooke



Kylie Wroge
"Shoot for the moon.
Even if you fail, you'll land
among the stars."
You're already among
the stars. Continue to
believe in yourself and all
that you can become.
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Yearbook Editors Speak

The Pawprints' editors share their voices about working with the 2007-2008 yearbook, "Voice."

Cassie Giesinger

Co-Editor-In-Chief

Being co-editor in chief for the yearbook was a rewarding experience for me in so many ways. It is an experience that I will cherish forever and never forget.

When I took on the role as co-editor in chief for the yearbook, I thought it was going to put a lot of stress onto my shoulders and take a lot of time outside of class. But with my co-editor by my side and the yearbook staff at their best, we were able to produce an amazing yearbook.

Meeting each deadline was essential in producing this year's yearbook. The time between deadlines, we were constantly busy taking pictures, interviewing people or writing copy. Right before each deadline,

we were frantically trying to get everything exactly how we wanted it. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to make the yearbook a success.

This year has flown by fast, and my hope is that "Voice" summarizes the year in the way that you wanted to remember it. To my senior class, I wish you the best of luck in the future and hope that one day you will look back at "Voice" and remember all the great times we had.

Anna Hedstrom

Co-Editor-In-Chief

Working on the 2007-2008 yearbook can easily be explained as a rollercoaster ride. In the beginning of the year I, along with the rest of the staff, was nothing but excited to create our yearbook, come up with new ideas, and begin working. The excitement grew when I was finally able to work with the program and put all of our ideas onto the spreads. However, midway through working on the book, my excitement and energy began to dwindle. Coming into school on our days off, working 'overtime', picking up the pieces of a page that someone was unable to finish, and working nonstop on the final day before a deadline, it all started to be too much.

However, when we were finally finished with the book, I started to feel otherwise. The 'coming into school on my days off'

was completely shadowed by the amazing feeling I got when I started to work on a new spread. The 'working overtime' was no match to the excitement I felt looking at our page proofs. The 'picking up the pieces' was non-existent to the relationships I made with people on the yearbook staff. The 'working hard before a deadline' was a thing of the past when compared to finishing the whole yearbook, the yearbook 700 students bought; the yearbook my senior classmates will have to look back at to remember their senior year of high school; the yearbook that I had a hand in making! And just like a rollercoaster, in the end of the experience, I wanted nothing else, but to do it again!



Top of V, left to right: Jeremy Reichenberger, Chaele Varnavas, Nicole Eischens, Patrick Pucket, Josh Condon, Adrienne Donnel, Anna Hedstrom, Amanda Corson and Cassie Giesinger.

Chaele Varnavas

Senior Editor

I joined yearbook my junior year and didn't realize what I was getting myself into. I thought yearbook was just going to be a class to fill an empty space in my schedule, soon to find out this would not be the case.

Yearbook became part of my life.

My senior year, I was elected Senior Editor. This was an honor to me because I could make this yearbook extra special for my senior class. The time spent tallying up senior poll results, taking pictures and gathering information, was all worth it when the book was complete.

I feel proud to have come together with some classmates and produced a yearbook for Waconia High School students to cherish.

Good luck fellow seniors on what the future holds for you!

Nicole Eischens

Sports Editor

When I first signed up for yearbook class the beginning of my junior year, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I thought it would be just another class that would help me learn a new style of writing. Little did I know that it would turn out to be a class that allowed me to write and read about topics I love.

When I started my senior year, I signed

up to be the sports editor. This was a big honor for me because the sports section is a section that is read by almost everyone in the school.

After being the sports editor, I now realize how much work and time goes into each and every page.

Adrienne Donnel

Design Editor

Getting involved in the yearbook was by far one of the craziest things I've gotten myself into this year. Like the other students that signed up for yearbook, I was just thinking it was going to be an easy A, but I was very wrong. Not a lot of people realize how much hard work and long days go into making a yearbook, not to mention the pressure that you get from the student body to make this year's yearbook better than last years.

When I was named co-design editor along with Rachael Martel, we couldn't wait to get started. She would always keep me on task, and I would always make sure she was having fun. It was like we were the perfect match and leveled each other out. We were both so excited to get started on all the layouts, but it's much harder to make them than people think. I have used Adobe InDesign before, but making layouts is something totally different from editing pictures and making fly-

ers. It takes strategy: You have to make sure the pages aren't too cluttered, the measurements are exact and that they have just the right color on them. Plus, we had to design the book's logo.

When it came to the second trimester, I found out Rachael dropped the class and I was devastated! I thought I would totally just crash and not be able to pull off the rest of the yearbook. Thankfully with Anna Hedstrom's help, I was able to accomplish more than I thought.

Being a part of such a great yearbook staff was an experience that I'll never forget. We made so many great memories and inside jokes. It was a great time. The J and A box was always filled with crazy comments from Jeremy Reichenberger and me. Like our shirts say, the WHS yearbook staff is "Cooler than a mullet."

Patrick Puckett

Copy Editor

Working on the yearbook this year was a great experience. It was really fun to help develop such an in-demand product with a group of talented writers and designers.

The truth of the matter, though, is that it takes a LOT of work to get the yearbook done. There were days that I was in the lab working on the yearbook from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. —almost the length of a normal school day.

I've always been a newspaper person. This year was my first year working on the

yearbook. I knew that it was a hectic process because I have worked with previous editors of the book in the past. Being an editor myself, though, and doing pretty much everything but copy editing for the book, showed me how crazy it REALLY gets.

It's funny how the time flies, though. I've never felt bored while working on this book because this is what I plan to do for a career. It's been an amazing experience that I will never forget.

Amanda Corson

Activities Editor

Being part of an organization like yearbook has taught me many important lessons that will carry me throughout my years at college, and even beyond that. It was such an honor being selected to be an editor this year.

In my earlier years in high school, I could never imagine myself being a yearbook editor and what an experience it has been for me.

Being an editor has also taught me how to manage my work and make sure everybody else in the group was getting their work done.

This class has taught me how to work independently and efficiently and to make deadlines on time.

Yearbook has taught me many things including how to use Adobe InDesign, how to take pictures, how to write copy, and many other things.

It has also been a very fun class to be part of! I will miss being a part of yearbook, but I will also cherish the memories that we all shared.

Jeremy Reichenberger

Photography Editor

When I first signed up for yearbook, it was really only something to fill a spot on my schedule. Little did I know what a great experience being in the class, and being an editor would be. Not only was there a lot of hard work included in the process, but also a lot of fun mixed in. I made a bunch of new friends, learned a lot, and had some great experiences.

Being selected as photo editor this year was amazing. It was fun, but it took a lot of dedication. Instead of chilling at the football games with friends, I was down on the field getting pictures for the yearbook. Instead of rooting on the volleyball team the entire game, I was taking pictures half the time. Unfortunately, I didn't even real-

ize I could get into games for free until halfway through the fall sports season.

I never would have imagined coming into yearbook class my junior year and getting to take over for Anna and Cassie as an editor-in-chief my senior year. Next year will be really different without them to look up to and go to for help. It'll definitely be a learning experience because we're losing a lot of great seniors, but hopefully the bar can continue to be raised for the quality of the WHS yearbook.

One thing I know for sure, I'll never forget my yearbook experience this year.

Josh Condon

Academics Editor

This is definitely the hardest yearbook copy I have ever had to write. Trying to summarize the extremely hectic and insane year into one small portion of a page is impossible.

When I think back to my sophomore year when all of my friends were encouraging me to join yearbook, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Miss Gregor has been an amazing and understand-

ing teacher that has taught me a lot of lifelong lessons, like the importance of always getting your things in on time and always striving for perfection in everything you do.

Closing

American poet Maya Angelou once said, "Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with shades of deeper meaning."

Students infused the halls with their unified voices during passing time in the halls, while cheering the Wildcats on to victory, and during lively classroom discussions.

Sometimes a voice doesn't have to be loud to be heard. It can be the inner voice one hears while catching the game-winning pass, performing a solo, or finishing that paper on a late night when it seems like there's too much to do.

Whether individual or unified, Waconia High School students had a voice - and they weren't afraid to use it.

Colophon

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