

Senior Spotlight: Christine Kotschwar

By: Karissa Adams

Q: How does it feel to be a senior?

A: It feels surreal, I never thought that I would make it this far. It's crazy how we only have one full semester left.

Q: What has been your favorite moment this year?

A: When I got the phone call from my dream college telling me that I had gotten accepted. I knew I had finally got my life figured out and it really helped relieve some stress I was having.

Q: What is something you are looking forward to this year?

A: I'm so excited about speech season and the spring musical, with everything going on if we are able to have those two things it would really make my year.

Q: What are your future plans?

A: I plan on going to the Savannah College of Art and Design and majoring in Animation. My end goal is to be a creative director for Pixar or Disney.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Christmas?

A: I love how happy everyone is and spending time with my family. Also, my mom's cooking!

Q: Do you have a favorite Christmas song?

A: Has to be Last Christmas by Wham!

Q: What is your favorite Christmas food?

A: I love my mom's homemade Christmas desserts! My favorite is her christmas popcorn.

Q: What was the best Christmas gift you've ever gotten?

A: My mom gave me my Alto Saxophone when I was in 6th grade and ever since then, I've been making music and fun memories with it.

Q: What are your top 5 movies?

A: The Dark Knight, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Star Trek into Darkness, Star Wars Revenge of the Sith, Lord of the Rings Return of the King, and The Holy Grail.



The Giving Tree

By Scout Pierce

We all hope to get everything we want for Christmas, but for some that just isn't even remotely possible. So this year, have a kind heart and get a gift to put under the giving tree. Your gift could make

someone's Christmas. If you want to bring someone joy this Christmas we are still doing the giving tree, just with some changes. The tree will be in front high school office taking monetary donations. Merry Christmas!

Bossy Cat Article

Dear Bossy Cat, I play sports and it is kind of difficult for me to get my grades up when we have quite a few assignments, and I am failing some classes due to this. I won't be able to play sports with failings grades.



Dear student, I feel like it is very important to remember that you are at "student-athlete", not an "athletic student" meaning that being a student comes

first. You must make sure that you are caught up in all your classes and you understand what is going on because if you don't then your grades will start slipping. If that is the case, then eventually you will start failing. Which no one wants because you cannot play sports if you are failing anyways. So, if you are struggling in your class have a conversation with your teachers and coaches. I am sure that they will help you get caught up so you can be passing and be able to play sports!

XOXO - Bossy Cat

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Christmas Is Here!



By Kalley Sukstorf

Christmas is here! It seems like just yesterday we were off for Thanksgiving break. With the holidays coming right around the corner, and festive vibes filling the halls, a survey was given to students asking their preferences and plans for the coming weeks. Over 50% of the student body claims to be very ready and excited for Christmas to come, claiming that putting up their Christmas tree is one of the most important festivities to do in preparations for the holiday season. A staggering 80% of students plan to watch Christmas movies throughout this month, 70% plan to bake Christmas cookies, and 67% plan to spend a great deal of time

wrapping gifts for friends and family.

Each year the trends of what teens hope to receive for Christmas fluctuates depending on what is popular at the specific time. This year most of the student body expresses that they are wishing to receive clothes and money as a Christmas gift. With that being said, Christmas is such a happy and festive time each year though this year it may be a bit different for everyone due to COVID-19 restrictions. Despite the troubles the global pandemic may bring you, still be sure to make the holidays special while practicing safe precautions. Happy holidays!!

Welcome Warren!

By Grace Williams

Our very own Mrs. Chrisman had to take maternity leave earlier than expected due to COVID risks, but the wait for the Chrisman baby is now over! Mr. and Mrs. Chrisman welcomed Warren Thomas Chrisman into the world on the evening of December 2nd at 9:38 p.m. This is a special date because now Mr. Chrisman gets to share a birthday with his son! Warren was born 20 inches long and 9 lbs. 6 oz. Mom and son are doing wonderfully. The whole Wildcat family is extremely excited for Mr. and Mrs. Chrisman and we welcome Warren with so much love. The Journalism

Club President and Vice President shared this message: "Mrs. Chrisman, you are already such a wonderful mom. We cannot wait to meet Warren! It feels like forever ago you were just telling us that you and Mr. Chrisman were expecting. Crazy how time has flown and now Warren is here! We miss you so much and are so excited for you!"



The Final Act

By Christine Kotschwar

The wildcat one act team had an outstanding performance at districts on December 4th, 2020. Even though the season had many hardships, the team was able to come home with a third-place award! The following actors and actresses received awards for their skills: Skylar Shanahan, Christine Kotschwar, Jonnie Mahrt, Brayden Hermanson, Wyatt Gore, Grace Cozad, and Lily Hall. The cast had so much fun this season, even though there were some points when only three actors were able to show up to practice and the head coach, Mrs. Chrisman, had to go on maternity leave. It is outstanding to see that even though they only had one other performance, the team was able to come home with third place!

“This season was definitely different and challenging, but everyone was very supportive of one another.

Each practice we didn't know who was going to be able to come and our set wasn't completed for a few weeks into our season. This season will be one we all remember. I am so proud of the kids and their ability to be flexible considering everything that is happening. I can't wait to see what the team does next year!” Assistant Director, Erica Kotschwar.



Senior Spotlight: Audrey Hudson

By Lileigh Greve

Q: How has your senior year been? What has been your favorite moment?

A: So far my senior year has been super busy. My favorite moment so far would have to be homecoming.

Q: Are you going to college? If not, what are your plans?

A: Yes, I plan to attend Nebraska Wesleyan.

Q: Where do you see yourself in Five years?

A: At med school.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: My favorite sport to play has to be basketball, hands down.

Q: What is something that you regret NOT doing in high school?

A: One thing I regret not is doing cheerleading!

Q: What is one thing you cannot live without?

A: I cannot live without my favorite pillow.

Q: What is the most memorable lesson you learned from your teachers?

A: One thing I would say would have to say is don't turn your work in late.



Larsen Takes Over Boys Basketball

By Grace Williams

Coach Larsen has taken over the boy's basketball program here at Cedar Bluffs after the most recent head coach, Coach Shepard, left.

Coach Larsen was an assistant to Coach Shepard during the two years he was the head coach of the team. Coach Larsen worked with his players all summer to better their skills and make them all around better athletes. The team has also already secured some extra funding as they have sold team gear and held a cookie dough fundraiser, both were a successful turnout.

Leading the team are seniors Gabe Anaya and Brody Ptomey. The pair have had a lot of experience out on the floor as they have competed at the varsity level since their freshman seasons. When asked what he is looking forward to this season, Gabe commented, “I'm looking forward to just playing with the guys and having fun with them.” His goals for the season include “having fun, winning games, and to leave the team in capable hands”. The team had their first game

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at East Butler on December 3rd. Although the team suffered a tough loss (19-46), many young players saw various minutes which helped prepare them for the time they will be seeing on the floor as the season continues.

Next up was a long drive to Essex, Iowa on the 5th. Although a low scoring game, the team showed a lot of progress from their first game against East Butler. The boys are scheduled to play their first home game against Tri-County Northeast on December 7th.

Shooting into the Season

By Kaylee Benne

This season of girls' basketball has just begun, their first practice was on November 16th. The team consists of 10 players, 4 student managers, and 1 statistician. Head Coach Dunker shared this, “The season is going well so far. The team has been working hard and working extremely well together. We have an extremely young team with five of our ten players being

freshman. Skylar Shanahan is our lone senior on the team, and she has been a phenomenal leader for this group. She has elevated the play of her teammates which is the mark of a great player. I am happy with our progress so far, but we still have a long way to go in our progression. Our young group is ready to go but also, they must learn a lot as well.” The team played their first game at East Butler on December 3rd. The score was (15-64), a tough loss for the Lady Wildcats. Skylar Shanahan led the team with 9 rebounds and chipped in 3 of the team's 15 points. Katie Kiefer, Madi Patyk, and Maddie Thomas combined for the other 12 points. The team's next game of the week was on Saturday, December 5th. The team traveled to Essex, Iowa. This game was new to the schedule. Skylar Shanahan led the team with 12 points, 16 rebounds, and 5 blocks. Freshman Maddie Thomas also added 6 points to the team's 22-point total. Next up the team will play Tri-County Northeast at home on December 7th.

