

Senior Spotlight

By: Lileigh Greve

Question #1: What is the most creative excuse you've ever used to get out of a homework assignment?

Peyton: I have never really got out of an assignment.

Brody: I don't ever recall having to make up some excuse. I would usually just ask someone for help or just turn it in on a later date.

Question #2: What has been the highlight of your senior year?

Peyton: I don't necessarily have a highlight of senior year, but my highlight throughout high school in general would have to be getting to know my teachers and my classmates.

Brody: A highlight of my senior year has been my last football game.

Question #3: If you could go back and change one thing, what would it be?

Peyton: I would go back and stick to the plan.

Brody: If I could change on thing, I would work even harder in school and sports.

off as cocky.

Brody: Some advice I would have for incoming freshman is that the littlest things matter. I was one-tenth of a GPA point away from an extra 3,000 dollars to my college education. Also, take advantage of ever opportunity and do as much as possible.

Question #5: What is the most challenging task as a senior?

Peyton: Applying to scholarships would probably be the most challenging part.

Brody: The most challenging task is not slacking off because you're so close to being done.

Question #6: Which teacher always gives the best advice and what did they say?

Peyton: Mrs. Chrisman gives good advice that I can use in the future.

Brody: I think Mr. Johnson gives the best advice for anything.

Question #7: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Peyton: The Traveling Circus

Brody: In 10 years, I see myself living a simple, but happy life.

Question #4: What advice do you have for incoming freshman?

Peyton: Do NOT cheat and try not to come



Students Back to School

By: Lileigh Greve

After a well-needed two-week Christmas break, students returned to school. For the second semester of this school year, remote learners were to return and finish the year in-school if they did not have a doctor's note. Not only do they have to have a doctor's note, but they also must have a valid reason as to why they cannot attend. Although vaccines are making their way around, COVID-19 is still spreading. An anonymous survey was completed with a couple of former remote learners and how they feel

about it.

Q: How do you feel about returning to school? Why do you feel that way?

Student #1: Returning to school, I did not mind, but once I got back, it made me worried about my health with COVID-19 and not knowing who has it.

Student #2: I wish I could have stayed home, but in the end, I was going to have to return anyway.

Q: Does it feel different returning back to school?

Student #1: It does feel a little different, because I have not been here for a while and some things have changed.

Read more about the attacks on the US capital.

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Peyton and Brody talk about how they get out of homework assignments.

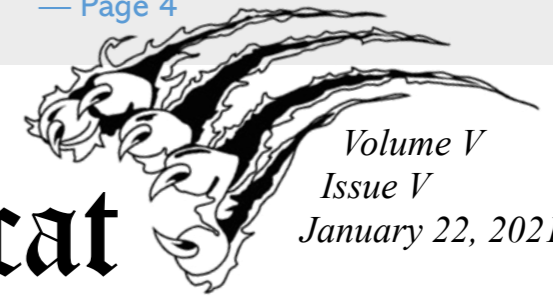
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Skylar Shanahan: A Rebounding Machine

By Grace Williams

It is not a surprise to anyone that has watched her play that this day has come. Senior Skylar Shanahan recently broke the record for most career rebounds, making her the leading rebounder in school history, for both boys and girls basketball. The record was previously 845, and Skylar still has the rest of her senior season to set the new record. Skylar already held one career rebounding record as she broke the girls basketball record for most career rebounds last year during her junior season.

Girls basketball head coach Dunker shared: "Skylar's rebounding record will be extremely hard to beat. For her to be the all-time leading rebounder in school history is a great honor. She has really

worked hard to become the greatest rebounder in school history. She has the drive and determination necessary to be a great rebounder along with fantastic athleticism. She is on pace to put her career mark over 1,000 rebounds which I don't think will be broken for a very long time." We want to give a huge congratulations to Skylar and we wish her the best of luck in achieving 1,000 rebounds!



The Domestic Terrorists Attack the US Capital

By Madison Patyk

The storming of the United States Capitol was a riot against the United States Congress on January 6, 2021, created by a mob of supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump in an attempt to overturn his defeat in the 2020 presidential election. Weapons and tactics seen on surveillance video suggests a level of planning that has led investigators to believe the attack on the US Capitol was not just a protest that spiraled out of control.

There are indications that some participants at the Trump rally left the event early to retrieve

items to be used in the assault on the Capitol. The rioters who climbed over the barricades and entered the building, often mask-less, livestreamed the events, posted pictures to social media and paraded around the building, smashing windows and destroying property as members of Congress hid are now being arrested as more information comes to light about who stormed the Capitol.



Lady Wildcats Basketball

By Grace Williams

As the season has progressed, the girls basketball team has attained a record of 2-10. Their most recent win came over the winter break, during the Holiday Tournament hosted by East Butler. The team went 1-1 during the tournament, losing the first day against High Plains (20-52) but coming back strong the second day, winning against Friend (23-22). The team also recently traveled to Lewiston and Omaha Brownell Talbot. During both games, senior Skylar Shanahan led the team in both points and rebounds. Skylar contributed a career high 21 points during the Lewiston game as well as 17 rebounds. Junior Elly Campbell also totaled 7 steals at Lewiston. At Omaha Brownell Talbot, junior Elly Campbell hit a 3-pointer with 1 second or so to go to end the first quarter. Despite suffering recent losses, the team continues to work hard in practice and looks onward to their upcoming games.

On Friday, January 15th, the team will travel to Elba and host Heartland Christian (Council Bluffs, IA) on Saturday, January 16th. The following Monday and Tuesday, the team will travel to Boys Town and then Cornerstone Christian. If you have tickets, please come out to support the team or watch the livestreams of the games that are available on YouTube. The links to the livestreams are typically posted on the school's Facebook page the day of the game.



Speech Team Talks Up A Storm

By Karissa Adams

This year's Speech Team is looking very different. The team has 11 students participating in speech. There are three freshmen that have decided to join. The team's two returning seniors are Chris Kotschwar and Karissa Adams. They have 6 other returning speakers. The team's coaches are Ms. Bottrell and Mrs. Kotschwar. Their first meet is on January 20th and they will be traveling to Howells to participate in the Jaguar Jabber. At the moment the team has three confirmed meets they will be participating in.

Due to COVID some of the host schools have to decide if they want to continue hosting their meet or not. Senior Karissa Adams says "This year speech is going to look very different. Our team currently has no OI and

most of our members are taking on new events. Our team is very young, and Chris and I can't wait to take these young speakers under our wing and help them navigate the challenges the regular speech season holds. As for the new challenges, Chris and I will handle them maturely and be role models for the rest of the team." The team is anxious to start their season. Make sure you wish the speech team good luck in their upcoming meets!



Dear Bossy Cat....

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 failing 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!

Dear Bossy Cat, all of my friends are going to graduate this year. What in the world am I going to do?

Dear Student, this is a big struggle that comes along with high school that we all probably must face. We form very good relationships with the upperclassmen and seeing them depart is always hard. Although we will miss all the friends we have made within this senior class, there are solutions to finding a new crowd to surround yourself with in the next year. You can join clubs or teams within school that interest you. This allows you to meet new people you share interests with or form better relationships with the people you already know. You could also join new elective classes which would also expose you to new people. In conclusion putting yourself out there and being kind to everyone will gift you new unexpected friendships!

XOXO - Bossy Cat.



New Students Join the Boys Basketball Team

By Jaidyn Mann

With nearly a month left of the season seniors Brody Ptomey, Gabe Anaya, and Garrett Wiseman are fighting for more wins to add to their record. Under the lead of Coach Larsen and the help from the seniors, the team has seen progress offensively and defensively. When asked how the season is going Coach Larsen commented "We are playing much better team basketball, so I am excited to see how we finish the season." He said the team was fortunate during the beginning of the season to be COVID free but has recently faced some struggles. Unfortunately, over Christmas break a few players got sidelined due to COVID.

Despite the team having to undergo changes, they never gave up and took on their new roles. Foreign exchange students Mo Vonkeitz and Simone Tucci joined the team after arriving in America in December. Both have previous basketball experience,



which was very advantageous for the team. The pair have seen a lot of playing time and have started in nearly every game since their arrival.

As for recent games, the team traveled to Omaha Brownell Talbot on January 9th, suffering a tough loss (27-52). Next, the team hosted Heartland Christian of Council Bluffs, IA on January 16th. The team suffered another tough loss, (27-45).