

### Weekly Wildcat Challenges

By Monica Johnson

Recently our very own Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Hanzel have started weekly challenges involving the middle school and high school. These challenges have ranged from keeping track of the grade levels missing assignments, counting tardies, being prepared for class and how many times students leave the room.

At the end of the week the results are added up and the winning classes are announced. Mrs. Snyder stated "We found that the middle school and high school needed some motivation to get to class and have some fun! We hope that the challenges will encourage them to work hard and create some self-motivation and responsibility!" These challenges sure have brought out a new level of competitiveness and motivation within the students in the classroom!!

### Senior Spotlight: Lileigh Greve

By: Lileigh Greve

**Q: What is the most challenging task as a senior?**

Lileigh: Applying to colleges and deciding which college is best for me.

**Q: What advice do you have for incoming freshman?**

Lileigh: The outcome of any situation is the result of your reaction. You don't have to make high school miserable if you simply don't want to.

**Q: What has been the highlight of your senior year?**

Lileigh: All of it, this is my last time being around my classmates and teachers, so I would have to say that everyday is a highlight.

**Q: You can bring any three of your classmates on a cross-country road trip in your family's hatchback: who would you choose?**

Lileigh: Audrey, Peyton, and Brody. Whatever happens cross-country trip, stays on the cross-country trip.

**Q: What is your most embarrassing in-school memory? What happened and did you learn anything from it?**

Lileigh: Thinking that we could get away with sitting in the locker rooms during P.E. so that we didn't have to run. Our lesson was to never make Mr. Egger mad and get to P.E.

**Q: What's your favorite school lunch?**

Lileigh: Crispitos

**Q: Describe your senior year in three words?**

Lileigh: Lots of Homework

**Q: "I will always remember...."**

Lileigh: I will always remember my classmates, teachers, and coaches.



### Dear Bossy Cat...

Dear Bossy Cat, I am struggling finding a college to go to. Who can I reach out to that would be able to help me find what school is best for me?

Dear Student. I know that trying to find the right college for you can be a hard thing! Definitely when you are trying to do it on your own. Thankfully I know that perfect person for the job! She actually just got back from maternity leave too! Mrs. Chrisman is always, and amazing option and she knows a lot about different colleges around the state and some out of state. But you could also talk to any teacher that you feel comfortable with and I am sure that they will be able to help you.



Dear Bossy Cat, I excel in most of my grades, but I always feel like I'm not doing good enough. Do you have any advice for me?

Dear Student. I can assure you that you are doing amazing. If you often feel like you are not doing good enough you should find an adult that you feel totally comfortable with talking to. Any of them will be totally willing to listen to you. Your mental health is very important to everyone. Make sure you take the time to work on you too!

Signing off Bossy Cat

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## Girls Basketball: The End of an Era

By Grace Williams

As the girl's basketball season has recently ended, so has the basketball career of lone senior Skylar Shanahan. The team finished 8-14 on the season after their loss against Mead (18-56) in the first round of subdistricts. Despite facing many obstacles throughout the season, the team consistently showed up and worked hard. At one point, they only had 5 players available. This group of 5 went undefeated in the two conference tournament games they



played. Their first win came over College View Academy, 34-33. Senior Skylar Shanahan led with 23 points and junior Madison Patyk contributed 6 points to that win. Freshman Shelby Samek also added a career high 4 blocks. The group's second win was over Cornerstone Christian, 40-39. That win awarded them 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Frontier Conference Tournament. Junior Elly Campbell contributed 7 points and 7 rebounds to go along with senior Skylar Shanahan's 20 points and 20 rebounds. Skylar leaves the program with exactly 1,100 career rebounds. She also broke the girl's single game scoring record with 35 points on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Head



coach Mr. Brian Dunker shared: "The girl's basketball team was able to achieve success despite facing some unique roster situations and some setbacks. We started the year with a roster of ten and we finished with a total of 9 players. Five of those players were freshmen so we experienced a learning curve and toward the end of the year really started to experience some success. Skylar was our lone senior and did a great job leading us throughout the year. She is a great role model and example for the younger players. She has shown the younger girls that determination and effort can lead to success."



## Getting on Track

By Kalley Sukstorf

It's that time of year again, track season is right around the corner! This year's track season holds a lot of value, as last year's season never occurred to the global pandemic. Athletes all across the country are ready and motivated to get back into competition. I asked some students around school to see how they are feeling in regard to coming back to track after taking a full year off. Junior, Grace Williams says, "I am looking forward to being able to compete at meets again, as well as having fun with

the team. I also look forward to working hard and getting stuff done." This seems to be a common, overall attitude that a majority of athletes are having. This season will also be a bit different for the Cedar Bluff's track team because Mrs. Amen has become the new head coach. Assistant coaches will include Mrs. White and Mrs. Neiman. Senior, Karissa Adams comments, "I am excited to have Mrs. Amen as our new head coach, I think she will do a great job." There is a lot to look forward to and a lot of success to be had by the wildcat track team this season, go cats!

## Senior Spotlight: Gabe Anaya

By: Lileigh Greve

**Q: What is the most challenging task as a senior?**

Gabe: Dealing with the changes with all the activities due to COVID.

**Q: What advice do you have for incoming freshman?**

Gabe: Make sure to do your homework done and on time.

**Q: What has been the highlight of your senior year?**

Gabe: Really just being at the school and being involved with my friends.

**Q: You can bring any three of your classmates on a cross-country road trip in your family's hatchback: who would you choose?**

Gabe: Lane, Brody, and Garrett

**Q: What is your most embarrassing in-school**

**memory? What happened and did you learn anything from it?**

Gabe: Leaving class early with a friend and not having practice. I learned that we should be truthful.

**Q: What's your favorite school lunch?**

Gabe: The chicken drumsticks

**Q: Describe your senior year in three words?**

Gabe: exciting, bumpy, and funny

**Q: "I will always remember..."**

Gabe: Hanging out with friends and just having a good time.



When asked to reflect on the season, senior Brody Ptomey said: "This season wasn't ideal from wins and lost standpoint; however, I enjoyed my final basketball season with my friends and making a lot of great memories. I feel like this coaching staff has the team and its culture moving in the right direction and I can't wait to come back and watch them play for years to come!"

Looking back at the season, the team had their struggles. However, they persevered and gave their all into the game. Over the last few months, the team has developed a strong sense of comradery. The upperclassmen played a huge part in unifying the team and promoting hard work throughout the season!

## Boys Basketball Comes to an End

By Jaidyn Manna

The boy's basketball team has recently ended their season. The team finished 2-18 on their season. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, the team traveled to Winside where they suffered a loss, the final score was 33-47. This was the team's last regular season game before they entered the post season, where they played at sub-districts. At subdistricts on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> the boys' basketball team suffered another defeat against Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family. The final score of this game was 15-73. Thus, ending the Boys Basketball season for the remainder of the year.

## Speech Coming to an End

By Karissa Adams

"On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Wildcat Speech Team traveled to Wisner-Pilger High School for the "Gator Gab Fest." Christine Kotschwar had a successful day in her entertainments rounds and brought



home a first-place trophy. The rest of the team worked hard in their individual events but faced some tough com-

petition. We are looking forward to the District competition, on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hartington New-

castle. Wish the wildcat speakers, good luck! I am extremely proud of the progress and confidence these kids have gained throughout the season." says Coach Bottrell. The team has had four meets this season and has had great success at each of these meets. The team has encountered many different obstacles along the way, but they have stuck together and kept pushing forward with their season. Due to Covid-19 no one has been allowed to watch their teammate compete. This is has been hard for the team since they look for advice from not only the judges but their teammates as well. With all of the changes and guidelines the team still competes to the best of their ability. We wish these Wildcat Speakers nothing but the best at Districts.

## From Statistician to "Star Player"

By Skylar Shanahan

The girls' basketball team had their fair share of hardships this year. A few players had to quarantine at the beginning of year and we battled our fair share of injuries. During conference basketball, things took a turn for the worse in which, we were left with only five players. Players were forced to quarantine as well as some were still injured. The hard thing is that basketball requires five players to play, so that meant no breaks for the players. Thankfully, our statistician, Grace Williams, was willing to step up and put a jersey on. Grace started coming to practice to actually practice, not just run the clock. I enjoyed having her as a partner during drills and seeing her learn the plays. The first game in which she suited up was against Omaha Christian Academy.

She kept true to her original job and kept stats while suited up. To her relief that night, she never had to come onto the court and play during that nail biter of a



game. The next game against Cornerstone Christian, she was forced to make her court debut playing in the post. She held her own and seemed very knowledgeable in the plays we were running. I was very proud of her and thankful that she stepped up when the team needed her most.

## Taking State!

By Madison Patyk

As the season is coming to an end, the cheer team is getting ready to compete at the State Cheer and Dance competition in Grand Island on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be competing against class D schools and will be in the category Game Day which consists of a band chant, crowd leading cheer, situational sideline and the school song.

All the girls are very excited to compete, especially the freshmen on the team. This will be the first year competing for Shelby Samek, Makinzy Sweeney, Natalie Bittinger and last year for senior Imely Walls. The team performed at 11:50 am against 10 other schools and placed 10<sup>th</sup>. The result was not what they expected, but the girls left everything out on the floor and are now thinking about getting better for next year.