



THE MERC MINUTE

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SMALL TOWN DUNK - MHS BOYS BASKETBALL

All last week the big talk of the school was the boys basketball team's win against Cromwell. I decided to sit down with their coach Anthony Pierce to talk about their season.

Describe your season in 3 words.

"Well we started the season unpredictable, throughout the season was emotional, and altogether it was enjoyable."

Can you describe what a typical practice looks like?

"A typical practice starts off with stretching, then going to some drill work and conditioning, then onto some defensive and offensive breakdowns, free throw work and then usually ending in some more conditioning."



Do you have any words on your senior?

We had 5 seniors this year. They were dependable, showed up and worked hard everyday, improved as the season went on, and over all were a fun group to be around."

What was your favorite game and why?

"I suppose it would have to be the Cromwell playoff game. We played Cromwell three times in 15 days and the improvement and hard work showed when it came to playoff time. We lost to Cromwell by 19 the first time we played, 13 the second time, and pulled through with hardwork the third time and our first playoff game winning by 3."

What was your most memorable moment?

"The most memorable moment was the team as a whole ending the season strong and watching them grow together as one. Our second playoff game was against Barnum and from the first time we played them, losing by 38 the team didn't hold back and really put everything on the floor. We were down by 3 with two minutes left but ended coming up a little short losing by 9 points to the Bombers."

We can't wait to see what the next season holds!

By Jordan Paquette

Senior Spotlight:

Amiko Garcia

Favorite Class: "Geography with Mr. Koehler"

Extracurriculars: "Knowledge Bowl"

Future Plans: "I plan to attend college to get a business degree, and take a few computer science classes too."

Dream Job: "To be working for myself, and nobody else."

What will you miss most after High School?

"I will miss the social aspect, like seeing my friends every day."



By Gillian Farinella

DREW DEAN - AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY

High School Senior, Drew Dean, has recently announced his commitment to playing football for Augsburg University this fall. In celebration of his achievement, I've decided to sit down with him one on one to talk about his future.

What made you choose Augsburg?

"I decided that I wanted to go to a smaller school, so it still kinda feels like home. The coaches were super friendly as well as being known for their business program."

What are you most excited for?

"I'm most excited to play football, but I'm also excited for the nice dorm rooms, and the experience of the 'city life'."

What are you planning on majoring in?

"I plan on majoring in business/finance."

Are there any other activities your interested in?

"I'm looking forward to going to Topgolf."

It sounds like Drew has a very bright future ahead of him! We can't wait to see what he does next!



By Jaylynn Maijala

PROM 2021 - PLANS & EXPECTATIONS

Since the beginning of the school year, a lot of plans have been up in the air, with prom being one of the biggest questions. Last year MHS had to cancel the prom, as Covid guidelines had just been instated. This week I talked to Mrs. Hagen, the Junior Class Advisor, to get some insight on what Prom 2021 may look like. She explained, "The Juniors are excited, well who isn't, that life seems to be getting back to 'normal'. With the Governor's newest announcement that large gatherings may take place, it means that we will be able to host a full prom event including a Grand March, dinner, and post prom. Currently, the guidelines state specifically that no dancing is allowed unless we can guarantee a 6' distance at all times...who are we kidding?! Needless to say, any event will be welcomed and enjoyed if the



Brennon Fredrickson (left) and Ashton Harmon (right)

alternative is to not have any events at all. We want to do our part to keep everyone safe, on multiple levels, and will do what we can to ensure a good time is had by everyone involved, students, chaperones, and parents."

In addition to talking to Mrs. Hagen, I interviewed Seniors Brennon Fredrickson and Ashton Harmon to ask how they felt about prom this year. "I'm happy we're even having one," states Harmon, "It was really upsetting when we didn't get one last year." When asked about his perspective, Fredrickson explained, "I'm really excited to go! This will be my very first prom."

Though it sounds like Prom 2021 may be different from what we're used to, I hope we can make the best of it and appreciate some normalcy in this chaotic year.

By Gillian Farinella



Rebecca Hagen, Junior Class Advisor

THE NEW GUY IN SCHOOL - MR. TYSON

A new school year always brings in new teachers and new students. This year we got three new teachers and I got to interview one of them, Mr. Tyson. Mr. Tyson is the new science teacher who teaches 10th grade, 7th grade and electives, including Anatomy, Natural Resources and Science Activities.

How do you feel about this school year?

"It is very difficult and frustrating with Covid impacts."



Why did you choose to come to McGregor?

"I really like rural communities and the students are more in touch with the environment. Students in rural communities also have different perspectives than in urban areas"

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

"I like teaching Anatomy & Physiology and Biology, because the students are willing to have discussions about what we are learning instead of just getting the content."

Do you like teaching both distance and in-person learners? Why or why not?

"No, because I feel distance learners don't get the same experiences as in-person learners."

How does McGregor compare to other schools you've taught at?

"There is a similar population size but it's challenging because there is more diversity of abilities in students than I had student teaching."

By Kiana Hawkinson