

Bossy Cat

Dear Bossy Cat My friend really smells, and I don't know how to tell them without hurting their feelings.

Dear Student, there are a couple different things that you could do. But one of the most important thing would make sure that they are aware. Do it in a private place where you know that they feel comfortable. Then politely say "Hey I just wanted to let you know that you have a little

of body odor, I have some deodorant if you would like to borrow it." Then follow up by saying "I just wanted to let you know because if it was me, I would want you to let me know." It is kind of like if someone has something it their teeth it is better to just let them know so they can fix it.

Signing off for now
Bossy Cat.



First Time Online

By Jaidyn Mann

With the ACT test scheduled for March 30th coming up students are stressed. Students involved or previously involved in the College Prep class offered here at Cedar Bluffs, seem to be more confident about this test than others. In previous years here at Cedar Bluffs, the ACT test has been given on paper. This year that has been changed and students will be taking a computer version of the ACT.

This is something new and unusual to the students because they are used to filling out a bubble sheet, but with the test being online this year, that sheet is no longer needed. The online ACT test will appear similar to the MAPs test as it is online and timed. For those who don't know, or

have never heard of the ACT, it is a standardized test used for college administrations here in the United States. The test covers four academic skill areas: English, math, reading, science, and an optional writing test as well. For each section there is a set number of questions and a time limit associated with them. The English section is 75 questions in 45 minutes, math is 60 questions

in 60 minutes, reading is 40 questions in 35 minutes, science is 40 questions in 35 minutes, and writing (optional), is 1 essay in 40 minutes. The average composite ACT score in Nebraska for the year 2020 was 20.8. For English: 20.2, Math: 20.5, Reading: 21.3, and Science: 20.8



College Visits/Scholarships

By Kalley Sukstorf

On May 7th, 2021 the seniors at CBHS will complete their final day of high school. That date is approaching rapidly, leaving seniors with little time to wrap up scholarships and college visits, something they have been working on for months now. Some seniors have their future plans set in place, while others are still in the process of making these decisions. Senior Karissa Adams speaks of her experiences in filling out scholarships. "Scholarships take a lot of patience

and effort, but they are totally worth it because you have a chance at making a great deal of money from taking a small portion of time to fill one out." Karissa finishes by stating, "Fill out as many scholarships as you can!!"

It is great to see the effort the seniors are putting in to prepare themselves the best they can for next year. Common colleges that many seniors have visited thus far include University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Nebraska Wesleyan University. We wish the seniors the best of luck in preparing for their futures!

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CEDAR BLUFFS SENIOR BRODY PTOMEY SIGNS TO SIMPSON COLLEGE

By Karissa Adams

Senior Brody Ptomey signs to Simpson College in Iowa to play football in the fall. He plans to play as a linebacker. Brody will be making a jump from 8 man to 11-man football. "I chose to play for Simpson because it felt like home and I felt like Simpson was the place I could continue to work hard and become the best me I can become" Brody says. The Wildcat family couldn't be prouder of Brody and his accomplishments. He has played football all four years of his high school career. He has been shaped into a wonderful, coachable young man. His teammates are sad to see him go but valued the time they got to



play with him and the lessons they learned from Brody. His coaches feel they were blessed to coach him. Brody is a great example for the underclassmen. The Wildcat family can't wait to see what Brody does in the future.

Biden Signs Stimulus Bill

By: Lileigh Greve

President Joe Biden signed \$1.9 trillion in new coronavirus relief stimulus check. Americans should be getting \$1,400 stimulus checks in the coming days. White House secretary Jen Psaki said, "Payments to eligible Americans will continue throughout the course of the next several weeks." The checks be either a maximum of \$1,400 per individual, or \$2,800 per married couple, plus \$1,400 per dependent. This payment

will also be based on income of individuals. They will be based on either 2019 or 2020 tax returns.

Other Individuals, such as deceased people also qualify. People who were alive as of January 1st will receive a stimulus check. If you receive no \$1,400 payment or decreased check, but somewhere down the road, your income changes, you may be able to claim the money you are due when you file your taxes next year. People who are struggling will then have money to pay the bills or put food on their tables.

Track Is Back!

By Grace Williams
As March has started, so has the high school track season. Fortunately, the season is planned to actually take place in its entirety unlike last year's season. Due to COVID-19, the team was only able to practice for a short time and did not get to compete in any meets. This year however, team members are ready to get back to work and find success.

This year there is also a new head coach, Mrs. Amen. The program was handed from one Amen to the other as Mrs. Amen's husband led the team last season. Coach Neiman and her throwers have been able to get in some good practice out in the discus and shot-put rings.

There are quite a few throwers this year and coach Neiman is thrilled about that! Coach White and new member coach Dunker have been working hard with the distance runners to prepare for their first meet. Coach Dunker has not previously coached track but has been a great addition to the program. In addition to assisting coach White with distance, Mr. Dunker has been working with high jumpers. Lastly, Coach Amen has been working with sprinters, long jumpers, and triple jumpers. They have been working on developing form and increasing speed among other things. Everyone on the track team has been feeling super excited to get the season started and cannot wait for their first meet!

Pandemic Prom: Round #2

By Madison Patyk

Prom will be looking a little different this year. Last year, prom consisted of a grand march and dinner because Covid hit, restricting the students from having a dance. This year however, the junior parents and junior class have come together to plan a post prom and actual prom since

there will be a dance included this year. The parents plan on having post prom at Camp Calvin crest with the Wesch family renting the whole area for the night, something the students will for sure enjoy. As for the junior class, they have been holding meetings to decide on decorations to make for the dance and many of them seem very excited to be having a dance this year.

2021 Senior Vs. Staff Game

By Karissa Adams

The fifth annual Senior Vs. Staff game was played on Monday, March 8. The seniors and staff came together to put on a great game of basketball for the entire community. This basketball game was filled with running and fast breaks. Many people have watched this event happen over the years and the same outcome always happens, the staff wins. This was true for this year as well, but this senior class kept up with the young staff members that were on the court. There were multiple times where the seniors were ahead of the staff member. Ultimately the seniors lost by 16 points.

We had two parents playing against their senior this year. Senior Brody Ptomey played against his dad, the superintendent, Mr. Ptomey. Senior Skylar Shanahan played against her mom, fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Shanahan. These parents put up a good fight against their children. The seniors also had to play against Boys Basketball coaches, Mr. Larson and Mr. Christensen, Girls Basketball coaches, Mr. Dunker, Mrs. Hansen, and Ms. Callahan, Volleyball Coaches and Assistant Track Coaches, Mrs. White and Ms. Neiman, Wrestling Coach, Mr. Brinkman. The seniors put up a great fight and held the staff back as much as they could. The game was enjoyable for everyone and both teams had lots of laughs. Everyone was very excited to see the annual game come back this year.

Journalism NSAA State Submissions

By Kalley Sukstorf

Throughout the past couple of years, the journalism club has produced yearbooks that when sent off to state have placed in the top three. The 2017-2018 yearbook titled, "Memory Driven," placed third at state for yearbook development. The 2018-2019 yearbook titled, "Values of Blue" placed second in the same category. Last year's yearbook, "Blueprints for the Future," is currently at stated being judged. The journalism club is confident and hoping to earn a state title for the 2019-2020 yearbook in the category of theme development.

Along with the yearbook being judged at state, individual members of the journalism club have submitted work to also be judged. Types of work that members have submitted have included yearbook layouts, newspaper articles, school photography, and more. The journalism club has created some great work throughout this school year, so hopefully they can earn some wins in the different categories. Good luck to the wildcat journalists as they wait to hear about their NSAA State Journalism submissions!



Senior Spotlight: Hailey Sickles

By Monica Johnson

What is the most challenging task as a senior?

The most challenging thing about being a senior is trying to find my career path.

Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now?

I imagine myself working in a career path I enjoy and that I am successful and content with my life.

What is your favorite school lunch?

My favorite school lunch is chicken sandwiches.

What has been the highlight of your senior year?

The highlight of my senior year is being actually able to get some experiences of senior year when I thought COVID would take most of them away.

What will you remember most about high school?

I will remember the teachers being my favorite part and building close relationships with them.

What teacher has had the biggest impact on you?

The two teachers I would say that have had the

biggest impact on me are Mr. Dunker and Mr. Johnson.

What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?

My advice to incoming freshman is to try your hardest and have fun in high school because it goes by so fast.

If you could change anything about your high school experience, would you?

I would change my involvement and still played volleyball throughout my high school years.

How are your feelings toward the upcoming graduation day?

I am excited to start the next chapter but also nervous to be growing up into the world.

