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Transplanting Kindness and Kidneys

Savanna Charette

Paul Clark, Educator and Activity Director, is donating one kidney- not to just anyone! Clark's niece Hallie has been struggling her whole life with kidney failure, and Clark would donate his kidney directly to her, but his kidney is not compatible with hers. The procedure will be held at University of Minnesota in December.

"Many things have to be perfect in order to receive. Blood types, antigens, and a million other medical terms I don't understand have to be perfect," says Clark. Since Hallie has already received a kidney from her mother when she was 1 year old, she has been extremely difficult to match. "I just thank the lord we finally found a match for her!"

Clark is in hopes to get back on his feet as soon as it is possible. He even said he wanted to set a record of two week recovery time!

When asked why he decided

to donate his kidney, Clark responded,

"It really was a no brainer for me. My niece, Hallie, has had a rough life. She hasn't been able to do normal activities for a long time and is extremely prone for illness. Plus, she is on dialysis. I just want her to be able to live a normal life, without pain and getting sick all the time."



Open Slots, National Anthem

Elayna Toczek

Performance of the National Anthem at sports games has been a long time tradition with the band performing the majority of the time while soloists tend to be a special treat. Teachers such as English Educators Mrs. Michelle Pariso and Ms. Katie Baker as well as Science Educator Mr. David Pettitt have performed that National Anthem in the past. Even the Elementary choir performed on Wednesday, October 17th.

"There used to be a sign up sheet" about five years ago, says Band Instructor Ms. Sarah Bauck. "I would be willing to set this up again...it would be a good thing if we got more involved in that." Activities Director Mr. Paul Clark adds that "The community likes it when the students get involved."

Currently, individuals or groups can contact Clark to sing or perform the Anthem and audition with Bauck or Choir Instructor Ms. Wanda Fleischer.

Anyone in the community or school can perform as long as they communicate the date and time at least a couple days before the sporting event and do an audition. This can be singing, playing trumpet, or any other instrument.

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Save the Date:

Saturday: FB Playoffs

Thursday: VB Playoffs

Sunday (28th):
Elementary Halloween
Party

Friday (Nov. 2): Quarter
ends

Monday (Nov. 5): NO
SCHOOL

Monday (Nov. 12):
Varsity GBB starts

Sports

FB: SCORES SOAR, CONSTANT VICTORY

The 2018 Waubun High School Senior football players have lead the Thunderbird Varsity team to a flawless season record of 8-0. WHS Seniors consist of Parker Syverson, Tayvis Zima, Jayden Heisler, Chandler Toczek, Adam Syverson, Treston Spalla, Doug McArthur, Will Bly, Jeffrey Cukla, Chase Dorman, and John Clark.

Most of the Seniors had to change positions for "The good of the team" says John Clark. These student athletes include Parker Syverson, Tayvis Zima, Chandler Toczek, Will Bly, Treston Spalla and Jeffery Cukla. Even though switching positions during the season may not be expected or favored among the players, the benefits have been inarguably proven.

SEASON RECAP:

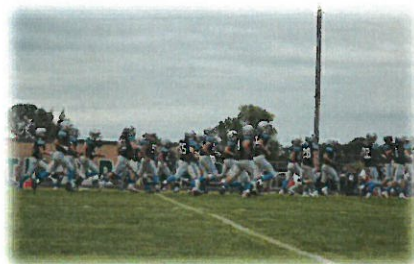
Friday August 24th, the Thunderbirds kicked off the season with a score of thirteen to fourteen against Ada-Borup.

Thunderbirds packed September with constant victory where three out of four opponent teams (Fosston, Polk County West and Lake Park-Audubon) had zero points on the scoreboard. They had slayed Lake Park-Audubon with a score of fifty-three to zero.

October games started off at Badger where the Thunderbirds scored forty-five points and Badger with zero. The most recent game on Wednesday ended with an annihilating score of forty to zero.

Offensive statistics reveal reasons for the victories this season with thirty five "Big Plays" over twenty yards each and opponents at about twelve big plays. There were thirty five "Big Plays" over twenty yards, with the opponents at twelve. Third down success percentage are at sixty percent, while fourth down is at forty-five percent.

It is official, the Thunderbirds have made it to Playoffs. Wednesday, October 17, was the last game the Seniors will play on the WHS football field as a team. The first playoff game is October 27th in Mahanomen.



#Nailedit! MW Thunderbirds, Vikings Recognition

Arianna Anderson

Reps from the MN Vikings traveled to Waubun for the Thunderbirds vs Fertile Falcons on October 17th where they announced the Thunderbirds as winners of the The Minnesota Vikings Football Community of the Year.

The Minnesota Vikings Football Community of the Year contest is a competition where people in a community have to post about their football team all over Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with certain hashtags. The hashtags were **#MWThunderbirds** and **#MNFootballCommunity**.

Mahanomen/Waubun community members posted pictures of sports teams and themselves in Thunderbird gear as well as group events such as the pallet-making crew who created and hung pallets up to show Thunderbird Spirit.



Student Life

New Cell Phone Rule Disturbs Some, Pleases Others

Amber Kologi

This school year a new cell phone holder policy was reportedly incorporated to increase focus of students during instructional time. Teachers are required to have students place their cell phones in the holder at the beginning of the class. Schools around the U.S are starting this tradition too.

"Having their phone out makes them more engaged with their phone rather than the lesson" states Principal Eric Martinez. Studies show that the average teenager gets about 6 hours and 40 minutes of screen time; Martinez would like to cut that time down.

On a research standpoint, some sites and professionals have published research in interest of the debate. According to ABC News, Professor of Psychology at Rutgers University (NJ), Dr. Arnold Glass, runs as a lead researcher. He states that "group[s] using devices score about a half a letter grade lower on exams -- the difference between passing or failing for some students. Of note, students who... [don't] use a device but ... [are] in the same classroom ... scored lower. This... [is] likely due to distraction from surrounding devices."

According to WHS students only 14% like the new rule and 86% do not. 45% do not think that it is beneficial, 39% think maybe, and 16% think

that it is.

Several students here ask the question: "are the teachers allowed to have their phone out?" Martinez answers with "no they are not, teachers should model." 83% of the students agree and 18% disagree.

Student Savanna Charette-Gonzales states that "I feel it is unfair, or even tempting to see the teacher on his or her phone. It can become a distraction, and their attention isn't really on what it supposed to be." Others argue that teachers are older than students and the students should respect that.

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Fortnite, taking the world by 'storm'

Chelsea Kologi

According to Google, Quora, and NBCNews, Fortnite was released on July 25, 2017. Since then it's been taking over the world by 'Storm' with almost 50 million people playing and making about \$300 million per month.

The game is set in modern-day living with the "point" of the game to be the final survivor(s) and to build forts to try to horde off enemies. There are many different varieties in the game also. Players can buy different things such as people, outfits, and even dances using money called V-Bucks. Most of these things are the main reason why the sixth-graders play the game. Each game lasted about 20 minutes if you do not get eliminated.

Reportedly, more than half of WHS sixth graders play Fortnite even though it is rated for age thirteen and up. The other half have heard of the game but never played it. The students who report having played Fortnite enjoy it because "Winning is easy," "You can play with other people," and players can "Buy skins, and other stuff for your character." Players can also buy different dance moves to improve their character's emotion.

Thus, controversy about the game includes deciding if parents should let their child play the game or not because of the addictiveness, suggested violence, and the ability to communicate with strangers online. INews.com states that "Culture Secretary Matt Hancock is concerned that too much time spent playing games like Fortnite could have a 'damaging impact on our children's lives. Whether it is social media or video games, children should enjoy them safely and as part of a lifestyle that includes exercise and socializing in the real world.'"



Image from players.org

Other News

WOWE Art Fully Committed

Visual Arts Educator Nadine Walker is now teaching entirely in Waubun and Ogema for the first time in years. Previously, she spent her mornings in Waubun and then commuted to Mahnomen to teach - a daily journey which was often difficult due to the nature of Minnesota weather.

Walker reports that it is not only the distance in mileage that is different this year. Other changes for this year include teaching Junior High, Kickstart, and Kindergarten.

Although Walker has taught Junior High before, she has never taught such young students (K and PreK) in the WOWE district. Walker states "I was apprehensive about it [teaching Kickstart] - they are barely housebroken."

Since there are many districts that lack an Art Specialist such as Walker, many students from other districts are left without an Art outlet in their education even though creating art has been scientifically researched and proven to boost the connection of brain cells. Walker wishes to promote this phenomena as she witnesses it every day in her classes at Waubun and Ogema. "Our students are visually talented and without a sequential art curriculum their talent does not always get recognized" says Walker.



Teaching color theory by mixing two primary colors to obtain a secondary color: K-4th grade create various color-mixing pieces.

What is MEA?

All Minnesota high school students get two days off in October every year (the third Thursday and Friday of the month).

Why? MEA (Minnesota Educators Association) was started in March of 1997. Educators involved in MEA demanded they get a break for time to conduct and participate in an annual conference. Although most teachers do not attend the annual conference held in St. Paul, they still get to enjoy the time off (even if it is packed with grading papers and planning curriculum).

According to the Startribune in an article "Minnesota to hit the road, skies," "MEA week is typically one of the busiest weeks of the year at the airport, with many families taking advantage of the kids' time off school to take one last vacation before the snow flies," Phil Burke, director of MSP Airport operations, said in a statement. With every school taking MEA off, it is no wonder that airports, hotels, and roads find this particular weekend jam-packed and busy!

Oct: Calendar of Cancer @ WHS

The month of October represents Cancer awareness and WHS groups such as student council, cheerleaders, and staff rally to bring in the dough for cancer charities.

This School year, 2018-2019 Waubun/Mahnomen hosted a "Tackle Cancer" game against Fertile on Wednesday October 17th. The Thunderbird cheerleaders painted faces and sold suckers representing the different cancers throughout the game. The Football players raffled off a jersey signed by the local team for \$279.24 to Brad Wriggle.

Additionally, Student Council sold a variety of different colored ribbons to tie to the fence to represent a loved one fighting or have fought.

All the proceeds go to the "Tackle Cancer" fund through Randy Shaver. The Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund partnered with the MFCA (Minnesota Football Coaches Association) to challenge every high school football team to sponsor at least one "Tackle Cancer" night during fall months.

"All football teams in the state do it" says Cheer Coach and English Teacher Michelle Pariso. "Every year, Randy Shaver (owner of the cancer fund) contacts all football coaches across the state." It works out in this district that the Cheerleaders are asked to host the selling of products since the football players will be on the field.

Shaver states "What makes this Fund so unique is that less than 10% of the money raised is spent on administrative costs, making it one of the most efficient uses of the charitable donations." Some things like "Grants given are spent on technology and tools...new programs...projects...and aid and assistance."



From the Journalism Room

What we DO NOT KNOW about Halloween:

1. **Samhainophobia** is the fear of Halloween.
2. The first Jack O'Lanterns were made from turnips.
3. Countries such as France and Australia see Halloween as an "unwanted and overly commercial American influence."
4. Salem, Massachusetts, and Anoka, Minnesota, are the "self-proclaimed **Halloween capitals** of the world."
5. Americans spend an estimated **\$6 billion** on Halloween annually.
6. According to tradition, if a person wears their clothes inside out and then walk backwards on Halloween, they will see a witch at midnight.
7. **Black cats, spiders, and bats** are all Halloween symbols because of their spooky history and ties to Wiccans.
8. Candy Corn was originally known as "chicken feed."
9. The candy industry in America makes around **\$2 billion** annually during Halloween season (that's 90 million pounds of chocolate).
10. In the 1940s, trick or treating **stopped** because sugar was used for the war.

<https://www.factretriever.com/halloween-facts>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/13-facts-you-never-knew-about-halloween-2013-10>

National Odd Days

Since the explosion of social media and fake news, people around the world have latched on to the fun and freshness of odd national days. The Journalism staff has compiled a list of what are some of the ODDEST out there.

- Mad Hatter Day: October 6th
- Bologana Day: October 24th
- International Skeptics Day: October 16th
- Internet Day: October 29th
- Sandwich Day: November 3rd
- Chaos Never Dies Day: November 9th
- Day of the Ninja: December 5th
- International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day: February 3rd
- Oatmeal Nut Waffle Day: March 11th
- Jelly Bean Day: April 22nd
- No Pants Day: May 4th
- Dance like a Chicken Day: May 14th

[To see more of the wackiest days of the year go to Holidayscalander.com](http://Holidayscalander.com)

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