

Class News

Senior class starts counting down

By Courtney Michael

The senior class has been working hard. At their last meeting they discussed t-shirt ideas. The design they came up with is finalized. They were reminded to bring in pictures for the senior slide show. Also they talked about possible ideas for their class trip. The seniors have hung up their class sign, which every member in the class put their footprint on and signed their name.

Whose theme is number 1?

By Brenna Wragge

Juniors start the new year with big bucks! They sponsored a soup supper during the Wisner-Pilger marathon. It was a great success! "I hope we made a kajillion dollars," says Junior Class Secretary Kayla Cech. They are also having a raffle that will run until February 8th when the drawing is held. They will be raffling off a bobcat pencil drawing, 30 pounds of beef, a Husker tie-blanket, and two gift certificates. They have planned their "BIG MEETING" for January 25th. They are all excited to finally pick a prom theme, and have been diligently working on their powerpoints.

2013 is coming fast

By Megan Svitak

The sophomores have been working hard to earn money for the next years prom. They have been working concessions stands and have been making lots of money. They are very excited to be in charge of prom and know that it will be a fun and enjoyable night for all. They still have a lot more money to make before then, but they say that it will be worth all the hard work.

The year is flying by

By Megan Svitak

The freshmen have been very busy this year trying to raise money for their prom in 2013. They have done several very successful three-point and free throw shoot-offs. They have only been able to run a few concessions stands because other classes and activities need the money as well. They are excited to be over half way done with the "pond scum" freshman year of high school.

Features

"The Survey Says"
by Kira Sabey

If you choke a Smurf, what color does it turn?

- ★ Why would you choke a Smurf? What has he ever done to you?
- ★ Fades from purple to black because you killed him!
- ★ It turns pink and starts pooping rainbows and big pink puffy Unicorns.



Who's cruel idea was it to have an "s" in the word, lisp?

- ★ Hitler
- ★ Mr. P or Mr. Speirs so they can spit everywhere!
- ★ Someone with a great sense of humor.

If they say TV is so bad for you then why do they have one in every hospital?

- ★ To keep patients occupied.
- ★ They have to give you some reason to come back!
- ★ They are morons!

If God sneezed, what would you say?

- ★ Chuck Norris blesses you!
- ★ Gazundtite!
- ★ Duck and cover!

Why does it say on CHILDRENS Tylenol not to operate heavy machinery?

- ★ They have to warn midgets, too!
- ★ Didn't know it did :)
- ★ Because tricycles really can cause some damage!

Have you ever stolen a street sign before?

- ★ Check your street corner!
- ★ Oh yeah.
- ★ Ask uncle Brian!

What is your biggest pet peeve?

- ★ When people complain about people complaining...
- ★ 8th grade boys!
- ★ Annoying questions.

What is your biggest fear?

- ★ That the juniors are the future of our country...now that's scary!
- ★ When Mr. Dobbins gets upset...
- ★ Being alone in the dark.

If you could have a life supply of candy what kind would it be and why?

- ★ Skittles because they are yummy in my tummy!
- ★ Skittles! So I can taste the rainbow every day, baby!
- ★ 100 Grand – I would be rich.

Which are better Lego's or Lincoln logs?

- ★ Lincoln logs

- ★ Lego's by far!
- ★ Lego's- they are a major choking hazard!

Wal-Mart, Target or Kmart?

- ★ Hy-Vee cause there's a helpful smile in every aisle!
- ★ Target – 19
- ★ Wal-Mart - 12

What pillow pet would you want?

- ★ Unicorn because its so fluffy, I could die!
- ★ Dolphin
- ★ Monkey

Likes/Gripes

By Sam Schlautman

Like: Your NFL team had a great season and are projected to win the Super Bowl.

Gripe: They lose to fat Rex Ryan and the Jets.

Like: You recently have tried to make Mr. Dobbins your facebook friend.

Gripe: Even though he is not your friend and never will be, he gets a picture of you with your girlfriend and your half wife.

Like: Packers stink!

Gripe: Packers still stink-that's right Nick!

Like: You have a nice girlfriend who does all your College English for you.

Gripe: You actually have to do an assignment by yourself and you get an F.

Like: You are on the basketball team and having a fun time.

Gripe: Every day in practice you get swatted by Matt Gooch.

Packers Stink!

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Seniors



Name: Eric Michael Meyer

Birthday: November 26, 1992

Nickname: "Meerkat," "Hispy"

Favorite Movies: "Fast and Furious" series and "Brooklyn's Finest"

Irrational Fear: needles, garter and bull snakes.

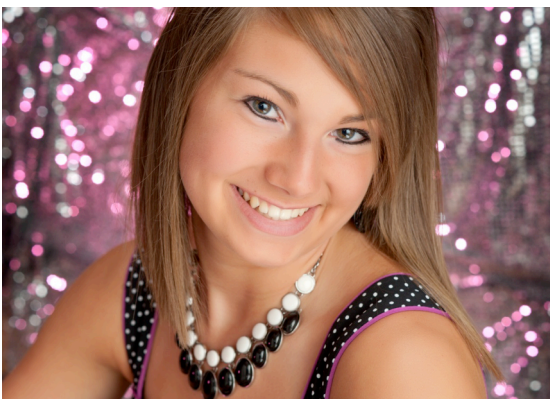
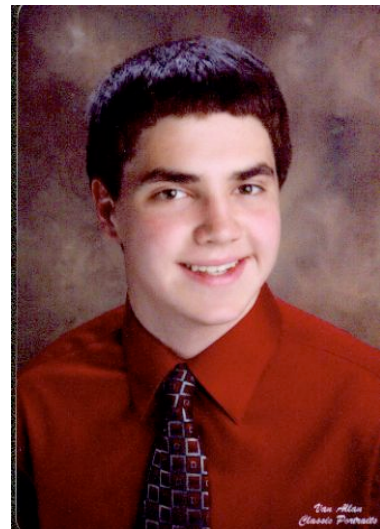
Name: Adam Mark Vogel

Birthday: January 28, 1993

Nickname: "Vogs"

Favorite Movies: "Lord of the Rings" trilogy

Irrational Fear: drowning



Name: Janessa Marie Evert

Birthday: February 4th, 1993

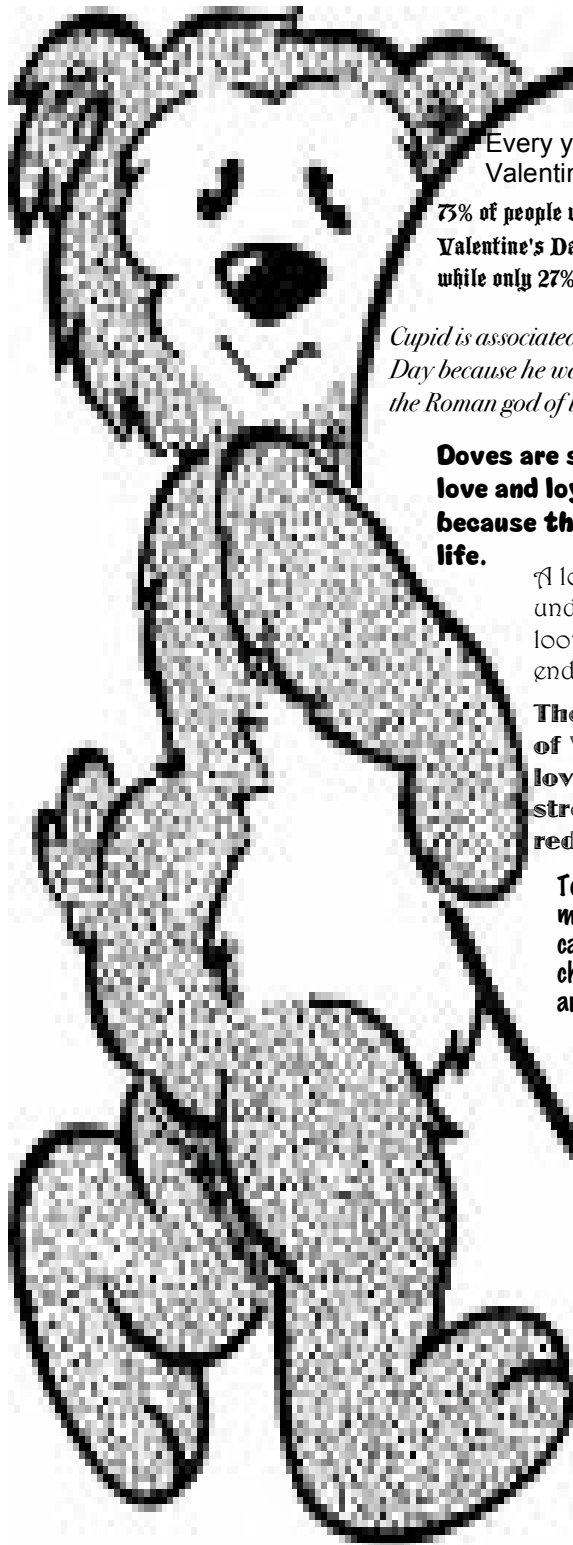
Nickname: "Jay"

Favorite Movie: "The Notebook"

Irrational Fears: snakes, needles, and blood

Valentine's Day facts

By Kristin Jindra



Every year around 1 billion Valentine cards are sent.

73% of people who buy Valentine's Day flowers are men, while only 27% are women.

Cupid is associated with Valentine's Day because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty.

Doves are symbols of love and loyalty because they mate for life.

A love knot is a symbol of undying love, as its twisting loops have no beginnings or ends.

The red rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. The color red stands for strong romantic feelings making the red rose the flower of love.

Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts.

The heart is associated with Valentine's Day as it is considered the source of all human emotions.

In the Middle Ages young men and women drew the names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned on their sleeves for one week. This was known as "to wear your heart on your sleeve".

Verona, the Italian city where Shakespeare's play lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters every year sent to Juliet on Valentine's Day.

The oldest surviving love poem to date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C.



Horoscopes

By Kira Sabey

Aries (Mar.21- April 20)

You will do extremely well if you get involved in competitive activities this month. Don't hesitate to take short trips. You'll enjoy physical activities more than you think. False information from someone trying to start problems is likely.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

Taurus (Apr. 21- May 21)

You have made accurate assessment of the situation and have come up with ideas that will save money. You'll regret every word for some time to come. Don't let children or elders put demands on your time. Family outings that aren't expensive will be enjoyable and help strengthen ties.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

Gemini (May 22- June 21)

Take a look at the possibilities of starting a small part time business with friends or relatives. Communication will be the source of your knowledge and you must be sure to spend time with those who have more experience. Use your creative flair. Make plans to do the things you enjoy. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

Leo (July 23- Aug 22)

Inharmonious situations at home may occur extremely upsetting for you this month. Be careful that you don't overextend yourself. Join a choir or a drama club. You may be considering moving to larger quarters. Try to get out and socialize. Your luckiest events this month will occur on Saturday

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 23)

Abrupt changes in your home may send you for a loop. Career changes may not be your choice right now, but in the long run they will be to your advantage. It's a good time for long awaited relationships to begin. Join a club to work off excess energy; but consider ways of doing that without spending money. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Large organizations may try to talk you out of your hard-earned cash. You can take advantage of opportunities if you are quick to make a move. The information that you gain can be used in every aspect of your life. You'll find travel or involvement in large groups gratifying. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24- Nov. 22)

Raise your self-esteem and your confidence if you want to get back into the mainstream again. Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. You may not see your situation clearly. You will have a blowup this month if your partner does things that you feel are not aboveboard. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23- Dec. 21)

Be sure to get involved with those who can introduce you to unusual forms of entertainment. This will not be the best day to initiate change. Secret affairs may be brought out in the open. Organize your day well if you wish to accomplish all you set out to do. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

You will find that social activities will be enjoyable and will promote new connections. Do your own research and be prepared. Positive changes regarding your personal status are evident. You need to spend some time getting to know this person all over again. Your luckiest event this month will occur on a Monday.

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)

Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. Spend time with youngsters this month. Think twice before you pursue an unrealistic endeavor. Put your energy into moneymaking ventures. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

Pisces (Feb. 20- Mar. 20)

Minor health problems may flare up if you haven't been taking care of yourself or have been burning the candle at both ends. Assist a relative or good friend by setting of a budget for them. You should be able to get involved in an interesting proposition this month. Avoid any over indulgences. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

Kathi Meyer is new exchange student

By Megan Svitak

Katharina Meyer is the newest exchange student that we have welcomed into Howells High. Katharina also likes going by the name Kathi. Kathi is 17 with her birthday being on August 29th. She is from Germany and will be staying with Riley Kulhanek and her family until May 27th. She says that so far she really likes it here and that some of the different things about life here are the school, food, weekends, people, and houses. She mentioned that one of the things that are pretty much the same would be the church. Kathi has six people in her family, and she speaks Spanish, French, English, and of course German. Her favorite teacher so far is Mrs. Sindelar, and her favorite classes are Sociology and Art. While she is here Kathi plans on taking Track and possibly Speech Team. Some of the things that she enjoys doing include playing tennis, dancing, meeting with friends, and traveling. After high school Kathi plans on attending college. Kathi's favorite movie is "Beim Leben Meiner Schwester" She doesn't like her fears ☺ and her favorite foods are sandwiches and pizza.





Activities



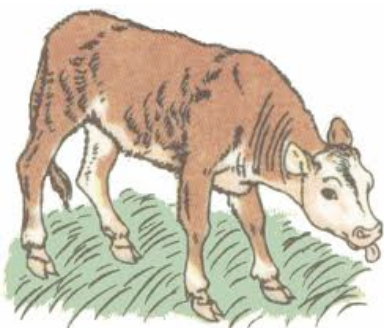
Dance team performs at nursing home By Brook Brester

The dance team has been busy working on learning a senior tribute dance. This dance allowed the seniors to choreograph thirty seconds of a song of their choice. The tribute includes a chair portion, hip-hop portion, and Mama Mia. The dance teams' first performance of this song was on January 14th, during the half time of the boys' varsity game against Wisner Pilger. On January 18th, the dance team traveled to the Dodge nursing home to perform their dances. The girls did a great job especially with what little room they had to perform. Everyone loved them!!



FCCLA presents STAR events By Brook Brester

The FCCLA chapter sponsored a "Christmas On" day. This day allowed people the chance to donate any amount of money and wear hats, socks, ugly sweaters, or any other Christmas wears. The chapter wants to thank everyone that donated. The chapter raised \$170 to help support the Nebraska Cancer Coalition. On January 21st, members traveled to Schuyler for District 5 STAR events. Members that were named District Champions and who will represent the district at State STAR events in Lincoln include: Ann Pospisil-Family Challenges and Issues Sr., Cori Renner, Janessa Evert, Emily Chebuhar-Chapter Service Sr., Kira Sabey and Cera Cech-Chapter Showcase, Paige Indra, Makenzie Polacek, Haley Kampschnieder-Entrepreneurship Sr., Brook Brester, Katee Rocheford, Ashley Bazata-Focus On Children Sr., Dillon Dostal, Adam Vogel-Interpersonal Communications Sr., Eric Meyer-Job Interview Sr., Brenna Wragge, Megan Chebuhar-Nation Programs In Action Sr., Jordan Brichacek, Brian Bayer, Sam Schlautman, Eric Coufal, Mitch Belina, Trent Mastny, Tyler Brester, Jarrod Bazata-Parliamentary Procedure Sr., Amber Burenheide, Kaitlyn Janata-Interior Design Sr., Mitch Kampschnieder, Kyle Sayers, Brady Brester-Advocacy, Emily Brichacek, Jill Rocheford-Focus On Children Jr., Amanda Evert, Breanne Brester-Chapter Service Jr., Tiffany Sabey-Promote and Publicize Jr. Other Gold medal winners include Courtney Michael and Megan Svitak in Life Event Planning. Silver Medal winners include Trevor Blum-Parliamentary Procedure Test and Cody Sellhorst-Career Investigation Sr. Congratulation to everyone and good luck at State!!!



FFA getting ready for judging By Brenna Wragge



During the busy winter months, FFA adds to all the excitement. The members recently had their Christmas party, which included watching "Grown Ups" and eating hamburgers. A while later, FFA intended on collecting Christmas trees, which didn't go over as planned. The seniors are tediously working on their record books to complete them. Then on January 27, 16 members are competing in District Livestock Judging.



National Honor Society inducts new members

By Emily Chebuhar

NHS activities got into full swing in December, starting with the induction ceremony on December 20. Five new members were inducted: senior Ashley Bazata, juniors Amber Burenheide and Trent Mastny, and sophomores Haley Kampschnieder and Makenzie Polacek. The NHS members held a food drive the week before semester tests. The food drive was a tremendous success! The seniors and juniors had the most donations and got to go first in the lunch line during semester test week. At the Humphrey basketball game on January 29, the members raised money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by selling cut out hearts that people could sign. The hearts were then hung on the wall near the front doors of the school. The NHS members will continue this fundraiser in school in February.



Speech season has begun

By Emily Chebuhar

The speech team started the season with their first meet, the Pierce Invite, on January 15. Overall, the team experienced great success with several members placing in their events. Finishing in the top 3 were: Haley Kampschnieder 2nd and Amber Burenheide 3rd in JV Impromptu, Brenna Wragge 3rd in Varsity Informative, Adam Vogel 2nd in Varsity Humorous, and Janessa Evert 2nd in JV Persuasive. In the junior varsity division, Howells tied for 5th place out of 21 teams. In the varsity division, the Howells team received 6th place. Next up was the North Bend Central Speech Meet on January 22, where the team earned first place! Between JV and Varsity, the team had at least one finalist in 15 events. Champions that day were: Brenna Wragge in Varsity Informative, Adam Vogel in Varsity Humorous, and Makenzie Polacek in JV Entertainment. On January 29 the team traveled to Stanton where they faced some tough competition. They were still able to be successful, placing second as a team in the JV sweepstakes and third as a team in the varsity sweepstakes. Highlights of the day included Brenna's 1st place finish in Varsity Informative and the Radio TBS OID team's 1st place finish in JV OID. Runners-up in their events were Kaitlyn in JV Informative and Kathi in JV Humorous.

Sports

Basketball back from the break

By Kristin Jindra

Before Christmas break, the girls played the Oakland-Craig makeup game on December 20th. Another win for the Howells Bobcats. Back from Christmas break, on January 7th the girls played Humphrey Saint Francis. They won 57-47. January 8th was the game against Scribner-Snyder and another win, 52-41. January 14th was against Wisner-Pilger, which we won 48-37. January 15th was Newman Grove as another win, 37-24. January 18th was Lindsay Holy Family and their second loss for the season. Nearing the end of January, on the 28th was vs. Clarkson, a big win for the bobcats, and the 29th was against Humphrey High, an even bigger win. Congratulations ladies and good luck at conference!



Bobcats on a roll!

By Sam Schlautman

The Howells hoopsters are moving along picking up wins over quality teams in West Point CC and Humphrey High. With those wins and only one loss so far on the schedule the Cats have totaled a 14-1 record. The bobcats have been led thus far with scoring by Brian Bayer and an increase in three point shooting by Tyler Brester and Dillon Dostal. Also helping out is Matt Gooch rebounding anything that is missed and great defensive play by Trent Mastny and Mitch Belina. The Bobcats have the conference tournament next which includes a home game against Fullerton and a possible rematch against Clarkson and Humphrey High in the semi-finals and finals. They close out the year with three out of the four games against conference foes.



Wrestlers continue to dominate

By Katee Rocheford

The wrestlers have been on the road a lot this season. Their recent travels have taken them to the Logan View tournament on December 18th, Winside on January 8th, Madison on January 13th, West Holt on January 15th, Norfolk on January 20th and to Oakland-Craig tournament on January 22nd. The team results for these tournaments are as follows: at the Logan View invite the team finished 3rd, at Winside the boys pulled off a 3rd place finish, they were defeated by Madison at the Madison dual, but brought home a 2nd place plaque from the West Holt invitational, the boys won the Norfolk Catholic Dual, and finished 2nd at Oakland-Craig.



