

# Sports



## **Volleyball team starts year off with a win**

By Brook Brester

This year's volleyball team members are Emily Chebuhar, Julie Hegemann, Janessa Evert, Megan Chebuhar, Megan Svitak, Paige Indra, Amber Burenheide, Ashley Bazata, Katee Rocheford, Kaitlyn Janata, Haley Kampschnieder, Breanne Brester, Amanda Evert, Makenzie Polacek, Emily Brichacek, Kristin Jindra, and Jill Rocheford. After getting beat the first set by Humphrey St, Francis, the girls came back highly energized and ready to play. This then started off their season with a win. The girls then traveled to Lindsay Holy Family on September 4<sup>th</sup> for a tournament, where they received first place. Congratulations, girls, and good luck with the rest of the season!!

## **Bobcats dominate to start the season**

By Sam Schlautman



The Howells Football Team is off to a rip-roaring start. The Bobcats beat West Point CC in their first game 40-6. Trent Mastny led the rushing attack with 27 carries for 198 yards. The bobcats showed they could throw with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Brian Bayer. The team is led this year by seniors Cory Brester, Tyler Brester, Matt Brester, Nick Bracht, Sam Schlautman, and Casey Sayers. Juniors Brian Bayer, Trent Mastny, Mitch Belina, Jordan Brichacek, Adam Burenheide, Eric Coufal, Ethan Wiese, and Jarrod Bazata finish off the list of upperclassmen. Brady Brester, Matthew Gooch, Brandon Wragge, Kyle Sayers, Mitch Kampschnieder, Nathan Bazata, and Jason Ortmeier are the sophomores. Finally, freshmen, Tucker Kulhanek Luke Hegemann, Devin Risch, Clint Fiala, and Justin Christiansen round off the rest of the team. Next up for the Bobcats were the Mead Raiders and the Howells team won by a score of 68-6. The team will play their next game at Bloomfield on September 17.



## **Swinging away with softball**

By Kayla Hegemann

This year's softball team has had a rough beginning for its season. Games began the first week of school. Cera Cech and Kayla Hegemann are the only two who are pitchin' in with softball for the Schuyler Warriors from Howells. The junior varsity team is currently undefeated. The varsity---not so much. The team has lost several games and won only two. They have a tough schedule ahead of them!

# Activities



## **FFA is back at it** By Kristin Jindra

Last year at Awards Night the 2010-2011 FFA officers were installed. Senior Matthew Brester is the President. Juniors Amber Burenheide and Trent Mastny are the Vice Presidents. Senior Riley Kulhanek is the Secretary. Junior Eric Coufal is the Treasurer. Junior Adam Burenheide is the Parliamentarian. Senior Julie Hegemann is the Reporter. On August 22nd, the FFA had their back-to-school barbecue at the baseball park where they had hamburgers, chips, Gatorade, and cake. After they finished eating, the FFA members went to the Howells pool to swim. On September 15th, the freshmen and seniors in FFA will be going to Husker Harvest Days. What a great way to get back into the school routine!

## **NHS is planning to raise money** By Brook Brester

The National Honor Society is planning on raising some money as one of their first priorities of the year. The members plan on doing a couple of concession stands so that they can sponsor activities throughout the year. The NHS members picked up trash for their Adopt-A-Highway project on Monday, September 13. Mr. Dobbins is the new NHS adviser.



## **FCCLA gets rolling!** By Brenna Wragge



FCCLA kicked off its year with the introduction of officers. The new officers are as follows: Katee Rocheford- President, Brook Brester- Vice President, Janessa Evert- District 5 President, Cori Renner- Secretary, Megan Chebuhar- Treasurer, Emily Chebuhar- Publicity Chairperson, Brenna Wragge- Historian, Ashley Bazata- Power of One Chairperson, and Sam Schlautman- Recreation Chairperson. These officers attended the Fall Leadership Workshop on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. The annual FCCLA tour will be scheduled for Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for the Senior and Junior members. They will be eating brunch, touring Memorial Stadium, and finishing the day at the Nebraska Correctional Center. Other business discussed at the meeting included chapter parents, goals for the year, District Leadership Conference on October 1<sup>st</sup> in David City, and District STAR events on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Schuyler. All the members are looking forward to another ambitious and successful year!

## **Spirit week is an epic success**

By Katee Rocheford



Well, Homecoming is now over and the overall week was found to be an epic success. Monday the dance team brought out the bobcat spirit in everyone with the staging of the Mr. Howells Pageant. The dance team would like to send out a thank you to everyone who helped, especially the males that were so brave and never hesitant to show their spirit! Following the pageant was the pep rally put on by the senior class and the bonfire. The burning of the effigy felt pretty darn good. Tuesday was "Rock Star Day" and that day is best summed up by one word...BLACK. To wrap that day up Dillon Dostal said, "All I see is a ring of darkness surrounding me, or maybe it's just my eyeliner." Wednesday was "Senior Citizen Day" and the student body successfully turned a high school into a nursing home. The walker/cane parking lot at lunch in front of the trophy case was by far the highlight of that day! Thursday, which was "Red Carpet Day", attracted the ladies. Mostly females dressed up and there was a very fine example of Marilyn Monroe that day portrayed by the one and only Brenna Wragge. Give her props for that one! Friday was "Spirit Day", and it was a sea of black and orange! All in all, we had a rebirth in school spirit this year and it was good to see. Go Bobcats!



## **Homecoming 2010 was an enjoyable event**

By Courtney Michael

The theme this year for homecoming was "You're the One That I Want" from the movie "Grease". Janessa Evert received the honor of being homecoming queen and was escorted by Sam Schlautman who was crowned the king. The first attendant was Ashley Bazata. The second attendants were Katee Rocheford, Cory Brester, and Tyler Brester. The third attendants are Brook Brester, and Dillon Dostal. The junior escorts were Amber Burenheide and Jordan Brichacek. The master of the ceremonies was Eric Coufal. The swordbearers were Mitch Belina and Brian Bayer. The crown bearers were Lexi Brester and Luke Rocheford. Overall, this night was a total success, and everybody seemed to enjoy the dance.



# Features

## Welcoming Hui Su Jeong

By Kristin Jindra

This year we are happy to welcome our new foreign exchange student, Hui Su (Hee Sue) Jeong. Hui Su is from Korea, but she also lived in India for a couple years. She said that life in Korea is a lot different from life here. She mainly mentioned how the school and traditions are different. The one thing she said was the same here are the shopping malls. Hui Su lives with her mom, dad, her older brother, her nephew, two cousins and sometimes she lives with her grandma. They all live together in an apartment on the 17th/18th floor. Hui Su likes to play the piano and she also likes to decorate things like scrapbooks.

## Likes/Gripes

By: Sam Schlautman

Like: It's another start to a new school year!

Gripe: It's another start to a new school year.

Like: You're a good volleyball player and the season is heating up.

Gripe: You have chocolate hair and are referred to as "boot lady"

Like: You're playing 21 after lunch and it is a good time!

Gripe: You start chasing Casey Sayers and get blindsided by Eric Meyer.

Like: Your name is LeBron James and you get traded to the Miami Heat along with Chris Bosh to aid D-Wade in hopes of finally winning a championship.

Gripe: Little do you know, you still have not won any championships and Kobe Bryant is laughing at you right now!

Like: There is a new UFL team in Omaha and famous players are being added to the team.

Gripe: The players that are added are either NFL wash-ups or people getting out of jail.



## Movie Review- Eat Pray Love

By Brenna Wragge

After a heartbreaking divorce, one thirty year old sets out on a mission: to pursue pleasure in Italy, to hunt devotion in India, and to chase balance in Indonesia. Elizabeth Gilbert gave everything she owned to her soon-to-be (hopefully) ex-husband just to finally settle the divorce he never wanted to finalize. So with a suitcase in hand, she set out on a year journey to find herself. To Italy, she goes! Liz is honest with you. She didn't go to Italy to see all the cathedrals and famous statues. She went for one reason and that reason only...to eat. She didn't deprive herself either. So thirty pounds heavier, she makes her way to India to pray. Here she meets with a Guru (a spiritual healer). She and about thirty other lucky people meditate day in and day out for four months here. This is a very important emotional and spiritual healing for her. Eager to leave, nonetheless, she heads off to Bali, Indonesia. She falls head over heels in love, but doesn't think she deserves it. This is where she learned to balance her life, and modeled the best act of kindness. Her birthday was coming up so she e-mailed her friends and family and told them she had befriended this mother and daughter in Bali. She told them that she doesn't want presents this year, but if they would be so generous as to donate money to this "family" so they will be able to live in an actual house. A few weeks later, she handed them twenty thousand dollars, and they began their work. But to experience the complete insight of Liz's journey, go see this movie for yourself!



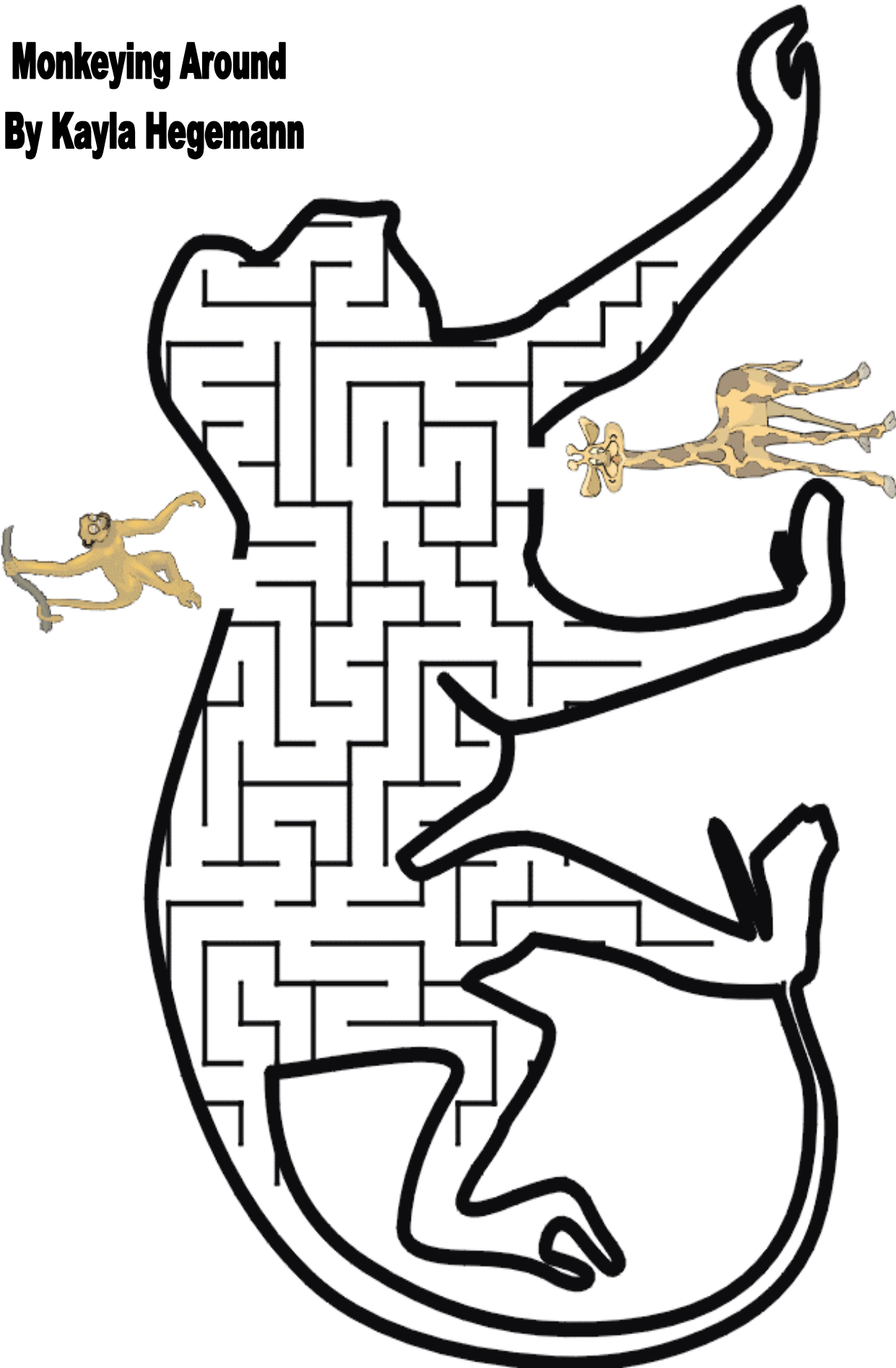
# Survey

By Courtney Michael

1. What do you look forward to the most this school year?  
~prom, graduation, football, basketball, the last day of school, volleyball games
2. What sport/activity are you excited for this year?  
basketball, FFA, football, volleyball, dancing at games, FCCLA, wrestling, speech, track
3. What teacher phrase did you miss the most this summer?  
Mr. P~ “Put everything away!!!!”, “Dang it!”  
Senorita~“Ok, we all need to focus!!”  
Mrs. Fritzinger~”Super cool!”, “We’re busier than one-armed paper hangers”, and “Showdown in the OK-corral”  
Mr. Speirs ~ “MMMMHHMMMM!!”
4. What distracts you the most in school?  
Trey Taylor, hot girls, people talking loudly, Mr. Jones, people talking when you’re trying to do work, not a lot---I’m pretty focused, hunger!
5. If you were a teacher, which one would you be and why?  
Mr. Jones, he can go into the lab and blow things up.  
Mr. Speirs, he gets to coach, be sarcastic, and cool all the time.  
Mrs. Anderson, because she is the best and because I love art.  
Senorita, she is fun, creative, and her classroom is colorful. She is also the bomb diggidy, and everybody loves her.  
Mr. P, he is always in a good mood and gets to play his music loud.
6. If our school could have a “theme song” what would it be?  
“Heart Of A Champion”  
“We Will Rock You”  
“We Are The Champions”  
“The Great Escape”  
“I Like It”

**Monkeying Around**

**By Kayla Hegemann**





## Senior Tributes



**Name:** Brenna Rose Wragge

**Birthday:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1993

**Nickname:** Bren

**Favorite Movies:** "Killers" & "The Ugly Truth"

**Irrational Fears:** June bugs & needles

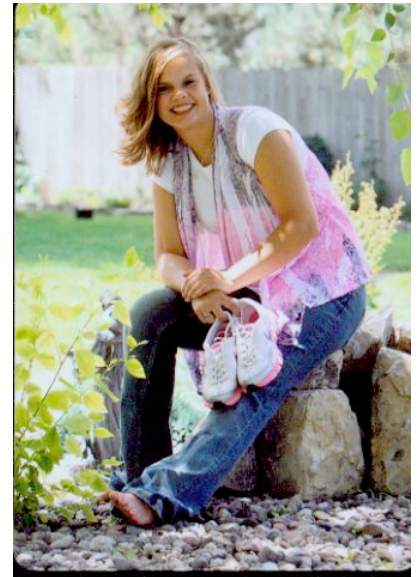
**Name:** Brook Michele Brester

**Birthday:** March 17, 1993

**Nickname:** Darla

**Favorite Movies:** "The Prince & Me", "Save the Last Dance"

**Irrational Fear:** snakes, mice, death



**Name:** Megan Elizabeth Chebuhar

**Birthday:** March 24, 1993

**Nickname:** Chocolate, Reggie

**Favorite Movies:** "Remember the Titans", "A Walk to Remember", "Glory Road"

**Irrational Fear:** snakes, crickets