

# JAGUAR JAMBOREE



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A JAGUAR

# *Senior Tribute*

## *Atticus Griffin*



Atticus Griffin was born on April 17, 2007. After high school, Atticus plans to attend Wayne State College for accounting. Throughout his high school career, Atticus learned the importance of spending time with his family, and he encourages future seniors to do the same. When asked what he will miss most about Howells-Dodge, Atticus said he would miss all the time he spent reading. If he could change one thing about school, he said he wished he could leave early some days. Someone who inspires Atticus is Oprah. When asked about his favorite lunch, he said it was breaded beef and buttered spuds.

-Matt Brester

# Ava Noyd Senior Tribute



Ava Noyd was born on June 4, 2007, to Rueben and Lyza Noyd. She is the oldest of 4: Norah, Ella, and Willa. They live in the country. Their family's golden retriever is named Saylor. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, one act, FCCLA, NHSS, and student council. When she has free time she likes to watch TV. Her favorite class in school is psychology. The potato bowl is her favorite school lunch. When Ava was asked what rules she would change or add if she were the principal for the day she said she would allow phones. Ava plans to go to Wayne State College and major in business finance. If she won the lottery her first purchase would be a new car. If Ava could give advice to her freshman self she would say, "Live life for yourself and don't care what other people think about you."

-Isabella Wegner

# TEACHER TRIBUTE

## MRS. BECKER



Mrs. Becker was born July 18th and grew up in Bow Valley Nebraska. She is the youngest of her siblings, she has an older sister and two older brothers. She attended Wynot High School and was involved in volleyball, basketball, track, and student council. After high school, she went to Midland Lutheran College and majored in education with a K-12 endorsement in Health and Physical Education. She first started teaching at Dodge Public School. She took the job at Dodge because she really liked the idea of teaching at a small school and living in a small town. The fact that they had a great tradition of athletic success made it even better!

Mrs. Becker and her husband Curt got married on July 12, 2003. She has two daughters Peyton and Sawyer. In her free time she likes working out, reading, traveling, hanging with her family, and attending sporting events. When asked why she decided to coach girls' basketball, she said, "I have always loved the game of basketball and it has been a big part of my life since I was little. After college I was not ready to give it up, so the best way to stay involved was coaching. Looking back on the last 23 years of coaching I think the best part of it is the relationships that I have made with former players. You spend a lot of time with your team during the season and you go through a lot of ups and downs. Battling through the ups and downs of a season and putting in a crazy amount of hard work to reach your goals creates a special bond among a team and it is pretty cool to be a small part of that each year." When asked what was on her bucket list she said, "I want to visit all 50 states. When I retire I want to spend the winter months sitting on a beach and playing pickleball somewhere warm." When Mrs. Becker was asked if she won the lottery what would she buy? She said, "I would buy a vacation home on a beach in Florida, I would also take a lot more vacations!"



# STAFF TRIBUTE

## *Kevin Gall*

→ What school did you attend for college?

“Metro Tech”

→ What do you like the most about our school?

“The people”

→ What is your favorite High School memory?

“Sports”

→ If you could have a different job what would it be and why?

“Outdoor conservancy”

→ What is your favorite part of your job?

“The kids”



- Taylor Steffensmeier



## Jaguar Wrestling



The Jaguar Wrestling team has had a lot of ups and downs this season. However, the Jaguar wrestling team has found a way to keep being successful and keep pushing forward as their season is creeping closer and closer to an end. Since the last jamboree, the Jaguars have had a lot of tournaments where they fought for a better record and a lot more experience so that they can reach their final goal of having as many wrestlers as possible down at the state tournament.

These are the tournaments that the Jaguars have been at since the last jamboree:

12/12/24 Triangular @ Pender

12/14/24 Tournament @ Osceola

12/17/24 Quad @ Clarkson

12/21/24 Tournament @ Wisner-Pilger

12/28/24 Tournament @ Shelby-Rising City

1/9/25 Triangular @ Tilden

1/11/25 Tournament @ Summerland

1/18/25 Tournament @ Battle Creek

1/21/25 Dual Vs. Stanton @ Howells

The Jaguars only have 4 more tournaments until they go off to Central Valley for their districts and a chance to go to the state tournament! The district's team will be Dylan Brichacek, Konner Bourek, Blane Stutzman, Preston Kumm, Evan Hegemann, Parker Jensen, Ethan Coufal, Brody Throener, and Evan Coufal.

By: Melvin Delgado



# Jaguar Bowling

The girl's bowling team starts their season off with a bang. Their current record is 8-4. The girl's team includes junior Annemaire Slaughter, junior Eva Martin, sophomore Autumn Slaughter, sophomore Addison Beeks, and freshman Audrey Praest. Eva Martin at this moment holds the most points scored with 11 points. Eva Martin also holds the highest game with a score of 209. For bakers, the girls hold a bakers average of 140.

The boys bowling team starts the season with a record of 2-10. The boys' bowling team consists of seniors Alex Beyer, Manuel Sotelo-Trujilo, juniors Garret Praest, Caden Reese, Jose Arita-Segovia, sophomore Cameron Long, and freshman Weston Jacobsen. For the boys, Caden Reese currently holds the most points in the season with 6.5 points. The highest game is held currently by Garret Praest with a score of 197. In the season the boys have obtained a baker's average of 137.

The bowling team bowls in Dodge on January 9th, and January 28th, which will be their last home match other than districts. This season the team will be traveling to Wayne, Norfolk, Northbend, Humphrey, and Pender. The team will also be hosting districts in Dodge on February 4th for the girls and February 5th for the boys.

- Autumn Slaughter







## Jaguars Boys Basketball

The Jaguars have been on a strong run recently in basketball. They kicked things off with a 47-39 victory over the Humphrey-Lindsay Bulldogs at the last jamboree. Following that win, the Jags participated in the Holiday Tournament, where they suffered a 50-38 loss to Sandy Creek in their opening game. However, they bounced back in the consolation game with a 57-53 win over Fort Calhoun. After the tournament, the Jags faced the ranked Archangels Catholic, securing a dominant 51-34 victory. The very next day, they took on GACC and cruised to a 71-52 win. The Jags then hosted Wisner-Pilger at home and won decisively, 73-25. They followed that up with a hard-fought 47-42 victory over the Mead Raiders on the road. However, they recently faced a tough loss to Bancroft, falling 60-46. Next up for the Jags is a matchup against the Tekamah-Herman Tigers in Dodge on Friday, followed by a game against the 14-1 Pender Pendragons in Pender. Good luck to the Jags! Keep up the good season.



By: Carson Heard





# Lady Jags are on a Roll

The Lady Jags are now 10-5. They ended December losing to Oakland Craig 36-50 and West Point-Beemer 29-39. They then defeated Lyons-Decatur Northeast 58-18. They lost to Clarkson-Leigh in a heartbreaker 34-36. They then went on to win in double overtime against Humphrey-Lindsey Academy 54-49 to end December. At the beginning of January, the Jags won their Holiday Tournament, defeating Sandy Creek 45-27 and Fort Calhoun 52-48. They beat Humphrey Archangels Catholic 41-22 and lost to GACC the next day 65-50. They went on a great winning streak recently defeating Lutheran High Northeast 61-42, Wisner-Pilger 46-31, and Mead 64-15. On Tuesday, the Lady Jags traveled to Bancroft and took on the Bancroft-Rosalie Panthers. They lost in overtime with a score of 43-53. They will host Tekamah-Herman in Dodge on Friday, January 24.



-Ava Noyd

## ***JAGUAR SPEECH IS FINDING THEIR GROOVE!***

The Jaguar Speech Team is starting up their season! On Saturday, January 18th, the Jaguar Jaunt practice meet was held in Howells hosting Leigh, Pender, and Madison. This miniature meet is the perfect way for everyone to get their feet wet as it is still very early in the season. The Jags have a competitive season ahead of them, though, with the Scotus Shamrock Invite on the 25th and Howells–Dodge’s very own Jaguar Jabber on the 29th. Not only are the Jags competing with other teams, but throughout the season they are always competing against their own teammates. The team’s motto this year is “Bring it on,” from the movie “The Emperor’s New Groove.”

THE EVENTS	JAGUAR COMPETITORS					
<i>INFORMATIVE</i>	Isabel	Autumn	Alessa			
<i>PERSUASIVE</i>	Isabel	Madi				
<i>ENTERTAINMENT</i>	Garret	Noah	Annaleece			
<i>EXTEMP</i>	Addi	Alessa				
<i>HUMOROUS</i>	Amy	Garret	Audrey	Isaiah		
<i>SERIOUS</i>	Adyson	Madi	Shayla	Audrey	Annemarie	Eva
<i>POETRY</i>	Annemarie	Addi				
<i>P.O.I.</i>	Adyson	Annemarie				
<i>DUET</i>	Amy & Noah	Cooper & Isaiah	Allie & Isabella	Gabe & Jose	Addi & Annaleece	
<i>O.I.D.</i>	Adyson, Amy, Cooper, Noah, & Isabella			Garret, Nathan, Isabel, & Allie		

**\*Events can easily change throughout the season\***

~ ADYSON K.



## FCCLA takes on Districts

The Howells-Dodge FCCLA Chapter traveled to Schuyler for districts on Friday, January 17th. Each member created an individual or group project to prepare a star event to present at districts. After a day full of presenting and members showing off their hard work awards were handed out and 11 out of the 14 groups who participated made it to State FCCLA!

### Gold Medal Winners

**Kylie Brichacek, Allie Dirkschneider, Brody Throener (State Qualifier)**

(Level 2) Chapter in Review Display

**Audrey Brabec and Bella Koliha (State Qualifier)**

(Level 2) Nutrition and Wellness

**Chase Luther, Nathan Tomcak, Ethan Prusa (State Qualifier)**

(Level 3) Nutrition and Wellness

**Maura Cada, McKenzie, Isabella Wegner (State Qualifier)**

(Level 2) Professional Presentation

**Melvin Delgado, Carson Heard, Hailey Knapp (State Qualifier)**

(Level 3) Sports Nutrition

### Silver Medal Winners

**Kelsie Coufal (State Qualifier)**

(Level 3) Career Investigation

**Kenadie Throener, Jose Arita-Segoria, Andre Martin (State Qualifier)**

(Level 3) Chapter in Review Display

**Jade Bayer, Ava Noyd, Taylor Steffensmeier (State Qualifier)**

(Level 3) Interpersonal Communications

**Isabel Belina, Noah Coufal, Briggs Ernst, Adyson Krupka, Hunter Luther, Annemarie**

**Slaughter, Autumn Slaughter (State Qualifier)**

(Level 3) Parliamentary Procedure Team

**Alessa Gall and Shayla Gall**

(Level 3) Professional Presentation

**Dane Meyer, Cooper Kreikemeier, Konner Bourek**

(Level 3) Repurpose and Redesign

**Brittney Faltys, Ava Koliha, Riley Svehla (State Qualifier)**

(Level 2) Repurpose and Redesign

**Cole Bayer, Peyton Becker, Isaac Meyer (State Qualifier)**

(Level 2) Sports Nutrition

Bronze Medal Winners: **Addison Beeks and Annaleece Beason-** (Level 2) Focus on Children

# **Jaguar Q & A**

We randomly interviewed staff and students around the school on some questions. Here are the questions and some of their responses...

**Q. If you had to switch bodies/places with someone for a week, who would you switch with?**

A. Mr. Speirs- "Mr. Ernst, so I could drain his bank account"

A. Cash Renz- "Ethan Prusa"

A. Mrs. Vanlengen- "Megan Moroney"

A. Avery Bayer- "Sawyer Becker"

**Q. What's your favorite pizza topping?**

A. Mrs. Vanlengen- "All of them"

A. Dylan Lienemann- "Cheese"

**Q. Would you rather always have to tell the truth or always have to lie?**

A. Mr. Speirs- "I'd always want to tell the truth but maybe that's a lie"  
(every other student/staff member said they'd just tell the truth)

**Q. Would you rather never be able to speak again or have to say everything on your mind?**

A. Cash Renz- "Never speak again, there's always bad things on my mind"

A. Mrs. Vanlegen- "Say everything on my mind"

A. Dylan Lienemann- "Never be able to speak again, all the talking I do gets me in trouble anyways"

-Peyten Becker

## Jaguar Upcoming Events

**Thursday, January 23:** Bowling @ Pender (5:30 p.m.)

**Friday, January 24:** G/B Basketball vs. Tekamah Herman @ Dodge (4 p.m.) (Grades 1 & 2 boys play halftime of varsity girls)

**Saturday, January 25:** Boys Basketball @ Pender (5:30 p.m.); High School Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig (9 a.m.); Scotus Speech Meet (8:30 p.m.)

**Sunday, January 26:** Farmland Basketball @ Howells (5-7:30 p.m.)

**Monday, January 27:** JH Boys Basketball vs Clarkson-Leigh @ Howells (6:30 p.m.); Girls Basketball @ Pender (5:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, January 28:** Bowling vs Wayne @ Dodge (5:30 p.m.)

**Wednesday, January 29:** Jaguar Speech Meet @ Howells (8 a.m.) **NO SCHOOL** 

**Thursday, January 30:** JH Girls Basketball @ Bancroft-Rosalie (6:30 p.m.); FFA District CDEs @ CCC (9 a.m.)

**Friday, January 31:** Girls EHC Basketball Tournament

**Saturday, February 1:** Speech Meet @ Wilber-Clatonia (8 a.m.); Girls EHC Basketball Tournament; JH Girls Basketball @ Wisner-Pilger (9 a.m.); EHC Wrestling Tournament @ LDNE

**Monday, February 3:** Girls EHC Basketball Tournament

**Tuesday, February 4:** Boys EHC Basketball Tournament; Girls District Bowling @ Dodge

**Wednesday, February 5:** Boys District Bowling @ Dodge; FFA State Degree Interviews @ CCC

**Thursday, February 6:** Girls EHC Basketball Tournament

**Friday, February 7:** Boys EHC Basketball Tournament; High School Wrestling @ Clarkson-Leigh (10 a.m.); Speech Meet @ Wakefield (8 a.m.)

**Saturday, February 8:** JH Boys Basketball @ Battle Creek (9 a.m.); Volley for Vets @ Dodge; Girls EHC Basketball Tournament; Boys EHC Basketball Tournament

-Allie Dirkschneider





-Jordyn Ratzlaff



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