



*JAGUAR
FAMBOREE*

Class of 2025 **ISAAC CARTER KOLIHA**



- Birthday: November 1, 2006
- Parent: Sarah Koliha
- Has 1 brother
- Lives in Howells, NE

What are your plans after high school?
“Become a truck driver.”

What is your favorite subject in school?
“Personal Finance”

What is your favorite school lunch?
“Potato Bowl”

What do you like to do in your free time?
“Go to Omaha with my friends.”

What advice would you give to your freshman self?
“Don’t care what people say about you.”

What do you like to listen to? Any favorite artists or songs?
“Drill Rap and R&B, Chucky and Brent Faiyaz”

If you won the lottery, what would you buy?
“A big house somewhere far away.”

If you could change any rule at school, which one would it be?
“Getting to leave for lunch.”

- Taylor Steffensmeier



Senior Tribute

Jordyn Ratzlaff

Jordyn was born on February 17th, 2007, to the late Jason and JoLynn Ratzlaff. She is the middle child of her two siblings, Jaedyn and Jimmy. She is involved in Softball, Basketball, NHS, Art club, and One Act. Her favorite classes are weights and art, and her

least favorite is College English. When she isn't busy with sports and school, Jordyn likes to watch movies. Her favorite lunch is crispitos. The drinks she likes are Bubbl'rs and Wild Berry Poppi. For snacks, she likes Strawberry Milkshake Pop-Tarts and soft chocolate chip cookies. Jordyn's best achievement during high school was when she got 3rd at State Basketball or when she got the Presidential Scholarship through BCU that pays for all 4 years of tuition. She would tell her freshman self, "Do not give other people the power to control your happiness and affect your decisions; it's your life, not theirs." The thing that she will miss the most about high school is the community and support that comes with being an athlete at Howells-Dodge. The next step in Jordyn's life is to attend Briar Cliff University to major in Elementary Education and play on the basketball team.

-Amy Praest

Ms. Groth

Teacher Tribute



Ms. Groth was born on March 24, 1999. Her parents are Steven and the late Lisa Groth. She has a twin brother, Ty, and a late sister Brooke, and Audra. She is engaged to her fiancé, John (AKA John Pork), and will get married on June 28, 2025. She lives in Howells. In high school, she did golf, cheerleading, band, FFA, and FCCLA. In her free time, she likes to read, hike, and hang out with her niece, Harps. Her favorite music artists are Lauren Daigle and Cody Johnson. Her favorite school lunch is a potato bowl. She went to college at South Dakota State University for Agricultural Education with a Bachelor's and Master's. If she won the lottery, the first thing she would do is travel around the world. If she were principal for one day, she would have a fun day where there is no homework, no assignments, just fun. If she could give advice to her highschool-self she would say, "There is a reason for everything. As seasons of life change, so do friends."

-Isabella Wegner

Mr. Van Teacher Tribute



Can you give some fun facts about yourself?

I once ran a full marathon in 4 hours and 48 minutes. I have also ran 3 half marathons. I played in the eight-man all-star game in high school, and my go-to karaoke song is Ice Ice Baby.

What made you decide to teach?

I always liked working with kids and I enjoyed coaching. I love to inspire kids.

What is your favorite part of teaching at Howells-Dodge?

The students

If you won the lottery, what would you do with it?

I would retire from teaching. Probably buy a house in Omaha or Lincoln and then travel the world because we love to travel.

What is your favorite class to teach?

Personal finance because it is very important.

What is your favorite high school memory?

Winning a state playoff football game. It was the first one in school history.

MAKE WAY FOR JAGUAR SPEECH!

The Speech Team has been getting busy over this last month! They have traveled to six meets over the last five weeks, including the Wakefield Sweet Meet, the Schuyler CHS Invitational, the Crofton Invitational, the EHC-West Division held at Clarkson, the Lutheran High NE Eagle Classic, and the Creighton PrimeTime Invite. The Jaguars brought home a plaque from five of these six meets with two of them being Team Sweepstakes Champion plaques from Lutheran High and EHC. On Wednesday, March 19, the Jaguar Speech team will travel to Plainview to compete in districts for a chance to take a trip down to Kearney for the State Speech Championships! Best of luck to our Jags!

Varsity (Champs) final results:

Wakefield: (3rd Place Team)

"Chateau La Roach" OID Champion, Isabel Informative Champion, Adyson Serious 2nd, Adyson POI 2nd, Amy Humorous 3rd, Noah Entertainment 6th

Schuyler: (Runner-Up Team)

Isabel Informative Champion, "Chateau La Roach" OID 2nd, Isabel Persuasive 3rd, Adyson POI 4th, Annemarie Serious 5th, Amy & Noah Duet 6th, Garret Entertainment 6th, Isaiah Humorous 6th

Crofton: (Runner-Up Team)

Isabel Persuasive Champion, Adyson POI 2nd, Amy Humorous 2nd, Garret Entertainment 2nd, Adyson Serious 3rd, "Maybe I Should Have Stayed in Bed" OID 3rd, Annemarie Poetry 4th, Isabel Informative 4th, Addi Poetry 6th, Alessa Persuasive 6th, Cooper & Isaiah Duet 6th, Shayla Serious 6th

East Husker Conference: (Champion Team)

"Chateau La Roach" OID Champion, Adyson POI Champion, Adyson Serious Champion, Amy Humorous Champion, Cooper & Isaiah Duet Champion, Addi Extemporaneous 2nd, Garret Entertainment 2nd, Isabel Informative 2nd, Isabel Persuasive 2nd, "Maybe I Should Have Stayed in Bed" OID 3rd, Annemarie Poetry 3rd, Garret Humorous 3rd, Amy & Noah Duet 4th, Annemarie Serious 4th, Madi Informative 4th, Noah Entertainment 5th, Alessa Extemporaneous 6th

Lutheran High Northeast: (Champion Team)

"Chateau La Roach" OID Champion, Adyson Serious Champion, Adyson POI Champion, Amy & Noah Duet Champion, Amy Humorous Champion, Annemarie Poetry Champion, Addi Poetry 2nd, "Maybe I Should Have Stayed in Bed" OID 2nd, Annemarie Serious 2nd, Garret Humorous 2nd, Cooper & Isaiah Duet 3rd, Isabel Persuasive 3rd, Garret Entertainment 4th, Shayla Serious 5th, Noah Entertainment 6th

Creighton: (Runner-Up Team)

Adyson POI Champion, Addi Poetry 2nd, "Maybe I Should Have Stayed in Bed" OID 2nd, Amy Humorous 2nd, Garret Entertainment 2nd, Annemarie Poetry 4th, Isabel Persuasive 4th, Isabel Informative 5th, "Chateau La Roach" OID 6th



FFA

Earlier this week, HDC FFA competed in the last round of District CDEs! HDC qualified 15 FFA students for the State FFA Convention in Lincoln on April 2-4th! Congrats to all the members for working hard and good luck to those representing our FFA Chapter at the state convention!

Meat Evaluation: DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Hailey Knapp - 1st

Hunter Luther - 4th

Annemarie Slaughter - 13th

Noah Coufal - 16th

Isaiah Coufal - 28th

Farm Buisness

Dane Meyer - 7th

Isaac Meyer

Cole Bayer

Ethan Prusa

Konner Bourek

Chase Luther

Welding

SMAW - Matt Brester - 3rd

GMAW - Dylan Brichacek - 4th

GMAW - Brody Throener - 11th

GTAW - Even Hegemann - 11th

O/A - Cole Bayer

O/A - Isaiah Coufal

Vet Science

Addison Beeks - 16th

Annemarie Slaughter

Cooper Kreikemeier

Kylie Dostal

Konner Bourek

Hunter Luther

Brittney Faltys

Riley Svehla

Alessa Gall

Luke Belina

Nursery and Landscape

Oliver Belina - 15th

Luke Belina

Shayla Gall

Braxton Prusa

Gabe Martin

Bryan Perez-Barrios

Parker Jensen



Written by Matt Brester

The Lady Jags finished up their season in Lincoln

The Lady Jags played Weeping Water in the District Final that was hosted in Howells. They came out on top in an overtime win of 48-41. With this win, they got seeded in the NSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament as the 8 seed.

The #8 Lady Jags traveled to Lincoln to play the #1 Pender Pendragons in Pinnacle Bank Arena on Wednesday, March 5th. They put up a good fight in the second half but ended up losing 64-45.

With that, the Lady Jaguars ended their season with a 17-10 record. Congratulations on a great season!

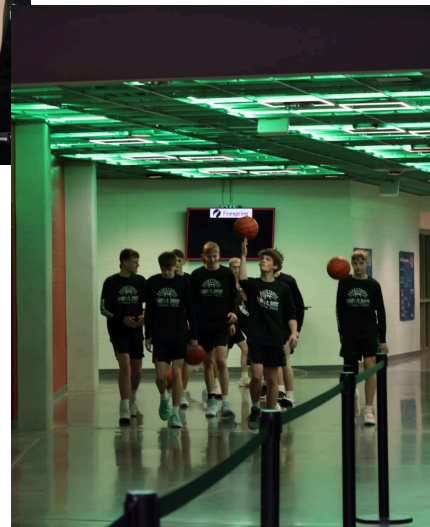


Jaguar State Basketball

The Jaguar's journey to the state title game began with a dominant performance in the quarterfinals, where they squared off against the Dundy County Stratton Tigers. From the jump the Jaguars showed they wanted to be at state, jumping out with a 10-0 run, playing with intensity and focus on both ends of the court. The Tigers gave the Jags a fight back though, getting the game down to 6 points in the final minutes. Behind an all-around team effort, the Jags pulled away for a 54-40 victory, securing their spot in the semifinals. In the semifinals the Jags faced off the Bancroft Rosalie Panthers for the third time this year with a 1-1 series vs each other. With sharp shooting and strong defense, they controlled the game from start to finish. The Panthers couldn't find an answer for the Jaguars' offensive firepower, and the Jaguars cruised to a convincing 58-41 win, sending them to the championship game for the first time since 2021. In the state final, the Jaguars faced the tough and talented Johnson-Brock Eagles. The championship game proved to be a battle from start to finish, but the Jaguars couldn't overcome a late-game surge by the Eagles. With the final score ending 61-46 Although the loss in the finals was heartbreaking, the Jaguars' historic run to the state championship is an achievement that will be cherished by players, coaches, and fans alike. The team showed grit, determination, Hard work, and pride. The Howells Dodge Jaguars capped off an extraordinary season with a runner-up finish in the Class D1 state basketball tournament, making a powerful statement on the state stage. Despite a valiant effort in the championship game, the Jaguars made so many memories along the way and have so much to be proud of!!! Great season Jags!!!

By: Carson
Heard

Picture Credit:
Bailey Paus



State News

Howells-Dodge Jaguars had two wrestlers qualify for state. Dylan Brichacek wrestled in the 150 weight class and ended his season wrestling in the championship match. He ended up getting second and finished his season with a record of 17-4. Blaine Stutzman was the second wrestler who made it down to state. With his well-fought matches, he finished fifth.

The Lady Jags basketball team won their district final against Weeping Water to advance them down to the state tournament. First round they played the number one Pender Pendragons at PBA on March 5. After a hard loss to the number one seed, the Lady Jags went home with a record of 17-10.

The Boy's Basketball team beat Axtell in their district final to pave their way to the state tournament as the number two seed. First round the Jaguars played the number seven seed Dundy County-Stratton. After a great game, the Jags ended up on top with a final score of 54-40. They advanced to the second round playing the three-seed Bancroft-Rosalie. The boys battled to get a win of 58-41 putting them into the state championship game where they would play the number one seed Johnson-Brock. With a close game all the way to the third quarter the Eagles pulled away getting a win over the Jaguars 61-46. The boy's basketball team finished with a runner-up trophy to bring home and a record of 24-6.

Thank you seniors of each sport! You had a great career and you will be missed!



State Basketball Pictures Credit (Both Boys and Girls): Bailey Paus

- Jade Bayer



March Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 18: FCCLA Meeting (7 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 19: High School Quiz Bowl @ Seward (9 a.m.); District Speech @ Plainview (9 a.m.); Northeast Scholastic Contest

Friday, March 21: High School Track @ Concordia (9 a.m.); 5-8 Dance @ Howells Gym/Commons (7-10 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 25: High School Track @ Lakeview

Wednesday, March 26: Juniors ACT Testing  @ Howells

Thursday, March 27: High School Track @ Wisner (4:30 p.m.); State Speech @ Kearney

Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29: Alumni Basketball Tournament @ Howells/Dodge gyms

Monday, March 31: High School Golf @ Beemer (10 a.m.); EHC Quiz Bowl @ Clarkson (5 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 1: High School Track @ West Point (12:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 2: High School Golf @ Aquinas (10 a.m.); State FFA Convention

Thursday, April 3-Friday, April 4: State FFA Convention

Monday, April 7: State FCCLA @ Lincoln; High School Track @ Aquinas (1:00 p.m.); JH Track @ Wisner (3 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 8: State FCCLA @ Lincoln; High School Golf @ Stanton (4:15 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 9: Northeast Quiz Bowl

Thursday, April 10: Spring Music Concert  @ Dodge (Elem @ 6 p.m.; Gr. 7-12 @ 7 p.m.)

Saturday, April 12: Prom (Howells Ballroom)



Jaguar Q&A



How long do you think you'll survive in a zombie apocalypse?

- "Forever because I'm him"- Blane Stutzman
- " I would win the apocalypse"- Allie Dirkschneider
- "I've watched the walking dead so I'd say quite a while"- Jordyn Ratzlaff

Would you rather have a personal maid or a personal chef, and why?

- "Personal Chef. I'm really good at forgetting important ingredients. Like this one time I tried to bake a cake, I forgot the eggs"-Annemarie Slaughter
- "Personal maid because I can't keep anything clean if my life depended on it"-Audrey Praest

If you had a pet parrot and could teach it one phrase, what would it be?

- "Go Huskers!"- Carson Heard
- "Pimp"- Jordyn Ratzlaff
- "Go Jags"- Ava Noyd

If you could make a rule the teachers had to follow, what would it be?

- "They aren't allowed to come to work."- Noah Coufal
- "They have to do the homework"-Audrey Praest
- "They have to hand out snacks before handing out a paper"-Annemarie Slaughter
- "They have to say a secret about themselves before they get mad at you"-Carson Heard

Jag Word Search

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