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Pump It Up!

By: Alix Blanchette

Meet your 23-24 WSR basketball cheer team! Emily Bittinger, Eva Bruns, Bella Feldhake, Valentina Guerranti, Addie Harn, Milana Kartavtseva, Gabriella Lee, Milena Mihajlovic, Nazym Nurlan, Giada Rosso, Rylee Tempel, and Charlotte Yang. First up our seniors! Emily Bittinger, Bella Feldhake, Charlotte Yang and Addie Harn. Next our juniors! Gabriella Lee and Rylee Tempel. And finally our sophomore, Eva Bruns. We also have several exchange students participating in basketball cheer this year! Valentina Guerranti, Milana Kartavtseva, Milena Mihajlovic, Nazym Nurlan, and Giada Rosso. Exchange student Milena Mihajlovic says “I love how it feels so friendly and welcoming. There’s no judgment and everyone is involved while helping each other get better”. Earlier this year the cheer program debuted all-new cheers and are continuing to use them throughout basketball season.

Business is Booming

By: Jailyn Kent

DECA is currently preparing for competition in January. Earlier this year, they went to their Fall Leadership Conference where they had the opportunity to go to different workshops and speakers, as well as many fun activities and meeting new people. Lizzie Abben said, “The Fall Leadership Conference gave us the opportunity to enhance our networking and further our knowledge in certain aspects of business.” Abben added that they had “a fun time through a variety of activities.” On December 17, 2023, A pickleball tournament started at 12:00, at the W. They had a great turn out and a fun time was had by all. All proceeds went to help the Miracle League, and the winners got a prize basket. This month at Go-Hawk on the Go, they are serving their winter drink menu which includes: The Grinch, White Christmas Cappuccino, Palmer Family Christmas, Polar Express Hot Chocolate, and Slay Ride Lemonade. They are also doing twelve days of Christmas deals, which can be found in daily posts on the go-hawk trading Instagram (@gohawktrading). New products are sugar cookies and fruit snacks.

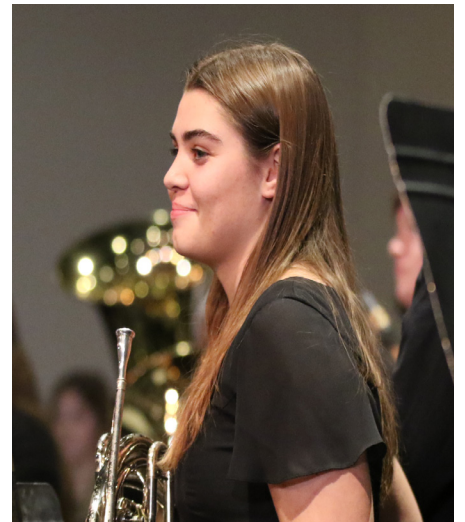


Better Than Ever

By: Harmony Reingardt

The band season is back! After a great marching season came to an end, it was time for symphonic band and concert band to start back up. They kicked off their season with a band concert which was held December 4th, which was a great start to get everything going again. As the season goes on the two bands, symphonic which is compelled with mainly upperclassmen, and concert which is compelled with mainly underclassmen will only continue to grow and learn. But as winter break approaches, this years band are looking forward to this years trip which is in Nashville, Tennessee!

When asking some of the members what they were looking forward to, this was the automatic answer. It's a reward each member gets for putting each of their hard work to making a great season. When asking some band members what was something fun they have gotten to experience while being in band. "I enjoyed performing with the 8th graders during one of the games, it was really fun," said by Megan Groth, who plays alto saxophone. Another member, Adrien Drenkow, who plays trumpet said, "I'm really glad I got to experience a trip my sophomore year, it was exciting to play music and spend time with my friends and new people." This years symphonic and concert band have only gotten started, which means they have bigger plans for performances in the future, so make sure you go support this years band!



The Last Dance

By: Gracie Wagoner

The WSR varsity boys wrestling team went down to Iowa City at the Xstream Arena for the Donnybrook tournament on December 1. The varsity boys team placed 7th overall and Bas Dias placed 2nd for his weight class of 155 lbs. Ethan Bibler placed 5th in his weight class of 165lbs. Braxton Westondorf competed for 5th place but ended up placing 6th. Although he got 6th place for his weight class of 175 lbs, he still wrestled well. Ryker Graff placed 7th, Zander Weidemier and Mekyver Hagarty placed 13th for both of their weight classes, and Caden Wetherell placed 8th for his weight class of 285 lbs. Weidemier wrestling at 190 lbs and Hagarty wrestling at 157 lbs during the Donnybrook tournament. Ethan Bibler states, “The season is going similar to last year’s season but with different people. It started out rough but I feel like we can turn it into a good season. A goal that I have for the whole team is to place somewhere in the top 3 for duals and a personal goal I have this season is to place in the top 4 at the state tournament.” On December 2 the JV boys went to Wapsie and placed first overall. Both the girls and boys WSR wrestling teams competed in a duel against Waukon. The boys won against the Waukon boys wrestling team 40-33 on December 7th. Coach Hinschberger states, “A few goals I have for myself are to get to know the athletes more and be able to cater to their needs. Another goal that I have for myself is to build trust in the staff and athletes, so they feel they can come to me for anything. An end goal that I have for the team is to win but mainly learn more about ourselves individually and as a whole group. I think the season is going well so far and it has been fun getting to know the wrestlers. Everyone from the staff to the wrestlers has been very welcoming and very fun to be around and work with.” The girls also won their duel against the Waukon girls wrestling team on December 7th. “This year’s season is going pretty good, we have lots of improvement but still many things to improve. A goal that I want for the whole team is becoming more of a family, win as one, lose as one. My personal goal is to show everyone at state why I put so much time into a sport I love,” stated Caden Wetherell. The boy’s wrestling team will be wrestling at Johnston on December 9th and have a duel against Crestwood at home on December 14th. Come and support the Boys and Girls WSR wrestling team at the high school in the New Gym at 6:15 pm!



Slam Dunk!

By: Ramey Dalhquist

The 2023-2024 basketball season is off to a start for the WSR boys team. The Boys started practice by having occasional open gyms before the starting day. The Boys have a tremendous number of participants for this season. Being able to have complete rosters of all Freshman teams, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. The boy's Head coach for varsity is Nate Steege. Mr. Steege is looking forward to coaching the team this year. "We have a great group of guys who are working hard together to achieve their goals," Coach Steege told me. The team consists of nine returning seniors to lead the team in the right direction throughout the season. The Boys started their season with the Basketballpalooza event. They had an inter-squad scrimmage during the event and the varsity boys got to show what they had been practicing.

As well as the scrimmage both boys and girls teams had a few friendly competitions between each other such as a frozen t-shirt challenge, and a 3-point shoot-out. The next week they had a scrimmage against Waterloo at Waterloo. Senior player Cole Marsh told me "Having the chance to scrimmage Waterloo was an excellent opportunity for the team, being able to go against a different team and work on our skills and plays." With the results of the scrimmage, Cole is excited to see what the team can accomplish this year. At the beginning of the season, the boys were ranked in the state. This year the boy's focus is discipline. Doing what you are supposed to do, how you are supposed to do it, all the time. Doing the little things correctly and fulfilling your role on the team. Being a disciplined team will improve their skills and pull them throughout the season. The boys will keep chugging along with practice and games will start up in December. Go support the WSR boys basketball team and there will be many fun and exciting games!



Dance of Champions

By: Sydney Bochman

In the final weeks of 2023, the W-SR dance team won state! The dance team consists of one freshman: Brinley Raymer, five sophomores: Genevieve Power, Mimi Jensen, Jami Rohne, Danica Drinkwine, Nora Schuler, and Beth Schmitt – team manager, and one junior: Michaela Mitchell. The dancers won the title in Class III Novelty with a lifeguard themed routine. The routine earned an average of 92.25 out of 100 points possible. The novelty category combines story-telling and dancing. Teams must earn an average score of 80 or above to receive a Division I rating making them eligible for trophy placement. Judges praised the Go-Hawk Dance Team for its energy, commitment to the story, musicality, athleticism, and strength of movement.

In addition to its win, the team earned a Division I rating and placed in the top 10 in Class XII Pom Division, won the Academic Excellence Award, and the Lois Turnage Outstanding Community Service Award. Two weeks ago, the team competed at The Dance Challenge at Cedar Falls High School, winning first place in the Large School Open Division, first place in the Large School Pom Division, and overall High Score in the Large School Division. Sophomore Jami Rohne states her excitement, “We have put in so much work this year and are so excited about how it turned out! With such a young team, we didn’t know what to expect when the season started, but we all worked together and tried our best. We went out there and gave it our all and couldn’t ask for a better state experience!”

To achieve their state championship title, the dance team practices at 6 a.m. during the week and on Sunday afternoons. The team started practice in June to prepare for its season and competition. You can find the dance team performing at the pregame of football games, half-time of select basketball games, and in various community events. Next up, the dancers are planning the team’s annual Dance Team Showcase on Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the WSR Middle School Competition Gym. Hope to see you there and congratulations dance team!



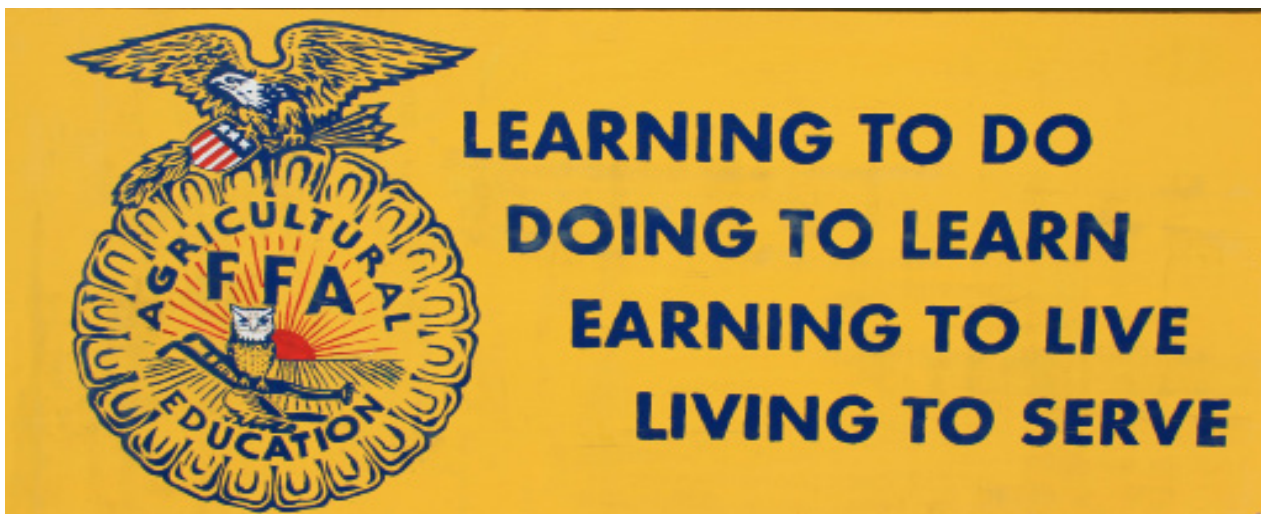
The Future of Ag

By: Jordan Schmitt

FFA is also known as The Future Farmers of America. This club caters to people with a wide variety of interests, making it such a popular club to be a part of. Students in the school's Agriculture (also known as Ag) program are all automatically enrolled in the Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter. The Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Advisor Mrs. Mitchell tries her hardest to allow every student to do activities throughout the year and to make meetings fun. Some of the fun meeting activities they do during meetings are pumpkin carving contests, the milk challenge, watching movies, and making Christmas cards for the nursing home.

All students are given the opportunity to do various activities throughout the year. Some of these activities include decorating downtown Waverly with corn stalks, helping children cross the street during downtown trick-or-treating, soil judging, animal judging at fairs, etc. Members of the program are also able to show animals or do projects for the County Fair to get the chance to take their projects or animals to the State Fair. During the fall through winter months, students are allowed to sell fruits and cheeses to help raise funds for the Chapter.

During the year, Ag students are given the opportunity in class to work on their degrees, which are the different ranks one can achieve through FFA. The degrees a student may earn are as follows: Discovery Degree, Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree, State Degree (also known as the Iowa Degree), and the American Degree. Each degree requires different things, each one getting harder to achieve as it goes. About 3% of FFA members get their Iowa degree, and less than 1% of members achieve their American Degree. Which makes the American Degree one of the highest honors an FFA member may receive.



Rolling Into the Season

By: Dalton Thomas

In the heart of Iowa, the Waverly Shell-Rock High School bowling team has become a powerhouse, showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship on the lanes. With a passion for precision and camaraderie, this team has emerged as a force to be reckoned with in the world of high school bowling. The Waverly Shell-Rock bowling team comprises a diverse group of dedicated athletes, each bringing unique skills and a shared love for the sport. Under the guidance of their experienced coach and fueled by the support of the local community, these bowlers have achieved remarkable success with them going 2-1 throughout the season so far. One of the team's standout features is its commitment to inclusivity. The Waverly Shell-Rock bowling team welcomes bowlers of all skill levels, fostering an environment where novices can learn and seasoned players can thrive. This inclusivity not only contributes to the team's success but also strengthens the sense of unity and sportsmanship among its members. Practice sessions focus on improving individual techniques and building effective communication and collaboration among team members.

The result is a cohesive unit that approaches each competition with strategic precision and a shared goal of achieving victory. Waverly Shell-Rock's successes extend beyond the lanes, as the team actively engages in community outreach and philanthropy. These young athletes understand the importance of giving back and regularly participate in local events, charity drives, and volunteer activities. Their commitment to both athletic excellence and community service reflects the values instilled in them by their coach and the community they represent. The team's achievements have not gone unnoticed, drawing attention to the talent emerging from Waverly Shell-Rock High School. Their victories serve as an inspiration for aspiring bowlers within the school and as a source of pride for the entire community. The bowling team has become a symbol of dedication, perseverance, and teamwork, embodying the spirit of sportsmanship that resonates throughout the region. As the Waverly Shell-Rock bowling team continues to make its mark in the world of high school bowling, it is clear that its success goes beyond the scores on the board. With a commitment to inclusivity, a focus on training and teamwork, and a dedication to community service, this team exemplifies what high school sports can offer a platform for personal growth, camaraderie, and the pursuit of excellence.

Back & Better Than Ever

By: Harmony Reingardt

The 2023-2024 girls wrestling team is at it again! This year's team is composed of 15 girls on varsity and 5 girls on junior varsity. So far this season the girls have wrestled 7 meets. As of the last meet, the girls current rankings involve: Kiara Djoumessi #1, Camille Schult #3, Madison Hinrichs #6, Amber Hoth #9, and Lilly Stough #9. Recently on December 7th at the Vinton-Shellsburg tournament, the Waverly Shell-Rock girls wrestling team placed 3rd overall. When asking state champion Kiara Djoumessi, what her favorite part about the season has been, she answered with, "Being back with the team and building relationships so we can grow and get better together as a team." As the season goes on, the team will have to compete with different schools leading up to the Battle of Waterloo. Show some Go-Hawk spirit and cheer on the girls wrestling team with upcoming wrestling events, some being December 18th and December 26th! Hope to see you there, and good luck Lady Hawks!

Hold The Rope

By: Ramey Dalhquist

The 2023 basketball season has come to a start. Your Girls team started practice on November 6th. Since then the girls have had opportunities to better themselves as a team with scrimmages and practice. This year's team consists of JJV, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squads. This year there are five seniors to shape and lead the team in the right direction. The starting line up for your WSR girls basketball team is Lizzy Frazell (Freshman), Brenna Bodenstiener (Senior), Sydney Bienemann (Junior), Emma Thompson (Senior), and Katelyn Eggna (Senior). Varsity Player Emma Thompson exclaimed "I am looking forward to this season. I feel we have a lot of potential and can accomplish big things". The girls team is currently ranked 6th in the state and is 3-0 for the season. Finishing up the november month with a big game against Xavier and bringing home a dub. There is much more coming from the girls basketball team, so keep a lookout!



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