

☆ Congrats to Boys Basketball: ☆ 2nd in State and Sportsmanship Trophy



Prom Fashions

By Christy Parrott

Has prom fever caught up to you yet? Well, everyone's starting to wonder: what are the fashions for this year's prom? What will everyone else be wearing?

Sara Luensman bought two dresses this year from Maurice's. "I couldn't decide which one so I bought both. But I have two proms to go to so I'll be able to wear both." One of the dresses is a mint green color with rhinestone straps for \$90. The other is baby blue with one inch straps for \$117. Both are a Cinderella style. She plans to wear her hair up and curly.

Burgundy and strapless is how Saran Seang will grace this year's prom. The dress lays down and has a sheer black over-lay. She purchased her dress at Brides and Weddings for \$170. Her shoes are black with two inch heels that cost \$50. She plans to wear her hair down and curly with the front pushed back.

Melissa Zehr purchased her dress through Brides and Weddings. It is a puffy, strapless black dress with a black sheer shrug, a women's short jacket or sweater open down the front. On sale, she paid \$207.

Some people prefer to make their dresses. Katie Hermesen paid \$8 for her dress pattern and paid \$35 for the fabric. It will be a cream colored satin dress with two inch straps. It will be slim fitting with a train. Hermesen plans to save money on accessories by borrowing her sister's jewelry from past

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Price List for Your Prom

HAIR: Alley Cuts - \$10
Shear Magic - \$10 - \$12
Touch of Class - \$12
The Vanity - \$15
Cost Cutters - \$22.95

TUX: Brides & Weddings - \$65 - \$100
Micheal's Clothing - \$60 - \$100 with
10% off through Prom

DRESSES: Brides & Wedding's - \$50 - \$400

Improv Makes it to State

By Rachel Reeder

The West Delaware High School Destination Imagination team recently earned a first place rating at the District Competition held February 26 at Kirkwood Community College.

Students Michelle Cooper, Jasmine High, Amanda Jones, Meghan Jones, and Rachael Reeder participated in the contest with their coaches Denise Jones and Virgil High.

Their problem, Instant Pudding Improv, is a new type of problem requiring improvisation. In this problem, the team members draw four cards, one with a famous person,

one with a place and time in history, one with a fictitious character, and one with a conflict.

The team then has 30 minutes in the "test kitchen" to make up a skit including the items on the cards and the ten required items that each team needed to bring, including a bath towel, a sports ball, a paper towel tube, an umbrella, five pieces of paper, duct tape, a sheet, a metal clothes hanger, a paper sack, and a plastic two liter bottle.

The DI team will participate at the State Destination Imagination Competition in Grinnell on March 27.

Student Profile

By Missy Heims

Name: Holly Ann Langel

Age: 17

Born: July 4, 1982

Hobbies: Sleeping, shopping, camping, and playing cards on week-ends

Proudest Accomplishment: Was on the first W.D. volleyball team to win first round Districts

Favorite Movie: Wayne's World

Favorite Movie Quote: "Oh, that's not good. I'm not happy," and "Wayne's World."

Favorite Childhood Riddle or Story: Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss.

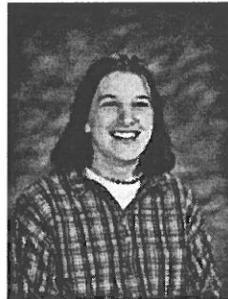
Favorite Cartoon Character: Scooby Doo

Favorite Clean Joke: Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side.

Best Day Of The Year: July 4, because it's my birthday, a holiday and a good excuse not to be at home.

If you could be any object, what would you be: A mirror so I can see everything.

If you were offered one full year of happiness, but you wouldn't remember anything when it's up, would you take it: Yes, happiness makes up in height what it lacks in length.



High School Memories You'll Never Forget

By Jess Stelken

"We tried to soap Eric Krafts' car at Fareway one night, but it ended up being someone else's car. The guy had been watching us do it, and he confronted us about it."

Brianna Gibbs

"The senior homecoming float this year—how it caught on fire."

Kent Griffith

"Sweetheart this year because the whole night was a big surprise. The guys planned everything. They made us dinner, and we went ice skating behind Meg Larson's house."

Hannah Greve

"Getting 10th place in cross country this year for the J.V. WaMaC

meet." *Kristin Bohlke*

"I was walking by the senior hall talking to one of my friends and I fell down the stairs, and the whole senior hall was staring at me."

Deidre Ryan

"My camp-out this last summer at my pond, because we went swimming in the pond at night and I was with all my close friends."

Ryne Foster

"In Altoona at Grandma Max's restaurant I beat the record for eating a four pound hamburger. I ate it in nine minutes."

Cort Ahrens

Crescendo Into Forte

By Jill Kammarmeyer

You leave at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning and head to Fort Madison, a three hour bus ride and then return home at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning. You're going to none other than a show choir competition.

Being involved in show choir takes commitment. West Delaware has two show choirs, the older group is called W.D. Forte and the younger group is called Crescendo. Members in W.D. Forte attend two practices weekly for the majority of the year, Mondays from 7-9 p.m. and Fridays from 7-8 a.m. Crescendo meets every Monday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and occasionally on Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

You can't just go to a show choir competition and expect to know what you're doing and perform your best show. There's a lot of hard work involved.

In order to make it into

show choir, you have to try out. Every student is required to perform a small dance routine choreographed by Mrs. Michelle Philgreen who is the choreographer for both groups. You are also required to sing a song of your choice for Mr. Duane Philgreen, the director of W.D. Forte. This is the first year that Mr. Philgreen and his wife haven't headed both groups by themselves. Mrs. Kathy Greve, music teacher at St. Mary's, is helping out by being the director of Crescendo.

Mr. Philgreen describes show choir as the use of movement with singing. Every year each group performs anywhere from three to seven songs that involve intense singing and dancing. Show choir has really progressed through the years. Mr. Philgreen said, "Show choir is one of the most visual groups of the vocal department."



On Friday March 3, the show choir held a dress rehearsal open to the public. Carrie Vermazen and Ellie Dolan practice the reprise for "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead." A second practice was also held on March 10.

Student Profile

By Missy Heims

Name: Emilie Rose Sands

Age: 16

Born: May 23, 1983

Hobbies: Golfing and playing cards

Proudest Accomplishment:

Being part of the Who's Who Among American High

School Students

Favorite Movie: Stir of Echoes

Favorite Movie Quote: "What's it feel like to be dead?" -Stir of Echoes

Favorite Childhood Riddle or Story:

Barenstein Bears by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Favorite Cartoon Character: Winnie the Pooh

If you could be any object, what would you be:

A tree because I would get to see a lot of lives go by.

If you were offered one full year of happiness, but you wouldn't remember anything when it's up, would you take it: No, because I would rather have a life time of happiness that I will remember forever, than one year that I will never remember.

What do you want to achieve more than anything: To get a PhD in psychology

What would you do for a one million dollars: Nothing, I want two million.



Missy Heims
2001

Show Choirs Earn High Placings

By Sara Luensmann

The West Delaware show choirs recently performed in two competitions.

On March 4th, WD Forte performed at the Fort Madison Invitational and placed first in the 3A division and fifth runner up in the finals.

On March 11, both WD Forte and Crescendo performed at the Cedar Rapids Jefferson Invitational. WD Forte placed first in the 3A division.

Crescendo also performed at Cedar Rapids Jefferson. They placed sixth out of 12 in their division.

DO YOU SNOOP WHEN YOU BABYSIT?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
18	14

32 people surveyed

Student Profile

By Missy Heims

Name: Grant Michael Robbins

Age: 16

Born: May 15, 1983

Hobbies: Speech, Drama, and Show Choir

Proudest Accomplishment: Getting into the Art Instruction School

Favorite Movie: The Matrix or Interview with the Vampire

Favorite Movie Quote: "My way isn't very sportsmanlike."

Favorite Childhood Riddle or Story: The Gingerbread Man

Best Day Of The Year: Any day that I'm not sick because every day is a great day.

If you could be any object, what would you be: A cartoon character because then I could do anything and not get hurt.

If you were offered one full year of happiness, but you wouldn't remember anything when it's up, would you take it: No, because you wouldn't remember it so you would lose a whole year of your life.

What do you want to achieve more than anything: To graduate from art school

What would you do for a one million dollars: I would do as little as possible.



Class
2002

Great Results from the West Delaware Jazz Band!

By Katie Hermsen

The West Delaware Jazz band competed at the NEIBA District Jazz Festival at Hudson High School on March 4th.

The Jazz I received eighth place out of eighteen schools and the Jazz II received fourteenth place out of eighteen schools.

The two bands performed the following songs: "Anita's Dance,"

"Angel's Eyes" with Luke Hubbard on the trombone, and "Three 4 Bea."

"They were pumped and very excited about their performance," said

Director Mark Philgreen." Also,

according to Philgreen, "Other directors at the festival thought that our performance was the best they ever heard from the WD Jazz Band!"



Jazz Band Members

Jazz Band I

- Michelle Sauser
- Cindy Mickens
- Art Feldman
- Jenni Burkle
- Mark Taylor
- Kent Griffith
- Johna Hawker
- Ryan Gaffney
- Stacy Smock
- Amanda Nieman
- Luke Hubbard
- Kyle Griffith
- Nathan Jewett
- Justin Beeh
- Kayla Glaza
- Tara Dudley
- Ben Ruetten
- Sara Hawker

Jazz Band II

- Steve Ehrig
- Melody Schaffer
- Tabatha Taylor
- Emmy Schenk
- Crystal Lee
- Michael Tekippe
- Zach Spittler
- Tim Schaffer
- Amber Ling
- Ashley Meyer
- Pat Breitbach
- Robert Nachtman
- Kory Wulfekuhle
- Cindy Mickens
- Emily Montag
- Art Feldman



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We always laugh at Mr. Philgreen behind his back because for competitions he always wears his purple pants, yellowish brown moccasins, and a blue overcoat with a multicolored tie.

Stacy Smock

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THE CHOICE ...IS YOURS

Experiences From Clayton County Alternative School

By Vicki Atwater

I'M NORMAL

"If I never go, I'll never pass," said Tyler Fannon, 18, who attends the Clayton County Alternative High School in Elkader. Working 40 hours a week at All American Homes in Dyersville, Fannon also spends six hours a week studying Senior Composition and Business Economics at the alternative school.

Living on his own, Fannon has to financially support himself. He tells of the many hours he works and of how he attends school during the week, making sure to fulfill his six hours. He mentioned how much harder it is to learn by teaching yourself.

Finishing his high school education, Fannon plans on attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids to study computer programming.

Fannon still sees himself as an average senior who began the year attending Ed-Co High School and played on the football team. He even goes to basketball games and parties. "I'm a

normal student," he said, "who chose to go to the alternative high school."

FACING THE REAL WORLD AT 16

Working at Products Unlimited in Guttenburg making refrigerator parts is one occupation of sophomore Brian Ingles, 16, who attends the Clayton County Alternative School. Ingles attends the school because he had some problems with regular high school.

Ingles feels he has accomplished more in the last four months at the alternative school than the last 15 years of his life. He likes the fact that he can work at his own pace. "We don't have the teachers rushing us all the time," explains Ingles.

Downfalls include a small classroom and the hard work. He also says for some things the work is twice as hard.

Ingles' future plans include earning his degree from the alternative school and possibly studying mechanics at NICC in Calmar.

Student Profile



By Missy Heims

Name: Nathan Lee Jewett

Age: 14

Born: May 25, 1985

Hobbies: Running, soccer, riding ATV's and hunting

Proudest Accomplishment: My GPA of 3.936, lettering in Cross Country, and acceptance into two Honor Bands.

Favorite Movie: Spaceballs

Favorite Movie Quote: "I see your swartz is as big as mine. Now let's see how well you use it," Spaceballs

Favorite Childhood Riddle or Story: Johnny Tractor

Favorite Cartoon Character: Homer Simpson

Favorite Clean Joke: Two guys walk into a bar; the third one ducked.

If you were offered one full year of happiness, but you wouldn't remember anything when it's up, would you take it: Yes, it would be great to have a whole year of happiness even if you couldn't remember it - as long as it doesn't affect the rest of my life too much. If you could be reborn, what would you come back as: I'd come back as myself because I like my life and can't think of anyone else I'd want to be.

What would you do for a one million dollars: I would do just about anything as long as I don't seriously injure myself.

Missy Heims 2003



18 Little Known Facts About West Delaware

By Dana Klees

1) Anywhere from one to five gallons of ketchup are consumed each day in the high school cafeteria.

2) Over five standard cases and 15 large cases of toilet paper rolls are used each year by the high school. Standard rolls come 96 rolls to a case, 13,500 square ft. per case. Large rolls come 12 to a case, 3,700 square ft. per case. The amount of toilet paper the school uses each day varies. To make an estimate around 10 rolls, large and small, are used each day.

3) Approximately 34 students are absent each day.

4) The woods classes produce approximately a full 55 gallon drum of sawdust each week.

5) It takes one person about two hours to clean the gym completely after a "big" game.

6) The Mac Lab printer uses about 625 sheets of paper each day.

7) Each week the print shop makes between 70-73 thousand (half of these are front and back orders) copies per week.

8) It costs approximately \$60,603.62 to heat all of the West Delaware buildings for a year.

9) Between 375 and 450 students eat school lunch

each day.

10) The main parking lot provides 77 legal parking spaces and two handicap spaces.

11) Approximately 7,000 tiles are on the floors of the halls in the main building of the high school.

12) Approximately 86 students use their combinations on their hall lockers, excluding annex lockers.

13) The largest fine for one late library book this year is \$3.75.

14) Approximately 35 students per day and 175 students per week visit the nurse's office.

15) The water bill for the high school is

\$1,684.10 and for the district is \$12,031.10 for one year.

16) On average about a coffee can full of just dirt is swept up each day, around three pounds. The amount of dirt depends on the weather.

17) The coating on the gym floor is more like a varnish than a wax. After a deep cleaning of the floor, once in the summer and once over Christmas break, the floor gets coated.

18) Approximately 12 people per week and 48 people per month receive detention for overdue books.

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proms. Her hair will be worn curly and up with strands hanging out.

Heather Snyder's pink dress that she purchased at Brides and Weddings originally was priced at \$205, but she paid only \$148. Snyder plans to wear a tiara in her hair which costs \$40, her necklace \$18, and her earrings \$16.

Shelby Rave plans to wear a blue fitted dress that she bought from Brides and Weddings. The dress has dual spaghetti straps that crisscross in the back and a

train. She purchased her dress for \$135.

Borrowing an older sister's dress is always a money saving way to go. Jenny Kelchen may borrow the dress that her sister wore. She may also go out and buy a dress. She hasn't made up her mind yet.

There will be such a diversity in the prices that people will pay. Some will make their dress, others borrow, some will pay around \$150 and others will spend \$320.



Good Person Awards

☺The junior class guys who brought Bradley Woods to all the basketball games.

☺Carrie Vermazen who caught a flying cart to save a nice car.



☺Adam Salow for holding a door for an old man and woman at Hardee's.

☺Mr. Louk for being so patient with his accounting students.

☺Adam Larson for saving Ashley Goos' life at Deli One after she choked on her sandwich!



Thumbs Up to...

- 👍 Boys Basketball placing 2nd @ State
- 👍 New internet courses where students receive both high school & college credit.
- 👍 Food days in Foreign Language.
- 👍 WD Forte... 1st in 3A @ Fort Madison & fifth runner-up in finals.
- 👍 Congrats to Mr. Litterer's new baby.
- 👍 Sportsmanship Award
- 👍 Juice machine.
- 👍 Mr. Murphy, for the Wrestling Referee Honor Award

Top Rated Volunteer Experiences

West Delaware Community Volunteer Coalition

By Eileen Hoffmann



Kim Sadewasser
Freshman

"We spent a week working on it, about 20 hours from washing the walls to washing the toys," said Kim Sadewasser.

Sadewasser and her friend Gretchen Knott, also a freshman, reopened a nursery at their church, the First Lutheran Church. Sadewasser and Knott decided to act on the project so their church wouldn't have to pay for the repairs. Both girls also help watch the parish kids during the two church services on Sundays. Most of the time they are chasing the kids up and down the church hallways. "It's really cool," replied Sadewasser, "The kids really look up to you."



John Dolan
Sophomore

Being a big brother may be hard and not always fun, but for John Dolan, being a Big Brother is always fun. "We go golfing, bowling, go to movies, watch football at my house and just hang out together," said Dolan.

Dolan's older sister is a Big Sister and got him into it. Dolan says, "We just get together whenever we can and set a time that will work next."



WDCVC & volunteer cont.



Paul Waterman
Junior

“We usually read, do math problems, and work on writing,” said Paul Waterman. Waterman tutors two kids from Mrs. Betty Burris’ fourth grade class from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Waterman started tutoring other kids when he was in eighth grade as part of a Scouts project. He enjoyed it so much that he started tutoring on his own. “They (the kids) usually miss five words the first time on a spelling test, and then only miss one the next time, and they always say thank you- it just shows that I’m helping them,” said Waterman. “I would recommend it to others. It’s fun helping other people.”













Sara Hawker
Senior

Teaching fifth through eighth graders how to play bells? Many would never even think about taking on the challenge. However, that’s just what Sara Hawker did. This year Hawker was a tone-chime director at Our Savior Lutheran Church. “My pastor and I pick out the music, and I assign the parts to the kids,” said Hawker. The group meets every Wednesday from 8-8:30 p.m. and performs on the fourth Sunday of every month. “Our very first time playing at church during communion, we got done really early and I was like, ‘Okay,’ so we played the song again, and again. From now on we play music pieces three times during communion,” said Hawker. “Once I get their (the kids’) attention, they listen well. I usually have to start counting out the beat before they quit talking. It is neat seeing how they started out playing and how well they play now.”



Thumbs Down to...

-  Trying to find a prom dress.
-  Not announcing scores over school intercom after a game or event.
-  Not having classes outside on a nice day.
-  New juice... \$1.00
-  200 pt. tests.
-  No food in the hallways (ex: pop!)
-  No open lunches.
-  People standing in the middle of the hallway, in your way.
-  Smelly halls.
-  Clocks that are off.

Page By Page

West Delaware Students Making It Big at Capital

By Sara Boren

What could be better than spending four months in Des Moines, getting paid for 40 hours a week and only working for 28, having no classes, living in an apartment with three other friends, and meeting all sorts of famous people? This is what five West Delaware students decided to do this winter and spring. Amanda Besler, Stephanie Haas, Jenni Jackson, Kellie Kluver, and CeAnn McNamara took this opportunity and headed down to Des Moines to become pages.

"I applied to be a page because I have known people in the past who have been pages and had a great time," said CeAnn McNamara. "I also applied to learn more about the legislative process to see if it was an interest of mine as far as my future."

Along with a 3.5 and above grade point average and involvement in the school and community, an application and an interview are some of the steps involved in becoming a page.

After being accepted, deciding how long you're going to stay is the next

step. You can choose to stay the full term, four months, or only two months. "I'm staying for four months. I have seriously been thinking about staying here this summer and attending DMACC next fall," said Jackson.

A typical day for the pages is getting up at 6:30 a.m., leaving the apartment at about 7:30 a.m. to beat

the traffic, and arriving to work by 8 a.m. They work until 4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and then get Friday, Saturday, and Sunday off.

"Our base job is to be a swing," said Jackson, "All swings sit on a bench and wait for a representative to put their light on. Then we ask them what they need and run errands for them."

"If you are the Sargent at Arms, you sit at the door,

and you are in charge of everything that needs to be distributed to the representatives. Then you call the pages to take care of the jobs," said McNamara.

The pages only get paid minimum wage, but the upside is they get paid for 40 hours a week and work for only 28. Depending on tax deductions, the pages are paid about \$300.00 every two weeks.

After the day is done at the Capital, it's time to enjoy the free time. "We go out with other workers and clerks from the capital, explore Des Moines, shop, eat, go to the YMCA, watch movies, pay bills, and clean," said Jackson.

They also take trips home on some weekends to visit all the people back home that they miss, but they are always back at work on Monday morning,

right at 8:00.

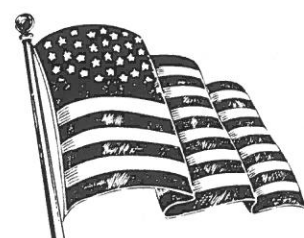
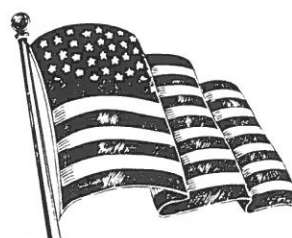
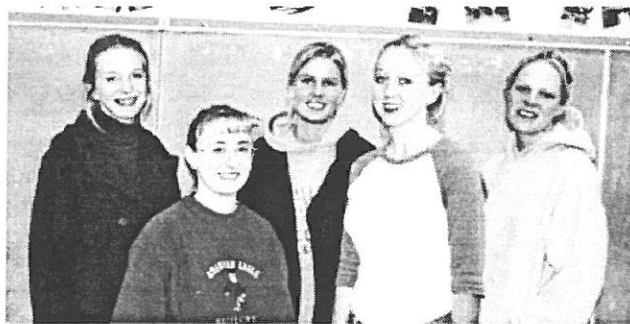
"You learn a lot about yourself when you live on your own," said Kluver, "I would recommend this to anyone, even if you don't want to go into politics."

Embarrassing Moments Straight from the Capital

"I tripped going out of the chamber in front of all the reps. I felt like a moron! I also did the dumbest thing ever by locking my keys in my car at the YMCA. It was about 9 p.m. and like negative 40 degrees." - Kellie Kluver

"The first month was the hardest time because when you don't know whether the representative is male or female. You feel really dumb when they correct you and say 'SHE/HE isn't available,' but, hey, it all comes with time." - CeAnn McNamara

"It is embarrassing getting lost in the Capital and having to ask for directions and walking in from lunch break a half-hour late. (Don't ask!)" - Jenni Jackson



State Qualifiers

By Kelley Ryan

Relief— that was how state qualifier Brian Doyle felt when he knew he was going to wrestle in front of thousands of fans in Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines, again. Doyle, along with Corey Reinig, Aaron Butikofer, and Phil Klein, took part in the state wrestling tournament in February.

“I knew if I worked hard all season, I could make it to state,” said Klein, who ended his season with 20-8. These state wrestlers have many memories they will never forget. Reinig will never forget his last state match because that is when he placed. Reinig finished

at state with a record of 4-2, which allowed him to place fifth. Reinig feels he ended his season on a positive note because he beat a guy that beat him earlier in the year.

“Seeing Brian Doyle and Corey Reinig make it to state” was the high point of the wrestling season for Butikofer, who ended his season 4-6. Butikofer has great admiration for both Doyle and Reinig because of the valued friendship they had with his brother Jerry. Butikofer looks up to them, and they help him with his problems.

The wrestlers have great appreciation for the West

Delaware fans. “I think we had the best turnout down there,” said Klein. Doyle and Reinig are going to miss high school wrestling, especially the fan support. All the wrestlers and Coach Voss agreed that the fan support throughout the season and at state was terrific.

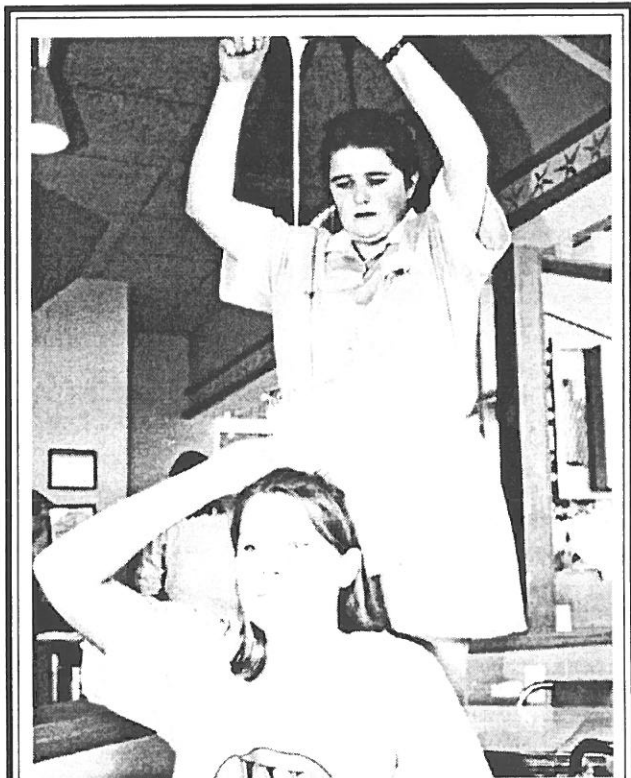
Doyle appreciated the fan support, but he doesn’t think some were there for the right reason. Doyle feels that some of the West Delaware followers only go down there to party rather than to cheer on the Hawks.

The crowd does have an effect on these state wrestlers. Klein, for the

most part, said he focuses on his match although he did say, “There are some times when I am winning that I hear the crowd.”

Not only do the wrestlers appreciate the crowd support but the coaching support as well. “Sometimes when I don’t know what to do, I just listen, and Voss is the only person I can hear, and he tells me what to do,” said Doyle

“We had a successful season,” said Coach Jeff Voss. “We didn’t accomplish all our pre-season goals, but everyone improved and worked hard to achieve their goals.”



Jessica Kelnhofer bravely waits as her chocolate shake is poured from above at the popular restaurant Stella's during State Wrestling.

State Individual Speech Results: Division I Rating

Acting

Jasmine High *+
Becky McCusker

Prose

Kyle Vander Wilt *+
Jamie Smith*

Expos

Mandy Gibbs *
Crystal Lee *
Emily Montag
Meghan Jones

Public Address

Joni Lindauer
Bethany Schmidt

Radio

Mandy Gibbs *
Jill Hoekstra *
Megan Ryan

Improvisation

Laura Burkle
Jenni Burkle

After Dinner Speaking

Kim Huether *
Jill Scovel *+
Jessica Nystel *

Original Oratory

Amanda Jones *+
Jessica Nystel *

Storytelling

Jenni Burkle *
Laura Burkle
Kyle Vanderwilt

Poetry

Bethany Schmidt *+
Amber Ling *

Review

Brittany Jacobson

* = Straight I's
+ = All State Honor

Scapino

By Rachael Reeder

The West Delaware High School Drama Department will perform the play Scapino in the West Delaware High School gymnasium on April 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are three dollars for adults, two dollars for students and can be bought in the high school office or at the door.

Scapino, which takes place in Naples, Italy at a

dockside cafe, is about two sons of two wealthy merchants that get into predicaments of the heart while their fathers are away, and their guardians, Scapino and Sylvestro, have to get them out of the mess.

Moliere originally wrote the play 350 years ago, but Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale revised it into a funny, silly play.

Cast for Scapino

Ottavio ----- Ryan Gaffney
 Sylvestro ----- Hannah Greve
 Scapino ----- Grant Robbins
 Giacinta ----- Angela Brown
 Argante ----- Amber Ling
 Geronte ----- Emily Montag
 Leandro ----- Jasmine High
 Carlo ----- Emily Meyer
 Zerbina ----- Krystal Kehrl
 Nurse ----- John Feldmann
 Headwaiter ----- Mark Taylor
 Waiter #1 ----- Katy Rymer
 Waiter #2 ----- Steve Ehrig
 Waitress ----- Bethany Schmidt
 The Waitstaff --- Tabatha Taylor
 The Waitstaff --- Alison Eschen
 The Waitstaff --- Mandy Morris

Change of Gender

By Rachael Reeder

In Shakespeare's Theatre, role reversals were common. Today at West Delaware role reversals are happening again. Five girls will perform as boys in Scapino.

Few plays are suitable for high school that require large female casts and small male casts. At West Delaware it seems more girls are interested in the fine arts than boys. Mr. Brian Enabnit, director, dealt with the imbalance for Scapino by challenging girls to take on boy parts. According to Mr. Enabnit, "With so many strong ladies who auditioned who were willing to step up to the challenge of playing a male role, I think this will be a great challenge to their acting skills."

Like any other part, there will be certain things

they need to do. They will need to find the difference between their personality and their character's. Then they will have to interpret the character to make it believable.

The cast members, for the most part, don't mind

having women playing men. Ryan Gaffney said, "A few years ago there was a play with no large male parts, and I didn't like that. So it's okay that he (Mr. Enabnit) balanced out the casting."

Some people feel plays that fit the casts needs are better. Amanda Jones said,

"Unless it (role reversal) is actually in the script, examples Victor Victoria or Tootsie, I feel it is avoidable. Many times in high school the director knows the talent pool they have to work with, and they can pick plays

She's short and red-headed, and we're supposed to be Italian. I'm tall and dark haired and we look odd." Some other struggles these girls face are looking, acting, and sounding like boys.

A solution to the problem of girls acting as boys is getting more boys involved. Gaffney said that he'd like more boys to audition. "It would be more fun because they'd have the possibility of large casts."

Females on the cast also want more boys to try out. High said, "It's good for them, even though it's not the 'cool thing' to do. In the long run, acting is a good trait to have."

Hannah Greve said, "Fine arts are for everybody and are essential to your education."

“With so many strong ladies who auditioned who were willing to step up to the challenge of playing a male role, I think this will be a great challenge to their acting skills.”

accordingly.”

Either way, women are taking on male roles, and just how tough is this going to be? Krystal Kehrl thinks it is difficult being a "couple" with Jasmine High. "Jasmine and I have to be a couple and it's really weird. She's the 'boy' and I'm the girl.

Does it Pay to Go to State?

By Jane Hanson

Supporting the West Delaware Hawks who go on to state can be a costly venture. Not only do students pay for tickets and a place to stay but for food, t-shirts, and mall purchases as well.

At state wrestling the tickets were a major expense. "It cost \$6 every time you wanted to watch a session," said Kara Greve. "There were five sessions, so it cost a total of \$30, and at the most you could only watch four matches, from our school, in one session."

Not only does the expense affect students, but it affects the school, too. This year four wrestlers, one manager, two coaches, six cheerleaders, and one cheerleading sponsor made the trip to the tournament on the school's dime. According to Mr. Bob Murphy, athletic director, the school reserved six hotel rooms, three for the cheerleaders and their sponsor, and three for the wrestlers, their manager, and their coaches. The rooms cost about \$75 per night, per room, and the rooms were reserved for three nights. The cost for the rooms alone was just under \$1,800.

The school does receive some relief from the IHSAA for the wrestlers, not the cheerleaders, but it isn't much. For lodging, the school receives \$15 per wrestler, per night, for a maximum of two nights. So, do the math: \$15 per wrestle multiplied by four wrestlers and multiplied by two nights equals \$120. Subtract this from the original \$1,800, and the

school still winds up paying \$1,680.

This cost is only for lodging. This doesn't include the costs for food or the cost for mileage. The school pays for ten meals for each of the cheerleaders, the wrestlers and the manager at \$5 apiece. This quickly adds up to \$520. You can just imagine the cost to drive two vans down to Des Moines with gas at \$1.50 per gallon for 360 miles round trip. You thought filling up your car with gas was expensive!

But the cost doesn't seem to scare off the fans. They still find a way to make it down to state. Val Heffernan said, "To make our trip down to state as inexpensive as possible, we stayed at Kellie Kluver's apartment and brought some of our own food to make meals."

For state basketball, the costs go even higher. The school reserved eleven rooms for six nights, which brings the cost of lodging alone to \$4,950. The school also helped pay for the meals, \$5 per meal, per person. The cost for the sixteen meals for the two coaches, one manager, six cheerleaders, one sponsor, and fifteen players added up to \$2,160. Three vans were also driven to Des Moines, and, like the wrestling, the IHSAA does contribute some toward the total cost.

Many students also went to Des Moines to cheer on the Hawks and stayed most of the week.

For the state basketball week alone, Justin Scott said, "I think I

spent \$150-200, but I also went to a concert."

Food was a major expense, whether you were eating at Grandma Max's, Stella's, Hooters, Arby's, or the Spaghetti Works. Tickets to each game cost \$6 and the cost of each pep bus ride was \$2. It all quickly adds up.

According to Jamie Smith, the brunch at the hotel cost the most. "Every day we were at the hotel we ate breakfast there. During the week, it cost \$4.99, which wasn't bad considering the plate-sized waffle. So Sunday morning rolled around and we decided to eat breakfast. There was a little more of a selection and we thought nothing of it. When we went to pay, it cost \$18.90 for two of us to eat. Luckily, we had enough to pay."

While in Des Moines, Court Ahrens bypassed the wimpy 99 cent hamburger for a more costly one. Ahrens said, "I decided to go to Grandma Max's to beat the hamburger eating record. It was a four pound, \$14 hamburger that was the size of a dinner plate. There were 25-30 people cheering me on, and I ate the hamburger in nine minutes." For this record-breaking feat, Ahrens received a t-shirt and his name and picture on the wall-of-fame.

Whether it was paying for hotel rooms, buying \$6 tickets, or paying for a \$14 hamburger, it was all in the name of the West Delaware Hawks, no matter what the cost.

Congratulations to...

- Adam Salow and Todd Klostermann For being selected to the All-Tournament Team.
- Todd Klostermann for being selected State Tournament MVP.

All In Favor of Block Scheduling

By Sara Engelken

The West Delaware County Community School Board decided that block is here to stay.

A block scheduling survey, conducted by the Block Evaluation Committee, was completed last fall by parents, students, and teachers. "An overwhelming majority were in favor of it," said Mr. Don Lyness, guidance counselor.

In the same survey, the four-period day was supported by 93% of the staff, 73% of the parents and 84% of the students.

Feedback from teachers as well as students has been overwhelmingly positive. "Academically, it's a sound program," said Mrs. Jean Conrad, teacher. "It allows for flexibility in the approach to teaching."

Block scheduling also allows for more options. "It gives students more opportunities to take more classes," said Mr. Lyness.

Mr. Lyness also likes the ten minutes between classes because it gives students time to go to their lockers, to the restrooms or to talk with a teacher.

Students' views are mostly positive and encouraging. "It is pretty good," said Kyle Vander Wilt. "It makes school easier."

Steve Murray said, "I thought block was supposed to take care of homework." He feels block still creates a lot of work for 90 minutes which makes harder tests.

Over half of the student body surveyed agreed with numerous improvements. They feel block allows time to sign up for more classes and to get the classes wanted. It also creates increased opportunity to receive individualized help and to actively participate in class.

Third block seems to be where, if given the opportunity, some students would make some changes. According to Jeff Feldmann, West Delaware should "have a shorter third hour so we can get out of school earlier in the day."

Some band or chorus students would like to see some changes also. "I don't like that band/chorus takes up so much time," said Sara Hawker. "I don't have time to take more classes."

The staff would like to see a few changes of their own. The biggest one would be that staff members would be added and more sections of classes would be taught to decrease class sizes. Seventeen teachers also recommended adding "skinnies," where selected 45 minute long classes would be offered for twice the amount of time.

The biggest adjustment that block requires of students is getting used to the length of classes. According to Frank Woods, West Delaware needs to "make the teachers understand that we are sitting for 90 minutes."

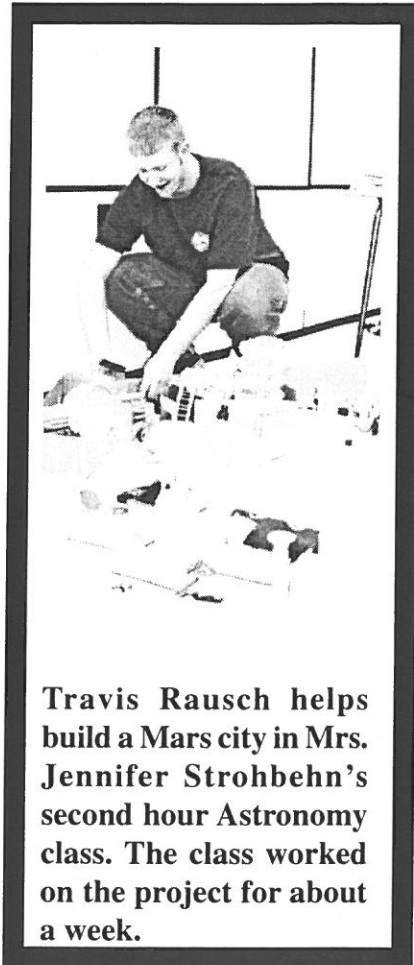
Caleb Klein suggests a water or bathroom break in the middle of each class to break up the 90 minutes.

An additional benefit viewed by many is the continuous work time for those in exploratory classes like art, autos, woodworking, etc. "You get more quality work done on block but more quantity with 45 minute classes," said Mrs. Pitzenberger-Timp.

Parents listed benefits as well. Fifty - three percent agree that their child was able to sign up for more classes and over 70% said their child expresses positive feelings about the four-period day. Most are in favor of it and feel the transition to block has

reduced the stress level for their child.

With all of its advantages and disadvantages, block scheduling is a go for next year. "I like to see kids try courses in as many different departments as possible," said Mr. Lyness, "and block gives them that opportunity."



Travis Rausch helps build a Mars city in Mrs. Jennifer Strohbehn's second hour Astronomy class. The class worked on the project for about a week.

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More Favorite High School Memories You'll Never Forget

By Jess Stelken

“At Maquoketa Valley’s homecoming this year, we started writing WD Rocks on people’s cars.”

- Jill Caradus

“Camp-outs during the summer and going to the Dome my junior year for football.”

- Mitch Holtz

“When we got pulled over by the cops

for having a keg of root beer in the back of 8-ball’s (Ryan Peyton’s) truck last year, just because the cop thought we had a keg of beer in the back of his truck.”

- Nic Stelken

“Going to the state play-offs for football and state basketball last year.”

- Doug Drees

“Skiing at Sundown with the student council because I was with a bunch of my friends. We just had an awesome time.”

- Kara Greve

