

## Journalism's Top Picks for Homecoming Attire

By Jessica Sedain

Monday - PJ Day



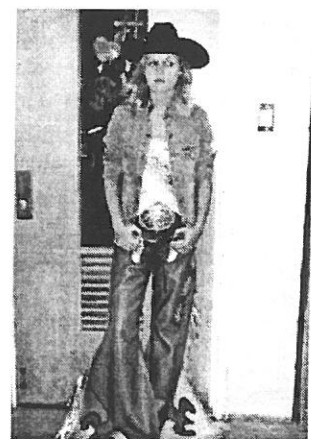
Jenny Drummy

Tuesday - Costume Day



Amanda Wheeler, Nichole Lane, Kim Meisgeier, Keeley Lenz, Morgan Putz, Amanda Klein, Sandy Funke

Wednesday - Western Day



Kristin Flannagan

Thursday - Celebrity



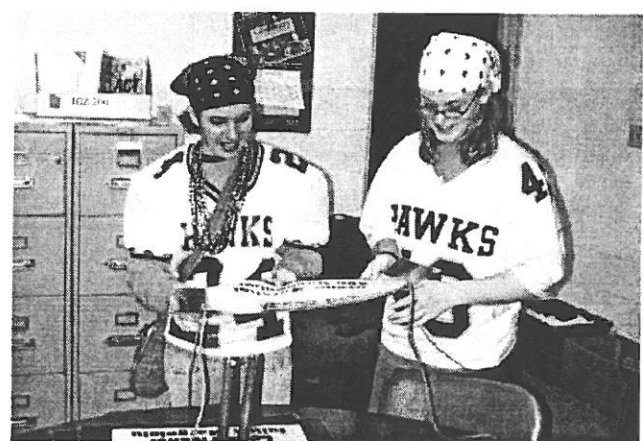
Ben Brady

Thursday - Fake an Injury Day



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Friday - Orange and Black Day



Kacie Klein and Lindsay Murphy

## Selling Speech Students?

*Fund-raising ousted for new method*

*By Steve Van Kooten*

Fund-raising—the word brings sighs of sorrow and agitation to speech participants. Every year speech members have the laborious job of bothering neighbors and friends in an attempt to raise money for the season.

For many years this has been the case, but this year Darla Gaskill, head speech coach, has found a way to hopefully beat this, through sponsorship of speech members.

To sponsor a speech member, parents or other people, pay \$20 and choose a student to sponsor. This student will phone or contact his/her sponsor and keep them updated on what speech events are happening and what events he/she is participating in.

Speech is attempting this process because with fund-raising “a lot of kids complained that they felt like they were bothering the same people each time,” said Gaskill.

As of October 16, 27

sponsors have accepted this new suggestion. At \$20 each, \$540 has been collected.








Most speech participants have voiced their opinion about sponsorship. Adam Manternach, Speech Council member, said, “It sounds good. A few people have been saying that this could make more money in a few years than fund-raising ever did.”

According to Gaskill, this new idea hopefully will decrease the speech team’s fund-raising problems. Gaskill said, “The school only pays for transportation and paychecks. We have to pay for contests, royalties, and scripts, not to mention we must buy the medals for the winners. It’s not like cross country where they hand medals to you at the finish line.”

Gaskill is hopeful that this new method will be successful. “It’s scary,” Gaskill said, “We gave up some sure money for this.”



## Thumbs Down to...

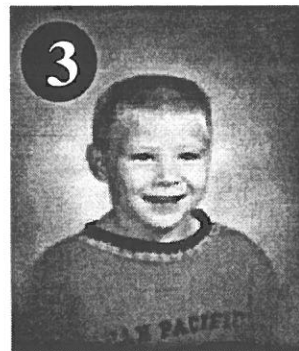
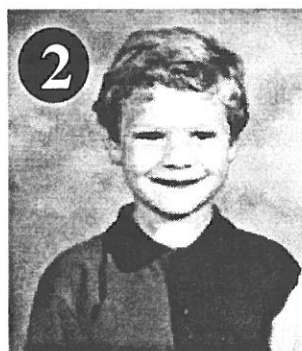
-  Homecoming Pep Rally Inside
-  No WD Burning for Homecoming
-  People Stealing Stuff From Girls Locker Room
-  Long Lunch Lines
-  Stink Bombs in Hallways
-  Homecoming Dance DJ
-  Pot Hole in Parking Lot

## Guess Who?

*By Amanda Klein*

Match these kindergarten photos with the present day student.

*Answers on page 4*



## Student Profile

By Katie Mozingo



**Name:** Clint Coggins  
**Grade:** 11

**Favorite quote:**  
"Life is too short but sweet for certain." -By Dave Matthews Band

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** Changing the world for the better in any way would make my heart soar.

**What do you like best about coming to school?**

Daydreaming. No matter where I am, I find myself wishing I was some where else.

**Least?** My least favorite...it's all pretty bad.

**Favorite song?** "#41" by Dave Matthews Band, the live acoustic version with Tim Reynolds. The first time I heard it, it put me to sleep.

**Favorite Movie or T.V. show?** *Scrubs*. It makes me laugh.








**What career do you think best fits you?** I don't find any career to be kosher at this point, although I've imagined myself being a lawyer, but I'm still not sure.

**Is the glass half-empty or half-full?** Of course, the glass is always half full. Never negative, always happy.



## Thumbs Up to...

By Kristin Flannagan

-  Cross Country Winning Home Invitational
-  Winning Homecoming Football Game
-  Sophomores Winning WaMac Volleyball Tournament
-  Automatic Scoring for Bowling in PE
-  Positive Notes Left in Peoples' Lockers
-  Football Players Eating Together Every Night of Homecoming Week
-  Beating Beckman's Undefeated Volleyball Team

**Congratulations to Steven Durey who was recently accepted into the Opus Honor choir!**

## There's a First Time for Everything

By Ashley Nachtman

The West Delaware "Pride" Marching Band recently brought home not only a promise of a blond band director and a Division I Rating at the State Marching Festival, but also a first place victory at the Marion Marching Invitational.

Eighteen bands, six of them in class 3A, participated in the State Marching Festival at the Waterloo Memorial Stadium on October 12.

At the Festival, the "Pride" Band earned a Division I Rating and accumulated 72.5 points. "I am very excited about the Division I Rating because it's a great reward for the hard work everyone has done so far," said Director Mark Philgreen.

In order to motivate the band, Philgreen had promised the band members that he would bleach his hair if they achieved a Division I Rating and he would get a Mohawk if they earned over 75 points. Although the band secured a Division I Title, they did not accumulate 75 points. The band was only able to acquire 72.7 points.

According to Philgreen, he dyed his hair blond last year and it only stayed blond for a little while. When his hair started to grow out, it turned orange.

Philgreen says his wife

isn't bothered by his changed hair color. "She's just glad I don't have to get a Mohawk," Philgreen said.

In an earlier competition, the "Pride" Marching Band tasted its first ever first place victory in a field marching competition at the Marion Marching Invitational at the Marion High School football field on September 28. Out of the 14 bands present at Marion, two competed against the "Pride" Band in class 3A.

The band performed three songs by the group Chase: "Open Up Wide," "Handbags and Gladraggs," and "Get It On."

Despite a rainy day causing the field to be slippery, the "Pride" Band was still able to do well. The only problems were found within the colorguard. "On the first song, we were turning around to run and I kind of slipped, but I recovered. I was laughing, but I was fine," said Kim Sullivan, a colorguard member who slipped onto her rear-end.

"When we got off the field, we knew how much better we had done than at Linn-Mar," said Dawn Padilla, a colorguard member, referring to another marching band competition held earlier that day.

## Monthly Calendar

### October 22:

- Freshmen football vs. Linn Mar (B squad) there at 4:30
- End of First Quarter
- Fall Vocal Concert in the gym at 7:30

### October 23:

- No School

### October 24:

- Cross Country districts at 4:30
- Second Quarter starts

### October 25:

- Varsity football vs. Independence (senior night) here at 5:15
- Friends of Music Soup Supper in the cafeteria at 4:00

### October 26:

- Varsity volleyball Soph. Crandic at Iowa City West at 9:00
- Freshmen volleyball Dubuque Senior 9th tourn. there at 9:00
- All State Band and Vocal Auditions

### October 28:

- Freshmen football vs. Vinton here at 7:00

### October 29:

- ITEDS

### October 30:

- FFA Convention
- ITEDS

### October 31:

- ITEDS

### November 1:

- Varsity football vs. Crestwood there at 5:15

### November 2:

- State Cross Country at Fort Dodge Lakeside Golf Course at 12:30

## Answers to Guess Who

By Amanda Klein

1) Ashten Stelken

2) Jordan Hunt

3) Joel Kluesner

4) Laura Burkle

## Achieving Soccer Goals

By Heather Miller

West Delaware students may have the opportunity to use a new soccer practice field and a new soccer competition field as early as next year.

West Delaware school is looking into making a soccer practice field south of the Beckmen Complex, according to Assistant Principal Bob Murphy. The practice field will also be available for the city to use. The school hopes to have the practice field complete and ready to use by next spring. The primary expenses for the soccer field are the soccer goals, which will be purchased by the West Delaware Booster Club.

"I think it will be great to have the soccer field because there won't be any conflicts with who plays where," Murphy said.

The city of Manchester is in the early stages of planning for a new soccer com-

petition field, which will also be available for West Delaware school to use. The 25 acre soccer complex will be located near Henderson Manufacturing and take about a year to complete. According to Ben Page, director of parks and recreation, the complex will consist of three or four fields, a shelter, a parking lot, a picnic area, and a pond.

"Having the complex will add to the community's value," Page said, "and it will be more convenient for people." The new facility will be more convenient because the city and school are using three fields together for games right now.

"We are excited to see the interest in soccer," Mike Kopish, boys soccer coach, said. "Soccer is the most popular sport in the world and we are glad Manchester is taking an interest."

## Student Profile

By Candace Hubbard

**Name:** Kristin Larson

**Grade:** 12

**Favorite quote:** "Heroes get remembered but legends never die. Follow your heart, kid, and you'll never go wrong" *Sandlot* - "The Babe"



**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** Make everyone get along.

**What do you like best about coming to school?** Lunch, because Eric Ogden always comes up with a new way to make a fool out of himself.

**Least?** Finding a parking spot.

**Favorite song?** "No such thing" by John Mayer because it's been over played for how long and I'm not sick of it yet!"

**Favorite Movie or T.V. show?** *Friends*, because no matter how many times I watch the episodes I still laugh at every joke.

**What career do you think best fits you?** Something that helps people, because I like helping people.

**Is the glass half-empty or half-full?** Half-full, because it's better that way.

## Sk8terboys

By Katie Mazingo

Have you ever heard of an ollie, kick and heel flip, nollie, or popshuvett? These are a few of the moves the West Delaware's "skaterboys" use while skate boarding.

The "skaterboys" which usually include Austin Timmerman, Ryan Jellison, Jim Wade, Travis Olson, and a few other kids skate for about one to four hours every few days.

They can usually be seen by Deli One, First State Bank, the high school, or the Hardee's parking lot.

The police have also been to these places to see what the guys are up to. "A ticket for skate boarding is about \$15 dollars, but none of us have ever gotten one," said Timmerman. "Although they did threaten to put me in jail

for skate boarding too late one night, but I was lippin' off too so that was probably not helping the situation much."

Injuries are also a part of skate boarding. Timmerman has cracked his head on the pavement, and Jellison has also suffered an injury or two. "Yeah, I was riding a rail and lost the board. When I came down on my face, it left my skin on the cement, and I broke my ankle. It sucked so bad," said Jellison. "But it's like a hobby, and stories like that are what make it fun."

The guys hope that some day Manchester will have a skating park. "Skate boarding is becoming really popular, so it would be nice to have some place to go without worrying about cops and all," said Jellison.

# How Far Would You Drive?

By Kim Meisgeier

For some students driving five to ten minutes is long enough to get to work, but others students drive twenty to forty-five minutes for that extra cash.

Students like Micky Alber, Clint Coggins and Andy Nielsen drive fifteen to 45 minutes for their jobs.

Coggins, who does laundry at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, drives 45 minutes to work. "I make a lot more money, and my job is easy," said Coggins, who earns \$7.50 per hour.

Coggins works on the weekends averaging eight hours per week. He admits that he doesn't like driving to Cedar Rapids on Saturday

and Sunday mornings at eight o'clock. He also feels it is more expensive to drive 45 minutes than 10-15 minutes. In the long run, Coggins said the money he makes is worth the long drive.

"Sometimes I fall asleep on the drive into work, so I have to turn on the air conditioner, turn the radio up, and roll down the windows," said Coggins.

Like Coggins, Micky Alber also works in Cedar Rapids. Alber works in the concession stand at Hitters Sports Park during the baseball and softball games. Alber has worked at Hitters for three years now.

"It's fun having a job that

no one knows about, because when I say where I work everyone thinks I say Hooters!" said Alber. "One of the downfalls of working at Hitters is that it's an outside job. Weather is a big factor. Bad weather means they will cancel games, and I won't get to work."

It takes Alber 20-30 minutes to drive to work. Alber decided to get a job outside of Manchester "because it is something different and nobody else works there." She likes meeting new people, which makes her job more fun. Alber puts in 20-25 hours per week, working after cross country practice and on the weekends.

"It takes a lot of gas driving to and from Hitters, and I have to make sure to be ready on time," said Alber.

Flipping burgers, making fries and serving the customers are what Andy Nielsen does at McDonald's. Nielsen has worked at McDonald's in Dyersville for the past five months, averaging sixteen plus hours per week. After his fifteen minute commute, Nielsen works every morning before school from 5:00 to 7:30 a.m.

Nielsen decided to work in Dyersville because the jobs in Manchester just don't pay enough. Nielsen makes \$7.25 an hour working at McDonalds.

## How many students have a job and work more than 15 hours per week?

By Kim Meisgeier

# 45.3%

Approximately 75 students were surveyed

## Teacher Profile

By Megan Maurer

**Name:** Mike Morrison

**Classes:** Trigonometry, Consumer Math, Geometry

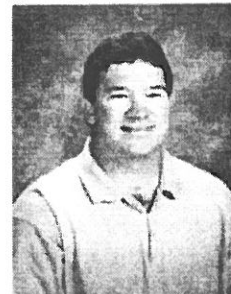
**Favorite Quote:** "The other team could make trouble for us if they win" - Yogi Bear

**What's one thing you would change about the world?** Stop poverty

**Favorite song:** "Strutter" by Kiss

**Favorite movie:** Caddyshack or Vacation

**Is the glass half-empty or half-full?** Half-full because that means I am going the right direction.



# WWW.CASEYNET.COM

By Dan Glaza

Some students just want to be heard by peers, but because of the pressure of social anxiety, they remain silent among fellow classmates. Casey Hansen and Nathan Jewett are just two average guys from West Delaware helping to provide an opportunity for those students to share their ideas with self-confidence with [www.caseynet.com](http://www.caseynet.com).

"CaseyNet is a web-based community designed to allow people to communicate and share their thoughts and ideas," said Jewett, one of the administrators of the site. The original objective of the site was to encourage fellow students to aid each other with homework.

Jewett and Hansen were surprised at the rapid growth of the site, because after only four weeks, the member registry has grown from 2 to 132. According to Hansen, now topics of conversation not only include school, but range anywhere from favorite flavor of popcorn to the situation in Iraq.

The constant registration of users is a pleasant surprise to Jewett and Hansen, considering the only advertising has been by word of mouth and by a float in the West Delaware Homecoming Parade. "Future promotions include a feature in the (Cedar Rapids) Gazette and possibly sponsoring a Go Fish (An a capella contemporary rock trio) concert right here in town," said Hansen.

The web site's administrators have received help in the form of moderators to make sure members stay on topic and avoid inappropriate material. According to Jewett, Kyle Hansen and Nick Johnson are the first moderators for CaseyNet. They attained their respective positions because of their expertise in the subjects of general discussion and civilized debate. "Action a moderator can take includes editing an offending post, deleting it, or moving/deleting a whole thread (if it doesn't fit the subject matter)," said Kyle Hansen.

Fortunately, according to Johnson, offensive and profanity-filled posts are not that big of a problem. "I mostly just delete accidental double posts," he explained.

Only a little over four weeks after the first member registered, CaseyNet has been growing in popularity with all crowds of people. Clint Coggins prefers CaseyNet's online discussions and debates rather than sitting down in a group to discuss topics face-to-face. "It helps you express what you are feeling more accurately, because you have a chance to think about what you want to say (before you post a comment), and what words you want to use," said Coggins.

Sara Saunders feels CaseyNet is important, because the site and its users are "very diverse."

Johnson feels that it has opened up waves of communication between people not otherwise acquainted. "I've had discussions and debates with people from our school who I probably would never have talked to otherwise, so that's pretty cool."

Hansen and Jewett are taking the success in stride, constantly improving and

broadening the capabilities of the site to ensure its prosperity. "We hope to expand to other parts of the state, country, and even the world," said Jewett.

Hansen is just going to sit back, relax, and take it all in. "Did we ever expect it to get this big? Heck no!" said Hansen. "We're just riding the wave now!"

## Student Profile

**Name:** Bobby Dolan

**Grade:** 10



**Favorite quote:** "I glued my hand to my head!"  
-Ralph Bigham (Simpsons)

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** The girl to guy ratio should be at least 7 to 1.

**What do you like best about coming to school?** Good times, because they remind me of other good times.

**Least?** Bad times, because they remind me of times that were opposite of the good times.

**Favorite song?** "Sons of Dixie" from Men's Choir, because it provides a rush of adrenaline comparable to drinking 3 Red Bulls in a span of 10 seconds.

**Favorite Movie or T.V. show?** The movies where the bad guy wins, because you don't see those very often.

**What career do you think best fits you?** King, because then I could be the fairest of the land.

**Is the glass half-empty or half-full?** Obviously it depends on what is in the glass.

**They Made  
Me Go To  
School . . .**



**. . . And look  
What Happened!**

*by Steve Van Kooten*

## Backflips, Roundoffs, & Jumps

*by Megan Maurer*

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, Charlie Hines and his mother drive to Hiawatha for Hines' three and a half-hour gymnastics lesson. In the Cedar Rapids Association of Gymnastics (CRAG), Hines competes with 14 younger guys on his team.

Hines attends seven to eight meets a year where

over 100 people compete in each age group. Usually three age groups attend each competition: ages seven to eight, eight to nine, and ten and up.

"The farthest I have ever gone to compete was Lincoln, Nebraska. We only compete with the surrounding states, mostly Minnesota and Wisconsin," said Hines.

After eight years of lessons, starting when he was seven years old, Hines accomplished his biggest achievement when he was 13. Hines won Regionals All Around by acquiring the highest final score of six combined events.

Hines' favorite event is the high bar. His second favorite is the vault. In the vault

Hines does a stucalara, a round off onto the horse and then a double back flip.

"I don't know why I got involved in gymnastics. I just do because it is fun," said Hines.

Although Hines is unsure of where he will attend college, he plans to continue competing in gymnastics.



# They're Tping While You're Sleeping

By Tim Ryan

Teenagers, dark clothes and toilet paper. This is a combination that you see throughout football season.

Many students participate in the non school sponsored after school activity of Tping. Students from all grades go out after dark to TP other grade members' houses.

Sophomore Candace Hubbard said, "TPing is a rush when you know that someone is home and you can get in trouble."

Michelle Wessels replied the same way after she was spot lighted by a police office while TPing. "I was really scared that I was going to get caught, but it was a rush."

The evening begins at 10 p.m. for most people so it is dark out and hard to get caught. "We meet in Chesters parking lot and split up the people in two vehicles, one gets the Manchester football players and the other gets the Ryan football players," Said

Jamie Kammarmeyer. "We have about 600 rolls of TP per car."


Senior football player Adam Wilson said that the girls have Tped his house since he was freshman. "I don't have a problem as long as they don't ruin anything." Wilson said "It's all about revenge."

The average group

spends about 60-90 dollars on one night and are out for about 4-6 hours..

"The best time that I went TPing was last year and Lisa Krogmann's dad and little brother, Justin, shot a shotgun in the air and chased us on the 4-wheeler. I have never ran so fast in my life," said Ben

### Three Down One to Go




*Jennifer Jones*


Jennifer Jones once again proves her artistic skill, winning the homecoming button contest for her three years in a row.

Jones said that Amanda Klein gave her the idea for the button. "It's my goal to win the contest all four years that I am in high school," said Jones.


Jones has thought about attending an art college after high school, "It would be an interesting and fun career," said Jones.



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## Cops Don't Stop

By Kristin Flannagan

Picture waking up one morning and looking out your window at toilet paper covering your trees and house and blowing all over your lawn. Many students and parents of West Delaware are familiar with this scene.

While many people think that draping toilet paper all over someone's house and yard is illegal, it really isn't according to Officer Mike Zellner "as long as there are no other acts of vandalism done to the house."

Zellner sees no harm in TPing, but he would encourage students to ask parents or have the students ask if it is all right with their parents before the TPing takes place.

Although the police might not stop students from tping, "if parents report them to the police, the students have to pay fines, clean up the mess, or possibly reimburse the home owner for any damages," said Zellner.

Like Zellner, Paula Woods, parent, sees no problem in students TPing houses. "It's a tradition. It's just a way they show their school spirit," said Woods. Woods lets her kids TP others' houses, and, if her house gets Tped, her targeted child has to clean up the mess.

It also doesn't bother Shirley Cole, parent. Cole said, "I did it when I was in high school. It's a tradition."

## Sportsmanship Citizenship Character Conference

By Kelsey Hepke

While students at West Delaware were heading to their first hour classes on October 2, Assistant Principle Bob Murphy was taking three students to a Sportsmanship Citizenship Character Conference at the Iowa State Center Scheman Building in Ames, Iowa.

Student Council members Amber Appleton, Candace Hubbard, and Lindsay Murphy volunteered for this one-day conference. The opening speaker was Cael Sanderson, an Iowa State University wrestler, who spoke about how he has gotten to where he is today. Af-

ter the opening assembly, participants attended two sessions. Appleton, Hubbard, and Murphy attended the sessions Preparing for Success and Leaders vs. Followers.

One piece of advice Hubbard learned from the Preparing for Success session was to "make goals for yourself and work 100% towards them."

The Followers vs. Leaders session was Murphy's favorite session because "it really taught me that leaders and followers are very similar."

## 30-Second Kneel Down

By Candace Hubbard

For some students, 30 seconds is nothing. But for a few students, 30 seconds is just enough—just enough time to pray.

Thirty Second Kneel Down is a time everyday after second hour about eight students meet in the hallway, kneel down together, and pray silently for thirty seconds.

The idea for this thirty seconds of prayer was brought up as an idea during See You at The Pole. Lincoln Prins also mentioned that he received the idea from his youth pastor of First Assembly of God in Cedar Rapids. Prins, along with Keeley Lewis, organized the Thirty

Second Kneel Down for other students.

Kristy Palmer said, "Thirty seconds isn't too long, but it's just long enough take out of your day to pray."

Many students witness the praying. Alex Moss is just one of the many. Moss commented, "I was surprised to see it (praying) in school," he said.

Evelyn Marolf commented, "People will see us pray and they don't understand why. They think it's for attention, but it is not."

Paige Mundy-Young said, "People don't know what it is, so they make fun or it and don't attempt to understand it."

## Student Profile

By Kelsey Hepke

**Name:** Laura Heth

**Grade:** 9

**Favorite quote:** "You never know when you are marking a memory"



**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** Cheaper prices on everything and peace.

**What do you like best about coming to school?** I like to see and talk to my friends, but most of all seeing Mr. A having to deal with some of the people in my class that are annoying.

**Favorite song?** "Stand By Me." Every time I hear that song, I think of my neighbor who sings it to me every time we hear it—good times!

**Favorite Movie or T.V. show?** *Dharma and Greg* They have a unique cast and they don't act fake like other shows.

**Is the glass half-empty or half-full?** Half-full because I look at life with hope, and instead of not having any hope.

During these 30 second sessions, these students who pray ask God for forgiveness and to help them through the day. Minna Quint said that she prays and thanks God for everything he has done. Quint also said, "I pray in school because it was a challenge, to get on your knees

and pray in front of everyone. It's important to think about our Lord even at school."

"I will continue to pray at school and at home no matter what. I talk to God whenever I need someone to talk to," said Palmer.

## Ag Education Competition Results

By Lindsay Murphy

### August 24 State Livestock CDE 5th Overall

-Jessica Tekippe                      -Michael Tekippe  
-Blake Mormann                      -Jessie Thole

### September 14 District Dairy Cattle CDE 8th

-Michael Tekippe                      -Jessica Tekippe  
-Adam Manternach                      -John Schechtman  
-Seth Wendt

### September 14 District Dairy Products 13th

-Jessica Thole                      -Sarah Willie  
-Kandi Wolfe

### September 21 State Dairy Cattle CDE 7th

-Michael Tekippe: 1st in production test &  
5th individual overall  
-Jessica Tekippe: 1st in oral reasons  
-Adam Manternach                      -John Schechtman

### September 28 Freshmen/ Sophomore Livestock Judging

-Jessica Tekippe: 5th individual in swine  
-Adam Manternach: 5th team in swine & 5th  
team in rabbits  
-Kristal Willie: 5th team in swine & 5th team  
in rabbits  
-Jeff Carroll: 9th individual overall & 3rd in  
beef

### October 3 Horse Judging

-Kandi Wolfe                      -Sarah Willie  
-Kristal Willie                      -Jeff Carroll  
-Jake Hahesy                      -Cody Errthum

## Posting Pigs

By Lindsay Murphy

Dr. Don Cook, veterinarian, recently demonstrated posting to 17 Animal Science students.

Posting, a procedure used to determine an animal's cause of death, involves cutting open an animal and examining the internal organs.

On October 3, Cook first explained what to look for on pigs if they had a disease. Then after removing the heart, lungs, and stomach from the pigs, Cook showed the students how the organ works and attaches to the pig's body. Cook also pointed out the reproductive systems of some pigs. Then he diagnosed each pig with a cause of death.

According to Tammy Schneiders, Ag teacher, starvation, pigs scours (diarrhea), mycoplasmal pneumonia, and belly ruptures caused the deaths of the pigs.

Tammy Schneiders, Ag teacher, said the students really got involved with the presentation this year. "They

were just very attentive and their eyes were into it," said Schneiders. The students usually just sit there and stare, but this quarter "they knew what was going on and what was going to happen next."

Student Cirra Bauer chose to handle the pig's organs after Cook finished with diagnosing them. Bauer said, "It was a good experience because it taught the parts of the pig and different diseases."

Some students chose not to interact with the pigs. "It was hot and goey and didn't look sanitary," said Kylie Palmer who just sat back and observed all the students handle the pigs.

Students in Animal Science who earn a C or better, can earn college credits through any Iowa community college. If a student transfers to a four year college from a community college, the credit transfers as well.



After Dr. Don Cook, veterinarian, determined the cause of the death of five pigs, Micky Alber, Casey Cooke and Kylie Palmer listen as Cook speaks about the career of veterinary medicine.

## Strummin' with Birdie

By Kristin Bohlke

The West Delaware Music Department will present the musical *Bye Bye, Birdie* November 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and November 10 at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The musical, which involves 64 actors, 13 band members and 3 stage crew members, began rehearsal September 16.

Duane Philgreen, director, said, "Most of the time, cast members have been focused. They tend to pick up the singing and choreography very quickly."

"Right now, it feels like everyone is getting it. It doesn't seem as hard as last

year," said Diana Karkow, who plays Mrs. Macafee.

The musical involves a rock star Elvis type character, Conrad Birdie (Jordan Schultz), who is drafted into the army. His manager, Albert Peterson (Kyle Griffith), has arranged for him to kiss a girl on TV. The girl that was chosen is Kim Macafee (Kylie Toomer), who has just been claimed by Hugo Peabody (Mason Greve) who's not happy with the situation. In the end, Hugo tries to stop the kiss on TV.

"The reason for picking the musical, *Bye Bye, Birdie*, is so we can get away from

the turn of the century, which in the past we've done musicals from the 1800's to 1900's. This musical is set in the early '60's in a small community the size of

Manchester," said Philgreen.

"This selection has opportunities for a huge cast with multiple production numbers," said Philgreen.



Front Row: Kylie Toomie, Diana Karkow, Jordan Schultz, Kyle Griffith; Back Row: Mason Greve, Jake Wall, Dan Glaza, Krystal Kehrl, and Emily Meyer.

## Door Dings to Fender Benders

### Accidents in the Parking Lot

By Emily Bandy

"I didn't mean to but I went to turn and pull up beside Rolly (Brett Boeckenstedt), but I turned a little too wide," said Katie Mazingo, who hit Boeckenstedt's car. Boeckenstedt's car is just one of many cars damaged in the West Delaware High School parking lot.

According to Bob Murphy, assistant principal, only one or two accidents per year are reported. The reason many accidents aren't reported, according to Murphy, is because "the culprit has already left the scene."

The most recent accident occurred September 30. Boeckenstedt was standing outside with a group of guys

when jokingly Nick Klostermann said, "Hey, Rolly, Katie just hit your car." What was first thought a joke became reality when Mazingo walked over to the group and told Boeckenstedt that she put a small dent in his car. That "small" dent, according to Boeckenstedt, amounted to \$2,000.

Holly Ingles also knows first hand about door dings. One day she was parking and got a little too close and put a tiny dent in a car. Ingles felt lucky when the car owner said he didn't care. She said, "People will leave just enough space where you think you can squeeze in."

Last year Katelyn Zuck

was also involved in a small fender bender. Zuck and three of her friends always parked beside each other until one day a "mystery car" began taking her spot. Zuck said, "One day I was running late and was rushed when trying to parallel park. I heard this screeching sound and looked to the right and noticed I hit the mystery car. So I put the car in drive and there went the screeching sound again!" Although Zuck did hit the other car, no damage was done and she didn't tell the "mystery car" owner.

When asking Kelly Murphy how the problem could be solved, she felt that

"eliminating freshman from parking in the parking lot would help."

Bob Murphy thinks it's safer to park in the street because there isn't an opportunity for someone to open his or her door and dent another car.

Boeckenstedt thinks the problem can be solved by "taking drivers ed."

Bob Murphy has a different idea. He says it can be solved by "charging for spaces, and then taking the money to pave the parking lot. Upper classman would then choose a spot first and so on." However, there have not been any plans or talk on this idea yet.

# Homecoming 2002



# Burnin' Up the Drag

By Amanda Klein

Imagine driving from 0-90 m.p.h. in a matter of seconds! Racing at such speeds is a reality for some West Delaware students, drag racing is becoming more popular every day.

Not only do three West Delaware students drag race, but over 25 students often go along to watch this event with over 900 other spectators.

Located in Cedar Falls at the Cedar Falls Raceway, drag races take place every third Saturday of each month. Races, running from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., are sponsored by the Fast and the Furious Shop located in Cedar Rapids. The cost is \$5 for a seat and \$25 to race.

The drag strip is a quarter mile long and cars reach speeds of 90-100 m.p.h. The participants are required to wear a seatbelt and are not al-

lowed to have passengers with them. If, however, the car is faster than a 13.99 split or time, then the racers are required to wear a helmet. Participants must be 18 years of age and must sign a waiver stating that if they are in an accident they can not sue the company for any reason.

According to Ryan Smith, the racers go through an inspection to make sure their car is legal before they are allowed to participate in the race. Once allowed to race, the cars are lined up in a staging lane and driven through a water box to wet their tires. After all preparations are completed, the wait begins as they watch for the red light to drop, signaling go.

"Every inch I get closer to the finish line my hands

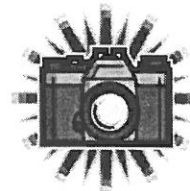
get that much tighter around the wheel," said Smith, who races a 95 Acura Integra. "I got into racing because my dad use to race in high school." Smith's best time was a 14.7 second split.

Jerney Ferden, who also enjoys racing, races a 99 Z24 Cavalier. Ferden became interested in racing because he likes cars and it's legal to race there. Ferden's best time so far has been a 15.3 second split.

Participants choose who they race against in the preliminaries. After the first few rounds, the racers are paired up in brackets according to how they finished in the preliminaries. The top 10 finishers receive a cash prize starting at \$400 for the first place finisher.



Seniors are reminded to submit four wallet sized senior photos to Mrs. Temeyer by November 1.



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