Surprise! 89 Wildcat
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Everyone can agree that life is full of surprises. Many of these surprises occur between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm—school hours.

From the time a person walks into the front doors of Wathena High, to the time they get a Pepsi out of the Stu-Co pop machine, students are bombarded with surprises. Test results, new outfits, old gossip that was updated, and the lunch menu are only a handful of the minor surprises of the week.

Winning the big game, making the cast of the All-School Musical, and the great decorations for prom are the major surprises that everyone enjoys.

No matter how large or small the surprises are, they’re all an important part of life at WHS. They make a bleak day look a bit brighter, and the day that’s so-so turns into a perfectly wonderful day.

The world is full of surprises, but it seems that most of those surprises are here at WHS. The yearbook staff has set out to capture some of the surprises during the 1988-89 school year, so get comfortable, and be ready for some of the biggest surprises ever! by Angela Baskins

Pink elephants, pink eleph . . . · Shelly Weaks, senior, dresses as Dumbo during Spirit Week. The senior class won spirit week by having a huge percentage of the class dress up for each day.

Well, I thought we graduated · Lance Juhl and Richard Ward were among the fire fighters who came to the aid of the cooks on February 27, 1989 when a small electrical fire started in the kitchen. No one was injured, and damage was kept to a minimum, thanks to the quick efforts of the Wathena Fire Department. photo by Nicki Simpson

Tag team wrestling · Tony Force and Jim Simerly try out medieval armor and weapons made by members of the National Society for Creative Anachronism. The NCSA visited with the College English and World History classes about medieval customs and traditions.
Bite on this book while we sew up the rip in your pants, George - George Jones is held down by members of the College English class after they learned that he had a huge rip in the seat of his pants. photo by Nicki Simpson

All the way to state - Members of the student body cheer the boys' basketball team on during the first round of the State tournament which was held on the campus of Washburn University, at Topeka. Going to State was probably the biggest surprise of the year. photo by Jason Simpson

I thought you had his arms - To wrap up the basketball season, several guys dressed as cheerleaders and put on the final regular season pep rally. Pyramids, however, were not their strongest stunt.
The activities at WHS give students a rare chance to let their hair down and have fun. The activities are spaced far enough apart to make them extra-special events. They're also full of SURPRISES!

Everyone looks forward to the break created by homecoming. Who would ever forget the look of surprise on the face of the homecoming queen?

The all-school musical follows, and after Christmas break, Sweetheart homecoming.

In May, the juniors surprise the seniors with prom. The seniors are then surprised again by the scholarships and awards they win at graduation.

It can be said that the activities give the students a break from the endless routine of studying and test-taking. Along the way, they provide a lot of pleasure and quite a few surprises.

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FLEX!!!—The Wildcat football boys flex their muscles to give those attending the parade a short glimpse of their awesome strength before they demonstrate against the Bulldogs. The guys lost against McLouth but didn’t let that effect their winning season of 5 and 4. photo by Bray

We may be irresistible, but PLEASE!!!—The homecoming queen and her court hold their pose for another photographer. The theme for homecoming came from Robert Palmer’s song, “Simply Irresistible.” photo by Bray
Despite the loss to the McClouth Bulldogs, fall homecoming in was a week full of student participation and spirit.

The spirit was higher than most have seen for many years, and class competition during the days of spirit week was a tight race.

"It was fantastic! There was more participation this year than there's ever been," Mrs. Clark, pep club sponsor for many years, said.

Not only did the week dedicated to the "Simply Irresistible" Cats involve a lot of students participating in the dress up days, but the decorations for the dance and floats were done by many students, also.

The juniors won the float competition with "Blast the Bulldogs," the freshmen were second with "Skin the Bulldogs," and the sophomores finished third with "Board up the Bulldogs." The sophomores also won the overall Spirit week competition.

The three queen candidates this year were Nicki Simpson, Lesley Koehler, and Mary Beth Schmille. The escorts this year were Wally Snodgrass, Jim Simerly, and Jay Whitten. Lesley was chosen as queen, and crowned by Wally.

"I was really nervous to kiss Wally, because it was going to be my first kiss ever," Koehler said.

The flower girl was Tiffany Juhl and the crown bearer was a very shy Justin Davis.

To finish off an exciting week the Wildcats suffered a disappointing 12-7 loss to the Bulldogs. But, the loss didn't dampen the turnout for the dance afterwards.

"I really liked it! It was better than the ones I've been to in past years," Nicki Masters replied when asked what she thought of the dance.

By Tanya Drake and Jennifer McAdams

AHHHH!!! Now isn't that sweet?—Tony Force shows his soft side as he hides his face from the camera with his Teddy. Two new days, Tourist Day and Royalty Day, were added to the days of dress in homecoming week '86. photo by Nicki Simpson
Yes, we're quite Sure!—The dancers raise their hands to show that they're sure of their performance. Days of practice proved worth every minute as the dancers all followed their cue and raised their hands in unison at the end of a dance. Photo by Jennifer McAdams.

Ah, has Spoken!!!—Nicki Simpson acts out the part of Mammy Yocum in the play, during the Friday night performance. Photo by Jennifer McAdams.

'Lil Abner:
A big production

It's not so hard. Anyone can do it. Just open your mouth wider and put a twang in your voice. These were the instructions on how the words in the script of "Li'l Abner" should be said. Sounds simple, huh? But easier said than done.

Getting the words and lines to come out just right, and getting them to correlate with each dance step and action took more than a few simple instructions. It took days of hard work and 20 organized practices before the play was ready for its debut.

"Li'l Abner," a musical taken from the comic strip of the same name, contained the largest cast of any musical ever performed at WHS, with 40 actors and actresses. "A large cast is good because it gets more students involved, but it's also bad because you are forced to involve a lot of people who aren't really committed to the play," Arlene Sollars, the director of the play, said.

Kathleen Schmidt helped Sollars in supervising the large cast by directing the vocal and instrumental music.

Geary Engemann built the set with the assistance of several students and his faithful sidekick Guy Barton. Many of the props and settings were designed to emphasize the fact that Dogpatch was not a real place, but merely a cartoon setting.

"I learned a lot about the people in the play this year. It was surprising to me, the people who lived up to the expectations set for them, and those who didn't," student director Angie Baskins said.
Did Jim just say something important? Jim Simerly played one of the leading male parts of Earthquake McGoon in the play Lil' Abner. Photo by Jenifer McAdams.

Lookin' Good—Katherine Bauman reassures an apprehensive Kurt Engemann as she applies his stage make-up before the Friday night debut. Photo by Jenifer McAdams.

Forget That!!!—Jay Hartman demonstrates his common sense as he backs away from some of Shelly's "Peale Pills" that are meant to calm his nerves. Shelly Weaks and Jason Author look on in awe at his defiance. Photo by Jenifer McAdams.

Mr. Deaton, For your own sake...—Jason Simpson was supposed to miraculously change to a muscular hunk. Mr. Deaton offered himself for the role.

Water, somebody get some water!!—Jason Simpson chokes on Damon Hansen's "Kickapoo Joy Juice."

Abner
Alone at last · Freshman Mike Blanton smiles because he is finally able to get into his locker without a bunch of people standing in his way. Lockers are one of the things that freshmen have to adjust to when they enter high school. photo by Bray

Can I carry those? · Ricky Bauman offers to carry Shelly Thorton’s books. Time between classes is often spent by couples at one another’s lockers. photo by Bray.

Your locker:

A little piece of home

Books, paper, pens and pencils, and finished assignments are some things that are expected to be found in a locker. A collection of already chewed gum, moldy food, a tail of a dead deer, and socks that were worn over three weeks ago are things most would find quite out of the ordinary.

A locker, according to Webster, is a drawer, cupboard or compartment that may be closed with a lock. Many of the lockers lining the halls of WHS remain set throughout the day. In fact over 58% of the students at WHS set their lockers all of the time, and many others say that if they could they would too, but their lockers don’t set.

A locker is about the only private territory that really belongs to a student at school. Many people like their lockers and where they’re found.

“I like my locker because it’s next to everyone else’s locker and it’s close to Miss Reese’s room. That way I can make it to first hour English on time.” Brett Miller, sophomore said.

Not everyone likes their locker or where it’s located. The freshmen, who are experiencing their first year using a locker between classes, most generally said they didn’t like where their lockers were.

“It’s all the way downstairs, and by the time I get there and back upstairs to most of my classes I am almost tardy.” freshman Charlie Hart said.

Many people fill their lockers with things to eat in case they get hungry throughout the day. After checking around it was found that Kenya McCrory’s locker was a prime example. Jim Simerly asked whether it was a snack bar or a deli.

“It’s a little bit of both. I keep crackers, cookies, twinkies, M&M’s, lemonade, corn nuts, skittles, and lots of gum in my locker. I keep it in there because I am always hungry because I never eat breakfast. It never stays in there long though, because my friends are a bunch of pigs, and almost everyone in the school knows my combination,” Kenya McCrory, sophomore said.

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It's in here somewhere - Gary DeVault searches through a book for an assignment he's sure is finished. Many people cram their lockers so full of trash that if an assignment were ever lost it would never be found. photo by Bray

Now if I moved this book . . . - Robin Hartman and Angela Thels try to take things out of their locker, while avoiding an avalanche. Most students agreed that the most successful locker stacks were those done accidentally by themselves. photo by Bray

Did they eat all of those corn nuts? - Kenya McCrory searches for some food as she realizes that her friends have probably eaten all of it. She keeps food stashed in her locker all of the time, but as she said it never stays there very long. photo by Bray

Maybe it's under here - Michelle Jackson goes through the bottom of her locker looking for a paper that may have fallen from the top shelf. photo by Bray

What can you make of this? - Vickie Tafoy and Lisa Bauman look at an ancient artifact Vickie found lying in the bottom of her locker. photo by Bray.

Lockers
When it "Rains" it pours

The Sweetheart Dance, February 17 went as smoothly as planned and came off without a hitch. The band, Rain, was the highlight of the dance. The band's name, however, did not reflect the forecast of the Sweetheart dance.

After their visit to school many students said the band should definitely come back. This was the first dance with a band at school since the fall of '87. The student body, as a whole really enjoyed the band and many students could be seen wearing "Rain" t-shirts and pins after the dance.

The turnout for the dance was a good one, including lots of alumni and students that stayed until the dance played their final song.

There were four candidates for queen this year instead of the usual number of three. The candidates were Jenny McVey, Angie Studer, Tina Thomas, and Annette Weishaar. This year candidates that were chosen for football homecoming candidates could not be elected for Sweetheart candidates since the student body voted to change the school constitution and switch the rule. Their escorts were Israel Elder, George Jones, Wally Snodgrass, and Brian Walker. Tina was chosen as queen, and George did the honors of crowning her as her escort. The flower girl and ring bearer were Jenise Laipple and Brian Laipple.

The theme song for the dance was "Faithfully" by Journey.

"I thought the dance was more fun than dances have been in the past. The band was good, and they played a lot of fast songs," Jesika Russo said. The band seemed to get rave reviews from all the students.

"The band was great. We want them back again next year," John Schmidt said.

"It was loud! I went home and I couldn't hear a thing," Natalie Shorb said.

Whether it was the band, or the Varsity boys' and J.V. girls' victories over the Valley Falls Dragons, Homecoming in 1989 was a great time.
Preserve this perfect pose.—Annette Weishaar smiles along with her father Eugene Weishaar and escort Wally Snodgrass as she anxiously waits for the decision. Annette was one of four candidates this year, instead of the usual number of three.—photo by Bray

Turn left up here, Dad.—Jenny McVey leads her father Clinton McVey to their place on the court. Jenny’s escort was Brian Walker.—photo by Bray

I wish this thing had straps.—Angie Studer stops amid the confusion to adjust her dress and is caught at an awkward moment by the photographer. Angie’s escort was Israel Elder. photo by Bray

George, I think I’m sick.—Tina Thomas casts a look of nervousness and worry. It all turned O.K. for her, however.

How much longer?—The queen and her court sit uncomfortably on the bleachers and endure another photo.
Did I shave? - Bret Robinson checks to make sure that his face is smooth. Guy Barton doesn't seem at all apprehensive as he relaxes after a dinner of round steak and baked potato. photo by Bray

I'm not 'gonna look - Tanya Drake tries to avoid another photographer. The students were not only photographed all night by a photographer, but Ms. Deaton could be seen, everywhere you turned, making a valuable video tape of the evening. photo by Bray

Every rose has its thorn

They say “Every Rose Has Its Thorn”, but Prom '89 was a flawless evening and everyone enjoyed themselves. The theme for prom “Every Rose Has Its Thorn” by Poison was not descriptive of the Saturday, April 22 evening. The dance and dinner went on schedule and the juniors saw all of their hard work pay off without even the slightest complication.

Prom was held in the Downtown Holiday Inn. The decoration committee wasn't allowed to get into the dance room to decorate until 3:30 in the afternoon, but the flower arrangements and balloons in the colors of silver and rose, were all in place by 6:00 when picture-taking began.

“It seemed like it took forever to get here, and when it finally arrived it seemed like it was over before we could enjoy all of our work,” Vickie Tafoya, decorating committee chairperson said about prom.

The dinner was catered by the Holiday Inn and began at 6:30. The meal consisted of round steak, baked potato, green beans, and salad, and dessert was a chocolate and white cake decorated with roses.

The band, Rampage, began playing after dinner, and prom concluded at 12:00. The band was enjoyed by most everyone. The band got everyone involved with what they were doing by letting people get up on stage and sing with them, and participating a lot with the students.

“I thought the band was really good because they got involved with the students and helped to make prom a great time,” Jay Hartman, junior said. Jay got right up on stage and performed with the band at prom.

The prom this year was a very formal occasion. The faculty agreed that the student body all behaved well, and there was no need to call anyone down. Every guest behaved and managed to contribute to a lovely evening.

“It was a nice evening I’m sure I’ll remember, but I’m really glad it’s over,” junior class sponsor Ms. Solars said.
Don’t do it, Bill - Annette Weishaar gives someone a look of warning as she dances to the band. The juniors treated this year’s seniors to a wonderful prom held at the new Downtown Holiday Inn. photo by Bray.

What a happy couple - Wally Snoadgrass and Katie Peterson pause, glad for the chance to take a break from their dancing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the band, and the dance floor was crowded for most of the night. photo by Bray.

Wake up Craig - Nicholle Haupt tells a tired-looking Craig Hayes to look sharp. The band, Rampage, only played two slow songs, but the couples got a chance to slow dance during the band’s breaks. photo by Bray.

Let’s get some punch - Sherri Nett searches for a reason to rest her ears from the loud music. Everyone may not have enjoyed all of the music, but everyone agreed that it was definitely loud. photo by Bray.

Surrounded by women - Ed Berger seems to have finally found the right touch of charm he has been looking for. photo by Bray.
We're back... Wathena fans let everyone know that they are behind their team. The first boys' team to reach state since 1956 was supported by hundreds of boosters, alumni, and students at the game in Topeka.  
photo by Jason Simpson

Gravity check... The basketball team waits for gravity to effect the ball during the tip off. The Chargers got the tip as well as a good first half lead, but the 'Cats bounded back with an attack late in the game to capture a trip to Topeka. photo by Jason Simpson

Wildcats take sub-state championship from surprised Chargers

Hundreds of voices screamed out, feet stomped, hands clapped, balloons flew, pom poms were raised and a song began to salute the 1988-89 boys basketball team as they soared to a victory in their regional final. To their confident fans this victory was no surprise, but to the fans sitting across the court, the awe was overwhelming. WHS fans got the privilege of watching the first boys team from Wathena High since 1956 travel the road to the state playoffs. While the surprised Jefferson County North crowd watched their team, who had already defeated the 'Cats in two regular season games, lose by a margin of nine points to the determined 'Cats.

The 'Cat’s road to victory, however, was not an easy one. It included two close games: 72-71 to Valley Falls, and 49-45 to Washington. The guys were not alone on this rough victory path though. They were supported by many fans, teachers, alumni, faculty and rival county teams. The school received letters from several coaches and supporters from the surrounding areas wishing them luck on their road to state.

The final game in the sub-state playoffs involved the most pressure the 'Cats had yet encountered, but the 'Cats rose to the challenge. The boys fought hard to come back from a halftime deficit of nine points to defeat the JCN Chargers 73-64. They felt at certain points in the game that they were battling more people than just the other team. Quite a hassle arose when the time keeper shot the half time gun off too early (since they didn’t have a buzzer) and the Wildcats were cheated of a final second 3 pointer by Brett Miller.

"Even though the gun went off too soon, I was kind of glad because Bam finally made a shot," George Jones said.

The boys’ made a hit with everyone, after their victory including both the St. Joseph and Wathena papers. The guys made front page of the St. Joseph News Press and Gazette, and received an entire Wathena Times dedicated solely to them. An all-school pep rally with parents and other townspeople saw the boys off to their game at state. As the bus pulled away, the cheerleaders and their pep club cheered wildly for their team.

Chad McCoy and George Jones were both picked for first team all-league, and honorable mention for the state team.
Go ahead Israel.- Israel Elder’s teammates stand by and watch as he leaps for a rebound. The final outcome of the game was Hill City 65 and Wathena 50. Throughout the game the boys trailed by as much as 16 and were within 5 points of their opponents, but they couldn’t manage to pull out the victory. photo by Jason Simpson

Another free throw?- Lisa Bauman and Natalie Shorb raise their hands and wait for a free throw to fall. The fans got to do a lot of this during the sub-state game. The many free shots, including the late fourth quarter technical foul baskets, helped the ‘Cats raise their score late in the game and defeat the JCN Chargers. photo by Jason Simpson

All for one and one for all!- The team huddles up for a confidence cheer before their game against JCN. There were only a few subs that came off of the Wathena bench, but the support from the other teammates that remained seated was a continual comfort to those who played. photo by Jason Simpson

Look, we got the net- Chad McCoy tries to pull the net off of Brett Miller’s head as George Jones looks on with a never ending grin. The net was later displayed in the cafeteria.

The sub-state champs- The team members pause in their victory celebration to accept their plaque for the hard-fought victory over Jefferson County North.
What's on these chairs? - The second row of seniors seemed awfully apprehensive about sitting down in their chairs. They were eventually ushered out of the gym, where their life of high school would be left behind and they would all go their separate ways.

I must be dreaming - Larry Wright receives his diploma as if he is in a daze. Many students probably found themselves asking if that day they had waited so long for was actually there or if they were dreaming.

As the processional began the audience full of friends, family, and faculty rose to honor the entrance of the 1989 WHS graduates. There were 31 students who were graduated on the evening of May 21, 1989. These students were ending 13 years of education. The years of lockers, bus trips, and high school athletics had ended, but this night did not only symbolize the end of many events, but also the beginning of a new life full of responsibility and freedom.

All of the students received a diploma, but some graduated with additional honors. Four years of studying and hard work produced two very select students. The valedictorian of the Class of '89 was George Jones, and the salutatorian was Leann Krousa.

Several other students received high recognition when the award were presented. The Kansas State High School Activity Association Award went to George Jones and Mary Beth Schmille, while the runners-up were Wally Snodgrass and Leann Krousa.

The winners of the Masonic Award were Billie Jo Steeby and Wally Snodgrass. The Booster Award went to Brian Walker and Lesley Koehler. Most of the students graduating out of this class plan to attend college following high school. Many received scholarships from the area colleges including Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri, and Highland Junior College.
This is all we get?  Brad Caton waits for something else as Mike Vertin informs him that all they get is a diploma. The students received much more than that, however, in a priceless education that would take most of them to college. Photo by Bray

This really belongs to me?  Billie Jo Steeby gives someone a look of question. She and Wally Snodgrass received the award given by the Masons to a boy and girl in the class. Photo by Bray

One last race  Tina Thomas walks up to receive her diploma. Graduation symbolized the end of many activities for the students including the end of all high school athletics. Photo by Bray

Uhhmm, thank you very much  George Jones, valedictorian of the Class of '89, gives his speech. It was very entertaining and amusing as one would have expected from George. Photo by Bray

I'll miss you so much  Mike Long is congratulated with a big hug from Jay Hartman. Photo by Bray
George Bush defeated his opponent Michael Dukakis in a landslide in 1988 to become the 41st President of the United States. Bush had served as Vice President of our country for eight years under Ronald Reagan.

Guns ‘N Roses was one of the most hailed rock groups of 1989. They not only topped the singles chart with their song “Sweet Child O’ Mine,” but their album, “Appetite For Destruction,” also captured the fifth spot for top albums of ’88.

Here are the events that helped shape 1988-1989

Olympics, droughts, election ’88...

Oprah Winfrey. Her amazing weight loss got her on the cover of many magazines as she stunned many people with her new figure.

The Discovery sent the U.S. back into space. The Discovery was the first space flight since the tragic Challenger.

Roseanne Barr, the funniest fat lady on T.V., became a hit in ’89 with her weekly series titled “Roseanne.”

Save the whales. It became an international campaign to save two whales trapped in the ice in Alaska in 1988.
Jose Canseco, the most valuable professional baseball player in '88, caught a lot of glances from a lot of people, including those women who know nothing about baseball. He hit the most home runs of any player in '88.

Orel Hershiser celebrated a World Series victory over the Oakland A's in 1988. The Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the A's in a 4-2 series.

Jerry Rice, wide receiver for the San Francisco 49er's, led his team to a Super Bowl victory in Miami in 1989. Rice received the M.V.P. award for his performance in the closest Super Bowl game in years with the 49er's barely topping the Bengals 20-16.

Florence Griffith Joyner was probably the '88 Olympic Games' most loved hero. Her two inch nails sparkled as well as her performance. She shattered the 100 meter world record, making her the fastest female ever, and she captured a gold in the 200 meter as well.
Movies

“Rainman”, a touching film about a man who discovers that he has an older autistic brother one of the biggest movies in 1989. This movie was nominated for several awards, including Best Actor, and featured Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman.

“Cocktail” was one of the most popular movies of ’88. The “Cocktail” soundtrack was a real hit and Tom Cruise was a heartthrob in his follow up from Top Gun.

Drought destroyed the crops of the summer in '88 and the effects are expected to continue into '89. The entire midwest was hit by the drought, and many called this the worst to hit the midwest since the dustbowls in the '30's.

“Who Framed Roger Rabbit?” was a big hit among many people in 1988.

Top 10 Albums of the Year

George Michael- Faith
INXS- Kick
Def Leppard- Hysteria
Dirty Dancing- Soundtrack
Guns N’ Roses- Appetite for Destruction
The Hardline According to Terence
Trent D’Arby- Terence Trent D’Arby
Michael Jackson- Bad
Tracy Chapman- Tracyman
Tiffany- Tiffany
Bruce Springsteen- Tunnel of Love
Ben Johnson, after shattering the records in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and beating his arch rival Carl Lewis in the '88 Olympic Games, was found to have used steroids. Following the discovery his medal was taken away and given to the ever popular Lewis.

Mike Tyson, heavyweight champion of the world, married Robin Givens in 1988, and their divorce took place in '89.

Geraldo Rivera was made famous in 1988, when by trying to provide the public with an entertaining and controversial program, he mistakenly invited the Skin Heads, a group of white male supremacists, to one of his shows. During the program a heated argument evolved in which Geraldo was struck by a chair, and his nose was broken.

The Last Temptation of Christ was one of the most controversial movies in the decade.
Seven hours a day, five days a week, nine months a year . . .

Seems like quite a long time, doesn't it? All those long days of reading, listening, and taking notes. Will it ever end?

It's easy to make the school year look very bleak, but the students at WHS have discovered a way to break up the monotony of the days. They didn't have to look very far to find the solution to this problem. In fact, the solution came during the course of the year. Want to know their secret? Want to know how the students manage to stay sane? It's easy!

You take all the surprises that occur in the different sectors of the student's life, combine these surprises with weekends and wonderfully long vacations, and you have the perfect solution.

Because we're typical kids, we enjoy these breaks, but when they end, we realize that it's back to the books. It may sound like a really dull nine months, but the excitement of school never stops. From football season in the fall to graduation in the spring, the students work hard to make the events here at WHS into a great year.

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A basic attraction

What attracts us to famous people? Is it their bodies, talents, general great looks, or money? Famous people represent something we want, but usually can’t have. We have dreams, fantasies, and continuous thoughts about what it might be like to be with a famous person, for whatever reason we might have.

"I would like to go out with Tom Cruise to find out if his mind is as attractive as he is," Natalie Shorb said.

"I would go out with Robin Givens because she is pretty, but I would be scared of Mike Tyson," Charlie Hart said.

"I would go out with Patrick Swayze, so we could dirty dance all night long," Angie Ptomey said.

Class officers—Darren Baskins, present; Ryan Hartman, vice president; Jason Simpson, secretary; Krisha Vertin, treasurer.

"I would like to have a 1970 Convertible Mustang because they are nice looking and they attract twice as many girls than any other car," Jason Christman said.

"I want a Ford Nash stationwagon because they set low to the ground and ride smooth," Jeremy Murphy said.

"I want a Labarron GT convertible because in the summer while I'm driving down the highway with the wind blowing through my hair and my friends with me; I would be having the time of my life," Peggy Weishaar said.

By Leann Krousa

Sophomore class officers: Josh Elder, President; Tanya Drake, Vice President; Jennifer McAdams, Secretary; Nichole Haupt, Treasurer. Photo by Sarah Groh

Tim Witt, Kiley Rice, Brett Miller, Joshua Elder, Brian Fansher, Damon Hansen, Duston Hansen, Angela Theis, Jenifer McAdams, Tanya Drake, Tara Deaton, Kenya McCoy, Chris Kucan, Steve Rolfsmeyer, Rex Rolfsmeyer, Nicholle Haupt, Mike Bell, Lisa Geeting, Jesika Russo, Sharon Davis, Kurt Engemann, Terry Hartley, Jeremy Murphy, Jason Christman, Stanley Potter, Eva Schmille, Peggy Weishaar, Mitzi Juhl, Paula Weishaar, Tammy Erickson, Crisha Orcutt, Mike Colhour, Robbin Hartman, Katherine Bauman, Michelle Beattle, Chris Groh, David Steeby. Photo by Bray
Drake, Tanya
Elder, Joshua
Engemann, Kurt
Erickson, Tammy

Fansher, Brian
Geeting, Lisa
Groh, Chris
Hansen, Damon

Hansen, Duston
Hartley, Terry
Hartman, Robbin
Haupt, Nicholle

Juhl, Mitzi
Kucan, Chris
McAdams, Jennifer
McCrory, Kenya

Miller, Brett
Murphy, Jeremy
Potter, Stanley
Rice, Kiley

Rolfsmeyer, Rex
Rolfsmeyer, Stephen
Schmille, Eva
Steeby, David

Theis, Angela
Weishaar, Paula
Weishaar, Peggy
Witt, Tim
"When I look at a girl, she must be a little Princess Diana, with a long pointed nose, blond, dark red, or brown hair, and must be real nice," Edward Berger said.

"What I want most in a boyfriend is blue eyes, stout shoulders, a nice fluffy rear that I can put two hands on, and a nice expensive car," Staci Coburn said.

"I base my decision on a guy, by how much trouble he goes through to get me to go out with him," Nicki Masters said.

By Leann Krousa
Seniors are achievers and believers

Guy William Barton
Science Club 24, FFA 3,4; Chorus 1,2; All School Musical, crew 3,4; County Government Day, Register of Deeds; Senior Choice, Friendliest Face, AMBITION: Undecided.

Angela Jolene Baskins
Volleyball Manager 2, Math Club 2, Treasurer 4, Math Contest 3,4; Business Club 1,4, President 4, Business Contest 4, 3rd and 4th Place Contests 1, School Club 3, Science and Drama Club 1-4, Secretary/Treasurer, Speech and Drama Contest 4, 5th place DVL, 2nd State Speech and Drama 4, FHA 1; Pep Club 1,2; Student Council 2, Secretary 2; NHS 3, Knowledge Bowl 2, 4; Productions 2; Co-Editor 3, Editor 4; Varsity 1,4; Class Officer 3,4; Class Officer 3, Treasurer 4; All School Musical 4, 4th Place contest 2; Speech and Drama Contest 4, State Music Contest 3,4, able 2-4; Cross Country 2,4, Honorable Programer.

Michael Anthony Long
FHA 1; 1,4; Horticulture Contest 2-4; County Government Day, Sheriff; Senior Choice, Class flirt; AMBITION: Undecided.

Jennifer Lynn McVey
Volleyball 1-4; Business Club 4, FHA 1; Varsity 2-4; Pep Club 1,2; Student Council 4; Chorus 1,2,4; Class Officer 4, President; Honorable Mention 4; County Government Day, Appraiser; Homecoming Attendant, Basketball; AMBITION: Work with handicap or Day Care.

Regina Lee McVey
Volleyball 1-4; Basketball 1; Flag Corps 2,3, Co-Captain 2, Captain 3; Business Club 4, FHA 1; FHA 2,4; Horticulture Contest 4; Club 1-4; Pep Club 2, Productions, Academics Editor 3, Organizations Editor 4, 2nd KSPN Contest in yearbook, copy, State Contest; Journalism 3; Chorus 1,2,4; Honorable Mention 2; County Government Day, Treasurer; Senior Choice, Class Cruiser; AMBITION: undecided.

Sheri Lynne Nett
FHA 1; NHS 3; Knowledge Bowl 3; Productions 2; Journalism 3; High Honor Roll 1-4; who's Who American High School Students 2,4; Spanish Club 2,3; Academic Letter 1; Oklahoma High School Honor Society 1; AMBITION: Undecided.

Susan Diane Remmers
Volleyball 1-4; Honorable Mention All-League Team 3,4; Basketball 1,2, Honorable Mention County Team 2,3; Flag Corps 2, Co-Captain; Math Club 1,4; Math Contest 1,3; Business Club 1,3,4, Vice-President 4; Business Contests 3,4, 1st job interview; 3rd place DVL, 3, Science Club 1,2, Secretary 2; FHA 1,2; W-Club, Pep Club 1,2; Chorus 1, Honorable Roll 1,4; Honorable Mention 2; County Government Day, County Clerk; AMBITION: Business Management.

Brett Allen Robison
FHA 1,3; County Government Day, Ballif; Senior Choice, Class Cruiser; AMBITION: Undecided.

Mary Beth Schmille
Volleyball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Track 1; Band Majorette 3; Math Club 2; Speech and Drama Club 2-4; Speech and Drama Contest 2; FHA 2; FHA 4; Horticulture Contest 4; 1-4; Club 1-4; Pep Club 2;3; Academic Letter 4; Productions, Sports Editor 4; Journalism 3,4; Class Officer, Secretary 2; Honorable Roll 1-4; County Government Day, Commissioner, Girl's State, City Clerk, Homecoming Attendant, Football, AMBITION: Physical Education, Coaching.

James William Arthur Simler
Football 1,3,4, Honor Mention Operation QG 4; Basketball 1,3, Track 1-4; Business Club 3, Speech and Drama Club 4, FHA 2; FHA 1; Varsity 1,4; Club 1-4; Pep Club 1,2; Band 1,2-4; Chorus 1,4, Class Officer 1,3,4; President 1, Secretary 3, Treasurer 4; All School Musical 2-4, High Honor Roll 1-4; County Government Day, Homecoming Agent, Boy's State, State Representative, Homecoming Escort, Basketball Senior Choice, Class Brain, K.U. Honor Student, Governor's Scholar, AMBITION: Creative Writer.

Lesley Kay Keebler
Volleyball 1-4, All-League and All-County Teams 3, Basketball 1-4; Track 13, Relay Team 3, Business Club 1,2; Speech and Drama Club 3,4; W-Club 1-4; Pep Club 1,2; Band 1,2; Chorus 1,4, Class Officer 4, vice President; All School Musical 3-4, Honorable Mention 1-4; County Government Day, Farm Annex, Homecoming Queen, Football; Senior Choice, Class flirt; AMBITION: Elementary Education.

Leann Marie Krouse
Track 1,2, Cheerleader 2-4, Math Club 2-4; Secretary 4, Math Contest 4; Science Club 2; Speech and Drama Club 4, 3rd Place Contest 4th in Duel Acting, FHA 1; W-Club 1,4; Pep Club 1-3; 2nd Vice-President 3, Student Council 3,6, NHS 2-4; Productions Staff, Editor of Organizations 3, Student Editor 4, 2nd Contest in theme and graphics design, 3rd State Contest 4, Journalism 3, Chorus 1,4; Class Officer 3, President, All School Musical 3, High Honor Roll 1,2-4, Honor Roll 3; who's Who Among American High School Students 3; Emporia State Scholarship Contest Awards, Honorable Mention Biology 1, County Government Day, County Commissioner; 2nd place, State, House of Representatives, City Council; Senior Choice, Class Brain; Outstanding Student, English, Spanish, Algebra, and Outstanding Sophomore 2, K.U. Honor's Student; AMBITION: Physical Therapist.

Wallace Cecil Snodgrass
Football 1,4; All League Linelinebacker 3,4; All League Running Back 4; All State Defensive Back 4, Led League in tackle 3,4, 5th State, Ranked State in punting, rushing, scoring, interceptions, and fumble recoveries 4; Basketball 2-4; Track 1,4; Math Club 1-4; FHA 1,2, Treasurer 2, FHA 2,13, Treasurer 2, President 3, W-Club 2; Student Council 3,4, Treasurer 4, President 1,2,4; Class Officer 2, Vice President 2, Secretary 4; All School Musical 3; Honor Roll 3,4, Honorable Mention 1,2; who's Who Among American High School Students 2-4; Homecoming Escort, Football, Basketball, Senior Choice, Most Athletic; AMBITION: Teacher, Counselor.

Billie Jo Steeby
Girl's Country 1,4; Track 3,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Business Club 3, Science Club 2, FHA 2, W-Club 3,4; Pep Club 2,3, Journalism, 2nd regional contest, 3rd at State Contests 4; PCA 1; Chorus 1-4; Honor Roll 4; County Government Day, Home Economics, Gymnastics Team 1; AMBITION: Child Care /Elementary Education.

Angela Marie Shellenberger-Studer
Business Club 4, Secretary, Science Club 3, FHA 2, FHA 4, Secretary, Horticulture Contest, 10th place, 4; W-Club 1, Pep Club 1; Journalism 3,4, 3rd Regionals, feature writing 3, 2nd Regional Contest, advertising, 1st State, advertising 4; Chorus 1-4, State 3, Honorable Mention 4; County Government Day, Sheriff and Court Clerk, Homecoming Queen Attendant, Basketball, Art Contest, Honorable Mention; AMBITION: Interior Design.

Paige Margaret Sturdevant
Volleyball 1,4, Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2; Math Club 2, Math Contest 2; Business Club 1,4, Treasurer 4, Business Contest 4; Science Club 2, W-Club 3,4, Pep Club 1,2, Knowledge Bowl 2,3, All School Musical 2,3, Musician, Honor or Roll 4, Honor Roll 1-4, Honorable Mention 3; County Government Day, Home Health Nurse; Girl's State, AMBITION: Nurse.

Tina Marie Thomas
Football Manager 4, Cross Country 3,4, All League Team 3; Basketball Manager 4, Track 2,4; Business Club, Business Contest 3,4; FHA 1,2,4; 2nd Vice-President 3; Student Council 3,4; Chorus 2-4; County Government Day, Zoning and Planning, Homecoming Queen, Basket Ball, Senior Choice, Friendliest; AMBITION: Nursing.

Brian Lee Walker
Football 3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Basketball 1,2,4; Track 2-4; Math Club 2, FHA 1,4; FHA 1,2,4; Student Council 4; Chorus 4, All School Musical 3,4, Honor Mention 4; County Government Day, Homecoming Attendant, Basketball, Senior Choice, Best Dressed, Class Cutty.

Debra Jean Wardlow
Speech and Drama Club 1; FHA 1; Horticulture Contest 4; Productions 4, Journalism 3,4, 1st Regional Contest, Culline writings 3, Chorus 1,2, Honor Roll 1,4; County Government Day, County Clerk, 1st DVL Art Contest, AMBITION: Special Education, Paraprofessional.

Shelly Lucinda Weak
Volleyball 2, Volleyball manager 1, Basketball 1,3, Track 1-4; Business Club 2,3, Speech and Drama Club 2-4, W-Club 1-4; Pep Club 1,2; Band 1,2-4; Chorus 1-4; All School Musical 2-4; County Government Day, Judge, Senior Choice, Class Clown, AMBITION: Occupational Therapist.

Annette Marie Weisshaar
Cheerleader 2,3, Business Club 3,4, Business Contest 3,4, 3rd and 4th Place Contests 1, Speech and Drama Club 2-4, W-Club 1-4; Pep Club 1,2; Band 1-4; Chorus 1-4, Honors Band 1-4; All School Musical 2-4; County Government Day, Judge, Senior Choice, Class Clown, AMBITION: Occupational Therapist.

Patrick Jay Whitton
Football, Science Club 3, FHA 1,4; Student Council 4; County Government Day, Commissioner, Homecoming Escort, Foot ball, Senior Choice, Most Spirited; AMBITION: Undecided.

Larry E. Wright Jr.
Football 1,2, All County Team, offensive and defensive tackle; Honor Roll 3; County Government Day, Lawyer; AMBITION: Undecided.
Dear Angela, Dad and I wish you luck and happiness in whatever you decide to do in life, remember you will always be our little girl. We love you very much. Mom and Dad

Angela, We both love you and pray the best for you. You will always be “Angie Baby” the “Special Lady.”
Love, Mom and Dad

Dear Sue, Our love and best wishes go with you always. You are very special to us. Love, Mom and Dad

Leann Krousa, We give you our love and wish you health and happiness in life. Love, Mom and Dad

Lesley, We wish for you all the joys in life. Love, Mom and Dad

To my beloved Jim, Through life’s struggle you gain maturity and your dreams are accomplished. Before, my follower and tomorrow a leader.
Best wishes in your chosen career, the recognition will be your reward. Never limit your talent when the doors can be easily open. Love you eternally, Mom, Grandma, and Uncle Ronnie

These babies have definitely come a long way since they were little rascals. Mom and Dad will look back and wonder how time can fly by so fast. It seems like yesterday since Mom and Dad held their children in their arms. Now they’re old enough to go a long way on their own. These baby pictures are dedicated to the seniors and paid for by their parents.
Tina, You have always been a wonderful daughter. You have always made me and your dad proud of you. And what ever you choose to do with your life, we want you to know we will always stand behind you. We love you, Mom and Dad

Bret, We knew you could make it! Best wishes and good luck in your future. May all your wishes and dreams come true for you. You deserve it. Love Mom, Dad, and crew

Annette, Missie; you’re still as beautiful now as you were when you were a baby. It’s hard to realize your graduating from school. Love, Dad

Billie Jo, Congratulations for a job well done. May you always seek God for guidance and you shall go far in your life. Good luck in college. Love, Mom and Dad

Dear George, HOW TIME FLIES! We’re very proud of all your achievements through your school years and we hope you reach all your goals in life. May God’s blessings go with you. Love, Dad and Mom

Dear Sis, We love you very much and are proud of the young woman you have become. You have brought joy to our lives and you will always be our special “Maggie.” Never lose sight of your dreams and goals and don’t give up until you reach them. Always walk with the Lord at your side and you can’t go wrong. Love, Mom and Dad

Michael, You are a special person to all of us. May you continue to make us proud of you. Mom, Brothers and Sisters

Israel, You have been a blessing to us. May you always choose God’s best in life. Love, Dad and Mom

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What are you looking out?—Paige Studer comments to another student while cheering at the football pep assembly on main street. Photo by Nicki Simpson

I'm possessed!!—Jim Simerly jokes around while he poses for a picture in Mrs. Reese Dillon's room. Photo by Nicki Simpson

I'm going to get you, Jimmy, you hound dog.—Debbie Wardlow sits in English IV exhausted while she breaks for a snap shot. Photo by Billie Jo Steeby
Dear Reggie, If we could give you anything to take with you through life, it would be happiness and love. For with these two gifts the world will be yours. Love, Mom and Dad

Guy, You’ve made us proud parents these past seventeen years! We’ve watched you grow and mature into a handsome young man. We wish you all the best that life has to offer: love, happiness and much success. Wherever life leads you always remember how much we love you and we’ll always be here for you. Love, Mom & Dad

Jenny, Congratulations and best wishes go with you in whatever you choose to do. Remember we will always be here if you need us. Love, Mom and Dad

Nicki, We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Our congratulations and best wishes go with you in whatever you do. All our love always, Mom and Dad

Sarah, Our hearts sing and dance with joy as we watch the beautiful person you are becoming. With God by your side, may success and good health be yours. Always believe in yourself, follow your dreams, and may you always bring happiness wherever you go. Love, Mom and Dad

Rhonda, I have always called you "little britches" and to me you will always be my little girl. We are very proud of you and always will be. Love always, Dad

Shelly, You always were the apple of our eyes. We know you will accomplish and succeed in everything you do, because we love you! Love, Mom and Dad

Wally, You are a very special person. Our best wishes are with you wherever you go. Keep up the great work and always remember we are here when you need us. Love ya lots & lots, Mom, Gary & Wendell

Mary Beth, Congratulations. With your determination, you will reach your goals in life. Our support and love. Mom and Dad
What was your most memorable moment as a child?

**Brad Caton**— "Riding my bike in the front yard, and flying over a bank and busting my head."

**Jim Simerly**— "When I was about eight-years-old, I lived in California and I was always staring at the babes in bikinis."

**Jenny McVey**— "Playing football on ice in the winter time, I dove for the football and ice went into my knee I had to leave school and get stitches."

**Angie Shellenberger**— "When my Mom and Dad put me in a corner and told me that there was no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy. I cried and cried, I was so upset."

**Billie Jo Steeby**— "When I was about eight, it snowed really bad and the steering wheel of the tractor had ice around it. For some reason I was licking it and my tongue got stuck to the ice. My dad had to get hot water to get my tongue unstuck."

**Brain Walker**— "When I went to the principal's office for the first time in first grade, and I was scared to death."

**George Jones**— "When I was playing football, I went to make a tackle and ripped my pants all the way down the side. My dad had to bring pants to school so I could change."

**Jay Whitten**— "When I took alcohol on a field trip in sixth grade and got in big trouble."

**Tina Thomas**— "When I was six-years-old I lived in St. Joe. After school I went with some friends and didn't go straight home. My mom had my relatives and the police looking for me. When I got home the police were there and were asking me questions, but nothing was wrong. After they left my mom whipped my butt."

**Paige Studer**— "When I was four-years-old Lesley Koehler and I took Andrea Lehman in a corner at Lesley's house. For some reason we started pulling her hair and attacking Andrea."
Do you prefer control top or regular?— Brian Walker plays a joke on Wally S. by slipping a pair of cheerleading tights on his head. photo by Nicki Simpson

Is this what happens when you're hot wired?— Nicki S. adds a little creativity to Israel's "do" in computer class. photo by Nicki Simpson

Gee, I'm going to be a rock star someday— Sue R. smiles for the camera during the football homecoming downtown. photo by Nancy Reese Dillon.

James William Arthur Simerly
Nicole Joelen Simpson
Wallace Cecil Snodgrass
Billie Jo Steeby
Paige Margaret Studer
Angela Marie Shellenberger Studer
Tina Marie Thomas
Brian Lee Walker
Debra Jean Wardlow

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Huey, Duey, and Lewy. — Mary Beth Schmille, Lesley Koehler, and Nicki Simpson ride in the Homecoming candidate's car through the football parade through town. photo by Nancy Reese Dillon

Senior Class officers. — Wally Snodgrass; secretary, Lesley Koehler; vice-president, Jennie McVey; president, George Jones; treasurer, photo by Nicki Simpson
Leaders of tomorrow:
Israel Elder and Angie Baskins

Class comedians:
Jim Simmerly and Shelly Weaks

Friendliest faces:
Tina Thomas and Guy Barton

Class brats:
George Jolles and Leann Kroese
Most spirited:
Nicki Simpson and Jay Whitten

Class cuties:
Annette Weishaar and Brain Walker

Class jocks:
Rhonda Clary and Walt Snowgrass

Class动态:
Bret Feston and Reggie McVea

Fashion figures:
Brain Walker and Sarah Groh

Class flirts:
Lesley Koehler and Mike Long
Senioritis usually begins during the last quarter of the junior year. The first identifying symptoms are sweaty palms whenever someone mentions the "S" word. Experts have been studying this disease for years, and have concluded that although the disease is harmless to those who are afflicted with it, underclassmen can be in serious trouble if they come in contact with a victim.

Excessive tardiness, excessive absences, and unfinished assignments are a few of the things that identify senioritis. Senioritis may seem like nothing but trouble to underclassmen and teachers, but as Mary Beth Schmille stated, it's a tradition.

The only known cure for senioritis is graduation. The only advise researchers give parents, teachers, and underclassmen—pray for an early graduation.
Bacca, Bacca.—Mike Long and Bret Robison goof around during the basketball pep assembly for the Troy game. photo by Nancy Reese Dillon

Now how is the darn thing suppose to work?—Guy Barton works in the Chemistry Lab on a project. photo by Nancy Reese Dillon

Oh dear not another surgery!—Sue Remmers Studies College English in the Library. photo by Nicki Simson

We're not singing Elvis again are we?—Annette Weishaar sits back relaxing in Chorus while she waits to sing. photo by Nicki Simpson

Where did this piece come from?—Jay Whitten works on an engine during Ag. class. photo by Nicki Simpson
Surprise! Hidden behind the bright lights of the stage, the cool nights of the football games, and the weekends of partying is the real meaning of school. ACADEMICS.

Although they sometimes get shoved to the back burner, academics are the biggest part of school life. They can make or break one's chances to get into the college of their choice.

Academics are highly stressed at Wathena High, and the students usually perform up to the standards set by the teachers. Many students have also learned that the academic part of life can be as fun as the other parts of school. This could be the biggest surprise of all!!

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BEFORE SCHOOL

Wanting to or not, students had to get going...

An unfriendly alarm, or an over friendly disc-jockey announced rise-and-shine for many Wathena students.

"I wake up to an annoying BUZZ," said junior Katie Peterson.

After dragging themselves out of that warm, cozy bed with the memories of last night's fight with their bothersome little brother, or their 30 minute cram for that test 1st hour, or the 2 hour phone conversation with their boyfriend or girlfriend, students started the process of getting themselves ready for school.

When asked the first thing they do in the morning Angie Shellenberger replied, "I go running in Shane's room and wake him up."

Although not all of us have to worry about getting someone else up, we all have one worry in common, getting to school on time.

Some students ride the bus to school and therefore arrive at the fixed time, but many drive, controlling what time they arrive. Even with this possibility there are only about 4 people late, on the average day, according to office records.

What students like to do when they get to school ranges from riding around town, or standing around talking to friends. "In my spare time I mainly listen to music," senior Brad Caton said.

Even though the day begins differently for different people, one thing remains the same, getting to 1st hour on time!

"I wake up to an annoying BUZZ."
Katie Peterson

Now that's a toughie. — Jerry Hawkins works on an English assignment, while trying not to notice the photographer. photo by Nicki Simpson

A five letter word for 'big' — Jay Whitten spent weeks gathering material for the election folder required for government. photo by Nicki Simpson

It's 8 in the morning, Stanley. I don't want to hear your jokes. — Jason Christman and Stanley Potter trade homework before their first hour class. photo by Nicki Simpson

AT & T is up a point — Brad Caton, senior, researches the November election in government class. The seniors spent a lot of time studying the election and the candidates. photo by Nicki Simpson
The memories of dreams and last night’s activities still linger in their minds. Students may be in first hour classes but their thoughts are still at home in bed.

Even though a lot of students sleep through first hour they have a certain theory that determines how the rest of their day will be.

"If I have a lot of notes first hour I’ll have a bad day," Rick Koelliker, junior, said.

"If I’m already hungry by second hour I’ll have a bad day," Jenny McVey said.

There are many exciting things that happen during the first hour English III class.

"Nobody is really awake until we have our morning rap session by Jim Simerly, Ken Simpson, and Tony Force," Lisa Bauman said.

Different people have different ideas about what makes them have a good day.

"I have a good day when I make it to school on time," Kay Wyatt said.

"If Ms. Sollars has a good attitude and is in a good mood during first hour I’ll have a good day," Jason Laipple said.

"When we get to go to the library to work and mostly talk I have
I can outdo George and I like that. He may be smarter than me, but in I can do more things on the computer than he can," Sandy Jones, junior said.

Second hour has the largest variety of classes offered for the students to take. Computer class is just one of the classes that is offered during second hour. During computers they learn how to use the computers.

"I like working with my hands, and Mr. Sebbert is a really hip dude," Jay Whitten, senior said.

In Business Management/Business Law students learn how to start a business and what it takes to keep it going. In Algebra I basic algebra functions are learned. In Algebra II more advanced algebra functions are studied.

Some of the other classes that were offered are English I, Psychology/Sociology, Physical Science, General Ag, Home Ec, and World History. Not many classes are offered during second hour but there are enough to keep the students happy.

"I like working with my hands, and Mr. Sebbert is a really hip dude," Jay Whitten

Craig, that's illegal - Tony Force acts amazed at what Craig Hayes has just done. In second hour the computer students learn skills that may help them someday break into a big business' computer. photo by Nicki Simpson
Get Back! - Dana Gerardy tells Ron Gabriel to get his eyes on his own work. Mr. Engemann encourages his students to discover things on their own through studying and investigations.

Third hour

The lost hour

Third hour, almost the middle of the day. The middle hour is treated like a middle child—it is just sort of there. No one pays any attention to what time of the day it is because there aren’t usually any special activities going on to give that hour any special attention, nothing special except class, that is.

You can hear many different sounds coming from Mrs. Wilke’s third hour class. You can hear people having fun while doing one of their favorite pastimes—drawing.

“It’s a real fun class,” Rick Koelikker, junior said.

In the halls you can hear the typewriters going vigorously as sophomores learn to type.

“I like typing because there isn’t any homework,” Angela Theis, sophomore said.

Some of the reasons people don’t like their typing class is because they are not good at it or typing all hour makes their hands tired. Some do it like, though, because they are kept busy typing.

“I like my third hour class because we have most of the hour to do what we want,” Curt Smith, freshman said.

“I like my third hour class when Mrs. Keese gives us time to do our work, but I don’t like it when she leaves on a trip and gives us a big assignment,” Jenny McVey, senior said.

“I like Mr. Engemann’s jokes during biology, but I hate dissecting and the smelly labs,” Shelly Thornton, freshman said.

“I can pick on some of the freshman during third hour,” Stacey Coburn, junior said.

By: Angela Newcomb

“I like Mr. Engemann’s jokes during biology, Shelly Thornton

O.K. Now for number 2 ... - Frank Hall works patiently on a biology assignment. If he hurries he might not have to take his home.

Or, you can work it this way - Natalie Shorb and Tisha Geeting are all smiles as one of their classmates shows them yet another way that the problem can be worked. Good attitudes like these make learning fun.

By: Angela Newcomb
During fourth hour the students are ready for lunch. Everyone is waiting for the bell to ring so they can get to activity period; they know there are only twenty minutes left until lunch.

One of the classes offered is Child Development/Family Living. In Child Development you learn how to take care of children and about the development, both mentally and physically, of the child.

"It was a really neat experience going to KinderKare and when the preschoolers came to make cookies," Andrea Lehman, junior, said.

Visiting KinderKare in St. Joseph and having preschoolers come was just one of the activities that went on in the class.

In another fourth hour class, advanced P.E. everyone is working on advanced forms of physical education. Upstairs in English II the sophomores do writing assignments and have a chance to express their opinions.

During band people are learning how to play new songs. They are practice songs for football and basketball games and for their concerts. They also practice for spring contests.

In Algebra I students learn how to do simple forms of the more advanced Algebra equations and in Wood I they are learning how to make wood projects.

During Crafts and Ceramics students learn how to make their own designs for projects such as latch hook or plastic canvas. And Greenhouse they are learning how to grow plants. They make money by selling poinsettias at Christmas and by selling some of their own plants.

"It's fun because we get to make money and we get to raise beautiful plants," Debbie Wardlow, senior said.

Because of the few classes that are offered fourth hour, people are kept busy with the activities during class. Everyone is satisfied with their fourth hour classes.

"It's fun because we get to make money and we get to raise beautiful plants," Debbie Wardlow, senior said.

One for you and two for me... Stacey Couborn divides cookies after helping the preschoolers bake them.
Fifth Hour

It was right in the middle of the day. O.K., so maybe it was closer to the end than the beginning. But, not so close that the students could go home. Students were beginning to feel the midday blues hit. There is a familiar wish that the day would be over on the mind of most students.

International Foods is one of the classes that was offered during fifth hour. During International Foods students learned about different countries and how to fix different kinds of foods. Some of the classes that were offered for fifth hour were Horticulture, Applied Math, Physical Science, World Geography, College English, Algebra I, English I, Chorus, Wood I.

In Accounting I students study how to help businesses keep records of all their expenses.

“Fifth hour always seems to go by so fast. We chat usually for a short bit and then get to work on accounting,” Andrea Lehman, junior, said.
Sixth Hour

We're trying! Seventh hour Chorus was practicing keeping their voices up for their music contest.

There's only one more hour to go. Everyone is tired from spending a long day at school. It's sixth hour. Most people like to get their done at the beginning of the hour so at the end, they can just play around.

"I help people pick on Ricky Bauman," Jason Simpson, freshman said about his drafting class.

"I do everything but my work," Jason Roscoe, freshman said about his general science class.

Most students would not like to switch their sixth hour class if they had the chance. They think their sixth hour class is a lot of fun.

During Journalism there were many things going on, anything from advertising to story writing. They may get a little rowdy but it's all in hard work and fun.

The Typing II class was always hard at work. They were learning to type letters and tables twice as fast as usual.

The Speech and Drama class learned to give speeches and what it was like to be a part of a major stage production.

The Advanced Foods class always had a new and exciting dish in the making. They cooked dishes that could be used in a fancy dinner or just at home for a plain meal.

There are classes like Economics, General Science, Algebra II, and Spanish that were also working hard and learning things that will help them in later life.

The P.E./Health class worked out in the weight room to build up their muscles. They learned about their bodies and what harmful substances such as drugs can do to their body.

All in all everyone seemed to have fun in their sixth hour and they didn't mind what work they have to do as long as they got to stay in their sixth hour class.

I do everything but my work,
Jason Roscoe.

Is she coming yet? Kay Wyatt tries to get her cake batter cleaned off the floor before Mrs. Lafferty catches her.

How do you do this? - Jay Hartman in deep thought trying to finish an assignment for Journalism.

This book is really good! - Brett Miller reads part of his book on a spirit day instead of finishing his algebra.
What was that note? - Mrs. Schmidt tries to help Israel Elder hit a high note during chorus.

It was seventh hour and the students couldn’t wait to get back home. They were hyped up because they couldn’t wait for the weekend to get here.

"I like Productions because it shows you responsibility and how to meet the deadlines that are supposed to be met. You also get to help in money making projects," said Debbie Wardlow, senior.

Productions is just one of the classes that are offered during seventh hour. Chorus is another class that is offered for the students seventh hour.

General Science is also offered for seventh hour.

"I like General Science because when we get our work done we get to do what we want and we have a cool teacher," said Joe Ramsier, sophomore.

In Typing I the students learned the basic fundamentals of typing.

In World Geography the students learned about the climates of different countries.

In English III students learned how to write short and long papers. The English III students also read literature that had to do with our history.

In P.E./Health the students learned about their bodies and different weight lifting programs.

In Spanish class the students learned some of the basic words in the Spanish language. They are learned enough words to carry on a simple conversation with the Spanish people.

In P.T. (Principles of Technology) the students are learned how to do different experiments on their own.

"I think P.T. is easy and when we get done with our experiments we get to go and do different activities," said Michelle Jackson, junior.

Even though the students are ready to go home by seventh hour they still like their classes and the activities they get to do in them.

I think P.T. is easy, Michelle Jackson.
Many of the Wathena High School students took a survey to find out what some of their favorites are at Wathena High. Since there are quite a few students in the school you would think that there would be a variety of choices, but most people like the same things. A lot of our fads and fashions are behind those of the bigger cities, but they are new to us and most of the students like it that way.

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Kirk Cameron, Garfield, Debbie Gibson, Def Leppard

Rosanne Barr, Jon Bon Jovi
Administration & Staff - Jerry Burks, Bill Smith, Richard Heaton, Doris Schweder, Juanita Euler

Custodians - Charlie Holiday, Don Kirkland, Gary DeVault, Leo Vertin, Helen Davis, Darlene DeVault

Cooks - Wilma Kaelin, JoAnn Schultz, Mary Fleek, Barb Schultz, Mary Recob, Alice Schuster
When asked why they joined a particular club, most students respond with textbook answers. "It looks good on a college application," "I'm in the class," "It's an educational experience that I'll never forget." Looks good on paper, huh? However, everyone knows the real answer to that question—to have fun!

Most of the clubs at WHS take field trips, and almost 1/2 of these trips are taken during the school day. While the students at WHS want to learn, they aren't above taking a field trip to get rid of some anxiety and get back to reality.

Since clubs are allowed only one field trip per semester, the club members have learned to plan their trips carefully.

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This year’s Student Council has set high goals set to accomplish.

“We want to revise the constitution this year, and we want to open the forums to the student body. I think we should make the constitution more of a student government, and get more student input.” Ms. Deaton, StuCo advisor said.

Another goal the StuCo plans to sell pizzas to raise money for Presidential Classrooms.

“I am glad I got involved in StuCo my last year of high school. I think it’s exciting helping organize school activities, and having a little say so in it.” Jenny McVey, senior said.

by Reggie McVey
The Business Club this year is more active than it has been in the past few years. On November 8, they went to Kansas City, Missouri to tour Hallmark. After touring Hallmark, they then went to Metro North.

"I thought the trip was neat, exciting, and real interesting, and I would like to go again."

Mitzi Juhl, sophomore said.

The Business Club also went to the Vo-Tech in Atchison and to Highland Community College for business contests.

In January, they sold candy bars, and had their annual banquet at Western Sizzler at the end of the year.

by Nicki Masters
Future Farmers of America is alive with many things this year. The Horticulture team received fourth place honors at NWMSU at the beginning of the school year. On November 10, FFA went to American Royal at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri.

“One of the reasons I’m in FFA is because I got into Greenhouse, so I thought it would be neat to join FFA to see what it was like, and I liked it. I would like to see more activity in FFA, Angie Studer, senior said.

“The reason I’m in FFA is because I enjoy working with tools and working with my hands. I like to learn more about agriculture business and I would like to see more participation in judging contests.” Jay Whitten, senior said.

by Nicki Masters


photo by Bray

Darling, you look mahvelous! Michelle Beaty, and Katherine Baumon experiment with stage makeup during Speech and Drama.

photo by Nicki Simpson
In December, the club went to the Mule Barn Theatre in Tarkio, Missouri, to see "Once Upon a Mattress."

At the beginning of second semester, Speech and Drama started their annual poster sale. The money they got from the posters went toward the price of tickets to see a play at a dinner theatre, or at Heartland Theatre in Crown Center.

Speech and Drama competed in many contests from January to April.

“I don’t know what it’s like, but I’m going to join to see. I’m hoping it will be a lot of fun.” Jason Arthur, freshman, said.

by: Reggie McVey and Nicki Masters
"I was really excited when I found out that I was selected for NHS," Nan Boos, junior, said. NHS started the second semester off with selecting nine new members. Their moneymaker for this year was working the concession stand for the Junior High ball games, to raise money to go to the dinner playhouse, and to provide a service for the community.

NHS is planning their usual spring trip to a dinner playhouse in Kansas City, where the families of the members, and the board members were invited to attend.

NHS has decided to fix up the park, here in town. They have talked of planting flowers, and painting the restrooms, to get rid of the graffiti that is on the walls, and to just make the park more attractive.

by: Nicki Masters

May I please finish my lunch - Jason Laipple tries to eat his lunch while practicing for an upcoming Quiz Bowl meet during lunch hour in Mr. Engemann's room.


Angie Baskins and George Jones-Team Captains
If you're standing in line for lunch, and people start cutting in front of you, don't worry it's just the Quiz Bowl team. These 10 bright and knowledgeable students practice everyday during lunch to get ready for their meets.

"I thought Quiz Bowl would be very challenging. Although I doubt it will help me in college, or everyday life, it is fun answering and testing your knowledge," Michelle Jackson, Junior, said.

This year the Quiz Bowl has been to 4 different meets. Unfortunately the B-team was the only team that won a place at the County meet in Elwood.

"I just thought that Quiz Bowl would be fun. It was something different for me to try, and it might help me in my future years of school. Rex Rolfsmeyer, Sophomore, said.

by Nicki Masters
The 1988 Math Club. Back row, Kurt Engemann, Kiley Rice, Wally Snodgrass, Brett Miller, Damon Hansen, Nicholle Haupt, Sue Remmers, Katie Peterson, Angela Newcomb, Landon Campbell, Joshua Elder, Michelle Jackson, Lisa Bauman, Mr. Sandy, Mitzi Juhl, Nicki Simpson, Leann Krousa, George Jones, Angie Baskins, Jason Laipple, Tanya Drake, Jennifer McAdams. photo by Bray

The science club has a lot to look forward to this year.

On December 13th the club took a trip to Squaw Creek for eagle and wildlife observations.

To help pay for the trip the club sold jewelry and gift items for Christmas.

"We probably sold $600 to $700 dollars worth in one week" Geary Engemann, sponsor, said.

Mr. Engemann stated that they are also planning to make wood duck and blue bird nesting boxes for farmsteads. by Reggie McVey

George Jones, President Nicki Simpson, Vice President Leanna Krousa, Secretary Angie Baskins, Treasurer

"1+1 = 4?" Frank Hall tries to figure math problems in his 3rd hour math class. photo by Nicki Simpson.
"I joined Math Club because it gives me something to do and I get to meet people from other schools. It will also help me when I take computer classes in college," Michelle Jackson, junior, said.

The math club this year consists of thirty members.

In the fall of 1988-89, the Math Club went to their first contest at Emporia. They competed against 50 larger schools. In April they will be going to Pittsburgh State, where they will compete against 1200-1500 students.

"I joined math club because I was in Algebra II, and it is always good to have on your transcript when you apply for college," Tanya Drake, sophomore, said.

by: Nicki Masters
"Band allows me to express myself without using words; it will also be my major in college," Sarah Groh, senior, said.

This year's band class has been very busy getting ready for concerts and contests.

The band's first contest was March 16 at Benedictine College. This contest included solos, and large ensembles, both vocal and instrumental.

The band went to a new place this year. Instead of going to Shawnee Mission like the past six years, they went to Kansas City Kansas Junior College, for the large group contests.

"I like music a lot and I hope I will get a music scholarship for college," Tracy Hughes, freshman, said.

by Nicki Masters
"The Beatles Greatest Hits" and "The 60's Party Line were real hits at this year's Pops Concert.

"I like to sing 50's and 60's music because its got a good beat and I can really get into it easier to listen and understand." Paige Studer, senior, said.

In contrast to the 50's and 60's music, this year's chorus class will be singing religious and serious songs, when they travel to Benedictine College in Atchison for competition.

"I like to compete against different schools, and I like to sing, my favorite song is "Bless the Lord", the one we took to state last year." Tony Force, junior, said.

After the contest the chorus will show off their concert tunes at the Spring Concert.

"I really like to sing and I am looking forward to all the concerts." Missy Joiner, freshman, said.

by Reggie McVey
The third time’s the charm for this year’s flag corp.

“I really enjoyed flags this year. I first saw a flag routine when I was in eighth grade, and I thought it would be fun to do all those things with the flags.” Katherine Bauman said.

The flags did a routine to every home game this year. Some of their songs were “Heard it Through the Grapevine,” “Wild, Wild West”, “Simply Irresistible”, “Oh Yea”, “Nobody’s Fool”, “Heaven’s on Fire”, and “Sweet Child of Mine.”

“I really like to perform. It’s fun making up the routines, then working on them together.” Jamie Orcutt said.

The flag corp traveled with the band for the third time this year to march at K.U. Band day.

“Even though the flags were a lot harder to twirl than they looked, we all had a good time doing it.” Katherine Bauman added.

by Reggie McVey


I’ll have a taco, burrito, and a - Jennifer Huff practices up on her Spanish in her Spanish class, photo by Nicki Simpson

What does Espanol’ mean? Heather Higgins and John Schmidt discuss some Spanish together. photo by Nicki Simpson
"I think Spanish will be important in the future, because colleges will make it mandatory to have a foreign language background," Wally Snodgrass, senior, said.

The Spanish Club has been planning a trip to Kansas University, where they will be visiting the language lab, and will be watching some films that will be in Spanish. They are hoping to be able to visit some of the other college language classes.

"I like Spanish because I think it is interesting to learn another language." Jennifer Huff, sophomore, said.

by: Nicki Masters
Wheaties, shoulder pads, Nikes, and pom poms. Without these things, Wathena High School would be lacking in a major extra-curricular activity—Sports.

Sports are said to be the mainstay of life here at WHS, and indeed, we have more than our share of talented athletes.

Relying on these athletes, the coaches have promised some surprises, and, as promises, they delivered. In return, the student body has responded with extremely high school spirit.

It is quite an understatement to say that we are proud of our athletes at Wathena. The Booster Club, cheerleaders, and flag girls support both the athletes and school spirit. Since all the right elements came together this year, we've had a great year in sports.

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'Cats defeat Troy after 13 years

For most people the number 13 stands for bad luck; however, that's not the case for the Wathena Wildcat Football team. After 13 years, the Wildcats finally defeated their arch rival, the Troy Trojans.

Winning over the Trojans gave the 'Cats their most highlighted game of the season.

The football team showed many fans that by working together as a team and having the confidence and spirit of winning, many things can be accomplished.

The 'Cats ended their season with a winning record of 5-4 overall. The hard work and determination of the football players was shown by their record and their score.

There were many players that were chosen as All-League players: Brian Fansher, Craig Hayes, Wally Snodgrass, and Chad McCoy. All-League Honorable Mention was given to Israel Elder and Jim Simerly. In All-State, Wally Snodgrass was on the defensive team, and Chad McCoy was on the offensive team. Chad McCoy was also chosen for the All-St. Joseph Metro Area team.

by Mary Beth Schmille

"Break on three-one, two, break!" Sophomore Brett Miller takes authority in the Wildcat Football team huddle while playing against Eudora. photo by Tara Deaton

"Winners do their best at all time. Losers make excuses. The Wildcats are becoming winners. "

Coach Don Deaton said.
I think we improved a lot from last year, and we worked hard to get a winning season, commented Landon Campbell.

I thought we did really well, especially in the fourth quarter; that's where we won most of our games, Mike Bell said.

Front Row (l to r)—Brian Bauman, Rodger Karn, Brandon Sigrist, Scott Davis, Jesse Gabriel, Matt Schmille, Darren Baskins, Mike Blanton, Ryan Hartman. Second Row—Kurt Smith, Chris Kucan, Josh Elder, Kiley Rice, Mike Bell, Brett Miller, Dustin Hansen, Kurt Engemann, Brian Fansher. Third Row—manager Mitzi Juhl, Jason Laipple, Chad McCoy, Jay Hartman, Ed Berger, Landon Campbell, Tony Force, Graig Hayes, Assistant Mike Leach, manager Frank Hall. Fourth Row—Head coach Donald Deaton, manager Tina Thomas, Assistant mark Allen, Jay Whitten, Israel Elder, Wally Snodgrass, Jim Simerly. photo by Bray

"Could you explain that to me one more time coach?" Coach Deaton tells Chad McCoy and Israel Elder a few pointers before the game against McLouth. photo by Tara Deaton

"Don't worry Bam, I'll protect you!" Super Israel Elder blocks for Brett Miller as he attempts to look for an open pass. photo by Bray

"Let go of my foot!" Wally Snodgrass strives to get more yardage against McLouth. photo by Bray

"Only 80 more yards to go!" Chad McCoy runs the ball after receiving the kickoff. photo by Bray

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Jackson Heights 16 24
Horton 47 20
McLouth 8 12
Pleasant Ridge 13 0
Eudora 20 26
J.C.N. 14 41
Troy 21 20
Highland 22 0

football/75
A team's success is not always measured by the amount of wins or losses on the record, but by the amount of effort put into being the very best they can be.

Although, the team did not come out of the season with a winning record the girls still had a great deal of success.

Under the direction of Fran Tucker and with the assistance of Nancy Reese Dillon the volleyball team ended the season with a 5-16 record. The record did not seem to effect the attitude of the team. The girls went into every game with confidence.

The team fought hard, but it always seemed that victory evaded them in the closing minutes of the game. It seemed that they found difficulty in maintaining their intensity and velocity throughout the whole game.

Success wasn’t the only thing gained by the girls this year they improved on their skills and learned new skills that will last a life time.

by Tara Deaton

"Okay guys, we’re going to be ready this time." Koehler, Drake, Deaton, and J. McVey are preparing for serve receive in the DVL tournament at Horton. The girls lost in the first round and were sent home. photo by Nicki Simpson

"I feel like skill-wise we improved 100%, but our attitude towards winning could have been better. It might have improved our win-lose record," Fran Tucker said.
"I know it's got to come down sometime!" Krisha Vertin serves the ball during the first J.V. game of the season at Dekalb. photo by Mary Beth Schmille

"It's the Solid Gold dancers!!" Jenny McVey and Paige Studer show some of their good moves in a volleyball game at Highland against Troy. The Lady Cats lost a disappointing game to Troy. photo by Michelle Haupt

"High five!!" The J.V. team and Mrs. Reese Dillon give each other high fives after a victory over Troy at the county games played at Highland. The J.V. also beat Highland leaving them with second in the county. photo by Michelle Haupt

'Tanya Drake awaits the serve while playing a game against Valley Falls. Drake played for both the J.V. and Varsity teams. Photo by Jenifer McAdams

I wish we could have beat Troy and gone to state, Lesley Koehler, who was voted to the All-League team said.

I think we improved from last year, Jamie Orcutt stated.

Nodaway-Holt 0-14, 7-15
J.C.N 11-15, 10-15
Valley Falls 11-15, 9-15
Dekalb 13-15, 15-12, 15-10 W
Jackson 9-15, 15-16, 15-17 L
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Troy 3-15, 5-15 L
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McLouth 9-15, 15-7 W
Olshoos 15-12, 9-15, 10-15 L
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Pleasant Ridge 15-12, 4-15, 8-15 L
Troy 6-15, 4-15 L
Midway 9-15, 14-16 L
Highland 13-15, 8-15 L

volleyball/77
For the second year in a row the girls cross country team went to state by claiming the title of Regional Champs along the way. This year the girls placed a solid sixth place at the state meet.

The girls team was led to state by Heather Higgins, a freshman who medaled in every meet. This accomplishment enabled her to win an All League first team position.

Tina Thomas came out and proved worthy of an All League second team position by medaling in seven out of nine meets. Ragenna Bell, Angie Ptomey, and Billie Jo Steeby rounded out the competitive team by gaining individual and team medals.

The boys cross country team was too small to compete for a team place, but each of the boys placed individually. Charles Hart, Jason Simpson, and Jason Arthur made up the small team this year.

Both teams proved small but competitive under the direction of Rich Boehringer.

By-Tara Deaton

Cross country is the "Rodney Dangerfield" of sports, we don't get any respect. Mr. Boehringer said. photo by-Jason Simpson

Going to State was a neat experience, because most people don't think freshmen will make it to State. commented Angie Ptomey.

Meet:

Maur Hill
Kurt Engemann 21
Charles Hart 30

Hiawatha
Charles Hart 4th
Jason Simpson 9th
Jason Arthur 10th

Saviour of the World
Jason Laipple 62
Jason Simpson 86

Troy
Charles Hart 23
Tina Thomas 2nd
Billie Jo Steeby 7th
Ragenna Bell 10th

Horton
Charles Hart 77
Jason Simpson 80
Jason Arthur 78

DVL
Charles Hart 31
Jason Arthur 35 2nd
Jason Simpson 37

Jackson Heights
Jason Arthur 50
Charles Hart 53
Jason Simpson 61

Regionals
Charles Hart 47 1st
Jason Arthur 51

State

I don't feel so good. It wasn't the fish she ate for lunch that put this expression on Heather's face. It was the grueling course at Jackson Heights. Heather ran well enough to receive a third place medal. There were 35 other runners. photo by Jason Simpson.

Wake up Heather No she isn't sleeping, she is performing a relaxation dance before the big race. Billie Jo Steeby and Angie Ptomey do their own things to relax. At the Regional meet held at Hiawatha, the girls team placed first earning the title of Regional Champs. By placing first the team went to the State Cross Country meet. photo by Jason Simpson.

Don't jump the gun. The Girls Cross Country team awaits the signal for the beginning of the race at the Troy meet. Out of the girls who participated Tina Thomas received a second place medal. Billie Jo Steeby earned a seventh place and Ragenna Bell placed tenth. photo by Debbie Wardlow.

No more shortcuts Kurt Engemann draws a picture of the course on the palm of his hand for freshman, Jason Arthur, at the Hiawatha meet. Jason placed tenth with the extra knowledge of the course. photo by Jason Simpson.

Running in cross country was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it. Jason Simpson said.
This year the cheerleaders improved the spirit at Wathena by working hard on the new cheers and routines they learned at Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) camp. The camp was held for four days but to the cheerleaders it seemed like four weeks.

"I missed being home, I got tired, bored, muscles got sore; it seemed like such a long time," Vicki Tafoya said.

The cheerleaders had a lot of responsibilities, but the most important was to lead a pep assembly. The rallies were a lot of fun for the student body, but for the cheerleaders it was a lot of hard work. They had the hard task of getting everyone involved in yelling for the class competition cheers. Many of their skits at the assemblies turned out to be hilarious.

These skits are only one of several ways that the cheerleaders were able to have fun and be entertaining.

by Mary Beth Schmille

"The girls did a super job of making up new routines, cheers, and chants." Mrs. Clark said.

photo by Bray

"I thought we had the potential to be a good squad and the ability to prove it."

Sarah Groh said.

Two maids a milking—First year cheerleaders Lisa Geeting and Nicholle Haupt put their fists in the air while doing a cheer during the Homecoming football game against McLouth. photo by Tara Deaton

Like this Mrs. Clark? Billie Jo Steeby shows off her cheerleading ability with a prep between cheers at the Homecoming pep assembly held downtown. photo by Nancy Reese Dillon

I can't believe you just said that—Leann Krousa gives a look of complete surprise as Mrs. Clark tells her a dirty joke. photo by Nicki Simpson

Oh Israel don't be stupid—Head Cheerleader, Nicki Simpson, gives a snide look to boyfriend Israel Elder during the Homecoming Pep Assembly. photo by Mary Beth Schmille
The girls basketball team had yet another new coach, Bob Sebbert. Coach Sebbert had three main points that the girls worked toward. These were teamwork, learning how to score, and the very most important point was winning. This year's team was able to accomplish the first and second points, but they were unable to get the third one. No matter how hard they tried, the girls luck would just never run in their direction. They ended the season with only three wins.

There were many games this year that the girls lost by just a few points, but they never gave up. Although the season was long and hard, the girls were tough and kept their enthusiasm up.

With only two starters graduating, there is still a lot of talent returning to take over the positions. They should be a unified team with a lot of determination to make a new name for the girls basketball team.

With the super attitude of next year's team, there will be a turn around for the better.

by Mary Beth Schmille

As the season progressed they improved considerably. They all deserved a big "atta-boy" for a job well done, Mr. Sebbert said.

We were really starting to improve and play to our abilities, but the season ended so quickly,” Lisa Bauman said.

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I think this year everybody worked together, and played together,” Jamie Orcutt said.

Here you take it!—Jenifer McAdams passes the ball like a hot potato before two players from Valley Falls trap her. photo by Bray

Somebody get open!—Rhonda Clary looks for an open teammate, while Tara Deaton tries to loose a player from Valley Falls. The girls lost a heartbreaker by 2 points. photo by Bray

Don’t shoot put the ball!—Coach Sebbert shows Freshman, Heather Higgins, the proper technique of shooting during a long practice. photo by Bray

Watch your step!—Jamie Orcutt barely crosses the center court line for a three pointer during a game against Valley Falls. photo by Bray

basketball/83
For the first time in 33 years the Wathena Boys Basketball team made it to the State tournament held in Lee Arena at Washburn University.

They finished the season with a 15-8 record, and captured the Sub-State Championship by defeating the #1 ranked JCN Chargers.

The 'Cats used their determination and experience as drive for the great season. The determination came from wanting to be the best and working hard at it. The experience came from four starting seniors, Israel Elder, Wally Snodgrass, Brian Walker, George Jones, a returning starter in junior, Chad McCoy, and a deep bench.

The season did not just consist of a trip to the State tournament. It consisted of many individual accomplishments. Chad McCoy and George Jones were voted unanimously to the DVL All-League team. Israel Elder led the team with the best field goal percentage with 62%. Israel also ended the season with a total of 42 blocked shots to his statistics.

by Tara Deaton

"All the way to state!"

Abracadabra—George Jones uses his famous magic touch to make a basket as fellow varsity teammates Chad McCoy and Israel Elder look on in awe during the Homecoming game against Valley Falls. The Wildcats successfully defeated the Dragons to increase their record to 15-8. photo by Bray

"For my first year as head coach I really enjoyed the success. I enjoyed working with a great bunch of guys."

Rich Boehringer said.

We had a few rough times, but we stuck together and accomplished something that most people can’t say they’ve done, going to State. Senior Wally Snodgrass said.

Scoreboard

DVL Pre-Season Tournament:
Valley Falls 69
Jeff. Co. North 57
McLouth 60

Regular Season:
Midway-Denton 62
Jackson Heights 61
Horton 80
Elwood 98
Troy 83
Troy 74
Highland 67
Osballoso 60
Jeff. Co. North 65
Elwood 98
Valley Falls 69
Pleasant Ridge 64
McLouth 74

Immaculata Tourney: (3rd Place)
Pleasant Ridge 68
Basehor-Linwood 57
Maur Hill 63

Sub-State Tournament: (1st Place)
Washington 49
Valley Falls 72
Jeff. Co. North 73
State Tournament:
Hill City 50

I don’t think we knew what we accomplished this year, but the boosters and the alumni knew just how much.

Jay Hartman said.
Determination, power behind cats’ success

Strong on will and determination, the students of Wathena High arrive for their first track practice. For some it is their favorite time of the year; for others it just seems to be a kind of physical torture that they put themselves through for some unknown reward.

Of those who set their goal for the state track meet six of them made it. Out of the girls Tanya Drake qualified in both of her hurdle races and Heather Higgins qualified in the 1600 m run. Four boys earned their way to state. Chad McCoy qualified in the 310 m hurdles, Gary DeVault ended up second in the 800 m run to earn his way to state, and Wally Snodgrass accomplished a major goal by qualifying in three of his events. He qualified for state in the high jump, triple jump, and long jump, which he won.

The season was not just for those who made it to the state track meet but also for those who sweat it out all year long.

If anything can be said for hard work and determination it would be shone in the accomplishments of these runners. Ask anyone of them if the “torture” was worth it and they will probably say yes.

by Tara Deaton

“I wonder if Jason knows that he has a hole in his shorts,” Tony Force studies Jason Laipple’s form in the starting blocks while he holds the back of the blocks down at the beginning of the 4 x 100m relay. At the Wathena Invitational the relay placed well. photo by Jason Simpson

“Small but mighty. We take on all comers. This was the way Coach Deaton described the girls’ track team and the successful season they had. photo by Nicki Simpson

I'm almost there, just a little further. Heather Higgins pulls up all of her will power to make the hand off in the mile relay at the Wathena Tri Track Meet with Jackson Heights and Oskaloosa. The mile relay team finished first and the girls team finished second overall. Angela Theis, Krisha Vertin, and Tara Deaton. The relay team placed very well and came within five seconds of the school record. photo by Jenifer McAdams

And I'll huff and I'll puff. Tara Deaton strides her way to a lead over the Jackson Heights Cobras in the 3200m relay. The relay placed second at the Wathena Tri meet. The other girls participating on the relay team were Missy Joiner, Billie Jo Steeby, and Nicholle Haupt. photo by Jenifer McAdams

Overall, the track season was excellent. The only bad part about the season was that many goals were made but not all met. The thing that counts is we did it as a team for the last time in my career. senior Jim Simerly said.

I'm almost there, just a little further. Heather Higgins pulls up all of her will power to make the hand off in the mile relay at the Wathena Tri Track Meet with Jackson Heights and Oskaloosa. The mile relay team finished first and the girls team finished second overall. Angela Theis, Krisha Vertin, and Tara Deaton. The relay team placed very well and came within five seconds of the school record. photo by Jenifer McAdams


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Come moments and letters across the land, And don’t criticize what you can’t understand — Bob Dylan

Gregg
Then for the great set, and more importantly for being a friend. Sorry about all

the things you taught me: Bassetes. Remember, sheep can’t breathe with a — in
their mouths! Love ya!

Don’t ask me what you know it takes. Don’t have to tell you that I love your precious heart — PWS

Love ya, I’ll help you if you help me. We did it, kiddo!! It’s cooler than a snowball in July.

Marcie You’re just, you know... a friend.

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Fionnuala (Fionnuala). It’s come to an end, but it’ll never forget all the fun we’ve had in

the last five years. Was that really (present tense)?

Nelson You’re such a Babe.

All he wants, he wants a smoke.

Normandy Hang in there. It must be hard being you — you’re one of a kind. Love ya, sis.

O’Donnell I’ll miss you.

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These are only a few of the questions that will remain unanswered for years to come. These are also only a few strange questions that the yearbook staff tried to answer during the course of a really weird year.

I don't know how it turned into such a strange year. It started out perfectly normal. Then came the Mounds candy bars. I'm not sure how, but one day, we, the staff, were all engaged in heavy warfare. The weapons-Mounds bars. From then on, it went downhill. Now, we're just a bunch of really bizarre people who can write stories and crop pictures.

Reggie-I know things went kind of slow...just kidding! You've done a great job, this year and last. You even asked questions! The section looks great. Thanks. Mary Beth/Donna-You (both) have done an excellent job. You have real talent when it comes to clear, concise copy and layout design. Thanks for the hard work. Nicolasa-What can I say? You're the best! Thanks for your dedication and patience.

Tanya and Jenifer-You guys have done such a great job this year. In the next few years you two will be quite an asset to the book. Good luck. Deb—I'll never forget our 'arguments'. You're a saint to put up with me!

Annette—I know you'll never want to see another grey screen again! Thanks for the time and effort. Tara-(or is it Veve?) Your wackiness kept us from ever getting too bored. You and Donna did a heckuva job this year.

Nicki M-The woman who knows everything about all the clubs at WHS. Thanks for your patience and hard work. Vicki and Kris—I think I have another baby picture for you...just kidding. The baby pic pages look spectacular.

On-draya—My indexer! You are the glue that held us all together. Without you, the book would be illegible—None of us can spell. Thank heaven you can! Angela-You gave the academics section a new twist. Be very proud of your work—it looks good.

Sarah-You did a super job. Thanks for your time. Leann—What can I say? You've been my right hand woman for the past 2 years. Your layout talents are beyond words. Thanks for the hard work, the creative thinking, and the warped mind (Fido Dido?!)?

Reese/Dillon-We never did get those cardboard boxes figured out! We've had so much fun in the last 3 years. Thanks for believing in me and supporting my weirdness. You know, after thinking about it, I decided that we really didn't want confetti. We wanted squiggles and little bits of paper!
Okay girls, circle all the mistakes on this wonderful layout with a red pen.

Included in this layout is everything that shouldn't be done on a yearbook page. Trapped white space, inconsistent internal margins, no real dominant element, microscopic pictures (I think they're kind of cute), and people looking off the page—what a layout. I've outdone myself, and I feel so good. After three years, I finally get to do a layout the way I wanted to do it. (Worst of all, no captions!!)
What a year! To say that it was full of surprises is an understatement. This year has provided that students of WHS with a whirlwind of activities.

Aside from the normal routine of prom, homecoming, sports, and academics, the students were bombarded with several other surprises this year.

The first big surprise happened in February. School was dismissed at noon on February 6 because of an ice bridge on the Missouri River. The students got a three and a half day vacation, but couldn’t do much because of a major water shortage.

The biggest surprise had to happen in a land far, far away called Valley Heights, Kansas. There, under the lights of the gymnasium, the boys' basketball team pulled off an unbelievable win against the JCN Chargers to take Wathena to the State Tournament for the first time in 33 years.

This carried the Wildcats throughout a year that was filled with more fun and memories than any year before. We looked forward to the end, but we’ll always remember the surprises of 1988-89.

by Angela Baskins

Don’t cry Tina—George Jones crowns Tina Thomas Sweetheart Queen as her father watches. Tina reigned over the ball games, and the dance. Music was provided by The Rain. photo by Bray

Give that girl a fashion citation—Lisa Geeting was one of the many sophomore girls who dressed up for Tourist Day during Spirit Week. The senior class won the competition by having the largest percentage of people dress up during the week. photo by Nicki Simpson

DeAnn, you lost an earring—Jay Whitten and friend dance to the music of Rampage at prom. All who attended prom agreed that it was really nice, from the decorations to the food. photo by Bray
Surprises

Where are you Chad?—As they played the Homecoming game, the boys' hopes for a state championship grew. They had already beaten archrivals, the Troy Trojans, and now they had to win this one. photo by Bray

Go-Big-Red—John Schmidt and Chris Groh were among the fans who traveled to Valley Heights to support the basketball team at Sub-State. John and Chris also played in the pep band that went along. photo by Jason Simpson.

Is she kidding?—The freshmen class seemed to agree that the routine of the typical high school student was their biggest surprise from junior high. The freshman adapted quite well, and most enjoyed high school. photo by Nicki Simpson
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Super Boosters

Wildcats have just begun, look out world here we come! Ma Deaton

Good Luck, Seniors! · Mike and Karen Boos

I hope your future meets or exceeds your expectations. Mr. Smith

Two Faces, Two Races, Go to Avis'. Julio, Juan, and Tito

Good Luck, George! · Uncle Jr. and Homer

Good Luck Seniors · Ed and Esther Juhl

Congratulations Seniors · Hank, Joy, Henry, Mary Beth Schmille's Tobacco Farm

Congratulations Graduates · Zion United Church of Chris

Congratulations to the Seniors · John and Ruth Karn

Good luck and may you each have a bright future! · Doris Schweder

To a great bunch of Wildcats! · Mary Fleek

George, We wish you happiness. · Joyce, Anita, and Puppy boy

You make your own tomorrows.

Goodbye all my friends in the Senior Class. Hope you have fun in your future. We sure did in the past. Tony Force

CKA's of Wathena wish the class '89 good luck in the future. Brian F. & Chris G.

Hokahey, Wildcats! · Coach Deaton

Dear Nicholle · You'll always have a place in my heart. I'll always care for you a lot. · Craig

You're a GREAT GROUP! B.A.D.

We had a good year! Looking forward to next season! · S.O.B.

We'll miss you, it's been fun! Love Always, The "Brownies"

Congratulations Seniors! · Mrs. Schmidt

"The Best of Everything" · Juanita Euler

Seniors! Best wishes and thanks for the memories. Your old class sponsor · “Butch”

Good Luck, Seniors! You're a great bunch. · Mrs. Clark

Larry & Kay Schultz

Brownies, Try not to miss us too much! · Senior Girls

Congratulations and Good luck in the future! Dick and Deb Schultz

BCrhyaadn · Don't drink the water. Good Luck!

Best of luck in 1989-90 'Cats, Jim and Melanie Drake

Everybody wants to be happy
Everybody wants to be warm
And be loved & liked & wanted
And have some kind of home
But getting it is work
And keeping it is tough
But destroying it is the easy bit
We've all got the magic touch.
The Rainmakers

Good luck Ang! · Mom, Daddy & Norm
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