

THE CHARGER

Hendricks returns to teach Spanish

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Spanish classes at are having a rough start to the year.

Students taking Spanish started the year in an interactive program through Greenbush, but conflicts with scheduling made it difficult for the students. Problems arose involving student workload and length of classes with the instructors at Greenbush. "In terms of remediation and providing regular opportunity to ask questions and have teacher intervention, Greenbush could not do that," principal Jan Hutley said.

Administrators decided to bring another familiar face back to Wabaunsee High to solve the conflict. Kathy Hendricks came out of her 5-year retirement to take on the role of Spanish teacher. However, her situation is rare as Hendricks will only be teaching on B days. "Well, everyone likes being needed, but this is a one-year gig," Hendricks said, "I am a part-time teacher and I am going to be caring for my grandson on the other days."

This part-time teaching has affected many student's schedules since Spanish classes had previously been on both A and B days. Students have even chosen to take the course during advisor base. "I am mostly worried about getting all the information across in such a short time," Hendricks said, "No one learns a foreign language in one year, but Spanish I is the basis for the whole language, so it is critical."

With the change in Spanish classes, many students had to change their schedules by dropping a B day class, or in some cases, dropping Spanish altogether. "I'm learning a lot more," junior Luke Stuhlsatz said, "It's easier to learn when you can actually hear someone speaking Spanish, but it's harder since I'm taking it during advisor base. It seems like everything is being thrown at you a lot quicker."

Hendricks will stay for the remainder of the year, but the position will still be advertised and administrators will continue to look for a Spanish teacher. "I will be attending various job fairs and things like that in search of people to fill those open positions for next year," Hutley said.

K-State marching band postpones WHS performance

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The Kansas State University Marching Band had to cancel a performance at the Homecoming Football game due to the band director's health concerns.

The K-State Marching Band was invited to bring all of its about 400 members to play during the homecoming football game alongside the pep band. Both bands would have played together through the entire game with the K-State Marching Band to put on a performance during halftime.

K-State band director Frank Tracz went to the hospital during a recent K-State home football game. Not wanting to put the stress on other staff members, the decision was made to cancel on the homecoming event with the promise to come and perform at a later date.

Band director Richards Philbrook expressed disappointment in the turn of events, even though he understood the reasons behind the decision. "At first I was really worried about Dr. Tracz, but I found out he was OK. I'm disappointed for this year's students, but

I'm glad the people putting this together will have the time to be amazing hosts for the event next year. I don't think a lot of people realized what a production it is on our end," Philbrook said.

Challenges with bringing the whole band to perform included providing transportation, food and seating for the band and the increased attendance for the game.

Although you might not hear "The Wabash Cannonball," the Charger Pep Band will still be performing at Friday's homecoming game, 7 p.m. against Jefferson County North.

Alderman a National Merit Semifinalist

Staff Reports
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Last week senior Maddie Alderman was named a National Merit Semifinalist.

Alderman was among 16,000 students selected based on the PSAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Semifinalists represent the top 1 percent of the 1.6 million students across the country to take the test. To become finalists, the students must submit a detailed scholarship application. Scholarships are announced in April.

Alderman's parents, Roger and Sara, both teach in USD 329.

"We're very proud of how hard she worked to get this," Roger Alderman said.

HOME COMING 2018

Homecoming candidates prepare for spirit week

The Charger asked the homecoming candidates three questions in preparation for spirit week. What is your favorite board game, favorite memory at WHS and what have you done that represents WHS well?

A king and queen will be crowned Friday at 6:20 before the football game.

ABBY OLIVER

My favorite board game is Clue. I like it because it shows that I am observant and have strategy. The best Memory at Wabaunsee is going to state basketball at Kansas State my Sophomore year. To represent Wabaunsee I have won many different awards in journalism.

CONNER BROWN

I like the board game Chess! It is very competitive and has a lot of strategy just like me. My favorite memory is when Austin Magette, Tanner Imthurn and I got on each others shoulders and Austin fell off and hit his head in wood shop. The way I have represented WHS well is by the community service and the sports I participate in.

JESSICA VANSTORY

My favorite board game isn't really a board game but I like the game Apples to Apples. I like it because it requires creative thinking. Some of my favorite memories have been when I played in the pep band. I represent Wabaunsee well by making it to state band.

TRAVIS MCCALL

I think my favorite board game is Monopoly because it shows how the world can be like. My favorite memory is when I went to state track my sophomore year and hanging out with Kyle Schmitz, Kameron Wurtz and Luke Swicegood. To represent Wabaunsee I have played sports!

ALYSSA LOHMEYER

My favorite board game is Operation and it shows that I could not be a doctor. My favorite memory at Wabaunsee is when Maddie Alderman accidentally pushed the intruder alert button and everyone freaked out. I think my greatest achievement is when we won state softball my junior year.



WHS Homecoming candidates. Back: Noah Mills, Travis McCall, Tanner Imthurn, Conner Brown, Will Glotzbach. Front: Meredith Hess, Jessica Vanstory, Alyssa Lohmeyer, Abby Oliver, Kinsey Stuewe. WHS traditionally has four candidates of each gender, but a tie in both races caused the school to expand to five.

HOME COMING SCHEDULE

12:45 - K-4 pep rally at WHS
1:30 - Parade. The route starts near the Alma Manor and continues down Missouri St.
Following parade - A pep rally at the corner of Missouri and 3rd Street.
6:20 - Crowning at the football field
7 p.m. Football vs. Jefferson County North
9:30 p.m. Dance in the commons for high school students. \$2

TANNER IMTHURN

I like the game chess because it is a good challenge and I like a good challenge. My favorite memory is when we went to K-State for a FFA trip and I was interviewed as freshmen in the AGR house. The way I have represented Wabaunsee is supporting the volleyball team in a blue man suit.

MEREDITH HESS

I like the board game Life because you never know what's going to happen! My favorite memory is when at pep band during football season as an underclassmen the cymbals didn't crash and Dillion

Spellman made a loud weird noise with his sousaphone. I represent WHS well by doing community service and encouraging people around the community and school.

NOAH MILLS

I like the game Yahtzee because I like to scream. The best memory I have had at WHS is when Austen Bonnette rolled across the gym in a trash can. The way I represent WHS well is I play some good football.

KINSEY STUEWE

The game of Operation shows I should never be a surgeon but it is my favorite game. My favorite memory is when Kassidi Huff pushed me down the hall in Mrs. Weber's shopping cart and I nearly fell down the stairs.

WILL GLOTZBACH

Trouble is a game of mystery and I like to think that I am a mystery so I think that's why it's my favorite board game. When we went on an FFA trip Devin McClayland and Fletcher Feyh wore my shorts at the same time. The thing I have done to represent WHS is I broke a water pipe behind now Mrs. Breiner's room.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your favorite board game?

"Clue, it's really fun and it involves strategy unlike most games where you just get lucky."
Freshman Lauren Schutter

"Either Clue or Life because they're interesting and can take a long time to play"
Freshman Mayah Mumpower

"Candyland, it's the greatest game ever made."
Sophomore Adam Miller

"Yahtzee, I used to play it with my grandma."
Sophomore Ciara Crews

"Monopoly, it's just practice for when I'm a billionaire someday."
Sophomore Dawson Schultz

"Battleship, because it's easy to cheat against the other player."
Junior Emma Michaelis

"Life, I think it is very fun and you can learn things from it."
Junior Macy Falk

"Candyland, I always cheated, so I always won."
Junior Gracie Huff

"Yahtzee, my wife and I play it. It's something we do together so I love it."
History teacher Jess Rutledge

"Scrabble because I know a lot of three-letter words."
Math teacher Brian Henry

"Monopoly. It's very competitive and it's what my kids always want to play."
Science teacher Brandi Miller

"Risk. I have great memories of playing it in college. You have to develop alliances and stab them in the back at the appropriate time."

Band director Richard Philbrook

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