

# THE CHARGER

## WHS to host regional scholars bowl, 1A sub-state basketball

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In addition to the regular slate of home events, WHS is hosting multiple postseason winter events for the Kansas High School Activities Association.

On Thursday, WHS will host 2A regional scholars bowl and will be a host site for 1A Sub-State basketball at the end of February. WHS also hosted regional cross country.

In order to host events, athletic director Jeron Weisshaar usually submits a form requesting to host a specific event. KSHAA employ-

ees sort through the applicants and decide who they will invite to host. In the case of scholars bowl and basketball this year, KSHSAA actually approached WHS to host.

"The scholars bowl administrator, Rod Garman called and said they were having trouble finding a site. We have had some success in the past few years and we would be a good site geographically," scholars bowl coach Brendan Praeger said "I asked our administrators if we could do it and they were supportive. It's a lot of work, but I think we can host a good tournament. It's also exciting for the team

to compete at home."

WHS is 2A, so it is a little odd to be host site for 1A sub-state basketball. This is because of the change in classifications, where 1A is now a complete class instead of being split into two divisions. Since some of the 1A schools don't have enough room to host, WHS was asked to do it.

There are many benefits for small school districts hosting events. School events attract people outside of our community who will spend money and support local businesses. It's also a good opportunity for Wabaunsee to show-

case its facilities and give students a home court advantage.

"We get a share of the entry fees, all concession stand and program earnings and brings in lots of outside people to the town so there is also an economic impact," Weisshaar said.

Along with the benefits there are challenges to hosting that some people don't see. Weisshaar said that securing workers for the event is the main challenge. It also depends on the event, for basketball there are various items that and information that needs to be delivered to the other schools.

## OPINION Gillette ad causes pointless controversy



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Gillette released a controversial ad this month raising the question, "Is this the best a man can get?"

If you haven't seen the ad, it depicts some men in a number of questionable situations, such as sexually harassing women and being violent towards each other. Towards the end of the ad, some men begin to stand up and call each other out for their actions and bad behavior. The ad urges men to be the best versions of themselves possible, and to set an example for future generations.

So why are people so upset?

The ad, not surprisingly, went viral immediately. Some people were thrilled and enjoyed the ad. Others argued that the ad is unfairly attacked men and left out women, while insinuating that all men take part in these bad behaviors.

Similar to the #BurnYourNikes hashtag that circled social media following Nike's Kaepernick ad, some have taken to Twitter to post pictures of destroyed razors to show their disagreement with the ad.

Personally, I enjoyed this ad and believe Gillette did a good thing by making it. Some people argue that they don't see a reason for an advertisement, but being around teenage boys a majority of the time, I do. Some behavior that could be excused as "boys being boys" is an issue that should actually be addressed.

Most girls don't like speaking up about these things, but I've heard personally from many girls that issues including sexual harassment do occur every day. By bringing light to this topic Gillette is making a positive impact. Even if it doesn't have an impact, they aren't hurting anyone by asking men to act better and it's not worth getting that upset over an advertisement for razors.

Whether you agree with the ad or not, you have to respect the fact that Gillette is a brand, and this is an advertisement. It was made to bring attention to Gillette and in doing so, sell their product. While Gillette didn't necessarily have to make a razor ad political, it brought attention to its brand and addressed important issue.

Not all men act inappropriately, but the ones who do need to consider the consequences of their actions. Even if Gillette's message only reaches a couple of people it will have been worth it.

## Students learn practical skills at Washburn Tech

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This semester five students are attending Washburn Tech to get a new outlook on the classroom.

Juniors Dalton Turner, Frank Gilbert, Tucker Thomas, Austin Davis and Tyler Clark attend Washburn Tech every morning. Last year senior David Cebulski attended Washburn Rural as a junior and continues this year.

Students attend Washburn Tech to get a head start on their career for the future. To get the chance to attend Washburn they must take an Accuplacer test. If they pass, there are certain programs they can go into.

"The idea was promoted that it was available and a great opportunity for those students going into the technical field," counselor Marilyn Workman said.

Students have a hands on learning experience where they can get a better understanding of what their career will entail. "I go to advance myself for the real world," Gilbert said, "It advances my career in welding."

During class they take apart engines and learn more about the field they are going into. Davis studies diesel mechanics, Thomas and Turner study automotive technology. Gilbert and Clark study welding.

"Industrial companies hired people out of Washburn, I get discounted tuition at Washburn University, and it's just great learning all around," Cebulski said.

## Juniors prepare tasty STAR project

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Juniors Eleanor Badeker and Macy Falk made a delicious creation for their FCCLA STAR event.

Many FCCLA members compete in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events, which cover a wide variety of topics related to Family and Consumer Sciences. Events are separated into three divisions: Junior division which covers students in the 6-9th grade, Senior division is open to 10-12th grade and the Occupational division is open to any student who intends to pursue a career that is related to that event.

STAR events can be done either individually or in groups of up to three people. They usually begin with a planning process and can include multiple elements such as speeches, research, visuals, presentations and various other elements. After completing their STAR events, students will then present these elements to judges at District, State and even National competitions.

Wabaunsee FCCLA has 23 members competing in STAR events this year. On February 6, these students will take their STAR events to Districts at Nemaha Central. To move on to the State competition in Wichita on April 7, students must place 1st in their event at Districts with a score of 85 or above. If they place 1st or 2nd at the State competition with a score of 85 or above, students will then move on to the National competition in Anaheim, Fla. in July.

Juniors Eleanor Badeker and Macy Falk are participating in the Food Innovations Senior STAR event. Food Innovations recognizes participants who demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts of food product development by creating an original recipe, testing the product with sample groups and creating a marketing strategy. They demonstrate their knowledge of food science, nutrition, food preparation safety and product marketing. Participants must prepare a display, suggested product packaging and an oral presentation.

"This year we were assigned to do an indulgent dessert," Badeker said. "We had to modify it and make it our own. We came



Juniors Eleanor Badeker and Macy Falk put the finishing touches on a cheesecake for their STAR event. They substituted peanut butter with sunflower butter to suit people with peanut allergies. Photos by Hannah Mumpower.



The sunflower cheesecake, and "indulgent dessert," features a crushed Oreo crust, homemade toffee and caramel sauce with semisweet melted chocolate chips.

up with an idea because it had a personal connection to my allergy. Obviously with my allergy there are a lot of things that I miss out on, so we decided to create a dessert that people with nut allergies could safely have that would be similar to something that they can't usually have."

Badeker and Falk are taking the recipe for a peanut butter

**(STAR events) give you an opportunity to create something and also see new places and have new experiences.**

—Eleanor Badeker

butterfinger cheesecake and are creating what they call a Sunflower Cheesecake. "The steps we take are to do the planning process first and then make the

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