

SPORTS

Football wins 1st playoff game in 37 years

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In October of 1983 the number one song was "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler, the number one movie was "Never Say Again" featuring Sean Connery, Martin Luther King Jr. Day had just become a holiday and the Wabaunsee High School football team won its first playoff game.

Until last week, that was Wabaunsee's only playoff win.

The Chargers traveled to Pleasanton Thursday and won 62-18.

"I thought the boys played really well against Pleasanton. There will always be things to fix and improve upon, but our main goal each game is to go 1-0 and we got that accomplished," said head coach Jess Rutledge.

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Junior quarterback Cade Oliver threw for 287 yards and 3 passing touchdowns. Oliver also had a rushing touchdown. Senior running back Derek Wallin had 4 carries and scored a touchdown all 4 times. Senior wide receiver Tyler Lohmeyer caught 2 touchdowns and had an interception on defense. Junior Aiden Boeckman also had a receiving touchdown. Senior Dawson Schultz had a rushing touchdown and an interception as well.

The Chargers will head to Centralia to play in the second round of the playoffs. Centralia is the one seed and had a first round bye last

Notable Wabaunsee playoff games

- 1983 WHS 26, Wellsville 7
- 1983 WHS 0, St. Marys 7
- 1993 WHS 0, Olpe 6
- 2013 WHS 13, Olpe 21

week. The Chargers lost to Centralia earlier in the season 60-20.

"Centralia is an outstanding team and we need to limit our mistakes against a team that is talented. Turnovers, not finishing scoring drives when we had the opportunity, and especially our defense and tackling held us back when we played them 2 weeks ago. Placing an emphasis on those things and having the best week of preparation we've had all season will be the keys to us continuing our season," Rutledge said.

VOLLEYBALL PLACES 3RD AT STATE

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WHS volleyball team came home with 3rd place finish at state tournament.

The Chargers had a rough start to the day, going 0-3 in pool play.

The Chargers faced Heritage Christian Academy in their first match. They lost a tough first set 20-25, and a second 15-25. They went on to play Smith Center, losing 25-25, 25-8. Their last match of pool play was against Hillsboro, which they lost 25-18, 25-7.

"We were pretty discouraged," said junior Kaelyn Conrad. "We weren't happy with how we were playing at that point. If we had played at our season's best we would have done better in pool play."

The team entered the semifinals as the 4 seed, facing Heritage Christian again. Unfortunately, they lost 25-9, 25-11.

The Chargers were able to bounce back in the third place match, defeating Hillsboro 25-22, 25-23.

"We were relieved and excited that we could end the season on a win. I'm glad that we could pick ourselves up and fight hard at the end," junior Lauren Schutter said.

In 9 state appearances, WHS now has finished in 3rd and 2nd twice to go along with 1 championship.

STUHSATZ PLACES 14TH AT STATE CROSS COUNTRY

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Rebecca Stuhlsatz and Sienna Jones ended the season with 14th and 42nd place finishes at State.

Stuhlsatz ran a time of 20:40 and Jones 22:11. Both runners cut around a minute off of their regional times. This was Stuhlsatz second state competition and Jones' first.

The meet was held in Victoria for the first time instead of the usual location of Wamego.

"The Victoria course is a new one for us, and probably not as challenging as most of the ones we've run on, but it was good to see these girls step up and cut as much time as they did," coach Alderman said.

Stuhlsatz and Jones were both able to cut around a minute off of their regional times.

"I feel like I have more confidence in myself and persistence to keep working hard to do better each year," Stuhlsatz said.

"The work we do between now and next fall can put us in the position to compete with the best teams in the State and I think we've got a group that's willing to put in the work," coach Alderman said.

SPOOKY SKIN



Senior Reagan Kelley makes last minute adjustments to Eli Mumpower's "wound" in Brandi Miller's anatomy class. The class produced fake wounds on each other on Halloween while learning about the integumentary system. The system includes several layers of skin: epidermis, dermis and subcutaneous. "The wounds turned out good for most of us for our first time trying it. It scared Mrs. Hutley, so it was a success," Kelley said.

Left: Senior Ryan Grutsch uses petroleum jelly, tissues and food coloring on her arm to mimic an injury. Students applied vaseline first, glued tissues, made a paste of food coloring and powder and painted the edges to make it realistic. Photos by Grace Spellman.

Opinion | Freshman identify traditions that society should end

After reading Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery," English 1 students wrote short essays on traditions that need to end. Here are a few of their essays. To view more, visit whscharger.com.

HOMEWORK NEEDS TO GO

Taryn Maike

Do you think homework should be banned? Studies have shown that most students that are getting too many homework assignments can lead to sleep deprivation, unhealthy levels of stress, as well as related health problems.

Many people and teachers may argue that if we don't have homework then kids will never do their work in class. As that may be true, that's the students' fault. Students are at school for 7-8 hours a day plus another 2 hours if the student participates in a sport. That's 40 hours a week of school plus 10 hours for sports practice. Students in athletics normally don't get home till 6pm and we still have to eat, shower, and do our homework. That leads to not getting to spend anytime with your family.

Not only is that bad for the kid,

it's bad for the parents and siblings. I know that every parent loves to spend with their kids and that leaves 2 days out of the week to spend time with family. Which can lead to depression. When students are up until 1am because they can't figure out how to do the homework and they have to figure it out because it's due the next day. That can be very stressful for them. That supports my cause because if students were doing their work in class the teacher would be right there to help them.

I believe that if teachers stop giving homework it will be a win win for both the students and the teachers because the kids will benefit from it.

BIG WEDDINGS ARE OVERRATED AND UNNECESSARY

Sienna Jones

Every person has their own traditions, even if they don't realize it. Rather it be family traditions or personal traditions, they're still traditions. Even national holidays, that's a tradition for the entire country. When most people in the US and other countries hear the

word "Wedding" they picture a "traditional" wedding; big, white, and over the top.

I have nothing against going to a nice, well thought out event. Having cake, dancing with friends and family. But that's exactly why it's corrupt. Of course the guests are going to have a good time. The big extravagant wedding is more for the guests than the two people getting married. The couple had spent an extreme amount of time and money planning this day. Supposedly "The happiest day of their life" it's really a day of worry and anxiety. Months and months of planning, of hiring caterers, making guest lists, taste testing food, leading to this day. So many things could go wrong or mess up. Then all of that hard work would be wasted, and for what? So their guests are more comfortable and happy than they are?

Not to mention the money that goes into a "normal" wedding. Q magazine reported that, even in these tough economic times, the average couple spends nearly \$27,000. Even those done on the cheaper side, cost far more than many couples can afford. No one wants to go into debt or decimate their hard-

earned savings for a party.

From a young age we've all been hammered into the idea that we get married we will have this type of wedding. It's what we've been told throughout our childhood. I think it's time the idea of a "traditional wedding" ends.

THE WEIRD TRADITION OF SHAKING HANDS

Sophia Castillo

One of the most awkward and disgusting traditions that our society does is shaking hands. We've been taught that it's a way to be friendly. We don't think about how gross shaking someone's hand is. Shaking hands with each other is a tradition that should end.

We use shaking hands as a way to show that we are a friendly person. When we introduce ourselves, we might shake each other's hand. When we greet someone, we might shake their hand.

Shaking hands originated in Greece. It was a symbol of peace, showing that neither person was carrying a weapon. Other cultures adopted this tradition and we still have it today.

Shaking hands is a disgusting tradition. When you shake hands you don't think about where the other person's hands have been. They could've coughed on them, slobbered on them, or picked their nose. Some people don't wash their hands after they use the rest room. This tradition is a problem now, more than ever, because of COVID. Germs are easily passed around when you shake a person's hand. On top of all that, it's awkward. Touching someone that you don't know well is weird. What if your hands are sweaty?

This is an easy tradition to give up. We can simply stop shaking hands with each other. It's easier now because of COVID. We are all being more cautious and have stopped shaking hands, or at least haven't been shaking hands as often.

In conclusion, shaking hands is a weird tradition that we've always done. No one really thinks about how gross it is. It's an easy tradition to give up. We've just never thought about not shaking hands.