



THE CHARGER

THIS IS SPARTA

Schutter signs with Michigan State volleyball

AJ Grutsch | podcast editor

In a ceremony April 27, Lauren Schutter signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Michigan State University.

Schutter — a year-round volleyball player — spoke first. She gave credit to her parents, and joked that she probably “put 100,000 miles” on their family suburban. She’s traveled to Kansas City to practice three times a week for the past two years, and has gone to countless out-of-state tournaments as well, including a trip to nationals last week in Arizona.

The next speaker was Angie Miller, Schutter’s club coach from 6th grade to her sophomore year of high school. Miller, also a teacher and track coach at Anthony Middle School in Manhattan, spoke of Lauren’s character and let loose a few inside jokes.

“Lauren was a vital part to our success as a team. You always wanted Lauren on your side of the court, so we ended up calling her our tree,” Miller said.

Coach Tracy Capoun was up next. Capoun coached from Schutter’s freshman to junior year at WHS. Capoun referred to the acronym H.E.A.R.T. throughout her speech, which stands for Honor, Effort, Attitude, Respect, and Team. H.E.A.R.T. was started by Schutter’s mother Amy Schutter, when she was the WHS head volleyball coach as a way to keep the team together.

“12 years after Amy Schutter came to the Wabaunsee volleyball program, we are celebrating her daughter in the same high school. In order to get where she is, Lauren had to have that H.E.A.R.T.” Capoun said.

After Capoun came current WHS coach Chris Smart, who coached Schutter’s last season



Ryan Schutter, Jenny Schutter, Lauren Schutter, Paul Schutter, Jakob Schutter and Sam Schutter pose at Lauren’s signing ceremony. Photo by Eli McDaniel.

of high school. Smart reminded the team of how Lauren does not only do her best on the court, but also in class. Lauren won a national award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association, making its Best and Brightest first team.

Coach Smart also mentioned how Lauren has a positive attitude and a great leader for the team. “She has been most importantly a positive leader on our team and that has helped us out in some pretty rough moments,” said Smart.

Next, principal Jan Hutley spoke. Hutley spoke first of her interactions with Schutter. “I respect that she is willing to stand up for herself and see other points of view, which will help her a lot in the future,” said Hutley. She then went on to speak of Lauren’s abilities in volleyball. “I never watched a lot of volleyball, but when I saw Lauren play, her love for the game was evident. It made me enjoy watching volleyball.”

Lauren’s father Paul Schutter spoke last, thanking Lauren.

“As much as I would love to take credit for Lauren’s athletic prowess — you know, with my physique and everything — Lauren was basically born on the court, as her mom was coaching volleyball during the time she was pregnant with her,” said Paul.

Schutter finishes her WHS career as one of its most decorated volleyball athletes in WHS history. After being out all season her freshman year with an injury, she was unanimous first team all-league 3 times, all-league academic 3 times, 1st team 2A all-state tournament 3 times, first team 2A all-state 3 times, AVCA All Region Team region 8 (CO, KS, NM, UT, WY), a member of the All-Class Super Team, and a selection for the KVA All-Star Game this summer.

Schutter had originally committed to Illinois State, but opened her recruiting again earlier this semester after the coaching staff left for a job at Michigan State.

She considered several

schools, including Syracuse, KU, K-State, Clemson and North Carolina.

“I really believe in their coaching style, and I feel comfortable going further away if it’s with them. I really believe Michigan State has the best volleyball staff in the NCAA. Along with athletics, Michigan State will be a great place to earn a degree. The programs and internship opportunities there are top-notch.”

Question of the week | Freshmen prepare for high school

Last week, incoming freshmen toured WHS in preparation for entering high school. We asked them a few questions about their junior high experience.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH?

“Definitely a few of the teachers. The ones who are cool.”

Kendra Conrad

“I’ll miss my teachers, they have helped me in more ways than one and I will always be thankful for what they have done for me & other students. I guess I’ll miss the library too. The familiarity of this place.”

Mya Huske

“Drawing on Mr Fisher’s whiteboard.”

Kayla Jernigan

“My teammates in 7th grade.”

Connor Silva

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE LEAST ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH?

“The small amount of electives we had.”

Emily Bedore

“How early we have to wake up.”

Hayden Wilburn

“How small the school is.”

Katelyn Glotzbach

“Some of the classes.”

Matthew Keller

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT IN HIGH SCHOOL?

“I get to do all these things and I get to choose what classes I want to take. Plus all the new experiences I’ll have, and the new people I get to meet.”

Mya Huske

“More respect.”

Brody Droegemeier

“Sports opportunity.”

Elise Ford

“Sports and getting to know other people.”

Kennedy Weisshaar

WHAT PART OF HIGH SCHOOL ARE YOU MOST CONCERNED ABOUT?

“Social Media.”

Jesse Eubanks

“Getting to the right class at the right time.”

Zoey Stone

“Being in classes in different grade levels.”

Ethan McGhee

“Different teachers.”

Macy Alderman

WHS drama to stage ‘killer’ spring play

Mayah Mumpower | news editor

The WHS drama class will perform its spring play May 7.

The class chose a murder mystery-comedy, “The Alibis.” The play follows Detective Casey Neptune and her butler Warwick as they try to figure out who murdered billionaire J. Leslie Arlington.

The play, written by multiple authors, provided some versatility for the class. “We have a very small cast, so we chose something that gave us some options for doubling characters,” director Brendan Praeger said. Each scene follows a different suspect in the murder, and each scene is from a different popular playwright.

The play is a return to murder mysteries, a genre the school used to perform regularly. “The kids really wanted

to do a mystery, but it took a couple of years to find the right one for us,” Praeger said.

Freshman Rylee White plays Warwick, the butler turned detective. “My character is supposed to be pretty and confused and has to mispronounce things, so it’s not a big stretch for me. I help the main character interrogate the suspects. I’m a better detective than (Eliza Barton’s) Casey Neptune.”

Freshman Payton Wurtz plays multiple roles. “I’m playing a shady businesswoman who is the lawyer for the murder victim. I also get to play a grandpa and criminal in some other scenes, so I get to have a lot of fun,” Wurtz said.

Senior Kyndal Maie is preparing for her first show. “It’s so hard getting everyone here

“THE ALIBIS”
7 p.m. Saturday, WHS Auditorium
FCCLA Spaghetti feed, 6 p.m. in Family and Consumer Science classroom



Cast
Eliza Barton
Rylee White
Payton Wurtz
Kyndal Maie
Rebekah Stuhlsatz
Kwinton Willier
Jazlyn Posch
Justin Carlson
Mayah Mumpower
Emma Alderman
AJ Grutsch
Robert Potter
Cecelia Emmert

on the same day to rehearse, but it’s a really funny and entertaining play and I think people will enjoy it,” she said.

FCCLA will host a meal before the play, and will be selling tickets in advance to raise funds for a trip to nation-

als this summer. Tickets to the play are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with meal tickets costing \$10 and \$8.

Curtains open at 7 p.m. May 7 in the WHS auditorium.