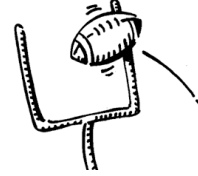


Sports

Football season ends

By Paige Gooch

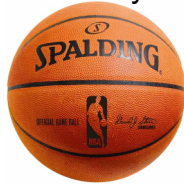
The final game was played at Lincoln against Sargent. The Bobcats came out state runner-up. The Bobcats played a good game and had a great season. We are all very proud.



Boys' basketball is finally here

By Paige Gooch

The basketball season has begun. The boys started the season out with a win and a loss. They played Stanton with a score of 48-55 with the Mustangs on top. Next they played Oakland-Craig and came out with a win and a score of 52-46. Then the bobcats took on the Bergen and won. That's a good start to the season! The boys have been working very hard in practice.



Wrestling to the top

By Kayla Cech

Wrestling's been off to a great start. With little time for most of the guys to prepare, they've done an excellent job! Wrestlers this year are Jarrod Bazata (220), Adam Burenheide (195), Eric Coufal (132), Cody Sellhorst (182), Nathan Bazata (285), Brandon Wragge (170), Tucker Kulhanek (120), Seth Novak (138), and Lee Vering (152). On December 3rd, Howells hosted their tournament where 15 schools competed. The team earned 5th place and 4 champions emerged: Jarrod Bazata, Eric Coufal, Nathan Bazata, and Brandon Wragge. On December 8th, they went to Elgin-Pope John for a triangular with Pope John and Pender. They took first as a team and individual champions were Jarrod, Eric, Nathan, and Brandon. On the 10th, they traveled to Osceola and took first again. Individual champs were Eric, Adam, Jarrod, and Nathan. Good luck in all future matches guys!

Girls' basketball begins!

By Annie Pospisil



The Howells Lady Cats started off with an undefeated season. Among the teams they've beat, the greatest victory was against Guardian Angel Central Catholic. The final score of the game was 55-48, making this the first time Howells lady cats have beat GACC in ten years! The other teams that they've conquered include Stanton, Oakland-Craig, and Fremont Bergen. Good job ladies!

Activities

One-Act takes a bow

By Kayla Cech

One-Act has come to an end this season but not without some hard work put forth. November 17th, the Wisner-Pilger Clinic, proved to be beneficial, giving the cast some extra pointers about facials, actions and reactions, and gestures.

Receiving acting awards were Seth Baumert as Hermes and Kayla Cech as Demeter. The parent performance on November 18th was a success and all of the parents were proud of their sons and daughters. On the 22nd, the team traveled to Columbus for conference. St. Franny claimed the title of conference champions and Clarkson received runner-up. Howells earned 6th and being recognized for outstanding acting were Kayla Cech, Kaitlyn Janata as

Persephone, and Kristin Jindra as chorus and Helen of Troy. Finally the big moment came: districts. November 29th would prove to be the hardest because there would be five schools from our conference there, including St. Franny and Clarkson. The day was filled with fun from watching other plays and bonding with each other. It ended with a 6th place, great comments, and more acting awards. Once again receiving recognition were Kayla Cech and Kaitlyn Janata, and freshman Hunter Nathan as a chorus member. Hanging up their one-act hats this year are Seth Baumert, Kayla Cech, Kaitlyn Janata, and Annie Pospisil.

Awesome season guys!

Objection...overruled!

By Kayla Cech

The Howells Mock Trial team competed in districts on November 19th at Platte County Courthouse in Columbus. Howells Orange, consisting of junior members, went against Scotus 1 playing the defense side. The round went well even Scotus had a stronger show of process in doing things. They put forth a valiant effort but Scotus came out with the victory. Howells Black, the senior members, faced Scotus 3 as the defense as well. Even though they didn't have the side that they wanted, Howells Black thought they had the round in the bag because of the way they handle the pressure. Unfortunately, the judges didn't see it the same way and they lost. Congrats to both teams on a job well done! Nothing further, Your Honor!



Features

Horoscopes

By Kira Sabey

Aries: Be wary of misleading information and prepare for the potential need to redo projects you thought were complete in the first half of the month, dear Aries. You could be dealing with delays and a general feeling of being held back. Around the 10th of December can be especially hectic and possibly chaotic. It can be hard to know who or what to believe. After mid-month, things begin to straighten out. Ironically, your money picture looks quite bright around the holidays. The 22-23 is strong for love and money, especially from foreign or non-routine sources.

Taurus: Watch for a clash with a lover over money or intimacy matters around the 4th, when somebody requires more space, as well as impulsiveness with money around the 10th. Challenges with finances can occur then, but they are ultimately pushing you towards better management of your resources. Romance and travel are favored in December, although both are better after mid-month. Your romantic life continues to stimulate and challenge you, and although part of you might long for a more settled and stable situation, it's never dull! The month finds you especially adventurous, in fact. You're both breaking routines and building new ones.

Gemini: Close relationships can be very complicated in the first half of the month, dear Gemini, and particularly around the 10th, when surprising emotions bubble up to the surface with great force. Personal revelations serve to push you towards growth and experience. Watch for impatience in both speech and action on the 4th. General confusion and delays clear up by mid-month. Family life is exceptionally busy for you in December. While challenges can present themselves, it's a good time to address long-standing problems and to take action to fix them. Love is intimate and passionate.

Cancer: An especially busy December is in your forecast, dear Cancer. Prioritize tasks well so that you can minimize problems. Past or previously hidden matters are illuminated around the 10th. Don't jump to speak about a personal subject unless you're certain it's not premature to do so. You might continue to meet with delays and assorted little problems in your work, but by mid-month, these smooth out. While it's usually recommended to start shopping for the holidays early, if you haven't started yet, you might want to save the bulk of your buying for after the 14th. Watch for hastiness and impatience in speech and actions this month.

Leo: Be extra cautious with your spending this month, dear Leo, as there is a bit of a risk-taker in you right now! There may be some drama or heightened emotions in a friend's life around the 10th of December. Relationships become clearer by mid-month, before which signals can be confusing and displays of affection muted. A partner feels stronger and more confident at this time. Good news or rewards on the job front can arrive in the last week of the month. You may want to make work-related New Year's resolutions a little early - on the 28-29th. You're coming across with increased charm at this time as well.

Virgo: Love matters are strong in December, dear Virgo. While you may be on the fence about many things until mid-month, you're certainly not lacking when it comes to admirers. You are exuding much charm and positive energy that won't go unnoticed. Willingness to take emotional "risks" in the second half of the month can bring interesting experiences into your world. Work can be demanding around the 10th, when some of you could be wrestling with a decision or some uncomfortable gossip. Try not to react impulsively at this time. Family is supportive and comforting in the last week of the month, when efforts to reorganize the home can also pay off.

Libra: You've been going through a maturing process recently, dear Libra, and sometimes you may have felt that it was forced upon you. Impulsiveness in relationships may have come at a price. This month, you're likely to feel more in your element on a romantic level from the 20th forward. Until mid-month, delays and transportation matters can be very tricky. Around the 10th, news can arrive that has you acting on impulse, but it's best to wait things out. Prepare yourself for changes to your itinerary. The second half of the month is less chaotic. All of December, take extra time for rest, as energy levels may not be up to par.

Scorpio: Money matters can get very tricky in the first half of the month, dear Scorpio, when sticking to budget may be difficult but is necessary. Avoid borrowing and lending, as both can bring heavy complications at this time. Changes in your financial arrangements may be in store around the 10th. Impulsive decisions should be avoided, as reason is clouded by heightened emotions. Work schedules can change at a moment's notice this month, but ultimately for the best. The last week of December brings a growing feeling of strength in a partnership. You'll be in fine shape to host during the holidays, and will probably want to stick close to home.

Sagittarius: Avoid an overly independent stance this month, dear Sagittarius, as relationships can be tricky enough to handle as it stands until mid-month. Alienating someone special will not help. Impulsive executive decisions can be a downfall, so try to keep your cool. Relationships heat up around the 10th. This can also be a time when something personal comes to the attention of others. The last week of the month finds you considerably more balanced and naturally confident (not brashly so). A project begins to regain momentum and money-making ideas are plentiful.

Capricorn: You start off December on the right foot, dear Capricorn, with determination but also great charm in your manner. Work seems readily available to you, and others are spreading helpful word of mouth. A love interest is paying attention. In fact, for Capricorns, December is one of the best months of 2011 for romance. A work or health matter comes to a head around the 10th, when emotions run high. While life can be a little chaotic then, this can also point to a peak if you handle yourself well. While the holidays may not run close to schedule this year, you're bound to enjoy yourself despite the lack of routine. Expect the unexpected. New Year's resolutions might be made a little early - on the 28-30th, when your resolve is especially strong.

Aquarius: Friendships can be fairly wacky in the first half of the month, dear Aquarius, and this includes both platonic and romantic ones. Heightened emotions surrounding love and creative matters are especially likely around the 10th. Recognize that signals from others can be misread before jumping impulsively to action. The second half of December brings considerably easier energy for you overall. You begin to feel more confident about making important decisions and you convey your ideas with greater certainty. On the domestic front, good news may be forthcoming as 2011 draws to a close. Family ties are stronger and comfort levels run high.

Pisces: Partnerships continue to keep you on your toes this month, dear Pisces. Confusing signals from a partner clear from mid-December, but love tends to require some level of sacrifice nevertheless. The fine balance between your family and career can be tricky to manage. Domestic matters demand attention especially around the 10th. Changes are in store, and there can be pressure to make important decisions. However, acting in haste, as inclined as you may be to do so, is not advisable. A friendship can bring surprising and pleasant emotions to the surface in December. Despite some level of chaos surrounding your work this month, you are likely to end 2011 with a renewed feeling of confidence in your career direction.

Likes & Gripes
By The Yearbook Staff

Like: You are the coach of a winning girls basketball team.

Gripe: Your name is Polacek and you're a diseased yak.

Like: You're dating the most amazing person ever.

Gripe: You're not Rhianna and you don't love the way they lie.

Like: You got a brand new girlfriend.

Gripe: Your name is Jarrod and she's a sheep.

Like: You like to stay trimmed.

Gripe: In the processing of trimming, you shave off your eyebrows.



Happy Holidays
From the Pawprint
Staff!!

Senior Tributes

Paige Gooch

Birthday: June 16, 1993

Nickname: Wednesday Adams, Gooch

Favorite Movies: "Daddy's little Girl", "Orphan"

Irrational Fears: Clowns

Favorite food: Mac and Cheese

Favorite Artists: Justin Bieber, 50cent



Seth Baumert

Birthday: July 23, 1993

Nickname: Seth Man

Favorite Movies: "Friday Night Lights", "Maverick", "The Patriot"

Irrational Fear: Freezing to death or going to jail

Favorite Food: Meat loaf or cheese burgers

Favorite Artist: Don't have one

Amber Burenhiede

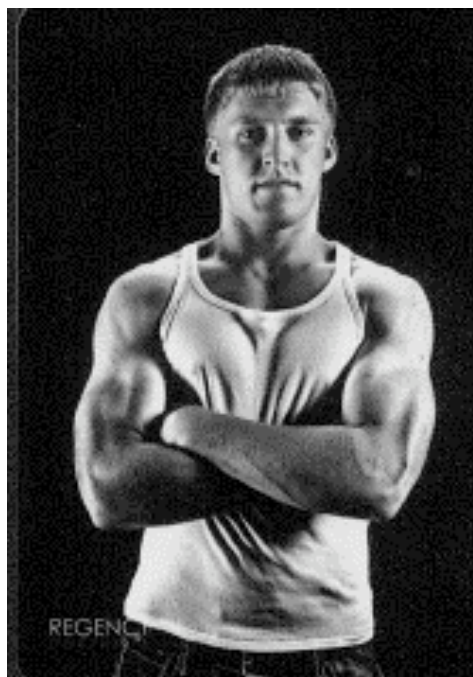
Birthday: October 5, 1993

Nickname: Vern

Favorite Movies: "Robin Hood", "Avatar",
"Remember The Titans"

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo

Favorite Artist: Keith Urban, Blake Shelton



Brian Bayer

Birthday: February 27, 1994

Nickname: BB

Favorite Movie: "Hitch"

Irrational Fear: Have an un athletic child

Favorite Food: Tacos

Favorite Artist: Drake

Favorite Soup: Tomato (this question was
added by Brian)