

# Class News

## Freshman kick off year

By Annie Pospisil

The freshmen are kicking off their new year with a class meeting. At the meeting they voted for class officers and discussed which fundraisers they might like to do. The freshman class officers for 2009-2010 are Mitchell Kampschnieder-president, Hailey Kampschnieder-vice president, Makenzie Polacek-secretary, Paige Indra-treasurer. Their sponsors are Mr. Speirs and Mrs. Schmidt. Some of the fundraiser ideas the freshman class had were a few concession stands, and a half-time free throw competition. If you make it, you win a free pop!

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## Sophomores starting off the year

By Jessi Gooch

The first class meeting was held Monday, August 17. The sophomores started by electing class officers. The secretary is Kayla Cech, the treasurer is Eric Coufal, Kaitlyn Janata was elected vice-president, and finally Amber Burenheide was elected president. They are really excited to start off their sophomore year!

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## Juniors elect class officers

By Brook Brester

The junior class met on the first day of school and elected class officers. Courtney Michael was elected president, Katee Rocheford as vice-president, Ashley Bazata as treasurer, and Janessa Evert as secretary. The class discussed how they are going to raise money for prom and if they are going to have any raffles. Their first fundraiser was on September 3<sup>rd</sup> when they ran the concession stand for the volleyball game against Humphrey St. Francis.

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## Seniors look forward to their last year

By Marissa Litty

Its finally here! Graduation is as close as ever and the senior class are already discussing different options for their last year. Class officers were chosen and Marissa Litty is the president, Heather Kampschnieder is the vice president, Carly Hegemann is the secretary, and Cody Hegemann is the treasurer. The sponsors are Mrs. Prusa and Mr. Groene. Right now, they are busy planning the Homecoming pep rally. We hope to see you there!

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# Sports

## Bobcat football team kicks off season

By Clint Belina

The 2009-2010 Howells Football team kicked off the season with a slew of returning starters and many players with experience. The Bobcats hope to have another successful season this year. The seniors on this year's roster include Clint Belina, Derek Coufal, Cody Hegemann, Brian Prusa, Mitch Tomka, and Keithen Zrust. The Cats opened the season on September 4<sup>th</sup>, against the Pirates of Emerson-Hubbard. The Cats opened the game with a bang, scoring 28 points in the opening quarter while holding the opponent to none. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the scoring assault continued with Cats scoring 20 more points and taking a 48-0 lead into the break. With the continuous clock rule in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the clock ran out fast and the Cats ran away with a 62-0 win to start the season. The next game is against Dodge on September 18, right here in Howells.



## As the year unfolds

By Cera Cech

Softball for the Lady Warriors has had a tough start this year. Even though the outcome isn't what was intended, the girls still play their hardest from start to finish. The three girls that represent Howells are Jacie Pokorny, senior, varsity 3<sup>rd</sup> base, and Chelsea Krepel, senior, varsity shortstop, Cera Cech, sophomore, JV shortstop, varsity left field. This year started off with a tournament located in West Point. The girls began the tourney versus Bennington, with a loss of 11-0, Arlington, with yet another loss of 11-0, Cross County, with a close game but just not enough. The girls also played David City, Twin River, Columbus High, Fairbury and, Wisner-Pilger. Luck never seemed to be on the team's side except for a JV win against Fairbury. Best wishes, girls, for the rest of the season from the Howells Yearbook Staff.



## Volleyball team has started off the 2009 season!

By Jessica Bartling

The Lady Cats have 18 girls going out this year. The team has been working really hard for the upcoming season. The team elected two senior captains Carly Hegemann, and Kourtney Janata. The first game was held on September 3 against HSF! The Lady Cats swept the Flyers and got their first win of the season!!! The varsity had a quad on September 5 @ Hartington. They played LHF, Winside, and Hartington. The Lady Cats won all the games in two sets. The Lady Cats are now undefeated 4-0!!!! I talked to Coach Hoffer about the upcoming season and what she thinks of the volleyball team. She said, "There will be difficult challenges but the girls have shown growth mentally & physically and are ready to take challenges on. The team this year is very diverse and there is a lot of leadership on all levels, they are a team as a whole top to bottom." GOOD LUCK LADYCATS!!!



# Activities

## Dance Team hosts the Dazzlers Dance Camp

By Katee Rocheford

The 2009-2010 Howells Dance Team had a very successful Dazzlers Dance Camp. They were SUPER excited to get to teach the younger children of the community some of what they have learned. The camp was held on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, in the commons area of the High School. The girls came right after school, we had a snack, worked on the routine, and of course we had TONS of fun! The girls performed on the football field at the half time of the Howells vs. Winside game that night. We hope you had a lot of fun!



## FCCLA welcomed new members

By Jessica Bartling

The first FCCLA meeting was held August 31, 2009 at 7:00. Mrs. Prusa served hot dogs and other food before the meeting. The officers gave the new members a treat to recognize them. The Howells and Clarkson Chapter voted for a design on their t-shirts and chapter parents. They also picked a date to clean road ditches on September 14. The juniors and seniors of FCCLA are taking a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo on September 8. The next big event for FCCLA would be the District Leadership Conference in East Butler coming up in October.



## FFA is back

By Cera Cech

The FFA, now being the first year joined with Clarkson, has 55 members, six from Clarkson. Of all the members, 34 will be attending an Ag show "Husker Harvest Days", located in Grand Island on Sept. 16. This consists of 360 acres of countless agriculture-related equipment. The seniors and sophomores will be attending land judging in Leigh Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be judging the various characteristics of the land. The Ag teacher, Mr. Brabec, thinks this will be an exciting year. Go FFA!!!



## Student Council plans Homecoming

By Brook Brester

The student council members recently voted on officers. Carly Hegemann was elected as president, Marissa Litty as vice-president, and Kourtney Janata as secretary. The members have been busy planning for homecoming. At their last meeting they decided on a theme and colors. They discussed when they are going to decorate for homecoming and when they are going to decorate and clean business windows. Along with decorating, they have selected dress up days for the week of homecoming.



# Activities

## Homecoming is almost here!

By Marissa Litty

This year, Homecoming seems to have snuck up on us all. The pep rally will be held on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and the dance will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This year, homecoming week will definitely be a fun one. Monday is floatation device day, Tuesday is twin day, Wednesday is opposite gender day, and Thursday is spirit day.



## I Spy

By Kira Sabey

This year's case in mock trial is about a college student in the U.S.A who is a refugee from a hostile nation. That country wants him to return to be put on trial as a spy. Their job is to defend that student in court and keep him in America. " This is the first time we have had a case involving international law, so its going to be a real challenge, says Mr. Polacek. Also the class of 1963 Howells High School graduate Larry Karel from Schuyler will be helping the mock trial team this year. The 2009 mock trial team consists of Marrison Litty, Kourtney Janata, Heather Kampy, Sidney Blum, Chelsea Krepel, Aaron Brodecky, Carly Hegemann, Nicole Bayer, Adam Vogel , Megan Chebuhar, Katee Rocheford, Janessa Evert, Ashley Bazata, Brenna Wragge, Brook Brester, Emily Chebuhar, Dillon Dostal and Riley Kulhanek. Good luck, mock trial team, and we hope you have a great season and win your case.



## NHS elects officers for the 2009-2010 school year

By Brian Prusa

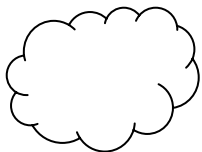
The Howells National Honor Society started off the new school year by electing new officers at their first meeting of the year. Heather Kampschnieder was elected president, while Marissa Litty was chosen as the vice president. The NHS secretary will be Janessa Evert and Cody Hegemann will handle the club's treasury department. During the meeting, the group discussed possible service projects and the outlook for the 2009-2010 school year. The National Honor Society is lead by the fearless Mrs. Doerneman.



## Speech team kicking off the year

By Jessi Goch

The speech team is already preparing for another successful season. To welcome new members, Señorita and returning members are hosting a special meeting. Anyone interested in finding out more, is invited to stop by for some treats and information. This does not mean you are signing up. We welcome you to come, ask questions, and just explore different options. This meeting will be held on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.



## Likes And Gripes

By Brian Prusa

Like: You think you are one of the better ping-pong players in the nation and try out for the Olympic ping-pong team.

Gripe: You are one win away from making the team when you are pulled into a big van and kidnapped by Steve Marik and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. They soon tell you it was all a joke and wish you the best of luck in your match, but on the way out of the van Steve slams your hand in the door crippling you for life and forcing an early retirement.

Like: It's the first day of school and you are looking hip in your new threads.

Gripe: Between classes you run into UFC fighter Brock Lesnar and spill his coffee. As a result he throws you through a wall.

Like: Your name is Tyler Brester and you finally get a date for prom.

Gripe: You find out the girl you're taking is really Mitch Belina in a dress.

Like: While at the zoo for the FCCLA trip, you point out a funny looking gorilla to your friends.

Gripe: The gorilla turns out to be Brock Lesnar, and he gets upset, tears your arms off, and throws you to the cheetahs where you are eaten.

Like: You are contacted and warned by Paramount Pictures to stop illegally downloading Rambo movies off the Internet.

Gripe: You disregard this warning and the next day come home to find Sylvester Stallone sitting alone on your front porch with a bow and arrow.

Like: Your name is Cody Hegemann and you are a huge fan of the Rocky and Rambo movies. You love Sylvester Stallone.

Gripe: Your much wiser and better looking friend Brian Prusa points out that Sylvester Stallone used steroids to buff up for the movies. Upon hearing this you wet yourself and run home crying, screaming, "It can't be true!"

## Movie Review

By Shelby Mundil

### The Perfect Getaway..

The Perfect Getaway was a good movie, and probably the best thriller in a while. Staring Steve Zahn as (Cliff) and Milla Jovovich (Cydney) as the main characters. They are a newlywed couple who are going on their honeymoon, in the tropical islands in Hawaii. They believe they've found paradise. But when the pair comes across a group of frightened hikers discussing the horrifying murder of another newlywed couple on the islands, they begin to question whether they should turn back. Cliff and Cydney join up with two other couples, and things begin to go terrifyingly wrong.



## **New Teachers In The Elementary!**

By Annie Pospisil

Ms. Culver is the new first and second grade teacher. She is originally from Elsie, Nebraska, and has a bachelor degree from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. She also has taught in Waverly, Kearney, Lexington, and Minden. Ms. Edwards is the new third and fourth grade teacher. She is also coaching the junior high girls volleyball. She attended Mount Marty College. She has also taught at Litchfield Public Schools from 2005 til last year. Welcome to our school, we hope you like it here!



## **To consolidate or not to consolidate?**

By Katee Rocheford

The BIG question in the surrounding area lately is.... to consolidate or not to consolidate? Good or bad, it's there and we are going to have to deal with the end result, whatever that may be. I was curious about how the student body felt about this issue; I mean we all knew how both the Howells and Clarkson school boards felt. For they were able to voice there opinions several times at the seemingly endless meetings and discussions they had in front of both the Howells and Clarkson crowds. When I polled the student body on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I was expecting the vote to have...well...a different outcome. The results astounded me. There were 49 students for consolidating with Clarkson and 40 opposed consolidating with Clarkson. The trend was that high school students were for the consolidation, whereas junior high students, the majority, anyways were opposed.



## Senior Tributes



**Name:** Carly Lynn Hegemann

**Nickname:** Car

**Birthday:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1991

**Interesting Fact:** I've only had one boyfriend

**Faavorite Movie:** "Billy Madison"

**Quote:** "For everything you have missed, you have gained something else, and for everything you gain, you lose something else."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Name:** Jessica Sharon Bartling

**Nickname:** Bartle

**Birthday:** August 6<sup>th</sup> 1992

**Intersting Fact:** I have never been on an airplane.

**Favorite Movie:** "Billy Madison"

**Quote:** "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them"

- Walt Disney



**Name:** Kourtney Ann Janata

**Nickname:** Nata, Kourt, Janata

**Birthday:** October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1991

**Intersesting Fact:** I only weighed 3 lbs when I was born.

**Favorite Movie:** "Finding Nemo"

**Quote:** "Don't live your life in the past. Wha'ts happened has happened and there's no going back, If you live in the past you take away your future."

**Name:** Derek Ryan Coufal

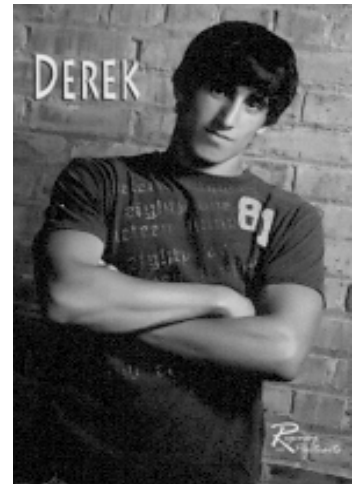
**Nickname:** Monkey

**Birthday:** December 14<sup>th</sup> 1991

**Interesting Fact:** I was told that I'm easy going, but when it comes to sports I'm very physical.

**Favorite Movie:** "Step Brothers", "Transformers"

**Quote:** "It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man"



### **Survey**

By Clint Belina

**If you could be any teacher in the school, who would you be and why?**

- P, I would be the only teacher to hit people with a briefcase and get away with it.

**Who is stranger...Billy Mays or Mr. P and why?**

-Billy Mays because he always throws the third one in for free.

**Who would win in a battle of wizardry, Mr. Dobbins or Harry Potter, and why?**

-Mr. Dobbins because he is much wiser and has a goatee.

**Who would win in a fight to the death between Mr. Speirs and Mr. Jones and why?**

-Mr. Jones because I've seen him go 15 rounds with Rocky Balboa and win.

-Mr. Speirs because the big man knows how to throw a right hook.

(Can Kira's cartoon go here??? or Clints poll)