

THE BROADSIDE

THE UNDEFEATED

By: Payton Johnson

The WCHS football team has had an outstanding regular season with an undefeated record of 7-0. This is the first time in ten years the boys have had this much success. Our last undefeated season was in 2007 when the football team won state. In 2014 and 2015 the Wildcats went 11-1 getting second place at state.

Head coach Kyle Gfeller said, “The biggest difference in our team this year has been that the boys have bought into the team and the upperclassmen have shown great leadership.”

That leadership has been key to the

boys changing their mindset on the game and succeeding from it.

Senior Kemper Benisch said, “I always go in thinking we are the underdogs and that I need to go all out each play.”

Benisch has shown outstanding leadership in the halls and on the field throughout the year.

He said, “What leads the team to victory is not being selfish and playing as a team.”

The community has been very proud of the Wildcat football team and is excited to see what they achieve in the post season.



Head in the Game

By: Havi Perry

On October 14, USD 241 had the opportunity to host Hall of Fame basketball coach Mark Potter. He was a head basketball coach for 30 years, though he left his coaching career to pursue his passion for speaking.

Potter speaks on many topics, including motivation and mental toughness. He became passionate about these topics after his personal battle with severe depression, which happened during the height of his coaching career. He calls the topic of depression, The Silent Epidemic. It refers to the stigma of not discussing the challenges many go through, and how it's a train of thought to tough it out,

especially in small towns.

He said, “The only wrong thing you can do is nothing.”

By engaging and inspiring, he brings hope to the audience. He makes it his mission to get the point across, and he kept the 7-12 students intrigued and silent the entire time.

Potter said, “What you tell yourself matters. What goes into your brain matters. What you tell your teammates, classmates, children, and spouse matters. Because if somebody hears something long enough, they will start to believe it.”

HS Sports Records:

As of 10/28/2025

Girls Volleyball: 14-21 Boys Football: 8-0

Fall Play Granted Money

By: Kayson Brown

Enticing the Addams Family and their ancestors to visit Wallace County Schools in November can be an expensive undertaking.

In September, fall play directors Dana Clay and Brenda Tropf submitted a grant to Midwest Energy, Inc., to help with licensing fees for the fall play, “The Addams Family Young@Part.”

Funding the play for the past two years, after several years of not having a play, has been a challenge, and having the additional grant money from Midwest Energy has helped to alleviate some of the stress that goes along with those challenges.

Licensing the rights to use a play is usually the largest cost every year, and the Midwest Energy, Inc., grant will be used to cover that cost. There were two other donations received by the school that will also be used to pay for necessary goods, like the lumber and paint needed for the set creation. New shop teacher Mr. Reinert and his shop class will use the lumber to build two new sets

of stairs for the set, and Mrs. Tropf and her art classes are already painting the scenery needed.

Tropf said, “Midwest Energy has been a consistent financial supporter of our school for several years now. In such a small school, it is important to have community-based companies that support the arts.”

Tropf is excited to have the additional funding and put it to work during this busy season.

She said, “Absolutely! I really enjoy directing the fall play, but it is quite exhausting. Our students are already putting in long hours at athletic practices, and I'm so proud of their commitment to our play and coming to play practice after a nearly 11-hour day at school. Their dedication is admirable and they, along with Mrs. Clay's energy, gives me a boost to keep going.”

She said, “It's sad that we lost the fall play when we did, and now we are regaining our funding for the fall play. Thank you, Midwest Energy!”

Student of the Month

By: Jaelyn Ita

On Friday, October 3rd, we celebrated the excellence of our students and the Energy Bus initiative, recognizing attendance achievements and bus ticket milestones, while proudly announcing our Energy Bus Student of the Month, Josie Bolen. Josie was nominated by her teacher, Ms. Batterton, due to her kind, positive, and responsible acts.

Ms. Batterton said, “Josie is always smiling and has a positive attitude throughout the entire day. She

is always willing to help other students quickly.” We are all so proud of Josie as she sets a great example in our halls for the rest of her peers.

The Student of the Month program encourages all students to bring their best energy to school every day and reminds us that together, we keep our bus moving in the right direction! At the end of the year, all Student of the Month recipients will be celebrated at a special Energy Bus



PENNY WAR!!!

By: Olivia Kuhlman

A fierce battle in the Wallace County High School library erupted and only one group of classes ended with the pizza and pop party.

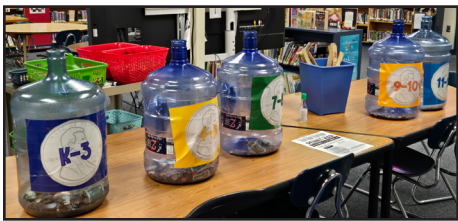
The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) in the community put together a fun competition, Penny Wars, where the money collected went toward supporting school staff, and students. The last day for it was October 24.

Penny Wars was a noncombative competition between the entire K-12 grades. In the library there were five water jugs for K-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. The winner of the competition got to have a pizza and pop party. The students could have put pennies for one point, one dollar bills for 100 points, and five dollar bills for 500 points into their own classes' water jug to get points.

But the students could have also put any silver coins, like nickels, in their oppo-

nents' jug to sabotage them. Nickels for negative five points, dimes for negative ten points, and quarters for negative 25 points.

The grade school students were really excited about to see who was going to win. At the end of the week on Friday the 24th, the count showed the winner being K-3 with 11,761 points! In second place were the juniors and seniors with -2,787 points; third place, freshmen and sophomores with -5,538 points; fourth place, 4-6 with -9,056 points; then last place, 7-8 with -13,915 points.



K-5 September Perfect Attendance



Back Row: Sam Jarvis, Jessli Juarez, Bristol Hartman, Dawson Buell, Michael Martin, Sadie Tropf, Jacob Bolen
Front Row: Brystal Buell, Bryce Tropf, Jacob Wamsley, Henry Barnett, Scotlin Pilger, Drake Pletcher, Doc Robben



The HVAC workers use a large crane to replace the old rooftop unit at the school.
Photo Credit: Eugene Kaiser



Pep Band play at a football game.



Volleyball girls huddle before the set starts.



Jaelyn passes the ball.



Actors perform The Three Little Pigs for K-5.

Grade School comic strip

By: Juniper Brown

