

AFTER the bell

Shake 'N Bake. Clayton Broderson '20 [left] and Gillian Collins '20 [right] go to Steak 'N Shake on a regular basis, even when they're not working. They both have loved working there. Broderson said, "There are a lot of interesting people that work there and the managers are always so nice." Collins enjoyed the connection between the restaurant and West. "It's so cool that the ritual is going there after sporting events," she said.

Photos by Clayton Broderson and Gillian Collins



STEAK 'N SHAKE

ATOMIC



Making Bad Days Better. Abby Link '21 [left], Franki Manuel '20 [top right], and Cameron White '20 [bottom right] all enjoy going to Atomic with their friends. They agree that they have spent countless hours waiting in line for their drinks. Link said, "What I love about Atomic is that whenever I have a bad day, it makes it 110% better." Manuel has worked there for a little under a year and loves it. "Working at Atomic is fun because I've made a lot of new friends. I get paid to do what I love," Manuel said.

Photos by Abby Link, Franki Manuel and Cameron White

Live Más. The majority of both Kenzey Wogomon '20 [left] and Sarah Kaker's '19 [right] paychecks go towards Taco Bell. They both refuse to eat their food without their sauce and have gotten it every time they go. Kaker said, "Nine out of ten times I forget to ask for it so I have to drive back and wait in line again for it." Wogomon goes at least twice a week. "I'm surprised they haven't memorized my voice and order yet," she said.

Photos by Sarah Kaker and Kenzey Wogomon



TACO BELL



hangout SPOTS

Senior boys discuss their bi-weekly game night

With all of the problems that boys face, a group of seniors have figured out that getting together on a regular basis to play games at Senior **Kyle Mattson**'s house helps to relieve some stress. Mattson said, "We all go to my barn. I have a poker table and chips, and we mainly play Texas Hold 'Em or Poker." All of the boys agree that Mattson is usually the main winner, no matter what game.

Senior **Dalton Carstens** said, "My favorite part is when I win, but that doesn't always happen. The losers usually steal the chips back from the winner by the end of the night anyways." They are all very grateful towards Mattson's mom, Theresa, for sometimes participating and being a good host. Carstens said, "Kyle's mom is always fun to play with because she makes the best food and she always cleans up after we're done. We love her."

Senior **Jake Mitchell** looks forward to the name-calling during the game. "The best part of us getting together is all of the trash talking. It really livens up the conversations. Everything becomes more fun and competitive," Mitchell said. They plan to continue this tradition after they graduate

Story by Madi Dohrmund



Kyle Mattson



Dalton Carstens



Jake Mitchell



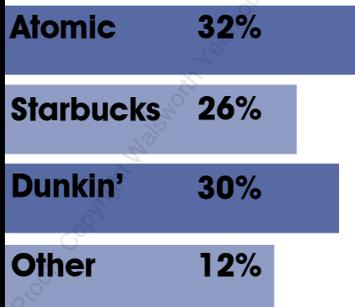
Best Buds. Logan Schwenn '19 [left] plays Poker with his friends [from right] Jake Mitchell '19, Kyle Mattson '19 and Dalton Carstens '19. Over time, this has been his favorite way to spend weekends. Schwenn said, "We watch football and hang out when we're not playing games. It's always a good time."

Photo by Kyle Mattson

TALK of the TOWN

Students provide their opinions about the best places around the Quad Cities

COFFEE SHOP



"Atomic beats out Dunkin' because they have double stamp Tuesday."

- Amanda Thach '19

THE PARK

"The flowers everywhere make for good scenery and the fact that you're free to be as loud as you want without people getting mad."

- Miranda Reed '21

GANZO'S

"They have the best Mexican pizza. I always find a reason to go there."

- Ryan Wallick '19

MICHAEL'S FUN WORLD

"It has everything from laser tag to mini golf. You could be there for hours and not be bored."

- Hailey Schumacher '21

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

"The variety of wings that they have and that there's sports to watch makes it a good place."

- Parker Bates '22

