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Turkey Bingo

"Running through the hallways gobbling was the experience of a lifetime. It was truly the peak of my high school career." Kyle Kelley (11)



NHS Induction

National Honor Society members Rebecca Farmer (11), Karsyn Welcher (11), Ava Hauser (11), Tanner Keichen (12) and Samuel Loecke (12) participate in the induction ceremony.

Top 4 Takeaways

From Veteran's Day Assembly



"When he started ranting to us about the garbage in the ditches, it made me realize how much littering really does happen. It makes me want to go pick up a ditch this spring." Austin Fessler (9)



"The speaker was powerful and made me rethink my choices about picking up after myself because he talked about keeping the planet clean." Chloe Bahls (10)

"The speaker talked about some touchy subjects, but many of us needed to hear it. The way he tied the eagle's wings into us working together was really neat." Blake Engel (10)

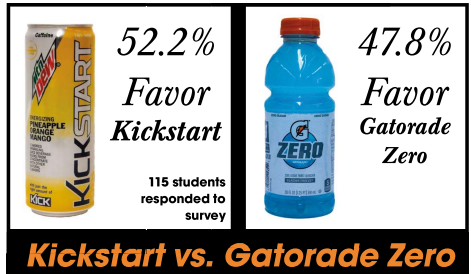


"I thought it was just gonna be a regular speaker, and then when the guy got up there and I realized he was ranting on us, I listened up. The way he went about it was weird since it was just a high school Veteran's assembly, but it was important." Andrew Salas (11)



Alexis Rieken (10), co-president of the French Club, collaborates with Marianne Sandberg to produce French words in a game of Scrabble. "It felt good to show our appreciation towards Mrs. Sandberg."

While enjoying numerous activities, Brooke Christensen (10) and Erin Tran (9) learn more about numbers in French in a competitive game of "Sorry!"



Kickstart vs. Gatorade Zero

"I really enjoy Kickstarts; I usually buy two. I drink one during the day and save another for after school." Jason Jones (9)

- ▶ With flag in hand, Kirsten Stiefel (12), performs during halftime at a home varsity football game. Color Guard earned a Division I rating at state.
- ▶ Matthew Salas (12) performs his solo, "Sun and Moon."
 - ▶ First time participant, Harper Blommers (9) stands in formation. "It was all fun and games during practice and with each other," Blommers said. "But as soon as we stepped onto the field, we had to get in the zone."
 - ▶ Before a game, Madelyn Hogan (10), Lori Hilby (10), Cayleigh Painter (10), Faith Rich (9) line up and wait for the varsity football boys to charge the field.



Rain, Snow, and Music

Band members marched through a cold and rainy State Marching Band competition at Waterloo West. For the first time since 2006, the marching band competed in snow showers. Drum line member Natalie Kehrl (11) remembers freezing throughout the day. "When we went outside to run drill before the competition, we all wore blankets,"

said Kehrl. "I remember not being able to feel my fingers." Mikaila Neuzil (11), drum major, struggled to stand against the wind. "Parents held our ladders up as we conducted," Neuzil said. "We were terrified we would fall." West Delaware received a Division II (Excellent) rating at state and sixth place at Cedar Rapids Prairie.

During third hour, Jade Heth (11) rehearses flute music. "It was a challenge to learn the song," said Heth. "It was 180 beats per minute, so it was very fast-paced."



Robinson Martinez Junech (11) crashes the symbols.



Jacob Vaske (12) harmonizes with the other instruments.



Mikaila Neuzil (11), Rachel Wenger (10) and Taylor Hammer (11) prepare to salute before the marching band performs.



During the halftime show, Grace Reth (11) plays "Kim's Nightmare" from the musical "Miss Saigon."