

Absent Adviser

Yearbook editors and staff overcome disadvantages

The absence of yearbook instructor Diane Redmond led to difficulties for the editors and staff.

"What I thought was going to be 6 weeks turned into 12, which put a lot of strain on everyone involved. A few seconds of talking to someone in person turned into weeks of back and forth of post-it notes on pages. Sometimes those notes were ignored and other times deleted. I was frustrated, kids were frustrated, but the editors juggled all of it and discovered what it meant to be an editor better than most. They were the best. They even made a trip to my house, which brightened my day considerably," Redmond said.

The worst part for staff member

Alashia McMurdo 21 was to not have Redmond physically in the room.

"I had to fix one caption multiple times because she wasn't here to just tell me what she was thinking and help me fix it," McMurdo said. "The whole process took longer because she wasn't here."

Additional help from the editors encouraged Redmond and all of the staff members.

Camryn Mosty 20 said, "This brought out leadership qualities I didn't even know I had. I couldn't have done it without Makenna McManemy [20]. We worked really well together, and she was the best coeditor I could have asked for."

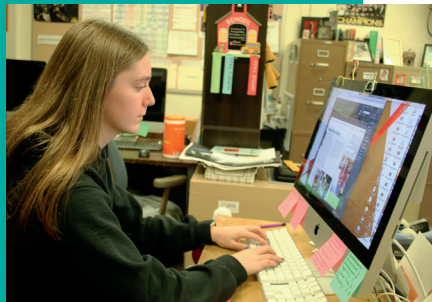
- Jenna Welty



"I tried to figure out who my secret Santa was, but I was surprised when Kaitlyn [Sievers 20] revealed herself," David Hultman 21 said. [photo] Camryn Mosty



"I was changing the lens of the camera so I could take a picture of somebody. It's kind of stressful," Anna Thiher 21 said. [photo] Makenna McManemy



"The page I was working on was the fan page. I was trying to think of a headline for one of the quotes," Sophia Carlson 21 said. [photo] Makenna McManemy



"I unwrapped my secret Santa gift. No one in the room was it, and then I found out it was Mrs. [Diane] Redmond," Alashia McMurdo 21 said. [photo] Camryn Mosty

Yummy Selections are plentiful for Jenna Welty 21 and Tegan Vogt 21. Vogt said, "Makenna's [McManemy 20] mom's cookies had a lot of icing." [photo] Camryn Mosty

Photo Challenge To take pictures for the first time makes Rachel Maschino 20 eager. "I think football games were the perfect start to figure it out," Maschino said. [photo] Makenna McManemy



Pages or pictures?



"Taking pictures is fun. I like the sound the camera makes. It makes me feel grown up and professional. I haven't taken a lot of pictures yet, but hopefully I get to go to more events."

- Tonya Kramer 20



"I like working on the pages better because once I get on a roll and my creative juices start flowing, I feel very accomplished. It helps when people give good quotes; it is easier."

- Jaden Thys 21



"I enjoy going to events and taking photos. Snapping a unique picture makes me feel proud because I am capturing a moment that will turn into a unique memory."

- Amber Littrel 20

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Spark A trip outside of the classroom provides inspiration for Makenna McManemy 20. "Camryn [Mosty 20] and I were in a class during the Iowa City IHSPA trip. I was giggling because I noticed that Camryn was taking the photo of me, and, of course, I felt a little awkward. Overall, Camryn and I got a lot of unique ideas from this trip for our book." [photo] Camryn Mosty

Surprise At the secret Santa gift exchange, Kaitlyn Sievers 20 unwraps her present. "I had no idea who had me. It turned out to be Makenna [McManemy 20] and she did a really good job," Sievers said. "I even posted the first time I used the new coffee mug on my Snapchat story. It wasn't even on my list. I drink coffee almost every day, so she made a great guess." [photo] Camryn Mosty

Ritual After the Iowa High School Press Association convention, Hailey Hakes 21 and Jenna Welty 21 take a selfie. Welty said, "It's a tradition that we take a picture together with our lanyards full of free pins that we get from the convention, and we always go to Pancho's for lunch each year." [photo] Alashia McMurdo



Berry Hungry The Christmas party provides good food for Camryn Mosty 20 and Jaden Thys 21. Mosty said, "I feel bad because I'm such a strawberry hog. Fruit platters are a must for every party." [photo] Makenna McManemy