

A Day in the LIFE of...



illustration by sophomore Mac Kelly

The many faces of Ellie Brown

by senior Harley Schley



Brown admits she suffers from senioritis 90% of the time.



After high school, she is planning on attending Iowa State University for Pre-Med.



Last summer, she traveled to Europe to help remove trash from the ocean.



photos courtesy of senior Ellie Brown

At county and state fair, she shows rabbits and chickens.

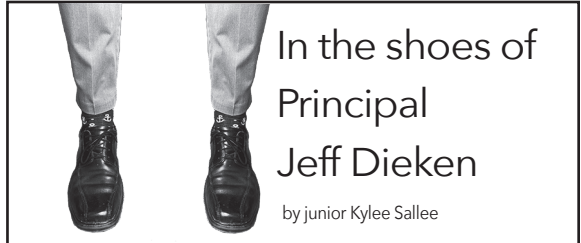


Brown was named the 2019 Black Hawk County Fair Queen and participates in 4-H.

Brown has daily farm chores that consist of feeding her 15 chickens, 20 rabbits, the family's cats and dogs, and making sure they all have water.

On Sundays, Brown teaches Sunday School to second and third graders at her church.

Brown says she's never bored. She always has something to do, which actually can become stressful. To make sure everything gets done, she creates to-do lists and uses any free time to complete the tasks on the list.

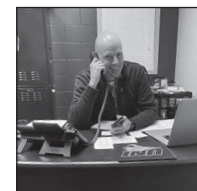


In the shoes of Principal Jeff Dieken

by junior Kylee Sallee

It is commonly known that principals are busy each day. But what exactly do they do? Principal Jeff Dieken shared a checklist for one of such day so readers know what it's like to be in his shoes.

- Wake up at 5 a.m.
- Go to Planet Fitness
- Attend a meeting with AEA and Hudson staff to discuss Student Goal Progress
- Work on an open-enrollment issue
- Go to the central office to manage a transportation issue for a Hudson student who attends another school
- Go back to the high school for a student issue
- Check and approve teacher leave requests
- Update agenda for Planned Professional Development
- Attend a meeting with a Josten's representative regarding graduation items
- Work with the nurse on a student health issue
- Oversee lunch duty in the high school
- Have a student conversation
- Meet with a teacher regarding a student issue
- Finalize agenda and send a meeting reminder to NICL principals
- Go back to the junior high to meet with a student and teacher about a student issue
- Schedule a phone conversation with a neighboring school district special education director
- End of day student check in



"When I started in education, it was because of the kids, and the connection I made through teaching. That was almost 20 years ago, and the connection to kids is still what I like most."
-Principal Jeff Dieken

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A day in the life of a high school desk

by junior Kylee Sallee

With dozens of students filing in and out of classrooms every 44 minutes, many students often wonder, "Who else sits in my desk?" We randomly picked a desk in high school English teacher Joletta Yoder's classroom and talked to the students that sit there.

4th Period: English 12 & Senior Seminar
"I like that Mrs. Yoder is a very life-oriented teacher. She connects her teaching to what is going to happen when we leave these four walls."
-senior Brooke Busch

5th Period: Journalism I
"I enjoy journalism because I get to express my creative side. I'm currently working on my cover page for our April Issue cover competition."
-freshman Ainsley Slade

2nd Period: English 9
"I prefer sitting in the middle of the room because everything is right in front of me."
-freshman Ryan Peck

6th Period: English 12
"I like how upbeat Mrs. Yoder is while we work on analyzing (British) literature."
-senior Abby Gaudian

1st Period: English 9
"I like learning because it will help me be successful in the future."
-freshman Caleb Ham

8th Period: Journalism 2/3/4
"I feel very relaxed and comfortable and love being by my friends in journalism. I just like to decompress at my desk."
-junior Halle Haack



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