



Darling and Merrigan Win 2018 AAA Award at WHS

Nathan Schuck, Taylor McCarvel, Jack Johnson, and Mike Martinez

WORTHINGTON - Early this January, Stewart Merrigan and Jessica Darling were nominated as this year's WHS recipients of the AAA Award for their exemplary work in athletics, academics and the arts.

The AAA Award dates back to 1988. This is the thirtieth year it has been presented to outgoing seniors from all over Minnesota. This prestigious award is bestowed upon high school seniors who excel in athletics, academics, and the arts.

In order to qualify for the AAA Award, seniors must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0, participate in an MSHSL sponsored athletics program and a fine arts activity, and comply with the MSHSL Student Code of Conduct. Two nominees are selected from each participating school and are invited to attend an awards banquet, where four award winners are selected to receive a four-year \$1000 scholarship.

This year's WHS nominees are Jessica Darling and Stewart Merrigan. Stewart was nominated because of his hard work in the classroom, as well as his performance in basketball, track, cross country, band, and choir. He was very excited when he found out he was nominated. "I was pretty surprised," said Stewart, "I wasn't sure if I would get it or not."



Jessica was nominated because she excels in her academics, and because of her participation in cross country, track, band, choir, orchestra, student council, and STEM club. "I was surprised and happy," said Jessica upon realizing she had been nominated.

Both nominees are invited to the awards banquet held in March. While there, league officials will announce the four AAA scholarship winners. We hope Jessica and/or Stewart will be selected, and we are cheering them on!



and section leader Max Langerud said, "It's nice, it gives you a lot of leadership responsibilities, and teaches you a lot about leadership as a whole."

As a musician, to get into music you have to dedicate a majority of your time to music. A perfect example is from our interview with Max, "I got into music when I was in 5th grade."



Annual Contest Concert Goes Off Without a Hitch

Paw Htoo, Madison Roesner, Po Taw

WORTHINGTON - Near the end of January the WHS gym erupted with the sound of music as the WHS Orchestra, Band, and Choir each performed their annual contest concert.

On Monday night January 29th, the 200 plus students performed in front of a gym full of family and friends. The music directors, Mr. and Mrs. Loy along with temporary choir director Mrs. Robinson, conducted the students through the concert with passion. For a little over two months, students practiced their pieces for the concert. Because some students are in all three music ensembles, they might have had to practice more than six pieces of music for the night. Some students only practice two if they were in just one part of the music department.

Music takes a lot of time, effort, and commitment. Fellow student and section leader Max Langerud said,

WHS Resource Officer

Taylor Hix and Jasmine Riley

WORTHINGTON - Officer Dan Brouillet is the school resource officer for all three schools for District 518, and he is here to help students and teachers with law issues.

Officer Dan Brouillet's job is more than just being present in District 518 schools. Officer Dan's job is about protecting the students in the school and dealing with behavioral complications. For example, if a phone is stolen or if other students have behavioral issues that need to be dealt with, he would investigate. He works with all students in grades K-12.

We took a public poll during lunch and asked many students at WHS if they knew who our school resource officer was. A large majority had no idea - only 20% knew of him. We also asked if the students knew where the police department was in town. 71%

Senior Spotlight

Hailey Cauwels, Kassie Magana, and Karina Mendez

WORTHINGTON - Senior spotlight shines a light on WHS's very own Snowcoming queen, Kharmen Saysirisanh, to learn more about our school's seniors with an exclusive interview.

"What's your high school experience been like this year?" You can answer this question yourself, but this one was specifically for Kharmen Saysirisanh, the senior spotlight.

"It's been really easy and it's been going by really, really fast, and I can't wait to graduate," said Kharmen. She also mentioned she doesn't have any favorite memories.

During Snow Week, Kharmen won Snowcoming Queen after a school wide vote. When asked about why she thinks she won, she laughed and said, "I try to be really nice to everyone and I try to get along with everyone."

After high school, Kharmen plans on going to basic training for National Guard and plans to attend college after that.

Kharmen had the honor of being interviewed this week to represent the Worthington High School. We hope you learned something about our special guest.



Fairy Tales Collide in WHS Musical

Kyle Janssen, Kelly Newman, and Catalina Nguyen

WORTHINGTON -- 5 stories, 40 students, and 1 musical make up this year's Worthington High School musical production, "Into the Woods" performed March 1-4 under the direction of Eric Parrish.

The WHS musical consists of 5 fairy tales: Little Red Riding Hood, Baker and Baker's Wife, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Cinderella.

Jamie Newman, the lead role of Cinderella, describes the show as, "It's like a compilation of a bunch of different fairy tales and the characters have to overcome some sort of obstacle."

This is Eric Parrish's third musical at WHS: "The Little Mermaid", 2016; "South Pacific", 2017; and now "Into the Woods", 2018. He says that he's most nervous about putting the story and orchestra together so the audience will understand the plot of the musical.

However, Eric Parrish says that the most exciting part of any show is, "The final bow of opening night."

The musical will be performed on March 1-4, and student passes are only allowed on Sunday, March 4th.



Worthington High School presents

INTO THE WOODS

MARCH 1, 2, 3 AT 7:30
MARCH 4 AT 2:30

Music and Lyrics by
Stephen Sondheim
Book by
James Lapine
Directed by
Eric E. Parrish

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Orchestral Arrangements by

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Winning Streak Girls Basketball

Marcos Herrera, Quindarion Lingston, Kevin Malathip, and Payton Sauerbrei

WORTHINGTON - The Worthington high school girls basketball team has had a successful season so far, based on the questions we asked the team's coach and captains they're optimistic about the rest of the season. "We'd like to better our record from last year," said head coach Eric Linder.

The team is 13-7 right now after a win against Spirit Lake on Monday, February 5th. This game ended with a score of 61-45. The last shot was a lay-up by Freshman, Brianna Veen. The team is now on an 8 game winning streak. A few of those games include Pipestone, Luverne, Austin, and an exciting and physical game with Marshall with an ending score of 55-47.

This year's seniors are Anneke Weg, Emma Thuringer, and Ashlyn Rosenburg. Weg and Thuringer both concluded they've been playing since they were young. "My dad kinda just signed me up for it," said Weg.

The team has 5 games left before the first round of sections— another goal of theirs is to have a home sections game. In order to achieve this, they need to be the high seed and beat Waseca.





Janitors Aren't the Only Ones Sweeping in Pipestone

Jordan Melendez, Will Brandner, and Avilio Chavez

PIPESTONE- The Worthington Trojan boys basketball team beat the Pipestone Arrows on all three levels (C Squad, B Squad, and Varsity) on January 26. This made the first sweep of the season for WHS.

Daniel Pavelko lead the C-Squad to their victory by being the lead scorer. That definitely helped with the sweep. "We won because we put in a lot of hard work, and we have become better as a team over the season," said Daniel. C-Squad won 48-43.

The B-Squad with Will Bradner leading them to the second victory of the night had this to say, "We knew we were better than Pipestone, and that we put more work into the game to come out with the win." Bradner lead the team to a 38-31 victory.

Brock Bruns another player on the B-Squad team shared his experience, "The trash talking at Pipestone only gives me motivation to work harder. They called me ugly, but it only shows

that we're better than them."

Gavin Calmus scored 25 points against Pipestone in the Trojans Varsity win and has been on a hot streak as of late.

When asked about the scoring hot streak he's been on he replied, "I've just been trying my best to get opportunities to score and my teammates have been getting me the ball; I couldn't do it without my teammates."

The Point Guard on the varsity team, Terbutto Ochothow, also had something to say, "Even though we swept them we had to remain humble because we have to show that we are better than them in skill, mentality, and sportsmanship." To secure the sweep, Terbutto made three free throws after getting fouled with only 1.7 seconds left. At this point in the game, Pipestone was up 67-65. Terbutto's free throws soared through the net causing the Trojans to leave with a win: 68-67.



New Designs in the Art Department

Lilo Herzig, Heidi Ramirez, Lina Kim and Ashley Noerenberg

WORTHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL—The WHS art department has developed newly designed courses in order to expose their students' potential this upcoming school year.

What was once known as Intro to Art will now have a more professional name called Art 1. Art 1 will provide a series of art basics, technic, and help students find their technic and passion in the arts.

After Art 1, the art department is adding on a second sequence called Art 2. In Art 2, students can come in and do 2-D art work and learn how to develop those skills into a

a 3-Dimensional masterpiece. Students' drawings and paintings would be formed in to a piece of artwork like a sculpture made out of clay or ceramics. "I'm looking forward to this because then I will get to teach another class and not just Art 1." Ms. Buchholz exclaimed. "It will be fun!"

For Juniors and Seniors, the Art department will be offering a 2nd level course called Advanced Studio Arts, where students can focus on one element they would like to improve on or learn more about in the course of 9 weeks. When asked about this new designed class Mrs. Holinka expressed her feelings about the course by saying, "I am really excited to see the students come

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Clean Meat

Soren Conlay, Jose Hurtado, and Veronica Orellana

Paul Shapiro and his organization, the Good Food Institute, are pioneering food for the future; creating lab-grown meat in an effort to reduce animal consumption, environmental issues, and waste overall.

The first 'clean meat' (meat grown purely in a lab) burger was debuted in London, and cost around \$330,000 to produce. Now, a gram of meat costs \$40 when grown this way, and experts aim to get the price down to \$10 per patty by 2020.

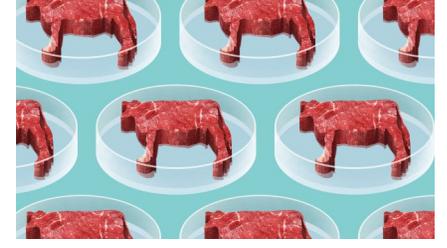
There are many benefits to creating food this way, and not just moral or environmental. Clean meat has little to no biological health risks, since the meat is not exposed to any outside bacteria

contact with. This means there will be almost 0 risk of sickness or disease stemming from the product, which is very important to safety.

While there are skeptical parties, many believe this is an innovative step in the future of food production. "This is a great thing, and it's definitely something to look out for," said Tucker Besel, science teacher at Worthington High School.

It has even been described as "An inspirational look into a future where the cellular agricultural revolution helps lower rates of foodborne illness, greatly improves environmental sustainability, and allows us to

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into the Advanced Studio Arts because that is something that, I believe, will allow students to find out what its really like to be an artist in an artist like atmosphere.” However, with all of these new changes there will also have to be some requirements for certain classes. The requirements for ASA include having had taken 4 other art classes and good grades (a B+ or higher) in order to qualify for the course.

The final updated course to the WHS art department is called A Credited Course. Under the credited course

credits for Digital Photography and/or Computer Graphics. The art department has claims that ‘anybody can create anything, anywhere, at anytime and become famous—It all starts with creativity, practice, and a I-can-do attitude’!

After informing the WHS Trojan News team about these new designs, Mrs. Holinka and Ms. Buchholz expressed their love and excitement for the changes in the course schedule. Their message to students at WHS is to just push yourself and do the best you can—what else can we ask for.



Resource Officer

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A majority of the student body said Officer Dan would be useful for fights and for protection. “I feel as though Dan is here to keep the school safe,” one Worthington High School student said.

Officer Dan wants everyone to feel safe and to know he is always there to help people if they need anything. He wants kids to succeed at school as well as at home. “I have been in situations that I didn’t know how to handle, but I have always found a way to resolve it,” said Officer Dan. If you ever have any legal issues or questions for Officer Dan, he is usually located at the High School around noon or during 3B lunch on weekdays.



Clean Meat

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continue to enjoy the food we love,” stated Kathleen Sebelius, former U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services, on the Clean Meats website.

This is only the first step in building a more sustainable future, and will continue to be developed in other ways as technology allows for even further advancements. Soon, nearly everything we eat could be grown or produced in this way, leading to a healthier, happier, cleaner population.

