

Autumn Activities

Living the Dream

"When I have free time, I usually like to longboard around town with my friends. It's kind of like skateboarding, but the board is different. I longboarded everywhere during the summer, and it was a lot of fun. I can't wait for it to get warm again, so I can go back out and do what I love."

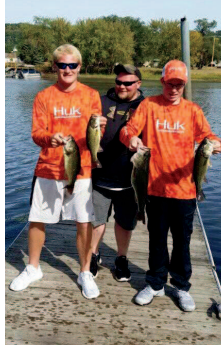


Jeff Boeckenstedt (12)

Small Team, Big Catches

The Fishing team includes Peyton Lewin (8), Carter Peyton (9), Sheldon Phillips (11), Gavin Tucker (9), Bryce Tucker (11), alternate Bentley Fletcher (8), and Jeffrey Phillips (12th).

Bryce Tucker (11) and Carter Peyton (9) proudly hold up their catch of the day. The team was established last spring. They dominated their first four competitions.



YADC: Back to School Bash

YADC (Youth Association for Disabled Citizens) member Jordan Schuman (9) plays a ball throwing game with the kids at the Back to School Bash at Camp Courageous. "It was fun seeing the kids smiling and having a good time," Schuman said. ■ Hallie Wenger (9) assists at a beanbag toss game, giving a kid a tally mark that could be traded for a prize. ■ Peyton Hass (9) hands a boy a beanbag to toss for the game. ■ Retrieving frisbees, McKinley Rans (10) enjoys frisbee golf with the kids.



- First time colorguard member Gabrielle Schuman (10) twirls her flag during a halftime performance. "This was my first time in marching band, and I enjoyed it a lot," Schuman said. "I wasn't really scared because I knew it would be a lot of fun, and I was ready to meet the incoming freshmen."
- Playing the saxophone, Kennedy Niles (11) marches in the first performance of the season.
- Practicing for competition, Georgie Hillyb (11), Jade Heth (9) and Macey Heim (9) work on marching with the music. "As a group, we have to memorize the songs and the drill in a period of time in order to march out onto the football field," Heth said.
- Colorguard leader Kirsten Stiefel (10) performs during halftime of the Independence game. "My favorite part would be bonding with the other colorguard members," Stiefel said. "Before performances we would get food together before getting ready to perform."

Marching during the song "Tiger Sanpedro," Natalie Kehrl (9) plays the snare drum. "The scariest part was trying to step up to the level of the rest of the band members and upperclassmen and to not mess the rest of the band up," Kehrl said.



Tyler Salow (11) combats the heat as he marches.



Muddy Madness

Marching on top of a thick layer of mud is never ideal. It's even less ideal when playing an instrument.

The State Marching Band field at Waterloo West was so muddy and torn up from previous performances that marching was incredibly difficult.

West Delaware was one of the few bands to not have a member fall during their performance. The band members kept from falling into the six inches of mud by double tying their shoes.

Holden Smith (12) couldn't believe how slippery the mud was. He compared it to "marching on an ice rink."

According to Smith, some members' shoes even came off in the mud.

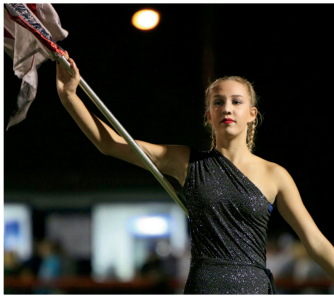
Junior Tyler Salow's shoelace became untied, and all he could think about was

slipping. At one point, he needed to change directions quickly and feared falling with his tenor drums. "If I were to fall, I would've hit my face and not been able to get up," Salow said.

At the end of the competition, mud caked band members' legs up to their knees. Thankfully, Brenda Crumpton, a band mom, lugged all of the mud-covered uniforms home to wash them.

The marching band ended up earning a Division II rating at State.

Other competitions consisted of the Mount Pleasant Marching Invitational where they placed seventh; the Linn-Mar Marching Invitational, finishing seventh; and the Marion Marching Invitational, finishing sixth.



Tristan Voelker (12)



Alyx Schiltz (12)



Owen Breiffelder (12)



Emma Dunkel (10)



Jubal Staton (9)