



# The Bear Facts

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## Out With the Old, In With the New

By: Trevor Stene

2019, the new year for Alcester-Hudson. A year when you'll see students and teachers as happy as ever walking down the halls of our new school. The high school we are in is a little outdated, yes, but it will never be forgotten by the students of Alcester-Hudson. The first structure of the school was built eons ago. 1928 was when the first brick was laid and my great grandpa was five years young. Tractors were barely being brought out to the farm and horses were still our major ways of labor. 90 years later, that school has stood with 90 years of graduating classes having plenty of memories.

Our new school will be added onto our elementary school which will be very convenient for high school students since all of our practices are in the gyms at the elementary school. This spring while they were constructing, they had a number of days they couldn't work. About 22 days crews were laid up and couldn't do anything. Since the weather has been fairly cooperative they have been able to pickup pace. Concrete has been poured, and now walls are standing. It's starting to really take shape! Believe it or not even with the 22 days they were out they are still on schedule with the main construction. The only part they are behind on is the dirt work behind the school at the new football practice field, and some around the school itself.

Many people believe the nostalgia surrounding the history is worth keeping the old high school site, but it's time for change. The school is outdated and there are a multitude of problems. I'm proud to say I will be apart of the last graduating class to come out of the current school, and will have plenty of memories in the old place. This school building will always be a landmark in our hearts.



*Pictured: School/Public Library part of the 7th-12th school addition to the current PK-6th school site.*

## Student Body Update

By: Kendra Jensen

The Student Body is ready to go for a new year at AHHS. New representatives have been elected and they are ready to start planning an awesome school year. What will these new students and representatives bring? Let's find out:

At the end of the year last year, the election for the student body president of the whole school took place. The school elected Kendra Jensen as president and Sara Kemner as Vice President. Early in the school year this year, the rest of the class representatives were elected and the first meeting took place.

At this meeting homecoming themes and ideas were picked out and planned. The student council is hoping to have an exciting homecoming this year full of fun. The school took a poll and decided to have the homecoming dance on October 6th instead of right after the homecoming football game. This way the kids can get dressed up and wear more formal clothes, which the girls particularly enjoy.

Student Council is focusing on school spirit this year and getting more students out supporting others in their activities. They have created a schedule for student section themes for the fall season in hopes of getting more excitement from fans at the games. Some exciting theme nights students/fans could participate in include Blackout, Blue Out, and Neon Nights. Upcoming theme nights include Pink Out for volleyball on 10/4, White Out for football on 10/12, and Hippy/Tye Dye Night for volleyball on 10/19. For updates from the Student Council for games and other events follow @AHHSstudco on Twitter.

## What's hot with "hot" lunch?

The polls are in! Here is the top ten hot commodities of school lunch!

10. Chicken Strips
9. Mandarin Oranges
8. Chili and Cinnamon Rolls
7. Potato Wedges
6. Chicken Fried Steak
5. Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese
4. Smilee Potatoes
3. Italian Dunkers
2. Mozzarella Sticks
1. Crisпитos

# In-Depth

## Café Almost Catastrophe

By: Elena Waite

Most individuals who reside in the town of Alcester are aware of every event; whether that be a good or bad situation. When our beloved Dj's gas station turned into Alcester Quick Stop, it left a majority of the town shocked. When the news of our new track and the construction of our new school came into light, it seemed our little town was finally gaining some recognition; however there is a small business that has been bringing light to Alcester for many years.

Arlene's Sunny Side Cafe has been serving the people of Alcester since Arlene Jensen opened it in 1994. Arlene originally bought the building in 1992, but took time to organize and finalize her business. During an interview with her son, Danny Waag, he told (The Bear Facts), "She opened her business to retire from her jack of all trades life." Danny said, "Before the cafe, she could never settle with one job and always had to be moving. She started out as a cook and waitress at a small eatery in Beresford, South Dakota. From there she took on various jobs like construction."

Recently the local business was in danger of being removed from its building. Danny Waag, owner of the cafe, was determined to keep the family business and was willing to do anything to keep it. He acquired a loan from the local bank and said, "He hopes to keep his business alive for 20-30 more years." Danny has been involved in the restaurant business since 1982 and hopes to keep his business alive and thriving.

## Pros and Cons: New Schedule

By: Keandra Rhead

With the new school year came many changes. One of the biggest changes that we, as students, have been faced with has been the new schedule. Students are still getting used to this different schedule. With the struggles of getting used to this new schedule many students are beginning to believe that it isn't worth the hassle. With all this change some students fail to see that there is good and bad in this new schedule.

### Pro's

Few students have truly gotten use to this new schedule, but once they do they may be able to see the benefits of the changes. One small benefit that few students have noticed is that class periods on Mondays are actually shorter than they were before; the difference is very minimal, but it's still a nice change to keep kids more attentive. With the new schedule splitting our previously 40 minute lunch to a 20 minute lunch and a 35 minute choir period. For those not taking choir they have a 34 minute homeroom they can use to catch up on homework. With choir being during the lunch period, this opens up a class period for choir students to take more classes throughout the semester and makes it possible for students to join choir that previously didn't have an opening in their schedules. The high schoolers in choir get the pleasure of eating an earlier lunch with the junior high while the rest of the high school goes to home room. With less people in the lunchroom it makes getting through the lunch line a lot quicker- making the 20 minute lunch a reasonable time. Senior Elena Waite likes the short lunch and the extra time to get her homework done, "With the new schedule you have less time to eat, and less time to eat means less food is eaten, and the less food you eat is less weight that you gain. Which means less crippling depression."

### Con's

The main complaint about the new schedule has been the short lunch. The 20 minute lunch limits student's abilities to go home for lunch or to go to local businesses and pick up lunch. This not only affects the students, but affects the local businesses that count on the students to help bring up their sales. Some students are still able to make the walk and back in time, but are forced to eat the food on their way back. Freshman Harbor Renken was less than excited to hear about the short lunch. "You can't even go to DJ's (Alcester Quick Stop), you only get two minutes!" Once you reach freshmen year you finally receive open campus. This year's freshmen feel as though their open campus rights have been taken away from them. Not only is it the freshmen that feel as though their rights are being taken away from them, but the seniors feel as though they are having their senior privileges taken away. Some seniors feel as though they should be allowed to go home during the homeroom time as apart of their senior rights. Several students used the previously long lunchtime to run to the bank or do quick errands that they otherwise wouldn't ve time to do. We as high schoolers and junior high students have busy schedules from school, sports, and working as much as possible; it makes it hard for us to find time to run those short errands before the businesses close. For slower eaters, 20 minutes to get through the lunch line and finish your food seems like a ridiculous request. Some kids may not be able to get through all of their food before the bell rings. This means that kids could get hungry throughout the day which will make it harder for them to focus on learning.

# Student Life

## The Scholarship Blues

By: Will Kolleck

Every year there is a new group of students wondering about their next steps after graduation. Whether it be going to a four year college or a tech school everyone has big decisions to look forward too. All this opportunities get people excited, but the single thing everyone dreads about furthering their education is student loans. Don't let this deter you from following your dreams.

There are multiple ways to make your student loan worries disappear. The best way is look for scholarships. While there are scholarships that can give you a full ride or close to it, these scholarships are much more difficult to attain. The best route to go is look for small scholarships, and apply for quite a few of them. Even though the amount of money can seem small at first, the more small scholarships you can attain the closer to you are to your end goal. If you are having trouble finding scholarships that suit you there are many websites that can help. Unigo.com and Scholarshipamerica.com are great websites to help you find short and easy scholarships. Our school website contains links to many local scholarships students can benefit from. So take a sigh of relief as you rid yourself of the scholarship blues.

## Reach for the stars!

By: Mykenzie Squires

There are many reasons on why you work hard and be a good student in school. Reasons that may include getting good grades, making the honor roll, being apart of the national honor society. If you do not try in school then you may not be able to accomplish what you wish to and it will be harder to get into college or seek a job in a career field of your choice. To be a good student you have to show up on time for school, turn all of your work in on time. Here are some basic tips on how to be a good student like:

1. Prioritize your life: Doing well in school should be your top priority.
2. Study: There is no substitute.
3. Always attend class.
4. Do all of the homework and assigned reading.
5. Develop self-discipline.
6. Manage your time.

Some different qualities of being a good student are attitude, ability, academic skills, self description. So, in conclusion, you just have to study, get your work done and show up.

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# Student Life

## Benefits of Sports

By: Heidi Renken

Sweat dripping down your back. Your muscles tired and about ready to give up. Sounds terrible right? Although this may sound terrible, it is actually a good thing. Going out for sports is a great way to help put your body on the right track towards being healthy. Exercising in sports has many health benefits that include promoting weight loss and helping your heart. But what you don't know is that exercising can help you in many other ways. Studies have shown that exercising actually improves your mood because exercising releases endorphins, which are responsible for mood changes. So the next time you are feeling down, go do a workout and you'll feel the stress that you've been holding on to disappear. Another benefit from exercising is that it helps you sleep better. If you are struggling falling asleep or staying asleep, skip the sleeping pills and try working out. In addition to the other benefits, exercising helps combat chronic diseases. Regular physical activity can help prevent Type 2 Diabetes and even certain types of cancer, according to studies. Another benefit of exercising is that it improves memory loss. Working out increases blood flow to the brain which improves your mental abilities. The last benefit of working out and exercising is that it can help you live longer; and who doesn't want that?! So what can you do about it? You can join a sport like volleyball, football, cross country, basketball, track or even join a weightlifting course with Mr. Peterson. By doing that you can reap all the benefits that exercising has. So get off your couch and turn off your Netflix and get active, it will be better for you and your health!

## Homecoming 2018

By: Paislee Dooley

Homecoming week is one of the greatest weeks of school, according to many students. It's full of school spirit and many of fun activities. There are different dress up days with specific themes everyday with a parade on Friday to finish the week off. There was no school on Monday, September 24th. However, there was still homecoming coronation in the High School gym at 7:00 pm. The homecoming royalty attendants were Ashlyn Bailey and Jovey Christensen representing the freshman class, Bayleigh Peterson and Kaden Kleinhans are representing the Sophomore class, and Paislee Dooley and Robert Haymes representing the Junior Class. The senior candidates for queen and king this year are Kendra Jensen and Jadon Micke, Heid Renken and Trevor Stene, and Sara Kemner and Eli Skogland. Winning the crowns were Sara Kemner and Jadon Micke.

The theme days as described below, kicks off with Denim day on Tuesday, meme day on Wednesday, Thursday is class color day, and Friday is spirit day followed by the parade. On Thursday night there is a volleyball match at home against Bridgewater-Emery and the football team will work to defend their win over Gayville-Volin on Friday night to finish the week.



*Pictured: Homecoming Royalty King and Queen Candidates*



# Activities

## Cubs Football: Off to a roaring start!

By: Eli Skoglund

The Alcester-Hudson Football team is off to its best start in 4 years. Predicted to go 5-3 this year, they have already achieved 4 wins in 4 games. They have achieved wins over TDA/AC/DC, Avon, Corsica-Stickney, and Scotland. In that span the closest game has been a margin of 2 touchdowns.

The first game of the season was the Nighthawks of TDA/AC/DC. Last year the Cubs walked over them and got away with a 52-6 victory. This year was different, the Nighthawks added a few players and improved during their offseason and put up a fight. At halftime it was 6-6 but after that it was all Cubs. They came the second half and defeated the Nighthawks 34-12.

The second game was a revenge game. Last year the Pirates of Avon took the Cubs back to the den, this year however it was a little different. The Pirates are a young football team and lost a lot of senior leadership last year. The Cubs took advantage of that and came out hot and it was a very one sided game the rest of the night. It only took 3 quarters to finish the contest and the Cubs came away with a 53-0 win. After a 2-0 start the Cubs had a difficult week 3 matchup. They faced the defending state runner-up.

The Cubs faced the Jaguars of Corsica-Stickney in a nail biter. The game was a close one but the Cubs fought and came out with a big win. At halftime the score was 6-6, but from then on out it was mostly Cubs scoring 14 in the 3rd and 6 in the 4th. Corsica's only second half score was a 4th quarter touchdown. In the end, the Cubs come out on top 26-14.

The Cubs last contest was against Scotland. Last year it was a close game between the two and some say that Scotland got cheated out by the refs so there was something to prove. It was close in the first quarter with a 0-0 ball game after the 1st. After that the Cubs took over the game and went up 28-8 in the second quarter and in the second half it continued. The Cubs scored 20 points to the Highlanders 8 and the final score was 48-14.

The latest game for the Alcester-Hudson football boys was a long travel to Colome where they too on the cowboys. Sadly the cubs were defeated changing their 4-0 record to 4-1. Despite this loss the athletes will stay high spirited in their homecoming game against the Gayville-Volin Raiders.

## Cubs Cross Country: Ready for a photo finish!

By: Ashley Weddle



*"I'm glad to see our team doing so well together, and I hope to see us make it to state." - Kendra Jensen*

As we are hitting the middle of the cross-country season, coaches Selchert and Haisch are confident in this year's varsity girls team and their ability to make it to state and to be Great Plains conference champs. Our girls' varsity team includes Kendra Jensen, Ashley Weddle, Elena Waite, Peyton Meyer and Jade Owings. Boys varsity is represented by a single boy, Karson Kruid. Girls JV includes Kiara Heuer, Abigail Bailey and Alexis Gray. Junior high runners consist of Sam Rodriguez and Aleigha Paulson.

We gained a couple girls a few weeks into the season, but they are already dominating. Girls' varsity has placed top 5 in every meet so far this season. September 12 at the Freeman meet, the varsity team placed 1st. There is a total of 7 cross country meets left in the season, given that we make it to state. Be sure you come out and support at least one of the meets! If you see Sam Rodriguez in the hallway, be sure to give him a high five. He's the face of the team!

# Activities

## Cubs Volleyball: Setting up for a great season!

By: Sara Kemner

The Lady Cubs volleyball team this season are coming back from a hard loss of losing 5 seniors in comparison to last season. Of last year's seniors the team lost a setter, libero, two main hitters, and a defensive specialist. With losing many valuable players, younger players are stepping up and filling in other roles that are needed for the team to succeed. Seniors on the Varsity court this year are Keandra Rhead and Kendra Jensen as middle hitters, Heidi Renken as one of two setters, Sara Kemner as a defensive specialist along with Mykenzie Squires, Emma Pulfrey as right side hitters, and lastly Avery Hongslo, as a utility player. The two lone juniors include, Elizabeth Hallaway and Callie Waite as outsides.

There are many sophomores stepping up to fill in roles this season. They include, Bayleigh Peterson—setter, Alyssa Keiser-Libero, Abby Walth-Utility, and lastly Emily Vanderfeen as a Outside/ Right side hitter. The Lady Cubs had a rocky start with Varsity losing to Dell Rapids St. Mary's in 4 sets at home, however on a positive note the JV team defeated them in a very close match. The team then traveled to Scotland and had a full sweep with each team taking wins, the Varsity team winning in a quick three sets. On August 30th, the JV and Varsity teams traveled to Gayville-Volin, both teams fought hard but eventually ended up losing their matches. C, JV, and Varsity teams lost in Avon, the Varsity team did take a set from the Lady Pirates, however. The Lady Cubs then took a trip to Centerville on September 6th to play against the Tornadoes. It was a full sweep for the entire team, Varsity winning in a quick 3

sets yet again. In one of their most recent games, Alcester-Hudson hosted Parker at home and lost in 3 sets. On Saturday, September 15th, the Cubs played tough all day; however, the team lost against Beresford and Avon, and won in a close game against Parkston. The Lady Cubs will host Bridgewater-Emery for homecoming on the 27th, be sure to come out and cheer on the volleyball teams as they battle the Huskies.



## FCCLA and FFA Update

By: Paislee Dooley

We are excited to announce that this years FFA and FCCLA chapters are booming! The FCCLA chapter has a total of 43 members, while the FFA chapter continues to grow.

The FCCLA chapter has been very active, doing fun things with their chapter. One fun thing their members have been doing is going to Air Madness on September 8th. Chapter member Lizzy Hallaway said that, "It was very fun and I was out of breathe the whole time!" Another fun thing that they have coming up is their trip to the corn maze on October 3rd. They also have some official FCCLA events coming up which includes Fall Leadership Conference in October and National Leadership Conference.

Not only this, but the FFA Chapter has been preparing for land judging events. They have already attended one event at Dordt College in Sioux Center, bringing roughly 15 chapter members to compete. They placed second out of nine teams at this competition. The chapter is looking to continue with more successes in the near future.



*Pictured: FCCLA Chapter Members who attended Air Madness Membership Activity.*

# Class of 2019: Seniors

## Cole Steven Albaugh-Edgecomb

By: Keandra Rhead

Cole Steven Albaugh-Edgecomb was born on October 17th, 2000 in Bangor, Maine. His parents are Steve Edgecomb and Sandra Albaugh. Cole has two siblings- Kasey (7) and Danica (9). After high school Cole plans to continue with the South Dakota National Guard and go to college at Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minnesota and pursue a career in law enforcement.

Cole's favorite class was Ag Structures with Mr. Day. Cole's advice to underclassmen is "Don't give up on anything, just keep pushing." If Cole won the lottery he would buy a camper, a boat, and a hunting cabin, and then he would hide the rest of his winnings.



## Christopher James (CJ) Carlson

By: Keandra Rhead

Christopher James Carlson (CJ) was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on April 25th, 2001. CJ's parents are Chris Carlson and Kristi Vos-Brady. CJ's siblings are, Jordan Brady (22), Austin Brady (19), Max Deraad (19), Tate Van-Otterloo (14), Ayonna Schissel (10), Ben Carlson (5), and Ryker Brady (4). CJ leaves for basic training after high school on June 17th, at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. While at basic training CJ hopes to become apart of the Military Police. After basic training CJ plans to continue his education at Lake Area Tech in Watertown, South Dakota and pursue a degree in criminal justice.

CJ's favorite class was Ag Mechanics with Mr. Day. His advice to underclassmen is, "You get out of life what you put in, life is only as hard as you make it." If CJ won the lottery he doesn't know what he would do with it, it would depend on how much money he won.

# Class of 2019: Seniors

## Avery Ann Marie Hongslo

By: Keandra Rhead

Avery Ann Marie Hongslo was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on February 28th, 2001. Avery's parents are Heather and Christopher Hongslo and her siblings are Devin (11), Skylar (7), and Easton (2). Avery's plans after high school are to attend Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minnesota for dairy management and animal sciences.

Avery's favorite classes were Ag Mechanics and Ag Structures with Mr. Day. Avery's advice to underclassmen is, "Don't let fear stop you from stepping outside of your comfort zone." If Avery won the lottery she said she would create a personal petting zoo in her backyard. Her petting zoo would include the following-a teacup pig, a dwarf cow, llamas, a baby ostrich, a wolf, and an Iguana.



## Elizabeth (Liz) Nicole Holman

By: Keandra Rhead

Elizabeth Nicole Holman (Liz) was born on November 3rd, 2000, in Sioux City, Iowa. Her parents are Jon and Jennifer Holman, she has one sister, Abby (15). After high school Liz plans to attend Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and become a welder.

Liz's favorite class was Welding and Construction, which she took while she attended school in Vermillion. Her advice to underclassmen is, "Don't allow your friends to define who you are. Break away from them if they don't accept you for you!" If Liz won the lottery she would pay her parents debt, build herself a shop, buy new welding materials, and buy a pickup.