

Kougar Senior Spotlight

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This is your last year of high school what are you going to miss about life at KAHS?

- What I am going to miss about life at KAHS is of course all my friends I have made through the years.



Name someone who has helped you through school that you look up to? Why?

- There is no way I can only name one person that has helped me through school. Every single one of my teachers have helped me through so much. Mrs. Magelky has helped me like books more and understand the point of English. Mr. Ohrtman has helped/showed me that it is okay to be yourself and not to care what others think. Mrs. Kroetch has always been there to help with my endless questions of math just to make sure I understand it. Then of course my dad who has sat there with me at night when I am frustrated that I don't understand anything (even though he doesn't understand it either, but still tries to help the best he can).

What is the most creative excuse you've ever used to get out of a homework assignment?

- One time had had chased my duck around my yard while I had my sister video tape so I could show my teacher that my duck had ate my homework, lets just say that duck didn't understand her assignment since she didn't eat mine.

What are your plans for your future?

- My plan for the future is to either become a Pediatric or Oncology Nurse.

What advice do you have for incoming freshman?

- Don't be afraid to ask for help every single one of these teachers wants to see you succeed, they will always be glad to help you.

What is one memory you will remember forever about your time at KAHS?

- When a kid tripped down the stairs so I had to push Farynn up the stairs so she wouldn't laugh in their face, and when we made it up the stairs Farynn was in the middle of the hall on the ground laughing so hard.

The Kougar Column

Kadoka Area Students

As we start November, the school year starts to break up as we see many holidays come and go. We have been fortunate to have such fantastic weather for our kids at recess and open campus time in our middle school and high school. Still, we hope to an end to the drought that our area is experiencing. Hopefully, the land can recover over the winter with some snow and moisture for our local economy to flourish.

I want a couple of fantastic students/athletes this week whom I missed in past columns. Hudson Taylor and River Solon placed at the regional cross country meet and had an excellent showing for the Kougars. Cross Country is such a mentally demanding sport, and these kids do it well. It is suitable for us to be

part of a sport where we can't blame anyone else for our failure but ourselves. The natural accountability of sports allows students to understand that there is no one else to blame in the classroom and on the field. We have to solve the problem ourselves.

Concerning solving problems, I would like to thank the cross country coaches for their time and effort for our kids. Due to some extenuating circumstances, the coaches went the extra mile to make this year a success for everyone in the program. On behalf of our kids, we thank those for their outstanding efforts during the year.

Volleyball will start playoffs with a game at Jones County on Tuesday. The game will be the start of the season's final leg for girls as they once again try to

advance in the playoffs. Good luck, Kougars! We are proud of you!

There was an increase in submissions of Box Tops for the Kadoka Area Parents and Community to use to support our schools this week. Thank you to those who have scanned their receipts and taken the extra step to help our teachers through the Box Top program. Funding in school is pivotal for the ability to educate. Typically, anything the community, if that is by volunteering or donation, can do to support the school will have a tremendous impact on the education of many. Therefore, as the box tops dollars add up for our supportive community group, we thank the people who make this possible. Your impact radiates here at Kadoka Area School.

Finally, we recognize those students who are in good standing and entering rodeo season. While not an officially sanctioned sport by the SDHSAA, we understand the commitment of resources to partake in rodeo is substantial, and keeping academics in line is another commitment in itself. We recognize the effort of the students and parents who bring great color to the experiences of our student body. The enjoyable diversity you bring is noticed.

We are now reaching the end of another entry of the Kougar Column; thank you for your time and energy in supporting the Kadoka Area Schools.

As always,
Robert Lukens
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How to spot signs of cyberbullying

Despite its relative infancy, the internet has become so prevalent in daily life that it's hard to imagine a time when it wasn't so widely available. Yet that time wasn't so long ago. In fact, many adults who are now entering or in middle-age made it through their secondary educations without the internet. That's not so for today's students, and that divide can sometimes make it difficult for parents to spot signs that their children are victims of cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying refers to the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending intimidating and/or threatening messages. These messages may be sent in various ways, including through apps or via social media platforms. According to StopBullying.gov, a website managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, research has shown that a quick and consistent response to bullying is an effective way to convey that such behavior is unacceptable. But parents first must learn to recognize signs of cyberbullying, which is not always as easy to spot as other bullying behaviors.

The Anti-Defamation League notes that hateful words and rumors are often a component of cyberbullying. In such instances, that abuse can follow young people home, giving them the idea that the bullying is inescapable. In decades past, bullying victims could at least see their homes as safe havens. That's no longer the case, which is why it's vital that parents learn to recognize the signs of cyberbullying.

Young people may exhibit their own unique symptoms if they're being victimized by cyberbullies. In addition, the ADL notes that parents can look for these signs and then take immediate action if they suspect their children are being cyberbullied.

- A child becomes upset, sad or angry during or after being online or using their phone.
- A child withdraws from family or friends.
- A child expresses reluctance or refuses to participate in activities previously enjoyed.
- A child has an unexplained decline in grades.
- A child refuses to go to school or expresses anger or dissatisfaction with a specific class or school in general.
- A child increasingly reports symptoms of illness for which he or she wants to stay at home.

All-Conference football

The Western Great Plains All-Conference high school football players for the 2021 season have been announced.

All-Conference

Philip: Chaysen Schofield and Jess Jones

Lyman: Colton Collins, TJ Moran, Jacob Sazue, Isaac Thomas, and Tance Wagner

New Underwood: Emmitt Richter, Logan Albers, and Korbin Kuhlman

Wall: Cedar Amiotte, Burk Blasius, Blair Blasius, Rylan McDonnell, Cayne Krogman, and Mason Heath

Kadoka Area: Reece Ohrtman, Tyus Williams, Dawson Reckling, and Gabriel Fauske

Jones County: Slade Benedict
White River: Dylan Marshall

Honorable Mention

Philip: Sam Hand
Lyman: Sam McClanahan
New Underwood: Kade Montague

Wall: Reid Hanson
Kadoka Area: Ian VanderMay
Jones County: Matthew Birkenland

White River: Bryson Morrison

The season concluded with conference team standings of the Wall Eagles ended their season with a win/loss record of 6-0, Lyman Raiders 5-1, Kadoka Area Kougars 4-2, New Underwood Tigers 3-3, Philip Scotties 2-4, White River Tigers 1-5, Jones Co. Coyotes 0-6

5 great reasons to participate in scholastic sports

Many kids are introduced to sports at an early age. Though young children may enjoy the recreational aspect of playing sports, a serious passion for a particular sport may develop as children reach high school. Such passions can be encouraged, as participating in sports can be highly beneficial for young people.

1. Learn resilience: Compared to generations past, when children may have had jobs during the school year, today's children do not have many demands placed on them beyond schoolwork and maybe some light chores around the house. The average student

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