

Scarlet Letter

Go Warriors!

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South Winneshiek Homecoming

by Torie Young

Why is it called homecoming? It is called “homecoming” because it is a way for the alumni and students to become stronger in the school spirit. Most people believe homecoming started 100 years ago. The University of Missouri was said to have started the idea of having a homecoming. The athletic director Chester Brewer wanted the alumni to come home for the football game against Kansas. Homecoming started to become a tradition for all high schools, universities and colleges.

What are some of the main events that happens during a South Winn homecoming? The week of homecoming is when the school celebrates events during the week to show our school pride. Some of the events our school does for South Winn Homecoming includes: homecoming court, a parade, dress-up days, pep rallies, a dance, and of course a football game. The pep rally gets everyone excited and pumped up for the football game. Our parade has a float for every class, our football and volleyball team, the homecoming court, band, cheerleaders, and FFA members. The Homecoming dance is for everyone to get to know each other more, play games, and have fun with everyone.

South Winneshiek High School celebrated homecoming September 14 through the 18th. Everyday there was a certain theme that students could dress up as. On Monday the 14th was Pajama Day. Tuesday was Toga Tuesday. Wednesday was color wars with the classes. Thursday was dress-up as your favorite movie character. Obviously Friday is Spirit Day! South Winn played the New Hampton Chickasaws. The score was 8-6, South Winn Warriors won our homecoming game once again.

The Homecoming Game, Warriors vs New Hampton Chickasaws was a close win with a score of 8 to 6. Ben Meyer had the only touchdown, and had 34 yards that night. Treyton Jacobsen had a great night with 18 rush attempts and 119 yards with 6.6 yards/carry. Mitchell Herold had the only 2 point conversion with 28.5 yards/carry. Mitchell also got a QB rating of 84.9, but Joel Hansen received a 134 QB rating. The Warriors had a total of 3 interceptions during that game by Brennan Holthaus, Ben Meyer, and Nathan Ward. Overall it was a very good game, leaving the Warriors with a 3-1 in their season.



Photo by Zak Kriener Photography

Sports

by Brinley Leibold and Mike Meyer

A Startling Loss

During the Kee High vs. South Winneshiek varsity volleyball game on September 10th, the Warriors lost to the Hawks. The game lasted 4 sets. The Warriors lost the first game 21 to 25, winning second game 27 to 25, losing the third game 19 to 25, and the fourth 17 to 25. It was a tough blow. Leading the kills is Amber Brinks (Jr.) 9 kills and Brinley Leibold(Sr.) with 7 kills. Along with kills, Brincks had 6 blocks. In serving Abby Hageman(Jr.) serves 100% with 16 serves, along with 17 digs. Taylor Buchheit(So) also had a good serving night with 15 out of 15 serves. The Warriors will have a chance to redeem themselves at this weeks volleyball game. Hosted at MFL Mar-Mac on Thursday September 17th at 7:30.

A Warrior Victory

On September 11th, the Varsity Warriors blew the MFL Bulldogs out of the water with a win of 50 to 24. Treyton Jacobsen and Ben Meyer tied with 16 total points and 6 rushing yards as well as two 2-point conversions, with Mitchell Herold, Rodney Schwartzhoff, and Nathan Ward all getting 6 total points. Treyton Jacobsen had an interception and Rodney Schwartzhoff had a fumble recovery. Jackson Lukes had 8 kickoffs with a total of 305 kickoff yards. The Warriors hope to keep up the winning streak at the homecoming game this week against New Hampton.

Cross Country

South Winn Cross Country shows what they're made of at the meet on Saturday September 12th. The first meet was cancelled because of the heat, so this was actually the second meet. Everyone ran well and coach Kevin Kearney was happy with the team.

Entertainment

The Visit

M. Night Shyamalan

This movie was everything that I expected. It was very suspenseful and thrilling and there wasn't a moment that I was bored. If you really like horror/comedy, this is the movie for you.

Becca and her younger brother Tyler say goodbye to their mother as they board a train and head deep into Pennsylvania farm country to meet their maternal grandparents for the first time. When they arrive they are greeted by Nana and Pop Pop (their grandparents). They have a bedtime at 9:30. Becca and Tyler aren't allowed to leave their room. Everything seems fine until the siblings start to notice increasingly strange behavior from the seemingly charming grandparents. Once the children discover a shocking secret, they start to think they won't make it home.



A Sad Time For A Dear Friend

by Payton Moore

Many of you know Mrs. Adam, who was a teacher here at South Winneshiek last year. Last month, she went through a traumatic loss of her husband. Scott Adam, age 47, passed away on September 3, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. Scott and Mrs. Adam have three lovely children named Chance, Chase, and Caylie. Scott also had two other children from a previous marriage, Ashley and Colin.

Our school has taken actions to help Mrs. Adam through the grieving process. We had an assembly during advisory period and made cards. We sent our well wishes and condolences to her and her family. Payton Moore, senior, brought all of the cards the students made to Mrs. Adam at the visitation. Later that day, Mrs. Adam posted on Facebook about how touched she was to have the whole school thinking of her.



Good To Know...

Gas Prices:

Calmar: \$2.30 at Kwik Star (average)

Ossian: \$2.40 at Casey's (average)

Decorah: \$2.34 at Casey's (average)

Opinion

School Policies

The opinions that are expressed in this article are just that, opinions. They do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or opinions of the yearbook staff. If you have an opinion that you would like to express, or a possible topic that can be talked about, please submit your letter to Mrs. Hauschild or anyone on the newspaper/yearbook staff.

This new year has brought many changes to the school system. Like new teachers, a new principal, more students, and new rules. Each one of these changes has some good to them. New teachers bring new experiences, and new students bring the new challenges. But the one thing that many people do not agree upon is the new, and rather strict, rules that have been initiated since day one. The most talked about new rules include the new study hall rules. Many people think that the study hall separation is rather unnecessary, and could potentially be an actual cause of distraction in itself. The following is a quote from the 5 year veteran student Leo Hageman, whom generously offered his comment. "The study hall has been ruined because it is not the way it used to be. The study hall was made for communicating with others and having fun. It was made to catch up with your friends." Even others who wish to remain anonymous agree with Leo. Changing the study hall rules from what it has always been, is ridiculous. Some people even went to the extreme of saying that it was "just like Military camp." Despite all of these negative aspects on the subject, there are some students who understand the benefits of the rules. One person that was interviewed said "I don't like the rules, but I understand why they are needed, and they are effective. With the rules, people have the motivation to get their school work done, and have less distractions to study. Maybe the rules should be bent a little though, like having four people to a table instead of two." I personally believe that the rules are not that bad, although a little unnecessary.

by Nick Hogan

Classifieds

Hello my fellow students! Our South Winneshiek Publications class is officially releasing our new, student-driven, school newspaper, The Scarlet Letter. Students are encouraged to display their own advertisements throughout the paper, which can be submitted to Mrs. Hauschild or the current advertisers at that time. The advertisements can include buy/sell/trade advertisements, messages to fellow students for events such as birthdays and successful sports games, or other news that is school appropriate. The Publications class thanks you for your support and future reading!

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