



The Trailblazing Times

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Christmas time!

Vacation time is just around the corner, and Beckman students are getting into the giving spirit. Whether it be performing at concerts and plays to the community, working on a project to help others during Blazer Time, or giving a valiant effort on finals, Beckman students are definitely in the giving spirit this year.



Above, Beckman students are seen being charitable by giving winter items to St. Francis Xavier. Elementary students without such items for recess will be able to stay warm this winter. All Blazer Time groups took time to be charitable during this time of giving.



**A SEUSSIFIED
CHRISTMAS CAROL**
by Peter Bloedel

Many JH students worked together under leadership of high school directors to put on the play “A Seussified Christmas Carol.”



Iowa: Where the Tall Corn Grows

Dyersville, Iowa has many acres of farmland. In Dubuque County there is about 333,497 acres of farmland.

Obviously farmland is very important in our area. Many people rely on it for jobs. In Dubuque County the average bushel per acre for corn is 198.3 in 2020. Did you know corn is grown in every continent except Antarctica?!

The weather affects the corn in Iowa in many ways everyday. At any time while the corn is growing and the temperature gets below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, the corn will freeze and die. In the summer corn can cause more humidity in Iowa than Miami, Florida. Heavy rainfall can decrease corn yield more in cooler areas. Germination and emergence are optimal when soil temperatures are approximately 85 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. *Outdoors* cont.

By: Maggie, Leah, Erik, Zach, Will, Brian

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Credits

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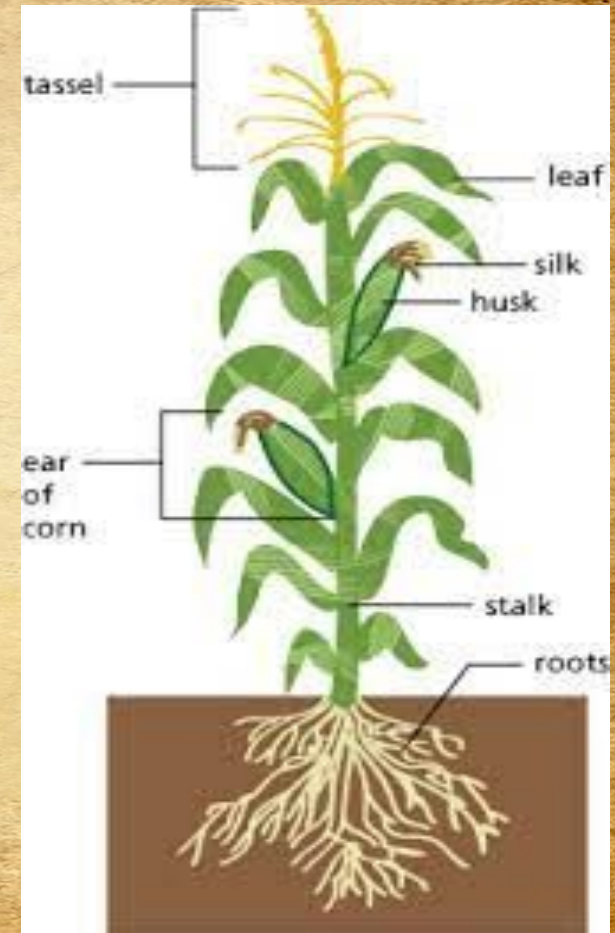
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The corn itself has many parts to it. The ear or cob is protected by a husk of tightly wrapped leaves. Kernels are the plant's seed and the part you eat. The husk is the tightly wrapped leaves that cover the ear of corn. The roots go deep into the soil and carry food and water to the corn plant. The silk is long soft threads at the top of the ear of corn. The stalk is the stem of a corn plant. The tassel is the flower at the very top of the plant.

Outdoors continued



Advice Column

Advice & JH News: 4

How can I be more involved in school activities?

Dear readers,

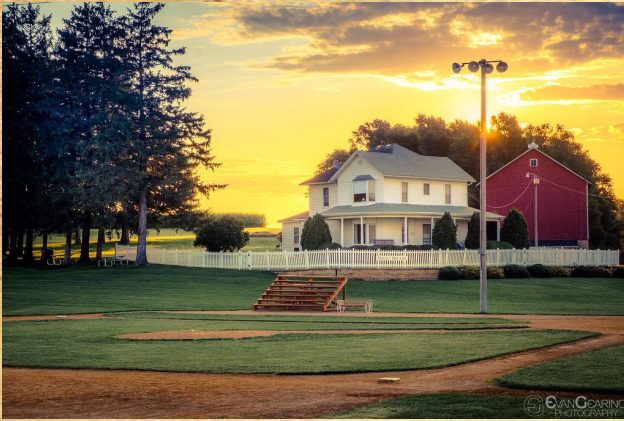
A few activities you can become involved with include: sports, student council, many clubs, plays and musicals, band, and choir. There are also several clubs you can involve yourself in, such as FFA, math club, science club, art club, mechanics club, speech, and mock trial.

There are many easy ways you can join all of these wonderful clubs. We would recommend going to the leader of the club, a member, or a teacher involved in the activity if you wish to join that club/activity. That person will give you more information about the club, how to join, and be actively involved in that activity. Another way you can join is to sign up on the club's sign-up sheet. These will be located around the school, in the halls, or in the classroom of the teacher in charge of that activity.

Joining an activity/club is a great way to make new friends and can even give you some college benefits. These activities can be fun, teach you good life lessons, and how to have a good mindset. Some activities like volleyball, basketball, baseball, and others can also benefit you physically. Trying sports in Junior High is a good way to find out if you like it or not, if you don't enjoy the sport you don't have to go out for it the next year.



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"Field of Dreams"

The first MLB baseball game in Iowa was at the Field of Dreams. The White Sox played the Yankees in the movie and they played the Yankees for the first MLB game in Iowa. It was a close game but in the end, Tim Anderson of the White Sox had the walk-off home run. In 2022 the Cubs will play the Reds as a sequel to the 2021 game. The game will be held on August 11, 2022.

The Field of Dreams was built on May 25, 1998. It was built for the movie called "Field of Dreams." Kevin Costner built the field and he was the main actor. The movie is based on the book Shoeless Joe by W.P. Kinsella that was written in 1982. The White Sox played in the movie.

Don and Becky Lansing owned the land before they made the movie. Frank Thomas is the one who now owns the field. You can visit the field anytime you want for free. You can also get a tour of the house, or you can stay overnight in the Field of Dream house for about \$500. There is also a gift shop there where you can buy Field of Dream merchandise.

Here are some fun facts by the farmer for the corn at the Field of Dreams, Andy Rahe.

- Kevin Costner was 66 years old when he attended the 2021 Major League Baseball Game at the Field of Dreams, and 34 years old when the movie was released.
- The budget for the movie was about 15 million dollars. Then the Field of Dreams made 64 million dollars in profit.

By: Carter White, Brennan Engler, Madelyn Simon, Adam Gaul, Jeremy Braun, Cole

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Fire, destruction, and smoke have been the main opponents for Tim, who happens to be a brave firefighter. While at a party with the other firefighters, Tim had wanted to go outside.

He casually relaxed on a hammock for a little while, and then BAM! **A tree falls on his head and cracks it open.** Luckily his wife found him in time and called an ambulance, he had to have surgery. Surgery went well, and now he is a lot better, but he does still get headaches at times.

Another miracle story is the story of Isaac Burlage. Isaac has a normal life and one day he was working on the farm, he ended up going on top of the bin. When he was up there he lost his balance and fell off the bin! He went to the hospital and luckily is ok, but broke his leg. He was on a wheel chair for awhile and now is on crutches.



The sources of the stories was Ava Burkle and Isaac Burlage

By: Katy, Rachel, Chase, Oscar, and Haylen

Interviews

Issac Burlage: He fell about 20 feet and had to wait 1 hour for the ambulance. He said the pain was a 10 out of 10, it hurt the worst when he moved his leg. He went to Mercy hospital in Dubuque at 9pm and then went to the Iowa city Children's Hospital at 2am. He said he learned "Not to send so hard."

JH Sports News



Hannah

Hannah talked to us about how her volleyball season went. Hannah said “We started off a little bumbly, but kept improving.” Her favorite position is outside hitter. Her favorite part about volleyball is playing, and spending time with her friends.

Chloe

Chloe is going to talk about how basketball season is going. Chloe said “Are season started off rough, but we are improving.” Her favorite position is post. Chloe’s favorite part about basketball is playing, and getting to see her teammates.



Kenny

Kenny is going to talk about wrestling. He said, “My season went ok, but I would not say good.” His favorite part was winning his last match.



Cody

Cody will be telling us how his football season went this year. Cody said, “Our football season went good, and we had a lot of fun.” His favorite part of football is hitting people hard, and his favorite position is running back.

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High School Sports News

Sports

Volleyball- High school volleyball had a very good season this year. They ended up making it to state, but sadly lost in the quarter finals.

Football- Football also had a very good season. They made it to state, but sadly lost in the semifinals.

Cross country- Boys Cross country did not make it to state, but had a very good season. Girls cross country made it to state, and had a great season too.

Wrestling- Wrestling has also been doing good, and Steve Leuck would like to say a few words: "This season is going great. With 2 wins in a double dual." He is looking forward to breaking every school record, and bring home trophies.



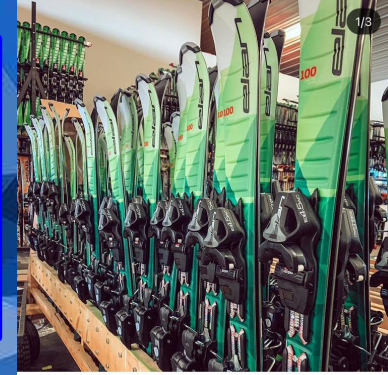
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Current Events

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Kyle Rittenhouse Case

Kyle killed two and injured one in Kenosha, Wisconsin in August of 2020, and was in a trial in November of this year and was found not guilty for all cases such as carrying a weapon under the age of 18. Zach Wulfekuhle said, "I think that he had the right to defend himself. Although I don't get why he was walking around in the middle of the street with a gun."



Sundown Skiing

Sundown started off the year by getting brand new rental skis November 30th. Sundown has been making snow and opened up December 9th. What Leah Funke said "About the situation. I think it is good that they got new ones. The other ones were getting in rough shape. It also may make less people buy their own skis because the rental ones are also nice."

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Jack Helle, and Mack Wolfe.

- <https://www.nbcnews.com/> Photo
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Tik Tok is taking over the world. Studies show that 20.83% of internet users have Tik Tok. Out of our Junior High, 41.4% have Tik Tok. Some of the videos on Tik Tok that are liked by are our Junior High is farming videos, sports, and different dances .



Peanut Butter Blossoms

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- Additional granulated sugar
- About 36 Hershey's Kisses Brand milk chocolates, unwrapped



Trends and How-tos: 10

1. Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, beat 1/2 cup granulated sugar, the brown sugar, peanut butter, butter and egg with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with spoon, until well blended. Stir in flour, baking soda and baking powder until dough forms.
2. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in additional granulated sugar. On ungreased cookie sheets, place about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately press 1 milk chocolate candy in center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack. Enjoy

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FUNNY JOKES

A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with the same woman, an attractive girl named Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left, he gave Sarah seven apples.

Why?

An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

A stick

WHY WAS THE
EASTER BUNNY SO UPSET?

He was having a bad hare day

REVIEWS AND TEASERS



Where's Waldo

Best Christmas Movies

#1 *Home Alone* has **12 votes**

#2 *Grinch* has **6 votes**

#3 *Elf* has **3 votes**

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Reviews and Teasers: 11

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COOL FACTS

It Takes 68 Days to Swim the Full Length of the Mississippi River.

The World's Oldest Hotel Has Been Operating Since 705 A.D.

The Creator of the Pringles Can is Buried in One.

Penguins used to be 6 feet tall.

A Sneeze Sounds Different Around the World.

There Are More Than 60 Different Species of Eagles But Only Two Live in North America.