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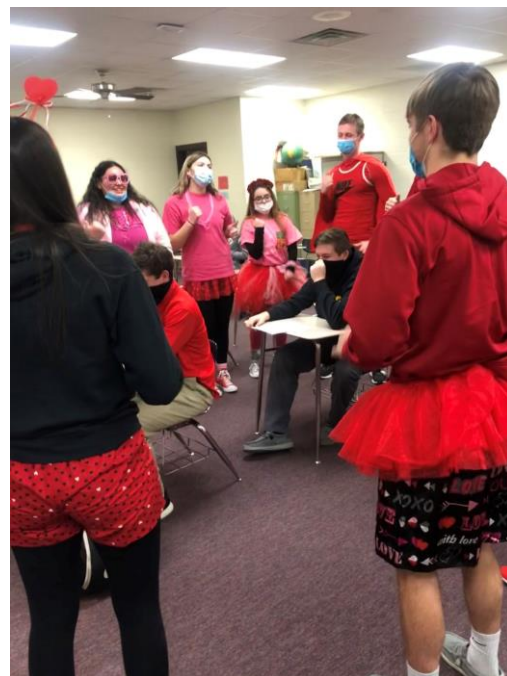
## **Love was in the Air** by Olivia Grattan, senior

The high school Madrigals performance choir group gave singing telegrams to the students at Sedgwick high school on Friday, February 12th. At first the group thought that it was not going to be possible for them to do the singing telegrams due to Covid. However, they were able to which made many people happy. They were not able to give them to the elementary school kids this year, but this did not put a damper on the fun. This year the singing telegrams went a little differently than they have in years past. First off masks were required which did make things a bit different, but this did not stop the madrigals from spreading joy all around the school. Also, Friday happened to be a half day which made things a little bit more difficult. Things were busier than they



have been in past years because they had less time to fill all of the orders. When asked how she thought the singing telegrams went, senior

Brianne Catlin stated, "I think that they ended up going quite well, especially with what we had to work with. It doesn't take much since most of the songs and dances have been the same over the years. Also getting Tate McGinn in Murphy's was the absolute best." Some students purchased the telegrams for their significant other. Many bought them just to embarrass a friend (or even a teacher). Madrigals dressed up, as always, in their most festive Valentine's attire. Even though things were a bit different and more difficult this year due to the circumstances, this was still a very fun and entertaining experience for everyone at Sedgwick high school.



## Tales of a First-Year Teacher by Winter Hersh, senior



Audrey Bebermeyer is one of the new teachers at Sedgwick high school. She is not just new to Sedgwick high school but new to teaching. This is Bebermeyer's first year teaching. Bebermeyer knew she wanted to be a teacher in her senior year of high school. She was inspired to be a teacher because she loved working with kids and impacting them so that they could better themselves. She said, "My first year of teaching is everything and more!" and that it's reassuring because this is where she needs to be. When asked about her favorite part of teaching she said, "building relationships with the students and watching them grow."

This is a crazy year to be the first year as a teacher, but Bebermeyer has already done an amazing job for her students. She knew it was going to be a challenge, but she said that she's had to face tough challenges before. She said she loves every challenge that has come along. Some of these challenges included having to teach remotely, and having several students

who learned from home remotely for extended periods of time. This meant that she had to balance teaching the students in her classroom with those learning from home at the same time. The organization required to do this effectively was immense, but Bebermeyer says she thinks she handled it pretty well. Bebermeyer also believes that all of these challenges as made her grow as an individual and will prepare her for the years to come. She also says that hybrid and remote learning has been hard "but a learning experience." But on the positive, her students have been very adaptable to all the changes. One struggle she has had is trying the best way to meet the needs of each student. One thing she would like to change is the Covid experience and the way it impacts everyone. But she went on to comment that she knows that Covid will just be the reality of her first year teaching, and there is nothing that any of them (students and teachers) can do other than make the most of it. The most important lesson Mrs. Bebermeyer has learned so far during her first year as a teacher? "To be flexible and adaptable to whatever comes my way." This will be a lesson that will impact and improve her teaching throughout her career.





## One Unsung Hidden Hero

By Josephine Cochran, sophomore

From a family of caring people and being a para at a few behavioral schools, reason and understanding is his forte. Joey McDowell works behind the scenes with students in need. Throughout his life he has always helped others in many areas of expertise and interest. His devotion to helping others isn't a total surprise, and definitely not a waste of his talent. His mother and brother also serve the public, she was a traveling nurse and his brother was in the Army, proving the amazing pure capital of their lineage. Growing up, Joey's soon found passion for helping others was pursued in the beginning by first helping youth football and baseball teams and flourished from there, everything clicked.

When asked about the best part about his work this year as a new teacher, he sincerely stated there is nothing more rewarding than seeing his students succeed. During college, the determination didn't pause, McDowell worked as a para as well as a track and football coach. Professionalism is important but all adults need a break from the hustle and that includes McDowell. In his free time, he enjoys most of the local sports and playing with his adorable golden retriever pup, Ivy. McDowell is still chasing a higher dream and is within reach to getting his Masters of Arts in Education. Although the paperwork can get overwhelming, the idea that you yourself can help a being reach their full potential makes it all worthwhile.



## Elementary PE Still Having Fun by Madison Matson, senior



The grade school students are still able to have fun this year despite the Covid guidelines. The new guidelines have helped the gym teachers be creative and come up with new activities that will keep all students safe and assure that they will have just as much fun. These guidelines include wearing masks when having PE inside the school, maintaining social distancing as much as possible, using water bottles instead of water fountains, and handwashing before and after activities. PE teacher Jeff Werner said, "The students have been doing a great job doing what they're asked for the Covid guidelines."

Darren Crumrine, another of the district's elementary PE teachers said that he has his students play games that help with fitness levels and

that will also help relieve some of the stress that comes with school. It is great for many elementary students to have a time where they can let out energy and have fun. Second-grader Adrianna Harjo said, "Mr. Crumrine makes PE fun, and it is good to have the time to get our wiggles out even with the mask on my face." It has been pretty difficult to enforce younger students to keep six feet apart and also finding things to do that will keep the children separated. However, the students are enjoying their gym time and will continue to stay safe through this time.



## Cardettes Thrive Despite Challenges by Alyse McGaugh, junior

The Sedgwick Cardettes have had an amazing dance season, with COVID only restricting them from a few games, they have performed and entertained the Sedgwick community a number of times. The team members are freshman Brooklyn Foster, Sophomores Lydia Vandegrift, Abby Garret, Bailey Bevan, and Jadelyn Pohlman, Juniors Olivia Margita and Captain Alyse McGaugh. Jadelyn Pohlman says, "If you are thinking about doing dance next year, my tip for you is be confident. Trying your best and putting all your effort into it will make you look 100 times better in the end." Every year the team usually has a dance camp where college dancers come and teach new skills and a couple of routines, but due to COVID there was no camp and routines were sent over video. The camp not only offers dances and new skills, but it also helps the team bond and become closer to each other. Brooklyn Foster says her favorite part about being on the team is "getting out of my comfort zone and trying something new." Excited to see what next year brings Coach Christie Francis and the Cardettes prep for tryouts this spring. Coach Cristi Francis says the team has done an amazing job preparing for games on their own since they were not able to have as many practices this year. Coach Francis also says that fans can look forward to seeing more elements such as leaps, turns, jumps, and kicks in the team's dances. Coach Francis's parting words of wisdom for the team are, "Always do your best and be confident in yourself."





## Pep Band from a Senior by Kalin Rowley, senior



Senior Lauryn Wilkinson (center in purple) and the rest of the pep band perform the Kansas City Chief's anthem in Mr. Suppes' office before the SuperBowl game. Suppes is a well-known Buccaneers fan!

Senior year is a very exciting and sentimental time for most, and that is especially true when it comes to activities. As the pep band season wraps up, Seniors Kalin Rowley and Lauryn Wilkinson have a lot of mixed feelings. Recently it was Senior night for all spring activities. When Lauryn Wilkinson was asked about how she felt she said "On Senior night I had a lot of mixed emotions. Part of me was sad. This is my last year to do my extracurriculars. Band has been a huge part of my life and some of my best memories happened during band. The band is my second family. But, the other part of me was excited, I had finally made it. But, when it all comes to an end I will definitely miss my band family." I (Kalin Rowley) couldn't agree more. For me Senior night was emotional, but the most emotional part for me is going to be the end of the last game. Band has been such an influential part of my time here at Sedgwick. When I joined I was quiet and shy and you could barely hear me play because I didn't want to mess up. But after a few years I began to feel comfortable playing and I began to feel comfortable around the other members. Band truly has become a family for me and the thought of it ending is very bittersweet. On one hand, I'm excited because it means we are just that much closer to the end of the year, but it is the last time I get to perform in the stands. It's the last time I get to play my favorite songs. But, with all the lasts coming soon, we are one step closer to our futures.

### Top Band Memories: 2020-2021

- Scott= Mr. Marimba
- Lost, then found Coda the band dog
- Hang on Sloopy replaces everything
- Raiding Suppes' office GO CHIEF
- Chalk chair ☹️
- Phone jail
- Celebrating seniors age, everyday
- Ms. Marston → Mrs. Bodley
- 3rd quarter shenanigans



Senior Kalin Rowley directs the band during a football game halftime performance. Rowley was the drum major this year, which included helping organize the band and direct the performances.

## **Hoops, They Did It Again!**

By Bailey Bevan, sophomore

The Sedgwick high school girls basketball team has been faced with several challenges this season. As we all know Covid-19 has been a struggle with all sports, but that has not stopped this determined team. These young women have been doing their very best in each of their games.

Here are a few things Coach Aaron Stucky had to say in an interview about the ongoing season, " So far the season has gone well, I have enjoyed working with the girls. Everyone shows up and has a positive attitude." Stucky has also said that the competition this year has been brutal but fun. Coach Marcie Thompson also had nothing less to add about this striking team. In the interview, what Thompson had to say was uplifting, " The girls are getting better with every game/practice, I love how they embrace the new offense and trust the coaches!" Thompson also Commented that they have been very exceptional with coming to the practices motivated and ready.

Overall the team has been doing very well in the season and putting in great effort. Though they have 2 girls injured and they are not able to play any Junior Varsity games, the team is still thriving with the Varsity games. Going into Sub-State with their record of 9-10 this team is set-up to having a fantastic season.



## **Order in the Court**

By Lauryn Wilkinson, senior

This year's boys basketball season is unlike any other before it. This year's team has fourteen players participating and competing. The two seniors are Henry Burns and Nolan Crumrine. Crumrine has played all four years of his high school career. Burns has played three years. He took his Junior year off and is back stronger than ever. There are also several more regulations involved with this season due to Covid. For the first month or so of the season, only parents were allowed to watch the games live. This means that most of the student body cheered on the team via YouTube. This mean there were no roars from the crowd when they stepped up to make a free throw. It is a very different vibe on the court. Despite all of the changes to this year's season, the team is pushing through. They are currently 11-9. At the Canton Galva tournament, they placed 4th. The team's overall goal for the season according to Nolan Crumrine is to "Compete every night, play every day, and give ourselves a chance to win every game. " We wish the boys the best of luck for the rest of the season.





# A Season in Pictures

by Gracie Ast, senior

**Maverick Stauth-**

Maverick Stauth is the March student of the month for the seventh grade class. Maverick has attended Sedgwick Public Schools since kindergarten. Maverick's favorite things to do outside of school are hanging out with friends or going hunting and fishing. When asked what Maverick's favorite class is he stated, "Kansas History because I like history and geography." Stauth's dreams for his future are to have a career involving geography.

**Liam Mabry-**

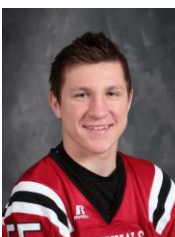
Liam Mabry is the March student of the month for the eighth grade class. Liam has attended Sedgwick Public Schools since kindergarten. Liam's favorite thing to do outside of school is play video games. When asked what Liam's favorite class was he responded, "Gym, there's no homework." Liam is a great student who is very involved with his schoolwork and always gives his best work.

**Logan Stucky-**

Logan Stucky is the March student of the month for the Freshman class. Logan has attended Sedgwick Public Schools since kindergarten. Logan is involved in many sports while still being focused in the classroom. Logan says that the best thing about going to Sedgwick is that it is small so you know everyone. When asked what her favorite class is she says, "Mr. Crumrines' is my favorite simply because he is a good teacher." Logan's hopes for after high school are to attend college to become a teacher. One fun fact about Logan that most people don't know is that she has a lot of energy and can be kind of crazy.

**Matt Vinroe-**

Matthew Vinroe is the March student of the month for the Sophomore class. Matthew has attended Sedgwick Public Schools since kindergarten. Matthew plays a lot of sports and is very focused on his school work. When asked what his favorite class is he replied, "Harjo's because it is fun and enjoyable." Vinroe's dreams for the future are to attend college and play some sort of sport. One interesting fact about Matthew that most people do not know is that he hunts and plays video games outside of school.

**Connor Tillman-**

Connor Tillman is the March student of the month for the Junior class. Connor has attended Sedgwick Public Schools since kindergarten. Connor plays many sports and is focused on his school work. When asked what is the best thing about going to school in Sedgwick he says playing sports with his friends. Connor Tillman said, "My favorite class is P.E. because I get to have a nice chat, lift weights, and play games." Tillman's hopes for after high school are to play college football and study to become a dental hygienist. One interesting fact about Connor that most people don't know is that he has a puppy named Oakley.

**Brayden Good-**

Brayden Good is the March student of the month for the Senior class. Brayden has attended Sedgwick Public Schools since the fourth grade. Brayden's favorite thing to do outside of school is to hang out with his friends while in school he is very focused on his school work. When asked what his favorite class is he states, "American Government is my favorite because it is pretty easy for me and the teacher is very good." Good's hopes for after high school are to finish college and get his pharmacy degree. One interesting fact about Brayden is that he seems very antisocial but once he knows someone for a while he is pretty outgoing.