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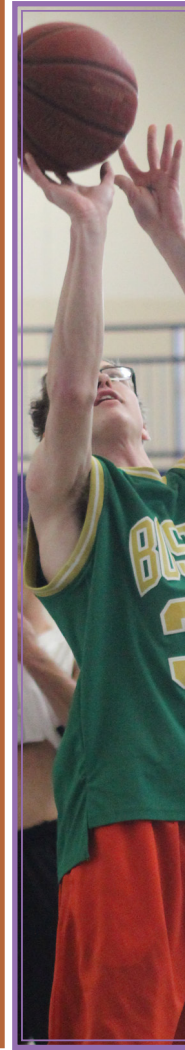
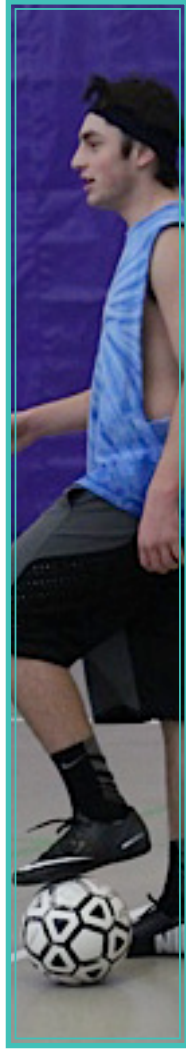
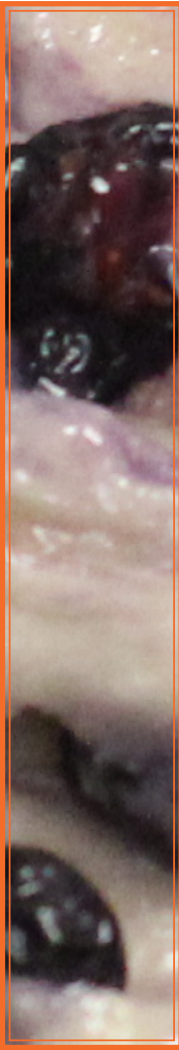
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## A Day In The Life Of BHS

Hundreds of things go on everyday behind the walls of BHS. Most days start out the same. Before school student drivers maneuver their vehicles into the parking lot. In the back of the parking lot, a line of pick up trucks honk and throw black smoke at passing cars. Five minutes before the bell rings, students scurry to their first blocks and pick up a snack from the cafeteria as they go. Lunch Staff begin to wrap up breakfast and start their prep for lunch. Mornings are busy at BHS but everything has a purpose. Every student, staff member, classroom, and activity intertwines every single day to make our school an unbreakable community.

In this issue of the Hoofprint we observed what happened at BHS in one day. Each story throughout this issue is about something that occurred on February 4, 2014. We took a look at all the different aspects of our school that occurred before, during, and after the normal school day. Intramural basketball, for instance, is a group of guys who meet after school to play basketball simply because they love the sport. The Hoofprint also took a look behind the scenes of what goes on in our school. Custodians, for example, play such an important role here at BHS. On Tuesday they worked hard at cleaning up a flood that occurred in the back hall of the PAC.

In this issue of the Hoofprint we discovered that it takes everyone to make BHS function correctly each day. BHS is a community made of hundreds of parts working together to make our school the greatest it can be. It takes amazing staff, students willing to learn, and an ability for everyone to come together as one. We hope that after reading this issue of the Hoofprint, everyone takes the time to notice what goes on each day in our school. What we accomplish daily is truly remarkable. This issue proves that.

# TAKING THE CASE

The Mock Trial continues a dominant year

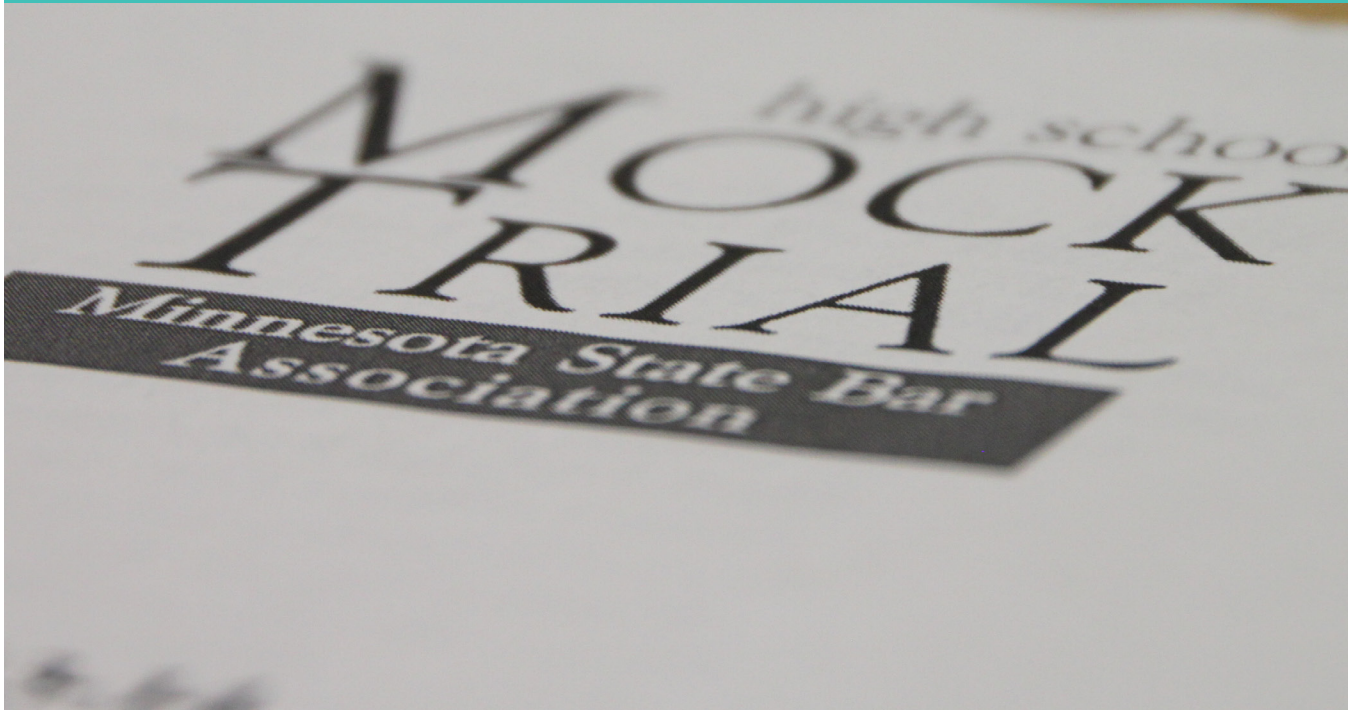


Photo By Meghan Cahill

Carson J.S. Reichart - Staff Writer

"Mock Trial is basically a pretend court case," said Freshman **Mika Colson**. "You perform against a different team in a competition."

These competitions, often called meets, are at the center of Mock Trial. "We get pretty intense at meets," said Sophomore **Mattie Lubben**. "We always go in super-focused, and I think that's what makes our teams successful. It's because of our focus and drive."

Like any competitive group, the Mock Trial teams have to practice in order to succeed at their meets. "We practice three days a week, sometimes four, if we feel like that's something we would benefit from," said Colson.

The practice comes in handy during the meets, which can take quite a bit of time. "They're pretty long," Colson said. "Each round that we do is about one and a half to two and a half hours."

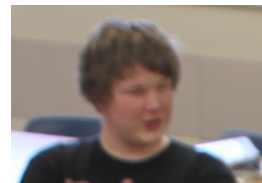
As is the nature of competition, the meets can make participants focus as hard as they can. "You have to be prepared for them and be professional."

For Lubben, this is part of the appeal. "It's stressful, and it's definitely a lot of work, but I really enjoy it," she said. "I love having to make things up on the fly and think on my feet."

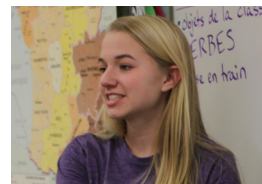
Even if the title of the competition is Mock Trial, the meets are no less real to the participants, who each put their all into coming out on top. They may not be stereotypical rich kids, but the Mock Trial team members are still at the top of their class when it comes to practicing law.

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## LIFE IN MOCK TRIAL



"We're like a big dysfunctional family."  
Junior Lucas Leiferman



"You're given a set of rules and restrictions, but you stretch them as far as you can."  
Sophomore Mattie Lubben



"We have a team and there's another team on the opposite side and we basically have a trial."  
Sophomore Joshua Polzin

Photos by Megan Cahill



Junior Leah Mussell makes some last minute decisions about what photos she will use on her spread.

Photo by Mackenzie Malewicki

# Memories behind the memories

What really happens when the Yearbook staff comes together for worknight

Carson J. S. Reichardt - Staff Writer

The fact that in just 107 days the student body will have access to a yearbook 256 pages long is a testament for the people who produce it. The group of people who meet in Room C-210 during fourth block is an unlikely and eclectic mix of personalities, and they have the ability to make a year's worth of memories fit into a single book.

At first glance, the lab appears to be an extended AAA period, but worknight begins and it soon becomes obvious that everything going on has a purpose. The people on their phones are going over source material, and most of the conversations have something to do with the spreads they are working on.

The spreads are time-consuming endeavors. Most of the writers and editors used the entirety of worknight spent working to perfect a single spread. It speaks to the care they use to make

sure that everything comes out just right.

It's amazing to see what is accomplished when they buckle down and really get to work. Despite the hustle and bustle of the room around them, the writers are able to finish their pages with ease. Photographers come and go periodically, tasked with retrieving pictures for the pages the writers just finished and frantically searching for opportunities to capture the last remaining photographs that each page needs. The editors put together the layouts where stories and photos come together.

Even with such strange activities taking place, the group still gets the BHS yearbook done, year after year. It's a shining example of what people can accomplish when they put their passion into something, and it's a reminder that the chronicle of the school year is in good hands.



Yearbookers take time to have fun before an upcoming worknight. Photo by Mackenzie Malewicki

# MAKING DOUGH

FACS creative foods classes make bread on Tuesday

Taylor Susa - Managing Editor



## Before:

Amongst the six ovens and countertops lining the perimeter in room C-214 there is a learning environment. In third and fourth block on Tuesday February 4th, Creative Foods classes taught by FACS Teacher **Bonnie White** were about to make something edible. So far in this class strawberry banana smoothies and peanut butter chocolate chip cookies have been made. On Tuesday's agenda bread is their top priority. Pumpkin, blueberry - lemon, and banana are the three choices. Students got into their assigned lab groups with classmates and sent someone over to gather the equipment and ingredients needed for their recipe.



## During:

While working together, groups started making the final product. By measuring out the correct amounts of each ingredient, they became one step closer to creating the perfect loaf of bread. Things seemed to be running along smoothly. People were smiling and laughing while they worked with each other.

"My group and I worked together well. I felt that we did a nice job on making our blueberry - lemon bread," said Sophomore **Logan Odegard**. "I feel that the hardest part was making sure it wasn't too moist, but also not too dry at the same time."

## WHO:

Creative Foods classes

## WHAT:

Making dough

## WHEN:

Third and Fourth Block

## WHERE:

C-214

"It wasn't as easy as I expected it to be," said Sophomore **Logan Odegard**. "There were quite a few things that I had to pay attention to."

Photos by Molly McMullen

## After:

The sweet aroma of the three flavors filled the room as groups begin to take their creations out of the ovens. The loaves of bread themselves had to bake for a solid hour.

"My banana bread turned out better than I thought, it tasted pretty good as well," said Junior **Lexi Wahlstrom**. "I was impressed."

Overall all of the bakers seemed to be satisfied with their finished products. Some even said they would make it again.



# Ceramics 2: Creativity Welcome

Students advance from Ceramics 1 to expand their artistic skills and visions



Calista Susa and Meghan Cahill - Staff Writers

Ceramic classes offer a rare experience for students to set out and make something of their own with no limits on creativity.

"It's fun to play around with something that can become anything you want it to be," said Senior **Rachel Priam**.

Many students think about Ceramics 1 as an easy and simple one quarter pottery class. Some like the creative independence and make the decision to further themselves to the next level. That's when Ceramics 2 comes in.

"Making pottery is fun and it's creative. It has no real direction on where you go with it," said Senior **Austin Maffei**.

The ones who go on to Ceramics 2 may find it easy to get back into the swing of things but for others it's difficult and takes a little more time.

"When going on the wheel, the difficulty all depends when they take the class like last quarter or a year or two ago," said Art Teacher **Jon Holtz**.

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Pictures by Faith Kulzer, Patrick Macnab, and Kayla Lehtola

# CLS

Competitive physical education classes explore new sports and test skills

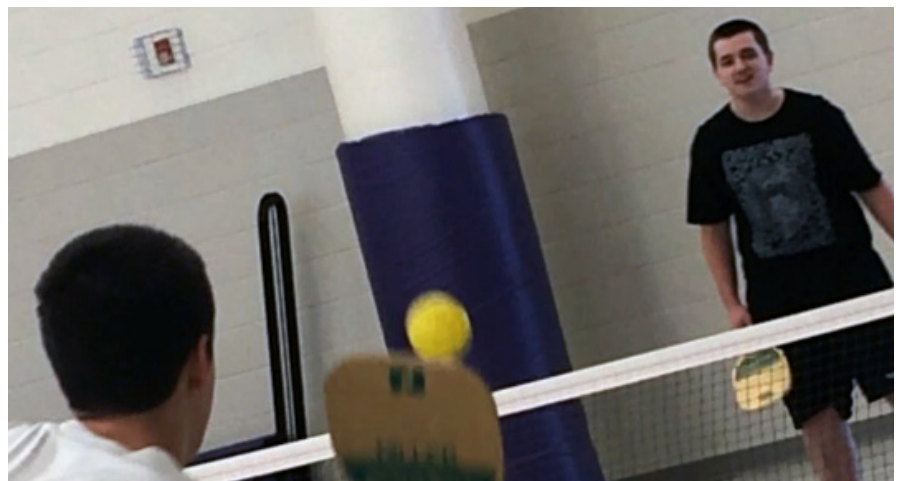


Faith Kulzer and Kayla Lehtola - Staff Writers

Competitive Level Team Sports is a one term elective course for Juniors and Seniors. Every day they begin with a warm-up lap on the track and then go straight into their games. These games range from the norm of soccer to a crazy game of takraw. On February 4, 2014, they were introduced to a game called pickleball for the very first time. It is similar to tennis, but it's played with wooden paddles and a whiffle ball.

Every three days the class tries out a new sport. On the first day, they learn the rules of the new game and practice. On the second and third day, they have a tournament to test their skills.

Even when playing a strange game like pickleball, it's obvious that everyone in the class is willing to get involved in the game.



# Being Late

Some think coming in late should be okay



Sam Quiring - Staff Writer

Senior Coy Coolen walks in ten minutes late on a Tuesday morning with a green tardy pass in one hand and a McDonald's cup in the other.

Coolen isn't the only one who thinks he should be given a free pass to class. Junior Adam Skelly says the same.

"I usually show up five or ten minutes late but it's okay," said Skelly. "I don't really miss anything worth being in there for."

Another chronically tardy late-comer, Sophomore Dallas Perkins said, "It's my education. I should be able to decide when I show up and don't."

Since their first day of kindergarten students are expected to show up on time. This expectation continues all the way through life, with few exceptions.

"It's my education. I should be able to decide when I show up and don't."

- Sophomore  
Dallas Perkins

With that in mind, you have to wonder why we have so many unexcused tardies. After asking around, I discovered that there are two sides to this issue and they both feel strongly about it.

The front office said that most of the unexcused absences are because of students sleeping in late or not leaving early enough to beat the weather/traffic.

"If you're driving yourself, you are responsible for yourself," said Staff Member **Nancy Nelson**. "You should be able to make it on time".

Sophomores **Elijah Driver** and **Michael Sawdey** are 100 percent on her side.

"Every second of education counts and even an unexcused millisecond out of class is not okay. People need to clean up their act or not even show their face," Driver said as Sawdey nodded in agreement.



Senior Coy Coolen makes his way to class after coming in late to school in the morning.

Photo by Patrick Macnab

# From cereal to Sections

## What was the highlight of your week?



“Finding out that my sister went on to sections in One Act. That was really good.”  
Sophomore **Jonny Miller**



“At the band concert last night we did an awesome job with Battle Hymn. We made all of the grandpas cry. It was great. Horn Power!”  
Sophomore **Mattie Lubben**



“I auditioned for the Tri-M variety show with **Sam Dahmon** and **Allie Swearingen** and we nailed it. We got in. It was kind of awesome. And I felt really good.”  
Freshman **Katie Swartz**



“Being able to stay at home with my children the past two nights. To get home and be around them and enjoy them is pretty cool. I start to miss them because life gets so busy.”  
Administrator **Nick Guida**



“My wife bought me Peanut Butter Crunch for cereal.”  
Officer **Josh Erickson**

Photos by Molly McMullen  
and Nicholas Swearingen

## Disaster Dates

What girls are really thinking on date night.

"He brought me to Goodwill after getting coffee. He thought it would be super fun to look at clothes. Then he brought me snowboarding and wrote out initials on the snowboarding box with a heart around it. And then I wanted to go home so I told him I was sick."

Junior **Keyara Perry**

"I don't like winter and I never wanted to go snowboarding and would always say no. Finally I gave up and said we could go snowboarding. And I broke my arm. Then he got mad that I wouldn't keep on snowboarding because he thought I was okay. I got dumped a week later."

Senior **Danielle Odeen**

"I went on a date with this guy, and he invited his parents. And then he puked all over the table. I thought it was just gonna be me and him. I guess he was super sick and he just puked all over the table."

Senior **Lily Lund**



Graphic by Kathleen Tierney

## Pee Your Pants Funny

When you gotta go you gotta go...

Photos by Molly McMullen

Sophomore  
**Adam Treptau**

"It was probably when I was like six years old. I was in my bed and I didn't want to get up. So I just peed my pants."



Junior  
**Hannah Daniel**

"I was in elementary school and I was playing on the playground with my friends. We were laughing really hard and I just peed my pants, so I took my sweatshirt off and tied it around my waist. I went the rest of the day with wet pants. I didn't tell anyone."



Freshman  
**Ryan Dirks**

"Oh God. You know those rock climbing walls at Monticello? Well I like rock climbing but I hate heights. I was three fourths of my way to the top and I looked down. And uh, I felt kind of ashamed and proceeded to run into the bathroom."



# Flooding Halls



## Custodians come to the rescue after the back PAC hall floods

Taylor McNitt - Staff Writer

The city of Buffalo has several lakes, but this morning Buffalo High School had its very own lake in the back hallway behind the Performing Arts Center.

"It was raining in the back hallway this morning," Band Director **Scott Rabehl** said. "[It started yesterday,] about a quarter to seven, we began to have running water coming through the ceiling tiles. [Today] it was worse than it was yesterday."

Rabehl went on to explain that through a combination of a defective heating unit that was leaking and workers on the roof, the water began seeping through and flooding the hallway.

"[The workers] were draining something up on the roof, and instead of running it from a hose off the top of the roof, they just let it puddle in a spot where there was a crack, and the water found its way down and through," said Rabehl.

There was not only flooding because of these events, but the heating also wasn't working in the Performing Arts Center due to the defective heating unit. The previous night at the Buffalo High School band concert, Rabehl commented that "we may have to take a break to go outside to warm up," while the bands were practicing before their concert.

The heating has not been fixed yet, but the problem of the flooding is past.

"It was a problem, and our custodians got right on it. The one got it all cleaned up so that we could start moving equipment, because I didn't know how we were going to get the equipment off the stage if it was going to keep [leaking]," Rabehl said. "The custodians were just mopping up the floor; our custodians worked really hard to get that cleaned up so that we can go back and forth down that hallway today while we are clearing that stage."



Photos by Emily Vogt



## TAKING<sup>the</sup> STAGE

### Stage Acting helps students find success outside their comfort zone

Jillianne Hovland - Staff Writer

When you think of school, you think of tests, notes, studying, and homework that you have to do to get a good grade. Even though that may be the case for most classes, it isn't for all of them.

Stage acting is unlike many classes held here at BHS. It's not all about how smart you are, or how much you take notes. It's about how much you try to get better and take risks.

"Some people call this class the easy A," said Senior **Rebecca Wood**, and mentor of the Stage acting class at BHS. "But it really isn't. You actually have to try, and even though it isn't super challenging, you are challenged in a new way."

Everybody that takes this class has different goals that they want to achieve through it.

"Taking this class will hopefully make me more comfortable in front of an audience," said Senior **Riley Rasmusson**.

Stage acting is a very vocal class, and being a shy person can have some drawbacks. Even though being too outgoing may not always be superior, you don't want to hold back in this class.

"You use your voice a lot in this class, and if you are already loud you're one step closer to being great," said Rasmusson.

Even though people have a defined characteristic as being either shy or outgoing, some people may surprise you.

"There are some kids that I see that actually are very shy, then they come on stage and are very open," Wood said. "It's kind of a nudge out of the turtle shell. Sometimes the shiest people who turn out to be the best actors."

In the long term, almost everyone agrees that this class is advantageous to the rest of your life.

"This class will help you because it gives you a power to fake it till you make it," Wood said. "Some kids take this class for credits, but most take it for fun."



Students work on perfecting their skits during Stage Acting. Photos by Maddy Personius

# The League

“Draining three’s, getting buckets, just making the ladies want me on a regular basis.”



Cole Shuherk - Staff Writer

A simple “Ball today?” and a nod is all it takes to get a full scale game of 5-on-5 going after school in the intramural league. Complete with throwback jerseys and Air Jordan’s, the league consists mainly of former basketball players and other students that just love the game.

“In intramural, we just try to have fun, but it’s still pretty competitive,” said Sophomore **Max Hershley**. “We want to win.”

The players love it because they don’t have to worry about the commitment that comes along with playing varsity basketball. They get to put their basketball skills to use.

“I get to break people’s ankles and almost dunk. Draining three’s, getting buckets, just making the ladies want me on a regular basis,” said Junior **Jacob Jungwirth**. “And the competition is great. It’s comparable to game seven of the NBA finals, every day.”

It’s a good way for former players to get exercise, keep their skills sharp, and, primarily, have fun, but the trash talking and

bragging rights are half the reason they play.

“I’m a good passer, and I make nasty drives to the rack,” said Sophomore **Tommy Gaughan**. “The ladies can’t resist.”

While there are plenty of skilled players in the league, most of the players can agree on who’s the best.

“Jung, for sure. His height and his post moves make him hard to deal with down low,” said Sophomore **Logan Decker**. “While his ball-handling ability, driving capabilities, and three-point shooting mean endless possibilities for him on the floor -- and he can almost dunk. You just have to hope he’s playing on your team, because he’s difficult to compete with in every aspect of the game.”

All trash-talking aside, players don’t get too down on themselves after a rough game.

“Yeah, you’ll probably get made fun of, but you have to have thick skin if you want to compete in Intramural,” said Sophomore **Thomas Bean**. Bean is a forward on the school’s basketball team. “You know they love the game because they’re willing to deal with the trashier players in Intramural.”



Photos by Alyssa Baldwin

# Feeding the Herd



Lunch Staff serves noodles with alfredo sauce on Tuesday, February 4.

Photos by Aric Haluska

## Lunch ladies do more than just know everyone by name

Blaze Solberg - Staff Writer

Students rush down the hallway to the lunch room like a herd; hoping the line isn't long so that they can get their food fast. What you don't think about when getting your food from the lunch ladies, that know you by your name, is how much work they put in to get your food ready. They order food three times a week just for the la carte items.

"Something you might not know about us when we aren't serving students is that we always laugh when we are together and we get along so well," said Lunch Lady **Kathryn Lohse**. "The students make my day every day and they add to the greatness of this job."

From A to D lunch the food and extras can change drastically. Having full shelves of food during the start of A lunch to getting the last dirt cake and maybe getting a fruit roll up at the end of D lunch. People never know what to expect to get for lunch.

"Occasionally, they don't have baked BBQ Lays so I have to get cheddar and sour cream chips," said Junior **Katie Harty**.

## Thoughts on proper etiquette used in the lunch line

Blaze Solberg - Staff Writer

When people hurry down the halls and notice how long the lunch lines are, they sometimes want to budge into line.

"I am a senior and I think I should have a privilege to budge. I don't want to wait for everyone else in line," said Senior **Cole Ehresmann**.

What do students that get budged think about it when the line doesn't move for five minutes?

"Budging is selfish and people can wait their turn in line like everyone else," said Senior **Parker Morehouse**.



**Custodians at BHS:** Rollie Dehmer, Tim Domka, Tom Janzen, Nicole Jude, Lloyd Lenart, Kent Melenich, Sharon Myers, Pat Pawelk, Jana Russell, Richard Thompson, Brian Warzetha, Kevin Underberg, and Diane Yonak.

# CUSTODIANS

*More than just maintenance and cleaning*

Emily Vogt - Spotlight Editor

At 6:22 am, Buffalo High School is a total ghost town. You can see administration and some staff here who have already started their day and a few more coming in to begin their days. The day of Head Custodian **Kevin Underberg** has started even before 6:22 am, and he is already fixing many things in the dark, cold early morning. The day starts for Custodian **Tim Domka** at 9:30 am and ends at 6:00 pm.

"My daily duties are basically getting the lunch room ready for the students," said Domka. "Then once lunch is over I clean and sanitize the kitchen for the next day."

Domka oversees in the lunchroom during all four lunches, every day, looking over students eating and throwing away their food. He makes sure the garbage cans are emptied and replenished for the next lunch.

"It's the same old, same old, day after day," said Domka.

Have no doubt, here at BHS the job is quite enjoyable. When it comes to having Bison Pride, Domka is full of it, even if he'd rather be somewhere else. To compliment the job, he has had some odd experiences.

"I enjoy my job. I enjoy the people I work with, I enjoy the students. I'm formerly a teacher and I'd rather be in the classroom, but I do enjoy the job. We had birds in the atrium last summer after graduation that we had to get out. That was odd. There are some gross stories too, but I don't think you want to print those," said Domka.

Surprising, isn't it? We often think of custodians as people who have chosen to clean for a living when they actually may have some stories under their sleeve, or maybe they may really enjoy doing maintenance and cleaning for their job.

"I'm a band instructor," said Domka. "I taught down in Montevideo, Minnesota at the high school and before that I subbed around here in Buffalo, Monticello, Elk River."

Domka is a hard worker, and he takes pride in what he does in this school. He doesn't shy away from the fact that he is a custodian here at BHS.

"In a way, what we do here is not only for the students, but for the community, he said. "I know the people and the community of Buffalo and the surrounding communities of Hanover and Montrose take pride in the schools, and when they come in here I want them to notice what their tax paying dollars are going towards."



Photo By  
Alyssa  
Baldwin

When temperatures reached 80 degrees in a resource area, Custodian Kevin Underberg stepped in to fix the heat.