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## Silver stars: Spotlighters place second at FAME Nationals

BY AIDAN ENO

Craig's Spotlighters continue to excel.

They achieved their highest-ever placing at Nationals, taking second place at Chicago's the Arie Crown Theate on Saturday, April 22.

The nationals competition was put on by FAME, which holds three nationals competitions at once.

The band was also selected Best Band.

They were prepared by Jake Wiele and performed under the direction of Andy Redler, a 2016 Craig graduate.

In addition to the team award, Craig won two individual distinctions.

Gabe Hanna was selected Best Male Soloist, and Bruna Rubini was selected Best Female Performer

Nine groups competed.

The Spotlighters qualified with their Grand Champion placing at the Cedar Rapids Invitational.

"We were shocked," said Bruna Rubini. "We didn't expect to win."

Gabe Hanna agreed, "Yes, really shocked, but honored to have won such an award. Teagen had to push me out of line."

"The whole team went crazy," said Rubine. "They thought they were going to place fifth or so."



**Spotlighters seniors Bruna Rubini and Gabe Hanna helps Craig's show choir to a second-place finish at FAME Nationals. In addition, Bruna was named best female performer, and Gabe was named top male soloist.**

*Photos from Infinite Campus*

Gabe and Bruna both highly recommend show choir for those interested in dancing and singing.

"But we also need those who are

interested in band or crew. If you are good at dressing people in 30 seconds or setting up the stage, you should join," said Gabe.

"There's a place for everyone," agreed Bruna.

Gabe has been in show choir since sophomore year, and Bruna since freshman, but she started as stage crew.

Both are seniors, so do they plan to continue with music?

Gabe plans to continue to study and perform music.

"I will potentially have a music minor," he said.

Bruna, on the other hand, does not plan to continue in music.

Auditions for next year's team take place sometime during the middle of May, and anyone who is interested should contact Mr. Miller.

"I think those who want to audition should prepare 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' or the National Anthem, but please check with Mr. Miller!" Gabe

said.

"People should bring athletic clothes and expect to dance," he said.

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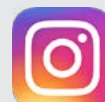
Baseball and softball teams start seasons strong. See page 13.

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## Advisory Board: Honor Wall inspires passion and service

BY DAVID HOLMQUIST,  
CRITERION ADVISOR

Ryan, Feingold, Suter, Rath, Pregont, Van Galder, Culen, Fitzgerald: just a few names on Craig's Honor Wall, a pantheon of Janesville Senior High and Craig High School graduates who made their marks in politics, education, military and public service, business, and philanthropy.

Started in 2006 by former principal Dr. Michael Kuehne, himself a member, the Honor Wall celebrates service and achievement and, hopefully, inspires students to live with meaning and purpose.

The ceremony is special every year, but this year's program, held on Friday, April 21, was one of the finest I have experienced.

Of course, it wouldn't have happened without the amazing inductees, but more on them later.

The emotional and memorable ceremony is thanks to the efforts of Dr. Bjoin, the Honor Wall committee, the student presenters, the talented members of band and choir, the teachers (Mrs. Pumilia, Mr. Miller, Mr. Weile, Mr. Phillips, and more), and an attentive and appreciative audience of students.

It could not have gone better. In fact, as I was helping newspaper editors and student council officers with their speeches on the morning of the ceremony and observing them ready the stage

for that afternoon's ceremony, I was overcome with emotion.

I wasn't sad. On the contrary, I was proud to know these outstanding students. Immersed in the organization of this ceremony, working together, and fully vested in its success, the students gave me hope that the future of our community and our country is in good hands.

This year's honorees demonstrate that our present is also in good hands.

The first inductee, Bob Arndt, graduated from Craig in 1973 and is one of the most respected

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**Bob Arndt**

farmers and businessmen in our area. He began his remarks with praise for his introduction speech, delivered by senior Catherine Roe.

"From the words of her speech, it seems like I've lived a full life, but believe me, I've got 40 years to go," he said.

In high school, he tried to be well rounded and was involved in sports and orchestra, a lesson he learned from his father.

Bob fought back tears when talked of following his dad's advice to "always be expanding your toolbox."

"So that is what I did," he said.

"Added to my toolbox."

He told students, "Use your tools. Use them wisely. No matter where you go, be involved in your community. I am amazed that I am standing here."

He might be amazed, but his honor is well deserved. It is the result of what happens when a person loves what he does and focuses on doing the best work he can.

"This honor is my best one yet," he said.

The second inductee, Dr. Anne Basting, graduated in 1983, and like Arndt, has received numerous awards for her work.

She was unable to attend the ceremony, but two of her high school friends, Grace Spoden and Allison Schultz, accepted the award on her behalf.

Dr. Basting, a theater professor at UW-Milwaukee who creates educational programs for aging adults to recover lost memories or build new ones, spoke to the students through a video message.

She described her favorite teaching exercise, which asks her students, "Who are your people and what is the meaning of your name?"

In high school, her people were social studies teacher Frank Douglas, who taught her to

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## Letter from the editors: A little respect, please

BY KENNY FORBECK

Did you know that the *Criterion* is as old as Craig High School?

This is the 50th anniversary of both.

Those facts should give us all a sense of pride. But after handing out our previous issue in April, I am not so sure it is.

I realized that we need to talk about respect.

First of all, I have to say thank you to many of the upperclassmen who are always a joy to hand papers to and are always polite and excited to get the newspaper, and

to the staff members that I have met who always help out when we knock on their door and say "Newspaper!"

But I find myself having a harder time getting my fellow freshmen and sophomores to take a newspaper.

That makes it much more challenging for me to do my job and to accomplish our goal of getting a newspaper to every student and staff member.

When I was handing out newspapers April, one student took an issue and ripped it in half right in front of me.

Now, most people wouldn't do that, but is it too much to ask that you put down your phone for a few minutes to read the school

newspaper?

It doesn't magically get completed and handed out.

If I had a nickel for every time somebody told me they couldn't take a newspaper because they couldn't read, I'd have enough to pay them to read it.

So what is happening? I can't say for sure.

The *Criterion* works hard and tries to find interesting stories for our audience, but no newspaper can thrive without the support of its readers.

Some dissent is expected, of course, and in fairness to some of our critics, the paper has not exactly

been the most organized paper in the world for the past few months.

The vast majority of our readers are all quite kind and supportive, includ-

ing just about everyone who's gotten in far enough to be seeing this column, but there are, and likely always will be, a small subsection of students that are deeply uninterested in learning about the wider goings on at CHS.

Happily, the *Criterion* has continued to exist this year thanks to the support of those who do care about school news, the work of our ten-student staff, and our advisor, Mr. Holmquist.

With the help and support of the students, we can keep this newspaper going for a 51st year.

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Do you have something to say? To get off your chest? An opinion to express? A suggestion to make? Don't be shy!

Let your voice be heard!

The *Criterion* accepts letters to the editor, story ideas, and guest articles from **you**, the citizens of the *Craig's mailbox* in the clerical pool ass from the AP office or email us at [craighsnews@gmail.com](mailto:craighsnews@gmail.com).

Letters are subject to the editorial policies and mission statement of the paper, and their content may be and revised and edited in order to be publishable.

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Yay for Prom, dressing up is always fun.  
 Yay for expensive dresses and suits.  
 Yay for AP tests, that means the rest of the year just got a lot easier.  
 Yay for the actual tests, three-plus hours on one subject is hard.  
 Yay for the warmer weather, being outside is nice  
 Yay for the bugs coming out  
 Yay for having the day before prom off, it's also Cinco de Mayo!  
 Yay for not having a snow day this year, there were a couple days that were pretty icy.

**YAYS AND NAYS  
 BY CATHERINE ROE**

Yay for seniors only having five weeks until summer!  
 Yay for 5 whole weeks until summer, this is the longest part of the year.  
 Yay for Erin Murphy, a Honor Wall Member, who is running for Minnesota Governor!  
 Yay for the fact that she would only be the first woman to be Governor in Minnesota.  
 Yay for May, the flowers are blooming!  
 Yay for a cold start, the weather needs to remember it's supposed to be warm out.  
 Yay for spring sports doing so well!  
 Yay for all the rain, so many games have been cancelled.  
 Yay for the musical, everyone is doing so well!  
 Yay for the cast getting sick, just what you need to sing.

**Doggone it!** by Catherine Roe



**Mark your calendars:  
 Upcoming events at Craig**

**May 4:** Last day to buy Prom tickets  
**May 4 and 5:** "High School Musical," 7:30 (final two performances, tickets \$5 for students)  
**May 5:** No school for students (snow reserve day); staff development for teachers; 8th grade visits  
**May 6:** Prom, 8-11:30, Craig main gym  
**May 10:** Band concert, 7-10, Craig auditorium  
**May 10-13:** FFA Plant Sale  
**May 12:** Craig Adult Prom, 7-11 PM, Janesville Country Club  
**May 15-17:** Pom tryouts, main gym  
**May 17:** Choir concert, 7 PM, large aud  
**May 24:** Senior awards, 7:30 PM, large aud  
**May 31:** Orchestra concert, 7 PM, large aud

**Corrections and Mea Culpas**

The staff of the *Criterion* tries hard to make sure its stories are accurate and complete. But that doesn't always happen. In last month's issue, we incorrectly reported details in two stories. We first want to apologize to special education teacher Katie Hess. She is the former advisor to the GSA club, and it was she who put up the wall of remembrance, contrary to what was reported. "I put a lot of effort into that display," she said. We at the *Criterion* understand, so we want to give credit where credit is due. In the story about Craig graduate Dan McCrory, we put his graduation year as "20XX" until we could confirm the year. We did (it was 2012), and we made the change, but Mr. Holmquist sent the printer the prior, uncorrected version. We regret our errors. If you see any mistakes in our reporting, please send us an email to [craighsnews@gmail.com](mailto:craighsnews@gmail.com) or call 743-5317.

**JERRY'S WORLD: A wonderful trip to Florida!**

BY JERRY WANG

This month I want to talk about the trip I took to a state that is in the America South: Florida! Specifically, Florida is a state located in the southeastern region of the United States. It's close to the sea, and I saw some golden beaches with beautiful sunshine. I tried some Florida seafood too. That was a good choice. Orlando has one of the biggest seafood markets in US. I couldn't wait to go there, couldn't wait to see the sunset and enjoy the nature away from school. The trip began with me, my friend Tyler, and my host mother Judy. We woke up at 3 in the morning to catch an early bus to O'Hare Airport. I was kept awake by the pictures of Florida's beautiful food and nature that were bouncing around in my brain. I really could not wait to see them. After 3 hours on the plane, we arrived at Orlando. When I came out of the airport, I felt a little hot. The sun seemed to want to burn everybody's skin. I took off my jacket, because if I had kept wearing it any longer people would've started to look at me funny. The weather in Florida is very different from that in Wisconsin. It's hot here sometimes, but this month

is not that hot. I feel comfortable here. Maybe we don't always have the warmest sun, but I still like it here. When I got in the car, driving away from the airport, I rolled the window down and saw the sea right in front of me! The sky was so beautiful. Even with the heat, I still preferred



to keep the window open and enjoy Florida's weather. The first lunch I had in Florida I asked my host mother could she bring me some seafood. In China I could find some if I wanted, but in Wisconsin there's not a lot. Very little in this cold state. Oysters are one of my favourite seafoods, they look bad but taste fantastic, like cold jelly in your mouth which just slides into your stomach. I ate lots of kinds of oysters that first lunch - fried, fresh and with garlic.

Those are fantastic. I can't forget the feeling of eating them. Beaches make up the other essential component of Florida. We went to a small beach near Orlando to watch the beautiful sunset one night, around 5:30pm. The sun went down slowly, it looked like a child, putting his head in his Mom's arms slowly. I took lots of pictures to help me remember that wonderful sunset. Then - Disney. Not Disney World, just a Disney themed shopping center in Orlando. Most of stuff in it was about Disney anyway. I'm not interested in Mickey Mouse or other Disney characters, but I thought if I came all the way here, I might as well buy some souvenirs. I got a Mickey Mouse phone case. It's.... Ok. Then we visited a museum in the shopping centre. It was fun. So, that was my Spring Break. What did you do?

**(Send your Spring Break stories to the Criterion via the Contact page at our website: <http://craigcriterion.weebly.com/contact> and they might be included in our next issue, the last one of the year!)**



# Craig Prom 2017: A "Starry Night on Cloud 9"

BY MARTY FORBECK

**-PROM-**

**"Starry Night on Cloud 9"**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
8:00-11:30 pm  
Craig Main Gym

Ticket Information: Tickets will be sold by the front doors from Thursday April 27 (before and after school) through Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

\$25 per ticket  
\*\*\*No tickets at the door!\*\*\*

On May 6, 2017 students of all classes will gather in Craig's main gym for the annual rite of spring, the junior prom.

The theme is "Starry Night on Cloud 9," so uh...really happy impressionist outfits are encouraged.

This year's theme is actually a combination of two ideas.

"We had two themes, Starry Night and Cloud 9," said Prom Committee co-advisor Taryn Duncan, "and the students thought it would be fun to combine them."

At 9:30, the court will be announced.

The court is made of students on prom committee, and king and queen were decided by the junior class vote, which took place during I-block on Tuesday, May 2.

Music will be spun by a DJ from Musicbox Factory.

Prom is a huge undertaking.

"Students in the Junior class volunteer their

time to be part of the prom committee," said Duncan.

This is her first year as co-advisor, and for Mrs. Hanson, this will be her third.

"We have sold more than 100 tickets," said Duncan.

Tickets are available for a flat rate of \$25.

Take note that tickets will NOT be available on the day of, or even on the day before.

They're being sold by the front doors before and after school, and since there's no

school on the Friday before the event, all tickets must be purchased by Thursday, May 4 (that's tomorrow), which is also known as "Star Wars Day" (May the Fourth be With You).

That means that if you plan to attend the prom but don't have your ticket yet, you have to act fast!

For those who are going, have fun and most importantly, be safe.

**Prom tickets must be purchased by Thursday, May 4!**

**Dance starts at 8  
Court announced at 9:30  
Prom ends at 11:30**

## A new tradition: Adult prom slated for May 12

BY MARTY FORBECK

Students, lock up your parents. The Adult Prom is coming to town!

On May 12, local parents and faculty will be gathering from 7:00-11:00 PM at the Janesville Country Club for a "Back to the Future"-themed 80s prom.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20, purchasable here at school, at the Janesville Gazette, and at any Blackhawk Credit Union location.

Alternatively, they can be purchased online at the following eventbrite.com link: <http://bit.ly/2peprSS>.

Or for \$25, tickets can be bought at the door on the day of.

The event is currently being organized by guidance counselor Mrs. Forbeck and science teacher Mrs. Lippincott.

It started as just a general 80's prom, but with the decorations they put together a more specific theme was deemed appropriate.

Regardless, there will be many non-Back to the Future features of the event, 80s music, food, even retro video games will all be present, and retro costumes are highly encouraged.

All proceeds of the benefit will go toward supporting the Cougar Closet, and the event is further sponsored by the Project 16:49 charity for homeless teens, of which Mrs. Forbeck was Head of the Board for several years.

The event is ages 21+ only, but students are encouraged to get the word out to their parents. It's shaping up to be something really special.

### Pep Band performs for a Milwaukee Bucks pregame on March 31



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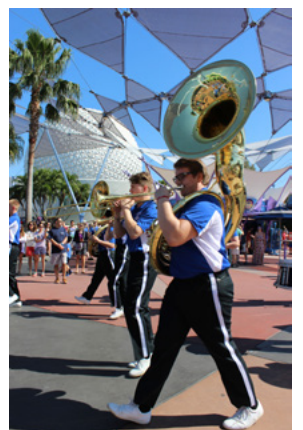
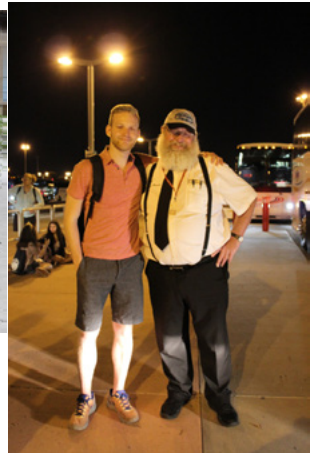
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# Band spends spring break in Florida



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# Bob Arndt: A lifetime of adding to his toolbox

BY CATHERINE ROE

When I was in second grade, I went to the farm. On our field trip, we met the cows and all the other animals. The most memorable part for me was the ride on a combine with Mr. Arndt. He drove us around the fields, showing us how it all worked.

Now, ten years later, I had the honor of presenting Mr. Arndt with the Honor Wall Award.

Robert, or "Bob" Arndt, went to high school in the early 1970's. He balanced work on his family farm with FFA, orchestra, accapella and football. He also participated in 4-H, and in 1973, he won Grand Champion Steer.

After graduating in the top 20% of his class in 1973, he went to UW Madison where he participated in the Farm Industry short course, a rigorous two year program. Despite working on his family farm all his life, Mr. Arndt emphasized the importance of school.

**Mr. Arndt's humility is admirable and something to aspire to. He never does anything with the intention of getting something in return.**

"You can never have enough education," he says.

One course in his studies was an engineering class that taught students how to design an agricultural building. Mr. Arndt said, "When my teacher saw my designs, he said it would never work. The building he designed is now standing proudly on my farm."

When Bob graduated from college, he bought into his family farm with his father and brothers. His father told him, "Buy a farm a year or you'll get behind." Since then, he has done just that. He now has about 3000 acres that produce a diversified set of crops, ranging from corn for feed and ethanol to soybeans and peppermint, which is processed and sent to Japan.

Mr. Arndt has also been a pillar of the community of Janesville and Rock County. After participating in 4-H for 14 years as a student, he returned to the organization as an alumni, serving on the County Fair Board, as the Beef Superintendent and the President of the Fair. He noted that he was always "there for the kids".

He has returned to Craig as well, supporting CATS by donating his time and beef. While his children were in school he cooked for a fundraiser for his daughter to travel to Florida with her basketball team. He also provided beef for the senior picnic for several years.

Mr. Arndt says, "I go where I am needed." He is on the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Board and involved with his church, St. John Vianney, and Agrace Hospice.

Last year, Mr. Arndt was inducted into the Ag Business Council Hall of Fame, something he said was a Lifetime Achievement that he never expected.

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Photo by Ken Forbeck  
Bob Arndt and his wife Mary before the ceremony



Photo by Ken Forbeck  
Grace Schmalig (11), who assembled a slide show, and Catherine Roe (12), who introduced him (and whose words appear as this article) pose with Mr. Arndt the the ceremonial cake..



Photo by Ken Forbeck  
In his acceptance speech, Bob Arndt encouraged students "to always be adding to your toolbox" and that "wherever you go, always get involved in your community."

**On page 14: Read about Honor Wall inductee Ryan Copeland, a "leader of leaders."**

## SPORTS: Track & field results

BY KENNETH FORBECK

The track and field team are doing good this year with about half wins and half losses at their meets.

This year they reportedly ended up with a lot of younger kids joining the team.

Two of the coaches report that the sprint, relay, and

distance runners are doing well this year.

And the discus and shot put has a lot of younger talent this year.

The coaches are confident that the hard work of the athletes will lead into a bigger and stronger team in later years.

This year the top boy athletes are Trevion Moore with 11.0 seconds in the

100m, Noah Brown with 24.0 seconds in the 200m, Aiden Romack with 1 minute in the 400m, Nate Farrell with 2:01.3 in the 800m and 4:32.13 in the 1600m, Charlie Roe with 10:59.5 in the 3200m, Trevion Moore with 15.7 seconds in the 110m hurdles, Deondre Ward with 43.5 seconds in the 300m hurdles, Justin Malloy with 44' 03" in Shot Put and 94' 8" in Discus, Cade

Badertscher with 18' 9" in the Long Jump and 39' 6" in Triple Jump, Trevion Moore with 5' 8" in High Jump, and Lucas Dahlberg with 11' 0" in Pole Vault.

This year's top girl athletes are Kyla Gates with 7.83 seconds in the 55m, Ivy White with 1:08.98 in the 400m, Ellie Lorenz with 2:37.84 in the 800m, Peyton Sippy with 5:16.09 in the 1600m, Hannah Ronin with 9.94 seconds

in the 55m hurdles, Cassidy Punzel with 29' 1.75" in Shot Put, Hailey Kind with 15' 4.25" in Long Jump, and CeCe Bittner with 26' 4.5" in Triple Jump.

**Note: All recorded times and records are according to what the Criterion got from the field house on April 25, 2017, and may not be up to date.**

# Dr. Anne Basting: Building memories for aging adults

BY AIDAN ENO

When I approached Dr. Anne Basting to talk to her about her time at Craig and her lifetime accomplishments, one particular piece of wisdom stuck out to me.

She said, “High school is the beginning of really discovering things that both draw on your strengths and make you happy. The best thing is to learn to trust those impulses and follow them. It’s a hard world out there; doing what you love will make a huge difference to being happy in your life.”

She turned her interests into accomplishments.

Dr. Basting graduated from Craig High School in 1983, and as a teenager, she found a love for writing, but she knew as an adult she couldn’t subsist on it alone, so she turned to teaching.

In college, her interests began to broaden. “I witnessed firsthand the power of theater as a transformative experience,” she says

That interest grew, and as a

Ph.D. candidate, she began to research the effects of providing aging adults with access to theater and the arts.

“As a kid, I found it easier to be in the company of adults than with kids my own age,” she says, “and when I began to write fiction, my characters were always older.”

Perhaps this ability to relate so easily with another generation was what started her

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**Dr. Anne Basting**

down her path, or perhaps it merely assisted.

Whatever the case, it certainly helped, and she began to research older adults who had taken up acting later in life and the impact it had on them.

“It literally,” she says,

“changed the roles they thought they could play in life.”

She began to volunteer in nursing homes, telling stories, and teaching theater “to see if it could be transformative for people with profound disabilities as well.”

In 1998, she founded the award-winning nonprofit TimeSlips Creative Storytelling, designed to better the lives of adults through the use of poems, plays, and stories.

The organization teaches students, caregivers, and educators how to care for elders in unique ways, and its revolutionary approach allows improvisational storytelling to engage people who might otherwise be unreachable.

When she discovered the profound impact of this method of teaching theater in graduate school, she knew she had to continue it.

“It makes such a difference,” she says, to be able to “bring such joy and connectedness to the elders and the staff—that you just want to bring it to everyone who needs it.”

Since she started this back in the 1990s, her work hasn’t stopped.

“It’s only gotten bigger and better,” she says.

Her organization has expanded greatly, and in the years since it was founded it has



**Photo by Ken Forbeck**  
Dr. Basting could not be in attendance, so she spoke via remote link. She described high school as the time when she discovered her passions.

trained over 2,000 TimeSlips Facilitators across the world.

Timeslips has received the Rosalinde Gilbert Foundation Award for Innovations in Alzheimer’s Caregiving, the Metlife Leadership Award through the National Center for Creative Aging, and it has been internationally recognized through media organizations such as *The Milwaukee Journal*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Chicago Tribune*, National Public Radio, *The New York Times*, and *The Today Show*.

She has received numerous grants from notable organizations such as the National Endowment for the Arts and the Multi-Arts Production Fund.

She is the recipient of a Rockefeller Fellowship, a Brookdale National Fellowship, and most recently, the coveted MacArthur Fellowship, commonly called the “Genius Grant.”

Basting is currently a theater professor at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Peck School of Arts, where she teaches younger students, and she continues to be an integral part of Timeslips, where she teaches older students—who also happen to live in homes for the elderly.

Her work continues to grow

and expand today, and she remains a shining example of what a determined individual can accomplish.

Her Honor Wall plaque adds another award to her ever-growing list of achievements

This recognition is for the best of the Craig High School Alumni, and Dr. Anne Basting is undoubtedly one of the most accomplished to have graduated from our humble institution for her extensive accomplishments in her research and for her commitment to her community.

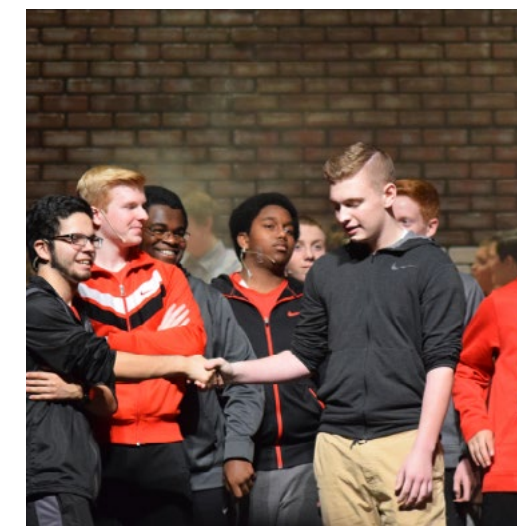
As a community, we respect her. As students, we look up to her. And together we honor her.

She told me that when she was a student at Craig, she was fascinated by her World Geography class, and that one day she hoped to travel the world.

She has been fortunate to travel the world many times over, and April 21 was one of those days; her work took to Spain, and as a result, she could not attend the ceremony to accept her award. Her good friends Allison Schultz and Grace Spoden accepted the award on her behalf.



**Photo by Ken Forbeck**  
Anne Basting’s high school friends, Grace Spoden and Allison Schultz, who accepted the award on her behalf, pose next to her plaque with Aidan Eno, who spoke of Dr. Basting’s accomplishments. His words are the text of this article.



# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL





## Spring break surprise: Commons wall comes down



Photo by David Holmquist

When students returned from spring break, they saw a surprising sight: the half walls that used to divide the Cougar Commons were taken down. The walls were taken down to achieve a better flow of students. Said Dean of Students Mrs. Robinson, "The Cougar Commons is a crowded place. The walls made it difficult for students and staff to walk down the middle." In the future, administrators hope to replace the flooring with two different colors to give the area more definition. "We planned to take the wall down last summer, but the project was delayed," she said.

## "Musical" another high-energy hit

BY KENNY FORBECK

On Saturday April 29th, I watched one of the two cast of the play "High School Musical."

Of course it came with problems like feedback when mics on the performers got too close and at one point the moon fell down.

But past the problems they still blew the audience away with streamers, confetti, and cast members dancing in the aisles for a grand finale.

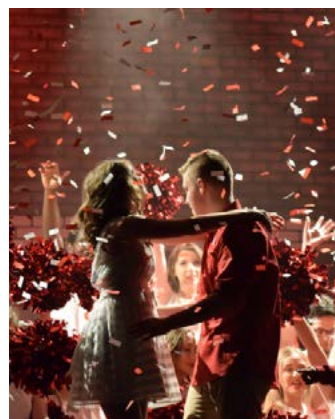
The most important thing in the play is the message that it conveys to every student that says you don't have to stick with the "Status Quo" (one of the songs) and you should go enjoy your own little activities and hobbies that don't have to do with what people usually recognize you for.

Clearly, it was a great performance that high school students should go out to see.

Remember there are still performances this Thursday and Friday at 7:30 pm!



**Two shows remain: Thursday, May 4, and Friday, May 5, at 7:30**



## "We share the same brain": Hartly and Lawry enjoy making the LMC like home

BY DAVID HOLMQUIST

LMC/AV aides since 2014 (Beth started first), Megan Lawry and Beth Hartley have used their energy and creativity to make the LMC a more student-friendly place.

That includes extending its after-school hours, rearranging the circulation desk, and coming up with ideas to get kids reading.

"Blind Date with a Book" is just one example.

"We complete each other," said Mrs. Hartley. "I love that woman. She's like my sister."

Mrs. Lawry added, "We share one really good brain. We have each other's back."

One of the secrets to their friendship? "We hug," said Mrs. Lawry.

Mrs. Lawry is from northern Wisconsin and graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1985.

Mrs. Hartley is from Janesville and graduated from Craig in 2004

(and, in a side note, married her high school sweetheart, a Parker grad). "I've known him since I was two years old," she said.

Their friendship shows what happens when people share the same vision and the same goals.

**Do you want to share your "bromance" story? Do you know students or staff members who are close friends? We would love to hear about it and share it in our next issue!**

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Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Lawry take a pause from cataloguing DVDs for one of their daily hugs

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# Nick Kaufman

Started golfing in 8th grade at Marshall

He and his friends started that summer and they liked it so they decided to join the team

Has played varsity all four years of high school

Hopes to make it to sectional this year

Likes golfing because it's fun and he likes that he can do it for the rest of his life

Going to UW-Madison to study business or engineering

Plans to join the club golf team for UW Madison

Won lots of matches freshman year

Often ranked in top ten at matches

Works at a golf course

Has been MVP for the past two years

Is captain of his team this year

Thinks golf is a fun summer activity

Says it is very stressful in matches but can be stress relieving when you are golfing on your own

Thinks people who want to try it should. He says it's hard at first gets easier

Made a hole in last month

Was all state academic for golf his sophomore year

Received honorable mention his freshman year



by Madi Garvin



# Cade Baderstcher

Started jumping in middle school but was not very good

until he got taller and gained weight

Started jumping again in high school his junior year

Does long jump and triple jump

One of the top jumpers in the conference

Has won three conference meets this year

Goal is to triple jump 43' this year

Goal is to long long jump 21 right now

Hopes to make it to State this year

Struggled to make the transition from

basketball to track but is working hard to become a great track athlete

Hopes to one day become a Decathlete

People always see him jumping around and it is something he enjoys

Likes track because all of his stress goes away when he jumps

He says when he jumps he is in his own world

Basketball was his main focus and passion until he tried track

He looks up to his older brother Cy who helped him find his love for track

Likes jumping more than races because he likes going really fast on the short runway and not having to hold the speed for long

Going to UW-LaCrosse for track

Wants to be a sports psychologist and trainer when he grows up

Started dancing at 3 and vocal lessons at 5

Has been in about a dozen musicals

Has been in seven musicals with the school district

Has been doing it since she was a little girl

Loves being involved in them and couldn't see herself doing anything else

Started it because her mom said she was always singing and knew she was a performer

Felt at home on the stage

She is going to the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt next year

She will be pursuing a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Art in musical theater with a dance emphasis

One of 7 girls picked from 4,000 to be in this program

Says she is going to miss having Lexi Ganong around

to calm her down but is glad she is will be close to home

Wants an internship and wants to be a performer in any way

possible when she grows up then wants to teacher at her own performing arts school

Her favorite part she has played is Anita in "West Side Story" or the Witch in "Into the Woods"

Also loved Adelaide in "Guys and Dolls" because that part made her realize this

is what she wants to do with her life

She plays piano

Character closest to her personality is Elle Woods in "Legally Blond"

Excited for college because she can fully immerse herself in what she is doing



# Jessica Minter

Grew up always coloring and doing crafts

Art class was her favorite class growing up

Likes all types of mediums except for watercolor

Her favorite two mediums are painting with acrylics and throwing on the wheel

Likes painting her dog

Her artwork was featured in the *Gazette* when she was a kid.

She is going to have a piece in the Scholastics art competition next year.

Has applied for many art scholarships

Has taken art classes outside of school

Has taken one or more art classes every year at Craig

Is president of Art NHS

Is going to Iowa state as an undecided design student and wants to be either in digital art or interior design when she is older

Likes art because there is no right or wrong way to it

While doing art she likes to not compare her work to others but tries to make it her own

Quote: "Comparison is the thief of joy"-Theodore Roosevelt

Knew she wanted to do something in design so she always tried to incorporate into her life because she knew she would not be satisfied without it in her life



# Hannah Gray





# Washington Seminar

PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE PUMILIA  
LAYOUT BY MADISON GARVIN

On March 17th, students from both Craig and Parker loaded onto buses to travel to Washington D.C. While there, students interviewed politicians, scholars, and experts in their fields on various topics. In these pictures you can see students meeting with Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin. You can also see students outside the Capitol building, at the Willard Hotel, at the Supreme Court, and at Ford's Theater.



# Baseball and softball off to hot starts

## Baseball

Boys' varsity ranked first in the state



PHOTO BY DENISE SPRY  
Senior, Evan Spry, throws a pitch during a home game at Riverside Park.



PHOTO BY DENISE SPRY  
The team huddles outside of the dugout during a game against cross-town rival, Janeville Parker.

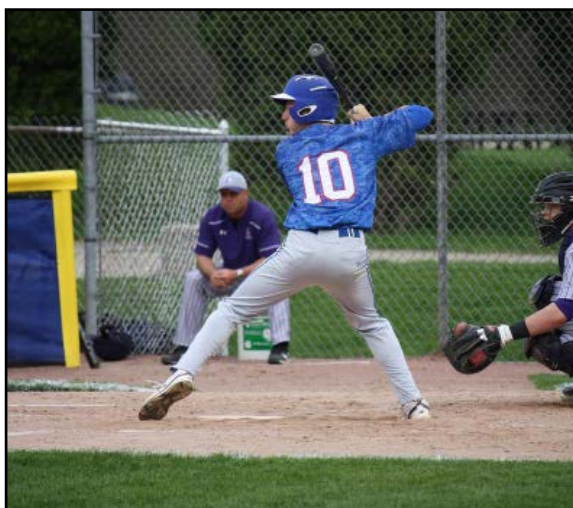
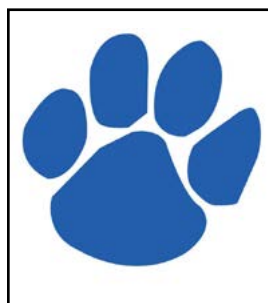


PHOTO BY DENISE SPRY  
Senior, Nick Cramer, stands at the plate expecting a pitch during a home game.



## Softball

Girls' varsity keeps their hot streak alive and remains unbeaten in the Big 8 Conference.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Junior, Maycee Maslonka, puts the ball in play against Verona during their second game of their Saturday double-header at home.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Junior, Maddie Spry has a RBI while playing Madison West on a Friday night. The final score was 18-0 in five innings.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Sophomore, Emily Wright lays down a bunt against Verona, sacrafising two runners over.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Junior, Morgan Oren hits a double during a home game. Oren bats sixth in the lineup.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Senior, Jenna Brandt hits the ball into the right center gap against Verona during their double-header.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Sophomore, Taylor Salmon, drives the ball up the middle. Salmon hits in the cleanup spot and her team calls her "fishy" because of her last name.



PHOTO BY COACH WORM  
Junior, Jessica Filter, hits a line drive into the gap against Verona in their second game match up.

# Ryan Copeland: A leader of leaders and a hero

BY MADISON GARVIN

Ryan Copeland grew up loving nature, sports, and hunting. He reminded his mother of a mountain man.

In high school he played baseball and football.

Officer Ryan Copeland graduated from high school in 2000. After he graduated he joined the Army and, channeling his talent for marksmanship, became a weapons sergeant and sniper with the Green Berets.

Copeland was a very strong leader in the Army. He would often help his unit figure out strategy.

He received a Bronze Star for his distinguished service in Afghanistan.

While in the Army, he pursued a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in law enforcement and homeland security.

***"You can make mistakes, but if you learn from them you can become someone like Ryan."***

***Laurie Meehan,  
mother of Ryan Copeland***

After leaving the Army in 2012 to be with his family, he continued his education at Blackhawk Technical College's Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Academy.

Using his experience from the special forces, he taught his classmates new techniques. He was named Top Marksman, an award that has since been renamed the Ryan Copeland Memorial Marksmanship Award.

In 2013 Copeland was hired by the McFarland Police Department and became their first K9 handler. He and his dog Boris volunteered throughout the community to educate people on the K9 program.

He was also involved with Vest a Dog, the Reach a Child Foundation, the National Lights Out program, and Shop with a Cop.

He received the Lifesaving Commendation for saving the life of a heart attack victim, an award that was given posthumously.

Officer Copeland was very humble when it came to his work. He never expected a thank you for his service. He looked at it as just doing his job.

Officer Copeland was killed in the line of duty in 2015, leaving a legacy of service and determination. Officer Copeland's mother would like everyone to remember that "you can make mistakes, but if you learn from them you can become someone like Ryan."



**Photo by Ken Forbeck**  
Ryan's fellow law enforcement officers pose with his plaque.



**Photo by Ken Forbeck**  
The Copeland family was out in force to honor their beloved Ryan (front row from left to right): his brother Jeff Meehan; his mother Laurie Meehan; his brothers David, Jason and Andy; his stepdad Randy Meehan and step grandma Dee Meehan; his dad Al Copeland and step mom Kathy



**Photo by Ken Forbeck**  
Kalli Metz-Wedel, left, and Madi Garvin, right, pose with McFarland Chief of Police Craig Sherven and Ryan's mother Laurie Meehan after the ceremony.

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look beyond Janesville, and English teacher Charles Harty, who taught her "to write elegantly." Her people were also her cross country and track teammates.

She remembers road trips to Summerfest and putting up decorations for dances

She attended Colorado College because of its location and proximity to the mountains.

"I loved every minute of it," she said.

As someone who has "lived all over, from east to west,"

she encouraged students to explore the world and wished "happy adventures" to all of them.

The youngest inductee--and perhaps the most adventurous of them all--is also the only one who is no longer with us: Officer Ryan Copeland.

He graduated in 2000, and when Kalli Metz Wedel played music from his time in high school during her timeline presentation, students hummed and sang along to the familiar tunes.

His mother, Laurie Meehan, accepted his award, and Craig Sherven, McFarland's chief of

police, and Ryan's brother Jeff gave tributes.

"He had a kind thoughtful way about him. He was humble and unassuming," said Sherven.

But beneath the calm exterior was a warrior.

The chief said, "In his interview, he told a story about a firefight he was in. We realized that he had seen more during his military service than any of us had in our whole police careers."

"Ryan was a leader of leaders," said Sherven.

After Copeland started the K9 unit, "He and Boris became the premiere unit in the

county. They became cornerstones of the community, and Ryan's legacy continues as our K9 unit continues."

After the chief's tribute, Ryan's brother Jeff spoke about his love and respect for his brother. "He was someone you wanted to hang around with," he said.

The legacy Ryan left his family was one of laughter and "always stories," he said. "I was in awe of my brother's short life. He lived life to its fullest every day. His life was full of adventure."

In fact, Jeff said, Ryan considered working as a police officer "to be a more relaxing

job for him."

Ryan spent his life protecting his younger brothers, his country, his community.

Jeff shared Ryan's favorite quote, by which he lived his life: "I am the sheepdog. I live to protect the flock and confront the wolf."

Jeff urged the audience to "be like Ryan. You are limitless. I challenge you to honor yourself every day."

Indeed, we should all be like these amazing inductees. Their lives followed different paths, but all of them followed a passion and possessed the desire to make a difference.



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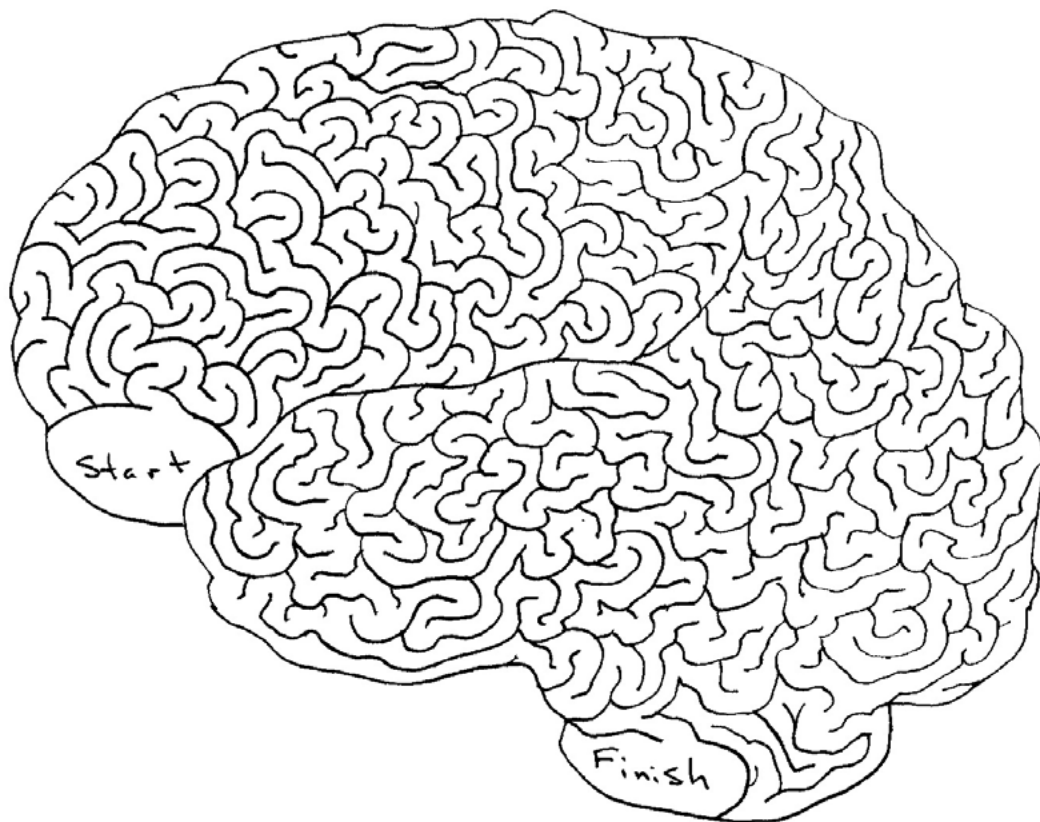
  

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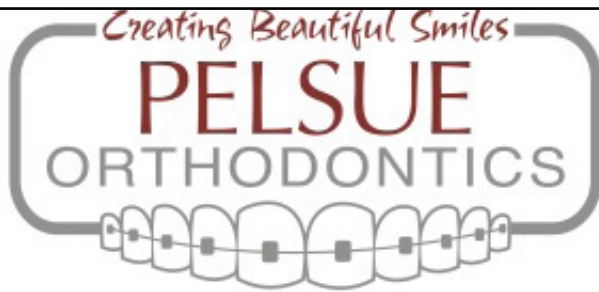
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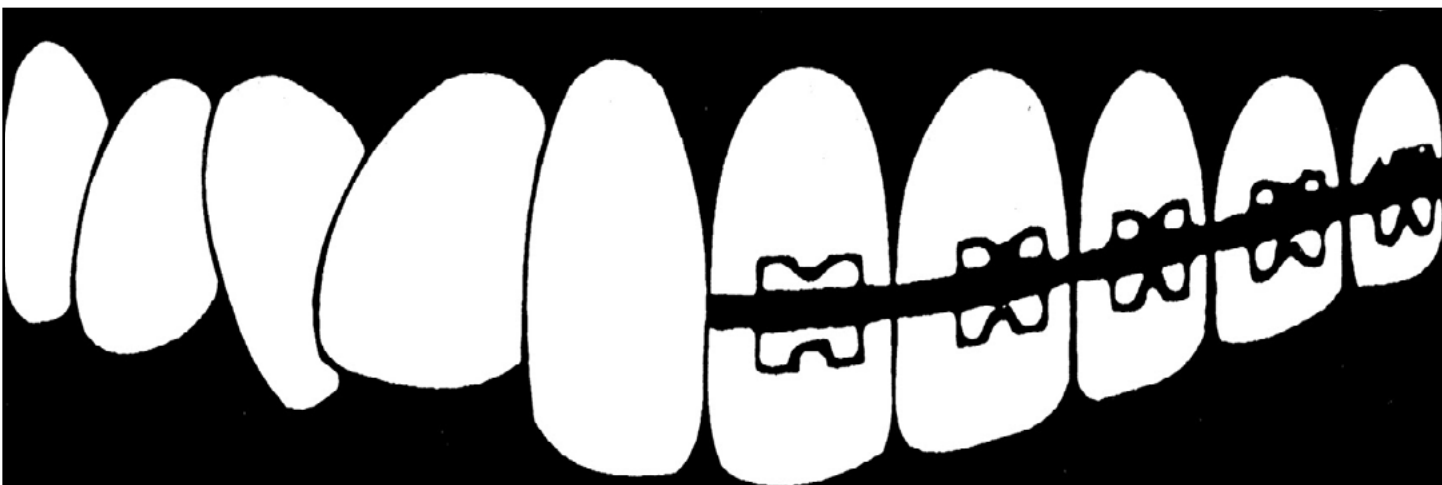


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