



Blue & White

A Weekly Production from the MHS Journalism Class

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Senior Spotlight: Cassidy Watts

By Chase Talbert

Cassidy Watts was born on October 11, 1999 to Greg and Brenda Watts, she has three siblings, Carrington Watts, Tanner Budde, and Jes Gideon. After high school, she plans on attending the University of Northern Iowa.

Cassidy's greatest memory from high school was, "Going to state in all 3 of the sports I participated in and making friends I will have forever. Her greatest regret from high school was not becoming friends with Harry Hamilton and Katie Probasco sooner.

Cassidy would like to thank Mrs. Carlson because, "She made me run a 400 freshman year and now I hate them just a little bit less." During high school, Cassidy participated in softball, track, and basketball.

The most ridiculous way that Cassidy has received an injury was when a girl slid into her hand and broke her finger during a 6th grade softball game. If Cassidy were to be stranded on a deserted island with only one other person, she would choose Javier Baez, "because dang."



Cassidy Watts

This will be the final issue for the Blue & White newspaper. While we are sad that this page will no longer be published, we are excited for the new opportunities before us. It has been our privilege to create great news content for our readers.

Senior Spotlight: Grant Battreall

By Brayden Stockman

Grant Battreall, son of Kevin and Vicki Battreall and brother to Austin and Logan Battreall is one of the students in the class of 2018. After he graduates high school, he plans to attend the University of Iowa and his birthday is June 17, 1999.

Grant's favorite memory from high school was qualifying for state wrestling and his biggest regrets

was waiting until he was a junior to start wrestling.

Grant's most ridiculous injury was spraining his ankle while playing garbage ball in P.E. class.

If he were stranded on an island, he would take Olivia Moretz, his girlfriend, just to keep him company.

He would most like to thank all of his high school coaches for all that they have done for him.



Grant Battreall

Farewell to the Blue & White

By Vance Bushong, Editor

The end of the school year, and our high school careers, is upon us. This season of our lives brings about a certain reflective quality, as we feel a sense of finality, but also a larger sense of imminent opportunity.

I too have been in a state of reflective reminiscence, and looking back on this year of the Blue & White has been nothing but a joy for me. In the tradition of editors past, I have decided to compile a brief memorandum in honor of this year and our experiences as a staff.

It has truly been my distinct privilege to serve as editor of the Blue & White during my high school career. And in no uncertain terms, this year has been my favorite year as a student journalist.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to my phenomenal staff: Caroline Jennings, Chase Talbert, and Brayden Stockman. These three individuals formed the writing trio that crafted the stories seen all year in the newspaper.

Caroline has been on the newspaper staff for four years. During that time, she has demonstrated a high level of dependability, and I can always count on her to complete her articles on time. And when I read her work, I read very well-written, thoughtful, and engaging articles. Her skill in journalistic and creative writing can not be overstated.

Chase, often the humorous foil to Caroline during class, has been a joy to have as a staff member. His organizational skills have been invaluable this year, as he categorizes our story documents every week before I assemble the paper. In his writing, Chase brings his own fun and unique perspective to a wide variety of topics, and I always enjoy reading his finished articles.

Brayden has been a welcomed addition to the staff this year. As a freshman, he learned the ropes quickly, and excelled in his writing skills early in the year. He has a great future

ahead of him with the Blue & White. I trust that he will continue with the level of quality that I know he is capable of producing.

This staff together has been an outstanding group to work with. They produce such good work that numerous times this year, I had to struggle to fit everything into the page, rather than scramble to get more material to shove in. That fact alone speaks volumes to the dedication to their work that this group has achieved.

The winds of change are sweeping over Montezuma. Administrators, teachers, and the senior class are all moving on to new phases of their lives. To those that remain, I offer one piece of advice: stay the course. Continue to strive for excellence no matter who or what is around you. Your only limits are the limits you impose on yourself.

As has been said elsewhere in this issue, the Blue & White newspaper in its current incarnation will cease to exist after this year. It has truly been an honor to be editor during this last year of publication.

However, the Montezuma Journalism department will not go away. Starting next year, students will be writing and submitting articles for publication on the school website under a specific journalism class page that they will be responsible for maintaining.

This change, I feel, will prepare students for the future of electronic communication and dissemination of journalistic material. And with the new and returning students that the Blue & White will receive, I have no doubts that the program will continue to be a smashing success.

As I leave the halls of Montezuma to pursue a higher education, I feel proud to be able to call this school my alma mater. I will always cherish the memories I made while in attendance here, and I wish the students and staff nothing but the best as they prepare to turn the page to a new chapter in the history of Montezuma Community Schools.

Senior Spotlight: Jordon Bender

By Brayden Stockman

Jordon Bender, son of Donald Bender and Connie and Preston Young, and brother to Brittany and Isaiah Bender and Kayl and Macy Young is one of the 2018 graduating seniors. After high school, he plans on travelling to Spain and attending the University of Iowa for international business, and his birthday is March 12, 2000.

Jordon's favorite memory from high school was running state track his

junior year, and his biggest regret was not trying as hard as he could have in his classes.

Jordon's most ridiculous injury was an injury he received while box jumping.

If he were stranded on an island, he would take Brayden Arendt, because they would make a bet about who could survive longer.

He would most like to thank Señora Stockman, because she's an awesome teacher



Jordon Bender

Our favorite picks for Blue & White Staff Pictures



Calendar of Events

Thursday
State Track Meet
@ Drake Stadium

Friday
State Track Meet
@ Drake Stadium
V Boys Golf @
TBA

Monday
V Baseball/Soft-
ball vs LS: Here -
6:00 pm

Tuesday
No Activities

Wednesday
V Baseball/Soft-
ball @ BGM - 6:00
pm

Thursday
V Baseball/Soft-
ball vs CM: Here
- 6:00 pm