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*Written By: Nyana Hayner*

# Junk Stocked

Were you affected by the long line of cars in the beginning of October? I sure was. Junkstock, a local event that took place on the weekends of Friday, October 2nd-4th and October 9th-11th with an early opening at 9 a.m. on Friday the 2nd to get people ready. Junkstock is a festival in Waterloo, Nebraska at Sycamore Farms where local and small businesses get their merchandise out to the community. Junkstock has a great variety of activities to do including food trucks, live music, vendors, children activities, and photo opportunities. There are around 250 vendors and around 30 food trucks attended this 2026 fall season.

With a large range of food trucks comes a lot of food varieties including desserts from The Apple Shack, The Sorcerer's Cone, and more. You could have also gotten a savory meal from food trucks like Farmer Brown's Steakhouse. Though vendors do have to pay a fee each weekend, it is a great opportunity to put their business out there. Admission into Junkstock costs $15 online or $20 at the gate, or a three-day pass is available for $30 online. There are so many reasons why you would want to attend Junkstock: taste the food, watch a band, get hand made crafts, or just have a good time. Entrance fees go back into the Sycamore Farm for future events.

# Teacher's Corner

*This week, we asked teachers, "What is something you wish you knew how to cook and why?"*



## Ms. Dailey

When asked what was one thing she wished knew how to cook and why, Ms. Dailey said she wishes she knew how to make sushi because she would save so much money. Apparently, she goes too often.

## Sr. Johansen

When asked, Sr. Joh. excitedly said, "la paella valenciana, the national dish of Spain. It needs super fresh ingredients, and takes 4+ hours to cook properly."

## Mr. Baker

When asked, Mr. Baker gave us the answer "ratatouille". The reason he gave was, "If it's good enough for Anton Ego, then it's good enough for me."

*Written by Vinny White*

This month's Teacher Spotlight is Mrs.Eggen. Mrs.Eggen is our 9th grade ELA teacher, Journalism Co-Teacher, and Speech Coach at DC West. She has worked here for four years.

Mrs.Eggen has two kids, Lane Eggen and Ty Eggen. Mrs.Eggen sent her kids to DC West before she was a part of our staff here. She said her initial experience with DC West was that she loved it and that her sons made friends that they are still in touch with today. Mrs.Eggen said she had always wanted to work at DC West but didn't want the clash of her teaching and having her children in the building. Shortly after her sons graduated, there was an opening for a 9th grade ELA teacher, and she took the job immediately. Mrs.Eggen says that the biggest difference between Omaha Public Schools and DC West is, "the kids at DC West really want to learn and are kind and polite". In her spare time, Mrs.Eggen enjoys tending to her flowers, shopping, spending time with friends, working at Junkstock, and supporting her Falcons by going lots of our sporting events.

*Written by Drake Thiessen*

# Hometown Highlights





*Kids from Valley, Waterloo, and all over love coming to the library!*

*Written By: Whitney Bruckner*

Here in Valley, we have the Public Library. It offers many fun activities and things to do! This past week, I went to one of their events with my brother. We worked with perler beads and he took home some new books for school. While I was there, I was talking to a librarian and they said, "The kids love coming here and spending their time reading, playing, gaming on the computers, and many other things!" There are so many things to do!" Some events that they offer include: LEGO Club, Knit and Crochet Club, and a Creativity Crew for all ages! On November 3rd, they are having Creativity Crew: CD Mosaics from 4-5 p.m. The Public Library really is a fun and engaging space to be in. So make sure the next time you're in Valley, check it out!

## What's Coming Up

Thanksgiving break takes place from Wednesday, November 25th through the weekend. School starts up again on Monday, November 30th.

Winter sports practices begin on November 16th, with boys basketball, girls basketball, and wrestling all kicking off. Remember to go on to the Bound app and upload all physical documents.

The DC West One Act festival takes place on November 16th and 17th. Come out and watch this year's production of *Alice in Wonderland*, put on by the super talented students in one act.

# Senior Spotlight



## Allyson Cooke

Ally Cooke has been attending DC West since kindergarten. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, STUCO, NHS, FCA, and HOSA. Ally says that being in these activities have taught her to go out of her comfort zone and make the most out of every situation faced. Her favorite moment throughout high school is winning volleyball conferences back-to-back years. When asked what advice she would give to a freshmen. She responded with, "take every opportunity that is offered because high school goes by quickly. So don't live in regret over not trying new things."



## Kaylee Green

Kaylee Green has been attending DC West for three years. Kaylee plays volleyball. Through volleyball, she has learned that playing sports teaches you teamwork and communication. When asked what her favorite moments in high school were, she responded with, "going to football games with my friends" Advice Kaylee would give the a freshman is to enjoy your time in high school because it goes fast.



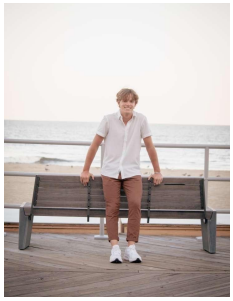
## Halaina Hunter

Halaina Hunter has been at DC West since kindergarten. Halaina is a part of the cheer team, SALT, and FCA. Her favorite memory at DC West has been cheering at all the games and activities with all of her friends. Halaina's advice for freshmen is, "try everything and grades matter". Her favorite thing about being a senior is seeing how much everyone has grown up and changed.



## Ava Newbauer

Ava Newbauer has gone to DC West for two years. She participates in basketball, track, SALT, and is the team captain for volleyball. Ava has made honor roll every year of high school. Her favorite memory of high school, so far, has been, "Playing volleyball with my best friends". Ava's advice for incoming freshmen is, "Be yourself and realize that nothing is as big of a deal as you think it is". Lastly, her favorite thing about being a senior is having an early out and knowing she gets to leave high school soon.



## Tucker Korb

Tucker Korb has been at DC West since 6th grade. When asked what his favorite thing about DC West is, he said he really liked the teachers. His favorite thing about being a senior is having a late start and an early out. His plan after high school is to play baseball at Peru State College. Some advice he has for freshmen: is to "be yourself."



## Ryder Songer

Ryder Songer has been a student at DC West since his freshman year. When asked what his favorite thing about DC West is, he said, "how close everyone is here and the environment." His favorite thing about being a senior is having an early out. After high school, he plans on going to college. Some advice he would give a freshman is to branch out and meet new people.



## Mallory Shaw

Mallory Shaw has been attending DC West for four years. Mallory plays volleyball and basketball and is involved in clubs such as HOSA, FBLA, and FCA. Mallory says that she has met new people and has had new opportunities that come from each club. When asked her favorite moment throughout high school, Mallory responded with "creating life long friendships." Advice Mallory would give to a freshman is, "turn your homework in on time and get involved in as much as you can."



## Ericka Murphy

Ericka has gone to DC West for two years. Ever since coming here, she has joined many clubs and sports: softball, basketball, track and field, SALT, and FBLA. Ericka has made so many new friends since transferring her sophomore year. She loves going to football games with her friends and dressing up according to the theme. Her advice for incoming freshmen is, "it is okay to have a B." Her favorite thing about being a senior is getting to school right before 8 a.m. and still having a front row parking spot."

# Junk Stocked Continued. . .

Overall, Junkstock is a great event to attend with so many activities to participate in. Guests can be entered to win giveaways like a gift card from Scheels and ticket entry to future Junkstock events. At the end of your time at the fall festival at Sycamore Farms, you probably found yourself looking for your car. Just know, you were not the only one.

