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SAVE THE DATE

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PROM

APRIL 22, 2023
VOSS PHOTOS: 5PM
PUBLIC PROMENADE: 6PM
FORMAL DINNER: 7PM
DANCE: 8PM
AFTER-PROM: 11PM

FORMAL
INVITATION
TO FOLLOW

AGWSR's Promenade is April 22

The AGWSR 2023 Prom will take place on Saturday, April 22. This year's theme is 'A Moonlit Stroll Through the Gardens of Greece.'

The evening will begin with a promenade in the AGWSR High School gym beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Community members are asked to avoid the south parking lot, as it is reserved for students. Those attending should enter the south door (No. 19) to watch. Entrance and exit through the Commons area will not be permitted as a private dinner for students is planned in that area following the promenade.

Formal photographs are planned at the school and will be taken by Voss Studio. Family members may take photos as well but are reminded not to interfere with the professional photographer.

A dinner and dance will also take place for the students. The dance will take place at the Ackley Recreation Club and is a private event for the Junior and Senior class members and their guests. Doors to the dance will lock at 8:30 p.m. Students who leave before the dance ends will not be re-admitted. ●



AWJ FILE PHOTO

Bernd Wittneben of Wellsburg, center back, plays the role of Walter Brander, in the trailer for the film Reveille which can be seen at the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival.

Reveille to be shown in Cedar Rapids

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EDITOR

The full-feature film 'Reveille' which includes two actors from Wellsburg - Bernd Wittneben and Jorg Rochlitzer, will be screened at the 2023 Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival, April 14-16 at Collins Road Theatres, Marion. This will be the first time the film has been shown in Iowa and precludes the nomination and hope of a second showing at the 32nd annual Iowa Motion Picture Association in Forest City on May 6.

Wittneben, who was born and raised in Braunschweig, Germany, plays the role of Walter Brander, a German squad leader, along the Winter Line in Italy in late 1943. Three of his unit are killed by an American squad. Four others, three who are

mortally wounded, are taken prisoner.

The film focuses on the moral dilemma of whether or not to end the Germans' suffering or honor the rules of war and protect wounded prisoners.

Rochlitzer explains that the film has been shown in the festival circuits in both the United States and Europe, receiving nearly fifty awards and recognitions.

As the festivals have proceeded, the pair explain that their lives have been a whirlwind, though now they are beginning to relax and enjoy their labor.

"Festivals in Italy - Florence and Milan were very good to us," Rochlitzer said. "Within a couple weeks we hope to have

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UNCOMMON CENTS

AGWSR's Mrs. Rieken, middle school language arts teacher, graciously took a pie in the face following the eighth graders' Penny War.



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AGWSR eighth graders hold Penny War

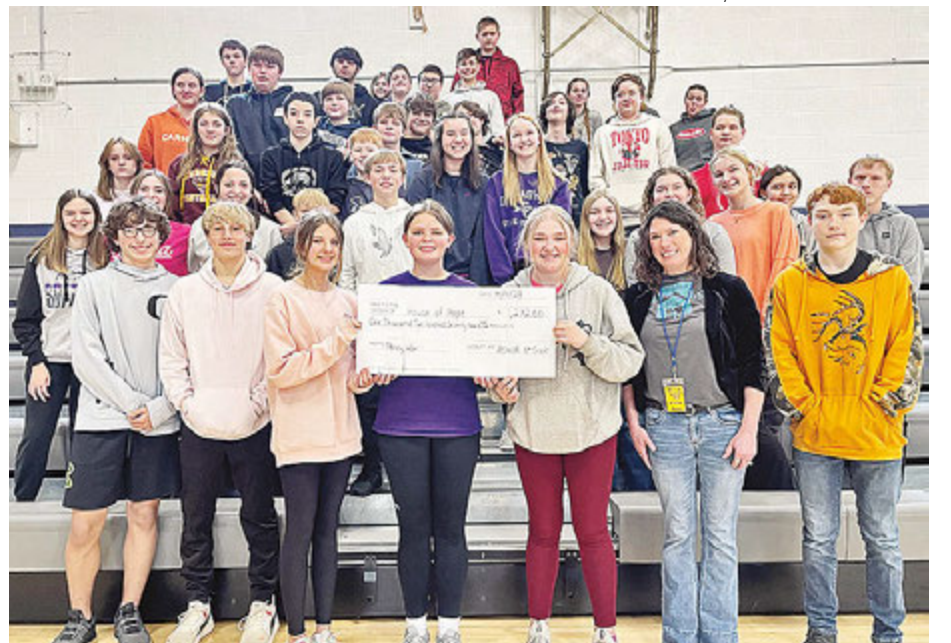
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EDITOR

House of Hope, Waterloo, is the chosen benefactor of the AGWSR eighth grader's first-ever Penny War. Students presented a check for \$1,272.60 to Dusky Steele, House of Hope development director, last Tuesday morning.

The presentation followed a two-week challenge between eighth-grade Cougar Time groups in which students collected pennies for the organization which provides single-mother families and women who age out of foster care with individualized support and transitional housing while securing families with independence and permanent homes to end the cycle of homelessness in the Cedar Valley.

Students researched various organizations together determining that House of Hope would be the benefactor of their event.

"We have four Cougar



Students presented a check to House of Hope during a presentation at the AGWSR Middle School. On hand to accept the donation was Dusky Steele, Development Director of House of Hope in Waterloo.

Time sections, based on our homerooms," said Carli Lyon, middle school student council member. "We'd visited Waterloo during a field trip and chose House of Hope as a way to give back to the community for the fun we had there during our trip."

Claire Meyer, also a member of the student council, explained the rules of the Penny War.

"Each homeroom had a bucket in their classroom to drop pennies into," she began. "Each penny was worth one point and the group with the most points won." Meyer added that each class could sabotage others and deduct points from them by dropping silver coins or bills into their buckets. The losing team's homeroom teacher - the class with the

least points, got a pie in the face, with the classroom teacher with the most points being able to throw the pie.

"It was very competitive!" said Crystal Palmateer, another student council member. "Everyone was sneaking in silver coins and burying bills in other buckets."

Steele spoke with the

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Though inclement weather forced the postponement of AGWSR's annual Family Fun Night, the event did prove to provide all the fun of previous years for those taking part last Thursday evening. A trio of friends gathered to enter door prizes as the evening's fun continued. Their beautiful face painted butterflies, only added to their fun. See more images from Family Fun night on page 3.

