LHS marching band puts in work at camp



Photos courtesy of John Cisetti

Daniel Bell (foreground) and several other members of the Louisburg High School marching band performs a number during its week-long camp last week that was capped off Friday with a performance for their parents.

The Louisburg High School marching band spent a week working and preparing for what is a long season of competitions and performances.

Those Wildcat band members got a lot accomplished.

In just a few short days, the Wildcats memorized nine songs, prepared for the upcoming Labor Day Parade, worked on the pregame show for home football games, worked on music and marching fundamentals, established leadership and fit everyone in new uniforms.

It is a lot to ask for students on summer break, but the Louisburg band came through with shining colors.

“I’m pleased to report that we accomplished all our goals and performed on the field for parents last Friday night,” LHS band instructor John Cisetti said. “Our kids have a great work

ethic and are determined to succeed.”

Succeed they did and no one took a day off.



The Louisburg High School marching band makes it way past the high school during its annual camp last week.

The Louisburg band features 139 students this coming year and everyone was in attendance for the six days that concluded a performance for their parents Friday evening.

“They represent more than one-fourth of the LHS student body,” Cisetti said. “The band is huge.”

Along with Cisetti, the Wildcats appear in good hands with their three drum majors this season. Spencer Rogers, Parker Cates and Ben Brummel have had a good summer as well as the three attended drum major camp at Platte County High School and walked away with the Grand Champion trophy.

The Wildcats have also put in a lot of time working on their program for this year. “On Broadway” will be the theme and features music from four Broadway shows, including “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Wicked,” “Hairspray,” and “Les Miserables.”



The band spent part of its week fitting themselves for new uniforms.

“Our theme this year was chosen by the students,” Cisetti said. “The challenge is blending all of these different styles into a unified show. The variety makes it very interesting.”

Another big change for the band is its wardrobe. New uniforms were ordered for everyone thanks to $71,727 received from USD 416’s Capital Outlay Fund last year that allowed them to purchase 150 uniforms.

The new uniforms will display a purple jacket, black pants and a black plume. ‘Louisburg’ and a white ‘L’ is featured on the front of the jacket.

The band used their previous uniforms for the last 16 years and Cisetti can tell the excitement the new threads have brought to his students.

“You can see the pride on their faces when they see themselves in the mirror wearing new uniforms,” he said. “They don’t want to take them off.”

Louisburg also has a big season ahead of itself with several

performances. The Wildcats will perform in the annual Louisburg Labor Day Parade, all home football games and two marching festivals.

On Oct. 14, they will compete in the Baker University Marching Festival and will also perform at the Central State Marching Festival at Kansas State University on Oct. 24.