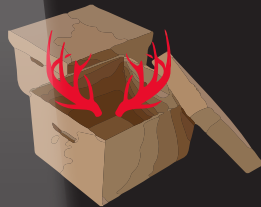


CHOOSE YOUR CHARACTER

Four staff members say farewell to their previous positions

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MOVING TO THE SOUTH SIDE

Elkhorn High School's assistant principal, Jed Givens, took the opportunity to switch roles while continuing his career in education.

Givens will be transferring his administrative role to another building, which means he will, unfortunately, be leaving the Elkhorn Antlers.

"I will be heading over to Elkhorn South High School next year," Givens said. "I will be switching roles to be the principal over there."

It is hard losing a big asset to the school, especially since Givens has been with Elkhorn High School for some time now.

"It is my fifth year with the role of assistant principal," Givens said. "All of those years have fortunately been at Elkhorn High."

With many years at one certain place, memories form, and many people become important, but one annual memory stands out to Givens in particular.

"I really love graduation," Givens said. "When you're working with kids who have different things they need help with and have worked hard to get to graduation, then it's great to see them graduate."

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER

The science and AP department will be losing a valuable asset as he jumps into the next chapter of his life. Edwin Wiest will be leaving the Antlers to pursue a new dream that is calling his name.

"I will be leaving Elkhorn to continue on to the next steps in life," Wiest said. "My new title is lead associate pastor at Faith Family Church."

Many years of teaching have gone by, and with that comes a lot of dedication and hard work.

"This is my fifteenth year teaching high school," Wiest said. "Within those years, I have taught seven of them at Elkhorn High."

Fifteen years is a lot of years to be teaching, and many memories and great times have been building up over every single one of those years. People are one of the most valuable parts that are within those memories, and are Wiest's favorite part of teaching.

"My favorite thing is all of the relationships that I have formed with students over the years," Wiest said. "It's been so amazing, and some of those students I am still friends with to this day."



THE END ZONE OF A CHAPTER

Head football coach, civics teacher, APUSH teacher, and AP government teacher Dan Feickert is coming to the end of a chapter.

Feickert has decided to start his next chapter with a new role within Elkhorn High School.

"I'll be the new assistant principal at Elkhorn High School," Feickert said. "I am stepping away from football, coaching, and teaching to pursue administration and to keep working with students and staff at Elkhorn High, but in a different role."

This is a big change and took time to decide, but it was clear this was the best choice.

"Once Mr. Givens had announced that he was going to be the principal at Elkhorn South, and the position came open, it just felt like the right time to go for it," Feickert said. "I got my administration degree right out of college and I didn't know when I was going to use it, but then this position became open."

Feickert has been with the school for a couple years and the students and staff are fortunate to have him with us.

"I have been teaching for nine years now," Feickert said. "Five of those years were with Grandview Middle School and then the last four have been here at Elkhorn High."

So many memories were built upon those years and many more are to come.

"One thing that has stuck out to me is beating Elkhorn North last year on homecoming week," Feickert said. "And we just finished seated volleyball, so bringing that back has been fun and will create many more memories."

THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM

It is hard leaving something that has been a part of a person for so long, but every good thing comes to an end.

Elkhorn High School's calculus and senior math teacher, Paul Martin, will be adding a new chapter to his life as he retires.

"After I retire, I will be subbing with the district here and there," Martin said. "I will be spending time with my grandkids and playing a lot more golf."

Leaving a job is hard for everyone, but sometimes it can be harder for others.

"I taught 12 years at other schools, twenty years in Elkhorn and eight years in OPS, and two years here," Martin said. "I have already retired twice so this will be my third time retiring now."

Martin has had a diverse experience in his role in education, as he has taught in different places over many years. Having 42 years of teaching experience is a lot, and that has created a lot of good memories.

"I have so many great memories here and a lot of those good ones were at basketball games," Martin said. "The classroom was where some of my favorite memories are too."

