

# The Forest Breeze

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## FAREWELL TO FOREST LAKE SENIOR HIGH

Design By Cassie Olson

Waking up in the morning, these feelings burn through us like fire. The feel of the air is different, not so calming anymore; now overloaded with anxiousness and nerves. Summer's relaxing days have faded. Now comes restless mornings combined with rushed late nights. Get out the door on time so as to not miss the bus, get into the car so as to not miss the bell. Today's morning holds a different meaning. They walk through the doors, heads held high while others are held low. New faces pass them by. Nerves are emanating a mile away. The beginning of something new, something unexplainable lies within school doors. The first day of a new chapter; in that novel we call life. Dreams one comes with, don't always end up the same. A world of intangible and physical states, changing in the different directions wind takes. The best years of a life? Some agree, while others whisper defiance. Depending upon one's values.

These days change, with the passing of the breeze. Passion in a world of unknowns. Growth in what they love most of all. Don't live for them, this life is for you. It's what you want it to be. Stand for what you believe in, don't fall back in surrender. Day rolls on to an end; they walk out the doors to the sun shining high. Beginning days are so hazy, such a blur. But the day will come when the storm of confusion is clear, they'll live the same for three more years, and then off they'll be creating a whole new story, out on their own. As for now, this is presented as a mere hope, but the years they will fly fast. One just may not yet know the secret to the game yet. It's about living in the moment, because these days, realized or not, go by in the blink of an eye. Driving by at a speed of 105, there's no stopping, no pausing, so live it. Take those chances, these lessons, and keep moving forward, don't dwell on the past because this is a whole new beginning...

Poem by Cassady Zebro



# One car, great friends, countless memories

By Elizabeth Brown

It's almost summer, the time for freedom, and most people are making plans for fun summer activities. Whether you are a senior trying to plan one last trip with friends, or just looking for summer adventure, road trips are an ever popular summer activity. Money is usually a factor with these road trips, how far you can go, how long you can stay, etc. Minnesota offers some fun day trips, there's more to see than Paul Bunyan statues and the "World's Largest Twine Ball." Minnesota has the Boundary Waters, Duluth and the SPAM museum, after all. However, if you want to get out of the state there are some destinations closer by such as Wisconsin Dells and Chicago. If you have the money, the time, and an adventurous personality why not try a cross country road trip? How about traveling route 66, or going to California? Another popular destination is Nashville, Tennessee, which has many interesting attractions, including the country music hall of fame and the Bluebird Café, not to mention the scenic drive down there. So be creative and adventurous. You don't have to travel far, but

you don't have to confine your adventures to Minnesota either.

*-Miles based on a 22 mpg vehicle in Forest Lake:*

**FL to Ball of Twine (Darwin, MN)** 92 miles. About \$10 for gas. 1 hour and 50 minutes.

**FL to Boundary Waters Canoe Area:** 249 miles. About \$27 for gas. 4 hours, 40 minutes

**FLto Duluth:** 127 miles. About \$14 for gas. 2 hours

**FL to SPAM Museum (Austin, MN):** 139 miles. About \$15 for gas. 2 hours, 15 minutes

**FL to Wisconsin Dells:** 230 miles. About \$25 for gas. 3 hours, 45 minutes

**Forest Lake to Chicago:** 421 miles. About \$49 for gas. 7 hours

**FL to California:** 1,928 miles. About \$220 for gas. 30 hours 40 minutes.

**Forest Lake to Nashville:** 897 miles. About \$92 for gas. 14 hours, 15 minutes

# Summertime money

By Cassady Zebro

Think summer. Now think money, and freedom. Who has extra money these days to actually go out and do things? Besides a limited amount of parents, teenagers with jobs do. I, for one, love the feeling of my own earned money in my hands and not have to bother my parents for it. It's a great feeling of accomplishment. So, what are the good and bad aspects of having a job during the summer?

Having extra money is a factor. "You can earn good money and have a lot of hours," said Sophomore Abbie Bodene, an employee of both The Running Aces and The Village Inn. "It puts money in my pocket," Senior Joshua Browne said, who works at Dairy Queen. For some, making money isn't just an option—it's a necessity. But for others, their reasoning is to spend that extra money how they wish. Both kids and teachers are affected these ways. "It is mostly for everyday bills and mortgage payments," said English teacher Joe Mueller, who works at the Minneapolis Community Technical College (MCTC). "To keep up with and keep paying all the bills!" said Junior Garrett Renn, who works at Market Place. "I hope to save for a new car, college, and for girl expenses,"



said Sophomore Josh Olson of his job at the Scandia Store. "I'm just going to try and get a good savings account built up, maybe for some investments," said Browne. Some choose to pack on the hours during the summer, considering the expansion of free time. "With no school in the way, my boss works me during the day," Olson said. "During the summer, I have more time to work, so I try to pick up as many hours as I can get," said Browne. Not all summer jobs have only positive outcomes though. "I can't spend as much time with my son," said Spanish teacher Angela Butler, who also works at MCTC. "I would much rather have time to work on things for school and reenergize for the upcoming year," said Mueller. "But I need the money." Whether getting a job during the summer is beneficial or not, getting into the working world is a good path to explore. With that extra money who knows how much more one could do? Not everyone has the luck of "loaded" parents. Think summer, money, and most of all – freedom, and the experience that will prepare you for the jobs of your future.

## Music Festivals

By Kellie O'Brien

**Country Fest**  
Cadott, WI  
June 25, 26, 27 & 28  
4 day adult: \$175  
Sunday only (general admission): \$129  
1 day adult: \$87.50  
[www.countryfest.com](http://www.countryfest.com)

**Summerfest**  
Milwaukee, WI  
June 25 – July 5  
Adults: \$15 (evenings and weekends)  
Adults: \$8 weekdays  
3 day pass: \$33  
[www.summerfest.com](http://www.summerfest.com)

**We Fest**  
Detroit Lakes, MN  
August 6, 7, 8  
3 day general admission: \$130  
General camping: \$60 per person  
[www.wefest.com](http://www.wefest.com)

**Vans Warped Tour**  
Canterbury Park  
Minneapolis, MN  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$31.50 per ticket  
[www.warpedtour.com](http://www.warpedtour.com)

**Winstock Country Music Festival**  
Winsted, MN  
June 12 & 13  
General Admission: \$115  
Reserved Seating: \$150  
Camping Pass: \$85  
[www.winstockfestival.com](http://www.winstockfestival.com)

**Sonshine**  
Willmar, MN  
July 15-18  
Tickets vary (visit website)  
[www.sonshinefesitval.com](http://www.sonshinefesitval.com)

**Apple River Country Splash**  
Somerset, WI  
June 18-20  
3 day general admission: \$145  
[www.countrysplash.com](http://www.countrysplash.com)

# Six more weeks for slackers

By Daniel Lindahl

As a senior I think I finally understand what "The Final Countdown" is about. That song seems to epically describe the final days of high school. As the days count down nearly every student is getting excited for summer. But for a few seniors and underclassmen, school isn't over just yet.. These students come to school for an extra four weeks to catch up on their schoolwork during summer school. They aren't experiencing the same jubilation as the rest of us are at the year closing; they will wait until July 14<sup>th</sup> to feel that joy. There are 85 high school students scheduled to go to summer school this year, Dean Scott Urness believes there will be around 275-300 students who end up signing up. This includes students grades 6-12.

# Summer lovin'

## Go on a journey you won't forget

By Charlie Nelson

As the school year comes to a close, the weather is beginning to heat up. The weather isn't the only thing that's heating up though. On the beaches and in the streets, summer is overtaking



the population of Forest Lake. Singles are coming out in full force and love is in the air. Yes, it is time again for summer flings, summer fun, and even summer heart break. Summer is notorious for love in the air, whether it's with the birds that fly up here every year, or for the long summer days and warm summer nights, summer just has this feeling to it that you cannot ignore. Senior Andrew Morrison said, "Summer flings are like a sweatshirt, some you want to hold onto, while others you throw to the back of the closet and never

want to see again." What he means its, some summer flings are beautiful memories that we hold onto forever. We catch ourselves remembering the times by the lake, remembering brief flashes of love shared between another in the warm summer months, and remembering the experiences that shaped the summer. Other flings, however, we want to forget. Which leads to the biggest rule of a summer fling, never force it. I find that like the waves out on the lake, the summer will take you where you need to be. If it leads you to a summer fling, enjoy, but do not go out searching for something just to have something. Life will take you where you need to go, and summer flings are no different. Morrison, however, did have a goal for the summer, "Everyone has goals, and my goal for the summer is a certain red head named Amber Brookmann. And obviously we are on the same page." Enjoy the summer. Take a date to a Jonas Brothers Concert, but let the date take you on a journey you will never forget.

Have a fantastic, fun-filled and safe summer break!

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# All knight long

## Senior party has popular blockbuster movie theme

By Charlie Nelson

On Thursday, when graduation ends, the seniors get up and go to the Senior All Night Party. The annual party is at Southwest Junior High and runs from 10pm-5am. Every year about two-thirds of the senior class attend the party and most come away with a smiles on their tired faces.

The party is packed full of events that will keep the seniors entertained. From action to relaxation, the wide variety of activities makes for an exciting night.

When first arriving, you are guaranteed a free t-shirt. You can choose to get your shirt airbrushed if you would like your name, a quote, or anything on it.

With the new addition to your attire, there are many things you can do. Two of the hot spots during the night include the casino and the hypnotist. The casino, of course,

isn't playing for real money, but you will win chances to win prizes. Prizes will be handed out through a drawing. Everyone who attends will get their name in the drawing, but the casino will get your name in their more times.

It isn't just the casino though, the all night party will also have k a r a o k e , swimming, movies, ping pong, and swimming.

The food is donated and usually includes a lot of pizza, rolls, and pop. There is also a coffee shop to pep you up if you crash too early.

If you haven't bought a ticket yet, there is still time to get in. Tickets are fifty dollars at the door. In the past the party has been very memorable. Those who missed it have wished they attended. Don't miss out, the All Night Party will be your last memory of high school.



# Packing for college?

## Take only what you know you need

By Kyle Arbuckle

There has been a lot of talk about what you should or shouldn't bring to college. I interviewed two college freshmen, male and female, on this issue. They both suggested the goal is to bring the least amount of belongings you possibly can, while at the same time, bringing things you will need.

Before you start packing up your hotplate and microwave, think of things you will use everyday. The key is to work from most important to least important. Start with

necessities such as toiletries, bedding, clothes, etc.. Tyler Wilcox, a male freshman at University of Minnesota, said he brought about 3/4 of his clothes and Katie Larson, a female freshman at University of Minnesota Duluth, said she brought about half so it depends on personal preference. After the necessities, figure out which things you will need to get your school work done such as a laptop,

notebooks/folders, and other school necessities. Then work your way to things you use in your free time such as a TV, Xbox, or

For example, if your dorm needs a telephone make sure only one of you bring one so you don't waste space. According to Wilcox, the golden rule is to pay attention to how many trips you make back home. Keep track of how much you bring home with you and try to return with the same amount.

"I swear every time I went home, I went back to school with at least three things I didn't have before," said Larson. "It definitely starts to accumulate; you don't really even realize it."

This happens mostly with food, music CDs, and above

all, clothing. Bring 2-4 pairs of clothing home with you to use while you are at home. Make sure you go back to college wearing one pair of those to prevent bringing more to college with you.

Before you head out to college, make sure you talk to the school and your roommates before making any decisions and you should not have to worry about bringing too much stuff.



# Transition time

## Important advice for seniors

By Joseph Loeffler

Responsibility brings decisions and within decisions there is pressure. One of the biggest decisions of your life is made after high school graduation. You've come to a finish line but now are starting an entirely new race. It's not that the last race didn't matter, but it positioned you to perceive where you are going. Coming out of high school with a clear vision is essential for a good fresh start. I'm not defining college or no college but granting the reality to dream big. Bigger than the "American

Dream", making millions or becoming famous, is your desire separated from any influence or stereotype. To create an environment that allows you to dream there are things to let go of and things to start carrying. To get a better perception on this I talked to two former graduates of Forest Lake High. Kerri Peterson, a 07' graduate of FLHS and a current

student at North Central University, says there are a few struggles in the transition.

"Learning you're not going to keep in touch with everyone and knowing who you need to keep," said Peterson.

Fellow FLHS 07' graduate Josh Erikson, currently at North Central University as well, describes his

struggles with the transition.

"Knowing my place and taking who I was in high school; being that person, but wanting to change," said Erikson. Both Peterson

and Erikson have some advice for graduates. "It's important to let go of past relationships so you can focus on where you are," said Peterson.

"You don't have the fear of not being able to find friends or becoming a loner because everyone is in the same position," said Erikson. "You are who you are and you are who you want to become."



# Still time to apply for mula

## Follow these tips for award-winning scholarship applications

By Krysta Nelson

Attending college is an important step in everyone's lives. It definitely is an expensive one as well. According to collegeboard.com, the average published tuition and fees for in-state students at public four-year colleges and universities in 2008-09 were \$6,585. This is almost \$400 more than the year before. Also, if you plan to attend a private college or out-of-state college, the prices increase significantly.

There is a way to ease the worry over money, however. The solution: scholarships.

"Scholarships really help out as far as starting college on a good note," said Dean Scott Urness.

Urness feels that applying for scholarships is important for all students to do and can help lower stress levels. There are many places where students can find scholarships.

"We list scholarships on the Forest Lake webpage. Students can also find them through employment establishments," said Urness. "The internet has tons of different scholarships

available as well."

Senior Hillary Hansen took advantage of this opportunity.

"I applied for the Tozer Scholarships, various Forest Lake scholarships, and a few online," said Hillary.

She received the Tozer Scholarship as well as one from her college.

She encourages others to apply.

"Take your time and be thorough," said Hillary. "Apply for as many scholarships as possible. There is a lot of free money, so take advantage of these opportunities."

Senior Ashley Hansen also applied for Forest Lake scholarships. She has some suggestions to offer as well.

"Don't wait until the last minute to start and remember to give your teachers plenty of time to write recommendations," said Ashley.

Applying for scholarships can be time consuming and hard work,



but remember it pays off. Think about it, if you take two hours to fill out a \$250 scholarship you could possibly be making \$125/hour!

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the CRC for all  
your scholarship  
options



# 18 years have co

## Senior speakers

# Class

By Krysta Nelson

On the evening of June 4, each student from the class of 2009 will walk across the stage to receive their diploma. Three of these students will be in the spotlight for a bit longer than the rest. Each year 3 graduating seniors are chosen to speak to their fellow classmates and their families. “A committee consisting of Dr. Massey, Ms. Ungerecht, Ms. Haven, and I chose the students who will speak at the graduation ceremony,” said English Teacher Tim Newcomb. The students must apply for the speaking position, write a rough draft of their speech, explain their draft to the committee, and be interviewed. “The goal is to have the students represent the diversity in their class,” said Newcomb. “We also want a variety of messages.” This year’s seniors Derik Iverson, Kathryn Haglin, and Ashley Grell will be speaking on behalf of the class of 2009. Each student has their own theme. Iverson explains the topic of his speech. “My speech is about the importance

of our high school experience and what it has done to make the person we are today,” said Iverson. “Not a single person has had the same experience and that is a good thing.” Grell has a meaningful message to explain to her peers as well. “My speech is about the teachers and what they have taught us over the years,” said Grell. “I want to get across the message of what teachers do for us and why they are such amazing people.” Haglin wants to keep her main topics a surprise. “My speech is titled *You Can’t and Neither Can I*. There are three main messages in the speech, but I don’t want to give the whole thing away,” said Haglin. Although all three seniors admitted they are a bit nervous for the speech, they are also very enthusiastic. “I am excited to give my speech and I hope the class enjoys it,” said Iverson. The speakers will present their speeches at the commencement ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on June 4 at FLHS.

### SENIORS’ TOP 5 FAVORITE TEACHERS:

- MS. CAMERON
- MR. TUNGSETH
- MRS. PECHMANN
- MR. BUCK
- MR. MIKOLACZYK

## What the juniors are looking forward to next year...

By Dennis Sprute

Every year students graduate from high school. The seniors take another step on the stairs of their life career. Most students go into college. Some people say, the years in college are the best of your life. However, there is a whole grade that still has another year left before all this will happen. The year’s juniors. Their senior year is still yet to come with all its benefits. Interviewing them, they all had something they look forward to. “Being the oldest ones and not having to look up to any one is the thing I am looking forward to the most. We can pretty much do whatever want when it comes to the rest of the students”, Junior Brogan Stegner says.

To Joey Cain, it’s the coolest thing to finally “dominate the pep fest but also further enhance my educational experience and taking one more step closer into the real world.” Ryan Anderson, however, already planned his time after graduation. “Only one more year and I finally don’t have to get up at 7 am every morning again! Some others look forward to the sporting events. “I’m excited to finally be in the front row at the football games and not get booed by seniors”, says Nicky Johnson. Concluding Jordan Borniface finds a way to describe the term seniority: “Dominating the school,” she jokes.

### SCHOOL:

**Alexandria Technical College-**  
Dan Lawrence  
Sean Winters

**Anoka-Ramsey Community College-**  
Miriah Clasen  
Kate Devine  
Amy Kieger  
Jenni Vilgos  
Brad Voss

**Art Institutes International-**  
Tanya Forga

**Augustana College-**  
Julianna Dahlager  
Hillary Hansen

**Aveda Cosmetology School-**  
Sarah Ackerman

**Bemidji State University-**  
Heather Foner  
Kayla Gambeski  
Danielle Goodale  
Charlie McKenzie  
Jimmy Plain  
Ciara Robinson  
Melissa Wapple

**Bethel University -**  
Amanda Anderson  
Maria Orth  
Danielle Proulx  
Gabi Selg  
Ashley Wagner

**Brown College-**  
Scott Dale-Morrison

**Century College-**  
Ross Alm  
Amber Brookman  
Dane Dewart  
Emily Dupree  
Hannah Forsythe  
Cassandra Foster  
Taylor Gemeiner  
Rachel Geurts  
Chelsey Hagen  
Quinn Hartmann  
Nickie Harvey  
Trevor Jackson  
Luke Jensen

Katie Johnson  
Sadie Jorgensen  
Ruby Kolbow  
Samuel Kolbow  
Dan Lindahl  
Alli Mangen  
Angie Masson  
Abby Miller  
Saray Morgan  
Sarah Nase  
Andy Nordenstrom  
Hannah Norwig  
Sam Niemann  
Brandie Olson  
Kayli Opsahl  
Jessica Phillips  
Amanda Rue  
Anne Samuelson  
Laura Saunders  
Alex Schlaeger  
DJ Schultz  
Camille Solheid  
Megan Svenkeson  
Jessica Thacker  
Holly Urbis  
Abby Vedder  
Josh Zidar

**College of Saint Benedict-**  
Allyson Kohler  
Sam Maki

**College of Saint Catherine-**  
Courtney Fisher  
Ashley Grell  
Kaitlin Groeneweg  
Katie Nolden  
Laura Oberg-Hauser  
Kellie O’Brien

**College of Saint Scholastica-**  
Kyle Jensen  
Leah Spiess  
Michael Swenson  
Ryan Wright

**College of Visual Arts-**  
Annie Mueller

**Concordia University-**  
Lauren Gravelle  
Jessica Leatherman  
Amanda Sample  
Kevin Schmidt  
Katie Stout

**Dunwoody College of Technology-**  
Casey Salverson  
Rachael Wittnebel

**Globe University-**  
Tom Douglas  
Sarah Whitney

**Grinnell College-**  
Griffin Lentsch  
Mallory Messin

**Gustavus Adolphus College-**  
Ashley Hansen  
Sam Opsahl

**Hamline University-**  
Steve Merino  
Ethan Prosser

**Hennepin Technical and Community College-**  
Danielle Anderson  
John Marusich

**Indian River State College-**  
Brittany Radden

**Iowa State University-**  
Stacy MacAllister  
Stephanie Palacheck

**ITT Technical Institute-**  
Jacob Griffy

**Le Cordon Bleu-**  
Alex Hansen

**Minneapolis Business College-**  
Keylie Carver  
Caleb Snaza

**Minneapolis Community & Technological College-**  
Malcolm Brown  
Fred Ogez

**Minnesota State College Southeast Technical-**  
Sean Peirson



# Come and gone...

# Class of 2009

**Morehead State University-**  
Chelsey Koch

**North Dakota State University-**  
Kaitlyn Bryant  
Kathleen Dunsmore  
Michelle Full  
Sean Garry  
Alexandra King  
Rich LaPlante  
Scott Nelson  
Ashley Seifert  
Brittany Seifert  
Tyler Smith  
Siri Urquhart  
Tyler Woxland

**Northwest Technical Institute-**  
Rose Cordell  
Dave Dean

**Northwestern College-**  
Liz Brown  
Paul Jankowski

**Northwestern University-**  
Jessica Sudo

**Pine Technical College-**  
Tyler Greene  
Dylon Jotblad  
Roy Wold

**PPC Florida-**  
Josh Browne

**Rasmussen College-**  
Joe Odegaard

**Saint Cloud State University**  
Jon Osborn  
Tracy Plautz

**Saint John's University-**  
Dan Pignato

**Saint Norbert College-**  
Jennifer Lombardo

**Saint Olaf College-**  
Catherine Struss

**Saint Paul College-**  
Seth Bostrom

**Saint Paul Tech-**  
Cody Birdsall  
Kyle Schminkey

**San Diego State University**  
Marie Harris

**South Dakota State University-**  
Thomas Nerud

**University of Dayton-**  
Nathan Moen

**University of Minnesota Crookston-**  
Jeremy Olsen  
Kay Plaisance

**University of Minnesota Duluth-**  
Kelsey Bergstrom  
DJ Dexter  
Derik Iverson  
Parker Fedje  
Jacob Lepisto  
Corey Manning  
Krysta Nelson  
Seth Peters  
Jake Walton  
Scott White

**University of Minnesota Mankato-**  
Megan Claflin  
Alisha Jasmer  
Ellen Kassel  
Dave Medina  
Sherri Morrison  
Andrew Orth  
Mark Scheierl  
Mike Schultz  
Sean Thao  
Matt Urban

**University of Minnesota Morris-**  
Alisha Colling

**University of Minnesota Twin Cities-**  
Mohamad Abdulrahman  
Joe Devore  
Erin Eagen  
Sam Guertin  
Kathryn Haglin  
David Hedberg  
Mike Hentges  
Lucas Kaeding

Bailey Kimbel  
Misha LaPlante  
Heidi Merrier  
Katie Miron  
Jeff Mondloch  
Karissa Olson  
Holly Russell  
Joseph Russell  
Joe Spanjers  
Jessica Springer  
Ben Tolzmann  
Shaylene Wodaszewski  
Molly Zuzek

**University of Missouri Columbia-**  
Scotti Sampair

**University of Saint Thomas-**  
Molly Baatz  
Alyssa Dunrud  
Megan Gooley  
Jeff Isaacson  
Missy Jones  
Kristie Miller

**University Technical Institute Florida-**  
Brandon Rod

**University of Waterloo-(Canada)**  
Allison Sawyer

**University of Wisconsin Eau Claire-**  
Quinne Patchin  
Derek Sandkamp

**University of Wisconsin La Crosse-**  
Nicole Holmes

**University of Wisconsin Madison-**  
Kim Pagel

**University of Wisconsin River Falls-**  
Darian Kaiser  
Abby Lund  
Kelsey Taylor  
Sara Palmer  
Kirsten Ramsden  
Emily Zamzow

**University of Wisconsin Stevens Point-**  
Jasmin Hanson

**University of Wisconsin Stout-**  
Jennifer Anagnos  
Scott Glewwe  
Lauren McClure  
Johanna McDowell  
Katie Quale  
Cory Radtke  
Billy Rosenthal  
Shelby Simons

**Valparaiso University-**  
Gina Lange

**Vermilion Community College-**  
Patrick Hagen

**Washington University Saint Louis-**  
Paul Gordele

**Winona State University-**  
Abbey Lefto

## MILITARY-

Isaac Flaherty  
Victoria Joyner  
Alex Kelley  
Brock Lawrence  
DJ Nypan  
Leah Spiess (ROTC)  
Josh Thompson

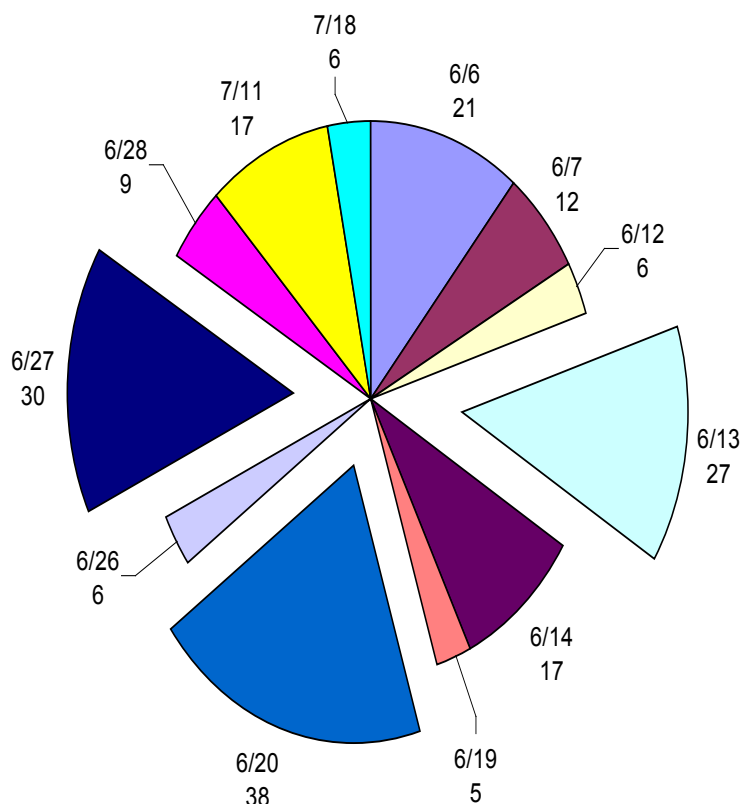
## OTHER:

**Junior Hockey-**  
Derek Harrison

**Work-**  
David Henry  
Gunther Lalli-Stolts  
Andrew Rabe  
Jake Semo

**STEP Program:**  
Johnathan Kinny  
Andrea Lau  
Breeann Metcalf

## GRAD PARTY DAYS





# Graduation singers show variety of talent

By Dennis Sprute

The 2009 graduation is approaching quickly and with it, comes the ceremony on Thursday, June 4. As with every year, students will be performing songs before the ceremony begins.

Choir director Jim Lindstrom gave an account what will be going on this aforesaid day.

“The show will take about half an hour,” Lindstrom said. “Five different groups will be performing.”

One of them will be Senior Scott Glewwe who will be playing “You’re Gonna Miss This” by Country Singer Trace Adkins. Another gig will be a barbershop quartet composed of Seniors Joe

Spanjers, Sam Kolbow, Adam Regnier, and Ben Tolzmann. The boys will be singing acapella. Lindstrom’s personal highlight will be the performance of Derek Sandkamp. The Senior will be playing a solo on the marimba.

“This solo is a college level piece,” Lindstrom said enthusiastically. “It will draw attention to the audience because it is a real show piece. Sandkamp will be playing from his memory, which makes it even harder.”

Even with all the variety, one thing is for sure, as Lindstrom says, „It’s gonna be good!”



Adam Regnier, Joe Spanjers, Ben Tolzmann, and Sam Kolbow sing with Smokey the Bear at the FFA Open House. The Barbershop Quartet will be singing at the Class of 2009’s Graduation Ceremony.



Scott Glewwe and his guitar. Glewwe will sing his rendition of Trace Adkin’s “You’re Gonna Miss This” at the commencement exercises June 4.

## GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

Begins at 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 4

FLHS Gymnasium

## Music of inspiration

Gathered by Eric Snidarich

I believe I can fly  
I believe I can touch the sky  
I think about it every night  
and day  
Spread my wings and fly  
away  
I believe I can soar  
I see me runnin' through that  
open door

~ R. Kelly  
“I Believe I Can Fly”

If I could tell the world just  
one thing  
It would be that we're all OK  
And not to worry 'cause worry  
is wasteful  
And useless in times like  
these

~ Jewel, “Hands”

This is our town  
Where our roots have grown  
so deep  
This is our town  
This is where we're meant to  
be  
This is our town  
We'll keep coming back

~ We the Kings  
“This is Our Town”

When you're weary,  
feeling small,  
When tears are in your eyes, I  
will dry them all;  
I'm on your side. When times  
get rough

~ Paul Simon, “Like a  
Bridge over Troubled  
Water”

I hope you never fear those  
mountains in the distance  
Never settle for the path of  
least resistance  
Living might mean taking  
chances  
And when you get the choice  
to sit it out or dance  
I hope you dance

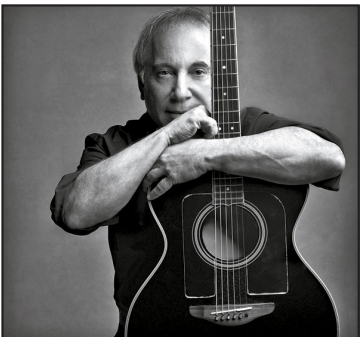
~ Lee Ann Womack  
“I Hope You Dance”

But I will go down with this  
ship  
And I won't put my hands up  
and surrender  
There will be no white flag  
upon my door

~ Dido “White Flag”

I'll be your cloud up in the  
sky  
I'll be your shoulder when  
you cry  
I'll be your voices when you  
call me  
I am your angel.

~ R. Kelly  
“I Am Your Angel”



Paul Simon

## If I were at the podium...

## What should be said from the graduation stage

By Dan Lindahl

I didn't have enough courage to attempt to be one of the speakers at graduation, the main reason being my lack of speaking ability. However, I get to write something in the Breeze because of my writing, so it all worked out.

Coincidentally that's this mini “speech”. I'm not talking about the type of working out that causes Mr. Jurasin to have such huge guns, but rather the term “working out” as it applies to life.

We all seem to adopt these nice little slogans as we go through life. Slogans like: “It will work out”, “Things will get better”, “You'll make it through”, and “You can do it”! These expressions are a nice reminder to me, that they mean absolutely nothing. They mean little more than a cheesy rant that sounds good in movies. The truth is, those expressions are only true with actions attached to them. At some point, we have to realize that for things to work out, someone has to be working.

Using these sayings admits that there is a force out of our control that causes things to happen or not happen, but I believe we do have control over some things in our lives.

One thing I've come to learn is that you are who you hang around. Make a good choice of the people you have around you. Find those who will knock some sense into you when you

act like a complete idiot, but are also there to celebrate the good times as well. If you don't think you're an idiot sometimes, wake up and smell the spicy chickens. You're further out than most of us.

Another thing I've learned at FLHS is make sure to find friends who are positive. There are a lot of cynics in this school. They'll read this and hate everything I'm writing. To those people, I've always wanted to say, “I love you”, because you obviously need someone to tell you that. This negativity comes from their own insecurities, and until they address themselves, all they want is to hurt you and they're not worth your or my time.

I definitely shouldn't be writing this if the requirements are to be perfect. I haven't experienced everything and I have and will treat others poorly at times. But sometimes, it's not always about feeling sorry. It's about what I can do to fix me.



Senior Journalist Daniel Lindahl

So back to life working out the way you planned-it's not going to. That's another reason why those phrases are worse than the class of 2009 one is. You're going to have struggles in life, make the best of them, and at some point I hope you find that the person you've become 10 years from now will be able to laugh at how much you've changed since the moment you read this.



# Ranger hockey well-represented

## Harrison and Moberg to Juniors, Grell to St. Kate's

By Johanna McDowell

Hockey season has long past but for three of Forest Lake seniors. They are taking their high school hockey career into next year and have been working hard since their season has ended as a Ranger. Ashley Grell, Paul Moberg and Derek Harrison are the three players that will all be playing hockey next year. One will play for college and the other two for juniors, where they will play hockey and attend school or wait a few years and see where their plan takes them. Ashley Grell will attend the college of St. Catherine in the fall and will be playing hockey for the Wildcats. She chose to play for them earlier this year and attended some of there games, hung out with the girls on the team and got to know them better. The Wildcats coach came to a few



Derek Harrison

Ranger games this year to watch and was in impressed by her speed and the way she can move the puck up and down the ice. “I will miss the girls and all the team bonding we have been doing for years.” Grell said. Derek Harrison will be playing juniors for the Wisconsin Spooner Mustangs in the fall. He will be living with a family there while he trains and practices with the team. “I chose to do this because I love hockey and wanted to continue playing it after I plan on going to college,” said Harrison. Juniors are usually two years at the most. So the after plans won’t be hard to figure out. It’s the love of the game that you would not want to give up, so this is a great opportunity to further on your career in hockey.



Paul Moberg

“I will miss the coaches the most, but I am looking forward to fights on the ice next year,” stated Harrison. Paul Moberg will also be doing juniors next year. The varsity goalie for 3 years has done an outstanding job for Forest Lake, and someone next year will have big shoes to fill. Moberg will be playing for the Northern Iowa junior team. Both boys have been playing on the ice since the season has ended and hope next year will be successful. Best of luck to the three of them as they continue their career of Minnesota’s most popular played sport, hockey.

# Schultz,Young to play college baseball

By Elizabeth Brown

Two of Forest Lake’s own baseball players are going to be competing at the college level next year. Seniors Mike Schultz and Kyle Young are the recipients of scholarships that allow them to play for these teams. Mike Schultz will be playing for Mankato State, a division two school. Schultz received a scholarship for baseball. “It felt good to get a scholarship,” said Schultz. He is enthusiastic about playing at a college level, and is very happy with the team he will be playing for. “I’m really excited about going there because they’re really



Mike Schultz's early years of baseball

good!” said Schultz. Forest Lake High School’s other college baseballbound player is Kyle Young. He has been playing baseball for over 13 years. Young plans to attend Riverland Community College in Austin, a division two school. He will be receiving a scholarship for baseball also. “They called me up and watched my games,” said Young of his recruitment. Young is excited to be part of the Riverland team. “I’m looking forward to meeting the guys, and winning the world series,” he adds.

Both of these athletes are very enthusiastic about baseball and we wish them the best of luck next year.

# Ranger Super Fans



# Rosenthal to UW

By Kellie O’Brien

Pass...Punt...Catch...there was one senior boy that came to mind who is attending college and will be playing football. Billy Rosenthal will be attending UW Stout in the fall. He only had positive things to say about his future. “I chose the school because I liked the program and coaches; also the school is not too far away”. Rosenthal is hoping to play football next year for Stout. When the end of your high school career ends, that doesn’t mean you will not miss it. “I am going to miss my team mates the most and “Friday night lights”, said Rosenthal. His goals for attending college are to have as much fun in college as he did in high school and be as good as he can be.

# Dunrud to the Tommies

By Kyle Arbuckle

Every kid who’s played sports has dreamt of competing beyond high school. The dream of walking on to a college campus and attending just for academics, but for sports as well. This dream has come true for Senior Alyssa Dunrud as she will be playing for the St. Thomas Tommies softball team starting this fall. Dunrud has enjoyed softball throughout her attendance at FLHS. She has played on the varsity team for four years and has been playing softball for a total of twelve. “I got accepted and an academic scholarship to play in Division Three for the St. Thomas Tommies,” said Dunrud. The head coach of the college’s softball team talked to Dunrud’s coach and she was recruited to play.



“I was planning to just attend this college for the academic aspect,” said Dunrud. “The academic scholarship was just a bonus.” Keep an eye out for Dunrud as she plays for the Tommies on the pitching mound.

Congratulations!

Boys Golf:  
June 2-3 Bunker Hills Golf Course- Coon Rapids

Girls Golf:  
Mallory Messin, Betsy Kelly will compete individually

Girls Softball:  
June 4-5 at Caswell Park, North Mankato

Track: June 5-6 at Blaine Sports Arena

Synchronized Swimming: Julliana Dahlager, McK-inze Chelberg earned State honors. The team placed 5th.

# Eagen dives into the U of M

By Joseph Loeffler

Senior Erin Eagen will quite possibly go down in history as the best diver to compete for Forest Lake High School. She has been decorated with award upon award for her diving accomplishments. Eagen started diving six years ago where her original intentions were to swim. Through her sister’s influence and past gymnastics experience, she decided to try diving. And she didn’t just try, she succeeded. Eagen will be attending to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities next year through a diving scholarship. Eagen said she felt like it was a good decision and comfortable because she had worked with the coach at the U for four years; although that coach recently resigned. “I’m nervous because the new coach recently staffed the USA National Team”, said Eagen. “I’m assuming and have heard he’s tough.” As long her knees and shoulders stay healthy Eagen plans on diving her entire time at the U. She will be missed but expected to accomplish even greater things next season.



Photo provided



# Goodbye To Our Seniors

*You made it through your Sophomore Year,  
First day of high school and full of fear.  
Off to Homeroom to get your class list.  
Meeting new friends has a different twist,*

*Cliques are here and buddies are there  
And opportunities are everywhere.  
Meeting back up with your old friends,  
With a passing time that too quickly ends.*

*Get to know your Deans, they'll help you out,  
Your new life here, you're on route.  
Sports and Activities, be part of a team,  
Help Forest Lake reign supreme.*

*AP classes for the gifted few.  
Pennies for Patients, change you threw.  
Survivor's final two in Spanish class,  
To win the game, and let you pass.*

*Homecoming week when kids come alive,  
With spirit for the Rangers,  
the students will thrive.  
Tailgating in the parking lot,  
Hurry to the stands to save your spot.*

*Your first Homecoming game  
was so much fun,  
You can't wait until the next one.*

*Then it was your Junior Year,  
Getting used to the school life here.  
You may meet that special someone,  
A pleasant relationship has just begun.*

*Some of you have lost a close friend,  
The reasons why, you may never comprehend.  
You heard about the short-lived  
political protest,  
Where the principal said there was  
an unwelcome guest.*

*Reading your results on the Data Match  
surveys,  
Most of the time, false information it portrays.  
You decide to give your closest match a secret  
note.  
At your second pepfest, you saw Urness kiss a  
goat.*

*Now you can't wait for Battle of the Bands,  
Play your heart out, the audience claps their  
hands.*

*Finally your Senior Year  
Raise your hands and give a cheer  
Fun times in auto tech, that was your domain  
Getting on the honor roll yet again*

*Physics trips to Valley Fair  
Spirit bus, shouts in the air*

*Becoming the Homecoming king or queen  
Then being part of a Powder puff team  
Our school's very first Snowball  
Some "snow" days put school on stall*

*Your final Prom, be the best dressed  
It's your last time, be sure to impress.*

*You saw the effects of a mock car crash  
In front of your eyes,  
you saw their lives flash  
Wonderful teachers that let you have fun  
Pick the best classes, and pass every one  
Among your class, how high did you rank  
Keep your eyes out for ev'ry senior prank*

*Finally it's your graduation  
School helped you form a good foundation  
And as you walk into the real world  
A new flag of life will be unfurled*

*College, job, military  
At first life is a little scary  
Learning the skills to get through life  
And soon in your time,  
be a husband or wife*

*Do not forget a single friend  
They helped you through school  
They will be there until the end  
Your life's shaping tool  
But yet, no one can control  
The slowly drifting pace  
Where your friends took a high role  
Please don't forget a face*

*Now you will follow your call  
We hope you excel  
This school will miss you all  
Good luck, and FAREWELL*

By Eric Snidarich

Dear FL readers,

We, The Forest Breeze staff, would like to thank you for a great school year and your contributions to the paper, whether it be interviews or just reading what we publish from month to month. We enjoyed, and worked hard to bring you information on issues current in the news from the election to advances in technology, from opinion pieces to satire articles. Hopefully you enjoyed what we had to say.

Next year, however, The Forest Breeze as you know it will change. Due to budget cuts, journalism is no longer a class offered at Forest Lake High School. Although we are trying to work out a way to still have a school paper, the details such as how often we would meet and publish are a little fuzzy. But don't let that discourage you from attempting to join the program. Through this class, we evolved from students who were just learning the ropes, to journalists who knew what they needed to do to get a story. Although there is always room for improvement, our staff's skills grew by leaps and bounds. The basics like interviewing techniques, researching topics and not being afraid to speak your mind are tools for writing Ms. LeVake equipped us with, and if a program emerges next school year, you have the chance to learn the same skills.

If you are curious as to what is going to happen concerning journalism next year, or you have any suggestions, contact Ms. LeVake at [llevake@forestlake.k12.mn.us](mailto:llevake@forestlake.k12.mn.us)

Thank you and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Megan Daly

And the rest of the Forest Breeze Staff



**The Forest Breeze Staff:** Starting at the top and going right: Cassady Zebro (in the tree), Kyle Arbuckle (in the hat), Charlie Nelson (peaking from behind the tree), Dennis Sprute, Joe Loeffler (hanging from the branch), Dan Lindahl (leaning out on the left), Megan Daly, Liz Brown, Eric Snidarich, Cassie Olson; and sitting on the bench is Johanna McDowell, Krysta Nelson, Kellie O'Brien.  
Photo By Ms. LeVake