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not so ordinary

"Principal's Copy"



Photo 1: Down for the count... Principal Gary Clark lies under a bus during the Community Emergency Response Team's rescue simulation in May. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Sounds of passion... Junior Dillion Knight sings with the band "Odd Man Out" during the April talent show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Speed is the key... Senior Alysa Eidenshink races to the finish line during a track meet at North Dakota State University. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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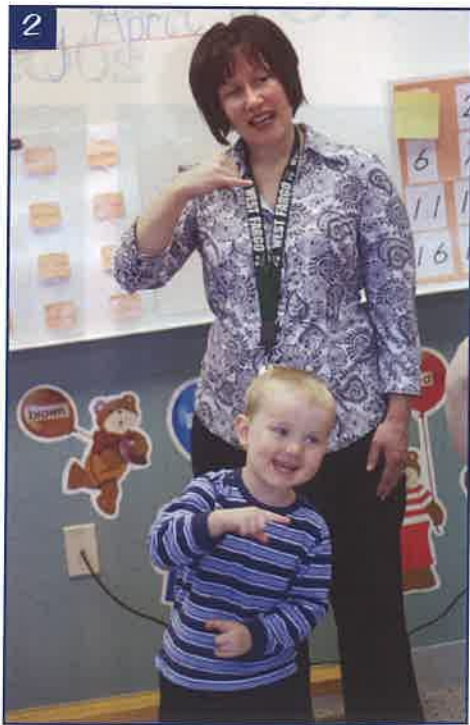
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Photo 1: Tomorrow will be... Junior Jordan Sanders helps senior Meredith Cummings write the date on the board as special education students practice handwriting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Now I know my ABC's. Child care services teacher Kathryn Stangeland sings and acts out letters to the alphabet with the children in Packerland Preschool. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Eye on the prize... During physical education class, junior Brittany Heiden aims her bow at an archery target. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: In the flower patch... During the annual senior lunch, senior Nadifa Sharif Hassan enjoys a Dilly Bar for dessert. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: The long stretch... Junior Megan Sather and junior McKenzie Jaeger stretch together at a track meet at North Dakota State University. (Photo by Abby Paul)



the journey begins

students embark on one crazy ride

a year far from ordinary

Students once again rev up their minds and buckle into the crazy ride called school. Due to the pressing economic crisis the year begins with a shaky start. Students are forced to drive together, work more, and spend less.

As students race from class to class, no familiar warning bells sound. Many lose track of time earning the usual "see me after class" from their teacher, while others remain caged into the classroom for another 50 minutes.

Despite the blocks of time that seem to drag on, dancing to "MMM Bop" in the hall, smashing a car to pieces, cheering the boys swim team to their first ever state title, or escaping school grounds to sandbag make the ride unordinary. A "change" in direction becomes inevitable as students and teachers vote in the 2008 presidential election. Just as the year is different from

other years, each student entering the building is completely unique from one another.

Colliding viewpoints are evident as the school day takes off. Junior Ashley Ridder arrives at the doors at 6:50 after waking up at 4:30 a.m. and spending at least an hour on her hair because she hates being late. On the other end of the spectrum, senior Molly English receives her 91st hour of detention as she enters the building late with no regrets.

Although each student is unique, everyone is connected as one West Fargo High School, riding together on the roller coaster ride called high school. The twists and turns students experience each day, as well as the different people they meet, make this year not so ordinary.

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Photo 1: Leaping over hurdles_Sophomore Jill Gustafson bounds over hurdles during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Dip, duck, dive_Seniors Jenna Kolb and Jessica Woodbury dive for for the volleyball. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Kick it_Sophomore Kaylee Lothspeich kicks the ball across the field during a game against Shanley. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Hey, hey, hey tofu_Swimmers cheer their traditional team chant that refers to tofu from the sidelines during a home meet. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Take the challenge head on_Junior Scott Schiller wrestles at Rumble on the Red. (Photo by Abby Paul)

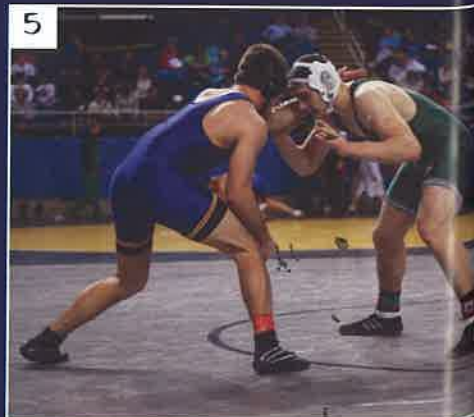
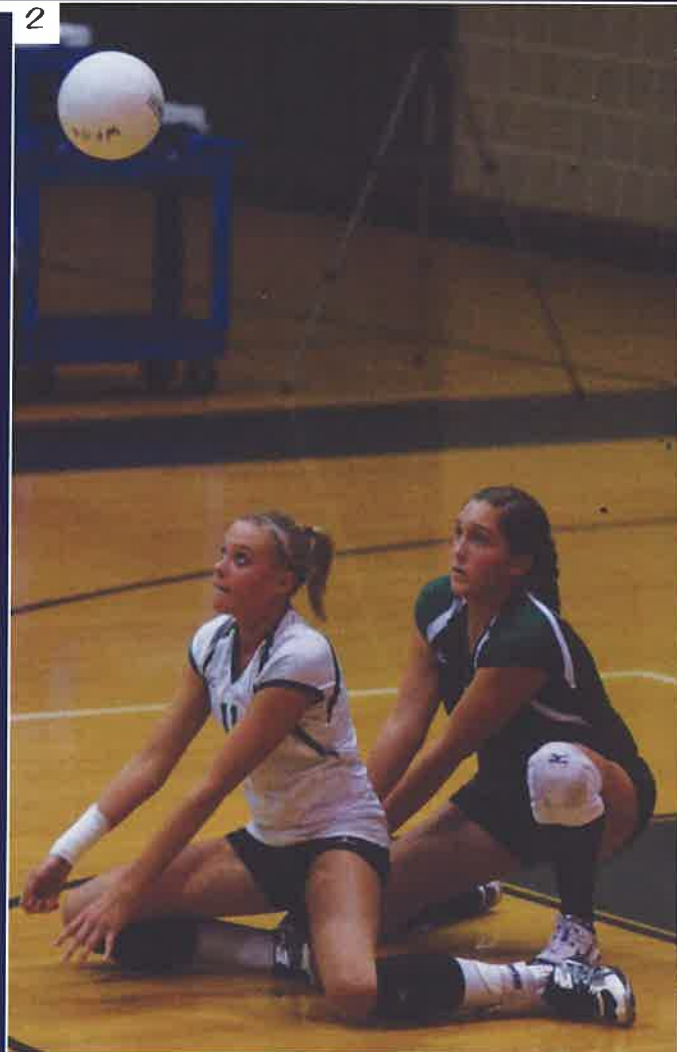


Photo 6: Round it_Junior Jacob Kiefer rounds third on his way home to score. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 7: Held to the sky_Sophomore Chelsea Hermanson and junior Alayna Krantz hold junior Kelsey Thoreson in the air during the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: The game plan_Head coach Barbara Metcalf passionately instructs the girls basketball team on their next play in the closing minutes in a home game against Wahpeton. (Photo by Abby Paul)

our sports



Photo 6: Safety glasses needed... Senior Katherine Eidenschink follows through while golfing. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 7: Pulling ahead... Making a mad dash, sophomore Nicholas Leopold and freshman Kyle Olson race each other to the finish line. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 8: Swimming her heart out... Senior Hali Scholl takes a quick breath before submerging her head back into the water to finish the race. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 9: The capture... Junior Mason Herman tackles a Shanley opponent. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Packer football was ranked No. 1 after beating Bismarck High in September. However, the season ended by losing to Bismarck in the first playoff game.

Photo 1: Dive in...Senior Aryelle Jones dives for the ball during a game against Fargo South. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Fly away... During a swim meet at Moorhead, seventh grader Clarissa Brown dives into the pool. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: He needs to hydrate... While resting between games, sophomore Jade Johnson decides to squirt water on senior Adam Salter's head. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Umph...Sophomore Benjamin Ballweber works to keep the ball in motion as he and a teammate compete in a match during practice. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Leading the pack...Senior Alysa Eidenschink toughs it out in the 5K race. (Abby Paul)

Our fall sports

Junior Varsity

Fall



Photo 1: Split the defenders. Freshman Levi Erickson splits the defenders and dribbles between them during a match against Fargo South. (Photo by Maura Johnson) Photo 2: Move out of my way. Junior Dylan Just shoves a Fargo South player back during a junior varsity football game. (Photo by Johanna Ericlson) Photo 3: Control. Sophomore Mark Neugebauer dribbles the ball down the sideline during a match against Fargo South. (Photo by Maura Johnson) Photo 4: Dive for it. Junior Cassandra Shorma dives for the ball while sophomore Carissa Becher watches. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Run like the wind. Eighth grader Aubrie Odegaard races to the finish line. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Rally it. Senior Thomas French practices playing a singles match against a teammate on Aug. 15. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Down the line. Sophomore Nicholas Larson gives high fives to teammates at the start of a game. (Photo by Abby Paul)

"[The first day of practice] was fun and alot of work. The drills we did for lineback-er were really hard, but we learned a lot."
-Sophomore Jordan Gleason
Football

injured and out

crushed bones, but not spirits

It's the last year of high school football. The summer months did nothing but contribute to the anticipation of the ever-nearing senior season for some players. Senior Alex Pribula was revved up. As a starting halfback, his upcoming season was full of promise until he broke his fibula.

The fourth play of the game against Bismarck High Pribula received a shovel pass and ran 10 yards before being tackled. He stood up and his leg ached. The following day he went in for an X-ray, which showed a broken fibula.

Despite the fact that Pribula would now be out for the rest of the season, he maintained his high spirits.

"As long as the team does good that's all right," Pribula said. "I'll still be at the games cheering us on."

Pribula's team mate, senior Kellen Ringdahl, was also seriously injured. He received a foot injury, a lisfranc, during a scrimmage against Fargo North. He tore all the tendons and ligaments in his foot. Two pins, three screws, and a fiber wire were placed inside.

"I was running a play-fake and it must've been good because two guys tackled me," Ringdahl said.

After that, whenever he stood up his arch collapsed. "Football is a physical sport and one of the things that is always an issue with football is injuries and with Kellen and Alex they are both big contributors and they are expected to contribute and they got injured and you can't predict that," assistant football coach Nathan Knudsen said.

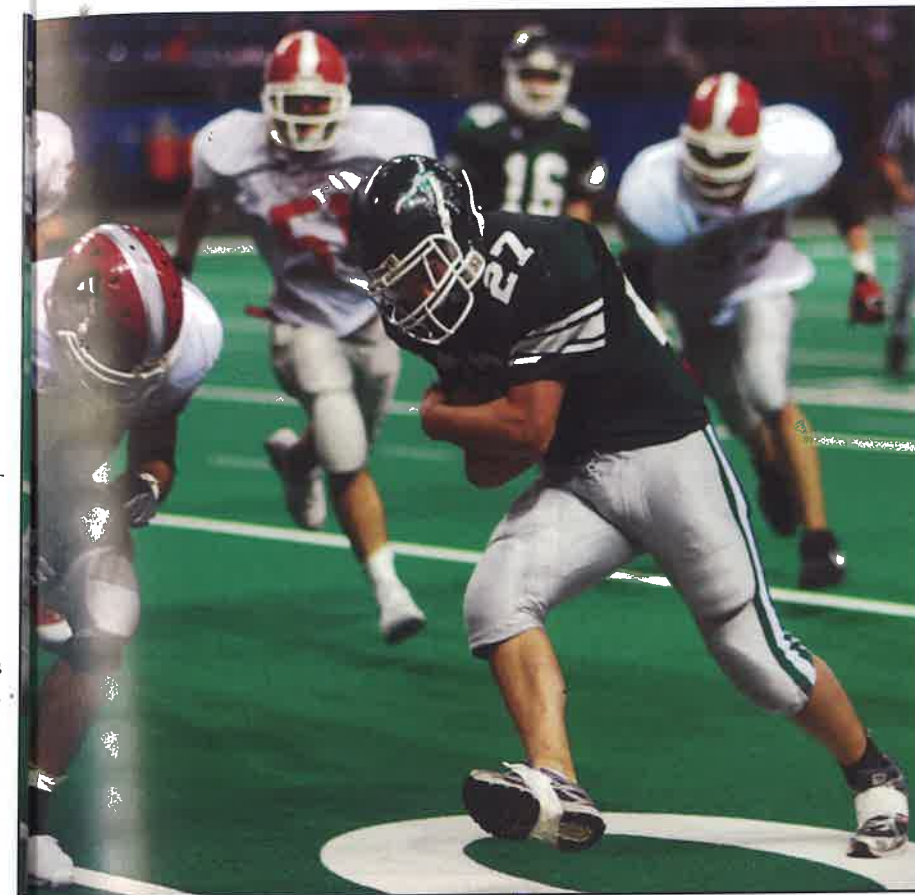
Ringdahl quit his job in order to train more intensely during the summer for the upcoming season. He was looking forward to his last year of football and was extremely disappointed when he found out his injury would take three months to heal.

"I cried a little bit," Ringdahl said. "Actually, I cried a lot."

Ringdahl is hoping that with the video footage from his games during his junior year, he will be given the opportunity to accept a football scholarship.

"There's no way I won't play in college," Ringdahl said. "Football is my life."

Cristina Martinez
Cristina Martinez



"The Formidable Five (Cody Mamenga, Braeden Ragner, Nels Lund, Zachary Hoffman, and Jacob Bucholz) was the best part of the team."
-Senior Nels Lund

grade: senior
team: varsity
unique fact: "I can wiggle my ears."
season's funniest moment: "Towel binning sophomores and juniors, being towel binned on my birthday, and fooling around with David."



Ryan Eckelberg



Charlie Luong

grade: junior
team: junior varsity/ varsity
unique fact: "I would never play Fear Factor with myself."
season's funniest moment: "A kid ran a post and the pass went right through his hands and knocked his helmet off. We laughed."

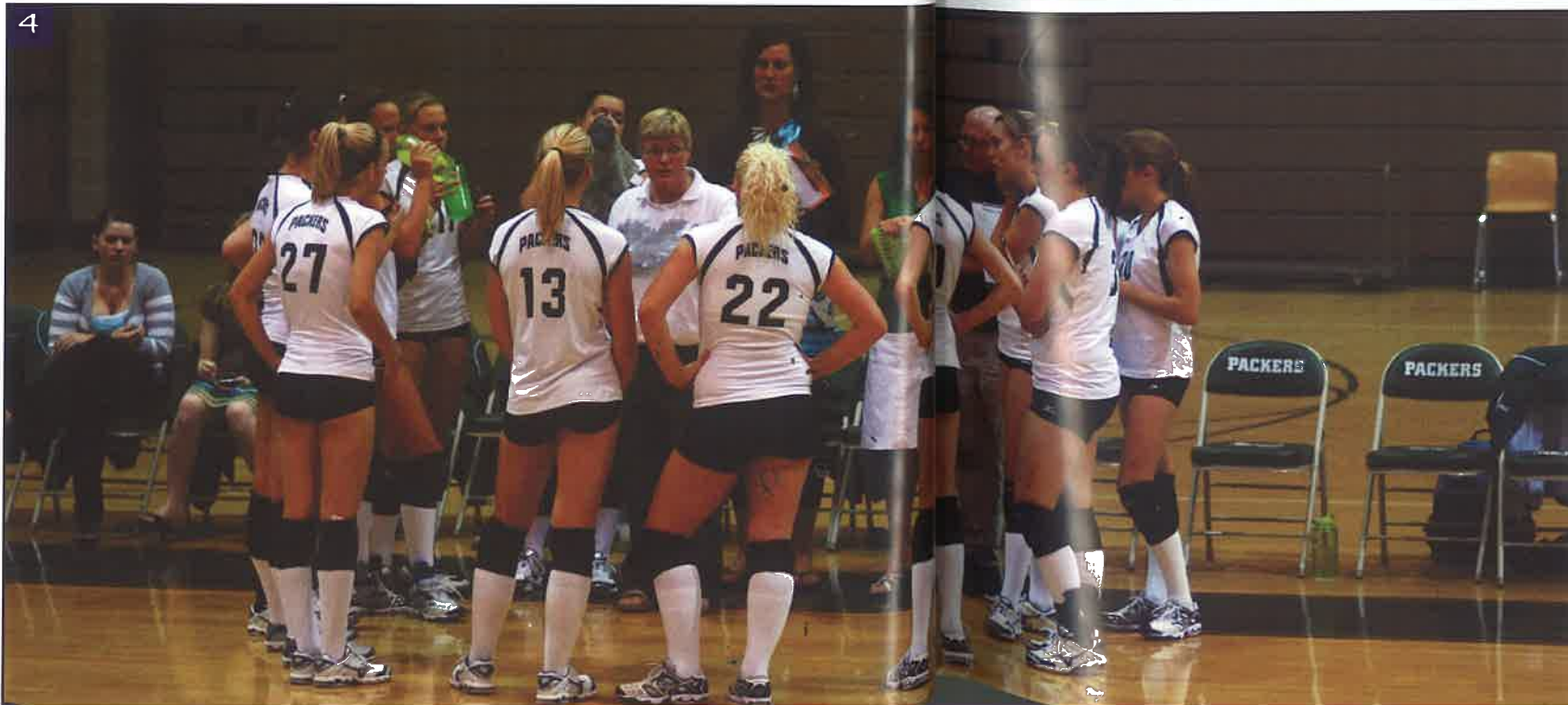
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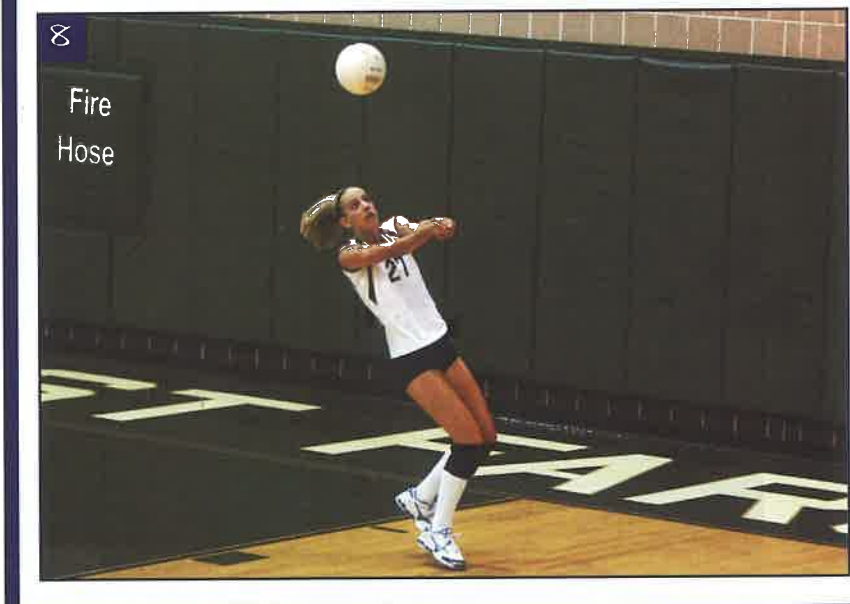
"Two-a-days are the worst part of the year."
-Senior Brandon Kunze

Photo 1: Watching, waiting, wishing. Senior Kellen Ringdahl sits on the bench during a scrimmage against Fargo North Aug. 22 because of a sprained foot. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Back at his game. Now able to play after his injury, senior Alex Pribula carries the ball past Shanley defense as senior Brandon Kunze rushes to hold the defensive player back. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Celebrating success. Senior Brandon Kunze happily embraces junior Jon Morken during the game against South. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Hold on to the ball. Bracing himself before a tackle, sophomore Jordan Rasmussen runs for a touchdown. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: The big day is finally here. Senior David Schmidt fights past Shanley opponents during the Homecoming game. (Photo by Abby Paul)





Senior Jessica Gust was named Senior Athlete of the year. "It was really rewarding to receive it, but the best part about the season was playing with the girls on the team," Gust said.



The Packers team ended up first in EDC for two consecutive years.

team united as one family

counting on each other

The strong ties among the volleyball team members made their success at EDC, Eastern Dakota Conference, even more enjoyable. After taking first place, they began to look forward to their competition at State and the further success they may have.

"We were excited [about winning EDC] but then we were just like we have another goal, so we were focused on that," senior Alyssa Hummel said.

The strong bond among the team members kept them from crumbling after their hard crush at State.

Despite the disappointment of not winning State, the team enjoyed a great year together. One of the best things about being a member of this team was playing with friends.

"You can tell on the court when teams are bonded," junior Jenna Green said. "They just click better."

"We've been playing together since seventh grade so we all know like how far we can push each other," Hummel said.

The girls pump each other up before games and continue to build their momen-

tum as the game progresses. "We usually do cheers and just think about crushing the other team," Green said.

Cheers and music are the main contributors to their liveliness. Before matches the girls will do certain cheers to prepare. One of the favorites is "O Baby!"

"We just try to stay positive and make sure everyone is prepared," junior Kristin Kautz said.

The bonding continues even on the bus ride home. After an away match the girls usually sing "Lean On Me" by Bill Withers.

This began a few years ago and the tradition continued because it created a strong link among the girls.

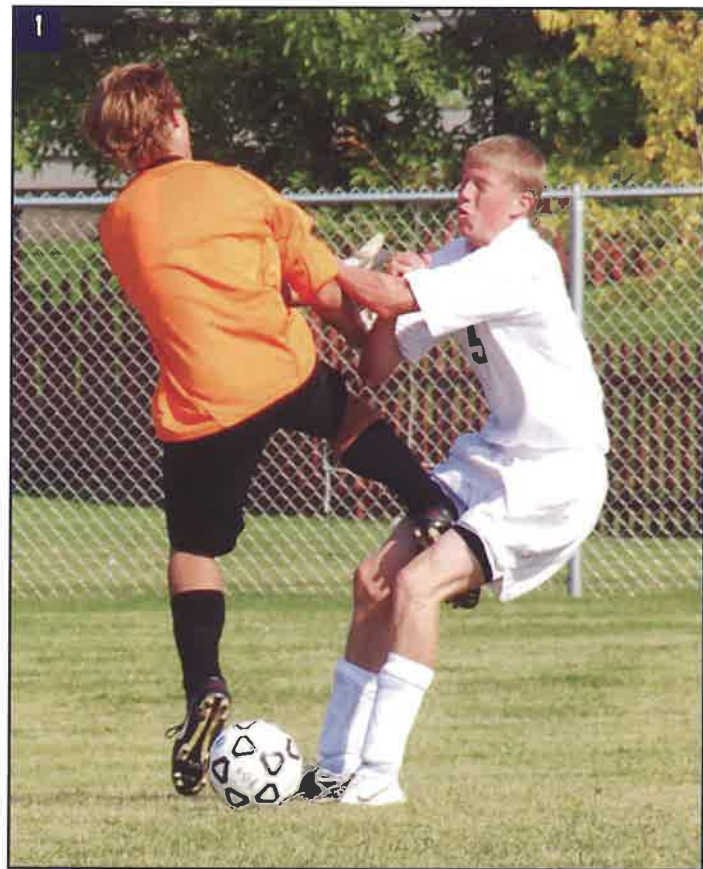
"It's just a way for us to come together after a game and know we can trust each other and we always have someone to lean on," Green said.

"I think it means that we can count on everyone else no matter what the situation is and they'll always be there," Hummel said.

Sticking together and helping each other out seems to help a team be successful.

Cristina Martinez
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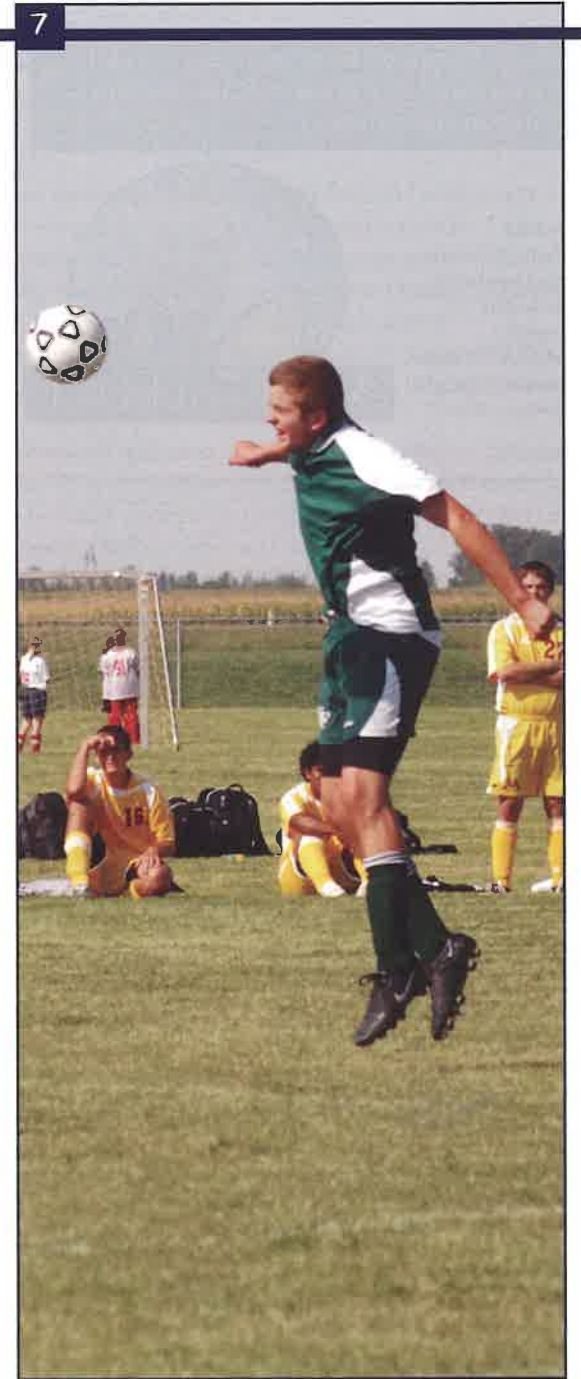
Photo 1: Tangled up. Senior Eric Driscoll collides with Mandan's goal keeper while trying to make his way to the goal. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Kick it. Freshman Jake Kroke guides the ball away from Mandan rivals. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Cross the ball. Junior Ryne Schaeffer crosses the ball in hopes for the team to score. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 4: Put the ball in motion. Sophomore Jade Johnson passes the ball to a team mate. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Power play. Junior Nicholas Strom uses his might and sprints to the ball. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Ouch. Junior Scott Salter collides with a Minot player while trying to get the ball. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 7: Good defense. Senior captain Jason Moch heads the ball out of the defensive half to help the team to a 4-3 win against Minot. (Photo by Mara Johnson)



"During a game we scored three times for the other team."
-Senior Eric Driscoll



"We ran six miles every day at the beginning of the season."
-Senior Adam Salter



grade: senior
Team: varsity
unique fact: "In soccer, everyone calls me A.J."
favorite number: "Nine, because when I was younger and played hockey I got No. 9 for my jersey and had a good season."



Austyn Kloehn

grade: sophomore
Team: varsity
unique fact: "I play goalie, but I got to play out some this year and I scored a goal."
favorite number: "Ten, because when I was little for hockey they kept giving me No. 10 for my jersey."



Braden Schmid

The West Fargo girls swim team won EDC. They also came in second at State for the first time in their history.

grade: senior
 unique fact: "I've had perfect attendance my whole life."
 team: varsity
 favorite color: "Yellow, because it's so bright and a happy color."

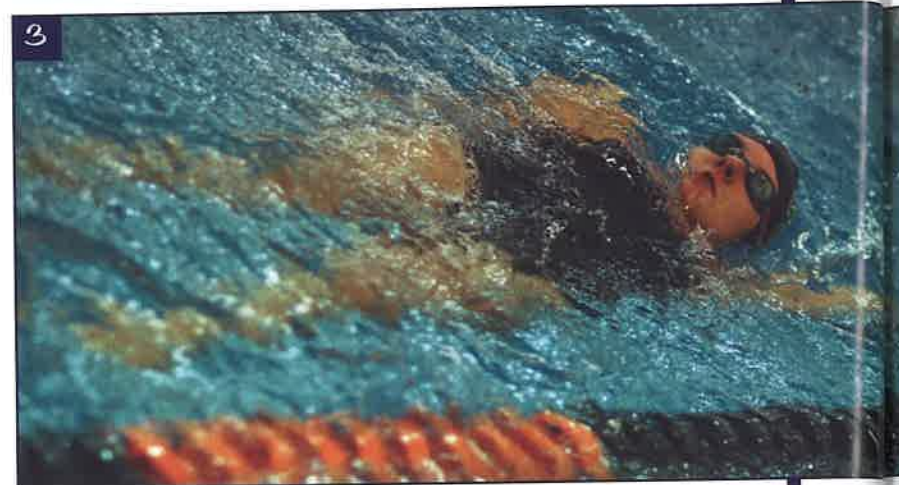


Amber Tendeland

grade: senior
 unique fact: "I have over 200 things hanging in my room on the walls and ceiling."
 team: varsity
 favorite animal: "I really like piranhas. Piranhas have super sharp teeth and can eat a giraffe in 2 minutes."



Hali Scholl



heart prevails

luck of the penny

The girls swim team sits in a circle listening to teammates share inspirational speeches a few days before EDC. Junior Meghan Schreier stands in the middle and describes her "two seconds of heart." Schreier needed a two second time-drop to qualify for state in the 500-meter freestyle event. With tears in her eyes, she tells her fellow swimmers she has the heart she needs to qualify.

Head coach Marsha Dahl came across a penny with a heart cut out of it while shopping. She felt compelled to buy it for Schreier to serve as a reminder of her inspiration.

"I stumbled upon it by accident," Dahl said. "I was touched by her two seconds of heart speech. She's a tough worker and sees the big picture."

She felt it was appropriate to buy the good luck relic for Schreier.

Schreier was preparing for her event when Dahl walked up to her to give her the lucky charm.

"I was kinda mad because she was ruining my song because that's how I get pumped," Schreier said. "But then she gave me the penny and I was like I can for sure do it now and I stuffed it in my [swim] cap."

During her swim, Schreier stayed focused and swam a 6:02.07, lowering her best time by three seconds. Upon seeing her time she began to cry and was immediately embraced by teammates. Since it proved lucky, Schreier shared her heart penny with other swimmers.

"It gave me really good luck and confidence and I just wanted to make sure everyone else had it too," Schreier said.

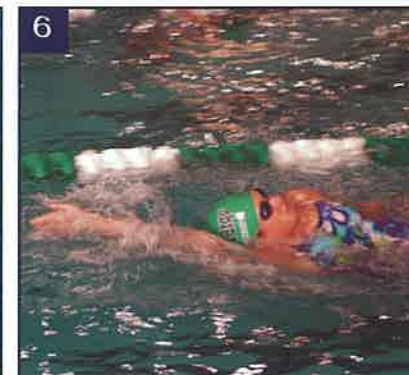
Senior Katie Fretheim also received a penny because she was just above the state cut in the 50-yard freestyle. She swam her last chance at qualifying, with her own and Schreier's penny in her cap, and made it.

"It was a big relief because I kind of had a hard time this season qualifying for state," Fretheim said. "It was like I had a big rock taken off my chest."

The charm was not the only motivation Fretheim had however.

"What really helped me was when I took my last breath I saw all the rest of my teammates cheering for me and that just gave me the extra push," Fretheim said.

Cristina Martinez
 Cristina Martinez



The girls team was undefeated in EDC duals during the season. Ashley Reiter repeated as a state champion.

Picture 1: Listen and learn. During a swim meet, head coach Marsha Dahl gives junior Amy Doll tips before the swimming begins. (Photo by Abby Paul) Picture 2: Freestylin'. During a swim meet at Moorhead, junior Meghan Schreier competes in the freestyle. (Photo by Abby Paul) Picture 3: Like a mermaid. Senior Ashley Reiter swims the backstroke. (Photo by Abby Paul) Picture 4: One more breath. Senior Megan Nelson takes one more deep breath before she touches the wall during the North swimming invite. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Picture 5: Flippin' fins. Junior Madison Anderson dives into the pool during a swim meet at Moorhead. (Photo by Abby Paul) Picture 6: Push it. Junior Chelsea Gentzkow works her back stroke during warm ups with great confidence. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Picture 7: With luck on her side. Senior Katie Fretheim competes in the breast stroke knowing her team is cheering from the sidelines. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Photo 1: Jump. Senior Brian Olson jumps in the air for the pink ball as he plays at the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Got it. Senior Jared Koehn rallies with his Grand Forks Central opponent. (Photo by Jayme Noeb) Photo 3: Up high. Using all his force, sophomore Kevin Roberts returns the ball to the other side. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 4: Ready to throw the towel in. During a practice on Aug. 13, senior Zachary Smith and sophomore Benjamin Ballweber close their eyes and rest for a minute while they listen to a word from their coach. (Photo by Abby Paul)



West Fargo held a Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament Sept. 5 and 6 and used pink tennis balls.



"I lost the deciding match for our entire team to go to State."
-Senior Shaun Sinner



Photo 5: Don't let it touch the ground. Senior Shaun Sinner reaches for the ball trying to prevent a teammate from scoring during practice. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Stretch. Sophomore Benjamin Ballweber leaps for the ball as he plays a doubles match with senior Brian Olson during the West Fargo Invite on Sept. 6. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Reach for it. Senior Zachary Smith works to keep the ball in motion as he plays during the West Fargo Invite on Sept. 5. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Riley Koehn

grade: sophomore
team: varsity
unique fact: "I grew seven inches in one summer"
special talent: "I can eat eight saltine crackers in one minute."



Brett Garske

grade: junior
team: varsity
unique fact: "I was born in Devils Lake."
special talent: "I'm good at tennis."





The girls golf team placed second at the Village Green meet.



Senior Krista Weishaar was named Senior Athlete of the Year. "I'm happy how the season ended," Weishaar said. "It was our best year as a team."



Katelyn Aewege

grade: junior
 team: junior varsity
 unique fact: "I've played piano for nine years."
 special talent: "I have been working with ceramics for years."



Samantha Hughes

grade: senior
 team: junior varsity
 unique fact: "I can kick myself in the face."
 special talent: "I can do a leg hold for a minute and a half."



Photo 1: Tap it in... Senior Krista Weishaar follows through after driving the ball down the fairway at Village Green Golf Course. Weishaar won the tournament by firing a one-under par 71. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Be the ball. Senior Katherine Eidenschink lines up her putt on the second hole. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 3: Chit chat... Junior Mara Johnson discusses her round of golf with coach Daniel Wolf during the Village Green Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Nice round... While waiting to play a hole, junior Sam Pyle adds up her score to find out how well she is playing. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Heads up... Senior Ashli Powell watches her ball after chipping it onto the green. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 6: What did you get?... Seniors Krista Weishaar and Katherine Eidenschink laugh as they discuss their scores at the Village Green Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Take a look... Junior Mara Johnson slows down, marks her ball, and reads the green during an invite at Village Green. (Photo by Abby Paul)

committed to the pain

cross country-crazy or captivating?

to those who do not run cross country, the idea of running five straight kilometers may seem insane. Members of the cross country team, however, find running this distance easy.

Sophomore Thomas Kuehn enjoys running. "It's a sport which involves dedication and mental endurance," he said. "It has been a passion for my whole life."

To be a member of cross country, having a passion for running is almost necessary. Not everyone has the strength or endurance to continuously run for five kilometers, approximately 3.25 miles.

Even though running long distances may be difficult, there is a strong pull to continue with the activity. The appeal to run was so strong for junior Ryan Binde that after taking a year off, he was compelled to rejoin the team.

"I missed being part of the team," Binde said.

Enduring long distances does not come without hard work. A typical day at practice consists of about three miles of running. At the beginning of practice, the team warms up with a mile-long run. This is followed by 20 minutes of

stretching and a speech from head coach Jerome Bailey. They are then given the day's workout and then run again.

All this hard work pays off when it comes time to race in a meet. Binde and junior co-captain Jamison Gehrig use music to prepare themselves mentally before they run. The team usually participates in spaghetti feeds to fuel their bodies. These meals, which are based on carbohydrates and low on sodium, help keep the athletes full of energy while they run.

The hard work the team puts in does not end when the season ends. The team captains hold practices and workouts during the summer to stay in shape, which makes the transition into the school season much easier.

It is the job of the captains to keep the team encouraged throughout the season.

"I see it as a privilege," Gehrig said. "It's not much different from being a regular person on the team, but it takes a lot of responsibility."

It takes a lot of stamina but in the end it pays off. Their intense dedication to their activity keeps them ready for action. No matter the distance, the cross country runners are always ready to face the challenge.

Cristina Martinez
Cristina Martinez

The teams went to Milaca Mega meet, the largest Cross Country meet in the country, for the first time this year. The meet includes 160 teams.



Boys won EDC for the first time in history and placed at state for the first time in 23 years.



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Photo 1: Big strides. Trying to keep her pace while staying ahead of teammate junior Hillary Olheiser, sophomore Kaitlyn Stoppler spreads out her strides toward the end of the race. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: Leading the pack. Packer girls cross country start in the front with junior Ellie Grooters pulling away from her competitors. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 3: The race is on. The West Fargo boys cross country team gets ready to race. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 4: Rounding the bend. Junior Jamison Gehrig takes the lead as he races in the 5K. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Running with the pack. Junior Ryan Binde and teammates sophomore Shane Hillen and junior Cody Grosz warm up right before the big race. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 6: Leading by a mile. Freshman Alissa Mears races in the lead, finishing first in the girls 4K at Johnson Park. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: A strong finish. Junior Spencer Uetz learns his time and placement after completing the 5K race. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Watch your step. Senior Erin Sistad fights her way through the 4K during a meet at Johnson Park in Moorhead. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Back row (left to right): Head coach Chad Anderson, Shaun Sinner, Zachary Smith, Riley Koehnen, Jared Koehnen, Kevin Roberts. Second row: Brett Garske, Benjamin Ballweber, Kyle Roberts, Jordan Degerness, Michael Mohn, Front row: Blake Nelson, Elizabeth Anderson, Brian Olson, Tom Meyer



Back row (left to right): Assistant coach Tyson Weatherly, assistant coach Jon Melendez, assistant coach Joe Cleary, head coach Doug Millar, assistant coach Kyle Millar, assistant coach James Moe Fifth row: Justin Conrad, Jay Gjestvang, Jason Moch, Eric Driscoll, Trevor Brossart Fourth row: Kody Duncan, Daniel Hoy, Ahmed Abdulle, Adam Salter, Ryne Schaeffer, Jade Johnson Third row: Jake Kroke, Scott Salter, Nick Strom, Kevin Cernik, Nicholas Larson Second row: Brandon Fitterer, Suah Gilman, Austyn Kloehn, Austin Dillard, Nicholas Olsen, Joshua Hanson, Braden Schmid First row: Team managers Brian Keller, Abbey Prudlick, Stephanie Larson, student assistants Tiffany Fitterer, Alyssa Weisbeck, team manager Nathan Wilke



Back row (left to right): Head coach Dan Wolf, Krista Weiszhaar, Claire Eidenschink, Katherine Eidenschink, Chelsey Butth, Kaitlyn Jacobsen, Haley Johnson Second row: Samantha Hughes, Ashli Powell, Mara Johnson, Erin Fontaine, Tayla Wagenman, Samantha Pyle. Front row: Brittany Rheault, Ashley Bixby, Janet Bechtold, Katelyn Aswege, Lexi Wasem, Lauren Johnson



Back row (left to right): Kyle Bailey, Jeffrey Keller, Blake Schaefer, Justin Schock, Spencer Uetz, Taylor Gjestvang, Nathaniel Peterson, Tony Schulz Fourth row: Head Coach Joe Bailey, Erich Hahn, David Troxel, Paul Cernik, Levi Lepard, Darin Baltezare, Kasey Lynn, Curtis Crowe, Kyle Olson, Assistant Coach Kate Bryant Third row: Jamison Gehrig, Ryan Binde, Cody Grosz, Lukas Johnson, Nathan Gilliss, Garrick Baatrup, Thomas Kuehn, Reed Olson, Matthew Clark Second row: Alysa Eidenschink, Emma Grant, Jennifer Parsons, Ellie Grooters, Kaitlyn Stoppler, Britny Bucholz, Alissa Mears, Christine Baltezare First row: Leah Hermanson, Cailey Sauvageau, Kylie Shorma, Alicia Schroeder, Aubrie Odgaard, Taylor Perry, Hillary Olheiser, and Brooke Grooters



Back row (left to right): Team manager Emma DeJong, Allison Barta, Kristin Kautz, Courtney Voeller, Rebecca Capouch, Casandra Shorma, Jenna Green, Katelyn Holland, Kate Gunderson, Jill Gustafson Second row: Jenna Kolb, Alyssa Hummel, Aryelle Jones Front row: Jessica Gust, Sarah Denne, Jessica Woodbury, Blake Selisker



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Girls volleyball has gone 32-0 in the EDC during the regular season in the last two years.

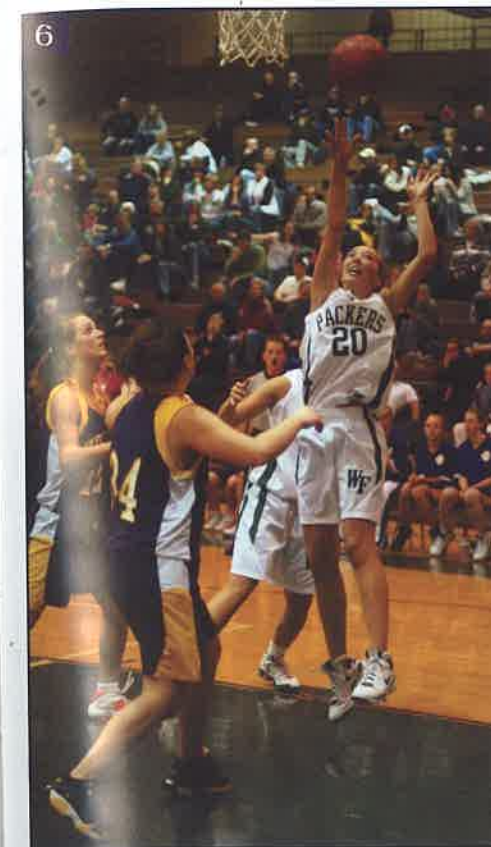
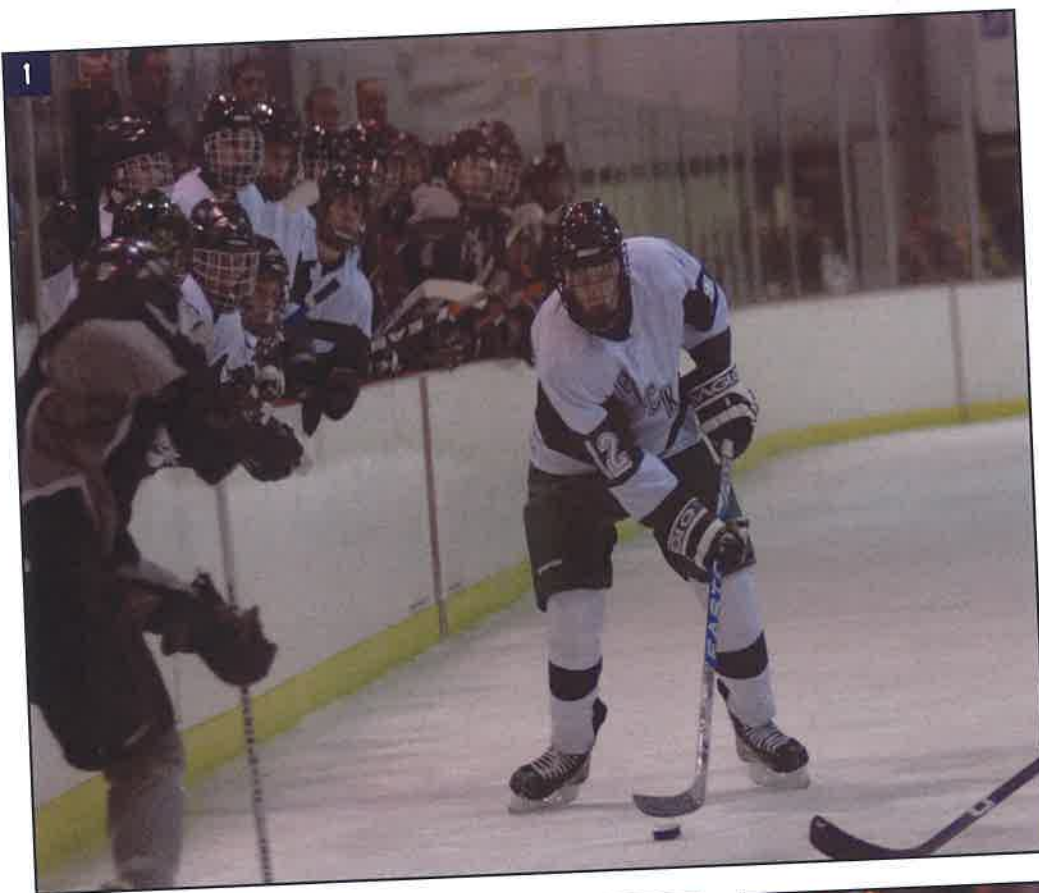


Photo 6: She shoots and she...Sophomore **Carissa Becher** jumps into the air for a basket while playing Wahpeton. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Spinning round and round...Junior **Sasha Steichen** and sophomore **Elizabeth Kossan** hold their legs out to the side while spinning during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: On the edge...Sophomore **Nathaniel Peterson** talks to teammates after the West Fargo Invite is complete. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 9: Ice, ice, baby...Sophomore **Katlyn Springer** fights for the puck against a Bismarck High opponent. (Photo by Abby Paul)

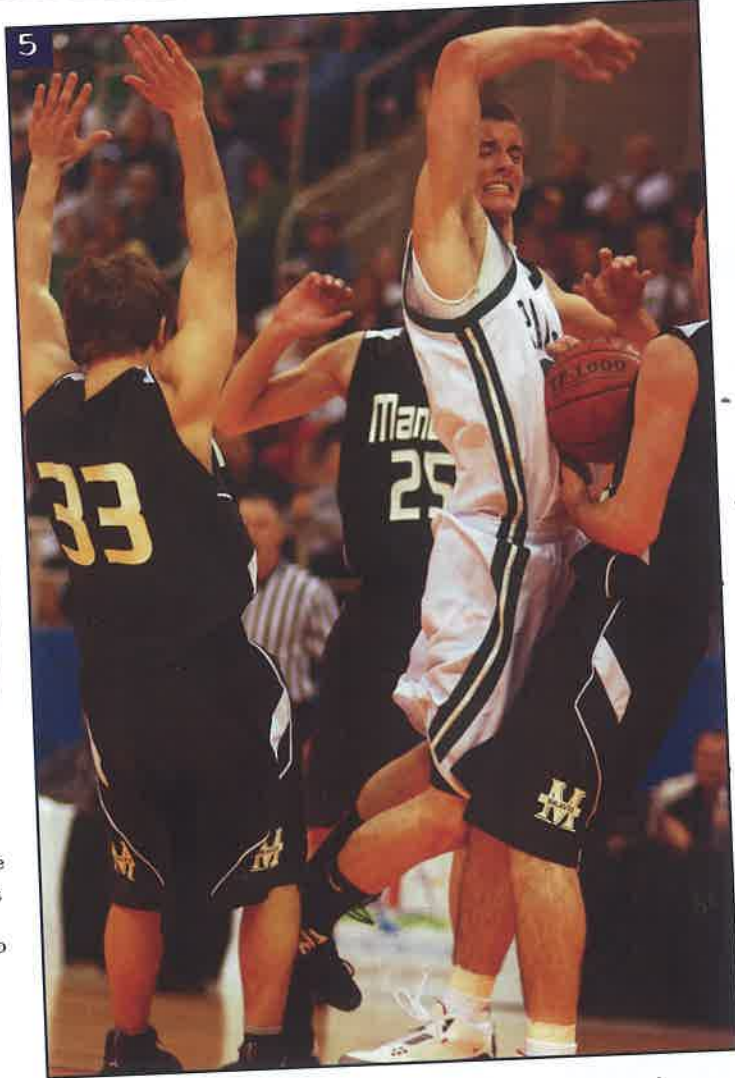
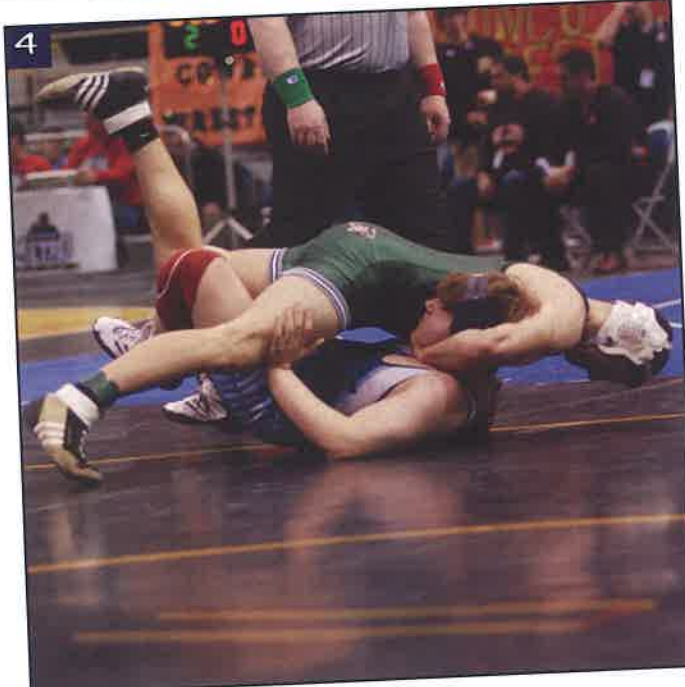


Photo 1: Watching from behind...Junior **Landon Knoll** keeps the puck away from a Grand Forks Central opponent as teammates watch from behind. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Hair flair...Senior **Taylor Blakeway** cheers at a football game while her hair flies. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Water in my ear...Eighth grader **Alex Katers** attempts to remove the water from his ear before his race at a home meet. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Stick him...Junior **Scott Schiller** pins his opponent during his wrestling match. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 5: Foul play...Senior **Michael Benson** launches into a Mandan opponent during the state tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Three Packer wrestlers qualified for the finals in the state tournament.



our winter sports



Eleven varsity wrestlers competed in the junior varsity division at the Rumble on the Red in January.

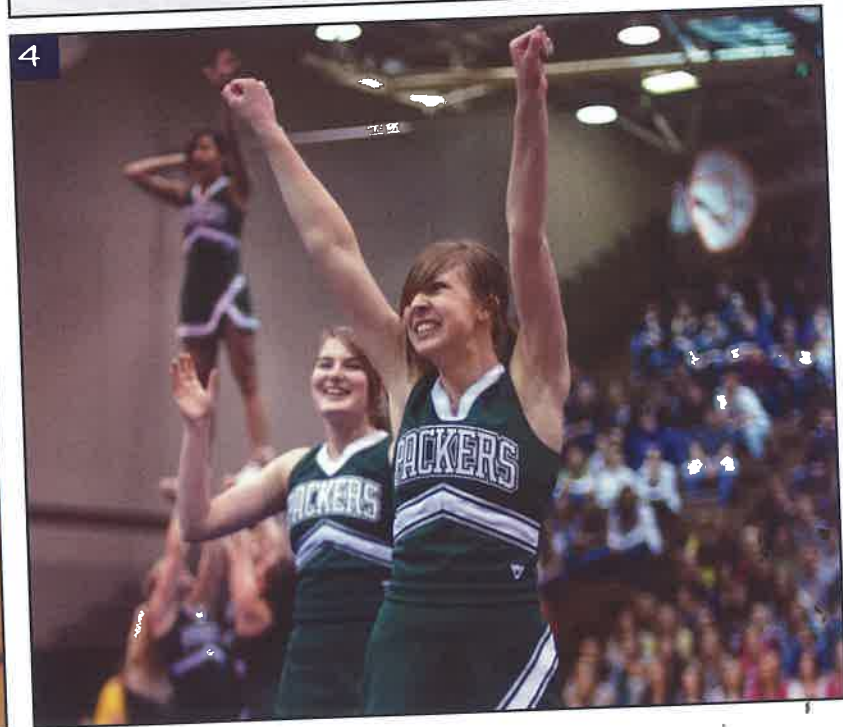
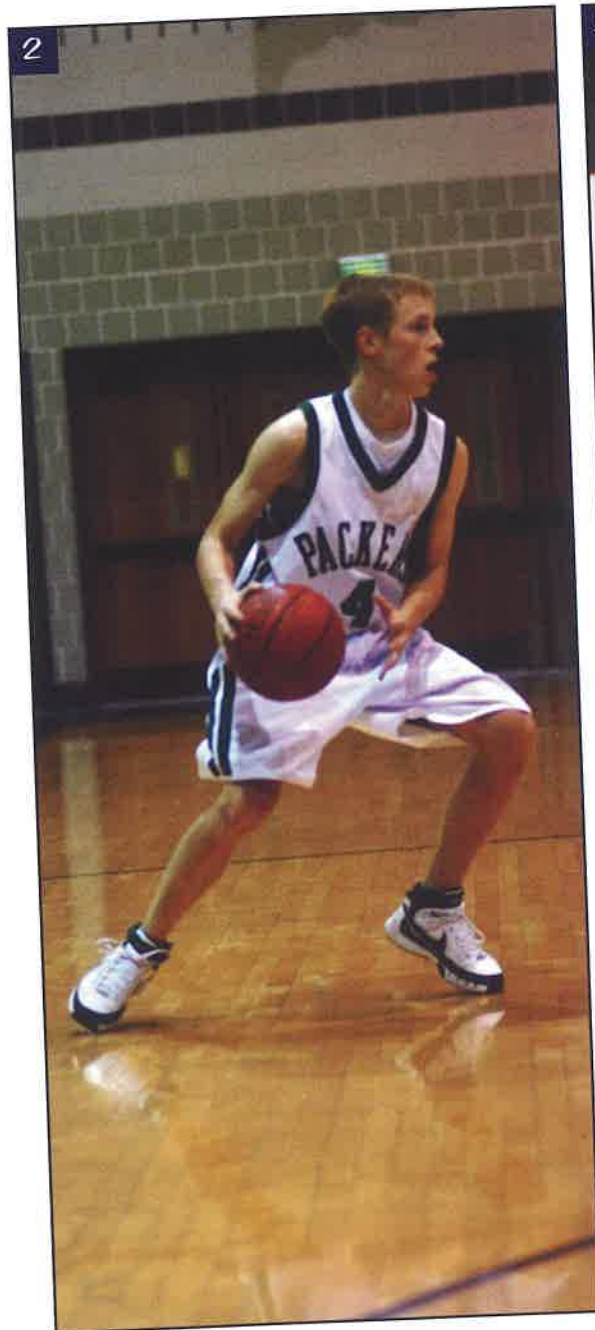
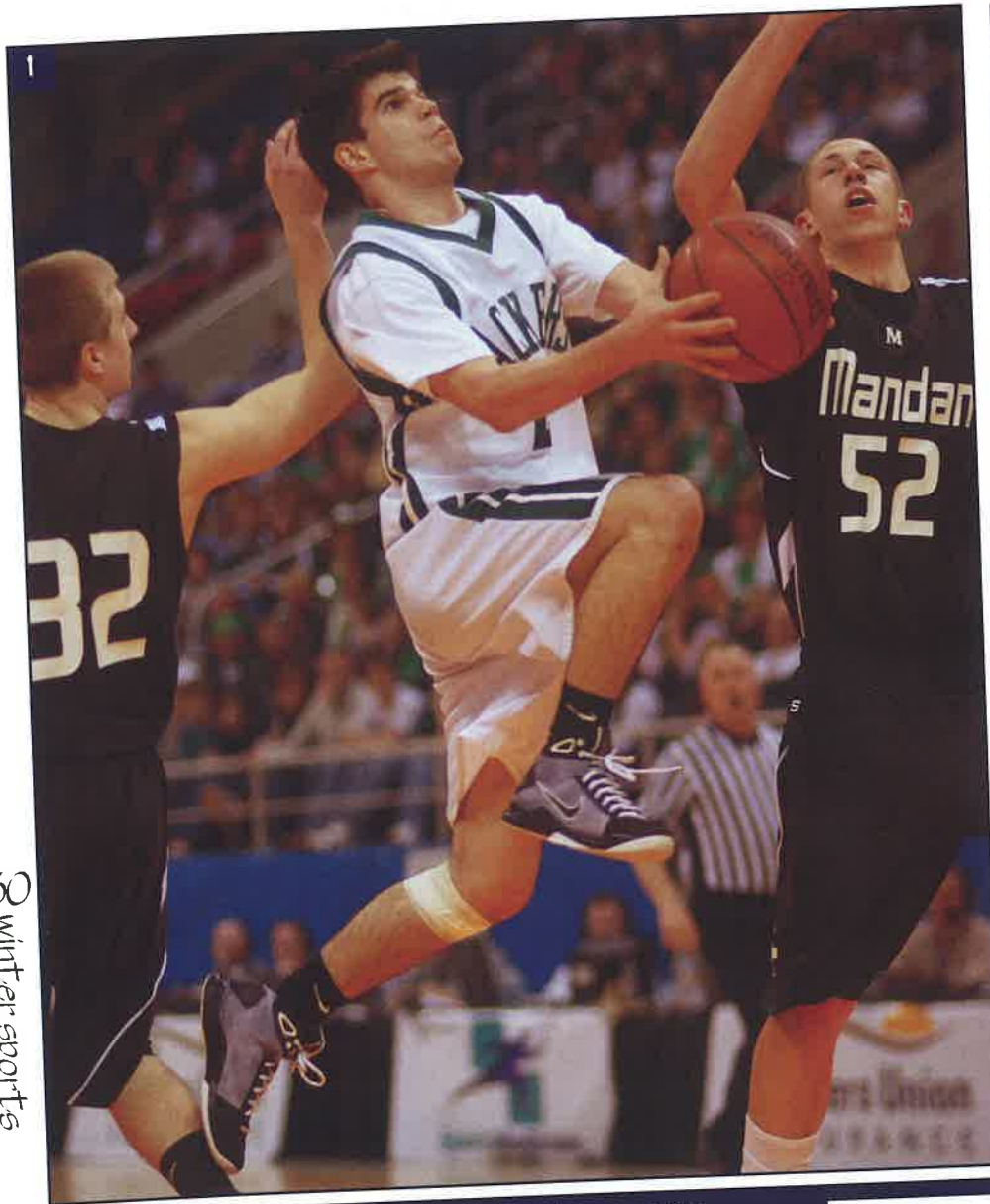


Photo 1: Poms held high... Freshmen Tuyen Huynh and Alicia Bates lift up poms and cheer to the crowd during a pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Looking right... During a game against Wahpeton, junior Daniel Hoy dribbles down the court and prepares to pass. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Win this battle... Sophomore Adam Murray fights with the Fargo North opponent for the puck during a game. (Photo by Brooke Yochim) Photo 4: Arms held high... Freshman Kayleigh Omang smiles as she leads the crowd in a cheer. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: I just wanna dance... Freshman Taylor Vasek smiles as she dances in the hip hop routine at the West Fargo dance invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Out of reach... Sophomore Kaitlyn Stoppler prepares to pass the ball as she avoids the Shanley defense. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Give it to me... Junior Jordan Machart waits for the puck to score a goal during the Fargo North game. (Photo by Brooke Yochim)

winter junior varsity



This was the first year since 1984 that boys varsity basketball made it to the state championship game.

grade: junior
 team: junior varsity/varsity
 most memorable season moment: "I would have to say double overtime against North."
 if you could, what color would you be: "I would be red because it stands out the most."

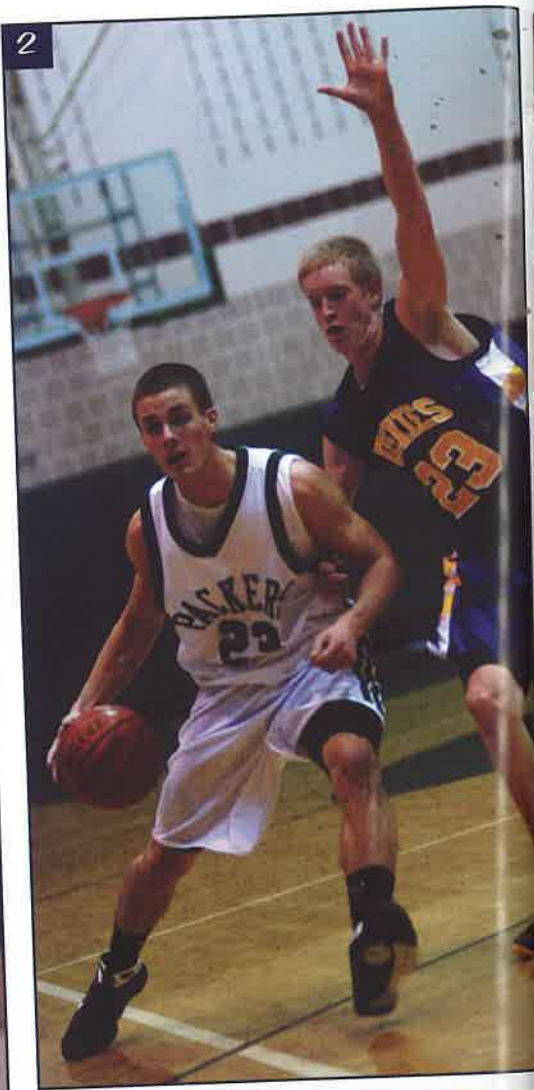


Chris Williams



Cole Mapes

grade: senior
 team: varsity
 most memorable season moment: "The overall singing of the players throughout the course of the year."
 if you could, what color would you be: "I would be blue because it is the color of the ocean."



This year marked the third year in a row that boys basketball was named the EDC regular season champs.



Photo 1: Jump shot. Sophomore Chase Farkas jumps high in the air hoping to score against Minot during the state championship game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: King of the court. Senior Michael Benson dribbles down the court as he avoids a Wahpeton opponent. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Excitement in the air. Team members scream with joy after winning against Bismarck and realizing they will play in the state championship game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: He's got it covered. Senior Eric Driscoll plays defense against Grand Forks Central. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Power play. Senior Alan Neer prepares to put a shot up against Bismarck. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Emotional let down. Senior Tyler Gronbeck breaks down after losing the state championship 49-35 to Minot. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Ballin'. Jumping high into the air during a basketball game, junior David Johnson shoots for a basket. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 8: Hoop shot. Senior Jason Moch fights his opponent to make the ball into the hoop. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)

"It was a fun year and playing with all the girls was really fun," senior Jessica Gust said.

grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I like to speak in British accents."
 most memorable moment during basketball: "The state qualifying game against Fargo North because it was exciting and the first time we made it to state in three years."



Danielle Nelson

grade: sophomore
 favorite quote: "Life gives us brief moments with another, but sometimes in those moments we get memories that last a lifetime."
 most memorable moment during basketball: "Going to state my first year in high school basketball."



Jill Gustafson



dribbling over the competition

rivalries intensify games against conference foes

Rivalries in sports are as common as flip-flops in the summer time. Girls basketball is one team that happens to have two rivals. Fargo South and Fargo North are the main competitors for West Fargo. The girls work hard to get ready for games against these teams because a game against a rival is more intense.

"We prepare more for their games than anyone else's," sophomore Mary DeJong said.

Before a game versus the Bruins, the practices take on a new element. Younger players are assigned a "South persona." They act like specific opponents so the West Fargo girls can prepare to play against them.

However, since South has been such a big competitor for so long, it is about time a new rival has shown its face, North.

"I think South is more of a rival than North, but North is getting to the point," senior Jessie Gust said. "North and South go together kind of," junior

Courtney Voeller said. "Everyone wants to beat them." "Personally, I get way more pumped to play North and South than any other team. I think it's because our teams are so close."

West Fargo showed the intensity of the growing rivalry against North during the game when the packers beat them in overtime to qualify for state. The final score of the game was 70-65, which electrified the team.

"I think we did amazing," DeJong said. "We weren't even expected to go to state."

"Everyone was really happy. I think [head] coach [Barbara] Metcalf was really excited," Voeller said. "She got a little teary eyed"

The success was celebrated by everyone on the team. "It felt good," Gust said. "It felt like we'd accomplished our goal."

Defeating their rivals was a feat the team eagerly embraced this season.

Cristina Martinez
 Cristina Martinez



"It was fun and went by really quick," senior Alyssa Hummel said.

Photo 1: In the huddle. Basketball coach Barbara Metcalf talks face to face with her players during a time out. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Let's go Packer defense. Sophomore Katelyn Holland tries to block Bismarck Century from scoring while playing the team's final game at the state tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Down the court. Sophomore Katelyn Holland dribbles past the Bismarck Century defense during a state tournament game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Over their heads. Senior Alyssa Hummel holds the ball away from Bismarck Century defenders while playing in the state tournament at the Fargodome. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Reach up high. While playing on Fargo North's home court, senior Jessica Gust holds the ball out of her opponent's reach and prepares for a pass. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Up, down, all around. Senior Jessica Woodbury dribbles past a Bismarck opponent as they play during the state tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: 1,2,3 shoot. While playing against Wahpeton, junior Jenna Green prepares to shoot a basket. (Photo by Abby Paul)

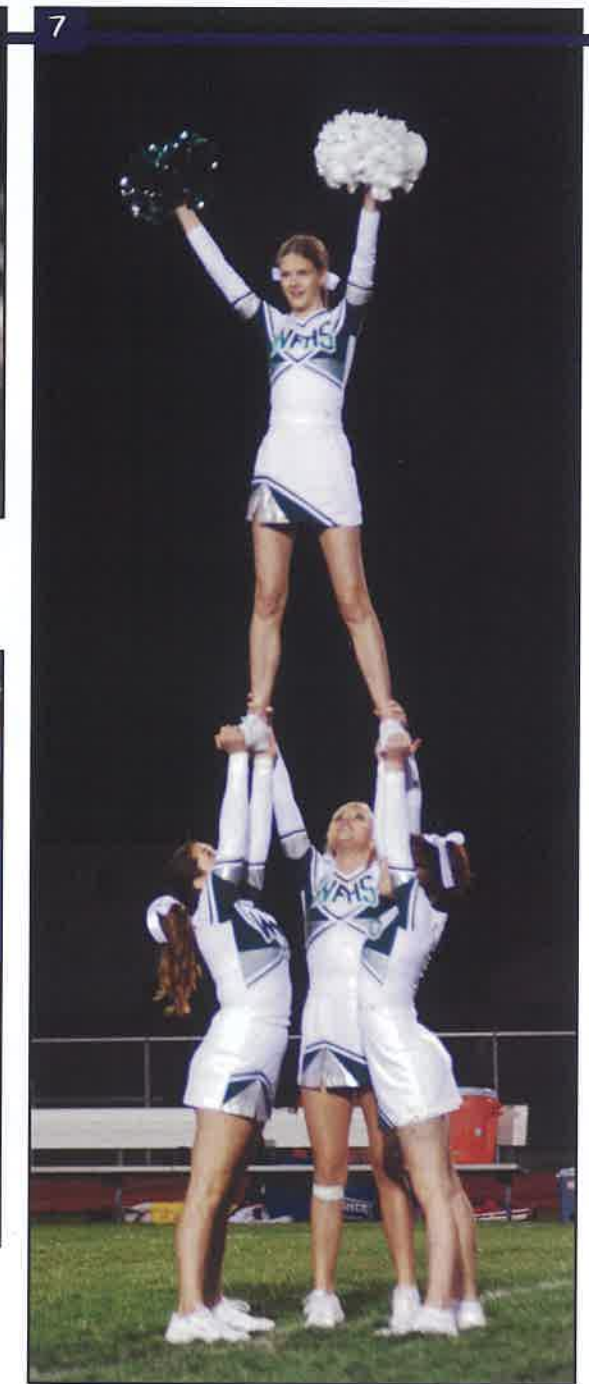
Photo 1: You lift me up... Junior Kelsey Thoreson receives a lift from junior Sarah Beyer as the team performs during the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Jump... Junior Jennifer Haaland jumps and cheers loud for the football team for a game at the Far-godome. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 3: Pom poms up... Junior Alayna Krantz, senior Andrea Johnson, junior Beth Beyer, and senior Jessica Leno wave pom poms and cheer at a home football game Sep 5. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: SCREAM... During a football game, seniors Jessica Leno, Andrea Johnson and Taylor Blakeway scream with all their might to encourage the crowd. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: A sea of green and white... Sophomore Renae Lisk and junior Ashley Ridder cheer as the team walks in the West Fest parade. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Go team... Junior Brenna Johnson cheers with pride. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: In the air... Junior Sarah Beyer receives a lift while cheering at a football game. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The cheerleading team took second at state this year.



The team faced two injuries within a week before the Mall of America competition, forcing the team to change the whole routine.



grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I almost died when I was two from pneumonia"
 favorite holiday, why? "Halloween, because you can be whatever you want and no one can judge you."



Laykin Rohrich

grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I have been to four different elementary schools."
 favorite holiday, why? "Halloween, because I like scary movies and scary stuff like that."



Chelsea Hermanson



Photo 1: Watching out...Senior Jacob Springer looks for an open team mate. (Photo by Brooke Yochim) Photo 2: That's ours...Junior Derek Sand along with freshman Conor Jonasson aggressively chase the puck to keep it away from the other team. (Photo by Erika Holmes) Photo 3: Hooray...Senior Jacob Springer jumps excitedly into the huddle as West Fargo scores a goal on Fargo North. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Around the corner...Sophomore Brandon Tendeland comes close to scoring a goal in the game against Wahpeton. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 5: One on one...Junior Landon Knoll faces off with his opponent during the game against Shanley. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: He shoots...Junior Landon Knoll takes a slap shot against Fargo North to try and score a goal. (Photo by Brooke Yochim) Photo 7: Coming in hot...Senior Nathan Halda makes a quick stop to get open for a pass. (Photo by Brooke Yochim) Photo 8: Against the odds...Junior Nate Borchardt battles for the puck in the game against Wahpeton. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)



The Packers were ahead 2-1 in the second period of the Grand Forks Red River home game. The Rough Riders scored with less than 10 seconds left in the second period and in the third period they scored again with less than three seconds left.



Jackson Erbstoesser

grade: junior
 team: varsity
 what kind of super powers would you want to have?: "Fly like an eagle to the sea."
 if you could wish for anything, what would you wish for?: "Lifetime supply of pencils because I lose one every day."



Landon Knoll

grade: junior
 team: varsity
 what kind of super powers would you want to have?: "Super human strength so that nobody can mess with me."
 if you could wish for anything, what would you wish for?: "A billion dollars so I don't have to work for anything."



Tim Capouch is the first new head coach in 17 years.

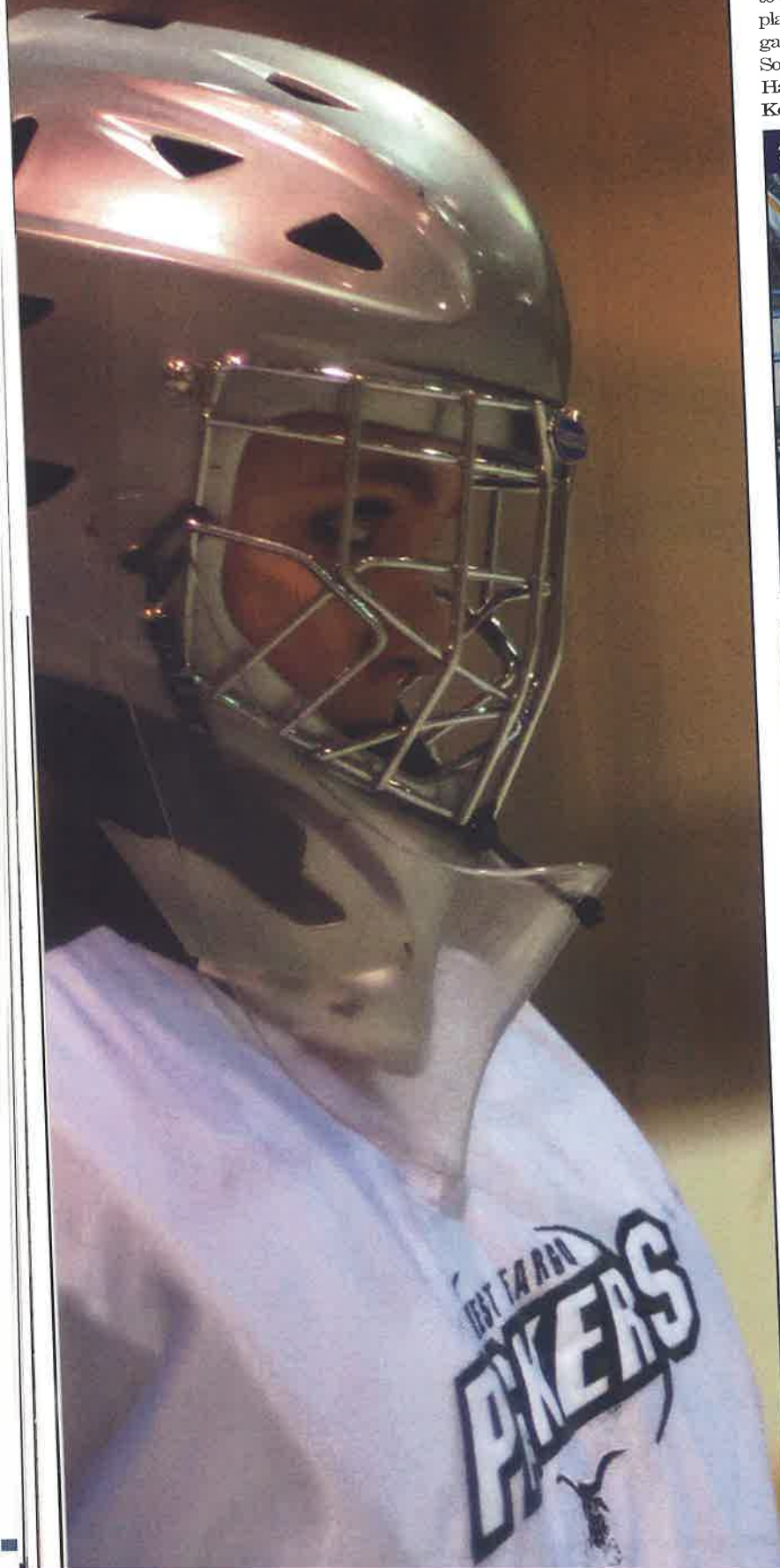


Photo 1: Glare up the ice... Sophomore **KeerieAnne Bruce** stares down the competition before the game against Dickinson begins. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Let's go ladies... Head coach **Patrick Johnson** talks to his team to try and motivate them after being down three goals against Fargo North. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 3: Follow that puck... Sophomore **Briana Keller** skates speedily toward the puck during the game against Dickinson. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Team huddle up... As a tradition the girls huddle up before the drop of the puck for a game at the Urban Plains Center. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 5: In control of the puck... During a game against Hazen-Beulah, junior **Tia Lopez** passes the puck to a teammate. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Right through her legs... While playing, sophomore **Courtney Ellenson** comes in control of the puck in a game against Dickinson. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: She shoots, she scores... Sophomore **Kaylee Lothspeich** scores a goal during a game against Hazen-Beulah. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Faster, faster, faster... Junior **Kelsey Kloos** races to keep possession of the puck. (Photo by Cristina Martinez)



"Our first game was interesting because it was at the new Urban Plains Center and it was exciting because we went into overtime with Fargo South," sophomore **Kacie Johnson** said.



The girls hockey team played a total of five overtime games this season.



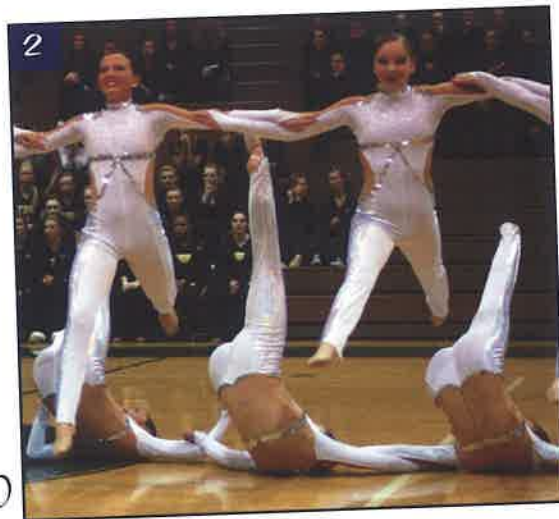
Melissa Halda
 grade: sophomore
 team: varsity
 unique fact: "I am one of the few girls that work at Camp Wilderness, a boy scout camp."
 favorite cartoon: "I don't watch cartoons, but if I had to choose it would have to be Spongebob because he is a pimp."



Allison Klug
 grade: junior
 team: varsity
 unique fact: "I can say the alphabet backwards."
 favorite cartoon: "Simba, because he's friends with a warthog."



Freshman Madison Schommer takes a varsity spot on Packatahmas, having to learn two routines a week before the team finals in Orlando, Fla.



Dre Halle

grade: junior
 team: varsity
 unique fact: "I can wiggle my ears."
 favorite song: "I Got It"
 -Gorilla Zoe



Amy Matzke

grade: sophomore
 team: varsity
 unique fact: "My favorite color is pink."
 favorite song: "My Life Would Suck Without You"
 -Kelly Clarkson

Photo 1: Over their heads. At the West Fargo Invite, the Packatahmas jump over teammates during their jazz routine. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Jump and kick. Freshmen Amber Swart and Brooke Freeman jump over upside down Packatahmas during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Dancing on air. The Packatahmas make faces as they perform their pom routine during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: A leg-up on the competition. Senior Shayla Lund and junior Allison Heinen lift their legs and pose during their jazz routine at the West Fargo dance show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Peace. Seniors Claire Moltzan, Hillary Ehlen, and Shayla Lund bust some moves as they perform during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Upside down. Senior Claire Moltzan lifts her leg up high into the sky while performing during their jazz routine. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Kick it. Freshman Alexis Cowley and seniors Shayla Lund and Haylee Swanson kick their legs and smile as they perform their kick routine at the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Parade of Packatahmas. Junior Allison Heinen kicks her leg to the sky as she dances through the West Fest Parade. (Photo by Abby Paul)

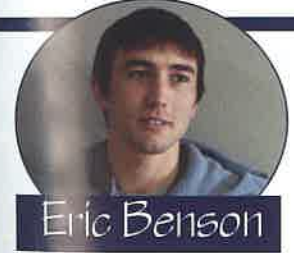




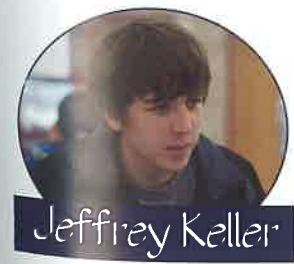
Photo 1: Dive in...Sophomore Kevin Roberts dives in to the pool during a swimmeet at Fargo North. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: In waters of blue...Junior Jarred Grindahl swims the freestyle at a Fargo North swim meet. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Up for air...Eighth grader Alex Katers pops up for air while swimming the breaststroke. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Free stylin'...Freshman Nicholas Huseby cuts through the water as he swims the freestyle. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Just breathe...Junior Jarred Grindahl swims the butterfly. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: A feel for the end... Home schooled sophomore Daniel Hulbert reaches for the finish while competing in the backstroke for West Fargo. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 7: It's a secret... Swim coach Marsha Dahl congratulates senior Zachary Cormican as she gives him a first place ribbon during the Fargo North swim meet. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Swim through the light...Senior Ian Crawford and sophomore Riley Spiker come up for air during a home meet. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The boys swim team won state for the first time this year, overcoming perennial contender Minot.



Eric Benson
 grade: senior
 unique fact: "I can do the belly roll."
 most memorable swimming moment: "Breaking the state record relay by almost two seconds."



Jeffrey Keller
 grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I was born in Germany."
 most memorable swimming moment: "Getting 10th at state in the 100 breaststroke."

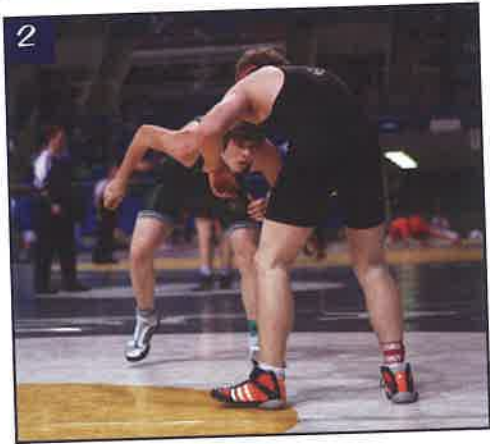
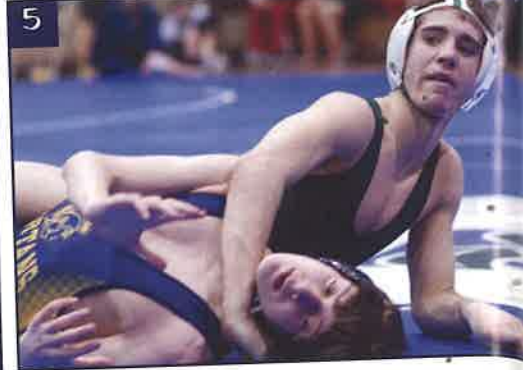
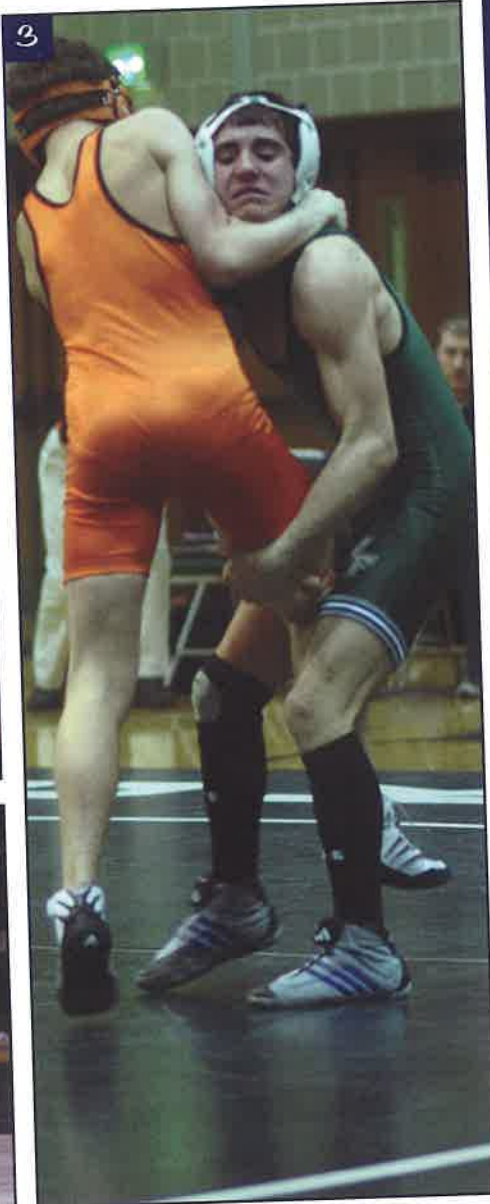
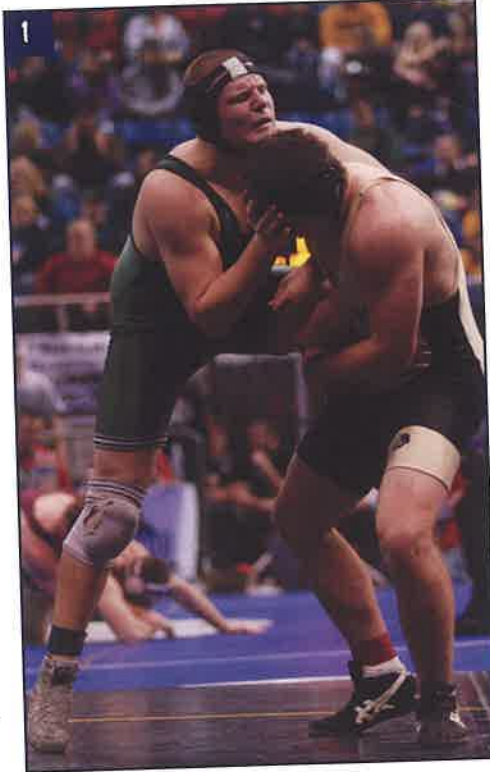


Photo 1: Working hard...Sophomore Tyler Kennedy wrestles his Fargo South opponent during the state tournament. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2: Ready to rumble...Sophomore Timothy Sola prepares to wrestle during the Rumble on the Red. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Knock him down...Sophomore Thomas Kuehn wrestles his opponent during the Moorhead dual in the 119-pound weight class, winning the match 10-2. (Photo by Victoria Haelott) Photo 4: Stick him...Junior Scott Schiller attempts to pin his opponent at the state tournament. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 5: Pin...Sophomore Thomas Kuehn attempts to pin his opponent from Fargo North at the EDC tournament. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 6: Almost there...Sophomore Zachary Neer struggles to pin his Wahpeton opponent during the West Fargo versus Wahpeton dual. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 7: Domination...Senior Austin Cassezza dominates his opponent from Wahpeton during the West Fargo versus Wahpeton dual. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 8: Onto his back...Eighth grader Lucas Monson attempts to pin his Wahpeton opponent during the West Fargo versus Wahpeton dual. (Photo by Jayme Noel)

Seventh grader Hunter Schreiner won his first varsity match to qualify for state.

wrestlers overcome the odds

the year of rebuilding

Some major changes are inevitable when sports team goes from having eight seniors one year to only one the following season. This is what the wrestling team had to cope with this year.

"It was a rebuilding year," junior 189-pounder Scott Schiller said. "We were inexperienced."

In order for the varsity team to become complete, some new faces had to be introduced. Therefore, junior varsity wrestlers were bumped up to the next level.

"It definitely was a learning year and hopefully it gave us experience for next year and our senior year," sophomore 215-pounder Tyler Kennedy said.

Middle schoolers were moved up to varsity and had to work even harder because they were new to the intensity at the varsity level.

"I think that it got them a lot more experience for next year and they got some bumps and bruises along the way, but it's all good," Schiller said.

The state tournament gave the public a preview of how the team will compete next season.

"We placed way higher than we were sup-

posed to or anybody thought we would at state and we were winning matches when we needed to," Kennedy said.

Sophomore Zachary Neer worked his way through his 140-pound bracket and made it to the finals. Even though he was the youngest West Fargo wrestler to make it to the finals, he was more engrossed with what he needed to do than with the prospect of competing against his older opponent.

"I didn't really think about that because it's anyone's match," Neer said. "Anyone could win."

The team ended up placing seventh at state. Despite its disadvantages of being young and inexperienced, the team exceeded all expectations and overcame the odds.

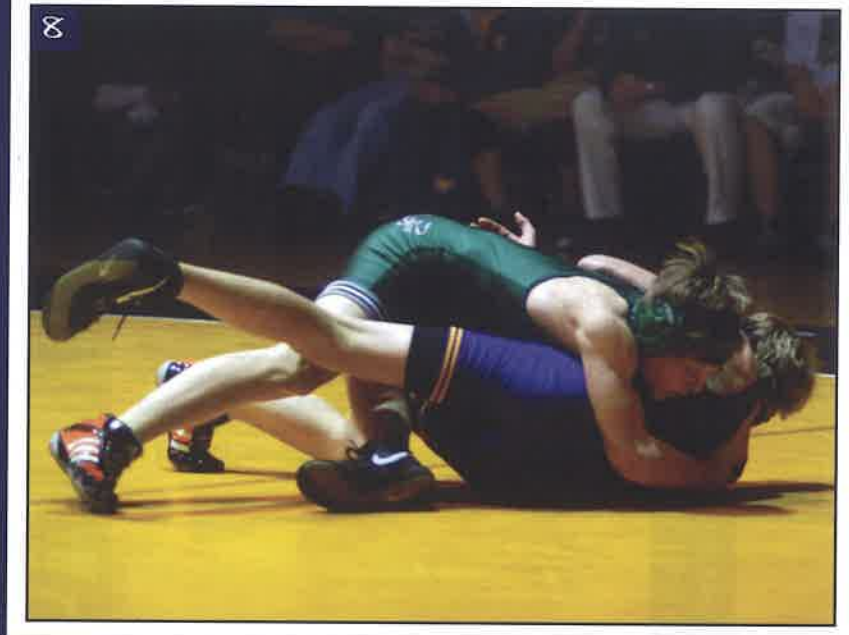
"We started off slow, but when we got to state and EDC we came together and we have a bright future," Neer said.

The team is looking forward to their promising season next year.

"I think we'll be really tough next year and definitely be competing for top spots," Schiller said.

Cristina Martinez
Cristina Martinez

Junior Scott Schiller has not lost to a North Dakota opponent in two years.



Back row (left to right): Head coach Jordan Jost, assistant coach Kallista Nilson, assistant coach Gretchen Stafslien Third row: Elizabeth Kossan, Meranda Harris, Alexis Cowley, Amy Matzke, Shawna Wienckowski, Shayla Lund Second row: Nicolette Koehmstedt, Allison Heinen, Dre Halle, Amber Swart, Ashley Gerdes, Jordan Reznecheck, Brooke Freeman First row: Sasha Steichen, Kristina Yerisov, Stephanie Brown, Haylee Swanson, Hillary Ehlen, Claire Moltzan



Back row (left to right): Assistant coach Dale Olson, assistant coach Rick Anderson, assistant coach Jim Jonas, David Johnson, Austin Nelson, Jason Moch, Justin Schock, Ryan Berglund, Michael Benson, Eric Driscoll, assistant coach Jordy Idso, head coach Greg Limke Fifth row: Chase Farkas, Spencer Flaten, Daniel Hoy, Cody Albert, Kolby Schmidt, Alan Neer, Tyler Gronbeck, Brady Schwartz, Cole Mapes, Christopher Williams, student manager Tyler Fietzek



Back row (left to right): Assistant coach Ben Indieke, assistant coach Preston Leier, assistant coach Jeremy Murphy, Luke Rheurne, Zachary Neer, Timothy Sola, Steven Sola, Zachary T. Vetter, Scott Schiller, head coach Kayle Dangerud Third row: Austin Cassezza, Ryan Seamands, Miles Scholl, Zachary G. Vetter, Andrew Johnson, Tyler Kennedy, Seth Pegg, Reid Olson, Thomas Kuehn Second row: Statistician Cristina Martinez, Jared Powers, Dylan Vetter, Michael Schmidt, Jordan Johnston, Hunter Schreiner, Tanner Kuznia, statistician Johanna Erickson First row: Statistician Christine Schmit, Lucas Monson, Kilon Krages, Reed Cronin, Kyle Kragnes, statistician Nirole Schmidt, statistician Courtney Savage



Back row (left to right): Student assistant Marisha Khunger, co-head coach Troy Miller, Conor Jonasson, Gage Shoman, Brandon Tendeland, Derek Sand, Dustin Munyer, Nathan Borchardt, Charles Torrance, co-head coach Tim Capouch, student assistant Rebecca Capouch, students assistant Victoria French First row: Jackson Erbstoesser, Braden Schmid, Alexander Erickson, Tyler Vareberg, Jacob Springer, Jared Koehnen, Nathan Halka, Jordan Olstad, Jeremy Johnson, Landon Knoll, Kyle Shoman, Cameron Holland



Austin Cassezza was the only senior on the wrestling team

"It was good to have so many changes this year."
-Senior Jessica Gusti
Girls basketball

Back row (left to right): Taylor Blakeway, Andrea Johnson, Jennifer Haaland First row: Kelsey Thoreson, Alayna Krantz, Chelsea Hermanson



Back row (left to right): Head coach Barbara Metcalf, Jessica Woodbury, Blake Selisker, Aryelle Jones, Alyssa Hummel, Jessica Gust, Miranda Mars, assistant coach Ryan Johnson, assistant coach Chelsea Hendricks Front row: Carissa Becher, Mary DeJong, Katelyn Holland, Cassandra Shorma, Jenna Green, Courtney Voeller, Danielle Nelson, Jill Gustafson



Back row (left to right): Diving coach Misty Tomchuk, assistant coach Paul Schmitz, student manager Ashely Kranda, Tyler Laufenberg, Adam Smestad, Jacob Weible, Jarred Grindahl, Riley Koehnen, student manager Hali Scholl, assistant coach Erich Richardson, head coach Marsha Dahl Third row: Nathaniel Peterson, Kyle Roberts, Cody Smith, Nicholas Reitan, Thomas French, Zachary Cormican, Eric Benson, Ian Crawford, Riley Spiker, Daniel Hulbert, Kevin Roberts Second row: Nicholas Huseby, Ryder Neva, Nicholas Leopold, Ethan Doll, Jared Sykora, Austin Keller, Justin Gibson, Aaron White, Timothy Erickson, Skylar Hanson First row: Nick Peterson, Alex Katers, Branden Smith, Brady Sykora, Cameron Dutt, Garret Sjue, Alan Repak, Alex Smestad, Jacob Lardy



Back row (left to right): Assistant coach Darin Bardal, student manager Andrea Muller, student manager Nicole Eisenzimmer, student trainer Brooke Yochim, head coach Pat Johnson Second row: Kaylee Lothespeich, Melanie Sopp, Jaime Springer, Kacie Johnson, Kelsey Kloos, Paige Swanson, Courtney Ellenson, Cassandra Sorlien, Tia Lopez, Katlyn Springer First row: Briana Keller, Allison Klug, Alyssa Lind, Randi Haaland, Andrea Klug, KeerieAnne Bruoe, Melissa Halka, Abby Lein, Katelyn Peterson, Britney Yliniemi



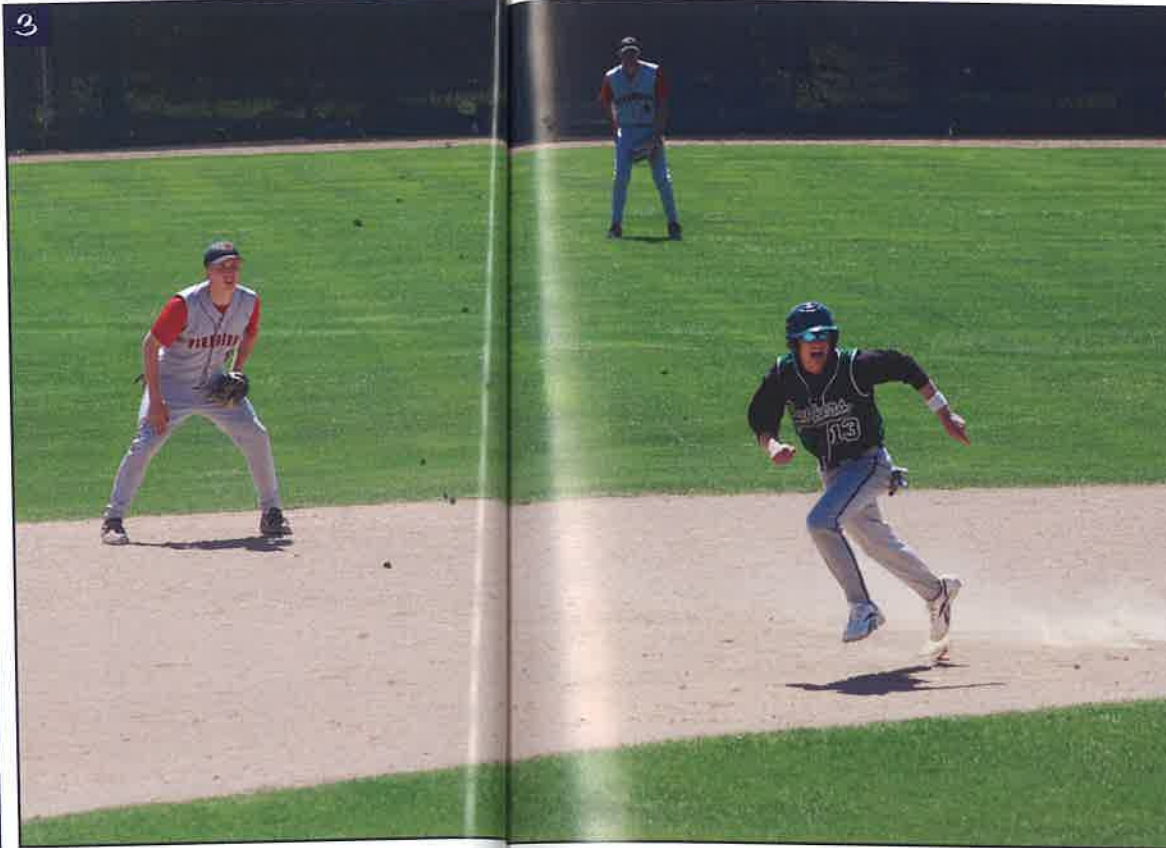


Photo 1: Added effort...Sophomore Hillary Hugelen sticks her tongue out while keeping the ball away from her Fargo Shanley opponent. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Coach's corner...Senior Anyu Dai receives tips from assistant coach Sean Bourke between matches. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Run home...Senior Cole Mapes runs the bases during an Eastern Dakota Conference tournament game against Devils Lake. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 4: Over the top...Junior Levi Bachmeier prepares for a soft landing on the mat while pole vaulting at the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Preparing for contact...Sophomore Kelsey Daul grimaces while reaching for the ball. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Warm embrace...Junior Courtney Voeller hugs sophomore Andrea Muller during a game against Shanley. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Rally it...Freshman Sarina Olson hits the ball to her opponent during the Eastern Dakota Conference tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Get her out...Senior Aryelle Jones tries to get her Fargo South opponent out at second base. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 9: The landing...Sophomore Jill Gustafson lands a long jump, sending sand flying into the air at the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The girls tennis team competed in 11 matches in a span of 13 days.



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Spring Junior Varsity



Photo 1: Pitch it. Sophomore Danielle Lee pitches the ball to a Fargo South opponent. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: In the glove. Sophomore Nicole Eisenzimmer scoops up a ground ball before throwing the Fargo South opponent out at first base. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Mud Slide. Freshman Andrew Young slides into third base while playing in the junior varsity tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Hands in the middle. Softball members huddle together in between innings to regroup in a junior varsity game against Fargo Shanley. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Almost ready. Freshman Spencer VanGuilder prepares to hit the golf ball in a meet at The Meadows in Moorhead that was rescheduled due to weather. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 6: Ready set run. Junior Ryan Hansen drops his bat after hitting the ball and prepares to run the bases. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Pitching the ball. Sophomore Tanner Dahl pitches the ball to a Red River opponent during the junior varsity tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The girls tennis junior varsity had so many members join that they created two jv teams, junior varsity A and junior varsity B.





The team was led by 10 juniors.



The girls like to jam and dance in the locker room before games to get pumped up and to bond.



Nicole Petersen

grade: sophomore
 team: junior varsity
 strangest talent: "I can make my bed in 15 seconds, with sheet and everything."
 first shoe put on: right



Christina Lammers

grade: junior
 team: varsity
 strangest talent: "I can tap my head and rub my stomach at the same time."
 first shoe put on: right



Photo 1: When it rains, it pours. Senior Stephanie Larson and junior Christina Lammers scream from the bench as players carry on through pouring rain against South. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Run for it. Junior Courtney Voeller throws in the soccer ball after it went out of bounds. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 3: Too far. Junior Tia Lopez turns around to regain possession of the ball after running past it. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 4: Kickin' cleats. Sophomore Hillary Hugelen keeps the ball in motion while playing Shanley at Johnson field. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Incoming. Junior Kayla Miller kicks the ball across the soccer field. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 6: Kick it high. Junior Mara Johnson kicks the soccer ball across the field to a teammate. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 7: Ouch. Sophomore Megan Rotert jumps for a header. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)

increasing The odds

working together for a common goal

Junior Megan Sather wanted to clear eight feet in the pole vault at the beginning of the season. She made her jump at the conference meet, which allowed her to participate in the state tournament. As soon as she landed on the mat, Sather realized her accomplishment and began to jump around screaming ecstatically.

"I was jumping up and down and I was really excited," Sather said.

Along with Sather, other track team members achieved their high aspirations from this season.

With times increasing, the track team considered the odds of doing well at EDC was relatively high.

"We have a lot of talent," junior McKenzie Jaeger said.

Junior Justin Gibson believed the improvement this year was partly due to determination and enthusiasm.

A contributing factor to the success this year was "athletes giving their all to do the best they can," Gibson added.

"Everybody's times were faster than they were last year," sophomore Britny Bucholz said. In order to get ready for meets the team

listens to inspirational quotes given by their coaches. These quotes motivate them to be closer as a team.

"The team as a whole has molded as a group," pole vaulting coach Adam Christianson said.

With the team growing closer as a group it becomes beneficial to stay focused with a clear mind for each event.

"You just do it [the event]," junior Megan Sather said. "You don't think about it; you just do it."

Keeping a level and clear head before events contributed to the success at EDC. The girls' prediction of doing well came true when they received first place for the first time since 1993.

"A lot of us were glad that we won because we hadn't in so long," Bucholz said.

The team's growing success has made it hard for those with injuries or health issues to stay away.

Bucholz has been advised to not continue running because of health issues, but continues anyway.

"It's more of a sport I can't live without," she said.

Cristina Martinez
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The girls won the Eastern Dakota Conference this year for the first time since 1993.

Three girls went to state for throwing this year.

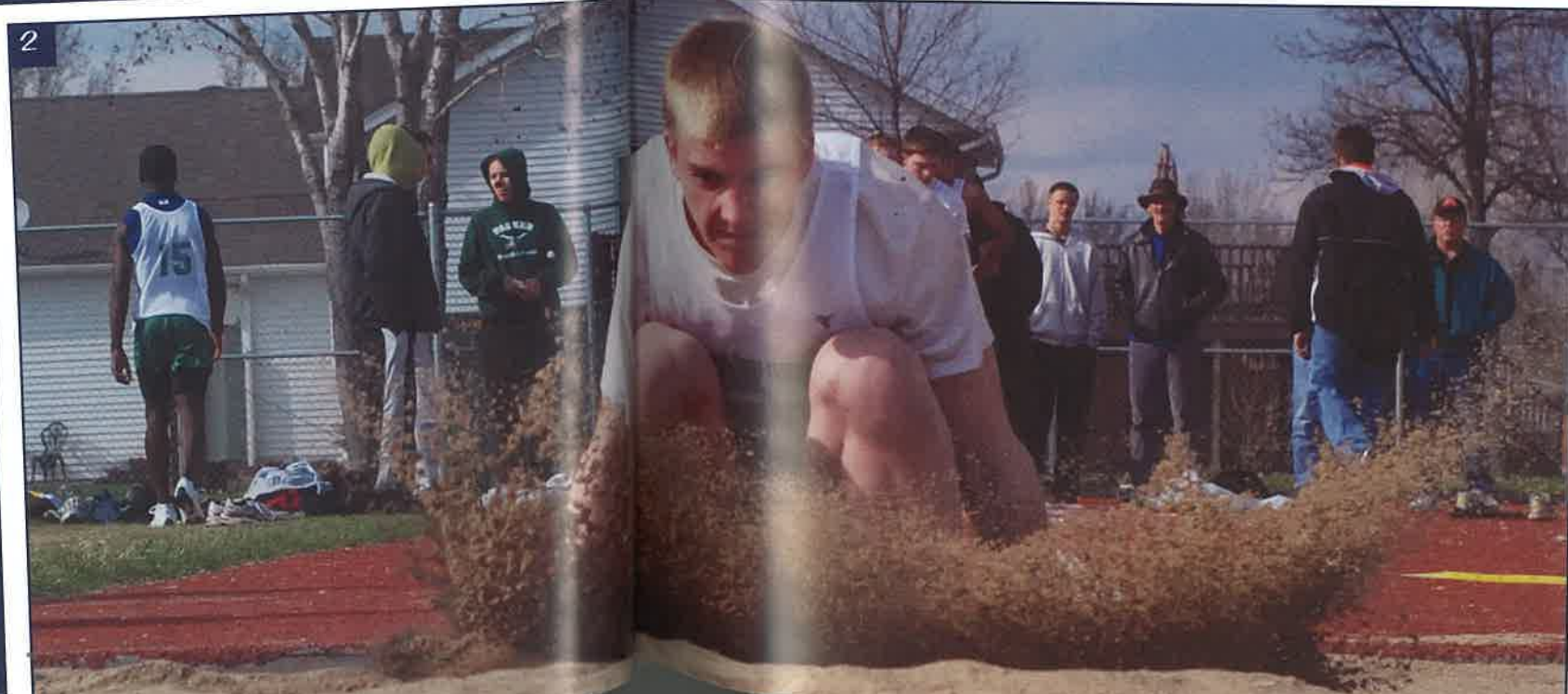
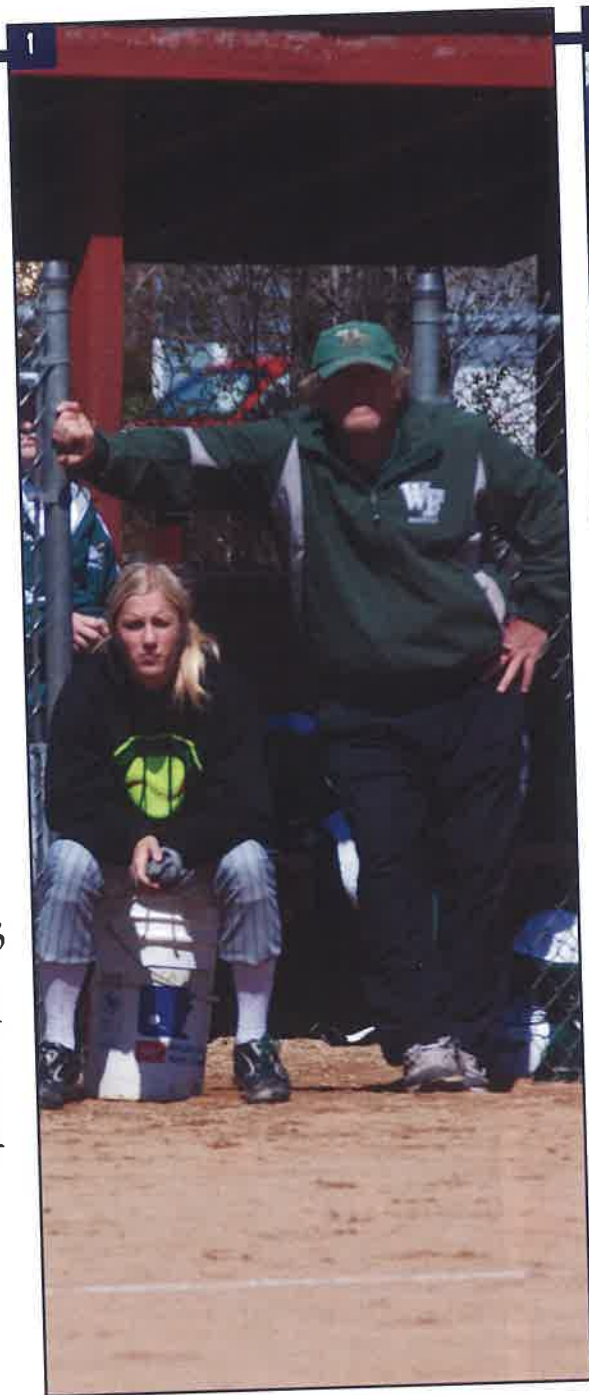


Photo 1: Not quite there...Freshman Austin Althoff hits the bar while doing the high jump. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 2: Sand slide...Sending sand spraying into the air, freshman Tyler Kovarik lands in the pit after completing the long jump. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Faster... Junior Spencer Uetz runs at a race at Concordia. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 4: Runner relay...Junior Jamison Gehrig sends the baton to Joshua Hanson as they compete in the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Pass it on...Seventh grader Amanda Levin passes the baton to junior Rebecca Capouch during a relay. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Sky then sand... Senior Cody Mammenga throws the shotput in the air during the EDC track meet. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Touch the clouds...Senior Zachary Hofmann clears the bar during the pole vault event at the West Fargo invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: One long jump...Sophomore Nicholas Williams soars into the sandpit while taking part in the long jump event. (Photo by Abby Paul)



This was the first year of softball being a state sanctioned sport.



The lady Packers won for the 12th year in a row at Elmwood during the state tournament.



Melanie Sopp

grade: sophomore
team: junior varsity
nickname: "Smelanie Mopp, they switched the "s" and "m" around last year in Contruction class, and it's kind of stuck with me now."
phobias: "I really hate spiders; they're gross."



Kelsey Daul

grade: sophomore
team: varsity
nickname: "Big Brown Bear because me and Kacie Johnson are obsessed with Rob and Big."
phobias: "I'm afraid of snapping turtles in the lakes, I'm afraid they're going to eat my legs off."

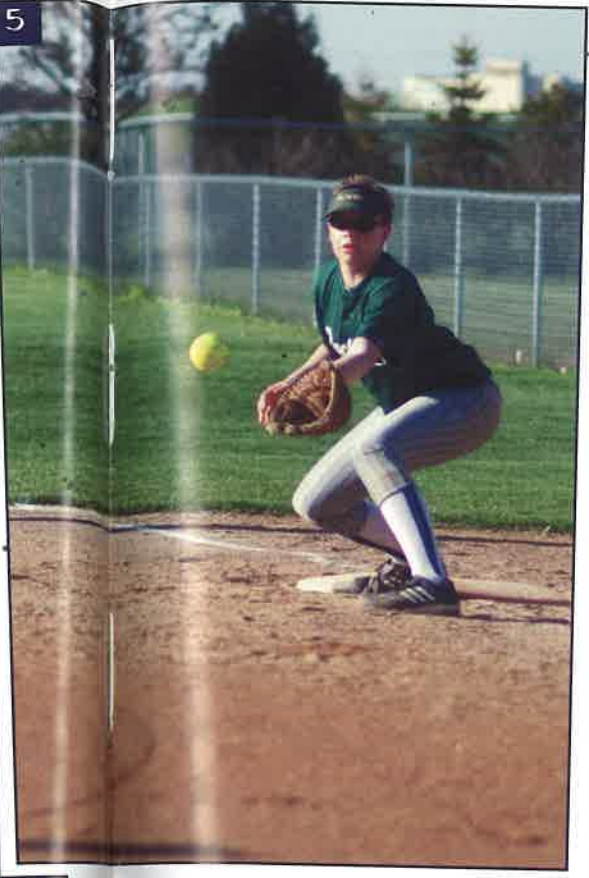


Photo 1: In the dugout... Junior Allison Klug and head coach Patrick Johnson watch from the dugout while the team is in the field. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: What a catch... Freshman Harle Andel catches the ball after a pitch against Roseau/Warroad. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Tag her out... Sophomore Carissa Becher attempts to tag a Roseau/Warroad opponent as she slides into third. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Footprints in the sand... Senior Aryelle Jones flattens the sand with her cleats in order to prepare for a ground ball if one comes her way. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: A catch at first... Sophomore Danielle Nelson catches a ball to get a Fargo South opponent out. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Keep your eye on the ball... Sophomore Kacie Johnson swings and sends the ball into the outfield. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Comin' at ya... Sophomore Kelsey Daul sends a ball flying at high speed toward an opponent. (Photo by Abby Paul)

teammates grasping success

baseball season slow to rise

The baseball season started off slow, but finished in a more gratifying way than expected. "At the beginning things looked a little rocky with our hitting," junior third baseman and pitcher Bryce Jorgenson said. "But now we are hitting the ball great and have been playing solid defense, which put together makes us hard to beat."

Perfecting techniques and working as a team has led to successful games.

"Our team has been doing the little things right in order to win games," junior first baseman and pitcher Matthew Strahm said.

Throughout the season, the team progressed into a legitimate contender for next year.

"We started out a little rough, but now we are firing on all cylinders and have high hopes going into EDC," Jorgenson said.

Before games the guys warm up with a game of two-ball. This requires everyone to have a ball and one to have two balls. This player throws his second ball to a teammate who catches it and in turn throws his first ball to another teammate. This continues around until

they are warmed up.

"It's often as intense as the game itself," Jorgenson said.

This helps the team work together before games.

"We are a group of different people," Jorgenson said. "We aren't really close when it's not baseball season, but as soon as we step on the field together we are united. It's really cool."

The growth throughout the season led to a successful outcome at EDC.

"Our first game in EDC was probably the most intense, we won by one run," Strahm said.

The deciding game for which team would compete at the state tournament was against Fargo North. At one point West Fargo was up 2-0, but the game ended with a 3-2 win for North.

"[I was] sad that we didn't make state," junior Ryne Schaeffer said.

The team ended up missing a chance at state by one win, but Strahm felt that part of what made this season still a great one was the enjoyable assortment of senior teammates.

Cristina Martinez
Cristina Martinez



Brett Peterson is in his fifth season in coaching at West Fargo. He led the Packers to the state tournament in 2005 and 2007.

grade: senior
Team: varsity
unique fact: "I once ate the grande meal from Taco Bell after a baseball game."
best baseball memory: "We were better this year than last year; we made EDC."



Trevor Plehal



Kolby Schmidt

grade: junior
Team: varsity
unique fact: "I got my first grand slam this year."
best baseball memory: "I hit two grand slams, and they both have been in the bottom of the sixth inning, and they both won the game."



Junior Matthew Strahm threw a no hitter against Grand Forks Central.

Photo 1: Get in the zone...Junior Daniel Hoy stands in the batters box awaiting the pitch. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2: Rounding third base...Senior Jared Reber rounds third base and heads for home to score a run. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 3: Safe...Junior Spencer Flaten gains a base by sliding into second. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 4: Eye on the ball...Junior David Johnson keeps his focus while catching during the EDC baseball tournament. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 5: Swing it...Senior Cole Mapes hits the ball while playing against Grand Forks Central. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Bonding with the team...Senior Tyler Gronbeck plays around with the ball in the dugout while watching the game with his teammates. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 7: Right down the middle...Junior Matthew Strahm pitches the ball against the Shanley Deacons. (Photo by Jayme Noel)



Two seventh graders played on varsity.



Betsy Kastet

grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I can wiggle my ears."
 favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper



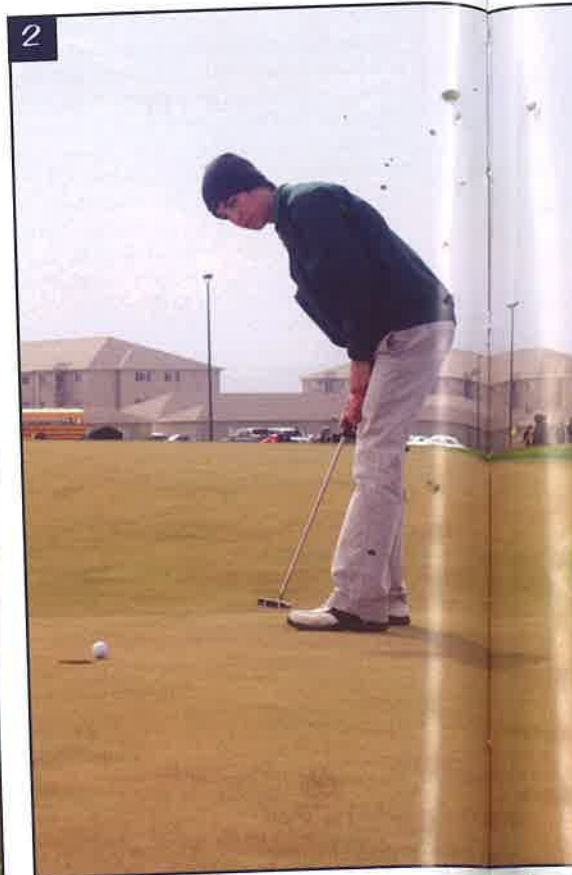
Megan Broton

grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I have a brother that does stand up comedy for fun."
 favorite beverage: Green Tea

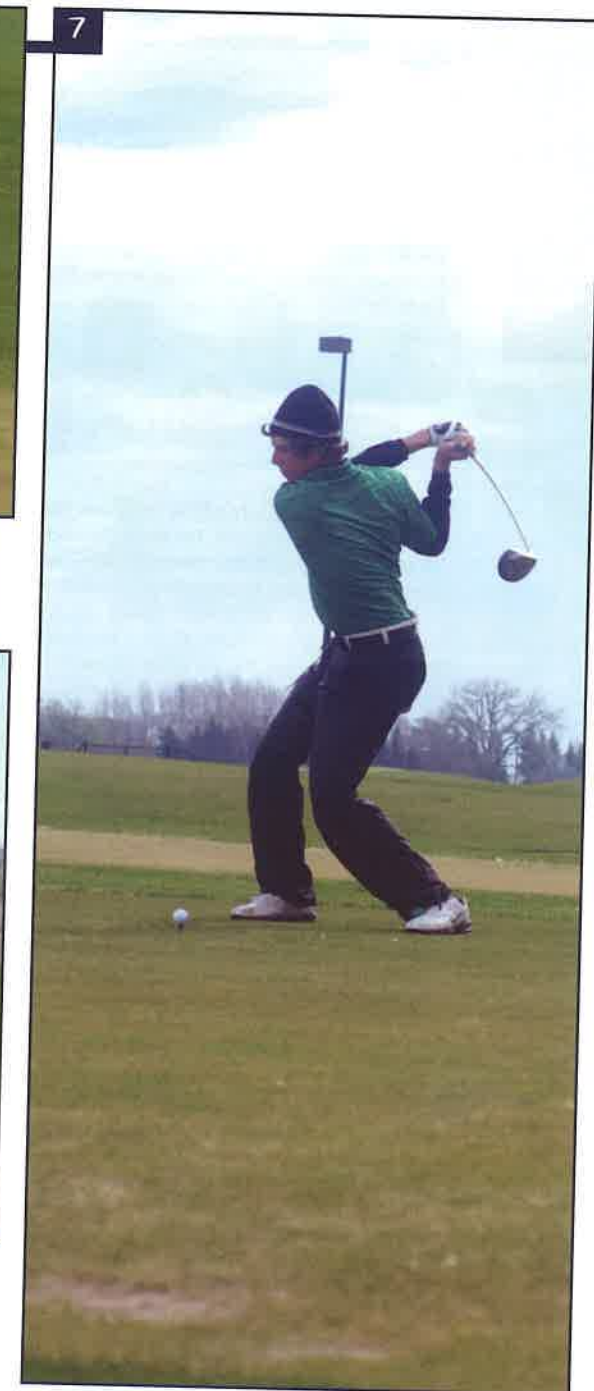
Photo 1: Mad dash_Varsity team member, freshman Sarina Olson quickly moves toward the side of the court to intercept the ball from going out of bounds. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: There it goes_Sophomore Megan Broton watches the ball after returning it across the court. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 3: It's comin' fast_Freshman Sarina Olson jumps up while attempting to return the tennis ball. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 4: Cut through the intensity_Junior Elizabeth Anderson returns the ball while playing against teammate Anyu Dai during the EDC tournament at Courts Plus. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Playing with passion_Senior Anyu Dai plays her heart out during her tennis match. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Focus_Junior Jillian Bechtold prepares to serve the ball to her opponents from Moorhead during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 7: Here it comes_Sophomore Cassandra Smith prepares to serve the ball across the tennis court. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 8: Serves up_Freshman Sarina Olson looks to the ball as she serves it while playing in the EDC tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Photo 1: Swing big...Freshman Payton Johnson chips the green while playing at the Meadows golf course. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Almost there...Senior Tyler Evin watches his ball roll into the hole while putting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: A cloudy day... Junior Ryan Olien follows through after driving the ball down the fairway while playing at the Meadows golf course. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Line it up...Junior Derek Sand lines up the ball for a putt. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Watch it...Freshman Luke Olson watches his ball after taking a swing at the Meadows course in Moorhead. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Ahead of the weather...As the sky turns dark before a thunderstorm, junior Alexander Erickson walks with opponents to where their golf balls landed. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Swing it...Junior Alexander Erickson prepares to drive the ball down the fairway. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The regionals team consists of no seniors, three juniors, one sophomore and two freshman.



Boys golf won their first Eastern Dakota Conference title in school history this season.



grade: senior
 unique fact: "I'm not as shy as I seem to be outside of school."
 preferred vacation spot: "Florida, because you can golf all year around."



Tyler Evin



Steven Moroz

grade: sophomore
 unique fact: "I'm related to a Hall of Fame football player."
 preferred vacation spot: "Caribbean, because it's warm."

The entire spring sports schedule was different than planned because of the flood.

Back row (left to right): Assistant coach Shamon Miller, Rynne Schaeffer, Eric Benson, Spencer Flaten, Cole Mapes, head coach Brett Peterson
 Second row: Alex Pribula, Daniel Hoy, Cody Albert, Tyler Gronbeck, Jared Reber, Kolby Schmidt, assistant coach Jesse Radloff
 First row: Bryce Jorgenson, Jacob Kiefer, Trevor Plehal, David Johnson, Matthew Strahm, student assistant Tiffany Fitterer.



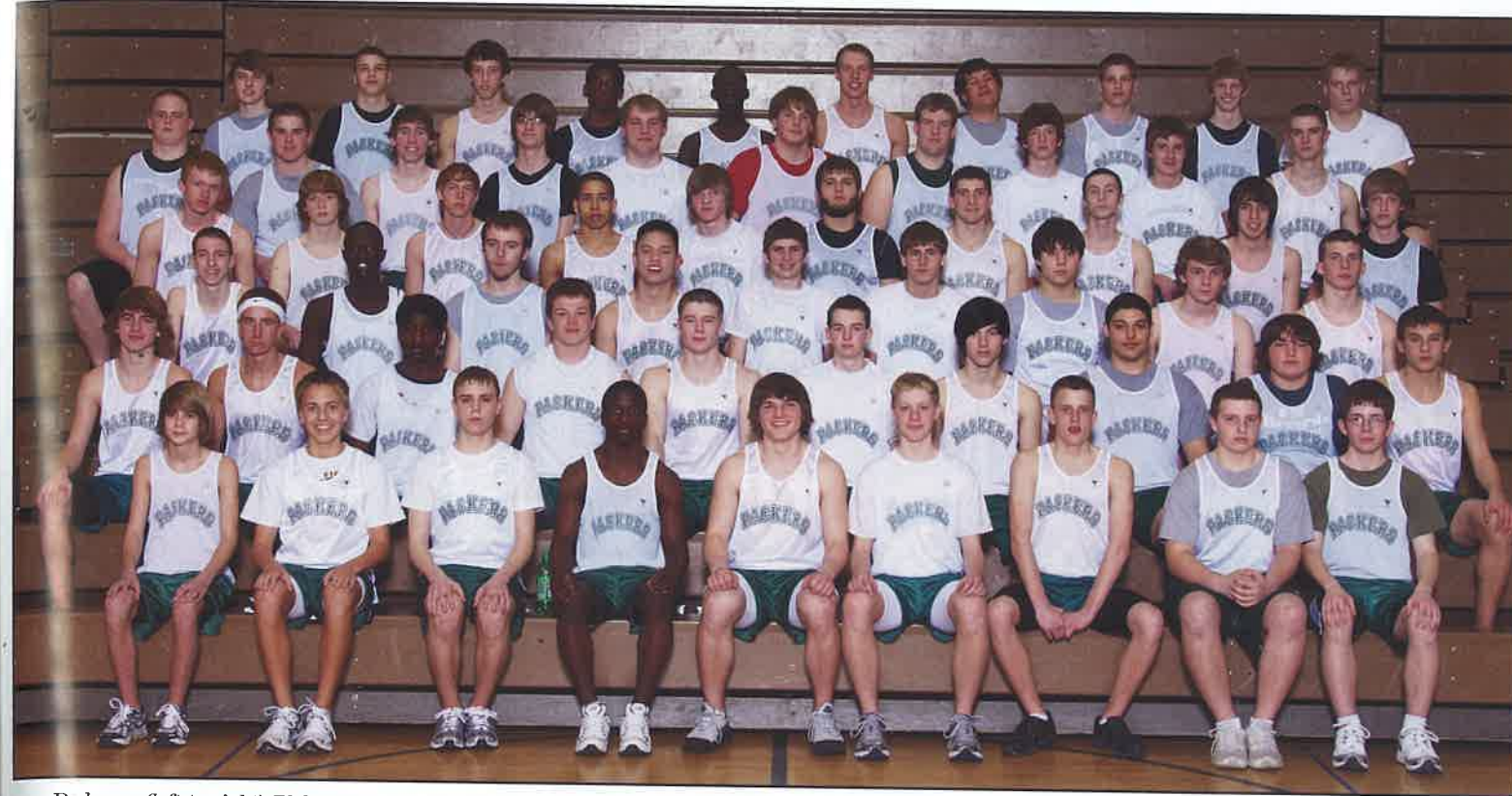
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 Fifth row: Britny Bucholz, Jill Gustafson, Krista Weiszhaar, Beth Beyer, Cherae Reeves, Cassandra Pillen, Kaitlyn Stoppler, Amanda Belcourt, Whitney Walsh
 Fourth row: Alysa Eldenshink, Alissa Mears, Anna Samson, Maria Brekkestran, Malayia Johnson, Theresa Schlangen, Allison Barta, Emma Grant, Sarah Beyer
 Third row: Megan Sather, Londyn Lorenz, McKenzie Jaeger, Christine Baltezare, Amy Tran, Briana Hartog, Megan Nelson, Amber Cox, Sondra Booth
 Second row: Alicia Schroeder, Lacey Hatlestad, Jessica Schmaltz, Taylor Perry, Ashley Reiter, Jolee French, Leah Hermanson, Beth Berard, Courtney Pederson, Samantha Brown
 Front row: Brooke Grooters, Victoria Hackett, Erin Sistas, Taylor Bates, Katy Tellinghuisen, Anna Rutten, Haley Moltor, Amanda Levin, Chenelle Parr



Back row (left to right): Head coach Chuck Gad, Luke Olson, Derek Sand, Tyler Evin, Alexander Erickson, head coach Steve Anderson
 Second row: Robert Lytle, Connor Holland, Jared Cowden, Ryan Olien, John Sund, Steven Moroz, Sage Raghib
 Front row: Eric Baagen, Spencer VanGuilder, Jeremy Johnson, Nicholas Evin, Logan Palmer, Payton Johnson.



Back row (left to right): Assistant coach Sean Bourke, student manager Kevin Roberts, head coach Chad Anderson, student manager Brian Olson
 Second row: Betsy Kastet, Anyu Dai, Cassie Smith, Jillian Bechtold, Elizabeth Anderson
 First row: Sarina Olson, Megan Broton, Kaylee Stock, Sam Smith



Back row (left to right): Blake Schaefer, Alex Fontaine, Spencer Uetz, Kene Okigbo, Victor Soro, Lucas Solum, Dylan Just, Tanner Fontaine, Taylor Gjestvang, Cody Mammenga
 Fifth row: Tatum Grandstrand, Ross Montgomery, Bradyn Bohnenstingl, Jesse Suppa, Jared Steinberger, Gentry Lee, Garrett Anderson, Austin Althoff, Elijah Morman, Jay Gjestvang
 Fourth row: Chad Watterud, Levi Boehm, Adam Salter, Nicholas Williams, Tyler Kovarik, Jonathan Morken, William Kuehn, Shane Hillen, Levi Lepird, Aric Stormon
 Third row: Darin Baltezare, Diang Lulut, Anthony Ross, Charlie Luong, Colton Schulz, Scott Salter, Steven Burdick, Jacob Kroke, Levi Bachmeier
 Second row: Tyler Ostern, Jamison Gehrig, Allan Ntaate, Jordan Rasmussen, Brandon Gibson, Christian Mohan, Justin Gibson, Mason Herman, Alex Barnes, Joshua Hanson
 Front row: Quentin Dubord, Matthew Pvochniak, Brody Rustad, Ransi Thomas, Alexander Spacel, Nathan Jahnke, Adam Solum, Kevin Klaers, Taylor Waterworth



Back row (left to right): Head coach Patrick Johnson, Danielle Nelson, Aryelle Jones, Carissa Becher, assistant coach Mark Woodbury
 Second row: Madison Anderson, Oksana Tyulyandina, Brooke Yochim, Kacie Johnson
 Front row: Harle Andel, Katie Fretheim, Allison Klug, Jessica Woodbury, Kelsey Daul



Back row (left to right): Head coach Jon Melendez, head coach Laura Preston, junior varsity coach James Moe, goalkeeper coach Andrea Pearson
 Fourth row: Student manager Jaime Springer, Alyssa Lind, Melissa Halda, student manager Lindsey Bishop
 Third row: Paige Swanson, Courtney Voeller, Andrea Muller, Chrisina Lammers, Kelsey Kloos
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 First row: Lauren Johnson, Hillary Olheiser, Kaylee Lothspeich, Amy Doll, Megan Rotert

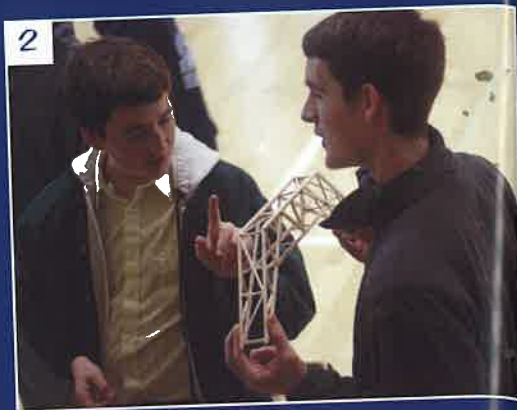
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Senior Aryelle Jones was named the Female Athlete of the year.

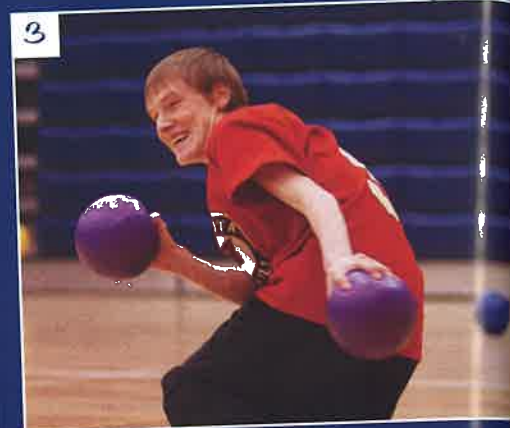
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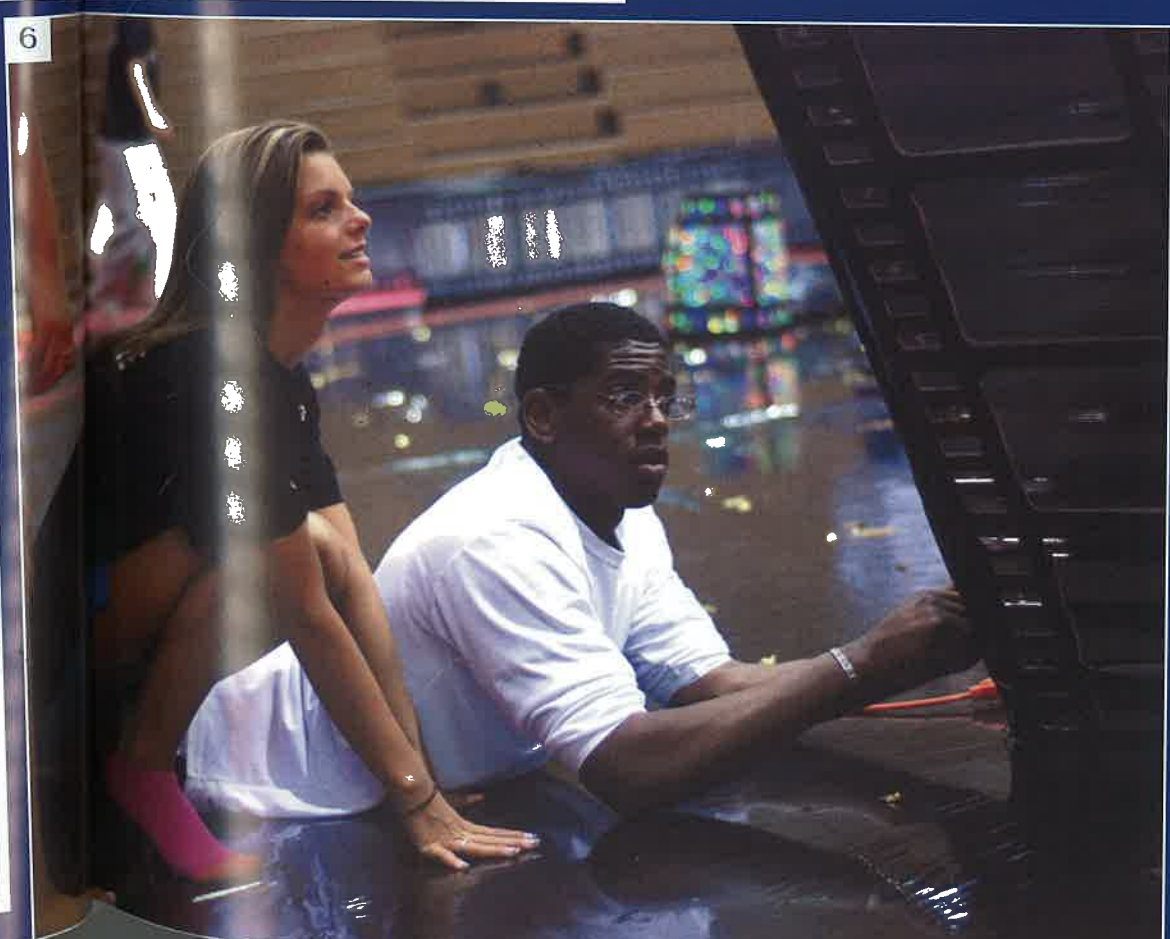
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Photo 1: A giant lean...Before beginning a rehearsal for "James and the Giant Peach," senior Kimberly Braesch stretches out while wearing a fatsuit. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Building bridges...Freshman William Merkel and his brother, senior Andrew Merkel, discuss the bridge Andrew entered in the state Science Olympiad competition. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Protected by the purple...During an FCA dodgeball game, junior Paul Pilch ducks to avoid being hit. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Done for the day...Sophomore Ethan Hettwer talks to friends while putting his instrument away after band. (Photo by Callie Kates) Photo 5: Eggs, eggs, everywhere...While helping at Yunker Farm's Easter Eggstravaganza sophomore Cassandra Sprung scatters eggs on the ground for the egg hunt for all the kids. (Photo by Abby Paul)

There are eight people in Envirothon and it's one of the smallest groups at West Fargo.

Photo 6: Making an entrance...Juniors Lexi Jackson and Kene Okigbo create a giant star for an entrance to grand march. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: TSA fights cancer...Sophomore Victor Sjoblom counts the money raised for Roger Maris and the American Cancer Society during a miracle minute at a basketball game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: This is how it goes...Before entering a basketball game, junior Shelby Moen instructs sophomore Shelby Lewis and junior Tyler Bertsch about their duties to present the colors. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 9: The rescue...Community Emergency Response Team participant sophomore Jeffrey Keller rescues drama member senior Jordan Shive in a mock bus accident. (Photo by Abby Paul)

OUR organizations

The front row parking spot raffle was a new way that Student Council raised money this year.

grade: senior
unique fact: "I love board games: Cranium and Scrabble."
favorite color: light pink



Ashley Reiter



grade: senior
unique fact: "My initials spell Zac."
favorite color: red

Zachary Cormican



fact-filled Friday

Student Council shares information, giggles with students

"I'll do the intro."
"I have a lot to say."
"I'm going to mess it up."
It's 8:33 Friday morning and seniors Haylee Swanson, Mackenzie Schommer and Shayla Lund gather around the intercom waiting for Principal Gary Clark to give them their cue. "Good morning, you know what time it is," Clark says. "It's Fun Fact Friday, I'm Haylee."
"I'm Shayla."
"And I'm Mackenzie."
"And here is your fun fact."
"Shayla, did you know a snail breathes through his foot?"
"Wow, Mackenzie, that is super interesting!"
Following the fact, giggles fill the intercom and finally someone says, "This was brought you by your Student Council"
From Wonder Wednesday to Fun Fact Friday or the many other announcements Student Council members make, students spend mornings in homeroom listening to Student Council members. While the Wonder Wednesday team reads

inspirational quotes and explains them, the Fun Fact Friday team enlightens students with random facts.

"I look forward to listening to Wonder Wednesday, but the Fun Fact Friday girls don't take it seriously and are laughing the whole time," senior Megan Hought said. "It's hard to take them seriously when it doesn't seem like they take it seriously."

Some students enjoy listening to the Fun Fact Friday girls. "I like them because it is something different," sophomore Amy Matzke said. "They always seem like they're having fun and a lot of their facts are funny."

"The idea of Fun Fact Friday was started by last year's Student Council members," senior Shayla Lund said. "When discussing who would take over on Friday mornings, we thought it would fun to do since the boys wanted to do Wonder Wednesdays."

Miranda Mars
Miranda Mars



Student Council raised money with their first cake walk for cook Ellen Olson, whose home caught on fire in January.

Photo 1: Boxed in...Sophomore Briana Keller helps arrange bags of canned goods for the Fill the Dome project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Save a life...Junior Alexander Erickson relaxes while he donates blood at the school-sponsored blood drive. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 3: Cans galore...Junior Madison Anderson and sophomore Kacie Johnson box up cans as they finish up the Fill the Dome project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Point me in the right direction...Junior Kene Oligbo helps parents find their child's classrooms during back to school night. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Move along...Junior Austin Keller helps by moving canned goods around to get ready for the Fill the Dome project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Is it really true...Seniors Shayla Lund and Haylee Swanson share a "fun fact" over the intercom. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: What did I get myself into...Junior Megan Vaagen reacts as the needle punctures her skin at the school-sponsored blood drive. (Photo by Jayme Noel)

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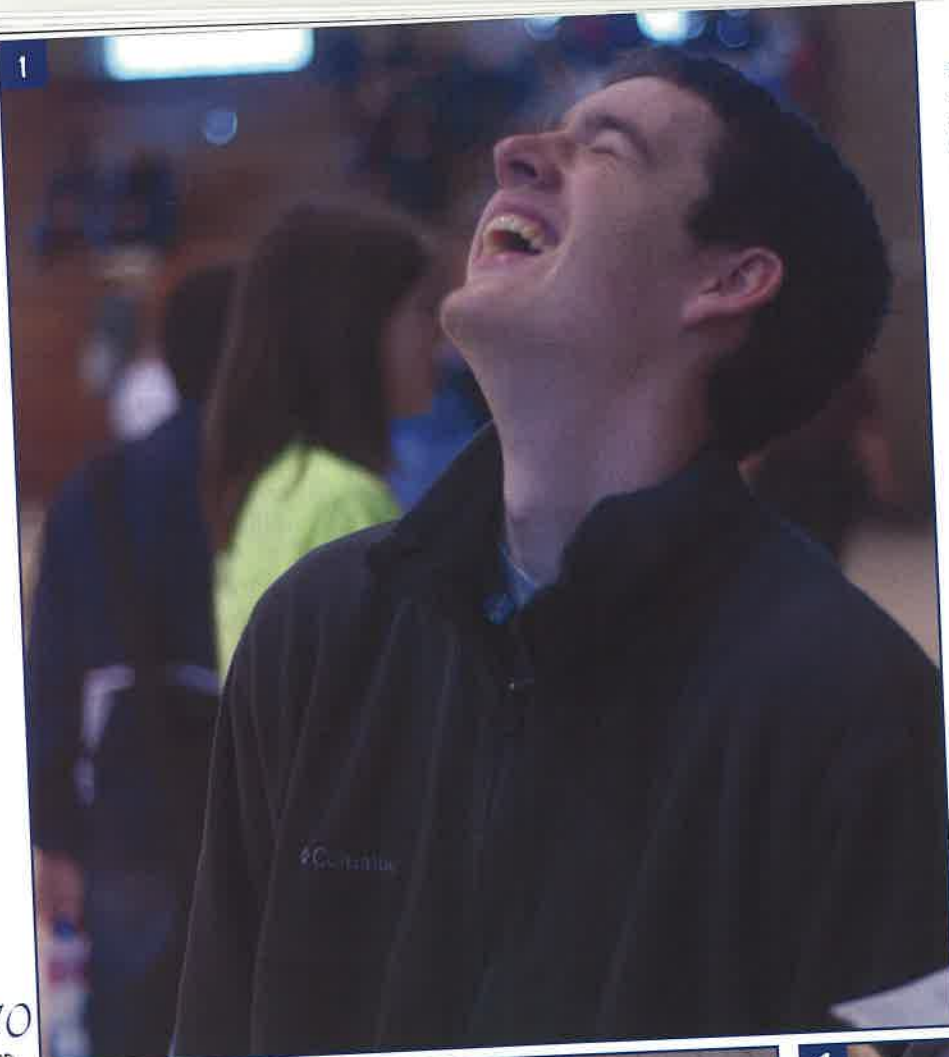
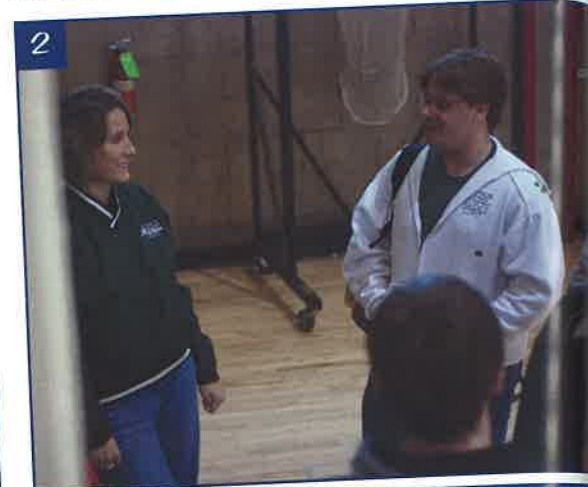


Photo 1: Silly science...While competing in the state Science Olympiad event, senior Andrew Merkel laughs as he and teammates discuss his bridge. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Ready for the competition...Between talking written tests, senior Peter Hettwer talks with Science Olympiad adviser Jill Wold. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Always advice...Senior Peter Hettwer chats with Cameron-Merkel during Science Olympiad state. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Building bridges...Freshman William Merkel inspects the bridge his brother, senior Andrew Merkel, entered in the state Science Olympiad competition. (Photo by Abby Paul)



West Fargo only attended the state meet because another team dropped out.



grade: freshman
unique fact: "If the carp are biting, I'll go after them."
science olympiad memory: "I just went in there with a brain and pencil. Basically every team had a partner and notes and I still got first."



William Merkel



Photo 1: Holding down the fort...Prom Committee member junior Kene Okigbo places edging brick into the bottom of the grand entrance to keep the stars stable. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: Working against the decorations...Juniors Ashley Kranda and Cristina Martinez work together cutting out material to decorate the gymnasium with. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Tape together...Juniors Courtney Summers and Megan Vaagen tape up decorations while out of classes. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Glitter galore...Juniors Holly Johnson and Katherine Roth tape decorations together in the gymnasium. (Photo by Abby Paul)



There were only two boys on Prom Committee this year.



Jordyn Byzewski

grade: junior
unique fact: "I eat ice cream all the time, if I don't I get mad."
favorite place to travel: "Just to go to the lake and sit around and do nothing."

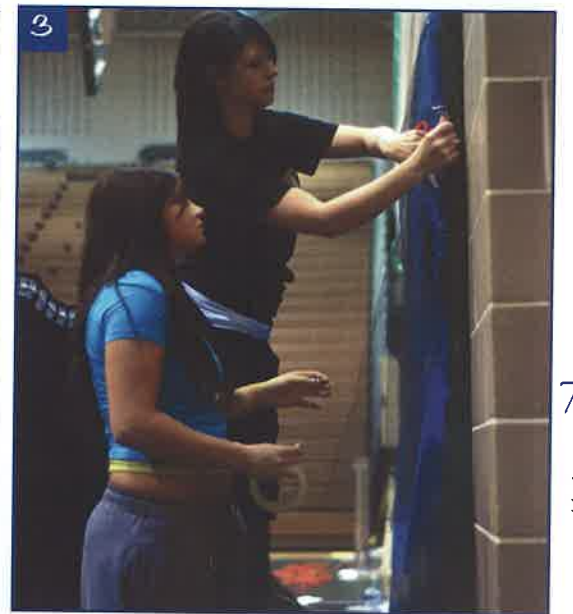




Photo 1: Obstacles and courses. Junior Johanna Erickson gives children instructions before they attempt an obstacle course at the park's "Bouncin' Bash." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: My first snowflake ever. Junior Robert Lytle tries to cut out the best possible snowflake to hang up. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 3: Laughter. Junior Diana Hahn has a good time as she rakes leaves for National Honor Society. (Photo by Maru Johnson) Photo 4: Slip n' slide. Senior Katherine Eidenschink watches as children slide down a slide at the end of a Games-to-Go obstacle course. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: I always wanted a little sister. Senior Abbey Prudlick laughs alongside a student as they meet for the Big Brother Big Sister program. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Reading and rhyming. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, junior Courtney Summers reads to students at L.E. Berger Elementary. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Picking out gifts from the heart. Junior Jenna Green helps kids pick out Christmas presents at the NHS's Santa's Workshop. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 8: Raking. Junior Ethan Sorenson fills a bag up with leaves during a National Honor Society service project. (Photo by Maru Johnson)

NHS volunteers go to the fifth grade classes in the district and talk to the kids about dangers of drugs and alcohol for the D.A.R.E. program.

NHS reaches out

To lend a helping hand

With painful blisters burning his hands, junior Ryan Binde continued raking leaves at homes for National Honor Society (NHS) rake and run. While raking, a man emerged from his house to tell Binde that what they are doing is great for the community.

Each different NHS service project presents the students with opportunities to help the community.

Junior Tiffanie Wold thinks Fill the Dome has the most impact on people in the community.

"Fill the Dome gets students at school involved with giving to others," Wold said.

Fill the Dome is a project that collects non-perishable food items to give to the surrounding communities.

Not only is NHS involved in Fill the Dome, they also participate in Big Brother Big Sister.

Big Brother Big Sister involves the NHS students with students from

South Elementary. They play games or involve students with exciting activities.

"If not Fill the Dome, the Big Brother Big Sister program has great impact because of the difference it is making to the kids," junior Nicole Schmidt said.

The service projects help the community, whether it makes a small or large difference.

"Even if you do a tiny thing it has a big difference on the community," Schmidt said.

Projects can help others who are less fortunate, with jobs like simply raking their yard or providing the small amount of food they may need.

NHS contributes many hours of their time to contribute to the community.

"Every little thing helps to make the community a better place," Schmidt said.

Aren Cossette
Aren Cossette

More than 600 people showed up for the Easter Egg hunt in the Veterans Memorial Arena. -Junior Michael Olson



Photo 1: Ready to get wet...Social studies teacher Gregory Linkke prepares to be dunked during DECA's dunk tank. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2 Stop the Bop...Junior Kayla Hawley receives an interview from FOX New about the "Stop the Bop" project for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3 All warm and fuzzy...During a "hot chocolate party" seniors Emily Harris, Megan Nelson, and Ashley Walen write down something unordinary about themselves for a "get to know you" game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: One team one dream...Junior Bridget Breker plays a team building activity during an after school DECA party. (Photo by Abby Paul)



DECA raised \$515 for the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) throughout DECA week.

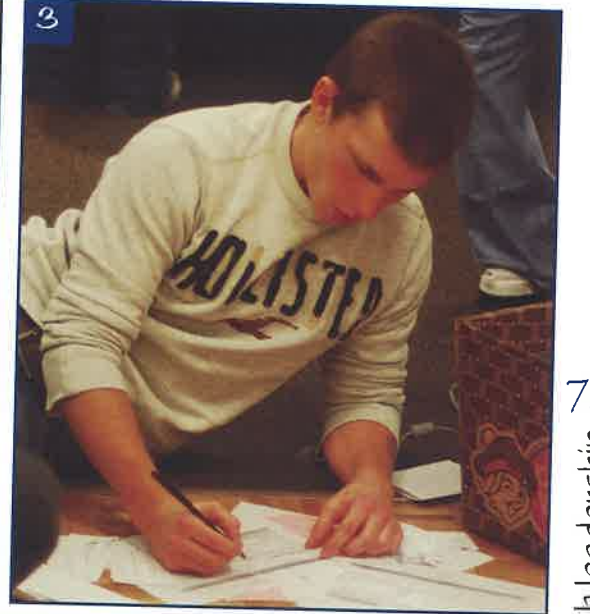


Youth Leadership went to places in the community and Oak Grove to help pick up damage that was made during the flood.



Mara Johnson

grade: junior
 favorite movie: "Coach Carter"
 unique quote: "Live for today because yesterday is over and tomorrow may never happen."



At the federal court house downtown, Youth Leadership had a mock trial.



DECA did a miracle minute during the pep rally for "Stop the Bop."
 grade: junior
 favorite deca project: DECA dates
 favorite color: pink



Emira Muminovic



Photo 1: I'm blinded...Junior Ellie Grooters blindfolds sophomore Mary DeJong during a team building activity. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Money matters...Junior KateLyn Gunderson fills out her mock life insurance forms for the youth leadership activity. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 3: Crunching numbers...Junior Levi Bachmeier works on his youth leadership activity doing real-life scenarios. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 4: Scream and shout...As teammates are blindfolded, junior Leah Camery yells directions, guiding them in the right directions. (Photo by Abby Paul)

"We have done 68 different service projects in the community."
-Spanish teacher Christina Walker



Katherine Roth

grade: junior
best place you've visited: Colorado
favorite movie quote: "Tina you fat lard, come get some dinner."
-Napoleon Dynamite



Connor Wright

grade: sophomore
best place you've visited: Disneyland
favorite movie quote: "What are you doing here? You never call you never write. How are you doing? Have you got yourself a girlfriend yet?"
-The Thief and the Cobbler

Photo 1: A sweet sale...Juniors Katherine Roth and Katelyn Gunderson sell goodies during a bake sale. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Operation wrap presents...Senior Carly Trowbridge wraps a shoebox full of toys for Operation Christmas Child to send to children in third world countries. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Flip, flop, fly...Juniors Ross Montgomery and Mason Herman cheer as they flip over the car during Key Club's car smash. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: An Eggstravaganza...Junior Katelyn Gunderson helps a child dye an egg blue as she volunteers at Yunker Farm. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Pumpkins and paint...While helping at Yunker Farm's "Party in the Pumpkin Patch," sophomore Justine Laughlin watches as a child paints a pumpkin. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Cut and paste...While helping at Yunker Farm's "Easter Eggstravaganza" junior Laura Freitag cuts paper for an art project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Money for charity...Sophomore Elizabeth Paul trick-or-treats to raise money for Unicef. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Step here...Spanish teacher Christina Walker plays "Dance Dance Revolution" against a student during a Key Club video game party. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)



Key Club raised a total \$840.09 throughout the year for a variety of charities.



Photo 1: Window frame. Senior BreAnne Gregory looks through the photos she just took during Key Club's car smash. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: One big family. Students crowd around a table to play "Apples to Apples" during a holiday celebration. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Wrap around. Sophomore Signe Swanson wraps Hershey bars in coupons for a fundraiser. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Picture this. Senior Molly English snaps a photo of students dancing in the lights at the Snowball dance. (Photo by Abby Paul)



"The Packer" staff has at least two layout nights per month. Students often stay until 11 p.m. or midnight to work on pages.

Publications students are required to complete service projects to earn money for the Yearbook and Newspaper funds.



This was the sixth year in a row that Yearbook has won first place at the state NIPA competition.



Brooke Yochim

grade: junior
favorite pub memory: "Playing dodgeball with Murphy and Erika at layout."
favorite ice-cream flavor: chocolate chip cookie dough

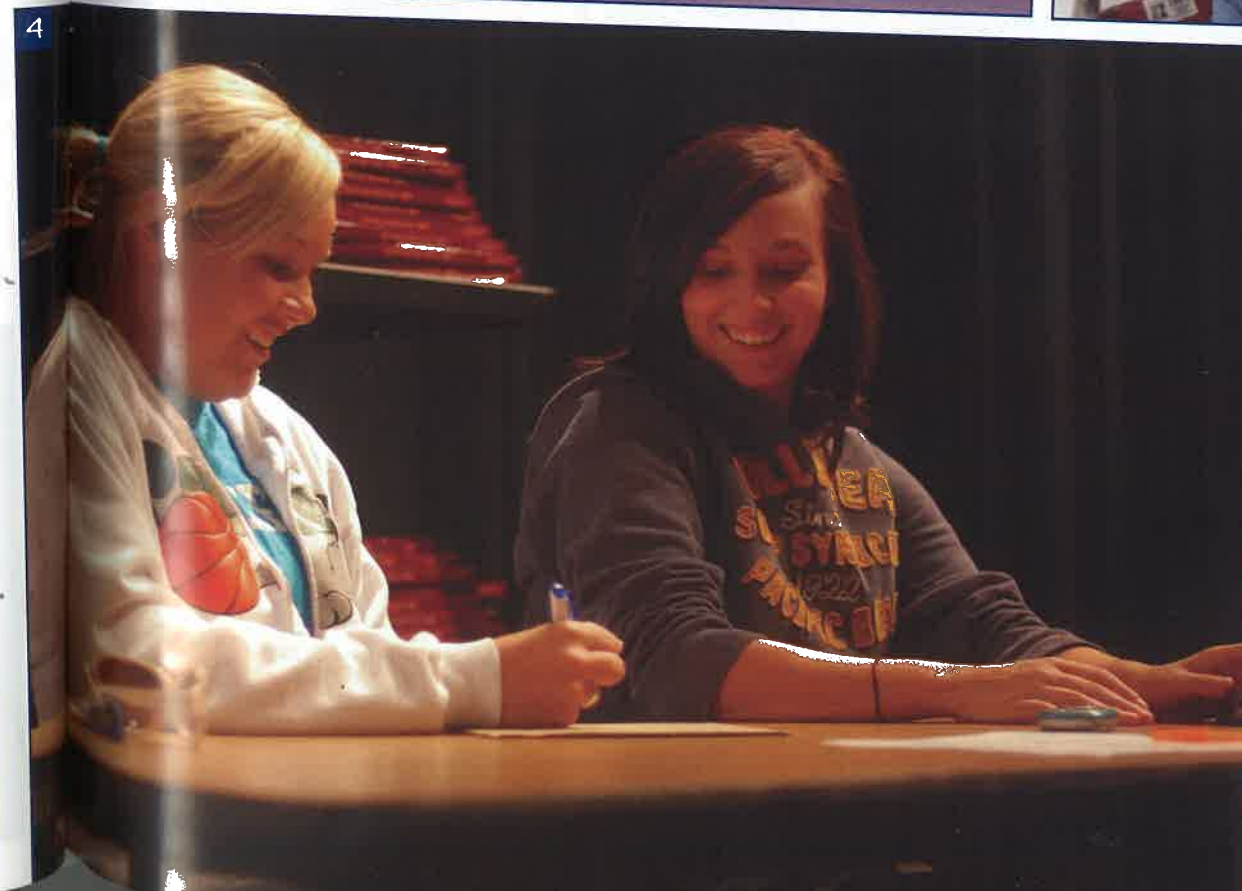


Photo 1: Picking a picture. Senior Abby Paul and junior Cassandra Pillen discuss which photo to use on a page at layout night. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: Red light green light. Juniors Aren Cossette and Cassandra Pillen laugh as they play games down the hall during a layout night. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Snowman surprise. Junior Jenna Beyers smiles and laughs as staff opens white elephant gifts during the Christmas party. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Check, check, check. Seniors Miranda Mars and Shelby Foltz laugh as they mark off students' names during Yearbook distribution night. (Photo by Abby Paul)

grade: senior
favorite pub memory: "Me and Sam Forsy went out to [Adviser Jeremy] Murphy's car to get something for him and we moved his car two rows ahead of where he actually parked it so he couldn't find it."
favorite ice-cream flavor: cakebatter



Maggi Wilken

This was the first year "The Packer" took sweepstakes at state.

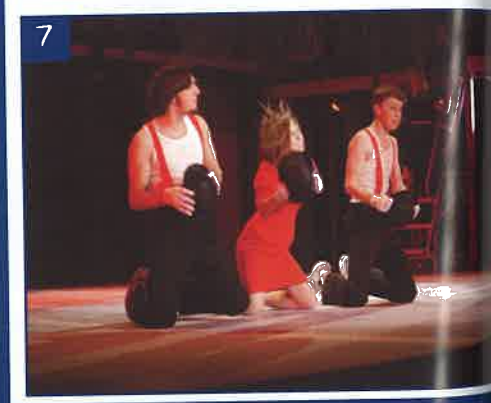
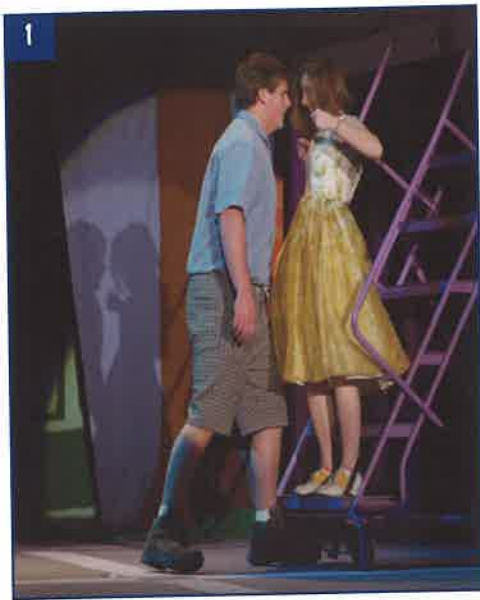


Photo 1: Shadow of emotion. Senior Gentry Lee and junior Caitlin Leick get close and argue during a scene of "The Pajama Game." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Lounging ladies. During the production of "James and the Giant Peach" seniors Brittany Davila and Kimberly Braesch play Aunt Spiker and Aunt Sponge. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Color the emotion. Juniors Solveig Swanson and Robert Jacobs dance an intimate Tango during "The Pajama Game." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: A little lady. Senior Taylor Trauger asks a question as juniors Robert Jacobs and Holly Johnson look on during "James and the Giant Peach." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Don't push me. Senior Chelsea Peterson sings while giving senior Travis Bregier a ride on a cart during the production of "The Pajama Game." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Watch your step. Seniors Taylor Trauger and Samuel Forsey look down at their feet as they dance during "The Pajama Game." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Hats off. Senior Joshua Ockert, junior Caitlin Leick, and sophomore Jordan Degerness remove their hats and kneel on their knees during the dancing scene of "The Pajama Game." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Tongues in a bag. During the production of "James and the Giant Peach," senior Adam Watts tries to persuade junior Chandler Boehm to accept a bag of mystical alligator tongues. (Photo by Abby Paul)

The drama department is losing 16 seniors this year.

audition agony

The longest days of their lives

biting her nails, shaking her crossed leg, staring at the clock, and repeatedly reminding herself to breathe, senior Taylor Trauger's mind is far away from French class. At 3:07 p.m. she rushes to the box office. Approaching the list Trauger's eyes barely focus. She finds the character name Mabel and shakily follows it across the page to her own name. "I literally screamed," Trauger said. After three days of auditions, the cast list for "The Pajama Game" is finally posted. Tryouts began with dance auditions where students performed in groups and were repeatedly cut or asked to stay. "I started out really excited, but then felt nervous and disgruntled," senior Joshua Ockert said. "I became very selfish and focused on learning the dance for myself because that's what I am supposed to do; it's auditions." After a weekend of anticipation, students took part in vocal auditions. "Vocal auditions go a little differently because you're up on-stage all alone with a little piano accompaniment, and there are more people watching,"

Trauger said. "Not just Adam the director and musical directors, but everybody else auditioning." Besides spending time at tryouts, students spent hours worrying about and practicing for their chance to get their desired part. "I felt anxiety the whole time and just sat there unproductive," junior Sarah Arnold said. "There were lots of sleepless nights." When the cast list was finally posted students experienced mixed reactions. "I was excited for me, but for other parts I was not amazingly excited because I had a different view of what happened and a different cast list in my mind," Ockert said. "It kind of bothers me that I felt other people did a lot better; it leaves me questioning." "No matter what, I know it's important to trust the director's decision because he sees the show differently," Trauger said. "I know it will work out in the end and be an amazing musical."

Abby Paul
Abby Paul

Performing a musical for state drama for the first time since 2003 "Angels in Snow"

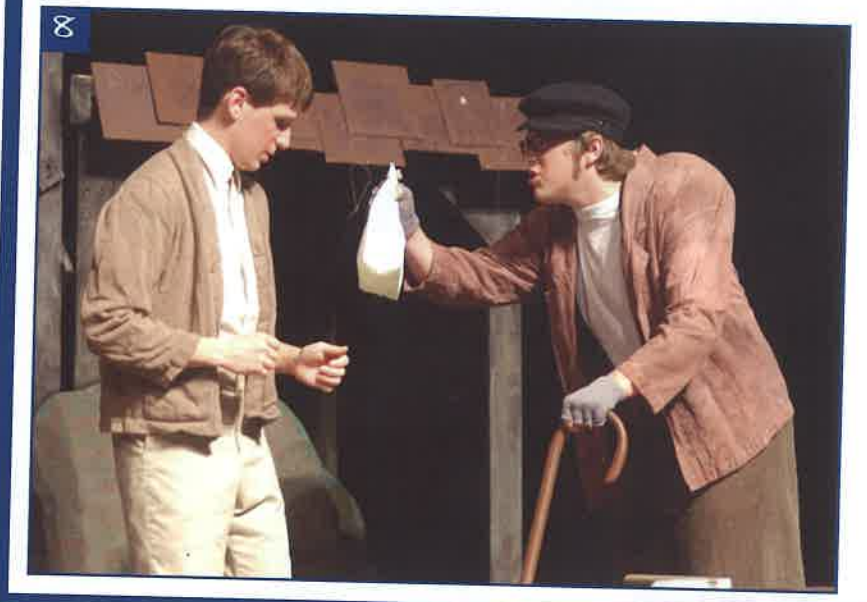




Photo 1: Drama, drama, drama...Senior Eric Halvorson and sophomore Abbey Immer act out a soap opera. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 2: Oh no you don't... Freshman Mitchell Forsey and senior Garrett Anderson battle it out as waiters for a table. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 3: Is that last season's glass slipper? Playing Cinderella, sophomore Mikaela Pytlík and her ugly step-sisters, sophomore Miranda Sprung and senior Monica Schroeder, look with disgust at senior Adam Watts's glass slipper. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 4: 3.2.1...Senior Emily Vrem plays a terrorist while sophomore Taylor Birrenknott tries to figure out who she is. (Photo by Callie Katers)



Cabaret and Improv had it's first year of having co-presidents leading the group.



Cabaret and Improv only met once every two weeks instead of once a week in Spring 2008.

grade: senior
favorite color: purple
favorite part of cabaret and improv: "Teaching the new people some new techniques on how to improv better."

Travis Bregler

Orchestra was chosen to perform a concert piece at the Turtle Mountain performance event.



There are only nine seniors in Orchestra this year.



Breann Dolyn Lies

grade: senior
favorite state: "South Dakota, because I like the climate here a bit, but it would be slightly warmer."
unique quote: "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."



Photo 1: Listen to the sound of music...One of West Fargo's orchestra groups performs at Eastern Dakota Competition. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2: A cello fellow...Junior Cody Schill and senior Andrew Lenzmeier play the cello during a concert. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Play the music loud...Junior Russel Koetz plays the bass at the mall during a Christmas performance. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 4: A stringy sensation...Sophomore Megan Broton and junior Elizabeth Anderson play violin during a concert in the commons. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Photo 1: Playing with soul_Sophomores Alexis Greer and Samantha Gunning perform at the final awards band concert. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2: Marching to her own beat_Senior Kelsey Hoovestol keeps the beat on a drum. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: A rat-a-tat-tat_Junior Ricky McGrady plays the snare drum from the top of the stands at a football game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Music of the night_Pep band members play spirited songs at the Homecoming football game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Full of excitement_Aaron Frietag throws his hands in the air while playing noisemakers at the band concert. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 6: She's spirited_Junior Maria Brekkestran screams from the stands as she plays percussion for the pep band. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Sound the alarm_During the fall pep rally, trumpet players play while sitting in a row on the bleachers. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Rock Out_The flute section rocks out during their final awards band concert. (Photo by Jayme Noel)



instruments come together as one

bands combine to perform city-wide show

Sophomore Nathaniel Peterson was the only student to receive an outstanding award for a solo performance of "Marimba" at the state competition.

Keeping the same note, all West Fargo high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools perform as one band at the All-City Band Concert at the Civic Center on January 22. The band members' intentions were to come together as West Fargo, instead of being divided by grades. This particular concert was special because of the goal for all bands to play one song, "E Pluribus Rockum," together.

For younger bands, this is a more challenging piece for them to perform. "The lower grades have to try and play the same piece, but in a different key so it'll be harder for them," senior Emily Beets said.

With this new approach to this concert, the bands experience a new way of performing in a large group of people.

"It's going to be crazy," junior Maria Brekkestran said. "I don't know how it's

going to work."

Although all bands will perform this one piece, each band will also perform songs on their own. Each band is represented by a different colored t-shirt.

"I think it'll be an interesting concert," junior Alyssa Beckius said. Having all of the bands together for the concert will be a great experience for the bands to come together and perform this one song.

"I think having the bands together is cool," Beets said. "I've never done anything like that before."

With this new twist to a concert it provides band students with a new and exciting experience.

"It was interesting. We played one song all together and basically all stayed together," Beckius said. "I was so surprised."

Aren Cossette
Aren Cossette

The band was nominated for an award by United Way for doing charity fundraising at the concerts this year.



students sacrifice free time

rising early in the morning

In the early hours of 5 a.m., junior Robert Jacobs sleepily tumbles from his bed to get ready for school for his morning Madrigals lesson.

Consuming mornings with singing practice isn't a big deal for Jacobs because he receives new experiences to expand his musical talents.

"It is a really great experience and it helps you really grow as a musician," he said.

Madrigals consist of a group of 22 students who practice Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings. In order to be included in Madrigals, choir students must try out and take a regular choir class.

"In some ways it is more challenging to the student because there is more weight put on one student," choir director Jeffery Mueller said.

These students are required to learn their songs during only morning practices, making this choir group

more challenging.

"It is more challenging to learn the songs because we have a shorter time period than the regular choir class does and we don't have class every day," junior Caitlin Leick said.

Madrigals practice takes up their free time rather than using class time, like a normal choir class would do.

"I think that these students are really devoted to this choir, otherwise they wouldn't take the time to wake up at 7:30 in the morning," Leick said.

Also, Madrigal choir expands many opportunities for these students. By challenging their voices it helps them to become better vocalists.

Although Madrigals may seem like too much dedication because of waking up at 5 a.m., it presents opportunities for these students.

Aren Cossette
Aren Cossette



Choir class goes to Minnesota every other year for the choir tour.



Emily Vrem

grade: senior
favorite high school memory: "I don't think it's possible to single out one best memory. It's the collection of cookies at lunch, bomb threats, student teachers running into doors, sleepovers, silly pictures, tripping up the stairs and dealing with terrible english teachers that makes high school what it is. All of the experiences we have here are what shape us and make us who we are."
favorite animal: giraffe



Michael Olson

grade: junior
favorite high school memory: "Playing pit orchestra for the high school play."
favorite animal: monkey

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1 This year, for the first time, choir had four outstanding performances at state.

Photo 1: Sing it loud...Freshmen Mariah Clarin and Reba Tschetter practice a song during choir class at the Sheyenne Center. (Photo by Johanna Erielson) Photo 2: Fa la la...Senior Kimberly Braesch warms up her vocal cords before the choir concert. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 3: Projecting the sound...Freshman girls pose on the stairs to entertain their audience with merry tunes for the holiday season. (Photo by Victoria Hacklott) Photo 4: Madrigal mania...Senior Brittany Davila, sophomore Abbey Immer, and senior Abby Hammes sing with the Madrigals during the Christmas concert. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Two voices, one song...During the Christmas concert, NDSU student teacher LeAnn Urlacher sings a duet with choir teacher Jeremy Mueller. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: All in black and white...Choir students sing from many different locations, such as from down near the audience, during their Christmas concert. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: A flowery finish...Seniors Stephanie Larson, Abby Hammes, and Kimberly Braesch hand flowers to their student teacher. (Photo by Abby Paul)



In JROTC three seniors received full scholarships out of the 14 seniors.



James Peterson

grade: senior
his phobia: "I can't stand when somebody drinks out of my pop; it just creeps me out"
favorite restaurant: "Spitfire, they have good steaks."

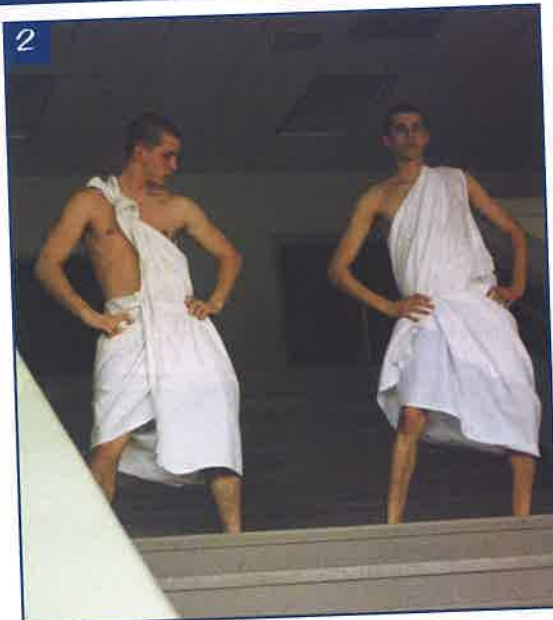


Photo 1: Deliberating—Seniors Nicholas Nelson and James Peterson review the criteria for questioning the underclassman JROTC members. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: Bring out the togas—Seniors Nicholas Hulm and Zacory Theissen pose in togas as they dance to the song "Jump on it" during the Military Ball. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: A special toast—Junior Taylor Cable and sophomore Bo Dahl raise their glasses and enjoy a sip of punch during the Military Ball. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Salute—During the military ball, sophomore Donald Halverson and freshman Ryan Wold present the colors. (Photo by Abby Paul)



JROTC's shooting team was undefeated this year.

Photo 1: Live to laugh—Juniors Christina Bohn and Diane Hahn watch as other members fill up their plates with French cuisine during a meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Sound it out—French teachers Suzanne Thibert and Rachel Dwyer list off ingredients during a meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: French feast—Senior Eric Halvorson fills up a plate with French cuisine during a meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Mark it up—Senior Ashley Ryan writes on the board at the start of a meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul)



"French Club is a blast because we get a bunch of diverse people together who can laugh about the same things, just in a different language."
- Junior Christina Bohn

grade: junior
her phobia: "Driving on ice because I crashed the first time I drove on ice."
favorite restaurant: "Grand Junction, it's just ridiculously amazing."



Christina Bohn

French Club's trip to France was cancelled due to the bankruptcy of the company. Companies in Fargo donated money for students to go.



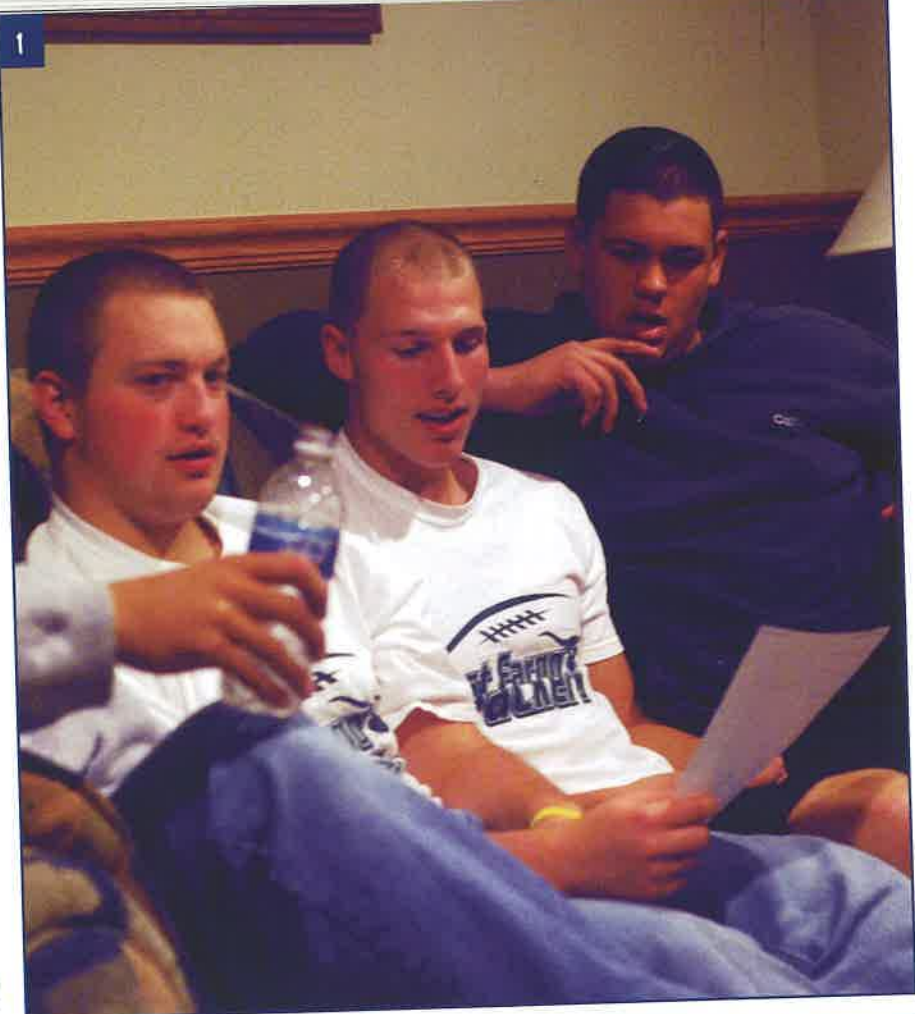
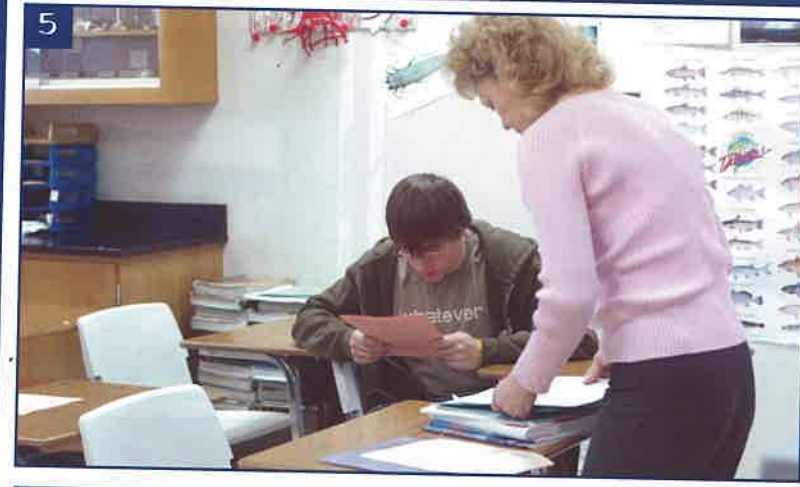


Photo 1: Songs of praise...During a meeting, seniors Braeden Regner, Luke Solum, and junior Dylan Just sing Christian songs. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Ready to run...Seniors Luke Solum, William Kuehn, Nels Lund, Jay Gjestvang, and Garrett Anderson wait at the boundary during an FCA dodgeball game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Success...While playing Wii Sports at a meeting, adviser Matthew Slocomb, senior Garrett Anderson, and sophomore Matthew Pitzer shout for victory. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Man of many skills...FCA adviser Matthew Slocomb plays guitar and sings with his wife, Melodie Slocomb, during a meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul)



At the beginning of each meeting, FCA has a one hour Bible study.



At meetings members learn bird calls that they can use while camping or bird watching.



Kaleigh Von Bank

grade: junior
favorite summer activity: "Definitely going to the lake. I love jet skiing and fishing"



State Envirothon is a three day campout for students.



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Members of FCA take turns having meetings at each other's houses during the year.



Dylan Just

grade: junior
favorite summer activity: "I like the lake life and going fishing."



Photo 5: Remember this... During an Envirothon meeting, senior Trace Waterworth looks at papers from adviser Sara Forness. (Photo by Johanna Eriksen) Photo 6: Listen up... Before an Envirothon meeting, junior Kaleigh Von Bank looks over her materials. (Photo by Johanna Eriksen) Photo 7: Give your attention... Senior Lindsay Lundstom sits with her Envirothon teammates and looks at animal skulls. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 8: What sharp teeth you have... Senior Joseph Manning observes a skull and tries to guess the animal. (Photo by Callie Katers)

spicing up the sidewalk with chalk

raising art awareness in a new way

Spiderman hanging from a building, the Cat in the Hat surrounded by bright clouds, Scooby Doo with his tongue hanging out and a drawing of the Homecoming football game are not what students typically see when entering the high school.

This fall all those colorful drawings and more were sketched with chalk outside the school.

Eric Syvertson, new art teacher and Art Club adviser, first saw the sidewalk chalk competition at Savannah College of Art and Design. The project continued to grow and spread throughout other colleges and universities.

"I wanted to spread art awareness in a fun new way," Syvertson said.

Spreading art awareness is exactly what he did. There were over 200 students, in 48 teams with four students each, participating in the chalk competition.

"It was something new that anyone could participate in," senior Alyssa Thorson said. "That's what made it so fun."

West Fargo was not the only school in the area to jump on this new trend. The winners were broken into three categories: The Funniest Design, Most School Spirit, and Best in Show.

"We thought it would be cool doing something involving the football game, since it was Homecoming week," junior Meranda Harris, winner of the Most School Spirit category, said. "There were so many neat designs; I never thought that we would win."

There were many unique designs in the chalkfest and hopefully there will be many more to come.

"Next year I hope that more students participate, and it keeps getting bigger and bigger," Syvertson said.

Miranda Maus
Miranda Maus



This was the first year Eric Syvertson has run the Art Club at West Fargo High School.

Photo 1: Drawing with passion. After being hypnotized for Art Club, junior Justin Gibson draws as if he's still in grade school. (Photo by Johanna Eridson) Photo 2: Concentration counts. After being hypnotized for Art Club, junior Makayla Fry grips her crayon concentrating hard. (Photo by Johanna Eridson) Photo 3: Jeans on sale. Senior Sam Vaagan works on a drawing of "American Aber-Postle-Ister & Fitch," including a sarcastic sign labeling jeans as "only \$109." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Hypnotic art. Sophomores Wenzhu Sun and Sadie Waite perfect their artwork after being hypnotized. (Photo by Johanna Eridson) Photo 5: Back in time. After being hypnotized for Art Club, sophomore Signe Swanson smudges her art while drawing like a first grader. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 6: Let's see your Powderpuff spirit. During Art Club's sidewalk chalk competition, one of the illustrations shows the headbands of the seniors and the juniors to portray friendly competition. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 7: Olds make the outcome. Sophomore Brianna Høglund works hard on her sidewalk chalk illustration of rolling dice during the sidewalk chalk competition. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 8: Creepy crawlers. During the Art Show, senior Stephanie Sorenson's art work featuring baby's faces creep out viewers. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Art classes toured area colleges and met with the students and professors from the art program about continuing with their art classes.





Photo 1: Drama queen...During the West Fargo Speech Invite, senior **Beatrice Hill** gives a dramatic interpretational speech. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Prizes and placements...Junior **Samantha Pyle** receives an award for her storytelling speech at the West Fargo Speech Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Invisible tape...**Aiden Knodel** carefully places "invisibility tape" on senior **Abby Hammes's** forehead. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: One and only...Senior **Samuel Forsey** performs a storytelling speech during the West Fargo Invite. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The seniors start a speech team battle cry "Hey speech team!-Yeah!-What's our speech team battle cry?-V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! That's our speech team battle cry!"

Shawn Krinke had no experience teaching speech and debate when he started.

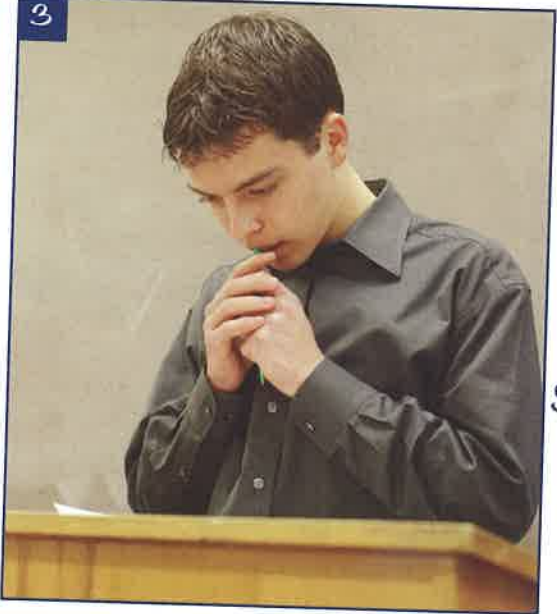
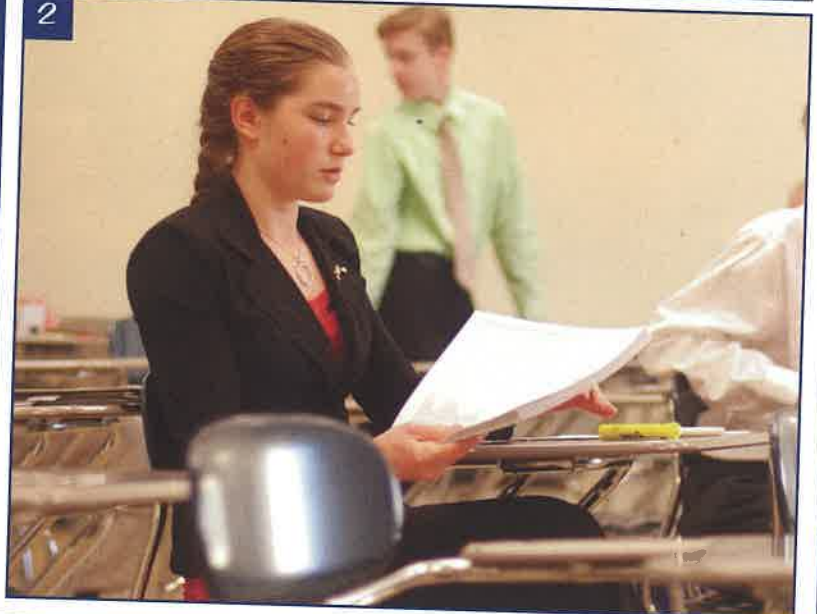


"Making fun of coaches seems to be a high priority, whether it be Mrs. Cossette's inability to speak coherently or my awesomeness."
-Speech and Debate coach **Shawn Krinke**



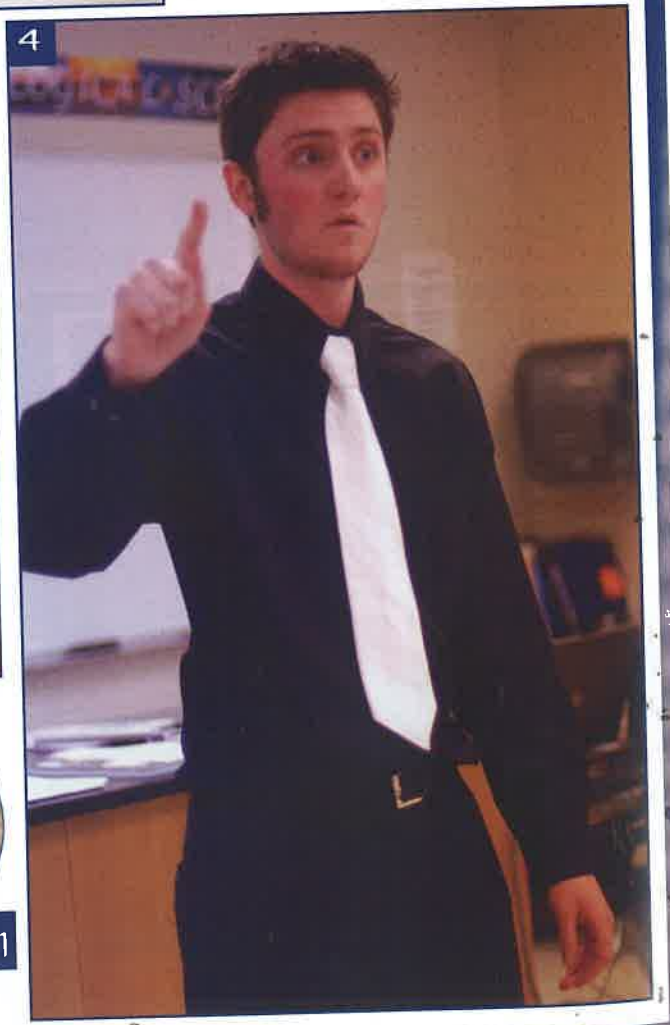
Kaitlyn Varberg

grade: senior
unique fact: 'Im the oldest of six children.'
favorite quote: "Live, laugh, love."



debate

speech



Eric Halvorson and **Beatrice Hill** have been in speech for six years.

grade: senior
favorite color: Purple
favorite quote: "It seems to me that if you or I must choose between two courses of thought or action, we should remember our dying and try so to live that our death brings no pleasure to the world."
-John Steinbeck in "East of Eden"



Eric Halvorson

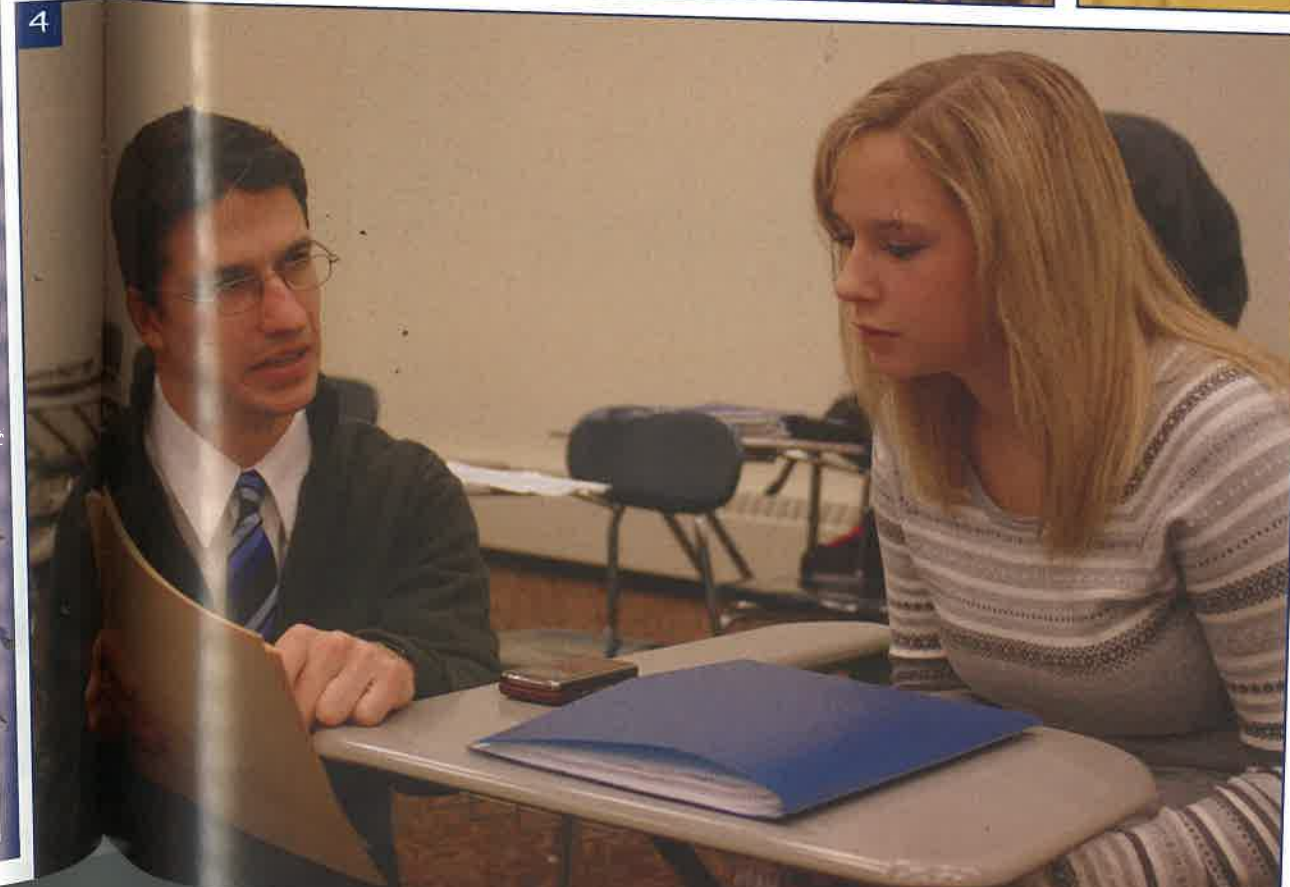


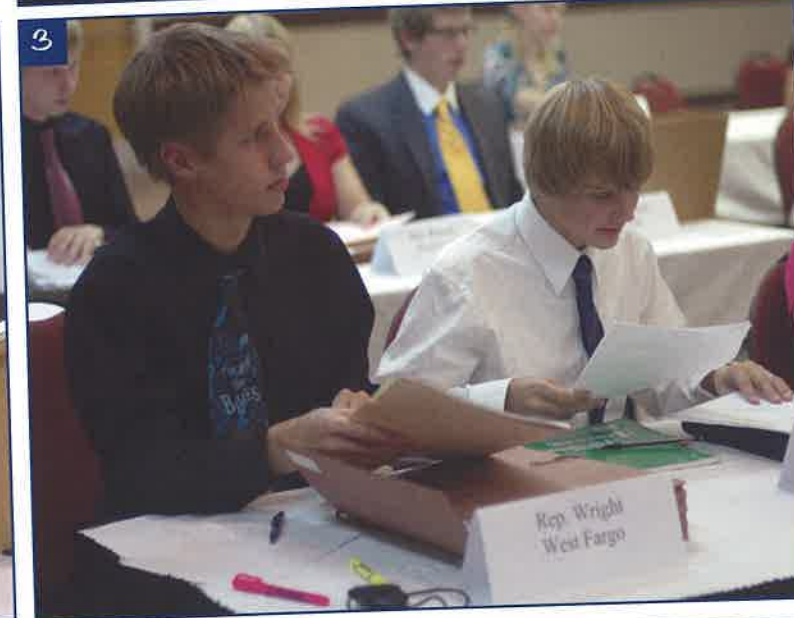
Photo 1: Coach me...Sophomore **Brittany Boyer** receives advice from Debate coach **Shawn Krinke** between sessions. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Notes and highlights...Sophomore **Alicia Schroeder** preps for her next debate. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: In the heat of the debate...Junior **Thane Hillig** asks cross reference questions during a debate at NDSU. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Get ready, get set...Sophomore **Connor Wright** quickly looks over his speech before the clock begins during a debate tournament at NDSU. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Three out of the four students from North Dakota who qualified for the national tournament were from West Fargo.



Anyu Dai

grade: senior
interesting fact: "I went to the Olympics and watched tennis."
favorite school food: Crisritos



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Photo 1: One minute...Senior Meagan McDougall signals a speaker's time during her speech during the East Congress Meet at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo. (Photo by Johanna Erielson) Photo 2: Helping out...Senior Samuel Forsey shows Senator Leizens of Grand Forks Central something on his paper during the East Congress Meet at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo. (Photo by Johanna Erielson) Photo 3: Listen up...Sophomore Connor Wright rearranges his papers while listening to a student speech during the East Congress Meet at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo. (Photo by Johanna Erielson) Photo 4: Looking hard...Senior Abby Hammes looks through her material during the East Congress Meet at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo. (Photo by Johanna Erielson)

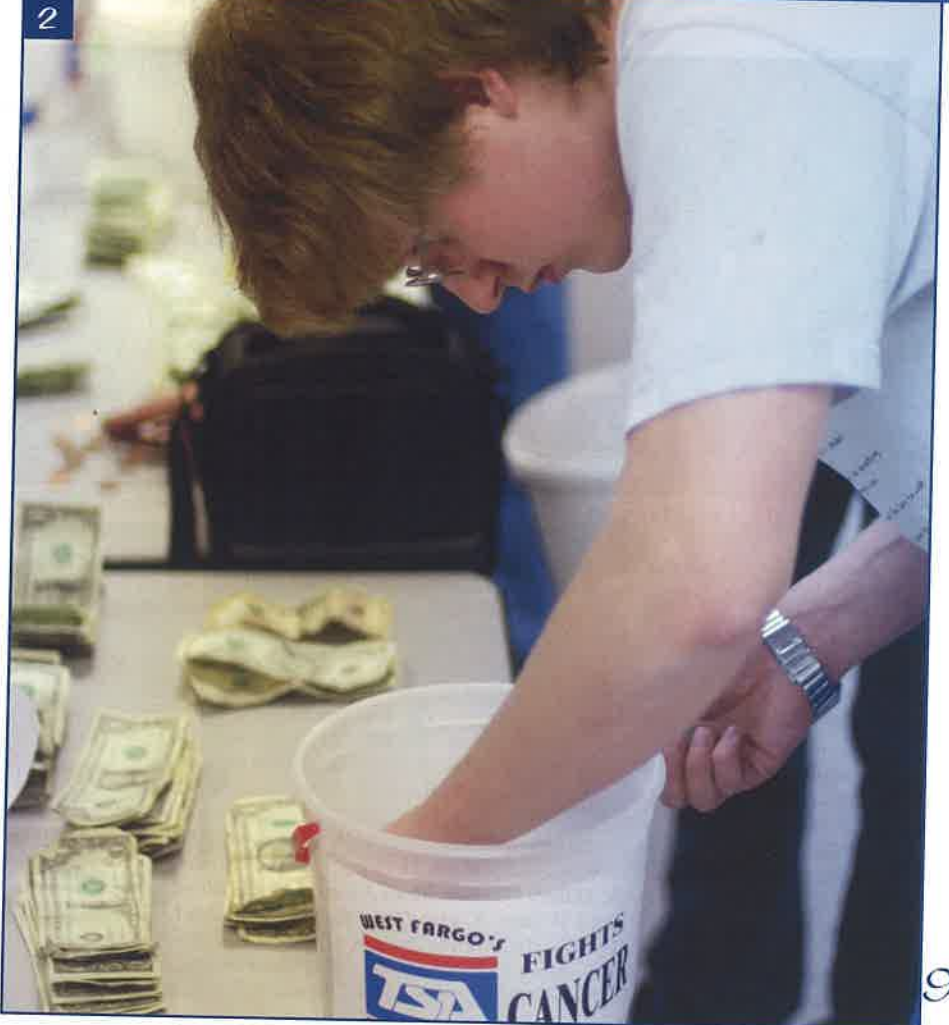
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Coach Aaron Skoel received the diamond award for National Forensic point during his career.

Photo 1: Takeout time...Seniors Erik Schmaltz and Joseph Manning and junior Brittney Steer go through a Chinese buffet line during a meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Coin for cancer...Senior Joseph Manning counts some of the \$582 raised during a miracle minute at a basketball game for Roger Maris Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Green is the new black...In order to help TSA members take photos for a competition, senior Molly English takes part in a "Go Green" fashion show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Don't eat, do draw...Senior Dakota Walz spends a lunch break outside in the foyer drawing out project ideas for TSA. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Seniors Molly English and Abby Paul were the only two students to qualify for the national tournament this year.



grade: senior
he wants to visit: "The Pacific Ocean to see the deepest trench in the world"
favorite person he would want to be: "George Patton, because he was a great military leader."



Andrew Merkel

The state competition was cancelled this year so many entries were never judged.

Student congress



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french club

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envirothon

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tsa

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art club



debate

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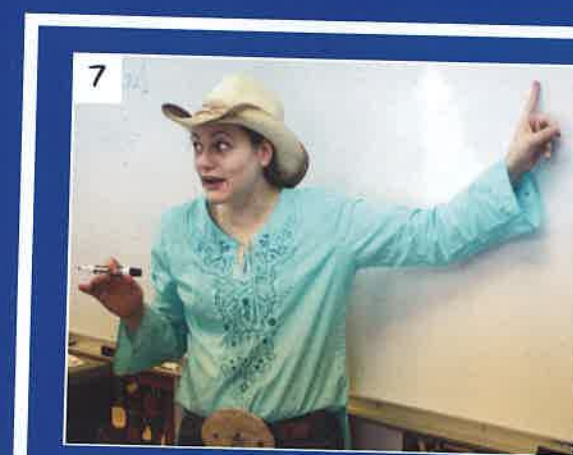
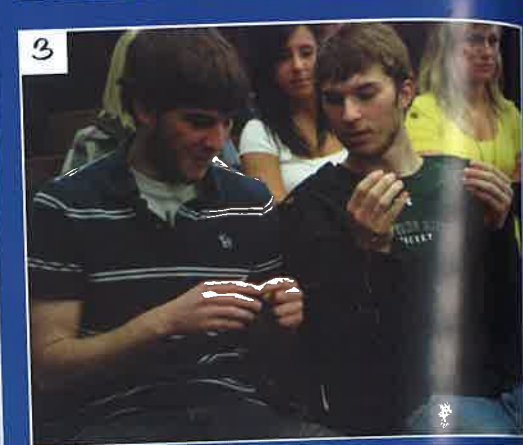
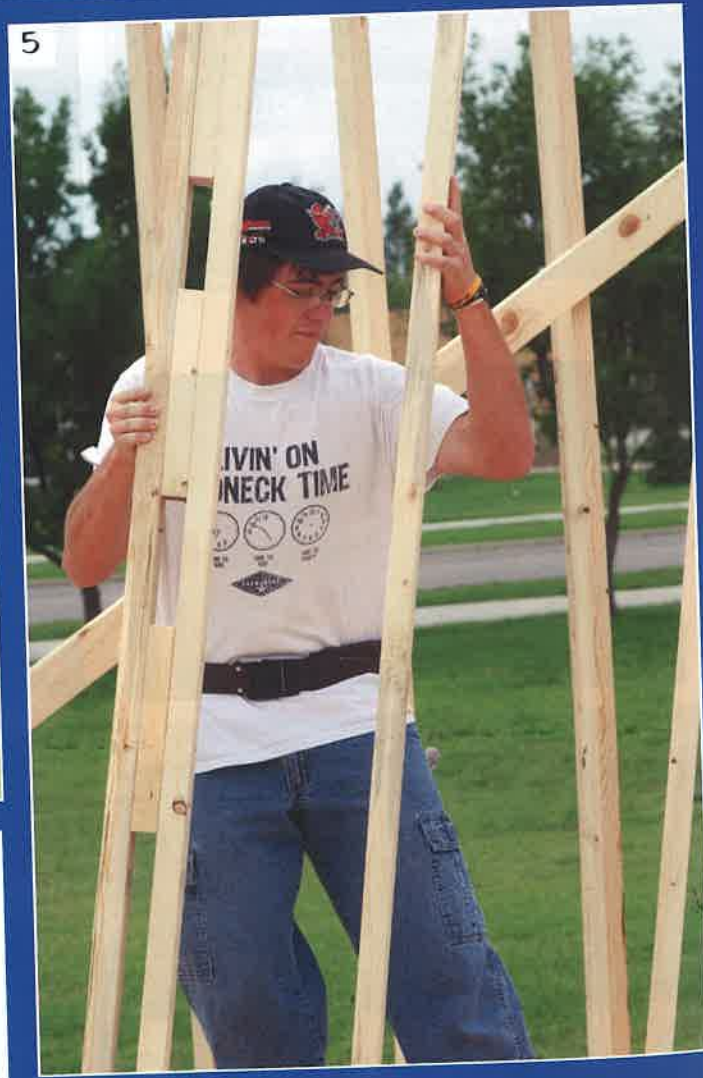
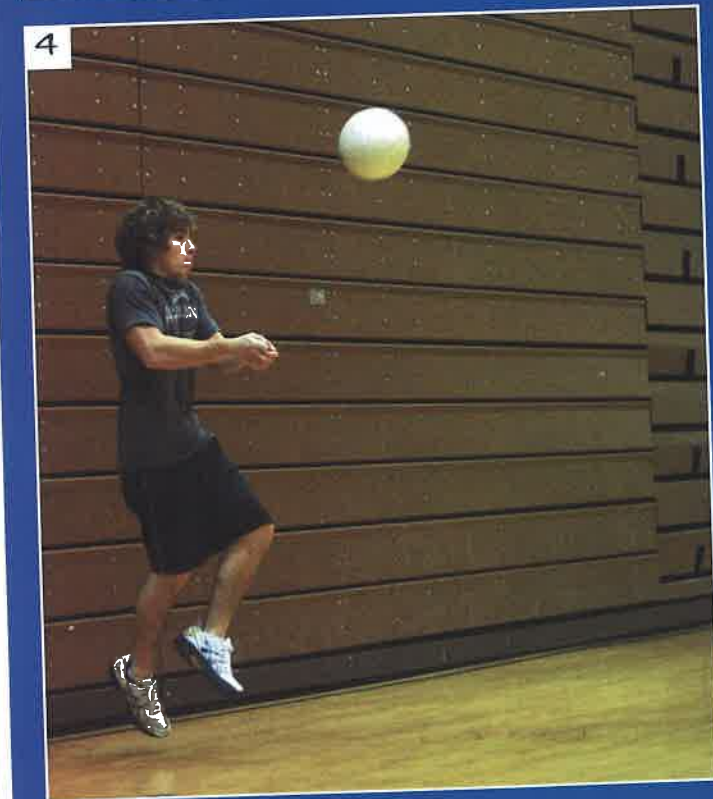


Photo 6: Painted pink...During Environmental Science class, juniors Zachary Stromsodt and Paul Pilch carefully paint a grasshopper with pink nail polish. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Cowgirl in disguise...During the staff's Western Day, special education teacher Holly Leistikow points to answers on the board. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Strings of sounds...During her final high-school orchestra concert, senior Heather Kelsey plays her violin. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 9: The last word...Sophomore Nicole Eisenzimmer and junior Allison Heinen play games during a break in Publications class.

Photo 1: Potatoes and toothpicks...While helping with the "Packer Playland," junior Chelsea Gentzkow helps children make a potato cactus. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Shhh...During adaptive physical education class, sophomore Kaitlin Snead and junior Jonathon Snead tease each other. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Stringy stuff...During a courthouse visit, seniors Daniel Kiehl and Jordan Steckler pass around supplies. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Bump it...Junior Jared Bergeron jumps in the air while playing volleyball in physical education class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: In the wood...Senior Trace Waterworth carries a piece of the wall as he helps put up the walls of the house built by building trades class. (Photo by Abby Paul)

OUR academics



In Art I, students had to make paintings of their favorite song.



"We had to make sketch books, which were fun and intriguing because the covers were decorated to reflect the artist's personality."
-Junior Ashley Kranda



Photo 1: Keep it straight...Senior Hillary Ehlen concentrates on straight lines for her painting. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2: Color it...Senior Travis Anderson paints pieces of artwork that were later displayed at the art show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Flower focus...Sophomore Jennifer Parsons paints flowers on a ceramic project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Packer Pride...Sophomore Jenna Weishaar and sophomore Jordan Brahmmer-Cardiel paint the Packer bull on the ice in the hockey rink as a part of art. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 5: No distractions...Junior Meghan Schreier bring her duck to life with vibrant colors in art class. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 6: Clay your way...Senior Kirsten Walker rolls out clay for ceramics project. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 7: A reindeer or a tree...Art teacher Eric Syvertson creates a clay mask while wearing a holiday shirt. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Ciara Miller

grade: junior
what animal would you be: "a tiger, because they are fast and sexy."
what tv show best describes your life and people in it: "The Hills." There is a fair amount of drama, but still is so much fun."



Megan Vaagen

grade: junior
what animal would you be: "a koala, because they are cute."
what tv show best describes your life and people in it: "Laguna Beach," because it's full of drama."

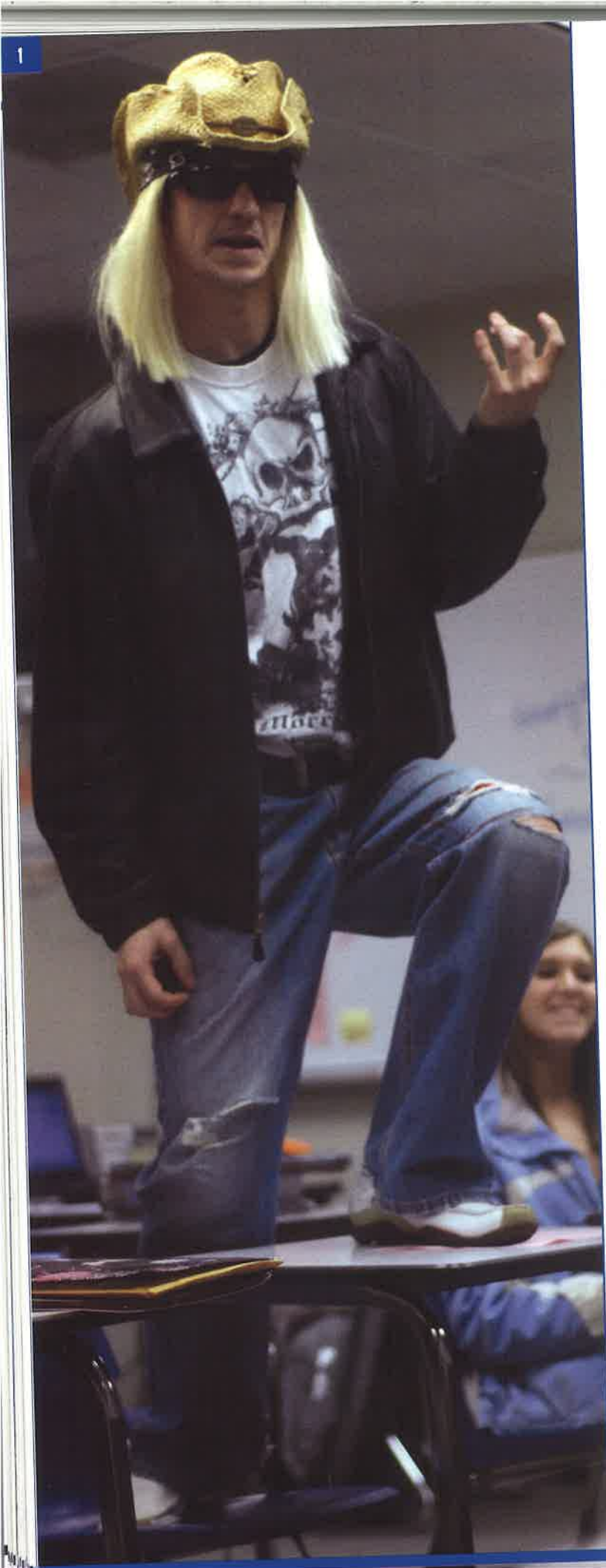
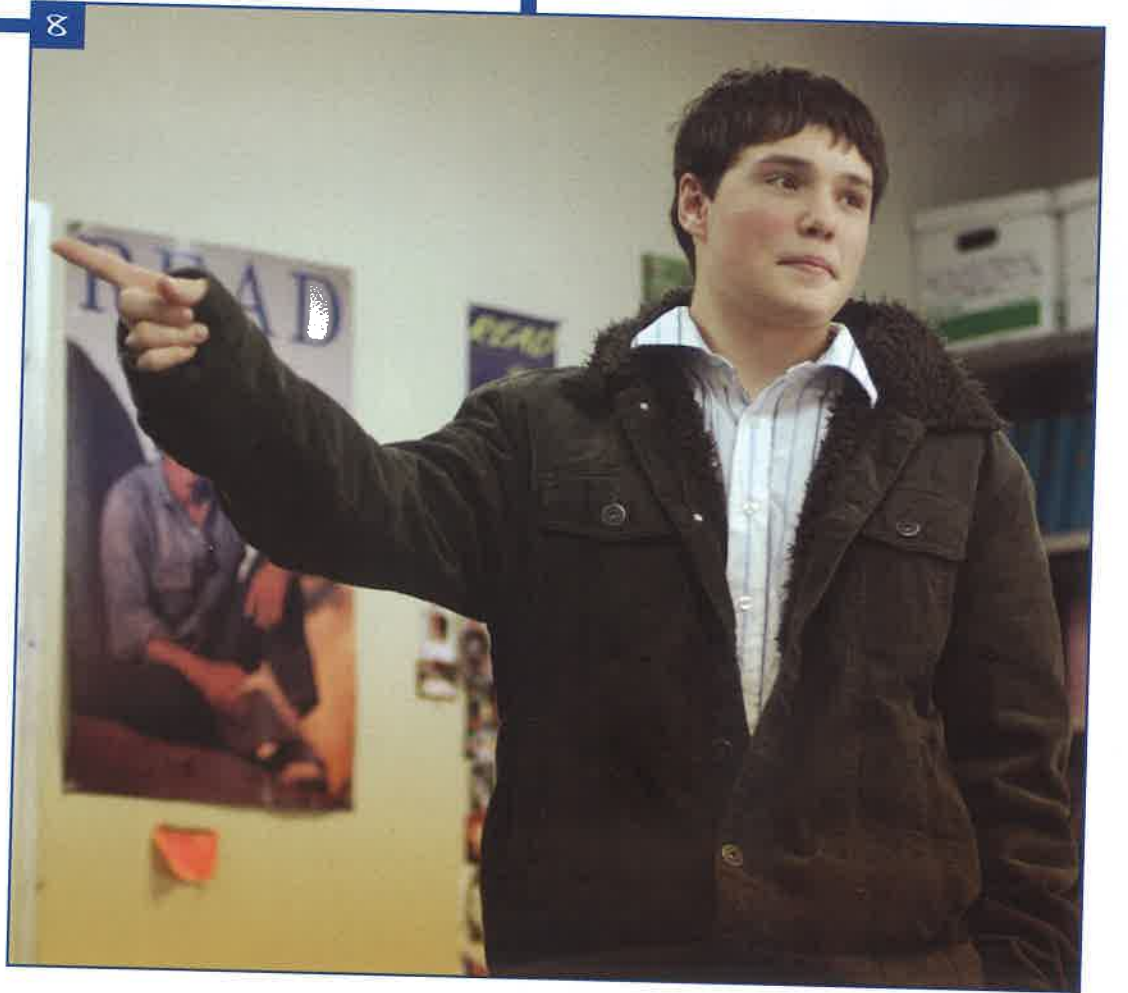
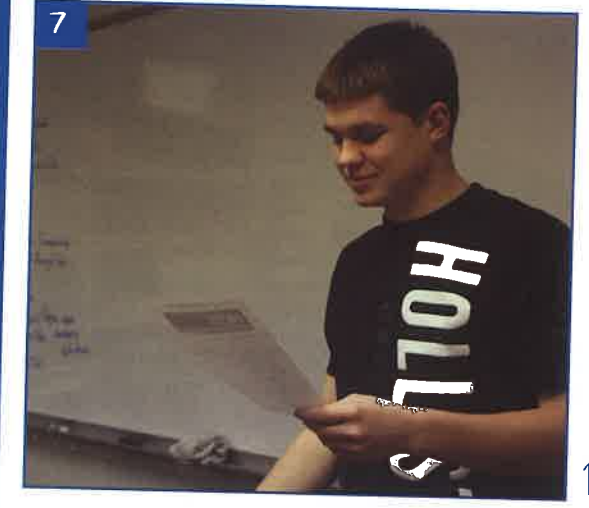
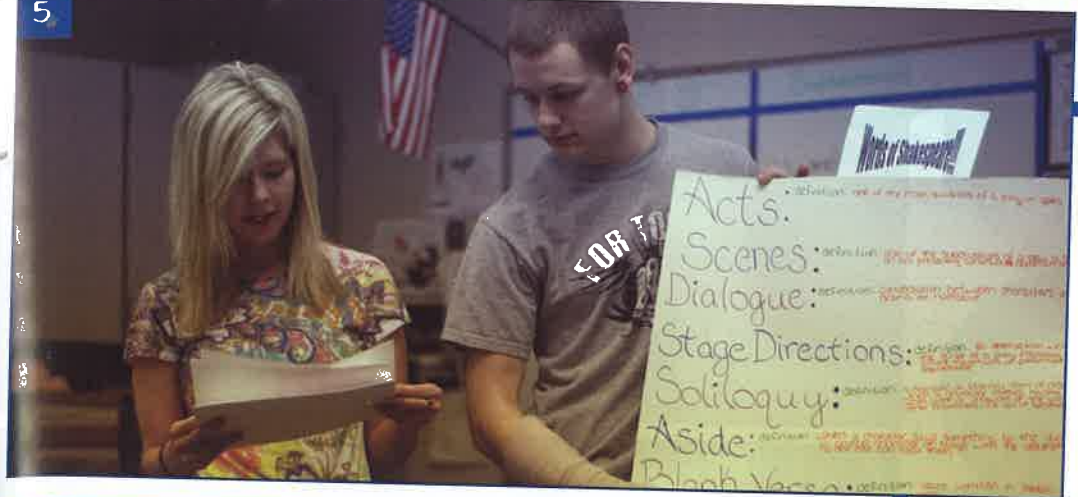


Photo 1: Rockin' out...English teacher Shawn Krinke plays air guitar as Bret Michaels to entertain students during class on department theme day. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Role modeling...During a trip to West-side for Kelly Tebben's English class, senior Alex Pribula assists with an elementary student. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 3: I need help...English teacher Aaron Knodel helps sophomore Michelle Schoenack with a question she has about her homework. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Working hard...Junior Cody Schill searches for examples from his book to put on his project. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 5: To be or not to be...Seniors Zachary Brend and Blake Loyland present their Shakespeare projects in Kelly Tebben's English class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: A POP quiz...Senior Sondra Booth takes a quiz about Shakespeare during English IV class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Not a fan...Junior Ryan Hansen gives his speech in dual credit English class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Point it out...Sophomore Austin Horsager acts out a vocabulary word during English II. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The English department has hired at least one new teacher every year for the past three years.

Students are required to take an English course all four years.

Elizabeth Kimble
 grade: sophomore
 fun fact: "I've been in choir since sixth grade."
 favorite teacher: "Mrs. Wohlfeil, she is the reason I started singing."

Jeremy Thompson
 grade: junior
 fun fact: "I'm into cars and into im-p..."
 favorite teacher: "Mr. Heinz because he does a lot of extra things for me. He helps me a lot, he's even helped me with my muffler."

The Phy. Ed. department was awarded with a \$1.2 million PEP grant.

grade: junior
 unique fact: "I hate the sound and feel of styrofoam."
 favorite color: aqua blue
 favorite animal: "Beagle, because my favorite movie was 'Shilo', and my dad and I always watched it together."



Emily Holland

grade: senior
 unique fact: "I will not take the elevator; every chance I get I take the stairs."
 favorite color: blue
 favorite animal: "The humuhumukuhunukuapa because it's really random and no one knows what it is."



Eric Driscoll



off-campus class opens new doors

lifetime activities shows students different ways to exercise

during the summer, Physical Education teacher Krista Majkrazak thought about different activities she could show her students in the new block class Lifetime Activities. Lifetime Activities allows students opportunities to participate in different sports and activities not taught in traditional Physical Education classes.

"It's different things students normally don't do," Majkrazak said. "Our departments wanted more single sports rather than groups, so students could do it on their own."

The class includes activities such as golf, rock wall climbing, Dance Dance Revolution, curling, frofing and Marshal Arts. Some students wish they could have a say in what activities they will do in class.

"If it was up to me we would do gymnastics," senior Christina Sorum said.

Each activity lasts about an hour and a half for three to five days.

"I wish we could have it all year long so we could do all the activities that are set up in summer and winter," senior Abby Salquist said.

One drawback of Lifetime Activities is that it does not count towards the required physical education credits.

"If possible I would like it to be counted as a Physical Education credit, not an elective," Majkrazak said.

Salquist and Sorum both agree that some days during class they receive an incredible workout, but on other days they do not.

"During Tae-Kwon-Do and Dance Dance Revolution I definitely get more exercise than doing other activities like golf," Sorum said.

Even though not every sport in Lifetime Activities gives students a full body workout, they receive knowledge and practice time for sports most have never tried.

"I really enjoy golf now that I learned how to," Salquist said.

Students and teachers benefit from the new class curriculum. They are thrilled with the challenge to undertake individual ways to become fit rather than the long standing traditional approach of basketball, soccer, and other team sports they participated in since elementary school.

Christina Martinez
 Cristina Martinez

Phy. ed. has included more cardio and fitness based activities, and block allows more time to do these activities.

Photo 1: Fly birdie fly. Junior Ross Montgomery reaches over the net for the birdie while playing badminton. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Slip n' slide. Juniors Kene Okibo and Todd Mattson fight for the ball against rival senior Travis Brege while playing broomball in Phy. Ed. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Ready, Set, Go. Junior Christopher Vigen lets the stone go while curling during Lifetime Activities. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 4: Battle. While doing Tae-Kwon-Do, seniors Shelby Foltz and Christina Sorum challenge each other to a dual. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 5: Bow and arrow. Junior Thane Hillig aims and fires while playing archery during Phy Ed. class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Paddle's up. Sophomore Namako Peters returns the ball during a game of paddleball in Phy Ed. class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Heads Up. Freshman Jonathan Janke works out while in Phy. Ed. class. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)

course travels back in time

students explore history through North Dakota Studies

In the summer of 2008 senior Alex Pribula went on a family trip to California to meet a family friend. As they were talking about where they were from and their home towns, Alex heard the question, "Where is Fargo?". He was shocked after hearing the question since Fargo is the largest city in North Dakota.

Pribula did not know much about his state at the time, but thought it was common sense to know where Fargo was located. All this changed after he took a new class called North Dakota Studies.

The class was put into the curriculum because state officials now require all North Dakota schools to have the class as an elective. "Our North Dakota State Legislators feel that our students did not have a clear understanding of North Dakota history," North Dakota Studies teacher Barbara Metcalf said.

The class teaches students about what North Dakota was like over 65 million years ago, when dinosaurs were still roaming the earth,

up to today's current events.

"We talk about current events at the beginning of the period for a couple minutes," Pribula said. "It is my favorite part of the day."

Another advantage about the class is that not many students are enrolled.

"I like the size of our class," senior Jami Johnson said. "We are able to interact and debate a lot more."

The size of the class also makes it much easier for Metcalf to help her students appreciate their state more than they did before the class started.

"I want my students to gain knowledge and thirst to live in the state," Metcalf said. "Promoting North Dakota is huge."

Even though people from different states do not know where Fargo is, Metcalf is trying her best to expand the minds of her students about their own state.

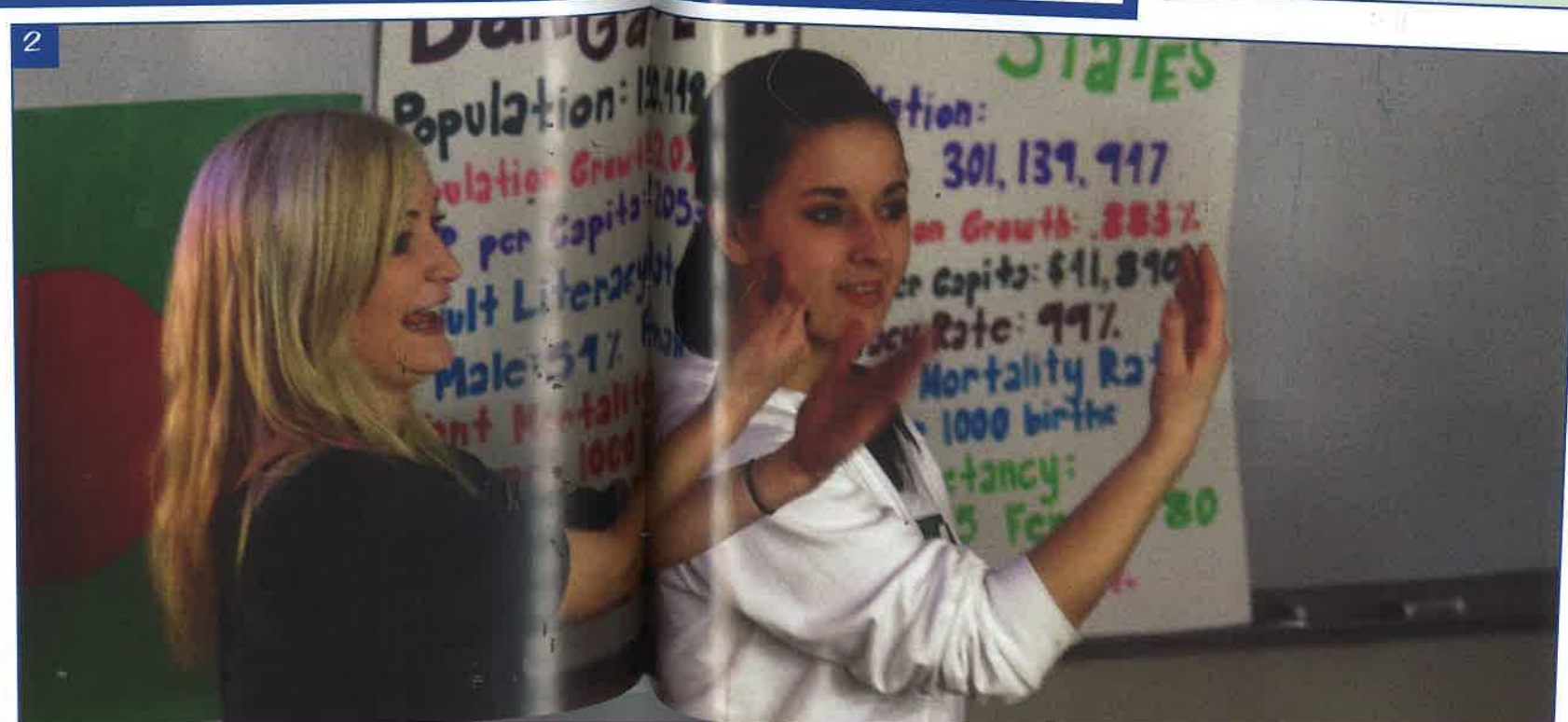
Kelcee Prashek

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A group of microeconomics students competed in the Economics Challenge in April.



Social Studies teacher Daniel Holder spent a few hours a day in the office working as an administrative intern.



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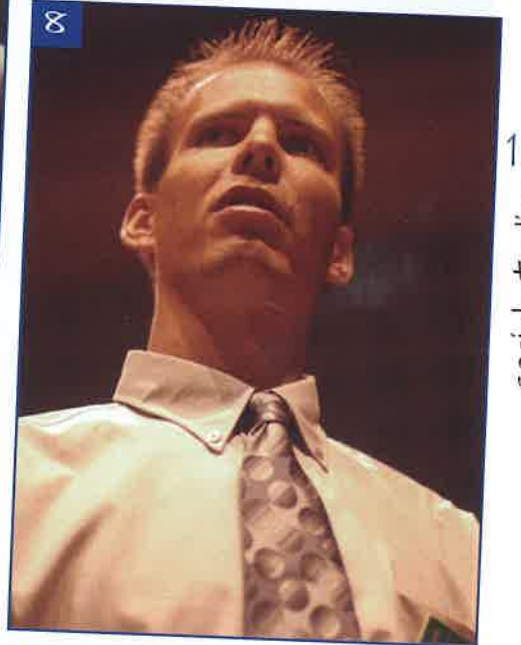
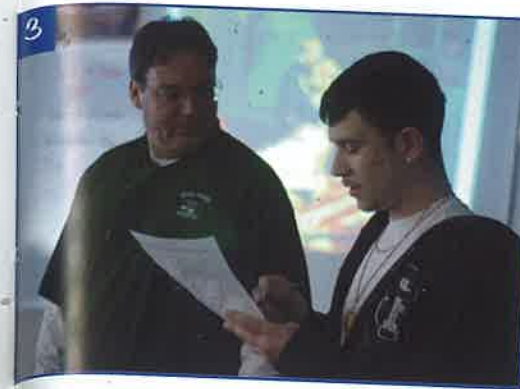


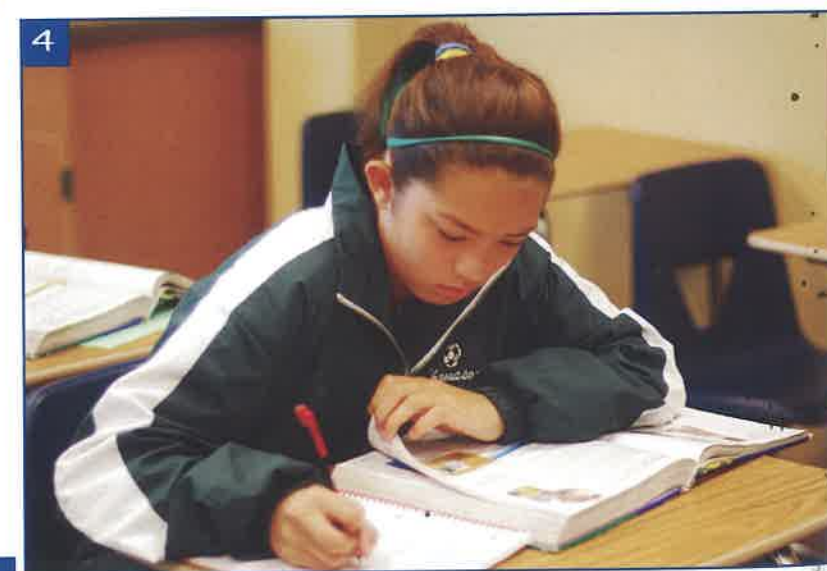
Photo 1: All around the world. During a review game, social studies teacher Matthew Slocumb spins around a globe to point out locations to his ninth graders. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: The dance of Bangladesh. During Microeconomics class, seniors Samantha Berard and Hillary Ehlen teach the class a dance. Photo 3: Help me please. Social studies teacher Jim Jonas answers junior Guadalupe Trevino's question. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Underwear on the wall. Sophomore Braden Schmid tapes up a picture claiming "Hinduism is like Hanes underwear" during World History class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Balloons and string everywhere. Senior Ashli Powell helps Barbara Metcalf clean up the "mess" after students decorated her room for her 40th birthday. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Play dough people. Sophomore Michael Reimer creates a person out of play dough during a specialization simulation. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Cuffed in. While visiting a courthouse, senior Emily Beets participates in a demonstration. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Picture of authority. Social studies teacher Daniel Holder tells



Science teacher Sara Forness drives a pink eco-friendly scooter to school when the weather is nice.



When correcting multiple choice tests science teacher Jerome Bailey exclaims "D as in W" when the answer is D.



grade: junior
funniest prank played on you or played by you: "In seventh grade me and a buddy threw a stink bomb on the school bus and got suspended, but it was worth it."
favorite toy as a kid: toy construction trucks.

grade: junior
funniest prank played on you or played by you: I came home and all our house lights were off and the guy from the saw was talking on our surround sound."
favorite toy as a kid: my life-size baby doll.



Briana Bitterman

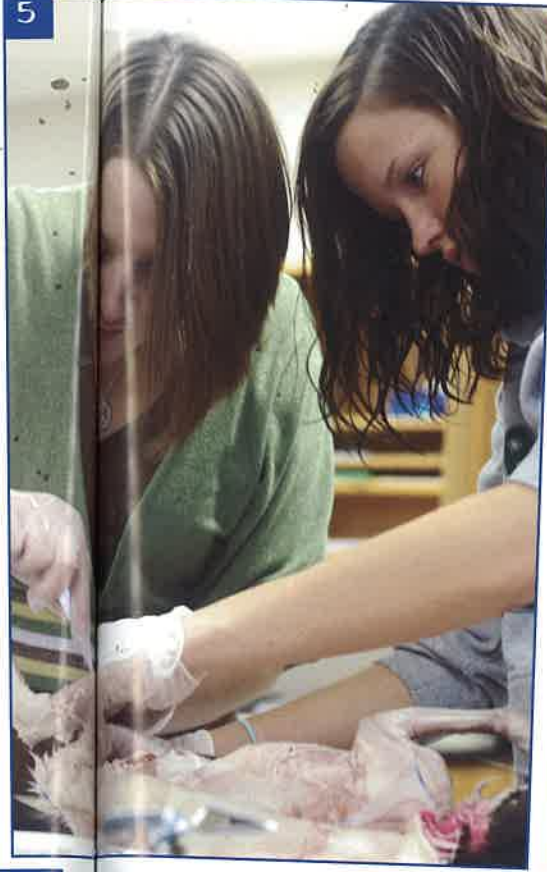


Photo 1: Just like home...During Environmental Science, senior Dylan Breyer writes notes while creating a flood simulation. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Gather around the brain...Juniors Sara Raugutt, Ahmed Lafta, and Alyssa Lind dissect a brain together during Anatomy class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Quick reflexes...Freshmen Erin Kling and Whitney Ernst drop a measuring stick and measure reflexes during Physical Science. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Where is the answer...Freshman Maranda Thomason works on her homework in Physical Science. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 5: Digging deep...Seniors Saraya Dahlen and Jessica Gust dig into dissecting their cat in Michael Preston's Anatomy class. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 6: Bug catchers... During Environmental Science class, senior James Parrow watches as senior Kelby Lemar persistently swings his net while trying to catch grasshoppers. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Making way... Juniors Paul Pileh and Kaleigh Von Bank help take the supplies up the river bank under the direction of science teacher Sara Forness. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)



academic courses draw to a close

Special Education students walk in graduation

While walking into high school for the first time as a freshman most students strive to graduate in four years, but it is incredibly different for Special Education students.

Some do graduate after only four years, but many stay until they are 21, which is the maximum age a student can be enrolled at the high school.

"It is their parents choice if they want their child to graduate or stay as long as they can," Special Education teacher Debbie Thurber said.

This year there are four Special Education students who are walking with the class of 2009, Talon Mohammad, Meredith Cummings, Aaron Freitag, and Pamela Melendez.

"I am so proud of them," Thurber said. "I have loved watching them achieve their goals and grow through the years I've been with them."

While the teachers and helpers are proud, they are

also extremely upset to see them leave and will miss them.

"I love working with these kids, they are the only reason I want to go to school in the morning," senior Alysha Stanczyk said. "I'm going to miss being with the kids every day and seeing them smile."

Other than the teachers, the graduates will also miss their high school years.

"My favorite parts of school were watching the basketball games and homeroom with (social studies teacher Jim) Jonas," senior Talon Mohammad said.

Even though teachers have seen Special Education students grow for many years, they are proud to see them graduating.

Kelcee Prashiek
Kelcee Prashiek



The Special Education department had 17 service learning students this year.

grade: senior
unique fact: "I like to ride motorcycles."
favorite high school memory: "Miss Hoffart, because she has a mess, is old, 'stinks' (practical joke), her shoes, and she is nice."



Kyle Beck



Pamela Melendez

grade: senior
unique fact: "I was born in Chile. I went to Chile last year to visit my family."
favorite high school memory: "I like dancing at the activity center. It's fun on Friday's."



Senior Aaron Freitag was named an Exchange Club Student of the Month.

Photo 1: Being silly. Sophomore Kaitlin Snead and junior Jonathon Snead make funny faces at each other. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Just beat it. Senior Talon Mohammad hits a car with a sledgehammer during Key Club's car smash as students laugh from behind. Photo 3: Backwards bowling. Senior Lindsey Bishop helps senior Aaron Freitag bowl while at a party at West Acres Bowl. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: A hand to hold. Sophomore Kaitlin Snead holds senior Marcy Peryle's hand and talks with her in order to brighten her day. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: For the red white and blue. Senior Aaron Freitag votes in the Mock Election behind streamers. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Settle down. During adaptive physical education, teacher Christopher Kalsow tells senior Jacob Rhinesmith not to push others. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: A helping hand. Band teacher Mark Bernston helps junior Jonathon Snead play the piano during adaptive band. (Photo by Abby Paul)



During a celebration of Cinco de Mayo, a Spanish III class broke a ceiling tile while hitting a pinata.

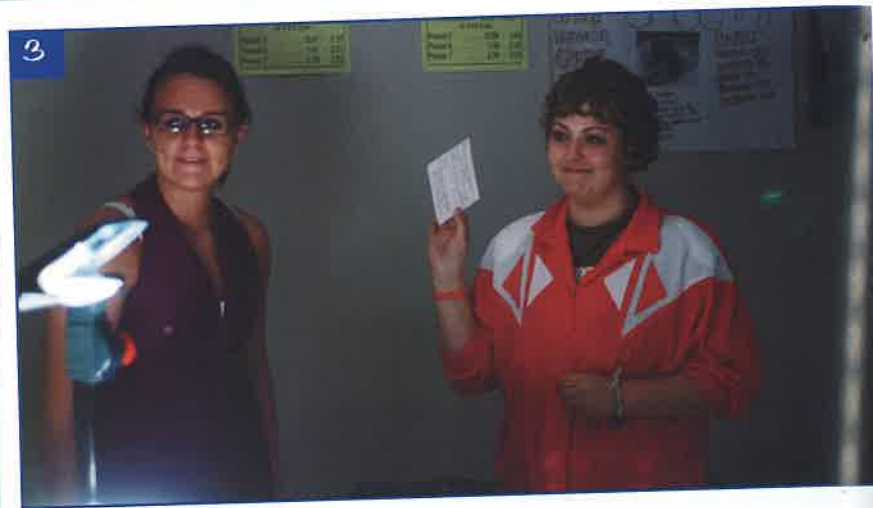
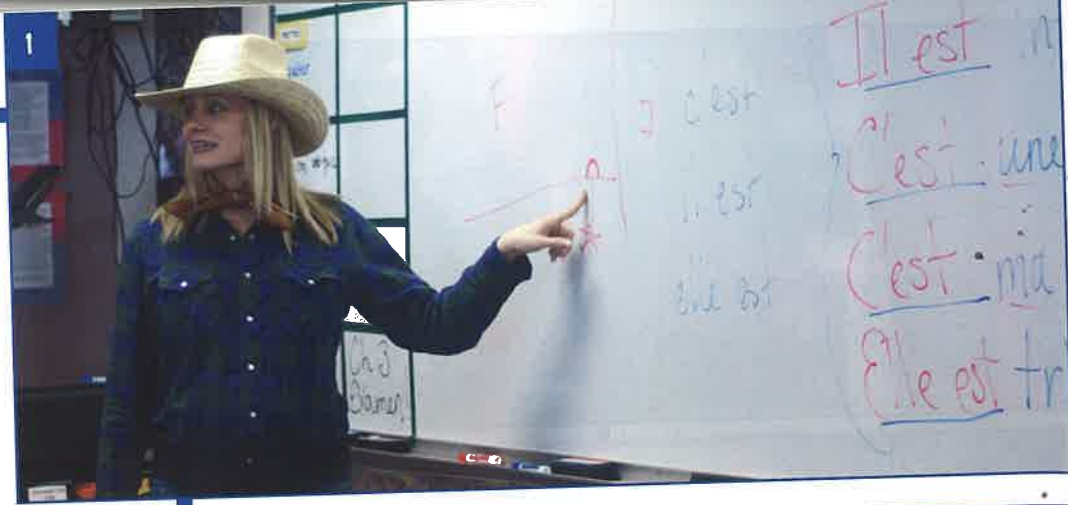


Photo 1: In her cowboy hat, French teacher Rachel Dwyer teaches class while dressed as a cowgirl for theme day. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Spin me around. Juniors Kelsey Thoreson and Taylor Bates dance together in front of English teacher Marti Simmons while participating in a scavenger hunt. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Notes and more. Sophomores Melissa Hald and Jaime Springer participate in a conversation during French class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Crazy coloring. Senior Marissa Brown teaches a student Spanish on a trip to South Elementary. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Building. Senior Andrea Lee puts frosting on two graham crackers to mold them together and support her gingerbread house. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 6: Strut your stuff. Sophomore Braden Schmid poses as he participates in the French fashion show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Piecing it all together. Senior Jessica Fercho and sophomore Samantha Hagensen use pencils to glue tissue paper to their Piñata as a Spanish project. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 8: Winner. During Spanish, sophomore Amanda Lindblad smacks the right word and earns a point while reviewing. (Photo by Mara Johnson)



Both French teachers were pregnant during the course of the school year.

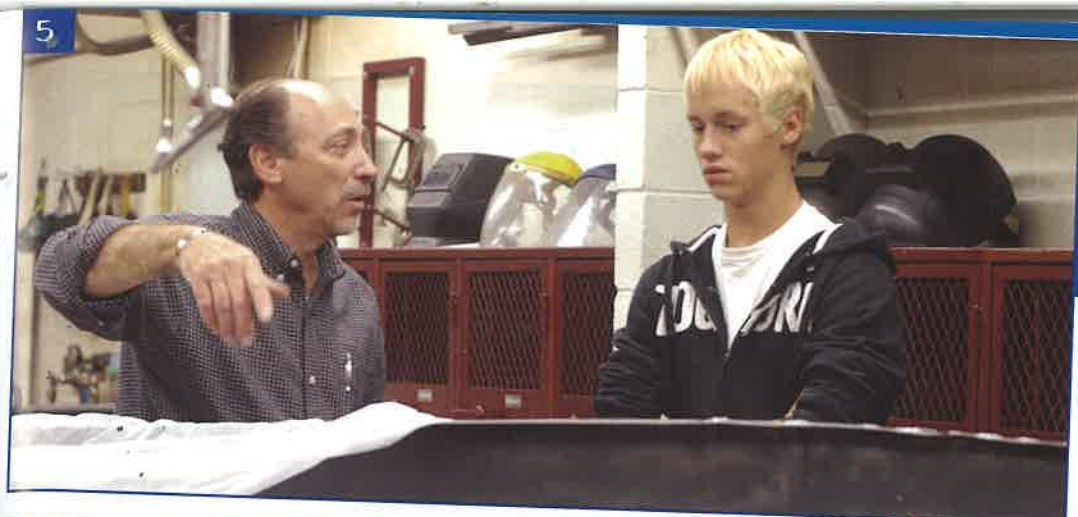




Photo 1: Hauling wood. Junior Alexander Beckius carries a piece of plywood to the saw to cut. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 2: Walls of wood. Senior Trace Waterworth helps nail together a wall for the house. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: A chop off the old block. Freshman Peter Tran saws wood during Construction Systems Technology class as they work on a model house project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Dedication. Senior Alexander Ringdahl works diligently during Rec. Engines. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 5: Mold in the makings. Career Tech teacher Jerome Heinz discusses how to wrap up the car mold using bags with senior Taylor Cunningham. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Get ready to rumble. Senior Joshua Mears holds a motorcycle still while senior Brendan Klocke checks to make sure it is ready to drive. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Off the wall. Seniors Lucas Riedlinger and Nicholas Borkowski carefully hold a wall in place during Building Trades class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Camera crazy. Senior Samantha Ireland looks through pictures as she takes shots from different angles for a Multimedia Communications project. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Jerome Heinz's Career Tech. class is making a high mileage car to enter in a competition in Brainerd, Minn.



Alexander Stremick
 grade: senior
 unique fact: "I'm a city-raised country boy."
 favorite month: "August, because it's harvest month."

Alex Pribula
 grade: senior
 unique fact: "When I was really little, I bit into a glass Christmas bulb and didn't get any cuts in my mouth or anything."
 favorite month: "July, because it is warm and sunny and when we play baseball."

West Fargo is the only North Dakota school to participate in the Brainerd competition.



"We made pizza lasagna and it rocked. But I think we made these cinnamon rolls that were da bomb," junior Peyton Vane said about his favorite food made in Food and Fitness.



Child care service teacher Kathryn Stangeland and students educate children from Packerland Preschool, covering subjects such as art, creative movement, math, science and social studies.



Reed Olson



Brittany Prentice



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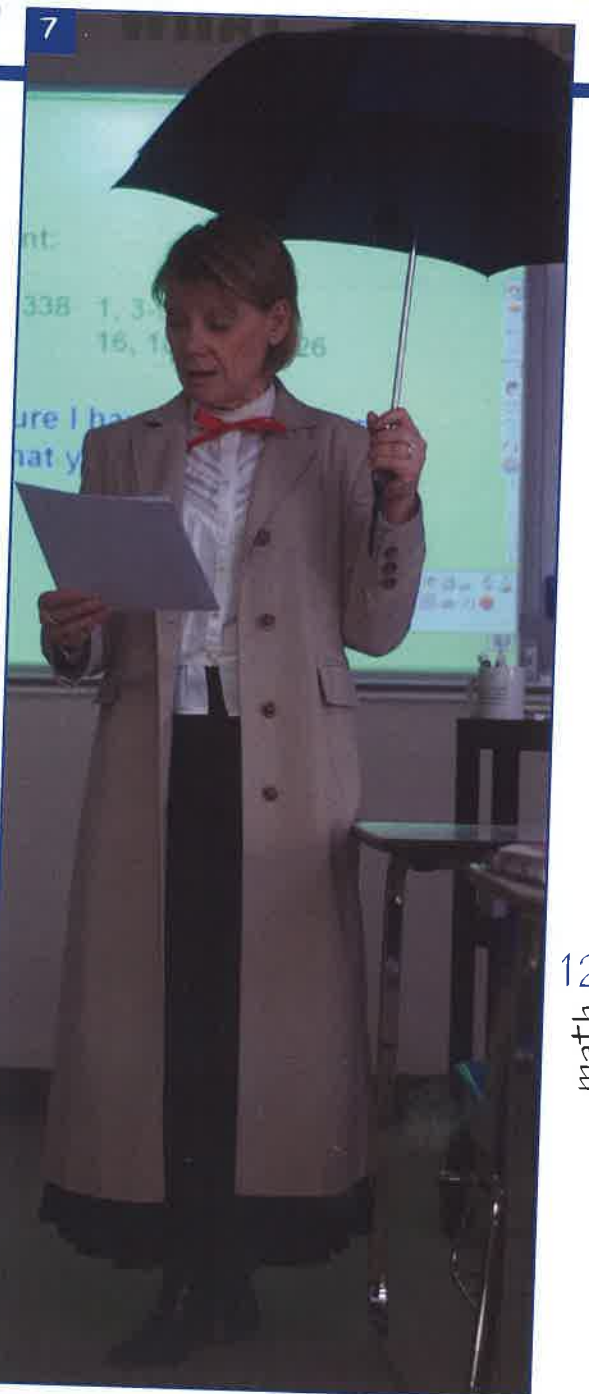
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Photo 1: My little turtle. Junior Aubrey Berg carries a child as they trick-or-treat around the school during Child Care Services class. (Photo by Abby Paul)
 Photo 2: Sewing away. Junior Kara Ramsey steadily hems the bottoms of a pair of dress pants during Textiles and Apparel class. (Photo by Cristina Martinez)
 Photo 3: Keep the tears from falling. Junior Victoria Hackett sends chopped onions into a pan as she and junior Nicole Schmidt make a Mexican dish. (Photo by Abby Paul)
 Photo 4: Drumsticks and more. During a party in Family Living, junior Ghariba Habib and senior Stephanie Ragan taste a variety of types of food. (Photo by Abby Paul)
 Photo 5: I scream for ice cream. Senior Alyssa Hummel tries a taste of homemade ice cream after making it in a ziplock bag. (Photo by Abby Paul)
 Photo 6: Exploring new foods. Seniors Zinnah Kawah enjoy discovering new ways of preparing different vegetables. (Photo by Jayme Noel)
 Photo 7: Potato cactus. Junior Jennifer Haaland helps a child from Packerland Preschool make a cactus out of a potato, paint, and toothpicks. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Photo 1: The price is right...Seniors Makayla Gratz and Brandon Fitterer play "Plinko" during College Algebra class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: I worship fur, or is it math...During teacher theme day, math teacher Maria Pegg teaches notes while dressed as Cruella Deville. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Do I measure up...Math teacher Ayrin Roeder helps junior Ryan Hansen measure the angle of a building. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Measurements and more...Sophomores Francie Erdmann and Brooke Pederson write down measurements while enjoying math class outside. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Play plinko with me...Seniors Hilary Ehlen and Christina Sorum play plinko to learn more about probability. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: It's windy...Junior Laura Freitag uses a clinometer to measure the height of the roof during geometry class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Mary Poppins...Math teacher Claudia Engelstad holds up an umbrella while teaching notes during teacher theme day. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The math department dressed up as Disney characters during department theme day.



This is the first and last year the math department is offering Precalculus with Trigonometry.



grade: junior
name one thing you miss about being a kid: not having to be responsible.
if you could be a cartoon character, which would you be: Wilma Flintstone



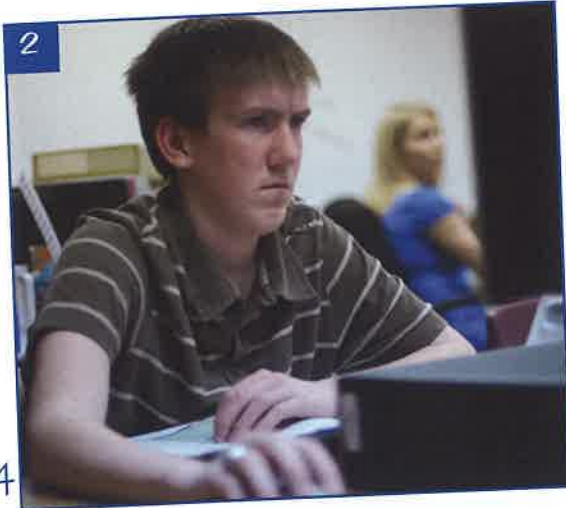
Natasha Sellheim



Ethan Sorenson

grade: junior
name one thing you miss about being a kid: easy math homework
if you could be a cartoon character, which would you be: Popeye the Sailorman

DECA fundraises the most money for muscular dystrophy than any other school in the state.



Ian Miller

grade: junior
 what would be the hardest thing to give up on?: English
 Have you ever yelled at a telemarketer?: "I have... but it's too inappropriate for school."



Whitney Striefel

grade: junior
 what would be the hardest thing to give up on?: "My car. I use it to get around and need it to be independent."
 have you ever yelled at a telemarketer?: "I wouldn't say I yelled at one; I did tell them that my mom was dead after they asked if she was home."

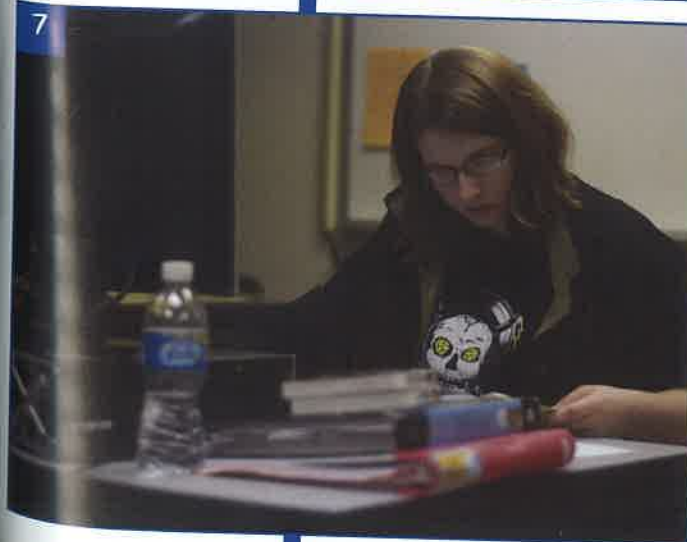
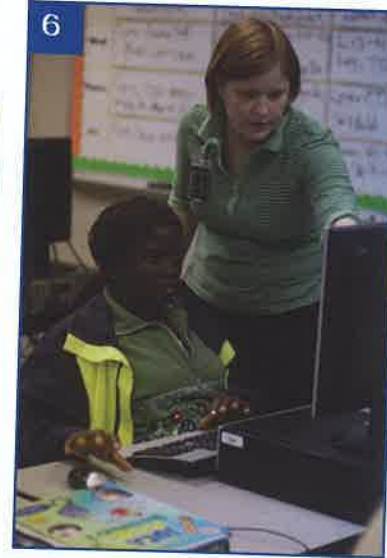


Photo 1: Girls, girls, girls... Seniors Blake Loyland and Ashley Kerbaugh share a laugh during Accounting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Contemplations... Junior Brett Garske thinks critically about his assignment during BCA II class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: "ABCDEFGH... Senior Noor Aden types as fast as he can during keyboarding class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Calculate it... Senior Matthew Werlinger and junior Brian Bjerk work on math problems together during Accounting class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Ask a friend... Junior Spencer Flaten turns to junior Ethan Sorenson to ask for help. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Look right here... Sophomore Ntakirutimana Berita receives help from Keyboarding teacher Cassandra Kisse. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Careful worker... Sophomore Shelby Ladwig reads directions as she works on a project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: What a wonder... Senior Kayla Corcoran stares intently at the computer screen during BCA IV. (Photo by Abby Paul)



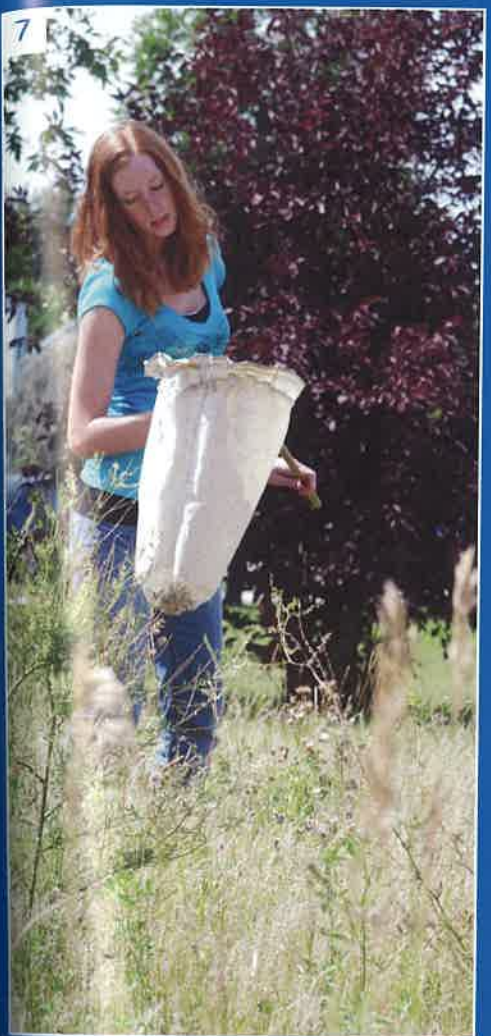
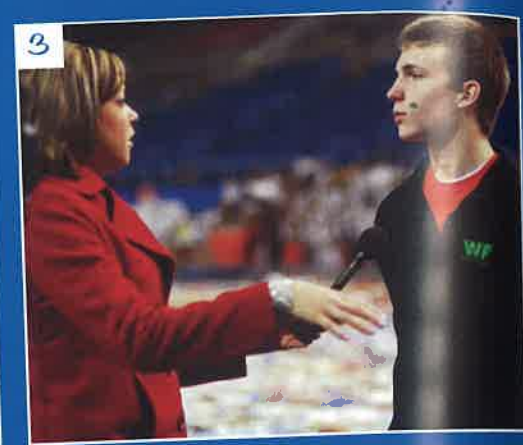
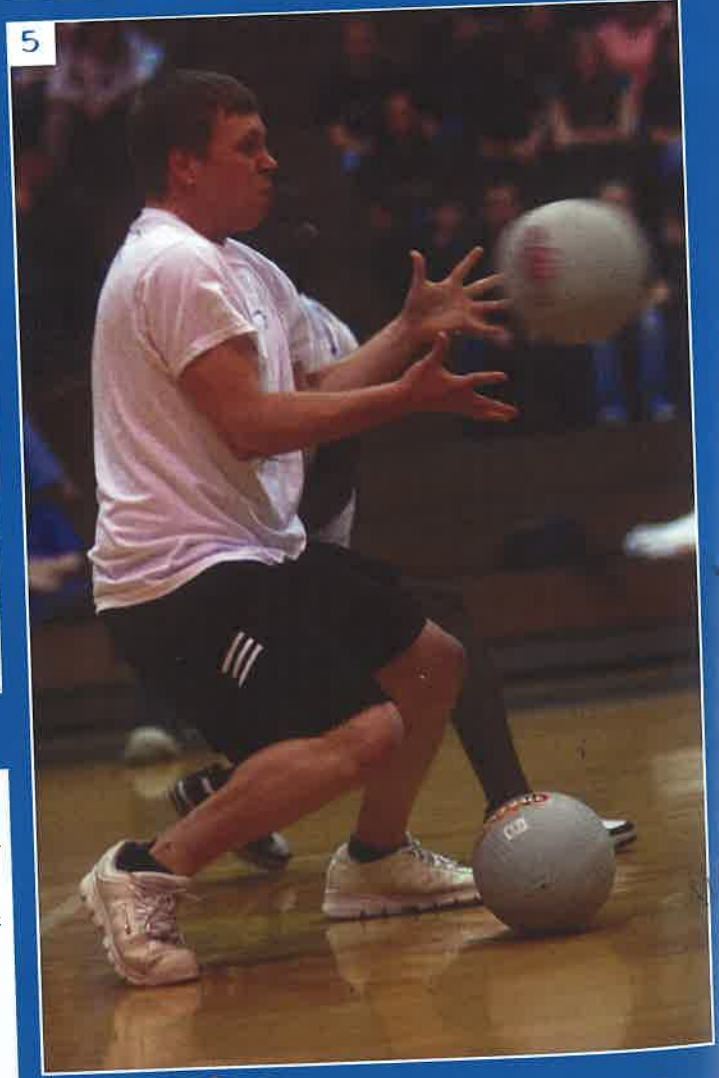
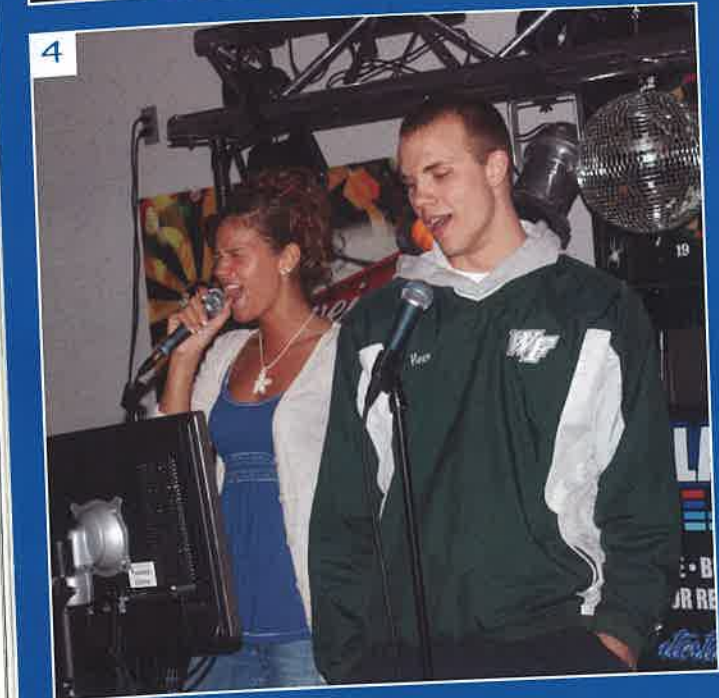


Photo 1: Singing sombreros. Sophomores Alyssa Scott and Alicia Schroeder sing and dance using props from the DJ, during the snowball dance. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Put your game face on. During the pep rally seniors (from left to right) Shelby Foltz, Kalyn Fraser, Kirsten Walker and Sondra Booth yell across the gym during the class cheer competition. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Look mom, I'm on TV. Junior Levi Bachmeier gets interviewed about the Fill the Dome Project while helping take down the event. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Sing with soul. Junior Madison Anderson and senior Alan Neer sing a duet during Prom's after party. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Here it comes. Senior Brady Birrenkott anticipates catching the ball in order to get his opponent out during the dodgeball game. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)

Photo 6: Smashed and shattered. Senior Channing Kopp jumps on a car as he participates in Key Club's "Car Smash." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Did I catch a grasshopper. During Environmental Science junior Jennifer Haaland glances down into her net to check if she caught any grasshoppers. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Balloon madness. Senior Garrett Anderson gets tied up in balloons by his mother for his 18th birthday. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 9: This one's heavy. During the flood, sophomore Kacie Johnson passes a sandbag to the next person in line. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)

The 2009 school year had the largest enrollment in West Fargo High School history with 1307 students in grades 10-12.

OUR people



Photo 1: Hair out of whack...Seniors Kimberly Braesch and Abby Hammes pose for a photograph during Wacky Hair Day. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: TNT, we're dynamite...Senior coaches yell requests at the girls during the Powderpuff game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Real world math...Seniors James Peterson and Nicholas Nelson play Plinko during College Algebra class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Stripped away...Senior Austin Cassezza performs in the dance competition at the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: School of rock...Senior Dylan Breyer plays guitar with the band "Shatterproof" during the spring talent show. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Seniors chose to have a pajama day for graduation practice the Friday before commencement.



Photo 6: Dance through light...Senior Saraya Dahlen points her finger as she dances with friends at Prom. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: The last chance...Seniors Gladys Asa, Megan Nelson, Ashley Reiter, and Sarah Denne sit together and chat before the graduation ceremony begins. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Evil fingers...Senior Alysha Stanczyk jokingly scares senior Kyle Beck with stained blue and green fingers while making an art project. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 9: Silly string and spoons...During the senior prank, senior Shayla Lund sprays silly string on the entryway of the school while it is hidden by couches. (Photo by Abby Paul)

our seniors



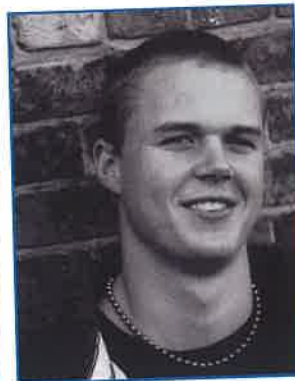
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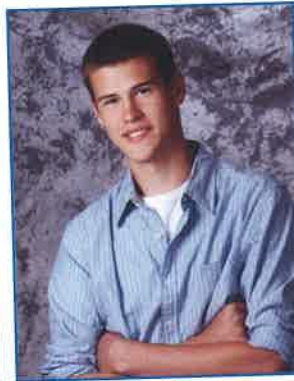
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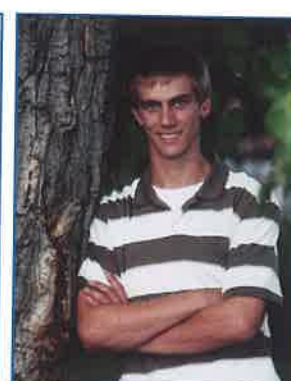
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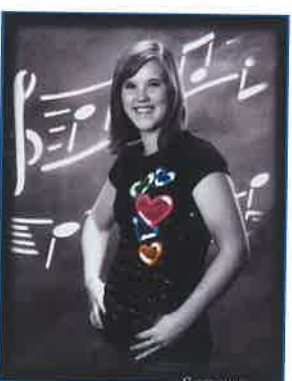
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130 people

Would you stay in N.D. or go out of state for college?



Abby Hammes

"It depends on what kind of scholarships I can get to colleges outside of N.D."



Erin Sistrad

"I will stay in North Dakota because I have family here and I want to see my little brother and sister grow up."



Brianne Anderson

"I plan to go to NDSU for the first year and transfer out of state."

131 seniors



"My favorite memory is the rides on the shuttle bus with my friends to go sandbag."
Senior Briana Sahr



Photo 1: Watch out... Seniors BreAnne Gregory and Lindsey Levin cheer as cheerleaders throw prizes to the crowd during a home football game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Wet revenge... After sandbagging for a friend, senior Hillary Ehlen taunts senior Nicholas Nelson by holding his cell phone over water after he soaked her. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Kim Braesch
Kimberly Braesch



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Tory Christianson
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Ashley Cole
Ashley Cole

Emma DeJong

Pick which statement is false.
Answer on page 149.

- A. All of my cats have been named in alphabetical order.
- B. I had a book published when I was in second grade.
- C. I've been white water river rafting.
- D. I have a tattoo of a cross on my ankle.



"I am often seen as irresponsible, because I don't think twice about losing jewelry, dirtying my clothes, or living in a messy house. This is because I hold principles like 'cour-age' and 'truth' closer to my heart more than any material item."
-Senior Molly English



Photo 1: They must be brothers...Senior Eric Benson meets with his little brother for the first time while taking part in the Big Brother Big Sister program. (Photo by Abby Paul)
Photo 2: All together...Senior Eric Halvorson passes a sandbag to English teacher Mary Sherman while helping the flood effort. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)
Photo 3: Serve it up...During the DECA volleyball tournament, senior Melissa Schulz waits for the next serve. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Emma DeJong
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Sarah Denne
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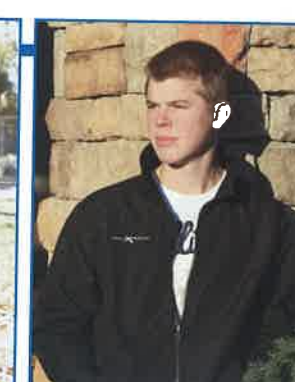
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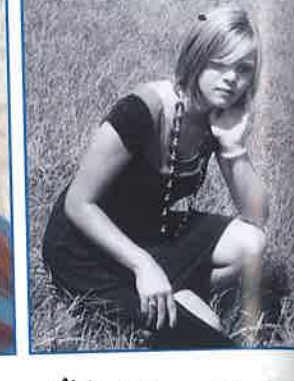
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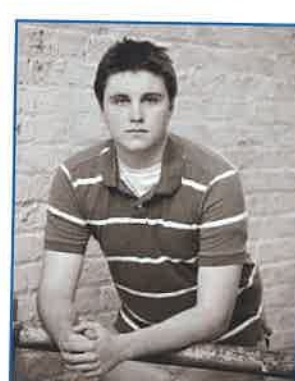
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134 people

135 seniors

What advice would you tell your freshman self?



Gabrielle Albrecht: "I changed schools a lot, so just don't give up."



Trace Waterworth: "I would tell him to not procrastinate."



Jarry Jones: "Make better choices outside of school."



"I have a pet net in my room that holds stuffed animals."
Senior James Parrow

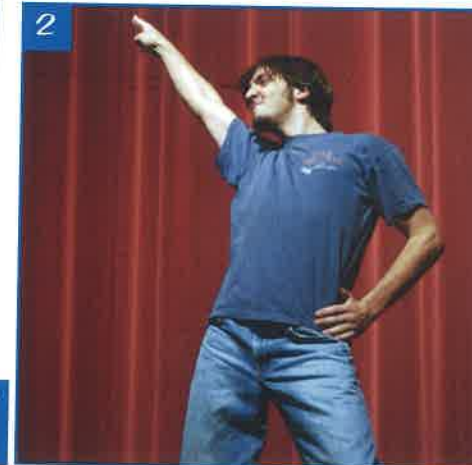


Photo 1: Movin' to the groove...During JROTC's Military Ball, seniors Samuel Knutson, Jessica Krick, Kimberly Braesch, Nicholas Hulm and Hali Scholl shake their tail feathers to the tune of "The Chicken Dance." (Photo by Abby Paul)
Photo 2: Dancetastic... Senior Joshua Ockert performs "the Evolution of Dance" during the talent show, winning first place for the act. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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Tyler Geffre
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Gregory Gangel
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Candace Hager
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Nathan Halda
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Eric Halvorson
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Abby Hammes
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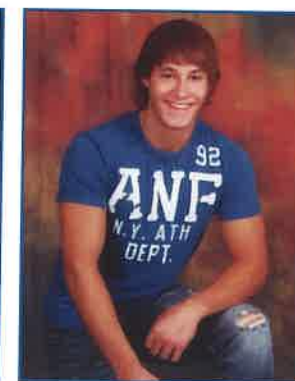
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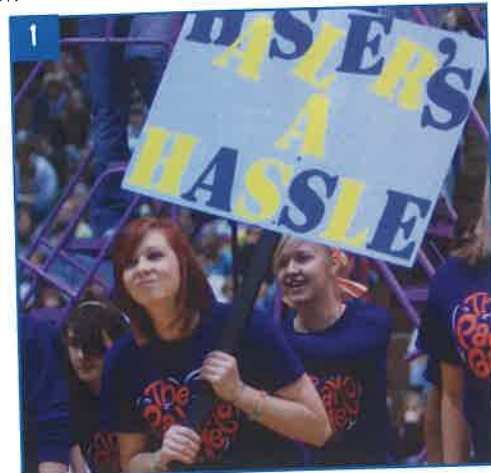
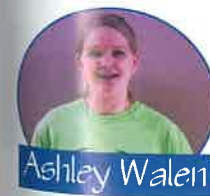


Photo 1: Let's start a riot... Senior Emily Vrem performs a part of the play "The Pajama Game" during the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Twist and turn... Senior Alexander Stremick is loosening the crankshaft bearing with a breaker bar during Rec. Engines class. (Photo by Abby Paul)



"Raising more than \$500 for Ronald McDonald house was something I'll never forget."
-Senior Desirae Quesada

If you were a crayon what color would you be?



Ashley Walen

"Tickle-me-pink, because I like laughing and it's a happy color."



Dustin Lemke

"Orange, because it's not open and not to quiet."



Mason Odegard

"Blue, because blue's my favorite color."

"I have wanted to be a monster truck driver since I was really little."
-Senior Cody Marmenga



Amira Hassan
Amira Hassan

Hasean Hassan
Hasean Hassan

Zachary Heinan
Zachary Heinan

Alyssa Henderson
Alyssa Henderson

Peter Hettwer
Peter Hettwer

Kelsey Hoovestol
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Megan Hought
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Samantha Hughes
Samantha Hughes

Nicholas Hulim
Nicholas Hulim

Alyssa Hummel
Alyssa Hummel



Shana Heuer
Shana Heuer

Beatrice Hill
Beatrice Hill

Zachary Hofmann
Zachary Hofmann

Cierra Holm
Cierra Holm

Kelsey Holmvik
Kelsey Holmvik

Kaysha Hvisten
Kaysha Hvisten

Samantha Ireland
Samantha Ireland

Chad Jaberg
Chad Jaberg

Jesika Jaeger
Jesika Jaeger

Tyler Jenson
Tyler Jenson

138 people

139 seniors

if you could ban a book what book would that be?



Brandon Lewis

"The Harry Potter books, because with all the magic and stuff I don't think for the most part kids need to read it."



Adam Siegert

"Les Miserables, worst book I've ever read."



Alyssa Bossert

"Until I bring the streetcars back, I love that book but because of all the sexual content."



Adam Johnson
Adam Johnson

Andrea Johnson
Andrea Johnson

Jammi Johnson
Jammi Johnson

Jennifer Johnson
Jennifer Johnson

Aryelle Jones
Aryelle Jones



"The best part about senior year was going into it knowing this is the beginning of the best years of my life."
-Senior Dylan Breyer



Photo 1: Singing in style. Seniors sing "One Fine Day" during the fall pep rally as they prepare for the annual Powderpuff game against the juniors. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Wrestle for the ball. Social studies teacher Daniel Holder and senior Aryelle Jones fight over the basketball during the student-faculty basketball game, which was sponsored by Students Today, Leaders Forever. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Kaitlyn Jorgenson
Kaitlyn Jorgenson



Jacob Kaiser
Jacob Kaiser



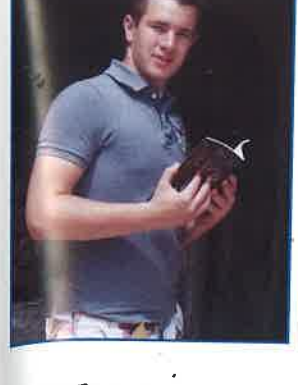
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Brian Keller
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Ashley Kerbaugh
Ashley Kerbaugh



Damiir Kolakovic
Damiir Kolakovic



Jenna Kolb
Jenna Kolb



Amanda Kommer
Amanda Kommer



Channing Kopp
Channing Kopp



Kayla Krabbenhoff
Kayla Krabbenhoff



Umi Khaadi
Umi Khaadi



Daniel Kiehl
Daniel Kiehl



Jorddan Kleindl
Jorddan Kleindl



Ashley Klevgaard
Ashley Klevgaard



Brendan Klocke
Brendan Klocke



Kailey Krause
Kailey Krause



Jessica Krick
Jessica Krick



William Kuehm
William Kuehm



Brandon Kunze
Brandon Kunze



Anthony LaCavera
Anthony LaCavera



Austyn Kloehn
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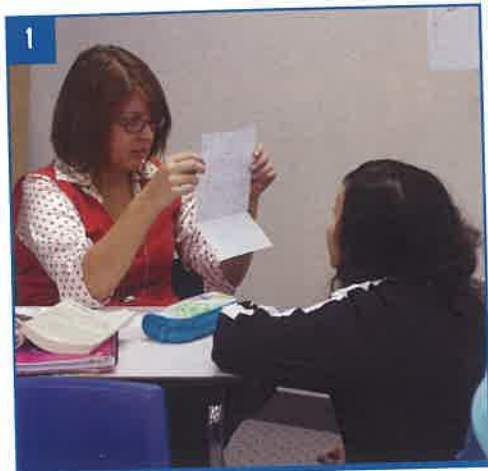


Jared Koehnen
Jared Koehnen

140 people

141 seniors

Photo 1: It's a love note. Seniors Taylor Trauger and Anyu Dai excitedly read another student's note they found on the floor during English class. (Photo by Abby Paul)
Photo 2: Never a blue moment. Seniors Nicholas Hulm and Kimberly Braesch laugh as they dance together in colored lights at the JROTC Military Ball. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Senior Samuel Barentsen was in the state spelling bee in eighth grade.

What is your favorite inspirational quote?



Megan Brennan

"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream the farther you get." MICHAEL PHELPS



Allyson McCracken

"Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted." JOHN LENNON



Heidi Morman

"Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened." DR. SUESS

Senior Gladys Asa was born in Ghana, Africa.



Erica Laddusaw
Erica Laddusaw



Charlee Lakoduk
Charlee Lakoduk



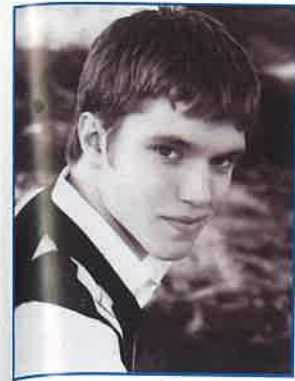
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Stephanie Larson
Stephanie Larson



Garrett Laubach
Garrett Laubach



Andrew Lenzmeier
Andrew Lenzmeier



Crystal LeTexier
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Lindsey Levin
Lindsey Levin



Brandon Lewis
Brandon Lewis



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Breannndolyn Lies



Andrea Lee
Andrea Lee



Gentry Lee
Gentry Lee



Kelby Lemar
Kelby Lemar



Dustin Lenke
Dustin Lenke



Jessica Leno
Jessica Leno



Blake Loyland
Blake Loyland



Amber Lund
Amber Lund



Nels Lund
Nels Lund



Shayla Lund
Shayla Lund



Tasha Lund
Tasha Lund

142 people

143 seniors



Photo 1: To the ladies. Seniors Nicholas Hulm, Stephanie Brown and James Peterson salute the ladies with a toast during the Military Ball. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Sand sifter. While helping a friend save his house from the flood, senior Claire Moltzan fills a sandbag with sand. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Gather around. The senior girls gather around their coaches to plan the next play in the Powderpuff game. (Photo by Abby Paul)

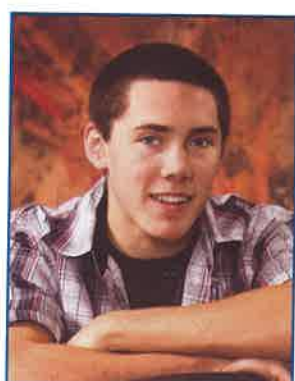
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Kelsey Lundquist
Kelsey Lundquist



Lindsay Lundstrom
Lindsay Lundstrom



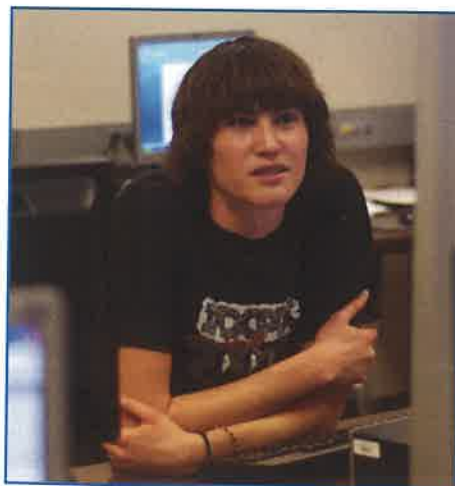
Michael Lynch
Michael Lynch



Katie Lyon
Katie Lyon



Bule Mahad
Bule Mahad



Dakota Walz

Pick which statement is false.
Answer on page 153

- A. My favorite saying is, "Been there, done that."
- B. I am currently unemployed.
- C. I plan on majoring in graphic design.
- D. My favorite food is pizza.

Senior Erin Sistrad says she can squirt water up to five feet through her two front teeth.



Jessica Nefzger
Jessica Nefzger



Nicholas Neisen
Nicholas Neisen



Megan Nelson
Megan Nelson



Nicholas Nelson
Nicholas Nelson



Carin Nielson
Carin Nielson



Jenna Olson
Jenna Olson



Steven Olson
Steven Olson



Jordan Olstad
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Jesse Ostlund
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Katie Palloch
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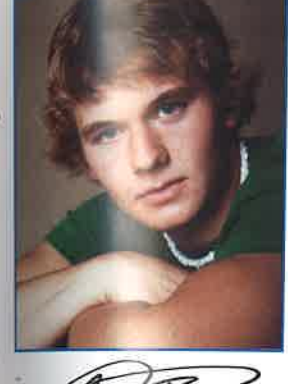
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Mason Odegard
Mason Odegard



Brian Olson
Brian Olson



James Parrow
James Parrow



Abby Paul
Abby Paul



Beau Paulsen
Beau Paulsen



Dillon Peltier
Dillon Peltier



Chelsea Peterson
Chelsea Peterson



Cole Peterson
Cole Peterson



James Peterson
James Peterson



Jessica Pierce
Jessica Pierce



Trevor Plehal
Trevor Plehal



Ashli Powell
Ashli Powell



Abbey Prudlick

Pick which statement is false.
Answer on page 137.

- A. I am lactose intolerant.
- B. I have traveled to Mexico every year since I was seven.
- C. I am on the soccer team.
- D. Being a picky eater is my forte.

146 people

147 seniors

"I am allergic to gluten because I have Celiac disease."
-Senior Gentry Lee



Photo 1: Rockin' the green. Seniors cheer for the boys basketball team during the state tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: It's the Spice Girls! Seniors Taylor Trauger, Meagan McDougall, Brittany Davila, Abby Hammes, and Emma DeJong pose while performing a Spice Girls song during the talent show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Yes! Senior Katie Palloch exchanges a high five with a classmate, while helping with the flood effort. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)



Kelcee Prashak
Kelcee Prashak



Alex Pribula
Alex Pribula



Abbey Prudlick
Abbey Prudlick



Desirae Quesada
Desirae Quesada



Stephanie Ragais
Stephanie Ragais



Blaine Rosendahl
Blaine Rosendahl



Lance Rosenkranz
Lance Rosenkranz



Randall Rothhouse
Randall Rothhouse



Cody Rubertus
Cody Rubertus



Samantha Rusness
Samantha Rusness



Aaron Ranzenberger
Aaron Ranzenberger



Breanna Ranzenberger
Breanna Ranzenberger



Jared Reber
Jared Reber



Braeden Regner
Braeden Regner



Ashley Reiter
Ashley Reiter



Anna Rutten
Anna Rutten



Brian Ruud
Brian Ruud



Ashley Ryan
Ashley Ryan



Abby Salquist
Abby Salquist



Adam Salter
Adam Salter



Krisanne Reyerson
Krisanne Reyerson



Lucas Riedlinger
Lucas Riedlinger



Alexander Ringdahl
Alexander Ringdahl



Kellen Ringdahl
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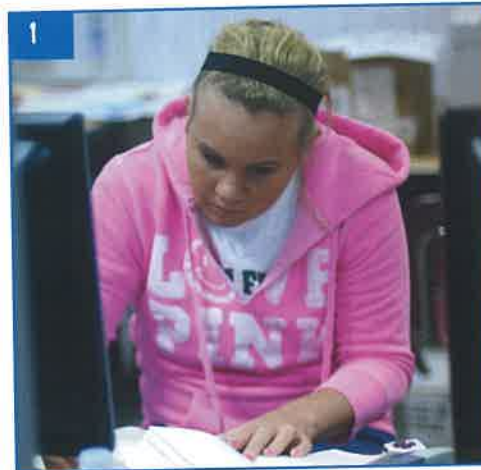


Nicholas Ringdahl
Nicholas Ringdahl

148 people

149 seniors

Photo 1: Brighten up the room...Senior **Miranda Mars** sports a bright sweatshirt for neon day as she works on homework. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Take it off...Senior **Austin Cassezza** strips for the judges while dancing in the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Senior Amber Batsch's life motto is "Be kind to unkind people; they probably need it the most."

What would you do for a Klondike bar?



Charlee Lakoduk

"This is most likely how it would go down, I'd try to do something wild and cool and then I would end up hurt. So... nothing, absolutely nothing."



Brittany Davila

"Wear a sweatervest."

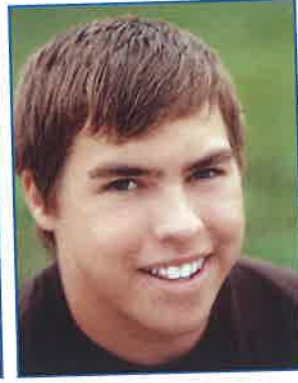


Andrea Volk

"I don't like Klondike bars. I'd strip for a Dilly bar though."



TRAVIS SATHER
Travis Sather



David Sauvageau



Ryan Sauvageau



Samantha-Jo Saye



Erik Schmaltz



Blake Selicker



Nadifa Sharif Hassan



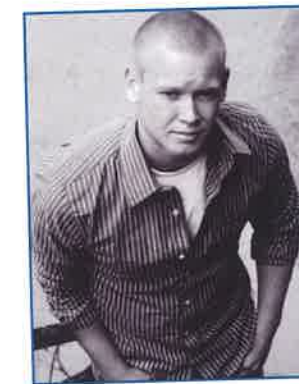
Joel Sheehan



Claire Shive



Jordan Shive



David Schmidt



Hali Scholl



Mackenzie Schommer



Monica Schroeder



Melissa Schulz



Adam Siegert



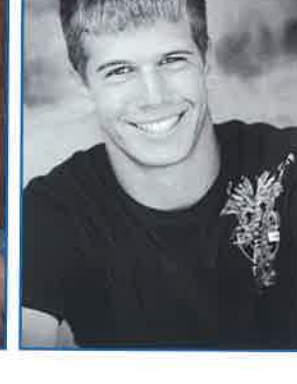
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Erin Sistani



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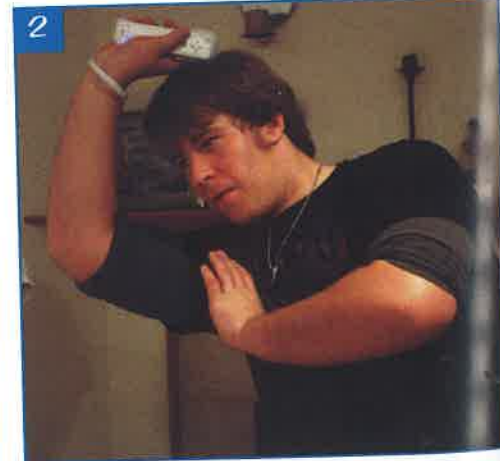


Photo 1: Good time. Senior Kiah Gianakos laughs her way through her presentation of her poster during Genetics class. (Photo by Maria Johnson) Photo 2: Weeeeee. Senior Garrett Anderson competes in Wii Sports during an FCA meeting. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Work and play. Senior Gabrielle Albrecht leads children in a song while working at the Packer Playland daycare. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Maisha Smykowski



Luke Solum



Stephanie Soranson



Christina Sorum



Jacob Springer

Lindsey Levin

Pick which statement is false.
Answer on page 142.

- A. My favorite cereal is Cinnamon Toast Crunch.
- B. I can't parallel park.
- C. I like to watch black and white movies.
- D. I'm ambidextrous and only write with my left hand on Tuesdays.



150 people

151 seniors



Alysha Stanczyk
Alysha Stanczyk



Stephani Steffen
Stephani Steffen



Alexander Strenick
Alexander Strenick



Steven Strom
Steven Strom



Haylee Swanson
Haylee Swanson



David Van Dorpe
David Van Dorpe



Kaitlyn Varberg
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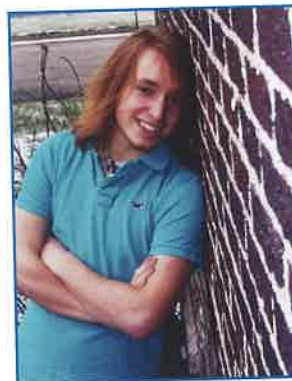
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Kayla Videen
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Amelia Vigen
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Christopher Taxdahl
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Amber Tendeland
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Zacory Thiessen
Zacory Thiessen



Alyssa Mae Thorsen
Alyssa Thorsen



Emma Torrance
Emma Torrance



Andrea Volk
Andrea Volk



Emily Vrem
Emily Vrem



Ashley Walen
Ashley Walen



Kirsten Walker
Kirsten Walker



Dakota Walz
Dakota Walz



Taylor Trauger
Taylor Trauger



Carly Trowbridge
Carly Trowbridge



Cotton Turner
Cotton Turner



Ryan Tyo
Ryan Tyo



Samuel Vaagen
Samuel Vaagen

Photo 1: On and on and on...During the spring talent show, senior Jordan Shive plays guitar for one of the three bands he competed with. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: This is how you do it...Senior Jessica Leno laughs at senior Andrea Johnson while she reminds the other cheerleaders how to do the halftime cheer. (Photo by Abby Paul)



"I lived in Arizona for the first 14 years of my life and plan to move back during the summer."
-Senior Anthony LaCavera

Are you for or against gay marriage?



Karily Kalstad

"I am for gay marriage because people have the right to love who they love."



Reuben Jacobson

"I am for it because they deserve the same rights since they are people. P.S. gay means happy."



Andrew Merkel

"I am against it because marriage is defined as a right between a man and a woman."



Trace Waterworth
Trace Waterworth



Adams Watts
Adams Watts



Krista Weiszhaar
Krista Weiszhaar



Robert Wendlick II
Robert Wendlick II



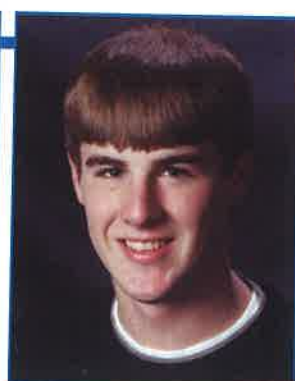
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Nichole Wendt



Alexandra Williams
Alexandra Williams



Genia Wilson
Genia Wilson



Justin Wilson
Justin Wilson



Kostas Wilson
Kostas Wilson



Clint Wohler
Clint Wohler



Matthew Werlinger
Matthew Werlinger



Dustin Westerman
Dustin Westerman



Shawna Wienckowski
Shawna Wienckowski



Nathan Wilke
Nathan Wilke



Maggie Wilken
Maggie Wilken



Taylor Wolf
Taylor Wolf



Jessica Woodbury
Jessica Woodbury



Eric Ybarra
Eric Ybarra



Kristina Yerisov
Kristina Yerisov



Derrek Zaczkowski
Derrek Zaczkowski

154 people

155 seniors

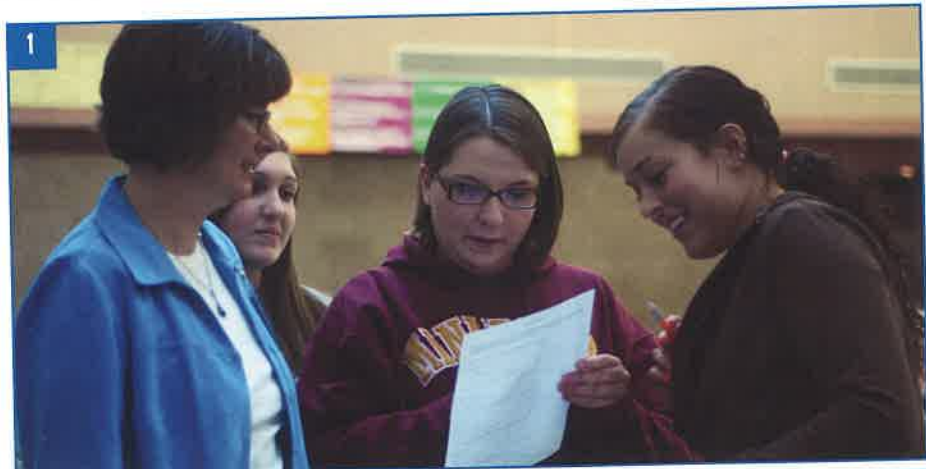


Photo 1: Going on a scavenger hunt. Seniors Saraya Dahlen, Jessica Woodbury and Blake Selisker ask teachers funny math-related Easter questions for Consumer Math class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: DJ decisions. During the Military Ball dance, senior Genia Wilson asks the DJ to play a song. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: We're the best. The senior boys Homecoming Court give it their all to beat the girls Homecoming Court in the pep rally skit performance. (Photo by Victoria Huellett)



"The best part about high school was making the friends you know you'll have the rest of your life."
Senior Brady Birenkott

Most life-changing incident to happen to you in high school?



"Meeting so many new people and becoming so close with a lot of them."



"Getting kicked out of my house because my dad and me didn't see things the same way and I had to go live with my friends."

"The flood, because it brought forth the entire community."



kids at heart



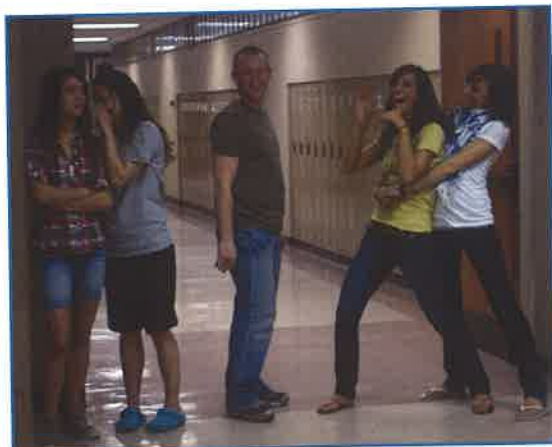
Hali Scholl & Austin Cassezza

shopaholics



Damir Kolakovic & Kelcee Prashhek

most annoying but loved



David Schmidt & Shayla Lund

text forever



Jared Koehnen & Miranda Mars

get carded when they're 30



Claire Moltzan & Aaron Ranzenberger

find a cure for cancer



Anyu Dai & Peter Hettwer

laugh and say i don't get it



Alan Neer & Kristina Yerisov
star on Broadway



Chelsea Peterson & Samuel Forsey

never in school



Ryan Tyo & Meagan McDougall

win an eating contest



Krisanne Reyerson & Gentry Lee
brighten your day



Carly Trowbridge & Eric Driscoll

be on a reality t.v. show



Alyssa Thorson & Jason Moch

"We all take different paths in life,
but no matter where we go,



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people

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senior class photo

"We take a little of each other everywhere."
-Tim McGraw



Photo 1: Ugh...Junior Molly Gusaas passes a sandbag down the line while helping the flood effort. (Photo by Johanna Erielson) Photo 2: Get it started...Junior Patrick Stuber works on a snowmobile engine with help from Career Tech. teacher Jerry Nordstrom during Rec. Engines class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Got to get this done...Junior Jarred Grindahl works hard to meet his bill deadlines at a Youth Leadership competition. (Photo by Callie Katers) Photo 4: Working hard...Junior Meghan Sather gets help from BCA teacher Janae Larson during class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Dance off...Junior Chelsea Gentz-kow dances wildly during the dance competition at the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Dancing at the ball...Juniors Megan Schreier and Vanessa Torvik move to the beat at the Snowball dance. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Dipped low...Sophomore Nathan Jahnke dances with junior Holly Johnson during the production of "The Pajama Game." (Photo by Abby Paul)

new AP students step up

AP classes challenge and benefit juniors

Many courses are new to West Fargo High School this year, such as advanced placement sophomore English and college algebra, and many students are taking advantage of the classes.

AP classes become available to students junior year. they not only look good on a transcript, but can raise a student's GPA to well over a 4.0.

"A lot of my friends were interested in them, so it led me to be as well," junior Ashley Kranda said.

AP classes allow students to practice real-world skills.

"It challenges you, not just on tests, but also on how to fit what you learn into what you do today," Holland said.

In May, there's a national test offered by college boards for \$85.

"If you score a 3 or better, generally, you can be exempt from taking freshman English in select colleges," AP English teacher Marti Simmons said.

AP classes can help students earn a high GPA and also make college applications look better.

AP classes have differences compared to regular classes, such as the "weighted grading" system.

"AP grading is different," Kranda said. "If you get a B, it's actually an A."

Another difference between the regular and AP class is how and what students learn.

"In a regular class you listen to the teacher, and then take a test," junior Emily Holland said. "In AP classes you talk about what you read, and then you discuss what you learned so it's easier to remember what you've learned."

AP classes teach more in-depth information.

"In AP you read novels, write the papers and you look at higher critical thinking, such as what the author means, not just what he's saying," Simmons said.

AP classes are available to almost everyone, depending on a student's grades and GPA. Kranda strongly recommends enrolling in AP classes.

"If students can handle challenging themselves they should take them," Kranda said.

Jenna Beyers
Jenna Beyers

"Making pants for Homecoming and wearing them to school and games was my favorite part of junior year."
-Junior Victoria Hackett



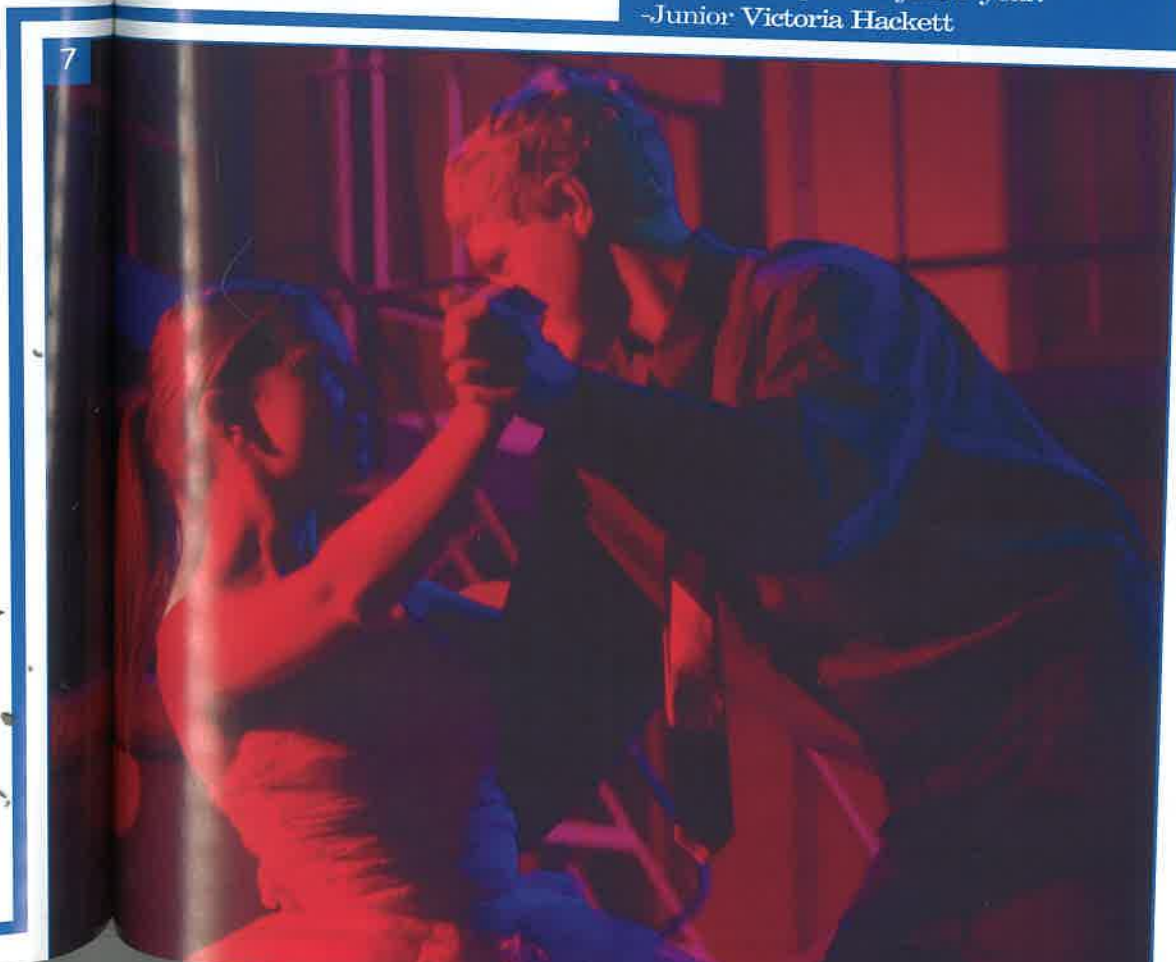
Gage Shoman

grade: junior
favorite color: "Green, because all good things are green."
favorite quote: "Hardwork beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard."



Vanita Gentry

grade: junior
favorite movie: "Obsessed"
favorite state: "Chicago, Ill. because I was born there."



Are you pro-life or pro-choice?



Charlie Luong

"A better question is why would you want to be a baby killer?"



Gatlyn Affield

"Not all people are ready to have a kid or to be a parent."



Kate Gunderson

"You should have to take responsibility for your actions and not kill an innocent life because of it."

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people

Justin Aalgaard
Abdikadir Abdulle
Caitlin Ackley
Ty Adams
Abdirashid Aden
Gatlyn Affield



Omar Al-Abbse
Brittany Anderson
Elizabeth Anderson
Heather Anderson
Madison Anderson
Megan Anthony



Devin Asleson
Katelyn Aswege
Heather Bach
Levi Bachmeier
Tyler Baem
Brady Bahls



Kayla Barkie
Germaine Barnes
Taylor Bates
Jennifer Baumeister
Cassandra Baumgartner
John Baumgartner



Jillian Bechtold
Hailee Beck
Alexander Beckius
Alyssa Beckius
Aubrey Berg
Meghan Berg



"I'm OCD, about my shoes. They have to be equal tightness and the knot has to be in the center."
-Junior Cody Schill



Photo 1: Working together... Juniors Peyton Vane and Jordan Nelson measure out sauce for their pizza bagels in Food and Fitness class. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 2: Can mania... Juniors Chelsea Gentzkow, Johanna Erickson, and Cristina Martinez busily pack away the food collected during the Fill the Dome project. (Photo by Abby Paul)

"I used to carry around a tiny pair of scissors in my pocket when I was in fifth grade because I was into sewing."
-Junior Ashley Kranda

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Juniors



Anthony Bergan
Jared Bergeron
Brianna Berry
Tyler Bertsch
Beth Beyer
Sarah Beyer



Jenna Beyers
Ryan Binde
Blake Birrenkott
Christopher Birrenkott
Briana Bitterman
Brian Bjerk



Christina Bohn
Matthew Bond
Nathan Borchardt
Andrew Braaten
Michael Braaten
Derrick Brandt



Caleb Braun
Matthew Bregier
Bridgit Breker
Tara Brekke
Maria Brekkestran
Chandi Buchholz



Jacob Bucholz
Christopher Burck
Shelby Bursch
Jordyn Byzewski
Lucas Byzewski
Taylor Cable

"I bungee jumped off a bridge in Florida."
-Junior John Westrick

Joseph Cajobe
Rebecca Capouch
Sebastian Carcoana
Andres Casarez Jr.
Deah Collins
Tyler Conklin



Saidu Conteh
Megan Cooper
Tete Cooper
Aren Cossette
Stephanie Cossette
Amanda Cowperthwaite



Grant Cummings
Benjamin Dalbol
Oscar DeLeon
Tyler Delorme
Jordan Denis
Tori Desotel



LaCher Dolan
Amy Doll
Jennifer DuShane
Brady Eidenschink
Marylea Engstrom
Jackson Erbstoesser



Alexander Erickson
Emily Erickson
Johanna Erickson
Adam Faeth
Alexander Falk
Sean Fawbush



Chelsey Fenske
Tyler Fietzek
Brenna Fisher
Tiffany Fitterer
Spencer Flaten
Kayla Fountain



Laura Freitag
Jolee French
Victoria French
Makyla Fry
Fazli Gashi
Jamison Gehrig



Chelsea Gentzkow
Jared Gibbon
Hayley Gibbons
Dustin Gilberts
Rob Clarum
Ashley Gonzalez



Ashley Goulet
Corbin Gray
Trista Gray
Breeanna Green
Jenna Green
Shawn Greenman



Katie Gregor
Jarred Grindahl
Ellie Grooters
Tanner Grosche
Cody Grosz
Katelyn Gunderson



Photo 1: Community service... Junior Brandon Tveito laughs while raking leaves for a National Honor Society service project. (Photo by Mara Johnson) Photo 2: Salty surprise... Junior Aubrey Berg licks a piece of salt before using it to make homemade ice cream as junior Kayla Olson and Child Care Services teacher Kathryn Stangeland watch. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Top 5 most attractive celebrities!

Entire junior class polled



- Males**
Channing Tatum
Brad Pitt
Johnny Depp
Chad Michael Murray
Nick Lachey

- Females**
Jessica Alba
Angelina Jolie
Megan Fox
Beyoncé Knowles
Halle Berry



Junior Elizabeth Anderson has been in All Conference in tennis since she started high school.



Brenna Fisher

Pick which statement is **false**.
Answer on page 173

- A. I've been to Australia.
- B. I have five siblings.
- C. I have a cat that can open doors.
- D. I have been to the Bahamas.

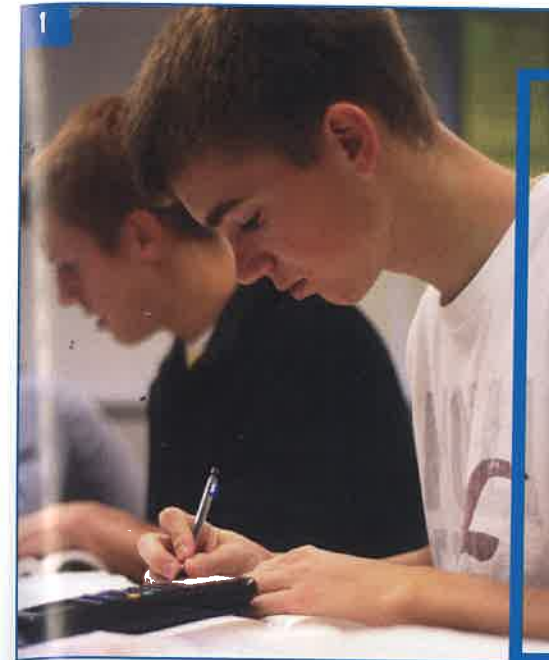


Photo 1: Accounting Junior Ryne Schaeffer uses his calculator to solve problems during accounting class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Bright whites Junior Tiffany Nerud points out the teeth on her animal's skull to try and identify it during an Envirothon meeting. (Photo by Callie Katers)

"I can't say chimney."
-Junior Oscar DeLeon

Molly Guszas
Jennifer Haaland
Hayley Haberer
Chariba Habib
Victoria Hackett
Diane Hahn



Dre Halle
Brandi Hansen
Corrine Hansen
Ryan Hansen
Meranda Harris
Briana Hartog



Kasey Hartwig
Mohamed Hassan
Brandi Hatch
Madison Hausauer
Carleigh Hedstrom
Chelsea Hedstrom



Dylan Heger
Brittany Heiden
Allison Heinen
Justin Henderson
Swayze Henry
Taylor Herk



Mason Herman
Thane Hillig
Robert Hogenson
Emily Holland
Erikka Holmes
Sheena Houkom



Daniel Hoy
Cassandra Hughes
Jordan Huseby
Lexi Jackson
Robert Jacobs
McKenzie Jaeger



Kelsey Jenson
Dylan Jerger
Skyler Jeske
Hussein Jilani
Brenna Johnson
Brittney Johnson



David Johnson
Holly Johnson
Mara Johnson
Dustin Jonasson
Bryce Jorgenson
Michael Joyce



Dylan Just
Dillon Juve
Callie Katers
Kristin Kautz
Austin Keller
Kayleanne Keyes



Marisha Khunger
Jacob Kiefer
Skye Kinzler
Kelsey Kloos
Allison Klug
Dillon Knight

"I get up at 4:30 a.m. everyday and spend at least an hour fixing up my hair. It seems crazy, but to me it's worth it."
 -Junior Ashley Ridder

Landon Knoll
 Russell Koetz
 Nicholas Koskey
 Ashley Kranda
 Alayna Krantz
 Carly Kratcha

Massah Kromah
 Victoria Krynski
 Myla Kulink
 Ahmed Lafta
 Jackson Lahren
 Christina Lammers

Kayla Lancor
 Gregory Larson
 Justyn Larson
 Mitchell Lattimore
 Karlee Laubach
 Tanner Lautt

Jordan Laybourn
 Eva Lee
 Katie Lee
 Christopher Lehfeldt
 Caitlin Leick
 Ariel LeMier

Alyssa Lind
 Tanner Logan
 Sheila Loomis
 Tia Lopez
 Peter Lund
 Charlie Luong



Robert Lytle
 Jordan Machart
 Shandi Mack
 Adin Mackovic
 Amanda Maddux
 Saidali Mahad

Paris Malatterre
 Cristina Martinez
 Delphine Martinez
 Jacob Mathias
 Michael Mathison
 Todd Mattson

Korina Maynard
 Austen McFarren
 Ricky McGrady
 Cierra Meisch
 Jacob Melville
 Megan Metcalf

Danielle Meyer
 Isaac Meyer
 Laura Mikkelsen
 Ciara Miller
 Ian Miller
 Kayla Miller

Kenneth Miller
 Logan Miller
 Lucas Mitzel
 Shelby Moen
 Shamso Mohamad
 Philip Moltzan



Photo 1: Bust a move...Junior Andrew Braaten drops into the splits during the dance competition at the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: That did not just happen...The junior class bursts into laughter as fellow classmates try to impress the judges with their dance moves. (Photo by Abby Paul)

What days should be added to theme week?



Jolee French

"I think we should have an Actor Day where you dress up as them in one of their movies."



Daine Hahn

"I think we should have a Different Country Day. You could wear a scarf if you were from Antarctica or a British flag if you were from Britain."



Sarah Vigstol

"I think we should have a Furry Animal Day where everyone wears some type of fur."



Photo 1: Getting in the Christmas spirit...Junior Katherine Roth wraps a gift for Key Club's "Operation Christmas Child." (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Nail polish and grasshoppers...Juniors Philip Moltzan and Michael Braatan paint grasshoppers with pink nail polish during environmental science class. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Taylor Herk

Pick which statement is *false*.
Answer on page 178

- A. I live on a farm in the country during the summer.
- B. I have two sisters.
- C. I have been out of the country multiple times.
- D. I drive a '96 Mustang GT.

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people

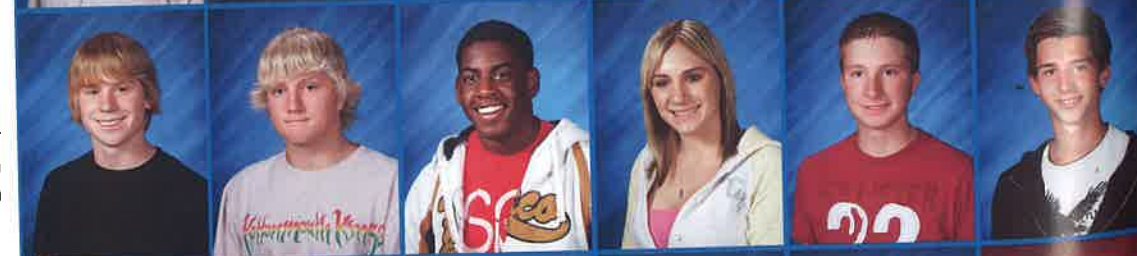
Ross Montgomery
Jonathan Morken
Tristan Mowery
Emira Muminovic
Katie Myers
Christopher Nation



Kayla Nefzger
Scott Nelsen
Jordan Nelson
Tiffany Nerud
Austin Neu
Sam Nicholson



Mitchell Nyhammer
Ethan Odegaard
Kene Okigbo
Hillary Olheiser
Ryan Olien
Nicholas Olsen



Ryan Olsen
Jared Olson
Kayla Olson
Michael Olson
Duane O'Marro Jr
Jessica Otto



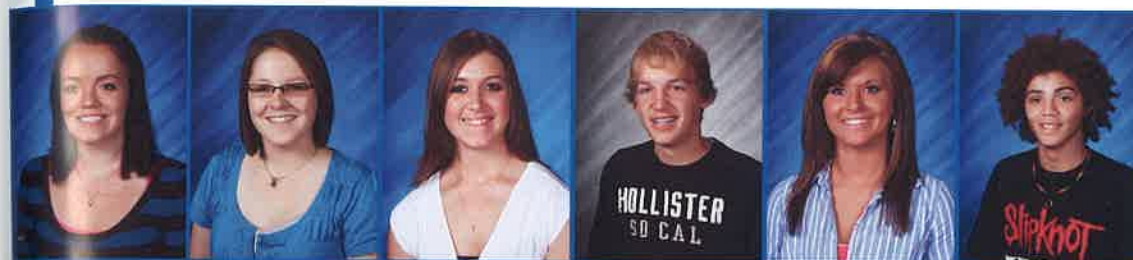
Jessica Paulson
Darac Peters
Katelyn Peterson
Viet Phung
Paul Pilch
Cassandra Pillen



Junior Patrick Stuber has worn the same necklace for two years and has never taken it off.

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Juniors

Brittany Prentice
Samantha Pyle
Kara Ramsey
Nicholas Randall
Sara Raugutt
Raymond Reeves



Taran Reiersen
Luke Rheume
Patrick Richard
Ashley Ridder
Angel Ripley
Kyle Rolie



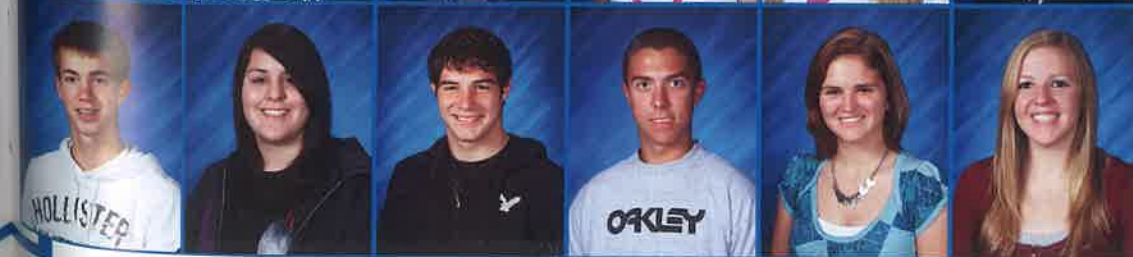
Krysta Ronning
Anthony Ross
Katherine Roth
Robin Roush
Joseph Roy
Scott Salter



Jordan Sanders
Abdikadir Santur
Malyun Santur
Megan Sather
Andrea Sattler
Taylor Sauvageau



Ryhe Schaeffer
Danielle Schiefert
Scott Schiller
Kolby Schmidt
Nicole Schmidt
Meghan Schreier



The junior class is the last class to be sixth graders in elementary school, freshmen in the high school, and seniors with a minimum of 22 credits.

Laurel Schoessler
MaTaylie Schweitzer
Ryan Seamands
Natasha Sellheim
Megan Sennie
Stephanie Shagena

Angela Sharp
Erik Sheehan
Ashley Shipley
Fardowsa Shire
Gage Shoman
Kyle Shoman

Casandra Shorma
Blaze Sigmund
Cody Sinclair
Garret Sjue
Justine Skauge
Peter Slabik

Cody Smith
Paige Smith
Jonathan Snead
Jennifer Snyder
Ethan Sorenson
Jessica Soucy

Matthew Spadafore
Brittany Spletstaszer
David Staples
Stacy Stavedahl
Sasha Steichen
Jared Steinberger



Danielle Strahm
Matthew Strahm
Whitney Streifel
Nicholas Strom
Jack Stromberg
Patrick Stuber

Courtney Summers
John Sund
Solveig Swanson
James Sweere
Jared Sykora
Jeremy Thompson

Kelsey Thoreson
Zachary Thornton
Alec Tibbals
Ty Tollefson
Vanessa Torvik
Joseph Trelstad

Guadalupe Trevino III
Nathan Trosen
Laura Tuinstra
Brandon Tveito
Hope Twitero
Spencer Uetz

Tiffany Utke
Meagan Vaagen
Melissa Van Clev
Peyton Vane
Andrew Vedquam
Justin Videen

What would you do with a million dollars?



Ricky McGrady "I'd probably buy my parents a house and pay for my brother's hospital bills. Whatever's left-half to charity and spend the rest on myself."



Ashley Ridder "I'd go to every shopping mall in the world."



"Move out of Fargo." **Tristan Mowery**

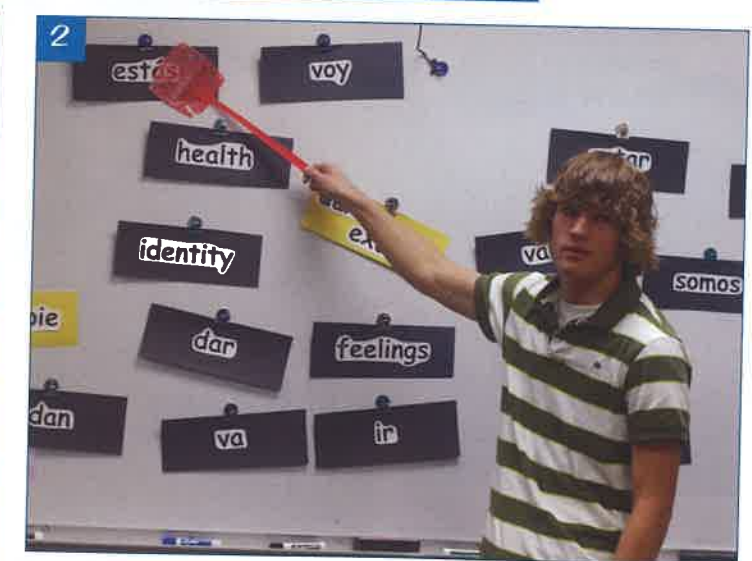


Photo 1: Eww...Juniors Tiffany Nerud and Megan Anthony squirm in disgust while they pull their dead cat out of the bag to dissect it in Anatomy class. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2: Choosing...Junior John Sund points to the right answer during a Spanish review game. (Photo by Marci Johnson)

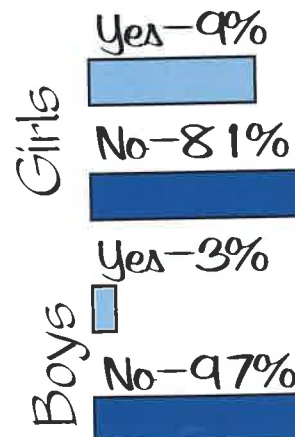
"I'm an encyclopedia of music."
-Junior Brandon Tveito

Do you have a tattoo?

Entire junior class polled.



Only 12 percent of juniors have tattoos; however, more girls than boys have them. (photo by Mara Johnson)



Christopher Vigen
Sarah Vigstol
Courtney Voeller
Kaleigh Von Bank
Katerina Voronova
Tayla Wagenman



Dylan Walton
Anna Wang
Aaron Watne
Chad Watterud
Timothy Weber
Jacob Weible



Alyssa Weisbeck
Katie Wendt
Sean Wenger
Alexia Werner
John Westrick
Christopher Williams



Tiffanie Wold
Samantha Wolter
Shannon Wright
Brooke Yochim



"I used to have a bowl cut when I was little. And I was chubby."
-Junior Mara Johnson



Kelsey LaFontaine
Pick which statement is **false**.
Answer on page 165.

- A. I work at a daycare.
- B. I have eight piercings.
- C. When I was 12, I took my sister's car and drove it around.
- D. I have a tattoo of a cross on my back.

Junior Nicole Schmidt has played piano for 11 1/2 years.



Photo 1: You're going down... Juniors Ashley Gonzalez and Tessa Juhl yell across the gym at the seniors during the fall pep rally. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: Solo act... Junior Kayla Lancor sings "I'm Already Gone" by Sugarland for the school talent show. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Shake it... Junior Delphine Martinez and date show their moves at Prom. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Photo 1: Three in one...Sophomore Tailer Schlichting works on homework while her hair is fixed for wacky hair day. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Sing it...Sophomore Blake Morrow sings a solo at the talent show, winning second place in the event. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Spin it with me...Sophomores Zhyar Abdulla and Reed Olson work together in a Food and Fitness lab. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 4: Getting warmer...Sophomore Jarred Grindahl reaches for a ball as others point him in the right direction during a team building activity in Youth Leadership. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Mocarena...Sophomore Katie Birenkott dances in the crowd at Prom. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Playdough play...Sophomores Dylan Lahren and Justin Hanenburg make a person out of playdough as they simulate specialization in World History. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Here you go...Sophomore Emma Grant passes sophomore Hope Pearson a sandbag while helping the flood effort in downtown Fargo. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)



Jamie Beyers

grade: sophomore
 favorite store: American Eagle
 If you could be a rose, which one and why: "I would be a rose because they smell good and everyone loves getting them."



Skylar Okke

grade: sophomore
 favorite store: Pizza Hut
 If you could be a rose, which one and why: "I would be a dandelion because its bright and fools people to think it's a flower."

"I have been able to fit my whole fist in my mouth since I was two years old."
 -Sophomore Heather Krnsnak



sophomores shake things up

past reputations bring conflict

The sophomore class developed a bad reputation before coming to the high school. Before arriving, there were already many negative opinions on the sophomore class.

However, some believe the reputation is not deserved.

"I guess coming from Sheyenne their reputation was that they're a very 'busy' class. They will keep us busy," school counselor Lindsay Braaten said. "So far I haven't noticed that reputation to be true."

Assistant Principal Karen Olson hadn't heard of a "bad" reputation for the sophomores.

"I'm not seeing personally much difference from the past," Olson said. "I think we have the same kind of problems we've had in the past with other kids."

On the other hand, others believe sophomores brought the reputation upon themselves.

"The sophomores this year aren't as nice as last years and they don't respect the upperclassmen as much," senior Hali School said. "If they're doing bad things, they deserve a bad reputation."

Even sophomores believe their grade's reputation is justified.

Sophomore Samantha Gunning agrees the sophomores deserve their reputation.

Although many people believe the sophomores do hold a bad reputation, the grade cannot all be classified as one. Gunning does not believe she fits into the stereotype of her grade.

"I don't think every sophomore does drugs or every sophomore treats the upperclassmen and teachers with disrespect," she said. "I have friends who are upperclassmen who have guided me on a better path."

"You can't judge an entire group based on one or two or three person's actions," Braaten said.

Even though a few sophomores misbehave, the entire grade should not be classified as one.

"Not all sophomores are bad, but people don't remember the accomplishments as much the failures," Scholl said.

Whether or not the reputation is deserved, the sophomores will eventually grow into the high school atmosphere.

"A sophomore is a sophomore, and by the time they're a junior or a senior their maturity level changes," Braaten said.

Johanna Erickson

What was your favorite movie when you were little?



Jacob Sorum "Sandlot," because I always laugh until I cry while watching it."



"Lion King," because it is what I grew up with every day." **Jesse Rolie**



Danielle Kartas "Beauty and the Beast," because me and my family would always watch it."



Photo 1: Songs of the season...Sophomore Jackson Forsey sings with the Madrigals at the Christmas choir show. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Clay our way...Sophomores KeerieAnne Bruce, Courtney Vistad, and Natasha Johnson make clay pots for Ceramics class. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Senad Abaza
Safa Abdalwahab
Samira Abdi
Abdiqani Abdulkarim
Zhyar Abdulla
Sura Abdulrazzaq



Zane Abshire
Courtney Adams
Ram Al Ledani
Sam Al Ledani
David Albrecht
Jonathan Alm



Julian Andersen
Katherine Anderson
Samantha Anderson
Jean Arel
Sarah Arnold
Katie Arrieta



Talia Baglo
Kyle Bailey
Benjamin Ballweber
Jacob Bauer
Heather Beatty
Carissa Becher



Christopher Beck
Lydia Belcourt
Nicole Benson
Ntakirutimana Berita
Kaytlyn Beyer
Jamie Beyers



Sophomore Tanner Dahl has been to 40 of the 50 states within the U.S.

179 sophomores

Katie Birrenkott
Taylor Birrenkott
Vincent Bjorem
Joseph Bjornson
Savannah Bjugstad
Chandler Boehm



Samantha Bogardus
Sara Bogardus
Cora Bollinger
Bethany Booth
Brittany Boyer
Brianna Brager



Jordan Brahmer-Cardiel
Lucas Brand
Dacotah Brandt
Heather Brasel
Zachary Brokmeier
Megan Broton



Matthew Brower
Heather Brown
Jesse Brown
Connor Bruce
KeerieAnne Bruce
Samantha Bruesch



Nicole Bruse
Sarah Bruun
Britny Bucholz
Amina Budalica
Steven Burdick
Eric Burmeister



"I worship Hollister. It's my favorite store."
-Sophomore Caitlyn Obregon

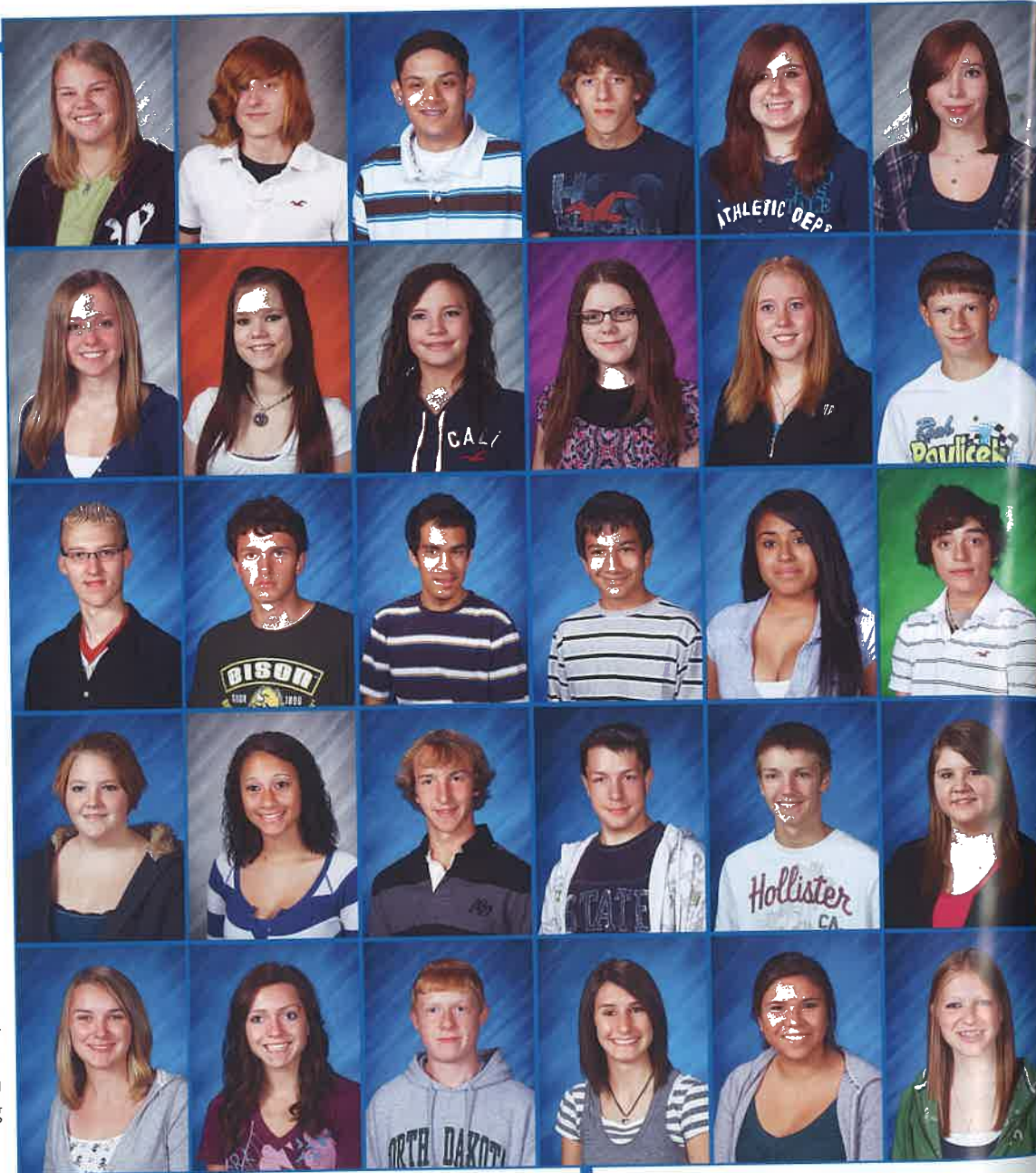
Chelsey Butn
Devin Bykonen
Nicholas Cajobe
Wyatt Cameron
Tori Cargo
Alexandra Carthew

Devon Cavic
Carly Cheney
Megan Christensen
Alicia Clark
Amy Clark
Matthew Clark

Jacob Clemens
Justin Conrad
Alex Contreras
Joaquin Contreras
Mayra Coronado
Michael Cota

Erica Cox
DeAwna Cross
Curtis Crowe
Bo Dahl
Tanner Dahl
Taylor Dahl

Alissa Dahlin
Kelsey Daul
Joshua Dauner
Katelynn Dauwen
Brittany Decoteau
Mary DeJong



Matthew Delaney
Ashley DeLeon
Jason Dickerson
Christian Dickson
Austin Dillard
Bradyn Dohman

Bret Dolan
Kelsey Drayton
Cody Drees
Kelli DuBord
Dillon Dullea
Dakota Duncan

Jonathon DuShane
Jason Dvorak
Matthew Eckelberg
Michelle Edwards
Samantha Eidenschink
Kaylah Eidum

Nicole Eisenzimmer
Connor Ellegard
Courtney Ellenson
Mathew Emerson
Sinzykayo Emmanuel
Natasha Engebretson

Nathan Engen
Francie Erdmann
Matthew Erickson
Morgan Erickson
Timothy Erickson
Sadie Falk

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Megan Turner

Pick which statement is **false**.
Answer on page 178.

- A. I never wear plain white socks.
- B. I've done 20 pull ups.
- C. I broke my mom's van.
- D. I've been locked in the trunk of a car.

"I used to have hair down to my elbow. I looked like Jesus."
-Sophomore Michael Gibbons



Photo 1: Swing it...Sophomore Cody Hayes keeps his eye on the ball while playing pickleball in phy. ed class. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Blinding me... During a teambuilding activity at Youth Leadership, sophomore Mary DeJong ties sophomore Kacie Johnson's bandana. (Photo by Abby Paul)

What is your favorite movie quote?



Miranda Sprung

"I'm all jacked up on Mountain Dew, and I'll come at you like a spider-monkey." *TALLADEGA NIGHTS*



Amy Matzka

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." *CINDERELLA STORY*



Kelsey Drayton

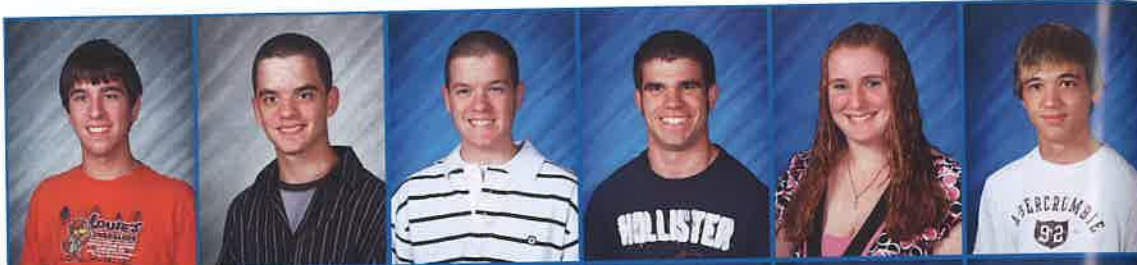
"That ain't no Etch-A-Sketch. This is one doodle that can't be un-did, homeskillet." *JUNO*



Photo 1: "Trick or treat" While trick-or-treating for Unicef with Key Club, sophomore Melanie Sopp collects change from a neighborhood child. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Songs of spirit. Sophomores Alyssa Scott and Alicia Schroeder scream as the pep band plays at a football game Sept. 5th. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Luke Faltersack
Sawyer Faltersack
Taylor Faltersack
Chase Farkas
Emily Feist
Jacob Ferguson



Brianna Fitzpatrick
Tyler Flaagan
Nicholas Fladland
Grace Folden
Alex Fontaine
Tanner Fontaine



Elaina Fontes
Jackson Forsey
Cole Forthun
Samantha Foss
Taylor Foss
Forrest Fretheim



Christopher Fuka
Linda Fuller
Tarley Gaye
Michael Gibbons
Kyle Gietzen
Susan Glanzer



Jordan Gleason
Sasha Golliet
Lesley Gonzalez
Shannan Gorden
Samantha Goulet
Melvin Gowah



Sophomore Chase Farkas is following in his four-older brothers footsteps by playing for the West Fargo football team.

183 sophomores

Emma Grant
Alexis Greer
Elizabeth Grefsrud
Kennedy Grensteiner
Callie Grotjohn
Cory Gummeringer



Samantha Gunning
Mary Gust
Cole Gustafson
Jill Gustafson
Samantha Hagensen
Melissa Halda



Donald Halverson
Richard Hamner
Meghan Hanna
Eric Hannestad
Chaz Hansen
Jacob Hanson



Joshua Hanson
Skylar Hanson
Brittany Harms
Kalen Harsch
Marcy Harsch
Jessica Hasse



Anna Haugen
Michael Hawley
Cody Hayes
Kyera Heit Coghill
Tanner Hennen
Chelsea Hermanson



"I wear sweatpants and pajama clothes everyday. I dress up only once a month or for special occasions."
-Sophomore Jessica Sharp

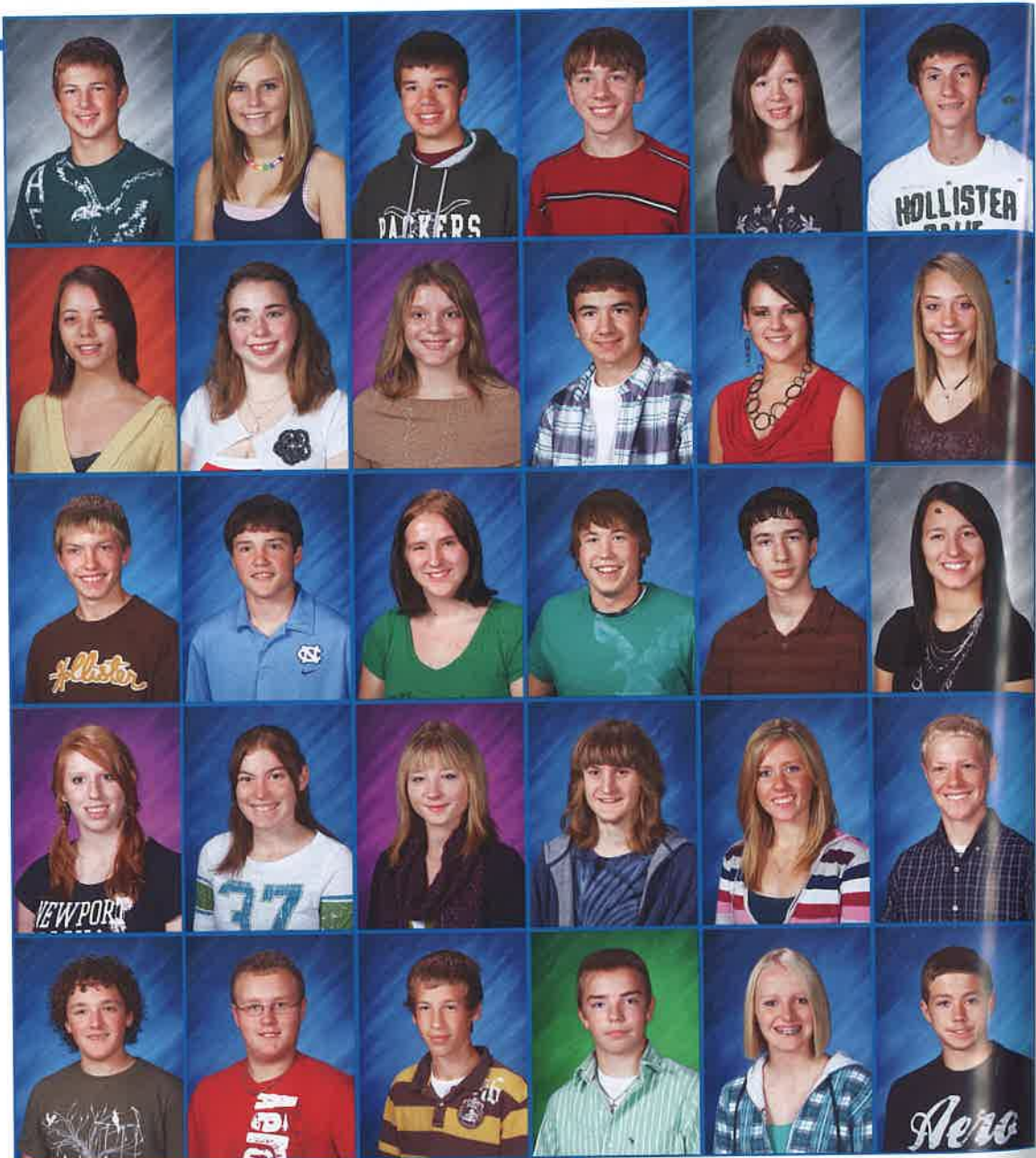
Jacob Hermanson
Maggie Herrmann
Alexander Herzog
Ethan Hettwer
Darian Hiemer
Shane Hillen

Paige Hillig
Samantha Hintz
Dejlana Hodzic
Andrew Hoeger
Brianna Hoglund
Katelyn Holland

Dylan Honeyman
Austin Horsager
Krista Horton-Mammenga
Lee Howes
Brandon Huelsbeck
Hillary Hugelen

Nicole Hunsicker
Ashley Hval
Abbey Immer
Marty Ista
Kaitlyn Jacobsen
Nathan Jahnke

Colin James
Brady Johnson
Jade Johnson
Jeremy Johnson
Kacie Johnson
Lukas Johnson



Malaya Johnson
Natasha Johnson
Koda Jordet
Muhoza Joseline
Kabura Joseph
Kelsey Kalstad

Danielle Kartes
Joshua Kasowski
Betsy Kastet
Briana Keller
Jeffrey Keller
Tyler Kennedy

Anthony Kesler
Deqa Khalif
Elizabeth Kimble
Jacob Kinsella
Michael Knutson
Riley Koehnen

Michael Koenig
Jessica Kolb
Elizabeth Kossan
Friday Kpeenu
Christopher Krick
Alex Kuchta

Thomas Kuehn
Shelby Ladwig
Dylan Lahren
Casey Larson
Nicholas Larson
Danielle Lee



Photo 1: Silly singing...During the American Idol competition at the fall pep rally, sophomore Christopher Krick pretends to be an obnoxious contestant. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Do you see this?...Sophomores Joseph Bjornson, Amy Tran, Wenzhu Sun, and Sadie Waite look at the 2008 yearbook during distribution night. (Photo by Abby Paul)

What would you wish for if you had only one wish?



Sarah Arnold "I would wish for a pen that always found its way back."



"I would wish for a never-ending water bottle." Tamer Parr



Kyle Wohlman "I would wish for molecularnesis (the power over atoms and molecules)."

If you could spend the day with anyone, who would it be?



Thomas Kuehn "Either Marilyn Manson, Adolf Hilter, or Colonel Sanders."



"Will Ferrel." **Tyler Kennedy**



Brianna Brager "My aunt Sandy because she was diagnosed with breast cancer last May and I wanna get to know her better now that I'm getting older."

Brandon Leier
Abby Lein
Drew Lemke
Nicholas Leopold
Levi Lepird
Shelby Lewis



Victoria Lietz
Labinot Lika
Tanner Lindsay
Heather Link
Thomas Lipp
Renae Lisk



John Litzinger
Kaylee Lothspeich
Faith Lucia
Fitim Luzha
Kasey Lynn
Barbara-Ann Lytle



Dhurim Mani
Derrick Manock
Brienne Marthe
Natalie Martinson
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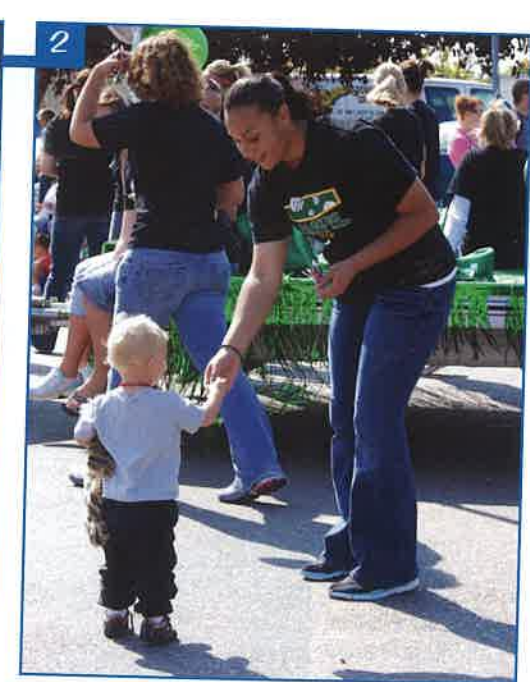
Levi Mayo
Donavin McKinney
Gage McQuade
Jared Mears
Kayla Meehan
Nicholas Meske



Sophomore Reed Olson believes his style makes him unique because he doesn't care what people think about him, so he dresses funny.



Photo 1: Strut your stuff... Sophomore Mary Gust dances to compete with a group on the other side of the dance floor during the Snowball dance. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Parades of players... During the West Fest parade sophomore Cherae Reeves hands' candy to a child. (Photo by [unreadable])



"I got a perm in fifth grade..."
-Sophomore Dylan Honeyman



Jacob Metcalf
Taylor Michels
Jacob Mitzel
Tanner Moerke
Abdi Mohamed
Mahamed Mohamed



Mohamed Mohamud
Christian Mohan
Steven Moroz
Monica Morris
Blake Morrow
Zachary Mosset



Andrea Muller
Dustin Munyer
Adam Murray
Dana Murray
Nermina Music
Connor Nefzger



Brooke Nelson
Danielle Nelson
Samantha Nelson
Sarah Nelson
Shannon Nelson
Taylor Nerby



Mark Neugebauer
Courtney Neuleib
Lisa Nguyen
Chelsea Nielson
Brandee Nordhagen
Marissa Norheim

"I like to put my own style of clothing together."
-Sophomore Elizabeth Grefsrud

Allan Ntaate
Caitlyn Obregon
Hunter Odenbach
Michelle Olivieri
Jobert Olofernes Jr
Kristian Olsen



Reed Olson
Troy Osmanski
Samantha Owens
Logan Palmer
Jacob Panek
Samantha Parker



Jatara Parks
Tanner Parr
Jacob Parrow
Jennifer Parsons
Elizabeth Paul
Hope Pearson



Tyler Pedersen
Brooke Pederson
Courtney Pederson
Seth Pegg
Rico Perojo
Namoqua Peter



Kathryn Petersen
Nicole Petersen
Nathaniel Peterson
John Pfeifer
Jonathan Pistorius
Matthew Pitzer



Katherine Potter
Katelynn Power
Gustiana Pratista
Alyssa Pribula
Michaela Pytlik
Dylan Quern



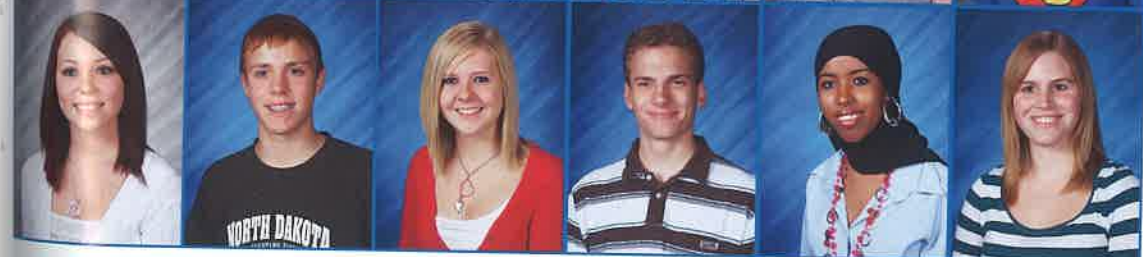
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Jordan Rasmussen
Channon Raugutt
Cherae Reeves
Michael Reiner
Dylan Reis



Ryan Remmen
Jordan Reznecheck
Grant Ringdahl
Kevin Roberts
Kyle Roberts
Laykin Rohrich



Alicia Rokusek
Jesse Rolle
Ellen Rossow
Megan Rotert
Megan Rud
Matthew Ruff



Cheyenne Rust
Brody Rustad
Taylor Saari
Kyle Sample
Amina Santur
Danielle Schaefer

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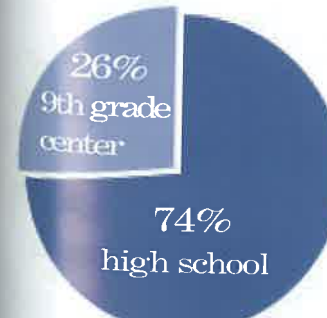
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Photo 1: Act it out...During English class, sophomore Sierra Senger acts out a vocabulary word as the class guesses which one it is. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Listening and laughing...During North Dakota Studies, sophomores Kathryn Zahradka and Oksana Tyulyandina listen to an agricultural speaker. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Do you prefer the 9th grade center or high school?

170 students polled



9th grade center- 41
high school- 125
both- 1
none- 2
I dont care- 1



Contemplations...During Web Design class sophomore Nadir Mehmedovic stares intently at the computer screen. (Photo by Abby Paul)

What holiday would you create?



Natasha Engbretson "Day for peace."



"National anti-explosion day." Brandan Smith

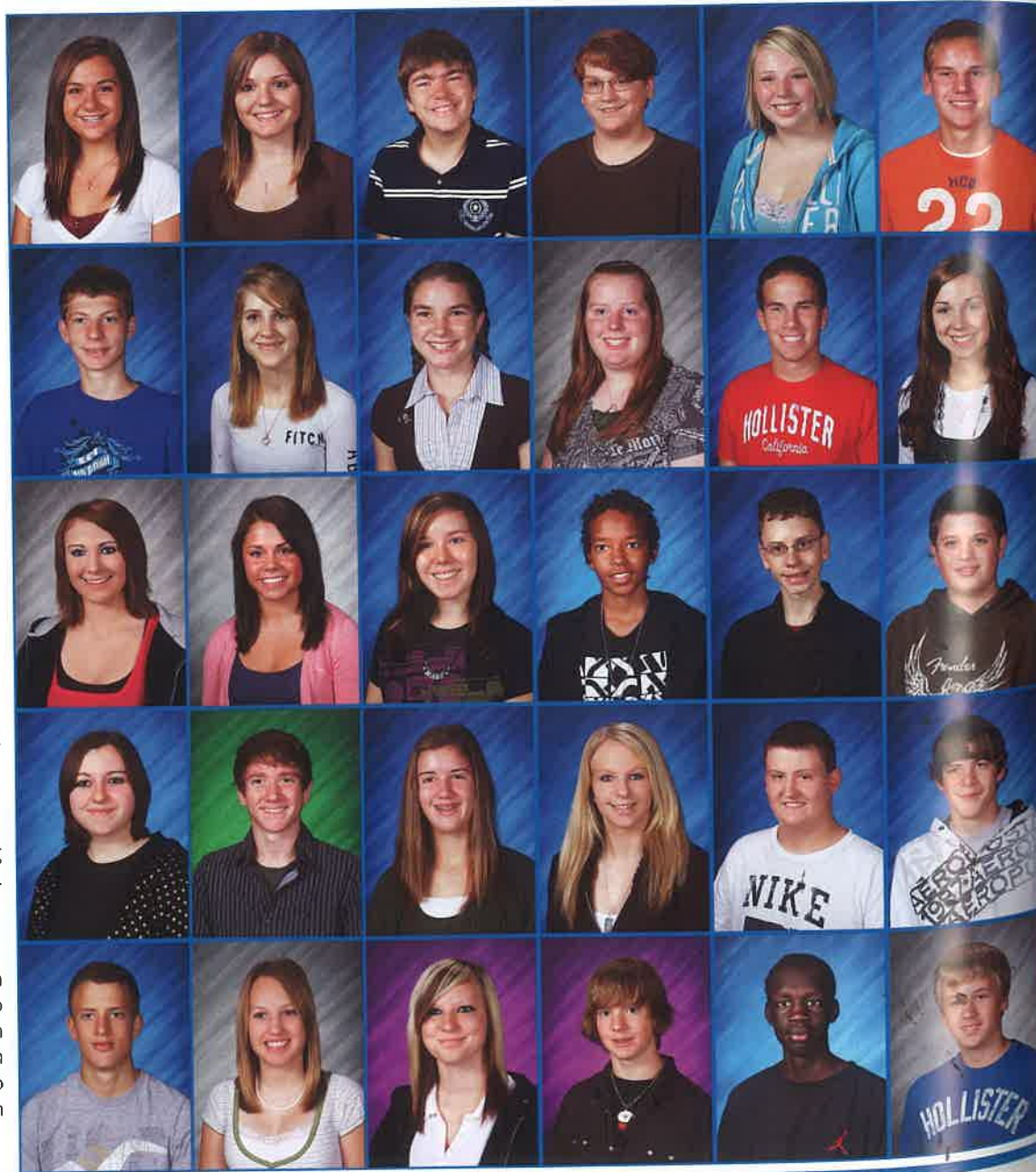


Zachary Near "National pig out day, where you can eat all day."



Photo 1: Wii warrior...During an FCA meeting, sophomore Matthew Pitzer competes in a game of bowling on the Wii. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Hold still...While helping out at Yunker Farm's "Party at the Pumpkin Patch," sophomore Kaitlyn Stopper paints on sophomore Emma Grant's face as they wait for students to arrive. (Photo by Abby Paul)

"All my siblings have Scandinavian names."
-Sophomore Signe Swanson



Kelsey Schaefer
Jasmine Schafer
Nathaniel Schendel
Tyler Schlenvogt
Tailer Schlichting
Braden Schmid

Justin Schock
Michelle Schoenack
Alicia Schroeder
Michaela Schuler
Brady Schwartz
Alyssa Scott

Erica Semmens
Sierra Senger
Jessica Sharp
Chemiat Simiyu
Victor Sjoblom
Alex Sjothun

Paige Slater
Brandan Smith
Cassandra Smith
Kaitlin Snead
Jordan Soberg
Timothy Sola

Adam Solum
Melanie Sopp
Cassandra Sorlien
Cody Sorlien
Victor Soro
Jacob Sorum



Paul Sorvik
Michael Spieker
Riley Spiker
Jaime Springer
Katlyn Springer
Miranda Sprung

Nathan Stanczyk
Nicholas Staska
Christian Steffen
Alexis Stegman
Kaitlyn Stoppler
Aric Stormon

Austin Streifel
Wenzhu Sun
Paige Swanson
Signe Swanson
Brandon Tendeland
Allison Teske

Robert Thiel
Laken Thiessen
Ransi Thomas
Christopher Thomte
Amy Tran
Kevin Trowbridge

Shaniqua Tubbs
Megan Turner
Oksana Tyulyandina
Lauren Ugelstad
Kyleen Ulmer
Francisco Valenzuela

"I have two rats for pets."
-Sophomore Brookelyn Pfau

Minari Venisa
Zachary Vetter
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Courtney Vistad
Morgan Vogel
Dillon Vondal



Sadie Waite
Whitney Walsh
Nicholas Walvatne
Nicole Wegenast
Jenna Weishaar
Gabriel Wenzelov



Amanda Wilkens
Lexis Willert
Nicholas Williams
Mamie Wilson
Amber Wipf
Kyle Wohlman



Kinsey Wolf
Stephonie Wolf-Skarie
Kate Woodbury
Tyler Woodbury
Connor Wright
Abeer Yaseen



Omar Yaseen
Kristopher Young
Amer Yousif
Ty Zaczowski
Kathryn Zahradka
Lauren Zent



Grace Zeon
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What flavor of toothpaste would you invent?



Lydia Belcourt "Mountain Dew flavor."



"Popcorn!" Nicole Eisenzimmer



Jessica Sharp "Mystery flavor, but it would be rainbow colored."



Photo 1: A little to the left...During the National Scholastic Press Association convention in Phoenix, sophomore Mary DeJong gets her face painted at a Phoenix Suns game. (Photo by Molly English) Photo 2: Dodge this...Winding up for his throw, sophomore Labinot Lika eyes down his opponent in the Packer annual dodgeball tournament. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)



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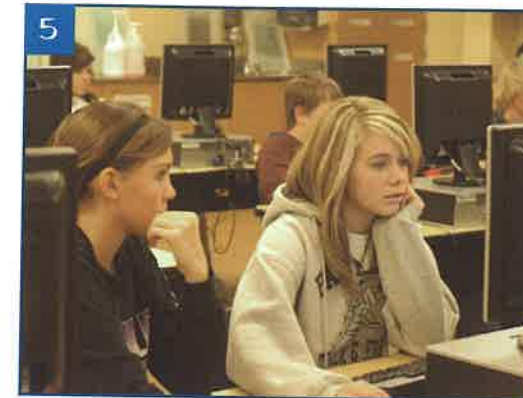


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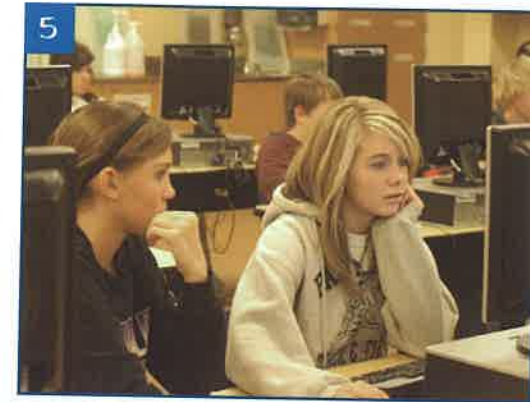


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Freshman Steven Sola was once forced to go four days without a shower because his water shut off.



Natalie Amol
Brianna Ackerland
Colin Ackley
Austen Adam
Abdihakur Aden
Noura Ahmed

Rami Al Dulaimi
Nour Al-Abse
Nour Al-Abbse
Rachelle Albert
Steven Allard
Tyler Alm

Austin Althoff
Sean Alves
Alexis Amundson
Destiny Amundson
Harle Andel
Casey Anderson

Dacota Anderson
Kelsie Anderson
Rachel Anthony
John Arnold
Brandon Ashburn
Adam Asleson

Garrick Baatrup
Dillon Bachand
William Bader
Dalton Baglo
Erica Bahls
William Barker



Alexander Barnes
Jadie Barney
Allison Barta
Garrett Bartron
Alicia Bates
Savanna Baumgartner

Ryan Beauchane
Janet Bechtold
Andrew Beeter
Amanda Belcourt
Beth Berard
Matthew Berg

Brittany Betterley
Brandon Beyer
Madison Beyer
Austin Birrenkott
Jordan Bishop
Amelia Bixby

Cassidy Blakeway-Walen
Levi Boehm
Crystal Boerger
Ashley Bogardus
Bradyn Bohnenstingl
Harmony Bolton

Joshua Bomstad
Samuel Bondy
Jenna Borseth
Elizabeth Bossert
Dylan Bowman
Ashley Braaten

What would you bring with you to a desert island?



Jessica Vetter

"I'd bring boys probably."



Thomas Pedersen

"Food and I'd bring my own airplane to fly back."



Cameron Dutt

"A friend...someone to talk to."

If freshman Alyssa Olson discovered a new species she would dub it with the name LaFonda or Chachi.



Photo 1. Cleaning up...Freshman Sarmed Lafta puts a knife away while organizing the kitchens in the foods lab. (Photo by Johanna Erielson) Photo 2. Cracking up...Freshmen April Zaun, Andrew Young, and Ashley Vangerud share a laugh while their teacher is out of the room. (Photo by Johanna Erielson)

What TV character do you most relate to?



Samantha Brown "Spiderman, because I can fly and save people."



"Tim Allen, because I screw things up a lot but still laugh." **Cole Kennedy**



Nachelle Johnson "I am like Scooby Doo because when I get scared I will run and hide."



Photo 1: Dig in...Face down in a bowl of pudding, freshman Zach Steckler tries to beat other contestants at the pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Workin' away...Freshman Chiman Habib works on a garment in fashion and clothing class. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)

Jordan Braaten
Miranda Brekkestran
Alec Breyer
Briann Brink
Tilar Britt
Devin Brockmann



Joseph Brookins
Tanner Brossart
Samantha Brown
Cody Brunette
Tucker Bucholz
Emily Burdick



Eric Burns
Miranda Burton
Brandyn Butth
Amanda Cain
Kayla Carlson
Zachary Carlson



Timothy Carpenter
Jenna Carriveau
Connor Carson
Jaylyne Castronuow
Paul Cernik
Nyiramutatutwa Chantal



Mariah Clarin
Arianne Clark
Sabimana Claude
Olivia Clennon
Brandon Cossette
Alexis Cowley



Amber Cox
Olivia Cox
Bailey Crabtree
Katelyn Crawford
Brandi Dahl
Alysha Daignault



Danielle Davila
Kylie Davis
Jessica Davison
Christina Day
Jordan Degerness
Ndayiragije Desire



Arrick Diede
Joshua Diede
Jakob Dirks
Marsha Dockter
Destiny Dolan
Jill Downs



Elizabeth Dub
Quentin DuBord
Jacob Dufault
Cameron Dutt
Mickayla Dvorak
Taylor Dwyer



Shayla Eidenschink
Tynisha Eidum
Ryan Ellingson
Dylan Erdmann
Levi Erickson
Whitney Ernst

Freshman Courtney Glassmann claims she is Johnny Depp's biggest fan, having numerous things with his face on them.

Freshman Faye Stromberg said she can get her tongue into her nose.

Niyimbona Evelyn
Brock Evenson
Nicholas Evin
Paige Faller
Taylor Feickert
Jacob Fischer

Taylor Fisher
Shannon Flanery
Aziza Freeman
Brooke Freeman
Kayla Gard
Stephanie Gaulrapp

Michelle Gault
Thomas Geary
Kaitlin Gebeke
Geoffrey Gengel
Ashley Gerdes
Christopher Gibbons

Nate Gilbraith
Danniel Gillmore
Zachary Gillund
Taylor Gjestvang
Chelsea Glassmann
Courtney Glassmann

Wesley Golay
Tiana Goulet
Tony Graenza
Brianna Gratz
Sydney Greenlund
Zachary Grindahl



Katelyn Groth
Courtney Grove
Randi Haaland
Chiman Habib
Erich Hahn
Madelynn Haider

Jordan Hall
Brady Hanson
Zachary Hanson
Christopher Harrison
Ali Hassan
Fatuma Hassan

Lacey Hatlestad
Tyler Hauschulz
Cole Hayes
Joshua Hedstrom
Brittney Heiden
Tanner Heinz

Krysta Henderson
Alixandra Hermanson
Justin Hersch
Taylor Herzog
Dianna Hesse
Robert Hicks II

Monique Hill-Ramirez
Chelsie Hoag
Nichole Hobson
Jonathan Hoff
Jesse Hoffart
Katelyn Hogan

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Brianna Kortvedt

Pick which statement is **false**.
Answer on page 197.

- A. I climbed a ladder into a friend's room.
- B. I'm a sprinter in swimming, but I run distance in track.
- C. I was an emo for Halloween.
- D. I have marshmallowed people's cars, windows, and backdoors.

Freshman Diang Lutut is originally from Egypt.



Photo 1: Pump it up. During the career fair at the Dome, freshman Danielle Davila performs CPR on a dummy while freshman Rachel Kranda assists. (Photo by Abby Paul)
Photo 2: A whole new look. Freshmen Alyssa Laddasaw, Jessica Manning, Savanna Baumgartner, and Mickayla Dvorak bravely get their hair styled at the career expo. at the FargoDome. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Would you rather be smarter, better looking, or richer?

Entire freshman class polled.

Smarter
38%

"Smarter because it can help you become all three. It is the key to success."



Mickayla Dvorak

Better looking
18%

"Better looking, get the ladies."



John Arnold

Richer
44%

"Richer, because if I was rich I could get plastic surgery, and I wouldn't need to be smart."



Jessica Manning



Photo 1 Drumming away...Freshman Erich Hahn practices playing the drums during band class. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 2 Studying it up...Freshman Morgan Laite works on the computer while in Graphics class. (Photo by Johanna Ericson)

Freshman Samantha Wilson is a huge fan of sushi. It's her "favorite food in the whole world."

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Kelsie Holbrook
Connor Holland
Kelsey Holm
Taylor Holmes
Jeffrey Hughes
Rachel Hummel



Brandi Hunsicker
Nicholas Huseby
Kelsey Husler
Tuyen Huynh
Garrett Irwin
Tanner Iverson



Jonathan Jahnke
Hannah James
Kaleb Jeske
Jacob Johansen
Cuyler Johnson
Haley Johnson



Lauren Johnson
Nachelle Johnson
Payton Johnson
Dane Johnston
Jordan Johnston
Conor Jonasson



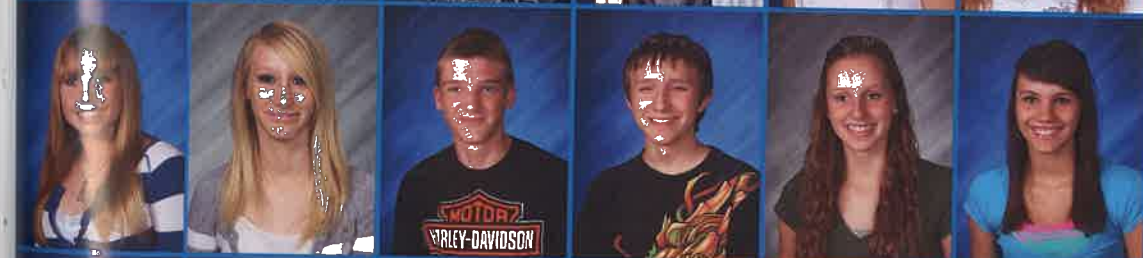
Katie Jonson
Zackery Jorgenson
Ryan Joyce
Jackline Juma
Cassandra Kania
Medina Karabegovic



Cole Kennedy
Austin Ketterling
Joshua Klein
Angela Klevgaard
Erin Kling
Jessica Kluth



Tanya Kolrud
Ashley Kommer
Tyler Kovarik
Zachary Kracht-Baasch
Rachel Kranda
Kimberly Kremer



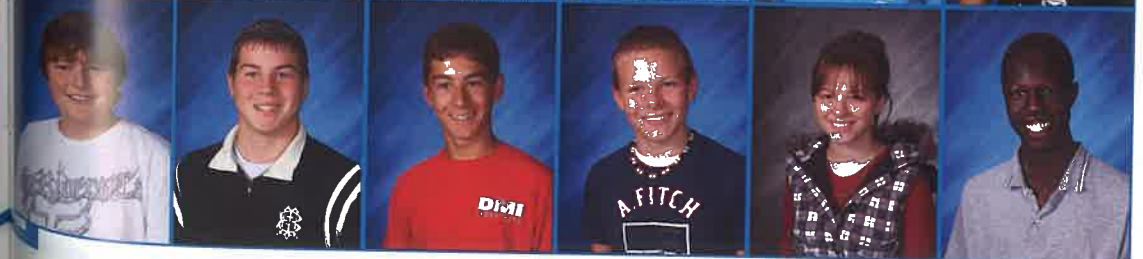
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Erin Krogh
Jacob Kroke
Carley Kuehl
Alyssa Laddusaw
Derek Ladwig



Sarmed Lafta
Morgan Laite
Joshua Lambert
Paul Lancot
Erik Langerud
Brynt LaPorte



Eric Larson
Tyler Laufenberg
Tyler Lenertz
Brenden Lies
Desiree' Logan
Diang Lulut



Freshman Issa Zeele admitted he still watches "Tom and Jerry."

Freshmen Tarra Miller has the biggest crush on Johnny Depp and the Jonas Brothers.



Katny Ly
Jenna Machart
Kaylah Machtell
Kyle Magnuson
Katro Mahad
Dylan Mahrer

Mackenzie Maly
Jessica Manning
Karson Mapes
Amanda Marinucci
Brooke Martin
James Massey

Matthew Mathias
Daniel Mathison
Austin McCardle
Hunter McDonald
Alissa Mears
Brandon Mears

William Merkel
Andrea Meyer
Curtis Miller
Hayley Miller
Spenser Miller
Tarra Miller

Habso Mohamed
Salwa Mohamed
Ubah Mohamed
Ladan Mohamud
Haley Molitor
Tyler Morley



Elijah Morman
Dominic Mugavero
Kelly Mulvane
Devin Murch
Sarmad Najeeb
Janessa Nelson

Kaisha Nelson
Samantha Nelson
Taylor Nelson
John Neugebauer
Landon Neva
Austin Niemann

Dustin Null
Nyiratonsha Nyirahumure
Melissa Odden
Bailey Odegaard
Kailyn Ohm
Aaron Olson

Alyssa Olson
Kyle Olson
Luke Olson
Nicole Olson
Sarina Olson
Zachary Olson

Kayleigh Omang
Tyler Ostern
Joel Ostrom
Tanner Otto
Jesse Painter
Stephanie Peasley

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Photo 1: Chip off the old block...Freshman Issa Zeele creates a shape out of wood at the career fair. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Bows and strings... Freshman Alyssa Ledda saw practices violin during Orchestra class. (Photo by Abby Paul)

What would you do if you saw a flying purple cow?



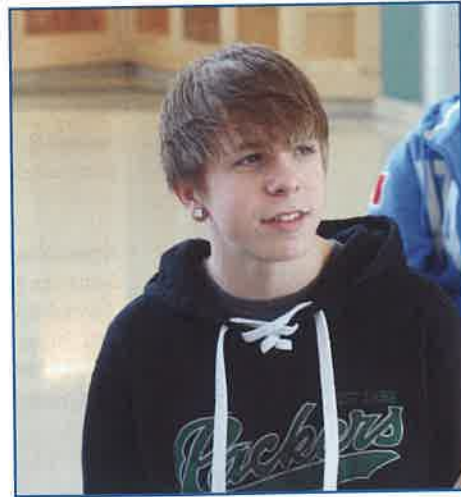
Janessa Nelson "I'd probably run away and admit myself to the hospital."



"Take a picture and try to have it as my pet." Kelsey Husler



Tyler Laufenberg "I would look at it."



Spencer Vangilder

Pick which statement is *false*.
Answer on page 178

- A. I have a dog with three legs.
- B. I go to Vail every year to snowboard.
- C. I don't use a comb to fix my hair.
- D. I draw well on Officer Anderson's white board.



Photo 1: Oops...Freshman Miles Frost trips and falls while trying to show off his dance moves at the pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Round n' round he goes...Choir teacher Sue Jordahl and freshman Alan Repak watch as freshman Levi Erickson spins around a bat numerous times before running across the gym. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Brianna Peoples
Taylor Perry
Alecs Peters
Devan Peterson
Tyler Pierce



Shannah Plehal
Kyle Pokrzywinski
Ryan Pokrzywinski
Kayla Port
Nicholas Price
Matthew Prochniak



Tyler Radermacher
Sage Raghib
Lucas Raile
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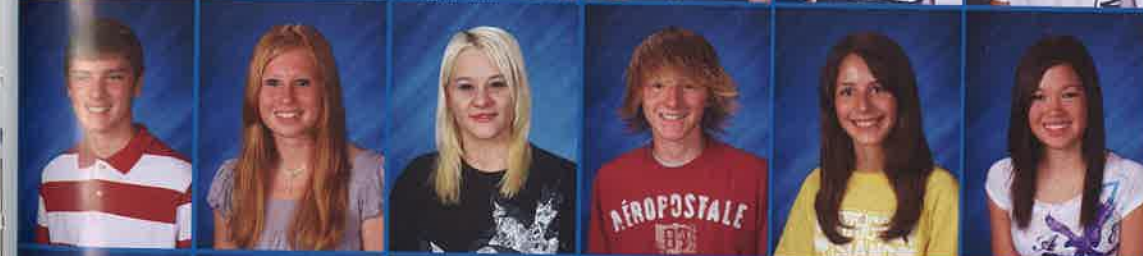
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Zoe Richard
Sarah Ringdahl
Brianna Rortvedt
Jessica Rowell
Tyler Salquist



Anna Samson
Samuel Sandoval
Spencer Sattler
Courtney Savage
Samuel Saville
Trae Schacher



Blake Schaefer
Karley Schaefer
Kimberly Schempp
Tanner Schiffner
Theresa Schlangen
Jessica Schmaltz



Christine Schmidt
Michael Schmidt
Holle Schmitz
Derrick Schnell
Hannah Schnepf
Madison Schommer



Brady Schroeder
McKenzie Schwark
Adam Seamands
Jeremy Sell
Emily Shaffer
Arkan Shehan



Nael Shehan
Hallie Shoman
Emily Siegert
Derek Sikkink
Tatiana Simiyu
Matthew Sire



"At school I'm shy and never talk, but out of school I will talk to anyone's ear off."
-Freshman Tarra Miller

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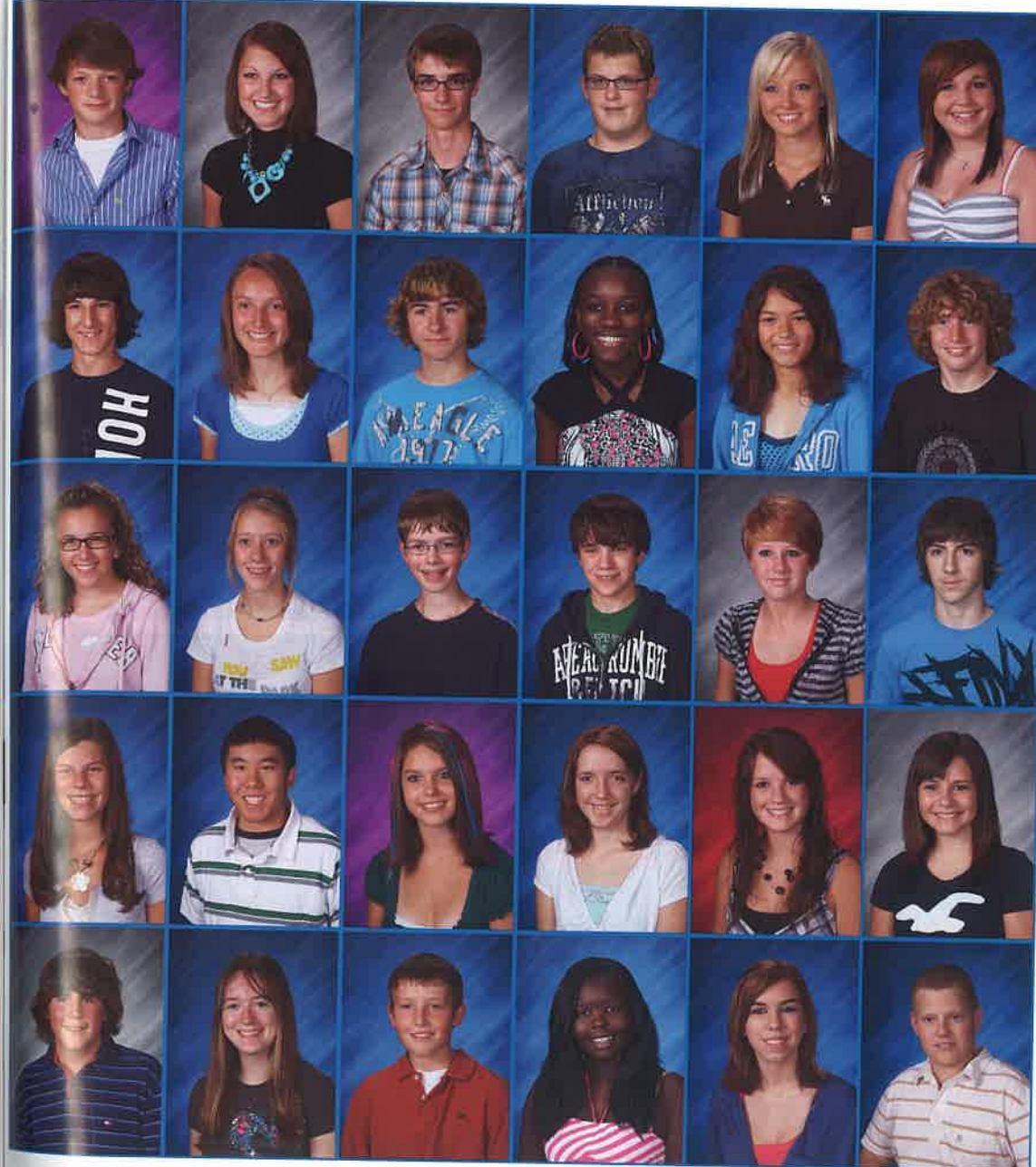
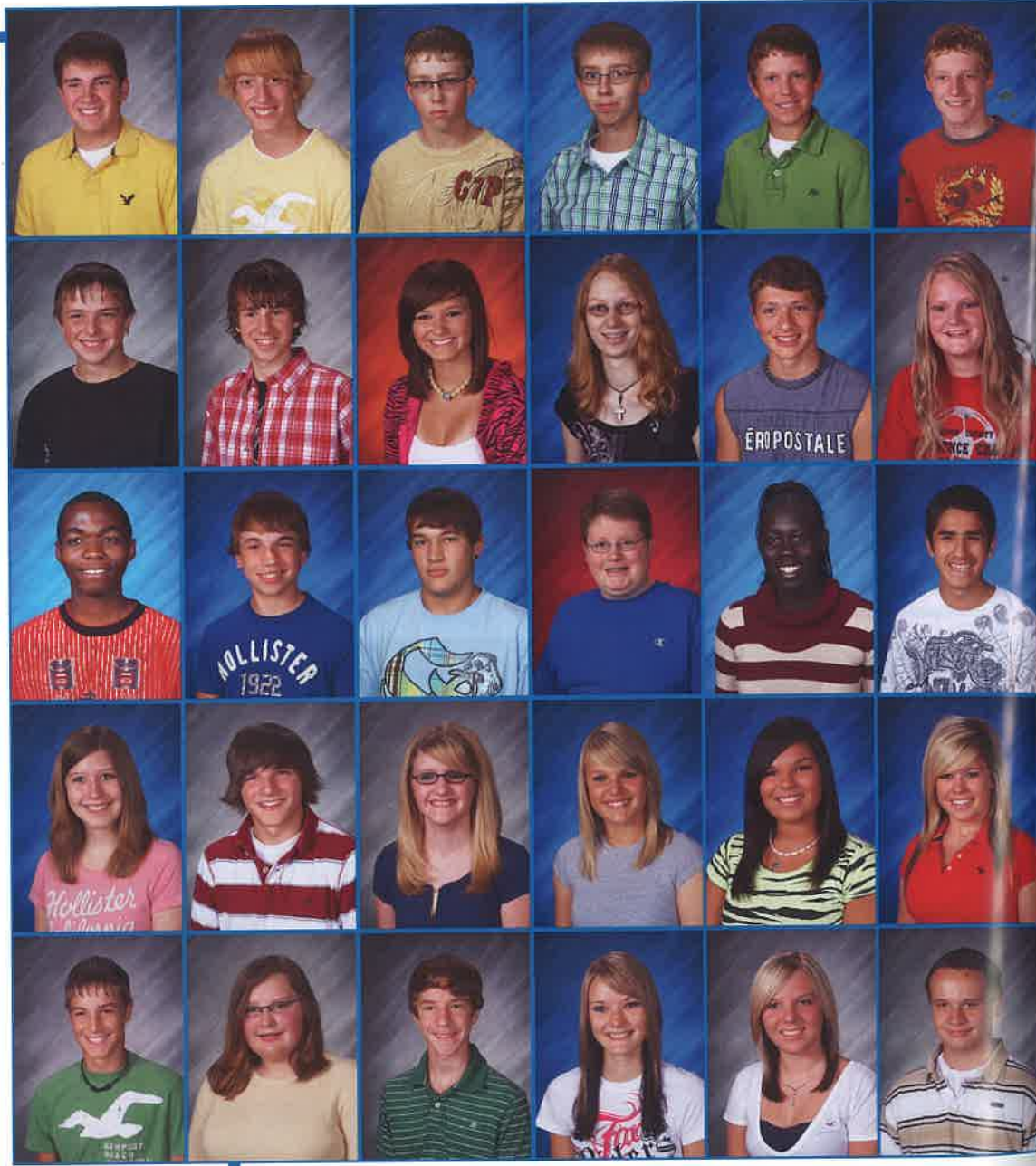
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Jacob Skarsten
Brendan Sluke
Adam Smestad

Darin Smith
Derek Smith
Jessica Smith
Isabell Soderquist
Steven Sola
Nicole Solem

Ndihoreye Soliba
Brady Solmon
Darian Songer-Bail
Ryan Sorenson
Viviana Soro
Angelo Sosa

Michelle Soucy
Alexander Spacek
Cassandra Sprung
Chasity Stanczyk
Lacey Stearns
Sabrina Stebner

Zachary Steckler
Rebekah Stende
Lucas Stillwell
Leah Stokes
Alexys Stoner
Cameron Stordahl



Aaron Streiff
Faye Stromberg
Jesse Suppa
Jesse Swanson
Amber Swart
Chelsey Taxdahl

Christopher Taylor
Katy Tellinghuisen
Justas Thene
Queen Thomas
Maranda Thomason
Alexander Thompson

Jerrica Thone
Hailey Thornton
Evan Thostenson
Brock Toay
Savanah Torgerson
Charles Torrance

Samantha Torvik
Peter Tran
Makayla Trautman
Lisa Trefethren
Reba Tschetter
Alexis Tschosik

Evan Tucker
Morgan Tuscherer
Landon Uetz
Ayet Ujwok
Sara Ulmer
Tyler Ulven

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Photo 1: Deflect it...Freshman Jesse Suppa tries to deflect an oncoming ball with another to save himself from hit. (Photo by Erika Holmes) Photo 2: Strum with me...Freshmen Lucas Stillwell, Patricia Valenzuela, Christina Day, Kaisha Nelson play the violin for the band concert. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Who would you pick for teacher of the month?



Brooke Freeman "Mr. Richards, because he is funny and makes class interesting."



Medina Karabegovic "Mr. Christensen, because he is hilarious and a really entertaining teacher."



"Mr. Salisbury, because he listens and tries to help me." Bailey Crabtree

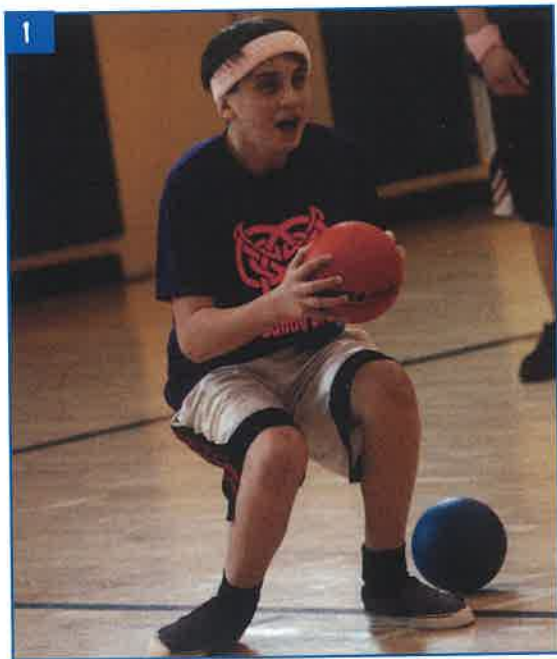


Photo 1: Got it...Freshman Mitchell Forsey catches the ball during the freshmen dodgeball tournament. (Photo by Erika Holmes) Photo 2: Perfect...Freshman Brandi Dahl touches up on her art work in art class. (Photo by Jayne Noel)



Rachelle Albert

Pick which statement is *false*.
Answer on page 190.

- A. I've been to Florida more than once.
- B. I have a brother named Cody.
- C. I'm in volleyball and basketball.
- D. I can do a back flip.

Eric Vaagen
Patricia Valenzuela
Ashley Vangerud
Spencer VanGuilder
Elizabeth Varberg
Taylor Vasek



Catharine Vetter
Jessica Vetter
Vanessa Vig
Sam Vigstol
Amanda Wagemann
Riel Walette



Kylee Walsvik
Alexis Wasem
Taylor Waterworth
Brandon Watson
Bianca Wegner
Paige Weisz



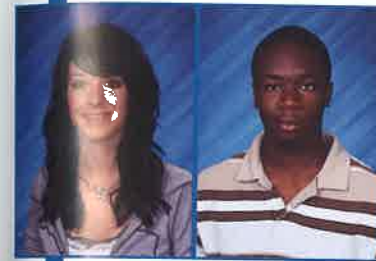
Marissa Westall
Kayla Weston
Brian White
Cody Willert
Eleni Wilson
Samantha Wilson



Lane Wohler
Ryan Wold
Katie Woodbury
Britney Yliniemi
Andrew Young
Christopher Zabel



Freshmen have had a dodgeball tournament each of the past two years during Opportunity Hour at Sheyenne.



April Zaun
Issa Zeele



Photo 1: Some more please...Freshman Shannon Flanery stuffs food into freshman Zachary Steckler's face as they compete in the eating competition at a ninth grade pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Cheer them on...At the Sheyenne Ninth Grade Center pep rally, freshmen cheer on their peers during the eating competition. (Photo by Jayne Noel)



Photo 1: Spreading the spirit...Principal Gary Clark fills the halls with the sounds of Christmas carols. Photo 2: Angels among us...Paraprofessional Brenda Knoll helps sophomore Kennedy Grensteiner with homework during lighthouse. Photo 3: Holiday cheer...Cook Cindy Stai places muffins on a rack while wearing reindeer antlers to spread the Christmas spirit. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Thinking abstractly...Art teacher Eric Syvertson speaks with a parent during the fall parent-teacher conferences. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) Photo 5: Moving to the groove...Administrative assistant Tonya Vetter dances to the music played between classes on Fridays. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: Cowgirl calling...Administrative assistant Janice Best takes phone calls while dressed up for the staff's western theme day. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Boche ball...During adaptive physical education, senior Meredith Cummings and paraprofessional Debbie Thurber throw a ball to the ground while playing boche ball. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Science teacher Jerome Bailey was the man in an Obama mask that was walking his dog on Inauguration Day.

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faculty chooses to help

teachers deserve student appreciation

The message of appreciation is known but not always followed. People are taught to say thank you when someone does something nice towards them. However, in some eyes, actions speak louder than words.

"I teach because I love to be around high schoolers," math teacher Ruth Dockter said. "They're fun and I enjoy being a part of their life."

Many students walk in the school each morning wishing they were still in bed. They proceed to their classes only to anticipate the 3:25 bell, signaling the school day has come to an end. Few realize their teachers wake up and choose to come to class to offer their students as much help as possible.

"I teach because I believe in my subject matter and I want everyone to have the happiest home life that they can," Family and Consumer Science teacher Katherine Stangeland said.

When most students see an assignment they merely glance at the overall percentage. However, someone is looking at more than the percentage. Their teacher is looking for the mistakes with full intentions to help that individual.

"When I see a student understanding what I'm teaching I feel like I'm doing something right, and

if it's missing, I re-evaluate what I'm teaching," art teacher Eric Syvertson said.

"It's the biggest reward," Dockter said. "You see your progress by seeing the student's progress."

Teachers enjoy teaching the students who want to be taught. It makes the day go by easier when someone comes to class ready and open to learning. There are a few effects that make a good student.

"Enthusiasm, a kid who's ready to go," Syvertson said.

"Someone who's eager and ready to learn," Dockter said. "Someone who has the desire to learn."

However, there are existing factors that can make many teachers' jobs difficult.

"It's hard when a student doesn't care if they're in class or not," Stangeland said.

There are always the students who try and the ones who won't. Their attitudes play an important role in how a teacher perceives that student. Student's behaviors and ambitions also play an important role in how that student is looked upon by their teacher.

"(It is tough) when the attitude isn't right or not open to new ideas and change," Syvertson said.


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Photo 1: Strike...Junior Dylan Arechigo throws the ball while bowling. (Photo by Erika Holmes) Photo 2: Do it just right...Community student Aaron Gbainyee and senior Jayden Duursma team up to play a competitive game of lasso golf at the Community High picnic. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 3: I met a deadline...During a monthly awards ceremony, senior Tyler Delorme shows off his "I Met a Deadline" certificate. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Step back...Senior Matthew Brower and Community student Lee Trevino play a fun friendly game of basketball at the community high picnic. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 5: Huddle to keep warm...Senior Alyssa Hinze and juniors Laura Tuinstra and Paige Smith relax in the grass on a blanket while attending the Community High picnic on the chilly spring day. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 6: Taking it all in...Community High student Philip Maenza reads through fundraising ideas while in a meeting. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 7: Spreading the whip...Senior Alexandra Williams wipes Cool Whip on Officer Todd Pearson's face after he is pied during a School Resource ceremony. (Photo by Abby Paul)

This year is the first year Community High School has been included in "The Yearling."

area students combined as one

principal fights for student equality

At the beginning of the year it was brought to the attention of Thomas Gravel, the new principal at Community High School, that Community students were not included in the high school yearbook unless they took at least one class at the high school. After this was brought to his attention, Gravel, Clark, and the yearbook editors met.

Gravel felt strongly about getting Community students in the yearbook.

"If it made sense for the kids, then it made sense for me and I didn't see the big problem," Gravel said. "It shouldn't have been a consideration; it was an oversight by the yearbook staff."

Gravel and the other administrators may have thought it would not be a big deal for the staff, but they didn't realize all the extra work they would be adding.

"This was a challenge for the yearbook staff, but didn't seem to affect the Community students at all," layout editor Shelby Foltz said.

"Putting Community in our book set us back by forcing us to spend classes discussing the issue, by forcing us to redo our entire layout of the pages," yearbook Editor-in-Chief Abby Paul said, "and by forcing us to cover even more."

Some students at Community did not see the addition to the yearbook as a necessity.

"If it was important to students they would have fought for it," Community student Alex Williams said. Community students were not involved in any of the decision making when it came to what goes in the yearbook.

"This was not a battle (Community) students should have been involved in; it was the right thing to do," Gravel said. "We are all one high school."

The test scores, attendance records, and graduation rates may all be calculated together, but that does not mean it is one student body.

"In the eyes of the Department of Public Instruction we are one school," Principal Gary Clark said. "However, as a student body I would not say we are all one high school. I feel passionate that those kids should be included. It will be interesting to see how it will all end up."

Despite pressure from administrators, the yearbook staff decided to take the challenge of putting Community in the yearbook.

"In the end we decided to include Community even though it was a sacrifice to the staff's time and the book's quality," Paul said. "We hope the Community High students appreciate our efforts."

Miranda Mars
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community high school

This was the first year that Community High has allowed students to have study halls.

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Rennah Al-Kayali
Dilon Allen
Kristian Anderson
Heather Beatty



Drew Brovold
Matthew Brower
Chandi Buchholz
Tete Cooper
Ty Day
Brittany Dell



Tyler Delorme
Jayden Duursma
Ashley Goulet
Samantha Goulet
Tiana Goulet
Brandon Halberg



Kasey Hartwig
Maggie Herrmann
Robert Hicks II
Alyssa Hinze
Ashley Keplin
Kayla Kinslow



Kelsey LaFontaine
Brandon LaFrambois
Brittany Legler
Philip Maenza III
Levi Mayo
Melissa Morse



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Kasara Osborne
Cameron Osier
Jessica Paulson
Rico Perojo
Angel Riple



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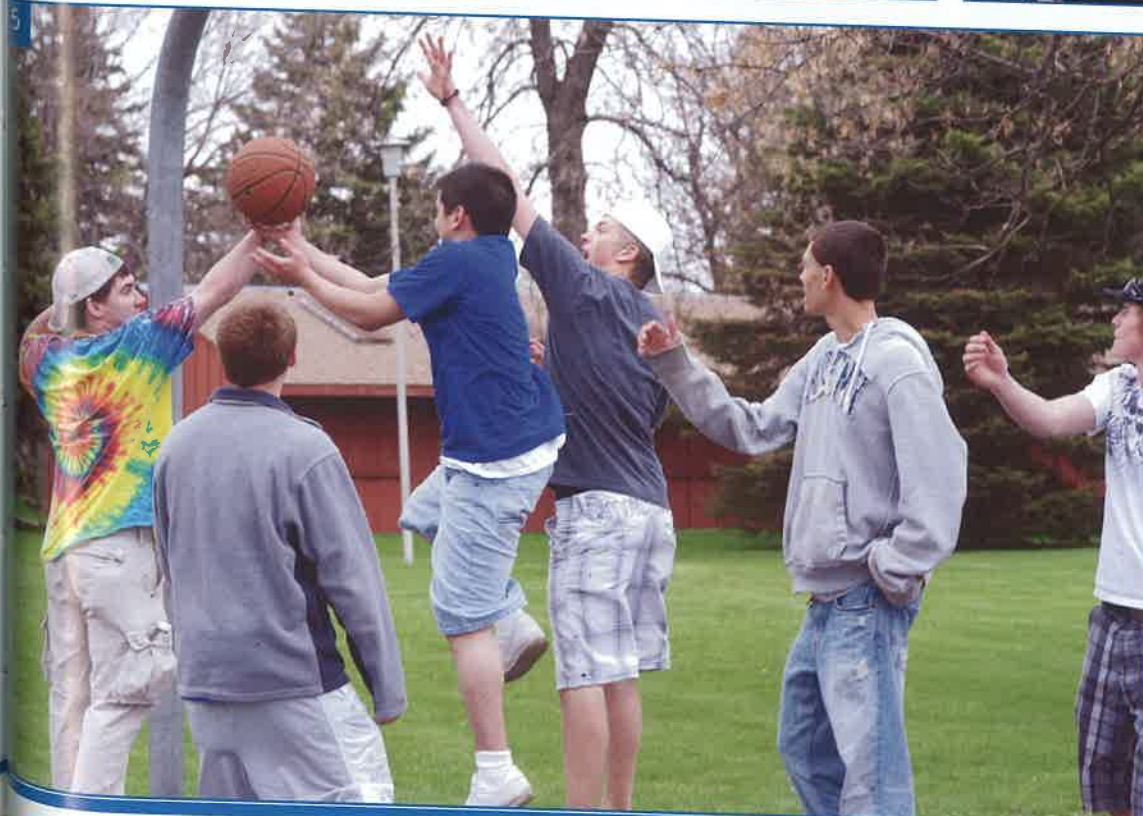
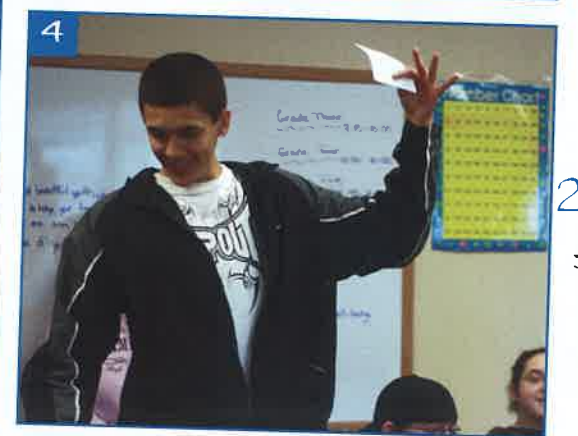
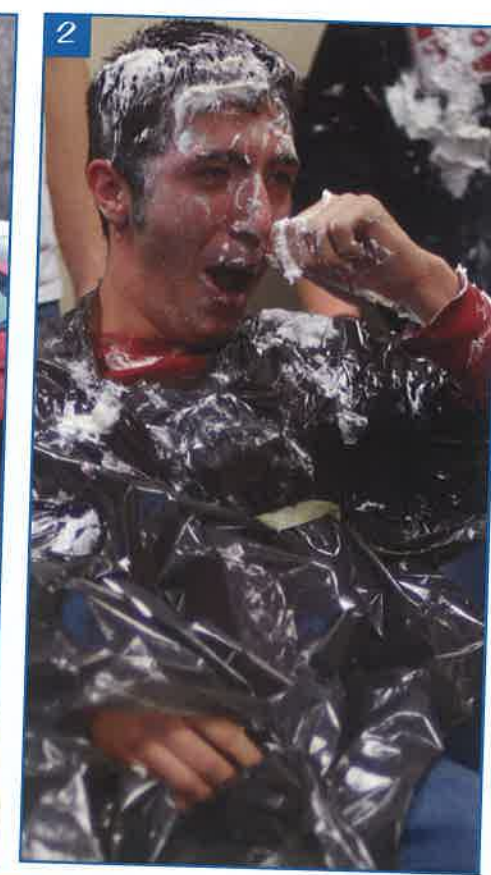


Photo 1: Swoosh_Senior Matthew Brower gets in position to shoot a basket while playing ball with friends. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 2: I need a shower_Senior Tyler Delorme reacts with surprise after getting pied by fellow Community students. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Strike_Junior Tyler Fietzek tosses the bowling ball while out with classmates. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 4: Gift certificates galore_Junior Swayze Henry holds up a certificate he won for meeting a deadline. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Up and up_Community High students play basketball during their school trip to the park. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)

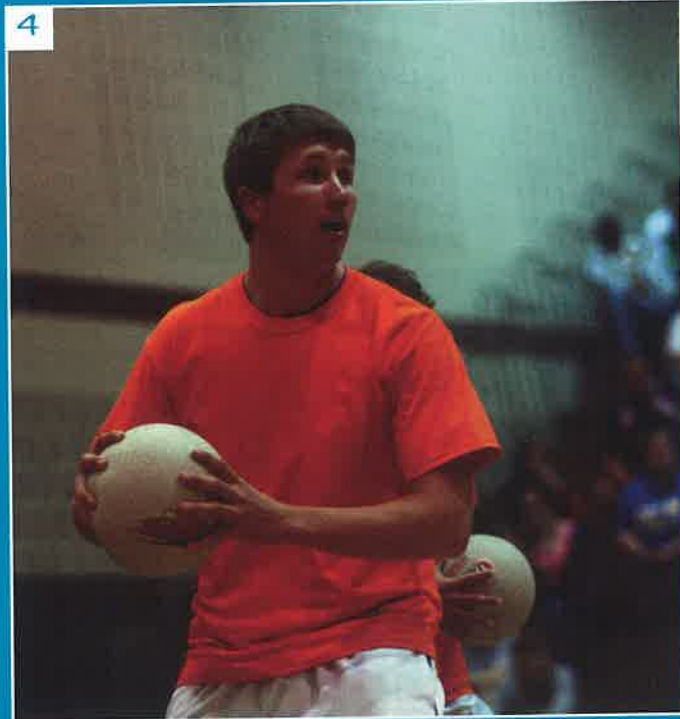
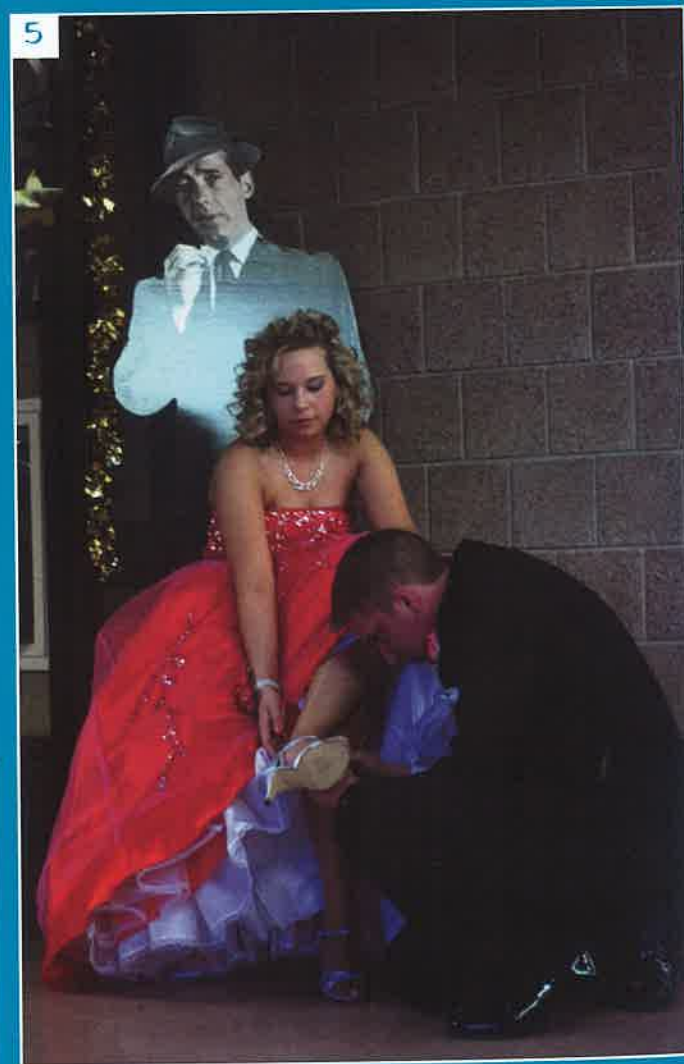


Photo 1: From the stands...Supporting the senior girls, students gather in the bleachers to watch the Powderpuff action. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** What a cutie pie...Sophomore Alexis Greer helps a child make bunny ears as she volunteers at Yunker Farm's Easter Eggstravaganza. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 3:** Dance off...Senior Saraya Dahlen gets her groove on in order to win the dancing competition at the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 4:** Who's next...Senior Ryan Berglund contemplates which opponent to get out during the dodgeball tournament. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) **Photo 5:** If the shoe fits...Junior Ryan Olien helps sophomore Brittany Boyer adjust her shoe while sitting by decorations at Prom. (Photo by Abby Paul)



This was the first year seniors were exempt from the final day of finals for commencement practice.



Photo 6: Forking the lawn...Senior Sondra Booth pushes plastic forks into the front lawn of the high school to spell out 2009 for the senior prank. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 7:** Our host of tonight's show...During the talent show, senior Krisanne Reyerson announces the upcoming acts and entertains the audience with jokes. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 8:** Let's go juniors...The junior class tests their strength against the senior class in a battle of Tug of War at the pep rally. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) **Photo 9:** Bloody boy...During the Community Emergency Rescue Team's practice simulation, freshman Lucas Stillwell is rescued. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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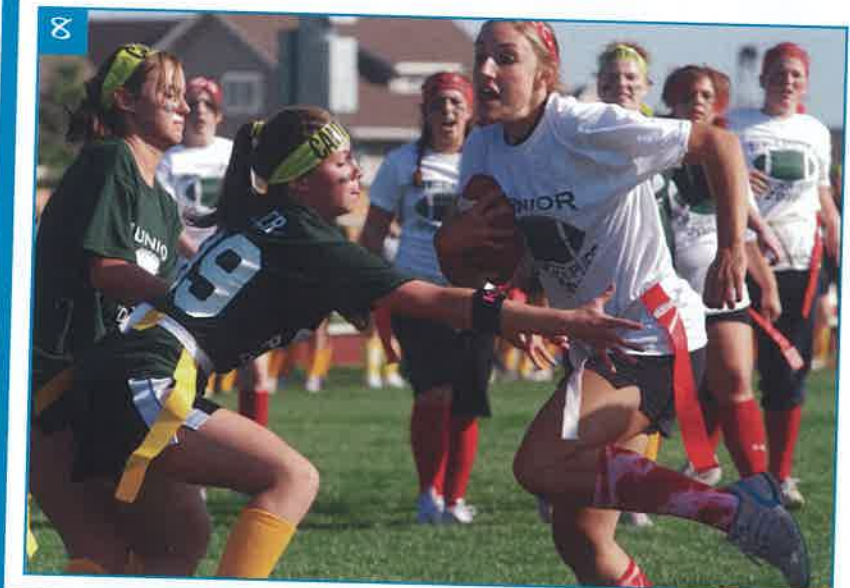


Photo 1: Surprised and successful...Senior Stephanie Larson looks toward the crowd in surprise after scoring a touchdown. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Making their escape...Seniors Dakota Allmaras and Jonathon Archibald climb the fence after streaking through the field with flags. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 3:** You got this...Junior coach Lucas Mitzel fires the juniors up about their successful plays despite the team's loss. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 4:** Senior domination...The senior girls run onto the field to celebrate a close victory over the juniors after the game. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 5:** That's right...Junior Tia Lopez yells in honor of her accomplishment as she scores a touchdown. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 6:** Put your hands in the air...As the Powder Puff game starts, seniors squeeze together and cheer to pump up the team. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 7:** Planning for the perfect play...Juniors huddle to come up with a strategy for an upcoming play. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 8:** Reach for it...Junior Kayla Miller grabs for senior Krista Weiszhaar's flag in hopes to prevent a touchdown. (Photo by Abby Paul)

In 2006, the junior girls made the first Powder Puff theme, "Hunting Season Has Begun," starting a lasting tradition of theme vs. theme.



The juniors won the Powder Puff game for the third time in school history in 2005.



new aggression

rising hostility in Powder Puff

Lyrics to TNT by AC/DC blare throughout the gymnasium as senior Powder Puff players stampede in ferociously tearing down the juniors' caution tape at the beginning of the fall pep rally.

The aggression accelerated during the game of tug-of-war. As the seniors attempted to take on the juniors, they realized it was nearly impossible considering the number of juniors competing. Without time to construct a plan the seniors dropped the rope, leaving the juniors collapsing onto the gym floor in front of the entire student body.

With frustration and anger, the juniors were ready to get back at the seniors during the Powder Puff game to follow.

As the confident and determined juniors marched onto the field, they were instantly looked down upon by the seniors. With adrenaline and tension all over the field, the hostility between the two classes remained much defined.

"Hostility gave the game more hype, and made it more exciting," senior coach Ryan Berglund said.

"Girls are catty, it's the one day they can trash talk and get away with it," senior Tony LaCavera said.

During the game, junior coach Lucas Mitzel saw a large amount of hostility

on the line, involving players' shorts ripping.

"I thought it was pretty funny," Mitzel said.

"The shorts ripping were really over the top for a Powder Puff game; way too much anger was shown," sophomore Jamie Beyers said.

The aggression continued with many personal penalties for roughness.

"We are girls; we can handle the roughness too," junior LaCher Dolan said.

Along with roughness and resentment, a large amount of competitiveness was seen between the two rivals.

"Both teams performed competitively," junior Ghariba Habib said.

"The competitiveness of the game showed that the girls were taking it seriously," Mitzel said.

Beyers thought both teams played well besides the hostility on the field.

"Everyone had a good attitude about learning the game and what they were supposed to do," Berglund said.

At the end of the game, the seniors pulled through with the win. They won by merely two points, 16-14.

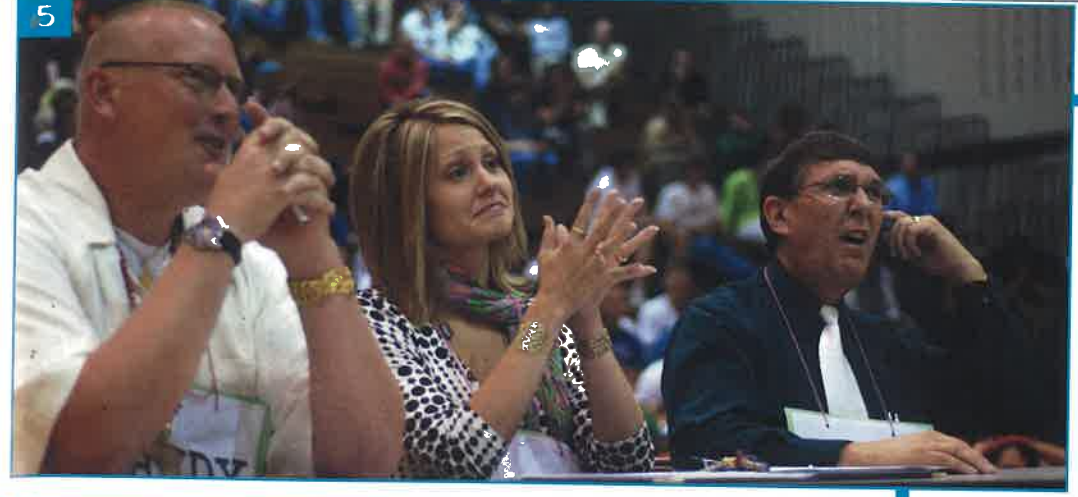
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Photo 1: Pump up the volume... Junior Maria Brekkestran bangs a cowbell to the beat of the music to spread the school spirit at the fall pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Tick, tick, boom...As the seniors chant, "We are the bomb, tick, tick, boom" and fall to the ground, senior coaches Cody Rubertus, Ryan Berglund, Colton Turner, and Joshua Mears pose in the middle of the gymnasium. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 3:** Sing aloud...Science teacher Sara Forness sings during the pep rally's American Idol. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) **Photo 4:** We got it...The senior girls Homecoming Court presented a skit to the student body during a competition against the boys Homecoming Court. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) **Photo 5:** Randy, Paula, and Simon, oh my...Officer Todd Pearson, French teacher Rachel Dwyer, and Principal Gary Clark portray the emotional and comedic American Idol threesome as they watch junior Oscar DeLeon perform during the pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 6:** Seeing double...Cooks Ellen Olson and Jodi Robinson assist students at lunch as they wear matching clothes and accessories on twin day. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 7:** Walking the walk...Homecoming Queen Chelsea Peterson and King Zachary Cormican walk onto the field during the Homecoming football game. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 8:** Singing her heart out...Senior Brittany Davila shows some attitude to the crowd as she competes in American Idol during the pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul)



During the Powder Puff game senior Shayla Lund's belly button ring was ripped out.



Jordan Raemussen
 grade: sophomore
 sport: junior varsity football
 unique fact: "I've played football since fourth grade."



Taylor Blakeway
 grade: senior
 sport: cheerleading
 quote: "I think that the moment you think that you are unique is the moment that you become un-unique."
 unique fact: "My great grandpa sailed around the world seven times and found gold in Australia."

Favorite Freshman Theme Day

- 19- Hat day
- 16- Packer Pride
- 12- None
- 12- Superhero
- 11- Wacky Wednesday
- 2- Black and White Day

72 freshmen polled

students break the rules

new-age cheating in the classroom

Students have begun to embrace today's technology to assist them on tests. Texting for answers, taking pictures of tests with cell phones and saving formulas and notes in calculators are a few favorite tactics.

Senior Shaun Sinner uses his cell phone most often during tests in math and English. Cell phones are continually getting smaller so it is getting easier to conceal them.

"It's easier to use because it's smaller and you can hide it by your leg," he said.

Seniors Amanda Kommer and Hali Scholl favor their calculators, however.

"You can save equations like formulas instead of memorizing in math," Kommer said.

For her, the class she cheats in most is math. Sometimes she reverts to the old ways and writes notes on her desk. This tactic requires careful positioning of papers, however, to keep the writing from show-

ing. "I only do [cheat] in classes where I use my calculator so it's convenient and the teacher doesn't know because they think I'm using it for problems," Scholl said. "I made a program and I put in equations and little tips to help me on problems."

Consequences when one is caught cheating can be severe.

"If I catch someone [cheating] on an assignment or take home quiz they get a zero with no chance to make it up," math teacher Randy Holzkamm said. Sinner has been caught multiple times while cheating.

"[Teachers] take the test and rip it up," Sinner said.

His parents were also called and in the end he was grounded for two months. This doesn't take a toll on him, however.

"I don't care if I cheat," Sinner said.

Holzkamm believes it goes beyond cheating on an assignment. It's not just the integrity of the work he believes is being compromised.

"It reflects upon that person's moral character," Holzkamm said. "When someone cheats in my class I take it personally like they don't respect me as a person and a teacher."

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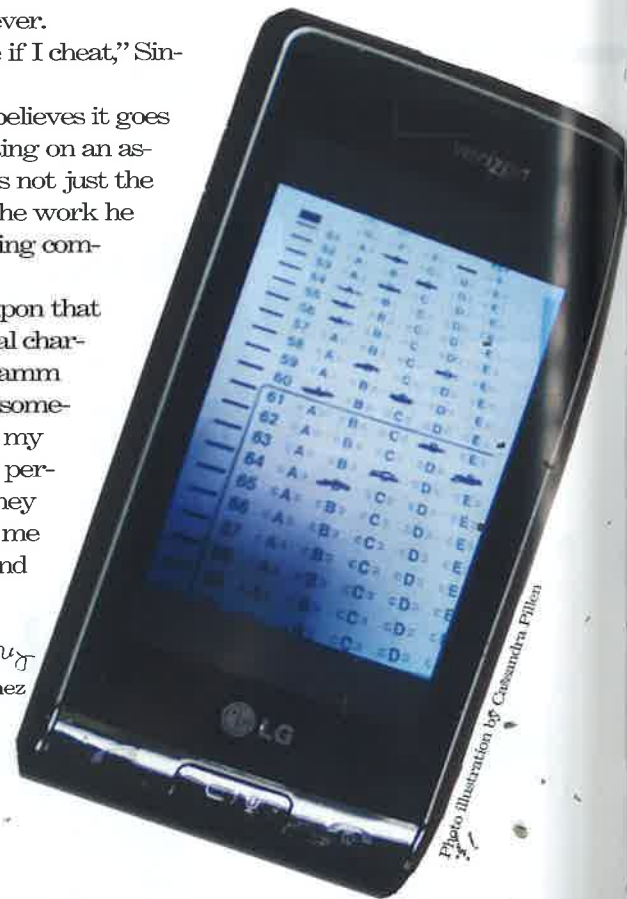


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Photo 1: Here comes a blow... During Key Club's car smash, which raised over \$300 for March of Dimes, junior Chelsey Fenske prepares to hit the car with a sledgehammer. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Photo 2: Ribbons and bows... Junior Madison Hausauer wraps boxes of gifts for children in third-world countries during Operation Christmas Child. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Photo 3: Just like a sugarplum... Junior Robert Jacobs dances during the winter talent show, which raised money for sophomore Jordan Soberg and his family, who had their house burn down in November. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Photo 4: Boxed in... Senior Shayla Lund fills boxes with cans as she helps clean up the Fill the Dome project in November. (Photo by Abby Paul)



The newspaper staff members raised \$1,041 for the French trip students with a last minute bakesale.



Student volunteers dedicate time

the raging red rises

a ready wet and muddy, students move sandbags down the line to fight the rising flood waters as rain and snow start to fall. With clothes full of sand, the determined volunteers keep the sandbags moving.

Student volunteers put forth their time and dedication to help save homes in the Fargo-Moorhead flood zone.

"Without volunteers our community as a whole would not have survived," junior Victoria French said.

As the flood took over an estimated 100-150 homes, high school volunteers dedicated their time to help save the homes that were on the edge of flooding.

"I'm proud that everyone helped out," senior Matthew Werlinger said. "Even if they were forced to come it taught us that our city needs high school students, no matter what anyone thinks."

As sandbagging efforts progressed, volunteers built dikes to 40 feet. Shortly after this the crest estimate was raised,

forcing the community to build up dikes three more feet.

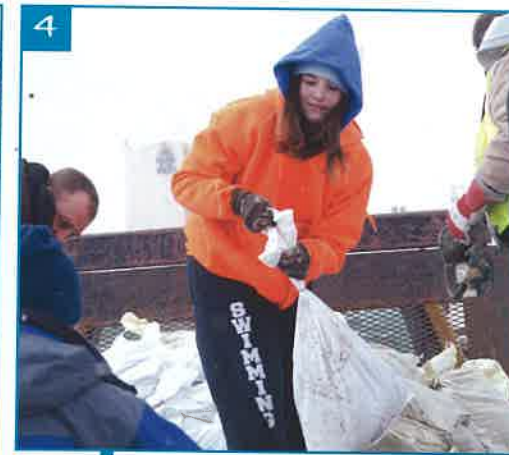
"We sandbagged in areas that looked like water wouldn't reach, but it got so high it did," junior Ethan Sorenson said.

When the estimated crest rose to 43 feet, realizations sunk as people realized the flood could affect large areas of the city that many did not think would be affected. Due to the flooding, West Fargo High School closed for six school days on March 27th to help with the sandbagging relief effort.

"It's so amazing to know that you're not alone," French said. "I think that we all realized if it affects one person then it affects us all."

Hard work and dedication given by many of the students saved the homes and businesses in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

"It was amazing how all these high school kids came together and saved a bunch of houses," Werlinger said.



West Fargo students attended school March 26th when other Fargo-Moorhead students were out helping with the flood.

Aren Cossette
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The crest in Fargo-Moorhead was higher in 2009 than in 1997 by more than an inch.

Photo 1: Mud in the face...Juniors Jenna Green and Kristin Kautz work as a team to pass the sandbags down the line. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) **Photo 2:** New islands in N.D.—A West Fargo house sits on top of high ground while being surrounded by water from the flood. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) **Photo 3:** Passing sandbags...While helping save a house in Horace from the flood, senior James Parrow passes a sandbag down the line. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 4:** Swing...Junior Brenna Johnson throws sandbags off a truck so others can use them to build a dike. (Photo by Johanna Erickson) **Photo 5:** House in danger...Water and ice surround a house near Harwood and cover roads, causing problems for many families. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 6:** A typical school day in N.D.—Senior Shana Heuer packs up a bag of schoolwork and gear as she prepares to go out and fight the flood. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 7:** Grunt...Junior Patrick Richard reacts in pain while catching a sandbag before passing it down the line. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)





“(Sexting) is nasty. Keep your clothes on, because anyone could see it.”
-Junior Cassandra Shorma

Photo 1: Capture the moments...On a camping trip, sophomore Elizabeth Paul videotapes a boat on the lake. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Hold your breath...Students scream as they ride the “Super Shot” at the Red River Valley Fair. (Photo by Lindsey Levin) **Photo 3:** Dance all day...Senior Emily Harris poses in front attitude while taking part in ballet class during Trollwood’s June session. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 4:** It’s a revolution...Seniors Lindsey Levin and Emma DeJong compete in “Dance Dance Revolution” to kill time during the summer months. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Summer freedom

the joys of summer are **unbounded**



Photo illustration by Alyson McCracken.



Naughty, naughty...Sexting is beginning to occur more and more frequently. School Resource Officer Todd Pearson said legal issues can arise if students participate in sexting. (Photo illustration by Victoria Hackett)

“Sexting” shocks community

Students take it **too far**

Teachers have always had problems with students texting in school, but now the texting has taken on a whole new level. Students have become involved in “sexting,” the sending of racy photos, and it is becoming common among teens.

“They’re quite a few people I’ve seen and heard of doing it,” sophomore Savanna Steele said.

Junior Jessica Otto said she’s even received a few herself.

“They’re forwards,” Otto said. “It’s never anyone in our school. It’s just someone from way off in California.”

Junior Ryan Binde has also heard of sexting. He heard of it around school.

“I think it goes on more than people realize,” Binde said.

School Resource Officer Todd Pearson knows of this as well, since it’s a part of his job.

“I am aware of it and I have investigated a few cases in our district,” Pearson said.

More and more frequently sending these photos is occurring. Sexting has even received press on the national level, which is where sophomore Jacob Mitzel says he heard of it.

Students have varied opinions on the appropriateness of sending photos.

“I don’t think it’s bad ‘cause if you choose to do it you should expect consequences,” Steele said.

However, Mitzel believes sending these pictures is a bad idea.

“It can totally destroy someone’s reputation,” Mitzel said. “If they’re really that desperate for attention,

they should see a counselor.”

Although most believe sending pictures will not turn out well, the line of right and wrong is easily blurred. Many times it depends on the situation or the sender’s intentions. Binde believes it is up to one’s judgment to decide what is and is not OK.

“I think a swimsuit photo that is meant to be provocative is inappropriate, but if it’s a picture of friends hanging out at the lake then it’s OK,” Binde said.

Sexting can even lead to legal issues revolving around child pornography.

“Even if you send it to someone else, it’s trafficking child pornography and you can become a sex offender,” Mitzel said.

Pearson said if the person is 18 they have the right to send what they want. However, those involved are not always 18.

“The problem we run into is the situations happen anywhere from middle school to high school and we’re talking about people who are not 18, which is placing the age group as minors,” Pearson said. “When exposing themselves it’s child porn, and whether it’s delivery or possession, it’s child pornography.”

However, some still believe it is the sender’s right to send what they please, so as to not infringe on his or her rights.

“People have the right to send whatever they want to whoever they want,” Binde said.

Johanna Erickson
Johanna Erickson

students no longer invincible

economy affects the young community

freshman Elvisa Beganovic rolls out of bed every morning before 6 a.m. Unlike many freshmen, Elvisa is not getting up this early for school; instead, she needs to make sure she's on time for work at 7 a.m. Beganovic made her way into the working world when she was merely 14, and has worked at Basics for the last two years.

Getting up for work each morning is not exactly enjoyable for Beganovic.

"I work six or seven days a week," Beganovic said. She also works longer hours now to help her family out.

"I had to drop out of school to make sure that my younger siblings would have the chance to go to college and to also help my parents out with money," Beganovic said.

Making the decision to drop out of school is not the only change her family has dealt with.

"We had to stop buying things that cost too much, and we now save our coins," she said.

Beganovic, like many others, is struggling with the economy. The struggles among these students range from school issues to personal hobbies.

"I race moto-cross and sno-cross and it's been really tough lately because we have to travel to all my races, so gas is really the main impact,"

junior Ryan Dahl said.

The economy has affected many people's lives in many ways, including Dahl's family as a whole.

"We as a family don't travel or take vacations as much as we use to," Dahl said. "Also my parents have started working more."

"My mom works two jobs, seven days a week, and my dad also started his own business," junior Emira Muminovic said.

Muminovic said the economy has not really affected her personally, but it has affected her family as a whole.

"We don't waste money anymore," Muminovic said.

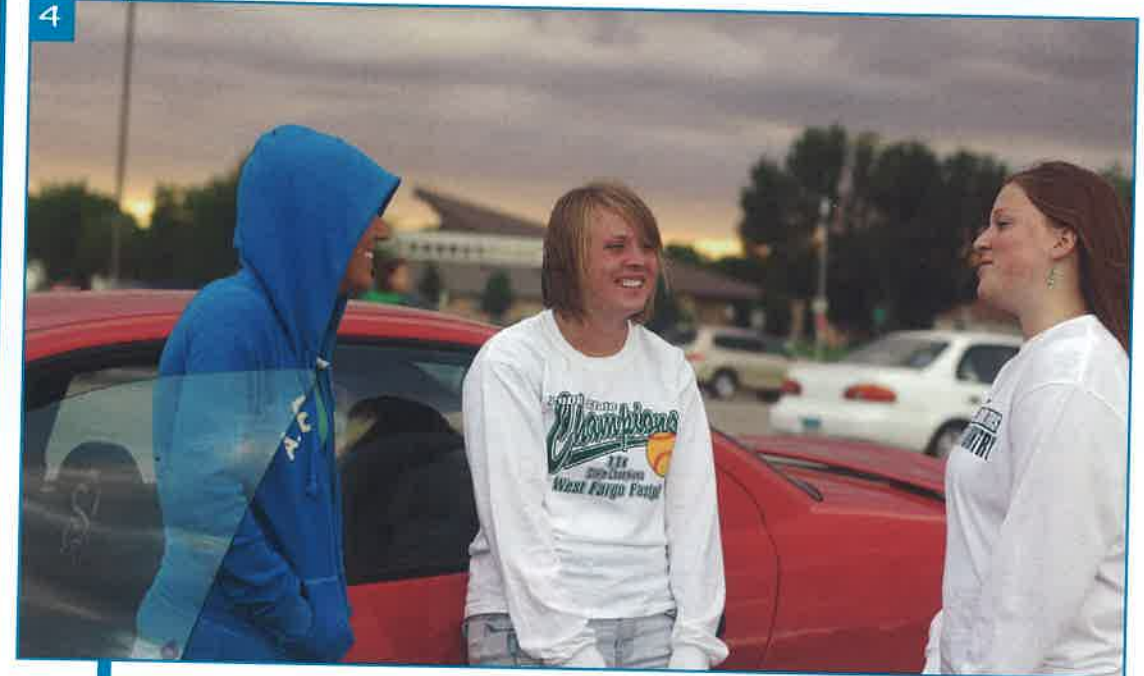
While the economy affects West Fargo students and their parents, it also affects their friends.

"With my friends we can't just go drive around anymore, so it's sometimes hard to find things to do," Dahl said.

Jenna Beyers
Jenna Beyers



Photo 1: Bucket full a' berries. Gardening is becoming more common due to the higher prices of fruit and vegetables in the grocery stores. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 2:** Piggy bank draining. As the economy dwindles, students have less money for recreation, causing them to make changes in their lifestyles. (Photo illustration by Abby Paul) **Photo 3:** "The power's in the price." In December, gas prices finally went down to being less than \$2 after being almost \$4 for a long time. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 4:** Carside to go. Seniors BreAnne Gregory, Lindsey Levin, and Emma DeJong chat before carpooling together after a football game. (Photo by Abby Paul) **Photo 5:** Only one. A student opens his billfold to find only one dollar left showing the minimal amount of spare change students have today. (Photo illustration by Abby Paul)



It takes the government one nickel to produce one dime, and two pennies to produce one penny.



234 student life



Beer Pong is a popular game played at parties, contributing to the binge drinking epidemic in North Dakota. (Photo illustration by Erikka Holmes)

the not-so-secret life of substance abuse

students find ways to get alcohol

236 student life

The music blares. Girls dance and sing. Things break. Someone pukes in the bathroom. People fall down. "Everyone's belligerent," senior Alyssa Thorson said, describing a typical high school party.

Students know how to work hard in school, yet some balance that by partying hard. To start off the night, if students plan on drinking alcohol they need to find someone to buy it.

Some students have friends and family willing to buy them alcohol, while others find other people willing.

Many people older than 21 realize that if they do not get alcohol for students, the students will get it somewhere else.

"You meet them (adults) at the liquor store with cash, you tell them what you want and they go in and get it for you," junior Kyle Shoman said.

Adults might not realize how easy it is for teenagers to get alcohol. Action is being taken by law enforcement officials to stop underage drinking and illegal distribution of alcohol to minors.

"There is a program that we have set in

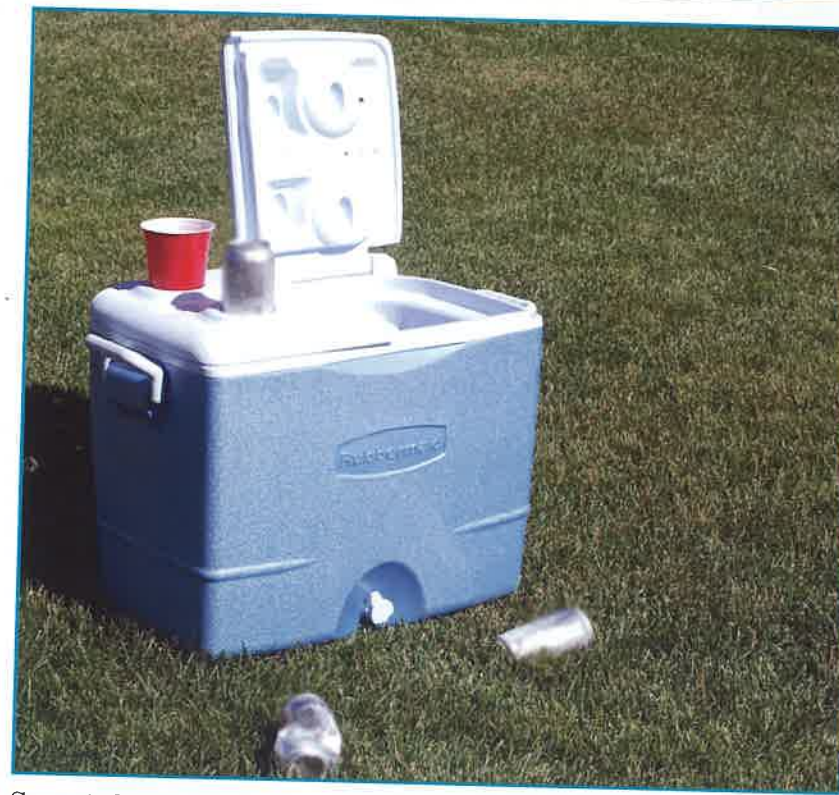
place to catch people buying minor's alcohol called 'Cop 'N' Shop,'" School Resource Officer Todd Pearson said. "It is when police officers pose in liquor stores as employees. They are looking for: 1) no underage purchases and 2) the buyer is not taking the alcohol out to the parking lot to exchange."

Not only does the police department have a program to put a stop to underage drinking, high school officials have hopes of introducing a drug and alcohol counselor in the future. However, at this point, Principal Gary Clark said including another counselor to deal specifically with this issue is more of a dream than reality.

"It would be nice to have a drug and alcohol counselor so that students could receive help in school, rather than going somewhere else," Clark added.

To stop the trend of underage drinking, administrators and law enforcement officials are developing ideas to hopefully more easily monitor the issue.

Jayne Noel
Jayme Noel



Some students have friends and family willing to buy them alcohol, while others find other people willing. (Photo illustration by Erikka Holmes)



Grape juice provides a healthy, legal alternative for students needing a beverage to celebrate events such as New Year's Eve. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Schools like Fargo South have a counselor who deals specifically with drug and alcohol related issues.



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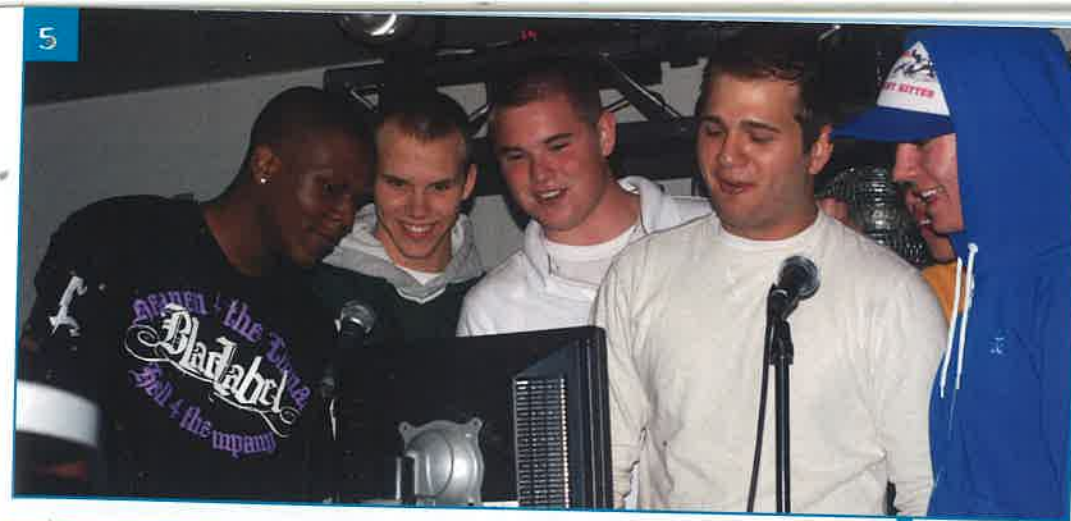
North Dakota leads the nation in the rate of binge and underage drinking.



Photo 1: Sing it loud...Senior Michael Benson rocks out to the music at the Prom dance. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: With gun in hand...During the after party at the Bowler, junior Grant Cummings plays an arcade game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Just like Marilyn Monroe...Sophomore Connor Wright holds up senior Angela Docktor's dress to look like the Marilyn Monroe cardboard cutout decoration. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Nighttime chat...Students sit together in the foyer as they wait for their turn during Grand March. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Gotta love the karaoke...Students sing together at the after party at the Bowler. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: The color of love...Junior Delphine Martinez shares a kiss with boyfriend Travis Grosche while dancing in the red light at the dance. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Macarena man...Senior Andrew Lenzmeier performs the macarena at the dance. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: Dance with me...Senior BreAnne Gregory glances at senior William Kuehn as they enjoy the dance. (Photo by Abby Paul)



"Prom was a lot less stressful this year because of not being on Prom committee."
-Senior Shawna Wienckowski



Seniors Chelsea Peterson and Meagan McDougall and junior Cody Schill sang "Time of Your Life" by David Cook for the Prom song.



students step up

graduation goes on

As senior Molly English arrived at the school parking lot at 11 p.m. the last Wednesday of her senior year, she had no idea what was in store. This was the night the senior prank was to be assembled. Groups of seniors gathered and united. Students used everything from chalk, to thousands of plastic forks, to four couches, to a treadmill. These items were dispersed throughout school grounds. One of the couches even reached the top of the school's main entrance.

"I don't mind a little prank," Principal Gary Clark said. "The thing that bothered me was a couch on top of the roof. That was a problem because it could have been dangerous."

The prank even forced the school officials to spend money to clean up the furniture.

"We also had to pay for a city utility truck to come in the middle of the night and remove the furniture, and that doesn't make him too happy," Clark added.

Some parts of the prank were considered acceptable, however, some were a little over the top.

"Parts of it, the forks, the chalk, I can understand," School Resource Officer Todd Pearson said. "But when it got to the point of putting a couch on top of the school building, that's when the building itself could have been damaged or people could get hurt."

The morning after the prank came with an unexpected surprise. English was told that if the seniors involved in the prank don't immediately clean it up, some would be criminally charged.

"It could fall on grounds of criminal mischief," Pearson said. "Some items there could have been investigated as far as was there any theft. It could have gone to extremes."

Many questions concerning upcoming graduation spurred throughout the halls.

"I started to worry about graduation because people were saying it was me and my friend," senior Alexander Stremick said.

English quickly made an announcement over the loud speaker the next day asking those involved to help clean up the mess. About 20 students eventually gathered and started helping.

"It was nice to see the senior class step up and take care of mishap, and be responsible as the young adults they are," Pearson said.

Even though seniors showed responsibility in cleaning up the prank, Clark still worries about any future ideas next year's seniors might get.

"The thing I don't like and don't want to happen is that one leads to another," he said. "The next class thinks they have to top the last class, then it gets out of hand and becomes a problem."



Jenna Beyers



Photo 1: I laugh just looking at him...Senior James Farrow laughs uncontrollably after getting hypnotized at Post-Grad. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: Hawaiian feel...During Post-Grad, senior Carly Trowbridge picks out a straw in preparation to enjoy the free slushie bar. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: Sporting nationalism...During graduation practice, senior Samuel Vaagen takes part in the pajama day hosted by fellow grads. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Don't let the teacher see...While hypnotized, seniors, who are now second graders, make faces at the teacher while he's not looking. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: Sign of the time...Senior Nathan Wilke sprays a plastic wrap sign with the words "Senior Class 2009" during the senior prank. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 6: One last hug...Senior Kiah Gianakos gives a friend a goodbye hug while waiting for the graduation ceremony to begin. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 7: Smile with excitement...After receiving her diploma, senior Jessica Krick walks happily back to her chair. (Photo by Victoria Hackett) Photo 8: The moment has finally come...Seniors throw their graduation caps in the air with excitement at the end of commencement at the Fargo Civic Auditorium. (Photo by Abby Paul)

"I am excited to finally get started with the life I will be living forever. No more of this nonsense we call high school."
-Senior Shelby Foltz

"I am sad to be leaving all these memories behind, but happy that I will be making new ones."
-Senior Kelcee Prashek

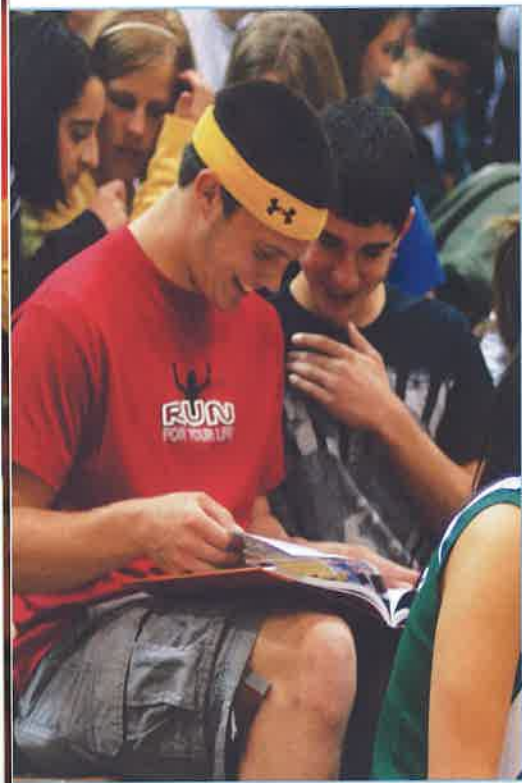


Photo 1: The annual two-a-days...Assistant coach Nathan Knudsen pushes junior Scott Schiller to squat down further as he prepares to engage the sleds with sophomore Jordan Gleason. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: High waters and ice...The water and ice-covered trees flow over Interstate 94 during the March flooding in the Red River Valley. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: I'll try not to cry...During the final orchestra concert, orchestra teacher Heather Klundt receives a new baton with a firm grip from seniors, who said she always drops hers. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Ready for the pie...School Resource Officer Jason Anderson stands waiting for more than 10 students to run by and pie him in the face during a freshman pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: That makes me laugh...Senior Emily Vrem laughs as junior Oscar DeLeon dances in the danceoff at the fall pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul)

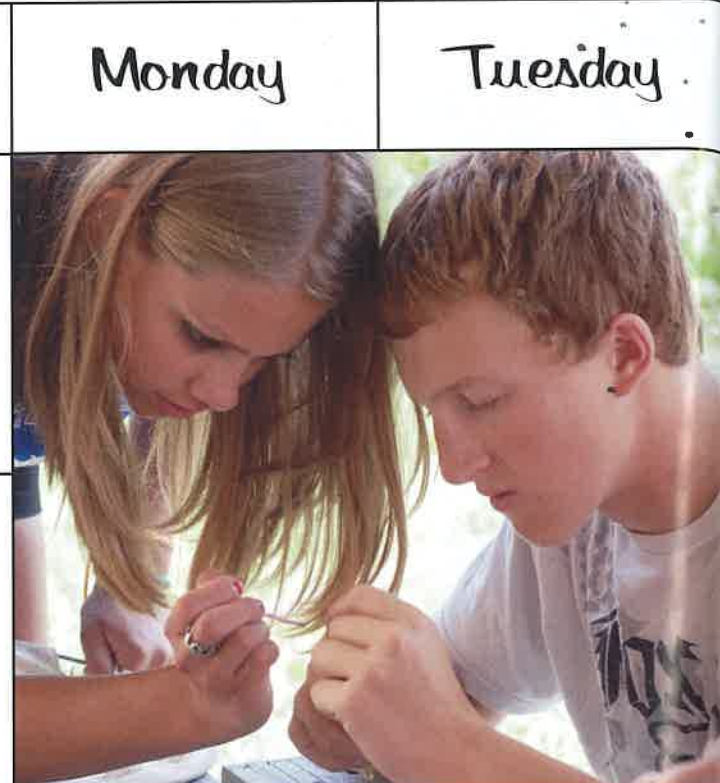


Photo 6: Slide...Junior David Johnson slides into third base against Shanley during the Eastern Dakota Conference tournament. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 7: The race to trace...Senior Halimo Abdulkarim traces senior Emily Harris as they create pilgrims from the "Canterbury Tales" to hang on the wall. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 8: The funny man...During the student-faculty basketball game, English teacher Jeremy Murphy attempts to make a basket while disguised as a referee. (Photo by Jayme Noel) Photo 9: Here puppy, puppy, puppy...Senior Zachary Brend calls his dog while hypnotized during Post-Grad. (Photo by Abby Paul)

OUR months



Left: Yearbooks and volleyballs. Sophomores Reed Olson and Thomas Kuehn laugh as they look through the 2008 yearbook during a volleyball game Sept. 2. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Right: I need a hero... Freshman Amanda Marinucci dances through the West Fest Parade with Halftime by Cherie. They won the competition for best float. (Photo by Abby Paul)



Football beats No. 1 ranked Bismarck 22-15



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NHS helps with Honkin' Haulin' event

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Coronation
Queen Chelsea Peterson & King Zachary Cormican

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Above: Pink grasshoppers. Junior Michael Braatan carefully holds a grasshopper as junior Austin Neu paints it with pink nailpolish during Environmental Science. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Powder Puff: Seniors defeat juniors, 16-14

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The C-SPAN Campaign 2008 Bus chose West Fargo as one of 196 high schools visited from Jan 2007 to Dec 2008 on the "Road to the White House" tour.

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Homecoming

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West Fest Parade

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Left: Set work. Freshman Jesse Suppa carefully makes a measurement before cutting a piece of wood for the "James and the Giant Peach" set Sept. 20. (Photo by Mara Johnson)



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Left: In the midst of the action. Senior Shawna Wienckowski grabs at junior Kelsey Kloos's flag as she runs for a touchdown during the Powder Puff game. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Students gathered for "See You At the Pole" Sept 24 to pray. This student-led event began in Texas in 1990 with a single youth group and grew more than 3 million by 1998.



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Right: King of the river. Junior Philip Moltzen climbs the steel post in the middle of the river during an Environmental Science trip to the Sheyenne river. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)

October



Left: Ouch...Senior Andrea Sluke takes a deep breath while counting to five before she gets her blood drawn. (Photo by Jayme Noel)



Left: Look at those lashes...Cook Cathy Olson wears red, white, and blue accessories in honor of mock election day as she washes dishes. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Right: Letting their voices be heard...During the mock election, seniors Justin Wilson and Brian Ruud vote using laptops behind festive streamers. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Key Club helps at "Party in the Pumpkin Patch" at Yunkers Farm

Mock Election
55%- Obama
35%- McCain
10%- Independent
60%- Economy critical for government focus.

NHS participates in "Rake and Run"



Right: Rake and run...Junior Madison Hausauer smiles as she rakes leaves as a service project for National Honor Society. (Photo by Mara Johnson)

Student Council hosted their annual blood drive Oct. 16. This was the first time the age limit moved from 17 to 16 years old.

Boys soccer beats Detroit Lakes 2-0

Right: A green grasshopper... During the production of "James and the Giant Peach," senior Eric Halvorson licks his finger to taste the peach. (Photo by Abby Paul)

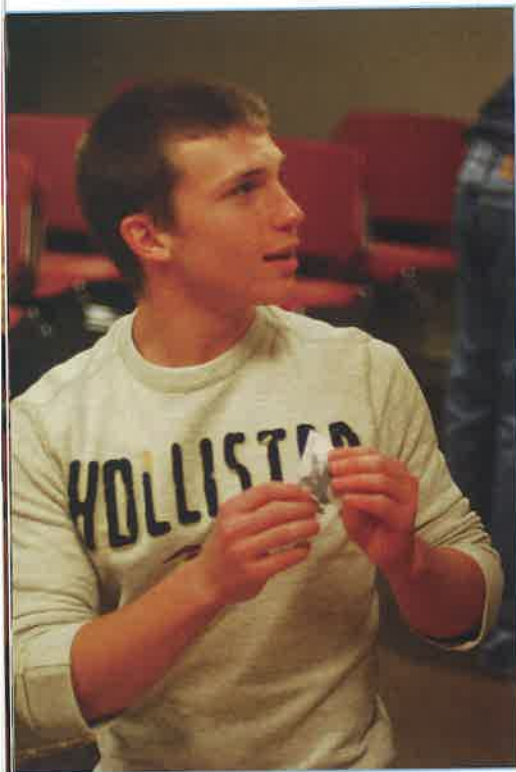
The Drama Department presents "James and the Giant Peach"



Above: Paper pumpkins... Seniors Marissa Brown and Kaylynn Moss help a child create a pumpkin at Yunker's Farm's Party in the Pumpkin Patch. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Orchestra hosts annual "Dessert Concert"

Students help at Vets Arena Halloween party



Sunday

A look of wonder... Junior Levi Bachmeier works on his youth leadership activity doing real-life scenarios. (Photo by Callie Katers)

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Canny candid... Senior Hillary Ehlen laughs while packing away cans for NHS for the Fill the Dome project. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Dodge this... During a game of dodgeball for FCA, senior William Kuehn prepares to throw the ball across the gym. (Photo by Abby Paul)

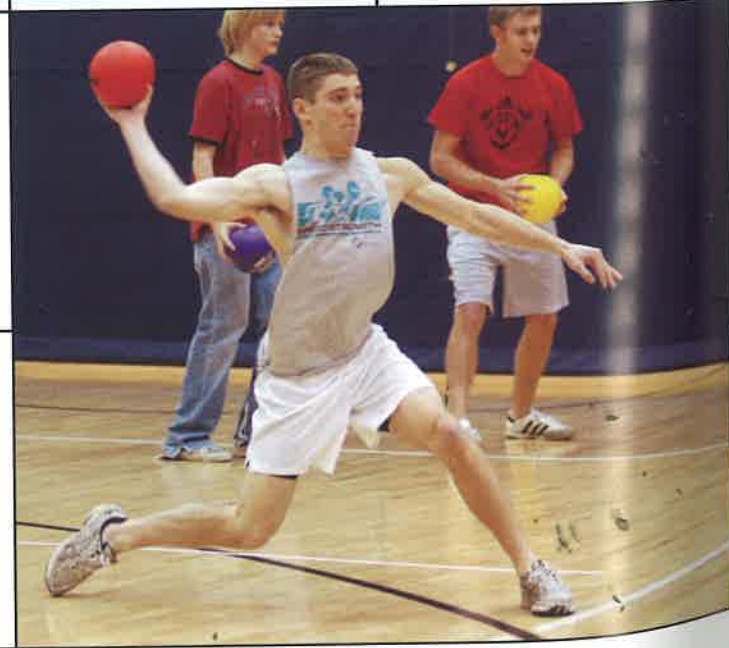
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Special Education students made a special trip to the grocery store for Fill the Dome and ended up donating the most items of any class to the project.



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Volleyball... Senior Damir Kolachavic dives for the volleyball during the area wide annual DECA tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Election Day: Barack Obama elected President

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Wednesday



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Freshman Pep Rally

Key Club wraps gifts for Operation Christmas Child

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Two thousand volunteers helped with Fill the Dome this year, collecting 142,585 pounds of food and \$58,000.

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Helping hand... Sophomore Elizabeth Paul helps a Kiwanis Club member wrap up a shoebox for "Operation Christmas Child" for Key club. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Right: 1,2,3,4,5... Freshman Alexis Cowley jumps and counts to the song "Cha Cha Slide" during a pep rally at Sheyenne. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Left: You're not doing it right... Seniors James Peterson and Derrek Zaczkowski try to untangle their handcuffs during a team building activity for JROTC. (Photo by Callie Katers)

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Volleyball & Girls Swimming take first at EDC

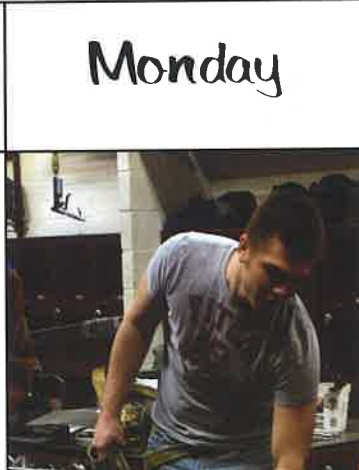
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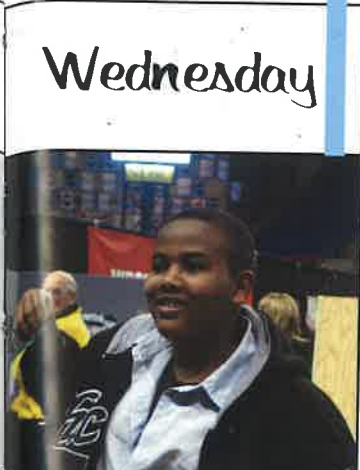
December



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 Makin' a list_Senior Jessica Gust helps a student find all the items on her family's wishlist during Santa's Workshop at South Elementary. (Photo by Callie Kinters)



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 Finally molded_Senior Brandon Fitterer helps hold a piece of the high mileage car that Career Tech. teacher Jerome Heinz's classes worked on, a crucial step to the two-year process. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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 Knock on wood_During the career fair, freshman Abdihakur Aden creates a star out of wood at a booth. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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 Freshman Career Expo at the Dome



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 Grade 9-12 Holiday Choir Concert



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 Snow day

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 Due to the talent show and multiple hat days, students were unable to contribute to the Soberg family after their house burned giving them over \$2,000 total.

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 Here we go a caroling_Senior Talon Mohammad and English teacher Sybil Hopkins fill the halls with the sound of carols before school. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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 PLINKO_Senior Makayla Gratz plays Plinko in order to learn probability during College Algebra. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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 Stocking stuffers_Senior Ashley Walen helps senior Megan Nelson curl a piece of ribbon as they make Christmas greetings to deliver for a DECA fundraiser. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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 Not so sugarplum_Senior Joshua Ockert lifts junior Robert Jacobs in the air as Jacobs dances around mocking ballet at the talent show. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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 The last time West Fargo High School had two weeks off for Christmas break was 1997.



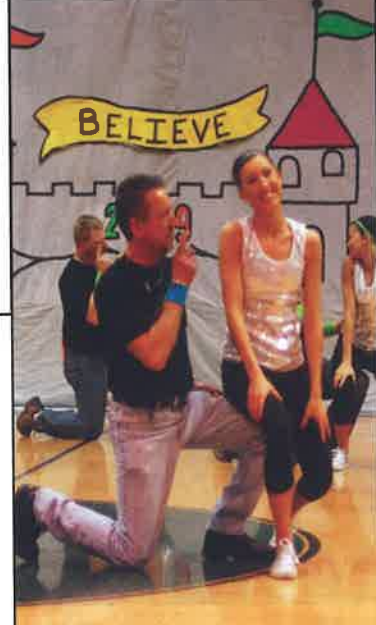


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Left: Dancing through lights... Junior Tiffany Wold claps her hands to the beat while dancing at the Snowball dance. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Left: On bended knee... Senior Shawna Wienckowski dances alongside her dad during the "Packapapas" performance at the West Fargo Dance show. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Students wore blue and white for a snow week theme day.

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Ugly sweater day... Senior Dillon Peltier shows off his ugly sweater for NHS's theme day during Snow Week. (Photo by Callie Katers)

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Left: Speaking to entertain... Senior Eric Halvorson competes in the West Fargo Speech Invitational, winning first place in the event. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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The first African-American President, Barack Obama is inaugurated January 20th, and becomes the 44th President.

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Students take final exams Jan. 14th through the 16th.

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Boys hockey defeats Bismarck



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Second semester classes begin.



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Left: Chocolate galore... Junior Erikka Holmes, senior Miranda Mars and senior Jayme Noel wrap candybars for a yearbook service project. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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NHS's gingerbread house building competition was cancelled due to lack of competitors.

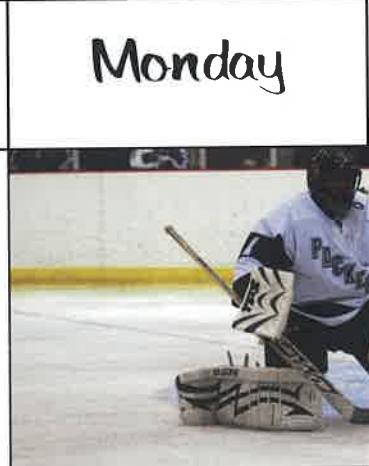
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What sharp teeth you have... Senior Joseph Manning observes his skull and tries to guess the animal. (Photo by Callie Katers)

February



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Boys basketball defeats Fargo South 72-50.



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Gettin' loose... Warming up his muscle, sophomore Cameron Holland stretches out his legs before playing Fargo North. (Photo by Brooke Yochim)



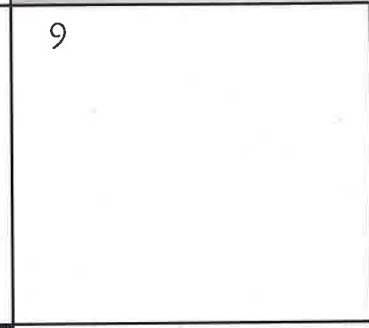
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Miracle Minute... Senior Aryelle Jones reaches into the bucket during a Miracle Minute at the winter pep rally. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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Shadow of love... During the production of the "Pajama Game," seniors Travis Bregier and Chelsea Peterson smile after a kiss. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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Left: It's Larryboy... Senior Emma DeJong wears a wig and plungers as she dresses as Larryboy for Superhero Day. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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Drama club presents "The Pajama Game".

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Junior 189-pounder Scott Schiller captures state wrestling title for second straight year.

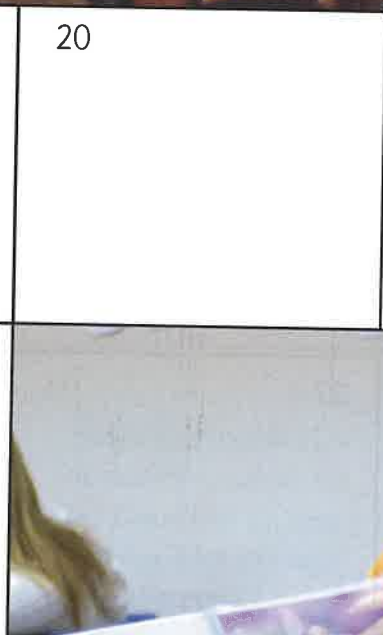


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French Club has Ratatouille Night February 16th, consisting of making a dish containing zucchini, egg plant, onions and tomatoes.

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Sweet victory... Freshman Spencer VanGuilder gets his opponent out in the annual Sheyenne dodgeball tournament. (Photo by Erika Holmes)

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Brightening up the room... Sophomore Shannon Gorden reads during study hall while dressed up for Neon Day. (Photo by Abby Paul)



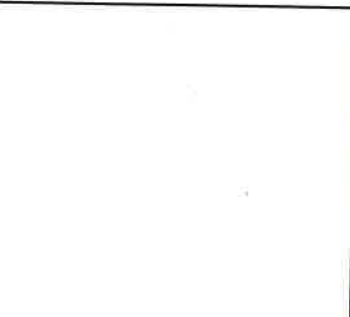
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Left: Blast from the past... Junior Cassandra Baumgartner checks out through the lunch line while wearing 80s gear for 80s Day. (Photo by Abby Paul)



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A call to the ambulance was made after sophomore Alyssa Scott fell down a flight of stairs at a dress rehearsal for "The Pajama Game".

The release of the Twilight DVD causes students to fall in love with the characters Edward Cullen and Bella Swan.

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Left: Vegetables galore... Junior Jolee French chops green peppers in order to make Ratatouille during French Club's "Ratatouille Night." (Photo by Abby Paul)

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NHS students go to L.E. Berger to read in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday

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View from the bench...The girls basketball team sits in suspense during their last game of the season against Bismarck at the state tournament. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Left: Licking his lips...During the student-faculty basketball game, English teacher Aaron Knodel enjoys eating candy while on the bench. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Boys swimming beats Minot and wins the state title for the first time in history

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Left: Saving homes...Seniors James Parrow, Ryan Berglund, and Adam Siegert help save a friend's house from the flood by sandbagging. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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Public school students from the metro area are excused from school from March 27th to April 6th to sandbag for the 2009 flood.

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NHS helps out with "Bouncin' Bash"

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TSA was unable to attend the state competition due to winter weather in Bismarck

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School cancelled for six days due to the flooding in the Fargo-Moorhead area

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Working with a smile...Phy. Ed. teacher Nicole Peterson passes a sandbag to senior Katie Palloch while helping the flood effort. (Photo by Johanna Erickson)

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Tigger or Trig...Math teacher Melissa Halvorson discusses answers to a worksheet with students while dressed up for department theme day. (Photo by Abby Paul)

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April

An emergency call was made after sophomore Alyssa Scott fell down a flight of stairs at a dress rehearsal for "The Pajama Game."

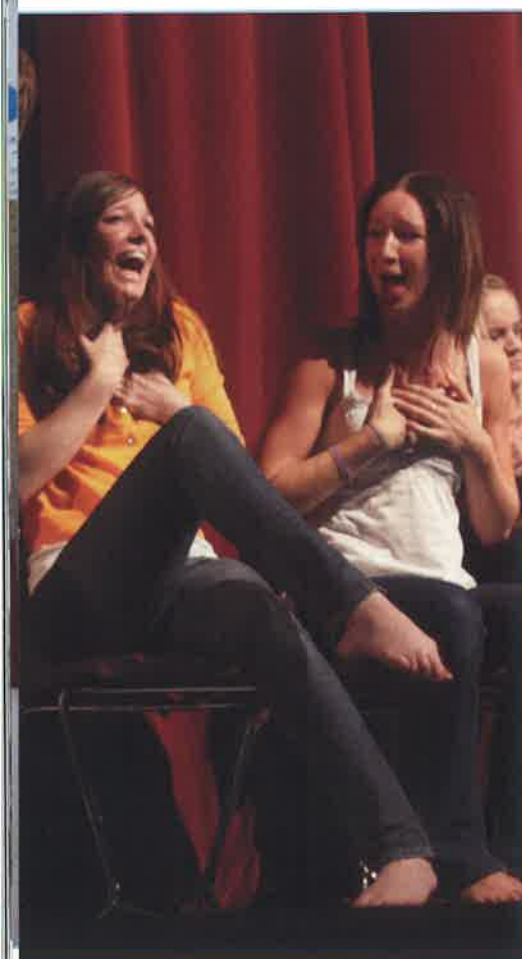
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>Left: Bride of death_Senior Krisanne Reyerson dances the original choreography to Micheal Jackson's "Thriller" in the talent show. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>			1			4	
5			8	7		<p>Girls and guitars_Sophomore Elizabeth Gefsrud dances in the blue light during the JROTC Military Ball. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>	
 <p>Left: On the runway_During a fashion show in French class, sophomore Katherine Potter laughs as she poses in overhead light. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>	12	13	14		16	17	18
			<p>Ellie Grooters sets three records at the Grand Forks Sertoma track and field meet.</p>	<p>Workin' away_Junior Ashley Kranda decorates the styrofoam 2009 with flashy material for the Grand March. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)</p>	<p>Key Club car smash</p>	<p>Science Olympiad goes to state</p>	
			21	22	23		
26	27	28	<p>Boys Baseball wins against Shanley. 10-1</p>		30		
	<p>Above: All in the court_Seniors laugh as they pass around a vest during a visit to a courthouse for "Law Day" for government class. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>				<p>Can you feel the burn_Junior Madison Anderson stretches out junior Brooke Yochim before a game against Fargo North. (Photo by Victoria Hackett)</p>		

French Club hosted Ratatouille Night February 16th, consisting of making a dish containing zucchini, egg plant, onions and tomatoes.

Seniors were the only students in the district who did not have to attend school May 29th because of commencement practice. It was the last storm make-up day of the year.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Twister...Senior Hali Scholl twists senior Meagan McDougall's honor cords round and round while waiting for the graduation ceremony to begin. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>		<p>Left: Moments of tragedy... Freshman Jazmyne Reinke and sophomore Heather Manske cry out as they pretend their friends have died during the CERT bus wreck simulation. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>		<p>1 Prom Committee sets up Grand March decorations.</p>	<p>2 Prom</p>	
<p>3</p>		<p>5</p>	<p>8 Girls soccer defeats Devils lake 5-0 in the Eastern Dakota Conference tournament.</p>	<p>9</p>		
<p>10</p>	<p>11 North Dakota's first CERT class graduates.</p>	<p>12 Band awards concert</p>	<p>13 Above: Bright eyes... Juniors Briana Bitterman and Meagan Vaagen look around at other couples while they wait for their turn to walk through Grand March May 2. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Left: Frozen foot... While hypnotized during Post-Grad, seniors Megan Brennan and Kiah Gianakos are in the freezing cold. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>		<p>19 Left: Cheer her on... Freshman Alissa Mears screams encouragement to eighth grader Christine Baltezare during a relay. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 All-City orchestra concert</p>	<p>22 Leah Hermanson, Christine Baltezare, Alissa Mears and Ellie Grooters win the 3,200 relay and claim the Class A state title.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24/31 Graduation ceremony at the Fargo Civic Center</p>		<p>26</p>	<p>27 Right: Forked in... Senior Maggie Wilken pushes forks into a sign while taking part in the senior prank the last week of school. (Photo by Abby Paul)</p>		<p>30 Girls softball defeats Fargo North 7-6 and claims their 12th consecutive state championship</p>	



change creates unique year

unordinary events make year memorable

The constant ups and downs of the ride remain imprinted onto students' minds like photographs. During the long winter months, as the school was hidden by snow banks, students were welcomed by a sign reading "Welcome to Snow Week" and were encouraged to sport ugly sweaters. Screaming from the stands while watching the boys basketball team compete in the state championship or filling the FargoDome with 142,535 pounds of food connected students together with pride.

Just when the hope of spring began popping over the horizon, the Red River Valley faced a national disaster. As each sandbag was passed down the line, students buried the flood of teenage stereotypes and saved the community.

Community High School, West Fargo High School, and the Sheyenne Ninth Grade

Center were brought together in one book and with one goal: to provide the best education possible to area students. The numerous events of the year left students with unique memories.

Sophomore Kaylah Eidum remembers learning to save screaming students as she and other Teen CERT members saved drama students in a staged bus crash.

Sophomore Alyssa Scott remembers an ambulance coming to her rescue when she fell down the stairs at a "Pajama Game" dress rehearsal.

As students unbuckle their seatbelts, leaving the school year behind, they remember the unique people and incidences throughout the year that made the ride unordinary.

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students
look back

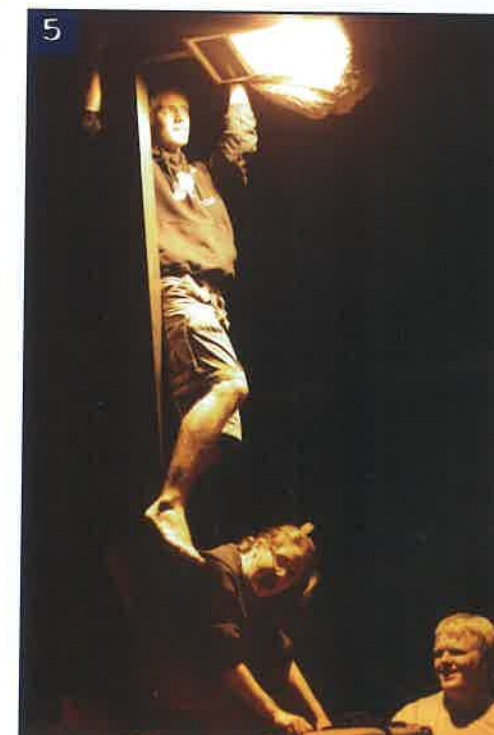


Photo 1: In a few years...Assistant principal Cory Steiner walks daughters Kelsa Steiner and DelRae Steiner through the Grand March decorations, reminding them that one day they will attend Prom. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 2: YELLow...During the snowball dance, senior Kelsey Hoovest sings to the beat. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 3: If the hat fits...Junior Shelby Moen helps senior Brandon Halberg prepare to present the colors at a boys basketball game. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 4: Surprise...During DECA's dunk tank fundraiser, junior Bridget Breker pulls a lever to dunk marketing teacher Jenna Skaff from behind without her knowing. (Photo by Abby Paul) Photo 5: In the light...As senior Channing Kopp looks on, senior Jay Gjestvag climbs on senior Molly English's back in order to place a bag over a lightpost to keep people from noticing the senior prank. (Photo by Abby Paul)

Alyssa Hummel



We love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrea &
Rachel

Garrett Anderson

We are so proud of you! You've grown into an amazing young man! You are the best son, brother & grandson anyone could ask for! We love you so much!

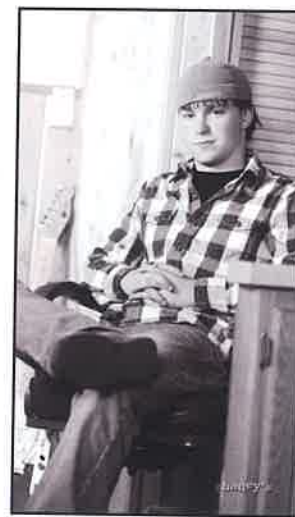
Love,
Mom, Gabrielle,
Dad and the whole family!



Shane Brorson

We wish you the best in your future.
Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,
Mom, Dad, April & Brock



Nels Lund



Hairs to you!
Congratulations,
Nels!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Kelsey & Garrett

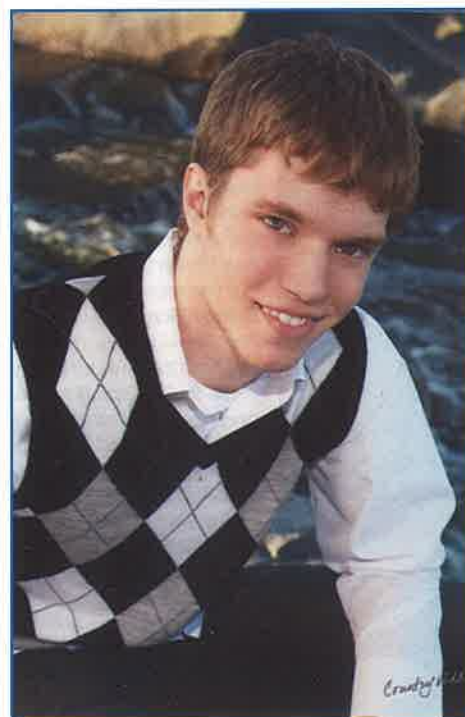
Cody Mammenga

Congratulations
Cody! We are very
proud of you. Good
luck at Wahpeton.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jess



Andrew Lenzmeier



We're proud of you, Andy!
Love, Mom & Dad



Zach Cormican



May you always
feel our support
and love as you
choose your life's
path.

You have and
always will make us
proud to be your
grandparents.

Love,
Papa & Nan



Jay Gjestvang



Congratulations on your
high school achievements.
We are very proud of
you and we love you.
Good luck in college and
have a great future.

Love,
Your family

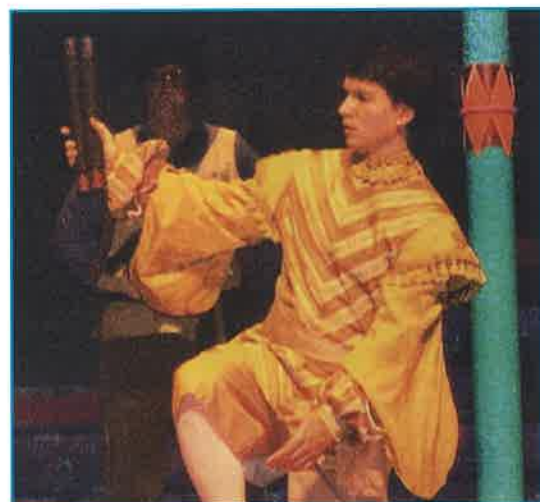
Krisanne Reyerson

You have been a "JOY"
to raise. We know you'll
make us proud!

Love,
Mom & Family



Travis Bregier



YOU ARE A STAR!
A talented singer, dancer,
actor, musician, and
National Honor Society too!
We are proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Matthew



Carly Trowbridge



We are so proud of
you, Carly! We love you
very much!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brynna and
Kevin

Brianne Anderson

"Once a star- always
a star." You were our
"star" way back then
and you're still our
"star." We love you!



Love always and
forever, Mom & Dad

Yearbook Seniors



Good luck to all
seniors. Your hard
work and dedication
will be missed.

Sincerely,
Yearling staff



Tyler Evin



Congratulations! Your
family wishes you much
success and happiness
in life. Your dad is
celebrating your
achievements from
above.

Love,
Mom and your family



Ally McCracken



Congrats Allygator-
Love you to the moon and
back! We are so proud of
you. May all your dreams
come true!

Love, Mom, Dad, Liz
and Jen

Desirae Quesada



Congratulations, we are
proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Netty

Andrea Sluke

BELIEVE! We are so
proud of you and will
ALWAYS be there for
you! Love ya' lots.

Mom, Dad, Brendan,
Ittsy and Cali



Emma DeJong

Your smile is charming.
Your humor is unique.
Your personality is
delightful.
Continue on your life's
path in your charming,
unique and delightful way.
I am always proud of you
and I love you forever!
Love, Mom



Karly Kathleen Kalstad



Great job Karly! We are all
very proud of you and love
you very much. We want
to wish you nothing but the
best in your future! Enjoy
life!

Love you lots!
Your family

Abby Paul



Abby, it's fun
seeing life through
your lens. We are so
proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Beth and Becca

Lindsey Levin

Congratulations Lindsay. We
are all so very proud of
your accomplishments
in high school. We hope you
catch your dreams and goals
as you go forward in the
future. We are proud of you.

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Garrett



Eric Benson and Zach Cormican

Congratulations on leading the Packer team to their first North Dakota Swimming and Diving State Championship in West Fargo High School history! We are so proud of you!



Love,
Your Families

Newspaper Seniors



You guys really
flexed your
muscles this year.
Congratulations!

Sincerely,
The Packer staff



Nick Nelson

I am so proud of you and
your accomplishments. It
has been my honor and
privilege to watch you
grow into the young man
you are today. We look
forward to seeing you
reach all your goals and
dreams. I love you with all
my heart.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Genia Wilson

There was never a doubt this day would come. Keep your dreams alive and they will come true.

Keep smiling that beautiful smile. We are very proud that you are our daughter.

Love, Mom & Dad



Joel Sheehan



Congratulations Joel!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Alex & Eric

Stephani Steffen

Congratulations!!
We are proud of you.
Now follow your dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Christian



Zachary Smith



Be true to yourself.
Happiness is wanting
what you have.



Love you more,
Dad, Mom,
Cassandra,
Samantha & Buck



Kalyn Emily Fraser

It just seems like yesterday when you started pre-school. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Megan Meyer



We are so proud of you.
Enjoy all the wonderful
things this world has to
offer. We love you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Riah Roe

From Las Vegas, Nevada to Dublin, Ireland
20 schools and hundreds of friends later,
this is just the beginning.





Meagan McDougall,
Hillary Ehlen,
Hali Scholl,
& Abby Hammes

Here's to a great six years and a ton more to come.
It's been a wild ride...
it'll never really end.



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