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FREEMAN FBLA ATTENDS STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Scott Moore
FBLA Advisor

From April 7th through the 9th, sixteen members of Freeman High School's FBLA Chapter attended the 2011 State Leadership Conference held in Spokane. Freeman's chapter joined over **1,626** students, advisers and chaperones and over **303** volunteers in this great learning experience. In addition to competing, the students also made time to attend workshops, network, and take various tours to local businesses. To make it to state, members had to finish in the top five at the regional conference held in February. Competing from Freeman were seniors Chelsa Ayers, Danica Cramer, Chelsea Grady, Tyler Hjaltalin, Christina Ramelow and Tucker Rudy, juniors Danny Cossey, Cody Dickinson, Josiah Lara, Gregory Ruby and Hanna Weathers, sophomores Ben Carasco and Eric Hjaltalin, and freshmen Austin Carpenter, Grace Rudy and Samantha Strothman.

The following members earned top honors for Freeman at the conference.

- Marketing – **Tucker Rudy** – State Champion!
 - Desktop Publishing - The team of **Danica Cramer and Josiah Lara** – 2nd Place in State
 - Computer Problem Solving – **Cody Dickinson** – 3rd Place in State
 - Computer Game and Simulation Programming – The team of **Cody Dickinson and Gregory Ruby** – 3rd Place in State
 - Impromptu Speaking – **Chelsa Ayers** – 3rd Place in State
 - Desktop Publishing – The team of **Chelsea Grady and Christina Ramelow** – 5th place in State
 - Community Service Project – The team of **Danny Cossey and Hanna Weathers** – 5th place in State
- Making the finals but coming up just short of going on stage (only the top five in each category receive awards):
- Impromptu Speaking – **Danny Cossey and Samantha Strothman**
- Due to their achievement at the conference, Rudy, Cramer, Lara and Dickinson

have now qualified and will be attending the National FBLA Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida at the end of June, along with their advisor Scott Moore. They are very excited for this opportunity to represent Freeman and to learn more about leadership and the business world!

The Freeman Chapter also received two regional awards. For the 5th straight year, Freeman earned the honor of being the “Largest Chapter in the Northeast Region”. In addition, Freeman was honored for having the “Largest Professional Membership in the Northeast Region.” Freeman is very proud of the effort and class these sixteen students exhibited during this conference. They represented the Freeman community very well!

Freeman High School's Future Business

Leaders of America is the premier organization for students preparing for careers in business. It is the largest and oldest student business organization in the world with more than a quarter of a million members! FBLA prepares students for ‘real world’ professional experiences, with members gaining the competitive edge for college and career successes. For more information, please contact Freeman's FBLA advisor, Scott Moore at the high school (291-3721, ext 201 or smoore@freemansd.org).



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Representing Freeman at the 2011 FBLA State Conference were Advisor Scott Moore, Gregory Ruby, Samantha Strothman, Josiah Lara, Cody Dickinson, Ben Carasco, Austin Carpenter, Danica Cramer, Chelsa Ayers, Christina Ramelow, Tucker Rudy, Hanna Weathers and Danny Cossey. Not pictured – Chelsea Grady, Tyler Hjaltalin, Eric Hjaltalin and Grace Rudy

A few good ways to ask her to prom...

By Jenna Lee
A&E Editor

With Valentine's Day came warm and fuzzy thoughts of togetherness and loving gestures. Well, now it's time to ask that special someone in your life to go to what some might say is the most important event of the school year – prom. It is a time to spend quality hours with the person you care about, or just go out and have a great time with friends. Regardless of who you are or if you have a sweetheart, prom is an amazing night for all.

We, here at the *Bagpiper*, know that ladies expect something special when they get asked, so we thought we would help the guys out. Here are just a few ideas for asking out that certain person who has been on your mind since Valentine's Day.

1. While flowers may seem a tad overdone when it comes to asking someone to a dance, it is always appreciated. Flowers make a girl feel special – like to her guy, she is as pretty as a rose – and the fact that they smell wonderful is not overlooked. If you are unsure about whether or not to give your gal flowers because they might be too generic, there are many ways to put a new twist on an old invitation.
 - a. Have them delivered by an underclassman during one of her class periods, then follow them in and ask her from the front of the room.
 - b. Spell out a message in petals where she is bound to find it. (i.e.

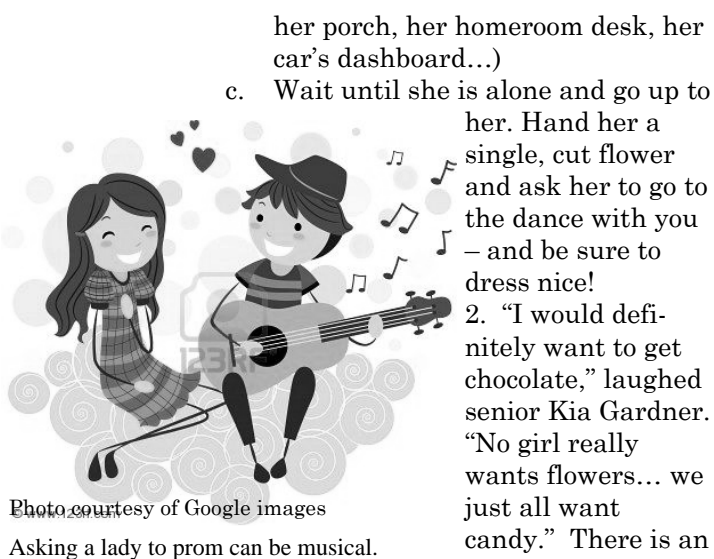


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Asking a lady to prom can be musical.

- her porch, her homeroom desk, her car's dashboard...)
- c. Wait until she is alone and go up to her. Hand her a single, cut flower and ask her to go to the dance with you – and be sure to dress nice!
 2. “I would definitely want to get chocolate,” laughed senior Kia Gardner. “No girl really wants flowers... we just all want candy.” There is an old adage that the way to a guy's heart is through his stomach. Well fellas, don't be above giving chocolate to your gal when you ask her to go to the dance. Girls need to eat too, and they have a special spot in their heart for anything chocolate; whether it be pretzels or strawberries or raisins dipped in it or a simple Hershey bar. Here are two ways to make chocolate or candies feel like the most special invitation ever.
 - a. Fill her locker with them. You can get an economy-size bag at many different stores for fairly cheap, so this is also a fiscally responsible way of asking her to go to the dance too. Will she actually be able to eat a locker-full of candy? Probably not, but it is a completely cute and totally *sweet* way to approach her.
 - b. Have a friend do recon and find out what her favorite candy is, then go

and purchase a couple. Present them when you ask her and when she says, “Oh my gosh! This is my absolute favorite!”, you can say, “I know.” The fact that you went to the effort to find out what her favorite candy was will score some points.

3. “I like public ways the best,” said senior Andrea Zimmerman. “I feel special that way.” This way is not for the faint of heart. But if you are confident enough to make a fool of yourself in front of lots of people, this is the way to go. Making a grand gesture in front of all of her peers shows your dedication and that you are willing to go to extremes for her. Almost every girl has fantasized about getting asked out or to a dance in an extremely public manner; she won't be able to say no!
 - a. Get on stage during lunch and ask her in front of half of the school. She'll be a little embarrassed, but in that I-can't-believe-he'd-do-that-for-me sort of way.
 - b. Play a song just for her. It doesn't matter how good you are, it is all the thought you put into it that counts.

It has been suggested (by more than one lady) that all three ways of asking put together would be the ultimate, however, putting your own twist on any of these classics is sure to give you an edge when asking that certain somebody to go to the dance with you. But girls, if the guy you like isn't getting any of your hints, go ahead and ask him! It's a brand new age ladies – don't be afraid to take the initiative. Good luck guys and gals...

Freeman's Trap shooting team is worth noticing

By Alaska Bruneau
Opinion Editor

Freeman High School might have football and basketball teams, but another sport that our school promotes, but underappreciates, is the fine art of trapshooting. Trap shooting requires one to use a shotgun to successfully hit a clay pigeon target in mid air – a task not easily done. Needless to say, trap shooting is a team effort that requires more than just the ability to shoot, but good aim and patience.

“A trapshooting team has five people, with five different shooting lanes,” explained senior Evan Magers, who is responsible for organizing all the events the trapshooters participate in. “Each person then shoots 25 shots, 5 at each post.”

“We have an A, B, C, and D team, A being the varsity,” explained senior Garret Johnson. “Which team you shoot on is decided by how well you shot at the last shoot. Then for state, we take the scores from the whole season. That decides your placing for state.”

Trapshooting also requires dedication because most of the locations that the team travels to are far away, sometimes causing the team to have to get up in the early hours of the morning.

“We shoot all over the state of Washington, and a lot of the time the locations are hours away,” said Magers. “But around here, we sometimes go to Ritzville and the Spokane Gun Club. We practice about three times a week and we usually do a Sunday shoot just for fun after we compete on Saturdays.”



Photo By Alaska Bruneau

Members of Freeman's trap shooting team.

According to Magers, the senior members of the trapshooting team have proven to be the strongest competitors.

“Garret Johnson is a very consistent shooter, but Steven Sainsbury and Josh Richardson are also very good,” Magers said.

Last year, the team even advanced enough to make it to the state competitions, where they won the team state championship. Individually, Richardson took 2nd and Johnson placed 3rd. Junior David Young also won a sharp-shooting game at the state competitions called “Annie Oakley”.

“State is April 15 through 16, I believe,” said Johnson. “And

we take our top two teams. As far as people go, I would say all of the seniors will make it and the rest will be pretty close, so it's hard to judge at this time.”

“We'll definitely make it to state,” said Magers. “Every shoot so far we have placed first or second, and we're looking to take first this weekend.”

“Trap shooting is a really great sport and everyone has a good time,” said Johnson.

“We shot airsoft guns in the hotel last year during state,” said Magers with a

hearty laugh. “Besides that though, it's just good, clean fun.”

If you think you have the great aim, skill, and patience that it takes to succeed at trapshooting, then perhaps you should consider joining the team next year. It's a fun group of guys (and two girls!) that all just want to have fun and perfect their skill of shooting at the same time.

Senior Math Is Cool Competitors End Reign With State Placement

By Peggy Wells
Math Is Cool Advisor

I would like to give a big Shout Out to this year's Math Is Cool teams from Freeman High School. The teams represented their high school well.

We were able to take both a 9/10 team with sophomores Ben Carasco, Peter Underhill, Beth Primmer, and Daniel Willard and freshman Lukas Carasco, and an 11/12 team with seniors Trent Neiman, Katie Talbot, Ben Mega, Elizabeth Parker, and Jenna Lee to competitions this year. We were lucky to recruit such an incredible 9/10 team. They have big shoes to fill.

Most of our current 11/12 team members have been in Math Is Cool since the fifth grade. They know the ins and outs of the competition better



Photo courtesy of Peggy Wells

Senior mathletes are proudly displaying their trophy.

than any team I have seen. The team will be missed. The core of the outgoing team was made up of Neiman, Mega, and Talbott.

This year the “senior team” placed third at a regional competition and went on to place third at the state competition

(Masters) that was recently held in Moses Lake. Because of conflicts, a couple of the original members were not able to attend the state competition. Parker and Lee filled their shoes nicely. The 9/10 team placed fifth at the regional competition.

Math Is Cool is a competition in which the teams compete in a variety of predetermined categories. Students work together in team competitions such as Knowledge Bowl and Mental Math. They also have to perform individually on a test at the beginning of the day. Points are determined by how well they do collectively in all categories. A sample question at the 11/12 level might be: “What is the secant of the largest angle in a triangle with sides measuring 5, 6, and 9 cm?” At the 9/10 competition you may be asked to give the sum of the twelve smallest positive multiples of twelve.

If you find yourself knowing the answers to these questions, you may want to add some sunshine to your life and join Math Is Cool. ☺

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Freeman students attend FCCLA state conference

The Ambition Never Stops

By Brette Schmidlkofer
Guest Writer

During our trip to the FCCLA state conference, I learned many things from how to present, to ways to better ourselves and gain confidence, to how to make a difference in our families and communities.

There were two main

speakers, one of which was Mr. Schmoker. Mr. Schmoker talked about his ambitions as a young adult to become a public

speaker after feeling the power of a public speaker who visited his high school. He spoke of one of his teachers who pushed him to “pay people to listen to him” by forcing him to speak in front of his school, which led to greater and greater opportunities. His speech was very enthusiastic and made one wish to jump to it.

I also attended several workshops as part of the scheduled activities including

the *ABC's of Leadership*, and *Social Media*. The *ABC's of Leadership* (with speaker Brian Vance) was one of my favorite experiences. Brian spoke about his experiences as a FCCLA state officer and demonstrated with a series of activities, including candy, and a list of leadership guidelines according to the ABC's. For

example, “A” stands for ask questions and “B” stands for be on time.

These guidelines are simple and would be useful to anyone in a leadership position, or

when trying to impress like in a job interview.

Social Media proved Facebook and Twitter are good cites to spread information and organize projects. It was amazing the quality of speakers we encountered on this trip and it was exciting to see how we could bring these skills home to use in our own FCCLA chapter and our school.



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Fees

Sharing the excitement of success.

A New Experience

By Lindsey Nordby
Guest Writer

Joining FCCLA State conference this year was an amazing opportunity. I experienced life-changing keynote speakers, crazy-weird activities, and interesting people that all wanted to help

one another.

While I was there, I judged the career investigation manual STAR events, listened to five motivating keynote speakers, was a voting delegate for our chapter at Freeman High School, and had a little bit of fun too!

I learned a lot from the keynote speaker John Norlin. He described himself as a “loner” throughout high school up until his junior year, when someone came up to him and said, “Hi John, how are you today?” That one sentence changed his life because the student body president (who he thought was a fake and stuck up) showed that he cared. John

Norlin finally felt like he finally mattered to the world.

I learned that showing up is half the battle and to be comfortable with change. The next step to showing up is doing something while you're there. Learning peoples names and calling them by it when

you talk to them or pass the in the hall makes them feel accepted and important to school.

Students everywhere only come to school with one purpose: to get through the day, not caring about what they get out of it as long as they just show up.

Considering John was one of those kids, his goal was to reach

those kids and let them know they matter.

Whether it be one random act of kindness, remembering someone's name, or just showing up because that's all you can do, try to be that influence for someone else that doesn't know how to do that yet. FCCLA State made a difference for me, now it's your turn to make a difference.



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Keynote speaker John Norlin sharing his story.

Elevation for State Competition

By Jennifer Fees
FCCLA Advisor

Freeman Family and Career Leaders of America members Brette Schmidlkofer and Lindsey Nordby, along with adviser Jennifer Fees, attended the 2011 State Leadership Conference in Wenatchee this past March.

At this conference both students were evaluators for the state competition STAR Events (Students Taking Action For Recognition).

Our chapter was also recognized for participation in many National projects. We received ribbons for accomplishing the following activities for the 2010-2011 school year: Com-



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Lindsey Nordby and Brette Schmidlkofer explore downtown Leavenworth while on a break from their FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

munity Service (raising money for Muscular Dystrophy), Families First (raising

award for increasing membership by 2%.

money for Freeman Families through Udgorable sales), Student Body (Harvest Hustle), Career Connection, Power of One (goal setting), STAR Events (participation at regional and state competitions), and Dynamic Leadership (taught nutrition at the Freeman Elementary School and planned and prepared a nutrition and exercise poster contest that involved K-8 students). Our chapter also received an