



The Bagpiper

April 11, 2018

Reporting Freeman's news since 2009

Volume 10, Issue 2

March Walkout to remember victims of school shootings

By Abbie Peters
Staff Writer

On March 14, about 50 Freeman students participated in a 10 a.m. walkout at the front of the school. Students got up out of their chairs in second period to take 18 minutes of silence to remember the 17 loved ones lost in the Parkland, Florida shooting and one of our own, sophomore Sam Strahan.

This was such a great way to celebrate the lives lost. Many students got emotional towards the end of the walkout when senior Shayna Nickerson shared a sweet sentiment for the ones

that have been lost.

For some walking out was a way to remember those who have lost their lives because of violence within schools, and for some they believed it was a protest.

"I believe that the walkout was for a good cause," sophomore Kendall Paine said. "Other schools did it for gun control but we did it to honor the eighteen students that lost their lives."

Paine explained that it is so important that everyone knows that we didn't do this to protest gun control but simply to recognize and bring honor to the brave students and faculty who lost their lives in these horrible

events.

Students all around the U.S. want to make clear that the victims, families, and students involved in these events have so much love and support to the families and friend involved in Parkland, our own community and across the country you will forever be in our hearts.



Students taking action on March 14 walk out remembering the victims of school violence.

The national school walkouts on April 20 are for change in our nation.

Meg Neely
Editor-in-chief

On April 20, 2018 at 10:00 am, students across the country will be walking out of their schools on the 19th anniversary of the Columbine School Shooting for change in our country. Here we are walking out because we know what it is like, first hand, to have violence within our schools. We want to recognize that there is a change needed in our country.

There is "not just one thing causing this [violence]," said principal Jim Straw. But, our goal is not to divide into groups for each of the causes, but to unite together to make one, impactful, statement together.

Originally, we were not planning on walking out on March 14, but when we did there was a division between the students. "[We] didn't have time to educate the students," said Straw, when talking about what he wishes could have been different for the March 14 walkout.

The goal of the April 20 walkout is for

our students to feel no matter their choice, if they choose to walk out or stay inside, is to know that "the planning committee is committed to supporting whatever students' decisions are."

The assembly on March 23 was to educate students on why they are choosing to walkout. The committee and staff want students to be educated on why they are or aren't walking out on the 20th, as well as take input from the students on what they think needs to happen during the walkout or ways to avoid division between the students.

There will be opportunities to create posters, as a way to communicate and make your voice feel heard during the walk out on April 20th.

The April 20th walkout is our time to voice our diverse opinions in a unified matter.



The planning team informing the high school of their agenda for the walkout on April 20.

The Bagpiper Staff 2017-2018

Editor-In-Chief:
Meg Neely

Staff Writers:
Brayden Cordova, Abbie Peters,
Kassidy Reilly, Nicole Smith

Adviser:
Pia Longinotti

Principal:
Jim Straw & Harry Amend

Superintendent:
Dr. Randy Russell



Bagpiper Editorial Policy

The Bagpiper is published by students in the journalism class at Freeman High School.

Content is determined by the staff and does not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of Freeman High School's faculty, administration, adviser or student body.

Students are protected in their exercise of press freedom by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Signed editorials and columns reflect the views of the writer.

Letters to the editor, guest commentaries, and submissions of art or photography are encouraged and must be signed, although anonymity can be granted on a case-by-case basis.

The editorial board reviews letters to the editor, advertising and guest commentaries and reserves the right to edit and refuse material. Reasons can include length, clarity, libel, obscenity, material disruption of the educational process at Freeman High School or violation of copyright law.

Fight for net neutrality in the House of Representatives

By **Megan Neely**
Editor-in-Chief

According to Savetheinternet.com, net neutrality is defined as “the basic principle that prohibits internet service from speeding up, slowing down or blocking any content, applications or websites you want to use.” On December 14, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission voted to take away net neutrality, a bill put into place during the Obama era.

Net neutrality created readily available access to the web which used to be considered a luxury; however, this is now a necessity to those living in the modern world. Many job application processes, newspapers and companies depend on having fast internet service without having to pay a lot of money to get this access.

When net neutrality protection was removed by the government, businesses and everyday Americans were worried about how

their lives might change because of the loss of something we all took for granted.

With the repeal of net neutrality, there is a fear that those using the internet will have to pay to use social media, stream videos and to listen to music. In Portugal for example, there is no net neutrality. On top of their normal phone and internet bills, they must pay a certain amount of money to use Instagram, Twitter, FaceTime, iMessage, talking on the phone, streaming Netflix and listening to music on Spotify or Apple Music.

The fight to bring back net neutrality has been taken into the hands of the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. They have created a superficial net neutrality bill that bans blocking and throttling – the speeding or slowing down of an internet service by an internet provider. There has been no further notice on whether or not the Bill has been passed or brought to the Senate in DC.

The repeal of net neutrality is scheduled to take effect on April 23.

In Washington State, the House of Representatives passed a Bill on February 10 that ensured that state residents wouldn't see a disruption in their internet service.

House Bill 2282 passed with a 93-5 vote, and Washington was the first state to pass a state law protecting net neutrality since the repeal in December.

“Net neutrality has worked very well to protect a free and open internet,” said Democratic Representative Drew Hansen.

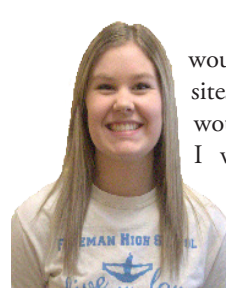
Hansen, along with the rest of Washington State's representatives, wants to make sure the protections net neutrality gives residents stay in place.

If you want to contact our state Senators about the fight for net neutrality, call (202) 224-2621 to contact Senator Patty Murray or (202) 224-3441 to contact Senator Maria Cantwell.

How would the repeal of net neutrality effect you?



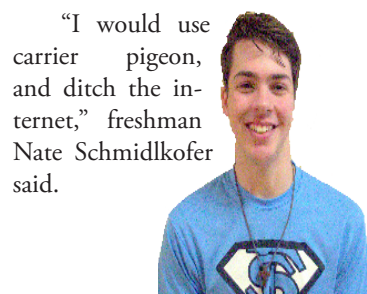
“I would ask my mom for money, decide which apps I needed and I would pay to use [certain] apps and websites,” senior Ailsa Hansen said.



“Go broke! I wouldn't use any websites [or apps] that would make me pay, I would stop using social media,” junior Jordan Lang said.



“Still use social media and the internet I wouldn't change anything,” sophomore Jordan Eskridge said.



“I would use carrier pigeon, and ditch the internet,” freshman Nate Schmidtkofer said.

Sam Strahan Sign helps heal so many

By **Nicole Smith**
Staff Writer

As Freeman continues to heal from the tragedy that happened in September, the one thing that has been most healing for people is the Sam Strahan Memorial Highway which stretches from 32nd Avenue in Spokane Valley to East Elder Road.

On Nov. 15, 2017, there was a meeting held where The Washington State Transportation Commission voted to name a portion of Highway 27 in Sam's memory.

“I feel like the sign after the tragedy has helped so much,” sophomore Kat Perry said. “I love that the community came together to leave a simple yet powerful reminder of Sam... It gives a little bit of him to everyone who passes.”

Sam's mom Ami Strahan was touched by the community's desire to have Sam remembered this way.

“I was surprised when I learned that the community was petitioning for the stretch of the highway to be renamed in Sam's memory,” Ami said. “I thought that it was very sweet when I was told that the signs were going to be put up. It is something that Sam would love, and people will be able to know him forever.”

The sign has had a variety of effects on so many people. For some, it gives comfort.

“Having the sign up and the highway renamed has made me feel comforted and almost feel grateful,” sophomore Kelby Cochrane said. “The thing that has been the most healing for me with having the signs up is seeing the sign brings all the memories back of him as well.”

Parents have also been touched by the newly named highway.

“The sign has been most healing for our family,” said Laurie Reed, mother of Senior Kori Thurman. “[It] brought a daily reminder of Sam so he is never forgotten.”

Many people came together after everything happened and wanted to make sure that Sam's name would be remembered forever. There were more than 7,000 signatures to make sure that the sign would be put up before the end of 2017.

“I would say the biggest reason that I had to sign the petition was to join the many in favor of renaming the highway and get-

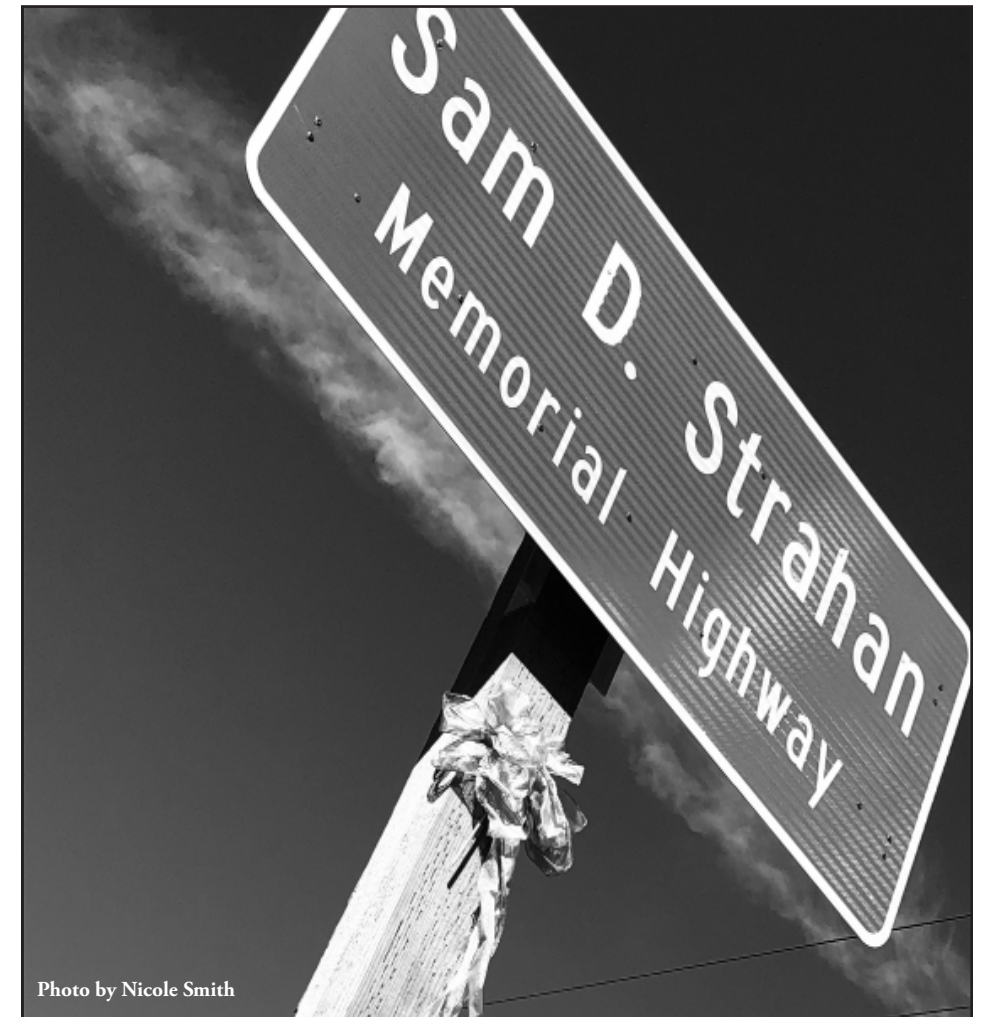


Photo by Nicole Smith

ting it passed by the city council,” Reed explained.

As the petition went around, the biggest response from people was how they did not want to lose the Freemanstrong name, or the ribbons and banners. They want it to stay forever, and this is one way that would make sure the name Sam Strahan and Freemanstrong stays alive forever.

“I love being able to see the sign when going to and from work every day,” said Catherine Smith, mother of freshman Nicole Smith. “I'm so proud that we were able to get so many signatures to be able to put the signs up in memory of Sam.”

With the signs giving so much more comfort to all who are able to see them on the way to and from school and work, it gives a little more comfort everywhere knowing that is Sam standing by each and every one of us.

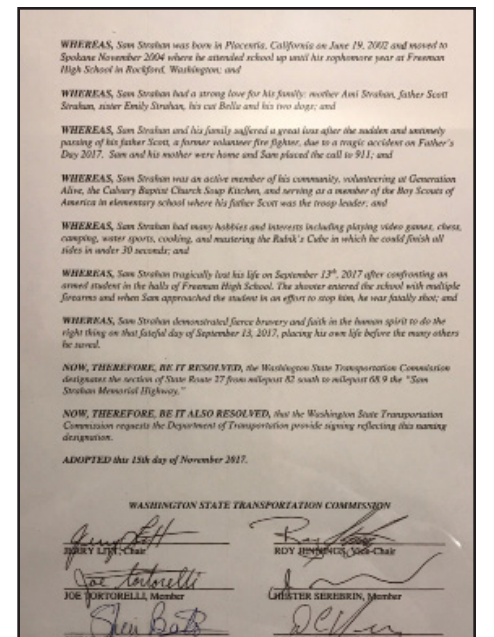


Photo courtesy of Ami Strahan

Pratt represents Freeman at 2018 Lilac Festival

by Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

Every May, when Spring comes rolling around and the purple lilacs begin blooming, the trees give out the amazing scent that Spokane is known for giving us the name the Lilac City. As we refer to our Lilac City, we think of the Lilac Parade, and for the Freeman community, we also think, "All hail Princess Marley."

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Spokane Lilac Festival. Last month, the selection committee chose 17 seniors to represent high schools in the greater Spokane Area.

"The thing that made me most interest in Lilac was all of the opportunities and growing," senior Marley Pratt said of representing Freeman as a Lilac princess.

These 17 girls are committed, not just to appearing in a parade, but also events leading up to the Festival. The representatives from each school had to go through an interview process, after which 10 girls sadly were let go.

Pratt was one of the seven finalists in the running to be Lilac Queen this year. The finalists had

to learn leadership, poise, self-defense, and speech training, as well as volunteering around the community.

"We volunteered at Blessings Under the Bridge, served lunch for the House for Charities and much more," Pratt said.

The finalists also have to commit to the Lilac Festival, on top of their other obligations such as schoolwork, college applications and other commitments that they have as seniors.

While Pratt was not named the Lilac Queen this year, she was awarded the inspirational scholarship at the Coronation Festival on March 4. It was decided by their speech that they gave on Family night.

This year's festival will be featuring bands, floats, military, and equestrian groups. Pratt and a teacher of her choice will ride the Lilac courts float during the torchlight parade on May 19th.

For those juniors considering running for Lilac court next year, Pratt said "connections are an important thing in life, and Lilac will help lead you to different connections."

Congratulations Marley on a job well done!



Photo by Meg Neely



Photo by Meg Neely

Marley along side the rest of the royal court anxiously waiting to hear who would be crowned Lilac Queen.



Photo by Meg Neely

During coronation Marley was asked to give a speech about what kind of change agent she wanted to be in the world.



Photo by Meg Neely

FBLA dominates at Northeast Regional Winter Conference

By Marley Pratt
Contributor

On February 7, close to 525 students from twenty area schools walked into Eastpoint Church in Spokane Valley to compete in over sixty different competitions at the 2018 Northeast Region FBLA Winter Conference. Of those 525 students, 34 were students from Freeman, close to three quarters of the entire Freeman Chapter.

With the goal of moving on to the state level, students spent all morning taking bubble tests and giving presentations. After spending months of preparing for that morning, competitors were rewarded with pizza for lunch and a dance party to celebrate. Once the last song was over, members attended the closing ceremonies to see who would be making it to the State Conference in Bellevue, Washington over Spring Break. If students placed sixth or higher in their event they would automatically get a spot at the state level, and if they received seventh through tenth they qualified for an alternative spot in the case that someone chose not to attend the State Conference.

As Freeman students stepped back onto the bus after a long day of competing, eating pizza, and dancing, there was a sense of accomplishment as they collectively held 42 trophies. Twenty members made it into the top six in their competitions and an additional ten students qualified as alternatives. Freeman advisor Scott Moore and Chapter President senior Marley Pratt are extremely proud of the members who competed and are excited to travel with the East Valley Chapter this April to the State Conference.

Of the 26 members who qualified, 19 will be attending to compete in various events like Public Service Announcement, Introduction to Business Presentation and Job Interview. If members place fourth or higher at the State Conference they can advance onto the

National Conference, which this year will be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Last June, Moore traveled to Anaheim, California with four members to compete at the National Conference, two of which made top 10 in their competitions. He hopes to bring more this summer!

Over spring break FBLA state took place in Bellevue where nineteen members of our chapter competed. As a result two of our members are moving on to nationals as well as four alternates. Marley Pratt took second at state and the team of Tyler Waite and Marley Pratt placed third. The other state placers and alternates include Erick Flack, Odie Landoe, Nathan Longhurst, and Shilo Stuart.



Courtesy of Scott Moore

FBLA members gathered to take a picture after the extremely successful winter conference to celebrate all of their amazing wins and successes.

Lit Circle's Amazing Reads and Events

By Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

Hank Buchmann, the author visited the Freshmen class and lit circle. He talked about his books, and about him teaching college writing classes.

Two Lit Circle members, Sarah Berryman and Tyler Waite, got to meet one-on-one with Buchmann. Each of them talked about writing samples that they each submitted. He also presented to them his new poetry book.

We also had a new books session where we talked about new books that we loved. We had three guests who came in and talk about some of their

favorite books that they have read, and some books that are coming out soon. It was an awesome club event to attend.

In May, we will be having a book vs.

movie event. In a previous meeting we decided on which book to read and compare to the movie. The book we chose was The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. We are in high hopes

that the movie and book will be a great comparison and that both are enjoyable.

The week before spring break during early releases members of student crew, who are also apart of Lit Circle, got to help out with the book fair. It is always a fun event to encourage those of all ages to pick up a book and read.

Lit Circle is looking forward to book vs movie in May and is excited about the successful book fair we just had.



Courtesy of Cis Hyndman

Lit Circle members pose for a cute picture at book fair!

Hello Fresh is like having a personal chef

By Meg Neely
Editor-In-Chief

Hello Fresh is a weekly subscription box that delivers ready to cook meals to your doorstep. It works around your busy schedule to deliver 2-4 meals a week for either two or four people. They offer three different meal plans: veggie (for vegetarians), classic, and family (for the picky eaters).

Each week you pick 2-4 entre meals you would like to prepare, and they deliver them to your doorstep in an insulated box to make sure all of the ingredients stay cold enough until you are able to re-frigerate them.

Each delivery includes all the ingredients to prepare your meal (except for salt, pepper and oil), as well as step-by-step directions with pictures.

With baseball season starting, a busy work schedule and school, my family decided it was finally time to try a meal delivery program.

My mom Jen’s dream has always been to have a personal chef, so when she comes home from work, a meal is already prepared for her. With Hello Fresh her dream could, almost, come true.

Each week, my mom takes five minutes of her day to pick out three meals my family is going to receive each week, instead of the alternative of going grocery shopping which takes around 90



Photo by Meg Neely

The finished chicken cutlets with mashed sweet potatoes and green beans.

minutes a week, and they are delivered to us every Monday.

My dad and mom both get home around 6:30 and by the time they get home, I am already starting to cook dinner. Since each meal comes with all the ingredients and easy to follow directions, I am able to be my family’s personal chef. You’re welcome mom!

The preparation time and cook time is always less than an hour, and all the meals so far have been delicious. Each box costs about \$100.00 a week and is about \$9.99 per serving, but you can cancel shipments and your subscription at any time.

After receiving four boxes of meals, my family has expanded our recipe book for meals, spent much more time together laughing in the kitchen and spent more time away from the grocery store.

Hello Fresh, although the price is a little higher, “is worth it because it saves so much time from shopping at the grocery store,” Jen said.

I recommend Hello Fresh to anybody who enjoys cooking and would like to expand their recipe repertoire. To join Hello Fresh go to www.Hellofresh.com/plans.



Photo by Meg Neely

When you recieve your box you get all of your ingrediants within a bag that give you the exact measurements for each ingrediant needed. The chicken cutlets were prepared with a side of green beans and mashed sweet poatos.

Boys basketball finishes season 24-1

By Brayden Cordova
Staff-Writer

Although the boys basketball team did not win their final game of the season it is a season that will not be forgotten.

The boys team had a historic season. Even though they couldn’t end it as state champions, they still did not disappoint anyone.

Their season reflects all the hard work they put in throughout the season with a record of 24-1, their only loss coming in the state championship game to Lynden Christian.

“It went well”,Coumont said, “we went undefeated all the way up to the championship game, they had more size over us and are shots were just not falling.”

This season was a special season. The seniors that made up the team have been playing together from a very young age.

Coumont said he wouldn’t really change anything in the season. For next years season the expectations are still high. With the boys basketball team losing 8 seniors next year, it is hard to predict what the next season will look like.



Photo courtesy of Doug Wright

Girls basketball makes it to state playoffs

By Brayden Cordova
Staff-Writer

The girls’ basketball season went good overall. They made it to the state playoffs and finished with a record of 16-7.

“I thought our team played well down the stretch,” coach Aaron McLean said. “Throughout the season the girls progressed not only as players, but as a team. The girls started playing as a team and were less con-

cerned about personal achievements and more concerned about what we were accomplishing as a team.”

Because the girls team was so successful this past season, there are high expectations for the future.

“There is no “Golden Ticket” to the Sundome, and the path starts May 29,” McLean said.

Overall the girls had a solid season and are looking to make it to the state playoffs

again next year.



Photo courtesy of Charles Edwards

Wrestling team takes home second state trophy

By Kassidy Reilly
Staff-Writer

Freeman wrestling is not a team, but a family. Our boys had an incredible season going 6-1 in league and 15-6 overall. The dawgs of war got through some tough matches such as when they beat Deer Park, who was #1 in state, 37-33.

The Scotties were the league champions, and 8 wrestlers placed in regionals and districts which led Freeman to a great state experience.

6 Scotties qualified for state: junior Nolan Doloughan and seniors Logan Holt, Hunter Nees, Cody Tardanico, Garrett Trevino and Brandon Iris.

Day 1 of state all 6 Scotties went undefeated. Freeman placed third in state as a team with only 6 guys. Holt was state champion in his bracket at 138. Nees, Doloughan, and Iris all finished second. Trevino took third, and Tardanico finished in fifth place.

“This season was different than any year I’ve had,” said Nees, the team captain. “Wrestling for Justin and Sam gave my senior year a whole new meaning. Each guy showed up and competed each day.

We really proved everyone wrong winning league champs and beating Deer Park. Being a part of one of Freeman’s best wrestling seasons was surreal.”

“We’ve never put four in the finals,” said coach Chad Ripke.

This year the Dawgs of War finished and beat all the expectations and brought home the 2nd trophy for wrestling in the school’s history.



Courtesy of Chad Ripke

Taking just 8 wrestlers to state, Freeman finished in 3rd place, with four wrestlers competing in their respective championship matches.

Golf

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
4/11	*NEA League	10:00	Stoneridge
4/17	*NEA League	10:00	Fairways
4/26	*NEA League	10:00	Deer Park

Softball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
4/10	*Medical Lk	4:30	Freeman
4/12	*Lakeside	4:30	Freeman
4/13	St. Maries	4:30	St. Maries
4/17	*Riverside	4:30	Riverside
4/17	NWC	4:00	NWC
4/19	*Newport	4:30	Freeman
4/24	*Chewelah	4:30	Freeman
4/26	*Deer Park	4:30	Deer Park
4/27	Lind-Ritzville	4:30	L/R

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
4/4	Cashmere	1:00	Avista
4/4	Cheney	6:00	Avista
4/10	*Lakeside	4:30	Freeman
4/13	*Medical Lk	4:30	Freeman
4/14	*Medical Lk	12:00	Med. Lake
4/17	*Newport	4:30	Freeman
4/20	*Riverside	4:30	Riverside
4/21	*Riverside	12:00	Freeman
4/24	*Deer Park	4:30	Deer Park
4/27	*Chewelah	4:30	Freeman
4/28	*Lakeside	12:00	Freeman

Track

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
4/11	*Colville/DP	3:30	Freeman
4/13	Interstate Invite	3:30	Freeman
4/14	Pasco Invite	9:30	Pasco
4/18	*Chewelah	3:30	Chewelah
4/21	Mooberry Relays	9:00	Rogers
4/25	*New/Lake	3:30	Lakeside
4/27	Timberlake Invite	2:00	Timberlake
4/28	Stranberg Invite	11:00	CV

Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
4/10	*Lakeside	3:30	Freeman
4/12	*Colville (G)	3:30	Colville
4/13	*Newport	3:30	Newport
4/17	*Chewelah	3:30	Freeman
4/19	*Med. Lake	3:30	Med. Lake
4/20	*Riverside	3:30	Freeman
4/24	*Deer Park	3:30	Deer Park
4/26	*Lakeside	3:30	Lakeside
4/27-28	Inland Empire	TBA	TBA



"I think our girls' team should win state," senior Isabelle Miller said. "We have a really good team this year."

"We should try and win league and [hopefully] take three people to state," senior Ryan Crosswhite said.



"Our expectation is to win league, districts and hopefully play in Yakima over Memorial Day weekend," coach Chad Ripke said. "There is enough talent to do those things."



"I hope we will compete for the top 3 spots in league and then continue to be top 3 in the state," coach Scott Carolan said. "[We have] an experienced veteran team, and we have to perform up to our experience."



"We could win league," junior Andy Simmerman said.



"We have a young team and I'm excited about the enthusiasm they bring to the team," coach John Bruno said. "[We also have] excellent leaders up top that lead by example. The leaders are people the underclassmen can look up to."