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Alumni Zajonc making a name for himself

By Haley James
Editor

Taylor Zajonc, class of 2000, recently published his first novel, *The Wrecking Crew*. Zajonc made some time to visit with FHS's Lit Circle and English classes on Friday, March 11 while in town to do an author's signing at Auntie's Bookstore that evening.

Zajonc has always enjoyed reading and has been writing short stories for as long as he can remember. He finds most of his ideas for his stories from things that are happening in the real world.

"I write what gets stuck in my head," Zajonc said.

Zajonc enjoys collecting

amazing stories about people, and all the research background that goes into writing his books the most. A lot goes into writing a novel. Zajonc normally finishes writing his in about 5-6 months.

When it comes to finding an editor and publisher, Zajonc explained that the process is more difficult, sharing his story with the students. Zajonc also explained that social media plays a huge role in selling a book, and getting your name talked about.

"We live in a bring-your-own era," Zajonc said.

Zajonc shared with the crowd that writers must have the ability to sell books, they must be good with people, and of course they should be involved with social media. Writers also must have a lot of patience when it comes to writing and selling a book.

Taylor Zajonc is a good example of if you want something and if you enjoy something, you should pursue it. Always go after your dreams, and never miss a chance of doing what you love. Who knows what you could do.



Courtesy of enduranceexplorationgroup.com
Taylor Zajonc holding his first published book *The Wrecking Crew*.

Frye sings loud and proud on *Idol*

By Brynn Van Orden
Staff Writer

When you walk through the halls, do you realize you're walking by an amazing singer? You may have seen senior Megan Frye singing the national anthem at basketball games and

even playing in them, but did you know she also tried out for *American Idol* last September? Frye has also submitted a video submission into *The Voice* and is excited for the future.

Frye started singing in first grade; she was in many school talent shows and tried out for Spokane's Got Talent.

"When I finish a song I love the feeling of people cheering for you," Frye said. "It makes me feel important."

Frye made it to the third round of *American Idol* and then was voted out on the fourth round because she didn't play an instrument.

"It sucks because I know that there are a lot of singers that screwed up and still made it in," Frye said. "Also, the people who are put on just for entertainment when there were good singers who deserved to be on the show."

Frye was very nervous and anxious waiting for her audition.

"My least favorite part was waking up at five in the morning and wait in line for three hours," Frye explained.

Frye is hoping that *The Voice* will accept her online audition.

"I would be ecstatic if *The Voice* lets me go on the show," Frye said.

Frye is excited for what the future has in store for her with singing, and she is ready to go on the journey with her boyfriend Anthony Stevens. Frye will be attending Spokane Community College in the fall studying business, but still focusing on singing. So, the next time you're walking through the halls and you see Megan Frye just know, you're walking by a singing star!



Photo by Rondielle Frye

Frye waiting in line for *American Idol* auditions

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FFA Trapshooting, state champs!

Courtesy of Elizabeth Nelsen



Congratulations to the FFA Trap teams. First team competitors sophomores Nathan Barron and Sam Volves, juniors Chase Christiansen and JJ Iltz, and senior Aidan MacDonald are the 2016 State champions. FHS second team senior Kayla Figler and freshmen Tyler Figler, William Folsom, Garrett Barnes and Jesse Warnecke finished tenth overall. Individual placers for the weekend were Barron 3rd Place Buddy and 5th place Miss N Out, Volves 3rd Place Chipper, Iltz 4th place Chipper, Christiansen 4th place Annie Oakley. Congratulations to all our marksmen.

Knowledge Bowl's State streak 25 and counting

By Haidon Storro
Staff Writer

You may not know that for the past 26 years in a row, Freeman's JV knowledge bowl team has been undefeated. That's JV... Varsity has gone to state for 25 years, including this year, with the team going undefeated all season. They dominated playoffs at the beginning of February; they became state eligible at regionals and ended the season with 10th at state.

The team consists of 14 students, and is led by John Hays, who has coached for 28 straight years. Hays has high hopes for the team this year, because they have such strong team members. However, out of the 14, only 8 competitors have the privilege of going to state — seniors Ethan Crosby, Alma Longhurst, Tristan Albrecht, Christian Goldbach and Conner Gilbert; juniors Rachel Arnzen and Ethan Viles; and sophomore Nathan Longhurst.

Knowledge Bowl may come off to some as boring and "nerdy," but actually is a great way to interact with people of the same in-



Courtesy of John Hays

terests. They meet once a week to train and practice for competitions.

"It's a unique way to have fun and learn random facts," sophomore Emma Stevens said.

On March 4, Freeman took on 90 teams, with the hopes of being eligible for state. They placed tenth overall and third in the 1A league.

"I'm not nervous because we've been doing really well this season, and we dominated at playoffs," sophomore Nathan Longhurst said of competing at state. "We just want to win."

Knowledge Bowl left the morning of March 18 with hopes of bringing home a state championship. Although they did not win, they placed tenth after being tied with another team. They were 1 point short from going to the final round.

Key Club coming to Freeman

By Christina Morrison
Staff Writer

While Freeman offers a few clubs and activities to partake in, we're always open to new additions. Luckily enough, it seems that Freeman could be getting its own Key Club for the 2016-2017 school year.

Key Club is a high school organization run by Kiwanis International meant to give students opportunities to perform community service in their neighborhood, city, or county. From little things such as cleaning up streets to putting together clothing and food drives, Key Club offers a wide variety of experiences. This also includes leadership skills, as the group will plan meetings, projects and elect officers. SpEd teacher Danielle Troup is our prospective club advisor.

"We want to do activities that the kids want to do," Troup said. "In my opinion, every member would easily letter in community service."

Kiwanis International is a volunteer foundation offering multiple clubs for both adults and youth, including Kiwanis (adults), Aktion Club (for adults with disabilities), Circle K International (university students), Key Club (teens), Builders Club (adolescents), and Kiwanis Kids (elementary students). Kiwanis clubs sponsor over 150,000 community service projects each year, making a huge difference all over the world.

"We were approached by Kiwanis in fall," Principal Jim Straw said. "They also have clubs at Central Valley, East Valley, and University High School."

According to KeyClub.org, "[Key Club members] are caring and competent servant leaders transforming communities worldwide. The core values of Key Club International are leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness."

The website says that some of their objectives are "to develop

initiative and leadership, provide experience in living and working together, serve the school and community, cooperate with the school principal, and prepare for useful citizenship."

Either way, you shouldn't forget to collect your required amount of community service to graduate – 30 hours for 2016 seniors, and 60 hours for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. For now, we look forward to the new addition in the coming years.

If you missed the informational meeting on April 15, see Troup for more information on joining the club.



What's the best way to start college credits during high school?

By Haley James
Editor

Many high school students want to get a head start on college before they get out of high school. At FHS there are two programs that help meet that goal: RunningStart (RS) and College in the High School (CIHS).

If you are looking into RS, you must be academically ready.

There are 3 classes that you attend, where you get dual credits. In RS, you really need to be mature enough to seek out information. The teachers aren't going to help you keep up on your grades; you won't be able to get as much one-on-one time with that teacher, and the classes are taught over quarters.

Does CIHS offer something that RS doesn't?

"Yes, it allows you to get curriculum at a slower pace, teachers help and care more if you are or aren't getting the criteria, you're not on your own," counselor Laura Hamma said.

In CIHS classes, you will take your credits at Freeman. You will be able to get more one-on-one time with the teacher, and they are more caring of your grades, subjects are taught at a little slower pace, and they teach over a semester.

"Any college will accept the credits you get through college in the high school," science teacher John Hays said.

There are many differences between RS and CIHS. RS requires you to drive more, and you will have to pay for books. In college CIHS, the books are free, so there is less money involved.

When it comes to CIHS or RS, you need to think about what it takes to be successful in the program, and you need to make sure you are ready for the academics. Make a wise decision, do whatever is best for you, and whatever you can handle.

Double trouble winners at Sadies

By Holly Smith

Staff Writer

The winners for Best dressed at Sadie Hawkins 2016 are Pharos (Peyton Smetana and Avery Oja), Deers and hunters (Megan Stark, Conner Leamond, Emma Stevens, Odie Landoe, Shayna Nickerson, and Christian Rorie), and The Average Joes! (McKabe Cottrell and Krystal Gady). Your prize for being the best dressed are free drinks at the Dog House!!

Courtesy of Merri Nickerson



Sophomores Christian Rorie, Odie Landoe Conner Leamond, Shayna Nickerson, Emma Stevens and Megan Stark went as hunters and deer.

Courtesy of Tanner Schultes



Juniors Krystal Gady and McKabe Cottrell went as average joes.



Photo by Holly Smith

Senior Peyton Smetana ruled Sadies as a pharaoh.



Photo by Holly Smith

Senior Avery Oja also came as a pharaoh.

Looking for a good restaurant to try?

Fire House Artisan 816 West Sprague Avenue

By Grace Tesch
Editor

If you are looking for amazing, inexpensive, quality wood stove pizza then Fire House Artisan is the place to go. Not only do they have a variety of pizzas, they also have different kinds of salads such as spinach and gorgonzola salad or a Mediterranean salad with creamy garlic dressing.

Their pizzas vary from all meat to Margherita pizzas. The Margherita pizza was excellent. Between the pepperoni and Margherita the obvious choice was Margherita. The taste was wonderful with the fresh mozzarella and tomato sauce. After you have your main course, they have the most amazing desert: a freshly baked chocolate cookie with vanilla bean ice cream.

Fire house Artisan had great customer service, always checking in and even gave us extra ice cream. The atmosphere is really friendly and energetic, perfect spot for a date. The pizza prices range from 13.00 dollars to 17.00



photo by Grace Tesch

A freshly baked bitter sweet chocolate chip cookie with gray salt was the perfect finish to the meal... We added vanilla bean ice cream on top of it which we got extra of it. (\$3 for the cookie, \$6 for both).



Photo by Grace Tesch

Sophomore Jo Ella King has a spinach and gorgonzola salad as a starter before her pepperoni pizza.



Photo by Grace Tesch

The Margherita pizza it had fresh mozzarella, tomato sauce, and finished with basil and olive oil (\$13). The pepperoni pizza was pepperoni, mozzarella and tomato sauce (\$14).

Bangkok Thai 1003 E Trent Ave

By Grace Tesch
Editor

Bangkok Thai is the place to go if you are in the mood for inexpensive Thai food. The atmosphere at Bangkok Thai is very calm and relaxing. They have an amazing view overlooking the Spokane River.

Bangkok Thai's food was authentic Thai food and had a variety of stir fries with the options of beef chicken, pork and even tofu.

"The meat from the Pad Hin Ma Pan

was well cooked," sophomore Jo Ella King said. "The cooks obviously knew what they were doing."

After the main course we had an amazing dessert, Black sweet sticky rice with coconut milk pudding.

The service was great, the waiter constantly checked up on us and refilling our drinks. This place is the perfect spot for a date. Right after dinner there is a cute coffee shop in the same building.



Photo by Jo Ella King

The Gang Kaew Wan is a green curry pasted in coconut milk, eggplant, bell pepper, and sweet basil.



Photo by Jo Ella King

The Pad Hin Ma Pan Stir fry had roasted cashew nuts, onion, green onion, celery, carrot, and bell pepper. You had a choice of chicken, beef, or pork. I chose the beef.

Democrats

vs



Bernie Sanders

“Feel the Bern”

States Won: New Hampshire, Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Vermont, Kansas, Nebraska, Maine, Michigan.

Quotes: “Secretary Clinton, I do have a disagreement here. If my memory is correct, I think when we saw children coming from these horrendous, horrendously violent areas of Honduras and neighboring countries, people who are fleeing drug violence and cartel violence, I thought it was a good idea to allow those children to stay in this country. That was not, as I understand it, the secretary’s position. In terms of 2007 immigration reform, yeah, I did vote against it.”
 “Health care must be recognized as a right, not a privilege.”
 “A job should lift workers out of poverty, not keep them in it.”

Campaign Issues:

Education:

*Make tuition free at public colleges and universities

Foreign policy:

- *Resolve International problems with peace.
- *Authorize military strikes in Afghanistan.
- *Agrees with the nuclear warfare agreement .

Immigration:

- *Dismantle inhumane deportation programs and detention centers; Pave the way for a swift and fair legislative roadmap to citizenship for the eleven million undocumented immigrants.
- *Ensure our border remains secure while respecting local communities
- *Regulate the future flow of immigrants by modernizing the visa system and rewriting bad trade agreements
- *Enhance access to justice and reverse the criminalization of immigrants
- *Establish parameters for independent oversight of key U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agencies.



Hilary Clinton

“Hillary for America”

States Won: Iowa , Nevada, South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi

Quotes: “Now we take this campaign to the entire country. We are going to fight for every vote in every state. ... People have every right to be angry. But they are also hungry. They are hungry for solutions.”
 “Right now we’re behind and we have to get the wealthy and the corporations to pay their fair share.”

Campaign Issues:

Education:

- *Teach Bible as history & literature; not science or religion.
- *Let’s get back to schools where kids are socialized.
- *Common Core recycled from Clintons in 1980s and 1990s.
- *Parents are a child’s first teachers.
- *It takes a village; American village has failed our children.

Foreign Policy :

- *Some world leaders are still misogynistic.
- *Idealistic realism: embody hybrid rather than categorizing.
- *Integrate with Latin America but focus on income inequality.
- *2009: Chose Japan as first destination to emphasize alliance
- *Smart power: combine civil society & traditional diplomacy
- *Does US still have what it takes to lead? Yes!
- *Distinguish inherited problems from new ones & opportunities.

Immigration:

- *Immigrants keep America young and dynamic.
- *No official English, but keep common unifying language.
- *Consider halting certain raids on illegal immigrant families.
- *Border fence that cuts off a college campus is absurd.
- *Deploy technology & personnel, not a border fence.
- *Guest workers only for farms, to address labor shortage.

S. Republicans



Donald Trump

“Let’s Make America Great Again”

States Won: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Vermont (found these on his website)

Quotes: “We are going to make our country so strong. We are going to start winning again... We don’t win with anything. We are going to start winning again.”

“People have to go out; they have to work really hard and have to get into that upper stratum. But we cannot do this [raise minimum wage] if we are going to compete with the rest of the world. We just can’t do it.”

“I don’t think so, darling. I don’t think so. I don’t think so. No, I don’t think so. They’re not the backbone. ... Let me just tell you something, you know what the backbone of our country [is]? People that came here and they came here legally. People that came to this country legally. And they worked their a-- off and they made the country great. That’s the backbone.”

Campaign Issues:

Education:

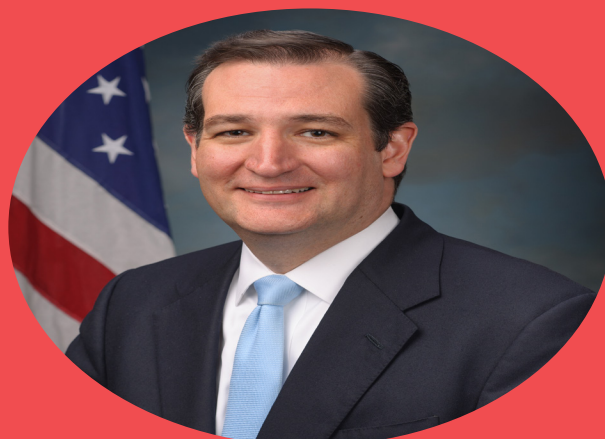
- *Cut Department of Education way, way down. We spend more per student than any other nation.
- *Common Core is a disaster.

Foreign Policy:

- *Diplomacy & respect crucial to our relationship with Russia.
- *Putin has no respect for America; I will get along with him.
- *We must deal with the maniac in North Korea with nukes.
- *China is our enemy; they’re bilking us for billions.
- *When you love America, you protect it with no apologies.
- *Too risky to take in Syrian refugees.
- *Let Russia bash ISIS; let Germany defend Ukraine.
- *Provide economic assistance to create a safe zone in Syria.

Immigration:

- *No apology for banning Muslims from entering America.
- *Need to keep database of Muslim refugees.



Ted Cruz

“Reigniting the Promise of America”

States Won: Iowa, Alaska, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Maine, Idaho.

Quotes: “The real winner is the conservative grass-roots, who propelled us to an outright victory in Iowa and a far stronger result in New Hampshire than any would have predicted. Now we go on to South Carolina. ... That was the result all of us were told was impossible.”

“If you vote for me, under no circumstances will Iran be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. And if the ayatollah doesn’t understand that, we may have to help introduce him to his 72 virgins.”

“I am confident that if we put in the hard work we can, as Ronald Reagan did in the 1980s, rebuild our military so it will be so feared by our enemies and trusted by our allies that, God willing, we won’t have to use it. That is the essence of what President Reagan used to call ‘peace through strength.’”

Campaign Issues:

Education:

- *Right to education: public, private, charter, or homeschool.
- *Local control of education instead of Common Core.
- *Denounce the Common Core State Standards.

Immigration:

- *Led the fight to defeat the Reid-Schumer amnesty bill.
- *FactCheck: Yes, Bill Clinton deported 12M illegal aliens.
- *Build a wall instead of massive amnesty plan.
- *Enforce the law against millions of illegals currently here.
- *Illegals are an economic calamity for low-wage Americans.

Foreign Policy:

- *Under Hillary’s leadership, every region of world is worse.
- *Fighting ISIS is more important than fighting Assad.
- *If Mideast strongmen still in power, better for US interests.
- *US should not engage in nation building in Afghanistan.
- *Don’t let world courts bind American sovereignty.

Zootopia sets new standard

By Myra Crosby
Staff Writer

With bright colors, appealing characters, and a dose of social commentary, *Zootopia* is well executed and worth seeing for Disney fans of all ages.

Disney's *Zootopia* takes place in a world where humans never happened, and mammals of all kinds fill the niche humans would have. The story focuses on Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin), a rookie rabbit police officer determined to prove herself, who ends up working with small-time con-artist fox, Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman), in order to get to the bottom of several mysterious disappearances in the city of Zootopia. With Judy's job on the line and only 24 hours to solve the case, the unlikely pair risk everything to get to the bottom of the crime.

The visuals and animation of the movie are excellent—realistic lighting, strong focus, and bright, pleasant colors keep one watching. The citizens of Zootopia have the charm we've come to expect from Disney, with a balance of fluid movement, caricature, and behaviors of the real-life animal being

portrayed.

The movie also shows a strong feeling of distrust and upset between the predator and prey animals, particularly from prey animals towards predator animals. This distrust and even hatred of Zootopia's minority predator population, from Judy's parents telling her to avoid predators in the city, to parents pulling children closer in the presence of tigers or foxes, is a clear metaphor for distrust and discrimination in real life, which teaches young watchers to not judge based on appearances or stereotypes.

An entertaining and visually appealing movie, *Zootopia* is well worth seeing in theaters. Younger audiences are especially thrilled by the animated characters, but the appeal extends to all age groups. *Zootopia* is PG and makes a perfect movie to bring younger family members to.



Inspiring true story about a man named Eddie

By Haley James
Editor

Eddie the Eagle is based on the true story of a British underdog ski jumper, Eddie Edwards (Taron Egerton), who dreamed about joining the Olympics. The only problem was he wasn't talented at any sports. He tried just about every sport, and tried to master it. He finally found something he really enjoyed

which was ski jumping.

This movie is definitely a feel good movie, showing that you should never give up on something you really want. Eddie was always told he couldn't do it, but all that mattered was he believed in himself. Eddie charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics. He did very well, and people were amazed at his dedication to become

the best.

I enjoyed this movie, but I wouldn't recommend seeing it in theaters. It's more of a stay-at-home-and-watch-on-the-TV movie. However, it's a good family movie as there aren't any inappropriate scenes. If you want to watch an inspirational, cheerful, true story, then I would definitely recommend you to go see this movie.

A Race to remember

By Kelly Wright
Editor

First off, if you do not know the story of Jesse Owens, here is a little briefing before you read this review. Owens (an African-American athlete) won four gold medals in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, long jump, and the 4x100 relay in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin amidst rampant racism in Germany.

Directed by Stephan Hopkins, *Race* follows Owens' (Stephan James) life, starting with his humble beginnings in Cleveland, to his career at Ohio State, concluding with his dominance in the '36 Olympic Games. The film also follows the storyline of the woman who filmed the games, Leni Riefenstahl (Carice Van Houten). The film also explores the endeavors of Avery Brundage (Jeremy Irons), a representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee who controversially negotiated with The Nazi Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels. Aside from the athletics

and strong political influence, *Race* actually features some romantic storylines that act as a good distraction from the aforementioned political and athletic influences. However, not even the romance goes without controversy.

Be forewarned, the film does use occasional racial slurs and foul language, but their inclusion creates a much more authentic feel to what it was like during the time period.

This film (Rated PG-13) had absolutely left nothing on the table as far as my standards go, with a 10/10 rating tacked onto it. Most of that rating comes from the cinematography in the film, which was absolutely phenomenal, as the races and jumps were displayed with the utmost authenticity. As far as the acting goes, it was alright, but overall it still gets a 10/10 in my book. And one last thing: If you're a sports and/or history buff, race on over to the movie theater before it comes to a stop, it's more than worth the money.



God's of Egypt will leave you intrigued

By Jo Ella King

Editor

The survival of mankind hangs in the balance when Set (Gerard Butler), the merciless god of darkness, steals Egypt's throne and plunges the prosperous empire into chaos and conflict.

Hoping to save the world and rescue his true love, a defiant mortal named Bek (Brenton Thwaites) forms an unlikely alliance with the powerful god Horus (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau). Their battle against Set and his henchmen takes them into the afterlife and across the heavens for an epic confrontation.

I would rate this movie a four out of five stars. With watching a movie on the history and mythological gods, it's helpful to have background knowledge so you can keep up, but it isn't necessary in order to know what is happening. It's full of

suspense and romance.

One of the things to love about GOE is its adaptation of Egyptian mythology. For example, it includes the battle between the gods Set and Horus, but adds in the help of mortals to fight battles for the greater well-being of mankind.

A downfall in this type of fantasy action movies is the graphics. The director Alex Proyas spent a great deal of money on the production of this movie, but regarding some of the creatures and backgrounds for some scenes, the graphics could have been done better.

Overall, the story line is one that is interesting for all ages above 13, considering that this movie is rated PG-13, but it's interesting enough to keep you on your toes throughout the plot of the movie.



Stars Above: satisfying end to series

By Hannah Pylant

Staff Writer

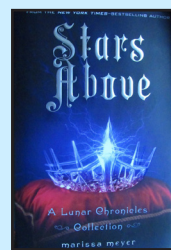
Marissa Meyer is back with the newest edition to the Lunar Chronicles book series. *Stars Above* is a compilation of nine separate stories related to the five other books in the series. Most of the stories are about the childhoods of your favorite characters.

For those of you who have NOT read the series, a basic synopsis would be this: in the distant future, a brave cyborg, Cinder, and a few friends she meets throughout the series set out to take down the evil queen of Luna, or the moon. The entire series is jam-packed with adventure, humor, and even a little romance. You should definitely read the five books in the series before reading *Stars Above*.

One of best aspects of *Stars Above* is that it goes back and explains questions that the fans had. If you've read the other five books in the series, you probably had quite a few questions your-

self. The compilation of stories in this book answers a lot of them.

For example, "The Keeper" is the story of Michelle Benoit and Cinder and how she got involved in that fiasco. The story explains how Cinder was turned into a cyborg, who brought her there and why, and how she kept the secret from her granddaughter. The story was really detailed and captured emotions very well. Of course, Marissa Meyer's books always do.



The other part of this book that Lunar Chronicles fans will enjoy is the last of the nine stories, "Something Old, Something New". This story focuses on what happens after *Winter*. It was absolutely amazing! Meyer wrapped the series up so well, it was mind blowing! Let's just say if you were hoping for a happy ending, you got one.

Overall this book was very good and anyone who liked the other books will love this one.

Allegiant: the movie NOT to see

By Jo Ella King

Editor

Tris (Shailene Woodley) must escape with Four (Theo James) and journey beyond the wall that encloses Chicago. For the first time, they leave the only city and family they have ever known in order to find a peaceful solution. Once outside, they learn shocking new truths that render old discoveries meaningless. As the ruthless battle threatens humanity, Tris and Four quickly decide who to

trust in order to survive.

Intrigued? Don't be. You thought maybe the old caste system that divided the city into five factions (Erudite, Abnegation, Candor, Dauntless, and Amity) died with Jeanine. Joke's on you. David's got his own system (leader of the outside world community), which basically turns his new plan into the same old plan we had before with worse screenwriting, lousier acting, and tortoise-pacing and way cheesier computer effects. Although I

have not read the book, I've seen the first two movies, and I believe the continuation of this movie series is pointless.

Director Robert Schwentke and his trio of writers haven't given us a single reason to hang around for the last installment, due out next year and laughably called *Ascendant* — ironic, considering the only place the soon forgotten series is going is down.



Dawgs of War go back to the Dome

By **Joey Sims**
Staff Writer

With coach Chad Ripke leading the way to a state title last year, the wrestling team tried to repeat, but ended up taking ninth overall in state as a team. The team planned on bringing 10 competitors and 2 alternates, but after a serious knee injury at the regional tournament to senior Peyton Smetana, the athletes competing dropped to 9.

Many of the wrestlers were first time competitors that have never stepped foot into the Tacoma Dome let alone compete. Seniors Christian Goldbach and Braden Stejer, junior Zach Hyta and sophomores Brandon Iris and Logan Holt were all first competitors. Seniors Sebastian Hyta and Joey Sims, junior JJ Iltz and sophomore Hunter Nees were all returning veterans of the State 1A Tournament.

On Friday, February 19, state started with a 16 man bracket. Then after 4 total rounds the total number of wrestlers dropped

to 9. Winning 2 matches on Friday guaranteed the wrestlers a placing at state. Holt and Sebastian Hyta won their first two matches earning a spot on the state podium.

Goldbach, Sims, Nees and Iris each finished 2-1 after the first day, moving them onto day 2. Stejer, Zach Hyta and Iltz all lost two matches, knocking them out of state.

The second day of state was placing matches. Even if a wres-

tler doesn't win a single match on Saturday they will still finish

in eighth, placing them on the podium, which is an accomplishment for most. With lots of tough matches ending in heartbreak and excitement, the Scotties ended without a repeat on their state title.



Courtesy of Robyn Doloughan

They still ended with 6 state placers. Goldbach took eighth place at 152 lbs.,

Sims at 285 lbs. and Iris at 182 lbs. each placed seventh, Nees at 120 lbs. finished fifth, Holt at 106 lbs. finished second, and the state champ was Sebastian Hyta at 195 lbs.

No walks, balks, or bunts about it

By **Kelly Wright**
Editor

If any of you follow Freeman baseball, you're probably aware of junior pitcher McKabe Cottrell. Just to gauge how good Cottrell is, he holds or is tied for every FHS pitching record. Just some of those include the lowest Earned Run Average (ERA) in a season with a 0.787 mark, most strikeouts in a season with 116 K's (previous record was 82), as well as the most wins in a season, with 9.

On top of all those records, Cottrell holds a pair of very impressive accolades: a 1st team All-NEA Pitcher selection his freshman year and earning the NEA Most Valuable Player Award as a sophomore.

To get extra reps during the summer, Cottrell pitches for the Spokane Cannons American Legion team.

"With the work we put in over the winter and summer, it'd be tough to accept anything less than a state championship," Cottrell

said.

Cottrell relies more on his changeup and curve to get outs rather than just over-powering hitters (his fastball only averages 84 MPH), which has proven time and again to get batters O-U-T. Cottrell is also off to a good start getting people out, with a perfect 0.000 ERA, a 4-0 record, 45 K's, and 2 saves to boot.

Cottrell is also off to a pretty good start with the bat this year, with a .519 Batting Average, two homers, 7 2B's, and 14 knocks overall this season. He is currently second on the team in runs scored, RBIs, and walks. So as far as playing on a D-1 level goes, there's as little doubt there as the probability that you're going to inhale and exhale today. On a similar note, Cottrell has verbally committed to The University of Gonzaga.

With all of these amazing accolades and statistics being racked up, Cottrell has understandably received simple, but high praise from head coach Chad Ripke.

"McKabe is a hard worker," Ripke said.

"He is good because he has worked hard to get where he is now as a baseball player, which has been achieved through his fantastic work ethic."

To simply sum it up, Cottrell is one heck of a ball player.



Courtesy of Jim Foutch

Maine getting a good grip in golf

By Megan Frye
Staff Writer

Junior Ryan Maine was around five years old when he first started playing golf.

"Before I first started," Maine said, "I watched my brother and dad play all the time, and I wanted to be as good as them."

He always loved that golf challenged him. And because of that, Maine is ecstatic about the season.

"It's going to be so much fun," Maine said. "I know we are going to have a big year."

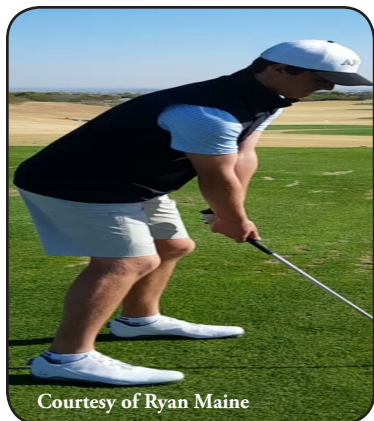
Every day he is on the course, practicing as much as he can.

"I always want to give my best," Maine explained of his dedication to the sport. "I know that no one will ever be perfect, and there is always room for improvement."

This big time golfer has a few major events under his belt. He has competed in the AJGA Junior at Centennial in Oregon, the Ryan Moore AJGA tournament, been a junior PGA qualifier, and has gone to state every year of high school. Maine's biggest event was golfing in San Diego for the junior amateur's tournament.

After all of these years golfing, he definitely expects to make it to state again this year, and possibly the next.

"We have a great team so," Maine said. "I know the season will be great."



Courtesy of Ryan Maine

Track team's stars are ready to compete

By Joey Sims
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With the track and field team starting both the boy's and girl's teams are very excited for the season to begin and to make a run to the state competition.

Returning senior Christian Goldbach started pole vaulting as a freshman. Since then, he's spent his summers participating in many training camps and improving his skills. Goldbach has gone from jumping 10 feet as a freshman to getting upward of almost 13 feet as a senior. He plans to get to 14 feet by the state competition.

Coming off a successful season in both football and wrestling, Goldbach is ready to keep his good seasons going competing in not only pole vault but javelin, long jump and shot-put. His main event of pole vault gives him goals to have his hard work and practice finally pay off.

"Pole vaulting takes courage, a little bit of stupidity and you just have to put it all on the line when you jump," Goldbach said. "Being in the air swinging up and just seeing sky and no ground, feels like a roller coaster turning your stomach."

Junior Alyssa Zimmerman also has set her goal for state. Participating in Cross Country during the fall, she is a prime long distance runner for the



Courtesy of Jim Foutch

team. Zimmerman has already seen the state competition and knows the high stakes of the state tournament. Not only does Zimmerman do the 400

meter dash and the 100 meter dash she also participates in the team's 4 x 400 meter run. Which means that she not only has a chance to win state as an individual but also with her team of three other girls.

"I have worked hard up to this point training and getting better every day I could," Zimmerman stated. "Running is something I love to do and something I want to do for my whole life."

Although the track and field team is filled with lots of strong and exciting individuals that

plan on making it to state this year, Goldbach and Zimmerman are two to watch for in the coming months.



Photo by Joey Sims

Nicolas Franz aiming for state

By Brynn Van Orden

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Senior Nicolas Franz has been playing tennis since he was in sixth grade.

"I love the game," Franz said. "Everything is just so fluid, and once you get it it's like a chess game, it's all about strategy."

He is going on his fourth year playing tennis for Freeman and he is excited for the season.

"I'm excited to see the new incoming freshman and I'm ready to win, dominate and hopefully make it to state," Franz said. "I want to improve every aspect of my game



this season."

Although Franz is not planning to play tennis in college, he said "I don't see myself playing tennis in college, but I will always

play tennis because I love the game."

Franz is planning to attend the University of Washington in the fall, but is open to going to Berkley.

Franz is loved by all of his teammates, coaches and is always working hard at practice.

"He has a positive attitude, arrives at practice ready to work, and is generally the last one to leave," coach Cathy Lee said.

Franz plays tennis at the Spokane Racquet Club twice a week and is ready to crush the competition this year, so go out and watch the four year tennis star.

Stacy Johnson swinging into the season



By Brynn Van Orden

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Junior Stacy Johnson has been playing tennis since freshman year.

"I decided to join the tennis team freshman year," Johnson said.

The decision has paid off as Johnson earned the number one in singles spot this season.

"I'm excited to hang out with my friends and play the game I love," Johnson said.

Johnson is not only a great tennis player, she is also a great teammate.

"Stacy is a leader on and off the court," freshman Savannah Sousa said. "She is always encouraging people to do their best and telling people that they will do good no matter what."

She is ready to crush the competition but is still working on improving her game.

"I need to improve my serve and be more consistent," Johnson said.

Johnson doesn't see a future with tennis other than recreational tennis. If you want to see her kill it on the court, then go watch the number one girl in one of her matches this season.

Summer Bandits little league player starts her senior softball season

By Grace Tesch

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Summer league little league player, senior Kelsie Fricke hits off her last year playing softball.

"The best thing about playing softball is I honestly just really enjoy the sport," Fricke said. "It pleases me to know that it takes an entire team to get something done."

Fricke has been playing softball for Freeman since 7th grade.

"Before I started playing at Freeman, I did a lot of little league teams," Fricke said. "I played on Rockford and Sum-

mer Bandit teams."

This softball season, Fricke's goal for the season is to make it to state.

"That is what are team is hoping for," Fricke said. "I hope we can achieve the goal."

To achieve that goal, she is excited for new coach Scott Carolan.

"For this season, I'm excited for the new coach and his coaching style," Fricke said. "I can't wait to see what he can do for this team."

One of Fricke's best memories playing softball was last season during a game at Kettle Falls.

"One time, my teammates Casey Christiansen and Asriel Lynn ran into each other," said Fricke. "Casey Christiansen got her tooth knocked out."

To make soft ball possible you need an entire team.

"For my teammates even though there are times that we don't get along," Fricke said. "We still manage to come together and learn how to work as a team by the end of the season."

