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Fitting in at a new school

By **Hannah Storro**
Staff Writer

High school is a place where kids can start off fresh and make new memories. Freeman's small, rural location draws new students each year whether new to the district or choosing in from the city.

Making friends is easy because you basically will get to meet everyone here at Freeman. Moving to a new school is scary at first, but later you realize that it will turn out to be good.

People usually worry about how will they make friends; will they laugh at me? Yeah, I would freak out too about that since its new and all. At first, you'll just be by yourself. Trying to make new friends is hard for some people that are shy, then there are others that can easily talk with new people. It's really not hard since you can make friends in sports and school activities like clubs.

"People were really friendly," sophomore Sam Herald said of coming to Freeman this year.

It's hard to adjust to a new environment that you don't understand and it'll take time to adjust. New kids usually don't talk much for a while but then will gradually start to talk a lot more with people. Teachers are really friendly showing a new kid around and sometimes are the kid's first friendly face at their new school. Making new friends is hard but it'll turn out well with them.



Photo by JoElla King

Junior Dakota Theide has found a place after his transfer from University High to Freeman.

"Way better than U-High," junior Dakota Thiede said.

Another concern for transitioning to a new school for students is participating in sports. Sometimes new students worry more about sports than friends because they want to play on a good team.

"It was smaller and I didn't think the sports were going to be good," freshman Andrew McGill said.

Some people moved because they were bullied or didn't appreciate their school. Moving can be a good thing for kids when they want a fresh start. Kids that move schools will usually do it because their parents said so or they decided they wanted to move schools. Other kids that appreciate their school probably won't be willing to move and don't want to leave their friends. They all have their differences in what they think about moving schools.

"Everyone seemed fake; the respect level is no bullying," Thiede said.

Freeman is a nice school to come to and everyone finds making friends easy and always welcoming to new kids. Kids will always be worried about what people will think of them or if they will like them at all. Everyone have those worries since people are always talking about at least someone either in a good way or bad way. Some don't have problems with school, making friends, or socializing which is good.

Freeman's Wrestlers go out with a bang!

Chad Ripke
Head Coach

The wrestling season finished in a fashion very fitting for this senior group, with a state championship. This senior group was the most successful group to go through in Freeman history. They have 3 league titles to their credit, as well as 3 district championships, 2 regional championships, 2 academic state championships, and winning the first State Team Title in Freeman History. The wrestling program had never brought home a trophy until this year, but this year the team led from start to finish at the state tournament. 12 seniors are saying good bye to the wrestling program, but they surely have left their stamp on the program. The state title was result of a whole team working together for one common purpose and goal. From the guys that competed at



Photo courtesy of Chad Ripke

The seniors celebrate their first place finish.

state to the guys that didn't make it to state, to the guys that didn't even get a chance to compete in the post season. Everyone had a hand in the team winning a state championship.

Photo courtesy of Chad Ripke



Wrestlers celebrate taking the 1A State Championship, a first for the program.

State Placers- What was the best part of this season?

Derek Trumble (7th)- My best part of the season was clearly winning state, but I really like the brotherhood we developed.

Konner Forshag (6th)- I'm really excited about having two rings now.

Preston Hoppman (6th)- Winning state with my brothers.

Isaiah Crane (4th)- Showing up to practice and watching Gabel and Smith mess with Coach Allen.

Billy Sims (4th)- Hanging out and competing at the state championship.

Peyton Smetana (4th)- The brotherhood or kinmanship that was developed. Shoutout to Mrs. O'Connor for naming the kinmanship.

Teigan Glidewell (3rd)- Winning state with the brothers I grew up with. Our annual run to the canyon and watching Bram and Derek's match; it was a lot of fun.

Sebastian Hyta (2nd)- The bus rides, just being with the teammates. Working with the team before state was a close contender. But team bonding before practice was the best.

Markus Goldbach (1st)- Wrestling at the last practice with Sebastian.

Also Placed:

Hunter Nees (8th), Bram Schweiger (8th), Noah Vetter (4th)

Saeger expresses talent in Fashion Show



Photo by Kori Thurman

The models join Saeger onstage at the end of the show to celebrate her accomplishment in thier final looks.

By Kori Thurman
Staff Writer

There are so many things that someone could do for their senior project. Some people find it hard to find something to do their project on, others find it very easy. However, Senior Lexi Saeger had no problem with finding her perfect project: creating her own fashion show.

"I started to become most interested in fashion in 8th grade," Saeger explained.

So when she found out she needed to do a senior project, using her love of fashion was an obvious choice.

"It had to be something that I was very involved in," she explained. "I thought that showing my talent would be the best idea."

There are many extraordinary people in the fashion industry. Many who have incredible talent, but Saeger has one designer that she looks up to the most.

"I really look up to Betsey Johnson," Saeger said, smiling. "She just has such a unique sense of style, and I love that." Johnson is best known for her feminine and whimsical designs.

Saeger did say that there were

some hard challenges while whipping up this fashion show.

"I have faced some challenges such as finding models and organizing," Saeger explained. "The easiest things are getting clothing, since I already own everything."

Saeger was very relieved that something didn't bust a seem.

"I am glad that all the models showed up." Saeger said.

For Saeger's show, she had 20 models that all showed off her extremely impressive creations. One of her 20 models, Shayna Nickerson, was very excited to be in the show.

"I was very excited to help Lexi," Nickerson explained.

She really enjoyed the design that she modeled.

"What I was wearing was very pretty, I really liked it." Nickerson said.

"My favorite part of the show was the final walkout. It went very smoothly." She said feeling accomplished.

Lexi is definitely proud of herself and how hard she has worked on this challenging, but impressive project. Saeger has learned so much from this experience.

"Organization is key!" she ended.

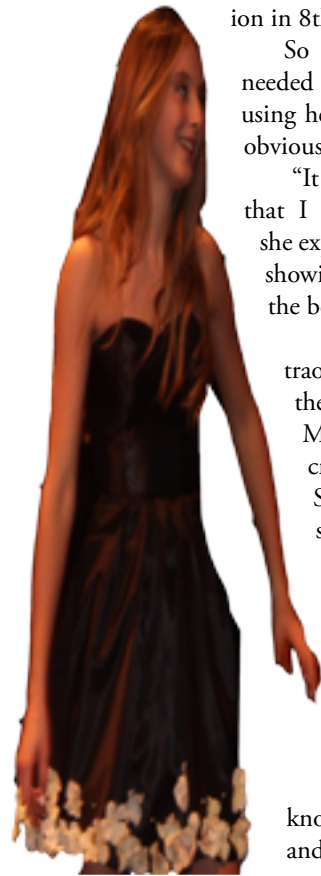


Photo by Kori Thurman

Freshman Marly Pratt models a dress Saeger altered for last fall's Homecoming.



Photo by Kori Thurman

Freshman Shayna Nickerson modeling a dress Saeger made for her first pattern.

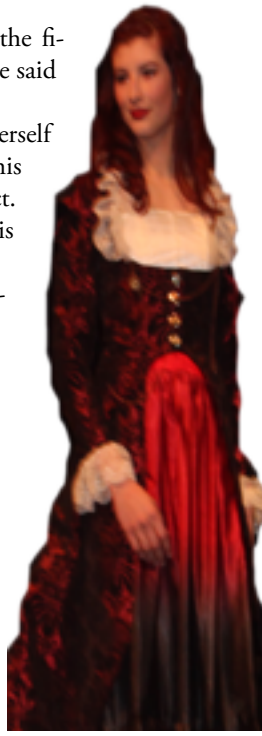


Photo by Kori Thurman

Senior Jami Pratt wearing an original Saeger design made for Sadie Hawkins.

Freeman's Pratt named Lilac Princess



Photo courtesy of Jami Pratt

All of the Lilac Princess before tea etiquette training.

By Ileanna Hansen
Staff Writer

1940 marked the inaugural year for the Lilac Festival. Since then many Lilac Princesses have come and gone, but now we have someone from very close to home: senior Jami Pratt.

Hansen: What made you decide to try out for the Lilac Princess?

Pratt: The support from so many teachers and staff members at Freeman motivated me to try out for Lilac Royalty along with my mom. Once I found out what the Lilac Association stood for—Honoring our Military, Recognizing our Youth, and Showcasing our Region—I was all in!

Hansen: What steps did you have to take to become a Lilac Princess?

Pratt: First, I had to qualify to be the candidate to represent Freeman. Only one female senior student with a GPA above 3.0 can be sent from each school in the Spokane area. After that, we all completed a biography of ourselves and went through a 15 minute interview. From that interview, fourteen girls were chosen (known as the Fab-14). We went through trainings and did community service meanwhile preparing for coronation. We would have one day of judging and then the next night we would say our memorized speech and the court

would be crowned.

Hansen: What upcoming events will you be in?

Pratt: The court is looking forward to a lunch with Mayor Condon, a tea party at the YMCA over the weekend, and, hopefully, community service with City Gate or Blessings under the Bridge. Don't forget, the Jr. Lilac Parade is May 9 and the Lilac Festival Armed Forces Torchlight Parade is May 16!

Hansen: How did you feel when you won?

Pratt: Ecstatic! It was amazing to know that all of my hard work had paid off and I that I was lucky enough to be chosen. We had been repeatedly reminded that if it was different judges and a different day then there could be a totally different outcome. It has been amazing to have this opportunity.

Hansen: What is the best part about being a Lilac Princess?

Pratt: Giving back to the community; we have done so much for Spokane in my time on the Fab-14 and on the court. I am finding out about wonderful programs that I hadn't even known existed. We have done Santa Express to benefit the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, Clothe-a-Child, visited nursing homes and veteran's homes, participated in Operation Cookie Drop to cheer up military personnel on Fairchild Air Force Base and so much more. I also love the family aspect that the Lilac Association gives. We all support each other.

Hansen: Anything you would like to add?

Pratt: Try out for Lilac! It is an amazing program and association that benefits Spokane so much. I am so proud to be a part of it and, as they say, the more the merrier!



Photo courtesy of Jami Pratt

Right before Family Night (basically a coronation night without being judged or knowing who made the court). Pratt received the Family Night Scholarship.

An Art of Motion Dream- Conley takes parkour

By Arianna Hoisington
Staff Writer

Junior Dalton Conley started parkour- a sport of moving rapidly through an area, jumping climbing, and negotiating obstacles- seven months ago. First seeing it on YouTube videos, Conley found parkour extremely interesting and decided to check it out in the Spokane area. After looking at some local gyms, Conley decided to go to Spokane Gymnastics where he met his good friend and trainer, Coach Tucker.

In parkour, it can be a little dangerous, but Conley said that he likes to keep it safe, with no dangerous tricks because an injury will stop his training.

"A sore ankle and wrist is the worst injury that I have gotten," Conley explained.

He also went on to add that his favorite part of parkour is "the freedom of movement and overcoming obstacles."

One of Conley's biggest accomplishments is becoming a coach after three months of being at Spokane Gymnastics. This was important to him because of the inspiration of coach Tucker, who helped him get to where he is today by coaching him hard, and never giving up on him.

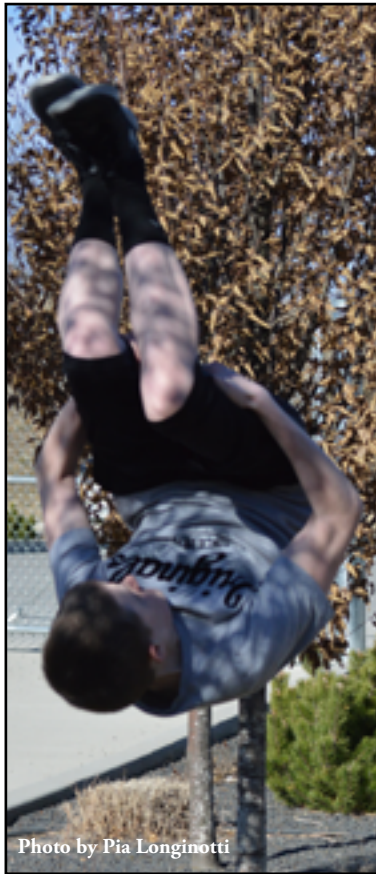
For a future job, Conley wants to become a professional free-runner, which is a part of parkour, and hopefully be sponsored by the top, which is Red Bull Art of Motion. But if he can't be sponsored by them, he said that it could be anybody. If that doesn't work, he said that he would still continue coaching parkour. Motivation is important, and Conley's motivation is starring on TV.

"One day I will hopefully be on Red Bull's Art of Motion, be famous on TV, and on YouTube," Conley explained.

Conley went on to add that he "encourages people to try it out!" And if you want to see Conley live, he practices Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Spokane Gymnastics.

"It may sound boring, but I really encourage people to try it out," Conley added.

If wanting to try it out this sport, Spokane Gymnastics offers lessons Monday through Friday, and not only is parkour a new sport, it is extremely fun!



Conley takes a few free moments at school to practice some of his new tricks, including a front flip.



Photo by Pia Longinotti

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Softball is more than just a sport for Schultz

By Hanna Hansen
Staff Writer

Every year, senior Josie Schultz looks forward to one thing the most, and that is when softball season approaches. For the past four years, Schultz has played her heart out for the Scotties varsity team as a shortstop and second baseman.

Schultz said it's her favorite sport because she has played it for the longest time and just overall enjoys it the most. She is really excited for the upcoming season.

"The thing I look forward to most for this upcoming season is the wonderful freshmen that are coming up," she said. "I'm also really looking forward to the new uniforms."

Due to the number of seniors in the lineup, Schultz foresees that they will work really well as a team because they will be comfortable out on the field together.

"I think that our team this year will have a lot of strengths, like a lot of speed," Schultz said. "I also think that experience will be a strength because of all the seniors who have played together for a while. I don't think we will have any weaknesses."

She has already set many goals for herself as well for her upcoming season as a senior.

"I want to break records, and make it to state this year as a senior," Schultz explained. "The main records I want to break are to have the highest career batting average, highest season batting average, and to have the most hits in a career."

From speaking to some of the players that have played with



Schultz hits a line drive past the infield at a varsity home game.

continue her journey as a softball player after high school.

"I'm playing at Spokane Falls Community College to get some experience and then hopefully transferring later on."

Schultz wants to continue to play after high school because she is still enjoying the sport immensely, and hasn't gotten tired of it yet.

"I am excited to play for the Spokane Falls coach and team as well," Schultz added.

Schultz, they all say that she adds many important assets to the varsity softball team.

"I really like playing with Josie because she has extremely strong leadership skills, and she is super nice," senior Asriel Lynn said. "I don't think I've ever heard a mean word come out of her mouth. Josie is just an all-around great player; she definitely brings things to this team like her hitting skills. She is a really, really strong hitter."

According to sophomore Helen Forman, Schultz brings strong leadership and amazing skills.

"She is very motivating, and is well-rounded so she keeps our offense and defense strong," Forman said.

Schultz has played softball for 11 years and

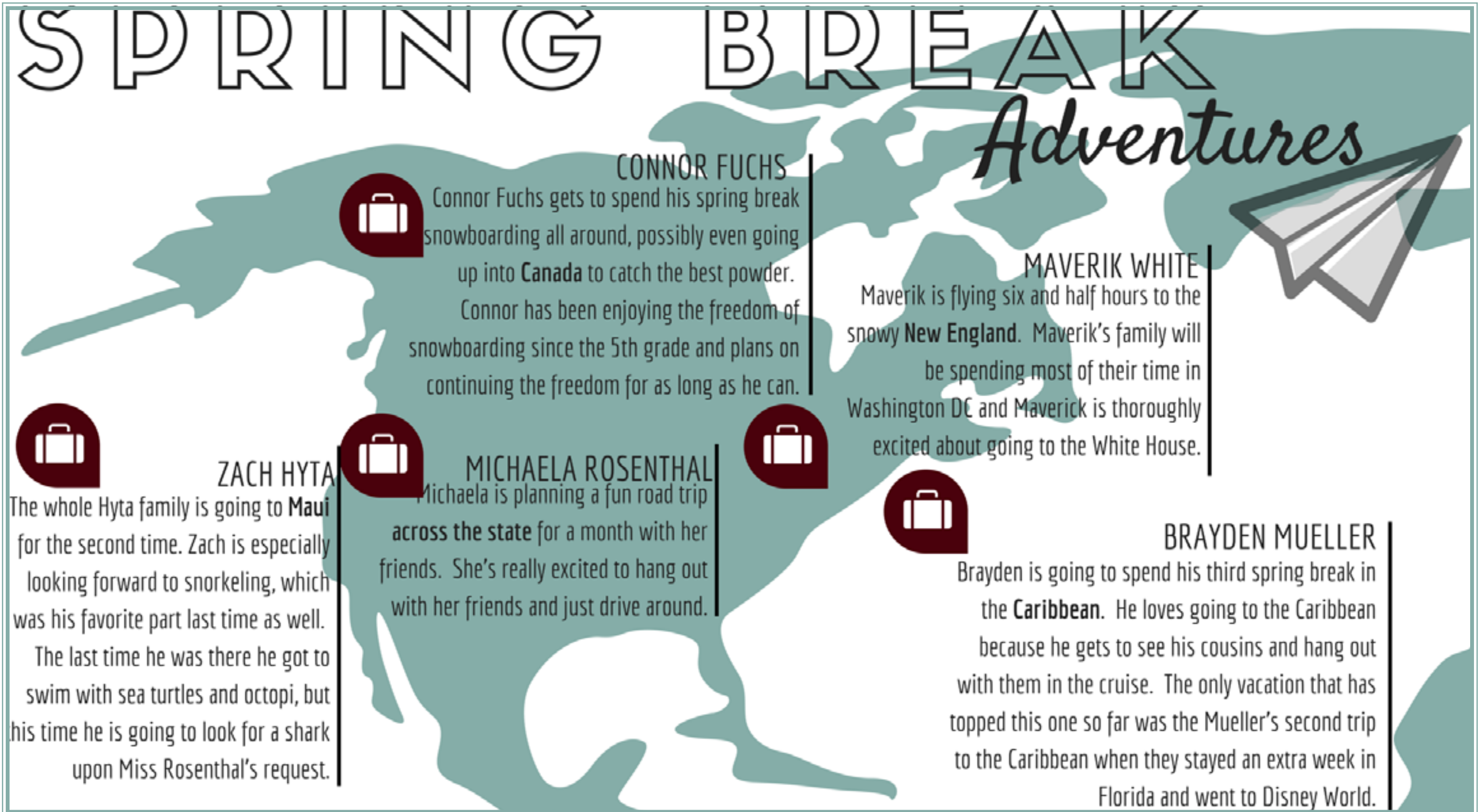


Schultz hustles to catch a flying ball while playing shortstop.

Softball Tidbits

- Softball is now played on every continent with more than 100 countries now active members of the International Softball Federation.
- Every fastpitch game of the 1996 Olympics was a sellout.
- Softball was invented in 1887 by George Hancock, a journalist for the Chicago Board of Trade. He designed the game to be a form of indoor baseball to be played during the winter.
- For fastpitch and slowpitch, games are 7 innings long.
- There are nine total positions on a softball field.
- The original softball was a rolled up boxing glove.
- Softball was originally intended to be an indoor sport. This is why there is a shorter distance between bases in softball compared to baseball.
- The original game of softball was played with a 16 in ball that was soft enough that there was no need for gloves.

Infographic by Hanna Hansen



Sophomore Krell makes music at Freeman

By JoElla King
Staff Writer

Freeman is filled with talented individuals; sophomore Justin Krell is one of them. Krell has been singing for quite some time.

“When I was 7 years- old my parents made me do kid choir at church, and then later I started singing and playing piano on the worship team,” Krell explained.

Krell later worked on developing his piano skills.

“In the 5th grade I started taking lessons from my friend’s mom, and later from another teacher in Spokane.”

Although Krell enjoys singing and listening to music, his taste is specific.

“I like to sing and listen to any kind of music except for metal, and things like that,” Krell explained. “Ed Sheeran, Michael Bublé, Bruno Mars, Boyce Avenue, and One Direction because it makes me feel like I could be famous like that.”

Singing takes a lot of courage, especially when getting in front of large groups of people.

“I’m confident in my singing but there are a lot of things I could work on,” Krell said modestly. “The largest crowd I’ve sung to was 4- or 500 people at karaoke at a theme park.”

Krell could be the next heart-breaking heart-throb such as the famous Justin Bieber.

“I don’t care who I sing too, I like singing in church or in front of larger crowds, also attractive girls.”



Photo by JoElla King

Justin Krell takes advantage of an empty choir room to practice piano before school most days.

Krell is aware that it is a hard career lifestyle to pursue in the future.

“I think it would be cool to have a job in the music field but I’m not counting on it. I might be a worship pastor or something.”

Sophomore Skylar Yackel has been friends with Krell since Middle School.

“In the 8th grade, I heard him singing ‘Baby’ by Justin Bieber. It wasn’t great but I knew something was there,” Yackel said of Krell’s singing.

Practice makes perfect for any singer, “He’s progressed so much; I can now

bear hearing him”, Yackel joked.

Yackel claimed that he could see Krell pursuing music, “There’s nothing else I could see him doing.”

They both share a passion for music, and want to do it together.

“I love music... He loves music, put two and two together and it will always go upward from there.”

The two of them both hope to make music together some time in the near future, because nothing is better than having fun doing what you love with your best friend.

FHS choir ‘Superior’ at music festival



Photo courtesy of Mark Wagner

Choir students earn a superior rating for their performance of ‘Bring Him Home’ from Les Miserables, ‘O Nata Lux’ by Tom Porter, and ‘Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel’ arranged by Roger Emerson.

By Danette Garcia
Choir Director

Shadel Park High School hosted choirs from the Northeastern Region of Washington in the Eastern Washington Music Educators Association Large Group Choir Festival, March 24-25. Each choir was adjudicated by three music professionals, receiving scores in 8 musical categories. After the performance, the choirs were led off-stage where they were required to sight read for a separate score and then had the privilege to work one-on-one with an adjudicator.

Freeman’s Encore Choir received a Superior rating for their performance. They also received the highest score for their sight reading skills.

Texting and Driving do’s and don’ts

By Kelly Wright
Staff Writer

Texting and Driving. As most of you know, it’s very dangerous. But there’s a lot more to it than that.

According to textinganddrivingsafety.com, the average text takes about five seconds. Sounds pretty quick and harmless right? Not exactly. In the time it takes to send that text, you travel the length of a football field. So a lot can actually happen in those five seconds.

According to drivinglaws.org, the fine for a first time offender in Washington is \$124. Junior Ian Johnston, however, thinks the fine should be about \$500 dollars because “drivers are putting other drivers at risk by texting and driving.” Johnston has been driving for about eight months now.

According to textinganddrivingsafety.com, about 1.6 million texting and driving accidents and 330,000 injuries happen every year.

Texting and driving is also the equivalent of driving after having 4 beers, so basically if you text and drive, you’re driving like a drunk person.

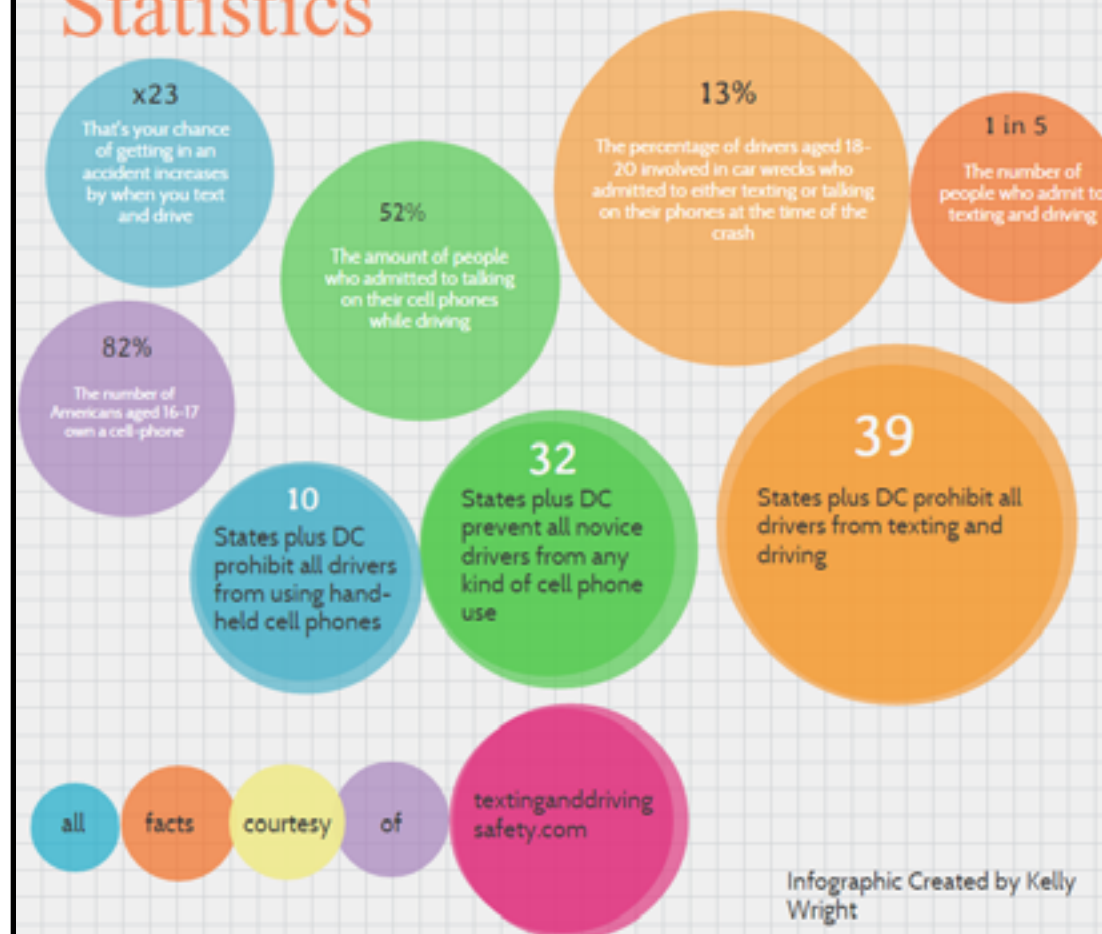
If those facts don’t convince you to turn off your phone when you drive, this will: according to fcc.gov, when you text and drive, your chances of getting in an accident multiply by 23. 23!!!!

Recently, states have passed laws that further restrict the use of cell phones. In fact, the new law states that all Washington drivers are prohibited from hand-held cell phone use, and any kind of cell phone use is prohibited for novice drivers.

“They are awesome,” Officer Ron Nye said of the new laws. “They will make the road a safer place.”

When asked what else can be done to stop texting and driving, Nye suggested that “there should be a device in a vehicle that automatically shuts down or disables cell phones.”

Texting and Driving Statistics



Infographic Created by Kelly Wright

Your Voice

What do you think about the new new texting and driving laws?

Freshman Jared Lara: “I disagree with it.”

Sophomore Tryston Keith: “I like it.”

Freshman Masson Kramer: “I feel like it would protect the people, but people should make their own mistakes.”

Junior Waylon Dashiell: “It’s good because people shouldn’t text and drive.”

Why has school spirit been lacking?

By Ruby Falciani
Editor

As the years go on, it has seemed like our school spirit has been drying out. It may be because there are jobs to answer to, homework piled on, general lack of interest, or simply just upperclassmen have seen this rodeo and have become bored. Whatever the reason, there is a call to action in order to save what little there is left of the high school experience. We tend to want to grow up too fast, then look back and regret

“I think school spirit has decreased since I was a freshman a ton,” junior Alexandria Tesch said. “Everything got more boring since my freshman year... Now that I’m at [Spokane Community College], I try to have school spirit but it’s so hard to keep up on everything that’s going on.”

Many students rarely attend events for the Freeman arts. Tesch only attended two drama plays her sophomore year because she wanted to see her friend perform. However, she has attended almost all sporting events—at least the ones that she knew about.

Unlike Tesch, senior and Running Start student Aly Doloughan has only been to one game this year: the Golden Garment.

“[There was] so much school spirit that it made me want to go to more games,” said Doloughan. “If the spirit in that game could be represented in [more games], then it would be more fun to go.”

School spirit has been dwindling due to the repetitive feel to school events, but there is a last hurrah in the seniors recently that has exposed how our school’s spirit should be seen all year round.

Seeing as Freeman is such a small school, our large gyms can throw off the look of just how many people show up, Athletic Director Brian Parisotto pointed out. Due to how small the crowd can look, and how tough it can be to draw a crowd in on days other than Friday during football season, Parisotto said “We need the student body along with the pep band, cheer, and parents to come and support all sports.”

Parisotto added that wrestling and volleyball this year were well supported and the last few basketball games had a great crowd turn-out.

However, there are still times when no one really knows for sure when events happen. Some of the blame for a disappointing turnout can go to the lack of student awareness of school events. Although there are daily announcements, honestly, they are often waved off by students because they are either working on homework they forgot or still trying to settle down from class starting. Often, there are posters on the wall that aren’t given enough attention by students whizzing by to their next class.

“I don’t think events are advertised much,” said Tesch. “My little sister is in high school and she has even a hard time knowing when events are.”

Contrary to that belief, there are multiple places for students to get information such as the readerboard, the daily announcements, the Freeman website, and the Friday Flyer. Much of the blame for lack of information goes to the students for not paying attention.

Not only is there a lack of knowing when, there is also a lack of wanting to go. Scott Moore said that part of the reason no one has much school spirit anymore is the commute it takes to get out to school. Once someone gets back to their home in the Valley or the South Hill, no one wants to drive all the way back out to show up for an event.

Tesch claimed that a lot of the events are becoming repetitive and that she sometimes doesn’t want to go to dances because other students are bored and often complain. Every year is the same game, same dance, and same feeling as the year before. There isn’t much to look forward to, especially when the upcoming year’s events are so predictable.

Every year there are an estimated six dances that occur. The major dances that always remain the same are Sadies, Homecoming, and Prom. Once you have already attended once or even twice, there isn’t much that will change next year. Sadies and prom,

of course, have the highest spirited attitude because who doesn’t love to get all dressed up? Homecoming has the remnant spirit left over from the, hopefully, big win of the Freeman football team. Other dances held here and there may differ in dates and dressing, but they never change in feeling. Mixers are those few dances that never really hold through to the end with the true Freeman Pride.

Not only is there a repetitive nature, but some people just don’t have the time to attend events even if they wanted to.

“I have noticed it at other schools as well,” Parisotto said. “Students have too many other things going on whether it is a job, homework, playing another sport. They have other options for entertainment.”

The age groups have a massive impact on which classes have the most spirit. Proving what Tesch stated, Parisotto noticed that freshmen and sophomores have more energy when they get to high school and it wears off as they move through high school. Seniors are often times looked up to by underclassmen and they set the tone for how freshmen observe how they are supposed to act.

“It is imperative the upper classmen, leadership, and class officers lead by example,” Parisotto said.

In agreement with Parisotto, Moore stated “there is less spirit in the freshmen at first because they don’t know what to expect. They are timid and nervous around the seniors. Once they get the feel for it, they really go for it!”

This is true. More often than it seems, upperclassmen and officers overlook their power in setting examples for the next Freeman generations and that power is neglected instead of being used to help the people that will take the place of 2015 classmen.

It is the duty of the upperclassmen to express how short time is for high school and that that time should be cherished because it’ll be over in the blink of an eye. Do not try to grow up too fast. Whether we like it or not, we are kids and we need to use this time to feel that freedom before it’s taken from us with a handshake and a diploma.

Ready to get involved? Check out a home sports match! (Schedules online at www.nealeague.org). Go to Prom (April 25)! Hang out at movie night (May 1). Create something at Art & Soul (May 13). Watch our drama class in Phantom of the Opera (May 20-21). Listen to your choir (June 1).

FBLA qualifies 26 for state, trying for Nationals

By Grace Tesch
Staff Writer

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) helps improve students’ abilities to achieve the business world more confidently and assertively.

“Not only can I convey a message that is important to me,” explained junior Ali Tesch, who took first place in Public Speaking 2, “but also, public speaking is an important tool that I will be able to use for the rest of my life.”

FBLA’s regional competition was held February 4 at East Point Church in Spokane Valley. 26 Freeman students qualified to compete at state during the event.

“FBLA has had so much impact on me,” said senior Jami Pratt, earning first place in Job Interview. “It really helped me with becoming a Lilac Princess, also my interview skills, and now when I apply for a job, I know how to do it.”

FBLA prepares students for real situations from résumés to public speaking all the way to digital design and promotion. Senior Addy Clark took advantage of her FBLA prep on her way to placing second in Job Interview.

“This summer, I got a job as a lifeguard where they hired me on spot after seeing my résumé,” Clark

explained. “FBLA has taught me how to make a good impression, to write a résumé and learn good communication skills.”

Current FBLA members are always willing to give advice to future members who want to succeed in future competitions.

“Don’t be afraid to try something new and to get out of your comfort zone,” freshman Shilo Stuart said. “Also, do not give up even though it may be hard at sometimes. With hard work, anything is possible. FBLA consists of a lot of hard work effort, dedication, and repetition.”

Consider joining FBLA and become part of an amazing organization where you will gain so much for your future.

“Advice for future members are to prepare ahead, way ahead of time,” Tesch offered. “You should also meet with Mr. Moore and most importantly have fun.”

A big congratulation goes out to the following 26 Freeman students who made it into the top 5 in their respective competition and will be heading to the state conference!

1st Place:

- Business Communication – Moriah Longhurst
- Business Math – Nathan Longhurst
- Creed – Helen Forman
- Digital Design and Promotion – The team of Moriah Longhurst and Alma Longhurst
- Digital Video Production – The team of Moriah Longhurst and Bethany Williams
- Future Business Leader – Bethany Williams
- Help Desk – Tristan Albrecht
- Introduction to Information Technology – Erick Flack
- Job Interview – Jami Pratt
- Public Speaking 1 – Shilo Stuart
- Public Speaking 2 – Ali Tesch
- Word Processing – Bethany Williams

2nd Place:

- 3D Animation – The team of Riley Langston and Austin Rokus
- Desktop Publishing – The team of Kayla Figler and Alma Longhurst
- Introduction to Business Communication – Nathan Longhurst
- Job Interview – Addy Clark
- Personal Finance – Brayden Aller
- Sales Presentation – Kaylee Fuchs
- 3rd Place:
- Business Law – Desi Thosath
- Business Presentation – The team of Nick Franz, Kaylee Fuchs and Heidi Hohmann
- Introduction to Business Communication – Desi Thosath

3rd Place:

- Desktop Publishing – Tristan Albrecht
- Business Calculations – Nick Franz
- Help Desk – Bradley Williams
- Introduction to Information Technology – Nathan Longhurst
- Management Decision Making – The team of Bobby Landoe, Odie Landoe and Tyler Waite

5th Place:

- Business Presentation – The team of Ben Mitchell and Shenoa Rush
- Management Decision Making – The team of Brayden Aller, Addy Clark and Megan Pater-noster
- Marketing – The team of Bobby Landoe, Odie Landoe and Tyler Waite



Photo courtesy of Asriel Lynn
The FBLA team after the regional competition at East Point church on Feb. 4.

YOUR GUIDE TO A STRESS-FREE

Promenade

Ladies

Obviously your first (and most stressful) step is to find the dress. Start early. The last thing you want to do is scramble to find a dress you end up hating. The best way to go about doing this is to get a group of your gal-pals, go everywhere and try everything on. Your never know you might find it at a shop on the corner rather than Davids Bridal. And remember you will only wear it once so don't spend an absurd amount.

To make sure you don't have to worry about those awful blemishes, get a facial a week before prom. Don't forget to drink tons of water. Water not only does wonders for your skin but it cuts your chances of being bloated. Also, if your getting your brows done, do it a few days before prom so your skin has time to heal.

When it comes to makeup, less is always more. Pick one aspect of your face to accentuate: Red lips and some natural toned eye shadow or smokey eye and natural lip. Too much and you'll send the wrong message.

Do your research on the best hair to pair with the neck line of your dress. For example if you have a strapless dress your best choice is half up or down. Also look into the best necklace for your dress.

Remember, its just a dance, breathe, relax. Have fun!

GENTLEMEN

Unless you already have a tux your best option is a rental. if the price physically pains you, just remember, your lady date is spending between \$100 to upwards of \$500 so it could be worse.

Prom is not an inexpensive adventure. Start saving early so the bill doesn't give you such a shock. Whether you like it or not, you are (at the very least) expected to pay for dinner. Be a gentleman and pay for it even if she puts up a fight. It will be much appreciated.

Prom is a classy night that should begin with a classy dinner. Don't forget to make reservations so you for sure have somewhere to eat that night (and don't make a fool of yourself).

Make sure you are freshly shaven & have a swoon worthy smell. Few things throw off a good night than being self conscious about your B.O just remember... you look dang fine in a suit.

The fact that the beautiful girl you asked said yes means the nights is yours, my friend. You have wooed her over the second you asked. Now its up to you to be your handsome self and continue the wooing long into the night.

YOU GOT THIS! PUNCH PROM IN THE FACE!
(BUT DON'T ACTUALLY PUNCH ANYONE)

Gabe Tesch: Warrior for God

By Haley James
Staff Writer

A very energetic and happy eleven year-old boy, who loves to drive go-carts, and watch car racing with his dad, was diagnosed with brain cancer. Sixth-grader Gabe Tesch is the younger brother of senior Ali Tesch and freshman Grace Tesch.

"I was very overwhelmed when I found out I had cancer," Gabe said.

While Gabe seemed calm about his cancer, his family didn't have the same reaction.

"I was, of course, very worried when I found out my little brother had brain cancer," Grace explained. "I was also very shocked because he seemed very healthy."

On Aug. 25, the Tesch family was having a movie night. After they went to bed, Gabe had his first seizure at 1 a.m. They called 911, and the paramedics soon arrived. Later that morning, at about 7, Gabe was dispatched from Sacred Heart Hospital.

During a follow-up appointment, Gabe's MRI showed that he had grade three brain cancer.

Gabe was scared, according to Grace, but since his mother had also recently gone through cancer, he felt a little more relieved and comforted.

"It helped very much knowing my mom had cancer," Gabe said. "She told me what it was going to be like, and helped me through it."

Gabe started treatment soon after he heard the news. He had seven weeks of proton beam radiation; this is a fairly new radiation which is typically used on children. The proton radiation targets one part of the brain rather than all of the brain which would be done with a photon beam.

After the seven weeks of proton radiation, Gabe received chemo treatments for 46 weeks.

"My favorite nurses name was Zippy," Gabe said. "She was really funny, and she had a cool Jamaican accent."

Grace explained that Gabe's favorite part about staying at a hospital was getting to use a special button that made "the lovely nurses" (as Gabe calls them) come to his room and help him out with whatever he needed.

Gabe misses his friends at Freeman very much; he hasn't been able to come to school at all due to his immune system.

Gabe believes cancer has made him a better person and says his faith in God has become a lot stronger.

"I believe my faith in God has become stronger, and because of this I feel like a better person," Gabe explained.

There are many fundraisers supporting Gabe, including buying a \$20 t-shirt which can be purchased at the high school. Gabe's sixth-grade classmates came up with the design for his shirt: a neon green print on it with the Avenger's superhero symbol, and the phrase "Gabe's Avengers."

Another fundraiser is Gabe's BBQ dinner and auction. The event is on Saturday, April 18 from 5-7 p.m. at Freeman High School.

Info to sign up or donate to the auction can be found on the back page of *The Bagpiper*.



Gabe Tesch had a successful surgery to help battle his cancer. This picture ran in Sacred Heart Hospital's magazine featuring Gabe as their Hero of the Month.

- Gabe Tesch's class-
- mates designed the logo for
- the popular t-shirts. These
- shirts cost \$20. If you'd
- like to help Gabe battle his
- cancer, get a hold of either
- Grace or Ali Tesch to place
- your order.
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Gabe Tesch

GABE'S AVENGERS AGAINST BRAIN CANCER



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Saturday, April 18, 2015

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8pm Live Auction

Freeman High School
Rockford, WA

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Tickets available for Prepurchase at www.gabesavengers.com Questions? gabesavengers@gmail.com
Tickets will be delivered via email. Donations accepted at Mountain West Bank, 12321 E Mission, Spokane Valley 99216

Return this part with check payable to "Gabe's Avengers" to: 11814 S Player Dr, Spokane 99223
or return to Freeman Elementary, Middle or High School Office

Name: _____ Email: _____

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_____ Adult BBQ Dinner Tickets \$15 ea \$ _____

_____ Child BBQ Dinner Tickets \$ 8 ea \$ _____

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