

Freeman freshman National-level equestrian winner

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Everyone has a talent, but some people can push themselves to the limit to achieve their highest goals. Freshman Angelica Lengyel is a 14 year-old horseback rider who has been riding for about 7 years. Lengyel has two Morgan horses that she rides for competitions. Someday, she wants to get a new horse; if she did it would be a Dutch Warm-Blood.

Recently, Lengyel has been to Nationals which was in (October 6-16, 2011) Lengyel competed in many competitions. She does four competitions per year, plus Nationals, if she makes it. She has been to Nationals three times since she started competing in 2006. Since then she has done 25 competitions. She has won Reserve at Nationals. The competitions that Lengyel competes in are Western, Hunter, Saddle Seat, and Dressage.

The last time Lengyel went to Nationals was in 2011. In that Nationals, she got 6th place in the world for Western Seat Equitation 13 and under. After that, she placed 9th in the world for the Hunter Seat, and received a gold medal on the

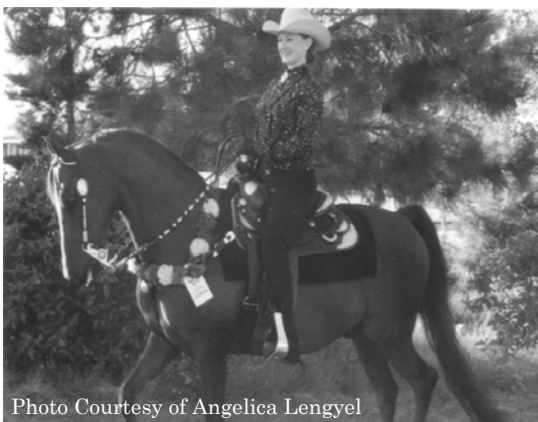


Photo Courtesy of Angelica Lengyel

Lengyel competes on her horse Max.

Flat. That competition was for ages 21 and under and there were 43 kids in that class.

In the 2010 Nationals, Lengyel got 3rd place in the Grand Nation Hunter Seat Eq-

uitation 12 and under. Then she got 2nd place for the Grand National Western Pleasure for ages 12 and 13, and went back to back into the championship and got reserve World Western Pleasure champion. Pleasure is based on how good your horse is and how you can make your horse perform the best. Equitation is based on you and how good you can look on a horse.

To be able to make it to Nationals you have to go to a class A Morgan horse show, and then any classes or divisions you want to do at a class A Morgan horse show and you have to get top 4.

"Equestrian, it isn't just something we do for a living... it's what we live for," said Lengyel.

Lengyel practices everyday because if you want a horse to perform at its best,

you have to ride them, love them and take care of them. When you can create a great bond with them, they are willing to work for you. One of Lengyel's horses, 14 year-old Max, has been the one she has taken to Nationals three times, 2007 2nd place in Hunter Pleasure Grand National Walk-trot, 2010 2nd place Western Pleasure Grand National 13 and under, and 2010 Reserve World champion Western Pleasure 13 and under. Her horse does Western, Hunter, and Dressage. Her other horse is Willie (6), who has only been at two shows and is still young. He needs more practice and training so he can perform his best in the Saddle Seat.

Lengyel is an amazingly talented horsewoman. She can do things that most people are terrified to do. Even though she has to compete against her closest friends, she is still a very good one.

Tori Burton, an inspiration to us all

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Our very own senior Tori Burton has accomplished things that not many of us know about. She has been participated in Honor Choir, and All-State Choir, and she taught children in Mississippi.

Burton has participated in choir at Freeman every year since 5th grade. From 7th grade through 10th grade, Burton was selected to be a part of the Bi-County Honor Choir.

To be selected, participants have to audition, and be judged by a few music teachers.

"Bi-County was one thing that really got me stoked about music from the start," said Burton.

During Burton's junior and senior years, she was selected for All-State Choir. To be accepted, the singers had to go through vocal auditions and perform four vocal exercises a cappella. It tests their ability to hear and see key changes and sing in tune. They applicants have to sing two major scales, a high one and a low one. The high one really takes the singers to their limit.

"Going into All-State, you have a basis of music, but it's amazing how much you learn in the 4 to 5 days working with the specialized choral teachers," said Burton.

In Burton's group, there were 800-1,000 singers that auditioned, and only about 200 were selected.

"It is very difficult to make it," explained choir teacher Danette Garcia.

Burton was chosen her junior and senior year, which is outstanding.

"I have heard her voice mature so much," said Garcia. "She has grown so much vocally."

Another accomplishment of Burton's is that she spent a month in Jonestown, Mississippi teaching last summer. She taught reading to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Along with reading, on Tuesdays, she taught swimming lessons.

"The kids there enjoy school, and they want to go," Burton said.

Some of the children started going to school, but by the end, they had to leave school to work in the fields.

"It's really sad, because they want to go to school, but we take school for

granted," Burton explained.

She heard about this opportunity through the Sister of Holy Names, which is a Catholic organization. Burton's Aunt Kay is a nun in their convent.

"I was interested because I knew that being in Mississippi would be an experience that would open my eyes to a whole new culture that I had never experienced before," said Burton.

To be able to do this, Burton had to fill out an application, and get two recommendations. She chose to get hers from Mrs. Moyer and Miss Longinotti, her National Honor Society advisors.

"I chose them because I

look up to them and feel that they know me for who I am more than just a student in their classroom," explained Burton on her choices.

So, what does Burton's future hold?

"I want to go to either Whitworth or Washington State University and major in Psychology and Theology to eventually be a faith based counselor," she said.

Burton might participate in choir in college, but she is learning to play guitar and she wants to sing and play with people she meets in coffee shops.

"Tori is a neat, kind, positive person," said Garcia. "I just enjoy Tori."



Photo courtesy of Tori Burton

Tori Burton spent part of last summer in Mississippi teaching to younger.

Freeman clubs add new life to the Freeman atmosphere

By Preston Primmer
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Freeman has a variety of clubs offered to students, offering a variety of clubs from Trap Shooting to Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) to National Honors Society (NHS), a student can find something to fit his or her needs. This spring all of these clubs have lots of events that are going to happen: state, districts, regionals, fundraisers, and many community service projects. With eight clubs at Freeman, students can choose anything they like.

Recently, we have had many regional and district competitions. The Knowledge Bowl team of freshman Bethany Williams; sophomores Peter Underhill, Kirsten Fuchs, Robin Faulkner, Whitney Naber, and Lucas Carasco; juniors Ben Carasco, Eric Hjalta-lin, Daniel Willard, and Zeke Flack; and senior Cody Dickin-son went undefeated for JV and varsity during the regular season. In regionals, the varsity finished eighth out of fifty-eight teams. While they did not qualify for state, they still had a great season.

Along with Knowledge Bowl is something new at Freeman: Science Bowl. This is a regional competition with a Knowledge Bowl format, but science questions are asked. They competed on February 25.

"We did not qualify for nationals, but everyone had a good time," said John Hays, advisor for both Knowledge Bowl and Science Bowl.

Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) sent two members to compete March 21-23 at a state event called STAR events. There are twenty-four competitions at the state level. Two of our FCCLA members competed at these events. Freshman Lexie Saeger competed in Recycled Re-design; she created a complete outfit for under two dollars using dog and cat food bags. Also, Saeger made accessories made from pop tabs. Junior Brette Schmidtkofer competed in Fashion Design; she created a portfolio of six different outfits for a clothing line and made one of the outfits. Along with the state competitors, there are three evaluators: Sophomore Tori Keizer, and freshmen Hanna Watkins and Anna Jackson. They will be studying and preparing to evaluate the competition they are assigned. At the regional and state levels, the evaluators are instrumental in deciding who will go onto Na-

tionals in Orlando, Florida. Each event has 2 student evaluators and 1 adult evaluator. Saeger qualified for nationals, getting first place at the state events.



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Fees

FCCLA at the fall conference

Future Business Leader's of America (FBLA) is Freeman's biggest club. They had 46 students compete at the regional level. Of the students who competed, 29 of them qualified for state the week after spring break. Also FBLA does many field trips, and community service events. They have many field trips planned, such as bowling. For community service, the club participates in Adopt-A-Highway every fall and spring to pick up garbage along a stretch of highway in front of Freeman. Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery is the biggest community service project for FBLA. They sell hearts for a dollar each and volunteer down at Red Robin where money is donated.

"Burgers with a heart was a success," said club advisor Scott Moore. "We raised \$1,726.75. Our goal was to hit \$2000. For the seventh straight year, we have raised more money than anyone in the Spokane area."

Maybe a little less known about club in Freeman is National Honor Society (NHS). They are a very prestigious club. Many requirements need to be fulfilled to get into this club, such as you need to keep a 3.25 cumulative GPA. Along with these high expectations comes a little fun. Students from NHS took a trip to Washington DC this spring break. Also this May, NHS will induct their newest group of members into the club. Currently NHS has 32 senior class members and 28 junior class members. 33 sophomores and 7 juniors were extended invitations for NHS this spring. Tori Burton, the club president will be inducting new members in at the tapping ceremony on May 8.

Not all clubs help out the school as much as others, but Literature Circle (LC) really makes the library run. When the library gets new books that needs to be read to see if it a book that is appropriate for the

library, this is where LC helps out so much. They proofread the books to see if they are suitable for our school library. But, that is not all they do, they have many fun events.

They pick a book they want to read that has been made into a movie. Then they all read that book and watch the movie. This year, they choose Little Red Riding Hood.

"They were so interested in critiquing the movie and book after, I had to kick them out of the library," said advisor Cis Hyndman.

Later this semester two librarians from the Spokane Library will come in with the national top 35 books. They share them with Lit Circle and then Freeman Lit Circle gives them Freeman's list of the top 35 books which are used in many conventions around the state.

"This year was very successful," said Hyndman. "[The best book fair] in three years since the economy went down."

Money raised by the book fair helps to supply books for both libraries, put dictionary sets in classrooms, supplied a behavior on the bus program, and a lot of other incentive programs for the school district.

Freeman has been a farming community ever since the school was built, the school originally being in Rockford an agriculture area. Along with farming come many things such as agriculture and ani-

tice. Then, they have state on April 20-21. The top ten shooters throughout the year qualify for the state trap shooting event. Freeman has a tradition of winning here, two years ago they won the state competition.

Another branch of FFA is Freeman's Conservation Club. Conservation Club goes snowshoeing, hiking, camping, and recycles. Conservation club is trying to get Freeman qualified to be one of four green schools in the Spokane area. This means we recycle, our school is energy efficient, and we are overall earth friendly. It will take time, but this year they are starting the project. Conservation Club goes snowshoeing at Mt. Spokane, and they are going on a summer camping trip. The club leader Mr. Hays is very into camping, he loves the outdoors and being active.

Math-Is-Cool has been very active this year. At regionals on March 7, the topical teams, which is multiple choice, placed second and third, the team problems did not place but qualified for state, and sophomore Lucas Carasco qualified as an alternate in the Know Down competition. The Math-Is-Cool team also went down to Pullman for the winter games. They got first in curling, you had 30 problems, and in the first round after 14 minutes second round was after 27 minutes but you could carry your answers forward to the second round then to the third round to get points in all of the rounds. They also got second

and third in the slalom, a multiple choice test, got a point for each answer that you selected that was not right. The Math-Is-Cool team is made up of freshman Drew Brerton, Bethany Williams,

Moriah Longhurst, Aly Doloughan, and Jake Phipps; sophomores Austin Carpenter, Peter Underhill, Lukas Carasco, and Beth William; and juniors Spencer Gillingham, Eun Hwang Bo., and Daniel Willard.

All of Freemans clubs are very important to the community, people are very involved in them and they mean a lot to the students here. Our clubs were very successful at the regionals tournaments and hopefully they do well at state.

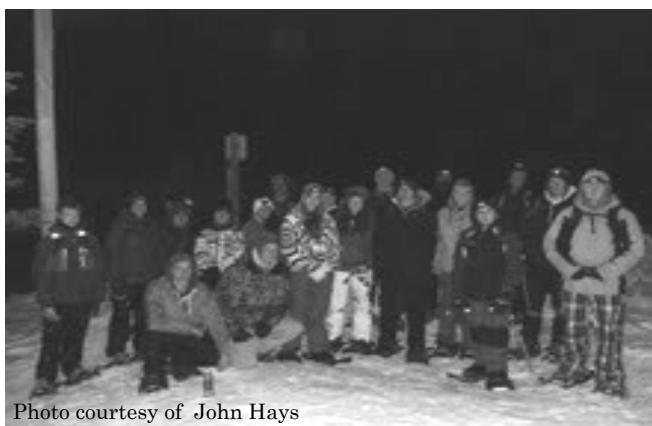


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Conservation club snowshoeing at Mt. Spokane

mals. FFA had a district competition at Liberty on March 28. The winners at these events, the meats team, the live stock judging team made it to state, the parliamentary team is waiting on a lottery draw to qualify for state Along with the state events, FFA has the Junior Livestock Show in May. Students bring their animals to the fair grounds and show them then get judged. Along with FFA, Steve Hater is the advisor for Freeman's Trap Shooting. Throughout the year, they have meets to prac-

Dancing the night away, every night

By Hope Mathews
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Dancing for 12 years straight, starting at the age of 2, and is now 14. Most people couldn't do this, but freshman Kyla Wright can. Wright has done many different dances, everything from hip hop to jazz and even classical.

Wright has accomplished so much with her dance career. Wright's dancing helps her at more than just at dance. She made the Freeman varsity cheer squad last fall and anything we learn considering dance, cheer, and stunts Wright catches on within seconds. Wright has used her dance knowledge to help choreograph dances for the cheer-leading squad, including the team's dance for this year's halftime at the WIAA Girls' Basketball State Tournament where the Freeman girls placed 2nd. Not only has she choreographed dances for the team, but she also has been in the front for most of the dances

the varsity cheer squad has performed.

"Kyla just catches on so fast when we are learning a new dance, I am always asking her for dance," said junior Clair Hulse, and Wright's teammate.

Wright danced her whole career at Bleker's Dance School. Blekers is a Christian dance school, which Wright very enjoys since she is a Christian.

"The main thing that has kept her in dance is that she gets very inspired by many other older dancers." Wright says.



Photo courtesy of Cathryn Wright

Wright does her awesome lyrical moves before the big performance.

Her favorite kinds of dances are jazz and hip hop and who can blame her because it's always fun to move your body. Although these two are her favorite, she has done modern, ballet, lyrical, toe-tap, and tap dance. Along with dancing, she also teaches tap, jazz, lyrical, and ballet.

Wright is an all-around athlete, goes to church and also keeps her grades up. Being in Algebra 2, Pre-AP English, and U.S. History classes as a freshman may be hard, but she still has all A's. "Today I had to tell her to be quite, but that is very unusual." Informed Wrights Pre AP English teacher Mrs. Ophus.

"Being in more advanced school and dance classes it has made me push myself more and to a higher level!" Wright exclaims.

Wright plans on taking her career further than high school and going on to dance in college. She has been thinking about Gonzaga and University of Arizona dance team. As a freshman and looking ahead already, maybe she will even have decided by senior year.

"I love that dance lets me express my emotion and helps me also relieve stress," Wright said.

She has been dancing for so long and how does she do it? Well, Wright looks up to the older girls at her dance studio and professional dancers and makes her want to be just like them.

If you think going to school and sports is hard, well try being in Wright's place. She balances getting great grades, going to church, spending time with her family and friends, making time for the varsity cheer squad, playing the piano, and dancing! Wright is an overall student, friend, and athlete.

National Honors Society travels cross country during spring break

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During Spring Break, members of the Freeman National Honor's Society club explored the many historic places in Washington DC and the surrounding areas. The group had a full schedule from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. They got to see so much in so little time.

"It was awesome!" junior Christian Dresback enthused. "Never would you be able to see so many museums and monuments in such a timely fashion."

The students got a chance to see almost everything available to them with the time they had. On tour, they visited the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, the WWII Memorial, the Washington Monument, Ford's Theatre, The Lincoln Memorial, the FDR Memorial, Mt. Vernon, and the newly-finished Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, along with many others.

"The Pentagon Memorial for 9/11 was my favorite," junior Andie Olson said. "I really liked it because there was so much thought put into it, the angle of the benches and directions they went. It was some-

thing we all remember and lived through."

Although the memorials were some highlights of the trip because of the meaning they held for students, the group also visited many museums. For example, NHS visited the Smithsonian Museum complex, the Spy Museum, the Newseum, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Students learned a lot of history on the trip. Just the Smithsonian's alone had three art museums, a Natural History Museum, and the Air and Space Museum along with a four more.

Accompanying the trip were two parents and three teachers. Along with the Freeman chaperones, the group had a tour guide named Randy Poisson. He was very helpful, and quickly warmed up to the friendly Freeman students.



Photo by Pia Longinotti
Arlington National Cemetery



Photo by Pia Longinotti
Christian Dresback on his Journey back to Spokane.

Poisson was a great tour guide, full of facts, historical significance, or other things that might be interesting to learn about in the DC area. His love of DC was infectious for the NHS students.

"I would take you kids on a tour anytime again; you guys were so great," Poisson said as he dropped the group off at the airport.

Along with Poisson, Freeman got to meet bus driver, Bob. The kids quickly fell in love with their quirky bus driver, who also happened to be a part-time clown. Every time they got on the bus, the NHS students would thank him and all he would ever say was "Yes, all right kids." Also another little fun fact about Bob, he drove Hillary Clinton's campaign bus during her 2008 campaign.

Overall the trip was a huge success. The kids, chaperones, tour guides, and bus drivers all had a great time. They all loved not only learning the history but being there first hand to see where it happened.

"Just enjoying a nice day playing on George Washington's backyard," one student commented. A week in our Nation's Capital turned out to be a pretty fun way to spend spring break.

Photo by Pia Longinotti



NHS gets ready to tour the Capital Building.



Photo by Pia Longinotti
FDR Memorial with Fala, his Scottie dog



Photo by Pia Longinotti
Jessica Anderson and Sam Avey at Arlington National Cemetery



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Iwo Jima/ Marine Corps Memorial

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Freeman band travels to University of Idaho Jazz Festival

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“It was different having a new band teacher, but now it’s all coming together and we’ve come a long way,” junior Jordan Warnecke said. “She has made the sounds come together.”

The Freeman band has experienced many new and exciting things this year under new band teacher Carol Wichmann, one of these being the Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho. This event is available to schools and bands in the Northwest that enter to go. Each band comes prepared to play songs and be critiqued on them, as well as watching hundreds of other bands. Overall, it was an exciting experience and inspirational to everyone.

“It was a blast!” Warnecke said. “It was



Photo courtesy of Janet Crosby

Freshman Daniel Vogelmann, junior Parker Henderson, and freshman Aly Doloughan listen to the critique from one of the clinicians.

a good experience watching all of the other bands and it was inspiring seeing some of the really good bands.”

When the band got to the university, they had the day to practice and get ready to perform front of the clinicians. Friday they had to perform and get critiqued by the clinicians. The feedback was very helpful. On the last day they were there, they got to go to the Kibbie Dome and watch the bands that were chosen as an outstanding band. They all enjoyed being able to watch some of these great groups and bands play!

For one of the band’s combo performance they played *Chameleon* by Herbie Hancock.

“The combo was cool because they did it themselves,” explained Wichmann.

The band got some very encouraging



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Junior Jordan Warnecke, sophomore Peter Underhill, freshman Matthew Gilbertson, junior Eun Hwang Bo, and freshman Aly Doloughan performing one of their ensembles at the festival.

and supportive comments made by their various clinicians.

“Very cool things going on; keep it up!” one of the clinicians commented.

The band’s other combo piece they played, an extracurricular ensemble separate from the school band, also got some encouraging and uplifting comments. They played *Bag’s Groove* by Milt Jackson.

“Keep up the great work and have fun on stage!” encouraged a second clinician.

Another comment made was “Love, love, love that this is a transcribing band, that’s the tradition.”

Even though the band didn’t get chosen as one of the outstanding bands that got to perform at the Kibbie dome, they did get an honorable mention award, which is very special because they are not given out very often. The Freeman Band really stood out in some way that was unique and all of their hard work paid off. Overall the band had a great trip with a lot of good critique, fun performances, and an all around exciting experience.

“I really hope to be able to go back again next year,” added Wichmann.

How Freeman does spring break

By Olivia Nemec
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Spring break is a long anticipated break for kids of all ages. It’s a chance to unwind and have a good time before end of year exams. And in high school, there are not a lot of options other than sitting at home and talking to your friends. But for some lucky kids, their parents took them on extravagant vacations across the world.

Mexico, Oregon, Arizona, Cabo San Lucas, and Montana are some of the places Freeman students spent their spring break.

Sophomore Robbie McClure got to spend his break in Cabo San Lucas.

“I’m staying in condos right on the ocean. I’m looking forward to hanging out with my family!” said McClure before the trip.

Seniors Sheldon Maul, Cody Unfred, and Hayden Laabs, and sophomore Nolan Laabs also went with him.

“I’m sure it will live up to my expectations,” McClure added.

And it did! Once home from the trip he was just as excited as before he left.

“It was definitely worth the trip and exceeded my expectations,” McClure said after the trip.

Sophomore Tori Keizer also left town, taking a trip to Phoenix, Arizona with her family. She stayed at the Papago Inn (Best Western). Keizer had a lot of fun in Arizona.

“My favorite thing was the shopping and tanning because I like to be tan

as I can,” explained Keizer

But there were some things Keizer didn’t like as much about the trip. Being a teenager she likes to sleep in, but her family had different ideas.

“I didn’t like it when I had to wake up early because the rest of my wonderful family gets up at the crack of dawn!” Keizer said.

But other than the early starts to the day, Keizer very



Photo by Pia Longinotti

National Honors Society poses in front of the White House on their spring vacation to DC. They took a whirlwind tour of our Nation’s Capital during spring break.

much enjoyed her trip and thinks it was a great experience.

Over break, some members of Freeman’s National Honor Society went to Washington D.C. with advisor Pia Longinotti. Junior Eric Hjaltalin was one of the kids who went on the trip. There wasn’t one part about the trip he didn’t love, but his favorite part was the tour of Mount Vernon.

“It was an amazing trip that exceeded all my expectations,” said Hjaltalin.

No matter how you spent your break, whether at home or somewhere amazing, a week off is something every high school student looks forward to. This was the last break until the end of the year, so we hope you enjoyed it while it lasted!