



Kellen Miller, top dawg in the DawgHouse!

By Joseph Preble
Staff Writer

He enters the court to the screaming of his fans. One foot on, he sets his stage for the game; two feet on, he is ready to go; then, in a running bound through the towering arms of his teammates, senior Kellen Miller emerges ready to lead his team to victory!

Miller, a 6'1" varsity basketball player, has led Freeman's team to numerous victories over a variety of schools, both in district and out. With an average of 15-16 points per game, Miller launches a barrage of 3-pointers and a hailstorm of quick rebounds. Though, his leadership is the true factor in all of Freeman's victories.

"I love to play point guard because I can lead the team," Kellen stated. "I like to push the ball, distribute the ball, and give assists."

With a knack for leadership like his, it's no wonder Miller finds himself playing the key role of point guard.

From a young age of just 7, Miller drifted away from his dream of soccer to follow his dad's dream of basketball, which Miller soon fell in love with. Shortly after, he began leading his childhood teams to victory. As early as 4th grade, Miller's team (the Freeman Fighters) won an AAU championship backed by his leadership. He later led the Freeman Thunder in 5th grade and the Spartans in 8th grade to win two more AAU championships.

Miller's a great player to coach according to Coach John Graham.

"He is wise beyond his years," Graham explained as he described how fast of a learner Miller is.

Miller is not only a coachable

player.

All of these are key aspects of Miller and his playing style, but what is truly outstanding about him is his leadership.

"He leads by example, he is not a real vocal leader," Graham stated.

This quiet leadership is the key to Freeman's success though, Miller's leadership by example and hard work make other players want to do their best as well.

"You see him out there doing his best and it makes you want to do your best as well to make the team better," explained senior Preston Primmer.

Through his try-my-best attitude, and his quiet, lead by example leadership, Miller inspires his team to try their best and ultimately helps them achieve their goals.

Miller isn't just a leader in one sport though. In football, Miller also exceeds expectation of leadership.

"Kellen's a quiet leader who's actions speak louder than his words," senior Jake Bisset, a football teammate, elaborated. "He is very smart about the plays so if you need help, you can go to him and he'll explain it to you."

Senior Tanner Waite has a very high opinion of Miller as well.

"He is very knowledgeable about football [and] he leads by example. He's getting out there working hard and that enough motives me!"

As well as being a leader, Kellen inspires his teammates in games and practices.

"Kellen is a pretty quiet kid who leads by example normally," Coach Wood shared.

Even in golf it's apparent that Miller is an outstanding leader.

"He gives you advice when you need it," junior Robby McClure ex-

claimed. "I look up to him. He always encourages you to be better."

Miller is a well-seasoned leader in all of his sports.

There is still more to Miller's leadership that can be seen in simple places like classroom too.

"He leads by example, [and] he is a very diligent hard-worker," science teacher John Hays said. "He gets his stuff in on time and [is] helping others when he has the opportunity. It doesn't matter who it is, whether they are a friend or not, he is always willing to help."

Even in physical education, Miller is a leader

Miller is just an all-around great leader in all of his subjects in life.

As far as basketball goes, Miller is excited for this year.

"[My goal is to] win league championship, district championship, and hopefully make it to state. I also hope to be MVP of league," said Miller.

Unfortunately in the Varsity's December 4 game against East Valley, Miller was injured. He will be sitting out for the next few months with a ruptured ACL. The *Bagpiper* staff wishes him all the best as he rehabs his knee, knowing that Miller will continue to be a vital part of Freeman's basketball team as the season continues.

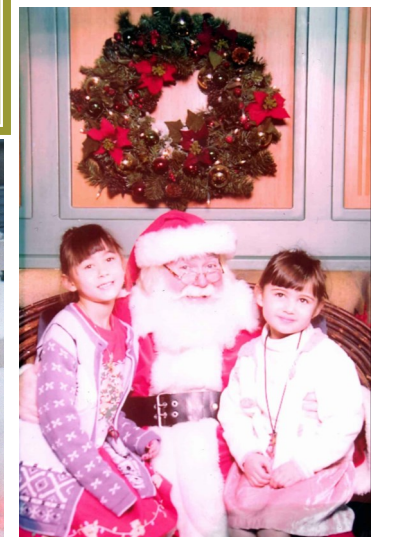
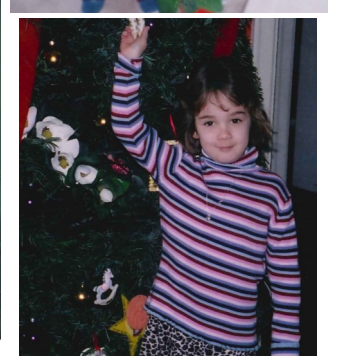
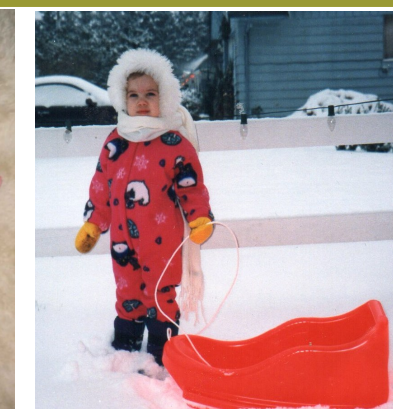


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Kellen Miller practice's his lay ups for game day.



CHRISTMAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BAGPIPER STAFF



Mr. Hayter gets new toys for science

By **Mason Mackleit**

Sports Editor

Freeman High School is a small school, with only about 320 students enrolled in it. 320 students who will need be able to come out of school prepared to become our next generation of workers, engineers, and teachers, jobs that are quickly advancing. These jobs are the jobs the school is trying to prepare students for, because of how fast the jobs are advancing, schools usually need funding for their different subjects. In early September, science teacher Stephen Hayter, applied for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The grant was opened to teachers in high demand areas: technology, engineering, science, and math. Teachers from across the state applied for the grant. Teachers could apply for a grant from the \$400,000 pool of amounts between \$20,000-\$60,000. Applicants would be required to send a letter explaining how the funding would be used if they received a grant.

“The first thing I am planning on buying is new lab equipment for the school,” explained Hayter.

Hayter received a grant for \$20,000, some equipment Hayter has already bought with the grant would include

his new lab quests, a little rectangular box about the size of a mini iPad but much thicker. The new equipment has the electronic capability to collect data over a set time and record the data at time intervals set by the user. The lab quest will then show

the data collected on a table or a graph with accuracy up to the hundredths. This ability trumps his current equipment’s ability which aren’t as accurate and don’t have the ability to collect or record data.

Hayter plans on buying more equipment with similar capabilities although he has yet to decide what he is getting next.

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- Stephen Hayter

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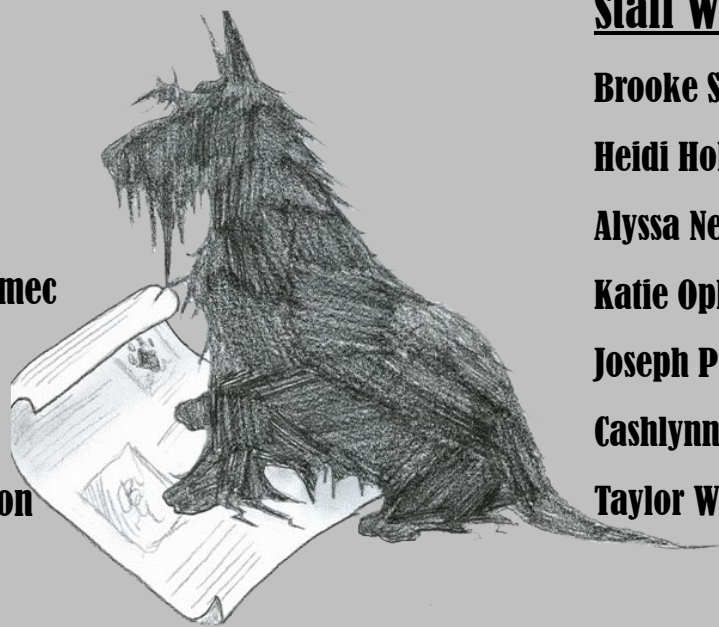
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Senior year, Munson gives 110% on the mat

By **Taylor Walker**

Staff Writer

From the second the ref blows his whistle, Freeman wrestlers give their all to defeat their opponents on the mat. There is one wrestler who stands out. With only two years of experience



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Austin Munson and Markus Goldbach wrestle for the varsity position during Freeman’s black and blue tournament.

in wrestling, senior Austin Munson made it all the way to be an alternate at state last year.

Being such a successful and confident wrestler, anything short of making it to state this year seems impossible. With a record of impressive wins, college seemed like another reachable goal, even though he claims he isn’t interested in continuing wrestling after high school.

“I really didn’t want to wrestle actually,” explained Munson. “Mr. Ripke recruited me.” “He’s very flexible,” Ripke said about Munson’s wrestling ability. “He can manage to bend his body in certain ways other boys can’t, which really helps in wrestling.”

Today, Munson’s favorite moves are head and arm and leg rise.

“The hardest thing for me in wrestling is having to watch what you eat,” confessed Munson.

Portion control tends to be difficult for a teenage guy, so wrestling really affects wrestlers on and off the mat.

“He’s very difficult to wrestle because he’s so strong,” said sophomore Marcus Goldbach.

Many other wrestlers on the team said the same thing over and over again about Munson and his power in strength.

“He’s a very challenging opponent,” added sophomore Teigan Glide-well. “He knows his moves well and is very strong. I have managed to beat him at practice before, even though it was hard.”

With the season in full swing, Munson is ready to get on the mat, and make a run for state. Good luck this season Austin!

McIntyre ending her senior year strong

By **Anna Lee**

Features Editor

In her four years playing for the lady Scotties basketball team, senior Molly McIntyre has been through wins and loses with the team, and has put in many hours in the gym to help the team become the best it can. With all the work she has put in, McIntyre has earned her spot as a starting post this season.

“She isn’t a verbal leader, she leads by example,” said senior Haley Barnes.

“If we were ever getting down on ourselves, she would bring us up.”

After competing on teams that have earned two state championships and last years second place finish McIntyre is ready for her team to get back tot the championship game.

“My goal for the rest of the year is getting through districts and regionals as a top seed so that we have an easy route to state,” McIntyre said.

Looking forward to next year, McIntyre hopes

to continue playing basketball she has already talked to Carroll College, St. Martins and Montana State University Billings.

“She always knew how to bring up the energy of the team, and she has a fun personality,” said senior teammate Alisha Sorensen.

Even though this is McIntyre’s last season in a Freeman basketball jersey, she has worked hard over the four years of playing, and will be missed in the lady Scotties program!

“I am going to miss her personality, hard work and her leadership,” said coach Ashlee Nimri

“I’ll miss the girls, the pool workouts, and the team itself!” McIntyre said.



Photos by Emma Sheldon

Molly McIntyre jogging through the gauntlet of cheerleaders before a game.

Middle School cross country team shows improvement every meet

By Mike Allen
Cross-Country Coach

The middle school cross country team had another great season of competition. For the third consecutive year the team had a large number of members, a total of 19. The athlete

competed on 1.5 mile courses across the region. The season included 4 league meets, 2 Invitationals and an all-league meet. The team saw improvement all season, with many personal records from the beginning of the season to the end improving by over 45 seconds. The seventh grade team members were; Ryan Cross-

white, Aidan Dearman, Jonathan Gregg, Nathan Longhurst, Colson O'Connor, Jason Ophus, Joe Rokus, Christian Rorie, Jarett Wright, Trinity Glidewell, Megan Stark, Annalisa Stewart, Haidon Storro, Ana Wilson. The eighth grade team members were; Antoni Carlson, JJ Iltz, McCall Henderson, Alyssa Zimmerman.



Back Row: Coach Mike Allen, Megan Stark, Jarett Wright, Joe Rokus, Ana Wilson, Nathan Longhurst, Trinity Glidewell,
Middle Row: Colson O'Connor, Jason Ophus, Christian Rorie, Aidan Dearman, Ryan Crosswhite
Front Row: Jonathan Gregg, Annalisa Stewart, Haidon Storro



Back Row: Coach Mike Allen, McCall Henderson, Antoni Carlson, Victoria Wagner

Front Row: Alyssa Zimmerman, JJ Iltz

This fall Banner Bank in Rockford held its first annual essay contest for the Freeman Elementary 3rd graders. The students submitted essays on the topic of the *Rockford Fair*, a topic near and dear to their hearts! Three students from each of the third grade classes were awarded monetary prizes. Hopefully, they each went to Banner Bank and promptly opened a savings account!

Back Row: Vivian Plank, bank manager, Laramie Spring, Sonyia Freter, Ryan Russell, Wanda Brown, assistant manager.
Front Row: Bailey Swanson, Nolan Holt, Rachael Fagan



Photo courtesy of Kim Metcalf

Giving back to Spokane; good for college and the community

By Olivia Nemec
A&E Editor

With the holiday season approaching fast, volunteers will be flooding local food banks, and shelters, all needing volunteers to help people in need. It feels really good to give your time to those less fortunate this holiday season. Additionally, high school seniors are trying to fit in their volunteer hours before the deadline for college applications arrives. Seniors have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship given out for community service hours, and volunteering at holiday season could be their last chance to get ahead of the competition. Giving back to the community not only feels great, but it can help you get into college.

Depending on what you prefer, there are a number of types

of charities from which to choose. Many places in the community are opening their doors to volunteers. Habitat for Humanity, (509)-534-2552 helps families in need find a home. They are a non-profit organi-

homeless shelters, soup kitchens, or clothing banks. The House of Charity, (509) 358-270, Interfaith Hospitality Network of Spokane (for children) (509) 747-5487, Saint Margret's Shelter 358.4270, SAFE Center (for families) (509) 329-2721, Union Gospel Mission (for men) I(509)-535-8510, and Women's Hearth (for women) (509) 328-6702 are all shelters for the homeless. They gladly take volunteers at any time.

Area clothing banks like Our Place Ministries, or Mission Community Out-



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Toys were donated by Freeman students for children in need for 15 days of Giving.

reach accept new and gently used clothing to give to people in need.

Habitat for Humanity, (509)-534-2552 helps families in need find a home. They are a non-profit organi-



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Canned foods are gathered by Freeman students for people in need.

zation that builds houses and helps people with inadequate housing; their mission is to illuminate poverty.

The Infant Crisis Needs Bank provides low-income families with supplies for babies such as cribs bottles carries and clothing, coming in to help collect supplies, take or take inventory would really help. They can be contacted at 536-1084. Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals to elderly or disabled. Helping deliver food in the vans is a common volunteer job people can participate in.

They can be contacted at 509-456-6597.

During the 15 Days of Giving, this year, Freeman students brought in items for families in need. Over the course of three weeks,

students brought in a series of items. The first week was toys. People brought toys for children in need. The second week clothes were brought in appropriate for winter. And finally, the third week food was brought in to help hungry families this holiday season

Any of these wonderful places would be more than happy to accept volunteers this holiday season and would very much appreciate your help. Volunteering is an incredibly rewarding experience; it's also a way to gain experience for future employment. It gives you on site experience in jobs. It can also help advance your education. They say the most valuable lessons are taught outside the classroom. Giving back to Spokane and building up volunteer hours for resumes and college applications are only a few of the benefits of volunteering. Help Spokane and help yourself.

Freeman School District shows holiday spirit by giving back to the community

By Ali Tesch
Opinion Editor

There is no other holiday like Christmas. Christmas is a joyous time where friends and family get together and celebrate by giving gifts. Christmas is also called the season of giving, but have you ever wondered why it is given that name?

"Christmas is really important because it's a time where you spend quality time with family and friends," junior Marianne Wipf explained. "I also think it's the time to give gifts and to show that you care about your family and friends."

The question is when did Christmas become a national holiday? In 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant declared Christmas a national holiday.

The custom of giving gifts to friends and family began in ancient Rome and Northern Europe. They gave gifts to friends and families to celebrate the end of the year. At first, these gifts were very simple. For example, most of the gifts exchanged were twigs and food. Popular gift to give were vegetables in honor of the fertility goddess. When Christianity

started spreading, many church leaders tried banning gift giving. The only issue with that was that too many people cherished the tradition of gift giving. However, it wasn't until the late 1800s that people started in the habit of exchanging expensive gifts.

Today giving gifts is a very important part of society especially during the holiday season. People give to show that they care. They also may give to show their appreciation. Giving to friends and family is very popular.

"I give presents to my friends and family to show how much I appreciate them," said freshman Kaylee Fuchs.

Freeman School District loves to show holiday spirit by giving to the community. Since Thanksgiving break, the leadership class has run two activities: The Giving Tree, and the 15 days of Giving.

During the 15 Days of Giving, FHS teamed with the PTSA to bring in clothing, food, and toys. Everything students donate goes back to the community. The 15 Days of Giving began on November 26 with a week of donating new or gently used toys. On the week of December 3, students brought in new or gently used clothing. This week students wrapped the drive by bringing in non-perishable food items, and a frozen turkey drive on Thursday. 15 days Of Giving is going very well between all three schools. Many Freeman families will be benefiting from everyone's generosity.

The leadership class also ran The Giving Tree from November 26-December 14. Freeman set up a tree featuring gifts for families who need a little extra help this season. All of the gifts donated

will go to Freeman community families that cannot afford Christmas this year. Some of the gifts that were included on the tree were toys, gift cards, and clothing. Trees were set up in both the High School and Middle School commons.

"It is important for Freeman students to help out with Freemans 15 days of giving and the Giving Tree because it is important they help out their community," said senior Jessica Magors.

Freeman's FBLA will run their annual fundraiser, Freeman's Cares for Kids. On December 15, parents have the option of dropping their children off at the Freeman High School while they Christmas shop. FBLA members will entertain their children by playing games, making crafts, and providing food. In order to put on Freeman Cares for Kids Freeman families made donations.

"Students can give by donating items and volunteering their time," said FBLA advisor Scott Moore.

Christmas is a very important season; it is a time to give and be cheery. Volunteering is a great way to show holiday spirit during the Christmas season. Freeman offers many opportunities to show your community you appreciate them.

"Christmas is my favorite season because I like how everybody is happy for their own reasons," Paternoster said.

Remember that Christmas is about giving and spending quality time with friends and family. If you are considering volunteering keep in mind that giving and helping out the community is one of the greatest gifts you can give this holiday season.



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Cans and more were donated by the Freeman community.

Freeman Choirs give back to local community

By Danette Garcia
Choir Teacher

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, over 200 4th – 6th grade students gathered at the Valley Assembly of God Church in the Spokane Valley to rehearse and perform at the 6th Annual Elementary Honor Choir hosted by the Spokane Falls/Northeast Music

Educators Association. Music teachers in the Northeast region of Washington audition and nominate their students to participate. Freeman was able to send 7 students this year – Chase Antons; Taylor Howard; Ronni Keizer; Savannah Lindsley; Hannah Pylant; Emily Sheard; and Celia Vigil.



Photo courtesy of Danette Garcia

Ronni Keizer; Savannah Lindsley; Chase Antons; Emily Sheard; Celia Vigil; Taylor Howard; and Hannah Pylant.

Freeman third graders celebrate their annual Dictionary Day

By Kim Metcalf
Third Grade Teacher

On November 13, the Freeman Elementary third graders each received a paperback dictionary courtesy of the McIntosh Grange in Rockford. This national program called "Words for Thirds" understands and supports the educational needs of third graders learning dictionary skills! The students were thrilled with this gift and use them almost daily!

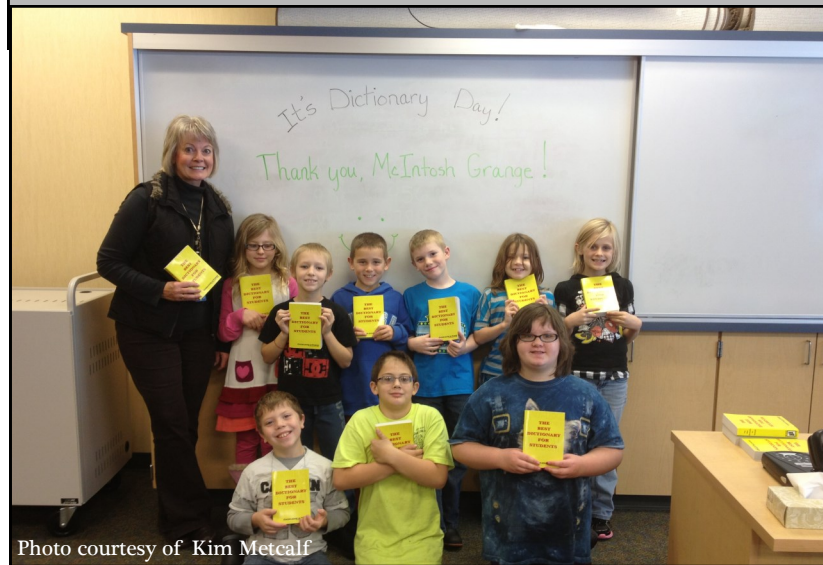


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Pictured in photo (Metcalf4)- Front Row: Ronnie Roche, Gary Wagner, Rachael Fagan. Back Row: Mrs. Metcalf, Jizelle Farrow, Robbee McNeilly, Jacob Trevino, Derek Cecil, Caitlin O'Boyle, Hope Hindberg.

Future looks very bright for Freeman Football

By Chad Ripke
Middle School Football Coach

This years 8th grade team finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record, as well as the 7th grade team too. This team not only finished undefeated for their 8th grade season, but they finished undefeated for their middle school careers, having gone undefeated last season as well. As far as I know around here at Freeman, this is the first team to complete that feat. This year's team outscored their opponents 243-22. This team was an absolute pleasure to coach. Not just because of the win's, or the scores, but because this was a complete team and all the kids contributed and worked very hard to achieve the goal we had set forth at the beginning of the season. This year's team was the complete package, they had speed, quickness, strength, but more importantly they have a lot of heart, character, and were egoless. This is a very special group and Coach Ripke, Coach Darcy, and Coach Smetana look forward to watching this talented group under the lights on Friday nights in the near future.

What To Do in A Winter Wonderland

By Alyssa Nelson
Staff Writer

The snow is falling, there's a cheerful ambience in the air, and you watch the succulent turkey come out of the oven. Children are running around outside trying to catch falling snowflakes with little, red noses that are frozen, and they're bundled up in layers of clothing. The adults are chattering amongst themselves and laughing, reminiscing about their earlier days. Presents are sprawled out under a colorfully decorated tree that's full of ornaments, candy canes, and an angel or a star on top. The smell of pumpkin pie, pine from the tree, and spice fills the house. Christmas is in the air. Everyone's happy and excited about the holidays. It's a time for giving, thanking, and being with loved ones.

Most families have a unique way of celebrating Christmas, but not everyone. Some families don't even celebrate it. What do they do instead then? Well, senior Spencer Gillingham said that he hangs out with his friends. They snowboard, four-wheel, make a lot of noise, and have all-nighters.

"[Snowboarding] gets the adrenaline pumping and I get to hangout with my friends," Gillingham explained.

Gillingham usually stays in Spokane over break, but he has traveled to Mexico, Canada, and Alaska with

his family and friends. But, he prefers snow much more than warmer places.

"If I had to live in a place without snow, there wouldn't be a ton of different things to do year-round," said Gillingham. "It'd be repetitive."

He must really love the snow which explains why he snowboards so much!

"In the 8th or 9th grade, I was snowboarding and hit a tree. I was in a coma for one and a half days," added Gillingham.

Regardless of this, he still insists on snowboarding. With snow there come a lot of accidents, such as Gillingham's coma incident. But there are other accidents too involving driving.

"All the people driving when there's snow on the ground is ridiculous," Gillingham said, and this really annoys him.

Even though Gillingham may not truly celebrate Christmas, he still gives. He gives a large donation to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

"Winter is out of the normal," said Gillingham. "People are just happier."

Senior Lindsey DeHaas and her family celebrate Christmas as we normally would think of.

"Christmas is a time for family to get together and celebrate Jesus' birth," said DeHaas.

DeHaas and her family may celebrate Jesus' birth, but that doesn't mean that they can't have any fun. They travel to Mexico every year, or they go to her aunt's house. Her fami-

ly has some traditions too: opening presents on Christmas Eve, watching *The Grinch*, baking delicious food, and decorating their fake tree.

Also, DeHaas said that her mom goes all out on the decorations. They have an inflatable snow globe, reindeer, candy canes, and snowflakes. Her favorite part about this time of year is the atmosphere because there's joy, happiness, and everyone is together. There are a lot of different activities to do during the winter.

"I like to go to my cabin and snowmobile, and attempt to ski, but I'm not very good at it," explained DeHaas.

Even though she has a great time in the snow, she could live without it; she wants to move down to California because of the nice weather and the cute surfer boys.

There is a lot to do during the winter, even if your family doesn't celebrate Christmas. For DeHaas and her family they have family traditions, celebrate Jesus' birth, gather round, and are full of laughter. As for Gillingham, he sees Winter Break as at time to be with friends and family, go snowboarding, and have a great time. (This break can be interpreted into many different ways, such as DeHaas, and Gillingham's families. Every family spends their time differently.. All that matters is that they're all together and happy.

From paintings to sculptures to 3-D mosaic, Speiring has done it all!

By Katie Ophus
Staff Writer

Freeman's art teacher Ken Spiering has been a great addition to the art program at Freeman. He started working here two years ago; this will be his third year teaching at Freeman. Spiering's art can be found all over Spokane, from Riverfront Park's "The Big Red Wagon" to Manito Park. Spiering has a lot of fans, including his students.

"I like Mr. Spiering because of the way he gives you help when you need it," said senior art student Casey Phinny.

"He is one of the most fun teachers I have ever had," added sophomore Annalee Jackson.

Spiering has recently been featured in a show called "Mosaic" at The

Tinman Gallery. He entered a piece he titled "Deer". This tile mosaic deer had real antlers and is three-dimensional.

Spiering started his amazing career at the young age of 5, when he sold his first piece to his mom for one dollar in the third grade. Spiering's career has allowed him to

travel all over the world. His furthest adventure was to North Pole, Alaska to install pieces of artwork.

Spiering's art classes are currently working on a 4 foot tall cow Spiering calls the "Trojan Holstein." They are making this cow as a collaborative project for a competition sponsored by Made By Milk. Spiering got this fun idea from our former Family and Consumer Science teacher Jennifer Fees. She sent Spiering pictures that inspired his "Trojan Holstein" idea. Nutrition Services Director Raenn Ducar showed Spiering posters of the Made By Milk competition.

"It's a fun way to try to get the school a few extra bucks," said Spiering.

If his students win, Spiering is planning on using the money purchase pottery wheels and kilns for



Photo courtesy of Ken Spiering

Freeman students built this "Trojan Holstein" sculpture to try and win new pottery wheels and kilns for the art department.

the art program

"It's a different but fun idea," said junior Sarah King.

Mr. Spiering's creativity has rubbed off on his students. It has inspired them to go off on their own and make their own creative designs and ideas. Spiering has lots more to show in his near future. He has more surprises planned for his classes coming up and many more pieces of art work to come.



Photo courtesy of Ken Spiering

Spiering's newest painting include this piece entitled "Peter Pan."



Photo courtesy of Ken Spiering

Spiering entered this mosaic piece, "Deer" in Tinman Gallery's latest exhibit.

Giving is needed more than just during the holidays

By Taylor Walker
Staff Writer

Christmas. What does that word mean to you? According to the Webster's Dictionary, Christmas is "An annual church festival (December 25) and in some states a legal holiday, in memory of the birth of Christ often celebrated by a particular church service, and also by special gifts, greetings and hospitality."

WOW! Thanks Webster, that was a mouthful-- let's simplify things a bit and see what some key words seemed to be a common thread among our fellow Freeman Scotties. Students and teachers commonly mentioned the words family, presents, religion, Jesus, and food. All these things are a part of my tradition as well.

As I reflected on these interviews and peoples' traditions, I started to think about people who may not have anything great to say about Christmas. For some, it's just another day on the streets, another day to find shelter, or another meal that they know they won't be getting.

Before you stop reading this and think that this article just got depressing, please stay tuned. There is a way that you can help.

Did you know that there are 1,185 homeless people in Spokane? 170 of those are families, and 99 are Veterans. As most of us are waking up to long-existing family traditions, others



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Freeman students and staff donated food, clothes, and toys to help others in the Freeman community have happy holidays this year as a part of the 15 Days of Giving.

here in Spokane won't be as fortunate. These statistics aren't meant to make you not want to order your favorite peppermint mocha or feel guilty about having a family to enjoy...they are meant to increase awareness.

Awareness can motivate us to be a part of the real meaning of Christmas which is giving. You might be thinking, "I don't even have a job, I have nothing to give." Well, I bet if you are like me...you have a closet that is about to burst with coats that you don't wear, or maybe the pantry has zero space to hold one more can of soup.

Here's an idea: GIVE. DONATE. Be a part of someone's Christmas morning. Some easy things to do that have a large impact to help those in

need include volunteering some of your free time to work at a soup kitchen, or maybe just simply remove an "ornament" from our own high school's giving tree and purchase the written gift to make somebody's Christmas. You could even organize your own clothing or canned food drive through a club you're connected with or through a church you attend. I'm sure even a simple bag of Christmas

cookies would plant a smile on someone's face. As you can see, there are many ways that you can help someone have a memorable holiday, a full stomach, or warm clothes to wear.

This year when I go to make my Christmas list, I am going to try and think of what I can do for someone else instead of how to get a new iPhone for myself. Don't get me wrong, I do want an iPhone; however, if someone NEEDS a coat or a meal, that's much more important. Giving reminds me to be thankful each day and to count every blessing that I already have.

I challenge whoever is reading this to do something similar. That coat you have only worn once and just sits in your closet collecting dust? That could be somebody's only gift they get this year...if you choose to donate or to give. There are no excuses, so get out there and help! This, to me, is the true definition of Christmas. Move over Webster's Dictionary because my definition of Christmas is summed up in one word: GIVING.



Photo by Ali Tesch

and not misrepresenting our heritage and our history and our family."

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One day, Deb Clement was having coffee with her mother and they were discussing the location, 928 South Perry Street, and her mother brought up her grandfather. They had already obtained the location that just happened to be across the street from the church Fry previously preached at that used to be a Baptist church.

"Honestly I couldn't even remember his name," Clement admitted. "I said 'well, what was his name?' And she said, 'Casper Fry' and then it just became the perfect name for the restaurant...It just fit the neighborhood and it just fit the family."

By adding your elder's name to your work and what you put out to the public, it adds pride in what you do. For Clement, it was more than just family pride that went into using the name.

"it makes us more consciences of how we represent our family" reflected Clement. "It makes us more consciences of what we're doing there

The moment you step foot onto the aged hardwood in Casper Fry, it's like you've been transported to a rustic southern restaurant. The Edison-style light bulbs lead your eyes down the long restaurant, highlighting each new element. Along the

wall lies a long bench with many tables for even the biggest dinner party. Along the opposite wall are tall tables and stools, all of which were locally crafted. The staffs all buzzing around, seem so busy, but they manage to make you feel welcomed and wanted. They all take time to listen and make conversation, simultaneously granting each and every wish of the customers.

The food alone is incredibly unique. From the Smoked Pork Belly

to the Shrimp Po'boy; the Pantry Plate to the Altamont, its all carefully crafted and beautifully presented. The dishes come clean and thought out. The waffle and fried chicken is so far my favorite

dish from Casper Fry. The mouth watering chicken placed in the center of

a waffle gently sprinkled with crisp white powdered sugar. Their syrup is a perfect

accent

to the

waffle. Not to mention their hamburgers perfectly charred on a unique bun covered in an array of ingredients. The steak and vegetables compliment each other perfectly it makes your mouth water just in anticipation. The food and a window side seat makes for the perfect meal.

Clement has worked hard to bring a southern feeling to Casper Fry and has done so, beautifully. Casper Fry is the perfect addition to the Perry districts ever changing character.



Original souther favorite waffles and fried chicken (courtesy of Emma Sheldon)



A delicious coffee from Casper Fry (courtesy of Emma Sheldon)

007 is back in action in *Skyfall*

By Isaac Stokoe

District Editor

The 23rd James Bond film, *Skyfall*, has impressed us all. Usually with movies in a series, the first is going to be the best and the rest can just decline, but with *Skyfall* it has done the exact opposite. It takes the element of all of the Bonds and changes it to a masterpiece. This is also the third Bond movie that Craig has played in.

Skyfall opens with James Bond (Daniel Craig) on a mission with his female partner Eve (Naomie Harris) to capture a thief (Ola Rapice) who had stolen the names of almost all of the MI6 field agents.

Bond pursues the thief over the roof-tops of Turkey on a motorbike and then onto a train. As Bond and the thief fight atop the train, M (Judi

Dench), the director of MI6, tells Eve that she needs to try and shoot the thief. Eve isn't possible to get a good shot and is pressured into shooting. The shot is fired, and Bond falls hundreds of feet to the water below.



The 007 movie cover (courtesy of imdb.com)

Bond is presumed dead and a formal report is written of his death is written by M. Six months later as M is heading back to MI6 head-

quarters, a bomb goes off inside and kills 7 agents. Meanwhile, Bond is enjoying his death on a small island.

When he hears of the attack on MI6, though, he decides to end his vacation and get back in the game. Then the hunt is on to find a computer genius, who is a rogue MI6 agent (Javier Bardem) that plans to elaborately kill M. Bond then takes matters into his own hands to protect M and the lure the rogue into a trap to kill him.

The story is woven into the action and adventure that is constantly adding a new twist to the plot. The soundtrack was amazing and Adele's song for the opener was perfectly made for the movie. The graphics were most definitely state of the art. The way the whole movie played out from an artistic point of view, was very well made. As far as the story line goes, the intricate web of enemies and possibilities. It is able to keep even the pickiest moviegoers entertained. I would recommend this movie to anyone who likes action movies. The movie is rated PG-13, so children should probably not watch it but still the movie is wonderful.

More than just the family name

By Emma Sheldon

Photo Editor

All of us have a history. All of us have ancestors. In the case of Deb Clement, the owner of Casper Fry, her

great-grandfather's name is the talk of the town. She was born too late to meet the man whose name is spreading like wild fire. Strange how someone so distant can cause such a hub-bub; Casper Fry has a big influence,

beyond just his name, in the business of his grandchildren. Casper Fry is a restaurant that is giving a new meaning of being local.

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Freeman fashion for the winter season

By Olivia Nemec

A&E editor

With winter upon us, the t-shirts and tank tops are becoming too little for the ice cold Washington winters. All the new winter lines have been released by designers and are now available, but what have been the most popular trends at Freeman?

Some of the most "off the runway" fashions that are found at our school are layered scarves, printed skinny jeans, leggings, and brown leather boots. On any

trah colors and clothing articles, such as baggy tops in greys or blacks paired with a flashy accessory.

There is normally a style of clothing to go with a new fashion season such as bright or bold. This year's most talked about and used style is the classy, old Hollywood style, this classic, chic style includes light pastel colors paired with gold or sparkly accents.

Light pinks with gold accents and browns are especially popular at Freeman.

The boho hipster look is rocking among some students these days. Big glasses, skinny jeans, unique patterns and colors rule the Boho scene. Also the loose fitting tops with tighter jeans and boots

Photo by Olivia Nemec

given day, you can find a combination on our fashion-forward students. Bright colored accessories such as watches, earrings or headbands are paired with neu-

are popular for any body type; it flatters with a casual flare.

Junior Karly Youngren has a quirky, signature style that's admired by many.

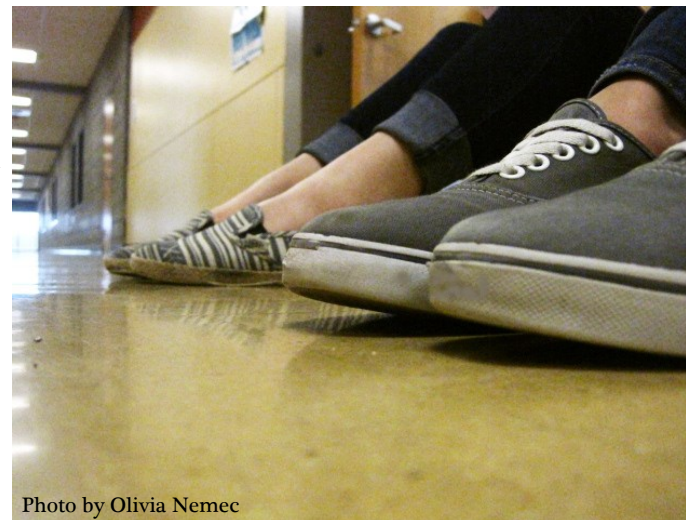


Photo by Olivia Nemec

"During the winter, my favorite outfit is definitely leggings, big sweaters and scarves," said Youngren.

Youngren gets most of her inspiration from sites like Pinterest. Her unique style isn't dulled by the winter season.

Some of the designers for the season are not only the well known designers like Banana Republic, Gucci, Dolce and Gabana, and Tommy Hilfiger. But also some more not as well-known designers, such as Alexander McQueen and Anna Sui, are very popular.

Men's fashion isn't closely followed in high school but some of the more classy op-

tions for men are things like sweaters, nice jeans, and leather jackets. Classic men's style hardly ever changes. Some of the bolder

men's options are things like big shoes, brands such as Osiris, low rise jeans bright colors and layered jackets.

Our fashionable Freeman students are keeping up with the winter trends really well, showing off their own twists on runway styles like graphics patterns, lace, and chunky jewelry. And they're already looking forward to the fresh spring lines at the end of this winter.



Photo by Olivia Nemec

Mia Angelis, a fiery passion for dance

By **Maddie Richardson**
Special Feature Editor

Being a gymnast is never easy. When you add dance on top of it, it becomes a lot harder. But for freshman Mia Angelis, it’s a breeze.

“I was always a hyper active child with a ton of energy,” explained Angelis. “So, my mom thought gymnastics and dance would be a great way to burn off all the energy.”

Being able to compete in a competition is one of Angelis’ favorite things. She has a passion and drive to succeed and be the best she possibly can be.

“Dancing is something different from what a lot of other people do,” Angelis explained. “I love the self-discipline it gives me. I work over 70 hours a week; and I still love every minute of it.”

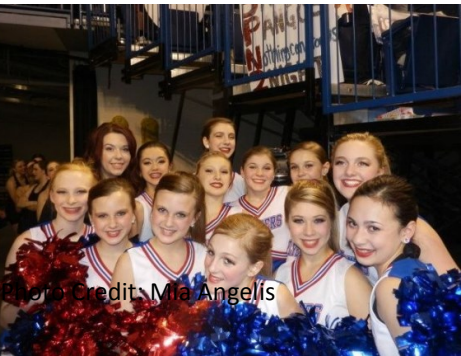


Photo credit: Mia Angelis

Parkour- not just another “sport”

While most sports involve throwing a ball or playing defense on another person, sophomore Devin Douglas does a sport that is more physically and mentally taxing than most other hobbies.

Douglas found his passion for parkour when he was in 8th grade. For the past two years, Douglas has been taking parkour classes at northwest gymnastics in the Spokane Valley.

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Angelis is now a certified instructor after dancing and doing gymnastics since she was 3 years-old. She works for RAD and teaches any age group for any type of dance.

“Being able to watch my sister get up on stage and perform makes me realize how much she truly is capable of,” said junior Matt Angelis.

When watching his sister perform, Angelis realizes how talented his sister really is.

“I give her props for being able to perform until 1:00 a.m. and getting up at 5:00 the next morning; and not even acting like she’s tired,” he said proudly.

Every year, Mia Angelis heads to Las Vegas, Nevada to perform in a huge competition for nationals.

“Being able to travel all over and meet new people is really exciting,” explained Angelis.

Angelis has only made it to nationals 3 times since she was 10 years-old. Being able to make it all the way

to nationals is a lot of work. She has to work hard, be determined and confident, and have one of the highest scores to make it to Vegas. The com-



Photo credit: Mia Angelis

Angelis getting ready to perform a stunt during her dance.

petitions really give Angelis a rush of excitement as she prepares to compete in either a group competition or solo one.

She is determined and dedicated to what she does. After a tough competition, she comes home and still manages to keep a 4.0. Angelis competes in both solo and group competitions, and enjoys the adrenaline rush she gets after every time she performs.

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“My favorite part is challenging myself to do something that I have never done before,” Douglas explained.

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These are the main course plates which visualize the traditional look to Shogun. (photo by Ruby Falciani)

brings water and takes your drink order choice, as well as your preference of white or fried rice.

When they return with your drinks, you are given a delicious Japanese green onion and mushroom soup which has a clear broth and a warm, indescribably subtle flavor which leaves you in awe. After your order is taken, you are given a garden salad with a secret homemade Japanese dressing that has such a brilliantly unique flavor it will leave you speechless and wanting more.

When your personal chef arrives at your table, the chef introduces him or herself and gives an impressive strobe-light show using two spatulas. The chef begins by pouring some oil on the table-top grill and igniting it, creating a large fire that dies down

within a matter of seconds.

When the fire is gone, the chef places a small tower of onion rings on the grill, pours some oil in the middle and lights it on fire, igniting a tall fire with magma bursting out like a volcano on your table.

With that impressive show, your chef starts to cook the rice, appetizers and the entrées your party ordered from the diverse menu. The meats are cooked first in order to avoid risking a problem such as mercury poisoning from the seafood. The steaks are cooked to order, seasoned with a teriyaki sauce, sliced up and delivered

to your plate. The chicken is simmering on the sidelines as the steak is prepared; after the steaks are



The chef created a volcano of onions and oil that could impress any party. (Photo by Ruby Falciani)



The bright Shogun sign attracts the eye and leads customers to their restaurant. (Photo courtesy of Kris-Anna Mack)

evacuated from the grill, your chef will start on the chicken. Like the steak, the chicken is grilled with a

sauce –in this case sesame-diced, and delivered. The seafood is cooked last. The chef sautés and seasons the food with teriyaki sauce until it is cooked to perfection. By the end of the night, both you and your plate will have been filled with delicious gourmet food.

Not only is the food fantastic, but the employees are just as amazing. They are all very attentive and observant of your needs. The staff is kind, helpful, and sweet people who make you feel welcomed the minute you arrive. If you

By Maddie Richardson

Special Feature Editor

The last week of summer can be depressing for some people. But when Caitlin O’Koren’s sister, Cass, runs away, Caitlin is especially dreading school starting, in Sarah Dessen’s *Dreamland*.

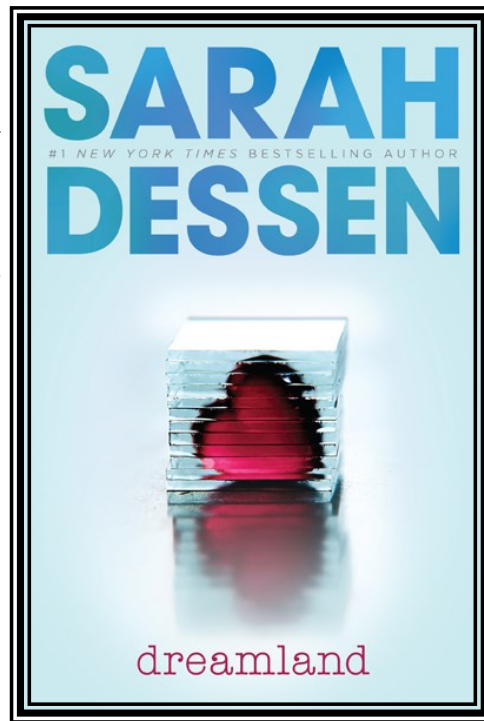
On the day of Caitlin’s sixteenth birthday, Cass runs away, leaving Caitlin wondering why she would ever leave. School starts, and Caitlin’s best friend, Rina Swain, asks her if she’s willing to try out for cheerleading. Thinking this is the only thing Cass would never try, Caitlin agrees. They both end up making the squad. After a game, one of the football players throws a party and the girls decide to go. When they stop to clean the car out at a carwash, Caitlin ends up meeting Rogerson Biscoe. She instantly falls for his eyes.

Caitlin ends up falling hard for him. The first few dates, they really hit it off, and she thinks she’s in some sort of different world. One day, something in him snapped. He started treating her differently.

This is an excellent read that will leave you wanting more. It shows young girls they shouldn’t be afraid to speak up about something they are keeping hidden. Reading a book like that always leaves

your mind hanging, but in a good way. You won’t want to put it down.

Dreamland is Dessen’s fourth book, and one of her best because it’s true life. Things like this actually happen, and many girls don’t speak up about it. The only thing that was disappointing was the ending. It makes it seem like there is going to be a second book to the series, when in reality Dessen doesn’t write series. At the very end of the book, Cass returns home, making you think more is to come about what happened to them both, and maybe even what happened to Cass while she was away.



The cover of Dreamland

(photo by SaraDestin.com)

Shogun hibachi steak and seafood is a Japanese delicacy!

By Ruby Falciani

News Editor

Whether it’s for a casual dinner, a family party, or a sassy, extravagant date, Shogun will satisfy both your hunger and your expectations. Shogun is a Japanese steak and seafood restaurant located at 821 East 3rd Avenue Spokane, WA 99202, or call at (509) 534-7777.

The interior of the building is almost as amazing as the food. The entrance is a bridge over a small, indoor wishing pond; to the right is a full-wall, indoor waterfall which can display images. When you cross the bridge it guides you to the waiting area where the waiters take your party to a table. The more family-friendly portion of the restaurant is separated from the bar, invoking a more soothing and laid back vibe to your dinner.

The tables are trapezoidal shaped and seats two people on two sides, one person on the two rounded edges, and another side seating three people leaving one full side of the table to the chef; this enables a party of nine to fit perfectly. Each seat is given the perfect amount of space for the customer to feel comfortable yet close enough to your party to swipe their food. As you are seated, the wait staff

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Tanner Waite: who is the Friday video guy?

By Heidi Hohmann

Staff Writer

You may only know senior Tanner Waite as that kid who makes the Friday videos, or the kid who makes sings and plays the guitar, or maybe just one of the Mormon kids at Freeman. Well, he’s not exactly *just* that, he’s much more. He’s probably one of the most involved students at Freeman.



Photo Credit: Heidi Hohmann

Waite is an, “outgoing, fun-loving guy” said senior Ben Carasco.

First of all, many of you know that Waite is involved in music, but maybe you don’t know much about it other than watching his YouTube videos, or just looking at some of his Facebook photos of

some of his shows. Waite has been in two bands and is currently working on a solo project. His first band was called Rain on My Parade with Danny and Bennett Vogelmann and the second one was called Hammerland. Waite basically started writing music when he was in Rain on My Parade.

“I basically just wrote songs, and gradually got better and it kind of branched off from there.” said Waite.

Waite has been involved with music for quite awhile now.

“I started guitar in 8th grade... so about 4 years I’d say,”

His current works are in his solo project, which many of you have probably heard about or seen. Waite started working on his project last summer. His music is known as “calm and melodic,” according to his friend and senior, Zeke Flack.

“I just mainly play shows, record, and just do it for fun like any hobby.” said Waite “I never really plan end project since I just do it for fun,” said Waite.

After high school, Waite plans to go on a two year Mormon mission. This mission can go anywhere in the country and almost anywhere in the world in countries that allow it.

“We basically just go around knocking on people’s doors talking to them about Mormonism and maybe trying to convert them.” Waite explained.

Waite has a lot of ideas about what might come after his mission.

“I plan to go to BYU, maybe or film school,” said Waite. “Honestly, I have no idea.”

Enough with Waite’s involvement out of school, let’s talk about his school activities. About every Freeman High School student knows that Waite is involved in the Friday videos, but how did he get involved?

“I just made a couple track videos and they asked me to be a historian,” said Waite.

Waite has done or is active in are cheer, track, and football.

“I did cheerleading during my freshman and sophomore year, I was just a stunt man so nothing special,” said Waite. “I’ve been doing track since 7th and I started football my junior year.”

He’s looking forward to the upcoming track season, his favorite sport in which to participate.

“I’d have to say track and my favorite event would be the 400m,” added Waite.

Waite’s track aspirations include setting a new school track record in one of his events.

All in all, Waite is a very diverse guy. He’s really involved in school and sports and events outside of school.



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Waite having fun posing for pictures in the hallway

Devin Douglas, a unique athlete

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“My favorite part is challenging myself to do something that I have never done before,” Douglas explained.

If you ever are staying around after school, you will often see Douglas messing around around outside



Photo Credit: Devin Douglas

Spokane an exciting place to spend Christmas break

By Ali Tesch
Opinion Editor

If you are planning on spending Winter Break in Spokane then there are several things to do. Spokane has many unique places to go that are cheap but also fun.

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“My favorite restaurant is Chaps because the food is really good and the restaurant is very crafty,” said freshman Sage Condrey.

Chaps is open for breakfast on Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 3:00. They are also open on Sunday for breakfast from 7:30 to 2:00. On Tuesday through Saturday from 11-3, Chaps serves lunch. Finally on Wednesday through Saturday, Chaps serves dinner from 4:30 to closing. Chaps serves a ton of variety such as Meat Lovers Scramble for only \$10.97.

If you’re looking for something low-key to do during Winter Break, you should check out the IMAX Theater at

Riverfront Park. The IMAX shows exclusive movies that educate and entertain. A few movies that are showing right now are *Tornado Alley* and *To the Arctic*. The IMAX theatre is a great place to bring a group of friends to watch a movie!

“I love going to the IMAX Theater with my cousins,” explained freshman Braden Stejer. “It’s a lot of fun, and they always show interesting movies.”

Another great place to go during Winter Break is downtown. During the month of December, Downtown Spokane offers activities such as ice-skating, horse and carriage rides, and shopping. There are several free activities in Spokane to do during Winter break.

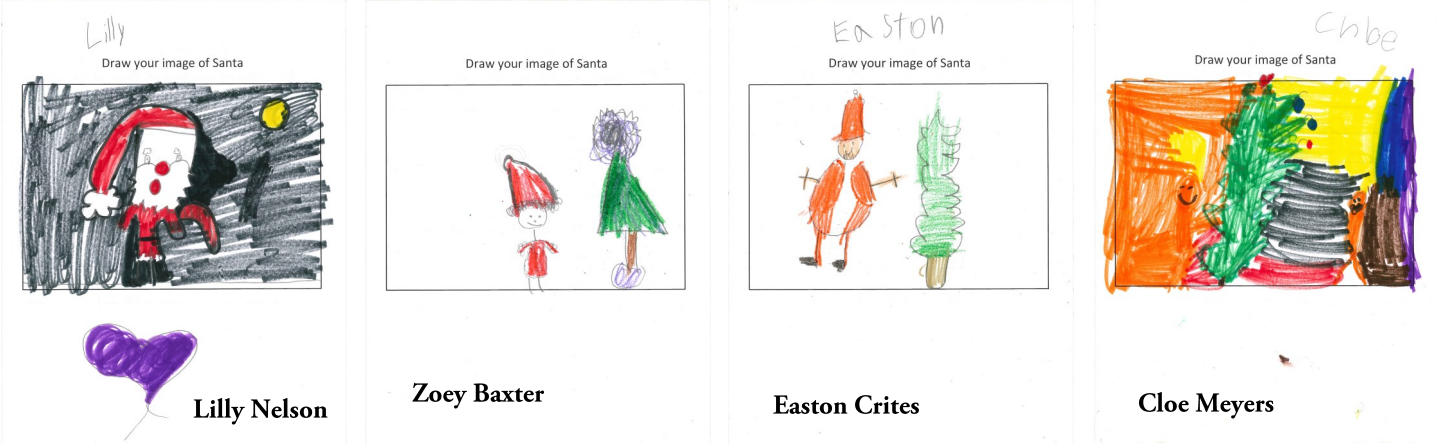
Take a trip to the Davenport Hotel. You can enjoy the free tree lighting ceremony. The Davenport Hotel is a breathtaking hotel that is worth visiting.

Another free activity you can try during winter break is taking a carriage ride through downtown. It is one of the most popular events downtown during Christmas.

“I love going downtown during the winter because it’s really cool!” junior Beth Primmer exclaimed.

If you’re feeling active and want to try something different this Winter Break, you should try indoor Rock-climbing. Spokane offers several indoor rock-climbing places such as The YMCA and Wild Walls.

“I love rock climbing,” Condrey said. “It’s a great work



Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Heinen's 1st grade class

Mrs. Heinen's 1st grade class explains Santa

By Ruby Falciani and Isaac Stokoe
News Editor and District Editor

What do you like most about Santa?

"Santa is nice. Kind. Santa is cool. He gives us toys." - Ian Watson.

"He brings happiness." - Chloe Myers.

"He makes happiness and he is nice and he gives toys and he is kind." - Makayla Werner.

"He is jilly. He is a cind man. He is nis to ciss." - Ellyse Farrow.

"I love Santa, he is nice to me. I love Santa so much." - Tava Sorensen.

"I like Santa! He is kol! He gif us toys." - Bodie Ramsey

"I like Santa bekus he givs us presins. And I like him." - Shyanne Bickler.

"Santa is nice Santa give toys Snta is kind." - Aubrey Yarnell.

"Cool he is nice. I theek he is cool." - Jake Meadows.

"He is nice. He give us presnants." - Jared Seal.

"Santa is very nice. Santa is very kind. Santa give toys." - Zoey Baxter.

What do you want from Santa this year?

"A Wii a skateboard." - Easton Crites.

"A Santa nutcracr, Doodle Bear." - Zoey Baxter.

"Puppy. iPod. iPad. Doodle Bear. Dream Light. MiniBake oven." - Lilly Nelson.

"Toy Robot." - Brandon Cochran.

"Optimus Prime." - Benjamin McCormick

"P.S. vita, Hallo 4, a Nerf gun, and a skateboard." - Jared Seal.



Bodie Ramsey



Jared Seal



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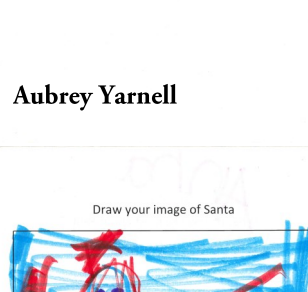
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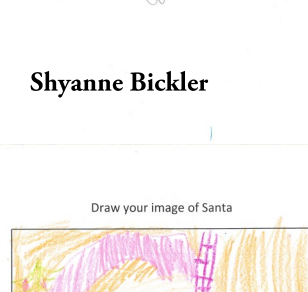
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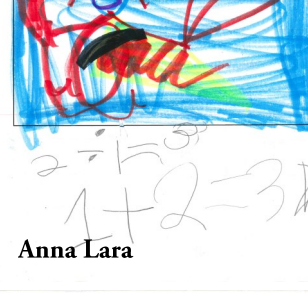
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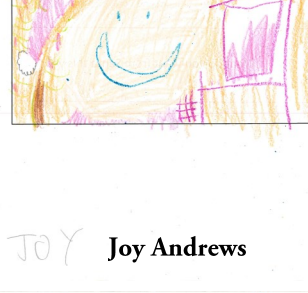
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Magers has An Eye for art

By Cashlynn Volk
Staff Writer

If you ask freshman Carlee Magers what she wants to be in the future, she might turn a little bit pink in the cheeks and smirk, then she'll tell you a tattoo artist. It all started in about seventh grade for Magers.

"She started drawing flowers and didn't really think anything of it until the next year when she took art again and started drawing faces," said middle school art teacher Denise Briggs.

She was amazed on how well she could draw, and people's faces ended up being a huge fascination to her.

"Using your imagination to come up with something that you never expected it to be and being relaxed in a way you never could be," explained Magers. "It keeps me engulfed on drawing and is a good way to soothe your feelings."

Magers' love of art has continued to the high school. However, drawing isn't the only thing that Magers enjoys doing. She also loves to play piano (which she is currently learning), and horseback riding.

Magers draws whenever she gets the chance to, whether it's in class when the teachers pause for that single minute, or whenever she has a spare m minute. It's almost guaranteed that she is working on a piece of her art. Art is something that came to Magers as a natural calling.

"She is sensitive and she doesn't give up," said Briggs. "If she doesn't like something she continues on doing it until she is pleased with her work."

After graduating from Freeman, Magers wants to go to

the Seattle Art Institution, if she chooses to go to college.

"Carlee loves attention to the subject, she's careful, and a bit timid in her mark," said high school art teacher Ken Spiering.

Magers looks up to people like Kat Von D and Cory Miller, who are both tattoo artists, because their art work comes from their heart, is original, and engages a person's eye to it.

"I want to become a tattoo artist because they fascinate me, and there is a lot of heart that goes into it," noted Magers.

Many people would describe Magers' art as happy and thoughtful.

"Carlee is enthusiastic and was always letting me know how much she loves art," said Briggs.

If you watch Magers draw, you'll see how calm and collected she is and how drawing is a passion to her, she truly has an eye for art. Magers is another prime example of when you follow your dreams and put your mind to something, you are very capable of doing whatever you set your mind to.



Photo credit: Cashlynn Volk

Magers showing off some of her drawing at the High School

Winter adventures in Spokane!

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Mrs. Danette Garcia
Traditions growing up:
Prior to Christmas, we would always bake a lot of cookies – Russian Tea Cakes; Spritz; and Sugar Cookies were the favorites. We made toffee, fudge, divinity, and peanut brittle, too. We always opened our gifts Christmas Eve and Santa came in the morning. Mom would always sew us a new dress for Christmas, too.

Mrs. Leslie Malloy
Did you have any special holiday traditions as growing up?– We always went to cut a real tree down in the forest. We had a hill in front of our house so we would sled a lot! Driving around looking at

Mr. Gary More
We always opened our presents Christmas morning (none the night before)
Marched to the living room from youngest to oldest singing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Presents were delivered one at a time with the opener choosing and delivering the next package
Always had Christmas at home

Ms. Linda Mega
I grew up as the second born in a family of five children. The joy of gift giving was taught from an early age. We would carefully save our money, divide it by six, and then go shopping. Since we rarely had much money, this was an exciting chal-

Ms. Lorraine Robinson
My mom would wake up my sister and I in the middle of the night on Christmas eve and whisper “Santa’s here!” (and we knew not to wake up my dad because he was a bit cranky). We could hear him walking on the roof and hear the reindeers’ bells. And so we would sneak around the corner – and there was Santa putting presents under the tree! It was so magi-

Ms. Erin Honeycutt
One of our favorite Christmas traditions is on Christmas Eve we each open a package with new pajamas to wear that night.

Mr. Randy Russell
My favorite holiday memory has been celebrating Christmas after the birth of each of our children. Their first Christmas is still a very special memory.

Mrs. Deena Jackson
What is your favorite holiday memory? Staying up with my brother and playing games all night to catch San-

Mr. Scott Moore
Do you have any holiday traditions now? If so, what are they? We still do the exact same thing that I did when I was a kid. My kids bring their stockings onto the bed and we open them up. And it’s still dinner, gift exchange and then church with my entire family on Christmas Eve – mom, dad, all 7

Mr. Chad Ripke
What is your favorite holiday memory? Seeing my daughters wake up and smiling from ear to

Mrs. Kathy Zinkgraf
New Traditions now—my family has grown from 7 to about 25 if you include spouses and their children, we do a gift exchange where everyone brings 1 gift and we draw numbers to see who chooses a gift first and the idea stealing gifts is acceptable. It can get ugly sometimes!

Mrs. Kim Metcalf
Mrs. Metcalf’s favorite Christmas was when she was 9 years old and received a chalkboard and high heels to “play teacher”!

Mrs. Cis Hyndman
What is your favorite holiday memory? The year we bought our girls a pony. When we opened the back door to surprise them, the pony surprised us by running through our house!

Mrs. Susie LaBarre
What are your favorite holiday activities to do? Put up the tree and decorations. I loved doing the cresse and my kids now do the same one! We try and get out to see the Christmas lights somewhere in town. Making our pepperkokor cookies and my Dad making a big Santa face with the remaining dough. He still does it with my boys.

Ms. Linda Mega
I grew up as the second born in a family of five children. The joy of gift giving was taught from an early age. We would carefully save our money, divide it by six, and then go shopping. Since we rarely had much money, this was an exciting challenge.

Mr. Ken Spiering
The Spiering Family’s main holiday tradition while growing up was to travel from Wyo. to the Portland OR area via station wagon. The dead of winter was about the only time my parents and the five of us boys could get away from the farm and we drove to see our grandparents and relatives in OR over the Christmas break.

Mrs. Denise Briggs
What is your favorite holiday memory? Going to Shadle Center and watching Santa parachute from a small airplane down into the outdoor mall the day after Thanksgiving. We also always took the bus downtown to see how The Crescent decorated their corner Christmas window.

Mrs. Raelyn Davis
What is your favorite holiday memory? Waking up in the middle of the night with my brother and going out to the living room and peaking at what Santa

