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# Sadie's: things you should know

## What?

• Sadie Hawkins is when the girls ask that special someone to the dance.

## Where?

• Freeman High School's Multi-purpose room

## When?

• March 9, 8:30-11:30 P.M.

## Cost?

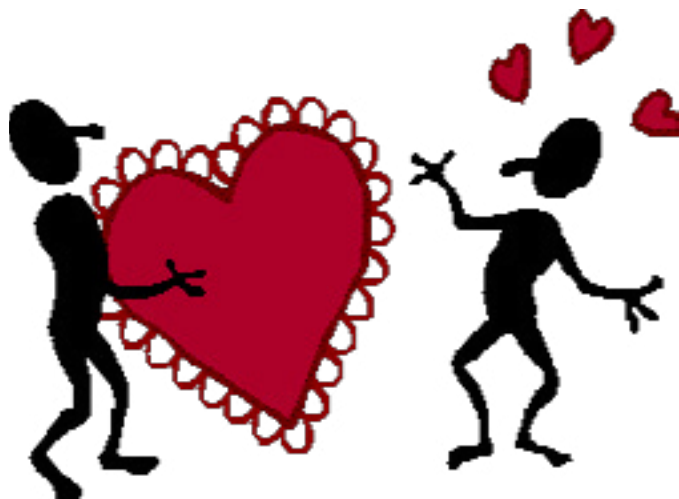
- \$10 for couples
- \$7 for singles

## Theme?

• Couples (Romeo and Juliet, Fred and Wilma)

## Remember:

- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Make good choices
- This is an FBLA event, thank the members and Mr. Moore



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# Miss Jackson runs for Lilac court

By Hope Mathews  
Staff Writer

Jackson, a responsible, committed, and caring young lady, made a perfect contestant for the Lilac Fab 4.

"My interest started when Claire and Hal Patton [president and vice president of the Lilac Association] asked if I was inter-

est in Lilac, and at the time I said no because I wanted to play softball my senior year," explained senior Felicia

Jackson. "But as it got closer to the meetings, [Freeman cheer coach] Jennifer Lucas asked if I was interested, and I decided to go to a meeting to check it out, I fell in love with the idea."

Jackson had an amazing chance to go and become a part of Lilac history which gives you the opportunity to do a lot of volunteering, and earn college scholarships. All senior girls in the Spokane County have the chance to compete to become a part of Lilac Court. Unlike many girls, Jackson took the opportunity and ran with it. Every school in the Spokane County can select

one female senior to represent it, an important fact that most girls don't know. This opportunity looks really good on college applications and is just an overall good experience.

To get started in the Lilac Festival, there are

final competition on January 27.

"Our Fab 14 group is actually very rare because from the very beginning, all of the girls have gotten along and even hang out outside of Lilac," Jackson said.

The Fab 14 does many

with Lilac the most. The biggest scholarship of \$3000 goes to the girl who wins queen, which was Brett Rountree of Central Valley High School. Out of 14 girls, 6 were chosen to be Lilac Princesses to join the new Lilac Queen.

"Lilac is actually a very exciting experience and I would encourage all girls to consider it," said Jackson. "If any of them would like to I would be more than willing to help them through the experience."

Although Jackson did not move past the Fab 14, she loved her experiences with Lilac. She gained 13 new friends that she continues to be in contact with after coronation. She has also gained a lot from Lilac, such as better speaking skills, and responsibility characteristics.

"Just have fun and be yourself because it is an experience of a lifetime," Jackson advised future Lilac applicants. "It is an experience that few other girls have had the chance to have, and it will go by way faster than you think it will."

It has been such a great time for her. The Freeman School District and community are very proud of Felicia Jackson, and are excited to see who she has inspired to try for the Fab 14 next year.



Photo courtesy of Wyle Rhoads

The Fab 14 nervously wait for the final results.

a few things you must do. First, you have to get nominated by someone involved in your school. If more than one girl from Freeman were to run for the Fab 14, only one would get chosen to compete. Next, you are interviewed for 15 minutes by 5 judges from the Lilac committee. From there, the judges choose 14 girls from the competitors for the chance to be the new Lilac face of Spokane; these 14 girls are called the Fab 14. These fourteen girls, including Jackson, were chosen November 17, and spent the next two months working together and preparing for their

things together such as learning etiquette and practicing public speaking. The girls also do a ton of charity throughout these two months.

"We have attended a woman's club tea, helped out at Clothe-A-Child, Toys for Tots, Santa Express, and we have even sung to the elderly," Jackson explained.

Another thing most people don't know is that on the day of coronation, all 14 girls qualify for a bunch of different of scholarships, including "The Spirit of Lilac" award. This is voted upon by the Fab 14 and goes to the girl they believe has gotten involved



# Retail vs. Thrift Shopping

**By Emily Dearman**  
*Staff Writer*

Have you ever heard the saying “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure?” Those who enjoy thrift shopping believe that this is the case. Many have chosen to shop at stores such as Value Village, Plato’s Closet, Finders Keepers, and Goodwill (all of which are located in Spokane) because of the great prices and wide variety of clothing these stores possess. However, others argue that retail stores are the way to go because they prefer new clothes.

According to a 2007 survey on freeby50.com,



Photo by Emily Dearman

Nordstrom downtown- a popular retail store

the average amount spent on clothes for men and boys was \$435 a year, while women and girls spent nearly \$749 a year. The question is how much would their spending decrease if more people made the decision to try thrift shopping.

One of the major advantages for buying gently used clothing is the price difference.

“At thrift shops there are unique things you couldn’t find anywhere else,” shared sophomore Anna Lee, who prefers thrift to retail stores. “When I went shopping there when I went to Hawaii I found so many clothes that I liked!” she exclaimed.

If you walk into a well-known retail store at the Spokane Valley Mall, you are less likely to find cheap prices there like you would at Value Village, located on East Sprague Avenue, for example. Value Village’s slogan “Good deeds,

great deals” emphasizes the experience a shopper will have if they choose to shop there. You can purchase clothes that on occasion haven’t even been worn yet, or donate them for others.

Another thing to keep in minds while you are

making a purchase at a local thrift shop is that often a portion of the pro-



Photo by Emily Dearman

The downtown Nordstrom offers a wide variety of colors and sizes.

ceeds from thrift shops goes to charity to supply the less fortunate like giving some of the profits to local charities. Not only will you be buying clothes for yourself, you will be paying it forward in a great way.

In retail stores, on the other hand, there is a greater variety of sizes and colors of the same shirt. A shopping experience in a thrift store can be hit-and-miss because you never know exactly what you are going to find, and there is no guarantee they will have your size. Also, clothes bought at the mall will not be stained, worn, or outdated.

“I only go to Value Village for spirit week because you can find some crazy clothes there, but I don’t shop there usually,” explained sophomore Abbie Pintar on her view of thrift shops.

“I like H&M the best because the clothes are cheap and they have

good sales. It just easier to find things that I like there instead of thrift stores.” Abbie described.

There is less risk buying at a retail store, too. For example, if you decide you don’t like the shirt you bought, it is easily returned the next day. The exchange policies for thrift stores vary.

The bottom line is you can find great deals at both thrift or retail stores; it just depends on your approach. Just make sure to take quality and price into consideration so that you are more likely to find exactly what you are looking for. Ultimately, the ones supplying the “treasures” are the ones who do the retail shopping and buy the clothes that eventually end up in thrift stores—it’s a cycle.

# Hairy facial frenzy: secrets of Freeman’s beards

**By Joseph Preble**  
*Staff Writer*

Throughout history, beards have been a symbol of wisdom, masculinity, maturity, and a higher social status. Different styles have come and gone through culture and styles have been passed down through generations.

Now, beards have made their way to Freeman High School where fellow classmates grow out their beardedness for all their peers to see. But the question is, what is their opinion of their own decorative facial hair? Well, just ask them!

“It’s kinda annoying sometimes just having to shave it, but I’m usually lazy about it, so I don’t really care,” senior Jake Bisset explained.

Others shared his views as well.

Senior Zeke Flack agreed.

“[I like my facial hair for] three or four days, but then it gets annoying.”

However, sophomore Devin Pavlischak had the opposite opinion of his hairy facial frenzy.

“I am one of those people who would rather have no facial at all,” explained Pavlischak. “It’s very annoying. It’s something you have to constantly keep shaved away.”

Facial hair (whether you like having it or not) grows, and you can’t stop

it. The thing you have to decide when you have it is how will you keep it? Several students gave their insights on their hairy situations.

“[I] like to keep it trimmed, but not super long,” junior Wyatt Dashiell shared.

He also stated he likes to keep it around the face, but not above the lip.

“I just let it all grow out!” Bisset proclaimed. “[The length] depends,

sometimes it gets annoying when it’s long, but it doesn’t really matter.”

Junior Kadgin Anderson was very specific with his design option though.

“It’s like a spur of the moment kinda thing; whatever suits the occasion.”

Two other decisions one with facial hair must make are when to grow it, and when to shave it. Our bearded cohorts gave their secrets to their hair care.

Pavlischak noted he grows it out usually for a week at the most in the early spring.

Rose stated he lets it grow out in November, and keeps it for usually a month.

Even Principal Dave Smith shared his deci-

sions.

“I grow one every winter break,” he stated.

Smith also recalled how his family didn’t approve of him shaving his beard off last year. This year, they sternly told him to keep it. Smith



Photo by Joseph Preble

Jake Bisset sports his full beard around school.

hasn’t decided when to shave it off yet.

One of the many gifts puberty brings is, in fact, beards. However, some people grow beards early in puberty, and some come later on.

“I think going into freshman year,” Dashiell stated.

Bisset also had an early high school beard growth.

“Sophomore year, it started coming in pretty decent,” Bisset shared.

Smith reminisced how he had to wait until his late twenties before he was able to grow a beard.

However, waiting isn’t the case in some instances. Pavlischak is a prime example.

“I was [only] eleven,” Pavlischak explained when he told about when

his beard began to take root.

Overall beards come in during many different ages, are kept in multiple kinds of styles, and are grown and shaven during various points in the year. The most important thing for a guy who has a beard is what do the ladies think? In order to find that out, several female Freemanites shared their beard-related opinions.

“[I like] full beards,” shared junior Natalie Kestell.

She also stated she likes guys to grow them out all year.

“[I like] full-out beards and no mustaches,” sophomore Asriel Lynn declared. “I think [beards] look manly.”

“I like it to go down to where the neck and the chin meet,” junior Beth Primmer stated.

Junior Marianne Wipf had a different opinion. She stated she does NOT like beards.

“I don’t like it because it hurts,” explained Wipf. “I just think the face should not have hair. I don’t think it’s attractive. I just think it’s more clean when they don’t have it.”

So now you know your peers hairy secrets; now all that’s left to find out is, what about yours?



## Freeman student chooses to serve our country

By Ali Tesch  
Opinion Editor

The Navy is an essential part of our country. The Navy's duty is to protect both our and our allies' rights to the sea. The Navy is made up of 360,000 officers and enlisted sailors, and the Navy also recruits 40,000 people each year to occupy openings in the Navy career field. As you can see, the Navy is a significant part of our country, and it is also an honor to serve in the Navy. This year, senior Parker Henderson joined the Navy.

On July 3, Henderson will head to Chicago for an eight-week basic training. Afterwards, he will take a 2 to 3 week break to visit family before he heads to A school which is a Navy school that will prepare him for his assignments.

"I'm excited to join the Navy because it provides a good lifestyle," explained Henderson. "My grandpa also inspired me to join the Navy because he served in the Navy."

Basic training is a challenging part of joining the Navy. It is an eight-week transition that helps a Navy enlistee get into physical shape. Although fitness is a key part of basic training, recruits also get classroom training on several subjects such as ship familiarization,

decision-making, time management, and Navy mission and organization.

"I'm excited that I have this chance to serve, but I'm also kind of anxious to leave my family and friends," stated Henderson.

Leaving family and friends for this length of time is a difficult part of joining the Navy. Basic training also helps enlistees transition to Navy life -one reason why basic training is so crucial. Not only is it difficult for the enlistees to leave family and friends, it's also difficult for their family and friends to say goodbye.

"I'm excited for Parker to leave but I will miss spending time with him," said Parker's brother, sophomore Landon Henderson.

Henderson's family has been very supportive of him joining the Navy. His mom's side is very proud of him according to Henderson; they see joining the Navy as a step beyond what is expected of him. Henderson's stepdad, Rick Bartch, has been a major influence on his decision to join the Navy. Bartch is a hero to him because he was a colonel in the Marines.

"Ever since the beginning of September when the idea came to life, my mom and stepdad have been with me every step of the way," explained,

Henderson. "I'm so glad they are supportive of my decision."

The Navy provides many opportunities and experiences. Henderson is excited to travel. He wants to see the world and go to places he's never seen before, and he is excited for new experiences. The Navy also provides many educational opportunities. A program called Navy campus provides enlistees opportunities to continue education classes throughout their Navy career.

Joining the Navy is exciting and scary. It is a huge commitment, and it takes dedication and determination to join. It's exciting that a student from Freeman is willing to serve our country. The Navy provides many opportunities and experiences.

This semester, Henderson left school early to transfer to a different school up north. Although Freeman students will miss him, this will help Parker transition more easily into the Navy easier. It also allows Henderson to work closely with the Navy as they plan his future career.

"I'm excited to leave to find my sense of pride," stated Henderson. "If I could give anyone advice, I would want to tell students to live your life the way you want to."

## Do's and Don'ts List

What not to do:

- Ask over text. That's lame, be a man/woman.
- Walk away, don't just leave! They are going to be spending time with you anyways.
- Ask someone to ask for you, yet again, BE A MAN/WOMAN!
- Guilt trip them into saying yes. "Well that one time I helped you..." – NO!
- Pester them and ask more. If they say no, oh well. No one wants to be stalked.
- Ask over Facebook. That's even worse than texting!
- Ask multiple people. If they all say yes, you're in trouble.
- Tell them they are the backup. Way to make your date feel flattered...
- Throw yourself at them. Just no.
- Be loud. No one wants to be shouted at.
- Ambush them. It's like a forced date, it's practically kidnap.
- Ask over the phone. It's better than Facebook and texting, but still pretty awful.
- Make a joke out of it. Be serious, they won't know if you're kidding or for real.

What to do:

- Choose a secluded or intimate setting, but not in a serial killer kind of way.
- Maintain eye contact. Don't stare down their soul, but show your feelings, remain confident.
- Continue the conversation, don't just ask and leave!
- Be creative when you ask. Make it so adorable and heartfelt that they can't resist.
- Be unique. Show they are special enough to think about.
- Be yourself. You are one in a million, show them you are different.

## Community service at its best

By Emma Sheldon  
Photo Editor

Of all the things for us to do in our spare time, charity work doesn't usually make the list. More important things, like video games or our favorite TV shows, tend to work their way in before the thought of helping others does. Hmm, what does this say about our society? Should our own enjoyment be a higher priority over the service to others? In our society, charities really aren't influential, at least in our daily lives. Material wealth controls, and distracts us from the importance of acts of selflessness.

When you think of helping people, what comes to mind? It's different for everyone. Whether it be helping around the house or flying to far-off lands on a mission trip, we can all contribute. But helping people doesn't always have to happen halfway across the world; there are plenty of people who need our help right in our hometown.

Our own Wyatt Smith, a senior here at Freeman High School has been volunteering at Union Gospel Mission since his sophomore year. He has one other person join him and they serve dinner to the people that go to the Union Gospel Mission. He calls it the Scottie Crusade.

"I think the best way to volunteer is really any type of volunteer work you enjoy" said Smith.

There are countless volunteer opportunities in the Spokane area that could use our time. Along with the joy of helping others, the hours spent could be used as community service hours. Just a few on the long list of local opportunities include The Union Gospel Mission, The City Gate, Cup of Cool Water, Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, Spokane Guild's School and Neuromuscular Center, and The Ronald McDonald house.

"The Ronald McDonald House is a safe place for families to stay if their

kids are getting treatments," advised sophomore Jami Pratt, a member of FBLA. "Their always looking for volunteers to do light cleaning, cooking or do crafts with the kids."



Photo courtesy of Emma Sheldon

Helping people become contributing members

For every interest, there is the ideal volunteer opportunity. Have you ever wanted to make a difference in a child's life? The Spokane Guild School is a perfect place for those who have a heart for kids with special needs. They work with kids, birth to three with disabilities through a personalized, comprehensive program of assessment, therapy, education, and support. If you are more of an animal lover, the Spokane Humane Society or Spokaneimal, might be just right for you. Every year there are animals abandoned or dropped off at these agencies that need to be hugged, brushed and cared for.

"Volunteering at animal shelters is a fun way to earn hours, especially if you love animals," explained sophomore Johanna Jackson. "You get to walk the dogs and play with the cats. I enjoy helping at the animal shelters because I like seeing all the animals find homes."

At Anna Ogden Hall, volunteers wash dishes and serve the food. Afterward, you can sit and eat with the women and kids that you just served. It is a great way to form friendships and come away glad you could help. Along with Anna Ogden Hall, the Women's and Children's Free Restaurant serve many of the women and children in our community for free. The Restau-

rant is located in the basement of Christ Our Hope Open Bible Church (former St. Paul's United Methodist Church) at 1620 N. Monroe.

Jennifer Duskey, a dietitian with

Kootenay Medical Center, has volunteered at Women's and Children's Free Restaurant.

"They were very appreciative and had very nice manners and are very thankful that they could come into this warm place and have these people offer them food," said Duskey, describing the reactions of those she served.

The Women's and Children's Free Restaurant is

created to be a comfortable place for these women and kids.

"It's really a welcoming, nice place for women and children to have dinner two nights a week and lunch one day a week," explained Duskey. "Then on Friday, they have a fresh market where the women and children can come and pick up food for the weekend."

The layout is simple and encourages socialization.

"The tables are for two to six people," Duskey added. "It's kind of welcoming and fosters communication. You can sit with a bunch of people and just visit. And then there are people like me, who are the waitresses. Nobody waits on low income or homeless people, so that's fun for them too."

Besides volunteering your time many places including Union Gospel Mission and The Women's and Children's Free Restaurant accept food donations. Goodwill is the perfect place to start by donating your old clothing. The majority of the organizations in the Spokane area is funded by donations alone and could really use our help. Of all the things we could do in our free time, volunteering would be the best way to spend it. It is both beneficial to our community and can further our future through community service.



# Nowhere to go during spring break?

By Mason Mackleit  
Sports Editor

Spring break is looked forward to by students and teachers everywhere. It's a break, and as a break, it gives student a chance to catch up with late homework or just time to sit back and relax. Some kids go out of Spokane to vacation hotspots, but many students have to find ways to entertain themselves where they live. For Freemanites, that would be areas around Spokane. The question is what is there to do around Spokane?

Go to a museum— although it may not sound fun, there are still many interesting and captivating things to do at a museum. Spokane's museums consist of its new Science Center and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (the MAC).

The Science Center is located on 811 W. Main Ave, Across from River Park Square, and is home to 65 different exhibits including live animals. Many of the exhibits are hands-on, and perfect for groups. The entrance fee to the Science Center is \$7.



Photo curtesy of Kami Mackleit  
A weaving from the MAC's lasting heritage exhibit

The MAC is home to many different exhibits, including Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors: Photographs by Gertrude Käsebier, Campbell House Activity Center, and the Two to Tango: Artist and Viewer. The MAC was built in 2001, but the collection has been



The downtown Clocktower in the spring!

around since 1926. Fees to enter the MAC are \$5 for students with an ASB card, and \$7 for students without. The best part about going to a museum is it provides a break in the usual flow in the day. There is always something you didn't notice before if you look hard enough.

For those who aren't usually interested in museums, Spokane has a promising outdoor attraction, Riverfront Park.

"My favorite thing in Riverfront Park is the carousel," said junior Ariana Tull.

Riverfront Park boasts many attractions. There's the Spokane River, The Falls, the gondola rides, restaurants, the Loeff Carousels, and the Loeff Carousels gift shop. Other things to do at Riverfront Park include visiting the red wagon (designed by Freeman art teacher Ken Spiering), the clock tower, the garbage goat, and the Centennial Trail.

For those who don't like the outdoors, you could plan a game night with friends.

"Why would I ever leave the house if I can find just as many fun things to do at home with just as many friends?" asked sophomore Ben Mitchell.

What's the fun of spring break without friends? Game nights can come in many different ways, and the more people, the better. It never hurts to add some little incentives to those who win more than they lose. For example you could use fifteen dollar gift cards to some of the players' favorite restaurants or coffee shops. Some of the best games are the ones that get people active, and it's even better if the game makes them do silly things. Just dance for Wii or Xbox is good at doing this, as are games created by Wiggity Bang Games, LLC, such as Quelf and Furt.

Movie night is another great option for friends to get together; you could start with dinner at a restaurant and then head down to the theater or back to someone's house to watch a movie. Popcorn, root beer floats, and a



Photo curtesy of Kami Mackleit

The glass mosaic being admired by other museum guests

movie with friends, what could be better? Depending on the group, you could watch a scary movie, a sob story, a documentary, or a love story.

If you are looking for something active to do outside, there are many different trails around Spokane. Conservation club advisor, John Hays, has been on many and says that Tower Mountain, Euler Mountain, Stevens Creek, Trail Head, and the Dishman Hills are all good trails to go hiking on. Most of the trail guides are kept at the trail head, where the trail starts.

"There are many different trails to go hiking on and if all else fails, there's always Mt. Spokane to fall back onto," said Hays.



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Swank Boutique 2.JPG – Swank Boutique showing off some of their unique fashion pieces.

Swank Boutique.JPG – Swank Boutique has a great atmosphere.

Photo by Cashlynn Volk



## Swank is the new swag in Spokane!

By Cashlynn Volk  
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a place to shop that is welcoming and sells fashion-forward clothing? Then, Swank Boutique is your place to shop!

Swank Boutique sells unique and trendy outfits for any occasion. They also sell housewares, decorations, and accessories, offering well-known designers and popular lines. If you see something in a fashion magazine from remarkable pieces to trendy accessories, there is a good chance that Swank has it.

Some of the name brands of clothing that Swank Bou-

tique sells are Free People, Wildfox, J Brand, Hudson Jeans, Mink, Pink, Sisi Amber, Little Miss Jewels, Yummie Tummie, Twisted Heart, and Butter London.

"I love to buy sweaters and accessories," freshman Heidi Hohmann said. "The brands I usually buy are Free People and Wildfox because of their great quality."

Swank is located on 401 North Riverpoint Boulevard, right across from Northtown Mall. Who would have thought that a boutique on the Northside in a strip mall would be the real deal? Its convenient location attracts a variety of people, whether it's tourists looking for a boutique to shop at

while they are in town, or locals looking for some new unique, fashion pieces.

"I don't have to go out of my way to get there," explained Hohmann. "I usually go there once a month or so."

Their employees are very polite, knowledgeable, and easy to talk to. They actually have a regular conversation with you instead of just trying to sell you something. Everything there was as expected – hip and refreshing. This store should be everyone's first stop to find the outfit they are looking for as the mall can't even begin to compare! This boutique is practically any girl's dream closet.

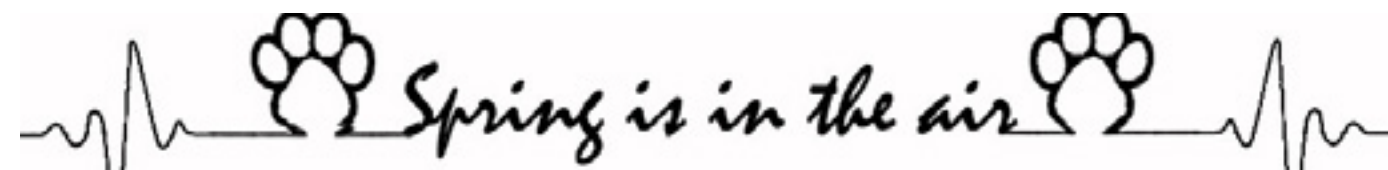
"The owner is very nice and the service is great," added Hohmann.

Although Swank Boutique is a bit pricy, you definitely get what you pay for. They actually have good deals on the popular lines that they sell.

"Some of their deals are really reasonable," said Hohmann.

All in all, Swank Boutique is a very elegant place to shop hence the name. It's not only a great place to shop, but it's very welcoming. I would rate Swank Boutique a 10 out of 10 because of its great service, products, and location. Swank is truly the new swag!





“Coaching athletes one on one and working hard is my favorite part about coaching track,” said Track Coach Mr. Hays.



“Working with a good group of girls who put team goals above individual achievements is the best part about coaching softball,” Said softball coach Mr. Moore.



“Every season holds something special. My goals are simple. I plan to share the passion I have for tennis and hope it becomes contagious.” explained Coach Lee, “Tennis is a game of personal goals and personal best.”





## H&M: Bringing new, trendy fashion to the Spokane area

By Heidi Hohmann  
Staff Writer

The Spokane Valley Mall is home to many various retail shops and department stores, but their newest edition is the new H&M (Hennes & Mauritz) store located across from Sears. H&M started off in Sweden in 1947 and has over 2,800 stores in 43 countries. It is home to clothing for all ages from young children to men. Their styles range from sophisticated to edgy. Sometimes, you might find something totally out of your comfort



H&M is located in the Spokane Valley Mall

zone!

"I love H&M," said freshman Kaylee Fuchs. "I would rate them a 7.5 out of 10 because they have a lot of good accessories."

As you walk by their white, clear displays, you see mannequins dressed up with clothing and the perfect amount of light

shining on them. If the holidays are near, H&M makes the displays more festive with colors and trinkets.

"The store is sparkly and well lit," said Fuchs.

When you walk into the store, you see all of the new displays of their seasonal clothing. You also see all of the cashiers and accessories.

"I like the interior of the store because it's all my style, and it's super clean," said freshman Jazmyne Gossett.

H&M has a great variety of accessories, including gorgeous, inexpensive necklaces, comfy scarfs, hats and essential shoes. They also have random items like iPhone cases, socks, and nail polish. To the left, you will see maternity clothing and children's clothing, which is great for new mothers and any children you may be buying a gift for.

If you go to the right, you will find the women's clothing. When you walk around, you can see all of the different types of clothing they have to offer like

dressier pieces, essential pieces, or edgy pieces. Most of their clothing is similar to the pieces you see in Elle and Vogue magazines, or the NYC runways.

Towards the back of the women's section are the dressing rooms. Before you go into their dressing rooms, you have to talk to a really sweet guy or girl, and they'll help you get into one of the dressing rooms. Their dressing rooms are very lavish with a modern theme of gray and cream. Their rooms have plenty of room to try on as many outfits as you would like. A large, well-lit mirror and grey thick curtains cover the room. The dressing rooms are my favorite part of H&M since they're so clean and classy.

As you walk out and take another right, you will go into the men's section. The men's section is full of unique and classy men's clothing like sweaters, V-necks, jeans, hoodies, and shoes. From scarfs to skinny jeans, any guy would like something from there.

"My favorite part of the H&M store is the

accessory section," said Fuchs with a soft laugh. "I typically buy just accessories."

H&M always has sales running. They're posted on the outside displays or in large signs inside. Unfortunately, the sales are hidden in various places in the store so you can't really see the deals. Their sale prices range from \$5-\$25, and they're marked as a big, round, pink tag with the price. You just need to look around to find them! Their retail prices are very affordable. They range from \$10-\$50



H&M offers a great selection of clothing

for clothing, and \$3-\$20 for accessories. They have clothing and accessories for any occasion.

"I typically buy belts, leggings, blazers, jeans, scarves — practically my whole wardrobe is from there!" said freshman Amy VanVoorhis.

H&M also has celebrity spokespeople that make their own

line of clothing to sell, and who star in their commercials and ads, like Lana Del Rey for women and David Beckham for men. H&M now has their own free magazine which you can pick up at the register or around some of their clothing displays. The employees are very nice and personable to the customers. The store is very neat and

organized.

Sometimes you may be a bit overwhelmed with what they have to offer since there's so much there. You may want to plan in advance before going to the mall by searching on their website. However, there is one downside to their website, US customers cannot order online because they don't ship from

their overseas stores to the US. You can, however, click the "try on" button to see what it looks like on you. One downside to their store is that the clothing sizes are typically a bit small, so I would definitely recommend going a size up on some of their items.

Overall, H&M added to the Spokane Valley Mall is great. They have a lovely collection

of clothing and accessories for any age or occasion. Anyone who is into unique, runway, or mainstream fashion and accessories will like the store. I would rate the store a 10 out of 10 for their great service, products, and their convenient location. H&M is a must visit for the next time you go shopping around the Spokane Valley Mall.



## Pitch Perfect lives up to its name

By Taylor Walker

Staff Writer

Lezzzzbehonest, Universal Studio's *Pitch Perfect* hit all the right notes. When her dad bargains that he will let her quit college early to start a career in music if she will join a college group for the year, freshman Becca (Anna Kendrick) finds herself joining the Barden Bellas. The Barden Bellas is an all-women's acapella group whose dream is to return to the I.C.C.A. finals and take home a victory over their male rival acapella group, the Treble-Makers. But

when Becca attempts to mix up the music they perform to something from this century, their over-controlling leader named Aubrey (Anna Camp) denies the idea right away. As tensions rise and the finals draw closer, the idea of a victory seems more and more out of their range.

Director Jason Moore couldn't have done a better job selecting the cast for this comedy. From a girl with gambling problems to a girl who can hardly speak above a whisper, the actors and actresses knew exactly what they were doing.

Although the main character was Kendrick, many laughs were brought to us by the hilarious Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson) who may have stolen the show.

"The movie was even better than I thought it would be... and I was already expecting it to be pretty good," said sophomore Miranda Atwood. "My favorite character was definitely Fat Amy, and I loved the scene when she was hit by a huge burrito. I would probably watch this movie every day for the rest of my life if I could. This movie is definitely worth the

purchase."

Fat Amy is an overweight singer with an honest personality, an Australian accent, and quick wit that will leave you with sore sides from laughing too hard. All the girls in the audience fell in love with Jesse (Skylar Astin), who played a kind-hearted guy with an eye for Becca and a killer voice.

"This is the hands-down best movie in the world," confessed senior Claire Hulse. "My favorite character was the super quiet Asian girl who always said

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funny things. I would obviously buy this movie and watch it over and over again.”

The setting for the film took place at fictional Barden University (filmed on the Louisiana State University campus). This added a beautiful setting and helped the film feel more real and like you were actually there, being

able to walk around the huge and impressive campus. Tied together with realistic events like strange roommates, stage nerves, and people who wouldn't normally click together getting along, the film leaves a satisfying, realistic, comedy that makes you wish you had an amazing voice like the characters in this movie.

“The movie was

honestly better than I thought it would be,” said sophomore Jesse Schmidtkofer. “Being a guy, a singing movie didn't sound overly exciting but I ended up liking it. My favorite character was Fat Amy and my favorite scene was the Riff-off. I think this movie would be worth the purchase and I would watch it again.”

With a PG-13 rating, I recommend



Photo courtesy of www.wansdata.biz- Fat Amy and Becca talking about Aca-Initiation night and becoming a Barden Bella.

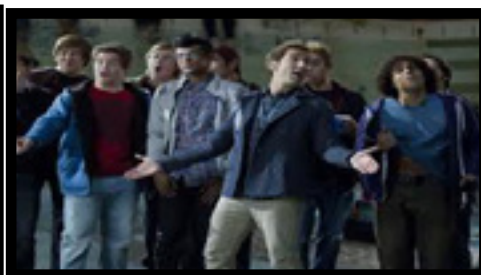


Photo courtesy of collider.com Treble makers celebrating and bragging about their victory from the Riff-off



Photo courtesy of www.fanpop.com The Bellas performing a surprising and fresh mix-up of songs at the I.C.C.A. finals

## Geno's, a new Spokane favorite

By Olivia Nemec

A&E Editor

About a year and a half ago, the small mom-and-pop Italian restaurant, Geno's was taken under new ownership and completely redesigned. An old building near the Gonzaga campus was converted to the rustic, fun space it is now. Not only was the building given an update, but the menu was also given an overhaul.

Many knew Geno's but didn't have a

very high opinion of it. The food wasn't anything to write home about, and it wasn't well-known throughout the community. But when the new owner William Webster took over, Geno's got a much needed facelift. The new location was redone with new flooring and paint was added. But one of the most interesting facets of Geno's remodel is the use of 1940's circus items to furnish and decorate. As you walk in the door, there is a metal pillar that used to be

part of a Ferris wheel. Some of the lighting along the ceiling is taken from an old game from the circus. Also, the curved edges of the walls are made from the metal that carried the traveling circus.

The building isn't the only thing that got a makeover. The food once a traditional Italian cuisine now has a diverse interesting twist. The menu now ranges from delicious twists on traditional favorites such as pizza to brand new orig-

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this movie to people who are looking for a good laugh that are 13 years or older, but with parental supervision considering it references a few topics that may not be appropriate for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders. The film exceeded my expectations of how good it would be. All in all, this movie was a huge hit, delivering wave after wave of rolling laughter.

inals such as Steak Mac and Cheese. All of their delicious menu items are made fresh and natural, and as an added bonus, almost every dish can be made gluten-free. They make a delicious gluten free pizzas and breads. The dough is all made fresh here in Spokane and their non-gluten-free dough is all made in New York for that New York style pizzeria taste.

The food quality is fantastic, there isn't

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a dish you can't fall in love in love with. But the most popular menu items are things such as their Baked Ziti, Steak Mac and Cheese, and pizzas. They are all incredibly high quality and delicious. The Baked Ziti is a traditional Italian

favorite that is similar to lasagna, and spaghetti that comes in large portions with a low price; so does their rich creamy mac and cheese with bits of bacon. Their hand-made pizzas are a traditional favorite that everyone loves. If you love pizza, you'll love

Geno's!

You can't go wrong at Geno's, with all of the classic Italian dishes and new favorites and new fun environment, you are bound to be a repeat customer. With large portions and small prices, Geno's is the

place to be any night of the week. They have all day specials on Sundays and karaoke nights during the week. Make sure to make Geno's your destination for dinner tonight.

## Safe Haven- stick with the past, or move forward.

By Maddie Richardson

Special Features Editor

When new girl, Katie, arrives in small town Southport, North Carolina, she leaves the town wondering why she showed up. The only reason people move there is if they are retired or raising a family. Katie is shy and keeps to herself. When Alex, a newly-widowed father, meets Katie, he is astonished by her beauty. However, he notices something off about her.

When people start to get to know Katie, she fears that her past will be revealed. She isolates herself when she first moves there. As new neighbor, Jo, starts to move in, Katie starts to realize that maybe she shouldn't be so afraid of her past. Before Katie started talking to people, she kept a simple routine. But as she started meeting and talking to new people, she slowly breaks apart from her comfort zone. She must choose if she wants to live the life of isolation or face her fears and not be afraid to live her life as she starts falling in love.

As Katie starts falling in love, her past is slowly coming back to haunt her. Alex, and his two children, Josh and

Kristin, show her that there's more to life than being afraid all the time. After she slowly starts to open up and talk about her past, Katie realizes that talking to someone who really cares, is not such a scary thing.

This book is an excellent read for anyone who loves romantic dramas, especially if you love any of Nicholas Sparks' books. Safe Haven is just like his other books; they are filled with romance and drama. Once you start reading this book, you won't stop. It was one of his best, with dark secrets from the past creeping in on the present. It starts off with a slow pace, but once you get into it, you won't be able to put it down because it's constantly keeping you guessing about what will happen next. It will leave you wanting more, and the ending is a huge shock.

Safe Haven is Sparks' sixteenth book. All of his books are the same: romance/drama genre. He bases his characters on people he is close with. His most popular books have been made into movies including Safe Haven. This book is more for teenage girls all the way up to adults because of

its romance or anyone who loves reading Nicholas Sparks book. It has many realistic facts that relates to young women who are going through tough relationship problems. The beginning of this book is a little dull, but as you continue reading, you won't be able to put it down, making you wish there was more at the end. All in all, this book was fantastic because it kept you entertained from beginning to the end.



Safe Haven movie book cover featuring Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel



## Glidewell sets season goals to place at state wrestling tournament

By Katie Ophus  
Staff writer

When the lights go out and the spotlight turns on, sophomore Teigan Glidewell knows that this is the moment he has been waiting for. Glidewell has given everything during practice to feel the success of a win. Glidewell's season ended with earning a fourth place at the wrestling state tournament, his second year competing for Freeman in the Tacoma Dome. While Glidewell sustained an injury earlier this season, he didn't let that stop him from achieving another chance to return to the Tacoma Dome.

"My brother [coach Taylor Glidewell] is my biggest influence, because he has always helped push me to go further," said Glidewell.

Wrestling was introduced to Glidewell family when his dad came home and showed him and Taylor some moves.

"Wrestling, has always been done in our family, you miss it after awhile," Glidewell explained.

Last year, Glidewell was knocked out of the

state competition on the first day losing his first two matches. This year,

Congratulations on a fantastic season Teigan.



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Teigna glidewell as he fits to roll over his oppenent during senior night at Freeman Highschool.

Glidewell took a personal best 4th place at state.

## Secret weapons of a whole new kind

By Brooke Sw rtout  
Staff writer

For the last couple years, Freeman has been known for our competitive basketball teams. We have made it to districts for the 4 years straight for our boys. So, this year, Freeman's got a few new tricks up its sleeve.

When you hear our boys' lineup being announced one thing tends to stand out— 4 out of the lucky 5 starters are freshmen. From an outsider's point-of-view this might seem crazy, but coach John Graham knows what he is doing.

Alongside Sophomore Jake Phipps, freshmen Jesse Unfred, Jack Paukert, Michael Pierce and Peyton Smetana work hard to keep their spots on varsity.

"It's an honor, I guess," explained Smetana. "We see these seniors working hard out there,

high school days, but now it's his turn.

"It's weird cause I'm use to watching him play and now he's like an equal to me," junior Brady Unfred said about his little brother.

Things took a very good but unexpected turn one day at practice.

"I was originally on C-squad and JV," explained Jesse. "One day at practice when we split up, coach told me to go with the V and that was

it."

Another die-hard basketball family would definitely be the Paukerts. Just as his sister Emily Paukert did, Jack Paukert takes the court and shows his oppo-

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Photo by Brooke Swartout

The boys stand side by side together as friends.

and freshmen are always the ones that don't want to mess up. The speed and the intensity are way different on varsity then from JV."

Unfred has grown up with older brothers, Cody and Brady, being basketball stars all through their

## Sorensen's last year on the court

By Hope Mathews  
Staff Writer

Senior Alisha Sorensen has played basketball for 12 years and has loved every minute of it. She has been supported by a lot of people in her life, but who are her biggest supporters?

"First was definitely my dad cause he was in the NFL and he knew how to keep me motivated, and second was my select coach Bob Swan-nack cause he developed my skills and sparked back up my love for the game," Sorensen explained

Although Sorensen has loved playing basketball for so long, she does wish that she started playing other sports that she loves sooner.

"I just wish that I would have branched out to other sports like soccer sooner because I know how I would have done in them," said Sorensen.

How can someone who has been playing for so long not want to quit? Well Sorensen loves her team and wants to make basketball her career just like her father did. Sorensen was heart-broken on Febru-

ary 9 when her season came to an end after a tough loss to league opponent Riverside.

in the league. Sorensen was named the NEA's MVP.

Sorensen wants to continue to play basketball for 2 years at Centralia College, and then transfer to a D1 school.

Overall, Sorensen is a great player and team sport. Like all of her basketball teammates, she is sad to see the season come to an end so quickly; but for Sorensen her career isn't over yet.



Photo by Emma Sheldon

The boys stand side by side together as friends.

While the girls missed out on another trip to the state tournament, the team did end up first

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nents what the Scotties are all about. Paukert has been playing basketball since he was little, from AAU to club. But, he never knew he would get this far as a freshman.

"It was so shocking when I found out I was gonna be playing varsity," explained Paukert. "As a freshman, you never expect to play a varsity sport your first year."

Michael Pierce is another freshman that joins the others on the court. Like Unfred, he started out as a varsity swinger and worked his way to the top. Pierce was overwhelmed in the best way when he found out he was going to start; however, he doesn't take all the credit for where he's at today.

"The upperclassmen actually helped me out a lot because they knew what they where doing,"



The boys show their support by holding up Paukert as he shows off his muscles.

Pierce said. "They were able to help me figure it out."

Rounding out the freshmen four is 6'4" Peyton Smetana, and he couldn't be happier with who he's teamed up with this year.

"Oh yeah, we are all great friends," Smetana explained. "We were on the same AAU team and

have been playing together since the 6th grade. It's cool because through all that, we've bonded. So, we are able to work well together, and it's little easier because we know how each other plays."

Smetana also was a swinger at the start of the season and was shocked by the decision.

"He was like 'Peyton you're starting varsity,' and from there I figured there would be no more JV," explained Smetana.

Over the last couple of months, these boys have gained and learned what it takes to stay on a team through thick and thin. They finished out the season with a 4-17 record ending with a home game against Riverside with the scoreboard reading 53-63.

We are all very proud of our boys and how they did this year, especially with all the obstacles they made it through. They, as a team, are just another reason why it's a great day to be a Scottie.



## Primmer spends his senior year on the court

By Anna Lee  
Feature Editor

Since starting basketball seven years ago, senior Preston Primmer has grown and developed his skills through hard work and dedication. For the last two years,



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Primmer stealing the ball, for a fast break for the Scotties.

a defensive force for the varsity basketball team. Primmer stays low and is quick on defense, making him an essential player for the team.

“My favorite part is just being with

the team,” Primmer explained. “I like competing and playing basketball.”

With Kellen Miller—the only other senior on the team—sidelined by a knee injury, Primmer has taken on the role of a team leader.

“He is one of the only kids who communicates well on the team and

gets our whole team pumped up every game,” said starting freshman Jesse Unfred.

This year Primmer has been playing with a majority of freshmen and sophomores. He has taken playing with them as an opportunity to be a leader for the underclassmen and help them as much

as he can on and off of the court.

“We have a bunch of freshmen on the team that we have to take care of,” Primmer said.

“Some of them get a little hot-headed or other such things, but they really stepped up and helped out team out a lot. It’s been fun playing with them and helping them. They have the mindset, and they are going to be ready to play.”

Primmer doesn’t plan on playing any

sports in college but he is planning on going to go to WSU. Even though the season has ended, Primmer ended his senior year

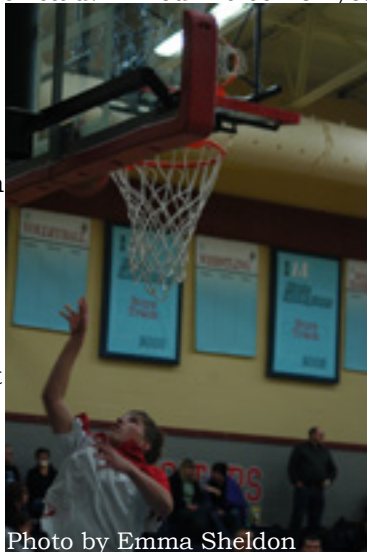


Photo by Emma Sheldon

Primmer stealing the ball, for a fast break for the Scotties.

leading the team strong and left it all on the court.

## What are Spring sports

Spring sports have started as of February 25th, of all the seasons throughout the year spring holds the most options. Tennis, track, golf, softball, and baseball, all have a different skillset and all have different tricks for success. The biggest challenge our athletes tend to face is the weather. Through the rain or snow they still

must be ready to achieve the season’s goals. Being determined and ready for a challenge, however, is a problem our Scotties will never face. Although Freeman students play different sports they are all still proud to be Freeman Scotties. Every day they show school pride by coming to practice consistently and giving their best. During

spring sports Freeman athletes not only show school spirit on the field but, they also show their school spirit off the field by supporting other athletes. Freeman coaches are excited to watch athletes improve and succeed over the season. Freeman athletes are also eager for spring sports so they can achieve their goals and serve their

school. Not only do Freeman athletes have goals for the season Freeman coaches also hope for athletes to give their best and to be a leader on and off the field. This year will be an exciting year for spring sports so we hope you come and support our Freeman athletes!

## Freeman FBLA earn first place for Burgers with a Heart

By Scott Moore  
FBLA Advisor

Congratulations Freeman! For the 8th year in a row, Freeman has raised more funds than any other school in the area in the Burgers with a Heart program. All funds raised from this event go directly to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, which provides a safe haven for abused and neglected children.

This year, we raised \$1722.96, bringing our grand total to \$14,155 over an nine year span! The second place school this year was Riverside, raising a total of \$668.

The program is headed up by the Future Business Leaders of America chapter at the high school, but it truly is a district wide event.

Helping out this year was the middle school leadership class through their sale of Valentine’s Day “Heart Grams”. The

class raised a total of \$417.96 for this great cause.

An additional \$578 was raised at Red Robin on February 7th, with the remainder being raised from the sale of paper hearts throughout the community.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who dined at Red Robin on the 7th, those who purchased and sold hearts, and for those who either made, sold, or bought heart grams.



Photo courtesy of Scott Moore

Scott Moore and Elizabeth Kosanke proudly hold the trophy they were awarded with.



Photo courtesy of Scott Moore

On February 21 at an assembly at the high school, FBLA advisor Scott Moore and FBLA president Elizabeth Kosanke present a check to Keith O'Brien, Development Coordinator at the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

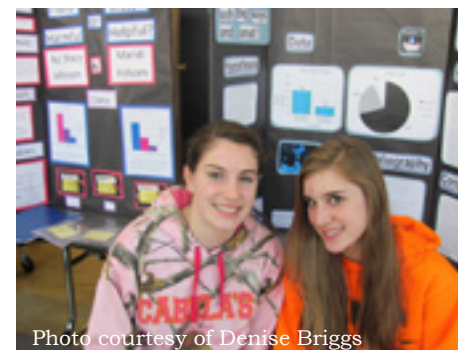


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Stacy Johnson and McCall Henderson pose for a picture.

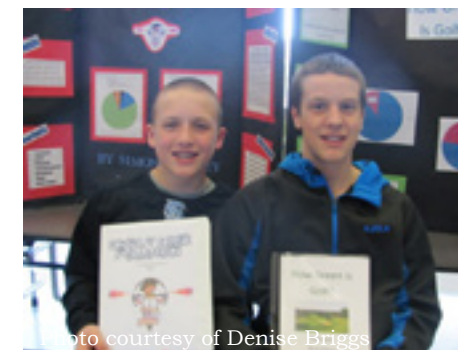


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JT Neely and Ryan Maine hold up their projects.



Photo courtesy of Denise Briggs

Megan Stark and Kelsie Peery display their project and smile wide.



# The presidents were back!

**By Isaac Stokoe**  
District Editor

Once again the second grade has stunned the district! They hosted the President's Day wax museum at Freeman! For about the last six years, Para-Educator Nancy McCathern has diligently run the event.

"They practice doing research, reading, writing, and gain confidence in speaking in front of their peers and adults," explained McCathern.

The primary goal is to have the second graders learn about the Presidents of the United States.

"It's fun being the first president!" exclaimed Garret Baumgartner.

To even be a part of the event, the second graders have a lot to do

before they get to dress up.

"I feel good to be Obama because he is our president now," said first grader Ethan Stewart.

Parents also help McCathern with the museum by bringing in decorations and donating costumes. They all work together to make the experience as much fun for the children as they can.

"I learn a little more every year that I work with the kids," said second grade teacher Cherie Dexter. "The kids did all of the work on the projects."

This event really shows the amount of concentration and will power that the second graders can muster.

"We all help out," said McCathern. "We want to make this a fun and educational experience for the students."



Photo by Isaac Stokoe

Eric Baumgartner smiles wide as first President George Washington.



Photo by Isaac Stokoe

Ethan Stewart beaming with pride as our current President Barack Obama.



Photo courtesy of Kim Nelson

The second grade sits long enough to do a real presidential pose.