



Wrestling undefeated in league to start season

By Chad Ripke
Wrestling Coach

Wrestling team is off to a strong start this year. The team has 30 wrestlers out for the team, the best numbers in my 8 years here as a coach.

We started the year by winning the Davenport Tournament, with 11 wrestlers placing in the top 4, including sophomores Billy Sims and Teigan Glidewell, and senior Austin Munson each placing first.

Next the team traveled to St. Maries and had 5 wrestlers place in the top 4, with Glidewell bringing home the lone championship.

After St. Maries, the team wrestled in the Winter

Warrior Classic at the new convention center. 9 wrestlers placed in the top 4 with Glidewell and junior Markus Goldbach bringing home gold medals.

The team traveled up to Newport for its first league dual and won 75-6.

Next the team hosted its annual Christmas tournament where the team finished in 2nd place, and had 8 wrestlers finish in the top 4 with Sims, and sophomore Pres-

ton Hoppman taking 1st place.

After winter break, the

team traveled to the Cheney Tournament and had 4 wrestlers place in the top 5, with Goldbach finishing in a team high 3rd place.

This past weekend the team traveled to Post Falls for the River City Duals and did very well.

This week the team wrestles league duals against Kettle Falls (Wednesday), and then a matchup of league undefeateds with Chewelah coming to Freeman on Thursday night. Wrestling starts at 5:30. Then the team is off to Lewiston for a 2 day tournament.

Senior night against Lakeside is Thursday, January 24. Come support the wrestling team.

The team then traveled

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Freeman wrestlers posing with coaches after taking first at the Davenport invitational.

Girls basketball, perfect through January

By Pia Longinotti
Bagpiper Advisor

The Lady Scotties and coach Ashlee Nimri are off to a perfect start this season, as they try to earn a ticket



Photo courtesy of Emma Sheldon

Freeman trying to bring their team together farther downfield.

back to a fourth straight appearance in the state championship game. At 12-0 overall and 6-0 in league, their chances are looking good.

On January 8, the team took on Lakeside at our annual Golden Garment game. The girls came away with a victory, topping the Eagles 52-30. Junior Sierra McGarity led the team with 12 points, and senior Alisha Sorensen added 5 assists.

Freeman beat Riverside 66-16, during their January 11 home game. Senior Molly McIntyre had a game high 19 points and McGarity added 13 points to lead the Scottie scoring.

Come join the girls at their next two home games. The Scotties will

take on Chewelah January 25. January 29 will feature a senior night matchup with league rivals Lakeside. Good luck Scotties!

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Molly McIntyre getting ready to jump for the ball against the other team.



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Spirit-filled FHS thanks to annual Winterfest competition

By Brooke Swartout
Staff Writer

Winterfest, where the crazy dress up days, mixers, Ping-Pong tournaments, the classic Golden Garment Game, and spirit assemblies all come together in one week to give FHS yet another reason to be proud to be a Scottie. All week the halls were filled with colors as the students dressed up to compete in class competitions. Spirit assemblies brought the students embarrassing, fun-filled games between the grades from milk chugging contests to decorating a donut with your face. FHS athletes faced off with Lakeside and Riverside high schools for basketball and Kettle Falls for wrestling! The cheerleaders gave an adorable halftime show at the end of their annual Mini Cheer Camp! The little mini-cheerleaders danced their little hearts out at the half time to "We Go Together" from the movie *Grease*. To finish everything off, the neon mixer was a huge success with the help from DJ Daahas, the perfect way to end our 2013 Winterfest.

Mr. Mojo: America’s anti-bullying coach

By **Anna Lee**
Features Editor

On January 4, Freeman Elementary and Middle Schools were visited by America’s Anti- Bullying coach, Travis Brown, also known as Mr. Mojo. Mojo was an inspirational coach on MTV’s *Made* and has been featured on CNN, HLN, FOX, NBC, CBS and MSNBC.

Mojo talked to Freeman students about what the effects of bullying are, and what they should do if they are the one being bullied.

“It’s a way we can make a difference,” Mojo said when talking after the assembly about why he chose to travel and talk to teenagers. “Some people think that you can’t make a difference in a teenager’s life, but this message can change a life.”

Mojo has delivered more than 1600 hours of motivational speaking to schools and youth nationwide. He challenged all of the students to help him “change the world one student at a time.”

“I’m excited to have someone that has traveled internationally and that is

so known around America,” explained FMS Principal Jim Straw.

Bullying is a serious matter that should not be taken lightly. Even though Mojo only spoke to the elementary and middle school students, his challenge for everyone is to “Mojo up” and take a stand against bullying.

If you want more information on Mojo, you can stay connected with him by visiting his website nobully-ingtour.com. He also has accounts on Facebook, twitter, and instagram, as well as videos on YouTube from his stint as a *Made* coach.

Here We Go Scotties, Here We Go!

By **Brooke Swartout**
Staff Writer

When you think of a classic fall Friday night, what do you think of? Maybe the winds blowing, and the rains pouring down with temperatures that are just freezing. So who are the people that show up and support our football boys through thick and thin? The cheerleaders. So far their season has been full of surprise with a new coach, new stunting abilities due to the increased number of girls and their two new male assistant coaches. But another thing that a lot of people are unaware of are the new behind-the-scenes changes. This year, our lovely ladies are showing off their skills at cheering competitively.

“It’s something new we haven’t done yet, and I think it’s a great way to get recognized instead of just being the girls standing on the sidelines,” said Felicia Jackson, a four-year senior on the squad.

The Scotties new coach, Jenn Lucas, has cheered competitively on a team herself. She brings the Freeman squad the knowledge needed to lead our girls to success. When it comes to competitive cheer however, it’s a little

different from just normal high school cheerleading.

“It was a good first year and over all we learned new things and gained a new experience,” senior Claire Hulse said. “I hope next year they will be able to go farther.”

They know now how to handle things and what they need to do to be able to make it to state. With more preparation and their new knowledge, junior Anna Lee has high hopes for the years to come.

“It’s more of a self- thing then a team thing, depending on what category,” said Lucas. “We are doing all girls no tumbling, so we will only see other teams like us.”

The routine that is made up by the squad must be between one and a half to two and a half minutes long. Squads can’t start their performances in a pyramid and are not allowed to step out of the 40’ by 40’ area. All spotting requirements must be fulfilled, meaning everyone must be safe. The time stops when the squad has come to a complete stationary position. Penalties are assessed for each rule broken, and this will reduce there score. Also,

if the squad drops a stunt, isn’t together on the counts, or doesn’t match, penalties are also given. “To make it out of the first round, you must score 175 out of 300 [points],” explained Lucas. “Good teams will get between

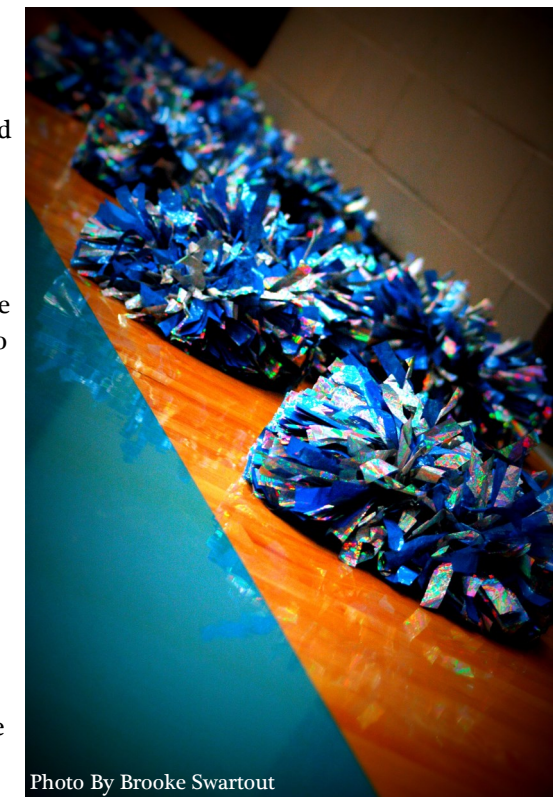


Photo By Brooke Swartout

The girls pompons as they had been left so they could use their hands to perform stunts.

200 to 250. I believe we can do it because I know we got what it takes. Their dancing abilities are above any team that I’ve seen.”

Fourteen determined and athletic girls around our school put in 2 days a week to prepare themselves along with doing their regular cheer practices. Their first competition was at Central Valley High School on December 15. Unfortunately, they didn’t place. Although, they are finish with their competitive season for the year, the squad was very pleased with how they did over all.

While they still have basketball season to finish out, the girls can look forward to the 2013-2014 tryouts that will take place in the spring. That’ll bring them new girls and new talents to use in the future competitive seasons to come.

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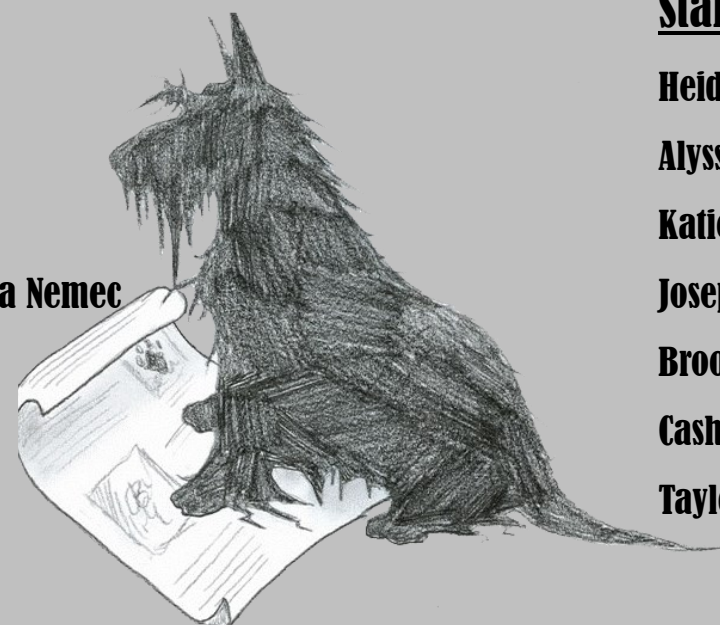
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The cheer squad performing their routine at an assembly to pump up the audience in the bleachers.

Clover gives a new sense of dining to the Spokane area.

By Emma Sheldon
Photo Editor

Spokane is home to countless unique and homey restaurants. Clover is a beautiful little restaurant 2 blocks west of Mission Park on Sharp and Hamilton. The mo-



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Don't miss walking through Clover's door to discover a Spokane's newest gem.

ment you set foot on the sidewalk the gate will take you by surprised. The tall wooden beams towering over you with its name modestly placed above the gate. As you walk through the massive gate with an elegant metal rendition of a clover, it opens up to a patio which is used in the summer for seating. As you walk up to Clover, you might find yourself thinking, "This restaurant looks like a house to me," but the inside will immediately change your mind.

At the front entrance, you will be happily greeted and led to your seat. To the left is a small bar, where numerous unique concoctions (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are made.

There is a long staircase leading up to more seating. On the way up, you might even want to look over your shoulder at the wall paper. It's elegant and fits the restaurant perfectly. At a quick glance, it has a simple design, but then the closer you get, the angle of lighting reveals a beaded pattern.



Photo by Emma Sheldon

The interior of Clover is an inviting place to enjoy a meal and a conversation.



through Clover's door to
newest gem.

drink is my favorite so far. The first sip is mind-blowing. The crisp carbonation hits your tongue preparing it for the creamy pear flavor that follows. The whole restaurant has a distinct sense of class. The people that make up Clover clearly have a sense of pride in what they put out.




Photo by Emma Sheldon

Every detail of Clover's beautiful presentation makes you want



Photo by Emma Sheldon

Every detail of Clover's beautiful and tasty food presentation makes you want to dig in.

After hiring their staff, the owners held a month of staff training before they opened their doors. They had the staff learn the menu by trying every item, so that they knew exactly what they were giving their

customers. They learned about where all the ingredients came from and taste-tested everything. For example,

they tasted Clover's homemade olive oils, oils, comparing them to similar Costco brand versions.

They “appreciate the difference,” said Bar Manager Kristi Gamble. “Every single product we put out, we feel good about.”

Their brunch menu is full of countless delicious options. Their pancakes come fluffy and lightly sprinkled with powdered sugar, and in the powder they put an interesting ingredient: malt powder. The malt gives them an unusually good sweetness not usually found in pancakes. Ac-

companied by the pancakes are eggs and the tough decision of bacon or sausage. The plates come thoroughly thought-out, the presentation is unique. They even come with a freshly cut orange slice wrapped together.

ping the whole dish together.

In the summer, they have a garden behind their restaurant that includes mint and sage and many other herbs. Along with the garden they have a bakery that puts out fresh bread every day, and they serve as well as sell them for \$3 a loaf. You can order breads and cakes for any occasion. They plan to eventually make the bakery its own, but “because of our location we aren’t really popping out to people but were still trying to get the word out,” explained Gamble.

DECEMBER PACE AWARDS AND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Staff Member	Character Trait-Caring
ALLEN, MIKE	Sydney Sather
CAROLAN, SCOTT	Hannah Ness
DAVIS, KENNY	Abigail Pintar
GARCIA, DANETTE	Jordan Nicholson
HAYS, JOHN	Lindsey Dehaas
HAYTER, STEPHEN	Karly Youngren
LONGINOTTI, PIA	Dalton Conley
MOORE, SCOTT	
MORE, GARY	Natalie Kestell
O'CONNOR, KATHRYN	Sam Avey
OPHUS, ANN MARIE	Liam Doloughan
RIPKE, CHAD	Kirsten Fuchs
ROBINSON, LORRAINE	Brook Riddle
SPIERING, KEN	Casey Phinney
THACKER, MIKE	DJ Picard
WELLS, PEGGY	Konner Forshag
WICHMANN, CAROL	Aly Doloughan
WOOD, JIM	Otis Smith

Department	Students of the Month
SCIENCE	Sebastian Hyta Sage Condrey
MATH	Sidney Sather
LANGUAGE ARTS	Mike Cahill Taylor Walker
CTE	Jesse Unfred
HEALTH & FITNESS	Jacob Lara Emily Strahan
HISTORY	Grady Arnzen
THE ARTS	Kaylee Fuchs



Photo by Emma Sheldon

The FHS December PACE award winners for the characteristic of Caring line up at the assembly to be recognized for their roles as the amazing people who make up Freeman High school. Go Scotties!

Some new lockdown regulations at Freeman

By Heidi Hohmann
Staff Writer

On December at 9:30 A.M., Freeman School District had a lockdown situation. The event started when a student in the middle school became angry and agitated. The student punched through a window, picked up a glass shard, and threatened both students and staff. Since the situation occurred, FSD has changed some of our district lockdown procedures.

“The changes we made were the exterior doors at the elementary are now locked,” explained Superintendent Randy Russell. “Also, the portables at the middle school now all have locks and are able to lock. We also put a doorbell at the preschool, so parents can come pick up their children.”

The changes that the district made were part of the flaws that the lockdown, such as the doors in the middle school being locked.

“We made these changes because, like anything, you have to make adjustments,” explained Russell. “Like students taking a test, you could have gotten an A and missed a couple questions. You look at the questions you

emergency procedures like lockdowns, fire drills, and earthquakes.

They also review safety issues within the district.

“Overall, the lockdown went very, very well,” said Russell. “The most important thing is that nobody got hurt.”

“Everyone in the lockdown did a good job,” added Smith. “It was handled very well by students and staff.”

These changes will improve school safety overall by making it so students are safer in their classrooms like adding locks in the middle school, the doorbell at the preschool, or locking the exterior

doors in the elementary.

Improving our district procedures will help us for future emergencies by ensuring staff and students are prepared for future emergencies. If it does, we can review what happened and make changes again.

missed, to see what mistakes you made or whatever you could do differently next time.”

“The lockdown gave us new ideas to review what happened with the staff and to troubleshoot and review our procedures,” said FHS principal, Dave Smith.

Every year, the school reviews

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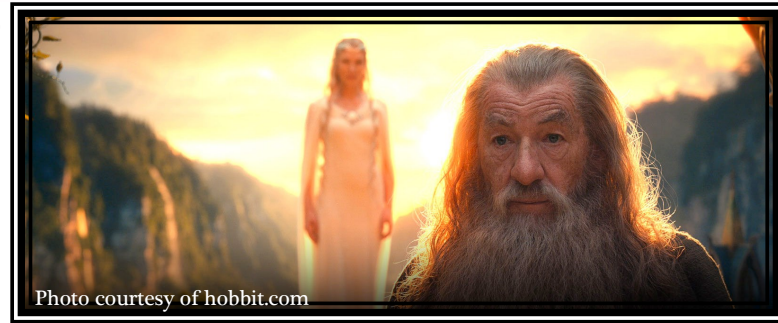


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Once again, Jackson makes use of the lush landscapes of New Zealand for filming, creating an amazing backdrop for the many realms of Middle Earth. The detail put into the set construction, props and costumes help bring to life *The Hobbit* characters.

The cast returns characters from *The Lord of the Ring*. McKellen reprises his role as Gandalf, giving the audience further insight into what makes the wizard tick, as he tries to figure out what is wrong in Middle Earth, picking up on small signs that something evil is stirring. Also reprising their roles are Cate Blanchet (Galadriel), Hugo Weaving (Elrond), Christopher Lee (Saruman), Ian Holm (Old Bilbo), Serkis (Gollum), and Elijah Wood (Frodo). Lee is particularly intriguing as the audience tries to figure out during a meeting with Gandalf, Galadriel, and Elrond if he is already under Sauron’s thrall, or if he just refuses to admit that something is amiss in Middle Earth.

Freeman and his dwarf compan-



Galadriel and Gandalf have a private conversation during their meeting with Elrond and Saruman.

ions are enjoyable to watch on screen. As they forge a bond throughout the movie, they bring humor to their roles amidst the trials they face on the journey. Armitage plays Thorin brilliantly; he is slow to trust in Bilbo as he carries the hope of his homeless people’s future on his shoulders.

Arguably, the most entertaining scene is Bilbo’s house being overtaken by some very hungry dwarves he has just met. They dole out the food while Bilbo is trying to figure out exactly what is happening. The movie also features a couple of songs sung by the

dwarves, including a spine-tingling rendition of “Misty Mountains,” the story of their homeless clan.

Much like *LTR*, Jackson shot *The Hobbit* consecutively (including in 3D format for those who enjoy seeing the 3D version), so the films should maintain consistency throughout. The second film *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* is set to open on Decem-

ber 13, 2013, and the final installation *The Hobbit: There and Back Again* is slated for a July 18, 2014 release.

Overall, the movie is a success. Jackson brings all of the elements of *LTR* that made the series so successful, again proving he is a masterful storyteller. With a PG-13 rating, this is a movie that’s made for some family fun; although, it may not be suitable for younger children as there are plenty of battle scenes and killing throughout the first part of this epic journey. Catch this movie before it leaves theaters; it’s worth the money to see it larger-than-life.



Bilbo tries to figure out how he got overrun by dwarves, while trying to protect his larder.

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noticed before. For instance, eye colors are more prominent, as is the texture of Sully’s fur. Most importantly, you can see all the nods to other Disney movies tucked in such as a Jesse doll, a Nemo toy, and the Pizza Planet truck from *Toy Story*.

“I liked it in 3D because I felt like I was there,” explained second grader Ashlyn Little.

Although most people own the *Monster’s Inc.* on VHS or DVD, you will not get the quality or the real-feel you would get with the 3D version. Going to the theater for a 3D movie does cost a little extra for the ticket, but it is money well spent! This movie is entertaining to kids because they get to see their favorite characters up close, and it is fun for teens and adults because we get to see our childhood movies on the big-screen again. Plus

you get to take home the sweet 3D glasses.

Monsters Inc. in 3D is a great way to spend an evening with the entire family. It’s one movie that nearly all ages love and is a reason to spend more time together as a family. You can go watch it with a group of friends, siblings, parents, or even take the kid you’re babysitting to see it. *Monsters Inc.* in 3D is a great way to spend an hour and 32 minutes.

The Hobbit: an unexpected treat

By Pia Longinotti
Bagpiper Advisor

When director Peter Jackson released *The Return of the King* (2003), fans everywhere were prepared to say goodbye to Middle Earth. Jackson created a series of films that brought J. R. R. Tolkien's masterpiece trilogy *The Lord of the Rings* (*LTR*) to life, literally making Tolkien's world leap out of its pages and onto the big screen.

When Warner Brothers announced that Jackson was producing *The Hobbit* in a three part movie trilogy, it was with equal parts trepidation and excitement that fans greeted the news. Who wasn't excited to visit Middle Earth again, but three movies out of a single book? How would Jackson handle that?

The Hobbit is the prequel to the *LTR* series, taking place 60 years before Frodo joins the Fellowship to destroy Sauron's ring. *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* follows the journey of Frodo's uncle, Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) as he gets pulled into an adventure he did not want to take when Gandalf the Gray (Ian McKellen) shows up at his round, hobbit door with thirteen



Photo courtesy of hobbit.com
The group finds their way to Elrond and Rivendale during their travels.

teen dwarves.

Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and his men are on a quest to reclaim their home, the dwarf kingdom of Erebor which was stolen from them by the dragon Smaug. They need a

thief to round out their troop, and Gandalf has volunteered Bilbo, who has never stolen a thing. As they wind their way through the wild to-

wards the Lonely Mountain, they face goblins, orcs, sorcerers, wargs, and one well-known character from *LTR*, Gollum (Andy Serkis).

Going into the movie, it was hard to believe that Jackson could turn *The Hobbit* into three feature length films; there just isn't that much content in the book to make that seem realistic. However, *An Unexpected Journey* has set the bar, and with some creative use of other Tolkien Middle Earth material, he has created a movie that carries beautifully onto the big screen making fans believe that three movies isn't overkill.

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Yet another Disney favorite makes its way back in theaters

By Ruby Falciani
News Editor

Much like *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Finding Nemo*, *Monster's Inc.* was re-released as a 3D movie. *Monster's Inc.* hit the big screen on December 19, 2012, which was 11 years after its theater debut. Originally released in 2001, Sully and

Mike Wazowski work for Monsters Inc., an energy plantation that uses children's screams to generate the city of Monstropolis' power. But, their world seems to turn upside down when a girl called Boo appears from the human world and begins wreaking havoc in Monstropolis. Sully and Mike keep Boo safe from Randal, an evil employee who plans to harm her,

until they can get her back to her world without the Child Detection Agency knowing about it.

It's wonderful to see your childhood favorites in theaters again. Not only can you spend quality time with a younger sibling doing something you both like, but you get to see new things in the movie that you never

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Sleep deprivation on teenagers, does it effect you?

By Katie Ophus
Staff Writer

Homework, sports and friends are all important aspects of teenagers' lives. Trying to manage them all can be hard. Many of us neglect sleep in our daily lives.

Sleep deprivation is very common, especially in teenagers who stay up very late and have to wake up early in the morning, according to the National Sleep Foundation. Sleep is vital to your well-being. Teens need about ten hours of sleep, but most only get about five to eight, according to the National Sleep Foundation. Not all teenagers are sleep-deprived, just tired from staying up late the night before. Sleep deprivation cannot be caused by just missing a day or two of sleep. Sleep deprivation is a recurring condition, missing many days of sleep.

Bed times are vital to have when it comes to sleep. Although it all matters on your daily routine, it's better for your body's biological clock, and easier to wake up and go to bed when it's time. If you have a regular bed time, and time to wake up. If you have a regular sleep schedule, then it's easier to go to bed and wake up in the morning. According to the National Sleep Foundation, most teenagers go to bed anywhere between 8PM and 2AM.

"I go to bed around ten or eleven," said sophomore Johanna Jackson.

Another problem that can mess up your biological clock is weekends or breaks. We think that just because we don't have school or work the next morning, we can stay up late and then just sleep in. It's better for your body if you have a normal schedule.

Naps are great if you don't take them too close to your bedtime. Many

people come home, take a nap, and wake up an hour or two before their bed time. With a sleep schedule like this, it becomes harder to fall asleep at night. You are tired the next morning.

Consequences of not getting enough sleep can include memory impairment, acne, not being able to focus or pay attention, and weight gain (National Sleep Foundation). Although you may not think so, not getting enough sleep can be fatal. Sleep is the food for the brain. Without sleep, you will not function right.

Bedtime might just be something that your parents used to harass you about when you were a kid, but as a teenager, it's even more important. That doesn't mean you have to go to sleep at seven or eight; just maintain a regular sleep schedule that is good for both your body and mind.



Photo by Katie Ophus

Many of us neglect sleep in our daily lives due to trying to manage other important parts of our daily lives.



Photo by Katie Ophus

Caffeine is one of the leading causes of sleep deprivation

Long-lasting high school sweethearts and how they make it work

By Taylor Walker
Staff Writer

High school relationships are known to be more of a joke rather than a sturdy relationship. They are more likely to last about 2 weeks rather than 2 months. However, there is always that needle-in-a-haystack relationship some people are lucky enough to have found. Surprisingly, there are a handful of students here at Freeman who have been dating for more than a year..., and even some teachers who ended up marrying their high school sweethearts! Among the Freeman School District staff and parents, two love stories ended as marriages that started in high school, Mrs. Kay Kirkland and Mrs. Stacey Cahill.

The first to spill her story was Mrs. Kirkland.

“My husband had choiced into Freeman my freshman year,” explained Kirkland. “He was the new stud and everyone was talking about him. It didn’t seem very different from other relationships, but I knew it was going to last when we made it through a year of dating with neither of us having our driver’s licenses. That seems to be the trickiest time to date. It wasn’t very different from

other relationships- we had a lot of opportunities to be apart, like going to separate colleges, but we managed to make it work.

“The hardest time for us was the year he left for Vietnam. Our daughter was just two weeks old. We’re definitely living the easiest part now, and we still run into a teacher of ours who always told us we would never last.... He apologizes every time.”

Recently celebrating 43 years together since their wedding in 1969, Kirkland was obviously lucky to have found her match early in life.

Another amazing love story belongs to the parents of Courtney and Mike Cahill, Jim and Stacey Cahill.

“My parents met when they were both in high school,” shared junior Courtney Cahill. “They dated for two years, and then broke up because they were going off to separate colleges. A few years down the



Photo courtesy of Courtney Cahill

Stacy and Jim Cahill on there wedding day!

road, Stacey got a scary phone call saying that Jim had been in a Coast Guard accident and had lost his leg. The second she heard about it, she flew to California and was with him through all the surgeries. Over the time of hanging out so much, they began to date. They dated for five years until they got married when they were both 23 years-old.”

Of course though, none of these marriages would’ve happened if they hadn’t met in high school. Here at Freeman, there are two couples who manage to stand out, dating for more then a year. Sophomores Jesse Schimdlkolfer and Josie Schultz, and senior Wyatt Smith and junior Grace Rudy are two couples who have made it work.

“Jesse and I first met in fourth grade, but we didn’t really become friends until about eighth grade. We were friends for about one year before we began dating,” confessed Schultz. “We’ve been dating for 15 months now. I think we’ve made it last through lots of communication and hanging out outside of school. Whether or not it will last outside of high school, I’m not sure. We’re just too young to tell.”

Our other stand-out-of-the-crowd couple here at

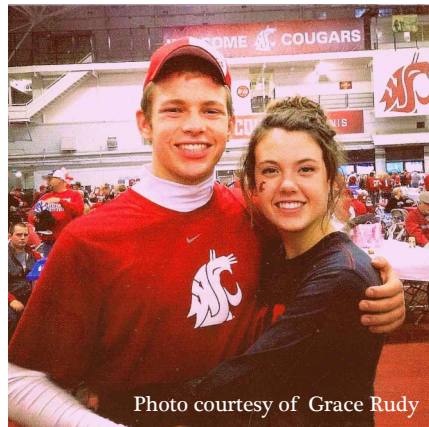


Photo courtesy of Grace Rudy
Grace and Wyatt posing for a picture at a Cougar Football game!

Freeman would be Wyatt Smith and Grace Rudy.

“Grace and I met when I was in 10th grade and Grace was in 9th grade,” said Smith with a smile.

“We were good friends for about one week before we started dating. We’ve been together for two years and eighteen days. I really do think that this will last out of high school. There are a lot of things that high school couples fight over that Grace and I just don’t. I think with that and hanging out, we’ve managed to make it last so long.”

All in all, it’s clear that all relationships take work, especially high school ones. With so many being unsuccessful, it’s hard to find a successful one. But with the right person and amount of effort, you could find yourself being in a long-lasting relationship...maybe even marry the person just like some of these lucky people!

FFA

FFA, another one of Freeman’s very active clubs, has a very busy spring ahead of them following their very busy fall. On February 6, they have a greenhouse work day. They will begin to plan for the spring plant sale by fixing up the greenhouse, repair the irrigation, preparing the pots and soil holders, and setting up for the sale in general. They will continue to have these work days on the 15, 20, and 27 of February. Then they will also have workdays March 6, 13, 20, and 27. On February 24, FFA has their FFA Agriculture Sales Career Development Event (CDE). They have their South Sub-District Leadership CDE on March 6 as well. Then, on March 8, they have their WAAE Spring Exec/FFA Committee/Degree Scoring. On March 20, they will participate in their FFA State Agronomy CDE. Finally, on March 27, they head to the District V Leadership CDE’s.

Trap

The Trap Team has not had the best season so far this year. However, there is much hope for improvement in upcoming events. In February, they have two trap shoots. The first one takes place here at Freeman where they will battle the competition and have a blast doing so. Then they head off to Othello on February 23 to do it again. In March, they have three shoots. The first one is on March 2 at Omak, then they head to Garfield on the Palouse on the 16, then finally, they will head to Colville on the 23. After that, they will only have the state trap shoot left which will take place in Wenatchee on April 13.

End of the world or beginning of a new era

By Mason Mackleit
Sports editor

“I didn’t think the world was going to end,” said junion Sarah King. “That was my birthday, so I didn’t even really care about it”

“I didn’t believe the world was going to end on December 21” said sophomore Kyle Miller. “The reason why is because there has been several times before where the world was going to end and it didn’t.”

The end of the world, supposedly December 21, 2012, has come and gone.

“Plenty of fanatics had prepared and some even went so far to commit suicide so as to avoid the end of the world,” said businessinsider.com. “The end of the world was thought to be December 21, 2012 by the Mayans in because of their calendar. The calendar is based on the alignment of the galaxy and the agriculture affects they have, it said that on December 21st, we will die because of either a blackhole, the sun passing through a galactic plane and throwing everything haywire, solar flares will fry us, or we will smash into a planet called Nibiru.”

Many of the Mayans seem to believe that instead of it being the end of the world that it is, in fact, the start of a new era.

“This belief came from one of the new finds pertaining to the Mayan calendar, a 296 hieroglyphic tablet that was found in a pile of stones thrown away by robbers and looters,” said telegraph.co.uk.

According to guardian.co.uk, the tablet makes references to the 2012 date, stating that “it is not actually the end of the world but a new era.”

“Because of this around 20,000 people celebrated on the 21st at the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza,” reported dallasnews.com. “With ceremonial fires, food, and dances the crowd had a good time of ushering in the new age. The ceremony ended with the blowing of a conch horn symbolizing that the new age had come and many voiced hopes for a better age.”

After December 21, we all still stood alive and well, the Mayan calendar had been wrong. Without any new prophecies surfacing about the end of the world, civilization should be safe for a while.

“The world won’t end any time in our life times,” said junior Ariana Tull.

Band

Our musically inclined classmates in the Freeman Scottie Band will be busy throughout the spring! As well as producing spectacular performances as our Scottie Basketball games, they have been preparing for two large concerts. The first is the Jazz Concert that is taking place on February 5. The second is the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival in Moscow on February 22-23.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society has kept occupied as well. On December 10, they volunteered at the Catholic Charities’ to help set up for their annual Christmas Bureau. 17 students volunteered to prepare for the event where presents are provided for families who cannot afford to purchase any for their children. This was the second year they volunteered at the Christmas Bureau.

Coming up in early April, the new member tapping ceremony is taking place where students that have qualified for NHS can choose to be admitted into the club. Invitations for this ceremony go out at the end of February. The club is currently planning its big excursion to Washington D.C. during spring break of 2014. Current sophomore and junior NHS members will have the chance to go to D.C. and view its many incredible sites with Ms. Longinotti as the chaperone.



Photo by Pia Longinotti

Andie Olson stopping to take a quick picture!

Math-is-Cool

Math-is-Cool has been very busy in their competitions this year. On top of their success, they have three major events coming up. Each event consists of a college bowl, a team test where they work together to solve a problem, a mental math section, an individual test, a pressure round, and another individual test that is specifically multiple choice. On February 9, they have the Winter Games at Pullman. On March 6, they are heading to Eastern Washington University for the Washington State Math Contest. Finally, on April 13, they will be taking on high schools from all over Wash-

Knowledge Bowl

The Knowledge Bowl team has kept their heads high, and has somehow managed to keep their egos low seeing that they are 9-0, and the only undefeated team in the league. They have one more competition against Valley Christian on February 5, before Regionals on March 1. State takes place on March 9, where they are likely to make a crushing blow against any competition. Practices are still on-going, and they are sure to make their school proud!



Photo by John Hays

KB at a recent tournament!

Conservation Club

Conservation Club is a very active, year-round club. They take trips all over Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and have many projects around school and around Spokane. On top of their adventures and projects, they are also in charge of the recycling program at school, which is now accepting cardboard. Their future trips include Wednesday night ski trips in February, a backpack trip in Montana on February 23-24, and two snow shoe trips to Mount Spokane. Future projects include The Earth Day Clean Up in Dishman Hills. More clean-ups are currently in planning. The Conservation Club is an adventurous club that is always looking to have fun and make a difference.



Photo by Steven Hayter

Ringling in 2013! New year, New Beginnings

By Cashlynn Volk
Staff Writer

In many countries, New Year’s begins on the evening day of December 31 (New Year’s Eve) and continues into the early hours of January 1. In the United States, millions of people’s traditions include watching the dropping of the ball in New York’s Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Traditionally, people celebrate by playing games, having family get-together, or watching a classic movie.

If you have a significant loved one, you probably got a New Year’s kiss. Maybe you lit off fireworks and banged some pots and pans when the clock struck midnight. Or maybe you went to a party.

New Year’s Eve has always been a time for looking back on the previous year, and most importantly, looking forward to the coming year. It’s a time that you can reflect on changes that you want (or need) to happen.

Each time the New Year rolls around, people really start to think about their resolutions. Many use the saying ‘It’s a new year; it’s a new me.’ Some of the most common New Year’s resolutions in America are eating healthy, stop smoking or alcohol use, getting a better education, and

getting fit (losing weight). This New Year’s, Dr. Randy Russell, our superintendent, sat down with his family and made a couple family resolutions.

“We were thinking about going to visit my sister, brother-in-law, and my niece and nephews during the Fourth of July this summer,” said Russell.

He also said that they decided to be more respectable towards others.

“You can never be too nice to someone,” added Russell

Even some students have resolutions.

“I would like to study more for tests or in general, and especially because finals are coming up,” said freshman Amy Vanvoorhis.

“I would like to go back to state next year (for running),” said freshman Tati Foster.

Or maybe you don’t even plan on making a New Year’s Resolution.

“I don’t plan on having a New Year’s resolution,” said Athletic Director Brian Parisotto.

Sadly, the majority of resolutions are short lived and are usually forgotten by February; although, you can try to stay sincere to your resolutions and goals by setting up reminders, then checking it off of your to-do list. Do whatever you have to do to keep yourself motivated to reach your goals.

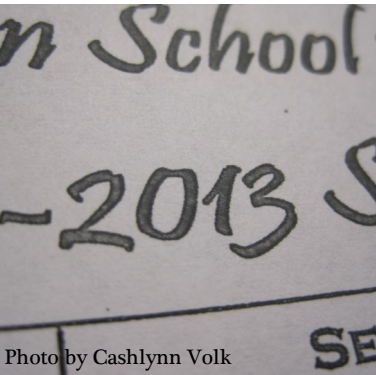


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2013... It's the start of a new year!

Freemanites unite: club beat spring 2013

By Joseph Preble
Staff Writer

Freeman High School offers some of the greatest clubs Eastern Washington has for students. Clubs ranging from music to science, and even to math are dominating the nearby competition at home, and with any luck, they will go on to dominate the state and even the country come spring. On top of competing with each other, they are also keeping very busy here at home as well.

FBLA

FBLA continues to be one of the most active clubs Freeman has to offer. Following their busy fall and early winter events, FBLA will begin to compete in their regional, state, and national club competitions. On February 6, they travel to their regional competition. Then winners of the competition move onto state competition the last week of April. State winners will qualify for the National Competition on June 25.



Photo by Scott Moore

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Freeman students celebrate Valentine's Day

By Ali Tesch
Op-Ed Editor

Valentine's Day is a special holiday. Valentine's Day is the holiday where we celebrate our love for our family, friends, or that special someone. February 14 became associated with romantic love in the Middle Ages in England. On Valentine's Day, we honor a saint named Valentine, a priest who served during the third century in Rome. He would perform marriages for soldiers illegally. Emperor Claudius decided that single men made better soldiers, so he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine still continued to perform marriages for soldiers. After Emperor Claudius found out, he had Valentine executed for his actions. As you can see, Valentine's Day is a unique holiday; therefore, everybody celebrates it differently.

How are you celebrating Valentine's Day?

Freshman Kaylee Fuchs: I will celebrate Valentine's Day by sitting at home and watching Channing Tatum movies with my cat.

Sophomore Jami Pratt: I would like to celebrate Valentine's Day by hanging out with friends and watching movies.



Photo by Alyssa Nelson

How will you be spending your Valentine's Day this year?

brate Valentine's Day with friends?

Senior Brooke Coumont: I would like to watch the *Notebook* with friends.

Freshman Kelsie Fricke: I would like to go see a movie with a group of friends.

Do you prefer group date or couple dates?

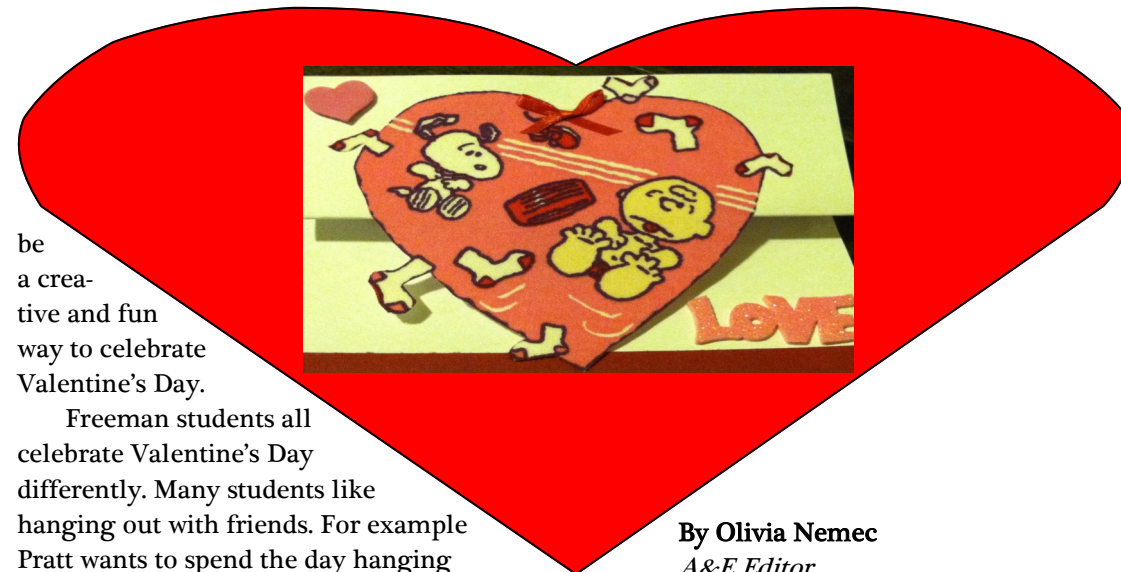
Junior Josh McCain: I prefer group dates because there are more people to talk to, and it's less awkward.

Coumont: I would prefer going on a date just as a couple because it's more romantic on Valentine's Day.

What would be a fun group date idea?

Fuchs: I think ice-skating or bowling would be a great idea because it gives you the chance to talk and goof off.

Pratt: I would like to go make pottery with a group. I think it would



be a creative and fun way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Freeman students all celebrate Valentine's Day differently. Many students like hanging out with friends. For example Pratt wants to spend the day hanging out with her friends and watching movies. Other students would like to celebrate the day with their date. Group and couple dates are both fun.

If you have no plans yet for Valentine's Day, a good idea would be to get a group of friends together and go see a movie. There are several movies available to see right now, such as *Les Miserables*, *The Hobbit*, *Skyfall*, and *Breaking Dawn*, part two.

If you prefer a couple date, a few ideas are ice-skating, Froyo, or going out to a nice dinner. No matter what you do this Valentine's Day make the most of it!



When Cupid strikes

would fall in love with the next person they saw. This is also where we get the phrase 'love is blind'.

In ancient Greece, the people would celebrate the little love god on February 14, which is where we get our Valentine's Day today. St. Valentine's Day was a celebration of not only love and the love god but of Saint Valentine who was a brave priest who defied Emperor Claudius the Second, who said that single soldiers were better than married ones so he would marry forbidden couples in secret. (History.com)

The meaning of the name Cupid (or Cupido in Greek) means desire. Other names for Cupid also include names like Amor meaning love. (Cupid." Wikipedia)

Cupid was portrayed as a young slender man by the Greeks, but during the Middle Ages, he was said to be a young, chubby boy. He was very popular in the Renaissance period, and many poets believed that he was



Photo by Olivia Nemec

Has the mischievous Cupid hit you with his arrow this year?

their responsible for their poems about love or romance. Playwrights, and actors also credited cupid for their rises to fame.

So this Valentine's Day, will your reason for falling in love be because of hormones, holiday spirit, or the god of love himself? Either way you see it enjoy the people you love during this festive season!

By Olivia Nemec
A&E Editor

Valentine's Day, a time for celebrating love and being with those you care about. But who is to blame for those feelings you get around this time of year? Is it a chemical reaction, the spirit of the holiday? Or is it Cupid?

Most people aren't aware of the history of the mischievous little angel. Most people know Cupid as a toddler with wings and an arrow that flies around shooting people and making them fall in love. But what most people don't know was that Cupid was actually a Greek god in mythology. He was said to be the son of Zeus and Venus, and he was declared the god of love.

According to "The History of Cupid", Cupid would fly around with a blindfold on with gold-tipped arrows, shooting his helpless victims who