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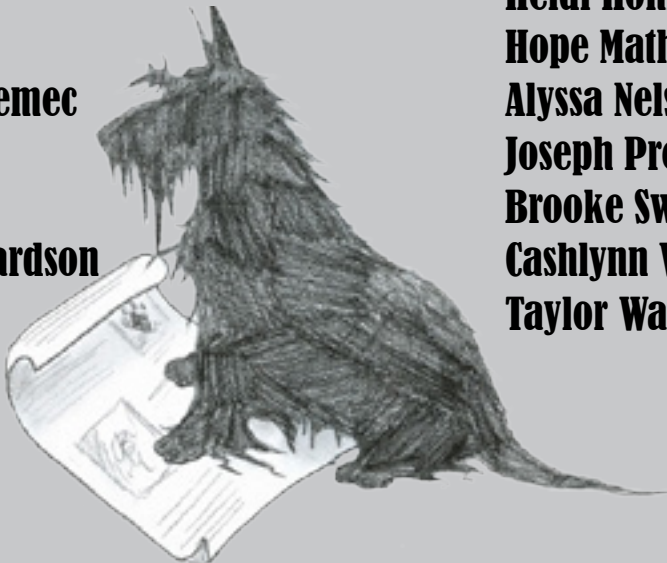


Students of all grades show their support in not driving while distracted by wearing T-shirts provided by the leadership class and posing for a group picture.

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Officer Nye assertively stands at the assembly as he watches over the students.



Sophomores Teigan Glidewell and Morgan McGarity sit on the floor as they learn the dangers of texting and driving.



A student shows off his awesome new T-shirt.



Deputy Craig Chamberlain came to speak with the students body about distracted driving.



Students are gathered around to listen to what Deputy Chamberlain had to say about the dangers of distracted driving.



Graduating senior Zack Werner is one of the many to absorb new information about teen driving.

What do you need to know to survive high school?

By **Taylor Walker**
Staff Writer

High school is supposedly the best time of your life. Looking forward to it for so long, incoming freshmen want to make sure they are prepared for it and can look back after those four fun-filled years and know they lived their high school careers to the fullest. The jump from middle school to high school is a big one that can bring nervous butterflies and lots of excitement at the same time.

According to Ms. Preble's 6th period class, most eighth graders are nervous for something in high school. The variety of things that cause nerves range from worries about being bullied and getting lost to forgetting locker combinations and having com-

pletely new teachers.

"Next year I'm expecting a lot tougher classes," explained eighth grader Hayley Damon. "I think I'm going to have to study more too."

The difference in work from middle school to high school seems to be on a lot of minds. As the amount of homework increases, so does the difficulty of the work. Even though that statement is mostly true, have no worries; it's not as bad as you think it is!

"I was most worried about the difficulty of the classes," confessed freshman Avery Oja. "There is definitely more work then middle school, and it's more challenging.

But overall, high school is a lot more fun."

Additionally, there are many 8th graders interested in sports. The majority of incoming freshmen are interested in playing at least one sport while in high school.

"I'm interested in playing multiple sports," eighth grader Isaiah Walker shared. "I am hoping to play basketball and track while in high school."

An obvious change in sports competitiveness

appears within the jump from middle school athletics to high school athletics that athletes have to prepare for.

"There are a few differences between sports in middle school and sports in high school that I noticed," explained freshman Hannah Nees. "The sports aren't all fun and games like it is in middle school. You actually have to try harder and going up against upperclassmen for varsity positions is also pretty tough. But they are more fun than middle school sports at the same time."

Overall, high school may ask for a little bit more of you but it's worth every extra minute you spend studying and spot you find yourself fighting for on a team.

"The biggest change I noticed was being mixed with all ages of people," shared freshman Megan Paternoster. "The best thing is getting the chance to meet new people and become friends with them.

Joining sports teams and having different classes present you with the chance to become friends with upperclassmen too. That's what happened with me when I played tennis this year."

In reality, high school isn't too much of a

If you ever need a welcoming change, smile, Megan is always here! Just keep your head up, options open, and work hard and you're sure to come out just fine with many memories to look back on and smile.



Photo by Taylor Walker

Ethan Lysiak pauses his game of P.E. softball for a quick smile.



Photo by Taylor Walker

Hannah Nees stops to take a picture in P.E.

Do horror movies appeal you?

By **Cashlynn Volk**
Staff Writer

A young woman walks alone through a dark, shadowy alley, fiercely looking over her shoulder. No matter how fast she starts speed walking, it seems as if her tracker keeps getting closer and closer. Out of the blue, she stumbles! In a rapid moment, her attacker soon menaces over her, silhouetted as he pulls out a hatchet from behind his back. The camera zooms in on the young woman's face as she lets out an ear piercing scream.

If you are a fan of horror movies, I'm sure you have seen a scene like this before, putting you on the edge of your seat, begging for more, or maybe you are sneaking glances between your fingers. Although, non-fans of scary movies can't

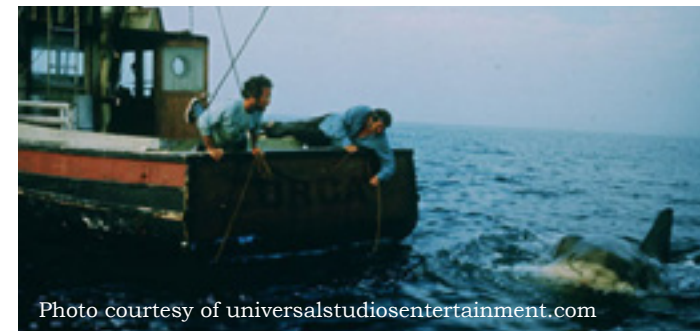


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Jaws is a great horror film directed by Steven Spielberg.

seem to find the appeal in horror films. Wouldn't you think that it would be a bit unpleasant watching humans- even fictional- in the grip of excessive fear? Why do some people like scary movies?

Freshman Aleyna Iltz is a fan of scary movies.

"They send an adrenaline rush, and it's fun to get scared every once in awhile," explained Iltz.

Horror films are meant to provoke emotional reactions from viewers, including fear and trepidation, and this they do.

Nearly everyone who has watched a horror film has reported having been disturbed at some time by the film or television program. Horror films are usually filmed in comfortable and familiar places that many can relate to. One of the most extreme findings in the science of fear is that the stronger the anxiety and fear a person admits to having during a horror film, the more likely a person is to enjoy the genre. (psychcentral.com)

"Paranormal Activity 2 is one of the scariest movies I have seen," said Iltz. "It is really realistic and hits a little close to home. Every time I watch a scary movie, something creepy happens around the house."

The reason people watch scary movies is to be scared and on the edge of their seats, secretly wanting more. However, not all moviegoers want to suffer through the fear in order to reach that happy ending. The most conservative horror movie fans usually share a characteristic called "sensation seeking." (sciencedaily.com) They want the thrill that is similar to the adrenaline of extreme sporting like skydiving.

Although, some people are not fans of scary movies as

they might freak you out and leave you unsettled for days.

Freshman Carlee Magers is one of those people who aren't so fond of scary movies.

"Even though I know it's just a movie, it is still scary," explained Magers.

Maybe it's because the moment you are alone in a dark room, all the previous images of horror films seem to pop up in your head the instant the light goes off. The scenes that pop up in your head are usually scenes that have scared you, such as the scene from The Ring when she climbs out of the TV, or anything involving clowns (thanks to Stephen King).

So far all of you who enjoy scary movies, make your way into a movie theatre with a bag of extra buttery popcorn to see blood and guts... jump to the roof out of your seat... hearts pound to get out of your chest... and run out of the room screaming.



Photo courtesy of universalstudiosentertainment.com

Jaws is an appealing horror film for all ages.



Photo courtesy of imdb.com

The Exorcism is a horrific supernatural film.

Drug Testing at Freeman, where do we stand?

By Olivia Nemec
A&E Editor

Many students choose to participate in school sports. Freeman is well-known in the community for having outstanding athletes, but how do coaches and teachers keep our athletes at their best? By holding them to high standards and athletic codes.

Freeman School District has a very strong athletic code and policy that all of the athletes are held to, no exceptions. Things in this code include a strict no alcohol policy and, of course, a no drug policy. If a student chooses to drink illegally or use drugs, he or she will be kicked off the team or, depending on the severity of the situation, be placed on academic probation.

But how do coaches know if their athletes have been using drugs? There are many opinions on testing but having it as part of a school system could help keep athletes at their best. It is a good option for any

school. Each test is about 75 dollars each (www.powerliftingwatch.com), a high price to pay



Photo by Olivia Nemec

Drug testing could make or break an athlete's season.

for a test for each student, a high price that our small school can ill afford. Though when asked, our athletic director Brian Parisotto supports it and could see the benefit of using them at FHS.

"If I had a choice, I would," said Parisotto.

If the testing was done at Freeman, it would have to be for every sport and every player which is something our district can't afford.

"It would need to be fair so every player would need to take one which would be just too expensive," said Parisotto

Freeman puts a lot of money into sports there's just no room for any more expenses seeing as that we

also have academic events to pay for as well. The money would have to come from students and the community.

Another factor to consider if the tests were to be done is who would administer them and insure each test was authentic. The legality of this is also an issue to address if parents and students aren't comfortable with the administering the urination test. Insuring each student's urine test is his or her own would be a tricky do to do.

We may not do drug testing at Freeman, but

our athletic codes are still at a high standard. The coaches trust their players to respect the code and stay out of trouble. Some think that testing is an invasion of privacy because someone has to make sure you take the test and should be banned all together, but some schools in more urban areas need the testing as an incentive to keep their athletes out of

trouble and on the right path. Also at a bigger school, the use of drugs is also a bigger issue due to more students, and drug testing could almost remove the use of performance enhancing drugs or any others.

"I really don't think we need it, it's just not a necessary cost," waide

junior Tori Keizer

At the right school, drug testing is a very important part of becoming an athlete and participating in sports. Keeping standards high and athletes clean and at the very peak of their abilities is very important. But at a small school such as Freeman, it's not necessarily needed to keep the players clean and out of trouble. At the end of the day, our athletes know the importance of a good clean game.

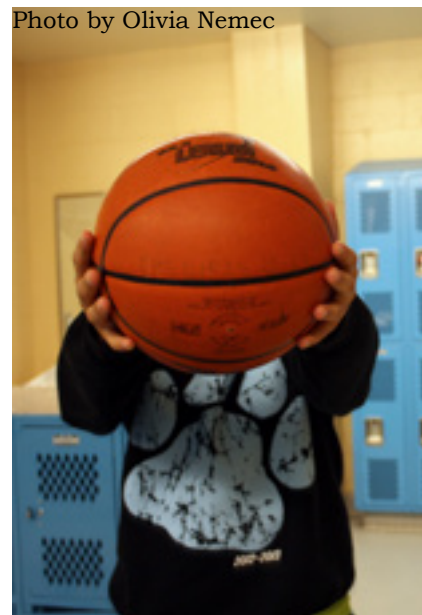


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Testing helps keep athletes clean.

Maddie Keebler: let's go Wolfpack!

By Alyssa Nelson
Staff Writer

Senior Madison Keebler recently tried out and made the cheer team for the Wolfpack, a semi-pro football cheerleading team. It was an opportunity to challenge Keebler physically, and for her to become a better cheerleader. Keebler has enjoyed being on the team and plans on trying out again next year. Along with cheering for the Wolfpack football team, the cheer squad does much more.

"We cheer for the Spokane Wolfpack football team, we do choreographed dances, we do halftime shows at the games, and we do stunts," explained Keebler.

Keebler heard about the Wolfpack because her former high school coach, Jenn Lucas, is now the head coach of Wolfpack. Keebler has the privilege to cheer with Freeman alumni Shelby Nelson and Wylie Rhoads, and current Freeman student Hope Mathews. Not only is Rhoads a Freeman alumni, but she was also Keebler's first cheerleading coach, and now Keebler has the chance to cheer with her on a team.

"I love cheering, and it was a great opportunity to expand my skills," commented Keebler. "I missed the original tryouts that were open to everyone, but they didn't select enough girls to form a whole team so I got invited to an invite-only tryout and made it."

Keebler is also challenged since it is a semi-pro cheer team. She has to learn new cheers, dances, and college-level stunts. She has to learn them at a quicker pace

than what she is used to and learn a lot more material all at once. Everything is quick and has to be perfect.

"I've learned a lot of new dances and cheers a lot quicker and I've learned a lot of college level stunts," said Keebler. "I've also learned to be positive and to be



Photo courtesy of Maddie Keebler

Keebler and the team stunting during a half time show.

mentally and physically tough."

Being on the Wolfpack is definitely a challenge, but Keebler loves it. She can take what she's learned being on the squad and use her skills when she cheers on a college cheer team, which is what Keebler is planning on doing after high school.

"It's difficult, but it's rewarding," added Keebler. "There's a lot of material and the stunts are a lot harder. It feels good when you know all of your dances and you nail your stunts."

Keebler has learned a lot in just the past year from being on the Wolfpack. Not only has she learned new dances, cheers, and stunts, she has also learned to be tougher both physically and mentally. She has dreamed of cheering outside of high school and plans to cheer while at Spokane Community College which is where she will be attending next year,

The Wolfpack has given her more experience which will defi-

nately look better when she tries out at colleges. Along with gaining experience, she has also made some great memories that Keebler will keep with her for the rest of her life.

Sophomore Hope Mathews said that she enjoys having another opportunity to cheer with Keebler outside of Freeman.

"It's really fun cheering with Maddie because I wasn't done with wanting to cheer with her at Freeman," explained Mathews. "It's a college-level team, so it's fun."

Along with cheering together, both Mathews and Keebler push and help each other if either one is scared to try a new

stunt or move. Mathews was only able to cheer with Keebler for two years, so now they are able to go beyond just cheering together at high school events. Keebler has progressed since she started cheering, and Mathews has watched her improve.

"Maddie was really timid and didn't stunt a lot at Freeman, but she came out of her shell, and she is now the best girl spotter on the Wolfpack team," said Mathews.

Keebler has improved greatly over the past few years of cheerleading. She not only has come out of her shell and is more confident with herself, she has also learned new stunts and routines. These skills will stay with her for the rest of her life and something that she will treasure. Along with that, Keebler has had the opportunity to cheer with friends and former classmates and coaches. Cheering for the Wolfpack will definitely help Keebler in the future.

FFA club has had a successful year

By Taylar Brown
Freeman FFA Chapter Reporter

The National FFA Organization is the largest youth organization in the world, with over 550,000 FFA members. Members are involved in student development, chapter development, and community development activities. Under student development, members can compete in 25 different judging and speaking

Career Development Events (CDE's). Below are descriptions of the CDE's that Freeman FFA members competed in this school year.

Land Judging is where students determine soil texture of top and sub soil, determine the rate of permeability through subsoil, measure slope, calculate surface runoff and flooding, determine how to farm the ground for a specified crop, and determine if there needs to be any amendments added to the soil.

Livestock judging is where students are required to select livestock animals based on industry requirements. This contest requires students to place a given group of four animals. Classes are composed of cattle, pigs, sheep, and goats, and contestants compare the qualities of each animal. The students were also required to do several team activities and take a knowledge test on the use of medications, breeds, and livestock diseases.

Meats Judging is a contest where students are required to identify different cuts of meats; identify what species the cuts of meat were from; judge carcasses for quality and yield; rank several classes of four meat cuts from the highest to lowest, and take a written exam. If anatomy and physiology interests a

student this is the contest for them.

Parliamentary Procedure is considered the hardest contest in the FFA. Members demonstrate their knowledge of correct Parliamentary Procedure through a written test, a demonstration, and oral questions. In the demonstration, each member is required to move two motions, debate at least four times, and also vote on motions. The length of the demonstration cannot be longer than 10 minutes and 30 seconds.

Trap shooting is an event where five member teams shoot twenty five shots per round from five different positions. With the object being to hit the clay birds that were launched. Contestants shoot a total of 50 rounds, at two different distances.

One distance is usually 16 yards, and the other is 23 yards. Contestants are scored on accuracy.

The Creed is for seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, in which they must present the FFA creed from memory and answer questions about its meaning and purpose in front of a panel of judges. The event boosts self-confidence and develops an ability to communicate in a professional manner.

Prepared Public Speaking is where individual students write and deliver a six to eight minute speech on an agricultural based topic. The speaking skills gained through the event help students with communication in many situations whether in school or the work force.

In conclusion, FFA members work as hard as they can through the whole year memorizing and practicing for their competitions, so that they can be the best that they can be.



Photo courtesy of Stephen Hayter

FFA members competed at the State FFA Convention at WSU May 9-11, 2013.

Chaps, a diner that can't be beat

By Brooke Swartout
Staff Writer

On the side of the old Pullman Highway, you'll find one of the best combinations of a bakery and restaurant in town... Chaps. From breakfast omelets to lobster for dinner, from cakes to scones, whatever you're craving, they've got it!

Chaps has come a long way for having such a good reputation. Before Chaps was Chaps, both owners, Celeste Shaw and Gina Garcia, started out with their own businesses. Shaw had a little restaurant she owned, and Garcia had a little bakery. The two came up with an idea that could make both their dreams come true, so they ran with it. They combined both their loves and opened up what we now know as Chaps.

In 2010, Chaps even made an appearance on the Food Network's popular show *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* hosted by Guy Fieri. The episode was taped in August and aired on November 1, 2010.

No matter who you talk to, everyone has something good to say

about it.

"I love the friendly atmosphere and how social the owner is, she's very nice," said senior Jessica Anderson.

"I go there for the coffee and the French toast," explained senior Dani Reilly. "Dude, but their blueberry scones... oh man!"

"I liked it because there were a lot of things to look at, but it wasn't too loud," said secretary Kay Kirkland. "We could still visit with our friends. Plus, the setting was very inviting."

Chaps has a wide variety of food. Their most popular dish for breakfast is their baked blueberry oatmeal. It's very thick, home-styled oatmeal mixed with sweet blueberries that bring the whole dish together. They have other menu items such as breakfast omelets, quesadillas and chicken fried steak. Their dinner menu puts a twist on home-styled classics such as lobster macaroni and cheese, grilled salmon, and top sirloin steak. Their macaroni and cheese, however, is what brings in many customers. With a creamy, garlicky cheese

sauce, chunks of fresh cooked lobster, topped with shredded cheese, and a piece of garlic bread and a Caesar salad on the side, this



Photo by Brooke Swartout

dish brings you all you guard by the purple walls. Lovely seating on Chaps' patio.

need and more.

"People come from all over the United States just to come try our food," said employee Desmond Boston. "They see the episode on DDD (*Diners, Drive-ins and Dives*), and something just tells them they gotta come."

When you begin to enter Chaps, there's a dark brown building in front of you looking all modern. You'll walk through a little grassy area filled with black metal tables and chairs with tan umbrellas, welcoming

you to enjoy a nice meal. Pretty normal, right? Well if you look a little more, you'll be taken off guard by the old rusted-out, white Ford truck sitting to your left. Brightly colored flowers accent the bright green grass and old-style décor around. Upon opening the doors to the restaurant, you are yet again caught off

and sparkling chandeliers.

"I love it here," said Boston. "The way the owner takes care of the place and her employers just makes for a wonderful environment."

As you look around you, you'll see all sorts



The cheesy goodness from the lobster macaroni and cheese awaits you.

of different styled tables and chair that all seem to match the room in its own unique way. Giant letter spell out "Sweet" on the wall, and you now know you're in heaven.

Here at Chaps, you will never go wrong with anything that you try. They have something for everyone and that, you just can't beat.



Goodbye class of 2013!

Jessica Anderson- I will miss strength training and the sporting events such as football.

Brette Schmidlkofer- Art class, the library and not having to have a job.

Carisa Perry- I'm going to miss hanging out with my friends all day.

Dani Reynolds- Seeing my friends' beautiful faces every day.

Alyssa Nelson- Hitting Eric Hjaltalin.

Zach Werner- I will miss how excepting and non-judgmental this school is. I will also miss my friends that have always supported me no matter what.

Brooke Swartout- I'll probably miss just seeing everyone every day. It'll be weird spending the last 13 years with these people and then never seeing them.

Maddie Keebler- I will miss the football games and assemblies. The fall at Freeman has always been my favorite.

Kailyn Gady- I'm going to miss the crazy conversation my friends have.

Chelsea Brightwell- I'll miss being able to see and hang out with my friends in all my classes and in sports!

Elizabeth Kosanke- You're so used to seeing certain people every day and I'm going to Nebraska, so I won't be seeing anybody.

Mindy Hansen- My wonderful friends!

Randi Jordan- Gourmet lunches.

Jacob Casto- Football.



By Maddie Richardson
Special Features Editor

It's that time of year again as we say farewell to the senior class. This year we were lucky enough to have the class of 2013 lead by example and help guide the under classmen as they made their ways through the hallways for the first time.

All though we only got to have them lead us by example for a little while, the class of 2013 will always make an impact on the remaining students here at Freeman. They showed us that it's okay to not be afraid of the teachers and to just simply be yourself. They all had wonderful school spirit that they passed onto the lower level grades.

We had many fun memories with the senior class this past school year, such as competing against them in the class competitions during Homecoming Week and Winterfest.

We wish them luck as they prepare for graduation this coming weekend and as they prepare for college and the rest of there lives. Good luck class of 2013!

Kyle Janssen- I'm going to miss sports, friends and the good memories.

Lindsay DeHaas- I will miss the incredible teachers. Freeman is so blessed to have such mentors who love each and every student.

Preston Primmer- Football and basketball were a lot of fun, and I'm going to miss never playing organized sports that mean something again.

Jacob Lara- Chickenwiches.

Felicia Jackson- I'll miss the comfort of being somewhere I'm familiar with, especially for the first couple months of college.

Claire Hulse- Lorraine and all my cheer family!

Tanner Waite- Making everyone videos.

Kristin Talbot- I'm going to miss how much the teachers want me to succeed and how much effort they put into making that happen.

Eric Hjaltalin- Football.

Sam Avey- The community feeling and how everyone knows everyone.

Star Trek Into Darkness: live long and see this movie

By Ruby Falciani
News Editor

Star Trek. You all know the title, but do you know the story? *Star Trek* isn't just Dr. Spock's cool hand gesture and his famous quote "Live long and prosper." There is much more to the stories of the Enterprise her crew than just knowing that Kirk (Chris Pine) was captain and Spock (Zachary Quinto) was cool. *Star Trek Into Darkness* is not a movie you want to watch without at least seeing the previous movies. Seeing as *Star Trek* has been around since 1966 and was originally a television series, the question at hand is did the new movie lived up to the Trekkies' standards?

Much like the movies and episodes before, the Enterprise embarks on a journey to foreign lands with the classic crew of the Star Fleet. This time Kirk broke a very important rule and lost his position as captain, but was reinstated as his superior's First Officer.

A great party isn't what it always seems to be

By Isaac Stokoe
District Editor

The Great Gatsby is directed and produced by Baz Luhrmann and is based on the book by F. Scott Fitzgerald. *The Great Gatsby* is about wealth, parties, and tragedy.

It all starts when Nick Carraway (Tobey Magu-

Everything was blown up in a fire of chaos and death when Khan (Benedict Cumberbatch) took fire upon the Star Fleet headquarters. After the attack, Kirk was hell-bent on stopping Khan. Kirk was confronted with a problem; Khan was hiding in a territory where war would break out if a Star Fleet crew were to invade. Kirk then went undercover with a small crew to take Khan into custody. How could a small group stop the most powerful man in the universe? They had an advantage- Khan's "missiles" were an item of absolute greed and

interest to the one-man weapon of mass destruction. Kirk's crew had just merely started their hectic journey and battle against Khan. *Into Darkness* was jam-packed full with drama, action, romance and humor. The love connection between Spock and Ohura (Zoe Saldana) was both humorous and affectionate, which really brought the characters to life. As much love as Ohura and Spock had, the Spock/Kirk romance really shined through the story. Seeing as all relationships have their rough patches, Spock and Kirk had to work through theirs while simultaneously saving the Enterprise, and the universe from the most dangerous man in existence, Khan.

Star Trek Into Darkness is a great family, friend, and date night movie. There was never a dull moment switching man and rents a house out on Long Island next to Jay Gatsby. The next day, Nick takes a boat out to Daisy Buchanan's (Carey Mulligan) house which is across the bay and has dinner with Daisy and Gatsby. He hears about Tom Buchanan's (Joel Edgerton) affair with Myrtle Wilson (Isla Fisher). During the

summer, Nick is invited to Gatsby's parties and realizes he's the only one with an actual invitation. Nobody has actually met Gatsby, but they come to his parties. Nick gets acquainted with Gatsby, and Jordan Baker (Elizabeth Debicki) tells him that Daisy and Gatsby still love each

from action, drama, and humor-with the silence there was suspense. All the actors were perfect for their roles and they succeeded in creating an amazing movie. The amount of humor that is present is very surprising and gives the show a lot of relief from the amount of intensity and bitterness that comes between good and evil. This is one movie that will definitely be worth seeing.



Photo courtesy of aardling.com

The movie poster accurately captures the team of Spock and Kirk against the forces of Khan.

tony from the cover of the movie.

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other. Gatsby wants to get to know Nick so he can get to Daisy. Gatsby's parties were an attempt to impress Daisy and try to get her to come. Nick tells him that everything is okay, and they decide to have a tea party with Daisy. Daisy and Gatsby rekindle their love and have an affair. Daisy and Tom attend one of Gatsby's parties and Tom is suspicious about their relationship. Tom thinks that he may lose Daisy to Gatsby and that's why he starts to poke around in his business.

Soon, Tom is very suspicious and invites Gatsby, Jordan, and Nick over. Tom tells everyone that Gatsby is a terrible man and should not be trusted. Gatsby gets very angry and gets into his

car with Jordan and Nick and drives home. On the way, they hit Myrtle with his car and drive off. Gatsby tells Nick about his entire life and his real name, James Gatz.

Luhrmann did a wonderful job in this adaptation. I really liked the director's choice of actors. DiCaprio really was the best choice because he has this air of importance and being popular so he really filled the role in well. Their costumes, hair, and makeup were very unique and beautiful and added a certain flair to the characters that made them almost look like they were standing right in front of you. Their acting was very well done. It got to the point that one felt as if they were actually in the world with the actors and were almost spying on their secret lives.

Iron Man makes a few bumbles but overall is exciting

By Mason Mackleit
Sports Editor

Iron Man 3 takes a little diversion from the normal super evil, super smart, villain who tries to outsmart Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) and

create a better machine. Instead, the villain uses DNA makeup and genetic mutation to create super humans. When Tony's bodyguard Happy (Joh Favreau) is injured by an explosion caused by a malformation in a mutant's genes, Tony issues a challenge to the bomber who is



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known as The Mandarin (Ben Kingsley). The Mandarin sends a bomb force which destroys Tony's house and Tony himself, or so they think. Tony survives (shocking) and ends up in Tennessee, the site of the only bombing that contains the same signatures but wasn't claimed by The Mandarin. While he is in Tennessee, Tony's wife Pepper (Gwyneth Paltrow) is kidnapped and injected with the mutated genes constructed by the villain which are unstable and could cause her to explode.

The setting was very magical and unique. They put extra time to put more detail into the scene to make it almost literally pop out at you. Gatsby's parties seemed very fun, and I liked how



Photo courtesy of IMDB

Daisy and Gatsby get closer as they see each other more.

they showed everything that happened in Gatsby's parties. I also really liked the soundtrack; it was very modern with Jay-Z and Lana Del Rey and still sounded good and went well with the movie. The soundtrack could be compared to the *Romeo and Juliet* adaptation Luhrmann did

because the movie was very modern and the soundtrack for *Gatsby* is modern as well. A difference in these two could be that *Romeo and Juliet*'s setting was set in modern times while *Gatsby* was kept in its original time period.

One of my favorite things was when, at the end, Nick wrote an entire novel of *Gatsby* and added *The Great*

above it.

Overall, I would rate this movie a 10 out of 10. This movie is PG-13 for a reason, so I would suggest this movie to teens and adults because of the romantic scenes, alcohol, language, and parties. You should really see this movie!

enough to follow, however I was confused by some of the references," said Mrs. Kami Mackleit.

Iron Man 3 was an interesting movie to say the least, full of science and super advanced technology that would have to be associated with the technological prodigy known as Tony Stark. Overall, the movie itself is entertaining and well thought-out; however, upon reflection, some ideas and events that occur in the movie can be confusing. As Mackleit pointed out, the movie makes references

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Sweet Dreams and sweet flavors await you

By Hope Mathews
Staff Writer

The sweet dreams you have, well is one of them Sweet Dreams Bakery's cupcakes? This little business is owned by Susie Bowen. Bowen started out baking two years ago because she loved the art of baking, and from there, she let her creativity fly. With each new cake, she took more and more steps to make her cakes bigger and better.

The Sweet Dreams Bakery is a full-service cake and pastries dessert store, located at 3131 N. Division. Their services include cake design, delivery and setup, and making pastries, cookies and cupcakes. The bakery has been



Photo by Hope Mathews

As you enter Sweet Dreams Bakery, their sign shows the inviting environment of the shop.

for weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, and many other special events.

"Having Sweet

Dreams Bakery was

an easy choice for the desserts for our wedding, and it was great that they delivered way out to Mica!" exclaimed customer Heidi Mathews.

Some of their best-selling cupcakes include their pink Campaign cupcakes and their coconut cupcakes. On the pastry side, their pink cookies and lemon bars are always sold out. My personal favorite is the Campaign cupcake. This cupcake is sweet and fluffy, and the frosting is delicious. Some other favorite cupcakes of mine are their just plain vanilla and the lemon cake. These cupcakes aren't too sweet but still fix my sweet tooth. They make all of the cupcakes so they're sweet but not so sweet that you can't finish it. One of my least favorite cupcakes is their coconut cupcake,

but that is just because I'm not a huge coconut fan.

"I love the chocolate fudge cupcake because it tastes like a chocolate waterfall in my mouth," said sophomore Hannah Williamson.

One thing that makes Sweet Dream Bakery stand out more than other cupcake stores is that their frosting is light and fluffy and mixes

well with their moist cakes. Also, they always add some edible sparkles to their treats and cakes to brighten a customer's day. Sweet Dreams bakery is one of the only cupcake shops in Spokane that never use artificial ingredients. For example, they squeeze fresh lemon juice for the lemon-flavored and they use organic cocoa powder for all of their chocolate delicacies.

Overall, this cupcake store is certainly an upcoming hotspot in Spokane. Sweet dreams delicious cupcakes for \$2.50 each couldn't get any better.



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that is not from the *Iron Man* trilogy, and this can greatly confuse viewers. Within the movie, Tony has self-induced panic attacks. The cause of the panic attacks stem from his interactions with aliens and other beings from *The Avengers*. This can be misleading and confusing to those who have not yet seen the movie.

The movie has plenty of humor spaced throughout. In any other film, you would ques-

tion the audacity and blatant abuse of its use by the main character, but not during *Iron Man*. Downey's humorous nature and his character's persona help with making the flippant and humorous dialogues between the bad guys and his character seem believable.

Much like the other movies, number three has a distinct gravitational pull towards the main character and little to the others. Pepper Potts has an important role; however, she is seen seldom

throughout the movie. Although we do not see much of Potts in the movie she is quite pivotal to the movie and to the resolution of the story. Our suave villain Aldrich Killian (Guy Pearce) has a decent amount of screen time; however, we see only as much of him as would be expected and no more. With how the movie was designed, you would almost expect to see a bit more him behind the scenes.

Overall, the movie had a great storyline; however, it lacked that

essential the-superhero-is-going-to-die-he-cannot-possibly-win-moment. The movie used plausibility in all of its scientific marvels and DNA morphing. The movie was capturing overall and has enough semblance of intelligence to be entertaining to children and adults. The movie can be watched without seeing the first two movies; however, you may want to watch the *Avengers* first so that you understand Tony's panic attacks.

Nicholas Franz loves winning and competing.

By Heidi Hohmann
Staff Writer

Freshman Nicholas Franz, at the height of 5'4, was really a big competitor this year. As the only freshman player on the varsity tennis team, Franz brought confidence and showed great sportsmanship when playing.

"As a player, Nicholas works hard and shows great sportsmanship and on the team," said coach Cathy Lee.

This is Franz's first year of actually competing in tennis, but he previously spent two summers playing in Nike tennis camps.

"Tennis camps are fun because I learn different ways to improve and it prepares me for the real thing," explained Franz.

Franz is also excited about winning, but he also learns from losing.

"This year, I have learned that no matter how good the player is, they can always be defeated with determination and the correct mental game," said Franz.

His teammates loved this season with him and learned a couple things from him.

"I learned good sportsmanship from Nicholas," said sophomore Andy Mitchell.

"I learned from Nicholas that you shouldn't let your losses define you," said junior Kadgin Anderson.

Franz had a great season.

"For a freshman this year I did very well," said Franz. "I made it

to Districts and to the third round. "Sadly, I was one match away from bi-districts."

Coach Lee agrees and is excited to see what else Franz has to bring in the upcoming seasons.

"He exceeded more than I thought he would," explained Lee. "He didn't let his height bother him throughout his season. He went against some really competitive seniors and won. So as a freshman, he did

pretty well."

Franz plans on playing tennis for the next three years and maybe just for fun afterwards.

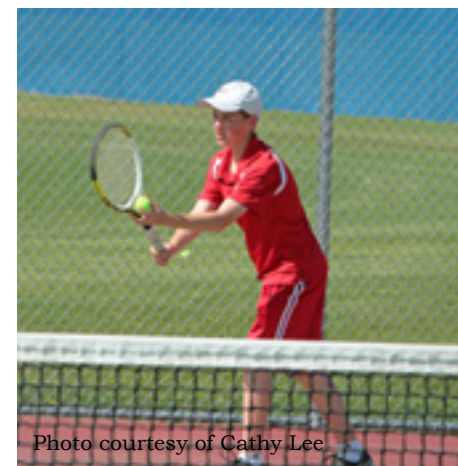


Photo courtesy of Cathy Lee

Franz getting ready to serve.

Golf a hole-in-one for freshman Stejer

By Emma sheldon
Photo Editor

The second our golf team hits the links, they give it their all. They focus on the challenges ahead and how to develop their skills. Braden Stejer, a freshman here at Freeman, recently picked up golfing again.

"Braden has been a great addition to the team," said coach Robert Rowe. "He is very determined to improve and did so throughout the season."

This was Stejer's first year golfing since he was ten, and the practice has played off. Stejer qualified for the district and Bi-district tournaments, but missed out on going to state.

"I have to be more patient with golf," explained Stejer. "Golf is a lot different from basketball. There's no

running and conditioning, but golf is more technical."

All around, Stejer has an incredible attitude. As he walks through the halls, there isn't a single person in

the hallway that misses out on his beaming smile. He has a humble sense of pride that people respect. He is one of many wonderful people who make up the golf team.

"The team is a mix of young and experienced players, with only one senior, Preston Primmer," explained Rowe. "It was a great season. Three boys qualified for state, and all represented Freeman very well at the state tournament. We have a very fun group of players who really want to improve and represent Freeman at the highest level."

Whether it is in practice or the middle of class, Stejer gives his all.

He has the determination that it takes to get him to the top.

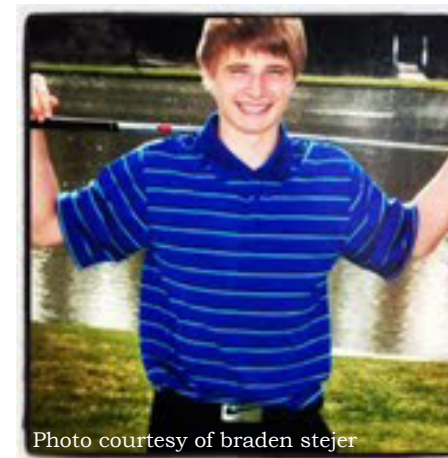


Photo courtesy of braden stejer

Stejer giving his all for his team.

Jami Pratt, an exceptional athlete

By Ali Tesch
Opinion editor

Sophomore Jami Pratt is an exceptional athlete; for the last three years, she has participated in track. Pratt participates in two events: discus and shot-put. When Pratt was in 2nd grade, she injured her knee. Since then, she has had several knee issues, including a knee surgery earlier this year. Pratt has overcome the difficulties and has had a very successful season.

“I love playing track because it’s a self-motivated sport and I can choose the events I want to participate in,” explained Pratt.

Pratt chose to participate in track because she

wanted to try something different and be involved with school. Just being able to participate in track is a huge achievement, and despite her



Photo by Ali Tesch

Jami Pratt has many goals next season including to throw over a 100 feet.

knee injuries, she has been able throw 87 feet in discus. This is her personal best. Pratt is a great asset to the team.

She always has a smile on her face and is ready to give her best.

“Jami is always positive and kind-hearted,” said senior Brian Hogan. “We are really happy that she is a part of track.”

This season, Pratt faced many difficulties due to her injury, but she was very diligent and overcame them. Her knee made it very hard for her in the beginning of the season during conditioning. Cardio and weights were very hard on Pratt’s knee, but as soon as she started throwing, it was easier. Pratt overcame many obstacles and learned many lessons such as determination. Although she had many difficulties, she still had

a great season.

“This year has been really hard and frustrating, but I’ve realized when something doesn’t work out, it’s okay to be down,” explained Pratt. “But after that, you need to get back on your feet and realize there are many other options.”

“Pratt is always positive and cheerful and always comes ready for practice,” explained coach John Hays.

Next season, Pratt has many plans to improve as an athlete. Although she has another knee surgery planned for the beginning of her junior year, she plans on throwing over 100 feet. Pratt is a dedicated athlete, and she is always ready to give her best. The coaches and players are excited for another season with her!

Schultz, the sophomore softball star

By Emily Dearman
Staff writer

Dedication, perseverance, and drive are the key qualities that are necessary for success. Sophomore Josie Schultz, one of the most competitive athletes at Freeman High School, possesses all of these and exercises them

in softball to make her an amazing competitor. Schultz has played softball for a whopping eight years and continues to love the game.

“I like how competitive it is!” Schultz exclaimed. “Team camaraderie is another thing that I really love about softball. I have made some amazing friends throughout the years.”

Another important factor when playing any sport is motivation. What continues to inspire Schultz are her



Photo courtesy of Josie Schultz

Schultz waits for the ball to come her way.

teammates. This second baseman shows great leadership when it comes to the team.

“Josie is a great player,” explained sophomore Kalista Mettler. “She carries the team on her back.”

She is admired by her teammates as well as her coaches.

“Coaching Josie is very enjoyable because she is

someone who has put a lot of her time into sports and has natural skill,” coach Scott Moore said. “The only thing she needs to work on is speaking up.”

When participating in something for half your life, it is inevitable that you will have an experience that isn’t exactly what you expected.

“I had a club softball coach who wasn’t very encouraging, and he would only criticize the team,” Schultz said.

How did Schultz over-

come such a difficult situation?

“I just toughed out the season and joined different team,” explained Schultz. “It changes year to year, so you have something to look forward to if it isn’t enjoyable.”

Schultz reached her goal of hitting well all season. In addition, she made first team all league as well as this year. What does the future hold for such a promising athlete?

“I have no idea where,

but I definitely want to play in college,” Schultz declared.



Photo courtesy of Josie Schultz

Schultz quickly catches the ball in order to get the Colville player out.

Ian Johnston, love for the game

By Maddie Richardson
Special Features Editor

Playing sports is not always easy as a freshman, especially when you have upperclassmen to compete with for varsity spot. But for Ian Johnston, he was able to make both varsity and JV his freshmen year without a problem.

Since the age of two, Johnston has played baseball as a hobby, but it eventually grew into a passion of his.

“Being out on the field and pitching the ball is the best



Photo courtesy of Chad Ripke

Johnston ready to pitch the ball.

part about playing,” explained Johnston.

He is able to play with both the varsity and JV, so his chances of being able to play in a game are very high. Johnston’s coach explained that he is coachable and he is willing to do whatever it takes to become a better player.

“I look up to Willie Mays,” Johnston said. “He is an inspiration to us all because he shows that any player can overcome any sort of hardship if they work hard for it.”

A few weeks ago, Johnston

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ended up getting hurt during a game when he strained a ligament while throwing. He was out the rest of the season, but that won’t stop him from being able to play for the next three years.

“For a freshman, he has real talent,” explained coach Chad Ripke, “and above average velocity.”

Having passion and the love of a sport is one of the only things that gets athletes through all the tough conditioning and practices, which is why Johnston absolutely

loves being able to go outside and play the game.

“Being able to stand there on the field and pitch the ball to the other player is the best part,” Johnston explained.

Playing baseball is not the only thing Johnston is good at; football also has him interested. Sports are one of his passions, and he hopes that one day he will be able to play for the college of his choice.



Photo courtesy of Chad Ripke

Johnston preparing to pitch to the other team

Math is Cool team takes second at state

By Debra Doonan
Math Is Cool Coach

Freeman had a huge and dedicated 5th Grade Math is Cool team that practiced four days a week for five weeks. Our students were Owen Bryant, Thomas Willard, Chris Barron, Jace Phelan, Daniel Gady, Wyatt Sevigney, Elsa Longhurst, Trista Gilbert, Hunter Smith, Jordan Baumgartner, Ryan Hicks, Jake Keebler, William Russell, Emily Sheard, Dylan Goldsmith, Liam Bland, and Iverson Miller.

March 15th was our regional competition, here in Spokane, and all students participat-

ed. Out of 196 students competing, our own Chris Barron won first place and Owen Bryant won second! Additionally, out of seventeen schools competing, Freeman won FIRST place as a team. Outstanding!

Because of their great performance, Freeman was allocated a spot at the state competition, held in Moses Lake on May 18th. Our top four scorers at regional, Chris Barron, Owen Bryant, Trista Gilbert, and Ryan Hicks, joined students from across the state. With this great team, Freeman won second place! As individuals, Chris Barron won first place and Owen Bryant

won third. What an accomplishment!

A special thanks goes out to Tamara Barron who was an amazing support during the regional practices and graciously took on the state, Master's Team practices. I also want to thank Freeman's teachers and staff as well as the parents of all of these fine students. You are a credit to Freeman and to your children, and you made my job with these students much easier.

Last, I want to thank the students. They were



Photo courtesy of Debra Doonan

Back Row: Tamara Barron, Debra Doonan, Owen Bryant
Front Row: Ryan Hicks, Trista Gilbert, Chris Barron

truly a blessing, often surprising in their inventive ways to solve problems. There were challenging moments as well, but these students were always an enjoyable group to be with. Thanks, Y'ALL, for making it fun!

Seventh grade baseball team has undefeated season

By Jerry King
7th Grade Baseball Coach

The Freeman Raider seventh grade baseball team won the league championship for the third year in a row, posting an undefeated record of eight wins and no defeats. The Raiders outscored their opponents by an incredible 102 to nothing. The Raiders batted an amazing .422 while holding opponents to .081.

The four pitchers who combined for eight shutouts were Desmond Parisotto, Michael Coumont, Keegan Cottrell, and Caleb Watts. Parisotto did not allow a hit in the six games he pitched. The staff combined for 72 strikeouts while only allowing 10 hits and 18 walks in 39 innings.

Coach Jerry King said the team had an on-base percentage of .506 and a slugging percentage of .569. Other key players included Jimmie Pierce (first base), Ryan Crosswhite (center field/catcher), Hunter Nees (right field, third base), Brayden Mueller (left field, second base), Jarett Wright (second base, left field), and Konner Freudenthal (catcher).

The Freeman Raider JV team finished the season with six wins and four losses. The team, coached by Mr. Jim Wood, combined the following seventh and eighth graders: Chase Christiansen, Trevor Falciani, Justin Flaig, Zach Hyta. Nathan Lynn, Gideon Martin, JR Suenkel, Carson Atwood, Connor Fuchs, Dylan Mossett, Jason Ophus, Jaden Peterson, Jimmy Sells, and Garrett Trevino.



Photo courtesy of Jerry King

Mrs. Garcia's classes' perform for community events

By Danette Garcia
Choir and Drama Teacher

Mrs. Garcia's students have been very busy this last month. Several choir students performed at Freeman's Got Talent. It was a fabulous night, including great entertainment that helped raise money for the performing arts program. Again on May 16th Instrumentalists and vocalists provided entertainment for the annual Art and Soul Night. On May 21st the choir performed to a full house. And on May 29th the Middle School Drama class performed, Get Bill Shakespeare Off the Stage.



Photo courtesy of Danette Garcia

HS Choir looking real cool as they perform in the Spring concert.



Photo courtesy of Danette Garcia

The Judges' Favorite was awarded to the duo of Katie and Karly Youngren.



Photo courtesy of Danette Garcia

The cast before they perform *Get Bill Shakespeare Off the Stage*.

Eighth Grade Baseball Team Wins League Title

By Kelly Neely
8th Grade Baseball Coach

The Freeman Raider eighth grade baseball team won the league championship with a 7-1 record. After losing a close game to East Valley early in the season, the Raiders avenged the loss with a sound 6-0 victory to end the season. The Raiders finished with a team batting average of .361 while scoring 75 runs and holding their opponents to 16.

The Raiders pitching was led by McKabe Cottrell who finished 6-1, while striking out 61 and giving up only 6 runs and finishing with a 1.45 ERA, also finished with a

.391 batting average with 13 RBI's. Ben Darcy was solid while earning 2 saves and hitting .318 and leading the team in steals. Koby Kent rounded out the staff, pitching mostly in middle relief; he also hit .429 with 11 RBI's. The staff combined for 81 strikeouts while only allowing 13 hits in 41 innings

Other key players on the team were JT Neely who finished hitting .400 with 3 doubles, 14 runs, and played shortstop. Chance Halstead hit .467 and led the team in Hit-by-Pitch with 4 while playing second base. Ethan Viles was solid behind the plate while hitting .417 and leading the team with 10 hits. Simon Rooney finished

at .263 while playing 3rd and 1st base. Brandon Campbell hit .250 while leading the team in walks with 6 and playing right field. Taylon Arredondo hit .353 with 8 RBI's and played left field.

This group of young men finished their middle school careers as two-time league championships in football (12-0), two-time league champs in basketball (15-1), two-time league champs in baseball (14-2), and league champs in wrestling as 8th graders. It was a great season and an honor to coach such a great group of young men! I wish each and every one of them much continued success at the high school.

End of the year building blocks of knowledge

By Joseph Preble
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again; it's time for Roller Coasters and Bridges! This year, the middle school students are very excited and full of enthusiasm for the project. But what exactly are the Roller Coasters and Bridges projects? Well, each grade has its own assignments that the students do, and they all correlate with the project. 8th grade students are working on their roller coasters made out of recycled materials, and 7th grade is working on their toothpick bridges.

For both 7th and 8th grade Communication Arts (CA), students are kept very busy with advertising assignments.

"As a team, they develop a business card with a slogan and an icon on it," 8th grade CA and US History teacher Donna Preble stated. "They have to write a persuasive letter to 'Ida B. Newton' to convince her to buy their ride for the Freeman Amusements Inc. and they have to come up with an advertising poster for their ride, a brochure for their company, and a business newsletter of current events in it."

Sounds busy right? Both Preble and 7th grade CA teacher Jerry King use this project to work on meeting Washington State English

Standards in writing and informational reading.

English isn't the only busy class though, Social Studies is busy as well.

"We talk about history, materials used, costs, then we create a Power-Point that brings together that information," explained 7th and 8th grade history teacher Kelly Neely. "They [also] get to choose their favorite bridge and do additional



Photo courtesy of
Mindy Poindexter

information on that."

Preble also mentioned that students study the science and physics of roller coasters.

Science class is the construction period for rollercoasters, science teacher Mindy Poindexter mentioned. There, they design and build their roller coasters while maintaining a budget of \$5. They can bring in other supplies but they must be used, not new.

"They want to go all-out on their theme and have something exciting that other students can come look at and watch the marble roll down the track and be amazed," Poindexter elaborated. "The rollercoasters actually have a workable track. They've got to start the marble and see it through to the end."

She also explained that students try to go for a high technical score which consists of having many open loops and drops.

Poindexter, who is actually the leader for both projects, also explained how the Bridges Project works.

"They can't bring in anything from home for the bridges," Poindexter stated. "Everything has to be used from school, so they're given a budget, \$1,550,000, and they have to buy all supplies from our store.

We can fine them for not cleaning up their work space."

So in other words, both projects are quite elaborate since they span from class to class. Regardless, the students are ready to participate and work together with each other.

"I'm very excited," 8th grader Brandon Campbell stated. "I think it would be a fun thing to do at the end of the year, kick off being a freshman, and finish off 8th grade."

8th grader Hayley Damon agree with him

"It seems like it'd be fun," she said. "It's different than Bridges."

Students are beginning to contemplate the difficulties of this project and where they are going to excel.

"Glue," 7th grader Odie Landoe explained. "I

feel like I might just put too much glue, [since] the bridge will already be carrying enough weight on it, and not be able to lift anything else."

As glue may be a common problem as students are looking toward designing the structure and foundation of their projects, and for the 8th graders, the all-important theme.

7th grader Shayna Nickerson mentioned how she is excited about using her creativity to design the bridge, but she does worry about actually building it. 8th grader Bobby Landoe feels the opposite when it comes to his roller coaster. Like others in his grade, he is looking forward to building the bridge, but he is fearful of actually designing a good bridge.

Overall, students have things they are both looking forward to and that they are worried about, but they all want to give it their all for the best grade possible.

This project is used mostly to cover state standards of English, Math, Social Studies, and Science for both grades, but 7th grade math teacher Denise Briggs sees it as another motive.

"The goal is to work together as a team and not have one or two people run to show, to have a successful outcome in the long run, and to have fun on the last week of school," Briggs explained.