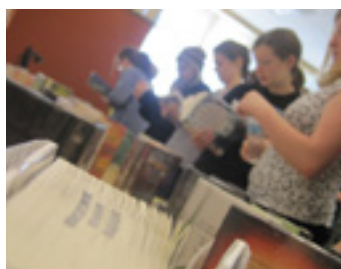




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## Library programs

**By Isaac Stokoe**  
*District Editor*

Ever since Freeman School was built in the dark ages, our librarians have diligently run it with finesse and productivity. The person running the library program is Cis Hyndman. She has done nothing but instill a love of reading in Freeman students. As I have grown up, I have badgered her with stupid questions and non-stop talking, but no matter what, she is always there for anyone and loves to help. Not only does Hyndman offer a plethora of books at our disposal, she also offers some programs that students can get involved in.

One of the programs is book club! It is a club open to any high school student in order to share his or her love of literature. Hyndman also runs book club for the elementary and middle school students. Every first Monday of the month, the students involved in book club talk and do different activities. The meetings are always full of energy and excitement! It takes reading and talking about books to a whole new level. The way that Hyndman puts energy and fun into

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## Freeman welcomes Ms. McCormick

**By Joseph Preble**  
*Staff Writer*

English teacher Kathryn O'Connor had her baby, and you know what that means: MS. McCORMICK TIME!!! Yes, that's right; one of Freeman's all-time favorite substitutes is in the house and ready to do some teaching! But for those of you who don't know her, you're probably asking, "Who is she? What's her past? And what is she going to do to us?" Well, no worries; all the answers are right here!

"[I decided I wanted to be a teacher] when I was working at Gonzaga in student life," Megan McCormick explained. "I really liked working with students so I decided I wanted to be a teacher."

With her career decided, she set forth to get her double major in English and Political Science, and a Master's in Initial Teaching. Then, before we knew it, she was here teaching at Freeman under the instruction of English teacher Pia Longinotti.

"She was a great student teacher," Longinotti ex-

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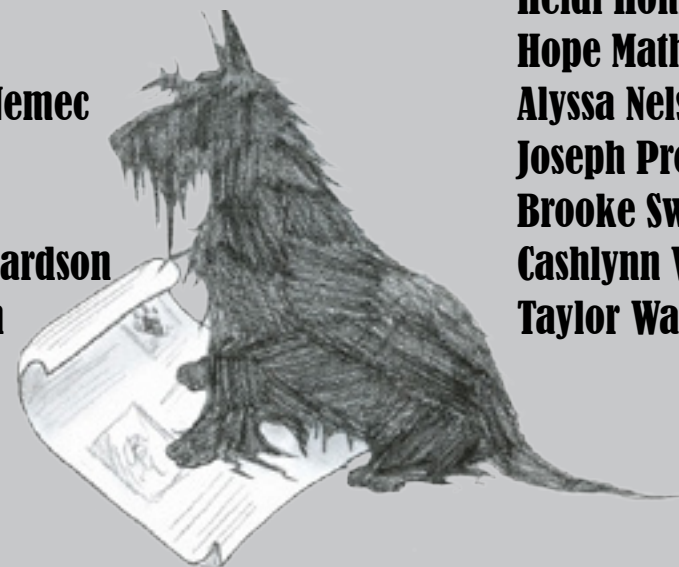
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## The library brings a variety of programs to FHS

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talking about the books is astounding. It is the perfect atmosphere for anyone, and you don't even have to be an avid reader to join. Some of the fun things the club does are a book-to-movie day, games, and we eat candy. This year's book-to-movie day is on The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien. Students were required to read the book before they watched the movie so that they could discuss how well the movie stuck to the book and what they liked about it or didn't.

The other activity that Hyndman runs is the student crew which helps with the Scholastic Book Fair. Freeman has two book fairs a year, and Hyndman asks for any students available to help out with them during the day. You do not have to attend book club

to be in student crew! If you do volunteer for student crew during the spring book fair (which eighth graders are also allowed to participate in), you are eligible to go on the library book buying field trip. Hyndman takes her students to Barnes & Noble and the Scholastic Warehouse to pick out a new selection of books for the library. While there, students get to look at a selection of all of the new teen and adult reads. They get to browse and if they find something that can be put in the library, they order it. They do this at both the warehouse and at Barnes & Noble. At Barnes & Noble, students get to enjoy a drink Starbucks while browsing books. The field trips are also always a lot of fun and an adventure on their own.

## ATTENTION: Substitute in the DawgHouse!

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plained. "She works really hard in her lesson planning and gathering other information. I think she is going to be a fantastic teacher."

Students are very excited to have McCormick here at Freeman.

"I love Ms. McCormick," junior AJ Iris stated. "I think she is a great substitute for Mrs. O'Connor."

Others agreed with him.

"I like her," senior Elizabeth Kosanke explained. "She is really laid-back but she still gets her point across when she's teaching."

Students have a lot of excitement for her class.

Junior Brady Unfred mentioned how he's excited to have the class laid-back. Junior Katie Vold agreed with him.

Students aren't the only ones excited to have McCormick here though. Other teachers share the enthusiasm as well!

"I'm really excited to have Ms. McCormick here because not only is she really familiar with Freeman students, she is a really great English teacher," English and Special Education teacher Anne-Marie Ophus shared. "She is delightful [to work with] because she has a really dry wit, and if you're on your toes, she says some really funny things."

How'd an awesome teacher like Ms. McCormick get

to Freeman anyway? Well, for just that reason. She's awesome! Principal Dave Smith explained how when choosing a long-term sub, the school looks for a good subbing record with the teacher, a good rapport with the kids, and the skills necessary to fill the position, and sure enough, that description fits our very own. McCormick perfectly!

Now that she is here with us, she is excited to be to teaching AP Lit.

"I love AP," McCormick said. "It's like a book group every day. It's a fun class and a fun group of students, so I'm just really excited."

Her plans for AP are to finish Their Eyes Were Watching God, and then move on to AP test prep. Then, for a very special treat, she is going to have her students read The

Great Gatsby and has some very fun-filled assignments to finish off the school year!

She also has plans for her other classes as well. Junior English is reading "The Crucible" and may or may not read another book depending on how long that takes. Senior English, however, finished their satire project and will begin Beowulf to finish off the year strong!

"I'm very grateful to be at Freeman," McCormick added. "I just love it here. I'm just having such a fun time and appreciate the community around the school. I wouldn't be anywhere else!"



Photo by Joseph Preble

Ms. McCormick gets ready for her 1st period class.



## NAM helps girls achieve their dreams

By **Ali Tesch**  
Opinion Editor

When you hear the phrases “Beauty Pageant” or “Miss Washington,” several thoughts may come to mind—grace, elegant dresses, tiaras, and beautiful princesses. The media, however, has given pageants a bad reputation. Most people assume that beauty pageants focus on the physical beauty of the contestants. Although many pageants do focus on that, there are some unique pageants that not only focus on the outside but on the inside as well.

“I think there are many benefits of being in a beauty pageant, but one con of being in a beauty pageant is that they give beauty a false name,” explained senior Felicia Jackson. “I believe beauty is the eye of the beholder.”

There are some exceptions to the average beauty pageant. National American Miss (NAM) is an outstanding program that not only focuses on contestant’s physical beauty but also focuses on the individual’s unique personality.

NAM is also different from other pageants because it offers several optional contests such as academic achievement, art contests, most recommendations, volunteer service, talent, casual wear modeling, spokes model, photogenic, and



Photo by Ali Tesch

National American Miss provides many opportunities to help girls achieve their dreams.

most promising model. NAM offers these programs so girls can achieve their dreams.

Unlike other pageants, NAM incorporates important lessons that you will use every day. NAM teaches girls to have confidence in themselves and teaches them the importance of communication. NAM also teaches participants valuable lessons such as interview

skills, leadership skills, and public speaking.

“Our program is centered on helping young ladies grow and expand their ideas about who they are and what they would like to achieve,” explained Megan Cournoyer, state director.

There are many benefits of participating in NAM. At the state pageant, contestants will be competing for over

\$25,000 in cash, prizes, and scholarships. The top five at the state pageant will compete in the National Pageant that will be held in California. Although not everyone wins, contestants will still walk away feeling like a winner because they will learn many valuable skills that will help them unleash their potential

You might be wondering what you do in a pageant. Well, there are several competitions that you can participate in the first category is personal interview, where girls can learn communication skills and other

valuable lessons. During the personal interview, the judges want to get to know each participant as a person and what is important to her.

The next competition is personal introduction. During this event, girls learn the importance of public speaking. The judges will ask her name, where she lives, and something special about

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## Jobs in high school-are they for you?

By **Ruby Falciani**  
News Editor

Do you think having a job in high school is right for you? Do you have classes that require a lot of studying outside of class? Maybe you’re in a sport that has practice until 5 pm or later and you still have to do your homework. If so, then an afterschool job is not for you; however, there are some other alternatives if you truly want or need a job.

Weekend jobs are always an option, but the amount of hours you work strongly depends on how much of your social life you’re willing to sacrifice. You may only work a few hours every Saturday and Sunday, but what happens when you’re needed to work full days all weekend? Are you prepared to sacrifice any and all plans you have made in order to work?

“A job gets in the way of sports,” stated sophomore Justyna



Photo by Pia Longinotti

Taking a job may mean losing out on vacation time or fun with your friends in the summer.

Folsom. “I was going to do tennis, but when it came down to it, I chose to get paid so I could have fun weekends.”

Like Folsom, some teens work only a few days a week after school and are open for the weekends. Unfortunately, not all will be as lucky. Having a job while in high school is not easy. Schoolwork should be your first priority, then sports, then work. Although the extra cash would be nice to have for a night out or a shopping day, school always should come first!

Another alternative is a summer job for the kids who are slammed during the school year. Summer jobs are much more convenient for students who have a lot to do during the school year. In the summer you have a lot more free time so you can spend an equal amount of time with your family, friends, and at work. Students such as sophomore Abbie Pintar who have a summer job are open to work normal hours and more days a week.

“I work as a life guard,” explained Pintar. “I have the job to pay for gas, but I sometimes bike to work.”

One perk to a summer job is the very good weather to use other transportation such as biking which is healthier for both the body and the earth. You can still work the hours and days you please and you won’t be nearly as stressed as you would be with an after school job. Summer jobs are definitely better than after school ones, especially for students.

## National American Miss: not just a beauty pageant

each competitor. The key to this competition is to

stand out from the crowd.

Finally, the last competition is formalwear. This is the time that the ladies can find a beautiful dress and show off their personal style. During this competition, participants learn the importance of grace and self-confidence

Each event in NAM helps girls with self-esteem. Not only does it teach young ladies important life skills, it also teaches them the importance of believing in themselves. NAM main goal is to help each young lady to achieve their dreams. Public speaking helps girls learn how to be themselves and comfortable in front of a crowd. Personal interview teaches girls how to have poise and practice etiquette this helps them feel more confident in their abilities. Fi-

nally, formalwear lets girls’ personal style shine and this teaches them that being their self is the key to having high self-esteem.

“I think girls that join beauty pageants are confident young ladies who want to make a difference in their community,” explained sophomore Lexi Saeger.

People have different opinions on pageants like most things in life pageants have pros and cons. There are some pageants that are not good especially for little girls. The pageant life can be stressful and that can lead to low self-esteem. The key is to find a good program that you feel comfortable in. National American Miss is a prime example of a pageant that focuses on boosting your self-confidence. National American Miss wants girls to achieve their dreams.



# The Trip of a Lifetime!

**By Emily Dearman**  
*Staff writer*

Have you ever dreamed about walking under the Eiffel Tower or maybe shopping in Barcelona? Well, sophomore Hannah Williamson is going to be living this dream in a few short weeks when she, along with her grandma and mom, fly halfway around the world to Europe.

“My mom’s cousin is getting married in France, so we decided to make a trip of it and see different countries while we are there,” explained Williamson.

Going somewhere new can be a nerve-racking experience. How will Hannah prepare before they board their plane on May 26th?

“I am going to look at the weather forecast so I know what to wear,” she said.

During the first week of their trip, the Williamsons will set off on a weeklong cruise that will take them to beautiful places within Europe.

“I am really looking forward to experiencing different cultures and seeing new things,” gushed Williamson.

They will make three stops in Spain: the Majorca Islands, Valencia, and Barcelona. Follow-



Photo courtesy of Hannah Williamson

Hannah and her mom, Pam.



Photo courtesy of Pia Longinotti

A view of Paris and the Grand Palace from the Eiffle Tower’s second level.

ing that, the cruise ship will dock in Rome, and Genoa, Italy and Provence, France. They will be in each city for one day, and then move on to their next destination of the cruise. One of the days, however, won’t be spent on land, but on the ship instead.

After the cruise is over, Williamson’s family will travel to France for the wedding.

“My aunt has always liked France!” Williamson said. “It’s definitely her dream place to be married.”

Williamson and her family will enjoy their last few days of their vacation exploring Paris and all of the tourist attractions there. This will include shopping, sightseeing and trying authentic restaurants.

This once in a lifetime getaway is not an opportunity many people would pass up, so Williamson is ecstatic.

“I think it is going to be good to get to experience the different cultures and see how they live over there,” Williamson said. “Also, I am going to love seeing all the different places and learn the history.”



Photo courtesy of Pia Longinotti

The carrousel by the Louvre Museum.

# Freeman’s trap shooting champion!

**By Anna Lee**  
*Features Editor*

Saturday, May 4, sophomore Abbi Denmark became Washington’s Trap Shooting state champion. Denmark only took up trap shooting a year a half ago, but has found her passion in it.

“My daddy came up and said I was ahead of girl that was in first,” said Denmark. “I felt like crying knowing the girl I was tied with yesterday was now behind me. When we were finished, I was just really happy.”

After the first day, Denmark was in fourth place and thought that she would never be able to make up the ground she lost.

“Day two was skeet,” explained Denmark. “I shot 92 out of 100 which was the best for girls that day. I was behind first place by 5 birds and was tied for 2nd. The 3rd day was trap and I shot 88 out of 100. That’s when I found out I was in first place.”

“It felt like dancing and jumping off a roof and doing flips,” said

Denmark laughing.

Congratulations on your placement Abbi, and congratulations to the rest of the Freeman Trap team who took first place as a team.



Photo courtesy of Abbi Denmark

# Summer fun, what to do in Spokane

**By Maddie Richardson**  
*Special Features Editor*

As we’re nearing summer vacation, the question on everyone’s mind is: What is there to do? Many Freeman students are preparing for multiple summer activities.

Numerous students are going to be going on summer trips and are excited to get out and have fun. While some students are getting ready to travel, others are planning on just staying home and relaxing. Those who are heading out for the summer, include various destinations from Oregon all the way to Canada. Traveling is one of the best things to do during the summer which is why multiple people from Freeman are choosing to travel this summer.

Those who are staying home for the summer have no clue what there is to do in Spokane. Well, there are many exciting and fun things to do here. You can go to the lake and soak up some sun, or you can go boating with your friends. If you choose to go to the

lake for the day, you can go with someone who owns a boat or jet skies and spend the day on the water having a blast. If you can’t go with someone who owns a boat or jet skies, you can head to Coeur d’Alene and go to KJ Watersports Boat Rentals.

If you plan on going camping, there are multiple options for a great place to go. You can head out to Lake Roosevelt, Riverside State Park and Nine Mile Recreation Area, Mount Spokane State Park, Liberty Lake Regional Park, and you can even head out to Priest Lake. They are close to the water and are very popular spots to camp for teenagers, so you can meet new people and have fun with them as well as your friends. Camping is a great way to get away for a few days with your family and friends, and there are many different activities you can do there: you can go boating, hiking, or four wheeling.

If you’re looking for free activities, there are many different things to do. On 42nd and Hatch

is Rocket Bakery, and they hold a series of free outdoor concerts during the summer. It’s a fantastic way to go out with friends and have some dinner while listening to amazing singers.

Other things can include going to Silverwood for the day and enjoying going on the rides and even heading over to the waterpark, Boulder Beach for some fun on the waterslides. Silverwood can be expensive. Tickets cost around \$60 per person and you have to remember to bring more money to buy food. Splashdown includes another fun waterpark to go to for the day. It is located off the freeway near the Valley and tickets usually cost around \$10 or \$99 for a season pass.

The sun is the best part of summer. Most people will choose to stay home and get tan, or burned for some others. Summer doesn’t have to be about traveling and going on trips, it can be about making memories and having a blast with your friends.



# Bouncing to Belize for spring break 2013

By **Taylor Walker**  
Staff Writer

Approximately 2,650 miles away is a country called Belize. Two lucky students from Freeman had the awesome opportunity of going to Belize for spring break with their families...obviously, they said yes. Sophomores Grady Arnzen and Kyla Wright have been close family friends since 3rd grade. Belize actually isn't the first vacation their families have gone on together.

“Our families have gone on three vacations together,” Wright explained. “Our first trip was to Maui 3 years ago. Last year, we went to Belize and we decided to go again this year.”

Between the two families, there were nine people total traveling together.

“In my opinion, I would go somewhere else if I could,” Arnzen admitted. “Among all the places we’ve been to, Belize is my favorite, but the first time I went there was a lot better. It kind of felt like I had been there, done that.”

On the other hand, Wright’s opinion is that she would love to go back and that this is also her favorite place she’s traveled to.

“Belize is very opposite of here in Spokane,” Wright shared. “The streets there are all so narrow and everybody drives golf carts instead of cars. The buildings are all very

bright colors. The weather there is very warm although it was a bit windy when we were there over break. The main foods over there contain lots of fish, chicken, rice,

who have older children,” Wright shared. “There are times when independence is needed and younger kids probably wouldn’t be able to do that. I also think that Belize is a good place for couples to go on vacation.”

All in all, if you are part of a family with older children or know of a couple looking for a relaxing vacation in a beautiful surrounding, Belize could be the answer you’re looking for! With

and beans. The people are pretty friendly and they are very helpful.”

But, like most places, certain areas are suited for different ages and groups of people.

You could go on vacation there with a family with young children, a family with older children, a senior trip, or a honeymoon. It’s got activities for every age such as swimming with sharks, tanning on sandy beaches, touring the town itself, or even just relaxing in the beautiful weather Belize offers.

“I would recommend this vacation to families



Photo courtesy of Kyla Wright

A view of the beautiful water and town of Belize.



Photo courtesy of Kyla Wright

Kyla Wright pauses from swimming to pose with a shark.

# Hogan’s: a blast from the past.

By **Emma Sheldon**  
Photo Editor

Spokane is full of one-of-a-kind hot spots, including restaurants. Hogan’s Diner is the perfect place for Sunday brunch or even dinner on a Wednesday night.

It transports you back to the 1950’s with its chocolate malts and neon signs, its classic bar stools and booths, and even its gigantic Coca Cola glasses. The walls are a soft sage with cream and red accents. There isn’t a single edge in the whole building: all the corners are rounded to represent the true 50’s diner.

“Hogan’s is the place to eat!” said 15 year-old Post Falls High School student, Kylee Mitchell. “It has a cute 50’s look and is very welcoming. The food is fantastic! They have amazing burgers and shakes. I really like the staff because

they are a fun group of people who like to smile and make other’s days better.”

about their work and, dare I say, enjoy it.

The food is even better (which is quite hard to

speed doesn’t affect the quality of their food one bit. They have everything from chicken fried stake

to ham omelets, hash browns to French fries. Their chicken fried stake is to die for. It’s covered in gravy on top a pile of hash browns with a side of eggs – perfect for even the biggest appetite. Their burgers are thick and juicy paired with only the freshest of ingredients complimented by the ideal steak fry. Though the

The service is exceptional; the staff is all extremely nice and engaging. In the midst of them buzzing around trying to make everyone happy once they reach you, they listen intently and actually ask about your day. They keep everything spic and span for the next round of customers. They seem to actually care

do). The presentation is clean but not high end restaurant fancy-perfect for the Average Joe. Hogan’s serves breakfast all day long to satisfy any appetite. The cooks are bubbly even in front of the sizzling stove. They talk to the people at the bar and make food so fast, it’s like their life depends on it, though the

best combination is their cheeseburger paired with a chocolate malt shake. The salty burger and fries with the cool smooth sweetness of the shake create the ideal summer lunch.

Hogan’s is the perfect summer diner location and will always leave you satisfied.



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# Prom Time!



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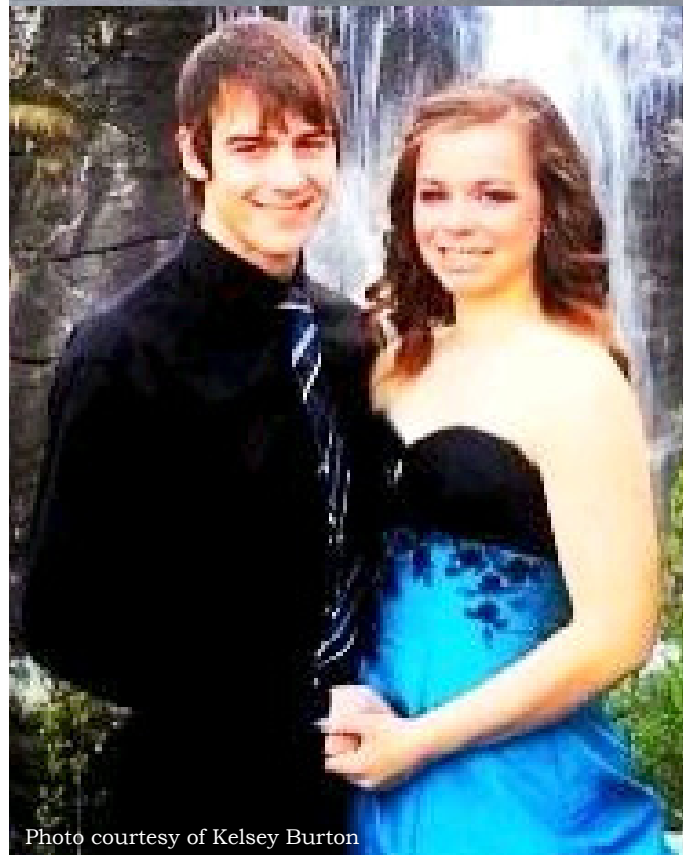


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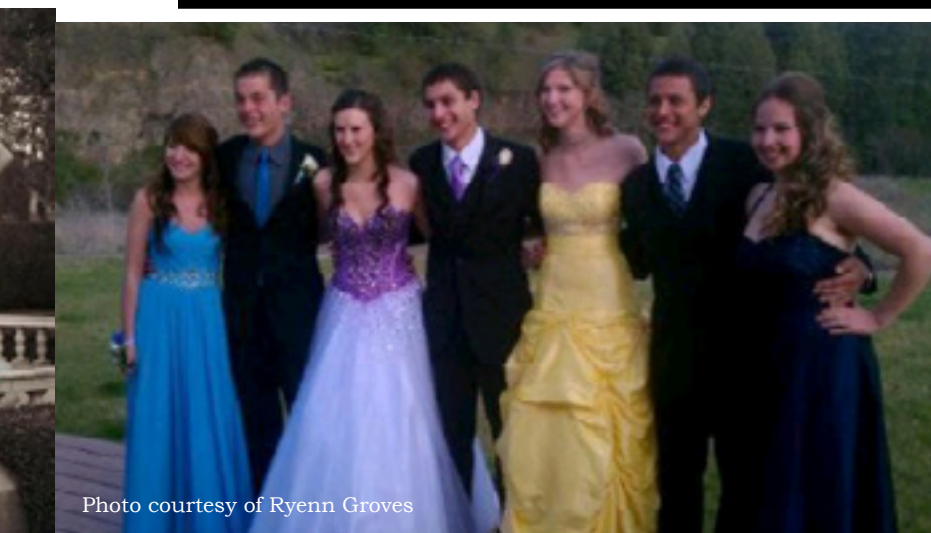


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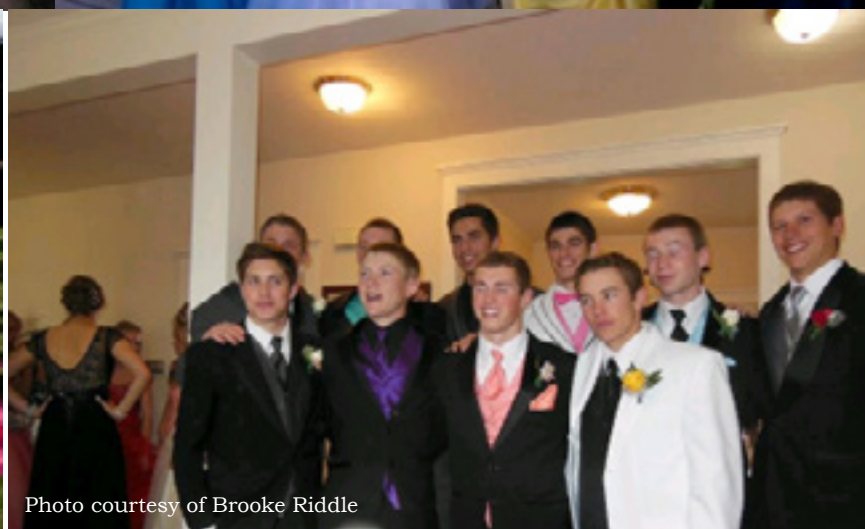


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# Prom Time!



## The Host: a thrilling sci-fi romance film for teens and adults

By Heidi Hohmann  
Staff Writer

Imagine if you lost all of your family due to alien colonization and you were the only one left. Well, *The Host* is just about that. Based on the book by Stephanie Meyer, it was written and directed by Andrew Niccol.

*The Host* takes place in the future when there are no unoccupied humans left except little pockets of them called "The Resistance," which are a group of humans that have not been taken over by the aliens known as souls during their attempts to colonize Earth. The souls are a cross between alien-like creatures and parasites that know only peace and are inserted in the back of a human's neck.

Human Melanie Stryder (Saoirse Ronan) is captured by the Seeker (Diane Kruger) after jumping out of a window in an abandoned hotel in an attempt to save her younger brother Jamie (Chandler Canterbury). She then sees Healer Fords (Marcus Lyle Brown) to be healed up and they eventually put a soul into her. The soul she obtains is called Wanderer (Emily Brownning) who tries to find information in Melanie's mind about where The Resistance is hiding. Melanie tells her "no," inside of her head because

she's still alive in there. Soon Wanderer listens to Melanie and stops help-



Photo courtesy of Hostmovie.com

ing Seeker try to find the Resistance. Melanie has dreams of Jared (Max Irons), her boyfriend, and Wanderer is curious about these dreams. The Seeker then attempts to force Wanderer to reveal where The Resistance is at, but she refuses. The Seeker threatens Wanderer, telling her that she'll get another host and leave Melanie's body since she's not telling them anything.

Wanderer and Melanie then escape to the desert and walk days on days to find The Resistance guided by Melanie. Jeb (William Hurt) finds Melanie and refuses to shoot her even though she has been taken over. The others in the clan are unhappy about Wanderer/Melanie being there, but Jeb tells them that she can stay. She stays there, and as The Resistance

gets to know Wanderer, they begin to like her. Wanderer soon falls in love with Ian (Jack Abel), and Melanie reconnects with Jared again. If you want to know the ending, I highly recommend you go and watch the movie.

*The Host* is a great movie and book. Niccol did a lovely job on the casting, matching up characters with their book descriptions. For example, Irons is perfect in

the role of Jared who is written as being not too attractive but with a rugged appearance. One actress that stood out to me was Browning as Wanderer's voice. I didn't know how Niccol would come up with the two voices put together into one body, but he did a great job on emphasizing her voice so you wouldn't get confused with Melanie's voice.

"My favorite character was definitely Melanie because she's really strong-willed and sticks up to what she believes and puts others before her," said freshman Ali Tesch.

Niccol also did not cut any of the good parts in the book and added an additional ending. As opposed

to most sci-fi films where the world ends, this one was unique because it had a romantic side to it. The trailer to *The Host* seemed more action-packed and thrilling than the movie really was. They showed more fighting and less romance, but in the movie it was the other way around.

Another thing they did a great job on was creating the cave where The Resistance lives. I thought the way they did the cave was very realistic, and it seemed if the world really ended like that, it would be the area where the last humans would occupy. My favorite part was how they created the wheat fields with all the mirrors above inside the cave.

"My favorite part was probably when Melanie/Wanda co-axed the Seeker's host," said sophomore Isaac Stokoe.

Some of the downsides to the movie were that Jared and Melanie didn't

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Melanie/Wanda on a surgeon's table sad because they have to separate from each other.

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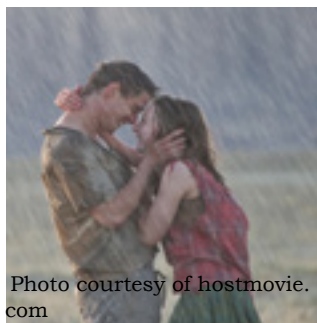


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Jared and Melanie having fun in the rain together.

really get as connected in the movie as they did in the book. I also didn't like how Aaron (Lee Hardee) and Brant (Mustafa Harris) committed suicide on the highway barrier in escape of the Seekers.

"My least favorite part was when they caught Melanie and put Wanderer into her," said freshman Aleyna Iltz.

All in all, The Host

with the rating of PG-13 is a great movie for teenagers and adults with a very interesting plot. It has some sci-fi parts and action which is great for guys, and a love triangle which is great for girls. I would also really recommend the movie to anyone who has read the book. It makes the book feel very realistic. The only reason why I wouldn't recommend this

to younger age groups and families is because of the graphic romance and violence.

"The people who should watch this movie are people who have read the book and won't be totally freaked out by aliens and paranormal stuff because it's very real," said Iltz.

## 42 is a homerun

By Cashlynn Volk  
Staff Writer

You don't have to love baseball to love the movie *42*. It is difficult to truly capture Jackie Robinson's importance to baseball and to American history, but *42* nearly does. If you want the sense of a true all-American hero, this film is a great place to start.

*42* is a heartfelt, inspirational, and uplifting biography of sports icon Jackie Robinson. Robinson was an amazing baseball player but he was also the first African-American to play Major League Baseball. This movie shows how Robinson broke the color barrier and played with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

*42* is an amazing tribute to the great baseball legend Robinson (Chadwick Boseman). It displays the events that led up to his signing in 1945, his first year with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the difficult challenges everyone (black and whites) had to undergo throughout. Six days before the 1947 season, the Dodgers called Robinson up to the major leagues. On April 15, 1947, Robinson made his debut at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York to a crowd of 26,623 spectators. Although he failed to get a base hit, he walked

and scored a run in the Dodgers' 5-3 victory. Robinson became the first African-American major league player to break the color barrier.

My favorite part of *42* was when Robinson showed up the pitcher, who thought Robinson was too good to be true when he was playing against the Dodgers. *42* delivers motivational messages throughout the film. The story is easy to follow even if you aren't familiar with baseball. It's not a slow documentary; the scenes progress quickly with a focus. Most importantly, *42* does a great job presenting Robinson and those around him throughout his struggles. *42* is a glorious tale of staying strong, and having resolution in the face of hatred.

I was pleasantly satisfied with the film and would rate it a 10/10. I would recommend this film to any baseball fan, or anyone who wants to watch a great movie with an inspiring message. Although, I would suggest this film to 13+ because of

thematic events, and language. Most specifically, there are a lot of raw moments and racial slurs that were displayed on screen, as it showed how Robinson and others had to overcome the color barrier.

Harrison Ford, playing Branch Ricky (the man who signed Robinson), gave a solid performance along with the excellent Nicole Beharie as Robinson's wife, Rachel. Each and every actor and actress captured the emotion through this tumultuous time throughout the movie. Overall, *42* is a superior film featuring Oscar quality performances by the entire cast, which is easily one of Hollywood's best offering of films of the year so far! *42* is a homerun.

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Pee Wee Reese shows his support for friend Jackie Robinson after he has joined the Dodgers.



## Oz: The Great and Powerful is not so great

**By Alyssa Nelson**  
Staff Writer

Director Sam Raimi welcomes you to a whole new mystical Land of Oz. This film is quite different than the 1939 film we're all familiar with.

Oscar "Oz" (James Franco) is a starving, con-artist magician who wants to do something great with his life. Only problem is he lives in Kansas. He cons his way through his shows, but people become angry at him when he refuses to heal a girl and make her walk again because he knows he can't. As Oz is running away from a man he made angry, he climbs into a hot air balloon while a tornado is starting to hit. He ends up in the eye of the tornado, begging for his life and saying that he hasn't done anything great. Oz is then knocked out, and when he wakes up, he is in a whole new world. There he meets Theodora (Mila Kunis), a seemingly good witch, however naïve. There is an instant attraction between the two, something that is well-portrayed on-screen by both Kunis and Franco. While he is there, Theodora tells him that he is the wizard that Oz has been waiting for. He thinks she is mistaken, but decides to just play along because he is given all the gold he has ever seen, but under one condition: he must kill the wicked

witch and bring peace back to Oz. Theodora leads him to the Emerald City where Oscar meets Evanora (Rachel Weisz), sister to Theodora and a good witch. As the movie progresses, Oscar goes on his way to defeat the wicked witch. On the way, he makes a few friends, including Glinda the Good Witch (Michelle Williams).

This film adaption of the original film was presented very nicely. The cinematography was eye-appealing and nicely executed. The details that they put into the film were thought out and were plainly seen throughout the entire



Photo courtesy of Disney.com

Oscar is seeing the Emerald City for the very first time

film. The costumes and makeup were also very fitting and outstanding. The scene that really stood out was when Oz is first introduced to the audience. There were these beautiful flowers blooming everywhere. Each and every color was so vivid. Sitting in the theater really made me want to jump into the screen and live in Oz

forever. That scene was absolutely mesmerizing. Even the little water fairies looked so lifelike. And Theodora was absolutely stunning when she is first introduced, which is partly why Oscar is instantly attracted to her.

The costumes and makeup were good because they fit the time period," commented junior D.J. Picard.

"I really like how they portrayed the witches instead of making them hideous," said freshman Lauren Faulkner.

Also, parts of it stayed true to the original film. At the very beginning when Oscar is in Kansas, the filming is in black

and white up until he, and the audience, is first introduced to Oz. But unlike the original film, there were some unexpected and unique plot twists.

"They were deceiving. I liked them," said Picard.

"I thought it was amazing," senior Claire Hulse commented. "I didn't care for Mila Kunis though. I feel like she could have done a better job."

The actors chosen for this film did a fantastic job. Franco and Kunis have on-screen chemistry that shined during the entire movie. Franco portrayed a con-artist magician, which real-



Photo courtesy of Disney.com

Finley, the doll, and Oz are waiting right before they meet Glinda for the first time

ly seemed a natural fit for his personality. He usually plays the typical sleazy, cunning, or sly character. He played a con-artist in this movie, but he was classier than the other roles.

"I thought the movie was good," said Picard. "All the actors did their parts well, and my favorite characters are the monkey, Oz, and Glinda."

I would recommend this movie if you are in the mood for a movie that is funny, yet also has some romance and serious moments; however, don't go to see it in the theaters. It didn't seem like the type of movie you should pay \$10 for. Instead, wait until it comes out to Redbox. The ending seemed rushed and they could have done a better job with it. Also, there were parts that seemed really slow. They were just dragged out too long and you would be sitting in the theater waiting for the climax of that scene, or a plot twist. Sometimes the climax or plot twist didn't come, so then the scene seemed pointless. It is a good movie though. Just save your money and watch it at home.

## Pitching lights out all season

**By Anna Lee**  
Feature Editor

Junior Kindra Malloy has had a passion for softball since she was a young girl and has continued to play throughout middle school and high school.

"I love being able to just get in my one world, and not worry about anything or anyone and just block out everything," explained Malloy.

Since the time she was in middle school, Malloy has been pitching for her varsity softball teams. Malloy grew up watching her older sister, Amanda, play softball and become a varsity pitcher

for Freeman. Since then, Malloy has put in hours of practice to become the best pitcher she can.

"My sister did it and she made it look really fun," said Malloy. "She told me how fun it was, and once I started doing it, I fell in love with it."

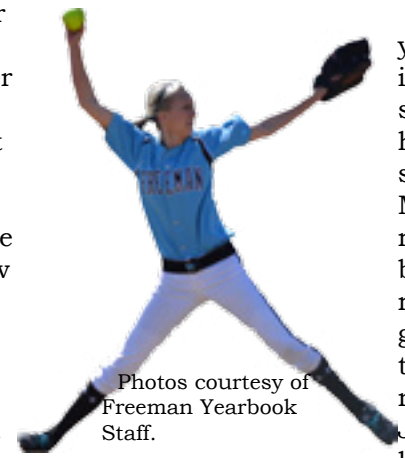
"I will miss the corny things she does, and the fun times when she is corny," said coach Scott Moore.

"She has improved a ton and I would love to see her keep playing."

Over her years playing middle school and high school softball, Malloy has made tight bonds with many of the girls on the team. Senior Felicia Jackson has been Malloy's teammate in softball

and cheer throughout high school.

"What I will miss most



Photos courtesy of Freeman Yearbook Staff.

Malloy warming up her arm before the game at Medical Lake.

## Saying Goodbye to track: Chelsea Brightwell

**By Olivia Nemec**  
A&E Editor

There's no question the Freeman track team has been incredibly successful throughout the years. One of Freeman's more recent students to join the team is senior Chelsea Brightwell; she started last year) when friends prompted her to join the team.

"All my friends said I should join so I said why not!" explained Brightwell.

Though this

is only her second year in track, Brightwell feels very at home among her fellow tracksters and really enjoys discuss. She's become very close with the team and has a lot of fun. Brightwell loves spending time with the track team. Sports are a great way to get to know your fellow classmates and bond with friends. Relationships with

your team are ones that last.

dinners, but I didn't love the conditioning," Brightwell said.

Spending so many nights on buses at meets and going out to dinner tends to bring you closer together

to spend with the team. Next year she plans to walk-on to either Washington State University or Eastern Washington University.

"If I could do it all over again I would just spend more time practicing so I can medal," said Brightwell

When it comes to things such as medaling she believes it's the experience that counts. The track team has been a wonderful addition to Freeman athletics and Brightwell will be thoroughly missed.



Photo by Olivia Nemec

Chelsea sitting out on the track right in her element

"My favorite part is probably getting out of school and having the team

Brightwell is a senior this year and is sad it's her last year she gets



# Groves: back handing beauty.

**By Brooke Swartout**  
Staff Writer

With the amount of people that are in our high school, Freeman is full of people that double up when it comes to being athletes. This is the case for senior Ryenn Groves. Not only is she a team player in basketball during the winter sports, but she also is a team player in tennis for the spring.

"It's fun; I enjoy it!" said Groves. "I mainly play for just the excitement of the game, but I'm not too bad at it too so that helps."

This is Groves' third year of tennis, and it makes her sad that it's her last year. She hopes to leave her team with "leadership and good team work" to help them push through the next few years.

Surprisingly enough, Groves' career didn't ex-

actly start out with a love for the game.

"Actually, my first

year I only signed up for tennis to get outta class," explained Groves.

"But then on the first day of practice, I went and it actually was really fun! So I was glad I decided to go."

Having coach Cathy Lee pushing Groves throughout the season, she was able to finish out her season with a record of 1-2 for singles and 3-4 for doubles.

"She's the type of person that you want to

have in a sport and as a friend because of her sarcastic personality and

her wanting to improve not only herself but to help others around her," said sophomore Ben Mitchell. "The team definitely benefits from her."



Ryenn stays focus to score a win in her match.

Groves is not only a great influence with her person-

ality, but the way she brings the team together as a whole that makes her really stands out.

"Ryenn is very positive and encouraging to those around her," said assis-

tant coach Barb Mitchell. "I will definitely miss her smile and lively spirit."

The biggest characteristic Groves has to offer for her team is the way she takes care of them. She works well with them and wants them all to feel good about what there doing. That alone is enough to inspire many to be better at what they do and to even change the outlook as to how people view things.

"Ryenn brings a dose of sunshine and inspires team unity. She thinks quickly on her feet and brings [an] 'I missed that point, let's go for the next one [kind of attitude]'," said coach Lee.

Her coaches are proud of her with every smile and hit she makes. They will miss her when she graduates this year and hopes that she continues on with her ability to inspire many and brighten up a room.

## 2013-2014 cheerleaders announced

Congratulations to the new 2013-2014 cheer team. The team is excited for a new season full of new stunts, new dances and new cheers!

All-year cheer squad: juniors Hope Mathews, Hannah Williamson, Kyla Wright, and Matea Ped, and sophomores Maria Panzeri and Tristan Peery

Fall season cheer squad- juniors Anna Lee, Olivia Nemec, and Shenoa Rush, and seniors Nicole Westburg, and Cassidy Schultes

Winter season cheer squad- freshmen Morgan Lang, Madison Rubright, and Tanner Schultes, and sophomore Carlee Magers.



Photo by Emma Sheldon

# Vold hits a hole-in-one

**By Hope Mathews**  
Staff writer

Multi-talented athlete, junior Katie Vold, turns to golf for a relaxing but somewhat competitive hobby. Vold has always played golf with her dad or brother Taylor. She has also played for two years in her high school career. Vold started competing in golf because, well, she lives on a golf course and her brother plays.

We all have supporters through the things we do; who supports Vold the most?

"My brother encouraged me to play, taught me most of what I know,

and even still gives me pre-game pep talks," Vold explained.

"Katie and I have been friends forever and I love playing golf with her,"

explained junior Mackenzie Claeys.

Like anyone, Vold has had setbacks in her golf career. She has club



Photo courtesy of Abbie Pintar

The girls golf team having fun before their tournament.

back injury sophomore year which kept her from competing.

Vold's biggest accomplishment?

"Playing a two seed in every tournament as a freshman and new golfer behind Al-

yssa Maine," Vold said.

Vold, like in all the other sports she plays, has succeeded and become the best she can.

"[My] favorite part would probably be the social aspect of it – you meet a lot of fun people who you become friends with over the season," said Vold. "Golf is kind of my 'for fun' sport where I get a completely different style of play than basketball, so that's more of a motivation, per se, relaxing and fun and definitely tests my patience"

Overall, Vold is a great athlete who can adapt to any sport she plays.

## Hjaltalin, a baseball player with a simple yet obscure goal

**By Mason Mackleit**  
Sports Editor

Senior Eric Hjaltalin is a reflexive baseball player, possibly due to his nine years spent playing the sport. Hjaltalin enjoys the sport because he is able to spend time with friends and play the sport he considers America's pastime. He started one summer when his dad suggested that he give the sport a chance. Now, after all the years, he is now a captain and he enjoys having the honor.

"My favorite part of being a captain would have to be giving people orders," said Hjaltalin. "It's also fun helping them get better."

Joining Hjaltalin as captains this year are fellow senior Wyatt Smith, junior A.J. Iris, and sophomore Jake Phipps. Hjaltalin enjoys being captain and the job seems to come naturally to him.

Although Hjaltalin is a great player, he doesn't plan on playing baseball for a college.

"I'm not sure

what I want to do after high school, but I know that I want to do something in the medical field," said Hjaltalin.

Hjaltalin intends on majoring in pre medicine in an undergraduate school.

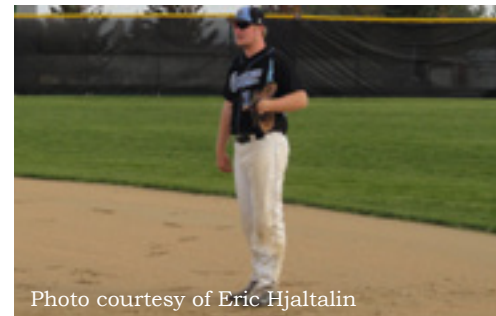


Photo courtesy of Eric Hjaltalin

Eric waiting for the game to begin

He feels that the medical field is so

large that he wants to wait until he has taken some more medical-related classes before he finally decides on what he wants to do.

No matter what he decides, his abilities and char-

a position of leadership. Even as a high school student he already has many leadership roles.

Hjaltalin has set many goals for himself and for his team throughout the season, but one that he has come to use as his first and foremost would be "Don't suck!" However, no matter how the season plays out or how his life plays out, we at Freeman know that it he will rise to the challenges life throws at him and become a great leader.



## Maple Bars with Mom = Success

Photos courtesy of Pia Longinotti, Kim Metcalf, and Mary-ellen Wall



## 7 FBLA members move onto National Competition

**By Scott Moore**  
FBLA Adviser

Freeman's FBLA chapter competed at the state conference April 25-27 in downtown Spokane. The kids did a great job with 7 qualifying for Nationals in Anaheim this summer! In addition, our chapter received an award for having the largest chapter in our region and also received the highest honor a chapter can receive in the state of Washington – The Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit.

National qualifiers were the team of sophomores Moriah Longhurst and Bethany Williams, and junior Brooke Wil-

liams – State Champions in Business Presentation; the team of seniors Zeke Flack, Elizabeth Kosanke and Tanner Waite – 2nd place in Digital Video Production; and sophomore Brayden Aller – 2nd place in Introduction to Business.

Also placing in state, and earning alternate po-



Photo courtesy of Scott Moore

sitions to Nationals were junior Grace Rudy – 3rd place in Client Service; junior Austin Carpenter – 4th place in Business Procedures, sophomore Moriah Longhurst – 4th place in Word Processing 1; sophomore Bethany

Williams – 5th place in Word Processing 1; and the team of juniors Lukas Carasco and Silas Uher – 5th place in Entrepreneurship.

Making finals, which is an honor in itself, but coming up just short of going on stage (only the top five in each category receive awards) were senior Daniel Willard, sophomore Bethany Williams and junior Brooke Williams in Business Ethics; junior Hunter Beaulaurier in Help Desk; senior Felicia Jackson in Impromptu Speaking, senior Elizabeth Kosanke in Job Interview; the team of juniors Lukas Carasco, Austin Carpenter, and Silas Uher in Management Decision Making; and freshman Aidan MacDonald in Website Development, and Computer Game and Simulation Programming.



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# Annual Art & Soul fundraiser brings Gendron and Richardson to FHS

**By Ken Spiering**  
*Art Teacher*

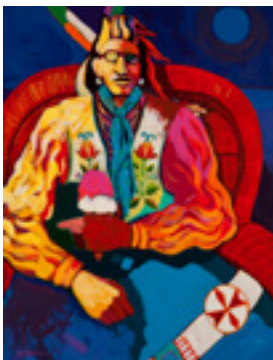


This year's celebrity guests coming to Freeman School District's 3rd annual "ART and SOUL" art festival are two well-known Northwest artists, painter Ric Gendron and printmaker and photographer Carl Richardson, demonstrating their unique creative talents. Harold Balazs, Mel McCuddin, and others have again donated many original artworks and prints in support of Freeman High School's spring fundraiser for its arts programs.

This fundraiser for the Freeman High School Art Department is to be held the evening **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 pm** in the FHS multipurpose room. The public is invited. Tickets are available at the door Thursday evening, May 16 beginning at 5:30 for \$4.00 per person/\$12.00 per family. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

For additional information, call Ken Spiering, Freeman High School Art Instructor, at (509) 991-1030 (cell) or (509) 291-3721 ext. 206 (school).

**Photographer Carl Richardson and painter Ric Gendron will be guest artist at this year's Art & Soul fundraiser. From top to bottom: "Peaceful Warrior" and "Always Remembered" by Richardson, and "Chief Wolf" and "The Ice Cream Indian" by Gendron.**



## Activities and attractions during the evening include:

- Ric Gendron, very recently honored with a national traveling show of his contemporary paintings, working in brilliantly-colored acrylics revealing his extraordinary process and surprisingly engaging imagery of today's Native American.
- Freeman students, under the instruction of Danette Garcia, providing live music, featuring piano, voice and instrumental solos.
- Carl L. Richardson, also nationally recognized as photographer and screen printer, will be demonstrating his extraordinary processes in screen printing, with assistance to people wishing to print T-shirts to take home.
- An art show of 2012-2013 student art work, including watercolors, acrylic paintings, linoleum block prints, and plaster carvings being featured on the big screen.
- The public being invited to participate in creating a large collaborative acrylic painting.
- Demonstrations of arts processes, such as brick-carving, the printing of block prints, including having people make their own prints.
- Sale of original artwork and prints by Harold Balazs, Mel McCuddin and Ken Spiering, as well as extraordinary work by others, including Freeman High School Art Students.
- Chocolate pudding finger painting for kids of all ages and who knows what else, henna tattoos?
- Refreshments, food, coffee, and beverages.