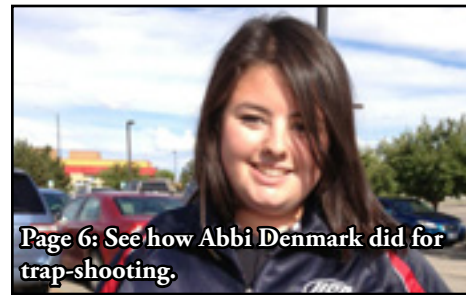




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Freeman welcomes new principals

By Ruby Falciani
Editor

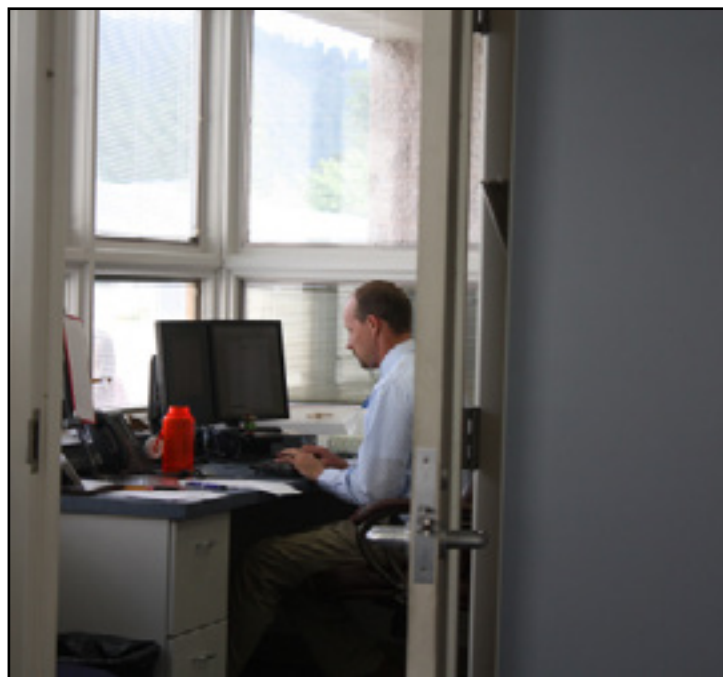
This summer was short, not just for the anxious freshman and the impatient seniors, but for the staff as well. While the students were staying up to see the sunrise and sleeping in till noon, there were some serious changes being made to the high school and middle school staffs.

If you have been living under a rock and haven't already heard, we lost Dave Smith as our principal when he became the superintendent of Newport; however, we gained a great new (yet old) high school principal, Jim Straw.

"[The job opportunity] was at the right time," Straw said. "We have talked about it before but the timing never felt right. Now that my kids are grown, it felt like the right timing for my career and personally."

Straw was the middle school principal for eight years, then decided to try for the high school principal position.

When Straw was hired away from the middle school, there



Ben Ferney has been a great addition to the Freeman family since the beginning. He is a hard worker and enjoys every day he's here. The middle school will definitely be in good hands,

was a need for a new leader. Luckily, Ben Ferney from Westwood Middle School was more than thrilled to apply for the job.

"Freeman is small but unique," Ferney said. "It's unique in support, and has a healthy community and district that works together to help the kids."

Ferney has admired Freeman's district over the years, and the middle school staff is very lucky to gain a leader with such great enthusiasm for the oncoming years.

The high school was just as lucky when they gained Straw. Since Straw has been most of the students' principal for their middle school years, the majority of the student body already feels comfortable with the change which will help the progression of the school year.

These drastic changes in staff will have an impact on the students, but it is definitely for the better.



Straw is very excited to work in the high school and to see all of his old students again.

Nationals for two years in a row!

By Madi Groves
Editor

Junior Lexi Saeger has participated in FCCLA for two years; however, last year she had to switch to FCCLA at Central Valley High School because Freeman's FCCLA was disbanded. [Central Valley] wasn't new; it was just repeating like freshman year FCCLA, but the people were nice," Saeger said. Saeger competed in the fashion design portion of FCCLA. She created a garment collection of six different looks. During the project, Saeger won gold medals at both regional's and state, then placed silver at nationals. Saeger arrived in Nashville on the July, 6. After meeting everyone for the first time, they went to the hotel. Saeger's first reaction to the hotel was "Holy goodness, how big is this place?"

Then they explored the rest of the day. One of the places that she visited was the Hermitage which was President Andrew Jackson's house. She also went Cracker Barrel which is a restaurant and Cooters which is a dukes of hazards museum, then got to do some shopping. While Saeger was exploring Nashville, she got to meet a lot of new kids from Mead and Kettle Falls High Schools. Saeger had to do her presentation on July 9, which she felt went pretty good for how nervous she was. Then on July10, she presented again, but this time it was being recorded and will be put online. "I didn't care if I got gold or silver but I did not want to get bronze. I had worked too hard to get to where I was to be any less than average. When I received my medal I thought of all the people who helped me to get to where I was and I thank them all for their support and belief in me."

Saeger had to pay her own way to Nashville to compete, which cost about \$2,500. She decided to fundraise by selling her animal recycled bags, and recycling pop taps to make them into bracelets. By selling these items Sager raised \$2,300 for her trip. Saeger is going to continue doing FCCLA, and try to make it to nationals until she graduates high school.



Photo courtesy of Lexi Saegar

Saegar posing for a quick photo after winning her silver medal at nationals.

Doloughan spends summer abroad

By Ruby Falciani
Editor

The beautiful foreign lands seem so far away, blocked off by glass and thick metal. Her last picture of the German grounds was being whisked away as the engine revved and the plane took flight. As junior Aly Doloughan sat back in her airplane seat, she reflected on her past two months of traveling across Europe and the many memories she made. The plane was headed for America, and she was ready to see home again. Doloughan first landed in Germany where she was met by her good family friend and former exchange student, Noam Kastner. Her family housed while he was a student at Freeman. As Doloughan was in Germany, she traveled to numerous



Photo courtesy of Aly Doloughan

Aly Doloughan holds the pocket watch she purchased while in Amsterdam, Netherlands and reflects on her experience in Europe.

places around the country such as the cities of Insel Rügen and Hamburg where she observed the ways the citizens act, how society works, what the fashion is like and how the entire culture in general differs from America. Although being in another country is amazing, it is very difficult to become accustomed to the social norms, time zones, and having to communicate with others in another language.

From Germany, she made her way to Amsterdam, Netherlands which had much more to it than what she expected.

"My favorite place would have to be Amsterdam because of how diverse the people were," Doloughan said. "You talk about America being free to do what you want, but it's not, it's Amsterdam. You can be whoever you want there."

Although Doloughan didn't stay long in Amsterdam, she made more memories while in Northern Ireland. She traveled all around Northern Ireland while staying with her extended family. While in Ireland, she experienced all the kinds of different foods, ways of pronouncing certain words and even decided she wanted to move to Ireland, go to Queens College, and get dual citizenship.

"I loved [being abroad] so much and I am definitely going back," Doloughan said.



Photo courtesy of Aly Doloughan

Doloughan had an amazing time in Europe and is glad to be back home.

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Football

By Ali Tesch

Football is off to a great start for the season. We hope to see everybody. This year football has 69 players. They show a lot of potential but only games will determine how much. Please come and support our school by attending our next home football game on Friday, October 4!

Conservation club upcoming events

September 28-29: Selkirk Assault Backpacking Trip
October 6: 3rd Annual Tour De Couer d'Alene Bike trip to Idaho
Fall Tree planting with the Spokane Lands Council
Sunday, November 6: Tower Mountain Day Hike
January : Snowshoe summit Mt. Spokane

FBLA

By Kirsten Fuchs

This year FBLA has a myriad of activities planned! From a membership drive this month, to get more students involved, to a Sadie Hawkins dance in the spring. We not only welcome, but encourage as many people to join FBLA as possible! There is a reason we've been the largest chapter in our region for six of the last seven years. Being part of FBLA also means that we participate in competitions against other chapters from our region, our state, and even in our nation. These competitions vary from public speaking to marketing to website design. Future Business Leaders of America is a chance to grow as a leader and as an individual. We would love to have you join us!

FFA membership dues

The Freeman FFA Dues annual amount is \$20.00. The price break down is as follows:

\$10.00- Washington State FFA Association Dues
\$7.00- National FFA Organization Dues. Of this total cost, \$2.50 goes to the publication and distribution of FFA New Horizons, our national magazine. A subscription to the magazine is included in your membership fee.
\$3.00- Local FFA District Dues

Fall Sports

Come support your fall sports teams at their next home games!

Volleyball: Wednesday, October 2 @ 6:30
Cross Country: Tuesday, October 8 @ 4:45
Soccer: Tuesday, October 15 @ 4:00

Diving In



Drama

The high school drama class is planning the first play performance of this year for Wednesday and Thursday, December 18 and 19. Last year, thanks to the hard work and generosity of the Freeman Arts Boosters, the entire drama class was able to attend the Best of Broadway performance of "War Horse" at the INB in Spokane. We hope to get back this year for another show!

Band

The various bands at Freeman will be busy this year. We kick off Pep Band season with the first football game on Friday, September 13th and are on the street with the combined junior high/high school award winning marching band on Saturday, September 21 at the Rockford Parade. The first concert for all instrumental musicians is on Wednesday, October 23. We have borrowed a set of West African drums from Oakesdale School District; the first concert will feature West African drum, dance and song. Also, the high school band is once again planning to partner with the PTSG to produce the Freeman K-8 Talent Show this fall.

Math is Cool

By Ali Tesch

Math is Cool is an important club at the Freeman School District because it allows students to compete in math competitions. This year Math is Cool first event is on October 24. They also hope to compete at State which is in March. Math Is Cool is available for all students in grades 9th through 12th. This year, Math is Cool has several goals, including making the top three, but just doing better than last year would be an achievement. Math is Cool is looking for members so if anyone is interested please contact Mr. More.

Choir

The choir is starting the school year very strong. We have 21 talented musicians, many of whom have several years of singing experience. I have several goals for this group. First is to continue challenging students to develop their solo voices. Next is to once again add some community performances to our regularly scheduled performances. Finally, is to continue to develop the musicianship of students in order to keep the program strong. I encourage students, staff, and the community to continue to support the performing arts program at Freeman by attending performances. "Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent" –Victor Hugo

Shooting for the stars

By Anna Lee
Editor

Junior Abbi Denmark headed to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs this summer to train for the Jr. Olympics. A total of only 22 students nationwide were chosen to train there, and Denmark was one of only three girls.

"I've been shooting trap now for two years, and have been shooting skeet and sporting shooting clays for about 7 months," Denmark said.

Before heading off to the training center, Denmark would spend 2-3 days a week shooting at least 100 shots each practice, and some weeks even a few more days.

"The best part of being at the Olympic training center was meeting new friends from all over the USA, and having the opportunity to be coached by Olympic coaches," Denmark said.

Before going to the training



Photo courtesy of Abbi Denmark

center, Denmark had already won a number of competitions including becoming the FFA State Ladies Champion last spring, the Westerns Regional Ladies Champion, placing 9th overall at nationals for girls, and becoming the Washington State Ladies Champion and Jr. Champion.

"My biggest supporters during my shooting experience have been my mom, dad and my Freeman coach Greg Vail and my wonderful grandparents," Denmark said.

Denmark will be competing in the Jr. Olympics in Colorado Springs in June 2014.

"My goals for shooting are, after going to the Jr. Olympics, to go to US Nationals in San Antonio, Texas and then to head to Worlds hosted in China, August of 2014," Denmark said. "Then my long term goal is to get on a collegiate team and make the team to compete in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil."



Photo courtesy of Abbi Denmark

Freeman Legion team has outstanding summer

By Chad Ripke
Baseball Coach

This summer, the Freeman Legion A Baseball Team took 2nd at the state A legion tournament in Olympia over the 27th-31st of July. The team lost their first game of the tournament 4-3 to North Kitsap, then defeated Central Valley 5-3, Olympic 5-1, and Hanford 5-0 to reach the championship game before losing to Kenmore 13-2 in the championship game.

Freshman McKabe Cottrell was named Most Valuable Pitcher of the Tournament after pitching 15 and 1/3 innings, giving up 1 earned run and striking out 23 batters along the way. Freeman finished this summer with a 30-8 season.



Photo courtesy of Chad Ripke
Bottom row: Brandon Campbell, Ethan Viles, Simon Rooney, Koby Kent, JT Neely, Ben Sharpe
Standing Row Coach Chad Ripke, Derek Smith, Ian Johnston, Sebastian Hyta, AJ Iris, Zach Hyta, Brady Sousa, Chance Halstead, McKabe Cottrell, Jake Phipps, Coach Clayton Panzeri, Coach Kelly Neely, Coach Justin Altmeyer. (Missing from photo is Grady Arnzen).

FBLA members take a trip to remember!

By Scott Moore
FBLA Advisor

During the summer of 2013, Bethany Williams, Brooke Williams, Moriah Longhurst, Zeke Flack, Tanner Waite and Austin Carpenter joined advisor Scott Moore in sunny Anaheim, California for the 2013 National FBLA Conference. When not competing or in seminars and classes, the group found time to explore Hollywood, Disneyland, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach.



Photo courtesy of Scott Moore

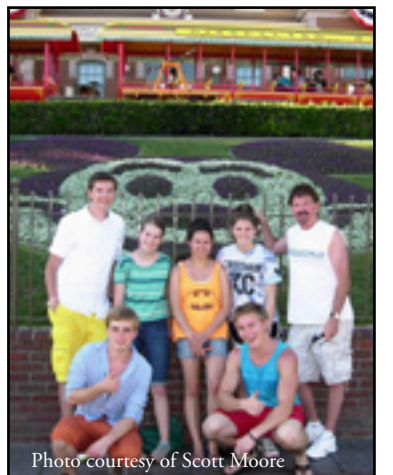


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Annual Conservation Club trip success

By John Hays
Conservation Club Advisor

The Freeman Conservation Slub went on their annual Spring 3 day backpacking trip on June 12-14. We drove to Noxon, Montana and then hiked 5 miles into Rock Lake on the edge of the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness area. At mile 3, we came across several old mining cabins and some old mining equipment before we arrived at the lake. The weather was great, and we had an epic day trip. The second day, hiking above Rock Lake to a hanging valley where we saw 5 mountain goats grazing as well as evidence that we had shared our lake with a good-sized bear. When we arrived back at the lake, everybody decided to take a quick dip in the very cold water. We finished our trip the final day with a nice hike back to the car and a delicious, civilized meal in Sandpoint. We are looking forward to our Fall Trip to the Selkirks on September 28.



Photo courtesy of John Hays

Seniors- its time to submit you senior portrait and baby picture for the 2013-14 yearbook

In order to receive the highest quality image, we are requesting that you submit your photos on-line again this year (see directions below). Many studios will be able to do this for you. The senior portrait should be 2"x3" (portrait) and at least 300 dpi. Scanned baby pictures should also be 300 dpi and approximately 2"x3".

Deadline to submit **both** these photos to the yearbook is **Thursday, October 10.**

Directions to upload your photos:

- A. Go to www.hjeshare.com and enter the school code for Freeman (dawgcountry)
- B. You will be asked to put in your name, email and phone number.
- C. You will then be asked to "Agree to Terms", which is typical.
- D. You will then be asked to browse to your photo. Simply navigate to where you have the photo saved, select the photo, and click on upload.
- E. You are almost done - it will then ask for some information about the picture, such as who is in it - please type in your child's name (we always use the students given name). That's all there is to it!

(If you cannot submit your photos on-line, please deliver them to Scott Moore at the high school in an envelope labeled with your name. Please do so as soon as possible, prior to October 10.)



By Scott Moore
Yearbook Adviser

Abbi Denmark, Anna Lee and Hannah Williamson joined Yearbook adviser Scott Moore at the 2013 Yearbook Camp held this past August on the campus of Gonzaga University. The quartet used this time to learn more about Yearbook essentials in addition to getting a jump start on the theme for the 2013-14 book. You can purchase a yearbook this year for only \$45. Purchase yours by October 15 and you can take the "early bird" special and save \$10.

Fun at yearbook camp