



News from the Nest



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Battle of the Classes Students Compete for Class Bragging Rights

By Hannah Stark and Kacie Covington

NEW ULM - Homecoming week wouldn't be the same without New Ulm High School's annual Battle of the Classes (BOTC). On September 24, grades 9-12 crowded together in the gym to engage in spirited competition against their peers for another year of top dog bragging rights.

This epic battle began with the seniors against the juniors in a game of volleyball. The seniors proved themselves victorious when they beat the juniors 15-6.

"We won with the same team last year. As Zach Quiring once said, 'We'll never be touched in volleyball,'" said senior volleyball player Rachel Enwright.

The closest event came in the second battle, the arm wrestling competition. Jaws dropped when senior Adam Dauer wrestled the biggest freshman at New Ulm High School, Mikey Dickinson. Unflinching and hopelessly locked for several minutes, the battle was declared a tie and a rematch was decided. In the rematch, Dauer picked up the win for the seniors, and the title of the strongest guy in school.

Student Council put their brains to work and came up with several new events this year. For example, there were a series of food eating contests. The junior class showed that they had the biggest appetite, placing first in both the slushy and bobbing for gummy worms in whipped cream contests. Face full of white goo and brain freeze or not, the juniors were not about to surrender after the volleyball loss.

"Everyone on the Council came up with some ideas and then we all just voted on the ones we thought were the best," said Marissa Klimmek, a ju-

nior member of the Student Council at NUHS. Many students agree that BOTC saw a huge improvement this year due to the efficiency of the new Student Council. "It's a lot more organized, and there are a lot more activities that more people can enjoy," said senior Sadie Blackstad. Although Student Council improved the BOTC this year, there's always room for change!



year, freshmen Dominic Camacho and Chris Morris impressed even the upperclassmen with their break dancing routine to "Fire Burning" by Sean Kingston. "I really liked the dancing competition. Everyone pwned," said junior Michelle Youngblom.

The seniors beat the juniors 2-1 in the tug-of-war contest. Not to be outdone, the sophomores battled back in the limbo when Jatia Traulich and Troy Altmann shimmied their way under the lowest bar at knee level.

"It was very intense, and I had tough competition. Oh, and it was fun," said Traulich afterward.

The seniors took second in the limbo after Kyle Windschitl nimbly maneuvered under the bar and then proceeded to do a back flip, which made the crowd go absolutely wild.

The juniors and seniors were neck-and-neck throughout the duel of the classes, which kept the atmosphere in the gym electric. In a surprising upset, however, the juniors schooled the seniors in a close game of dodgeball. This didn't alter the seniors' competitiveness, though, and their determination for victory grew.

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H1N1

The Epidemic of the Year!

By Felicia Hooks

NEW ULM - Fear is in the air as the H1N1 epidemic roams through our area. Even though this disease has only been mild and has been waning, it is still very much with us, and people should still be aware of the illness.

According to the school nurse, Mrs. Renee Petersen, this flu seems to affect more young adults and children than the elderly. Others who are at risk include people with asthma and diabetes. The people who are the most at risk are women who are pregnant. The reason for this is because the stronger your immune system is the more likely you are to get this flu and the harder it is to fight it off.



What exactly is H1N1?

According to Petersen, it's a repertory problem caused by a virus; it is a major flu that most people don't have immunity to.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health Fact Sheet, we don't know what is going to happen with H1N1 in the future. "Influenza is an unpredictable virus because its effects change a lot." This new epidemic could go away next

month or it could stick around, and it could continue to act like the seasonal flu. Or this influenza could change so much that the effects could be just like the deadly pandemic strain in the year of 1918.

If this does happen, it could start causing more sickness than ever before. Every day activities will become very disrupted, and there could possibly be restrictions on travel and gatherings with the public.

But there is always hope for everything.

According to Petersen, we need to be aware of the presence of the H1N1 virus and know that a vaccine will be available in October or November. When this vaccine is available, children and adults six months to 24 years old will be recommended to get vaccinated first. Until then if you know that you have this flu, you are required to stay home from school and work until you are fever free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication.

For people who think that they might have this flu or know of someone who might have it, they should watch for the symptoms of a fever above 100 degrees, a major cough, a sore throat, and a stuffy nose. In some cases some people have diarrhea, vomiting, body aches, and many headaches.

Prevention is strategy number one. Some ways to pre-

vent H1N1 would be to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough; wash your hands frequently; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; avoid close contact with people who are sick; eat healthy; be sure to get enough sleep; and to exercise.

Are students worried about this epidemic? According to junior Chantel Ruehling, she isn't. "There is medication being tested and we also have very good technology that we should be able to count on," Ruehling said.

But not everyone is calm. According to sophomore Chantel Lewis, she is worried. "I don't want to get sick because that just means we have to go longer into the school year," Lewis said.

With all the sickness going around, Ruehling and Lewis are keeping up with all the updated news. They are also doing all that they can to not get sick.

The H1N1 epidemic could possibly be the next 1918 epidemic, or it could pass by and be just like the seasonal flu. In the meantime, just keep washing those hands and covering that cough!

Source:

"Fact Sheet: What You Need to Know about Novel H1N1 Flu." 12 August 2009. Minnesota Department of Health. 29 September 2009 <<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/lu/h1n1/basics/fai>>.

Drivers Face Dangers and Chaos in the Parking Lot

By Juan Castillo

NEW ULM - The NUHS parking lot seems to be a chaotic world for our vehicles. Every day drivers have to be careful to avoid all the dangers and accidents that might happen.

School Resource Officer Jay Backer says that some of these issues involve students doing burnouts, speeding, and even drug activity. For students, the main concern is the congestion at the end of the school day and the mass exodus of cars at 3 o'clock.

Although unlikely to happen, New Ulm senior Jeff Forstner thinks the school should let different grades leave before others so it doesn't get this crammed. He thinks seniors should leave five minutes before juniors, and juniors should leave before sophomores.

This would solve a lot of the problems senior Eric Scheibel because there wouldn't be as many cars moving around at the same time. It would be easier for students to leave the parking lot, especially for those that just obtained their license and are not as experienced.

Crashes, bumper hitting, and backing up into another car are some of the accidents that have occurred in the parking lot that could have been prevented if not so many cars

would be moving around trying to leave the parking lot at the same time.



lines when drivers can't even see them. "I feel like I'm driving blindfolded," Scheibel says.

The worst part is that students may get a ticket if the school thinks they didn't park accurately. Forstner suggests putting some flags up to indicate the parking space. This way although we still won't be able to see the lines,

we'll at least be able to have an idea of where the rows are, and it'll make it easier to park.

Another issue occurs in the winter when the snow arrives. Scheibel finds it very hard to see the parking lot lines and that it's impossible to park inside the

we'll at least be able to have an idea of where the rows are, and it'll make it easier to park.

Speeding through the parking lot seems to be a major problem too. A lot of speeding in the parking lot is caused by students trying to race to parking spaces close to school. Scheibel thinks having different areas for different grades might solve this issue.

For now the best advice is to just drive cautiously.



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News from Around the World

By Tanya Russell

Earthquake in Indonesia

SUMATRA - A recent earthquake on the coast of one of the big islands of Indonesia has left over one thousand people dead, three thousand still trapped under the rubble, and many fighting for their lives.

The earthquake registered at 7.6 on the Richter scale, higher than the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.

Many nations from around the globe are sending rescue teams to help the injured and the trapped. The teams will then help rebuild the destroyed towns.

Source: Telegraph.co.uk and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Gandhi Turns 140

INDIA - Mahatma Gandhi celebrated his 140th birthday on October 2, 2009. To help celebrate, Google replaced its well known letter 'G' with a drawing of Gandhi for that date.

New Officer on the Block

By Juan Castillo

NEW ULM - Besides having new teachers roaming the halls this year, NUHS also has a new Student Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Jay Backer, himself a graduate of New Ulm Public High School, is very happy to be our new SRO. Officer Backer is excited for his new job because it'll be a new challenge for him.

Officer Backer has been a police officer for ten years. He first took an interest in this job when he took a career test and scored very high in Law Enforcement.

Like many students on the first day of school, even Officer Backer was



nervous for his first day at a new job. "I felt like a seventh grader," he said. He felt out of his comfort zone.

His goals for the year as the new SRO are to keep criminal activity to a minimum and to maintain a positive atmosphere with students.

On a typical day as the SRO, Officer Backer patrols the school in the morning and goes to meetings. He also roams the hallways and the outside of buildings. At the end of the school day, he patrols the school's parking lot.

In his first few weeks as the new SRO, Officer Backer hasn't had any major problems. Of all the grades, seniors

Indian-born Gandhi was an activist and a well-known leader of non-violent, civil disobedience campaigns for many years.

Happy Birthday, Gandhi!

Source: *Times Online*

Letterman's Affair

NEW YORK - The host of the 'Late Show with David Letterman' has revealed that he had previously had sexual relations with female subordinates on a recent show. This was said because a producer of the show threatened to reveal details about the affair.

The producer was charged with grand larceny in Manhattan on Friday, October 2, for attempting to extort \$2 million from Letterman.

Source: Reuters.com

seem to be the only grade that he has had no problems with yet.

One of the things Officer Backer likes about NUHS is our faculty. Backer thinks "it is a very good faculty and that it runs very efficiently."

Outside of school, Officer Backer loves sports: the Twins, Vikings, and Gophers. He also enjoys spending time with his kids.

Officer Backer says the students in New Ulm Public

are all great, respectful, and good kids."

He gently reminds students to "always make good choices, be courteous, and respectful. The choices you make now, can affect the rest of your life."

Rio Wins Olympic Games for 2016

BRAZIL - Rio de Janeiro has beaten Madrid in the last round for the honor of hosting the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. The final ballot read 66 votes to just 32.

Tokyo was knocked out in the second round, and later on Chicago was disappointed to see that they were also out of the running.

This will be the first time that a South American country will host an Olympic games.

Source: USAtoday.com and *The New York Times*



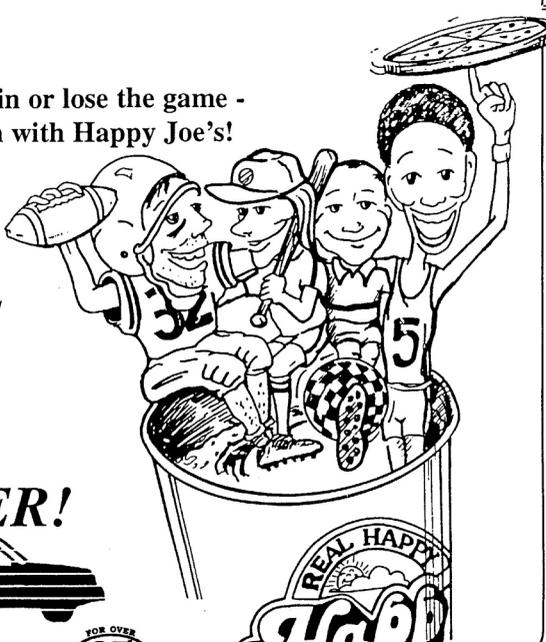
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Coronation: Dresses, Crowns, and a lot of Dancing

By Gretchen Austinson

NEW ULM – People flooded the NUHS gymnasium to see seniors Kaylen Berle and Jamie Gieseke crowned Homecoming King and Queen on September 21. To kick off Homecoming week, Ms. Arlene Stewart, an art teacher at the high school, hosted the event.

In the previous week, the seniors at the high school nominated fellow seniors for the homecoming court. Then, at the end of the week, each student voted for the king and queen.

“They all deserved it,” said senior Ashley Peterson.

The festivities opened with the band proudly playing the school song. Then the choir sang an impressive version of our National Anthem.

Jacob Hoffmann and Courtney Kral were also in attendance as last year’s king and queen to help crown this year’s royalty.

Soon after, the teachers announced that they had made their own homecoming court dance parodying the NUHS tradition. The female teachers including Fairbairn, Doust, Gordon, Pribyl, Curry, and Tasto paraded in with enough at-



titude to rival the actual court’s. But their success was short-lived due to technical difficulties and jeers from the crowd.

After a few more tries, they let the band perform their competition song for the marching season. Next, the fall sports were recognized. All the players had the opportunity to stand so the audience could applaud them.

Finally, the teacher’s homecoming court resolved their music dilemma and showed the audience how to bust a move. Their skit included hits like “Baby Got Back,” “Thriller,” “Ice, Ice Baby,” and High School Musical complete with dresses, scary masks, VanLeeuwe peddling a toy tractor, Fairbairn riding on a Barbie Hotwheels car, and Nelson and Tasto being crowned king and queen in their spoof of the traditional homecoming court’s dance.

After the teachers were done showing off, the homecoming court had their chance to show the teachers how dancing should be done. They busted out many moves including riding in on a boat, partying in the USA with Miley Cyrus, and stomping the teacher’s skit with their own Michael Jackson’s “Thriller.”

Next in line for this exciting evening was the court candidate interviews with other students lead by Sadie Black-

stad. These interviews gave us a clear view into how each court member acts daily while pulling out some inside jokes of the court.

Next, the cheerleaders and dance team rallied together to perform an outstanding routine to the song “Be True to Your School.” This dance showed the audience how each part of the school makes it complete if we all work together.

After each of the potential homecoming kings were introduced, Hoffmann presented Gieseke with the homecoming football. “Oh my gosh! I can’t believe it!” according to Gieseke was his first reaction to being crowned.

Then, all the girls were introduced. Rather than an egg with glitter, a new tradition for announcing queen was started. Each female candidate would be given a box by their escort. One of these boxes contained a helium balloon that would float to the ceiling when opened to indicate our new queen.

The balloon rose for Kaylen Berle.

After Berle got over the shock of being pronounced homecoming queen, Kral placed the crown on Berle’s head.

The court then made their final walk following their new king and queen around the gymnasium floor while the school song roared in the background.

“I had a lot of fun with you all. I’m looking forward to the week with all of you. I didn’t expect to win against all of you,” said Berle to the rest of the court.

Peppy Pepfest

Freshmen Dominate Upperclassmen in Dance Off

By Amber Reed

NEW ULM - New Ulm High School had its traditional Homecoming pepfest Friday, September 25, during seventh hour before their homecoming game against Fairmont.

Festivities began with the Homecoming Court taking their places at the front of the gym. Mrs. Curry, FACS teacher and dance line coach, gave a brief introduction of what was to come during the 2009 Homecoming Pepfest.

To begin, Mr. Bergmann, principal of NUHS, presented a plaque to Adam Dauer, the arm wrestling champion, for his all-star performance from the day before. The plaque was in honor of the most memorable moment voted by the staff members at NUHS for the 2009 Battle of the Classes.

“Dauer Powers’ plaque was the best part!” said senior Micayla Irmiter.

Curry took the floor again to introduce the head coach of the NUHS varsity football team, Mr. Bute. Bute gave a brief pep talk of encouragement to the football team and the student body. He then handed off the microphone to captains Butch Dwyer, Paul Ryberg, and Jacob Schmidt.

“Let’s not wait till the second half. Let’s go out and get them right away!” said senior captain Paul Ryberg.

“We played Fairmont for their homecoming last year, and they got us pretty good, so let’s get ‘em boys!” said senior captain Butch Dwyer.

Bute then lead the whole student body in the football chant.

“Want some! Get some! One, two, Eagle Pride!” Bute shouted.

The crowd, full of excitement from the football chant, awaited the next event, the dance off, which needed to be made up after running out of time the day before at BOTC.

First to dance were the freshmen. Only having two dancers representing the freshmen class everyone found their



efforts laughable. However, the audience was soon blown away at the impressive break dancing duo, even bringing a few seniors to their feet!

“Dominick and Chris’ skills were exceptional,” Irmiter said.

“Freshmen can actually dance,” senior Leah Nelson said.

Next up were the juniors who had all boys on their dance team whose routine of miming, though cute, lacked any real pizzazz. The sophomores followed with three girls and three boys on their team. Finally, the seniors performed a dance called the “Jerk.”

Though no class was officially declared the winner, the consensus was this was the one event the freshmen absolutely dominated.

The cheerleaders and the dance team performed an Irish Jig, followed by the antics of the Homecoming Court doing their dance one last time before their week was over.

The pepfest ended with the band playing the rousing school song and another successful end to Homecoming week at NUHS.

We Have Spirit, Yes, We Do! We Have Spirit, How About You?

Spirit Week Spices Up New Ulm High School

By Kassi Hague and Amber Reed

NEW ULM - There has been crazy hair day, clash day, and even duct tape and tin foil day. But this year's 2009 Spirit Week saw students dressed as tourists and super heroes. Of course, there were also the traditional comfortable clothes day, class color day, and purple and white day.

Sophomores Claire Schwarz and Kelsey Neigebauer said that newbie tourist day was their least favorite day.

"It was so hard to find an outfit to put together and wear," Schwarz said.

Talking to a few other students, the majority of the student body said their favorite day was class color day.

"It was not too bad; the hardest day was newbie tourist day," said senior Melanie Becker.

NUHS saw a lot of creative costumes for super hero day. For example, several Captain Underpants and Batmans were seen zipping around the hallways.

"It was cool seeing all of the creative ideas when coming to school and looking around," Schwarz said.

"BOTC! Yay, seniors!" senior Molly Johnson said about her favorite day. "I enjoy looking ridiculous, having school spirit, and showing the un-

derclassmen what's up by wearing under britches on super hero day," she added. Participation is a must, according to Johnson.

Preparation started before Spirit Week even began.

"We went to Wal-Mart and raided our parents' closets," said senior Sadie Blackstad and Becker in preparation for Spirit Week.

"I had things picked out before the week started," Schwarz said.

It was relatively easy planning for the different days, too.

"It was pretty easy coming up with days," senior Student Council member Chris Bertrand said. Student Council picked these different days because they wanted them to be different than last

year. Bertrand wanted to have a toga Tuesday but the teachers vetoed that idea.

This year's spirit week was great. Depending on the day, whenever we turned a corner there was a sea of black, green, blue, and orange or a flood of mixed match clothes, super hero costumes, or purple and white.

Spirit week is proof that NUHS has exceptional school spirit!



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Senior Jacob Saffert thinks that the seniors were the most competitive. "They [seniors] are the best, hands down! All the other classes shouldn't have even come," said Saffert.

Though the competition for the freshmen was a wash-out, some students still had a great first experience.

"Battle of the Classes was absolutely amazing," said freshman Riley Drahota.

To end the battle of cheers and high competition, the

day finished with a game of musical chairs. Senior Sam Sletta and junior Cole Cihak wrestled each other for the glory of the last event. In the end, Sletta beat Cihak to the seat, sealing the victory for the seniors, who reign again until next year's Battle commences.

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College News For High School Seniors

How Prepared Are We?

By Presley Levenson

NEW ULM - According to the New Ulm High School Guidance Office, about 95% of NUHS students attend a post secondary institution. Because of this, it is important to be informed and be prepared for the future, especially high school seniors.

"Students should have visited all college selections by October and have two to three applications in by Thanksgiving," said NUHS counselor Mr. Ryan Zeimer.

This comes as a shock to some students who have not yet applied.

"I have not applied yet but am not too worried," said senior CeCe Huffman.

"One tip I give students is let the Guidance Office fill out all your classes on your college applications," said Zeimer. "It makes it [applying] much easier."

But many seniors don't know where to start. "The hardest part of the process is getting started," Huffman said.

She is not the only one thinking the process can be quite overwhelming and stressful.

"Just knowing how to apply is the hardest part," senior Kenzie Stueber agrees.



For those who have not yet picked up college applications, they can be picked up in the Guidance Office or on many colleges' websites.

Although some students have yet to apply, "Seniors are doing a fantastic job and are on the ball this year," said NUHS Guidance Counselor Mrs. Margaret Weiss.

Zeimer agrees. "Students are taking the initiative this year. We don't have to find the students; they find us," he said.

Applications are not the only things that need to be on senior students' agendas. Seniors should also be keeping an eye out for scholarships, especially in today's economy.

"Scholarships have a rolling deadline," said Zeimer. "Students can start filling them out at anytime."

Applications for scholarships can be found at www.fastweb.com, www.cappex.com, and on the Guidance Office's NUHS webpage.

Financial Aid is another aspect of college that should be kept in mind for seniors once applications are submitted.

The first step toward applying for financial aid is filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal and Student Aid). This is an online application used to determine how much money a student is eligible to receive from the government and their selected institution.

"The FAFSA cannot be completed until January 1 but should be completed as soon as possible after that," said Zeimer. "Students can get a jump start by applying for their FAFSA pin number at www.fafsa.ed.gov."

For some seniors, there are also more tests to take. For those who have not taken the ACT, registration is currently open for the December 12 test date. There is also an Accuplacer test for those estimated 25% of students attending a two-year college.

"This [Accuplacer] is an entrance exam required for two-year schools," said Weiss. "Its purpose is to place students in appropriate classes for college."

The Accuplacer's next testing date is October 28 in room 207, and students can sign up in the Guidance Office.

"Also, keep in mind students should be done applying to college by winter break to play it safe," Weiss said.

To keep-up-to date on these issues, students can find application and scholarship news on the school bulletin board, in the announcements, or on the Guidance Office webpage.

So seniors, let's get out there and secure our futures!

Making the Weight High Schools GPA Are Not One Size Fits All

By Lauren Horsch

NEW ULM - Students in New Ulm High School have been looking at a lot of single digit numbers lately, when it comes to grade point averages, that is. The normal 4.0 grade point average (GPA) scale is the basis of many worries to high school students. But what if there was a different scale?

A weighted GPA grading system is one in which certain classes have a higher "weight" than others when calculating GPAs. An A in classes such as Advanced Placement (A.P.) or Honors in essence would no longer be worth a 4.0, but rather a 4.5 or higher on the regular 4.0 scale in exchange for the increased difficulty of the class.

"B's have become old C's," Mr. Charles Anderson, a social studies and A.P. Economics teacher, believes. Anderson has been teaching at NUHS for 14 years, and during his time here, he has taught regular courses and A.P. courses. He sees "unfairness" in the GPA system.

"A student could have a 4.0 GPA and not take enriching courses, where as an A.P. student could get a 3.95 for taking harder classes," he said.

Students like senior Anthony Wieneke wish that NUHS

would use a weighted scale.

"It creates a fair learning environment for students who challenge themselves in curricular excellence," Wieneke said. He has taken a couple of A.P. courses throughout his four years at NUHS, and has seen his grades suffer a little bit because the course work "required more time."

According to Mr. Ryan Zeimer, an NUHS guidance counselor, a weighted GPA can have some benefits.

"Students can choose to take harder classes and not have their GPAs affected," Zeimer said. Mrs. Margaret Weiss, also a guidance counselor at NUHS, agrees.

"It [a weighted GPA] rewards kids that challenge themselves," Weiss said.

A weighted GPA scale would not affect everyone in NUHS, but to the few that it does, the difference would be extraordinary.

Transcript Statistics	
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	3.457
Class Rank	44 of 171
Percentile	74.27%

Wieneke believes that with a weighted grading scale it would "better explain the course" and show that a student took the initiative to go above and beyond the call of duty in the classroom.

"A.P. classes are a risk," says Anderson. "The benefits of a weighted scale are to those students." The students whom take the classes end up with a higher GPA for their efforts, or at least not a lower one for challenging themselves with a more rigorous class.

There is a downside for the students who do not take the classes, though.

Students who do not take advanced classes can appear to not have the ability to take the classes, according to Weiss. In actuality, many have the ability but are just unsure to take the class because it might adversely affect their GPAs.

Olivia Blake, a junior at NUHS, feels that she would "probably" take an A.P. course if there was compensation for doing so. She feels that there is just too much homework to do in the time allowed to finish it to its full potential.

Weighted Grades pg. 7

Pumas, Cardigans...Capants? Get Crazy!

By Rachel Enwright

NEW ULM - After a quick glance down the hallways of New Ulm High School, one is sure to see an abundance of different students with unique styles. But what's hot this year?

According to NUHS senior Whitney Lilleodden, trendy items of clothing that are must-haves for girls are cardigans, boyfriend jeans, and gladiator sandals. "Oh, and capants!" she noted.

Capants? Why, capri-pants, of course – longer capris that hit at mid-calf. Trendy teacher Mrs. Tricia Fairbairn agreed, saying that capris are one of her favorite trends.

As for boys, trendsetting senior Jacob Saffert said, "A lot of people have been sporting the layered look." Fairbairn said she's noticed this as well, and that girls wear tank tops under everything.

Saffert would like to see sweaters become more popular, although he said he has been seeing more lately, "especially argyle and the quarter-zip turtleneck."

Lilleodden wishes jean jackets would come back in style, and Fairbairn voiced her wish for the return of longer skirts. That wish isn't too far-fetched, however. A few maxi dresses have been spotted at school, and more are sure to follow.

Boyfriend jeans, which feature a more relaxed fit than average jeans, and track jackets top the list of favorite trends, according to Lilleodden and Saffert.

If these items are trendy, then what is a high school style faux pas?

"When people don't match!" said Lilleodden. "A person's shoes should always match the outfit."

Saffert, known for his Lacoste "kicks," also commented on the importance of sneaks.

"My personal style is based around my shoes," he said. "Start at the feet and work up."

Lilleodden, who sports jeans, dressy tops, and cardigans, digs bright colors and flowered prints. She sees Beyonce as a style icon, while Saffert doesn't have an icon but just believes clothes have to look good.

Besides clothing, other noticeable trends this year have been smart phones, such as the iPhone 3GS, the Sprint Touch Pro 2, and the Samsung Jack. Touch screen electronics, like the iPod Touch,

are gaining popularity, too. With all of these new gadgets, students are more attached to technology than ever before. Fairbairn said she has noticed an increase in cell phone and

iPod usage among students.

Hot songs, according to Lilleodden, are "Ice Cream Paint Job," "Good Girls Gone Bad," "Get Crazy," "Replay," and "I Gotta Feelin'."

Some formerly lesser-known artists are on the rise as well. Adam Young, a.k.a. Owl City, has seen a huge jump in popularity, according to iTunes. Owl City's single "Fireflies" is currently number three on iTunes' "Top Songs" list.

"Lately, I have heard quite a few people singing 'Fireflies' or 'Hello Seattle' in the hallways," said Saffert.

And what do those crazy kids do for fun these days? Saffert, a proud member of the Eagle Squadron, loves sporting events, and is already scoping out the hockey schedule. Lilleodden loves to express herself by dancing and singing, and also enjoys shopping.

It's obvious that many teens at NUHS are trendy whether they know it or not, but Fairbairn believes that most teachers do a good job of keeping up, as well. She has noticed a more casual dress among teachers; perhaps this is their way of staying hip.

In regards to happenin' teachers, Saffert and Lilleodden agreed that Mr. VanLeeuwe is the trendiest. "He wears sweater vests and Pumas," said Saffert. Lilleodden said Fairbairn is also trendy because she wears what most teens wear.

Although Fairbairn is respected for being a trendy teacher, she knows that trends come and go. "It's important to be who you are," she said, "and to let your style reflect that."



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So, would a type of weighted grading scale at NUHS ever be put in place?

"Yes, but it takes commitment," says Anderson. He also added that many A.P. teachers would love the opportunity to use the system.

The guidance counselors, on the other hand, seem to think otherwise.

"(NUHS) is a fine candidate, any school really is," said Ziemer, but in the end, he thinks that it will probably not happen at NUHS because we no longer designate valedictorians and other positions of distinction.

Weiss also believes that there is "too much resistance" for the system to be put in place.

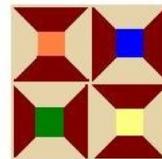
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Got Technology? Seems Like Everyone Else Does!

By Bethany Saffert

NEW ULM - In this day and age, people are becoming more and more obsessed with advances in technology.

Instead of simply benefiting from it, we live for it.

People count down the days until the latest iPods are released as if it were a holiday itself. This makes some people question whether this technology-based society is helping or hurting us.

"I can go without all of it occasionally, but I like my cell phone, TV, and the Internet," English teacher Mrs. Tricia Fairbairn said.

"I use my cell phone and computer every day," said New Ulm High School senior Kaylen Berle. "I call, text, and go on Facebook."

So many people's lives are based around computers and cell phones at work, school, and just sitting at home.

NUHS office secretaries Ms. Judy Gerdes and Ms. Missy Goodrich agreed that they couldn't go without a computer at work.

"We can't do attendance or anything," Goodrich said.

It's not just using technology but a psychological need for it that concerns many today.

"I can't go without my cell phone because I feel naked without it. I have no one to talk to," Berle said.

Some are concerned about the way technology is used in schools, too.

"I think it [technology] is great when it's SMART Boards, Power Points, etc., but probably the cell phone stuff is a problem," Fairbairn said regarding technology at school.

Gerdes and Goodrich both agreed that cell phones and other forms of technology are a problem at NUHS. They see lots of confiscated cell phones and iPods throughout the day.

"Kids are very dependent. It's their only form of communication," Goodrich said.

Actually, it was not many years ago that schools did not have SMART Boards or even computers. There were also no cell phone policies back then. Now students have

their own cell phones, iPods, and computers.

"Technology is definitely relied on more heavily now than five to ten years ago," Gerdes said.

Even though schools are more dependent on technology than ever before, students are not allowed to have cell phones on during the school day and are prohibited to view certain Internet sites. And there are serious punishments for disregarding these rules.

In addition, there has recently been an ongoing feud over taking the battery out of a confiscated cell phone at school. Now all this confusion has been

cleared up with a new rule in the handbook that states a cell phone must be turned in with its battery.

As the Student Handbook states, "A cell phone must be turned over as a complete unit. Removal of the battery or other functional components will result in the same consequences as a refusal to turn over the phone."

Gerdes made an analogy to put this rule into perspective: "If your car is being towed, you can't take the tires off."

Some people think that kids are more addicted than adults, but as time goes on, technology is becoming more universal. Adults are beginning to use it just as much, if not more than kids.

"I don't think students are any different than adults," Fairbairn said. "I always have a cell phone on me."

There is always going to be positive and negative feedback about technology and whether it's ruining society or making it better.

In general, Fairbairn still thinks students are very respectful and doesn't think it has really affected them in negative ways.



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New Ulm's FFA Chapter Only Getting Stronger

By Molly Johnson

NEW ULM – The New Ulm FFA Chapter grows bigger and better every year. Last year there were 215 members, and there are hopes of this year's membership soaring to 250 people.

The New Ulm FFA Chapter is led by agriculture teachers Mr. Scott Stuckey and Mr. Jeff Nelson, advisors; Andy Maidl, president; Kacie Covington, vice president; Abby Bastian, secretary; Brett Gieseke, treasurer; Alisa Covington, reporter; Trent Loverude, sentinel; Sam Utz, historian; and Aaron Miller, Officer-At-Large.

FFA is a youth leadership organization whose roots are based on agriculture. Their motto is "Learning to Do. Doing to Learn. Earning to Live. Living to Serve."



FFA has played a big role in Mr. Nelson's life. "I started getting involved in FFA my freshman year of high school [1996] and have been involved ever since," Nelson said.

"The major thing that got me involved were all of the opportunities available through FFA," added Nelson.

Maidl also found interest in FFA his freshman year of high school. He enjoys the opportunities FFA has brought his way. He also likes meeting new people.

To be an FFA member, students have to be enrolled in an ag class; however, when taking an ag class, it is not required that one be an FFA member. There is also a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the FFA shirt.

"What we really push in New Ulm is to just get involved

at the Chapter level," said Nelson.

FFA has a couple of major events that take place throughout the year including the Corn Drive, fruit sales, blood drive, and highway ditch clean-up.

The Corn Drive is a Minnesota Charity that started back in the 1930s. FFA members go around the county asking farmers to donate corn. The corn collected gets brought to the co-op for money and that money is then donated to Camp Courage in Annandale, MN.

Camp Courage is a camp for underprivileged students with either physical or mental needs.

As a chapter, we have donated close to \$70,000 and just last year alone, we donated \$10,000 due to such a high membership.

"FFA really develops people skills, interviewing skills, speaking skills, everything you're going to need for a career to become successful," said Nelson.

Screaming Squadron

By Dylan Smyth

NEW ULM – As two volleyball teams battle each other to garner the victory, the parents are screaming, the coaches are yelling, the cheerleaders are cheering, and the Eagle Squadron roars echo through the gym like a herd of stampeding unicorns overpowering everything!

If you are a fan of the New Ulm volleyball team and you feel like coming to watch a game, make sure you are ready because you are in for more than you bargained for.

The Eagle Squadron, which consists of many crazy, chanting high school students, will be there too. Chant after chant, the Squadron is there to support their team to make sure they come out with the big W.

"I think the Squadron is awesome. They keep our head up," said Logan Ahlness, senior captain of the volleyball team. "The team's energy level is much higher with the Squadron there, and the cheers keep me going."

"Our goal is to support the Eagles and intimidate the other team as much as we can," said Eagle Squadron member Jackson Ahlness. "I try to be as loud as I can be, and we seniors try to keep the chants going the whole game."



According to Jackson Ahlness the chants include "Here We Go, Eagles," "Ole' Ole," "Want Some, Get Some," "Zicke Zacke," and any other cheers to discourage the opponents and keep the Eagles going!

The Squadron's spirit, hope, and cheers might keep the team's energy level up, but not everyone approves of these chants all the time.

"There have been times when the Squadron has been disruptive in the school," said high school principal Mr. Mark Bergmann. "I have talked with some of the students about the issues of bad sportsmanship."

Bergmann cites some of the inappropriate language in addition to the Squadron turning their backs to the other team as examples of bad sportsmanship.

"I think the school spirit is awesome, and the student initiative is awesome, and if the students stay positive and use good sportsmanship, the Squadron could be great," Bergmann said.

The Eagle Squadron is loved by many and is working hard to make sure that when another team comes to play the Eagles at their home court, that team will never forget the Eagle Squadron!



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Football Starts Off Solid, Looking to Improve

By Zach Munce

NEW ULM - The New Ulm High School Football team has already won two games on the road, which they did not accomplish last year. Their record is 2-3 so far this year.

"We are five hundred, but our two losses have come to pretty good football teams," said senior captain Butch Dwyer.

The football team is halfway through the season having yet to play St. Peter, Sibley, and Waseca.

The team is pretty happy with their defensive performance so far.

"On the defensive side of the line, Troy Lebrun is a beast. On the offensive line we are pretty solid led by three of our senior captains," said Tyler Polzin, a senior on the team.

The senior players have big goals for the season. "My goals for the season are to win Homecoming, beat Waseca, and win the conference," Polzin said.

"My goals are to win conference, and, of course, beat Fairmont at Homecoming," said Jason Rolloff, another senior on the football team.

"I think that Homecoming is a big game. Battle of the Classes pumps everyone up for the game and the fans get you going," Rolloff added.

Unfortunately, the Eagles had a disappointing loss



in the Homecoming game last Friday night. Things looked good for the Eagles when they marched down for a touchdown on opening drive. But the Cardi-

nals had 19 consecutive points after that to lead them to a 26-14 win over the Eagles.

"We are looking pretty good so far. We have some problems but we are working on them," said Rolloff.

Blue Earth defeated the Eagles 33-8 on Friday, October 2. The game was an upsetting loss because it brought them just below the five hundred point.

Also, Jordan Lilleoden broke his leg in two places while running the ball during the second series of the first quarter.

"It will hurt us, but we cannot do anything about it now so we will have to move on," said Dwyer.

The Eagles end the season this year playing Waseca. "This is a big game. They are our rivals and we would love to beat them," Rolloff said.



Boys' Soccer Eyeing State Appearance Tied For First in SCC

By Butch Dwyer

NEW ULM - The New Ulm Eagles boys' soccer team is off to a successful start this season with a 9-5-1 overall record and is currently tied for first place in the South Central Conference.

With two regular season games left, one of them a conference game, the Eagles must keep playing well in order to earn a respectable seed for the section playoffs.

Injuries and ineligibilities have hurt the soccer team this season, keeping several seniors on the sidelines. Defender Zach Klassen missed several weeks due to a fractured toe. Another senior defender, Corey Plath, missed time because of multiple concussions. Three other seniors have also been stranded on the sidelines because of ineligibility.

Luckily there are plenty of seniors on the team this season who can do a good job of filling in for injured or ineligible players.

"Most of us are seniors and we've been playing to-

gether since we were little munchkins, so we are in sync and we know how to play together," said senior and center midfielder Dylan Smyth.

Having a team made up of mainly seniors helps underclassmen adjust to the pace of varsity-level games.

"I like practicing and playing with the seniors because it really helps me push myself. It makes us better just from competing with more experienced players," said Michael Maudal, a sophomore on this year's team.

Besides depth, there are several other strong-points for this year's team, including defense and good passing, according to Klassen.

"We have really good passing this year, and our defense is pretty good. Joe Petersen is a great goalie," Klassen said.



As far as team goals for the season, players agree that their first priority is to win the South Central Conference. Winning their final regular season games could easily help them fulfill their goal, especially since one is a conference game.

Players are also striving for a section championship, which would send them to the state soccer tournament. "Going to state would be amazing. Hopefully we can make it happen," said senior captain Matti Miller.

With two regular season games left to play, the Eagles soccer team will keep fighting toward a high seed in the section and hopefully earn the SCC championship as well.

"We're just going to keep playing as best as we can, and we'll see how everything turns out," Smyth said.

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Hit Me with Your Best Shot

By Molly Johnson

NEW ULM – This fall the New Ulm girls' tennis team had a season of growth and learning. The tennis team is made up of girls from all three schools in New Ulm: Public, Cathedral, and MVL.

This year senior captains Trisha Johnson and Leah Nelsen and junior captain Meghan King lead the girls' tennis team. Mr. Willis Runck coaches the girls.

The team's record thus far is 2-12. Runck hopes that with his six years of coaching experience with the girls' team, the rest of the season will turn in their favor.

For the most part, the girls' team is made up of fairly new players, mostly freshmen and only a couple of seniors. Win or lose, the team still has fun bonding, especially on the



bus rides with their favorite bus driver, Roger.

"Roger is an awesome bus driver. He even comes to our home matches," said Nelsen.

Johnson and Nelsen are No. 1 doubles players for the New Ulm girls' tennis team and both have been playing tennis since the seventh grade.

"My favorite thing about tennis is that it's a stress relieving sport," Johnson said. "When you hit the tennis ball, you can release anger."

Agreeing with Johnson, Nelsen also enjoys bonding with the team. "We're all fun-loving girls, but we do like to work hard when we play," Nelsen said.

During practice the girls do the traditional run and stretch, then usually they break up into singles and doubles. While doubles are working

on their volleys, the singles focus on their groundstrokes, according to Johnson.

While working hard in practice, Runck still feels they could use some help on volleys and over-hits. Even though this young team has minor setbacks, "The girls do really great with backhands, and they have the ability to read the ball very well," Runck said.

Johnson's goal for the rest of the season is to do well at sections. "I just love playing it [tennis] for fun. I'm not really 'in it to win it' all the time; I just like playing it," Johnson said.

The tennis team's toughest competition are the St. James and Waseca teams. "I'm hoping we can win the last three matches of the season," said Runck.

Both Johnson and Nelsen hope to win together and become stellar doubles players. "We haven't had a doubles team advance to state. It's really hard to do, but it'd be awesome if we could," Nelsen said.

Eagles Volleyball Sitting Well in SCC Standings

By Drew Dauer

NEW ULM - "Ole! Ole! Ole!" the crowd cheers as the New Ulm Eagles are on their way to another victory. The Eagles volleyball season is well underway and is shaping up to be a good one. With a 4-1 record in the conference, the Eagles have high hopes for the season.

"We'd like to win the South Central Conference," said senior Rachel Enwright. "Also just to have a fun season with lots of teamwork," she added.

The Eagles are 6-6 overall heading into the second half of the season. The team is looking good with amazing serves and breath-taking kills.

The future of the team is looking bright as well, despite being a young team.

"We only have two seniors on the team this year, so we're hoping that it [the future] brings success with all the returning players."

The team has good fundamental skills but has some room for improvement, of course.

"In order to be successful, we need to better the ball each time it's touched," said senior captain Logan Ahlness.



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Exploring the Great Sport of BMX

By Drew Dauer

NEW ULM – “O.k. riders, let’s set them up. On the gate, riders ready? Watch the light!” Bam the gate is down and the riders speed down the first straight. Adrenaline pumping, fans cheering, and sweat pouring. This is the great sport of BMX.

BMX is a sport that includes athletic ability and lots of hard work. The sport originated in Arizona in the early 1970s and has flourished throughout the world. It is considered an extreme sport and has grown tremendously over the years.

In 2008, BMX even made its appearance in the summer Olympic games in Beijing, China. Like any other sport, many countries brought their best BMX riders to compete in the race. The United States was represented well by three riders: Donny Robinson, Kyle Bennet, and Mike Day. In the end, Maris Strombergs of Latvia won the gold medal and the United States picked up the silver and bronze medals.

Throughout the summer there are races around the country and as close as your own backyard of New Ulm. The

sport is very easy to join and with a track in town, you don’t have to travel so far if you don’t want to.

Hailing from New Ulm, MN, professional BMX racer Karl Clark explains what it takes to make it big in the sport.

“Lots of hard work and determination will pay off in this sport. I ride everyday if I can. I started out just like



anyone and with all the hard work, I have made a living traveling and doing what I love to do,” Clark said.

Unlike other sports, BMX is an independent sport, not a team activity. No one gets left out or has to warm the bench. There are no coaches. It can be just a hobby or one can even make a living out of it. The sport is a fierce and competitive one.

Clark explains the rush he gets at every race: “When I pull up to the race, my blood boils. I just want to get out and ride,” he said.

“I get out and get all my gear on. I take my bike off and head for practice. I practice and get the feel for the track and prepare myself for the race,” Clark said.

The sport is growing and it is easy to get started. With a track close, get out there and give the great blood-pumping sport of BMX a try!

Welcome to the Cheerleaders

By Tanya Russell

NEW ULM - The NUHS Cheerleading team is determine to have a good, strong year. And they are off to a fabulous start. Their goals for this year are to gain respect from the student body and the school staff, to show what they are doing, and gain approval from everyone that cheerleading is an important part of the school.

“This season’s cheerleaders are wonderful,” said Coach Annette Burg. “They’re eager to make the program better.” The coaches would love to have a competition team, but they need to work on improving their stunting and tumbling first.

The cheerleaders will be working on all of their skills to be the best that they can possibly be, including volume!

As most know cheerleaders are supposed to be loud, but is this group loud enough?

“Yes, especially when the team is winning; they put a lot of spirit into it [cheering],” said Burg.

The cheerleaders are fulfilling their positions of being some of the loudest and most energetic students in the school.



An NUHS cheerleader’s job is to encourage the audience to participate in supporting their team and to draw attention to the event.

According to the majority of the cheerleaders, sports teams do play better with a crowd.

“It gives them support,” agreed Courtney Rison, Chantel Ruehling, Bridgette Altman, some of the junior cheerleaders.

“There’s more pressure to perform,” said Jenny Green, a senior varsity cheerleader. The team will feel the all the eyes watching them and their game improves because they

want to prove their worthiness to the spectators.

However, sometimes it does take a little bit of elbow grease to get the crowd involved. This includes “Jump, Shake Your Booty,” which is the favorite cheer for many of the cheerleaders.

“The crowd really gets involved and really likes it,” said Rison.

The people watching are

one of the most important ingredients in the whole football game, but some are not as loud as others. The cheerleaders know when the best time to be loud is: “After a touchdown,” said Rison, Ruehling, and Altman.

For Green, it is “all the time, the whole game. Everyone wants to support their school.”

This season the cheerleaders are supporting the Eagles football team, and during the winter season they will be cheering their hearts out for the wrestling and basketball teams.

Tryouts will commence in November for the new winter teams.

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Loyalty and Royalty

Girls Soccer Doing Well

By Zach Munce

NEW ULM – “Loyalty and Royalty” is the girls’ soccer team motto this year. “It keeps us motivated to try our best throughout the whole game,” said Molly Johnson, a senior on the team.

The girls’ soccer team this year has an 9-5-1 record overall and 3-2-1 record in the South Central Conference. New coach Jonathan Johnson has high hopes and believes his team is improving and will have a great season.

The team’s goals this season are to win the section and to go farther than previous seasons, according to Amber Konakowitz, a senior captain of the team. The main goal, however, is to have fun and play hard, according to Konakowitz.

Individual players also have their own goals.

“My goals are to score. I’m on defense so it is hard to

do but it would be sweet. I also hope we go far in sections,”



Johnson said.

“My goal for the season is to improve because I have

only played for 3 years,” Konakowitz said.

The girls’ soccer team has an older team this year. Of the nineteen girls on the team, nine are seniors.

“The season is most definitely going good so far. We have an older team who has played together for a long time, and the newer players sync well with the team,” Johnson said.

The girls’ soccer team is a co-op team with Cathedral and MVL. “This helps the team out because you get to meet more people,” Konakowitz said.

However, the season is not without its troubles. On September 28, Amber Konakowitz dislocated her shoulder before the game against Southwest Christian during the pregame warm-up. Konakowitz is out for the season and needs surgery on her shoulder.

“We are trying to recover now that our starting goalie is out, but we have confidence in Ruth Illikman, our other goalie,” Johnson said.

The girls’ team ends the regular season at St. Peter on Friday, October 9.

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The Sassy Senior from Down the Hall

Dear Sassy Senior from Down the Hall,

What you might say depends on if you want to be nice to him or not.

If you are worried about hurting his feelings, you could go up to him and simply say, "Hey, I noticed you're always staring. You might want to stop that because people might think you're a creeper."

But if you don't care about his feelings so much, you could say something like, "Hey! Stop staring at me you pathetic freshman!" But you may want to make sure that it is you he is staring at and not another person who is somewhat near you. Maybe someone next to you has an embarrassing problem such as their underwear sticking out and he is staring at that.

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Frank

Dear Frank,

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You know, I'll bet that you are an individual who doesn't really care about others – I mean what others think. Keep walkin' 'round that Marketplatz Mall with an awesome stride and show off your bangs in the back. Maybe do a little flick of the hair every once in a while.

Let others have their own opinion, but be who you want to be. Keep on rockin' your own do!

Good luck,

Frank

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W	S	X	X	H	F	U	V	V	J	C	W	B	N	D	K	B	Q	Y	M	W	M	E	Y	S
M	C	E	Z	F	A	D	N	A	B	G	N	I	H	C	R	A	M	I	E	S	A	H	J	A
X	L	O	L	K	V	W	F	J	F	B	P	V	X	Q	C	I	G	Z	G	Y	X	T	I	T
S	A	C	T	G	L	B	A	T	T	L	E	O	F	T	H	E	C	L	A	S	S	E	S	N
E	S	V	V	Z	A	Q	O	R	E	H	R	E	P	U	S	Z	E	L	P	R	U	P	M	P
O	S	O	O	F	C	E	U	V	E	F	S	L	E	D	A	R	A	P	O	T	C	P	J	S
J	C	Q	F	L	R	W	Q	E	B	D	Q	V	L	G	N	O	R	I	W	Y	W	P	B	V
H	O	G	J	X	L	J	D	M	E	D	A	L	Q	E	U	E	N	J	X	N	V	E	D	W
R	L	F	L	U	Q	E	M	H	T	N	A	E	S	R	G	U	M	S	N	B	D	P	A	E
P	O	O	F	F	A	W	Y	O	X	B	V	R	L	N	J	V	G	H	V	M	B	F	N	C
G	R	O	L	R	Q	V	T	B	E	I	O	G	I	R	A	K	T	F	S	Z	E	E	C	N
E	S	T	I	D	K	I	H	G	A	I	W	K	M	G	E	F	R	T	F	E	W	S	E	A
T	X	B	Z	L	L	A	D	X	N	L	Z	J	S	J	T	E	W	X	Z	A	R	T	T	D
I	Q	A	U	I	K	O	M	E	F	N	L	H	E	R	I	G	H	A	K	K	B	F	E	I
H	Q	L	A	W	D	G	S	S	E	R	O	M	O	H	P	O	S	C	H	P	Y	E	A	V
W	Y	L	X	Q	E	Y	O	P	G	N	I	M	O	C	E	M	O	H	U	G	V	P	M	D

EAGLES
SUPERHERO
SOPHOMORES
WHITE
CHOIR
CHEERLEADER
QUEEN
PARADE

HOMECOMING
SENIORS
FRESHMEN
VOLLEYBALL
MARCHING BAND
DANCE TEAM
KING
DANCE

FOOTBALL
JUNIORS
PURPLE
DODGEBALL
PEPFEST
CLASS COLORS
FFA
BATTLE OF THE CLASSES

Cartoons

By Dylan Smyth and Kacie Covington



Shout Outs!

By Rachel Enwright and Lauren Horsch

You sure had some power out there during the arm wrestling. That plaque will look super fine on your wall.

Want some? Got some. Keep on playing the game, guys. Watch out, Waseca, you've been warned.

Your dance moves during the Pepfest were MTV worthy; all the girls are swooning for you. Keep the fire burning!

Your sweaters are a daring statement to who you are, and the ladies are taking notice. None of your sweaters make me think of my grandpa!

Shout out to the super smart guy in my second hour Chemistry class. You should help me study Pre-Calc and Chem; I'll help you with your German in repayment. We can distribute your co-efficient as needed.

Thanks for setting up such a successful homecoming week, Triple Threat and Stud Co. Keep up the fantastic work. I'm sure the incoming freshmen will appreciate the fact that they have a chance to win from now on!

You 14 were truly on a boat. It was just like a party in the USA. No wonder we're so obsessed with you!

Shout out to people who wear ironic t-shirts: Thanks for making cliché so banal.

Triple Threat, Stud Co.
Longtin, Nelson, Gordon rule.
Thanks a lot, you guys.

Sandals and tube socks.
Visors, fanny packs, and glee.
Newby tourist day.

Sudoku Answer

7	3	4	6	1	2	9	5	8
5	2	8	4	9	3	6	7	1
9	1	6	8	5	7	4	3	2
8	5	9	1	7	4	2	6	3
2	4	3	5	8	6	1	9	7
1	6	7	3	2	9	8	4	5
4	9	5	2	3	8	7	1	6
6	8	1	7	4	5	3	2	9
3	7	2	9	6	1	5	8	4

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Did You Know?

Turtles can breathe through their butts.

Hummingbirds can't walk.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

Starfish don't have brains.

A giraffe has a 20-inch tongue.

A tortoise can live up to 140 years old.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

