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Minnesota Marriage Amendment Fails, Constitution Not Amended

By Hannah Innvaer

NEW ULM - On November 6, 2012, Minnesotans voted not to amend the Minnesota Constitution, thereby refusing to limit the definition of marriage to between one man and one woman.

The amendment failed to pass with 1,374,189 votes, or 48 percent, in support of the amendment and 1,479,829, or 51 percent, in opposition to the amendment. The topic of gay marriage is a hot-button issue for many voters and stirred up some fairly heated debates.

"If [gay marriage] doesn't involve you, then why would it matter?" asks freshman Maddi Isenberg. For those voting "no" on the amendment, the idea that the government would



To Pass, Or Not To Pass

By Miranda Sandberg

NEW ULM - For the past decade, New Ulm Public Schools, like schools all across Minnesota, have been struggling for money. On November 6, the school had a referendum question on the ballot to help the school get more money. Depending on this year's referendum, this could possibly be a make it or break it point.

Mr. Bergmann, principal of New Ulm High School, said that if the referendum were to pass, the school could stabilize finances better. "We can't promise to bring any teachers back, but there would be no drastic cuts," Bergmann said.

If the referendum doesn't pass, however, cuts would be determined by the school board. "The school board would absolutely look at everything that they can if it doesn't pass," Bergmann said.



involve itself in marriage is repulsive. "I support voting 'no,'" says senior Tyler Thurman. "We need to have equal rights."

"They should marry who they want and be happy," agrees junior Kallie Denvich. On the opposite side of the issue, many feel compelled by their religious views to vote "yes" on the amendment and oppose gay marriage.

"Both sides have good points," says junior David Stuk, "but I'll have to vote 'yes' because of how my religion defines marriage. [Allowing gay marriage] would change mar-

riage."

According to Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State, the voter ballot question read: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?" A vote "yes" would have given traditional marriage the protection of the state constitution. A vote "no" maintained that gay marriage is illegal under Minnesota law and same-sex marriages are not allowed. With November 6's failure of the amendment, there is no change in the legality of gay marriage with the failure of the amendment.

However, the law was not added to Minnesota Constitution, which allows for the possibility of same-sex marriage in the future.

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Possible cuts include "all-day kindergarten, all sports, extra curricular activities, raising class sizes, and lower salaries." Regardless of the outcome, though, Bergmann would like to thank the Friends of District 88. "They did a great job," Bergmann said. The challenges that the school is facing right now are that class sizes are large and there is a decline in electives. Every year, for at least the last eight years, the school has had to cut the budget dramatically.

"The bills add up," he said. But "we get money for how many kids we have." "The fewer number of kids, the less money we get." Teachers have also taken a pay freeze. Grace Bode, a senior at NUHS, believes that this referendum will not pass. "If it were to pass, it would be more money for my education, but there are other schools in the same situation."

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What's Your Everest?

By Brooke Dalueg

NEW ULM - On Monday, October 29 students at New Ulm High School met in the gym for a visit from Dr. Lance Fox, an industrial veterinarian, Mount Everest summiteer, and motivational speaker. Fox came to NUHS to speak about his journey to the top of Mount Everest in 2009.

Fox started out by asking the students why someone should dream. There are many possible answers to this, but the best of all was, "If you don't have a dream, you don't have a goal," Fox said referencing a Wisconsin elementary boy.

"[The quote] was pretty smart for an elementary student," said Destiny Ruehling, a senior at NUHS.

Fox believes that everybody has an "everest." By "everest" he means a dream, a goal, or something that he or she wants to achieve. For Fox, his "everest" was actually Mount Everest.

Fox climbed Mount Everest in 2009. It took him 69 days to actually climb it, but about a year to train. This is exactly how someone accomplishes a dream. To actually accomplish a goal may take seconds, but getting to that moment when the goal is achieved, can take a lot of time and practice. Ruehling agrees saying, "Small steps lead to big ideas."

Fox also pointed out that accomplishing a goal/dream depends

a lot on someone's attitude. His example of this was the book *The Little Engine That Could*. Remember this story? We all have read it as a child, but really the concept applies to people of all ages. For one to achieve a goal, he must believe he can. "One foot in front of the other," Fox said.

Fox also made sure to point out though that "when you know something's not right, listen to yourself."

Fox also pointed out that goals may not always be easy, but that doesn't mean someone shouldn't try.

"I like how he showed he did it in small steps because sometimes that's what it takes to achieve goals, and it's okay to make mistakes," said Ms. Basset, an English teacher at NUHS.

"It made me think about college; you start out at Jefferson and work your way up," Ruehling said.



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"I would like to go to Germany, so it made me think about that challenge," said Joshua DeLeo, a sophomore at NUHS.

Fox also pointed out that we have to take time to enjoy our success, too. Fox accomplished his goal on May 21, 2009, when he made it to the top of Mount Everest.

Nevertheless, Fox was quick to note that success does not always mean the goal was accomplished. Sometimes success is just the simple act of trying. When someone tries and fails, she should still be proud. "Smile and the world smiles with you, weep and you weep alone," said Grandma Helen, Fox's grandmother.

Most importantly, Fox stressed to not be afraid of climbing our own "everests." Remember, the biggest way to fail is by never trying at all. He "encouraged you to follow your dreams, no matter how big or small," said Ruehling.

"Dream big, pursue your passion, smile often, and laugh a lot. Life is short so live it to the fullest," Fox said.

Horror: More Than a Genre

By Emily Portner

NEW ULM - The sound of a creaking door opening by itself. The almost universal sound of a quick tempoed, eerie pitched string instrument playing right before the villain is about to stealthily annihilate his victim. Sweaty palms. Goosebumps. The unexpected adrenaline rush. This creates the world that is horror.

Many people wonder why we like horror so much. According to Stephen King, a famous horror author, we enjoy horror because it's fun to see others menaced or even killed. "It is morbidity unchained, our most base instincts let free, our nastiest fantasies realized," King said.

"I agree with King. It allows us to experience things that we really shouldn't be experiencing," Mrs. Kathleen Nelson, an English teacher at New Ulm High School, said.

According to Mr. Bute, a psychology teacher at NUHS, "It's kind of a rush that releases endorphins in the brain." Additionally, horror causes anxiety, Bute said.

Bute said that the endorphins that are released while experiencing horror/fear are the same that are released when we go on thrill rides. Thus, horror is thrilling to the human psyche.

"It's a good feeling if it's not too much. We seem to be attracted to dark, foreboding things," Bute added.

Students have various opinions as to why they enjoy horror. "It makes you scared," Elizabeth Bunda, a senior at New Ulm High School, said.

"I like being scared and thrilled at the same time," Liz Anton, another senior, said.

Nonetheless, individuals react to horror or fear differently than others. Select people have no problem watching horror movies and others can't stand them.

"You can be acculturated to where horror and gore don't bother you," Bute continued.

"If you're exposed to it when you're younger, you become more used to it," Bute said.

"For some people the anxiety caused by it is stressful. Some people like it, and some people don't."

Fear is notorious for having negative effects. "Fear in small doses is natural, but living in fear can cause anxiety and stress on the immune system, all parts of our body," Bute said.

Those that enjoy horror movies and fear seem to have a favorite part of the story or movie.

"My favorite part is where the good guys learn to defend the bad guy before they kill them/solve the mystery first," Anton said.

Bunda said that her favorite part of a horror movie is the climax.

Horror movies have evolved a bit over the years. "The gore type of horror movies are more visually disturbing. They seem to be showing more and more of the same effect," Nelson said.

But movies are just half of the horror genre. Literature is the other half of the story.

According to Nelson, there are certain elements that make up horror stories. She said that there is a strange setting or atmosphere in a story, a supernatural feeling or element, a highly charged emotional state/suspense, and there's a flawed/evil character.

Horror in literature has also changed over the years. Nelson also said that she doesn't think they leave much to the imagination anymore.

Still, according to Nelson, some of the most famous, classic horror writers are Edgar Allan Poe and Stephen King. But how did these authors become so famous?

"I think it's their ability to hook into society's dark side at

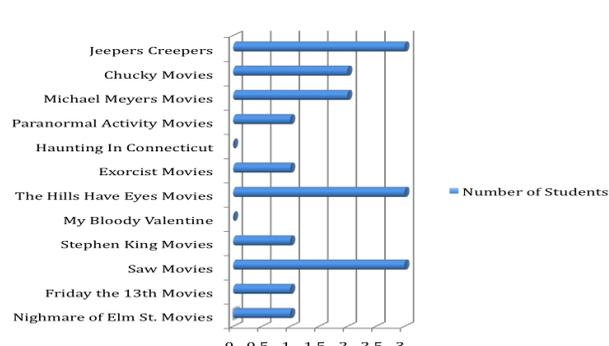
the time," said Nelson. "Poe really played on people's fears at the time. I think King does the same thing, that he really taps into what society still sees as unacceptable."

In the end, whether you are a fan of horror or you can't stand it, horror continues to shock and thrill us. We still hunger for the suspense, the blood, and the gore that feeds us the bone chilling effects we crave.

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Favorite Horror Movie Poll



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Facebook, Google, and Twitter, Oh My!

By Jennifer Martens

NEW ULM - The use of the Internet nowadays isn't an uncommon thing. It's available everywhere from wireless cafes or restaurants, to using it on your phone and iPod, the library, and even your home. It's hard to believe that the Internet was made available to the public only fourteen years ago considering how far we've come with technology today.

Talking to students around the school, there's a wide range of what teenagers use on the Internet on a daily basis. From checking their investments, to surfing the world wide web with Google, the differences in our Internet history spans a huge variety.

"YouTube! I get home at four and go to bed at nine. So almost five hours every day, give or take," said Maddy Nelson, a sophomore, describing her favorite website and how long she's on it.

As students grow older, their website interests tend to change as well.

"I don't use the Cartoon Network or Nickelodeon website anymore," Nelson said.

Nelson says it's nice for "reviewing for tests and if you miss [notes] for Fredrich, you can get notes for her class."

Why Buy Wifi?

NUHS Goes Wireless

By Jennifer Martens

NEW ULM - This past October before MEA break, students could see wires going through the panels in ceiling and did not know what they were going to be used for. That Monday when they came back, there were little white boxes on the ceiling with blinking lights signaling that there was wifi in the building now.

Mr. Mark Bergmann, principal at NUHS, said, "Our system's infrastructure was so outdated that they couldn't get the parts to fix it. So we decided to buy the parts to upgrade it."

How we're paying for it is also up for question as well.

"Through district funds. There's no special levy that's paying for it," he said.

Most students at school have a phone or iPods that have the capability to connect to the wireless routers. Whether students will misuse it or not is also a question around the school.

"I think that we need to look into appropriate uses for it because right now we don't have that plan in place," Mr. Bergmann said.

Students are pretty indifferent about the wi-fi.

Samantha Lang, a junior, said, "I don't know. I don't really know how it affects me. I mean, [teachers] use the computers more so I have no idea."

The reason why we got wi-fi is also in question by students.

"We only use it with the mobile lab, and I think that we could go on without it," Grant Kannegiesser, a junior, said, voicing his feelings on getting wi-fi this past month.

The cost of the new technology is also an issue among most students.

Lang said, "It depends on what it's being used for. Is it for the teachers or the students more?"

Whether we're going to be using it a decent amount of time is also another matter.

"We could end up using it in the future if we get iPads or laptops, but I don't think we'll be getting those in the near future."

On the other hand, Alec Pietz, a senior, uses the Internet for completely different purposes and a different amount of time. "I go where it's necessary to go. I don't go on any social networks anymore. I mainly go on the Internet for educational purposes or to check investments," he said. "Depending on the day, it could be one to two hours."



uses it to help students whenever they message her. "If they post or message me, I respond. If necessary, it works easier than to call

them," she said.

Miss Fredrich said, "Depends on the class and depends on what they're doing. There are definitely more useful possibilities if used in the right manner," in reply to if the Internet would be useful in class.

With her Facebook fan page, she's on it "everyday. Whether or not they write in [on my page] is also a matter. I can't help them if they don't write it."

The possibilities of reviewing online and working on your math skills online is available with today's modern technology also.

"For most of our math classes classzone.com provides the online textbook and resources. Otherwise there's also wolframalpha.com. Those would be just two possibilities. There are infinite possibilities for help with math," Miss Fredrich said.

The Internet has an infinite number of possibilities and is continuing to grow everyday. There's no telling what the next hot website could be, but it's clear that we're only going to keep growing the technology field from here on out.

Kannegiesser said.

Lang said, "Yeah, just with increasing technology. That's what this world is now."

With increasing technology now, though, the question for whether it's needed in our school is up in the air as well.

"Do we have an immediate and desperate need for it now? No, but with the future of computers and [the] future of education, we can't ignore it," said Mrs. Kathy Nelson, an NUHS teacher.

The effect on teachers and if it will change the way they approach teaching lessons now is up in the air.

"It really depends on how it's approached. Depending on the Student Handbook and depending on what can be used and how. But the future involving education and involving technology is unavoidable. You can't ignore technology anymore," she said.

Mrs. Nelson said, "Honestly, I don't know what the cost is. I do know specific funds must be spent on technology, and it's a logical step."

What we're going to use

the wi-fi for is unclear really. There are some teachers, though, saying that the school is going to get iPads in the near future. For now, students are just waiting for the next step with this new technology.

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More Than Just Books

By Gabby Budenski

NEW ULM - As the Young Adult genre becomes more popular amongst avid readers, the New Ulm Public Library is finding that they need to appeal more to the younger generation. Library activities with young adults in mind has been an interesting journey for the staff at the New Ulm Public Library.

The library itself has changed throughout the years and continues to change to fit the needs of the community. Libraries now are becoming more "community centers" rather than just a place to check out books. They offer a wide variety of services including reference, e-books, technology, special events, and even have coffee available for purchase. "There's a lot to offer," said Katy Kudela, Children's Librarian. "We want the library to be a welcoming environment."

Although library programs aren't anything new, they still aren't widely known amongst young adults. The vast selection of programs offered at the library ranges from music all the way to book groups. The library has something to offer for everyone, whether one's interested in history, crafts, books, movies, or even technology assistance, the library has it all. "We [Library staff] try to represent all groups at the library," Kudela said.

For example, the library has a YA book group that meets monthly to discuss pre-chosen novels. But one problem the YA



Photo Created by Kris Wiley

book group faces is a lack of teen participants. "We have a fantastic book group," said Kris Wiley, Assistant Director. "The YA book group just made sense for us, and I wish more teens would get involved."

Airelle Carruth, YA book group member, agrees with Wiley. "The YA book group is a lot of fun. I really like the fact that we do something new each month, like have a Skype session with the author, or get signed bookmarks."

Your chance to get involved is now. On December 27 at 1 p.m. the book group will meet at the library for the *Hunger Games* program. Wiley mentioned that participants can dress up as their favorite character, have snacks, watch the movie, and even play a cornucopia game. Caitlin Harrington, YA book group member, is excited for the *Hunger Games* program. "I can't wait! I'm dressing up as Katniss."

But that's not all the library has to offer young adults. Every summer teens, as well as children, can partici-

pate in the Summer Reading Program. The YA Summer Reading Program is super relaxed. It only requires the participant to write his name and book title on a sheet of paper, which is then entered into a drawing at the end. The children's Summer Reading Program rewards kids who turn in their bookmark at the

end of the week. "I like to read and I like that people know that I enjoy reading," said Abby Furth, a sixth grader at New Ulm Area Catholic School.

Programming is not the only thing that is receiving a lot of attention from the community. Electronic books, or e-books, are becoming more popular amongst library patrons. The Traverse de Sioux Library System (TdS) has over 2,000 e-books that are available via Kindle, Nook, cell phone, and any other device patrons can think of. Genres available include fiction, nonfiction, YA, and children's books, but Romance is becoming the most popular e-book genre, according to Wiley. "If you're interested in materials that we don't have, let us know!" said Wiley.

With the rising interest in e-books, the staff at the New Ulm Public Library isn't too concerned about losing physical books or support from the community. Since the library is still new to the e-book fad, there still isn't definitive data to go off to know if e-books have increased or decreased circulation. "I would say it hasn't affected us yet," Wiley said.

The library offers personalized hands-on training for checking out e-books. To get help for an electronic device, come in and set up an appointment at the Reference Desk.

The New Ulm Public Library has been supporting the community for over seven decades and continues to be a huge asset to New Ulm. Kudela encourages families to come to the library and enjoy what it has to offer.

"If you give them a good experience when they're young, then as adults they'll go 'Oh the library' and bring their kids."

Life's Next Big Step

By Katie Rngle

NEW ULM - Senior year has just started, and poor Student Joe is stressed. During his junior year, Student Joe was too busy partying and not caring about his future. This past summer, he was hanging out with his buddies. Now, it's mid-November, and his future is blank. He never took into consideration what to do with his life after high school. Student Joe should have prepared himself, starting back in his junior year.

One of the biggest decisions of a student's life is deciding which college to attend after high school graduation. A big part of this decision is the college search and application process.

What should one look for when searching for a college? Student Joe should have spoken with his counselor. New Ulm High School guidance counselor Mr. Ziemmer suggests looking at what the college has to offer and if it carries any interested majors.

If a student doesn't have a decided major, he should take some classes that could possibly be a career.

"When you go, at least have some goal to start with," said Mrs. Kathy Nelson, NUHS English teacher.

Another factor students should look at when picking a college is price. This can be a problem for some students.

"What worries me the most is paying for it all," said Krista Janni, a junior.

Price doesn't just worry the students, but teachers as well.

"I don't understand why this society is setting up problems for our future generations by putting them this far into debt," said Mrs. Nelson.

Other students and faculty have advice to help students with their money trouble.

"Take a two-year college for your basics, because it is a third of the price of a four-year college," said Mr. Charles Anderson, NUHS social studies teacher. "Don't waste your parent's money."

The type of school matters, as well, such as private schools versus public schools. Marissa Johnson, a senior, suggests going to a public school.

If Student Joe would have wanted to go to an expensive school and needed help to pay for it, he could have gotten scholarships and financial aid online or at his school.

Some places to find financial aid programs include Fastweb.com and Scholarships.com. Also, a student can have their parents sign up for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application is used to determine the dollar amount a student

will be expected to contribute toward college.

The next step is to apply to a college. Oh boy!

"I don't want to [apply], but it has to be done," said Johnson.

Mr. Ziemmer recommends that seniors apply by Thanksgiving weekend, and that they send in at least three applications. Students can apply online or with a paper and pen, in most cases.

Also, National College Week is November 12-16 and applying for colleges is free that week, so take advantage of that, seniors.

Now, going off to college is the next challenge. But if Student Joe doesn't get his act together, he may not have to worry about this problem. Leaving home is hard, preparing oneself can be difficult, and students often have mixed feelings.

"I will be excited to leave this town and meet new people," said Elyce Nelson, a senior.

Other students are concerned about how difficult college will be.

"High school seems so relaxed, and when college comes, it's going to hit hard," said Brad Dunton, a junior.

As scary and challenging as college appears to be, it's totally worth it.

"Make what you want out of it," said Mrs. Nelson.

If students have any questions about applying for college or anything else, please go to the Guidance Office and speak with the counselors. Maybe, just maybe, you'll see Student Joe there, too!



I'll Love You, Just Not In Public

By Caitlin Harrington

NEW ULM - Kissing, hugging, cuddling. These are all examples of public displays of affection, or PDA. Although it may be enjoyable for the people participating in it, it can be disturbing and awkward for bystanders. Not to mention, PDA in the hallway is a violation of school policy.

PDA is not something that goes unnoticed. Maddie Kral, a senior at NUHS, says, "You want to go to the opposite side of the hall and avoid it."

However, public displays of affection in our hallways seem to be more abundant on the lower levels of our school. Britta Babel, Student Council President, says, "I think it hap-



pens in the cafeteria because it's easier to hide. It also has to do with the maturity level of the children."

Students and teachers both wish it wouldn't happen. Babel says, "It makes other people uncomfortable, and you just shouldn't do it."

Babel and Kral are not the only students who feel this way. Paige Olsen, a senior at NUHS, states, "When I do see it, it's a lot of super awkward touching. It would help if teachers enforced the rules against it. They just look past it because it makes them uncomfort-

able too."

From a higher authority, PDA is also a concern. Mr. Bergmann, principal at NUHS, says, "[School] is not the right place for [PDA]. This is an educational environment - not a bar."

The Effects of the 2012 Drought

by Kelsey Miller

NEW ULM - Some of the crops in the area were affected by the severe drought caused by this year's weather. The 2012 growing season began with lots of rain, and then there was no rain for a long period of time, which hurt local farm yields.

Landon Sletta, a farmer near Hanska, said, "A lot of [crops] got drowned since we got so much rain in May. It came too fast."

But not everybody's crops turned out the same. Tim Miller, another farmer near Hanska, noted, "Most of our crops were actually as good or better than last year except for the stuff on the sandier soil."

The lack of moisture from the drought affected the soil and the crops growing in the fields with mixed results depending on the location.

"It [the drought] dried it out. The subsoils had very low moisture levels. The topsoil is not as dry," said Miller.

In comparison to last year's crops, yields were "not real good. My corn was probably 50-55 bushels less," said Sletta. "The sweet corn was the best of all."

"It was basically the same. The beans were probably a little less than last year," said Miller.

Crops of farmers near Hanska have not been as affected as other crops around the area. They escaped severe storms unlike those that were damaged by hail near Lafayette. The crops near Hanska were simply dried out from too little rain.

Mr. Nelson, an agriculture teacher at NUHS, said, "Yields weren't really down that much; it was more about uncertainty."

In comparison to last year's corn drive "it is very comparable

from last year but a smidge lower," said Nelson.

Farmers probably were concerned during harvest about the effect of the drought on their grain prices.

"The grain prices really have taken off a lot," said Sletta.

Miller agreed. "The prices went to record high levels this year because of the drought. Most farmers contracted their crops a lot earlier," he said.

A shift in weather patterns over the past years has had an effect on the crops in this area.

"It varies. No two years are identical. In 2004, we had frost. It messed up the sweet corn," said Sletta.

"We have had pretty good crops over the past 10 years on average. We can't complain," said Miller.

Every year there is a crop show during the FFA Banquet held in the agriculture shop. FFA members are allowed to bring in some of their crops to be judged.

"I don't think you'll see as good of samples. You might not see as many entries," said Nelson.

It is just a waiting process to see what is going to come for this winter. Some farmers are waiting to see what this winter is going to bring. It may bring lots of moisture in the form of rain or snow, or not much at all. Local farmers have noticed a changing weather pattern the last few years. "It seems like it has been drier the last few years I have farmed. It was tough to get going," said Sletta.

"It seems like there is getting to be more storms and severe weather events. [But] the damage to the crops has not been bad. In 1981 is when it really wiped us out," said Miller.

Many people believe a line should be drawn between what's appropriate and what isn't. "I think [a line] should be drawn," Bergmann adds. "Come to school and study; you don't need to hug or hold anyone's hand."

There are disciplinary actions in place for the prevention of PDA in our hallways. These actions include a warning, a call home to parents, detention, and in severe cases, even expulsion. Some teachers report it or try to stop it, but others feel just as awkward as the students passing by and tend to look the other way.

Participating in PDA is a personal choice. Nonetheless, one's reputation could be at stake while participation is taking place. Whether you're hugging in the halls or kissing in the cafeteria, public displays of affection are not only awkward, but against school policy as well. So, feel free to love whomever you want, just not in public.

AccuWeather, an online source, predicts, "For the northern and central plains, snowfall is expected to be below normal with near-to above-normal temperatures."

If there is moisture this winter, it will help the soil for the next growing season.

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History of Halloween

By Airelle Carruth

NEW ULM - This year people are all about zombies! People of all ages have a blast dressing up as their favorite characters or monsters for Halloween. Most common are witches and ghosts, which are the easiest costumes to put together.

This tradition of celebrating Halloween began over 2,000 years ago in Ireland, Scotland, and Britain. The Celtic religion celebrated Samhain, more commonly known now as Halloween.

On this night they would honor the dead by dressing in animal skins to drive away evil ghosts and leave out food to get rid of "unwelcome" spirits, according to the History Channel's website. The Celts began celebrating Samhain on October 31 because they believed that day was when the veil between the living and the dead was the thinnest. They honored their dead family members and friends.

Wiccans, or as we call them "witches" nowadays, setup fires with candles, incense, pumpkins, and other fall decorations to honor the god(s) they pray to, as well as to try to

contact people of whom have passed on.

In 1,000 A.D. the Catholic church designated November 2 as All Souls Day, a day in which everyone would honor the dead. They honored the dead by creating fires and holding masquerade dances. The wealthy would give poor people pastries called "Soul Cakes" so they could pray for the souls of the homeowner's dead family members. This was taken up by children, who later went from home to home asking for things, such as money or ale.

According to History Channel's website, Halloween became more popular as immigrants fled Ireland's potato famine in 1840 because the Irish brought the old traditions with them, such as going door to door and pranking people. The pranks, which sometimes cost more than \$100,000, are what led to organized community festivals in the United States.

The kind of Trick or Treating we do today, as in going from door to door for candy (sometimes other things), became most popular in 1951 after the Peanuts comic strip was released, as well as a Disney movie featuring Donald

Duck. Combined with post-WWII Baby Boom, Halloween became a hit among the young kids who were growing up in this era.

Nowadays, kids of all ages go out on Halloween night. Most of us still go Trick or Treating. We spend weeks picking out a costume, and then shell out hundreds of dollars on costumes, candy, and decorations.

A poll taken by *U.S. News* found that Halloween spending was up 10% this year, reaching \$80 on candy alone. Costumes on average are \$45.00 for only one!

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Die Now Or Later

By Amber Kilgore

NEW ULM - Have you ever texted while driving? In October 2, 2012, juniors and seniors attended a simulator event in the NUHS parking lot. At this event students learned the dangers of texting and driving. "It was one of the best presentations we've had," said School Resource Officer Backer of the NUPD (New Ulm Police Department).

"I'm hoping the kids that participated learned and won't continue texting while driving," said Backer. People are pulled over everyday for texting and driving, and officers are cracking down on this new law.

"We are hoping and praying that people will get it through their heads that texting while driving is dangerous," said Backer.

This event was sponsored by the NUPD and NUHS. They presented this to the students to make them aware of the dangers of texting and driving.

The simulator was related to the real life experience. Students stepped into the car and put a virtual reality headset on. The presenter handed students a cell phone and had them text a random message. Meanwhile, the student was also supposed to be driving the car while following all laws. Then when the students were finished, the guy would ask them some questions about their driving record and issue a ticket. After that, students filled out a pledge book saying they wouldn't text and drive.

Meanwhile, Officer Backer was playing a video in the

lecture theatre. The video was based on fatality car crashes that involved texting while driving. The video showed some pretty intense scenes of car crashes. The video seemed to affect the people watching it in a good way just by the looks

on their faces when the students were watching the movie. We just need to be able to get students to see the real dangers of texting and driving.



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What If the World Ends?

By Miranda Sandberg

NEW ULM - The world up in flames. People running for their lives. Objects floating and falling from the sky. Could this be how the apocalypse of 2012 makes the world disappear?

The Mayans, Egyptians, and Nostradamus have all predicted that a galactic alignment shall occur on December 21, 2012, leading to the end of the world.

It all started at the University of California with a professor. Jose Arguelles, co-founder of Earth Day in 1970, started the rumor of the 2012 apocalypse. According to CNBC's, "Apocalypse 2012 Explained" by Jeffrey Weiss, Arguelles pushed his Mayan linked ideas. "He lined up the planets with the sun and spun the idea that on August sixteenth through the seventeenth, we would see a Mayan-Galactic Harmonic Convergence," Weiss writes.

Some of the people who study the Mayan calendar say that's the day the current-cycle will end or the world will end. "Others say picking the exact day is more problematic, given a diversity of opinion even among the Mayans about the exact dates of the calendar," Weiss says. "December 21 happens to be the date of next year's winter solstice, which is a big deal for many of the 2012-ers. It's also tied to another real astronomical event: The earth and sun will be roughly lined up with the center of the Milky Way galaxy," Weiss

Gay Marriage (from pg. 1)

Minnesota for Marriage is the organization leading the "vote yes" campaign. Their foremost argument is that marriage - the union of one man and one woman - exists "to channel biological and sexual passion that might otherwise become socially destructive into enduring family units." Also, there are concerns that those people who refuse to recognize the "genderless" definition of marriage will be punished by the law and that religious institutions will lose tax exemptions if they do not perform same-sex marriages.

Most concerning to this group is the fear that children will be taught to accept the new definition of marriage, regardless of what their parents or churches have told them. "Such a paradigm shift says to children that mothers and fathers don't matter (especially fathers)--any two 'parents' will do," claims the organization's website.

In their view, the eventual culmination of this will be fewer people getting married. There will be an "increase in children born out of wedlock, an increase in fatherlessness, a resulting increase in female and child poverty, and higher incidence of all documented social ills associated with children being raised in a home without their married biological parents," according to Minnesota for Marriage.

Freedom to Marry, the organization leading the "vote no" campaign, argues for same-sex marriage in all states. They feel "marriage says 'we are family' in a way no other word does." The concerns of a homosexual couple for their family are the same as those of heterosexual couples, like "making ends meet or the possibility of losing a job."

Marriage provides benefits that domestic partnerships do not.

says.

Nicole Cordes, a senior at NUHS, believes that the 2012 apocalypse will amount to nothing. However, "If the world were to end, I would spend the day before with my family and close friends," she said.

She claims people have talked about it in school, but they talk about the fact of it not happening. "I think the 2012 apocalypse will not happen because it seems to be too science fiction to be true," Cordes says.

According to "Apocalypse Not: Here's Why You Shouldn't Worry about End Times" by Matt Ridley, "When the sun rises on December 22, as it surely will, do not expect apologies or even a rethink, no matter how often apocalyptic predictions fail to come true, another one soon arrives."

William Miller (1782-1849), predicted the end of the world for 1843, then for 1844. When it did not occur, the Millerites, or Second Adventists, at a meeting at Albany,



N.Y. in 1845, adopted a statement declaring their belief in the visible return of Jesus at an indefinite time when the resurrection of the dead would take place and the millennium would have its beginning. Later, this body took the name Evangelical Adventists.

So whether or not a person believes in the 2012 apocalypse, think about how possible and impossible that this "rumor" could be true. This is such a fascinating thing because many people live their lives based on these things. Where will you be December 21, 2012 at 11:11 p.m?

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Same-sex couples are often denied "hospital visitation rights... 'family' health coverage... taxation or inheritance rights... parental rights... even protection in case the relationship ends," according to Freedom to Marry.

Moreover, Freedom to Marry purports that "studies have shown that children of lesbian or gay parents are as well-adjusted as those of non-gay parents." Also, in their eyes, marriage is not solely for procreation, as "millions of married couples do not have children." If marriage exists only for the creation of children, then all married couples should be forced to have children. Those who can't should not be allowed to marry, or should have their marriages annulled, reasons Freedom to Marry.

The organization does not believe that allowing homosexual couples to marry changes the definition of marriage. "Love and commitment and the ability to protect your family" remain central to the concept. In their eyes, arguments against gay marriage based on religion are improper. "It's as basic as the Golden Rule," claims the organization's website. "Treating others as one would want to be treated includes allowing marriage for gay couples who are truly committed to each other." Most people, regardless of sexuality, do not want someone telling them who they can marry.

Also, Freedom to Marry stresses that allowing gay marriage would not affect churches or other religious institutions. "No religion would be forced to marry same-sex couples, or recognize same-sex marriages within the context of their religious beliefs."

At this time, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire, and the District of Columbia allow same-sex marriages. Maryland, New York, and Rhode Island "officially pledge

non-discrimination against marriages between same-sex couples from other states," according to Freedom to Marry.

Regardless of the failure of the amendment, both sides still have ground to cover. It will almost certainly affect voting in the future. "[The amendment] was intended to galvanize a very conservative segment of the electorate," says government teacher Charles Anderson. "It was intended to further the right wing agenda." Organizations like Minnesota for Marriage will continue the fight against the same-sex marriage.

Freedom to Marry has also made it clear on their website that they are not giving up. "[Our] goal is to end the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage once and for all," says the organization. "We're adding more supporters to the growing majority for marriage each year." Clearly, this issue will remain relevant for many voters far into the future.

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The Money We Can Make

By Colleen Taylor

NEW ULM - Over the last few years, New Ulm High School has faced hard financial times. To find a solution the district has cut almost \$7 million worth over the past nine years. So we have periodic fundraisers and a local support committee, Friends of ISD #88.

Fundraisers seem like an easy solution, but in truth they are complicated projects. There is the fact that NUHS is not the only school that has them. Jefferson and Washington Elementary, and other schools in District #88, need the money, too. Although it seems that it would be easy to do fragmented fundraisers for every group, it just is not possible.

"If there are only small groups, they annoy the com-

munity," says Mr. Bergmann, NUHS Principal.

The last big fundraiser that was held was the Cashwise Competition in 2005, where students could bring in paper cut outs from the newspaper of Eagles Helmets and/or Cashwise movie receipts. \$10,000 was raised District wide.

According to Mr. Remme, parents have been a big help creating Friends of



Jefferson and Friends Washington. They have given a significant contribution for Smart boards, sound systems at Jefferson, and new playground equipment at Washington.

But last year concerned parents decide to create Friends of ISD #88.

Friends of ISD #88 has raised \$52,000 with this fall's 5k Fun Run and last spring's Eagles' Extravaganza. Through their efforts, 1.5 full-time equivalent teachers have been saved and activity fees increase have been minimized.

To Pass, Or Not To Pass (from pg. 1)

On the other hand, Bridget Forst, a junior at NUHS, believes the referendum will pass. "I think the community finally realizes that our school really needs this," she said. "The students here want to be able to keep their classes and have more opportunities." If the referendum were to pass, Forst would like to see smaller class sizes and go back to a seven period day.

As the ballots came in and everyone waited to see if the school was going to be saved, the referendum passed. Approximately 56 percent of voters approved the levy, and approximately 44 percent voted against it, according to election results.

District 88 is very pleased with the outcome. Without the help from the community and the VOTE YES! Referendum Support Committee. ISD #88 wouldn't be the school it is.

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New Ulm FFA Chapter Holds Annual Blood Drive

By Andrew Hartley

NEW ULM - Each year many lives are saved by donating blood. Many people each year donate their blood to the great cause of saving a life. The New Ulm FFA Chapter held their first of two Blood Drives on October 26. Along with the Red Cross, Mr. Stuckey's students in his fourth hour placement class helped make this Blood Drive possible.

Students donated time out of their day to help members of the Red Cross. Students helped with activities like registration, helping with the food table, and visiting with other students who gave blood. Liz Guggisberg, a senior, and the FFA Sentinel, said, "Yes, it was a positive experience knowing you saved lives." Many could say the same thing about the opportunity to give blood.

"It is a good feeling knowing you helped save lives," said Zach Gulden, a senior. Usually, an individual chooses to give a pint. This may seem like a small amount, but the Red Cross says that a pint of blood can save three lives. A school Blood Drive can make a large difference in so many people's lives.

Although the Blood Drive may seem like a simple process, in reality it is not. "I worked from 6:45 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m." said Gulden, along with many others who gave their time to help with such a great project.

Break a Leg!

By Abigail Matthews

NEW ULM - The curtains drift apart, the spotlights cast their beams, and suddenly, it's show time! On November 16, 17, and 18, New Ulm High School will present "You Can't Take It With You" at the DAC auditorium.

Due to various delays in finding staff, the high school was not able to put on a musical as scheduled for the 2012-13 school year. According to the director of the play, Sheldon Rieke, there was just enough time to put together a play this year, though plans are being solidified to perform a musical next year.

Following the story of a young girl from a fun-loving, sometimes rather strange family, this show is a "classic of Broadway theater," said Rieke. Alice Sycamore, the most down-to-earth member of this family, falls in love with a boy from the uptight, prim and proper Kirby family. "Needless to say, the families go together like oil and water," Rieke said.

"It is an interesting play upon the idea of which is better: making yourself happy or going with society's norms," said junior Colton Eckstrand, who plays the role of Grandpa, the stubborn and eccentric head of the Sycamore family.

Although it has surfaced that schools in both Sleepy Eye and Mankato West are performing the same show only weeks before New Ulm High School, the talented cast and hard-working student directors have found ways to improvise and make it their own. "Everyone really just jumped right into it and they are doing a wonder-

After the donors are done giving blood, they are welcome to choose from a selection of different foods and beverages. When compared to other school's Blood Drives, the goal is the same: to collect donors of blood. The donations of blood are the biggest part, but then again, there is another comparison that is not as important. "NUHS has more food options," said Guggisberg. Many would say that the options of food does not match up to how important the donations of blood.

Jake Gieseke, the FFA Treasurer, a senior, said, "The opportunity that you as an individual can save three lives with giving a pint of your blood makes me feel good because anybody can save lives by taking ten minutes out of their day!"

In a card from the Red Cross, the totals for this year's Blood Drive were included. 156 donors signed up to donate, and 122 donated. There were 18

deferrals and 53 individuals gave blood for their first time.

Unfortunately, this year the choir students took a trip to Costa Rica and several participants were not able to donate because they left the country, an automatic disqualification for several months.

Nevertheless, this year was a huge success, and many are pleased with how the Blood Drive turned out!

Overall, this year has had a great start to the year with it's first Blood Drive. Hands down, many will agree that the Red Cross and Mr. Stuckey's fourth hour placement class did a tremendous job helping make the Blood Drive successful. For being at the beginning of the year, the Blood Drive was a great way to start out, knowing that NUHS saved lives.



ful job," said Rieke.

One member of this cast is senior Leslie Wiltscheck, who will be acting as Alice's free-spirited mother, Penny Sycamore. She has had numerous experiences with theater, including four years in S.P.O.T.S., several plays and musicals, and One Act performances. "If you've acted once, you want to keep doing it," she said.

One of Wiltscheck's favorite aspects of theater, as opposed to other sports or activities, is that "the cast becomes so tight and it's not for competition."

"Acting requires hard work to become the character," added Eckstrand, but "if there's a play, I want to be a part of it."

Also putting in countless hours to make the fall play a success are the student directors, one of which is junior Stacey Schugel. As a student director, Schugel feeds lines to the actors if they forget them and also helps with the set decorations. "I knew it'd be fun to interact with the actors, without even having to memorize lines," she said.

Emma Todd, a sophomore at New Ulm High School, is another student director. "It's

cool to see a different view of the play," Todd said. "I actually get to watch it!"

Sophomore student director Genna Sellner added that there are "a lot of funny moments at play practice, but people work hard."

"Practices are hectic," said Schugel, "but fun. They're about one percent serious!"

Many of the students involved, including both Wiltscheck and Eckstrand, do plan to continue acting after high school.

"Acting has made me much more outgoing," said Wiltscheck.



"It gives me insight on how people might react to different things," Eckstrand added.

Finally, after many hours of practicing, designing and building a set, and memorizing lines, the cast of this year's fall play is hoping to see many familiar faces at all three of their performances.

"It is one of the funniest, most heart-warming shows I've directed," said Rieke. "There are so many sweet little moments that will make people laugh and go 'aww.'"

"It supports the arts, and it is a beautiful show with good messages about life," added Todd. "And it's good to laugh!"

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4th Straight Appearance?

Boys' Hockey Preview

By Jake Gieseke and Andrew Forstner

NEW ULM - The boys' hockey team will go into this coming season looking to build off the last three years in which they advanced to state all three of those years. The Eagles had a very successful season last year finishing the regular season with a 14-11 record.

The Eagles had many high points last season. The hockey team was a young team last year. They were led by senior forward Brody Peterson who led the team in scoring and in total points. The Eagles were young at the net also led by junior Brach Kraus who took over the starting spot in mid-January and never looked back.

"We had a young goalie who was very successful last year and a lot of young guys returning who want to win just as much as the seniors," said senior forward Collin Kral.

"Well, our goalie is more experienced this year because he has a year of high school hockey under his belt," said senior Josh Cooper.

With a low number of guys with experience, the Eagles had some high points and some low points during the season. One of the hockey team's successes was when they went 6-0 in the South Central Conference (SCC). Another of the hockey team's high points was when they beat the Marshall Tigers 6-3 on Marshall's home ice to snap their six-game home win streak. Overall, the biggest part of the Eagles' season was when they beat Luverne in the section final game 2-1 to advance to the state tournament.

When the Eagles got to State, they had a tough road ahead of them when they drew Thief River Falls for their first-round match-up. The Eagles played a hard-fought game in which they scored first, and they were the only unseeded team to lead, but Thief River

would later find a way to get past pesky netminder Brach Kraus and score two times heading into first intermission.

Thief River would end up scoring three more goals during the course of the game. Although the score was 5-1, New Ulm netminder Brach Kraus had a good game stopping 33 of Thief Rivers' shots. New Ulm's state run ended when they lost in the consolation game to Rochester 10-1.

The Eagles look to build off last year and get to state again this season. "We have all been working hard and putting in the effort to get as much ice time as possible," said Kral.

The Eagles will head into this upcoming season after losing ten seniors to graduation. The Eagles will open the 2012-2013 campaign with away games against Northfield, Marshall, and Le Sueur-Henderson/St. Peter. After the Eagles' three road games, they will have their first home game of the season when they play Hutchinson. The Eagles love playing at home because of the home-ice advantage and the fan support.

"It is great. The fans cheering gets you pumped up for the game, to go out and get the win," said senior Blake Neumann.

"We have a lot of fans that go to our games, so we have a lot to play for," added Cooper.

"It means a lot when the crowd really gets into it. It makes us want to win so much more," said Kral.

The Eagles feel that they can return to state and will look to use a lot of teamwork to accomplish that goal. He hopes to go "all the way to state, by hav[ing] a team, working together and doing what is best for the team," Neumann said.

"I believe we can return to the state tournament. We will have

to learn from our mistakes and play to the best of our ability come playoffs," said Kral.

The boys' hockey team will look to the seniors for leadership, and they feel that what they bring to the table can really help the team succeed this season. "I will go out on the ice and play my heart out every game and do what I can for the team," said Kral.

Neumann feels that he will bring these qualities to the team: "passion, heart, hard work 100% all the time, a good leader, hockey smarts, and composure."

"I am hoping to make the team more physical and score a few times," Cooper said.

The Eagles have been successful over the years because the program continues to bring players back year after year even if the past season was not a success. I like "the excitement Eagle hockey brings to the arena, especially the support of the student section and 6 straight section final games and 3 straight state tournament appearances," said Kral.

Neumann continues to come back because of "the love of the game. I just love being with the guys and it is a great game." So as the Eagles prepare for the season opener on November 27, they will try to add to the success of the program through hard work and determination.

Did You Know?

Minnesota has 99 lakes named Mud Lake.

12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

FCCLA Goes to Work

By Alyssa Hessel

NEW ULM - The holiday season is here and the New Ulm FCCLA members are gearing up for another one of their seasonal fundraisers. The Santa's Closet Donation is a fundraiser to help raise money for toys that will be distributed to families throughout Brown County that are not able to afford them.

FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. The goal of the organization is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Science education.

"The FCCLA is a student organization, so all of the planning and work is done by the students," said Mrs. Curry, the head of FCCLA. "I am mainly the coordinator who oversees things, and I make sure those things get done."

FCCLA was founded in 1945, involving more than nine million youth. This student organization is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and supported by student membership dues.

This year, NUHS has 12 students who participate in FCCLA. In the past years, an average of 20 to 40 students were involved in FCCLA, but the numbers have diminished as the years went on." It really depends on the year and on how many are involved," said Mrs. Curry. "We would love to see more people join!"

As head of the organization, Mrs. Curry supervises the students while they work and also take care of needed paperwork.

"She is really very down to earth and is willing to help you," said Kristen Blumhoefer, a two-year member of FCCLA. "She will be honest with you, and she is such a bubbly person."

FCCLA benefits a wide variety of people, from the lower-class family being helped out during the holidays to the students who participate. This organization is a great opportunity for those interested in being involved with learning skills for later life and having to work with others.

Sometimes it does not always seem so easy for the members of FCCLA. Students must tackle the difficulties that come with doing something good for the community. "Trying to find the right combination of people to work with without fighting is the hardest part," said Blumhoefer.

An upcoming event for December is the annual raising of money for Santa's Closet. The donations received will be given to the FCCLA members, who will then use the money to buy presents for the lower middle-class families. For Curry, "watching the kids buy the presents. Watching their eyes at how much joy it gives them and for them to be giving to others is the most rewarding."

All donation amounts, big or small, are welcomed and ap-

preciated. One does not have to be in FCCLA to donate; this is for anyone willing to help others and earn a spot on Santa's "good" list.

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Roller Derby Girls? Huh?

By Danny Cooper

NEW ULM - The year has come. It's 2012, and the first New Ulm area "Goose Town Roller Girls" are here. The team consists of 5 players: 1 jammer, 3 defensive blockers, and 1 pivot. The object of the game is for the jammer to get through the pack, and then continue around the track until they pass the 'pack' and then she gets the point. For the time when the jammer isn't in the pack, the pivot is then the leader.

The game is played on an oval track with 2 competing teams, and their objective is to overlap the opposing team to score their point. At the start, the pivots and the block-

ers from both teams take off and join together to make way for their jammers to get through and score a point. Once the huge pack of both teams get 30 feet away, the jammers begin to skate. As the jammers work their way to get their point, they must dodge and over lap the pack by evading the opposing blockers in order to score.

"It's a girl dominated sport," says Brooke, the president and the founder of the New Ulm Area Disco Derby Girls. "We like the help from the guys, but we don't want any guy coaches."

"I like the bonding of the team with all the girls," says

Samantha Cooper, Disco Derby Girl. "We all came into this not knowing each other, but with all the bonding, practicing, and going out as friends, you really get the family bond. By the time our first 'bout' comes around, I think we will be ready with all the practicing we all do."

"You can never stereotype on who a disco derby girl is from just looking at her," Brooke added later. "It's a different sport than most. It's a lot of stamina, and team trust." Their first 'bout' will be in January 2013 in the DAC.

Swoopdy-Loops and Pull-Overs

By Alexander Ahern

NEW ULM - On Monday, November 12, the New Ulm High School gymnastics team will begin their season. All girls, 7th to 12th grade, are invited to join. It is pricey, about \$200 for the season, but it more than pays for itself with the opportunity to get some exercise and learn something new and possibly meet new people doing it.

There are expected to be about 20 gymnasts from all the New Ulm area schools, both public and private, signing up this year for the team. The team is coached by Ariel McFarland, head coach, and Kortney Peterson, assistant coach.

Due to the small number of sign-ups, there will be no try-outs held and all that signed up will be on the team.

The gymnastics season runs from November through February with practices every day, Monday through Friday. Practice begins each day at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:30, at New Ulm Area Gymnastics Academy (NUAGA) on Front Street.

Throughout the season, 14 competitions are held, most of which occur in January. The first meet will be on

November 30 at NUAGA against Redwood Valley. "I'm hoping to have a good season and get high scores," said Peterson.

At the competitions, the girls perform their routines, both their floor routine and bar routine, in front of a panel of judges. The judges then score the girls based upon their performance.

The high school team, however, may not be for everyone that wishes to be in gymnastics. The team may be too competitive for their tastes, or practices may possibly conflict with schedules and be too time consuming. Or maybe a guy wants to do gymnastics, but the high school team is not co-ed.

For this, there is also the option of joining the club gymnastics team. The club teams practice and compete all year. These teams are coached by the high school team's assistant coach, Kortney Peterson.

There are separate classes for different levels of ability and practices are normally held twice a week for each. The coaches may also do an independent practice with a gymnast if they feel it necessary.

Every so often there is also an open gym activity, which is open to the public and available for kids of any age and ability. Admission for open gym is only \$3.00 per person. This activity will be supervised by either the coaches or members of the NUAGA board, but no coaching will not be offered to the attendees.



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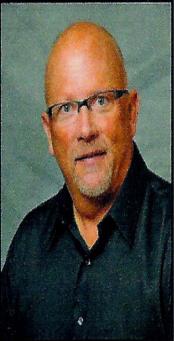
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New Ulm Boys' Basketball: The Redeem Team

By Andrew Forstner and Jake Gieseke

NEW ULM - The New Ulm Eagles Boys' Basketball team is looking to improve off last season in which they had a woeful 5-20 record and lost their last three games of the season. However, this is a new season, with a new coach, a new attitude, and a fresh start.

This year's squad is not content with losing, and last year there was too much of that. However, with that losing is an opportunity to learn from the challenges and adversity this team faced, in order to improve.

Senior point guard Chris Mulder said, "I think we learned how to deal with adversity last year. We will be ready for that this season."

This Eagles team needs to use their experiences and the adversity they faced last season to their advantage and come together as a unit. They want to take on a 'when the going gets tough, we get tougher' type of mentality.

Senior point guard Isaiah Johnson said, "We need to come together and not get angry at each other for mistakes."

"Our varsity game experience will help this year," said senior center Aaron Stark

One thing is certain: the Eagles will put forth a lot of effort, fight, and hard work into this upcoming season. These three characteristics are the building blocks of a successful team; without them a team will not win, and they will look for this out of each other this season.

"I look to get hard work and effort [out of the guys]. We should have better team chemistry than past previous years," said Stark.

"I look for 110% effort everyday from the guys. Effort will bring success," said Mulder.

Of course winning the state championship is the ultimate team success benchmark, but those are lofty goals for any team in the state at this point before the season has even started. Nevertheless, there are many steps along the way that can be measured as a success for the team.

"If we can consistently improve as a team throughout the year, I would consider it

a success. Winning will come," Mulder said.

"Having more wins than last year," Johnson said.

"I believe our team will compete very well within our conference," said Stark.

For any team, fan support is crucial for the moral support and the overall success of a team.

"We absolutely love it [fan support]. It gets us more excited to play," said Johnson.

"The more fans the better. It makes every game more exciting," said Stark.

How far the New Ulm Eagles basketball team will go this season remains to be seen, but as long as they leave everything they have on the court, they should all be very proud of themselves.

"I think we can go as far as we push ourselves to go. We have a significant amount of potential. We just need to put it into each and every game," said Mulder.

Almost WNBA, But Not Quite

By Alexander Ahern

NEW ULM - On Monday, November 12, the girls' basketball season will begin. The team will comprise of about 40 girls in the grades 7-12. Their head coach is Matthew Dick.

There will be tryouts for 8th through 12th graders to decide who makes what team, whether it be the C-squad, B-squad, or varsity. However, all the 7th graders will be placed on the 7th grade team and only a few 8th graders will make an upper-level team. The rest will play for the 8th grade team. "Tryouts will be held, but no cuts will be made," said Coach Dick.

Practices will begin on November 12 after school in the high school gymnasium. They are held every day after school and last for about 2 to 3 hours a day. The cost to play is \$200 for the girls in 9th-12th grades.

The team will be led by a couple captains, who are yet to be decided. The captains will most likely be the most experienced and talented players, of course.

One of the more experienced players, Liz Guggisberg, a senior at NUHS and guard on the team, has been playing basketball since she was in 2nd grade. "It's enjoyable, and it gives me an opportunity to have a good time with my teammates," said Guggisberg.

While the girls' basketball team has not done very well in the past, they are optimistic to turn things around. "We lost every game last year," explained Guggisberg. "I just hope we can win at least one game this year."

The varsity team and B-squad will be playing the

first game of the season on November 27 at Mankato East. The C-squad was scheduled to play also but their game was cancelled. The varsity team and B-squad will end the regular season on February 16 at home against Worthington.

New Ulm FFA Judging Teams Advance to State

By Andrew Hartley

NEW ULM - Two judging teams from the New Ulm FFA will be advancing to the state competition this coming spring. The Dairy and General Livestock Judging Teams will be representing the New Ulm FFA Chapter while they judge cattle in the Twin Cities.

The Dairy Judging Team consists of five members: Megan and Matthew Struss, Andrew and George Hartley, and Mark Tauer. The General Livestock Team consists of four members: Alex Portner, Allison Bastian, Ross Schneider, and Mackenzie Vogel.

Both teams are equipped with individuals who have experience with judging. Allison Bastian, a junior and the FFA President, said, "I have been judging for four years. The best memory is placing well and making it to State!"

Although some of the members have not been judging as long as others, many people feel that the teams will do just fine.

Team members were excited when they heard that both teams qualified for State. Jeff Nelson, an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor, said, "I was happy, very excited! The majority come from a livestock background. The teams did a spot on job practicing!" Many have the same hopes for the State Convention, including Bastian.



Dairy Team

"My hopes would be for one of our teams to place high enough to make it to the National Competition," Bastian said.

Although the State Competition is still months away, this will not keep individuals from keeping a sharp eye on practicing. Even the individuals with a livestock background and who also work with cattle almost every day think it is important to practice.

"Growing up around animals helps, but it's like most things, practice makes perfect. You're not going to be amazing at it right away," said Ross Schneider, a senior, FFA member.

There are many activities individuals can do to sharpen their judging skills, such as practice Oral Reasons, Sire Selection, DHIA sheets, and looking at cattle in general.

"I should go out to a farm and learn how to handle sheep, and also practice more on the judging," said Schneider on how he can improve his skills.

Even though it was some of the individuals' first times judging, this doesn't stop them from being confident in what they do. "I have been judging cattle for about a month and a half, and a little bit before the first contest. The best memory has to be the van ride up there," said Schneider.

Some would say growing up around cattle may give an upper hand. Mark Tauer, a senior, also an FFA member,

said, "I live on a dairy farm, so that gives me my prior experience with cattle." Tauer, a first-year team member, made the point that a person doesn't have to judge for a certain amount of years to do well.

For some of the members, it will be their last year on the team including Ross Schneider, Mackenzie Vogel, and Andrew Hartley. Mackenzie Vogel, a senior and also the FFA Officer at Large, said, "I will miss the good trips with the team." George Hartley, a sophomore and an FFA member, said, "I have been judging since 9th grade."

For many, judging cattle means a lot to them as an



General Livestock Team

individual. Many of the lessons a person learns when judging, he or she will be able to carry on with the skills learned in prior experiences. George Hartley said, "Work hard at what you do, and it will pay off!"

The teams' hopes are high for the State Convention. As the convention gets closer, the teams will not cease to practicing for the State Contest. We would like to wish the best of luck to the New Ulm FFA Dairy and General Livestock Judging Teams!

Speech: It's the Most Important Skill Everyday Doing it Up VanLeeuwe Style

By Joshua Dunton

NEW ULM - Speech is quite possibly the most important skill everyone should know and do well. It can range from a job interview, presidential speech, to a simple one-on-one conversation. In school, it is there to help students learn and develop that skill so they can better succeed in life.

Six years ago, when Mr. VanLeeuwe started teaching here at the high school, he started coaching the Speech Team. "I like seeing kids perform and become more confident with their speech skills," said VanLeeuwe. With roughly 20 students returning from last year in Speech, VanLeeuwe said that the only improvements he wants to make are "making the group bigger, making Speech more fun and enjoyable, and helping kids succeed in competitions."

Returning for her second year in speech, junior Sheryl Patricelli said that she accidentally joined Speech, but she quickly loved it. "It helps me with public speaking and

building character for theater," said Patricelli. She also said that VanLeeuwe is a good coach and gives a lot of useful advice.

"With four years of Speech in high school and many more from coaching and judging, Speech has become second nature to me," said VanLeeuwe. Last year four students from NUHS went on to the Section 2AA finals, and Clay Sletta placed 8th in State at Prose. "I'm proud to see students do well and place in State Speech Competitions," said VanLeeuwe.

Speech has 13 different categories for students to participate in. Categories range from creative expressions to storytelling, from funny to serious, and every one has their own reward. Whatever category a student competes in, he/she learns specialized skills for that event.

They say actions speak louder than words, but it is very important that one learns to speak intelligently. That is why Mr. VanLeeuwe coaches the Speech Team, and he does a

great job at that. So if you want to improve your speech skills, you can always join the Speech Team. The new member organizational meeting is Tuesday, November 27 in room 313 at 3:15 pm.



One, Two, Three! Here Comes Wrestling

By Matthew Penkert

NEW ULM - As the new 2012-2013 wrestling year arises, expectations are high. The young team has one more year of experience and is ready to go. Injured wrestlers are healed and ready to wrestle.

The season is about to start, and Coach Rieser is getting ready for his second year coaching at New Ulm High School. After years of wrestling and coaching little wrestlers, he came to NUHS last year.

"This year will be better than last year because it is not as new, and I know more of what I need to do," said Coach Rieser.

"I just want to be there for the kids, to give back to them just like my coaches did for me," Reiser said.

Even though the team was not very experienced last year with seven to eight new wrestlers, Coach Rieser is looking forward to seeing the progress.

"I do not really have expectations for the team," said Rieser. "I just want to see improvement from day one."

A wrestler and senior captain, Andrew Bregel also just wants to see progress from the young team.

"I just want everyone to have a successful year and hopefully go to state," Bregel said. "I also would like to see improvement from every match we wrestle."

Last year Bregel suffered a bad shoulder injury during a match and was out for the rest of the season. This year he is feeling good and ready to get back on the mat.

"I think it will be hard to get back this year, but I put a lot of work rehabbing into my shoulder and I hope it will pay off," Bregel said.

Good thing Bregel had a great recovery so he can take his place as one of the two team captains. Bregel plays a big role in the matches and practices for his team.

"I am the voice of the team," Bregel said. "I talk to referees before the matches, and I make sure everyone does



what they should be doing during practice."

Even though wrestling is a team activity, it is really just a one-on-one situation. That is what makes it a challenging sport.

"It is one of the hardest sports if not the hardest because it is all on you," Reiser said. "You cannot blame anyone else for losing a match but yourself."

Reiser is not the only one that loves wrestling. Bregel also loves the fact that it is an individual sport.

"I love to do it," Bregel said, "knowing that you are the only one controlling the outcome."

Besides the fact that it is a one-on-one sport, Coach Reiser also believes it is one of the hardest because of the self-discipline the wrestlers have to acquire.

"It takes self-discipline because of the weight management," Reiser said. "Learning the moves is also very difficult. It teaches hard work."

Things sound like they will be good this year with a prediction of 30 athletes, according to Coach Reiser. We wish the wrestlers the best of luck on their season.

And the Answer is... A) Knowledge Bowl

by Matthew Penkert

NEW ULM - Crack the fingers and moisten the lips. Knowledge Bowl is around the corner. With the sound of buzzers going off and pencils on paper, observers can tell the gears in their brains are turning.

With practice once a week for about two hours, the Knowledge Bowl team looks to have a wonderful season. With about five groups, the Knowledge Bowl team is growing every year.

"Knowledge Bowl gives kids who like learning a reason to be smart," Miss Fredrich, the Knowledge Bowl advisor and math teacher, said. "It is a place they can go and be smart and not get made fun of for it."

"Knowledge Bowl is super fun!" Ellen Wiederhoeft, a senior, said. "It is a fun way to chill and hang out with friends but also learn and compete."

Miss Fredrich has dedicated her life to Knowledge Bowl. She has been a part of Knowledge Bowl since the beginning of her high school days.

"I love it," Fredrich said. "I competed in high school and college. I also helped coach it when I did my student teaching."

The Knowledge Bowl students practice just like they compete. The students go through old questions from previous meets. This helps the new people get into the swing of the com-

petitions.

The in-town competition is pretty tough. From MVL to Cathedral, things get pretty competitive.

"It does not make me too upset when MVL wins because that is where I come from, but the kids are not too happy about that," Fredrich said.

Even through all the ups and downs of the year, one senior in particular will miss Knowledge Bowl after the season is over.

"I will definitely miss Knowledge Bowl," Wiederhoeft said. "Getting out of school for the meets and getting involved with everyone is such a good time."

We wish the

Knowledge Bowl teams the best of luck. Hopefully another trip to State happens. In the words of Fredrich,

"Knowledge Bowl is AWESOME!"



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Horoscopes

By Coleen Taylor

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) - You've had some troubles as of late, but that hasn't stopped you from trying your hardest and stickin' it to the people who've been after you. Some luck is coming your way for all of that effort and passion.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20) - Being the stubborn bull you are, you haven't backed down from the fight. Now that you have accomplished your goal, you can take a break. Stay stubborn, but do not be a wall.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) - Being the person behind the scenes is fine but every once in awhile you have to step into the spotlight. Take a chance and go for the dream you have.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) - Get out of that crabby mood and give everything all you've got. You are the only one standing in your way.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Wipe your mind clean of all future worries and just think of today. There is only one way to know what the world holds for you. Go out there and explore.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) - Although it seems your family is only being a burden, remember they care and spend time with them. Maybe you don't know them as well as you thought you did.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Sometimes it's fine to get rid of that busy schedule, call in sick, and have a "you" day. The world won't fall apart because you decide that you want to be alone.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) - You decide that today isn't going to be the normal lounge around day. You want to expand yourself. Go out and meet new people.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - Stay positive. Just because you don't have any "you" time doesn't mean that you're going to be under pressure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - You're feeling as though there needs to be more creativity in the world. So go ahead and become a Picasso for the day. Show the world your talent.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - There are things stopping you from doing what you want, but that doesn't matter because you're optimistic. Sometimes the wait makes it all the better.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - You feel like you have to do everything on your own and snap at anyone who tries to help, but LISTEN. They obviously care if they want to help.

Comic

By Katie Ringle and Caitlin Harrington



Katie Ringle '12 Cait Harrington '12

Frankly Speaking

By Danny Cooper

Dear Frank,

I was recently put on the deficiency list, and I'm not able to play the next basketball game. I study, but it seems like it's just not enough. It seems like I just can't keep the information in. I will study all night, and when the tests get to be right in front of me, all the information just goes blank. What should I do?

Sincerely,
One Lost Game

Dear One Lost Game,

There are tutors in the upper class that would be glad to help you. You could also try new ways to study, such as flash cards, memory tricks, or even with a friend. Education is always more important than sports, because without the education you wouldn't have sports.

Sincerely,
Frank

Dear Frank,

Lately I have been feeling more and more like my life is pointless. My parents got divorced, my dog died, and the person I have a crush on totally ignores me. Also, my friends aren't hanging out with me as much as they were. They don't want to be around me anymore since I am a major "buzz kill." What do I do?

Sincerely,
Lost in Thoughts

Dear Lost in Thoughts,

Maybe you should try to spice up your life; try new things. If those are your real friends, then maybe they wouldn't stop being your friends. You should also try to talk to some new people and see where that goes.

Sincerely,
Frank

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