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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 1:	**V BB @ TOLNA** **JH SB @ GRAND FORKS VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**
MAY 2:	V SB JAMBOREE @ UND
MAY 4:	**BOYS GOLF @ PEMBINA GOLF COURSE** **V BB VS. HATTON-NORTHWOOD** **V SB @ MAYPORT-CG**
MAY 5:	T&F @ LARIMORE LEIN FIELD BOYS GOLF @ CANDO GOLF COURSE
MAY 7:	**BOYS GOLF @ LANGDON COUNTRY CLUB** **V BB @ THOMPSON**
MAY 8:	V SB @ FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS GOLF @ CREEL BAY GOLF COURSE V BB @ MINTO
MAY 9:	**V SS TOURNAMENT @ FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL** **T&F @ LARIMORE LEIN FIELD**
MAY 11:	JH BOYS GOLF @ LANGDON COUNTRY CLUB T&F @ DEVILS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL V BB @ HOPE-PAGE HIGH SCHOOL V SB @ ROLLA HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 12:	**JH T&F @ HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL** **BOYS GOLF @ WALHALLA COUNTRYCLUB** **V SB @ TOLNA**
MAY 14:	BOYS GOLF @ NORTHWOOD GOLF COURSE
MAY 15:	**T&F REGIONAL TOURNAMENT @ MAY-PORT-CG** **JH BOYS GOLF @ NORTHWOOD**
MAY 18:	JH BOYS GOLF @ DRAYTON
MAY 19:	**BOYS GOLF @ LARIMORE**
MAY 24:	GRADUATION @ 2:00 PM
MAY 26:	**BOYS GOLF REGION TOURNAMENT @ CARRINGTON**

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POLAR BEAR PICTURE OF THE MONTH

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT STEVE SWIONTEK...



THIS YEAR LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS STARTED A 4 YEAR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

WE HAVE SEVENTEEN 4 YEAR OLDS IN ONE SECTION.THIS PRESCHOOL CLASS IS SUPPORTED BY PARENT PAID TUITION: THE FEDERAL HEAD START PROGRAM: AND THE STATE SPONSORED "BEST IN CLASS" PROGRAM. I WAS AMAZED HOW QUICKLY THESE CHILDREN HAVE ADAPTED TO A FULL SCHOOL DAY AND HOW MUCH THEY HAVE GROWN INTELLECTUALLY FROM THE INSTRUCTION THAT OUR TEACHERS HAVE GIVEN THEM. SOME 40 YEARS AGO THE STATE PAID NOTHING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN.LATER, THE STATE STARTED PAYING SCHOOL DISTRICTS A HALF FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN. AT THAT TIME MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY OFFERED HALF DAY KINDERGARTEN BECAUSE OF THE STATE PAYMENT AT 50%. APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS AGO THE NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE APPROVED FULL FOUNDATION PAYMENTS FOR FULL DAY PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN. I WAS AND STILL VERY COMPLEMENTARY OF OUR STATE GOVERNMENT FOR UNDERSTANDING THE NEED FOR FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN IN OUR STATE.TWENTY YEARS LATER, 2027, THE STATE NEEDS TO FUND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY 4 YEAR PRESCHOOLS IN THE STATE. WHY? OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR CHILDCARE IN OUR STATE AND COMMUNITIES. MANY YOUNG FAMILIES HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME IN FINDING CHILDCARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO FIVE YEAR OLDS. THE COST OF PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE HAS BECOME EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE FOR THESE YOUNG FAMILIES.I HAVE VISITED WITH YOUNG PARENTS IN THE STATE WHO ARE PAYING ANYWHERE FROM $800 TO $1000 EACH MONTH FOR ONE CHILD IN DAYCARE. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IMPACT IT HAS ON THEIR FINANCES IF THEY HAVE TWO OR THREE CHILDREN IN DAYCARE. NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT A FULL FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT SPONSOR 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOLS. HEAD START FUNDS AND BEST IN CLASS FUNDS HELP BUT THEY DO NOT COVER THE COSTS OF CLASSROOMS, TEACHERS, AND PARAPROFESSIONALS. THERE ARE SEVERAL STATES IN THE US THAT ALREADY ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR FULL DAY 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL OR PREK PROGRAMS. THOSE STATES HAVE ALREADY SEEN CHILDREN IN THOSE PREK PROGRAMS GROW IN SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ACADEMIC READINESS, LONG TERM SUCCESS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR STRUCTURED ROUTINES AND INDEPENDENCE.IN ADDITION, THOSE STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED HOW TO PLAY SAFELY, AND THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ART, CREATIVITY AND HANDS ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN THOSE PREK CLASSROOMS. I CAN ALREADY HEAR SOME OF THE REASONS FROM SOME ND LEGISLATORS WHY THE STATE SHOULDN'T OR CAN'T PROVIDE A FULL FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR 4 YEAR PREK PROGRAMS IN THE STATE: FIRST, WE CAN'T AFFORD IT: SECOND, THE STATE'S OIL REVENUE IS DOWN: THIRD, IF THE STATE HAS TO PAY FOR FREE MEALS FOR ALL K-12 STUDENTS WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR PREK PROGRAMS ACROSS THE STATE. THE LEGISLATURE MUST REALIZE THAT BY ADDING A PREK 4 YEAR FOUNDATION PAYMENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IT WILL HAVE A VERY POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR OUR STATE. THOSE FUNDS THAT OUR YOUNG FAMILIES WILL NO LONGER BE PAYING FOR CHILDCARE WILL GO BACK INTO STATE'S ECONOMY IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. THE COST OF ADDING A FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR THE BIENNIUM IN MY ESTIMATION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY $92,000,000 FOR ONE YEAR OR $184,000,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM. THE STATE ALREADY ALLOCATES $16 MILLION FOR BEST IN CLASS, THESE FUNDS COULD THEN BE REDIRECTED TO A STATEWIDE FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR PREK PUBLIC SCHOOL SPONSORED 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMS. THEREFORE, THE OVERALL STATE'S INVESTMENT FOR A FULL DAY STATE FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR THE BIENNIUM WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY $168 MILLION FOR BOTH YEARS OF THE BIENNIUM.

TO CLOSE, IF THE LEGISLATURE REALLY BELIEVES THAT $168 MILLION IS JUST TOO BIG OF A PRICE TAG TO START A STATEWIDE PREK PROGRAM FOR 4 YEAR OLDS, THEN THEY NEED TO AT LEAST CONSIDER A HALF DAY FOUNDATION PAYMENT LIKE THE WAY THE STATE STARTED FUNDING FOR KINDERGARTEN SOME 40 OR 30 YEARS AGO.
NEXT YEAR LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OFFER A SECOND SECTION OF PREK 4 YEAR OLD EDUCATION AT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS ADDITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING MORE CHILDREN IN OUR AREA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN OUR PREK 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM PLEASE CALL MRS. KYLIE SWANSON, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL AT 701-343-2249 OR EMAIL HER AT KYLIE.SWANSON[AT]K12.ND.US.

SINCERELY, DR. STEVE SWIONTEK, SUPERINTENDENT

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KAL TRIPLETT



LHS SUMMER WORKOUT OPPORTUNITIES

ACROSS THE REGION, SUMMER TRAINING IS THE NORM RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION. SCHOOLS UNDERSTAND THAT STRENGTH, SPEED, AND OVERALL ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT DOESN`T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT— IT REQUIRES CONSISTENT WORK.
AS A RESULT, MANY AREA SCHOOLS NOW OFFER STRUCTURED SUMMER WEIGHTLIFTING AND SPEED/AGILITY PROGRAMS TO HELP THEIR STUDENTS STAY COMPETITIVE. THE CATCH? MOST OF THESE PROGRAMS COME WITH A COST. IT'S COMMON TO SEE PARTICIPATION FEES RANGING ANYWHERE FROM $75 TO $300 PER ATHLETE.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES LARIMORE'S APPROACH STAND OUT.
LARIMORE HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS BOTH WEIGHTLIFTING AND SPEED & AGILITY OPPORTUNITIES COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE TO STUDENTS.
EVEN MORE VALUABLE, THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT JUST WORKOUTS—THEY CAN ALSO COUNT TOWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT:

- WEIGHTLIFTING (0.5 CREDIT): TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY FROM 7:00–9:00 AM
- SPEED & AGILITY (0.5 CREDIT): MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY FROM 7:00–8:30 AM

NO COST.
NO PRESSURE.
JUST A CHANCE TO GET BETTER.

SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE FOR CREDIT, OTHERWISE TALK TO MRS. HOLTER, MR. TRIPLETT AND MR. HOFFMAN ABOUT YOUR SUMMER WORKOUT PLANS!!

STUDENTS WHO MEET THE REQUIRED HOURS CAN EARN CREDIT, BUT HERE'S THE KEY DIFFERENCE: THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO TREAT THESE AS FORMAL CLASSES. STUDENTS CAN:

- DROP IN WHENEVER THEIR SCHEDULE ALLOWS
- ATTEND ONE OR BOTH PROGRAMS
- TRAIN WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OR CREDIT
- FOCUS SIMPLY ON GETTING BETTER

THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR NOT MEETING HOURS, AND NOTHING GOES AGAINST A STUDENT IF THEY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE INFORMALLY. THE GOAL IS SIMPLE—GET BETTER!

ADDITIONAL ACCESS:

- THE WEIGHT ROOM WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 7:00–9:00 AM
- ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS, SPEED & AGILITY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYM, ENSURING THE WEIGHT ROOM REMAINS AVAILABLE

MANY SCHOOLS ADD A FINANCIAL COMPONENT TO SUMMER WORKOUTS, BUT LARIMORE IS CHOOSING A DIFFERENT PATH—ONE CENTERED ON ACCESS, DEVELOPMENT, AND REMOVING EXCUSES.
IF A STUDENT WANTS TO GET STRONGER, FASTER, AND MORE PREPARED FOR THEIR SPORT OR SIMPLY IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL FITNESS, THE OPPORTUNITY IS THERE EVERY MORNING.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KYLIE SWANSON



AS WE MOVE INTO THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR,

LARIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO CELEBRATE A BUSY AND REWARDING SPRING SEASON. OUR STUDENTS HAVE WORKED HARD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FINISHING STRONG WHILE ENJOYING THE MANY END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR OUR LEARNERS. SEVERAL CLASSROOMS HAVE FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE COMING WEEKS, PROVIDING VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN BEYOND THE CLASSROOM WALLS. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THE LARIMORE BOOSTER CLUB FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THESE ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT SUMMER SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, FROM 8:15 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUT-OF-TOWN STUDENTS. FAMILIES INTERESTED IN ENROLLING THEIR CHILD ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SIGN UP.

PLANNING IS ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, AND WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES WITH PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN TO REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR STAFFING AND PROGRAMMING NEEDS. PRESCHOOL IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY CHILD WHO TURNS FOUR YEARS OLD PRIOR TO AUGUST 1. FAMILIES MAY REGISTER BY EMAILING CDPENROLLMENT[AT]MAYVILLESTATE.EDU.
IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, PLEASE CONTACT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE AT 701-343-2249. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST WITH ENROLLMENT INFORMATION AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. WE WILL ALSO BE SCHEDULING A REGISTRATION DAY AND AN OPEN HOUSE IN AUGUST TO WELCOME FAMILIES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LARIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AS ALWAYS, WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

MARCH STUDENTS



BROOKLYN IS AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT WHO EXEMPLIFIES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TRUE LEADER AND ROLE MODEL. SHE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES A STRONG WORK ETHIC, BALANCING HER COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS WITH HER DEDICATION TO ATHLETICS AT AN IMPRESSIVE LEVEL. BROOKLYN LEADS WITH INTEGRITY, MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES AND SETTING A HIGH STANDARD FOR HER PEERS. SHE IS NOT ONLY FOCUSED ON HER OWN SUCCESS, BUT ALSO GOES OUT OF HER WAY TO SUPPORT CLASSMATES WHEN THEY NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. HER CHARACTER, DETERMINATION, AND WILLINGNESS TO LIFT OTHERS UP MAKE HER A DESERVING STUDENT OF THE MONTH.
(MS. SOINE)



LEXIE HAS EARNED THIS HONOR THROUGH HER CONSISTENT RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, AND DEDICATION IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. SHE BALANCES HER ACADEMIC WORK AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WITH IMPRESSIVE COMMITMENT, ALWAYS STRIVING TO DO HER BEST. LEXIE LEADS BY EXAMPLE, SERVING AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR HER CLASSMATES AND DEMONSTRATING INTEGRITY IN ALL THAT SHE DOES. HER LEADERSHIP AND WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OTHERS MAKE HER A VALUED STUDENT, PEER, AND ROLE MODEL.
(MS. SOINE)



THIS STUDENT HAS BEEN CONSISTENT IN HOW HE APPROACHES EACH DAY SINCE HE WALKED IN OUR SCHOOL DOORS. HE SHOWS UP WITH A GREAT ATTITUDE AND SMILE EVERY SINGLE DAY. HE UNIQUELY ANALYZES EVERYTHING WE DO IN CLASS. HE LOVES TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS EVERY DAY AND WOULD TRY AND ANSWER EVERY QUESTION IF YOU LET HIM. NOT ONLY DOES HE DO IT RIGHT IN THE CLASSROOM, BUT ALSO ON THE FIELD, AS HE COMES TO PRACTICE AND WORKS TO IMPROVE EVER SINGLE DAY....ALWAYS GIVING HIS BEST. CONGRATULATIONS SEAN HOOK!!
(MR. J)



LILY IS A HARD WORKING AND POSITIVE STUDENT, NOTHING SEEMS TO GET HER DOWN. SHE ALWAYS HAS A SMILE ON HER FACE AND IS WILLING TO FACE A CHALLENGE HEAD ON. CONGRATS LILY!
(MRS. LARSON)



DEVIN HAS AN INCREDIBLE WORK ETHIC. SHE IS ALWAYS ON TASK IN CLASS AND GETS HER WORK DONE WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO SPARE. SHE IS DEPENDABLE, CONSISTENT, AND RESPECTFUL, AND HAS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE EVERY DAY. DEVIN IS ALWAYS WILLING TO ASSIST HER CLASSMATES AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO BE HELPFUL. SHE IS A TEAM PLAYER AND IS A QUIET LEADER AMONGST THE 7TH GRADE CLASS. CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH, DEVIN!
(MS. ENSIGN)



AUBREE HAS SHOWN INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND GROWTH OVER THE PAST YEAR. SHE HAS FACED CHALLENGES WITH RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION, CONTINUING TO PUSH FORWARD AND BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF HERSELF! SHE BRINGS A POSITIVE ENERGY WHEREVER SHE GOES, ALWAYS WEARING A SMILE AND SHOWING GENUINE EXCITEMENT FOR HER FUTURE. HER INVOLVEMENT IN ATHLETICS AND FBLA REFLECTS HER DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND DRIVE! HER RECENT FBLA PRESENTATION ON CAREER EXPLORATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION WAS OUTSTANDING AND TRULY SHOWCASED HER PASSION AND GROWTH!! I AM BEYOND PROUD OF THE PROGRESS SHE HAS MADE AND ALL THAT SHE HAS ACCOMPLISHED. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER CONTINUE TO SHINE IN ALL THAT SHE DOES!! CONGRATULATIONS, AUBREE!!
(MRS. HESS)

VCSU MATH

VCSU MATH COMPETITION: OVER 500 COMPETITORS AND 49 SCHOOLS. KATELYN AAMODT GOT 8TH PLACE IN THE 10TH-12TH DIVISION.



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BASEBALL



BACKROW: BARON BURNS, CASE KNUDSON, MANNY GOMEZ, BRAYDEN CHRISTIANSON, LEVI WARNKE
THIRD ROW: ETHAN VAGELINE, NICOLAS PRITCHETT, TATUM STARK, DYLLAN RETHEMEIER, LOGAN KYLLO, CARSON HOWARD, JOSHUA TODD

SECOND ROW: COACH BEN JACOBSON, COACH CASEY SELZER, SEAN HOOK, LEVI TODD, RYAN ESTVOLD, COLTEN WOODBURY, TRACE HANSON, JOSIE OSTREM, ALEAH PETSINGER
FRONTROW: RILEY GOVEN, CADEN ERICKSON, KIP JANZEN, HUNTER SNYDER, DESTIN GOMEZ, ZYLER BOLEN, TYCEN MACKEN

SOFTBALL



BACKROW: COACH NIKKI HOLTER, COACH KAL TRIPLETT, COACH MADISON RAFFERTY
FOURTH ROW: RORY TRIPLETT, CALLI BOUCHER, KYMBREE GREEN, MEREDITH HOVERSON, LILY LAMBERSON, PIPER KNUDSON, HARPER KALLOCK, MADDISON EGGL, CATE GRAVDAHL

THIRD ROW: LYLA STOVER, RAEGAN OSTREM, REGAN TRIPLETT, KENZI KLEMETSON, TENLEY BEHM, CLAIRE GRAVDAHL, KYREN CHRISTENSEN, AUBREE HENNEMAN

SECOND ROW: LEXI LAMBERSON, MILA LEHMANN, MARIAH HOVERSON, JILLIAN DIETZLER, ANNA OSTREM, ADDISON ERICKSON, PAYTIN MCMAHON

FRONTROW: LIBBY HANSON, VICTORIA LARSON, ANNIKA LARSON, KALIAH HEIMARK, KENLIE NELSON, TAYLOR POWELL

TRACK & FIELD



BACKROW: MARCUS POWELL, REED GRATTON, IAN GOMEZ, HUNTER THORVILSON, BEN BOTELLO, ANDRE LANG, COLLYN PETERSON, CADEN BRISSETTE-HILARIO
SIXTH ROW: LIAM FYFE, BROGEN LARSON, ETHAN PIFER, GRANT ODERMANN, PARKER KUHL, DAVID BOTELLO, THOMAS KARAS
FIFTH ROW: COLTON SCHNEIDER, ANDREW TROSEN, ALEX BRORBY, BENTLEY GALIZIA, ANDERSON GULLEY, TUCKER STOVER, LOGAN DIETZLER, LANDYN TETREAU
FOURTH ROW: COACH EASTON HOFFMAN, COACH JACOB KRAM, COACH HALEY HASE, COACH ALEX MUTCH
THIRD ROW: ABIGAIL SCHADLER, RAEANN CAJUNE, ZOEY STONE, RORY BYLIN, MELANIE ALEMAN-LOPEZ, INGA LARSON, LIV LARSON
SECOND ROW: CORA ZAHRADKA, AURORA MINICK, DEVIN MCDONALD, EMMA MURPHY, ADYSON BUFFINGTON, ALYSA BJORNSTAD, EMILY SAMUELSON, MADISON TODD, PHOEBE STOVER
FRONTROW: AVARIE ZAHRADKA, RILEE BRAATEN, KYLA MOEN, MCKINLEY MOEN, GRACE SANDS, BROOKLYN STROMBERG, RACHEL SCHADLER, JOHANNA LANG

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BOYS GOLF



FRONTROW: COACH TODD VAN LAERE, JACK GRAVDAHL, MAX HOVERSON, MASON STEFFEN, ALEX BRORBY, JEROME ROTHENBURGER, NATHAN PRITCHETT, ADAM DIETZLER, BARON BURNS, CALE PIETRON, CHASE BENSON, KASEN THUNE

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY STAFF MEMBER



MRS. GEMMILL

MARCH STAFF MEMBER



MRS. HESS

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POLAR BEAR OF THE MONTH



GRACE SANDS HAS BEEN NAMED THE PBBC "POLAR BEAR OF THE MONTH" FOR MARCH 2026!

GRACE WAS THE TOP SCORING FEMALE ATHLETE AT THE USATF DAKOTAS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP THIS PAST MONTH AT UND, SORING A STAGGERING 31 POINTS! GRACE PLACED IN ALL OF HER EVENTS, TAKING THE TOP SPOT IN 3 OF THEM.

GRACE ALSO PLACED 2ND AT STATE FBLA IN BUSINESS LAW AND EARNED HERSELF A TRIP TO NATIONALS IN SAN ANTONIO, TX THIS SUMMER!!

-CONGRATULATIONS!

UND HONOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 25-26, EMILY SAMUELSON, BROOKLYNN GERSZEWSKI, AND RENAE MCLEAN PARTICIPATED IN THE UND HONOR MUSIC FESTIVAL. THEY WERE SELECTED FROM THE OVER 900 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO AUDITIONED LAST OCTOBER. THE EVENT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY, BUT THE LOVELY NORTH DAKOTA WEATHER HAD OTHER PLANS. THE STUDENTS REHEARSED ALL AFTERNOON ON SATURDAY WITH THEIR CONDUCTORS, TO WORK UP THE MUSIC THAT HAD BEEN SELECTED. THEN, SUNDAY MORNING, EVERYONE GATHERED AT THE CHESTER FRITZ AUDITORIUM FOR A FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL. SUNDAY AFTERNOON, A WONDERFUL CONCERT WAS GIVEN WITH AMAZING MUSIC FROM ALL FOUR GROUPS. BROOKLYNN SANG IN THE MIXED CHOIR, WHILE EMILY AND RENAE SANG IN THE TREBLE CHOIR. THE OTHER TWO GROUPS WERE THE HONOR BAND AND HONOR STRINGS. IT WAS A THRILLING CONCERT WITH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC ALL AROUND. ALL THREE STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER WITH SOME OF THE BEST MUSICIANS FROM AROUND THE AREA.

