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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2: BOYS GOLF @ CARRINGTON CROSS ROADS GOLF COURSE
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LARIMORE ELEMENTARY PRE-K

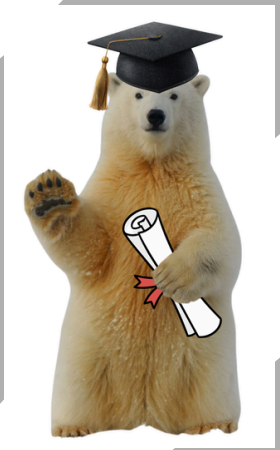
Our full-day pre-k enrollment is open to out-of-district students. They must be 4 years old before August 1st.

If you would like to enroll your child please go to mayvillestate.edu/cdpapp

Please contact Kylie Swanson for more information.
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POLAR BEAR PICTURE OF THE MONTH

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT STEVE SWIONTEK...



FOR OVER 100 YEARS LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS BEEN GRADUATING YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN TO GO FORTH AND DO THEIR BEST.

THIS YEAR LHS WILL BE GRADUATING TWENTY EIGHT OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN. THE LHS CLASS OF 2026 WILL GO FORWARD TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY, THE REGION, THE STATE, THE NATION AND THE WORLD. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL TRY THEIR BEST TO MAKE OUR STATE, NATION AND WORLD A BETTER PLACE. I AM SURE THAT OUR GRADUATES UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED THIS LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFORTS BUT ALSO THE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THEIR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, THEIR FRIENDS, THEIR TEACHERS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO TWELVE GRADES, THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELORS, AND THEIR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. WE ALL NEED TO CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR. I SAY "THUS FAR" ONLY BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE GRADUATES WILL GO ON FROM LARIMORE HIGH SCHOOL TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION, SERVE THEIR COUNTRY, AND EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE JOIN THE WORK FORCE. OUR STUDENTS NEED TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION AT SOME LEVEL, WHETHER IT IS A TWO YEAR DEGREE, A FOUR YEAR DEGREE, AN ADVANCED DEGREE, MILITARY TRAINING, VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL EDUCATION. IT IS MY HOPE THAT OUR GRADUATES, AND I BELIEVE THEY DO, UNDERSTAND THAT LEARNING IS A LIFETIME ACTIVITY AND SHOULD NEVER STOP.

TO CLOSE, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT EACH ONE OF OUR TWENTY EIGHT GRADUATES WILL GO FORTH AND BE SUCCESSFUL IN WHATEVER THEY CHOOSE TO DO IN LIFE. ON BEHALF OF THE LARIMORE SCHOOL BOARD, THE LPS FACULTY AND STAFF, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE LARIMORE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 AND WISH THEM A GREAT FUTURE.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND TREMENDOUS SUMMER. REMEMBER READ.

SINCERELY, DR. STEVE SWIONTEK, SUPERINTENDENT

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KAL TRIPLETT



AS WE CLOSE THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR,

WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GROWTH, AND MEMORIES THAT MADE THIS YEAR SPECIAL AT OUR SCHOOL. FROM ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES TO ATHLETICS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, OUR STUDENTS CONTINUED TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE, DETERMINATION, AND CHARACTER.

THIS YEAR BROUGHT MANY SUCCESSES, BUT NONE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2026. WE CONGRATULATE OUR GRADUATES ON REACHING THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE IMPACT THEY WILL MAKE IN THE FUTURE. THIS CLASS HAS SHOWN RESILIENCE, LEADERSHIP, AND A COMMITMENT TO GROWTH THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME HERE, AND WE ARE PROUD OF ALL THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS — THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND DEDICATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE, RELAXING, AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER. CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN TO THE CLASS OF 2026!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KYLIE SWANSON

AS WE APPROACH THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE MONTH OF MAY IS ALWAYS FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT AS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRIPS AND END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES. I AM PROUD OF THE HARD WORK AND GROWTH OUR STUDENTS HAVE SHOWN THIS YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO FINISHING THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! SUMMER SCHOOL IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND WILL RUN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE FROM 8:15 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. WE UNDERSTAND MANY STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN SUMMER BASEBALL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND WILL WORK AROUND THESE SCHEDULES, AS NEEDED. TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE FOR OUT-OF-TOWN STUDENTS AS WELL AS IN-TOWN DAYCARE LOCATIONS. THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUMMER SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE.

WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WE HAVE OPENED A SECOND PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM FOR BOTH IN-DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS. THIS CLASSROOM IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY HEAD START AND WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES SEEKING QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OR PROGRAMMING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME DIRECTLY OR ENROLL YOUR CHILD AT WWW.MAYVILLESTATE.EDU/CDPAPP.

AS SUMMER APPROACHES, I ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO CONTINUE PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE BREAK. READING DAILY, VISITING THE LIBRARY, PRACTICING MATH FACTS, WRITING JOURNALS OR LETTERS, PLAYING EDUCATIONAL GAMES, AND SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS EXPLORING NATURE ARE ALL EXCELLENT WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. EVEN SMALL AMOUNTS OF DAILY PRACTICE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN HELPING STUDENTS MAINTAIN THEIR SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE.

INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION DAY AND OUR OPEN HOUSE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE SHARED AND ADVERTISED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH FOR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT LARIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A SAFE, RELAXING, AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

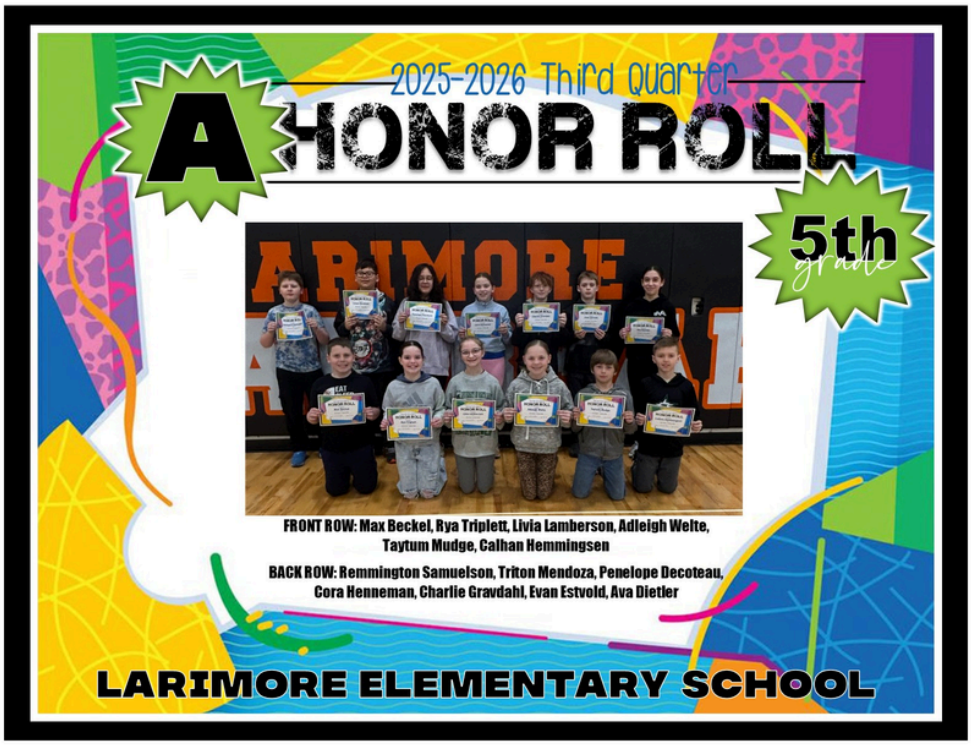
6TH GRADE A & B HONOR ROLL





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5TH GRADE A & B HONOR ROLL





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CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES



BRADEN BACON



ALLY BUTTERFIELD



JUNIOR GASCA



BROOKLYNN GERSZEWSKI



MANNY GOMEZ



ROSSLYN GRAUSAM



ANDERSON GULLEY



JAYDEN HELL



MAX HOVERSON



ANNIKA LARSON



VICTORIA LARSON

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CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES



KYLA MOEN



MCKINLEY MOEN



MASON MYERS



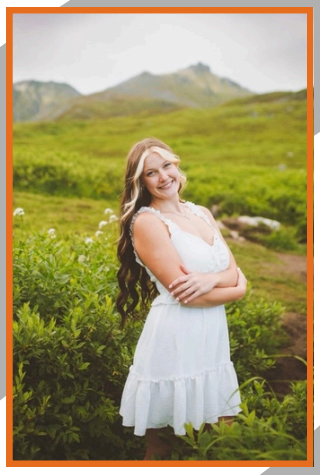
KASEY NESDAHL



JOSIE OSTREM



JACIE PERNAT



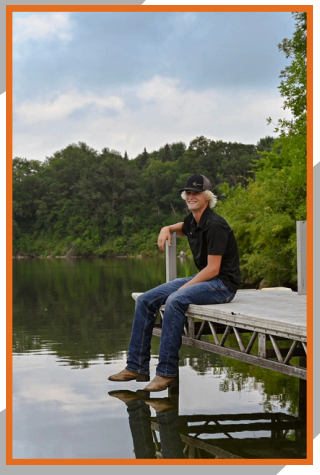
ALEAH PETSINGER



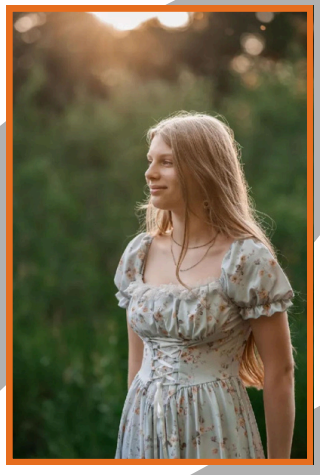
LILLY PIETRON



ALEX POWELL



DYLLAN RETHEMEIER



LAUREN SAMUELSON

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CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES



RACHEL SCHADLER



MASON STEFFEN



BIANCA STONE



TUCKER STOVER



KARTER WELD-MURDOCK



AVARIE ZAHRADKA



JACK GRAVDAHL HAS BEEN NAMED THE PBBC "POLAR BEAR OF THE MONTH" FOR APRIL 2026!

JACK IS INVOLVED IN GOLF, FBLA AND WORKS FOR THE PARK BOARD. JACK CURRENTLY JUGGLES SCHOOL, GOLFING, WORKING CONCESSIONS FOR FBLA, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, FIELD PREP. JACK TAKES TIME AWAY AFTER PRACTICES AND HELPS THE SOFTBALL TEAM AND PARK BOARD WITH FIELD PREP AND GARBAGE PICK UP OF THE BALL FIELD FACILITY. WITHOUT JACK, THERE WOULD BE MANY THINGS LEFT UNFINISHED AT THE BALL FIELDS THIS SPRING!

-CONGRATULATIONS!

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

APRIL STUDENTS

TUCKER STOVER



LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN, EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE—THROUGH DEDICATION IN THE CLASSROOM, THIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINEE STRIVES TO LEARN AND CONSISTENTLY ACHIEVE STRONG ACADEMIC SUCCESS. ON THE FIELD, HE DEMONSTRATES DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK, AND PERSEVERANCE AS A COMMITTED ATHLETE. HE LEADS WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR HIS PEERS AND REPRESENTING HIS SCHOOL AND FFA CHAPTER WITH PRIDE. HIS WORK ETHIC, CHARACTER, AND SERVICE-MINDED SPIRIT MAKE TUCKER STOVER TRULY DESERVING STUDENT OF THE MONTH.

JACIE PERNAT



JACIE IS AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR. SHE DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB OF LEADING BY EXAMPLE. JACIE IS INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE SCHOOL GROUPS AND HELPS KEEP THEM ALL RUNNING. BY BEING INVOLVED, JACIE DEMONSTRATES WHAT IT MEANS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF AND PRIDE IN THE SCHOOL. TIME AND TIME AGAIN, SHE HAS PROVEN THAT SHE IS DEPENDABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, AND CONSISTENT. JACIE IS POSITIVE, FRIENDLY, AND ALWAYS READY TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION. SHE IS GOING TO BE AMAZING IN HER NEXT STAGE OF LIFE. CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING STUDENT OF THE MONTH, YOU'VE EARNED IT!
(MS. ENSIGN)

KYREN CHRISTENSEN



KYREN IS A RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, AND HARDWORKING STUDENT WHO CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES INTEGRITY IN EVERYTHING SHE DOES. SHE TAKES BOTH HER ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS SERIOUSLY, ALWAYS GIVING HER BEST EFFORT AND SETTING A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR THOSE AROUND HER. ALONG WITH HER STRONG WORK ETHIC, KYREN'S FUN AND HUMOROUS PERSONALITY BRINGS POSITIVITY TO HER CLASSMATES AND PEERS EACH DAY. SHE IS TRULY DESERVING OF THIS RECOGNITION, AND WE WILL MISS HER PRESENCE IN THE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.
(MS. SOINE)

REGAN TRIPLETT



THIS STUDENT HAS MATURED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND BECOME A STRONG LEADER IN HER CLASS. SHE WORKS DILIGENTLY AND SEES AND UNDERSTANDS MANY THINGS HER CLASSMATES DON'T SEE INITIALLY. SHE STAYS INVOLVED IN MANY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND CURRENTLY PLAYING A BIG PART IN THE SUCCESS OF THE SOFTBALL TEAM AS AN 8TH GRADER. KEEP UP ALL THE GOOD WORK...SKY IS THE LIMIT!!
CONGRATS REGAN!!
(MR. J)

BENTLEY GALIZIA



THIS NOMINEE FOR STUDENT OF THE MONTH CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND STRONG CHARACTER. HE TREATS OTHERS WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT, GETTING ALONG WELL WITH EVERYONE. IN ADDITION TO HIS GREAT ATTITUDE, HE DEMONSTRATES DEDICATION IN ATHLETICS, ALWAYS WORKING HARD AND REPRESENTING POLAR BEAR PRIDE. HE IS A GREAT ROLE MODEL BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. CONGRATULATIONS BENTLEY GALIZIA!

JENNA NUSVIKEN



JENNA IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE TREMENDOUS WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION HAS BEEN CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SHE IS ACTIVE IN MUSIC AND IN FFA AND CONTINUES TO IMPRESS ME WITH HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BOTH. SHE IS A FABULOUS STUDENT AND WORKS THROUGH CHALLENGES WITH GRACE AND PERSEVERANCE. HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE, HARD WORK, AND COMMITMENT TO HER LEARNING MAKE HER VERY DESERVING OF STUDENT OF THE MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS!
(MRS. LARSON)

6TH GRADE GRADUATION

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 6TH GRADE GRADUATES, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THIS OUTSTANDING GROUP OF STUDENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK, GROWTH, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR ELEMENTARY YEARS AT LARIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. OVER THE YEARS, THEY HAVE BUILT FRIENDSHIPS, DEVELOPED LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND CREATED MANY LASTING MEMORIES ALONG THE WAY. WE ARE PROUD OF ALL THEY HAVE ACHIEVED AND LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING THEM CONTINUE TO GROW AND SUCCEED AS THEY BEGIN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2032! WE WISH EACH OF YOU THE VERY BEST IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BEYOND!



FRONT: RJ CURRIER-CARLSON, OLIVER MITCHELL, HUNTER HEATH, HUNTER KAMINSKI, BRYSEN DAHL, SYLUS STAVE, LIAM HOVERSON, MACKENZIE SAMUELSON, JAXYN OLSON

BACK: SJ FOURIE, SLAYDE LEI, JACE HANNESTAD, BLAKE NESDAHL, BRINLEY QUAST, NO NAME, LARISSA PIETRON, HARLOW CARRIER, AUBREY CAPP, BRIAR JANZEN, LOGAN HANSSEN

NOT PICTURED: BRODY BJORNSTAD AND AVA OLSON

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STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

APRIL

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

MRS. JANZEN



THANK YOU LETTER

DEAR ALL,

I WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION AT LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR MAKING SURE THAT OUR MUSIC PROGRAM CONTINUED WHEN WE DID NOT FIND FULL-TIME, LONG-TERM MUSIC TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. ANOTHER, VERY IMPORTANT THANK YOU ALSO GOES TO MR. ALLAN MELBY, MRS. BRENDA BECK, AND MS. COURTNEY PORTER FOR STEPPING IN TO FILL MUCH NEEDED ROLES. WITHOUT THE THREE OF YOU SHARING YOUR TIME AND GIFTS, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED. BECAUSE YOU ALL STEPPED UP, OUR PROGRAM NOT ONLY CONTINUED, BUT IT ALSO THRIVED. YOU ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO USE THEIR TALENTS AND GROW AS MUSICIANS. THIS LETTER DOES NOT SEEM ADEQUATE, WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE IMPACT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON THE KIDS AT LPS, THANK YOU ALL!

TO THE NEW TEACHERS COMING IN, WE APPRECIATE OUR MUSIC PROGRAM AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SUPPORTING YOU!

SINCERELY,
JENNY MCLEAN







VISION ZERO CONFERENCE 2026

Our student leaders recently had the opportunity to attend the Vision Zero Partner Conference in Bismarck! Throughout our time, students participated in sessions focused on leadership, safe decision-making, traffic safety awareness, and ways young people can positively impact their schools and communities.

Our students represented our school extremely well through their engagement, professionalism, and willingness to learn! We are proud of the leadership they continue to show as members of our Vision Zero team and look forward to the ideas and initiatives they will bring back to our school community!





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LHS "EXCELLENCE IN ATTENDANCE" AWARDS TO THE TOP 10

STUDENTS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR!

BROGEN L, JACK B, SEAN H, RACHEL S, CLAIRE G, HUNTER T, BRENDAN C, KARTER WM, LYLA C

(NOT PICTURED - LEVI WARNKE IN FARGO FOR FFA)





DISTINGUISHED STUDENT-ATHLETE



CONGRATULATIONS TO MEG REINHOLD!!

LARIMORE HIGH SCHOOL'S NDHSAA

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT-ATHLETE