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## STUCK IN TIME

### High School: Is It Worth Remembering?

**Mitchell Fontaine**  
Whatever Editor

Last week, many of you may have seen the giant box marked “Do Not Touch” outside Mr. Miller’s room, and wondered “what is that all about?”. Well, two senior girls, Megan Welshons and Nataly Milbradt, decided to make a time capsule for their Civics class project. The Civics project is a community service project for Mr. Miller. Megan and Nataly were asked why they chose to make a time capsule, they explained that it was the only cool idea for their project that popped up on the internet.

So, how is this whole time capsule thing going to work? Seniors were asked to fill out a short questionnaire about themselves and their favorite high school memories and then turn in the questionnaire along with an item to go in the capsule. The capsule will then be “buried” in the tunnels by the old gym on November 30<sup>th</sup> and be opened at the class of 2013’s 20-year reunion in 2033 (if the world doesn’t end in December).

Many seniors like the idea of a time capsule, such as Lyle Nyberg, who “Thinks it’s a cool idea. It’ll remind us 20 years from now what cool cats we thought we were.” However, some students don’t, such as Matt Jones, who said, “I think it’s a waste of time, but I can see why some people would think it’s cool. I just think it’s stupid.” Megan and Nataly both agreed that the most surprising thing that they will find in the time capsule is



**Megan Welshons and Nataly Milbradt construct a time capsule for their civics project.**

something perverted or inappropriate. Nataly said that one of the more interesting things is Kassie Kokesh’s, which is all the movies she has made. Another subject of interest is the box’s size.

When asked why they made such a giant box, Nataly explained that her dad made the box, and he thought there were 300 people in the senior class.

She also said that seven feet didn’t sound that big. Luckily, they plan on making the box smaller before it is buried. Nataly also wanted to make sure that everyone knows she thinks she’s really cool, and hasn’t shaved since October 30<sup>th</sup>, “what up.”



## Robinson New Ag Teacher in Town

**Jenny Siegford**  
Staff Writer

One of the many new teachers is Greg Robinson. He is the new Industrial Arts Shop teacher. Mr. Robinson attended Aitkin School District for his education. He was involved in basketball and track. In school he always looked up to his Ag Instructor Dave Rued, which helped him pursue his career choice. After graduating high school in 1976, he advanced in something he enjoyed doing.

Robinson went off to college at the University of Minnesota getting his Ag Degree. Then went to Staples Technical College for a Machine Diploma. Then went to Bemidji State University for his Industrial Arts Certification. Greg got hired and worked in the Staples School District as an Ag teacher for 17 years and changed to Aitkin High School due to cuts in their school.

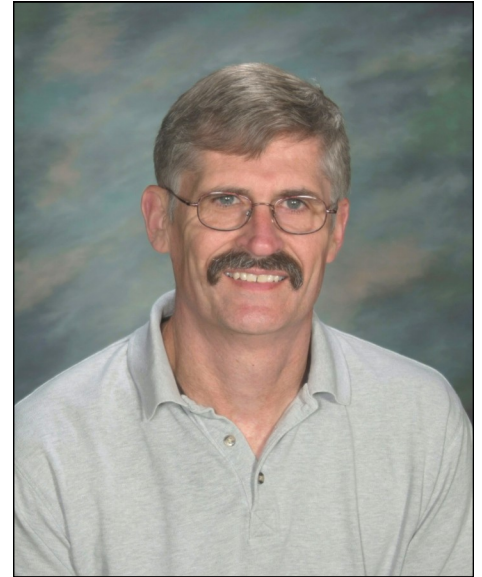
Mr. Robinson is enjoying his new

"I always loved being in shop classes as a student and thought I would like to teach students the things I had learned."

**-Mr. Robinson**

surroundings at AHS. "I always loved being in shop classes as a student and thought I would like to teach students the things I had learned," said Greg. As a teacher he inspires his students to do their best work, he says, "They need to be self motivated and interested in the subject, I try to guide them from the point toward my objectives of learning."

Robinson is currently living in Staples, Minnesota. He is married and has



three girls. We are excited to welcome our new shop teacher to Aitkin High School!

## An Hour of Honor

**Stephanie Hargrove**  
Staff Writer

On November 12 we had a very memorable day, and like every year our veterans are in the lime light. First of all I just want to point out how important this day is for everyone, thanks to the Vet's we are here today and we have a lot of freedom that they fought for. We wouldn't have anything close to what we have now if it wasn't for them and they deserve everything we can give them.

After the National Anthem and presentation of our country's colors, there

was an essay from the Voices of Democracy. Kayla Brate-O Neil was labeled third, after in second place was Jessica Stephens and then Matthias Wickstrom as first place.

The concert choir and band did a great job on the music, playing "marches of Armed Forces" and the choir sang "Thank you Soldiers!" In the end of it all, they saved the best for last. Joseph Sanganero, a lieutenant as a Marine, made a very memorable speech to the whole school and explained how important his country was to him and what it was like to be in the Marines. He said some words that were very inspiring and said that you couldn't imagine

the feeling of being in that position, the whole country is counting on you. Thanks Mr. Pederson for the time to give respect and honor to our veterans!





## Liljenquist is Student of the Week

**Brad Nelson**  
Staff Writer

Lexi Liljenquist a junior at Aitkin High School is the student of the week. She is involved in several school activities including Tennis, Wrestling manager along with her dad being a wrestling coach, and Softball. Her favorite class is Human Geography because her friends are in it and it's a fun class. She is the oldest of three and has two younger sisters in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Her summer job was being Kelly and Michelle's slave "I need to stop betting on 'em horses." Her favorite season of the year is fall because of the colors of the leaves and it's really pretty outside and it's not cold yet.

According to Lexi she likes to take long walks along the beach, and drinking Pina

Coladas. Lexi's favorite movie is Pitch Perfect even though she hasn't seen it yet. Lexi's unique qualities are that she can float like a butterfly and sting like a bee. Her influential role models are Michelle Alvarez and Kelley Schneller because they taught her how to live and told her about the fight club. Lexi's favorite memory was when she went on a choir/band trip to New York during the summer before her junior year and Hannah Jensen checked the beds for bed bugs while Michelle was eating pop tarts in bed "which attracts bed bugs."

After Lexi graduates from Aitkin High School she plans on going down to the University of Minnesota for right know but may change her mind. She plans on majoring in Veterinarian down at the U of M, "but her real dream is to be Mrs. Channing Tatum."



**Lexi Liljenquist**

## Señora's Constantly Changing Life

**Michelle Alvarez**  
Staff Writer

Born on March second, 1963, Irma Boerhave became the third oldest child in a family of seven children. Irma grew up playing with her brothers. While her sisters would play dress up Boerhave would follow in her brothers' steps and play cowboys and Indians. She was often described as a tom boy.

High school was a breeze for this highly active teen; she participated in student council, archeology club, volleyball, national honor society, French club and Theater Club. In her junior year in high school Boerhave took part in an exchange student program and studied in Detroit Michigan.

Boerhave always had a passion for mechanics and wanted to work alongside her father in his auto body shop, but because of the period in time Boerhave chose to work on becoming a social worker since it was more acceptable. She changed her career path half way through her first year and studied to become an English teacher.

After having her first child, (Daniel Escribar) Boerhave taught for 13 years in Chile and then moved to America with all three of her children after her di-



vorce. Boerhave moved multiple times before settling in Aitkin, MN and marrying Evert John Boerhave. Boerhave currently teaches in Aitkin School districts.

With her oldest child (Daniel) already becoming a father, her second child (David Alvarez) already graduating high school, Boerhave is only left with her youngest and only girl (Michelle Alvarez) in her junior year of High school. Boerhave's life currently surrounds her family, students and school work.

According to Irma Boerhave, or Señora as she is mostly known as, dealing

with homework and work gets difficult. But it helps her understand how it can get hard for students to juggle their other lives when teachers assign too much work. Going back for her master degree was a choice she made in hopes of improving her teaching methods and learning new things. Though college has changed since the last time Señora has been there, she says that the teaching has only improved. She's happy with what she's doing even if it takes more time out of her life than she wished for.

"Improving yourself and striving to be better is something I've always tried to live by" Señora stated during our interview. So while we all slouch in our desks and listen to our teachers drone on about something we have no particular interest about, remember their trying hard to study and be better teachers for us.

Why not better yourself? Education is always an option. Irma Boerhave has come a long way from the hyper tomboy she once was to the teacher and adviser she is today. A motto she's always lived by is "Be kind, be forgiving and love each other. Because anger will only consume you, heavy hearts will only weight you down and everyone deserves to be loved and treated with respect."





## Spanish Club On The Rise

**Casey Mindrum**  
Staff Writer

All around the school you hear kids talking about the activities they do in the Spanish Department. More and more kids are joining Spanish Club, signing up to take classes and getting excited about having Spanish class. Irma Boerhave is Aitkin's Spanish teacher as well as head of Spanish Club. She teaches Spanish I and II here at the High School.

One of the many projects going on in the Spanish room is a giant mural being painted on the wall. It began this year and was painted by the Spanish students. During their first unit they learned about Spanish culture and studied things like dancing, food, flowers, dress, and of course customs. Senora felt it would help them remember it all better if they got to take part in painting and got to see it every day. The mural has many features and aspects from Spanish culture and many students are excited to see the final product.

In the beginning of Nov. most if not everyone in the school was likely to see the day of the dead display outside the lunch room. Day of the dead went from Nov 1-2 and to most it symbolized that with death is a celebration and with death comes new life. The Spanish students celebrated by having a coloring contest, dressing up skeletons, dressing up themselves and painting their faces. Just one of the many things going on in the Spanish Dept. at Aitkin High School.



**Spanish Club made a Day Of The Dead display**

The Spanish Club is full of both Spanish students and regular kids who just want to learn and experience new things. There are roughly 42 kids currently in Spanish club. They do things from participating in Day of the Dead activities, hosting their annual Spanish dinner (in Jan.), and in 2014 they will be going on a trip to Spain. Like previous years the students will be painting Spanish inspired pictures and sell-

ing them the week before Christmas break. The money will go to making meals for kids in Haiti. It may seem like Senora has her hands full this year but the students aren't worried and know she will pull it all off with ease.

\*\*\*\*All students in Spanish Club need to bring in \$10 for their shirts ASAP!



**Kayla Ellis**  
Staff Writer

What is the Chem. Club about...? The chemistry club usually meets after school. The students learn more about the chemistry club and do fun

## Chemistry Club: Fun and Science Go Hand In Hand

activities. The club just started but they are planning experiments, field trips and just having fun. The goals of the chemistry club are to just have fun and to enjoy science and learn about famous scientists. So far there are 20 people that have joined

the chem. Club. The club will still be happening as long as there are people joining. The club usually meets during I.S. but sometimes after school. Students that want to join should talk to Ms. Zettel or go to one of the meetings.



## The Sweep: Here to Stay?

**Michelle Alvarez**  
Staff Writer

Sweep: A five letter word that has been spoken a lot since the sweep two weeks ago. Wondering what a sweep is? A sweep is something being tried by the school at the moment to help reduce tardiness. It can happen anytime of the day, and more than once a week. After the second bell rings teachers lock their doors and any students caught in the halls with be escorted to the cafeteria and asked why they were late.

We all have those friends that come into class 5 minutes after the bell and most of the time they have pretty interesting reasons for being late. So while some teachers take tardiness very seriously, others

don't. The sweep will help the administration talk personally to students and get to the core of tardiness. Luck is on our side too, because even though this is something new the old rules of tardiness still apply. You still get written up and after three tardy's you get a detention. So while you may have to miss a bit more of your class for a talk at least there isn't more severe consequences.

I've never really had a problem with tardiness so I'll admit that the new procedure doesn't really apply to me. I've also noticed that not many people knew it was happening and even the people that heard of it don't seem to be highly bothered by it. In my opinion there's a chance that tardiness with decrease since most students

don't want to come face to face with the principle for something as small as tardiness but at the same time, repeat offenders might not be really bothered by it.

When you think of it in the long run, tardiness is something students should worry about. Soon we'll have to pay for our education and if you're always tardy you might miss important information or not be let into the class. Being on time is something that should always be applied. No one will hire you if you're late for an interview. Parents get cranky if you don't come home by curfew and teachers are annoyed by late students disrupting their class. So why don't we go to bed earlier and walk a little faster. After all it is your education. we're talking about.

## What are your thoughts on the Sweep?

**Mitchell Fontaine**  
Staff Writer



Jeremy Paulbeck—  
“That’s what I think: Garrett Espeseth.”



Joseph Fontaine—  
“Dumb.”



Eddy Simonson -  
“It has a lemony texture.”



Camille Cummings—  
“That’s dumb, excuse my language - school is jail.” \*



Mikayla Michaletz—  
“I like it, its super funny.”



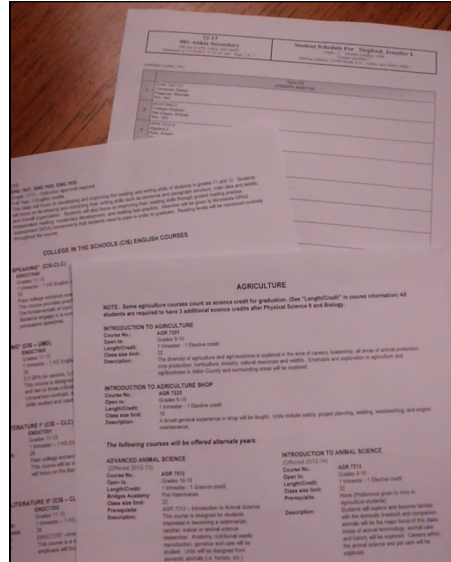


# Is There an Elective Shortage?

**Casey Mindrum**  
Staff Writer

The time is coming to start thinking about the classes you want to take next year. Most of you are thinking you just want to be with your friends, and some might be looking for certain classes you want to take, but will it work out exactly like you want it to? For most of you it will happen but for some it won't.

There have been some major budget cuts here at Aitkin High School (as well as other schools) over the past years and it has led to some schedule problems. Before any major cuts were made Aitkin had 2 business teachers, two foods teachers, one and a half art teachers, and kids got the option of taking either German or Spanish. Not all of it was budget cuts, but it did have a big role in the slow but ongoing elective decrease. When the Agriculture teacher, Mr. Lake left they never hired anyone new to take his position they just spread it out between other qualified teachers. Another reason for electives being taken out was the fact that kids weren't signing up for some classes and eventually they got cut all together. When asked what classes seemed to be the favorites before they were cut, Geni from the guidance office said there were a lot of kids who wanted to take German and there was a big demand for almost all of the art classes.



While electives seem to be shorted a little, the college level options are fairly wide spread. There are currently 19 Central Lakes College electives in the school and about 100 regular electives. That may seem like a lot but when about 26 of them are only for juniors or seniors and both the freshmen and sophomore classes need to sign up for classes it gets to be a problem. Especially because the seniors get first pick of electives, then juniors and so on. All the popular classes fill up and the people who didn't get to register

for classes right away get stuck with a class they may not like.

A shortage of electives is not the only reason for schedule problems. Some teachers may have so many classes they don't have time to teach the same class twice a day and some may only have enough students for one class but have such a busy schedule that their classes are locked in place. For example Mr. Michaeltz only has one College Algebra class and it's stuck in first hour all year as with Mrs. DelZoppo's Physics which is stuck in second hour all year. It may not seem like a problem but if you are in both of those classes it just eliminated your chances of getting another elective that was only offered first or second hour.

I'm not saying there is an easy fix to the problem but maybe the administration should take a closer look at what classes kids want to take more and adjust according to the students while trying to stay in their means of budget. They could try doing some extra activities to get some better funding. Another option would be for a group of students who want to take a certain class or get a class back to help out the administration by getting funds for said class. It would be a struggle but if we try hard enough I feel that we could adjust the electives and the system to make everyone happy.

# Stand Up For The Little Guys

**Dylon Wiberg**  
Staff Writer

One thing that really bothers me when I look around school is when a bigger, more dominant kid picks on a little kid. Over the years when I was younger I was a victim to a bully. He tortured me almost every day on the bus and at recess and no one ever stood up for me. So when I look around and I see somebody getting bullied, I stick up for that person because how would you feel if every day you didn't

want to come to school and you were scared to go to recess when you were little?

Now that I am older a lot of people tell me I look angry and I look frustrated. Well, to be honest I am angry and frustrated because when I see a kid getting picked on I think the bully deserves to get a taste of his own medicine. I just can't wait until somebody bigger and older knocks that bully on his butt.

So to all those bullies in this school that pick on the little ones, KNOCK

IT OFF! To be honest a bully bullies only to make himself feel better, that is it. What other reason would a bully have? The main point of this piece is when you see somebody getting bullied, stand up for that person because you will make a world of difference to the victim. I absolutely hate bullies. Hate is a strong word, but it's true. Who wants to hang out with a person that tortures the little guys in our school for fun? Nobody, that's who. So now when you see a kid getting bullied: "Get up, Stand up"- Bob Marley



## Gobbler Girls Ruling The Court

**Krysta Haugly**  
News Editor

Aitkin girl's basketball has started up once again. This year, there are 10 members on the varsity team ranging from seniors to sophomores. This last weekend the girls participated in a scrimmage here at Aitkin. Teams that traveled to Aitkin to play were North Western, McGregor, Pine City, Pine River and Mora. Aitkin played a total of four games; no scores are taken at a scrimmage. According to Cassie Sandberg, one of the captains, they did pretty good. Cassie believes that they looked a lot better than the past couple years. She said they started out pretty rough but as they went on throughout the day, they turned to be more confident.

The other captains include Megan Welshons and Melissa Paulson. Melissa stated "I think this year will go pretty good. We have good chemistry together, we are all determined and have the same goals." Melissa said that she believes that they have the ability to be well above .500, which means winning over half of their games and make it to at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> round in sections. She thinks



**Mikayla Michaletz in action last season**

that the team has grown together more this year than the last. "We only lost two girls from last year. We will keep improving from last year and we aren't a young team anymore, we have

more veterans. There are five seniors, four juniors and one sophomore." Melissa said that this year, as a team, they want to be a transition team with fast breaks. She said this could be

both their biggest weakness and their biggest strength. This year's team does have a smaller team in terms of height, "we have shorter girls, which makes us have to play our inside game and post moves. But if the other team has bigger girls, it could be a weakness," Melissa added.

Crosby and Braham are the top two rival teams, according to Melissa. "Crosby because they are right next to us and Braham needs to be knocked off their pedestal just because it's Braham." Every girl on the team receives a word. The word is printed on shirts that they have and written on their locker signs. This word is a word that the girls pick. It could be either something they are good at or something they need to work on. According to Melissa, "It defines you." Some examples of their words are leadership, focus, and aggressive. They keep this word every year and when someone graduates, their word cannot be used until at least one year later.

You can see the girls play today at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym with their first game. Come and help cheer them to victory over the Foley Falcons!

## Gobbler Smackdown! Wrestlers ready to go!

**Megan Welshons**  
Staff Writer

After school the halls are filled with boys running in sweatshirts and lunch looks smaller, this is the sign that wrestling season has started and guys have to watch their weight like no other. Last year they finished with the record of 11-3 as a team. When talking to two of the captains, Isaac Novak and Brian Wold, they say it should be a "good and tough year for the team."

There are three captains total, all seniors in Brian Wold, Isaac Novak, and Adam Bast. All three are returning state entries in past years. Jared Novak is the other returning state entry. Some of the returning letter winners are Brian Wold, Isaac Novak, Adam Bast, Alan Bast, Jared Novak, Noah Landrus, Ethan Croatt, Jack Braton, Dan Nordean, Roy Wigton, and Anthony Ashton.

The will be kicking off the season on the road in Rush City against Braham/

Rush City team on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. They get to show off for the home crowd on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> against Holdingford. There isn't any new team this year that they wrestle against. They have four Saturday tournaments as a team and their conference meet will be on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Wold added, "I think that we are going to be a young team, but we have the athletic wrestlers to make up for it." So come cheer on the Aitkin Boys this season as they try to wrestle their way to



## Boys Basketball Expect on Improving

**Chris Carlberg**  
Staff Writer

Aitkin boys basketball is starting the 2012-2013 with a enthusiastic bunch of young athletes. Last year's record was 9-17. From the boys I've talked to they expect on improving to a .500 season this year. There are several returning letter winners from last year in Kyle Thompson, Nathan Ehnstrom, Ryan Anderson, Kinzer Hill, Dan Bender and two returning seniors, Ryan Rosemore and Dean Lynn. Some new faces to the varsity line

up will be Sam Hanson, Will Provost, Bryan Haugly, and Logan Quade.

I asked Will how last years missing seniors would affect the team. He replied that several critical players were lost from last year, but regardless they have filled those position and are expecting to improve their record this coming season. From the players' perspective their greatest strengths will be enthusiasm and big players. Some tougher games you might want to be at will be against Crosby, Braham and Virginia.



**Ryan Rosemore**

## Hockey Tryouts In November



**Adam Burke**

**Anthony Ashton**  
Staff Writer

The team this year is so big between Aitkin, Crosby and Pequot Lakes that five Aitkin players this year have to try out for the team and if they don't do good in the tryouts they won't make the team and won't get to play. For some it will be a total heart break

because it's their last year to glide over the ice and slap that puck around and into the net. Senior Adam Burke, junior Nick Blanchette, sophomores Jacob Hyytinen and Levi Cartie, and Freshman/Ethan Hendrickson are all trying out for the team. The guys are really good so it would be sad if they didn't make the team this year.

## Beginning of December Sports!

**Friday, Nov. 30th -6:00 pm Girls Basketball Foley @ home**  
**Tuesday Dec. 4th -6:00 pm Girls Basketball Moose lake @ home**  
**6:00 pm Dance Varsity & JV game TBD @ home**  
**6:00 pm Boys Basketball Mora @ Mora H.S.**  
**6:15 pm Wrestling Rush City\ Braham @ Rush City**  
**Thursday, Dec. 6th 6:00 pm Girls Basketball East Central @ home**  
**6:00 pm Wrestling Holdingford @ home**  
**Friday Dec. 7th 5:45 pm Girls Basketball Deer River @ Deer River H.S.**  
**6:00 pm Boys basketball East Central @ East Central H.S.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 8th TBD Dance Team Albany @ Albany H.S.**  
**TBD Wrestling Milaca @ Milaca H.S.**





## Onset Hits the Stage

**Krysta Haugly**  
News Editor

**F**riday, November 16, the band Onset hit the stage in the new Beanery. Onset is a band that consists of Aitkin students Sam Perrine, Eddie Simonson, and Thomas Coyle. They play cover songs and even write and play their original songs. They play a mix of punk, rock and reggae. Onset has been playing together since May of 2011 and made their first debut at Kylan Hill's graduation party. Since then they have played at pep rallies, graduation parties, at cafes and bars including Hunter's Point and Buck Horn Bar. They have also played at Poor Louis, Garrison Play Days and at Pete's Retreat.

This year at the Beanery, the atmosphere was a little bit different than the previous. Last year we were packed in the Beanery with many people and the band was set up in the front corner on a platform. I ended up having to sit on the floor because there wasn't enough room. Recently the Beanery moved into the old Butler building which gave them a lot more space. They set up the band against the north side wall while the admirers either stood, sat on a couch or at a table. With the aqua blue and white walls, it gave the room much more of an open atmosphere. The walls were decorated with classic café quotes, sayings and pictures, along with the scent of coffee, Panini's and the old wood floor.

The night started out at 8 o'clock with about 40 to 50 people ready to hear what Onset has to offer. The boys began with something new, acoustics. They usually stick to their electric guitars but they just wanted to try something new. They mixed it up with acoustics. Eddie first brought the idea up to the band in August or September of this year and wanted to calm it down for the Beanery this year. The first few songs began with the acoustics with songs from The Vaselines, Father John Misty, Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters and Metallica. They sang a few original songs too like Melons, The Funky Song, and The Green Song. The titles of the songs are just names that remind the boys of what song they are rather than an actual name. Then as the night went on they worked into their electric guitars and played song from The White Stripes with Seven Nation Army, Neil Young with Rocking in a Free World, The Kinks with You Really Got Me and Californication by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Eddie Simonson and Thomas Coyle are in 10th grade and Sam Perrine is in 9th grade. The boys' look included straight jeans and tee-shirts with rock and roll people on them like Jimi Hendrix, and then draped with a flannel. Thomas stuck to the drums while Sam and Eddie took turns with vocals and they both played the electric and acoustic guitar. There were also maracas and the tambourine. They kept their show playful by dedicating songs to various fans, throwing in their sense of humor and with the occasional head banging.

I have seen the guys a few times at various places and have had the privilege of seeing their music grow. They have definitely gotten better over the years. They have become more of a band rather than a group of boys playing instruments together. Their talent has really increased over the years especially with the



**Onset rocking out at the Beanery**

instruments. Eddie plays the guitar and his skill has really impressed me this last time. He has really learned how to work a stomp pad, or effect pedal. It really added to the show.

They are definitely worth the time to sit and watch. The only complaint I had was, once they turned away from the acoustics part of their show to the electric, I had a hard time hearing their singing over the loudness of their amps. Overall, they have good songs, they play them well and it is a fun show to watch. You can catch them this summer at the many events they attend such as Brainerd's Battle of the Bands or the State Fair. They are looking into playing at the Sweetheart Dance at Big Fork High School in February. Ms. Del Zoppo wanted to let people know that the boys are open to suggestions for a new band name.



## The Thing Everybody is Snapping About

**Megan Welshons**  
Staff Writer

When you walk around the hallways and see people taking pictures of themselves, you should know that they are snapchatting to another friend. This is a new app that you can get on smart phones or iPods. What happens is that you can take a picture of yourself or anything around you and send it to a friend. The trick behind it is that you put your own time limit on the picture up to ten seconds, and after that limit is up it is gone forever no one can look at it again. Some people do not quite understand the snapchat idea. Mr. Miller when asked about his feelings said "I'm confused; I just don't understand the purpose." This is also what many teachers such as Mr. Henke and Mrs. Del Zoppo has said



about snapchat, the teachers just don't get the new app.

Well students such as Cassi Tetrick say "It can actually be educational at times." "It's mind bottling, a real treat, you never know what you're going to get." The students find enjoyment out of

sending scary, funny, and just plain weird picture to their friends that can only be looked at for a few seconds. Students are using this as a sort of new messaging system between friends. But some students don't enjoy snapchatting. Travis Kern when asked said "I sent Cassi a snapchat that said snapchat is dumb, pretty much my feelings." So, as some get addicted, others are getting annoyed with that constant snapping of pictures around them.

This new thing of snapping random pictures wherever you are, how long will it take for kids to eventually just get bored with it and stop all together? Apparently it has already gone through the city schools and Aitkin is just another stepping stone before it, like the pictures sent on it, will be gone forever.

### Letter to the editors

## Stop the texts! Stop the wrecks!

Did you know that texting while driving causes 11 teen deaths every day? Did you know that nearly 25% of all car accidents are caused by texting while driving? Studies show that people who text and drive don't really know how dangerous it is. They think they are talented at multitasking and the statistics don't apply to them. They think it will never happen to them and they won't get hurt or be involved in any accidents. News flash!! Accidents can happen to anyone!

Texting while driving distracts you from driving. You're more focused on

your cell phone rather than the road. Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent at 55mph of driving the length of an entire football field blind.

You can always prevent texting while driving or any distraction while driving. First of all, don't do it! Don't put yourself in a situation where you could harm yourself or others! Put your phone somewhere you won't be tempted to grab it. For example, you could put your phone your purse, in the backseat, or in the trunk. You

could even tell the person who you're texting you have to drive, and you'll text them when you're done driving. If you have a passenger in your vehicle, ask them to text for you. If it's really that important just pull over and send the message. Anything is better and safer then texting while driving.

People have to realize how big of an issue this is and how common this problem is. Keep yourself and others safe while you're on the road! Make a difference! Stop texting and driving! If we can stop the texts, we can stop the wrecks!



## Whose Tat is that?

**Jenny Siegford**  
Staff Writer

Whose Tat is that? Last week on Issue 3 the tattoo pictured was Irma Boerhave's. Now your job is to figure out which teacher's tattoo this is?





# The Life of Kaylee

**Casey Mindrum**  
Staff Writer

Kaylee Tesch, 16 year old girl currently attending Aitkin High School was born in Coon Rapids, and has always had a love for sports. In elementary school, Kaylee was in Volleyball, Basketball, and Dance. She said: "Even when I was a little kid in Elementary school I always knew sports were one of the most important things to me." She has always strived to do her best and make it to the top in everything she does. When she got to the high school she jumped right into some of the sports they had to offer. She was in golf for two years, but quit in order to play softball with her older sister Courtney. She continued to play volleyball and dance at the same time she was playing softball. When asked which of the three was her favorite she replied: "I don't think I could ever pick just one because I love sports in general."

The morning of Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> everything for Kaylee changed. She was at practice for volleyball doing some conditioning

to prepare for the season when she was injured. They were not sure at first what went wrong, but her right leg was swelling up around her knee. The doctors told her she had tore her medial gastroc in her calf and might have possibly torn a ligament in her knee. She is still going to physical therapy to recover but the doctors told her she will be out of sports for around a year. Kaylee was able to participate in the powder puff football game (after talking to her physical therapist who said she could play as long as she could tolerate any pain she may have) and said that it actually felt good for her to be a little more active and be able to run around after being out of sports and not doing much at all for around a month.

When interviewed, Kaylee gave some advice for other students trying to get through an injury. It was to still cheer on your peers as much as you can to show them your love for the game even when you can't be in there with them. Kaylee was also asked if she had ever expected she would be the one to sustain such an injury that would put her out of sports for the entire year. She



replied with "no, because I always thought and felt like I was invincible." Kaylee is one of the many students that want and need sports to express themselves and show their athletic ability. So everyone better believe that she will be back in action next year and be right there this year cheering on all of her teammates to do the best they can!

# Joseph, The Norse God

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Joseph Fontaine was born in a cave in the mountains of Norway. No one is really sure where he came from, but he was discovered there by a band of Viking warriors, who took him in and raised him as their own. Even at a young age, the great warrior Joseph, with his long, flowing hair, knew he had two passions in life – playing the drums and slaying enemies in battle. At the age of five, he was sent to Asgaard to learn the ways

of the Norse gods, such as Thor and Odin.

He excelled in his training, and was sent back to earth, at age eight, to defend Aitkin High School against evil. Joseph can often be seen walking around barefoot, head-banging with his long, luscious locks, playing drums, or sacrificing himself for Asgaard in glorious battle. Also, in these things, it is often considered appropriate to explain what the subject smells like. Joseph smells like rock concerts, the blood of his slain foes, the Norse ocean breeze, and hardened steel.





## Duck Dynasty is Worth a Gander

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Looking for something new to get into? There's a new TV show on the rise that is interesting and quite frankly hilarious. Duck Dynasty is a TV show about a family who makes some of the best duck calls you can find, as well as getting into some trouble here and there.

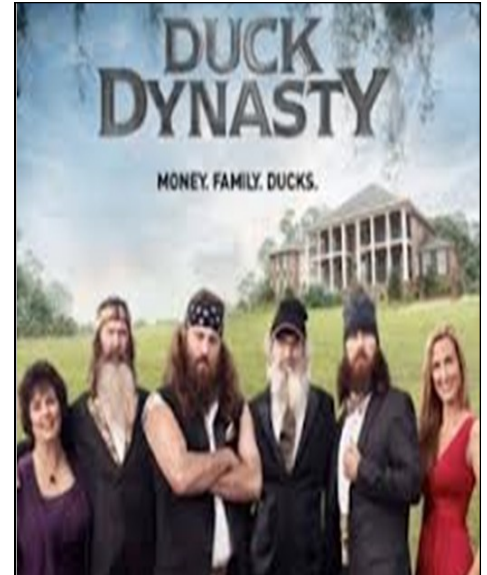
The Robertson's also own the million dollar company Duck Commander. There is also a TV and internet site titled Duck Commanders. It is a hunting show and the website gives you the opportunity to purchase their handmade calls and other merchandise. The created Duck Dynasty to show people how the Robertson's act and what they do in their day to day life.

Phil Robertson was the founder of Duck Commander and Willie Robertson (his son) took over and is now the CEO of the company and employs some of his family (like his unique uncle Si and his brother

Jase). The show lets you see all the twists and turns Willie encounters as he tries to be a sophisticated boss and get his employees to focus more on work and less on hunting.

Almost every day the crew gets into all kinds of shenanigans (contrary to Willies efforts to get them to make duck calls). They do things like make their own water parks on hot days, break into Willies office to get supplies for frog hunting, fishing for catfish, making and racing lawnmowers, and playing tricks on the witty old uncle Si. The show also focuses on the 'Duck Commanders' families as well such as Phil trying to teach his grandkids the ways to become proper rednecks. All of this while making hundreds of duck calls a day.

From their camouflage attire to the signature beards the Robertson's sure make Duck Dynasty an interesting show full of unique traditions and events that will leave you laughing about it for days. I fully recommend this TV show with 5/5 stars.



## Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter

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Director: Timur Bekmumbetov  
Cast: Benjamin Walker, Dominic Cooper, Anthony Mackie, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Rufus Sewell, Marton Csokas

Timur Bekmumbetov brings another great movie a few years later, after they made the movie "Wanted." Timur wanted to make a movie that was unique. Timur is a film director from Russia that does produced the Russian films "Night Watch" and the sequel "Day Watch"

Abraham Lincoln grew up in the time where there were slaves. He tried to protect his friend Will from getting hit. He was just a little boy when he found out that there were vampires trying to take over the world. He was really into the law; he became president of the United States. He

made an army to fight the vampires. Henry teaches Abraham how to kill vampire, you will really amazed at how vampires are killed in this movie.

The civil war begins and the war wasn't like what you think it was. It was really weird war and some of how the war was shown was true but some wasn't. When he was younger Abraham learned how to use an ax because he had a job that he used an ax a lot.

The movie was based off the book, Abraham Lincoln: vampire hunter. The book goes a little more into the details and is more complex but some people really don't like reading. I give this movie a really good rate.

Rate \*\*\*\*\*: good movie makes you want to believe that it's true.

