

WOLVES TALE

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Senior Spotlight

by Adelynn Kruger

Mason Ahrenstorff was born on April 29, 2008, in Worthington, Minnesota. He is the son of John and Emily Ahrenstorff and has an older brother, Lucas.

Mason's current class load is trigonometry, chemistry, phys. ed., and OJT. His favorite class he has taken was 11th grade phys. ed.

Mason's plans after high school are to attend the University of Iowa for finance. In 10 years, he sees himself out of college and working. When asked what advice he would give underclassmen he said, "Enjoy sports with friends." His favorite memory of high school was his sophomore season of football. Something Mason will miss is playing sports with his friends.

A quote that Mason likes is from the movie Forrest Gump, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

Good luck with your future plans, Mason!



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Ahrenstorff

Staff Spotlight

by Morgan Reimers



Nicole Begley

Mrs. Nicole Begley is our 3rd grade teacher here at H-LP! Mrs. Begley was born and raised in Spirit Lake. She attended Buena Vista University where she earned her teaching degree. When asked what inspires her to teach each and every day, she said, "The students in my class, how they are excited to learn new things, and knowing that they have a fun and safe learning environment." Mrs. Begley also says, "The favorite part of my job is my students, their smiling faces, eagerness to learn, and the time we get to spend together learning about each other."

Mrs. Begley decided to teach 3rd grade because in her opinion, 3rd grade is the most fun grade to teach. "They have learned some independence and their personalities are starting to become more their own and they have so many new skills that they are learning."

If Mrs. Begley could have any job in the world, it would be teaching. She has worked in childcare since she was in high school and always knew that this is what she wanted to do. If Mrs. Begley could live anywhere in the world, she replied, "Nothing specific, but somewhere that is always warm and within driving distance to a beach!"

One fun fact about Mrs. Begley is that at 5'10" she is the shortest of her family of five. Mrs. Begley's greatest accomplishment is definitely her 4 kids, watching them do what they love and growing into the humans they are becoming.

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Lake Park held their 2026 prom Saturday, April 25th. The theme this year was Great Gatsby, all about capturing the glitz and glamor of the Roaring Twenties. The vibe is elegant and extravagant, decorated with lots of gold and black, feather centerpieces, and art decor designed to really bring the theme to life.

A total of 69 people attended, prom was a day full of excitement and fun activities. All prom attendees went to Snappers where they were served a taco bar, cookies, cupcakes, and were able to take many pictures with friends.

Every year they do a car parade and during the car parade, people vote on cars for different categories. There were 3 categories this year to choose from, Lisa Vander Veen won the classic/vintage, Tyler Wallace won unique, and Gabe Nicks won the casual category.

After the grand march, there was a dance held at the school. Freshman Aubree Wallace, Brie Vande Hoef, Kennedy Bryngleson, and Hattie Hintze helped serve food and drinks during the dance. To keep the night going, at 11:45, they left to go to Thunder Road for after-prom. Thunder Road had different activities like bowling, arcade games, laser tag, bumper cars, and many more to make for a fun-filled day.

Prom Night Fun!

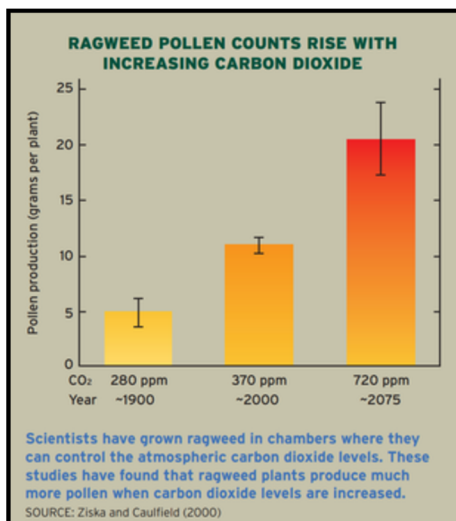
by Peyton Reverts

Gatsby Style



Allergy Season

by Natalie Vabre



As spring arrives, many people find themselves collectively struggling with seasonal allergies, all highlighted by symptoms such as watery eyes and dreaded nasal congestion. Within this article, I'll be going over some common causes for allergies, the science behind why your body reacts the way it does, along with treatments to make your allergies more manageable.

What are Allergies? In short, allergies are your immune system's natural protective response which triggers all the aforementioned symptoms. Your body does this by releasing antibodies, particularly Immunoglobulin E when exposed to allergens such as pollen. One common proponent of such pollen allergies is ragweed, which is commonly found growing along the edges of corn fields in the midwest.

Additionally, with climate change and increased carbon dioxide levels within the atmosphere, this makes for apt conditions in which Ragweed spreads, generating more pollen.

With this information, what can we do? Some options include keeping windows and doors shut during allergy season, be aware of certain pollen and plants that may make said allergies flare up, taking prescribed allergy medications 2-4 weeks before allergy season, & or consider seeing an allergist if symptoms are persistent.

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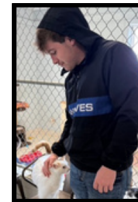
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MS/HS Spring Community Service

by Gracie Gunderson

Each spring, the H-LP 6–12 grade students provide community service as part of the Wolves Den curriculum. Mrs Delaney, who coordinates the Wolves Den lessons said, “The service projects fall under our first goal of leadership, service and character. As we complete these projects we hope students will gain hands-on experiences in building positive relationships, working with others, citizenship and integrity while giving back to the community that supports us all year round”. She also explained that, “The targeted focus area of college and career readiness at Harris-Lake Park include: 1. Leadership, Service, and Character 2. Personal Wellness 3. 21st Century Skills 4. Financial Literacy”.

This year the 6th graders went to the elementary and read books to Preschool, TK and 2nd grade. The 7th and 8th graders went to the old elementary school and disassembled equipment; they also cleaned up main street between the school and Hwy. 9. 9th grade seeded some grass in bare spots outside of the school and did educational activities with 4th graders. The 10th graders decided to go to the Accura Nursing Home in Spirit Lake and play Bingo with the elderly. The other half of the 10th grade cleaned up at the golf course. The 11th graders also went to the golf course and cleaned up the lower level of the club house, swept out the cart sheds, and picked up debris on the course. The other half of the junior class cleaned along the bike trail. Last, the 12th grade cleaned up the HS/Elem parking lots and along the cemetery road They also took donated essentials to the Humane Society of NWIA.



This week's staff spotlight is on Jodi Kelly. She is a para-educator in kindergarten and pre-school, and this year is also Jodi's first year working at the school. Jodi was born and raised in Lake Park and attended college at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City to study early childhood education. She has loved her experiences in teaching as well as being able to learn new things every day.

When asked what made her decide to work in education, she said, “I love to work with children. Watching kids learn something new is so rewarding, and I love the many, many hugs I receive.” Jodi also said that trying to keep up with 3 and 4 year-olds is the most challenging part of her job. Something students might not know about her is that she loves to go camping, horseback riding, and gardening. She also stated, “My grandkids have a nickname for me, but are not allowed to put it in print.”

Jodi's favorite color is blue, and her favorite foods are ice cream and pizza. Her favorite TV show is anything DIY, and she loves watching The Waltons. One day, Jodi hopes to be able to go on her dream vacation, which is an Alaskan cruise. Her favorite thing to do in her free time is to spend time with her children and grandchildren. Last, when asked for a favorite quote that means something to her, she said, “Life is about choices.”

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by Peyton Reverts