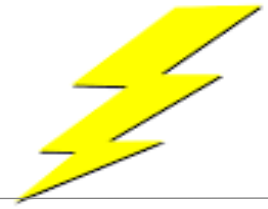


CHARGER CHATTER



Hamlin Education Center

Mentors



Throughout this school year, there were 23 high school mentors who worked with elementary students. Each mentor was assigned a child or children to help, depending on the student or students' needs. The mentors and students played games, read books, and worked on social skills.

Sports Update

The golf team began the season with canceled meets due to poor weather conditions. Members of the golf team include Ryker Warrington, Aiden Abraham, Jackson Wadsworth, Carson Stormo, Jacob Williams, Eva Koisti, and Ally Abraham. Athletes have been able to place at every meet. Aiden Abraham earned first place at the GPL meet on the Cattail Crossing Course. At the Florence-Henry Invitational at the Prairie Winds course on May 11, Eva Koisti placed second, Ally Abraham placed eighth, and Aiden Abraham placed ninth. The region meet will be held on May 22, and the state tournament is June 5 and 6.

The track team has on average have been attending two meets per week. Gracelyn Leiseth holds the all-time state record among all three classes and school record in discus (175'3"). The school record in shot put 52' 6.75" Zac VanMeeteren broke the school record in the 100 (11.10) and 200 (22.65). Kami Wadsworth holds the javelin record at 128'11". Zac VanMeeteren, Rylan Thue, Gavin Prouty, and Luke Fraser hold the 4x100 (44.44) and 4x200 (1:33.8) school records.

Senior Spotlight: Rylan Yonker

Rylan William Yonker was born to Randy Yonker and Amber Davis on May 12, 2005. John, Mya, Jaden, Tyler, Marissa, and Maesyn are Rylan's siblings. Gym has been his favorite class in high school because he likes sports. His hobbies and interests include sports and playing video games. Rylan is employed at Nick's Tree Service. "Do your work," is Rylan's advice for the underclassmen. John Vincent's song "Next to You" is one of his favorites. If Rylan had the opportunity to travel anywhere, he would go to Germany. Rylan's girlfriend, Kristen, is an inspirational person in his life because she helps him through everything. Rylan's dad is someone who has kept him going when he felt like giving up. His greatest accomplishment in high school is being one of the graduates. In ten years, he sees himself working. Rylan will always remember Kaden St. Pierre.



Senior Spotlight: Bryan Rodriguez



Bryan Ivan Rivera Rodriguez was born March 3, 2004, to Lilliam Rodriguez and Jose Colon Reyes. He has one younger brother, Cristhian. His favorite class has been Spanish because it is his native language. His hobbies include playing baseball and video games. His advice to underclassmen is to work hard. Bryan's favorite song writer is Bad Bunny, and his favorite movie is "Transformers." If he could travel anywhere in the world it would be to Puerto Rico. In ten years, Bryan sees himself having a family. One person who has kept him from not giving up is Ms. Miller. His greatest accomplishment throughout high school has been making friends and playing baseball. An inspirational person in Bryan's life is his brother because he helps him with his problems. Bryan will always remember Ms. Miller and his friends.

Senior Spotlight: Simon Levijoki

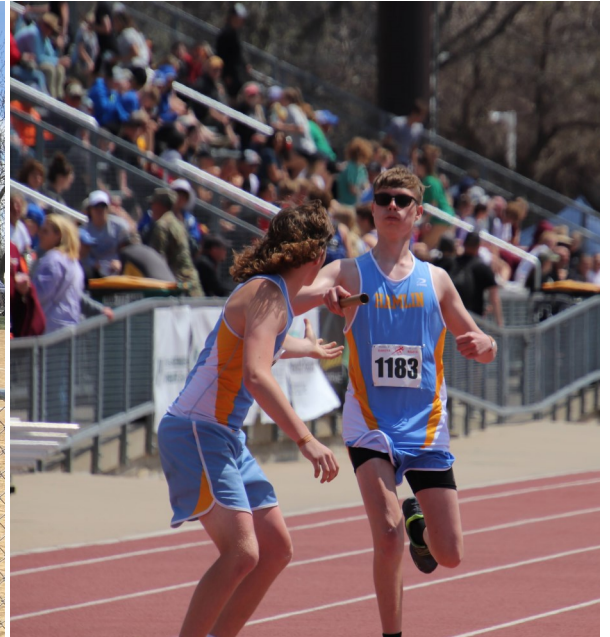
Simon Phoenix Levijoki was born to Adam and Julie Levijoki on June 17, 2004. He is the oldest of eight children. U.S History and U.S Wars were his favorite classes throughout high school because he has always enjoyed learning about world wars. Simon's hobbies include target practice, clay molding, and gaming. He is employed at Empire Pizza. His advice to underclassmen is, "If you don't understand something, ask." Simon's greatest accomplishment in high school is passing all of his math classes. Simon's favorite books are those in The Hunger Games series. A quote that keeps him going is, "The thought of the consequences of procrastination." Simon says that he will always remember the efforts of the teachers and my classmates to help me succeed. He would compare himself to a lizard because he sometimes just wants to lay in the sun and sleep. If Simon could travel anywhere in the world, he would travel to Europe and Scandinavia. Simon's dad is an inspirational person in his life because he has his own business and supports a whole family of ten. In ten years, Simon sees himself with a house of his own and an agreeable job.



Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week was May first through the fifth. Students participated in many videos by reading books and saying one thing they loved about themselves. Students could dress along with the coordinating days. Monday was "Mindset Monday" where students could wear shirts with words on them. On "Take a Break Tuesday," students learned the power of pausing and could wear summer clothes. "Wellness Wednesday" was when students could wear workout gear, sports gear, and jerseys. On "Team up Thursday," students wore Charger gear or school colors. On "Feel good Friday" students wore green for mental health awareness.

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Top Left: Wesley runs the 100 meter relay. *Top Right:* Isaac throws the mini javelin. *Bottom Left:* Mr. Poppen stands with 4x100 record setters Freddy Vizcaya, Tate McGraw, Isaac Sheehan, and Kaden St. Pierre after the race at Howard Wood. *Bottom Right:* Isaac Sheehan hands off the baton to Kaden St. Pierre in the 4x100 relay.

Elementary



Left: Kindergarten students build a structure with 100 cubes for the 100th day of school. *Middle:* Fourth graders build Lego bridges. *Right:* Kindergarten students touch furs during a presentation by Game, Fish, and Parks officers Kraig Haase and Logan Hammer.

Senior Spotlight: Carson Stormo

Carson Dean Stormo was born to Ben and Riahnnon Stormo on May 10, 2005. His siblings are Hailey, Morgan, and Lauren. Carson's interests include golf, baseball, and Rainbow 6 Siege. His favorite song is "Gucci Bucket Hat" by Future and Pap Chanel. His favorite movie is "22 Jump Street." Carson is currently working in Lake Norden at Cenex. English has been his favorite class because he likes Mrs. Schultz. His greatest accomplishment throughout high school has been winning the baseball state championship. Carson will never forget when Mrs. Schultz sent Brennan and him to Mr. Sheehan because they made a TikTok with her in it. His advice to underclassmen is, "Don't fall behind. Don't miss a lot of days. Get good at golf when you are young." A song that keeps Carson going when he feels like giving up is "I Fall Apart" by Post Malone. KSP has been an inspirational person to Carson because he overcomes adversity. If Carson had the opportunity to travel anywhere, he would go to France and see the Eiffel Tower. In ten years, Carson sees himself with five dogs, zero children, and maybe a house cat. His neighbor is KSP, and Rylan will be living with him.



Senior Spotlight: Ava Prouty



Ava Shay Prouty was born on January 1, 2005, to Wade and Angie Prouty. Hannah, Riggs, and Grey are her three siblings. Mr. Engels' government class was her favorite class because he made it fun. Some of Ava's interests include volleyball, being outside, going to the lake, and spending time with family and friends. She works at Prairie Lakes Hospital as a Care Technician. "High school goes by so fast. Make the most of it," is her advice for the underclassmen. "Napoleon Dynamite" is her favorite movie. If she could travel anywhere, she would go to Italy. Her greatest accomplishment in high school was beating Estelline/Hendricks in five sets with an egg on her head. She admires both sets of grandparents because they are the most selfless and hardworking people. In ten years, Ava sees herself settled down with a family and a good job.

Senior Spotlight: Brennan Keszler

Brennan Mathew Keszler was born on July 13, 2004, to Kurt and Angela Keszler. He has an older sister, Logan, and two younger brothers, Jamison and Kamden. He enjoys playing basketball, spending time with his friends, and playing video games. The greatest accomplishment of his high school career has been learning to dunk. Watching YTP in study hall during his freshman year made it his favorite class. Playing with chairs in Mrs. Jacobson's class is something Brennan will never forget. "Moonlight on the River" by Mac Demarco is one of his favorite songs. Frank Ocean's song "Ivy" keeps him going when he feels like giving up. His mom is an inspiration to him because she is awesome. "Be quiet," is the advice he would like underclassmen to follow. If Brennan could travel anywhere in the world, he would visit Japan. He envisions himself living in his beach house on the northwest coast in ten years.



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Senior Spotlight: Cooper Sauder

Cooper Spencer Sauder was born to Spencer and Leslie Sauder on October 7, 2004. He has one sister, Sloane. His hobbies are gaming and riding snowmobiles and dirt bikes. For work, Cooper helps on the family farm. His favorite books are from the Harry Potter series, and his favorite movies are "Star Wars." If Cooper had the opportunity to travel anywhere in the world, he would go to the United Kingdom. Cooper's favorite class in high school was Advanced Biology because it was fun. He feels his greatest achievement throughout high school was having a 4.0 grade point average. A famous quote that keeps Cooper going when he feels like giving up is this by John F. Kennedy: "Do not pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger men." An inspirational person in his life is his mom. She worked hard to achieve her goals. Cooper said this about high school: "I will always remember beating everyone in softball."



Senior Spotlight: Freddy Vizcaya



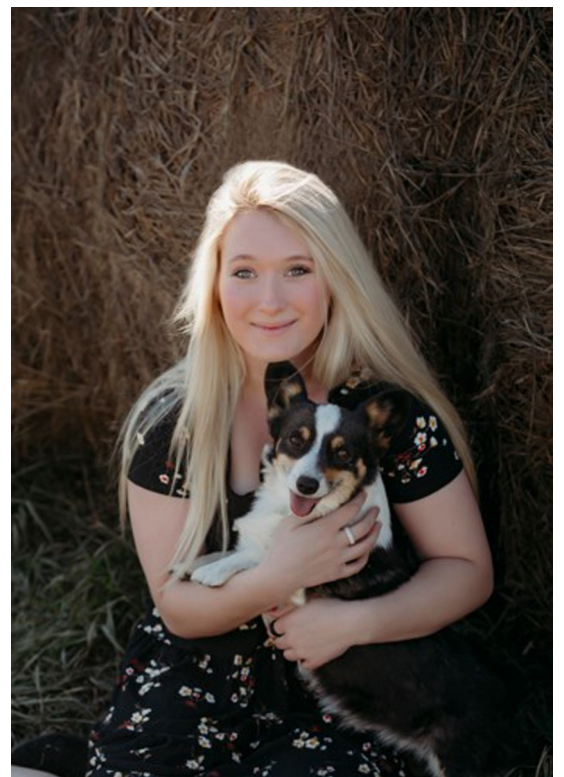
Freddy Vizcaya was born November 9, 2004. His father is Osvaldo Vizcaya, and he has one brother, Gustavo. His favorite class is English because Mrs. Schultz is the teacher. Freddy's hobby is lifting with Matthew. Freddy wants to make sure the underclassmen know that Hellen Keller is, in fact, not real. His favorite song is "Whiplash" by Metallica. If Freddy could travel anywhere, he would take a permanent trip to North Korea. In ten years, Freddy sees himself six feet under. The quote, "Sometimes when I close my eyes, I can't see" has kept him going. Freddy would compare himself to a lion because they are ferocious. One thing he will always remember from high school is getting stuck in the middle of the pool during track swim practice.

FCA



Seniors share their stories and words of advice to fellow FCA members on Wednesday, April 26. Parents were invited, and many tears were shed. Rylan Bawdon, Ally Abraham, Gracelyn Leiseth, Kamryn Wadsworth, Kady Swenson, and Ava Prouty will always remember their mornings spent in FCA.

Shaelyn York



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Battle of the Classes

The Battle of the Classes was held on April 26. Each grade battled in games, including the three-legged race, toilet paper wrap, and a hula hoop pass.

The results were as follows:

1st place - Sophomores with 90 points

2nd place - Freshmen with 89 points

3rd place - Seniors with 83 points

4th place - Juniors with 73 points

5th place - 6th grade with 65 points

6th place- 7th grade with 39 points

7th place - 8th grade with 38 points

Summer Plans Survey

“Work and buy a motorcycle” - Charlie Schafer

“Hang out and work” - Lucy Kaski

“Hang out with my friends, go to Chicago, and the Hills” - Madelyn Bos

“Work and go to Italy” - Rylan Bawdon

“Be a bum, play golf, and pick on people” - Denny Carlson

“Play golf and work” - Mr. Engels

“Go camping and to the lake” - Emily Pekkala

“Go to Europe” - Ally Abraham

Seniors

Baccalaureate was held on May 7. Pastor Justin Manzey spoke, and the congregation sang “Abide with Me” and “You Raise Me Up.” Seniors opened their fifth grade time capsule and had a cookout on Tuesday, May 9. Seniors visited Great Shots and the Empire Mall for senior skip day on May 10. Commencement services will be held on May 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Math Contest

Ms. Jensen and interested high school math students attended the Northern State University Math Contest in April. Students took a 40 question test for an hour and then completed a ten minute tiebreaker. Tests were given in the areas of Elementary Algebra, Advanced Algebra, Geometry, and Senior Math. Junior Ryker Warrington earned second place with 28 correct answers in the Advanced Algebra Division.

Athletic Awards

Hamlin athletes were recognized for their hard work and success on Monday, April 24. Tyler Merriam, best known for announcing SDSU’s sporting events, was the guest speaker for the night. The banquet featured athletes from Hamlin football, volleyball, cross country, boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, track & field, golf, powerlifting, Hamlin spring baseball, and FCA. The Entringer scholarship was awarded to Gracelyn Leiseth, Ava Prouty, and Ally Abraham.

