

Early Graduates

The nine early graduates: Alissa Lehtola, Lillian Smith, Jayla Pekkala, Abby Berg, Lynnae Beld, Joel Kangas, Ethan Koistinen, Josh Kopman, Weslie Hersey graduated on December 18th, 2024.



Josh Kopman gives his mother the mother's rose.



Left to right: Alissa Lehtola, Lillian Smith, Jayla Pekkala, Abby Berg, Lynnae Beld, Joel Kangas, Ethan Koistinen, Josh Kopman, Weslie Hersey.

Student Council



Top row: (left to right) Ava Taschner, Kaydence Nebel, Addelyn Jensen, Caleb Drenth, Jose Mahe.
Middle row: Jonathan Leonardi, Boden Stevenson, Jack Stormo, Mya Yonker, Jayci Trowbridge, Isaac Sheehan, Sarita Stevenson, Jackson Wadsworth, Watson Grantham, Aiden Abraham, Ruby Uecker, Guillermo Cruz Arroyo, Tate Everson. Bottom row: Cadence Moeller, Aili Leonardi, Madelyn Trowbridge, Talayna Opdahl, Turner Stevenson, Dawson Noem, Zac VanMeeteren, Easton Neuendorf, Evan Stormo.

Mr. Hulsher's Addition Update

The new addition is progressing and we are excited about the addition for the students at the Hamlin School. We were hoping to be completely in the building by this point, but we are not completely at this point. The end is very close!!

After Christmas break, many of the classrooms were turned over to the school for use on a regular basis. Six teachers were moved into the new addition and the rearranging of classrooms was now in full motion. We had many classrooms move into their new area including the 5th graders moving across the lunchroom and commons area. The 5th graders are still not a part of middle school. With the classrooms moving around Christmas break, over 20 teachers have changed classrooms in the last six months.

Two of the classrooms (Health Science & FACS classrooms) we moved into around Christmas break are very close to being complete and we plan to have them completely done by mid to late January. Morgan Krumm is our Health Science teacher and she has been very excited about the new equipment arriving in the classroom. Health Science is definitely a big change and addition to our school. The other two CTE classrooms in the same area should be done around the same time frame and we are using them on an as needed basis until they are completely done.

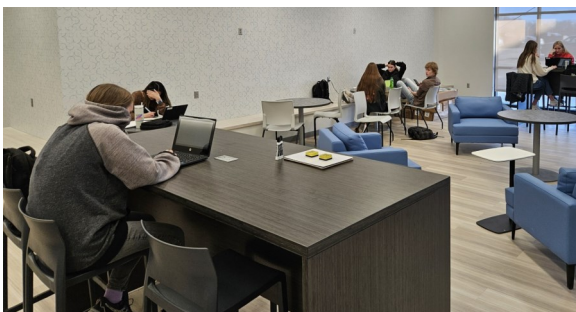
The FACS kitchen is an amazing kitchen and a great opportunity for our students and staff. The majority of this kitchen was funded by the Collaborative Equipment Grant. The kitchen is ready for students to start cooking. A technician from the kitchen equipment was out this past week to help answer any questions and get the equipment running. Donae VanNorden will handle the majority of the cooking classes in the kitchen. Donae was one of the teachers on our building committee and did a lot of legwork in helping design this kitchen.

The welding shop is in the final stages of completion and students are able to use the welding shop. The welding shop is another area that benefited from the Collaborative Equipment Grant. The welding shop is hopeful to be completely done by the end of the month. The new plasma cutter is in place, and we are waiting for some final touches. The students are helping weld the new welding bays and they are doing a great job! Dave Sheehan is the welding teacher and has been great at designing the welding bays based off of past experience.

The building trades shop and the woodworking shop are the two areas needing the most work at this point. Progress continues to be made on a daily basis and they believe we will be in those shops the first part of February. Nate McMullen is in his first year of teaching at Hamlin and will teach in these two shop areas at this time. His past teaching experience and work in the industry has been a great assistance to the program.

We plan to have some open houses once the building is completed. We have one open house planned in conjunction with the Hall of Fame banquet on Feb. 10. We are looking at other dates as well once we know the building is ready to show.

We are definitely excited about this addition to the Hamlin School. As with any building project it has had its highs and lows. In the end, this is going to be a great addition for our area and for our students. The new addition focuses on the Hamlin School motto, "To prepare and equip our students to become responsible citizens and succeed in an ever-changing world."



Above: Students work in the new Dual Credit Area.
Below: The new Hamlin High School addition.



Above: Shop class students stand next to the new high school office.
Below: Inspirational words in the new addition.



Senior Spotlight: Dawson Noem

Dawson Bradley Noem was born on May 26th, 2006. He has 2 brothers, Mitchell and Jackson. His most embarrassing school memory was getting hit in the groin during the homecoming softball game. The most influential people in his life are his brothers. His greatest accomplishment was winning state titles in basketball, football, and baseball. His advice to his younger self is, "Have more fires". In his free time Dawson cooks, golfs, lifts, explores abandoned houses, goes to the lake, watches movies, listens to older music, and hangs out with his brothers and friends. He will always remember Lincoln Johnson and Tommy Hilliard from high school. His plans for after school are to attend Mount Marty University to play baseball and pursue a career as a chiro-practor.



Senior Spotlight: Ian Kangas

Ian John Kangas was born on April 20th, 2007. He has three siblings: Jax, Marci and Sean. His dad is the most influential person in his life because he taught him a lot and has pushed him to accomplish all of his goals. His greatest accomplishment is that he's just about through school. If he could change one school rule he would change being able to miss more school days and still not have to take semester tests. His advice to his younger self is, "Don't worry about anything, it's a waste of your time". In his free time he likes to play hockey, basketball, or hang out with friends and family. He will always remember his classmates and how much fun they had. He plans to continue working at Team Lodge and build ice shacks/campers after high school. He decided not to go to college because he has a good job and doesn't need to go to college for what he does. Another thing from high school he will always remember is, "How much fun it was to be around my friends even though the school work wasn't that fun."



Senior Spotlight: Mason Trowbridge

Mason Reid Trowbridge was born on October 10th, 2006. He has three siblings: Jayci, Bentley and Brody. The most influential person in his life is his dad. His greatest accomplishment was winning the State Championship in football. If he could change one school rule it would be to have phones all the time. His advice to his younger self is, "Live in the moment because it's going to go by fast". In his free time he plays video games, goes out to eat with the boys and hangs out with his family. He will always remember from high school, Mr. Christie and the Dome. After high school he plans to go to college for business.



HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR

Journalism Class:

Ones Gotta Go (The Seasons)

I would get rid of winter because I dislike the cold and the snow. I can do a little bit of cold but when it's below freezing, I can't do it. I only like the winter because of the blizzards and then we miss school.

If I had to get rid of one season, I would get rid of winter. I'm not a fan of the cold, and I don't do a whole lot of winter activities. I'm not saying I don't like winter; I personally love snow days and white Christmases, but I don't like having to shovel off sidewalks and driveways, or dress warm. That is why winter has got to go.

Winters gotta go, we never even get much snow anymore anyways.

If I could get rid of one season, I would get rid of Spring. I don't like spring because it is a muddy mess. I also like the other seasons better.

I would get rid of winter because it is cold and the most uncomfortable season to be in. It costs a lot more money to keep houses, vehicles, and everything else up to par. Also, I usually work outside, and it is a lot easier and more efficient working in spring, fall, and summer than in the winter. - Shane

I believe I would get rid of winter if I were to get rid of a season. The reason I would get rid of winter is because of how cold it is. I also choose this because winter is not fun, due to all the snow at some points, it's impossible to go outside.

Winter must go because it is cold. We have too much snow. It makes us have to make up snow days.

Spring would be the one to go in my opinion. The reason I would get rid of spring is because it has no point other than to make a muddy mess. My last reason is it doesn't know what temperature it wants to be, just choose warm or chilly, not both.

If I could eliminate one season, I would eliminate Winter. I do not appreciate the bitter cold and chilling winds. There are so many more things you can do during the other seasons when the weather is warmer. - Nia

I think that winter would have to go. I enjoy ice skating, sledding, and I like sitting by the fire with a blanket, but winter is expensive. I get way worse gas mileage, and I have to start my car early in the mornings and I can't go anywhere without a coat. - Gina

Spring has got to go. The melting snow and muddy grounds make this the worst season. Winter is a close second though.

I would choose spring to be deleted. Spring is so boring because it is too warm to skate and too cold to do fun things outside like wakeboarding. Spring is also very muddy and raining all the time.

Surveys

Which season would you eliminate?

Mr. Swenson - Winter

Mr. Peckenpaugh - Winter

Mrs. Popham - Winter

Mrs. Bawdon - Winter

Mrs. Nebel - Winter

Mrs. Mittleider - "All seasons matter."

Which year was easiest for seniors?

7 said senior year

1 said senior & freshman years

4 said sophomore year

2 said freshman year

1 said seventh grade