



CHARGER CHATTER



Homecoming Float:

Congratulations to the junior class for winning the 2025 Homecoming Float competition with their Mario-themed float!

Calendar

Monday 9/22

- Cross Country @ Deuel
- JH Football @ Henry

Tuesday 9/23

- Volleyball @ Estelline

Wednesday 9/24

- See You at the Pole (FCA)
- Oral Interp @ Arlington

Thursday 9/25

- Book Club meeting during lunch in Mrs. Schultz's room

Friday 9/26

- JH Football at Redfield
- Varsity Football at Redfield

Saturday 9/27

- JH volleyball tournament
- Cross Country
- Junior High Volleyball Tournament

Monday 9/29

- JH football @ HEC vs Estelline
- JV football vs Estelline @ Hamlin

Tuesday 9/30

- Volleyball @ Castlewood



Coronation and Burning of the "H"

On September 9th, Hamlin School gathered in the multipurpose gym to crown the 2025-2026 Homecoming king and queen, Aiden Abraham and Addison Neuendorf. The two were crowned by last year's royalty, Evan Stormo and Paola Gallardo Zamora. Following the ceremony, parents, teachers, and students moved outside to watch the traditional burning of the "H." On Friday, the new king and queen rode in the Homecoming Parade alongside the court: Tate Everson, Jaden Olsen, Jackson Wadsworth, Ruby Uecker, Kennedy Christensen, and Ruby Arnold.

September Trivia

1. How many pumpkin spice lattes are sold in a year?
2. Which US state is the most famous for its fall foliage?
3. Which September bug seems to exist solely to sneak inside your house the moment fall arrives?
4. True Or False: Wearing socks with sandals becomes more fashionable in September.
5. True Or False: You burn more calories raking leaves than jogging.

See Answers on Page 2

Back to School Summer Survey: "What did you do this summer?"

Mrs. Jensen - Attended Concerts
 Olivia Singery - Animal Show for 4H
 Mrs. Henrich - Played Volleyball
 Mrs. Humala - Visited Devils Tower
 Tate Everson - Went to the Lake
 Mrs. Pederson - Went Golfing
 Mr. Jongling - Farmed

Cooper Singery - Went Four-Wheeling
 Addy Homola - Hung Out With Friends
 Kya Olson - Worked
 Jeremy Kangas - Went to the Lake
 Charles Hersey - Went to Washington
 Vince Levijoki - Attended Boot Camp
 Mr. Sheehan - Visited Washington D.C.

Trivia Answers:

1. Approximately 20 million 2. Vermont 3. Stinkbug/Ladybug 4. True 5. False

Friday Homecoming:



Mrs. Neuendorf takes a swing at the students vs. staff softball game.



Mr. Swenson runs to second base as Marci Kangas tries to protect it.



Teachers vs Seniors softball.
 Seniors beat teachers for the first time in softball since 2014!



Aiden Abraham and Addison Neuendorf walk out of the coronation as King and Queen.

Mrs. Haug Staff Spotlight:

My name is Courtney Haug, and I am honored to serve as the CTE Principal and Title Director at Hamlin. Prior to this role, I served as the Special Education Director for the Arlington School District. I hold a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education, a master's degree in teaching and Learning, and I am currently pursuing a master's degree in educational administration. I am passionate about helping students discover career pathways and develop real-world skills that prepare them for future success. I look forward to fostering opportunities for students to learn, grow, and thrive through their experiences in CTE programs. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Gunner, our fun-loving 4-year-old daughter, Ava, and our adventurous 2-year-old son, Griffin. A fun fact about me is that I grew up in Eureka, South Dakota.



Homecoming Dress-up Days:



Jack Stormo, Abby Loban, Amelia Loban, Adison Alholina, Hannah McDaniels, Marci Kangas, and Lasen Kangas dress up for "Monopoly - Anything but a Backpack day"



Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Blaha dress up as twins on "Mario Brothers - Twin day"



For "anything but a car" day, Evett Lewno, Hayden Witt, Rylan Beld, and Marshall Beld drove their dirtbikes to school.



Mrs. Josephsen, Apsen Campbell, Will Frederick, Kye Campbell, and Ahleigha Lindgren dress up for "Wii Sports - Jersey Day"



Kennedy Christensen and Ruby Arnold dress up for "Wii Sports - Jersey Day"



Quinn Bludorn brings a suitcase as his backpack on "Monopoly - Anything but a backpack day"



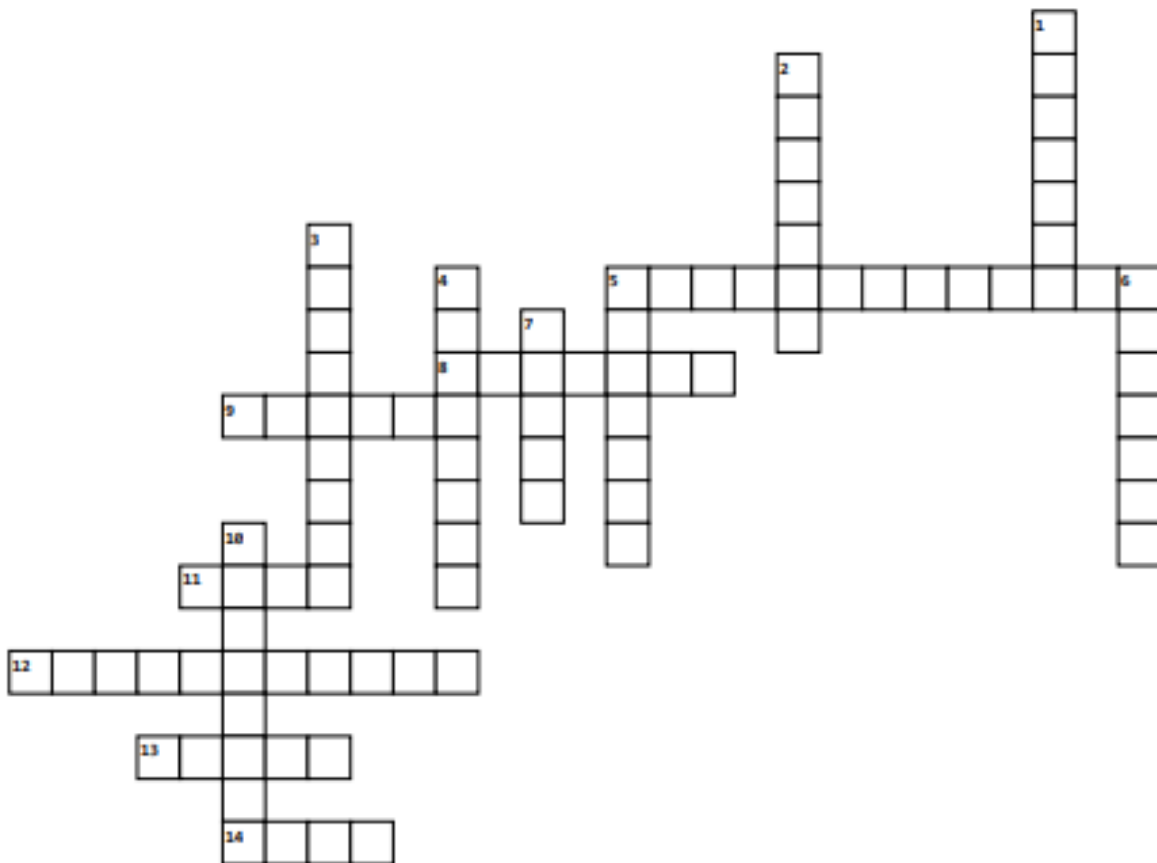
Twins Ellen and Everly McDaniel's on "Mario Brothers - Twin Day"



Teachers dress up for "Battleship Day - Red, White, and Blue"

Crossword of the Month:

Highschool Teachers Favorite Things About Fall (*not all teachers are featured)



Across

- 5. Birthday Month (CTE)
- 8. Pheasant Hunting (English)
- 9. Pumpkin Chai Latte (Math)
- 11. Smell (Study Hall)
- 12. BonFires (Center Base)
- 13. Getting to wear sweatshirts (New Staff)
- 14. Fall candles (New Staff)

Down

- 1. Harvest (CTE)
- 2. Golfing (Center Base)
- 3. Dead Mosquitoes (Study Hall)
- 4. Change in Temperature (Math)
- 5. The Colors (English)
- 6. Open Window Weather (Center Base, New Staff)
- 7. Hunting (Coach)
- 10. Football (Coach)

Senior Spotlight

Laramie Koistinen

Laramie Charles Koistinen was born on March 24, 2008, to Erika and Darwin Koistinen. Laramie grew up with four siblings—Jasper (23), Keaton (22), Ellie (21), and Ida (14). His favorite high school class was American history, where he enjoyed learning about past wars and events. One of his most memorable times in school was in Mr. Abraham's class, where he and his friends would often finish work early and spend time talking with their teacher about life and memories. His most embarrassing moment was getting food poisoning during a class trip to LATC. His favorite year overall was sophomore year because of the balance of fun and challenging classes. Inspired by his uncle's positive spirit, strong work ethic, and morals, Laramie looks forward to the future. In ten years, he sees himself working full-time as a journeyman at Efraimson Electric, married with a family, and living in a home of his own.



Senior Spotlight

Marci Kangas

Marci Rose Kangas, daughter of Eric and Janelle, was born on May 15, 2008, and is a sister to Jax (19), Ian (18), and Sean (13). Her favorite class was Mr. Dufek's 11th grade history because "our class got along so well and always made the day so much fun." She'll always remember endless trips to the counselor's office in middle school and elementary ("IYKYK") and laughing through a slideshow with Adalin until Mr. Dufek made them sit down until they stopped laughing. Marci says Mrs. Shultz is her favorite teacher since "she is super helpful and knows how to teach really good... the dumb thing is that you will never get away with cheating with her." Her advice to underclassmen: "If a teacher says you'll have time in class, they're lying. If they say this won't take long, cancel your weekend plans." In the future, she hopes to travel somewhere warm with beaches—especially Cancun.



Senior Spotlight

Lucy Kaski

Lucy Victoria Kaski, daughter of Jonathan and Amanda Kaski, was born on February 6, 2008, and is the oldest of twelve siblings: Jack, Lainie, Eleanor, Milla, Lyndon, Winston, Aila, Romy, Vera, Nola, and Louis. Her favorite year of high school has been senior year because she finally feels accomplished. Her advice for underclassmen is, "The bell doesn't dismiss you, the teacher does." Also, if the teacher says "It's not going to be on the test", it will be. Some of her funniest memories include sneaking out burnt cookies before VanNorden noticed and the time she and Carmelle ended up in the principal's office for walking to the lunchroom. If given the chance, she would travel to the Bahamas for the beaches or Greece for the views and food. Lucy sees herself in ten years with a family, maybe kids, and a steady income.





Senior Spotlight

Tate Everson

Tate Kenneth Everson, son of Paul and Monica Everson, was born on May 2, 2007. He has four siblings: Lane, Grace, Emily, and Josie. His favorite class was English because of the great teachers and how fun the class was. Some of his best memories include freshman year weightlifting with Walker and Jack, and hanging out in Mr. Christie's room during last period junior year. Junior year was his favorite thanks to his wrestling coach, and in ten years Tate sees himself farming with his dad and brother. His advice to underclassmen is: "Work hard sophomore and junior year so you can really enjoy senior year."

Senior Spotlight

Adalin Homola

Adalin Shay Homola, daughter of Joe and Sonja Homola, was born on August 28, 2008. She grew up with eight siblings—Kamden, Kyson, Joran, Aubrin, Aylin, Lansen, and Rawlen. Some of her favorite high school memories include Unified PE with Cody, hanging out with Erin Roselund, and the time she and her friends forgot cookies in the oven overnight in Mrs. VanNorden's class. She remembers 11th grade as the year her class grew closer and 12th grade for making even more memories. Her advice to underclassmen is: "If you think a class is an 'easy A,' it probably won't be."



Senior Spotlight

Gavin Maag

Gavin Reece Maag, son of Crystal and Jerod Maag, was born on August 9, 2007. He has one sister, Jaiden (22). His favorite class was freshman weightlifting with Tate, Walker, and Jack, where they spent more time messing around than lifting. Sophomore year was the most memorable thanks to Abraham's English class and also FACS classes, along with funny moments like Anders giving William a haircut in the locker room. Gavin's greatest accomplishment was winning a national championship and qualifying for the world championships in Romania. His favorite teacher was Mr. Krumm because "he always gave us free time, and we would play table volleyball." His advice to underclassmen is: "Pay attention in Mrs. Shultz's class."

