



CHARGER CHATTER

National Random Acts of Kindness Day

In celebration of National Random Acts of Kindness Day (February 17th), our Hamlin community joined schools and organizations across the country in choosing compassion. Throughout the day, students and staff intentionally spread positivity in meaningful ways. Here are just a few of the thoughtful ways our students and staff spread kindness throughout the day:

- Mrs. Beld opened the front doors for everyone
- Jayci and Mya gave fist bumps and told everyone “good job” at the boys’ basketball game
- Greyson showed up to work with a good attitude and used positive language
- Erin went to therapy (she was kind to herself)
- Mikaela said hello to Ms. Jensen

Trivia

1. What popular candy is known for heart-shaped boxes on valentines day?
2. In what country did Valentine's Day originate?
3. February is the coldest month of what season?
4. How often does a leap year occur?
5. What day is Valentine's Day?
6. What are people born on February 29th called?
7. What are the two official flowers for the month of February?

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Calendar

02/23 - ACT Science Prep in Mrs. MacDonell’s room - 6:00pm

02/25 - ACT English Prep in Mrs. Schultz’s room - 3:30pm

02/26-02/28 - State Wrestling Tournament in Sioux Falls

02/27 - Teacher In-Service - 12:30pm dismissal

03/05 - Girls Basketball vs. Sisseton in Watertown (SoDak 16 Game)

03/18-20 - Spring Break



Earlier This Month:

SENIOR VISIT TO PIERRE

On February 2nd, the senior class went to Pierre to watch a legislative session. They were given a tour of the Capitol building and met with Steph Sauder, Kent Roe, and Dylan Jordan. Lunch was eaten at Pizza Ranch before heading back to the Capitol to watch the session. Even though some students weren't sure it would be fun, everyone was talking about it as they headed back to Hamlin.

STAFF SWEATHEARTS

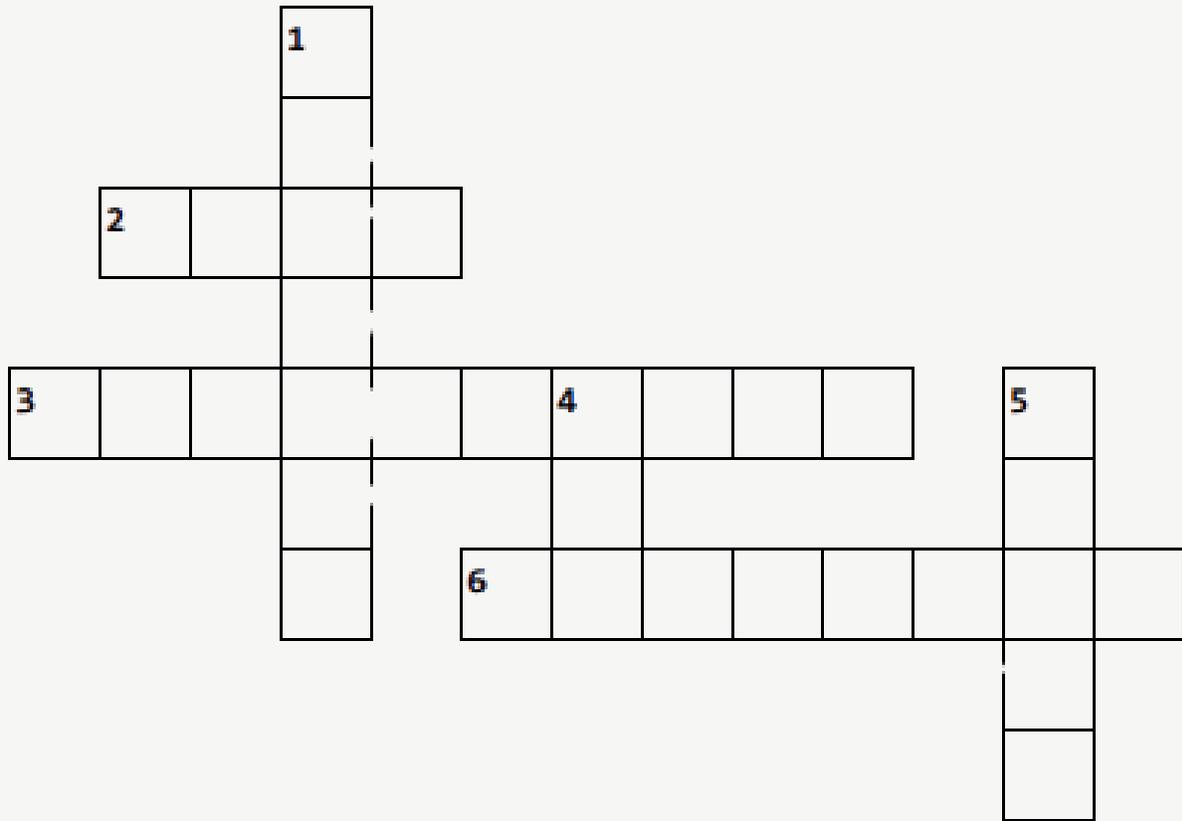
This February, we're celebrating the couples who share not only a home, but also the halls of Hamlin. Join us as we spotlight the staff sweethearts who make our school community even stronger – together!



1. Val and Doug Strande will have been married for 50 years in May.
2. Kerri and Jeff Sheehan have been married for 29 years.
3. Sarah and Paul Jongeling have been married for 7.5 years.
4. Jackie and Jim Hulscher have been married for 11 years.
5. Janis and Tim MacDonell have been married for 28 years.
6. Morgan and Kevin Krumm have been married for 2.5 years.
7. Shari and Shaun Peckenpauh have been married for 11 years.
8. Sara and Dan Poppen have been married for almost 28 years.
9. Jaime and Todd Neuendorf have been married for 28 years.



FEBRUARY CROSSWORD:



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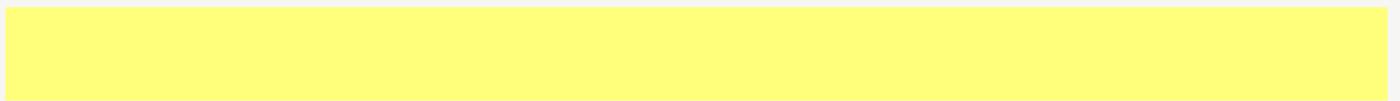
- 2. falling from sky
- 3. You ask your gf to be your?... on feb 14
- 6. what a person is called thats born on a leap year

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- 1. A womens fave gift
- 4. you can skate on it
- 5. A childs fave valentines gift

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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| 1. Cadbury - Chocolates | 5. February 14th |
| 2. Italy | 6. Leaplings |
| 3. Winter | 7. Violet and Primrose |
| 4. Every Four Years | |



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: SADD



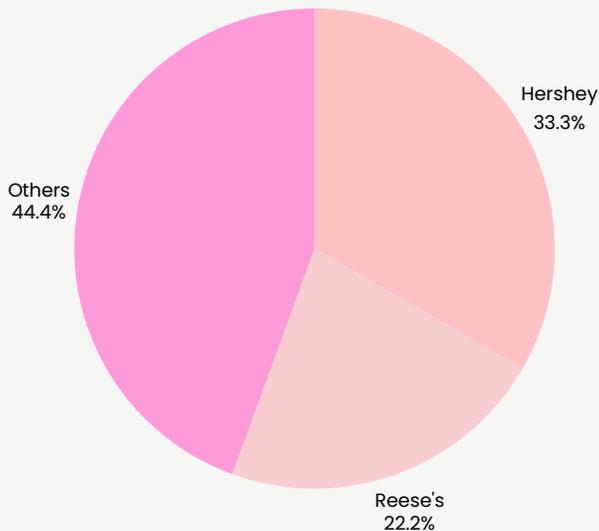
Hamlin’s SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) has been making a positive impact in our school community for the past 14 years. The group was founded to promote healthy decision-making and empower students to make safe, responsible choices.

Throughout the year, SADD sponsors a variety of activities focused on preventing drinking, drug abuse, and risky driving while encouraging kindness and leadership. Students can look forward to participating in Red Ribbon Week, World Kindness Day, Pop from a Cop, and community outreach events such as pumpkin painting for elementary students during conferences. This year, Hamlin is also planning to host the South Dakota Peer Leadership Conference.

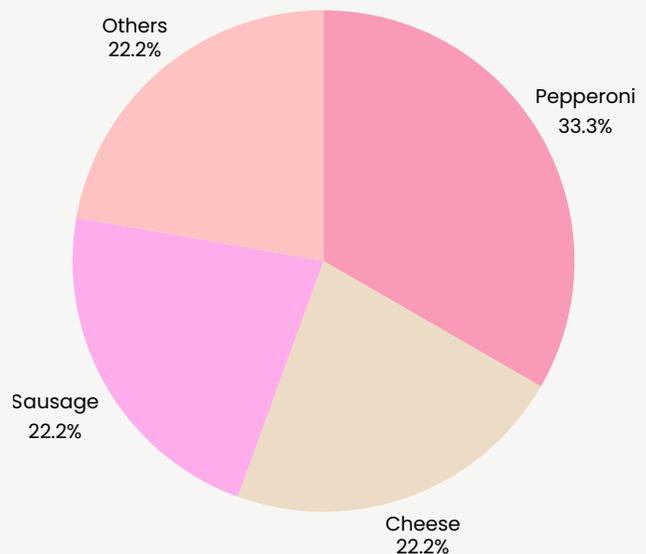
Students interested in joining SADD are encouraged to attend a meeting! Watch for posters around the building for details. All students are welcome to get involved and help make a difference!

SURVEYS

Favorite Chocolate Brand



Favorite Pizzas
National Pizza Day - Feb 9th





Senior Spotlight

Ella Cathryn Smith

Ella Cathryn Smith was born on August 30, 2007, to Jacob and Dixie Smith. Her favorite class was Anatomy and Physiology because it was challenging, but she enjoyed learning the material. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Shultz and Mrs. Grantham because they truly care about their students and do everything they can to help everyone succeed. Her advice for underclassmen is that procrastinating takes more time than just doing your work. If she could change anything about high school, she would try to get to know everyone in her class better, and in ten years, she hopes to have graduated college, be married, and hopefully have two kids.

Senior Spotlight

Vince Lucas Levijoki

Vince Lucas Levijoki was born on January 1, 2008, to Adam and Julie Levijoki. He has four brothers and three sisters. His favorite high school class is Mr. McMullen's Building Trades class, and his favorite teacher is Mr. McMullen. His favorite year of high school is senior year because he gets a lot of down time. His advice for underclassmen is to find your motivation — without it, life will drag along. If he could travel anywhere, he would go to Greece, and in ten years, he sees himself building his own business and supporting his family.



Senior Spotlight

Anmarie Edith Smith

Anmarie Edith Smith was born on December 21, 2006, to Sarah and Brady Gilliland. She has five siblings: Robert, Katrina, Brady, and twins Aurora and Auriella. Her favorite class was sewing, where she enjoyed learning new skills. Her advice to underclassmen is, "Don't wish time to go faster — senior year comes quickly, and you'll want it to slow down. And don't assume one year is easier than another; they're all challenging." She says she will always remember the teachers who supported her throughout high school, especially Dorn and Schultz. Her favorite part of high school was getting to know more people and spending time with friends. Looking back, she wishes she had paid more attention in Schultz's class and encourages students to take advice about classes seriously.





Senior Spotlight

Livia MaryAnn Larson

Livia MaryAnn Larson Cameron and Nicole Larson was born on March 30, 2008. She has five siblings: Willow (15), Baker (13), Finley (11), Hattie (9), and Craig (6 1/9). Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Schultz because she is a really good teacher. Her advice to underclassmen is, "don't lose motivation/keep trying school and keep doing your work" and "hang out and make memories with your grade." In the future, she hopes to be married and work as a nurse, maybe with a kid. The person she looks up to most is her dad because he is a nice guy and gets along with everybody. Her best memory of senior year is homecoming week, including working on the float and the powder puff game. What she will miss most about senior year is getting really close with classmates and spending a lot of time with them.

Senior Spotlight

Jennica Lynnette Koistinen

Jennica Lynnette Koistinen was born on April 17, 2008, to Jerome and Lisa Koistinen. Her favorite part of high school was her CTE classes, specifically enjoying the time spent in Shop and Computer classes. In ten years, Jennica sees herself having earned a degree in Computer Science, being married, and starting a family. One of her biggest dreams is to travel to Scandinavia to explore her ancestral roots and to China to immerse herself in the culture.



Senior Spotlight

Liberty Ann Johnson

Liberty Ann Johnson was born on March 7, 2008, to Wade and Robin Johnson. Her favorite classes were Spanish and those taught by Heinrichs and Dorn because they were the most fun. Her greatest accomplishment was successfully passing four dual credit nursing general classes in a single semester.

One of her funniest memories from school was when Troy Randall kicked a volleyball and hit a sprinkler head, flooding the gym while everyone was standing right underneath it. Her most memorable year of high school was 9th grade, largely due to the easy classes and the time spent in the gym.





Senior Spotlight

Parker Boerger

Parker Boerger was born on October 24, 2007, to Lacey Nickeson and Jayme Boerger. His favorite class was English because Mrs. Schultz always made the class fun. His advice for underclassmen is to “get your work done as fast as you can and don’t put it off.”

One of his biggest dreams is to travel to Hawaii to go cave diving, and in ten years, he hopes to be a manager or own a little company on the side.

Senior Spotlight

Alena Marie Tikka

Alena Marie Tikka was born on May 30, 2008, to Mylun and Colleen Tikka. She has five siblings. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Ruesink, whom she describes as kind and comforting. Her favorite class was Mrs. Shultz’s English class during her junior year, where she and her friends, Avory and Ella, were always laughing and having fun. Her advice to underclassmen is, “Do your work — it’s not actually that bad — and work hard for senior privileges because they are worth it.” If she could travel anywhere, she would choose Italy because of its beauty. One memory she will always remember is Mrs. Forten’s class, sitting in the dark on bouncy balls and playing computer games. Every day she would cry in the hall before she went in there.



Senior Spotlight

Riley Pollard

Riley Pollard was born on January 29, 2008, to Lana Bohn and Carl Pollard. He has two siblings, Wyatt (34) and Jake (32). If he could change anything about his school experience, he would have joined sports his freshman year. His favorite year of high school was his junior year because that’s when he joined sports, and it ended up being his most memorable year. His best school memory is winning the state title in football. His favorite class is history because he likes learning about the past, and in ten years, he sees himself living a stable life.

