



CHARGER CHATTER

Signs of Spring

After a long, unusual winter, it finally feels like the days are getting longer and the temperatures are warming up. With birds chirping (and a little mud underfoot), it's clear – spring is here!

Signs that Spring has Arrived:

- warm weather
- green grass
- birds chirping
- longer days
- more animals out and about
- melting snow
- more people are outside

Calendar

- 3/28** State Special Olympics
@ Mitchell; Oral Interp
@ Brookings
- 3/30** FFA in Arlington
- 4/3 - 4/6** No School, Easter
Break
- 4/6** Track Meet
- 4/9** Track Meet
- 4/13** Elementary (3-5)
Concert
- 4/14** Track Meet (High
School and Junior
High)
- 4/16** Track Meet
- 4/17** 12:30 Dismissal
(Teacher In-Service)

Pi Day

Pi Day, celebrated on March 14, was a hit in Mr. Poppen's class! Three of his Kahoot champions got the chance to pie some of the "losers" – a sweet reward for a fun competition! And of course, we can't forget: $\pi \approx 3.14!$



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Test your luck with these St. Patrick's Day trivia questions:

- How many leaves does a typical clover plant have?
- According to legend, what animal did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland?
- On average, how much money do consumers spend on St. Patrick's Day?
- What year did the first known St. Patrick's Day celebration happen in the U.S.?

(Answers on page 5!)

What's something "lucky" to you?

- Adrianys - lucky necklace x2
- Malia - the number 8
- Lucy - wishing on a star in the sky (when you can only see one)
- Mr. Sheehan - the number 16
- Parker - the number 7
- Ching - hitting multiple green lights in a row without having to slow down
- Clara - finding a face-up penny on the ground
- Mrs. Haug - seeing a bald eagle (it reminds her of her grandpa)



LAST MONTH'S CHARGER CHAMPIONS



Michel Donahoe, Zachary Johnson, Nolan Peterson, Silas Roe, Tyrel Lehtola



Evelyn Gustafson, Amelia Loban, Greyson Rosenlund, Riggs Prouty



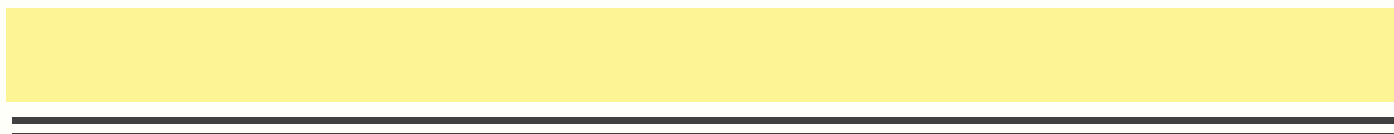
Senior Spotlight

Sydney Elizabeth Kopman

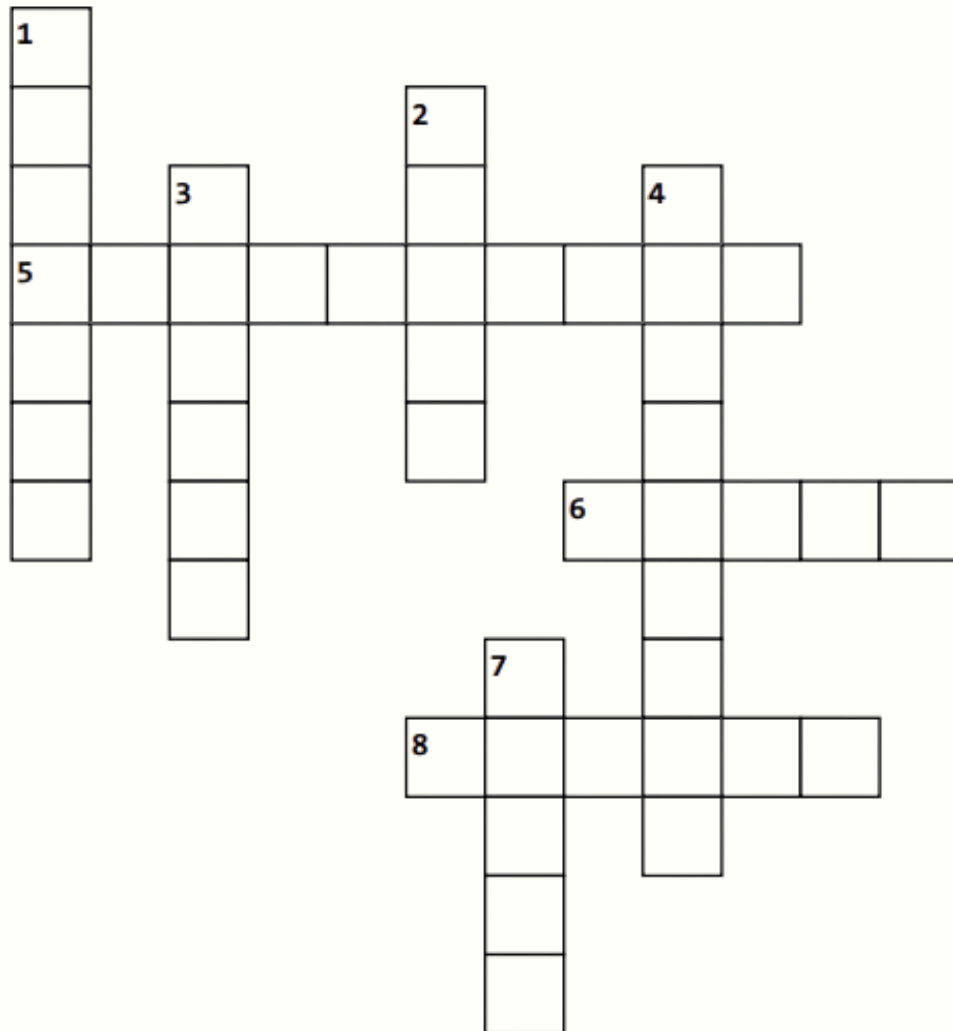
Sydney Kopman was born on November 6, 2007. Her parents are Tina and Matt. Sydney has six siblings: Samantha, Caleb, Haley, Sawyer, Emmett, and Walker. Sydney's favorite class was Mr. Abraham's 9th-grade English. She jokes about "slamming apple refreshes" with her friends and "getting a lecture every time."

A moment she'll never forget is when Troy accidentally hit a sprinkler with a volleyball while playing 5-base and sent water pouring down on everyone.

When it comes to teachers, Mrs. Heinrich was her favorite for fun, while Mrs. Schultz stood out as her favorite for learning.



MARCH CROSSWORD:



Across

- 5. chase the rainbow to find their pot of gold
- 6. soft, colorful part of the flower
- 8. powder that helps plants reproduce

Down

- 1. country where St. Patrick's Day originated
- 2. when you find a 4-leaf clover you are considered.....
- 3. the season of growth
- 4. starts as a caterpillar
- 7. a bird often seen in spring



BASKETBALL RECAP



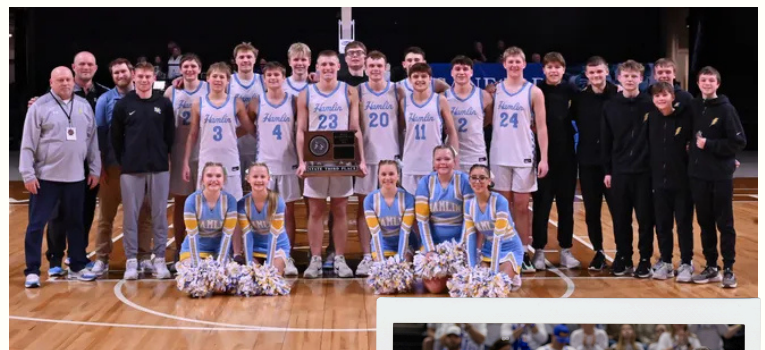
Boys Basketball Recap

The Chargers finished the season with an impressive 22-4 record and capped it off with a strong showing at the State A Basketball Tournament in Rapid City, earning third place. They bounced back to defeat two teams they had lost to during the regular season, including Groton and Clark/Willow Lake.

The tournament got off to a great start with a 65-61 win over Groton on the first night. After a challenging matchup against Sioux Falls Christian in the second round, the team responded with a 61-43 victory over Clark/Willow Lake on the third day, securing their well-earned third-place finish.

Girls Basketball Recap

The Chargers had an impressive season, finishing with a 22-3 record and earning fourth place at the Class A State Tournament. The team played with consistency, focus, and teamwork throughout the season, winning the majority of their regular-season games and carrying that momentum into the state tournament. Each player contributed to the team's success, combining skill, effort, and strategy to help Hamlin compete at a high level. Their performance at the state tournament capped off a season full of dedication, growth, and achievement for the program!



POSTSEASON HONORS

All-Tournament Team Selections: Addie Neuendorf, Jackson Wadsworth, and Boden Stevenson

Spirit of Su Award: Jackson Wadsworth

First-Team All-State: Addie Neuendorf and Jackson Wadsworth

Second-Team All-State: Boden Stevenson

Third-Team All-State: Issie Steffensen

Spirit of Six: Cheer Team





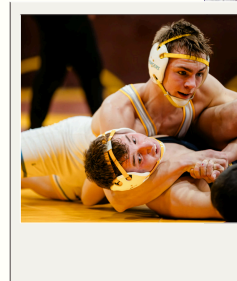
CHEER RECAP

After a long season cheering for the boys and girls basketball teams, the Charger Cheerleaders; Amelia Loban, Adrianys Rodriguez, Laura Larson, Evalyn Gustafson, and Danica Perez Jongeling, received the Spirit of Six award at the 2026 Boys State A Tournament. The last time Hamlin won Spirit of Six was in 1990, thirty-six years ago, making this a big accomplishment for the cheerleaders.



WRESTLING RECAP

Another great wrestling season is in the books! Senior Tate Everson capped it off with an impressive 3rd place finish at state. The team also included Guillermo Cruz Arroy (Senior), Preston Roberts (Freshman), Parker Roberts (Eighth Grade), and Dawson Roberts (Seventh Grade), with senior manager Riley Pollard and Coach Wade Secret leading the way.



SPRING BREAK

Check out some of the places the Chargers explored over spring break!



TRIVIA ANSWERS: 3, SNAKES, \$44.40, 1600