

Kraft, Krause take 2011 throne

By Dani Schwieger & Stine Varnes

This year the student council decided to have the coronation on Monday rather than later in the week. Mr. Pepera and Mr. Krause put together a very nice slide show looking back on all the homecoming memories, along with a good speech on traditions.

Then, the queen candidates were called to center stage where the student council performed a traditional crowning of the winner. Finally, the tiara was placed

on Keni Krause's head, who said "I felt shocked and truly honored to be crowned queen." Congratulations were given from the other candidates.

It was then time for the king candidates to take center stage and the crown was eventually placed on Joe Kraft's head after floating around between the other guys. Joe said "I was very surprised! A feeling of weight being lifted off my shoulders!"



Bryan Hasbargen, Joe Kraft, Cameron Elson and Aaron O'Connell hold hands as the crown is placed on Joe Kraft's head.

~ Homecoming Royalty Profiles ~ By Sara Stanton



Anne Christensen

What was your favorite memory from the past Homecoming week: Getting first in the 4x100 relay.

Who is your dream date: Chris Evans Favorite dress up day: Sports day, I was Michael Jordan—the greatest basketball player of all time.

What TV show do you secretly watch: Keeping up with the Kardashians



Cameron Elson

What was your favorite memory from the past Homecoming week:
Destroying the Autobots in the dodgeball championship game.

What is your biggest fear: I fear nothing, but fear itself.

What TV show do you secretly watch: If I told you then it wouldn't be a secret. C'mon man.

Who do you admire the most: Jared Allen. Some say I resemble him. How many car accidents have you been in: Is this a joke? Well FYI, it's

twice. One wasn't even my fault.



Mattison Pelland

What was your favorite memory from the past Homecoming week: My sister winning the limbo contest! Who knew? Who is your dream date: Bradley Cooper

What was the most fun event/game: DODGEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP What is your biggest fear: Drowning Who do you admire the most:

Whitney Nelson, because she's amazing on the drums!



Gabe Vaagen

What was your favorite memory from the past Homecoming week: Dawson coming to school as a girl on Insanity Day.

Who is your dream date: Snooki What was the most fun event/game: Egg Toss

What TV show do you secretly watch: SpongeBob

Who do you admire the most: My sister

Kendra Krause

Who is your dream date: Mater, from the movie Cars

What was the most fun event/game: 4 by 100m relay because my team was "da best."

What is your biggest fear: Burning or drowning to death and clowns.

What TV show do you secretly watch: Two and a Half Men



Joseph Kraft

What was your favorite memory from the past Homecoming week: Bryan's cupcake dunk, one word... "AMAZING!"

Who is your dream date: Megan Fox, no doubt.

What TV show do you secretly watch: Glee

Who do you admire the most: LeBron James

Tomatoes—Fruit or vegetable: It's a juice and what I put on my spaghetti.

Pass, Set, Hit, Win!

Last night the Bears' volleyball continued their winning record defeating Warroad handily at home. JV and C team also beat the rival Warriors.

The girls are off to a strong start this season with a record of 13 wins and 3 losses. The Bears have defeated Roseau, BGMR, I-Falls, Clearbrook-Gonvick, Warroad, Grygla, Legacy, Parkers Prairie, Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart, and Nevis. They lost to only Northern Freeze, SW Christian, and Canby.

Jill Olson is back coaching the team after a one year break. JV Coach Jason Wilson has also stepped in to help the varsity this season. One highlight of the season was driving down to Bethel College near Minneapolis for a two-day tournament with the best Class A teams in the state. The girls placed fifth out of sixteen teams, which is the best LHS has ever done at the Class A Showcase!

The homecoming game on Sept. 27, against BGMR was not as intense as the matches against the Northern Freeze or Roseau, so the Bears came out with a win. 3-0. Laura Ellis led the team with the most kills for that night, Brittni Wellen had the most serving aces, and Tori Feldman the By Stephanie Stavig



Not only were our players on fire, but also the fans have been over the top with supporting the team this season! At the

away Warroad game, the Bears had more fans than the Warriors, certainly helping the Bears pull off the win in game five.

Overall team leaders, as of Wednesday are Laura Ellis & Tate Moeller with 97 & 96 kills respectively, Brittni Wellen with 54 ace serves, Tori Feldman with 24 solo blocks, Jasmine Draper with 164 digs, and Tori Sindelir with 191 assists.



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Tori

Sindelir

the ball

Brittni Wellen hits the ball in Roseau as her team covers setter.





Football rebuilding. struggling for wins

Bears football has had an interesting season so far plagued with injuries and losses. Concussions have been an issue this year with about 5 total. Junior Austin Novak is out for the season after a concussion during the second game against Warren.

The Bears started 0-2 with a loss to RLCC and Warren. Joe Kraft led the team both games with 9 tackles a game with Brock Debilzan coming in second. Victor Dahl was 7/17 for passing with 34 yards.

LHS broke the streak and beat Blackduck at home 20-14, a much needed morale booster. Joe Kraft got 2 touchdowns and Aaron O'Connell also had a TD. Kraft and Debilzan both got 9 tackles.

The Bears went to Pillager for a rough night of injuries and lost 52-8. The Bears played hard for the first half and made it a close game. It was 14-8 at the half and everyone was looking for a win. The second half was filled with injuries, which led to a devastating loss.

The Bears were crushed 54-0 at the Homecoming game. The Bears had a good first quarter letting in a touch down off a blocked punt. The Flyers then pulled ahead, scoring 34 points in the second quarter alone. Injuries and penalties effected everyone and many people had to play positions they had never played before. Nick Fish ran 22 vards off of a kick off, which was his first return all year.

The Bears face Walker at home for parent's night Friday, September 7, and are trying to turn the season around



Junior Victor Dahl (5), throws the ball before the tackle.

The football team waits for the snap.

By Christian Slick

Austin Novak fights for the ball while Joe Kraft (38) comes in for backup.





Cross Country team's new coach faces the elements

By Anna Bloch

The new cross country team has run in some crazy weather this year, but it hasn't stopped them or their new coach, Mrs. Patty Jerde. Jerde has coached track and field for 25 years. She said that it was an amazing experience for her and she learned a lot. We

Berit B, Sara A, Emily F, & Victoria A.

asked one member of the cross country team, Bryan Hasbargen about how he felt about the new coach. "The new coach is nice and seems to know what she is doing" said Bryan.

Cross Country season runs three months (August through October).

Members of the Cross Country team this

year are: Max Kasberger, A.J. Washburn. Ben Washburn. Nolan Short, Dylan Lowes, Journey Dahl, and Bryan Hasbargen, and girls Victoria Alexander, Emily Fraser. Elizabeth Fraser, Berit Bringsjord, and Sara Achen.

So far, the best performances were Canadian Victoria Alexander with a 15:29 in the 4000 and Bryan Hasbargen with 17:36 in the 5000.

The best meet this season was in Milaca Mega Meet on September 24. The girls team finished 11th out off 33 teams with Victoria Alexander placing third overall and Elizabeth Fraser placing 17th in the Class A teams out of 158 runners.

The boys finished 18th out of 34 Class A teams. The best finisher for the boys was Bryan Hasbargen.

Upcoming meets are October 6, at Hibbing, October 13, at International Falls, October 17, at Park Rapids, and October 28th Sections at Bagley.

Miss Patty Jerde enthusiastically told us,"We hope to bring three runners to the state meet November 5, at St.Olaf College in Northfield."

Dodgeball kicks off Homecoming Week By Emily Nev

On Sunday, the first event of Homecoming week was dodgeball. LHS Homecoming Battle Royale counted percentages of dodgeball participation in each grade and added to their overall total; 48% of the seniors, 50% of the juniors, 53% of the sophomores, 56% of freshman, 17% of 8th graders, and 22% of 7th graderparticipated.



Logan Reed of WWJD praises, "The participation during dodge ball was really good. It made this year way more fun." A total of 19 teams competed.

The winners of the dodgeball tournament were the Dukes of Hazard consisting of: Cameron Elson, Aaron O'Connell, Bryan Hasbargen, Doug Potts, Zeke Beckel, and Grant Erickson. They beat the Autobots during Friday's pep fest for the championship, winning both of the 2 games. The Dukes of Hazard will also be competing against the Teachers someday during lunch.

The winners of the t-shirt contest, voted on by the Student Council, were The Barbies. Carla Nielson, Alicia Beckel, Anna Bloch, Lori Johnson, Taylor Reasy, and Myrriah Laine each won their grade five extra points and received a \$40 gift certificate to Subway.

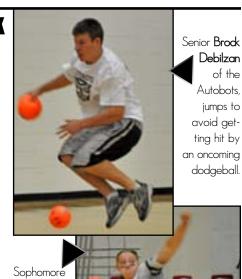
Kyle Lane of The Williams Wolves mentioned, "The best part about the dodgeball tournament was how everyone went all out in decorating their t-shirts. It was awesome."

Overall points awarded to the grades for dodgeball placing were: 93 points to the seniors, 81 points to the juniors, 76 points to the sophomores, 38 points to the freshman, 17 points to the 8th grade, and 24 to the 7th grade.





Senior Dukes of Hazard, Cameron Elson and Bryan Hasbargen battle it out to eventually become become dodgeball champions.



Lindsey Reasy of the Peekaboo

Punch, winds up to send

a dodgeball

right at her

opponent.

7th grader Ryan Torgeson of the Money Makers, stares down his opponent.

Debilzan

Autobots.

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MOMECOMING: MONDAY

Start of Dress-up Days: Sports Day By Myrriah Laine

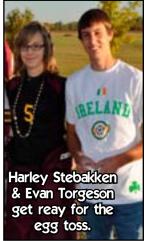
To start off the dress-up days for Homecoming week, Monday was Sports Day. Students dressed up in all kinds of sports apparel. Some were basketball players or soccer players, others got really original and dressed up as ballerinas or boxers.

Juniors, Kelsey Jonassen and Tate Moeller won best dressed. Kelsey was decked out in her snowboarding gear and Tate Moeller dressed up as an old lady golfer leaving many wonering who the heck she was. Others came as ball players and in LHS Bear gear. The

first Battle Royale games were held during first hour.







MOMECOMING: TUESDAY

Students at LHS enjoy Tropical Day as if it was summer!

By Kayla Thompson

Tuesday of the fun-filled Homecoming week was Tropical Day. People everywhere in the school dressed as hula girls, beach bums, and some, like the winner Aimee Borg, had sombreros!

Laura Ellis said "I really liked Borg's out fit. She really got into it with the floating lounge chair and the life jacket. Definite winner."

All of the tropical apparel made it feel like summer. The warm Minnesota weather also contributed to the tropical feel of the day.



Sth Grader, Molly Ney & 7th Grader, Sydney Russell hula dance during lunch.





MOMECOMINGS WEDNESDAY

LHS Rocks Out for Rocker/Rapper Day

By Matti Pelland

The hallways were filled with famous rockers and rappers on Wednesday of Homecoming week 2011. It was an easy day to participate in! Many students wore bandanas, ripped tights, and caked on the makeup; Some even went all out dressing as well known artists such as Lil' Wayne, Avril Lavigne, and Madonna.

Winners for Rocker/Rapper day were senior, Chris La Valla and 7th grader, Rayna Hasbargen. When asked who had the best costume, 7th grader Gabby Palm agreed that Rayna should've won and explained, "I liked her jelled hair!"

For the record, the 8th grade had

100% participation for Rocker/Rapper day, while the rest of the classes were in the high 70s and 80s.





8th grad

MOMECOMING: THURSDAY

LHS students get certifiably crazy on Insanity Day

By Samantha Ecklund

Thursday was Insanity Day at Lake of the Woods High School. Many students participated in costumes like Charlie Sheen, miss-matched clothes, and insane mental patients.

The winners of the day were senior, David Stintzi and freshman, Wyatt Ecklund.

David Stintzi was covered in crazv things head to toe with no bare skin showing. David said "Best costume goes to me because I won. My favorite activity to

Freshman Class

watch was none of them cause they were all pretty lame. The one activity that I participated in was dressing up because I took the lazy route."

Wyatt Ecklund, the other winner had football pants on, a pumpkin costume with wings, and a scary mask. Wyatt exclaimed, "I think David Stintzi had the best costume. My favorite activity was the limbo because I was in it."

Kelsey Jonassen said, "Tate Moeller had the best costume, Sweeny Todd. My favorite activity to watch was the whipped

cream pie eating contest.

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The Final Day of Homecoming Week By Samantha Pachel

On Friday September 30th we had our maroon and gold day to support the end of Homecoming Week. The winners of maroon and gold day were 11th grader Kerista Johnson, dressed head to toe in maroon and gold gear and 7th grader Sydney Russell, dressed up in maroon and gold hockey equipment.

"I was so happy that I won!" exclaimed Kerista.

Along with maroon and gold day there was a pep fest and the last of the events for the Homecoming Battle Royale. During the pep fest we did all the traditional things like the year cheer, the school song, the National Anthem, and all the fall sports teams came down front so their coaches can talk about them. For the football team did the lineup that the boys do before every game where they call the boys and they all high five each other. For volleyball they did a tunnel run through with all of the players.

The final came of dodgeball, which was for the championship, was also played on Friday. The two teams fighting for first place were The Dukes of Hazard and The Autobots. The teams played best two out of three where The Dukes of Hazard dominated the first two games and became the champions.



Freshmen deemed Battle Royale champs By Ally Moeller

Homecoming week at LHS this year was different than in the past. The student council organized a competition among the classes, calling it the "Homecoming Battle Royale." Everything done throughout the week, from participating in dodgeball to decorating the halls, was worth points for students to earn towards their classes. With the help of Mrs. Waibel and Miss VanEps, student council members kept track of all the points earned. The competition was meant to promote school spirit and better participation than ever before.

Several things were taken into account for the Battle Royale: dodge-ball participation and placement, hall-

way decorating and poster contests, percentage of students who dressed up each day, and of course, the challenges every day. Challenges included contests such as: egg toss, 3 point contest, limbo contest, tug-owar, musical chairs, football throwing contest, basketball dunking contest, diving competition, arm wrestling tournament, and many more. They

took place during one period of each school day, and almost every student in each class participated in more than one thing throughout the week.

The final results of the Battle Royale were announced by Mr. Nohner at the end of the pepfest on Friday, and with 733 points, the freshman class of 2015 was deemed the champion. The seniors were the runners-up with 676 points, followed by the juniors, 8th grade, sophomores, and 7th grade. Overall, it appeared that though the Battle Royale had its heated moments, a tremendous amount of fun was had by all. Many students hope the Battle Royale will become a tradition at LHS.





9th graders Zach Fish and Phuong Duong arm wrestle for first place in the lower division.

11th graders Logan Reed and Austin Hiemstra race for a ball in circle the wagon.

Senior girls,
Tori Feldman
and Brittni
Wellen carefully catch

their eggs.



Informal homec<u>oming dance ends a great week</u>

By Taylor Solo

This year's juniors tried something different this year: having the homecoming dance informal, hoping for more fan support at the Friday night football game. The dance ran from 8pm-12pm on Friday night in the school commons.

Seventh grader Tessa Solo explained, "The dance was really fun, but would've been cool if we could have dressed up since it was our first dance." Others disagreed and were glad they could just go to the game and not have to worry about dressing up and doing their hair.

Stephanie Stavig voiced, "It was insane!" The stands at the football game were full with fans; unfortunately there weren't as many people at the dance as the class of 2013 was hoping.

Ashley Krohn expressed, "Dynasty DJ was cool, but I wish there would've been more people." The juniors made \$754.25 at the doors and \$319.12 at the concessions making a grand total of \$1,073.37 After paying the DJ the class was left with a total of \$422.37.



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Freshmen take competitive poster contest

By Taylor Reasy

This year's Homecoming poster contest was won by the creative freshman class. All poster makers spent long days after school and put a lot of effort into the final product.

The winning poster had an original saying of "Winner Winner Gator Dinner." They cleverly changed "chicken" in this common phrase to "gator." They also made a football field goal post into a volleyball net combining the two sports creatively. Kendall Ericksen, Darian Dahl, Tarena Ubel, Kyden Krause, and Leah Shaw all took part in making their winning poster.

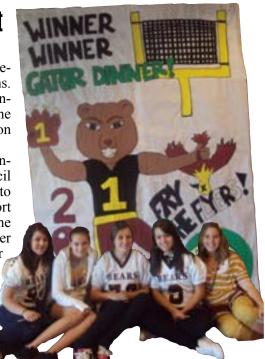
Kyden Krause, a freshman, said, "I knew we were going to win from the start. We had A LOT of artistic people, so it was a shoe-in for first-

place".

Other classes also had creative ideas that filled the commons. The seniors had a muscular bear conquering the Gators and the Flyers. The juniors had very unique lettering on theirs done by Noel Ramirez.

After having no poster contest last year, the student council brought back this festive tradition to help boost school spirit and support the teams. Posters were hung up the Monday of homecoming week after crews spent numerous hours after school the previous week painting.

Placing 2nd was the seniors', 3rd eighth grade, 4th juniors, 5th seventh grade, and in 6th were the sophomores.



Hall decorations spark Bears' spirit like never before

By Tate Moeller

For the first time in this school building, all hallways were decorated from floor to ceiling to add to the homecoming spirit. Each grade was assigned a section of the hallway to show off what they can do. This activity was one of the first of many "challenges" throughout the week.

Junior Cole Nelson mentions, "I was at the school from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. making posters, putting up cattails, and making everything look good on Sunday. We had a lot of fun decorating, and I hope they do this challenge again next year. Juniors definitely deserved the win and we'll win again next year."

Principal Mark Nohner adds, "I thought the hallways looked great. I feel it was the most creative and enthusiastic display I've seen at the school. I was

also glad to see everything stay untouched throughout the week."

The winners of the hallway challenge were the juniors (60 points), 2nd place went to the 8th graders (50 points), then freshman (40 points), next sophomores (30 points), followed by seniors (20 points), and 7th graders (10 points).









Students launch into new classes

Many new classes have been added to the curriculum this year at LHS. To replace Madame Marvin's French class, Senorita Rose joins us with a new Spanish class. Another teacher, Mr. Schmitz, who replaced Mrs. Mollberg, is teaching Applied Chemistry. Then three other new classes by a few familiar faces: Mrs. Moeller's new class Advanced Placement Language and Composition (AP Comp), Mrs. Perala's new classes, regular English Literature and English Composition, and Mrs. Hasbargen's new class Architecture and Civil Engineering.

Applied Chemistry may sound hard, but it is, "a solid option for any student," says Mr. Schmitz. Students will gain a lot of beneficial knowledge in this class while still having fun. They try to do at least one lab experiment per week, and are presently studying the

atomic theory and "what makes up the matter we see all around us."

AP Language and Composition is a class that is focuses on strengthening writing skills and thoroughly preparing students for the AP exams as well as for college. Mrs. Moeller explains that, "the course is still in development, so I hope to keep students challenged and interested." The first year of this class the students started off with a great play called "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller.

Mrs. Perala says the English

FACT: LHS now offers

Advanced Placement
classes which allow students to
take a test and receive college
credit if they qualify

By Mikaela Castle

classes for juniors and seniors will benefit our students by providing "college level work in high school... the new writing course will improve skills needed across the curriculum."

Architecture and Civil Engineering sounds like it would involve a wide variety of subjects, and it does! This course includes learning about careers in Architecture and Civil Engineering, learning software, building codes and equipment, and using both Math and Science skills. Mrs. Hasbargen says that she has several exciting projects planned for this year, such as "Surveying Property, Soil Testing and using a software called Autodesk Revit to design residential and commercial buildings." The class



Google apps, Moodle benefit school

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Google Apps and Moodle, our schools new computer services put up over the summer, are for our benefit. This year Google Apps is being used because is will save us approximately \$1,000 rather than if we hosted our own server. For the first year it is believed that it can save us another \$7,000 on

server costs. Sixty-one out of the top 100 schools are now using Google Apps to save money. Google Apps will be taking the place of our original email service, which is being shut down at the end of this year to give everyone time to switch over.

I conducted my own survey to find

out if people were embracing our new applications.Of the high school teachers, 86% use both Google Apps and Moodle (considering 23% gave no reply). For students, only 34% use both, 44% of them only use Google Apps, and 11% use neither. (The remaining 11% didn't reply)

Moodle has been used at our school for about four years. Up until this year it has been for teacher and administration mostly. Used for testing

By Tabby Thompson calendars, committee meetings, and

detention schedules. This year it's for students as well as teachers. Students can use Moodle for getting homework, taking little quizzes that teachers might put up to help them study, or they can take online classes that have been

offered for the last couple of years.

Mr. Nohner stated "We like to open Moodle up to students because most colleges use it. We'd like to get them used to it for when they go to college."

Some teachers are reluctant to use the new technology for various reasons. But one person

said that the teachers "are refusing to embrace technology". But there are some who are thrilled that students can finally work on assignments at home, at school, or wherever they have internet access. This should eliminate most excuses for turning in papers late.



School day change: longer activity period, shorter lunch

By Harley Stebakken



It's the start of a new school year and there are many new changes; one of them being a shorter lunch and a longer AP time. Many students don't like the idea of being stuck in a classroom for four minutes longer. However, some students say that they like the longer AP time because it gives them a few extra minutes for a class meeting or to simply get a couple more problems done on their homework. While some students enjoy the longer AP time, there are some students that don't like having a shorter lunch!

"It gives us less time to eat when we get out on the last bell and it also gives us less time to socialize with our friends," says 8th grader Ali McCloud.

Teacher profiles! Meet a few new faces...



Full Name: Brett Johnson Birthday: September 6th, 1981 Hometown: Thief River Falls, MN Where did you attend college: Concordia College, Moorhead

What was your major: Health and

Physical Education

What was your favorite homecoming activity: Dodge ball, and the class competitions ... it adds a little comradary between classes.

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, golfing, playing various activities, and riding bike.

Who is your ideal Hollywood date: Reese Witherspoon

Does your mom still do your laundry: No.

What do you like so far, about Lake of the Woods High School: I like how the staff is very welcoming and friendly. They are very helpful when needed as well. The school is amazing.



Full Name: Dayna Rose

Birthday: Groundhog's Day - February

2nd

Hometown: Eagan, MN

Where did you attend college: Univer-

sity of Minnesota Duluth

What was your major: Spanish and

Anthropology

What was your favorite homecoming activity: Watching the teachers dominate the students at dodgeball.

Hobbies: Anything outdoors, running, and photography

and photography

Who is your ideal Hollywood date: Lil Wayne

Does your mom still do your laundry: No, but she should- my clothes always smell better and feel softer when she does them for some reason.

What is the weirdest dream you've ever had: I once dreamed that a monkey was chasing me out of the woods and I couldn't escape. It was so real, and so scary.

What do you like so far, about Lake of the Woods High School: The building and all of the people are awesome.

By Kelsey Jonassen



Full Name: Seth Schmitz Birthday: September 10th, 1988 Hometown: Red Lake Falls, MN Where did you attend college: Bemidji

State University

What was your major: Biochemistry What was your favorite homecoming

activity: The dunk contest

Hobbies: Attending college and pro sporting events, deer hunting, ice fishing, paranormal investigations, jk! Who is your ideal Hollywood date:

Erin Andrews

Does your mom still do your laundry: If I go home on the weekend! If you got the card, you might as well play it!

What is the weirdest dream you've ever had: I had a dream that there was a tiger under my car in my garage and I had to try and get by it. I just stood and juked the tiger all night and never moved.

What do you like so far, about Lake of the Woods High School: The staff.

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By Stephanie Stavig

This month at LHS the trend is retro cheer costumes. The students have been pleading the janitors to let them



sneak into the storage room and borrow OLD LHS cheer outfits. Students wear them to the football games, volleyball games, or just around school for homecoming week!

