

**In the News**

**No School**

There will also be no school on Friday, March 29 and Monday April 1 in observance of Easter.

**Trap Shoot begins March 31**

Trap shooting is set to begin putting in practice and scores on Sunday, March 31.

**Blood Drive**

The Northome National Honor Society is hosting the Memorial Blood Service Tuesday, April 23.

**Please Call**

Please call the attendance line when your child is absent from school. It is 218/897-5275.

**Prom**

April 27, 2024, Northome High School and Kelliher High School host the 2024 Prom at Kelliher School. Grand March will be held at the Kelliher School at 5:00 pm.

Dinner will follow Grand March and will also be held at Kelliher High School. Dinner will be catered by The Road Runner.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact

Beth Skoe at 218-340-3915 or Stephanie Skaret at 218-897-5275.

**Quarter Three Grades**

Report cards will be mailed home for high school students. Elementary student will have report cards sent home with them. Online grade reports may be reviewed at: <https://northome.onlinejmc.com/>

**Mustang Express Publication Dates**

April 17, 2024  
 May 7, 2024  
 May 15, 2024

**Northome High School students recognized for their skills at D L High School Young Artists and Writers Competition**

DETROIT LAKES, MN - On Friday, March 22, the Detroit Lakes American Indian Education Department's Young Artists and Young Writers Competition brought together talented students from various schools to showcase their creativity and literary prowess. Held at Detroit Lakes High School, the event was a celebration of indigenous artistry and storytelling.

Among the participants were students from Northome School, who left a remarkable imprint on the competition. Freshman Kendra Rosebear's poignant narrative about her artist grandfather secured an Honorable Mention.

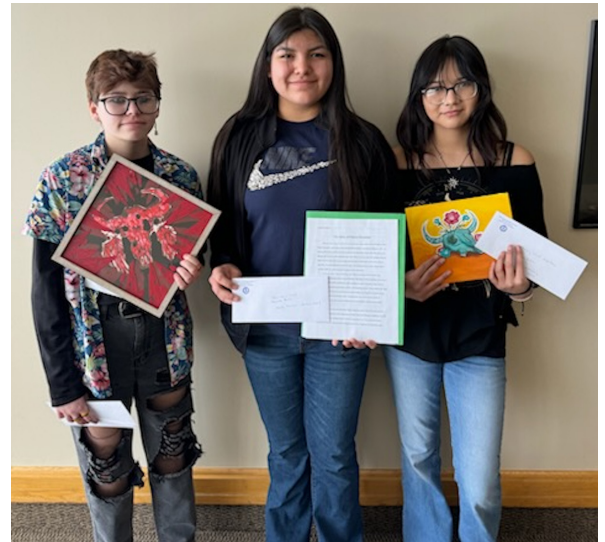
Fellow freshman Ali Hosley demonstrated exceptional skill with her painting on glass, earning a well-deserved second place. Adding to the triumph, freshman Kyra Butcher clinched two coveted first place ribbons for her outstanding artwork.

Accompanying the triumphant students was Northome School's American Indian Education Coordinator, Stephanie Skaret, who

provided guidance and support throughout the program. Reflecting on their achievements, Skaret expressed pride, stating, "They did a great job; it was a fun experience." She further remarked that the students are eagerly anticipating the next year's competition, already brimming with ideas and enthusiasm.

The competition served as a platform for young indigenous talents to shine, fostering a sense of community and empowerment among participants. Their creativity and dedication underscored the importance of nurturing artistic expression and storytelling within the Native American youth community.

As the event concluded, participants and attendees alike departed with a renewed appreciation for the rich cultural heritage and creative ingenuity of Indigenous artists and writers. With hopes high and aspirations soaring, the stage is set for another inspiring showcase of talent at next year's competition.



Northome High School students Ali Hosley, Kendra Rosebear and Kyra Butcher hold up their work and their winnings from the Young Artists and Writers Competition. (Photo by Stephanie Skaret)

**School braces for solar eclipse**

**By Jim Schneider  
 Science Teacher**

April 8 is the date of the next solar eclipse visible in Minnesota. While we won't get a total eclipse, we still get to encounter a pretty spectacular phenomenon. At the peak, 70.3% of the sun will be blocked by the moon.

I remember back when I was in sixth grade, we were encouraged to make our own safe method to view the upcoming solar eclipse. We didn't have solar viewing glasses or the Internet. I watched a television show on how to make a solar

eclipse viewer. It was February, so thankfully we were able to view the eclipse from our classroom.

To safely watch a solar eclipse, you need to protect your eyes. So here is a quick Public Safety Announcement. It is NOT safe to look at an eclipse with unshielded eyes. Sunglasses are NOT enough. Using your cell phone is NOT good enough. Here are some good options from preventblindness.org: solar viewing glasses, unscratched number 14 welding glass, or use your own unscratched sheet of mylar to create a viewing box.

Northome School staff and stu-

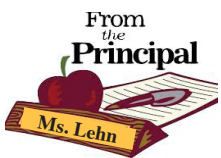
dents are busy getting ready for this rare occurrence. Several elementary groups, staff, and the science club are preparing to do some educating and viewing that day. The public is invited out to the school to participate in the event.

All people viewing the eclipse will be provided a pair of solar viewing glasses. The public is invited out for a sun-themed lunch (see Page 2 for details) and then can take in the sight, meander between learning and activity stations, and spend some time with our wonderful students.

An event like this is fairly

rare. Following the 1979 viewing, it wasn't until 2017, when a partial eclipse was about 80% complete, reached Minnesota. Most people in the state missed it as the state was mostly blanketed in clouds. (I was able to watch about the first 10 minutes of the eclipse in Northome before the clouds obscured the rest of the event.)

The next partial eclipse that will be similar to this will be Jan. 14, 2029 when it will be just under 70%. This is an unusually short time. The next total eclipse for Minnesota is calculated to be in 2099.



*Knowledge is Power!  
Where will it take you?*

**A Message from  
Ms. MacKenzie Lehn**

**It's almost time for the MCA's**

It's almost that time of year again for students to take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's). The MCA's are a set of statewide tests given to students in Minnesota.

The purpose of these tests is to measure student progress in relation to meeting the Minnesota academic standards in addition to meeting state legislation and federal requirements. The information gathered is used to improve classroom teaching and learning.

Students begin taking these assessments in third grade in the areas of reading, math and science. This year, we plan to begin the MCA's the week of April 11th and hopefully wrap them up the week of May 3.

With students each having their own Chromebook, we should be able to complete the tests within the regular classrooms. More detailed information will be provided to families in the near future.

Tips to be successful on the MCA's:

- Get plenty of sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Dress comfortably
- Pace yourself
- Believe in yourself!

**Survivor is Coming!**

With MCA's around the corner, you know what that means... time for SURVIVOR! Grades 7-12 will once again participate and compete in Survivor: Northome Edition. Each event and challenge will help to prepare and motivate our students for the MCA's! The events will begin March 25th and continue throughout the month. This is a time for students to use teamwork and knowledge to be the winners of Survivor!

**Spring Fest/ Spring Concert**

Our Spring Fest and elementary Spring concert will be looking a bit different this year due to some staffing changes. We will not be holding our usual spring fest with Kelliher this year nor having our elementary spring concert.

However... we will still be celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students. We are planning to hold a "Spotlight," night where students have the opportunity to showcase their work.

Each class will be working on a project to present to their families and friends. We will also hold our annual spring carnival that evening in one of our gyms where families can

come play games, have dinner and spend time with friends. We will announce the date for this event as soon as it is determined. We are excited to see all of you there!

**It's a Solar Eclipse!**

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun.

Northome students are inviting the community to come celebrate this special event with us. We will have a picnic lunch from 12:10-12:45 with a program to follow led by our solar eclipse experts.

Crafts, games and snack stations will also be set up for everyone to enjoy. Safety glasses will be provided to all students, staff and guests. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, please RSVP to Nikki Adegun by Wednesday, April 3rd at 218-897-5275 ext 100. We hope to see all of you there!

Stay tuned! Information about summer school will be coming soon. "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

– Winston Churchill

*Halo Awards*

I would like to give a sincere thank you to Chaz Dietrich, Jill Rienarz, Cayla Buentemeier, Jenny Moen, Mackenzie Lehn and all other people who covered for me in my absence while handling a family emergency. The willingness to be flexible

and the understanding of my situation from my coworkers has been phenomenal and words can't express my gratitude. I'm very thankful for my school community / family. -Mrs. Monica Fontana Teacher

**Can you find the horseshoe in the Express?**



**Contest Rules**

- Anyone can enter except members of *The Mustang Express* staff.
  - A winner will be drawn from the entries with the correct answers.
  - Winners will be announced in the next edition of **The Mustang Express**.
  - All entries due at the Express Office (Classroom) by 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday after publication. Drop off in the school office and Shining Light Cafe.
  - Winners can pick up their prizes after their name appears in the paper or are contacted.
  - Only one entry per person per edition.
  - In case of a tie, a random drawing will be held.
- Win a prize from the Express Prize box.

Name the page and describe the area it is in. (Or circle, clip the section and drop it off with your information.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

Where you found the horseshoe \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary student Madilyn Heide successfully identified the horse shoe among the stuff moved out of the library in the story about the leak.



P.O. Box 465, Northome, MN 56661  
Phone: 218-897-5275, ext 128  
Fax 218-897-5280  
Email address:  
jtrisko@northome.k12.mn.us

The Mustang Express is published every other Friday during the school year by ISD #363, Northome School. Postage paid at Northome, Minn.

**Deadlines**

The deadline for most news in the Express is noon

on the Friday the week before publication. Exceptions are obituaries and reports on weekend events

**Letters**

Letters to the editor and other opinion articles are welcomed. Letters must be signed and include address and phone number for verification of authenticity. We reserve the right to edit lengthy letters.

**Express Staff**

- Juleen Trisko .....Advisor
- Cloey Buentemeier. ....Writer /Photographer
- Mariah Hanson. ....Writer /Photographer
- Caden Troy .....Writer /Photographer

**Editorial Policy and Guidelines of *The Mustang Express***

The school press is governed by the same basic legal rights and responsibilities as the professional press. High school journalists have the right guaranteed in the First Amendment to free expression, insofar as published items may not contain libel or obscenity, invade the privacy of individuals, incite or violate the laws of copyright.

Stated generally, the goals of student publications at Northome High School are to inform, entertain, interpret and provide a sounding board for ideas and opinions of students and faculty of NHS.

In addition, it is understood that publications are primarily designed to serve as a laboratory experience for students interested in learning the techniques of sound journalistic practice. While staff members are expected to strive for professional quality, we recognize that they are engaged in an educational venture, and as such, room for trial and error must be allowed.

While the advisor may provide suggestions about content, the final responsibility rests with the advisor, students and administration.

# CHARACTER CHALLENGE

By Mariah Hanson  
*The Mustang Express*

On Tuesday, March 19, Northome High School had Travis Guida come in to present his program called Character Challenge which is based off of his Character Challenge Course in Park Rapids, Minn. Their programs connect students in hands-on activities, team focused events, and provide engaging and motivational stories.

I really enjoyed it and made a point to stop him afterwards to tell him so. Trav, as he asked us to call him, led the challenges while a rapper named Ron spoke to us about how to overcome difficulties. They were the two very kind men who talked to us. When they were not talking, we played little games, challenges, and even rapped. In my opinion it was very interesting.

They both talked about how, sometimes in life we don't see the bigger picture, and that sometimes

we need to take a step back to see it. The guys explained that because neither of them had good father figures in life, they listened to what everyone else told them to be. Eventually, they discovered that they had to be themselves to find out where they belonged in life. In life, the only way that you can change is if you change yourself. No one else can change you; and no one can help you unless you let them.

As we learned about these guys' lives, we saw how even though bad things happen, we choose our attitudes and how we move on in life. They talked about alcohol and how it can hurt families; abandonment and how it can lead to bad choices.

Trav was talking to us about his childhood and how his dad was an alcoholic and just wasn't the best. He was mad at his dad, until he grew older and learned that his father became the head of his house when he was only 16 because his dad was an alcoholic that abandoned his mother with nine kids to raise. He didn't know that about him, and he had to see through his dad's eyes on how that made his dad feel.

These messages really resonated with me, and I believe were good for many students to hear. They may not have meant a lot to everyone there that day, but it meant a lot to me and other students.

I think what these two men do is really cool; I really appreciate them coming to our small school and sharing. As they mixed up the age groups for activities, they forced us to interact with other kids at Northome School that we don't talk to every day.

We also had to work to-

gether on all the challenges. In one, we all had to hold a paper plate by one finger and lower it to the floor. We had to work together to bring it to the floor without any of us every letting go.

Another had us share a few things about ourselves, write about people we look up too, list a team that we are on, and something that stops us in life.

In one challenge, three of us formed a triangle by placing our hands on each other's shoulders. Two of us in the triangle had to protect the third person from the tagger, the fourth person on the outside of the group. We learned how important it is to have a couple of friends.

Then there was the challenge where we had sync our paces in a line so that all in the group crossed the finish line at the same time. This took a lot of communication.

These multiple little challenges had a deeper meaning behind them. We had to communicate to get the task done. We had to depend on each other. We had to support each other. No one else can change you; and no one can help you unless you let them.

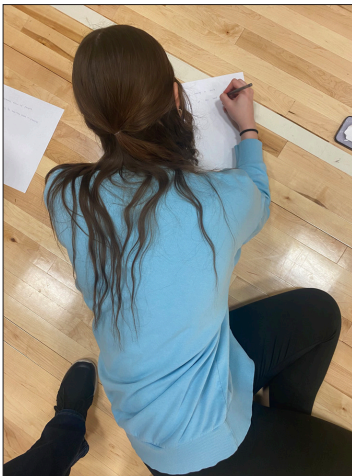
Some students may have thought that some of the challenges were a little silly, but we laughed and we had fun together with people that we may not talk to every day.

Whatever you students thought of that whole experience is a result of how you participated. You might have had fun, you might have not, but it's all in what you want to make it. I think that even though some may not admit it, what those two did meant something to them.

It may have helped you see you're not alone, it may have inspired you to change things, maybe even treat yourself and others differently.



Above, a group slowly lowers a plate using just one finger from each person. Left, Natalie Albrecht and Addie Forsreen try not to laugh to hard as they lower the plate. Below, a group tries to cross the "finish line" at the same time. (Photos by Juleen Trisko)



Sophomore Josee Lindley writes her thoughts as the speaker gave students questions to ponder.



## Tousignant joins staff

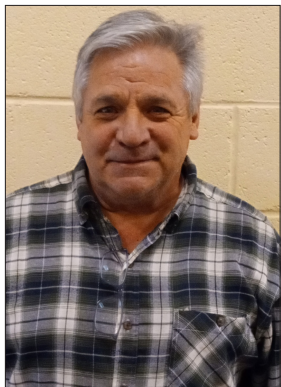
By Cloey Buenetemeier  
The Mustang Express

Northome School welcomed Roger Tousignant (pronounced Too-Zna) on Monday March 18 as he assumed the role of full-time afternoon/evening custodian.

Tousignant lived in the Twin Cities before moving to Northern Minnesota. He loved hunting and fishing in Northern Minnesota, so he moved to Effie where he loves living and enjoys the Hwy 1 commute everyday.

He is also impressed with the northern community, especially the excellent food establishments.

Superintendent Jeremy Tammi said, "Please welcome Roger Tousignant to our Northome School family."



Roger Tousignant

## PSEO application forms due May 30

Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students may apply to enroll in Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) and other advanced enrichment programs.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows public and nonpublic students to earn college credit while still in high school. Sophomores must receive a passing score on the MCA reading test to be eligible to participate. All students must meet the admissions standards of the postsecondary institution they would like to attend, and meet any prerequisites required for the course.

Each year, general information about the PSEO program is

provided to all eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students by March 1.

Qualifying credits granted to a student through a PSEO course or program that meets or exceeds a graduation standard or requirement will be counted toward the graduation and credit requirements of the state academic standards.

Interested students must fill out an application form and submit it by May 30 for enrollment the following school year.

The application form must be signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian. Students wishing to take a PSEO course should contact the School Counselor.

fast. On those days, why not send them to the School Breakfast Program? Each meal meets government nutritional guidelines and standards. Schools are required to provide a breakfast meal that includes fruit, whole-grain rich items, and low fat or fat free milk.

Check your child's menu to see the variety of nutritious choices available at School

Breakfast, or stop by to sample the food yourself!



### What's Cooking?

At school, there's always a meal ready to be served!

Some mornings, it's tough to find the time to make sure your kids are eating a nutritious break-

## Class rank and academic standing information

Class standing in the senior high is based on total credits earned, not the number of years with a group or class.

To be considered a sophomore, a student must have successfully completed a minimum of 6 credits. To be considered a junior, a student must have successfully completed a minimum of 12 credits in grades 9 and 10. To be considered a senior,

a student must have successfully completed a minimum of 19 credits in grades 9, 10 and 11.

Students will be accepted into the seventh grade upon the recommendation of the appropriate officials of the previous grade or school. However, to advance in grade standing, students must demonstrate the ability to do classroom work at the higher level. Any

junior high student receiving 3 or more failing grades for a semester's work shall repeat the grade the following year unless promoted with administration approval

In some instances, students eligible for promotion will be assigned to the higher grade but will be required to repeat a failing course from the previous grade.

## Reminder of Northome High School graduation requirements

Twenty-six credits are required to be earned in grades 9-12, to earn a high school diploma. Credits are earned on a semester basis. Upon the successful completion of any class that meets every day during a semester, a student earns one-half of a credit.

This requirement may be waived and a student may earn one-fourth of a credit, if he/she successfully completes a quarter's work in a class and then withdraws from that class. This waiver can only be granted with the approval of the instructor involved and the principal/administrative assistant.

The 26 credits needed for graduation shall be made up of required and elective courses approved by the State Department of Education and the Board of Trustees of the local district.

A student must have satisfactorily completed: 1. 4 credits in English which meet the state language arts standards.

2. 4 credits in social studies

which meet the state social studies standards and include US History, geography, World History, economics and American Government (or their approved equivalent).

3. One credit total of physical Education and health with a minimum of .5 credits in each.

4. 3 credits in math in grades 9, 10,11, or 12. One credit must be geometry.

5. 3 credits in science, which meet the state Science Standards. One credit Physical Science, 1 credit Biology, and 1 credit of either Chemistry/ Physics, or equivalent meeting the Chemistry/Physics requirements.

6. 1 credit in the Arts (Music or visual arts are offered in the South Koochiching Rainy River School District.)

7. .5 credit in Consumer Education. (Transitions). It can be waived if students elect to take a fourth credit in higher level math or fourth credit in higher level science.

8. The remainder of the 26 re-


quired credits are from the elective areas.

9. A student who forgoes all or part of his/her senior year and obtains a GED certificate shall not be eligible to take part in graduation ceremonies.

10. A student who is under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or any other controlled substance will not be allowed to take part in his/her graduation ceremony. The principal/administrative assistant and class advisor(s) shall have the final say as to whether or not a student has violated this requirement.

11. Only those members of the senior class who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation by 3:15 p.m. on graduation day will be allowed to participate in Northome High School's graduation ceremonies.

12. Seniors who are suspended or receive ISS during the last two weeks of school, may not be allowed to walk at graduation.



# On Sale Now

**What:** 2024 Yearbooks (Chronika) now on sale  
**When:** Now until all 50 are sold  
**Who to see:** Ms. Trisko, Kenly Hallstrom, Jack Pihalaja, or Kierra Waller  
**Cost:** \$30

Only 25 Copies Left!

# All Decked Out

**MUSTANG BASEBALL 2024 (as of 3-11-2024)**

Date	Day	Opponent	SITE	Levels	Game Time
4/5/2024	FRIDAY	CARLTON-WRENSHALL	CARLTON	Varsity & JV	4:00 V with JV at 6:00
4/8/2024	MONDAY	LOW	BAUDETTE	Varsity & JH	4:30
4/12/2024	FRIDAY	CLEARBROOK	KELLIHER	JH	4:30
4/15/2024	MONDAY	LAPORTE	KELLIHER	Varsity & JH	4:30
4/18/2024	THURSDAY	WIN E MAC	KELLIHER	Varsity & JH	4:30
4/19/2024	FRIDAY	MAHNOMEN/WAUBAN	KELLIHER	Varsity & JH	4:30
4/22/2024	MONDAY	WALKER	WALKER	Varsity & JH	4:30
4/26/2024	FRIDAY	LITTLFORK	LITTLFORK	Varsity & JH	4:30
4/30/2024	TUESDAY	NEVIS	NEVIS	Varsity & JH	4:30
5/2/2024	THURSDAY	RED LAKE	KELLIHER	Varsity & JH	4:30
5/6/2024	MONDAY	PINE RIVER	KELLIHER	Varsity & JH	4:30
5/9/2024	THURSDAY	CASS LAKE	KELLIHER	Varsity & JH	4:30
5/14/2024	TUESDAY	BLACKDUCK	BLACKDUCK	Varsity & JH	4:30
5/16/2024	THURSDAY	BAGLEY	BSU	Varsity	TBD
5/20/2024	MONDAY	LAPORTE	LAPORTE	Varsity & JH	4:30
5/28/2024	TUESDAY	REGION 8A PLAYOFFS	TBD	Varsity	TBD

## 2024 Tentative Bulldogs Track and Field Schedule

(as of 3/17/24)

Wednesday, March 27	Picture Day	Northome
Friday March 29		No Practice Easter Break
Monday, April 1		No Practice Easter Break
Tuesday, April 2	Craig Hougan Invitational	BSU 11:00 am start
Tuesday, April 2	Varsity	Deer River
Thursday, April 11	Varsity	Walker
Thursday, April 18	JH	Northome 4:00 start
Monday, April 22	Varsity	Deer River
Thursday, April 25	JH (6 - 8)	Baudette
Monday, April 29	Varsity	Bagley
Tuesday, April 30	JH	International Falls
Thursday, May 2	Varsity	Northome 4:00 start
Tuesday, May 7	Varsity True Team	Northome 4:00 start
Thursday, May 9	JH / Varsity Conference	International Falls
		Baudette 1:00 start
		(12:00 coaches meeting)
Tuesday, May 14	Varsity	Deerwood Bank
Friday, May 17	Varsity	Northome 4:00 start
Monday, May 20	JH	Baudette
Thursday, May 23	Varsity Sub-section	Border Showdown
Friday, May 31	Varsity Section	Baudette
June 6-8	Varsity State	Dilworth
		St. Michael-Albertville

**MUSTANG SOFTBALL 2024 (as of 3/11/2024)**

Date	Day	Opponent	SITE	Levels	Game Time
4/8/2024	MONDAY	LOW	KELLIHER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
4/9/2024	TUESDAY	LITTLFORK	LITTLFORK	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
4/11/2024	THURSDAY	WARROAD	KELLIHER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
4/12/2024	FRIDAY	CLEARBROOK	CLEARBROOK	JH	4:30
4/15/2024	MONDAY	LAPORTE	LAPORTE	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
4/20/2024	SATURDAY	BGMR TOURNAMENT	MIDDLE RIVER	Varsity	TBD
4/22/2024	MONDAY	WALKER	KELLIHER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
4/23/2024	TUESDAY	FOSSTON	FOSSTON	VAR, JV, & JH	4:30
4/30/2024	TUESDAY	NEVIS	KELLIHER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
5/2/2024	THURSDAY	RED LAKE	RED LAKE	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
5/3/2024	FRIDAY	HILL CITY/REMER	HILL CITY	VAR, JV, & JH	4:30
5/6/2024	MONDAY	PINE RIVER	PINE RIVER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
5/7/2024	TUESDAY	WEST MARSHAL	KELLIHER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
5/9/2024	THURSDAY	CASS LAKE	CASS LAKE	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
5/14/2024	TUESDAY	BLACKDUCK	KELLIHER	Var. & Jr. High	4:30
5/16/2024	THURSDAY	BAGLEY	BSU	Varsity	TBD
5/17/2024	FRIDAY	FERTILE-BELTRAMI	FERTILE	Var. & Jr. High	4:00
5/17/2024	FRIDAY	FERTILE-BELTRAMI	FERTILE	Var. & Jr. High	5:30
5/21/2024	TUESDAY	SECTION 5A PLAYOFFS	TBD	Varsity	TBD

## 2024 Tentative Mustang Golf Schedule

Monday, April 22: Varsity Boys Invitational at Walker 10 A.M.	Thursday, May 9: Var. Con Boys at Bigfork 5 P.M. JH Con at Eagle View, Park Rapids 4 P.M.
Tuesday, April 23: Var. Con. Boys and Girls at Headwaters Park Rapids 1 p.m.	Monday, May 13: Boys at Bear's Den 5 P.M.
Tuesday, April 25: Varsity Girls Invitational at Walker 10 A.M.	Tuesday, May 14: 6 Girls and 6 Boys John Kirk Invitational at Longbow, Walker hosted by CL 10 A.M. start.
Monday, April 29: Varsity Coed at Blueberry Pines 10 A.M. Junior girls at Cass Lake	Wednesday, May 15: JH Con 12 golfers at Greenwood, Bemidji 10 A.M.
Tuesday, April 30: Jr. Var. at Walker 4 P.M. Var. Con. Girls at Cass Lake 5 P.M.	Thursday, May 16: JH Con 8 golfers at The Edge, Bigfork 4 P.M.
Thursday, May 2: Var / Con Boys at Cass Lake 5 P.M. JH Con at Park Rapids	Monday, May 20 Var Con Boys and Girls at Tianna, Walker 1 P.M.
Friday, May 3: Var Boys at Headwaters, Park Rapids 9 A.M.	Tuesday, May 28: Sec 7A Prelims Guys and Gals, MN National
Monday, May 6: Var Girls at Headwaters, Park Rapids 9 A.M.	Wednesday, May 29: Sec 7A Finals Guys and Gals MN National, Sec 8AA Subsections
Tuesday, May 7: Var Girls Con at Pine River 5 p.m. JH Girls at Pine River 4:30 P.M. JH Con Boys at Blackduck 4:30 P.M.	Thursday, May 30: Section 8 AA Finals

# Mustang Prom 2024: A Night to Remember

PROM

The anticipation is building, the dresses are being fitted, and the suits pressed to perfection. Yes, you guessed it right; it's that time of the year again - prom season! Mark your calendars for April 27, 2024, as Northome High School and Kelliher High School gear up to host the most awaited event of the year.

This year's prom promises to be an unforgettable affair, filled with laughter, music, and memories to last a lifetime. But before we delve into the excitement of the night, let's cover some essential details.

Firstly, tickets are priced at a reasonable \$25.00 per person. However,

do take note, refunds will not be issued after March 1, as arrangements such as T-shirt orders and catering will have been finalized by then.

The festivities kick off with the Grand March at 5:00 pm, where our glamorous attendees will strut their stuff in their finest attire. This elegant spectacle will take place at Kelliher High School, setting the stage for an evening of elegance and charm.

Following the Grand March, guests will indulge in a dinner catered by The Road Runner. Picture this: succulent fried chicken accompanied by creamy mashed potatoes and gravy, crisp green beans, and warm dinner rolls. And if

that wasn't enough to tantalize your taste buds, prepare to satisfy your sweet tooth with delightful ice cream sundaes for dessert.

Once dinner concludes, the real fun begins! At 7:00 pm, the dance floor opens its doors, inviting everyone to dance the night away.

But wait, there's more! From 7:00 pm until midnight, an array of games, a cozy lounge area, and exciting activities will be available for all attendees to enjoy. Whether you're showing off your dance moves or challenging your friends to a friendly game, there's something for everyone at this year's prom.

As the clock strikes midnight, the

dance and activities will draw to a close. But fear not, for the night is not over just yet. Prizes will be drawn for lucky attendees, adding an extra sprinkle of excitement to the evening. Finally, at 1:00 am, students will bid farewell to a night filled with laughter, joy, and cherished memories.

So, mark your calendars, secure your tickets, and get ready for a Prom night like no other. Get ready to dance, laugh, and make memories that will last a lifetime. See you at Kelliher School Prom 2024!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS**  
**APRIL 25, 2024**

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!**  
USE THE QR CODE BELOW OR CALL THE HEALTH OFFICE

Your child needs to be 3 years old or older to qualify for early childhood screenings.

Parents need to be present at the appointment and bring updated vaccination forms

Location: Northome School, 11731 Highway 1, Northome, MN 56661  
Time: Appointments available between 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Screenings include:

- Hearing
- Vision
- Development
- Behavioral

**QUESTIONS?**  
shildebrandt@northome.k12.mn.us  
218.897.5275 ext. 156

**COME JOIN OUR MUSTANG FAMILY!**



Northome High School students created a stained-glass effect when they took old picture frames and created glass paintings using colored glue as faux leading. Paper with the design was taped to the underside of the glass so that it showed through to use as a guide. Clear glue and a little bit of paint was used to pain the glass.

The top one belongs to Ali Hosley. The bottom left is Charli Hallstrm. The bottom right is Coluii Mendiola.



## Class of 2024 "To Do List"

### As a Class

- Apply for colleges!
- Order caps, stoles, and tassels (ask Sue about best companies for this)
- Start planning baccalaureate; make a planning committee.
- Schedule date and time, make programs, talk to chosen church officials, pick readers.
- Get class graduation party schedule so no two parties overlap.
- Give any open house information you wish to see in the graduation issue of the Mustang Express to Kerly Hallstrom by Wednesday, May 8.
- Order flowers to hand out to parents at graduation.
- Buy decorations for graduation.
- For valedictorian and salutatorian, write speeches! **You must submit them to the principal by Monday of graduation.** Find time to practice using the sound system in the gym.
- Decorate for graduation.

### As an Individual

- Check your credits. Make sure you have the required amounts for graduation.
- Make sure to ask for recommendation letters about two weeks in advance.
- Finish up your scholarships.
- Make and send out graduation invitations.
- Get class graduation party schedule so no two parties overlap.
- Make sure you have applied for housing and confirmed your enrollment at your college(s). Priority deadline is May 1 for many schools but not all. Be sure to check dates.
- For valedictorian and salutatorian, write speeches! Submit speeches to the office the Monday of graduation.
- Send out thank yous for graduation gifts as you receive them.
- Send out thank yous to those who gave you scholarships.

### By Cloey Bueneteimer The Mustang Express

Math teacher Mrs. LeAnn Bolhous suggested I should ask readers to match cars in the parking lot to their owners in the school.

Below are the cars I knew and took pictures of, and to the right are their owners.



# Mustang Trivia Crack!



1



2



3



4



5



6



7



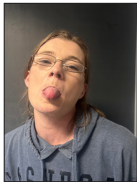
8



9



10



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



J

If you have suggestions for a Trivia Crack theme, please send an email to junior Cloey Bueneteimer or drop them off in the office.

Answers  
1 = I, 2 = A, 3 = D, 4 = E, 5 = B, 6 = F, 7 = J, 8 = C, 9 = G, 10 = H



# Misadventures with MARIAH

## Family camping trips a good tradition

By Mariah Hanson  
The Mustang Express

Every year when I was younger, my dad’s side of the family and I used to go camping at Pike Bay, in Cass Lake. Campers upon campers and tents upon tents filled the campground. Everyone used to go.

That was the one time besides holidays that we got to see most of our family. It was just so much fun riding our bikes down the road passing our family’s campsites all placed in a row, going back and forth between campers.

We used to have different family camping traditions. One of them was that we would make homemade ice cream after we were all done swimming; it was a nice little treat on a hot summer day. We used a big bag of ice, a small bag inside of it with half and half, sugar, and vanilla. Then we would shake it until it turned into ice cream.

Another involved swimming. Each year, someone swam across the whole lake. My brother and I used to do that with one of our cousins or uncles (except I’m pretty sure we didn’t do that on Pike Bay. Read on and you will see why).

We would swim, ride four wheeler, ride bikes, go fishing on this trail that was far away from our campsite. We would even go frog hunting at night, but that’s a whole different story that ended up with my sister crying. We would play ghost and the graveyard when it started to get dark.

My dad got this flint and steel,

and used to make fire starters out of charred shirts. He taught me and my siblings how to start a fire. We were always excited to do that.

I love camping because you make so many memories and have lots of stories to tell. For example, one time we played ghost and the graveyard, and I ran into a parked car; Dalton ran into a bar and hit his head.

My brother and I lay in the camper for a few hours trying not to scratch, but we couldn’t stop.

Out of all my camping stories, the one that I will always remember is the time that my brother and I got swimmer’s itch. We were having an awesome time camping like always until we went swimming and both got swimmer’s itch.

The first two days we were camping, it was really windy and a little too cold to go swimming. The next day, it was sunny, and we all wanted to go swimming. At the time, my sister didn’t want to, so it was just me, my brother, and my cousins.

At first we thought that we got poison ivy but soon realized that the only people who had it were the kids who swam.

My brother and I lay in the camper for a few hours trying not to scratch, but we couldn’t stop. It was a good thing that my aunt came for a little trip and knew how to take care of swimmer’s itch. She

mixed baking soda and some other stuff, I can’t remember, and put it all over our bodies, and it actually worked.

We were so thankful for this because we still got to camp -- but sadly, we couldn’t swim anymore unless we wanted to itch again. After that we didn’t go to Pike Bay anymore because people said the year after that there still was swim-

mers’ itch in that lake.

We didn’t want to take our chances so we went to a different campground and still had lots of fun. I don’t remember what this campground was called but I do know that a bonus of this one was that there were trails all over the place. Our family took our four wheelers, and dirt bikes and rode for hours.

It didn’t matter what campground our family chose each summer; we always knew how to have fun.

Now everyone is grown up so we stopped doing that. I miss it. I hope that someday when I’m older, I can take my family camping so that my children, too, can make good memories just like me.

Well, except maybe for the itching memory.

## WOULD YOU RATHER

Would you rather be friends with the tooth fairy

OR...

or the Easter bunny?



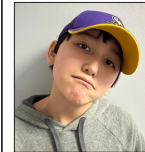
Ella Warren  
Freshman

“The Tooth Fairy because she can fly and since she’s a fairy, she’s got fairy dust like in Peter Pan.”



Shawn Waldo  
Accts Payable

“The Easter Bunny because the Easter Bunny visits every year. The Tooth Fairy only comes when you lose a tooth.”



Roman Nguyen  
Grade7

“The Easter Bunny because I want to pet it.”



Adrienne Rosebear  
Grade 8

“Tooth Fairy so I can like maybe swipe a couple dollars.”



Kyra Butcher  
Sophomore

“Not the tooth fairy who raids me in the middle of the night for my teeth? Is that money supposed to be an apology?”



Brooklyn Waller  
Eighth grade

“Tooth fairy because I will give them my teeth for some money to get new teeth.”

Compiled by  
Jayden Lindley, freshman