



Wolves' Tale Harris- Lake Park Community School

Senior Spotlight

By Brianne Ihnen



Madison Kay Brevik, also known as Mady, was born on November 15, 2000, in Estherville, Iowa. Mady's parents are Jodi Zahren

and Shane and Kathleen Brevik. Mady also has a younger brother, Easton Brevik.

Mady has been attending Harris-Lake Park since fourth grade. Her classes this semester include government, anatomy, choir, personal finance, independent writing, and English Comp. 1. Mady is involved in 4-H, softball, basketball, volleyball, and the musical. She is a three-time all conference softball award winner and one-time all conference volleyball award winner.



Mady's best memory at H-LP was substate volleyball during her junior year, while her most embarrassing memory was running over a pole at the softball field. The atmosphere and the people are what she will miss most about H-LP. Mady's most awaited day is her 18th birthday.

Mady's future plans include going to college with an undecided major. In ten years, she sees herself with a family and a good job. Mady's advice to underclassmen is to enjoy high school while you can because it goes by way too fast.



Mady's favorite sport is softball, restaurant is Hut Hot, and professional team is Minnesota Vikings. She likes Mustang cars and watching the movie Miracle. Her favorite color is gray, animal is cow, and song is "Be Alright" by

Dean Lewis. However, her favorite musician is Post Malone. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Sprague, class is psychology, book A Child called "it," and hobbies showing cattle, sports, and hanging out with friends.

Mady leaves us with her favorite quote, "Set your goals high, and don't stop 'til you get there" - Bo Jackson.

Question of the week

By Taylor Meyer

This week we have a funnier question for the students to answer. If you could be a cartoon character for a week, who would you be and why?

Mady B.-Sponge Bob because she is funny

Bri I.-Dory because she can be forgetful

Jazmin V.- Princess Poppy because she likes to give hugs

Dalton N.- "I would be Lightning McQueen because I am really fast."

Gavin E.-Peter Griffin because he is funny and does what he wants

Brody U.- Stan Smith because then he could have CIA connections

Cheyenne N.- Scooby Doo because she could eat all the time and not gain weight

Halloween story contest

During September-October, the newspaper staff sponsored a Halloween story writing contest for middle school and high school. Thanks to all who entered! Here is the high school winner.

Scarecrows

By Leila Muftah

"DING! DING!" rang the city bell tower, telling and showing the townspeople that it was now time to head indoors. The people of the village listened silently and eagerly to the bell, counting down how many times it rang across the dull, dark sky. 1.....2.....3.....4....Once it rang for the fifth time, everyone quickly abandoned their workplaces and gear, immediately heading to their houses and locking their doors tightly. Once everyone was inside and safe in the comforts of their homes, an eerie silence rose when the bell suddenly stopped. Soon, the only sound active at this hour was the growing cries of the crows coming from the corn fields.

The crows' annoying yet peaceful cries of warning spread across the fields of corn, pumpkins, and any other type of vegetable planted for the fall harvest. The black birds perched on rows and rows of slouching dolls used to protect the crops of food. The dolls, filled with straw and string, glared down upon the ongoing wave of crops, scanning the field for any potential threat. Their slightly tilted straw hats covered the black abyss they used for eyes, casting a dark shadow across their withered and misshapen faces. A crooked frown stitched across the bottom of their faces was nothing but a poorly sewn and tattered black string with pieces of it dangling from the tips. Their hands were nothing but worn out gloves with tattered pieces of cotton and straw poking out of the chewn out holes from the mice that liked to hide inside their velvety and rough jackets. The dolls' bodies were strapped against the wooden pole, arms outstretched to make them look intimidating and fearsome.

The crows' loud and irritating calls of warning echoed across the fields more frequently among the growing wails of the wind. The scarecrows twitched and swayed amongst the hostile breeze, making them look like they were struggling against the poles that held them off the ground. The human sized ragdolls struggled more against the poles as an upcoming storm started to approach the village with violent winds and dark, almost blackened clouds. The harsh gushes of the blowing wind tore tree branches off their trunks, pulled crops out from their roots, and knocked the poles down, causing the scarecrows to finally break apart from their hold and sprawl across the soil.

The dolls seemed to grunt as they made contact with the ground, spraying small portions of hay and string across the air. Groans and moans echoed in the field as more scarecrows were pulled against the gust of wind and bashed into the ground. The crows weren't much of a help as they scurried along once the storm hit, continuing to make their pleas of warning.

The life like dolls were left on the now wet soil as rain started to pour, making low moans of pain and despair until finally, one moved. A tall, seemingly bulky looking doll slowly started to get up on its haunches, wobbling slightly as the gust of wind hit it. It soon stood up on its legs, dirty patches of dirt left on its clothing, straw and string exiting from the holes left from when it collided with the dirt. The tall scarecrow made a low and dark grunt, signaling for the others to get up and so they did. More and more of these dolls stood up on their feet, damaged and torn, forming in rows behind the lead ragdoll and headed towards the village.

The herd of dolls arrived at the still, quiet village in slow strides, dragging their straw feet and making a scratching sound against the pavement. Low groans and moans filled the streets of the small town, causing the people in their homes to cower in fear and huddle with their families. The scarecrows slowly split into individual groups, each going to one house and placed themselves against the wooden post near the homeowners' doors, their heads scanning across the streets as if they were looking out for something before hanging them low once more, becoming lifeless.

The night became quiet, the storm suddenly stopping and the wails of the black crows silencing, now only leaving the sounds of crickets and any other natural sounds of the night time. The people, out of curiosity, peaked through the small windows of their cottages and saw the scarecrows posted on their homes, sitting up in a warning and threatening pose which also appeared to be a protective position. Everyone soon showed signs of relief and slowly exited their homes, holding pumpkins and any other types of crops. Each one placed them near a scarecrow, showing their signs of gratitude and appreciation towards the protectors of the fields.

So now, every year, around harvest time, these scarecrows come to life and perch themselves upon people's houses, giving them protection from whatever would lurk in the shadows of the night so the people would thank them by leaving any type of harvest vegetable, leaving them by their post and looking in awe as the month of harvest goes on and watching as on the final day, the ragdolls would bring the offerings to their fields. They are displaying them as their way of saying that they are grateful and return to their normal post on those fields.

Justus L.- Bart Simpson because he is funny

Charlie I.-Roger because he could wear whatever he wanted and no one would judge him

Felicity W.-Jerry because she could mess with a lot of people

Aaron E.- Carmon because he can be mean and do whatever he wants



Cross country wrap-up

By Mady Brevik

The cross country runners competed at four meets in October.

On October 2nd, the boys traveled to Kingsley-Pierson. Out of 62 runners, Jaden placed 27th and Cole placed 42nd. Jaden's time was 20:29 and Cole's time was 21:21. Matt placed 6th out of 26 runners with a time of 22:01.

At the George-Little Rock Invite on October 4th, the boys ran well. Out of 56 runners, Jaden placed 33rd (19:48) and Cole placed 48th (21:57). Matt placed 26th out of 51 runners with a time of 23:00.

The War Eagle Conference meet was held in Orange City on October 12th. Out of 80 runners, Jaden placed 12th and was also named All-Conference with a time of 18:55. Cole placed 32nd with a time of 20:22 and Matt placed 43rd (21:02).

The boys finished out their season at the 1A District meet in West Sioux. The boys finished out strong with Jaden placing 66th out of 150 runners. He had a time of 20:27. Cole placed 98th (21:41) and Matt placed 106th (22:05).

Coach Sprague was very proud of his three runners this season. "It was an awesome season and there is a lot to look forward to next year," Coach Sprague said.

Career exploration

By Hannah Harmon

Mrs. Jacobsma, the school guidance counselor, brought two classes to two different career exploration days. At both events there were six or seven different schools along with Harris-Lake Park.

On October 16 the juniors went to Okoboji High School to their military career day. While at this career day, the students were allowed to talk to many different colleges. The colleges gave them some ideas of what they offer and some of the more interesting careers they could go into.

The sophomores went to Emmetsburg on October 19. At this event they went to three different forty-five minute sessions. About a month before they went to this event, they had a list of about twenty different career options and were to list their top three.

When asked, "Do you feel these field trips give the students a better idea of a specific career path," Mrs. Jacobsma said, "Often each of the sessions talks about different careers related to that type of training or program area, so yes I feel there is opportunity for students to learn about many careers all in one day at an exploration event."

During the school year Mrs. Jacobsma uses an online program called MAP (My Academic Plan) where she gets the students thinking about some different career options. The events give the students an opportunity to get more acquainted with the different career options that showed up on their interest test on MAP. She also feels taking the students on these different career events gives them an opportunity to ask specific questions about a career they are interested in.

Emilee W, a sophomore, says that her favorite presenter out of the three she chose was nursing. "I got to see the different equipment they use on a day to day basis which I thought was pretty cool," Emilee said.

Before the 2018-2019 school year is over, Mrs. Jacobsma plans to take at least one other career day trip. She also plans on bringing the 8th graders on a career exploration in Sheldon and also a STEM day is coming up for some of the girls.

If I was a cartoon character for a week, I would be Nemo because I like to explore.