



## Wolves' Tale Harris- Lake Park Community School

# Success in Volleyball

By Mrs. Gochnauer

Daryl Meyer was an assistant volleyball coach for two years at LeRoy Ostrander, Minnesota, and then came to Harris-Lake Park for 21 years as head coach. He has resigned his coaching position for next year in order to allow more family time.

Coach Meyer leaves the program with impressive stats. His 21-year record was 391-245-4 and included three Cornbelt Conference titles, three regional final games, and 16 winning seasons in a row.

A lot of memories came with those 21 years, but when he was asked what his most memorable seasons were, he commented, "All are memorable. Some great things happen every year, and there are some great opportunities that the kids show yearly. Every season has its own highlights."

Coach Meyer does plan to stay involved in the sport, just not as a coach. He will follow his daughter Taylor's seasons at Northwestern and hopefully pick up some volleyball officiating as he does in wrestling.



This summer will definitely be different for Mr. Meyer. He used to organize lifting twice a week and open gym once a week, take the players to a team camp for

2-4 days, attend clinics, and have ongoing strategy planning and game prep. Volleyball was typically in the background the whole summer. Now when he goes on family vacation in August, he will not have to come back and start practice right away; it will be a more relaxed vacation.

Mr. Meyer said, "Thank you to all of the administration, players, and families for a successful 21 years. I feel bad that I didn't have the training I needed to help the program more for the first five years, but thanks for believing in the process. I was fortunate to have people who would listen and work hard for a common purpose."

Thank you, Mr. Meyer, for your years of dedication to the volleyball program and enjoy your more relaxed summer vacation!

# Competing in Special Olympics

By Zoe Melby

Jamin Ehlers has been participating in Special Olympics since he was 9 years old. He participates with Spirit Lake Park Special Olympics. Before competitions, he has to do a lot of practicing in order to be prepared.

There are many events that Jamin has participated in throughout this season of Special Olympics.

On January 24th, Jamin participated in basketball skills at the YMCA in Spirit Lake receiving a first place which qualified him to participate at the state level in Iowa City. Jamin and his peer helper, Keegan Bradley, left for Iowa City on March 15th to compete at state level receiving a gold medal. Due to the weather, regionals were cancelled on April 11th. He was to participate in the standing long jump and 50 meter dash.

Jamin and Keegan will be heading to state competition in Ames, Iowa, on May 23-24 and be competing in a double bicycle in the 1K riding with Keegan, the 250 meter riding his bicycle, and the standing long jump.



# Undefeated Wolves clinch War-Eagle Conference Title

By Mady Brevik

The Wolves' golfers are having a strong season this year going undefeated after playing in nine total tournaments.

The Varsity team of seven includes Lucas Gunderson, Adrian Martin, Isaac Ihnen, Jaxson Heikens, Braydan Perkins, Brody Sohn, and Caleb Nicks. The JV golfers are Bryce Schott, Rylan Siemers, Colton Voss, Jordan Richard Bennett, Ramsey Aboamera, and Wyatt Lorch.

The golfers' main focus is usually working on approach shots from 150 yards and in and then perfecting their short game to try and score better. When asked about the main goals this season, Coach Vaudt said, "The goals are simple. We want to keep improving each and every day. We find some area to work on and focus on that area to try and make our golf games better."

The team did an awesome job on May 6 at the WAR EAGLE Conference Tournament. They won by 28 shots with a score of 316. They also won the Conference Title with a 20-0 regular season record. Congrats to Adrian on winning the tournament with a 76, and Isaac and Lucas tying for second with a 78. Jaxson finished tied for 8th with an 84. Braydan tied for 15th with an 88 and Brody finished in 30th place with a 94.

As of May 1, Lucas Gunderson achieved the rank of #1 golfer in Iowa, and Adrian Martin is listed at #3. Congratulations!

They are averaging 163 in nine holes and that is getting them ready for Sectionals and the District tournaments coming up.

There are many people that Jamin would like to thank for giving him the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics. First, he would like to thank his coach, Joni Visboon. He would also like to thank his peer helpers, Keegan Bradley and Lexi Stahly, for all the practice hours and time they have given him. He would also like to thank his teammates, classmates, and all of the volunteers that helped during the competitions and events. He would also like to thank the HLP and Spirit Lake School Districts. He is also very appreciative of Gary Thompson for allowing the Spirit Lake Park Special Olympics team to use his trailer to haul all of their bicycles to the state competition in Ames, Iowa. Most importantly, he would like to thank his parents for the many hours they have spent and miles they have driven in order to support him.

The thing that Jamin likes the most about Special Olympics is that it allows him to compete in sports at his level. "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," said Jamin.

Brooklyn Schott participates with the Tidal Waves in the Sibley area, and she has been participating for two years. She participated in the softball throw, the 50 meter walk, basketball skills, and bowling. She placed second in the softball throw and first in the 50 meter walk. She will also be competing at the state competition in Ames on May 23-24.

After the competition, she will begin practicing for the bowling and golf events coming this summer and fall. "My favorite thing about Special Olympics is getting out there, meeting new people, and spending time with my friends," said Brooklyn.

Brooklyn would like to thank Cindy Dangel for encouraging her to join the Special Olympics team, her mom and dad for supporting her on this journey, and all of her teammates for cheering her on. She is also very appreciative of the community support for her team's fundraisers.

Good luck to Jamin and Brooklyn for any future events that they will be competing in!

**LAST PAGE: THIS IS THE LAST NEWSPAPER ISSUE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

## Question of the Week

By Taylor Meyer

As the school year comes to a close, students are eager for the sunshine and good times that come with summer. Throughout the year there were many interesting moments and memories. This week the question is simple: What was your favorite part or memory from the 2018-2019 school year?

Brianne I.-homecoming week

Easton B.-tailgating for the volleyball games

Riley R.-finally graduating

Dylan M.-finally getting to summer

Ava R.-getting the new laptops

Kaitlyn V.-"My favorite part was definitely going to state vocal jazz and placing third. We were able to get really close with all of them!"

Kelly L.-playing the games for homecoming

Dalton N.-getting the opportunity to play soccer one last time

Bryce S.-state vocal jazz

Kaylee M.-prom

My favorite part of the year was getting to watch the senior boys play volleyball and win the homecoming tournament.

# Music Department Keeps Busy

By Brianne Ihnen



On Monday, April 29, the middle school students had their spring concert. The middle school choir sang the songs: "Seasons of Love," "We Dance," "Electricity," "Waitin' For The Light To Shine," and "Amazing." For the band portion of the concert, the sixth graders played "Incantation and Ritual," "Of Gentle Spirit," and a piece from "Can Can." The seventh and eighth grade band played "Fire Dance," "Adagio For Winds," and "Saint Louis Blues."

On Wednesday, May 1, the high school had their music awards concert. The songs that the band and choir performed are the same ones they performed at the IHSMA large group music festival on Friday, May 3, at Spirit Lake High School. The band and choir both got division one ratings. The band played "Little English Sweet" and "Fire Dance."

Band director, Bailey DeBolt, said, "I am really proud of the students and their hard work. There is an exciting future in the band program here."

The choir sang "Festival Sanctus" and "Agnus Dei." Choir director, Kathy Greve, said, "This semester we've had some really good performances. I appreciate the students willing to work so hard."

During awards night, Bryce Schott received the Outstanding Senior Choral Award and Nicole McClain received the John Philip Sousa Award.

Congratulations to Nicole and Bryce and to the band and choir for their outstanding performances.

**Thank you to Amani Abadie and Zoe Melby for taking care of the pictures for this year's Wolves' Tale.**

**The last day of school is Thursday, May 30, with a 2:15 dismissal for middle school/high school and 2:25 for the elementary. Have a happy summer!**