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## MLHS STUDENTS STEP UP FOR CHARITY!

What do shoeboxes, canned goods, hairnets, and polar bears have to do with each other? They're all symbols of what MLHS students have done in the past few months to help those less fortunate.

In November, the Bible study groups worked to collect money, toys, clothes, and hygiene products (toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, etc.) for Operation Christmas Child. The money collected went toward the shipping cost of the boxes (\$7/box). MLHS collected 27 boxes this year, which were sent to needy children around the world.

In December, the Student Council sponsored the annual food drive, with the food collected going to Heaven's Table in Fairmont. Over 3,000 points' worth of items were collected, with some items being worth two points and some worth five points. A final total of how many pounds of food collected is still coming



The Kids Against Hunger was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped. Together students from St James, Northrop; St Paul, Fairmont; St Paul's, Truman and Martin Luther High School raised over \$4,000 (numbers are not final)

and packed 22,268 meals. FYI: In 2010 the US Census reported that 20,840 people lived in Martin County, Minnesota---so we packed MORE than enough to feed everyone in Martin County! Pictures of the day can be found at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com), then go to the Kids Against Hunger page. Lutheran schools have awesome students and teachers!

Finally, last Saturday, February 1, Anika Johnson, Autumn Wildfeuer, and Hanna Geistfeld of the Lady Knights Basketball team, along with assistant coach Reed Wokasch, and Mike Hintz (cousin of coach Leslie Wokasch), participated in the Polar Bear Plunge in St. Peter. The Polar Bear Plunge benefits the Special Olympics. Each participant must raise a minimum of \$75 for the pleasure of jumping into the frigid water. According to Anika, "It was such a blast! The cold didn't even matter. I'd highly recommend it to anybody!"



These are just some of the things that students, teachers, and staff of Martin Luther High School do throughout the year to share the blessings and love of God with those around us.



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Full Name:** Neil David Osborn

**Birthday:** April 22, 1995

**What are your plans for next year?** to go to college somewhere

**Where do you want to live after school/college?** somewhere in the country

**What do you want to do for a career?** a construction worker

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** with a family and hopefully my own business

**If you could leave one thing to somebody, what would it be and to whom would you leave it?** my height to Maisie

**What's your biggest fear?** drowning

**Who is your role model and why?** Hannah and Anika because they are the prettiest, most amazing people I've ever met [somebody's paper was hijacked!]

**What is a pet peeve of yours?** people not knowing how to drive

**If you could eat dinner with anyone in history, who would it be and why?** my grandpa that I never got to meet

**Who would play you in a movie about your life?** Ryan Gosling

**Complete the following statement: People would be surprised to see me...working as**  
a fabulous hairstylist

**What talent would you most like to have?** not having to sleep

**List two items in your "Bucket List"? (two things you want to do before you die)**  
sky diving and bungee jumping

## **FAVORITES**

--**MLHS lunch** Pizza Hut pasta

--**restaurant** Red Lobster

--**color** yellow

--**name of favorite hymn** "A Mighty Fortress"

--**Bible passage** Philippians 4:13

--**movie** *Miracle*

--**musical artist** Linkin Park

--**sport/activity** football

--**actor and/or actress** Adam Sandler



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Full Name:** Kristi Lynn Oberdieck

**Birthday:** August 26, 1995

**What are your plans for next year?** to go to college somewhere, for something...

**Where do you want to live after school/college?** around here or more west

**What do you want to do for a career?** I HAVE NO IDEA!

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** married with a job I love

**If you could leave one thing to somebody, what would it be and to whom would you leave it?** all of my kitties to Tina

**What's your biggest fear?** the future, the unknown

**Who is your role model and why?** my brother Brady because, though we don't always get along, he really is a great brother and role model

**What is a pet peeve of yours?** bugs flying around my face

**If you could eat dinner with anyone in history, who would it be and why?** Johnny Depp `cause he just seems like a really cool guy

**Who would play you in a movie about your life?** Me ☺

**Complete the following statement: People would be surprised to see me...**not wearing my knee socks

**What talent would you most like to have?** fly ☺

**List two items in your "Bucket List"? (two things you want to do before you die)**  
skydive and travel the world

## **FAVORITES**

--**MLHS lunch** Pizza Ranch chicken wrap

--**restaurant** El Agave

--**color** purple

--**name of favorite hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

--**Bible passage** Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

--**movie** *Les Miserables*

--**musical artist** Josh Turner

--**sport/activity** volleyball

--**actor and/or actress** Jennifer Lawrence

## What's Happening @ MLHS?

Mon 3 GBB Showcase home vs. Nicollet  
BBB @ Truman vs. Fulda

Tue 4 Creation vs. Evolution debate

Thu 6 GBB Showcase @ Alden-Conger  
BBB @ New Ulm Cathedral

Fri 7 Mid-quarter  
Late start—Pds. 1-4, 7 & 8

Sat 8 GBB Showcase vs. JWP @ MCW

Mon 10 BBB Showcase

Tue 11 GBB @ Mt. Lake

Thu 13 BBB Showcase

Fri 14 GBB home vs. USC

Sat 15 BBB Showcase

Mon 17 Presidents' Day—No School

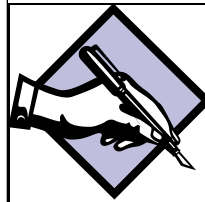
Tue 18 Spirit Week-Formal Day  
Coronation 2:30 pm  
BBB @ MLHS vs. Madelia

Wed 19 Renaissance Day

Thu 20 5/6 Step-Up Day  
Spirit Week—Blue and Silver Day  
Lip Sync/Talent Show  
GBB @ Truman  
BBB @ GHEC

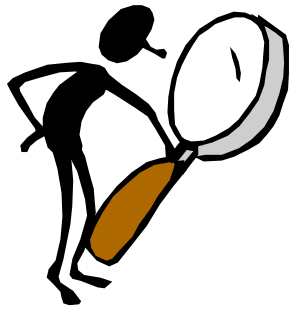
Fri 21 Spirit Week—Super-Hero Day  
Snow Dance 8:00 pm

Mon 24 GBB @ GHEC/Truman



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- Amber Schulz
- Morgan Rosenberg
- Bekah Rusert
- Miss Oerman,  
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# Freshman Focus

**What is your full name?**

Carter Vernon Wille

**When is your birthday?**

January 18, 1999 A.D.

**Where do you live?**

One mile outside of Northrop

**Where did you go to elementary school?** St. James Lutheran-Northrop

**What is your favorite school subject?**

**Why?** Religion because it's closest to lunch

**What is your favorite movie?** *The Dark Knight, The A-Team, Now You See Me*

**Who is your hero? Why?**

Red Lightning—he's awesome

**What is your favorite cereal?**

Mini Wheats

**What do you want to be "when you grow up"?** Successful

**What hobbies do you have?** Commenting on Lindsey's tweets

**What is your dream vacation?** Egypt and Ireland

**What is your full name?**

Sadia S. Zafar

**When is your birthday?**

June 3, 1999

**Where do you live?** Truman

**Where did you go to elementary school?** St. Paul's Truman

**What is your favorite school subject?**

**Why?** Global because Mrs. Bergt loves what she does

**What is your favorite movie?**

*Grownups*

**Who is your hero? Why?** Autumn Wild-

feuer because she says she's awesome, and I'd be bored without her

**What is your favorite cereal?**

Honeycombs

**What do you want to be "when you grow up"?** a veterinarian

**What hobbies do you have?** riding Moses (my horse), taking care of Moses and Survivor, and playing basketball

**What is your dream vacation?** going to South Dakota and helping on the family ranch

# January Man-on-the-Street Question

by Bekah Rusert

With the temperatures falling, the phrase “I can’t wait until summer,” has become quite common. But do people really want it to be summer? Are they ready for the rising temperatures and humidity? I went around and asked a few students which they preferred: The below-freezing temperatures of Minnesota winters or the high temps and humidity that summer brings.

- “I like the cold better because I look better in sweaters than I do in tank tops and shorts. Plus, I would rather be cold with layers than too hot with no more clothes to remove.” - Tina Geistfeld
- “I like the hot weather better because I can actually go outside and feel my limbs.” - Hunter Payne
- “I actually prefer the cold of winter because its easier to put on layers to get warm than it is to sit around in your underwear.” -Matthew Trueblood
- “I like the hotness of summer. I strongly dislike blue jeans.” -Hannah Watt
- “I love the hotness of summer because we can go swimming” -Kendra Joeckel

It seems these freezing temperatures have gotten a majority of students thinking of summer. Let’s just hope it comes before we all freeze to our steering wheels.

## MLHS Teacher/Staff Trivia

In each issue, we will be listing some little-known facts about members of the MLHS faculty and staff. Look them over carefully and see if you can figure out who we’re talking about. Answers will be posted in the next issue

Who is this?

- I went on a trip to Europe with my grandma when I was ten years old.
- I grew up on a farm but my dad never taught me how to drive a tractor.
- I have gone skydiving—and loved it!

Who is this?

- I often times eat cheeseburgers for breakfast.
- I do not like (and never have liked) animated movies or cartoons.
- A kitten ran into the road one time, I hit it, I looked in the rearview mirror to see it take its last breath, and then die. I cried.

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Answers to last month’s trivia: Mrs. Linse and Rev. Thorson

# LADY KNIGHTS POWER ON

by Amber Schulz

The basketball season for the Varsity Lady Knights has been continuing on through this cold, winter season. There have been some losses and some amazing victories in this short time. The team came off of the Christmas tournament in Windom as third place champions, losing to Blue Earth but succeeding against Hope Academy. On January 3, the girls faced the tougher than nails team, MCW. They held their ground in the first half but slowly lost the game with a score of 75-43. The next game that the Knights took part in was on February 9, against GHEC. They played a great game against the fierce Mustangs and came out with a sweet victory and a score of 53-48. The Knights were on a roll, continuing to defeat teams as they played. The next team they won against was LCWM when they played at their gym on January 20. They came out with a respectable score of 55-45. A hard game was still to come when the girls had to take on the highly ranked team of Alden-Conger. Taking place at Martin Luther's home gym, the Knights fought and played excellent defense to snatch away the coveted win with a score of 64-61. That following Thursday, the team traveled to Sleepy Eye to fight the rough 'n' tough team, Sleepy Eye Saint Mary. The girls were still exhausted from coming off such an emotional win against Alden-Conger that they didn't really prepare themselves for such a rough game and awful refs. The Knights bought themselves a hard loss with a score of 70-40. The next night, the ladies battled against Madelia on January 24 Madelia and received a well-earned win with a score of 68-65. After a tiring week of basketball, the Knights carried on to the next week, beginning with a fresh game against the highly ranked team of Loyola. The girls fought hard and stayed with this unbreakable team for a good portion of the first half but couldn't carry on the adrenalin to power a win. The game ended with a score of 70-49.

On January 28th, the team traveled to Cleveland to battle against Taylor Holicky and her Clippers. After Holicky's mental breakdown on the court, the girls finished the Clippers off with a score of 57-43.

For the B squad, their record changed to a respectable 7-5 after they pulverized Loyola on January 28 with a score of 45-19 and snatched another win January 30 from Cleveland. stoic team has also beaten teams throughout the season such as GHEC, LCWM, Alden-Conger, and Madelia.





## WHAT'S HOT

by Anika Johnson

Times have changed quite a bit since the days of our parents. Not only in fashion, music and entertainment, but also with prom. Prom proposals have gone from a simple "Hey, wanna go to prom with me?" to the inventive, creative and unique ways that we have today. 'Tis the season in schools all over the U.S. for the boys to let their creative side show. Maybe she's the girl of your dreams, or perhaps just that girl in your history class. This month's "What's Hot" goes to prom proposals. She doesn't have to be your girlfriend, and you don't even have to "like" her. Whatever the case, now is the time to join in the fun! Make the most of this year, and put a smile on someone's face.

## WHAT'S NOT

by Amber Schulz

"Alligator Alligator eat 'em up eat 'em up!"

You may have heard this phrase shouted at multiple sporting events over the years along with many other overly enthusiastic cheers from young girls; that's right, we're talking about cheerleaders. Cheerleaders used to be known for parading over school yards as the popular kids on campus. On almost every chick flick, it portrays that every girl's dream was to make the cheer-leading squad. If you made the squad, you surely were the hottest thing around. However, in this modern era, things have taken a major turn. Making it on the squad now a days isn't quite that hard because nobody wants to be a cheerleader. To be a cheerleader now doesn't exactly bring you the same pride and confidence as it did in the past. Few schools even have a cheer-leading squad anymore and when they do, they're annoying and distracting to the sporting event going on. Nobody wants to hear the same, repeated, obnoxious cheer over and over when a touchdown is scored. Or see their ridiculous pom poms being thrown in the air over and over and over.... So surrender the pom poms and turn in your skirts, cheerleaders. Your time here is over. Seriously. Get out. I'm trying to watch the game.





## **A Team without fans is like: A shoe without laces, a geek without braces and a sentence without spaces.**

That little poem begins "Me without you is like..." but in this case, I found this beginning a little more fitting.

Truman/Martin Luther B-squad is having a bit of a struggle this season, but in eighteen games, they've managed to pull off a couple of wins against Alden-Conger and the Madelia Blackhawks. On the other hand the varsity is looking at eight wins and ten losses. Our Varsity team, made of mostly Martin Luther boys, was on a four-game winning streak, conquering Alden-Conger, Mankato Loyola, North Union and Madelia. Unfortunately their streak came to an end on Thursday January 23. They played a tough game, behind by only three at the half, but ended up falling behind and losing the game to the Lake Crystal Knights by 13 points.

One of the highlights of this season took place on a cold January night when the team's leading scorer Sam Geistfeld achieved his 1,000th point. The game had a high attendance, with most of the Geistfeld family and a lot of the Martin Luther student body present. Although the whole team was a bit jittery to start, we all relaxed and rejoiced once Sam had reached his coveted thousandth point.

Captain, Aaron Neumann, expresses the need for their fans' presence at their games. "Any and all support would be much appreciated," he says with a smile.

The team's post-season has some potential this year, and winning the tight conference game against Granada Huntley East Chair last Friday moved them up even higher. With 1.6

seconds left the boys executed coach Brian Borkenhagen's play perfectly, Aaron Neumann passed it into Alex Weihe, who put it in for a buzzer beater to win the game.

If you didn't make it to the high intensity game on Friday be sure to put February 18 on your calendar when the Bluejay/Knights will play in our own Martin Luther gym for Senior Night against the Madelia Blackhawks. Let's all make a point to get there and cheer them on!

