



Wolves' Tale Harris- Lake Park Community School

Welcoming Ms. DeBolt

By Hannah Harmon

Harris- Lake Park hired Ms. DeBolt as the new band teacher replacing Ms. Gladfelter (now Mrs. Lempka). She says this is her first "big kid job" and is enjoying it so far.

Ms. DeBolt graduated high school from Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah, Iowa. After high school she attended the University of Northern Iowa and graduated with her degree in music education with emphases in instrumental and vocal music.

She is currently teaching fifth grade, sixth grade, seventh/eighth grade, and also high school pep, jazz, and concert band. When she isn't teaching a band class or giving lessons, she can be found supervising study hall classes.

Some of her goals this year are knowing the community a little better, hearing how each ensemble grows, and getting to see homecoming. She also wants to become more comfortable as a teacher and learn new ways to improve her teaching skills.

Ms. DeBolt claims that she can be a bit of a couch potato but enjoys many different things. She can be found kayaking, running, or even spending time with her friends and family.

Her family consists of her dad, who is the marketing director for a cell phone company, her mom, who works as an administrator for a traumatic brain



injuries facility, and her sister, who is currently enrolled in UNI working towards her degree in vocal performance. She is also engaged

to Derek. She has only known southwest Iowa and thought that this is/was a scary/exciting new change for her.

"I wanted to become a band director because I really enjoy music and have wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember," Ms. DeBolt expresses. She states that if she wouldn't have become a band teacher, she would have chosen a career in teaching history.

Harris-Lake Park is the smallest school she has ever taught at. For her student teaching she was working in a band class of 120 kids. She says coming here is a more personal experience because it allows her to get to know the students better.

She had never heard of H-LP until she saw a job opening on Teach Iowa. Soon after, she found out that Andy Irwin, the new superintendent, was going to work here. She knew Mr. Irwin because they lived in Shenandoah at the same time.

"My first few weeks," Ms. DeBolt said, "have been a whirlwind, but I am enjoying it a lot." There is more to teaching than just teaching, which was a big surprise to her.

Preparing for a new country

by Zoe Melby

Anastasia Savelyeva, a new foreign exchange student, was born in Switzerland. At the age of three, she moved to Russia where she lived with her mom. When she was thirteen, she moved back to Switzerland to live with her dad. She has a sister named Maria, who is five months old.

Ana is a junior, and she is taking the following classes: anatomy, Algebra 2, painting, PE, English, psychology, and U.S. history. "I think my favorite class is U.S. history, as I never studied it and it's something different," said Ana. She is participating in cheerleading and plans on doing basketball.

When she first came to the U.S., Ana went to New York for the EF "Welcome Days." She also went to the State Fair and football games. Although her school taught her how to speak English, travelling helped her practice it.



A week of festivities

By Avery Heikens

Homecoming is an exciting week for all the kids at H-LP. Homecoming has a list of events for the kids to enjoy and also some activities for the community.

For starters, Monday the 25th of September, the junior high football players will be versing Kingsley Pierson at home. At the elementary gym the junior high girls will be playing against Clay Central Everly. The cross country runners will be racing at Alta that Monday night. There are no scheduled events for the community to attend Tuesday the 26th.

On Wednesday night coronation will take place. The community is invited to the elementary gym at 7:00 to help create some school spirit. There will be cheers, athlete introductions, class skits, and lastly, the crowning of the king and queen. Thursday the 28th the volleyball squad will battle against Trinity Christian. The theme for the Thursday night volleyball game is a pink out; also, the homecoming court will be announced before the varsity game begins. The junior high girls will be playing against Okoboji at Arnolds Park-Thursday night also. Friday night the boys will go against West Bend Mallard. Hope to see the stands full at all the events!

Each day of the week there is a special theme for the student body to dress in. Traditionally, Monday will be pajama day. Upside down, inside out day will be Tuesday. Kids are asked to turn their clothes inside out that day and do something fun and funky! Wednesday will be patriotic day. Let's see as much red, white, and blue as possible! Thursday is jersey day. Put on your favorite athlete's jersey. Friday is spirit day! Let's see as much blue and white as possible!

The kids will be participating in some special events through the week additional to dress up days. On Monday each class has a designated period to dress up the school hallways with some blue and white! "I am excited for school spirit to be inspired through the hallways and to have a fun activity," said Mrs. Winters. Tuesday morning the high school girls will compete against each other in the second annual ultimate football contest. While in the afternoon, the high school boys will show their skills in a couple matches of volleyball.

This year's homecoming court queen candidates are Brittney Allard, Skylar Forbes, Blake Gunderson, and Avery Heikens. The 2017 king candidates will be Keegan Carpenter, Nathan Davis (missing from photo), Zach Heikens, Bryce Perkins, and Bret Sohn. Please come out and support the Harris- Lake Park student body during homecoming week starting September 25!

The length of a lesson was an hour long in Switzerland, and she had different lessons every day. The breaks in between lessons were longer, and her school had uniforms. Ana said,

"The school system is very different compared to my school in Switzerland, and it's sort of similar to my school in Russia."

Switzerland is really small in comparison to the U.S., and there are not a lot of things to do in Switzerland. There is not as much fast food in Switzerland as there is here. Russia is big like the U.S. but their lifestyle is different than here in the U.S.

Ana moved here to be more independent, and she wanted to improve her English. She also wanted to change herself and her lifestyle.

Ana lived her whole life in a big city, so it is too quiet for her on a farm. However, she looks forward to enjoying the six months that she has here. After finishing high school, Ana is planning to come back to the U.S. to study at a university.



Long weekend full of fun

By Blake Gunderson

After a good long week of school, the students of H-LP got a three day weekend for Labor Day. Here are some of the things the students at H-LP did with their weekend.

Skylar Forbes- Spent the weekend hanging out with her cousins from out of town. They had fun on the lake at their grandma's in Lake Park. Rachel Martin- Went to visit her dad in Emmetsburg. Together they went to the tractor pulls. Jon Cozart- Slept away his weekend and worked at Subway in Spirit Lake.

Julian B- Went to the ISU vs UNI game in Ames with family and friends.

Justus L- Went hunting with friends

Bret S- Went to see his grandma in Sibley and hung out with his family.

Jocelyn N- Worked most of the weekend at the Barefoot Bar in Okoboji. She works at the shirt shack there. It was also her birthday, so she got to see some family.

Braeton N- Spent time with friends and family. He showed his new foreign exchange sisters around the area some more.

Bryce P- Played Rainbow and hung out with friends and family.

Trevor G- Spent most of the weekend inside because of his injury from football.

Kaitlynd R - Stayed on her farm and rode and walked her horses.

Over Labor Day weekend I got to go to Ames for the ISU vs UNI game with my family and some friends.



Unfinished business

By Taylor Meyer

The Harris- Lake Park football team has two words about this season...Unfinished Business! After losing the heart breaker game in the finals at the Dome last year, the Wolves are looking to come back strong and make another run to the Dome, make it back to the championship game this year and rewrite the ending to the story.

The boys looked really strong at the start of the year with two shutout wins! The first win came Friday, August 25th, against North Iowa at Buffalo Center. The wolf pack crushed the opponent 63-0! After seniors Trevor Gunderson and Keegan Carpenter got hurt in the first quarter, freshmen Lucas Gunderson and Dylan Meyer came into the game and made some huge plays for the Wolves. Senior Bryce Perkins was 11 for 15 on his passing including two touchdown passes to Lucas Gunderson. Keegan Carpenter and Bret Sohn led the Wolves on tackles for the night with having 7 and 6.5 tackles respectively.

In the Wolves' second game of the season on Friday, September 1st, the guys finished with a 44-0 victory over River Valley at home! The Wolves were very strong on the defensive end causing and recovering 6 fumbles. Senior Zach Heikens had 2 fumble recoveries and senior Bret Sohn had 4 fumble recoveries. Junior Dalton Nicks led the Wolves' offense on the night with 20 points and kicking 1 for 2 for field goals. Seniors Bret Sohn and Zach Heikens led the way this time in tackles with 8 and 7.5 tackles respectively.

The H-LP Wolves fell to a tough Remsen St. Mary's at home on September 8 but still have their eyes on the goal.

We wish the boys the best of luck with the season this year and will be there to cheer them on all the way!