



## #DYLANSTRONG

BY LILLIAN MOCKLER AND MYA DEJONG

Dylan Kirkpatrick is a freshman at Vermillion High School. This summer on July 19th, he and two other friends, Cedric Garcia and Macagen Moser, were involved in a car accident. Cedric and Macagen had minor injuries, but unfortunately Dylan’s injuries were not. He was immediately life flighted to Sioux Falls.

Dylan has come a long way since the accident; he has been fighting through a traumatic brain injury. He went through many procedures including brain surgery and a tracheotomy, which is a breathing tube inserted through the windpipe in his neck. Eventually, after a strong fight he was allowed three visitors of his choice, including one of Vermillion students and a close friends of Dylan’s, Emma Heine. At her visit, Dylan was “quiet and ill but still managed to socialize minimally.” She was “sure Dylan would eventually return to his goofy and outgoing personality.” His classmates cannot wait for Dylan to return to school because they miss his ability to make them smile.



A VHS student sports a “Fight for Dylan” bracelet.

The Vermillion School District has done what they can to support Dylan, including a volleyball game on September 25 at Vermillion High School. The volleyball team will be wearing and selling “Digs For Dylan” t-shirts. The students and community have been able to purchase “Fight For Dylan” bracelets. The community can also participate in the “Dylan Strong” 5K fun run/walk on September 22nd at the Vermillion High School Track. The Kirkpatrick family has a GoFundMe page for further donations. All of the proceeds from these events will go to Dylan’s family in his fight to recovery. We wish Dylan the best and cannot wait to see him back at school!

## Not a SADD Story

BY MADDI KALLSEN

Just this past week, the Vermillion High School Club, S.A.D.D, decorated the pavement in front of the school for Suicide awareness and prevention, letting the entire school know there is a group of students that care. S.A.D.D stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions. Their main goal is to improve student attitudes and to promote safety throughout the school.

The president of the club, Rachel Brady, says the club has influenced the school to be more proactive and to care more about everybody. There are over twenty people involved who are dedicated to spreading awareness and

love. This year, their plan is to be more interactive with some of the other schools in Vermillion to spread their positive message even further.

S.A.D.D does different fundraisers throughout the year including the Father-Daughter Dance and bake sales. They do everything they can to show the school they care. Their message spreads endless positivity and purpose to the entire school, and in turn, the town and community.

*Each month, the Vermillionaire will focus on one of the Clubs and Activities offered at Vermillion High School.*



VHS student, Andreas Lindstad of Lillehammer, Norway.

## Hei Andreas!

BY TYLER MANN

Vermillion High School has a new face all the way from Northwest Europe. His name is Andreas Lindstad. He is from Lillehammer, Norway, and is currently enrolled at VHS for his senior year.

You might see his towering figure in the school hallways or on the soccer field. Andreas scored his first VHS goal a mere 15 seconds into a match against Groton; however, he stays humble. “I didn’t really think much about it... it came as a shock,” was his response when I asked him about it. He also scored 4 goals in a resounding 5-2 Tanager victory at home against James Valley Christian on September 8.

Off campus, Andreas enjoys driving around and going out to eat. He also likes going to teammate Brady Martinez’s house to play game after game of FIFA. He first tried corn dogs and pizza rolls when he came here, both of which he likes very much.

Vermillion isn’t Andreas’ first taste of the U.S. He lived in Hawaii for 6 months when he was 11, and has also been here on several other occasions. The student body will ensure we do our best on making him feel welcome in the classroom and out of it.



## CALENDAR

### September 2018

21  
7pm FB: Tea Area (H)  
24  
9am B Golf Regions: Dakota Valley (T)  
4pm JV FB: Tea Area (H)  
25  
4pm 7th/8th FB: Tea Area (T)  
4:30pm 7th/8th VB: EPJ (T)  
5pm VB: SF Christian (H)  
6/8pm G Soccer: SF Christian (T)  
27  
4pm 7th/8th VB: Harrisburg (H)  
5pm VB: West Central (T)  
28  
3:30pm X-Country: Lennox (T)  
7pm FB: Dakota Valley (T)

### October 2018

1  
4pm 7th/8th VB: Yankton (H)  
4pm JV FB: Dakota Valley (T)  
State "A" B Golf @Dell Rapids  
2  
4:30pm 7th/8th VB: West Central (T)  
4pm 7th/8th FB: Dakota Valley (H)  
5pm VB: Dell Rapids (H)  
B/G Soccer: Playoffs-TBA  
State "A" B Golf @Dell Rapids  
3  
All State Chorus Day @USD  
4  
4pm X-Country: Dakota XII Conference @TBA  
State Girls' Tennis @Rapid City  
5  
7:30pm (showtime)- Fall Play Performance @VHS  
6pm FB: Cheyenne Eagle Butte (H)  
State Girls' Tennis @Rapid City  
6  
SAT Test- TBA  
Marching Band: Dakota Days Parade-Dakota Days  
7:30pm (showtime)- Fall Play Performance @VHS  
9am 7th/8th VB Dakota XII Conference: Lennox (T)  
B/G Soccer: Semifinal Playoffs  
State Girls' Tennis @Rapid City  
7  
2:30pm (showtime)- Fall Play Performance @VHS  
8  
No School- Native American Day  
7:30pm Coronation (VHS)  
9  
4pm 7th/8th FB EPJ (T)  
4:30pm 7th/8th VB Canton (H)

5pm VB: Ponca, NE (T)  
7pm School Board Meeting @Al Neuarth Media Center, USD Campus  
11  
All State Orchestra Auditions @Tea  
3pm Regions 3A X-Country @Lennox  
5pm VB: Canton (T)  
12  
VHS Tanager Day Parade  
Homecoming- 7pm FB: EPJ (H)  
13  
9am Dakota XII Conference VB @Dakota Valley  
State "B/G" Soccer @Rapid  
15  
7:30pm Apple Polishing Concert @VHS  
Harrisburg Oral Interp. Tournament @ Harrisburg HS  
6:30pm JV FB: Westwood (T)  
16  
4pm 7th/8th FB: Dell Rapids (H)  
5pm VB: Beresford (T)  
17  
Middle School Picture Day  
High School Picture Day  
18  
6pm FB: St. Francis (T)  
19  
Jolley Picture Day  
Orange & Black Oral Interp. Festival @SF Washington  
5pm VB: Dakota Valley (H)  
State "Cheer/Dance" @Brandon Valley  
End of 1st Quarter  
20  
Marching Band: Quad State @USD  
Karl E. Mundt Dakota Invitational @DSU Madison  
State "Cheer/Dance" @Brandon Valley  
State "Cross Country" @Souix Falls  
23  
5pm VB: Beresford (T)  
25  
Early Dismissal- All Schools Dismissed @1:30pm  
2pm- 8pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Oriole Oral Interp. Invite @Lennox  
FB Playoffs Quarterfinals:TBA  
26  
No School  
8am- 3:45pm- Teacher In-Service  
State "Chorus/Orchestra" @Rapid City  
27  
TBA-ACT Test @VHS  
Lewis & Clark Festival @Yankton  
State "Chorus/Orchestra" @Rapid City  
30  
Austin Picture Retake Day





## VHS Drama Scotland Bound

BY MADDI KALLSEN

The Vermillion High School (VHS) Drama Program was selected to perform in Scotland at one of the biggest theatre festivals in the entire world. According to The Scotsman, Scotland's national newspaper, every year over two million tickets are sold. There are hundreds of different performances, consisting of plays, various forms of street performances, and live music. Mary Begley, the director of the theatre department at VHS, is thrilled to be nominated. The American High School Theatre Festival selects different schools around America to partici-

pate in the festival each year. In order to be considered, schools must first be nominated by college theatre professors. Following their nomination, theatre programs are awarded a performance slot based on the school's past productions, awards received by the school, and theatre curriculum. The trip goes from July 26th to August 9th, 2019. The Drama Boosters club hopes to decrease the price for each student by fundraising and charitable donations.

The Drama Boosters, along with many volunteers have raised over \$10,000, so far. For example,

Drama Boosters sold magic wands at the last spring play, Cinderella, and raised over \$700. The VHS booth at the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival, fairytale plays performed in Prentis Park and at the library during the summer, and community donations also helped raise money. There are still many fundraisers lined up to raise more money for the students planning to go. So far, all of the fundraisers have been major successes.

Community donations help considerably. There are various ways to donate. Around town there are donation containers in local businesses.

Donations are also accepted by the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 569, Vermillion South Dakota, 57069; please make donations payable to VHS drama account. There is also a Facebook Fundraiser called "VHS Drama Students' 2019 Performance Trip To Scotland." For further questions, contact Mary Begley at Vermillion High School, 605-677-7033.

There are very big plans in the making for our drama club and this trip; the whole school is excited for this opportunity.

## HOLA, VHS!

BY MASON COURNOYER

Vermillion High School welcomes a new Spanish Language teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

Her name is Ms. Elizabeth Bruemmer. The Jefferson, Missouri native has been teaching for 3 years. Ms. Bruemmer graduated from Maryville University; she started out teaching in Tampa, FL.

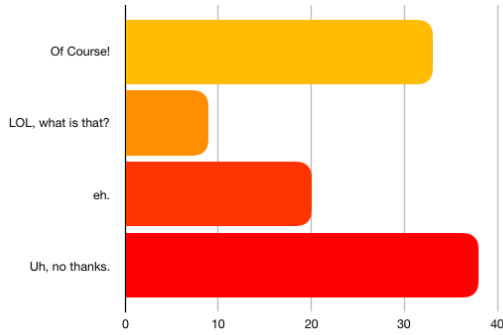
Ms. Bruemmer says her drive for teaching Spanish is her admiration for the language and desire to share the knowledge she was once taught. Her favorite thing about the subject she teaches is the ability to travel with it. She's looking forward to traveling to Spain. She also coaches volleyball for the Lady Tanagers. If she wasn't teaching, she'd be a news anchor telling the locals their stories.

Ms. Bruemmer likes to listen to Alternative Rock and enjoys exercising and traveling. Her favorite teacher so far is Mrs. Dibley. For our off-the-wall question, I asked Ms. Bruemmer if she had \$1,000,000 would she invest, save, or spend...she said she would invest.

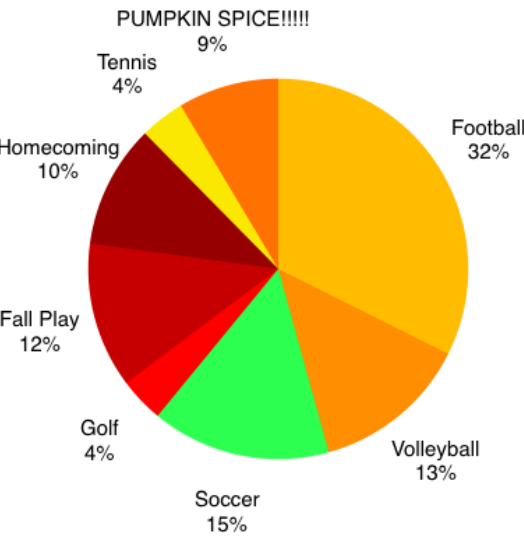
## HALL POLLS

BY KALIE PUCKETT

### Pumpkin Spice!?!?



### Favorite Fall Activity



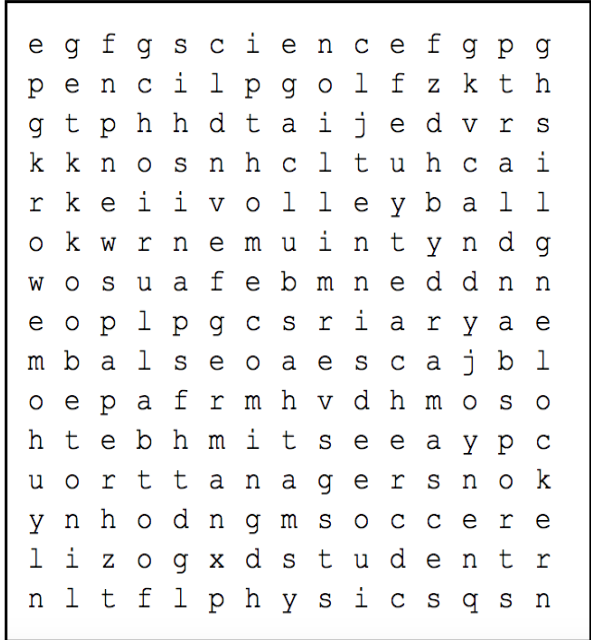
## WORDSEARCH

BY LAUREN HANSEN

### Back to School!

Find and circle these words. They run up, down, across, and diagonally.

art	band	candyjoy	choir	clubs	drama
english	football	german	golf	homecoming	homework
locker	math	newspaper	notebook	pencil	physics
science	soccer	spanish	sports	student	tanagers
teacher	tennis	vermillion	volleyball		



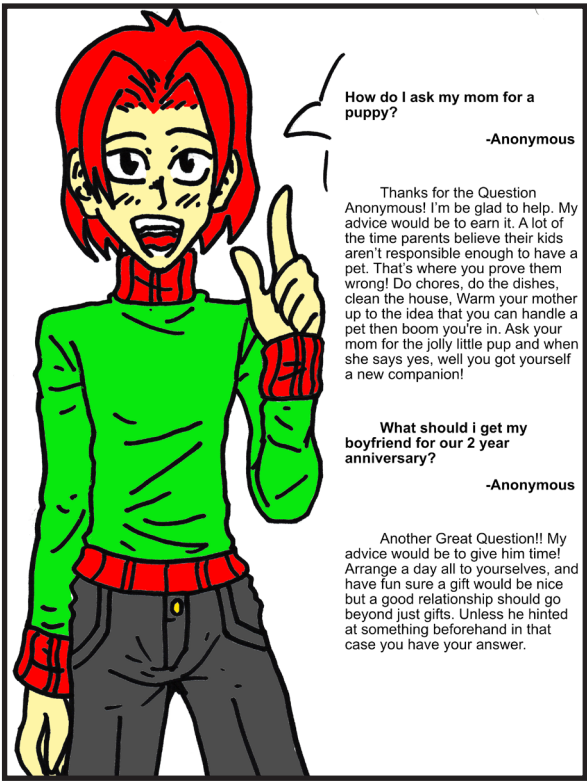
## PAPER CLUB

BY MARCUS DIAZ



## ASK ANONYMOUS

BY MARCUS DIAZ



Submit your "Ask Anonymous" questions in the suggestion box outside Mr. Brunick's art classroom.

## Poetry Corner

BY MAYA SHAVER-SHANE

### Her Warmth

Dark green paint slowly fades away from the leaves.  
Their eyes flutter open and closed,  
Like they're trying to stay awake.  
Soft gusts of wind dance around the trees.  
The sun peeked from behind a cloud.  
Her light warmed the leaves,  
They were finally able to sleep peacefully.

Submit your poetry to  
Justin.Brunick@k12.sd.us