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June 2007

Goodbye to the Class of 2007



Graduates of the Southland Class of 2007

Commencement ceremonies were held on Sunday, May 27th at 2:00 PM in the high school gym. Sixty-two students received their diplomas at the ceremony.

Students graduating with highest honors (GPA of 3.8 and above) were: Kathrine Hamilton, Samantha Irvin, Maggie May, Brian Monson, Anna Noterman, Emily Schmidt, Mitchell Schroeder and Stacie Shawback.

Students graduating with honors (GPA of 3.5-3.79) were Chelsea Bamrick, Cody Barnes, Andrew Boe, Ashley Dietrich, Curtis Gilbert, Andy Johnson, Ross Kellogg, Andrew Maiers, Whitney Mees, Donna Neuvirth, Nathan Oxley, Grace Schmitz and Jessica Wilberding.

In addition to the above-mentioned students, the following students were members of the Southland

Scholastic Society (GPA of 3.3 and above): Joshua Felten, Scott Helgeson, Lacey Jech, Craig Kiefer, Cody Kirkpatrick, Chelsey Mullenbach, Bailey Stadheim and Joseph Walerak.

The Southland High School Band and Choir provided the music for the ceremony. Emily Schmidt, senior class president, gave the invocation. Gary Kuphal, Southland Superintendent welcomed the attendees. The honors address and benediction were given by Samantha Irvin, senior class vice-president. Anna Noterman provided the senior address. A class video, created by Kathy Hamilton and Stacie Shawback, was shown.

Various scholarships were presented to selected seniors. Jon Ellerbusch, Southland High School Principal, recognized the senior class

and diplomas were handed out by Jack Klaehn and Sharon Monson, Southland School Board Members.

Welcome to Clayton Louis Bibus



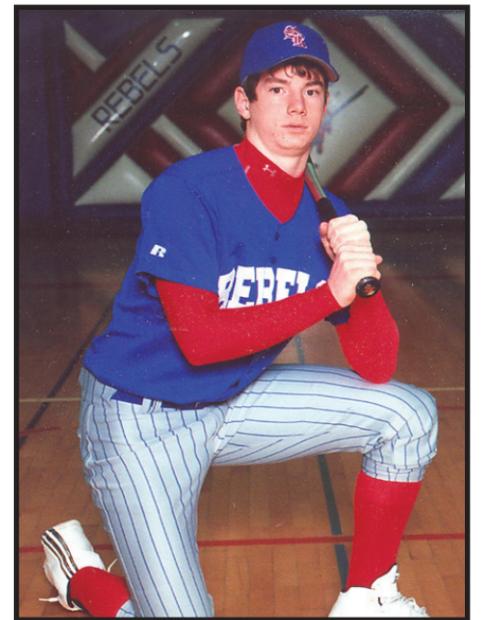
Clayton Louis Bibus

Angie and Troy Bibus announce the birth of their son, Clayton Louis Bibus. He was born on May 1, 2007.

Clayton weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Angie is a special education teacher at Southland. Clayton is the couple's first child.

Southland students named KAAL Prep Athletes of the Week



Brian Voigt

Southland baseball player, Brian Voigt, was named KAAL Male Prep Athlete of the week on April 26, 2007.



Maggie May

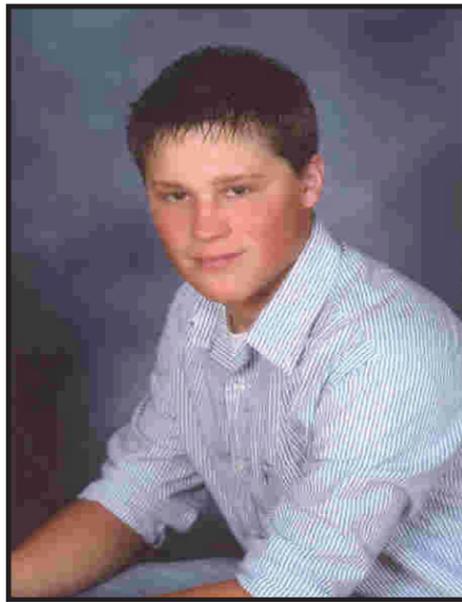
Maggie May, a 4-event athlete for the Grand Meadow Leroy Ostrander Southland track team, was named KAAL Female Prep Athlete of the Week on May 3, 2007.

Last day of school

June 1, 2007

Students dismissed at noon

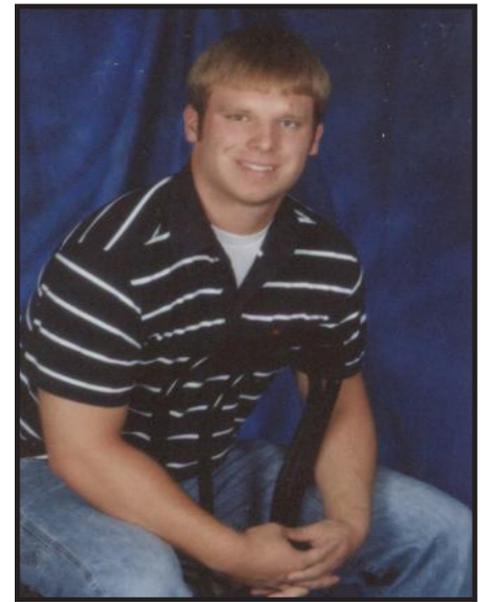
Southland Class of 2007



Nathan Applen
RCTC



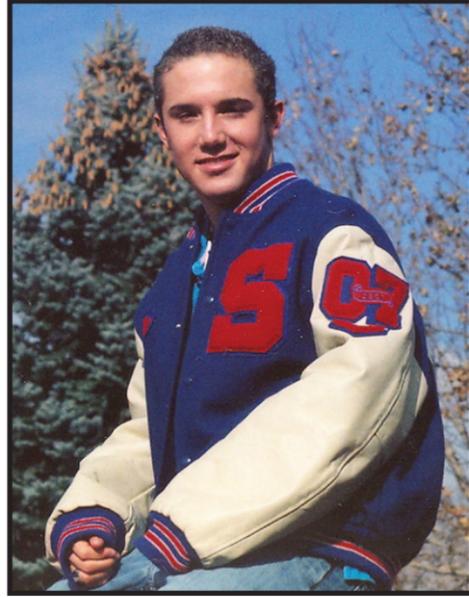
Addison Bain
Fort Lewis - Graphic Design



Aaron Bakker
RCTC - Athletic Training



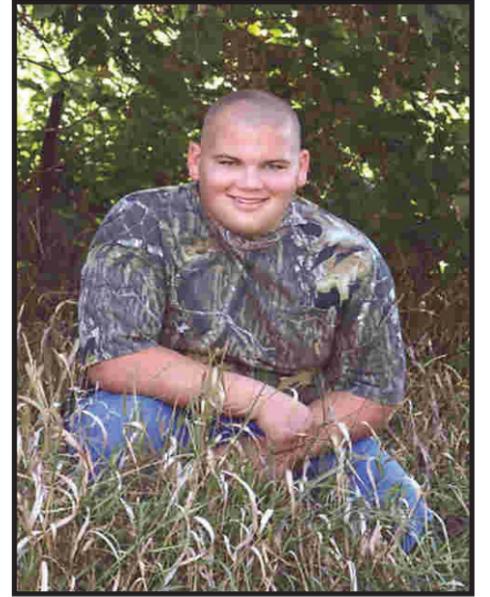
Chelsea Bamrick
Riverland - Dental Hygiene



Cody Barnes
Waldorf - Chiropractic



Justin Bastian
RCTC



Jed Bergstrom
Work



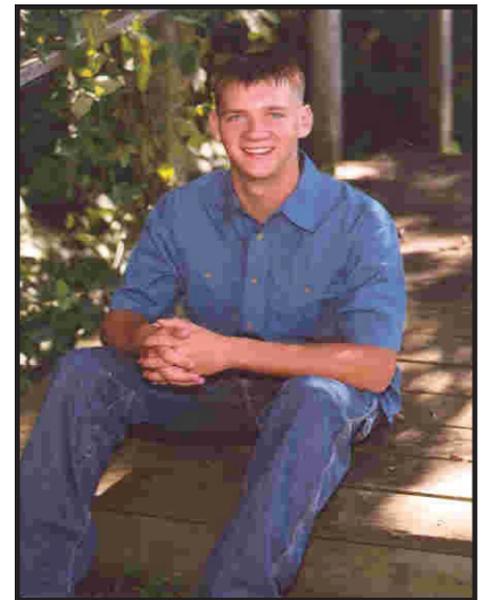
Andrew Boe
Mankato - Sports Management



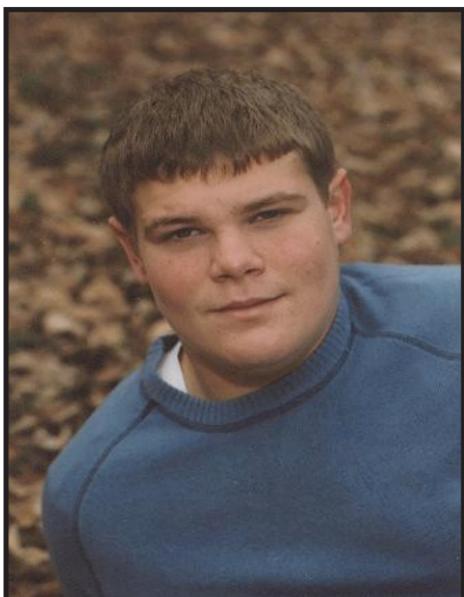
Sandra Boe
Riverland - Psychology



Ashley Dietrich
RCTC



Jared Emanuel
Riverland - Automotive Mechanic



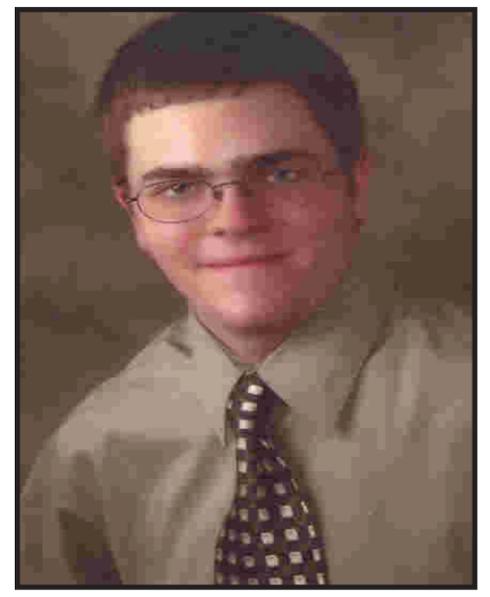
Joshua Felten
Riverland



Kelly Fenske
Riverland - Cosmetology



Lacey Flesner
MN School of Beauty - Cosmetology



Curtis Gilbert
SD School of Mines & Technology



Jacob Haarstad
South Central - Agriculture



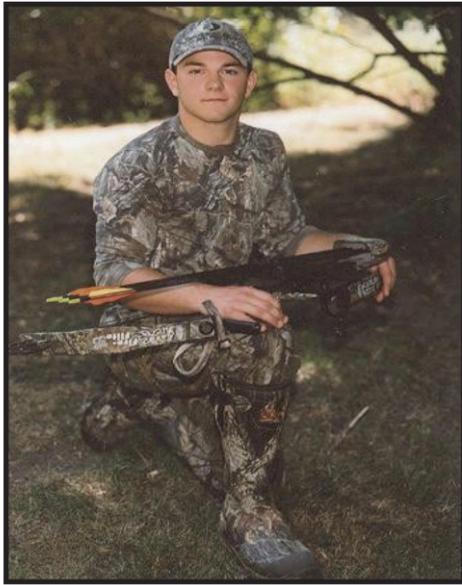
Kathrine Hamilton
RCTC - Health Info Technology



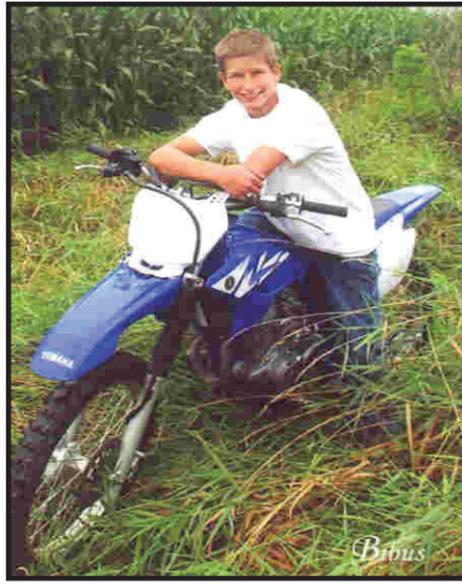
Heidi Hammermeister
Riverland - Computer Diagnostics



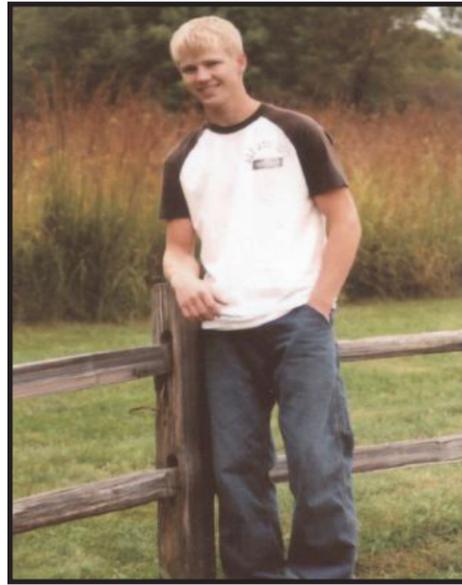
Rose Hammermeister
RCTC - Equine Science



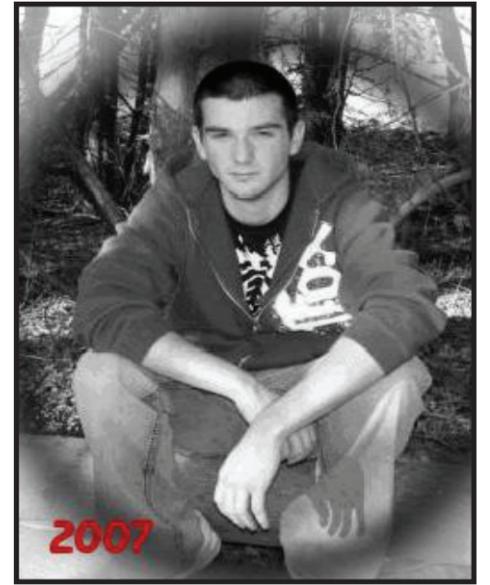
Jordan Hanson
RCTC - Law Enforcement



Matthew Harrison
MN West - Power Sports Machine



Scott Helgeson
U of M - Agricultural Buisness



Lucas Hemann



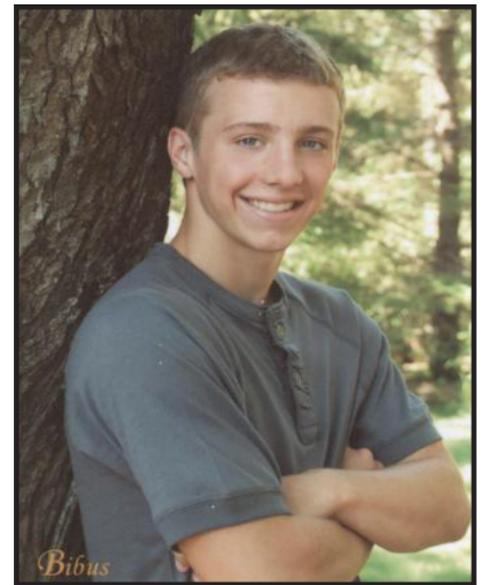
Courtney Howe
RCTC- Elementary Education



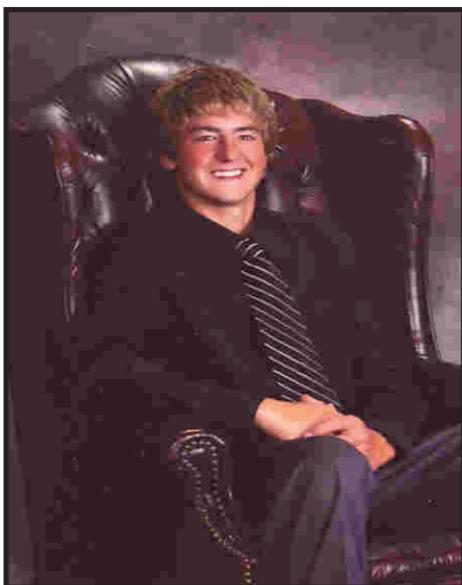
Samantha Irvin
Wartburg- Engineering



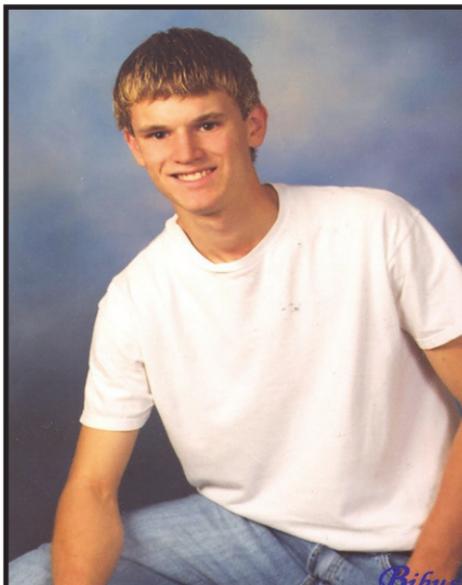
Lacey Jech
Riverland- Cosmetology



Andy Johnson
RCTC- Carpentry



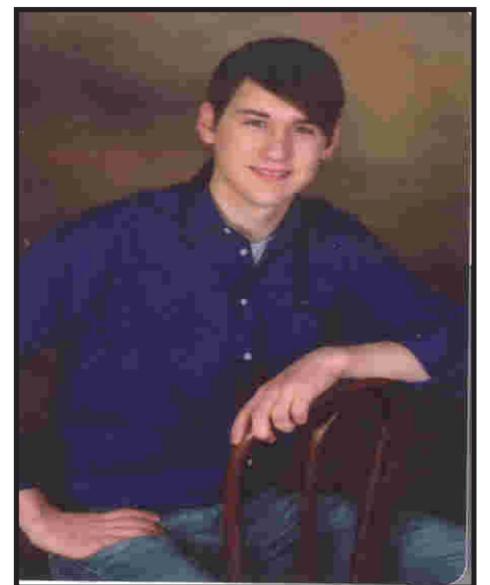
Ross Kellogg
U Of M - Pre Med



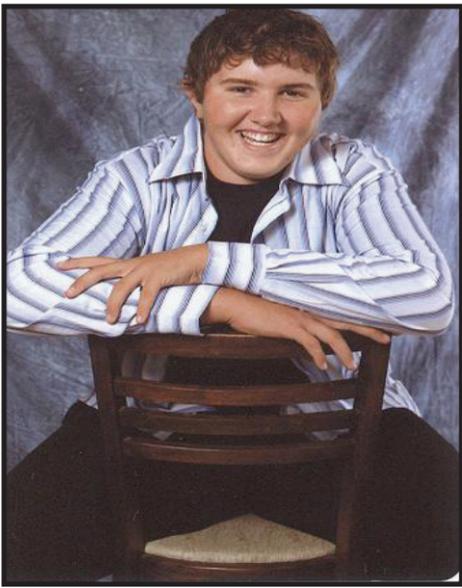
Craig Kiefer
Riverland - Construction Electrician



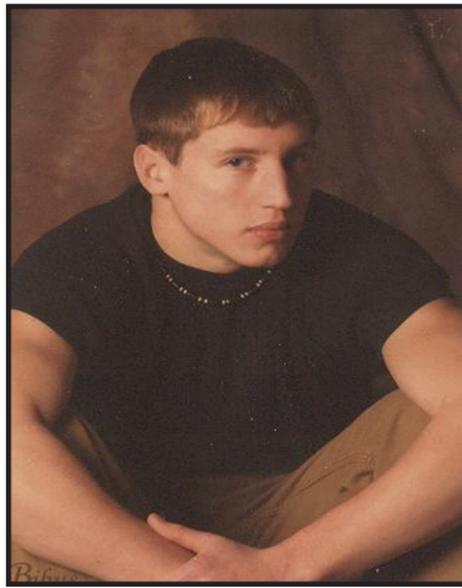
Cody Kirkpatrick
Luther - Physical Education



Daniel Kurtz
Pharmacy



Matthew Loecher
NIACC - Business



Andrew Maiers
LaCrosse - Nuclear Medicine



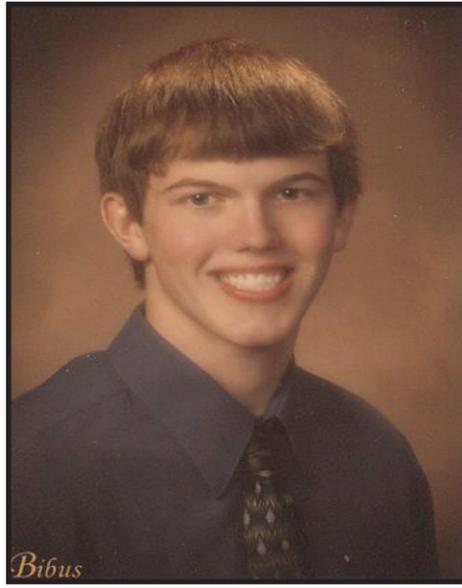
Ashley Mattson
Riverland - Biology



Maggie May
Viterbo - Nursing



Whitney Mees
RCTC



Brian Monson
Notre Dame



Laura Morrisette
Riverland - Law Enforcement



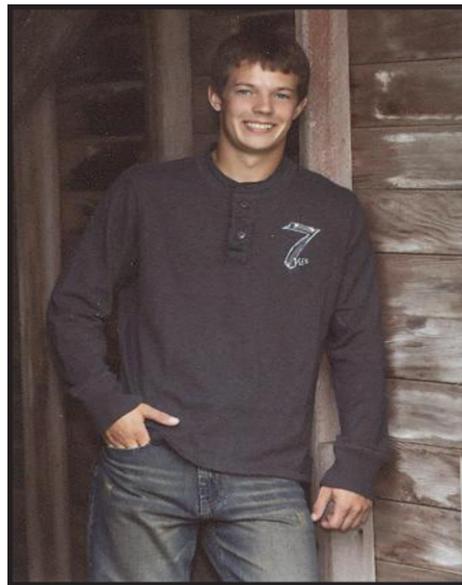
Amber Mullenbach
Augsburg



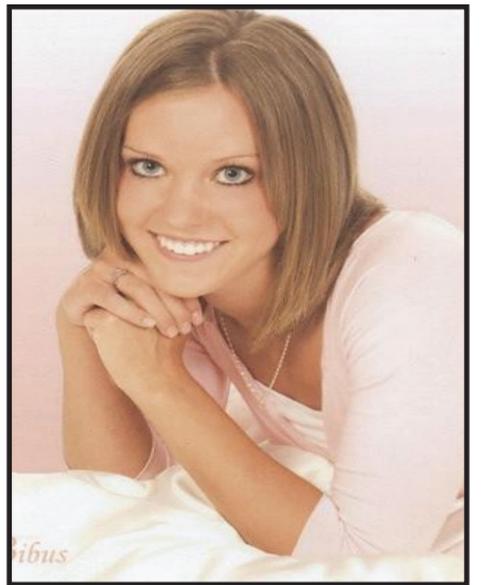
Chelsey Mullenbach
RCTC - Radiology



Joshua Murphy
Riverland - Construction Electrician



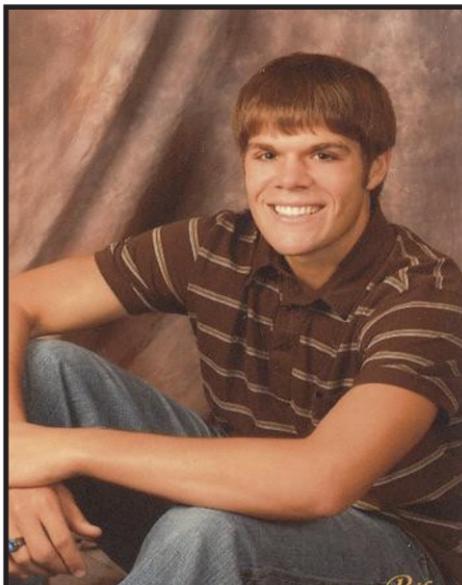
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Mankato - Construction Management



Donna Neuvirth
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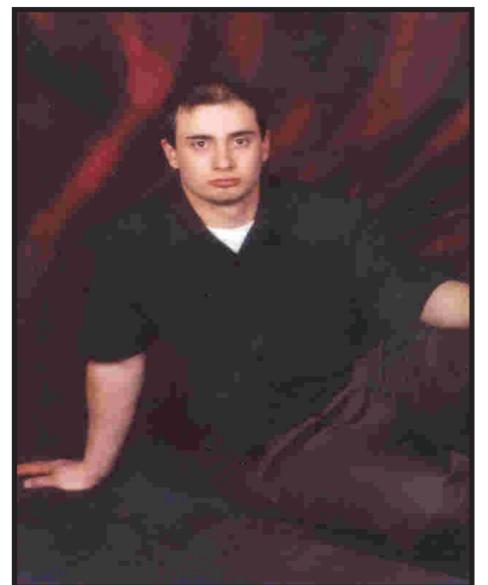
Anna Noterman



Nathan Oxley
Riverland - Carpentry Technology



Kalli Perthel



Brad Rau
Riverland - Autobody



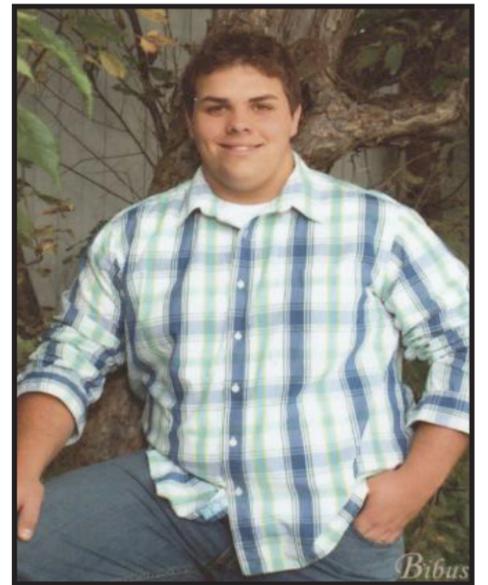
Emily Schmidt
Riverland - Music Education



Grace Schmitz



Melissa Schneider
Hamilton - Medical Assistant



Jacob Schotanus
NIACC



Mitchell Schroeder
Mankato - Civil Engineering



Stacie Shawback
RCTC



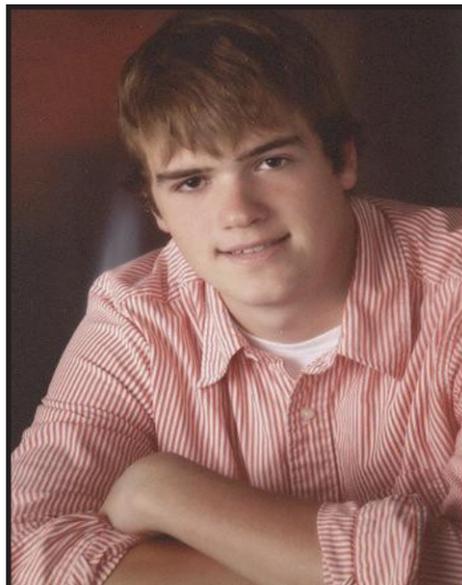
Matthew Simon
Riverland - Electrical



Lance Sorensen
Riverland - Theatre



Bailey Stadheim
Art Institute - Culinary Arts



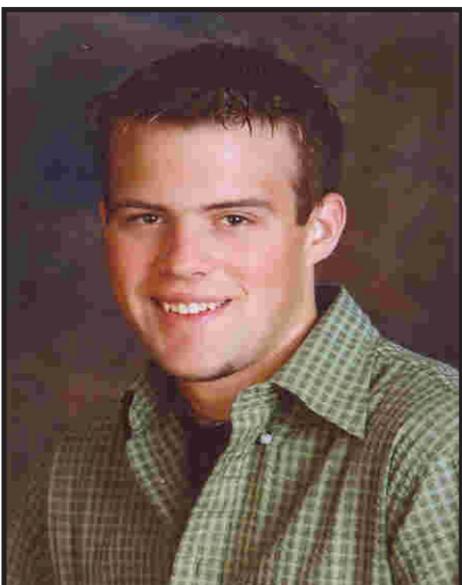
John Stoltenberg
Mankato - Engineering



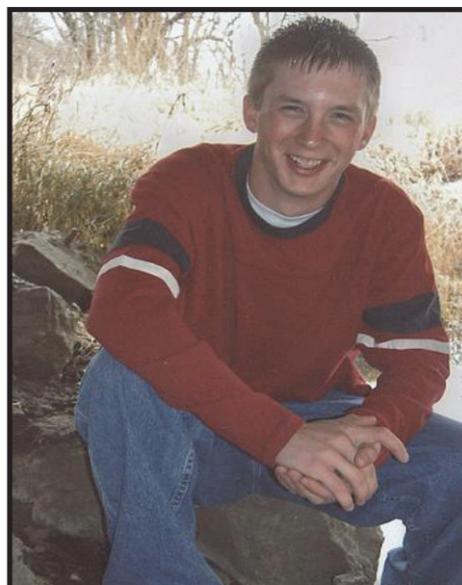
Holly Swenson
Riverland - Law Enforcement



Trena Thome



Allan VanBuskirk
MN West - Powerline Technology



Joseph Walerak
Army



Jessica Wilberding
Riverland - Psychology

CLASS FLOWER
RED CARNATION

CLASS COLORS
BLUE AND SILVER

CLASS MOTTO
"THERE ARE MANY ROADS
WE HAVE CROSSED, MANY
MILES WE HAVE
CLIMBED, AND SO MANY
DREAMS WE
HAVE LEFT TO REALIZE."

Elementary Math Masters

Sarah Hinderaker, Hannah Holst, Corey Hemingway, Jacob Mueller, Craig Mullenbach, Delanie Barnes, Pierce Nordeng, John Ashton, Riley Schmitz, and Tess Landherr participated in the regional Math Masters of Minnesota competition on Friday, May 4th at the Austin High School. Len Mensink was the volunteer Math Masters coach. Max Klingerman and Dylan Henaman-Kiefer were alternatives at the competition.

Math Masters of Minnesota began as a fifth grade math competition program in 1989 with teams from 44 schools taking part. In 1995 the competition expanded to include sixth graders and this year there are

approximately 4000 fifth and sixth graders registered to compete. Schools are encouraged to involve as many of their fifth and sixth grade students as possible in the use of the Math Masters packet of challenge preparation materials.

The students participated in a fact drill round, 3 individual problem solving rounds, and 3 team problem solving rounds.

Southland Elementary is very proud of our Math Master students. They have given extra time and commitment to represent Southland well. The students have worked very hard.



Southland Elementary Math Masters with Principal Juhl and Coach Len Mensink.

Rollin', rollin', rollin'

The students at Southland Elementary were rollin' around in physical education class as part of their roller skating curriculum. Grades 1-5 put on the roller skates to practice skills such as T-stops, forward skating, backward skating, toe stops and turns. The last day on skates is a fun day where the limbo is a popular game to try. "We want to thank the PTO for supplemental funding on the skate rentals," says physical education teacher Nancy Decker. "Their financial



Going under the limbo bar are 4th graders Haley Laack, Alyssa Schmitt and Cole Erie

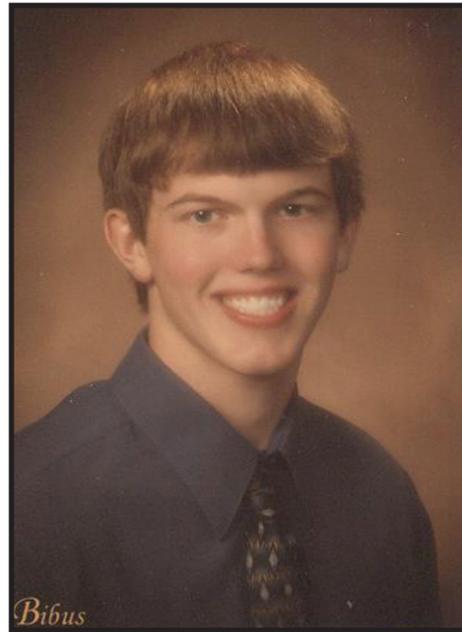
support allows us to continue this fun, popular program and keep the cost lower for the students. I am not sure we could continue offering this without their support."

Car wash blues



Southland students, under the guidance of Sarah Schmit, counselor, offered a free car wash on Friday, April 20th. The car wash was part of a 9th grade community service project. On Thursday, April 19th, students cleaned ditches as a part of Adopt a Highway.

Brian Monson accepted to Notre Dame



Brian Monson was one of 14, 501 high school seniors to apply to Notre Dame this year.

He found out on March 31 that he was one of the 1,985 students accepted to attend, starting fall 2007.

Brian, the son of Ray and Sharon Monson of Adams, first visited Notre Dame on the Southland High School Washington D.C. trip a few years ago. "I wasn't really thinking about colleges at the time," says Brian. "When I did some serious applying last fall, though, I remembered that I liked what I had seen and decided to take a shot."

Not only did Brian get admitted, he was named a Notre Dame Scholar,

which is a distinction given to those in the top 15% of the applicant pool, based on academic skills, leadership qualities, community service and extra-curricular activities.

The application pool for Notre Dame this year was up, with 1700 more applicants than the previous year.

Those students selected to attend had an average ACT score of 32.5 and were in the top 4.2 percent of their graduating high school class.

Brian was named as a National Merit Commended Student. He is currently employed at the Austin Daily Herald where he is a sportswriter for the schools outside of Austin, covering baseball, golf and softball. At Southland High School he has been a member of the basketball team for four years, the football team for two years, the golf team for one year and was a baseball manager for one year. He was a People to People Ambassador to Europe in 2004 and is active in his church, St. John the Baptist in Johnsbury.

In addition, Brian will receive his Associate in Arts Degree from Riverland Community College on May 11 as he has taken classes at the college for the past two years.

After graduating from Southland High School on May 27, Brian will return to Notre Dame to begin his college career August 24.

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Jump Rope for Heart event

The annual Jump Rope for Heart event was held at Southland Elementary as part of the students' physical education class. This annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association is done as part of the jump roping physical education curriculum.

Students volunteer to collect money donations and earn "thank you" gifts from AHA in return.

This year there were 60 students that collected a total of \$3146. The highest



Tristan Harrison

donation came from Tristan Harrison who received a letter of congratulations from the AHA for his efforts.

"Heart disease is becoming a concern of younger people," states physical education teacher, Nancy Decker. "Our younger population is experiencing health problems that generally happen as older adults. This is a nationwide epidemic and when students realize this and go the "extra mile" to help they are all to be congratulated."



Pictured above are the students who raised \$50.00 or more to earn a T-shirt.

Pink Hair! Don't adjust your dials! Yes, Mr. Juhl has pink hair!



Vicki Kuhlmann and Cheryl Renwick prepare to dye Mr. Juhl's hair.



"I don't want to look!"



Elementary students gather around Principal Juhl, who is showing off his new hair style

The elementary student council sponsored a Pennies for Patients drive in February and a challenge was put upon the students - raise more than \$500 and Mr. Juhl will dye his hair pink. The incentive was set and the students responded. Over \$750.00 was raised by the total student body of Southland Elementary.

The fourth grade raised the most money - over \$250.00 which earned them the pizza party as rewarded by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. On average, \$2.50 was given per student to a worthy cause... finding the cure for cancer.

For more information on Pennies for Patients or if you would like to donate money please go to www.PenniesforPatients.com.

To view more pictures check out the elementary student council site on the district website: www.isd500.k12.mn.us!

Hormel Foods expands matching program to cover public elementary schools, middle schools and high schools

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4. The gift must be made by the full-time employee, retiree, company director or retired director during his/her lifetime in cash or securities with a readily determinable market value. Bequests or pledges are not eligible for matching. Dues, subscriptions, insurance premiums and tuition are not eligible for matching. The gift may be restricted as to use by the receiving institution, or it may be restricted to use by an existing building or scholarship fund of the receiving institution. The Charitable Trust's matching gift will be designated for the same purposes as the gift of the full-time employee, retiree, company director or retired director.

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If anyone would like to obtain a form, they will need to find the form on the internal Hormel Xchange site or contact Hormel Corporate Communications at 507-437-5345.

Postal Inspection Service extends Internet safety campaign

2 SMRT 4U, an Internet safety campaign for teens, continues to exceed expectations and will be extended through FY 2007. Launched last November, the partnership between the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has now reached more than 80 countries.

Teens have ordered nearly 300,000 of the 2 SMRT 4U stainless-steel rings, and surveys tally excellent campaign feedback. Best of all, 68% of teen girls reported changing their online behavior as a result of the campaign. Teens visiting the <http://www.2smrt4u.com> get online safety tips from Hayden Panettiere, star of NBC's Heroes, and can report inappropriate conduct on the Internet.

The Postal Inspection Service has investigated obscenity offenses since the 1800s, but has focused particular attention on child exploitation since the passage of the Sexual Exploitation of Children Act of 1977. Today, nearly all such cases involve the Internet, as well as the U.S. Mail.

Early Childhood/Family Education

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Early Childhood Family Education

What is ECFE?

- a program for children and parents to spend time together and time apart.
- an opportunity for children to participate in a variety of learning and fun activities.
- an opportunity for parents to meet other parents and discuss parenting issues.

Who can attend?

- children birth to kindergarten and their parents, grandparents, or special adult

Why attend ECFE?

- to receive support as parents and families through class information, discussion and networking.
- to have fun together as a family
- to provide broader learning activities for the entire family.

Where are the classes held?

- Early Childhood Center 312 W Main St. Adams, 507-582-3405

ECFE Parent/Child Classes Resume in the Fall

Monday evenings 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.
Thursday evenings 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.
Friday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
All classes are for mixed ages to 5 years

School Readiness Three Day Preschool (4-5 yrs)

Registration for 2007-2008

School Readiness Preschool registration material was sent in April to families that are on the school census if your child will be four years old by Sept. 1, 2007. This is a 3-day child only program running for 32 weeks. If you have questions call Nancy Dvergsten at 582-3405. Classes are offered for morning 8:15 - 11:00 or afternoon 12:15 - 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Register now if you haven't done so.

Play and Learn (3 - 4 year old) Preschool

The Southland School District offers a preschool opportunity for children 3 - 4 years old. This child only class meets once a week on Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon from. The class focuses on encouraging sociability, sharing and developing independence. An additional component of the class is that families attend weekly ECFE parent/child classes.

In selecting an ECFE Parent/child class you have flexibility in deciding which day and time works best for your family.

ECFE - Class day & time options
Monday 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. or
Thursday 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. or
Friday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Watch for the open house and registration information in the September Rebel Talk.

School Census

The viability of the Early Childhood Family Education program and other programs in the Southland School District relates to the school census. It is crucial that we know about all residents that have preschool children. If you are new to the district or know of someone new to the district with children 0 - 5 years old, please contact the Vicki at the elementary office. The number is 507-437-3214.

Summer Activities and "Get-Aways" Recommended by ECFE Families

CAMPING (This is very popular with Southland EC Families)

Close to Home

- In own backyard (or Grandpa/Grandma's yard) - tent or cap/campfires
- Beaver Trails (near I-90 & County Rd 20) pool and arcade areas
- Lake Louise State Park, LeRoy, MN - swimming (life guard??) trails

A Little Farther away

- Lake Hendricks, Riceville, IA, swim, fish, MOSQUITO FREE!
- Good Earth Village (near Spring Valley, MN) has old town buildings to tour
- Forestville State Park - authentic store open sometimes
- Jellystone, Warren, WI, something for everyone - tent, cabins, hotel rooms Volleyball, baseball, indoors and outdoor water parks
- Other favorites: the Old Barn, near Preston, MN; DunRomin, Caledonia MN; Money Creek Haven, Houston; Bluff Valley, Zumbro Falls; MacNider, Mason City; Big Woods, near Preston/Canton, camping, trails for bikes or horses
- Whitewater St. Park, near Winona
- Several camp grounds near Lanesboro

Tip: Don't let your wife over-pack!

ZOOS

- Oxbow Park/Zoo, Byron, MN very kid friendly and close (also camping area)
- Como Park/Zoo.carnival - no fee for zoo/park - "donation"
- Minnesota ZOO - lots to see, new theme weekends - farm animal petting area
- LaCrosse Zoo, LaCrosse, WI.
- Others: Omaha, NE, Sioux Falls, S.D.

SIGHTS TO SEE

- Bily Clocks at Spillville, IA
- State Capitol building, St. Paul, MN.
- Waterfall Park, Decorah, IA - can climb up steps all along this gently waterfall and picnic there - beautiful!
- Living History Farms - near DesMoines - (I-80 and I-35) walk through America's past-Indian times, early settlers, etc.
- House on the Rock, Spring Green, WI -huge home t tour, carrousel, animated exhibits
- Effigy Mounds near Prairie du Chein, also a mansion to tour/Civil War enactments
- Children's Museum of LaCrosse 207 5th Ave. S. hands on interactive
- Quarry Hill Nature -701 Silver Creek Rd N.E. Rochester 507-281-6114
- Laura Ingles Wilder Museum, Spring Valley, MN
- Science Museum/children's Museum, St. Paul, MN
- Mall of America,
- "The Park", History Center, Cabellas (near Owatonna)
- Observatory near Austin, watch the stars! (check Park and Rec. schedule)

CAVES

Niagara Cave, Harmony, MN, Mystery Cave, Spring Valley, MN; Spook Cave, McGregor, IA

SUMMER REC AND READING PROGRAMS AT LOCAL TOWNS/LIBRARIES

Check with your local city. Also events in Austin in the evening sponsored by Kiwanis for those who need an evening program - check Austin Park and Rec. schedule

Friday nights at the "Y" - \$8/family - use the place - food served some nights
Check out the LeRoy library too for books and crafts this summer

SWIMMING/LESSONS

Adams Pool offers lessons for all ages

St. Ansgar Pool has wonderful shallow water in pool and water slide. Family friendly area - bring your own picnic or buy food there, also pizza

St. Olaf Lake, tubing, beach is free (have lifeguards!) docks for boat, good boating

HIKING AREAS/BIKING TRAILS

Shooting Star Bike Trail from Lake Louise, LeRoy to Taopi.

Hormel Nature Center (hiking) and inside activities/nature items.

Mill Pond - near Austin Library - nice picnic/play area also

BACK YARD FUN

Croquet, water sprinklers, slip n slide, trampoline, bocce ball, fly kites, play kick ball, baseball, badminton, hide and seek, catch fire flies and chase toads, Build cardboard forts and wooden "vehicles", squirtguns/water balloon/wading pools. Sell lemonade and put on "plays" for the neighborhood

EVENTS

SPAM DAYS, Austin, Dairy Days Adams, Mower County Fair, (first full week in August) Rose Creek Fun Days in July

Preschool visits Southland agriculture greenhouse and horticulture class



Thank you Mr. Brown and the Horticulture class for providing plants and helping the preschoolers to plant them for Mothers Day! We appreciate you all!



Baby animals visit Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Center has had baby animals visit during May. The children love to see different animals and learn more about them. One day there was a Lionhead Rabbit and two black bunnies. Matthew Mueller's mom brought them to share. Another day, Tim Lewison's mom brought two baby raccoons and showed how they drink from a bottle.



Staff retirements

Alice Wiste

Alice Wiste, Southland Paraprofessional, has been working for Southland Middle School for 32 years. She started at Elkton after her children all were in school.

She doesn't have any immediate plans after she retires, but plans to spend more time with her family, taking short trips and just having fun.

Alice has enjoyed working for Southland, and the many teachers she has worked with have been very kind and helpful. She states that "We are very fortunate to have teachers who like their students."

Kathy Leisen

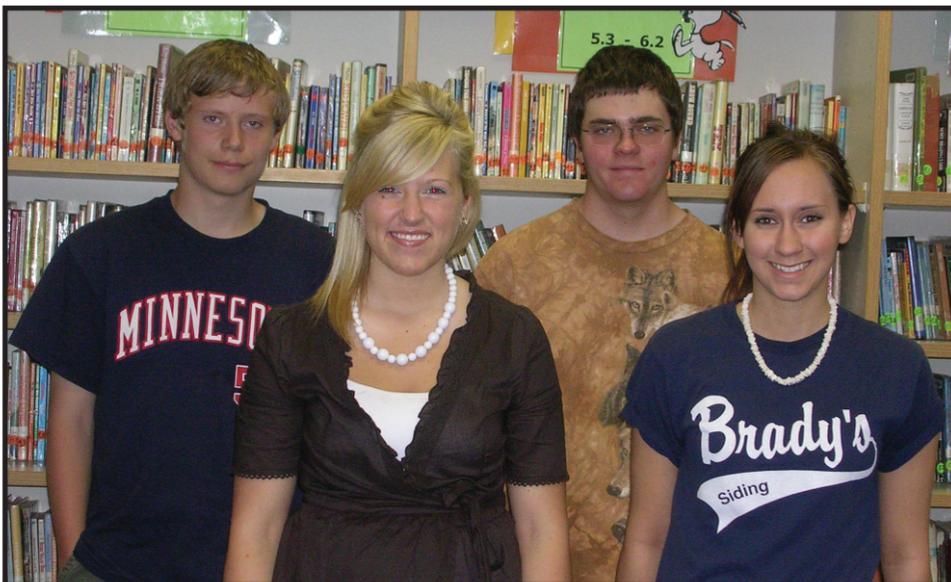
Kathy Leisen, second grade teacher at Southland Elementary will retire at the end of the school year. Mrs. Leisen has taught at Southland Elementary for many years.

Boys basketball traveling team

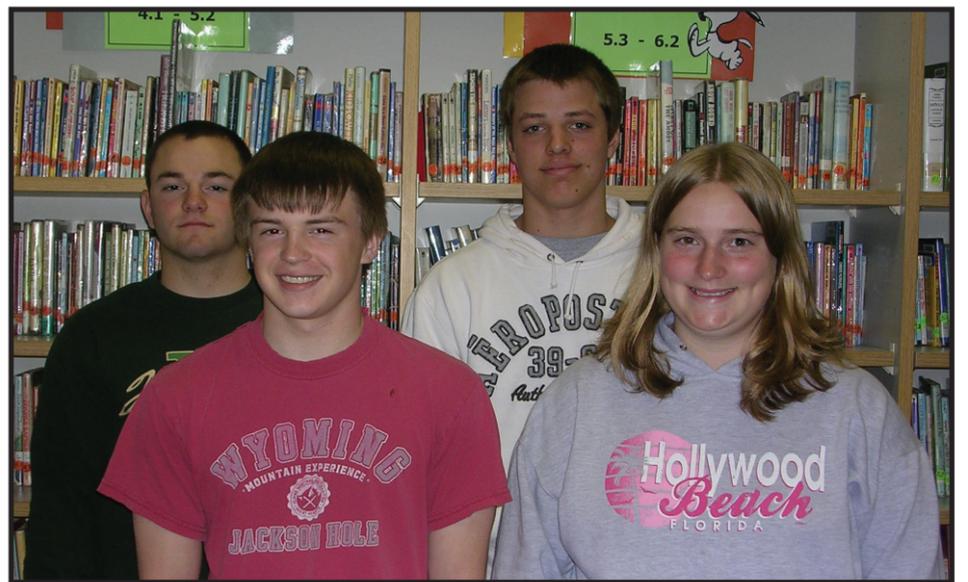
The Southland 6th grade Boys Basketball Traveling team became the champions at the 2007 Pacesetter Region 2 Championship Tournament held at Minnesota State University in Mankato, MN on April 28. This team is now invited to the Pacesetter Minnesota Youth State Basketball Championship at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph in July.



Students of the month



High school students of the month for March are Justin Schlee, 9th grade; Hattie Stadheim, 10th grade; Curtis Gilbert, 12th grade; and Samantha Enright, 11th Grade.



High school students of the month for April are Jordan Hanson, 12th grade; Brian Coffman, 11th grade; David Schotanus, 9th Grade; and Ella Noterman, 10th grade.



Middle school students of the month for March are Aaron Hanson, 8th grade; Lindsey Bottema, 7th grade; and Addison Tapp, 6th grade.



Middle school students of the month for April are Kristina Hanson, 7th grade; Hillary Bottema, 6th grade; and Sarah Nelson, 8th grade.

Animals, Animals, Animals!

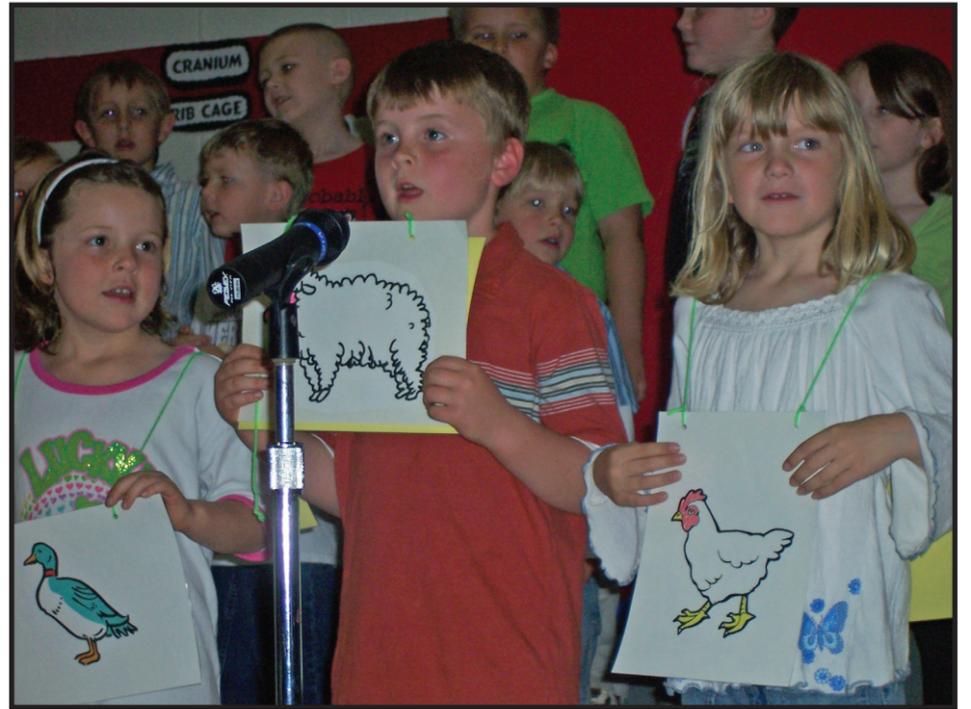
The kindergarten and first grade students of Southland Elementary performed a mini-concert about animals on May 8. Each of the groups takes a spring field trip relating to animals. First graders travel to Cabellas and kindergarteners visit a local farm.

The students sang cumulative songs like "Bingo," "Old MacDonald," and "Bought Me a Cat." They added percussion to songs and even illustrated songs with drawings and field trip photos. Parents, relatives and friends attended the concert along with elementary classes.

The students sang cumulative



First grade instruments: Jeremy Heller, Gracie Lonergan and Alex Kiefer add percussion to "Play Me a Cowbell"



Old MacDonald: Kendra Emanuel, Travis Russell and Erin Hanson show Old MacDonald's farm animals.

Talent show

This year, along with the Awards presentations, students will have an opportunity to perform their talents. The Student Council is working with Mrs. Freund and classroom teachers to organize student performances.

Individuals or groups are invited to rehearse and prepare musical acts, skits, stories and poems, art, media arts and physical fitness routines. The

performances are for sharing only; no competition.

Teachers also present various awards within this program, not related to the talent show but for academic excellence and other achievement.

The public is invited to attend this last day of school event on June 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Area students attend elementary choir festival

Students from Southland Elementary and Middle Schools as well as Sacred Heart attended the Elementary Choir Festival in Wykoff, MN, on May 11. Area choirs traveled to Kingsland Middle School to perform for one another and to sing some songs together in a massed

choir. The students enjoyed hearing a variety of choral singing and gained the experience of making a grand vocal sound in a large group. The choir and music classroom teachers are Mrs. Jane Orvik, Mrs. Laura Freund and from Sacred Heart, Mrs. Joyce Edlund.



Southland 5th and 6th grade students attended the Elementary Choir Festival in Wykoff.

Claymation Project

Fifth grade students at Southland Elementary are working on a claymation project. Students work in groups of 4-5 students to plan a visual story, draw out a story board, shoot short video clips of clay characters or movement. They then edit the film and add title and credit slides. Hopefully, these short videos will

be available on the Southland website soon!

Mrs. Freund, the technology specialist at Southland Elementary, hopes the project teaches students about cooperation and process as well as new technology skills handling video equipment and software.



Raven Fett and Tess Landherr prepare the backdrop they will use for their claymation taping.



Southland High School music students excel at contests

Southland High School music students performed in 51 events at the solo and ensemble contest at Riverland College on March 14th. 13 performances received superior ratings, 27 received

excellent ratings, and 11 received good ratings. This was the largest number of solo and ensemble participants from Southland in recent years. We would like to thank Mrs. Becky Bissen, Mrs.

Pat Hinz, and Mrs. Carolyn White for accompanying our students.

The Southland High School Band and Choir also performed at the large group contest at Stewartville High

School on April 4th. Both groups received superior ratings on their performances, the highest award given. The band is directed by Mr. Dave McCormick and the choir is directed by Mrs. Jane Orvik.



Members of the Southland High School Band and Mr. McCormick, Director



Members of the Southland High School Choir and Mrs. Orvik, Director

Mrs. Brumm accepts teaching position in St. Ansgar

Southland mathematics teacher, Jenni Brumm, will be teaching in the St. Ansgar School district next year.

"I'm really sad to leave, but really excited to be going back to St. Ansgar. My husband and I both graduated from there, and since we live in the district, I had kind of thought that I might end up there someday.

I have been at Southland for 7 years and have LOVED every minute of it. I love the kids, the parents, the

community, and I loved Paige going to Sacred Heart. It's so hard to change all that, but I truly am excited about the fresh start. I'll still be coming to football & basketball games up here, so I hope to stay in touch."

Mrs. Brumm will be teaching on a block schedule. The courses she will be teaching are Pre-Algebra, Algebra and Consumer Math I and II. She will also be the 9th grade volleyball coach."

Mr. Ellerbusch to be Kingsland High School's new principal

Jon Ellerbusch, Southland Middle and High School Principal, recently announced that he has accepted a job with Kingsland Public Schools in Spring Valley. He will begin his new job as

Kingsland High School Principal on July 1, 2007.

Mr. Ellerbusch served as middle and high school principal with the Southland School District from 2002-2007.

Ms. Thielen to teach in Rush City

Jen Thielen, Southland English teacher has accepted a teaching position in Rush City. She will be teaching 8th and

11th grade English.

She will miss staff and students.

Thank you from Coach Kennedy

On behalf of the Southland Rebel Football players, coaches, football booster club members and parents, we want to thank all people, business owners, and community members that contributed to the Football Fundraiser

that was held on Friday, May 13th, 2007. Because of your generosity, we (Rebel Football Team) had a very, very successful fundraiser. Thank you again for all of your support, Shawn Kennedy

District Offices Summer Hours June 4th - August 24th

Southland Central Office as well as Middle/High and Elementary Offices
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday
7:00 to 11:00 AM Fridays
Elementary and Middle/High School Offices will be closed in July

7th graders visit the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

The Southland 7th graders went to the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, MN on April 18-20, 2007. The trip was for three days and two nights. Some of the activities that they participated in during the day included: the Tree Tops High Ropes Course which is an opportunity to confront their fears and encourage one another; Group Challenge develops skills needed to communicate, problem solve, and trust each other to reach a common goal; and Pond Life and

Stream Lab taught the students about the environment and how humans affect it. In the evenings the group attended Naturalist Programs where they learned about Snakes on Wednesday night and Falcons on Thursday night. The students also took part in a Night Hike and Campfire where they got to make smores. There was also plenty of time for the students to be kids and have fun with their friends. Overall, the students were all on their best behavior and everyone had a great time.

Southland had 58 students and 8 adults go on the trip. As a group, they earned the Eagle Eye Award by turning off all the lights when leaving a room, recycling everything that could be, and following the rules. They also earned a spot on the Golden Plate by having zero pounds of food waste for all seven meals. These wonderful awards have been dedicated in loving memory of Janice Miller. Jan spent a lot of time working on this trip and we will always be grateful to her for that.

The seventh grade and all the chaperones would like to take a moment to thank everyone who made this trip possible. This includes the wonderful people who bought cookie dough from the students and the loving parents who spent so much time delivering it. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Rose Creek Fire Department, Dexter Fire Department, and Bob Roberts for their generous donations. We could not have done it without all of your support. Thanks again!

Scenes from Eagle Bluff



Community Education

WOW, this school year went quickly! This past year was a great experience for me in organizing classes you requested. I've met a lot of people and learned a lot from the experience. We were able to have a lot of the classes you requested and some we just couldn't get going because of no instructor or not enough participants.

There are **two new classes** planned for this summer:

- There will be an **ATV Safety-Training Class** offered for anyone 12 to 16 years old. Even if you have your driver's license, you need this certification to operate an ATV. The class will be held on a Saturday in June. Information will be available to students who qualify before school is out. Limited to 25 students maximum.
- Sherry Klein (Southland 5th Grade Teacher) is planning a two-week class on **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** followed by a three-day trip to **Hannibal, MO**, to have some of the same experiences that Tom Sawyer had. The class is planned for June 11-June 22 from 8:00 to 11:00 am with the trip planned for June 26-28. Information is available to students in 5th and 6th grades. This is an educational opportunity that will be so much fun! Must have 25 students minimum. The class expense is \$20/student and the trip expense (based on 25 travelers) is about \$38 each with \$41.50 for students and \$60 for adults for admissions to the following: Mark Twain Cave, Home & Museum, Riverboat Cruise, Family Restaurant Buffet, Twainland Express, and Spratt Family Jubilee. The \$38 would be less if there are more than 25 travelers. Spending money would be needed for 4 other meals (at fast food type places) and souvenirs.

Be sure to take part in the **Summer Recreation Programs** in your hometown. Directors are: Ashton May - Adams; Zach Stratton - Dexter/Elkton; and Jim Stratton - Rose Creek. Mark your calendar for the annual **Twins' Park & Rec Day** - Thursday, July 19th.

Enjoy your summer vacation and take part in these continuing Community Ed Classes:

500 - Play continues throughout the summer!

Get together to play 500. Bring your friends or come alone for an afternoon of fun and socializing. We will be meeting the second Monday each month to play 500. Get out and have some fun! This is a great opportunity to get together and socialize.

When: Second Monday Each Month - 1:30 pm
Where: Adams Fire Hall
Fee: None
Coordinator: Donald Larson
Register: Not necessary - Just come and join in the fun!

Golf Lessons

Learn the basics of golf at the Cedar River Country Club in Adams. This class is being offered for boys and girls who will be entering 7th grade in the fall. This is a great way to get started on the basics of this life-long sport. Bring your clubs and meet at the driving range. We can make arrangements to find you clubs if you let us know on registration.

When: June 21, 26, & 28 - 3:00-4:00 pm
 one more date may be arranged by instructor and participants
Where: Cedar River Country Club Driving Range
Fee: \$10

Instructor: Wayne Robertson

Register by June 18th - Class size is limited so register early. Please send or bring registration and full payment to Southland Schools, PO Box 351 - 203 2nd Street NW, Adams, MN 55909.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

I have my own clubs _____
 Please find me clubs to use _____ Right handed _____ Left handed _____

Taekwondo - June Class

When: Mondays & Wednesdays, June 4 - June 27
 6:30-7:30 - Students 6 to 12 years old
 7:30-8:30 - Adults 13 and older

Where: Rose Creek Gym
Fee: \$30 Students, \$40 Adults
Instructor: Greg Mullenbach
 Register with form below before June 1st:

Taekwondo June Registration:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Age: _____ (not necessary for 18 and older)

Parent Name & Signature: _____

Include payment to Southland Community Ed and registration form to any school office.

Make a "Diva Bag"

Make a fun fabric purse with a zipper, pockets and handle. Stop at a school office to see the pattern and list of supplies needed for this fun project or call Marj at 582-3614.

When: Tuesday, June 12 - 5:30-8:30 pm
Where: Little Cedar Lutheran Church Hall
Fee: \$5 (bring to class with your fabric, thread, & zipper)
Instructor: Marj Bartholmey

Please call the school to register early - class is limited to 10

What would YOU like to learn about or do for a fun activity?

Join in the Community Education events for fun times with friends and families. We want YOU! Participation is the key to our success. If you would like to teach a class or suggest a class you would like to participate in, contact any Advisory Committee member listed below or Cathy Sumner by phone at 582-3639 or 440-5068 or email at cdsumner@mchsi.com. Thanks to those of you who have contacted us about ideas. Keep them coming throughout the summer! We'd like to start planning our fall and winter events now.

Community Education Advisory Committee			
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Don Larson	Adams		582-3610
Georgia Jech	Elkton		584-6753
Julie Hendrikson	Rose Creek		433-3604
Barb Kloeckner	Adams		582-7818
Linda Howton	Rose Creek		437-3066
Lea Ann Gilbert	Dexter	584-6463	
Early Childhood/Family Education			
Nancy Dvergsten	Adams		582-1328
School Board Representative			
Mike Smith	Adams		582-7826
Community Education Coordinator			
Cathy Sumner	Adams		582-3639

June 2007 Schedule of Events

This schedule is current through May 17, 2007. For an up-to-date schedule, please log-on to the district website at www.isd500.k12.mn.us and click on the link "**Event Calendar**"

Friday, Jun 1, 2007

Last Day of School, Students dismissed at 12:00

Monday, Jun 4, 2007

4-H 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

Wednesday, Jun 6, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

Friday, Jun 8, 2007

Track: Varsity State Tournament at Hamline University

Saturday, Jun 9, 2007

Track: Varsity State Tournament Away at Hamline University

Monday, Jun 11, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

Wednesday, Jun 13, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

Monday, Jun 18, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

School Board Meeting 6:30PM Media Center Conference Room

Wednesday, Jun 20, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

Monday, Jun 25, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

Wednesday, Jun 27, 2007

Community Education 6:30PM Rose Creek Elementary Gym

The Rebel Talk

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