

# Nisswa third graders portray heroes and inspiring people

NISSWA — Nisswa Elementary School third graders hosted their annual wax museum for fellow students, family and staff Thursday in the school library.

Students researched a hero or inspiring person, then dressed the part and shared a report about that person after someone stepped on a “button” on the floor in front of them.

This year’s wax museum featured famous historical people and athletes, including but not limited to Martin Luther King Jr., Jane Goodall, Ruby Bridges, Queen Elizabeth, Neil Armstrong, Wilbur and Orville Wright, Benjamin Franklin, Al Yankovich, Anne Frank, Simone Biles, Mia Hamm, Michael Jackson, Tony Hawk and much more.



**Above:** Pat Norman, left, and Kathy Donnelly listen to Nisswa Elementary School third grader Tucker Kallevig talk about the character he is portraying - Walt Disney - at the wax museum Thursday in the school library. **Left:** Hugo Sweet, Nisswa Elementary School third grader, shares information about his character - Albert Einstein.

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## District seeks voice of parents/guardians of American Indian students

We are pleased to announce that this year Pine River-Backus Schools are eligible for funding through the state that will allow us to be more purposeful in our American Indian education.

The first step we are taking is to create an American Indian Parent Advisory



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Committee.

The AIPAC will be composed of parents/guardians of American Indian students in our

district as well as any American Indian community members who are interested.

Committee meetings will be scheduled over the course of the school year depending on work to be done and member availability. This committee will serve as a crucial communication link between our

American Indian community and the Pine River-Backus School District.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member or would like additional information, please contact Rachel Telfer at [rtelfer@prbschools.org](mailto:rtelfer@prbschools.org).

Rachel Telfer is the curriculum director/district assessment coordinator for the Pine River-Backus School District.

## Classes on cooking, business ownership, video production offered

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PEQUOT LAKES — Pequot Lakes Community Education offers the following upcoming classes. Register online at [isd186.org](http://isd186.org) under Community Education or call 218-568-9200.

► **Mediterranean Mezze:** 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 4, online. Fee: \$35.

Instructor Tess Georgakopoulos will teach students to cook Mediterranean mezze (finger foods and dips). Many Mediterranean meals consist of a variety of mezze items that come together to create wonderful flavors, tastes and textures.

This class will teach how

to make Mediterranean kebabi, tiropitakia, savory Greek yogurt dip and homemade Greek white bean dip or hummus, in addition to homemade pita bread.

► **How to Start Any Home Business:** 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, online. Fee: \$35.

Instructor LeeAnne Krusemark will teach students to use their talents and hobbies to make a profit by starting a home business. Krusemark will help attendees learn about more than 250 legitimate home business ideas, mandatory legal documentation and many ways to market a product/service as well as

how to take tax deductions.

► **Video Production for YouTube: Podcasting:** 8-10 a.m. Saturdays, March 4 and 11, online. Fee: \$80.

This online class through Tech Academy will teach the ins and outs of producing a podcast. Students will explore ideas, make a script map and more. Class will also go over refining audio using Audacity. Class will cover editing video, adding transitions and inserting a soundtrack.

Class requires a cellphone video camera or external webcam, iMovie (Macs) or Fildora (Windows trial version) software and Audacity (free software download).

### MAKING THE GRADE

#### North Dakota State University

The following local students recently graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota: **Samuel J. Vazquez**, Nisswa, Bachelor of Science, biological sciences; and **Amber Adkins**, Pine River, Bachelor of Science, mechanical engineering.

#### Minnesota North College

**Amanda Nash**, of East Gull Lake, was named to the fall semester dean’s list at Minnesota North College in Hibbing.

#### St. Olaf College

**Calvin Foss**, the son of John and Jeanni Foss, of Nisswa, was named to the fall semester dean’s list at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

#### University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

**Erik Hansen**, of Nisswa, recently graduated with high honors from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

#### Drake University

**Nick Hankins**, of Pequot Lakes, was named to the fall

semester dean’s list at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### Northwest Technical College

The following local students were named to the fall semester dean’s list at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji: **Logun Schelander** and **Luke Schelander**, both of Pequot Lakes; and **Caleb Ruhl**, Pine River.

#### Bemidji State University

The following local students were named to the fall semester dean’s list at Bemidji State University: **Gabriela Armstrong**, Breezy Point; **Corbin DeVries-Flinck**, Crosslake; **Brittany Joyce**, Kalie Sjodin and **Nicholas Yeager**, all of Merrifield; and **Caleb Travis**, Pine River.

The following local students were named to the fall semester president’s list at Bemidji State University: **Quady Bernu**, **Bryce Fabian** and **Matthew Fabian**, all of Breezy Point; **Sophia Larsen** and **Baylor Short**, both of Hackensack; **Grant Gardiepy**, Lake Shore; **Taylor Zimmer**, Nisswa; **Payton Schlosser**,

**Elizabeth Valley** and **Alyse Wicks**, all of Pequot Lakes; and **Ryan Erickson**, Pine River.

#### Minnesota State University Mankato

**Sophie Littman**, of Nisswa, was named to the fall semester dean’s list at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is a nursing major.

#### University of North Dakota

The following local students were named to the fall semester dean’s list at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks: **Maya Orvis**, Crosslake; **Alexa Fyle**, **Cooper Johnson**, **Morgan Larock** and **Mackenzie Vukelich**, all of Pequot Lakes.

The following local students were named to the fall semester president’s roll of honor at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks: **Kellie Powers**, Breezy Point; and **Alexa Fyle**, Pequot Lakes.

**Joshua J. Lelwica**, of Pine River, recently graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautics.

### PEQUOT LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### A HONOR ROLL

##### Eighth grade

Anderson, Eva A; Arellano, Kate; Balmer, Huck William; Birkeland, Tollef Thomas; Blank, Kaydence Jo; Broskovetz, William; Carlson, Brynn Marye; Carvelli, Anthony; Craig, Andrew Jerome; Davis, Daisy Ann; Drown, Zachary; Elg, Elianna; Fischer, Peyton Lee; Fjeseth, Olivia Rose; Ganske, Andra Helen; Haar, Michael Joseph; Hall, Nolan Drake; Hoag, Delaney Ann; Huser, Wyatt J; Johnson, Alexander; Johnson, Natalie Joy; Johnson-Pugsley, Kaden; Kennedy, Mairin Rose; Kennen, Isaac; Kinnan, Madison Mae; Knettel, Ella Joleen; Kotaska, Kyle Adam; Laposky, Luke; Larsen, Sidney Kay; Lottman, Odin Matthew; Nivarel, Cash Michael; Nybakken, Bodie David; Rau, Addison Marie; Reier, Josiah Paul; Reuper, Myah; Scharenbroich, Cara; Schlagel, Grant Christopher; Spartz, Maxwell Donald; Sposito, Kailee Mae; Strong, Keira Kay Favreau; Sundstrom, Kyras Dawn; Swenson, Shaylee Rae; Tollefson, Tyler Henry; Tvedt, Jobey E; Vershey, Grant; Verville, Wyatt Lee; Volk, Connor M; Winkka, Levi; Woodman, Jaxon Dean; Zins, Liam Phillip.

##### Seventh grade

Abrams, Myla Jane; Barth, Savannah; Burkman, Madden; Chambliss, Kailynn; Corbett, Calah Ann; Dixon, Brett L; Ebnet, Sean Scott; Eide, Owen; Fletcher, Zayden Duane; Foote, Clare Marie; Gibbons, Charlie Jerome; Gier, Sydney; Glazier, Brekin Rourke; Gullixson, Reika; Haberman, Kiley; Hansen, Brooklyn Aubrey; Harrison, Jacob Lawrence; Held, Andie Joy; Hoefs, Greta Lynn; Homan, Juliann; Jacobs, Evan Bradley; Jaekel, Emmett Carlisle; Jobe, Chloe Elizabeth; Johnson, Tucker Melvin; Martin, Lucas Victor; Martini, Eli Shaun; Max, Matthew Reese; Mckenna, Gus Kevin; Mckenna, Oliver Ray; Moroni, Isabella Jean; Nelson, Parker; Neva, Maria Margaret; Organista, Michael Lukasz; Palmer, Harper Faye; Smith, Shelby Jo; Sullivan, Emersyn Lyn; Thell, Henry Roger; Toftness, Sari Ann Elizabeth; Triebenbach, Nathan; Trumpold, Mia Kate; Wellnitz, Indie Lane; Woratschka, Aiden Carter; Wothe, Chelby Gayle; Zebroski, Ryder John.

##### Sixth grade

Allyn, Lydia Marie; Berg, Brooklyn Hope; Beseth, Bergen Oliver; Besmehn, Macy Jane; Brynteson, Bellaeh Austin; Cook, Caitlyn; Craig, William August; Fossen, Hopelyn Marie; Fox, Layla; Friedrich, Hailey; Gammon, Jacob Richard; Glaser, Claire Marie; Goerges, Sanibel May; Gronholz, Brecken Justin; Hall, Axel; Harmala, Darby John; Hecker, Allison Mae; Hesch, Grady Owen; Hess, Kenadi; Hoheisel, Hallie Jean; Holley, Ascher; Jarvela, Kayden; Johnson, Arik; Johnson, Dane; Johnson, Ezekiel Louis; Johnson, Noah Mark; Jordan, Kavan; Kearney, Sydney Mae; Knettel, Sloane Elizabeth; Knudsen, Morgan Ann; Kurten, Julian J; Lane, Charlie; Lane, Olivia; Lottman, Breck Mason; McLaughlin, Damian Robert; Mileski, Peyton A; Morris, Aiden Joseph; Nelson, Kendall; Nelson, Lauren; O’Neil, Henry; Olsen, Dane C; Oltmann, Kyle; Quisberg, Jayda V; Rasinski, Cecelya Lyn; Redebaugh, Rebecca Karen; Ross, Kane O’Brien; Ryan, Thomas A; Sather, Priscilla; Schramm, Brodie Luke; Seeker, Adelle Kathryn; Sparks Broback, Sage; Spartz, Kathryn Mary; Spizzo, Vincent Robert; Sundvahl, Lacey; Thorson, Khloe; Trosdahl, Gavin Anthony; Utter, Randi Lynne; Wallin, Haley Elizabeth; Wiczek, Trey.

##### Fifth grade

Anderson, Clara Elizabeth; Anderson, Jemma; Anderson, Samuel; Arnold, Sailor Grace D; Bachmann, Kaylee Grace; Benzick, Adelyn Jo; Blank, Easton; Borders, Lacey Piper; Cullen, Bennett Christopher; Dingman, Marshall Alexander; Dupre, Easton Lee James; Falenschek, Henry; Flategraff, Ella Joy; Fryxell, Jaeger Wally; Fryxell, Landry Luverne; Ganley, Shane James; Ganske, Lynnea Grace; Gibbons, Ellie Ann; Gladen, Bretley J; Graber, Roewan; Gullixson, Valen; Haberman, Riley Marie; Harsha, Samuel Lee; Helbling, Lucille Diane; Heroff, Leonard; Heroux, Shelby; Hiles, Kolten; Hoelscher, Avery Mae; Hoffarth, Chloe; Holubar, Riann; Homan, Carly; Hopia, Jd Dennis; Huser, Hallie K; Jacobs, Bowan Leo; Johnson, Aubrey Ruth; Kerger, Payslen Ellee; Knudsen, Gracen M; Kriesel, Isabella; Krueth, Kael Duane; Kueker, Jase; Listug, Drew; Lommen, Harrison Michael; Loven, Luella Rain; Manger, Charl Ann; Marcum, Elijah John; Merta, Levi David; Miles, Oliver Adam; Moberg, Siri Elizabeth; Monical, Remy; Moore, Ryland Bradley; Mortenson, Lila; Narum, Trace H; Neale, Dagne Anne; Nivarel, Asher Glenn-Alan; Nordby, Lila; Nordby, Myra; Ouradnik, Kate; Palmer, Xoe Fern; Paluch, Natalie; Peterson, Aiden; Peterson, Wyatt; Raasch, Joseph Jeremiah; Roepke, Natalie Jean; Sangren, Daylor;

Sather, Rafael J; Savino, Samuel; Schliek, Tristan Bradley; Soderlund, Stellan; Soular, Ashton M; Spaeth, Brielle; Sposito, Gianna; Spray, Hunter Ronald; Strong, Lauren; Swenson, Brynn Stella; Toftness, Josiah; Tysdale, Clayton Michael; Vanvickie, Kolton Lee; Wallace, Lucille Mary; Wannebo, Gwenna Mae; Winch, Alex Skyler; Woodman, Henry.

#### B HONOR ROLL

##### Eighth grade

Aldridge, Henry; Beier, Nicholas Adam; Bengtson, Levi Mathew Bolduc, Levi; Carbert, Hope; Carr Mya; Cummings, Mason; Flategraff, Sophia; Gaylord, Emmitt Alan; Gaylord, Kellen Reece; Gronholz, Maija Ann; Haff, Lucas Duane; Hansen, Hailie Loren; Headley, Addison Dawn; Holmberg, Trevor H; Holubar, Rock Thomas; Johnson, Khloe Mary; Katterhagen, Waylon Richard; Kjonaaas, Tobin; Koch, Anthony Micah; Kruchten, Gracie Lynn; Kruse, Landyn Thomas; Lendway, Joseph; Magnuson, Tade; McGuire, Sadie Gail; Melberg, William; Millard, Avery Mae; Morris, Natalie Ann; Morsch, Max; Nations, Payton Lynn; Norquist, Madeline Lavonne; Northrop, Jayden; Olsen, Jake Thomas; Oseland, Claire; Peters, Gunner Ernest; Przybylski, Vincent Daniel; Robeck, Joshua Jerome; Schneider, Ryker; Selter, Jakob Patrick; Stoltzenberg, Calie Nicole; Thibodeau, Riley; Thompson, Kambria Autumn; Wallin, Nikolas John; Westerman, Bailey Jo; Wright, Kyleigh.

##### Seventh grade

Anderson, Carter; Bowman, Grace; Brinkman, Frankie Lee; Brinkman, Sandra Lee; Buckentin, Jacob David; Christianson, John; Dumpprope, Ava; Finn, James Richard; Gladen, Cora; Hoffman, TayaMarie; Hulke, Annika Dahl; Jasman, Tanner Jonathon; Johnson, Jude Delbert; Johnson, Wyatt; Kelm, Isaiah; Kibwaa, Micah Edwin; Kriesel, Blaine August; Lewandowski, Hannah; Mcculloch, Levi Jeffrey; Morris, Anniston; Nelson, Anthony; Nordstrom, Sophia Nicole; Novak, Nola; Olson, Samuel James; Olszewski, Camerin; Page, Ruby; Riley, Nolan M; Sigler, Easton; Soular, Tristan L; Spiczka, Emma; Stallman, Makaylee Elizabeth; Stegner, Sophia; Vershey, Gabrielle Rose; Vredenburg, Emily; Wallace, Tate James; Wilson, Emmett; Wolthuizen, Andrew John; Zierden, Tatum Marie.

##### Sixth grade

Baillies, Lexie Jane; Barajas, Xylon R; Barnes, Mason Thomas; Benson, Emmy; Birr, Kristina May; Bresnahan, Seren James; Cameron, Zoey Marie; Carbert, James; Carlson, Shelby; Davidson, Vivian; Eggert, Briella Mae; Emans, Gavin Jay; Fiksdal, Allison Nicole; Foote, Caylee Mae; Fox, Vanessa; Gabrielson, Rhys Wayne; Good, Lily Mia; Gould, Jeremiah; Hall, Emma Rose; Hanson, Parker; Headley, Brickson Hugh; Hines, Briley Lynn; Hulke, Kaitlyn May; James, Asher; John, Savannah; Kirsch, Alayna J; Larson, Sage; Lettman, Elijah; Martin, William Brian; Norquist, Beatrice Kate; Ostlund, Tayea; Page, Jonathon J; Peterson, Ashlyn Rae; Pfeiffer, Everett Wallace; Regenold, William; Rudlang, Charlee Lee; Ruehling, Dawson D; Sargent, Peyton Joseph; Sathre, Nicholas; Sauvageau, Izabella; Schmidtke, Nickolas Scott; Schnoor, Auraya; Schultz, Levi Owen; Seiner-Adams, Malena; Thompson, Kindle; Torborg, Sophia; Whitted, Kaleb; Wing-Garcia, Azia R; Winkka, Eiley Ann; Woratschka, Emmitt Scott; Wynn, Mason Jacob.

##### Fifth grade

Abbott, Briston; Allyn, Levi Duncan; Arnold, Isabell Rose; Baca, Makain Eli; Back, Maddox; Beier, Carson; Bittner-Peek, Brekyn; Bourassa, Tate A; Brown, Rayleece; Brownsell, Hunter; Buckentin, Eli; Callahan, Shaina Nikole; Cummings, Emmett Ernest; DeLuca, Jeremiah Jackson; Devine, Macalester; Dumpprope, Cora; Evans, Connor Dale; Flategraff, Grace Olivia; Franzen, Aaron David; Gronholz, Cullen Roger; Haff, Mason Wayne; Hamilton, Jackson; Hewitt, Tavin; Holbrook, Halyn; Jensen, Isabella Joanne; Johnson, Bryan Alan; Johnson, Tristian;

Keena, Finnley; Kirkham, Kellen; Knudsen, Griffin L; Kretzman, Katrina; Martin, Qwin; Mccall, Ella Kay; McLaughlin, Brayden Alvin; Millard, Finnea; Miller, Lincoln; Nelson, Ethan Mathew; Nieman, Brayden; Ostlund, Tylo V; Pecarina, Jacob Alan; Pintar, Cooper; Raduencz, Ellie; Rau, Blake; Reed, Jackson Andrew; Sandman, Brooklyn Rose; Scharenbroich, Liam J; Schueller, Karah; Smith, Logan Robert; Stallman, Dylan William; Sullivan, Charles Graceson; Thayer, Deron James; Traut, Liam Floyd; Trinka, Brody James; Tulenchik, Teegan; Wenzler, Giselle Dominique; Wermager, Tayton Lynn; Wernecke, Aeris Rae-Ezell; Whittenton, Talia; Yager, Miles Joseph.