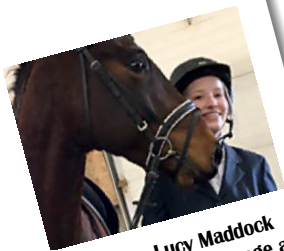




### SEEING THE LAND OF SWEETS

Dancing the Waltz of the Snowflakes, students Abbey Keen, Emrys Yamanishi, Ashlee Elliott, Clair Zmolek, and Abbie Morf participate in a local production of The Nutcracker Dec. 14. The students dance year round at Dance Arts Iowa.



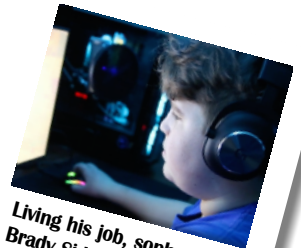
Freshman Lucy Maddock participates in dressage at the Kirkwood Equestrian Center in February.



Junior Kai Yamanishi works the lights at a Dance Arts Iowa performance in the First Street Community Center in November.



Junior Anna Nydegger rides bikes with her sister in front of the high school in May.



Living his job, sophomore Brady Siders plays Fortnite and makes money doing it. See the J-term video about him: <https://themustangmoon.com/13253/video/brady-siders-professional-fortnite-player/>

## HOBBIES

HOW DO YOU ENJOY SPENDING YOUR TIME?



Caroline Voss '20  
Walking the dogs



Katie Edwards '21  
FIRST Robotics



Chiara Blythe '21  
Biking



Rachel Axtell '21  
Gardening



Tessa Baty, '22  
Writing letters

# THE BRAND BOYS BUILD

BY PAIGE BECK



**Far Above:** Kaleb Brand poses with a flag he designed out of wood. **Above:** Nolan Brand sits on one of the benches he made with his dad and brother during the spring.

The coronavirus has canceled many activities for all students, but it has also given students more free time to pick up new hobbies. The senior Brand boys, Nolan and Kaleb, have picked up the skill of building during the quarantine.

The boys became interested in building after going to an iron pile over spring break with their grandparents. They each bought a tailgate, and started on their first project, a bench. They looked at some pictures, and with help from their dad, principal Steve Brand, they got to work.

After they finished their first benches, they kept finding more projects to work on. "Over our break, Kaleb, my dad, and I have put together a total of five tailgate benches," Nolan said. "We've also made a Chevrolet front end bench for a friend, and are now making a wooded bench for our grandparents and an American flag."

To get supplies for their projects, the boys find free wooden pallets around town and disassemble them. Kaleb said they have acquired so much wood that they had to build storage shelves to hold

all of it. "My inspiration for my next project begins at having the materials and tools to accomplish it," said Kaleb, "I started working on crafting an American Flag because we have plenty of material to build that." Kaleb doesn't have a favorite piece yet, but he is looking forward to building a coffee table out of live edge boards he purchased.

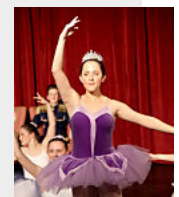
Nolan has been happy with the outcomes of his projects as well. "My favorite project was the red Ford bench which was 'officially' mine," said Nolan. "This quarantine time has been different, and it's a great time to relax and try some different things. I definitely think we'll keep building things for ourselves and other people. The skills we have learned will be ones that we can use for a long time," he said.

"The two boys and I have learned a lot, grown closer, and created some cool, unique furniture" Mr. Brand said. Even though the coronavirus took away activities from the Brand boys, they have found a new love for building for their friends and family.

## Express Yourself

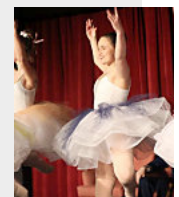
WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT DANCE?

"I LOVE THE ABILITY IT GIVES ME TO CREATE, AND TO TELL A STORY OR AN EMOTION THROUGH MOVEMENT."



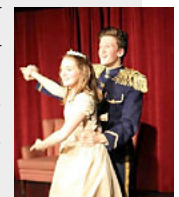
Emrys Yamanishi '21

"I LOVE EXPRESSING MYSELF THROUGH MOVEMENT AND BEING ABLE TO CREATE A STORY THROUGH THAT MOVEMENT."

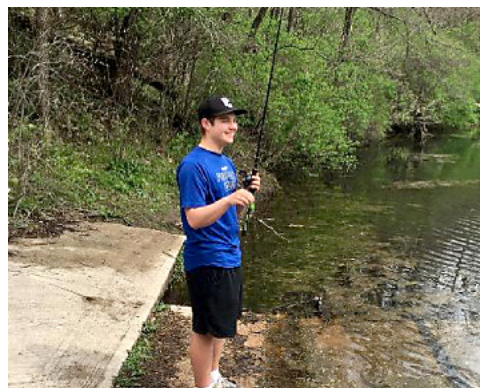


Lillie Hawker '21

"I CAN EXPRESS MYSELF IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WAYS THROUGH THIS ART FORM. I LOVE THE DISCIPLINE OF DANCE BUT ALSO THE DIVERSITY BECAUSE THERE ARE JUST SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN DANCE. IT REALLY IS ENDLESS."



Dallas Olberding '23



### GOING FISHING

**Right:** Nolan Jackson distances himself while fishing with friends at the quarry April 28.

**Below Right:** J.P. Hoagland and Ryder Bunch fish at the quarry.

**Below:** Freshman Clayton Flack goes fishing at the quarry on April 28.

