

The Hope Lutheran
Patriot

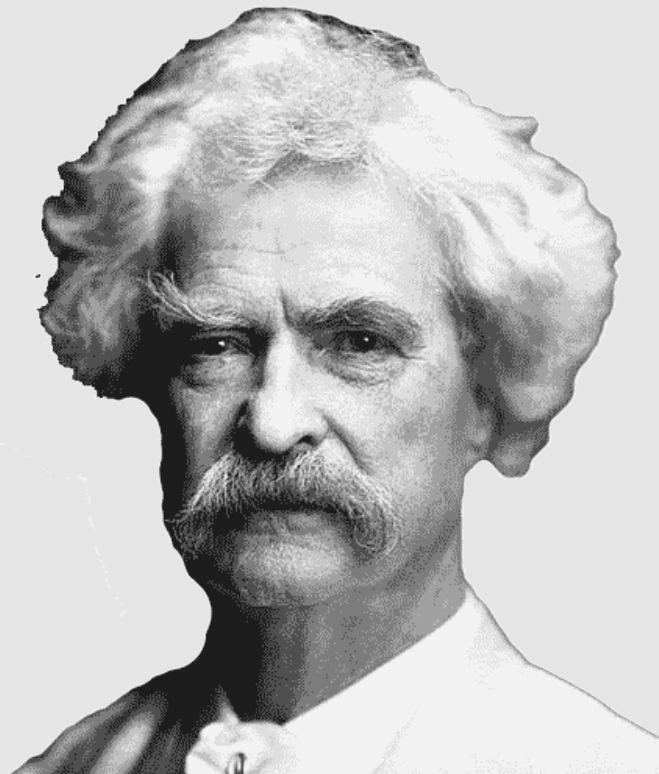
“You win, Satan...”

April Fools!

- *Jesus*

April 1 is the day
upon which we are
reminded of what we
are on the other 364.

Mark Twain



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Restored Blessings is a Christian thrift store. All profits go towards the building up of God's Kingdom by supporting St. Martins Lutheran School and Hope Lutheran High School.

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The shelves are forever changing as new items are put out daily.

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It's easy to drop off your gently used items for a good cause!

When you stop by, be sure to say hello to the volunteer workers!

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Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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From the Editor



The custom at The Patriot is to publish a light-hearted April Fools' Day issue. Past stories have included the graduating class deciding to hang around for one more year, the invention of a macrowave oven that makes food instantly cold, the closing of Minnesota's best bakery (Winona's own Bloedow's), and other such folderol.

We hope you enjoy this year's issue.

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Mr. Finke



The maple syrup's full of ants.
A mouse is creeping on the shelf.
Is that a spider on your back?
I ate a whole pie by myself.
The kitchen sink just overflowed.
A flash flood washed away the school.
I threw your blanket in the trash.
I never lie, — I — APRIL FOOL!

Myra Cohn Livingston



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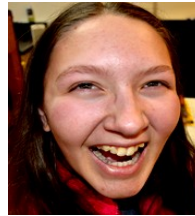
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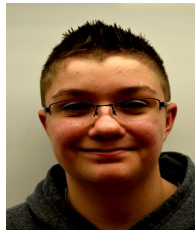
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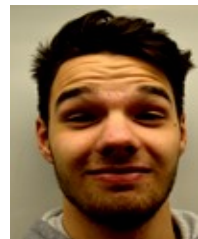
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Advance Praise for the April Issue of *The Patriot*

“What is this? Some kind of meme written by capuchin monkeys?”

Dr. Jane Goodall, British primatologist

“I disavow any connection to any and all students involved with this publication.”

Mrs. Shannon Bautch, senior class advisor

“The funniest thing I’ve read since ‘Tooth Extraction without Anesthesia’.”

Dr. Paul Morgan, local dentist

“I’m not really pregnant, no matter what Jacob James thinks. DO THE MATH!”

Mrs. Tammy O’Laughlin, math teacher

“I taught some of these students. Where did I go wrong?”

Mrs. Roberta Schlesselman, fourth grade teacher

“Groovy. Is this available in, like, hardcover?”

Gary Gandy, aging hippie

“The Patriot staff has made journalism pretty good again.”

President Donald Trump

“I have never, ever seen anything like this, thankfully.”

Kay Traska, high school English teacher

“I’m sure these students have a glorious future, just not in journalism.”

Mark Schweizer, author

“If you ever send this to me again, I’m calling the police.”

Brunhilde Betchwars, schoolmarm

“It’ll be a dark and stormy night when I read your publication again.”

Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 19th century author.

“You’re kidding, right?”

The Pulitzer Prize Board for online journalism

“I’ll post this to our website as soon as I figure out how to work this Interweb thingy.”

Mr. Rocky Sandcork, Hope principal

“Arggg! Will ye be readin’ this swill? Beware th’ repercussions!”

Pirate Steve, local celebrity

“God bless and keep *The Patriot* ... far away from me.”

The guy who played the rabbi in Fiddler on the Roof

New student arrives with impressive credentials

by
Mr. Finke

Deacon Pressey is not your average high-school sophomore.

How many 10th graders have college degrees in molecular biology, criminal psychology, and are certified as a master pastry chef by Le Cordon Bleu?

“I’ve always been interested in a wide field of study,” said Deacon.

Then why high school? Couldn’t he simply pass this stage of life and go right to graduate school?

“Well, I am still a kid,” said Deacon. “I’d hate to miss out on teenagery stuff like TP-ing the principal’s yard or disassembling a teacher’s car and re-assembling it in her classroom, or running Pastor’s briefcase up the flagpole, or surreptitiously collecting DNA samples from classmates and running them through the system to see if they have any outstanding warrants. Oops, will I get blamed for that stuff if it really happens?”

Other interesting facts you should know about Deacon:

- He speaks seven languages: English, Spanish, French, Greek, Portuguese, Njerep, and Klingon.
- His favorite foods include gumbo, curly fries, stewed tomatoes, Skittles, and barbecued ribs. Each year on the Ides of March he has a Caesar salad.
- He is a rank nine black belt in Taekwondo.
- He once laughed so hard milk shot out of his nose.
- His doctoral dissertation at Oxford is on “Early Aztec Hieroglyphics.”

Lest you think this brainiac has nothing in common with the average high-schooler, think again.

“I’ve been known to short-sheet a bed or two and pull the old ‘cup of water on the locker’ trick. It loses some effectiveness when the only things that get wet are shoes and floor.”

Over the summer Deacon plans to lend his expertise in sabermetrics to several Major League baseball teams, continue singing backup with Florida Georgia Line, and set the Guinness world record for the biggest display of sparklers on the 4th of July.

Welcome to Hope, Deacon!



Shhhhhh, it's a secret!

by
Jake James



Recently, I have noticed Mrs. O'Laughlin has been eating bigger lunches and going to the bathroom more than usual. Also, she has been talking about babies a lot. So I have concluded that she is having a baby!

I got the courage to ask her, and you would never guess what her answer was. She said yes, she is having a baby. Mrs. O'Laughlin has been keeping this a secret ever since she told the school that former teacher Jamie Ellinghuysen (Mrs. O'Laughlin's daughter) was pregnant. Now we must help and support her in every way. Good luck, Mrs. O.



Hope Lutheran to institute school uniforms

by
Matt Starks

Hope Lutheran plans on making students wear a uniform to school. Girls will be required to wear black and white nun robes (no exceptions) and blue socks. Guys will be required to wear a black suit and tie along with black shoes and slicked back hair (no exceptions). If you wear something other than your school uniform to school, you will be labeled an outcast and have to wear a dunce cap for the day and can only eat crackers for lunch.

And in a related story...



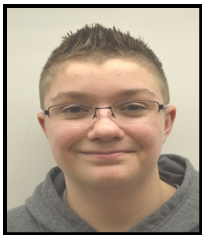
New hair policy set

by
Amerie Moen

Hope is changing its policy on dying your hair. Now you can dye your hair to whatever you want because when you dye your hair it expresses yourself.

So every teacher is going to dye their hair blue, red and white to support the school colors. I heard some people are going to dye their hair pink, blue and even green.





High school sweethearts or...?

by

Emma Borgschatz



Have you noticed Jake James and Amerie Moen hanging out together a lot lately? We have all wondered if are they a thing. Well, they are, but not the way you might think.

Jake and Amerie are going into business together. They are combining their love of golf and fashion to create a new line of clothing called “Birdie Chic.”

When reached for comment, Jake said, “Our golf togs provide maximum movement and comfort, enabling our clients to play at their optimum.”

Amerie simply said, “My reputation speaks for itself.”

Look for Birdie Chic early this summer at all fine clothing retailers.



The Marathon Man

by

Amerie Moen

Pastor Moore has been spotted running down the streets of Winona. We tried to stop him to ask why he was running, but he wouldn't stop.

So we went to his house to ask his wife why he was running. She refused to answer our questions.

When we saw him running again we followed him in an unmarked car. We accidentally hit him with the car. He fell on the ground like a sack of potatoes, but popped right back up like nothing had happened.

He didn't remember anything so we told him that he was running and tripped and fell. Then we asked him why was he running. He said he was training for a marathon and accepting bids for \$100 per mile, all monies going to the Christ Blessing Our Future campaign.



Senior Citizen Spotlight

Esther Pittelko



What is your favorite color? **What kind of question is that? I love all colors, don't you?**

If you wouldn't be a lunch lady, what would you be? **A famous actress. I have theatrical skills.**

What are your favorite foods to serve? **Lobster bisque, zucchini bisque. Any kind of bisque.**

You are 90 years old. Any plans to retire? **Is someone else after my job? I'll arm wrestle them for it, and I'll win!**

Do you have any favorite students that come through the lunch line?
Not really, although that Ozzie kid is kind of cute. If I were 75 years younger...

What's your favorite food to eat? **I'm not in the eating business, but if I must answer, it's Pronto Pups with a caviar chaser.**

Star Trek or Star Wars? **Star what?**

If you could be anything other than a lunch lady, what would it be? **NASCAR! NASCAR! NASCAR!**

What advice would you give all the students at St. Martin's and Hope LHS?
Always remember that Jesus died for you and EAT YOUR VEGETABLES!

Wrestler to Wrassler

by
Dalton Rousseau

Recently I have found out news that everyone should know. Amerie Moen is a wrestler. She has been wrestling for the St. Charles Saints for the past two years. She started in 8th grade and now is continuing to wrestle for them this year. The wrestling season is already over, but she has made an impact for St. Charles and the wrestling community.

When Amerie was little, her parents always trained her to wrestle. Now, she is amazing. In her 8th grade year she won state.

Winning state is a very hard thing to do considering her weight class. Amerie weighs only 95 pounds, but she wrestles in the 190 pound class.

Surprisingly, she won state as an 8th grader. She is training and working hard to win state her sophomore year. Also, the WWE Raw is considering signing her to a contract. She has yet to make her decision.



Choir director's mind goes blank

by
Taylor Mueller

Last week in choir, Mr. Finke announced that his brain was completely empty and he couldn't remember anything the choir had worked on all semester. He thought it had something to do with some pizza he had for supper the night before that tasted "off."

Choir member Josie O'Laughlin stated that he shouldn't worry, since the choir knew everything by heart already, and proved it by singing the whole spring concert list without direction or accompaniment, even the most difficult piece, "Summer Song."



New school comic book theme?

by

Abby Foss, Janet Bangs, and Kayla Foss

Is Hope LHSs theme when entering the new building going be based on comic book characters?

This is one of the options for the school year Hope enters the planned new building. Possibilities include putting up superhero wallpaper but also keeping a Christian motto. The administration will edit out inappropriate women superheroes.

The school will be renamed Hope Lutheran Superhero School. Teachers will dress as the people in the X-Men franchise:

- Mr. Sandcork - Wolverine
- Mrs. O'Laughlin - Stormy
- Mrs. Bautch - Black Widow
- Pastor Moore - The Flash
- Mrs. Littlefield - Rogue
- Mr. Finke - Xavier.

Even though this school will become a superhero school, it is still all about learning the Bible.



Mr. Sandcork



Mrs. O'Laughlin



Mrs. Littlefield



Pastor Moore



Mrs. Bautch



Mr. Finke



by

Maria Sandcork

Hey, everybody! I know it's late Saturday night, but if you want to have some April Fools' fun with your family, sneak out of your bedrooms and try some of these:

- Unwrap all the chocolate eggs and replace them with grapes.
- Get a box from a bakery, fill it with vegetables, close the lid and put it on the kitchen table.
- Color eggs like normal, but leave one un-boiled.
- Put Cocoa Puffs in your dog's bowl, bring it to the breakfast table, and eat it to gross out your family.
- Substitute mayonnaise for whipped cream.
- Squeeze mustard in your parents' toothpaste tube.
- Substitute the cream filling in an Oreo cookie with toothpaste.
- Instead of caramel apples, make caramel onions.



YUMM!

In case you missed it...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6gjd7mGMcA&t=1s>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nD62okJRxM>

