

Jakob Patrick Rudie



By Aiden Pederson

Jakob was born on May 31, 2008, in Bemidji, Minnesota. From a young age, Jakob has loved sports. From dominating recess football to helping lead the Greyhounds to back-to-back section championship appearances in football, Jakob has been a strong athlete and leader for the team. He has played baseball, football, and wrestling during his years at Fosston.

Jakob has earned many achievements in sports throughout his high school career, including being a multiple-time all-conference player in football and baseball. He was also part of the 2023 state championship baseball team.

Some of Jakob's hobbies include hunting and fishing, playing Xbox with his friends, and watching football. He has been a big Vikings fan throughout his life.

Jakob has had a love for the outdoors from a young age. He often spends his winters ice fishing and snowmobiling with friends, and his summers fishing at local lakes. Jakob also enjoys deer hunting, both bow and rifle.

Jakob's parents are Lee and Angie Rudie, and he has a younger sister, Emily.

After high school, Jakob plans to attend M State in Moorhead to continue his education. He hopes to become either a DNR officer or a state trooper. Throughout his time at Fosston, Jakob has been a great student, athlete, friend, and hard worker. Jakob has a lot to look forward to in the future, and we are excited to see what's next for him.

Braeden Duane Smith



By Mitch Mulry

Braeden started his life in St. Cloud, MN, on January 13, 2008. Growing up in St. Cloud, Braeden was quite the character. He loved the outdoors, sports, Pokémon, and, of course, video games.

His favorite thing to do, though, was fishing. There's a rumor that Braeden once caught a 13-pound walleye. Though none of his friends believe him, he insists it's one of his favorite memories of living down in St. Cloud. Starting in sixth grade, Braeden, his mom Kayla, his little brother Lev, and his stepdad John decided to move north to Fosston, MN.

He loved the small town and especially loved Dairy Queen. Braeden connected with the other kids right away, making friends on the very first day. Braeden played sixth-grade football, where he was a force on the offensive line. Going into high school was a different step for Braeden and everyone else. COVID was in full swing, and school was partly online, but Braeden enjoyed playing video games and spending time outside with his buddies.

As high school went on, Braeden was involved in basketball for some time but ultimately decided that golf and football were his main sports, and he has been very successful in both. The Fosston Greyhounds got second place in Section 8A for nine-man football two years in a row. Braeden is also quite the golfer, nearly making it to state his junior year.

In the summers, Braeden worked for the City of Fosston and McIntosh Senior Living. For fun, Braeden enjoys the outdoors—fishing, swimming, playing basketball, tubing, and having campfires with his friends. His favorite saying is, "Money comes and goes, might as well spend it."

Braeden's plans for next year are to major in business at Moorhead State Technical School in Moorhead, MN, where he hopes to go into construction management in the future.

Abigail Marie Strutz



By Amaya Blue

On the beautiful night of July 26, 2008, at 11 p.m., a gorgeous baby girl was brought into this world.

Abigail Marie Strutz was born in Willmar, MN, to her loving parents, Sabrina Strutz (mom) and Adam Strutz (dad), along with her little sister, Andrea. In 2015, they moved to Fosston when Abby was 7. Abby attended Win-E-Mac School up until 8th grade, where she participated in cheer for a year before moving to Fosston School. She then attended Fosston High School starting in 9th grade.

Abby graduates this year and plans to take a gap year to find a well-paying job and start saving for college. She plans to attend M State in Moorhead, MN, to study agribusiness.

A couple of words to describe Abby are vivacious and affable. She is full of life and has such a friendly personality. She's very easy to get along with and talk to once you get to know her.

Abby likes to spend time with her family and friends, play video games, go shopping, and go fishing and hunting.

Abby's biggest pet peeves are slow walkers and slow drivers—like, "get the heck out of my way."

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