

# 074 Narrate

Student Life

What makes you feel powerful?



"When I can balance school, work, friends, and still feel great."

-Maggie Irwin ('22)

## Life-long Bonds

### Camp keeps Balfanz returning

Thanks to making connections, Meg Balfanz ('22) doesn't have a typical job. Balfanz works a seasonal job every summer at Tomahawk, a Boy Scout camp in Wisconsin.

Not only does she enjoy her job and being outdoors, but the connections she has made with others working at the camp or kids coming to the camp have also made a big impact on her.

"Not only are the staff members close because there are not a lot of them, but also the kids who go there come back every year most of the time," Balfanz said.

Balfanz has made many close friends. She started as a program specialist, and her second summer she worked as a handicraft director where she instructed specialized skills and worked with kids on merit badges. Her job title

includes climbing, canoeing, kayaking and many more as she described "stereotypical camp things." Balfanz found out about this job from her father who used to work at the summer camp. She especially likes the bond between her and the campers.

"Nothing is more exciting than being remembered from past years by scouts that I taught a merit badge, or when a first-year camper tells you that you are their favorite staff member," Balfanz said.

She has made quite a few life-long friends, and she intends to go back this summer. Working at camp is an experience Balfanz is thankful for. She is grateful for all of the fun times they've had together and all the opportunities she has been given at this job.

By Amaal Abdullahi



Rock Climbing with Boy Scouts at Tomahawk Summer Camp is senior Megan Balfanz.



Senior Angus Pitulla works at Taco Bell.

## The best part of your job?



"Helping customers and seeing all the new clothes that come in."

-Gabby Knowlan ('23) (at Apricot Lane in Stillwater)



"My favorite part of being a camp counselor was working outside all summer with a fun group of people."

-Eva Stafne ('23) (with Danny Valerius at Hidden Pines Ranch Summer Camp)



"I like meeting new people, and the pay is really good."

-Ryan Grubb ('24) (at the Andiamo River Boats)



"When I get a good score on my tests I feel most powerful."

-Carmen Carr ('24)



"I feel powerful when people listen to me and care about what I have to say."

-Coral Lariviere ('24)

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**It's Clean-up** time in between customers for senior Brandon Pilrain as he works at Leo's Grill and Malt Shop in downtown Stillwater. "I'll never forget the first time I worked on that cook's line," Pilrain said. "Leo's isn't just a job; it's a family."

**One of the** most popular spots in Stillwater for both patrons and workers alike is Nelson's Ice Cream on Olive Street. Sophomores Olivia DeJarnett, Grace Cheney and Olivia Williams show off their smiles and T-shirts for the constant stream of customers. Lines often stretch for a full block.

**The highly** recognizable pink box is the hallmark packaging of Crumbl Cookies. Since appearing in the Twin Cities, word of mouth spread rapidly about the giant cookies that come in a multitude of flavors. Senior Dallas Denning, who works at the Woodbury location, said the best part of the job is "getting to eat a free cookie whenever I want."

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Customer is allowed to have objects outside of the margin.

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**Ella Cadenhead** ('22) works at Kowalski's in Stillwater. She deals with customer service. Cadenhead works 4-5 days a week, a total of 30 hours. The hardest part of her job is "probably being confident in my own judgment."

**Ava Fugate** ('22) works at Collaborations Boutique in downtown Stillwater. She is the head cashier and is the first person to go to with questions. She enjoys this job because it helps her leadership skills, and she loves interacting with customers.

## Hardware Store vs. Grocery Store

