



Nolan Hinrichs



Colton Hof



Nicole Homrighausen



Morgan Houghtaling



Xander Hunt



Jamal Johnson



Joseph Hunter



Preston Johnson



Lauren Kalm



Mackenzie Ketchum



Courtney Klavivo



Emma Klinkhammer



Austin Koehn



Zachary Kolker



Kelsey Kosman



Grace Krapfl



Dario Kristic



Aurora Light

JUNIORS

DANCING DREAMS

By Sydney Hauser

The room feels completely empty. His body effortlessly flows to the sound of the music. His head begins to clear; all thoughts rush out like a crowd exiting a room. It is just him, the moves, and the music. It is peaceful and poetic.

Dance is a hobby for some, an outlet for others, or it can be competitive. For people like Mount Vernon junior Brynden Fisher it is more than a hobby, it is a passion.

Fisher has been dancing since he was three years old. "My aunts and siblings danced," said Fisher. "My grandma told my mom I should do it, so I started."

Fisher first enrolled at Cherie's Dance Studio, but later felt he wasn't progressing like he should be. At the age of 11, Fisher began attending where he dances now, the Dance Academy of Cedar Rapids. Fisher goes to the studio four days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday. Each night he practices around four to six hours, but even on the other three days of the week, Fisher continues dancing. "On the days I don't have practice, I dance and stretch at home."



Brynden Fisher leaps into the air during a dance routine.

Dancing isn't just a hobby for Fisher. It's something he is

truly passionate about, and that passion allows him to visit some amazing places. Not only does Fisher compete around the state of Iowa, he brings his talents across the country. He visits Chicago three times a year for regional and national competitions.

Fisher has also visited New York and South Carolina for national competitions. Getting to go to competitions like that are amazing opportunities for Fisher, and

nothing would stop him from competing at them. At one of the New York competitions, Fisher danced with a broken foot. This perseverance truly exemplifies his passion for dancing.

Fisher wouldn't trade all this hard work for anything in the world, "My team is like my second family," he stated. "And being able to let go of everything in rehearsal and on stage is an amazing feeling."

Although his time as a dancer has been extensive, he is nowhere near the end. Fisher hopes to move to New York or Los Angeles one day and become a choreographer. "My goal," said Fisher, "is to never stop dancing!"



Jacob Lighthall



Rachel Lochner



Andrew Louwagie



Mitchell Louwagie



Gracie Luchtenburg



Alanah Malone



Kate Margheim



Matthew Martin



Jackson Meeker



Alina Merlak



Kale Merrill



Cole Miller



Samantha Moss



Connor Myers



Madison Naeve



John Norton



Jacob Panos



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1. Austin Koehn and Deston Bradford look over their recipe while making a dish during Foods class. 2. Juniors David Hermenwhite and Kale Merrill act out an oath during the mock trial in Criminal Justice class. 3. In English, Shianne Sneed and Rebecca Edwards read a novel out loud with each other. 4. Madi Speed, Rachel Lochner, Sydney Ulch, Emily Wery, and Abby Davidson pose for a photo while eating lunch outside during the all school picnic on May 17. 5. During the all school picnic, a group of juniors eats lunch and poses for a picture.

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