

Tri-City Channel Cats

The Chatty Cats

Age Group Sectionals

Congrats to the following Channel Cats who fired up the Federal Way pool during Age Group Sectionals this past March: Lisa Bratton, Taylor Burnight, Scott Francis, Mackenzie Gant, Mackenzie Hale, Luke Jackson, Marcia Kim, Katelyn McLaughlin, Alexis Murphy, Alyssa Musick, Mylie Oberg, Andrew Peacock, Hannah Pickett, Ashton Pollick, Hailey Rankin, Claire Schaefer, Nicole Weinman, William Wertz, Cole Westendorf and Skyler Younkin. These 19 swimmers nabbed a team trophy for the Age Group Sectional meet receiving 10th place out of 103 teams. Way to go team!!

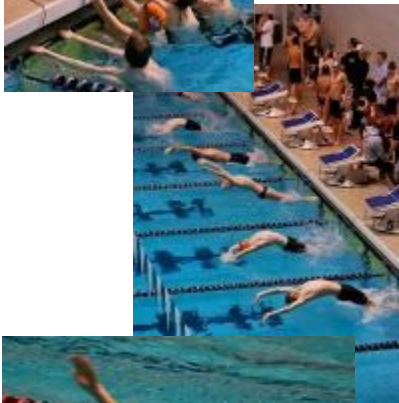
Skyler Younkin also nabbed best times in all 6 of his races(3 of which were well under Zones qualifying times) and Hannah Pickett qualified for Zones in her 200yd back! William Wertz blazed through the 50 free to qualify for his first Senior Sectional cut! Ashton Pollick continued his wrath in the water with 9 out of 10 best times and closed in on some Senior Sectional cuts. Almost there Ashton!! Almost there! Andrew Peacock is right there close to Sr. Sectional cut in his 100yd breaststroke too. Come on boys you can do it!!

But wait! There is more great news from this exciting meet: the “Wonder Twins” (Scott Francis and Luke Jackson) made finals in all their events for the 11-12 yr old boys, and in the process tore up a bunch of team records as they went. Luke, I believe broke 9 records in total for the year. Woo-hoo that’s some fine swimming.

The girls would not be outdone however as Lisa Bratton (13-14 girls) won 2 individual events (400yd IM and 500yd free) and Mackenzie Hale (11yrs) won the 500yd free as well as had 10 out of 10 best times. Great job girls!

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Age Group Sectionals Cont.

The 2011 Age Group Sectional meet was wonderful and the team did very well even with some swimming with illnesses. The coaching staff was quite pleased that our swimmers stepped up for the meet even if not under the best of circumstances. Coach Todd was getting lots of texts messages filling him in on the great job our kids were doing. Nice job Channel Cats!!

10 out of 10 best times: Mackenzie Hale and Luke Jackson
 9 best times: Scott Francis and Ashton Pollick
 8 best times: Lisa Bratton
 6 best times; Skyler Younkin
 5 best times: William Wertz
 4 best times: Cole Westendorf
 3 or less best times: Hailey Rankin; Claire Schaefer, Nicole Weinman, Andrew Peacock, Mylie Oberg, Alyssa Musick, Katelyn McLaughlin; Taylor Burnight, Alexis Murphy, Hannah Pickett; and Marcia Kim.

The best times list is as follows:

Happy Birthday!

May Birthdays:

3rd	Katie Schroder (12)	18th	Jesse Fink (10) Ryan Shiplet (14)
5th	Lisa Bratton (15) Maggie Kleist (16)	19th	Ryan Francis (16) Ryan Monrean (8)
8th	Kelsey Olsen (13)	23rd	Andrew Peacock (17) Andrew Um (13)
10th	Kristen Bennett (18) Jeff Kern (12)	25th	Kaylyn Lesser (16) Amira Lisle (16)
12th	Skyler Younkin (10)	29th	Corey Bradshaw (15) Jenacie Jones (14) Janae Sullivan (14)
14th	Allison Fuller (15)		



Future Swim Suite Model Kristen Bennett

Kristen is 18, she is a senior at Hanford High. Kristen swims at the Tri-City Court Club and has been a Channel Cat since 1999.

Favorite strokes: Fly, Free

Favorite Events: 100 Fly, 800 Free

Favorite swim meet snacks: Cup of Noodles, Laffy Taffy

Besides swimming Kristen enjoys Water Skiing, Kinect Sports and River Floats.

“Guess what? I go water skiing on New Years Day every year.”

What has inspired you? “I knew for a long time that I wanted to swim for Hawaii so I worked hard to be able to go there.

“Pain is only the feeling of weakness leaving my body.”
Is Kristen's favorite quote.

What are your feature plans? “University of Hawaii’s on swimming scholarship, BS in Marine Biology, MS in Oceanography.



Future Olympian Mackenzie Gant

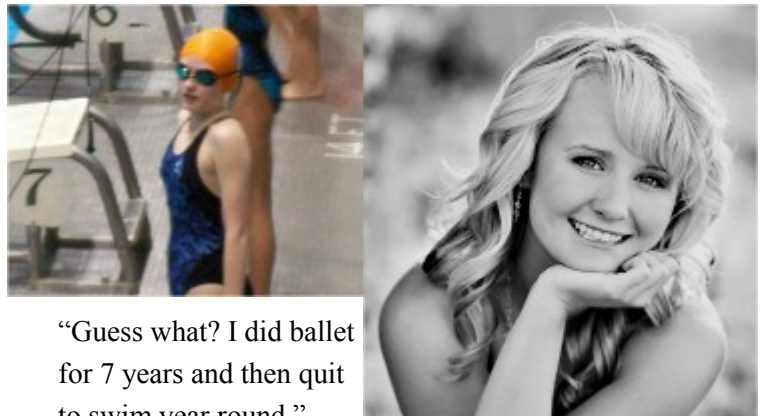
Mackenzie is 17, she is a senior at Prosser High School, practices at the Tri-City Court Club and has been a Channel Cat for six years.

Favorite strokes: Butterfly and IM

Favorite events: 100 fly, 200 fly, 200 IM, 400 IM

Favorite swim meet snacks: peanut butter bagels, bananas, and cheese its.

What do you enjoy doing besides swimming? “I love boating, cooking, and photography. I also love hanging out with friends.”



“Guess what? I did ballet for 7 years and then quit to swim year round.”

What has inspired you? “My coaches and teammates are my ultimate source of inspiration. They always push me to do my best in practices and at meets, I definitely wouldn’t be where I am today without them!”

“I plan to attend Seattle University next year, majoring in pre-med, on a swimming and academic scholarship.”

Most Comical

Joseph Hendry

Joseph is 18, he is a senior at Hanford High School. Joseph practices at the Columbia Basin Racquet Club and has been a Channel Cat for five years.

Favorite stroke: Breaststroke

Favorite event: 100 Breaststroke

Favorite swim snack: bagel and cream cheese

"Most people don't know that I'm enlisted in the Navy and I've been excepted in the Navy Seals program."

What has inspired you? "Friends on the team."

"Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon." Is Josephs favorite quote.

Josephs future plans include six years serving in the United States Navy.



Up coming swim coach

Aurora Oberg

Aurora is 18 and swims at CBRC. She has been a Channel Cat for two years. Aurora is home schooled and does running start at CBC.

Favorite stroke: Breaststroke

Favorite events: 100 and 200 Breast

Favorite swim meet snacks: Cheese-its, Pecan Sandies and Power bars

What do you enjoy doing besides swimming?

"Reading, sewing, babysitting Clair and Spencer, and skiing."

"Guess what? I collect Sleeping Beauty things and I have 60 pairs of Converse shoes."

Aurora has already earned her Associates Degree at CBC. Aurora will be going to Oklahoma Baptist University this fall, majoring in English. She earned a 1/2 tuition academic scholarship to OBU. She will be swimming on their swim team, which is new program for OBU.



Most Chatty Tyler Pickett

Tyler is 18, he is currently attending Running Start at CBC and has attended Richland High School. Tyler Practices at CBRC and has swam as a Channel Cat for nine years.

Favorite strokes: Breast and IM

Favorite events: 400IM and 200 Breast

What do you enjoy doing besides swimming?
"Riding dirt bikes, hanging out with friends and, working out."

What has inspired you? "Watching older Channel Cats' success and failures, and learning from them"

"I will be attending California Polytechnic State Uni-

versity in the fall with a scholarship to major in Biomedical Engineering with Pre-Med. I will also be competing on their Division 1 swim team."



Sunniest Smile Christine Tixier

Christine is 18, she attends Columbia Basin Collage. She practices at CBRC and has been a Channel Cat for 11 years.

Favorite stroke: Breaststroke

Favorite event: 200 Backstroke

Favorite swim meet snacks: Cheetos and Dried pineapple

What do you enjoy doing besides swimming?
"Eating, reading, and petting my animals."

"Guess what I love little league baseball!"

What has inspired you? "Psalm 8:32-33 'It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.'"

What are your future plans? "Going to Biola University, Majoring in nursing and planning to swim there."



Hardest worker Nathaniel Weinman

Nathaniel is 18, he is a senior at Richland High School. He practices at the Tri-City Court Club and has swam for seven years.

Favorite stroke: Freestyle

Favorite event: 1000 Free

Favorite swim meet snacks: Peanut butter bagels and Chocolate power bars.

What do you enjoy doing besides swimming? "Snow skiing, Water skiing"

"Guess what? I am color blind "

What has inspired you? "Being a part of a team, both club and High School"

Nathaniel will be attending South Dakota State University in Brookings to study Mechanical Engineering. He will be receiving both athletic and academic scholarships and he will be swimming with them at the D1 level.



Announcing the 2011-2012 Board of Directors

- PresidentJohn Tixier
- Vice PresidentChance Younkin
- SecretaryWendy Francis
- TreasurerWes Bratton
- IES RepresentativeJack Griffith
- Member-at-large, CBRC Tia Pollick
- Member-at-large, Kia OraBob Gelston
- Member-at-large, TCCCRuss Chrisman

These BOD members will officially take office in September. The 2010-2011 Board will continue to serve through the summer while they transition their duties to the new members, all four proposed changes to our standing Rules and Bylaws.

The next board meeting is June 14 at CBRC at 7pm.

If you have any photos, you can e-mail them to me at chatty.cats@charter.net
Thanks, Cheyenne Griffith