

SPORTS

SENATHLETES

Who is...  
Taylor Hebner

The 17-year-old International Falls High School senior competes in a variety of individual and relay freestyle events on the Bronco girls swimming and diving team.

**Birthday:**  
December 22, 1996

**Future plans:**  
Study chemical engineering.

**What's on TV:**  
Pretty Little Liars

**Favorite music:**  
Country and pop

**Favorite movies:**  
Finding Nemo

**What do you drive:**  
2007 Toyota Corolla

**Favorite Web sites:**  
Facebook

**Favorite meal:**  
Chicken Alfredo

**Biggest superstition:**  
Doing the same warmup before every race

**Worst habit:**  
Being OCD about organization

**Biggest pet peeve:**  
The sound of crunchy food

**Talent I'd most like to have:**  
Singing

**Favorite athlete to watch:**  
Katie Ledecky

**Dream date:**  
Ryan Lochte

**Favorite team as a kid:**  
Broncos

**Favorite city to visit:**  
Anchorage, Alaska

**Favorite attribute about yourself:**  
My drive

**Least favorite attribute:**  
I am very impatient.

**Favorite holiday:**  
Christmas

**Your hero:**  
My parents

**Top three things on your bucket list:**  
Ironman triathlon.  
Scuba diving.  
Travel the world.

**Your motto:**  
You can achieve anything if you work hard and never give up.

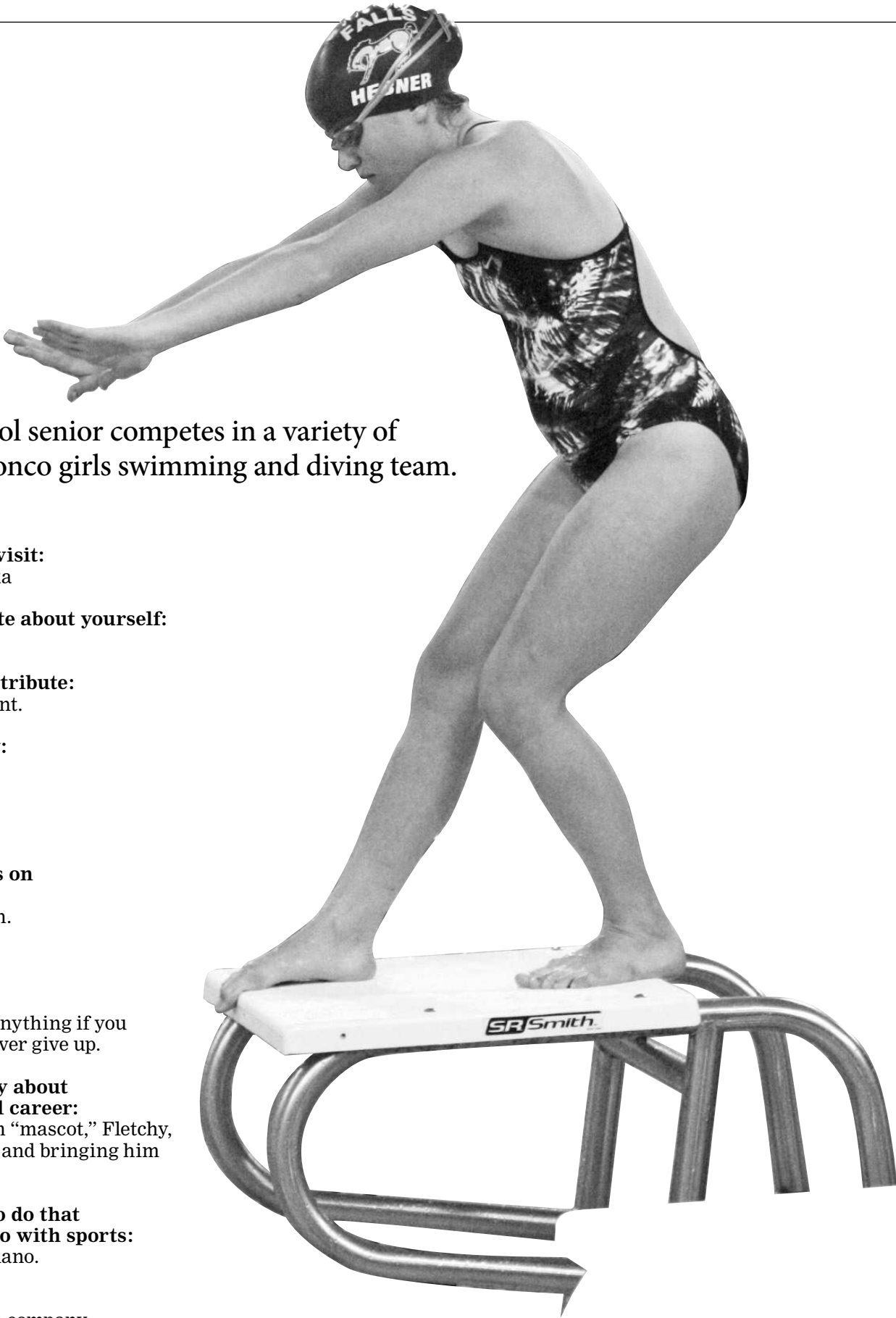
**Favorite memory about your high school career:**  
Creating our team "mascot," Fletchy, with Abby Auran and bringing him to every meet.

**Favorite thing to do that has nothing to do with sports:**  
Play guitar and piano.

**Dream job:**  
Own an ice cream company.

**Love to trade places for a day with...**  
My dog

**Favorite person to follow on Twitter:**  
Don't have Twitter.



CROSS COUNTRY

Broncos girls fifth at Bagley/Fosston Invite

Lexi Erickson 6th

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls girls cross country team placed fifth out of 14 teams at Tuesday's Bagley/Fosston Invitational. United North Central topped the team standings with 83 points, followed by Pequot Lakes (95), Park Rapids (109), Roseau (116) and the Falls (168) rounding out the top five. The Broncos' top individual finish came from sophomore Lexi Erickson, who placed sixth on the 4,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 20 seconds.

Falls' four other runners whose finishes counted toward the team total included: Jenna Anderson, 30th in 18:04; Avery Sivonen, 37th in 18:27; Faith Black, 45th in 18:58; and Lexi Edwards, 50th in 19:06.

"(Tuesday) didn't go as well as we wanted," Anderson said. "We ran alright, but we all know we can do better. We just have to keep working hard."

**FHS BOYS 10TH**  
In the boys competition,



Lexi Erickson

the Broncos finished 10th out of 15 teams at 242. Pelican Rapids finished first at 62, followed by Bemidji (69), Roseau (84), Pequot Lakes (126) and Hawley/Ulen-Hitterdal (143) in the top five. Falls' top finish came from senior Cole Tatsak, who placed 23rd on the 5,000-meter course in 18:43. "I wasn't sure how the race was going to turn out, but it ended up great," Tatsak said. "I had a personal best and the team worked very well. Can't wait to see the next couple meets and how we improve." The Broncos' four other finishers who counted to-

ward the team standings included: John Cowman, 29th in 19:03; Ben Erickson, 58th in 20:32; Jared Hunter, 64th in 20:48; and Brock O'Loughlin, 68th in 21:12. Falls' next meet is next Tuesday at Ely. The Broncos have another meet Thursday at Hibbing.

**Bagley/Fosston Invitational GIRLS**  
**Team scores:** United North Central 83, Pequot Lakes 95, Park Rapids 109, Roseau 116, International Falls 168, Bagley/Fosston 169, Thief River Falls 205, Bemidji 241, East Grand Forks 244, Wadena-Deer Creek 259, Warroad 260, Staples-Motley 260, Stephen-Argyle 265, Pelican Rapids 270.  
**International Falls runners:** 6. Lexi

Erickson, 16:20; 30. Jenna Anderson, 18:04; 37. Avery Sivonen, 18:27; 45. Faith Black, 18:58; 50. Lexi Edwards, 19:06; 95. Lexie Graves, 23:56.

**BOYS**  
**Team scores:** Pelican Rapids 62, Bemidji 69, Roseau 84, Pequot Lakes 126, Hawley/Ulen-Hitterdal 143, Perham 163, Wadena-Deer Creek 222, Park Rapids 227, Staples-Motley 233, International Falls 242, Pine River-Backus 245, Warroad 293, Thief River Falls 310, United North Central 312, Stephen-Argyle 446.  
**International Falls runners:** 23. Cole Tatsak, 18:43; 29. John Cowman, 19:03; 58. Ben Erickson, 20:32; 64. Jared Hunter, 20:48; 68. Brock O'Loughlin, 21:12; 81. Chase Howdahl, 22:02; 82. Gary Harala, 22:07.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Monday's games**  
**Women's volleyball**  
Central Lakes at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Greenway at I. Falls, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday's games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls at Ely, 4 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Virginia at I. Falls, 7 p.m.  
L-BF at Hill City, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday's games**  
**Women's volleyball**  
RRCC at Vermilion, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday's games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls at Hibbing, 4 p.m.  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
Virginia at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
L-BF at Lake of the Woods, 7 p.m.

KEN KRUEGER FINISHES IRONMAN



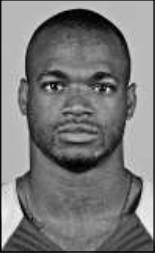
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Ken Krueger of International Falls, shown reaching the finish line in the Sept. 7 Ironman Wisconsin triathlon, completed the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in the Madison area in 15 hours, 5 minutes and 44 seconds. Krueger, 50, finished 1,912th overall, 1,462nd among all males and 172nd among males 50-54. More than 2,800 athletes participated in the annual triathlon.

After making 'mistake,' Vikings bench Peterson

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Hours after reversing course and benching Adrian Peterson indefinitely, Minnesota Vikings owner Zygi Wilf said Wednesday that the team "made a mistake" in bringing back their superstar running back following his indictment on a felony child-abuse charge in Texas. "We made a mistake and we need to get this right," he said at a crowded news conference. "It is important to always listen to our fans and the community and our sponsors. Our goal is always to make the decision we feel is right for the Minnesota Vikings ... We want to be sure we get this right." Wilf and his co-owner brother, Mark Wilf, announced their decision early Wednesday morning after concluding it was best for the Vikings and for

Peterson, their All-Pro workhorse who has played his entire NFL career with Minnesota and is accused of injuring his 4-year-old son by spanking him with a wooden switch earlier this year. The organization put Peterson on the exempt-commissioner's permission list, meaning he is off the active roster while he deals with his legal affairs. General manager Rick Spielman would not put a timeframe on when Peterson might be back. "Until these legal matters are resolved, that he will remain on this exempt list," he said.



Adrian Peterson

A day-and-a-half earlier, the Vikings said Peterson would rejoin the team after missing Sunday's loss to New England. The backlash to that announcement was significant. The Vikings had at least one major sponsorship suspended. Several prominent NFL advertisers, including Anheuser-Busch, expressed concern about the league's recent off-the-field problems, which include former Ravens running back Ray Rice and the indictment of Peterson. The governor was critical. Fans were angry. Castrol Motor Oil, Special Olympics Minnesota and Mylan Inc. all severed ties with Peterson. Twin Cities area Nike stores pulled Peterson's jerseys from its shelves and the team canceled an appearance at a children's home.