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## This Is Not Normal!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do April blizzards bring? This year, we got to find out! Sometimes New Ulm Aprils hit the 80-degree mark, but this year, a legendary blizzard surprised even MLC's most experienced professors with 15 inches of bright white fluff. This snowy situation brought fun times with friends to these MLC students who jumped in and enjoyed it:



**Olivia Prost** (*LPS / St. Paul-Ixonia WI*) and **Michaela Bessler** (*Evergreen / Bethany-Port Orchard WA*) borrowed snowshoes from MLC's free stash and explored Flandrau State Park.



Students and tutors teamed up to build snowmen. This bearded creation depicts **Tutor Nathan Wordell**—a WLS graduate who serves at MLC, teaching classes, leading devotions and services, and making sure students make the most of their snowy circumstances.



Could this be the largest snowball ever rolled at MLC? MLC alums **Dallas Biga** (*St. Matthew-Freeland MI*) and **Dan and Josh Gensmer** (*Christ Our Savior-Columbia TN*) fell in love with the packy snow and used it to set a record.



MLC quarterback, first-year **Zachary Bloomquist** (*WISCO / St. Jacobi-Greenfield WI*), prepares for next year's football season.

## Getting Stronger in Summit

"It's just great that everyone's bought into this," says Coach Stephen Pearson. "This Olympic weightlifting we do makes athletes stronger and faster. We've seen the results here at MLC." Coach Pearson began lifting in 1967. At age 65, he's still going strong, competing in (and winning) Olympic weightlifting competitions!

Coach Pearson welcomes each lifter at the door as they come down to the Summit dorm basement to get stronger. Through his professional guidance, MLC athletes build up the strength and speed they need to excel in athletics. "In track, I throw discus, shot, and hammer. This kind of lifting has made me more explosive, which has really made a difference," says **Katelyn Raddatz** (*Luther / St. John-Sparta WI*). "I love how stress-relieving it is, and Coach Pearson is just amazing!"

"It's fantastic to have a space just for lifting," says **Aaron Bush** (*WISCO / Good Shepherd-West Allis WI*). In Summit the comradery is contagious. Lifters encourage each other to face the heavy weights head-on, so these future called workers don't just walk out with stronger muscles. They're also learning how to persevere and help each other succeed.