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Snow Queens and Talent Perform at State

by: Julia Sparling

The State Junior Snow Queen Festival held Jan. 5 at the Civic Theater in Aberdeen featured sophomore Christine Morgan and junior Kalen Frericks performing for the judges early Saturday morning. Both got selected to be in the top five to perform that night at state. Morgan sang "Stuck Like Glue" by Sugarland and played her ukulele. Frericks sang a song that she wrote herself and played her guitar. Freshman Madison Styles was the local Junior Miss Northwestern Area and got to participate all weekend in the Junior State Snow Queen Festival. She was overwhelmed with support from her community.

"It was great meeting so many great girls. I had a blast getting to know them. I was very proud to represent Northwestern," Styles said.

Northwestern represented well that night, Styles took fourth runner up, Morgan took first place in junior talent, and Frericks placed second in senior talent. Both Morgan and Frericks



Frericks, Morgan, and Styles pose with their trophies.

moved on to perform at Senior Snow Queen on Jan. 12. Senior Kaitlyn Sparling was selected as Miss Northwestern in the local competition. Sparling was also grateful for all of the support from her community.

"It was really good meeting new people and getting to know everybody. It was a lot of fun, and I was proud to represent Northwestern,"

Sparling said.

Frericks performed again on Jan. 12 but Morgan got caught up with bad weather and played basketball instead that night. The community is very proud of their girls and cannot wait until the festival next year.



Northwestern's 2013 Snow Queen Kaitlyn Sparling proudly represented the Wildcats.

Sheltered Reality Performs for Students

by: Hannah Palmer

Sheltered Reality, a four-person drumming group, entertained students Jan. 18. They not only played great music, but also taught a lesson about bullying. They had teachers get pulled up to the front for a drumming lesson. Then, the teachers pulled students of all ages up to the front to have a music lesson, too.

The group had background music with each performance. They drummed to the beat of the music, but added some dance moves to their act. Their performance ended with a huge dance, which included the teachers and most of the students.

"Their performance was both awesome and inspiring," sophomore



The Sheltered Reality group gives Mrs. Shelly Fischbach, senior Evan Finley, seventh-grader Tyler Braun and first-grader Courtney Decker a drumming lesson.

Jordon Peterson said.

Sheltered reality taught students a great lesson in bullying and how to treat each other with respect. They

did so through telling a story of one of their members with dyslexia. She had been through much bullying and even fell behind in school. She

continue to spread their great message.

joined the group and gained self-confidence. Her story was the basis of their message.

The motto for the group was "Take a chance, never give up, whatever it takes, and to believe in yourself." They advised the students to have confidence in themselves and try new things, like drumming.

After the performance, they offered to any students interested in their group to join them for a practice that night at the Roncalli band room. Anyone can join the group and

Art Students Send Snow Flakes to Newtown

by: Haley Grandpre

All over the world schools have been coming together and making snowflakes for the lost lives in the Newtown, Conn., shooting. Schools were asked to make snowflakes that would help comfort the children and staff as they re-enter their school environment. The Connecticut Parent Teacher Student Association gave several different ways to help comfort the hearts of Newtown. Many different snowflakes will line the halls in the new building the students will

use. The snowflakes are being used to create a winter wonderland.

"It was just a small way to help the students begin recovering from the incident, a simple thing anyone can do to say they care," junior art student Maddie Hahler said.

The Northwestern High School art students were asked by their teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Schell, to make many snowflakes and to pick one that they would like to send to Sandy Hook Elementary School. They were asked to make the snowflakes as nice as possible and to keep in mind where they were

sending them. Most art students felt good about doing this for their school and wish they could do much more to assist the victims.

"It was a nice thing to do, and I feel terrible about what happened to them," sophomore art student Halle Sieve said.

Newtown, Conn., has received so many snowflakes that they have asked to stop sending them. Of course, they do not mean to be rude, but they have gotten so many they do not know what to do with all of them. They have asked just to start sending letters, or other

thoughtful things to help comfort the students and families in Newtown.



Northwestern Drama Students Perform a Serious Play

by: Haley Grandpre

The NW play cast performed their very dramatic play in front of the middle school and high school students and the public on Jan. 22. The play consisted of many different age groups, ranging from sixth to 12th grade. This year, they performed a serious play about true personal experiences in the Holocaust, called "The Spirit of Life Survives."

This play had very dramatic scenes, especially a scene done by senior Calli Peterson. In her scene, she was dying of typhus and had to climb a hill to prove her survival. In some scenes, actors even had to speak Hebrew or German.

This play showed how the victims of the Holocaust felt and reacted to how they were being treated through the devastating times. The cast did a

very good job in making in look like that they were part of these rough periods, not to mention the sound affects of the train and the horrifying army guards.

The play goes from a very dramatic time to the survival of many. They show that some army soldiers really did care about them and hated what was happening.

They performed again Jan. 23 at


the Capitol Theatre in Aberdeen for the region competition, where they placed third of eight. Unfortunately, only the top two school advanced to state.

Senior Calli Peterson recieved an acting award for her scene "A Hill in Bergen Belsen," along with eighth-grader Christian Warcken with his scene "A Bobov Melody."


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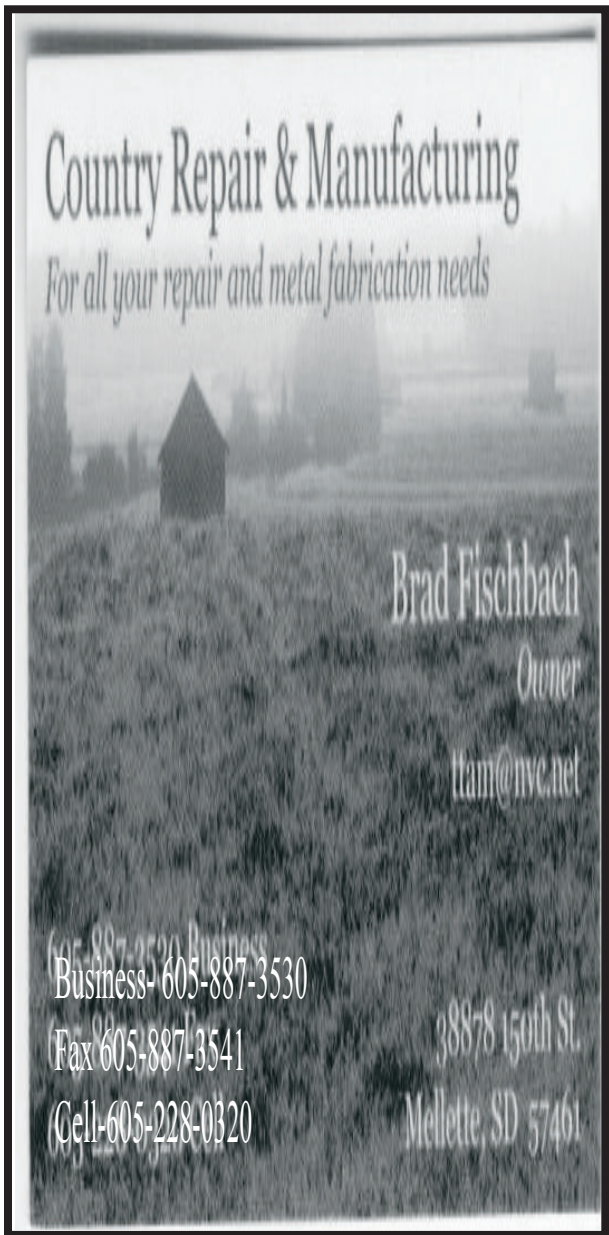
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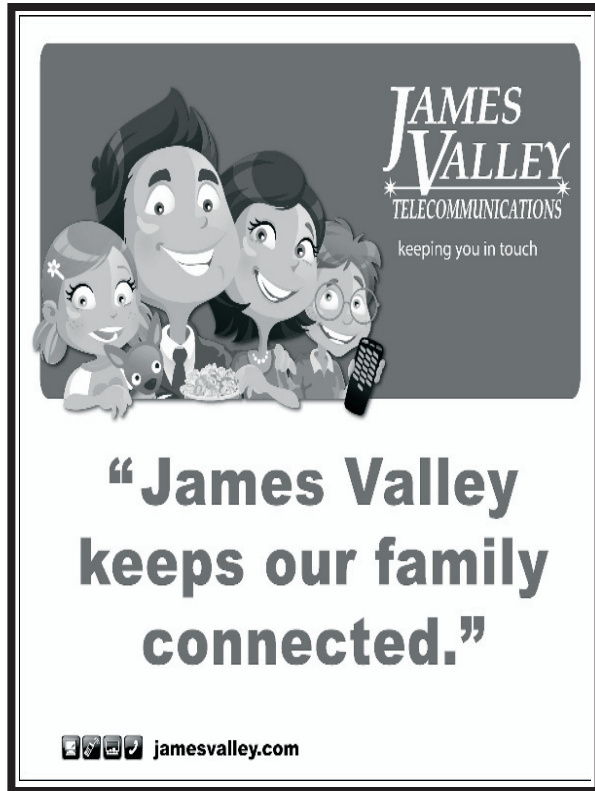
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Cheerleaders Host Lil' Cats Cheer Camp

by: *Jordon Peterson*

The Northwestern Cheer team hosted their annual Little Cats Cheer Camp on Friday, Jan. 18. They rehearsed a cheer and dance routine to perform that night at half-time of the girls' varsity game against the Leola/Frederick Titans.

The performance was only a couple of minutes, but it was energy-packed and very entertaining.

"The girls were really energetic, and we had a lot of fun," junior Kristie Bade said.

Cheerleaders Bade, junior Maddie Hahler, junior Kalen Frericks, sophomore Christine Morgan and

freshmen Elizabeth Heidenreich, Cody Sparling, Rachel Boekelheide and Darienne Frericks led the elementary students in the performance.

The girls from the elementary who wanted to participate had the opportunity to practice with the girls in the high school that day to

learn their routine for that night.

About 18 girls put on a great show for the spectators.

"It's a lot of fun to be able to work with the girls, and it's exciting to see what our future cheer team has to offer," Frericks said.

Junior High Team Places at Math Counts

by: *Cara Spielman*

On Jan. 9, the Northwestern Junior High Math Counts team won the Simmons Junior High contest in Aberdeen. There were a total of 80 students and 20 teams in the competition.

Eighth-graders Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan, Matt Metzinger, Christian Warchen and seven graders Peyton Groft, Sadie Vander Wal and Darien Watson joined math teacher, Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua at

the competition.

Team Boekelheide, Clemens, Groft, and Vander Wal won first place in the entire competition. Boekelheide received fifth in the individual competition.

"Our team performed excep-

tionally well, and I am very proud of them! Hopefully we see a similar performance at The Chapter Competition (regions) on Saturday Feb. 9," Fa'onelua said.

Cross Country Coach Receives Coach of the Year



by: *Jordon Peterson*

Kris Boekelheide received Area 3 Cross Country Coach of the Year. She was selected from all coaches in the region to receive this award. The cross country program has only been at the school for two years, and Boekelheide has been coaching both years.

"I am such a new coach, and it's a great honor to receive this award after only coaching for two years! I had such hard working ath-

letes that I got to work with. I have to give the credit of this award to them," Boekelheide said.

This year, Boekelheide had three athletes qualify to run in the State Cross Country meet: seventh-grader Peyton Groft and eighth-graders Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan. Groft and Clemens medaled at the state meet. In addition, the cross country team also placed second in the region.

"In the past two years, we

have improved so much so quickly! The first year we didn't have much time to prepare. Now on our second year, we were ready! The runners improved so much over the summer! Most of the kids are dual-sports kids, and they have other sports that they are involved in at the same time as cross country, so I am very proud of them for working hard in practice and during meets. I am excited to be able to work with the athletes again next season," Boekelheide said.

Fischer Tells Students About Student Loans

by: *Julia Sparling*

On Thursday, Jan. 10, Northwestern alumnae, Heide (Spear) Fischer, came to speak to the juniors and seniors about financial aid for college. She works at Great

Lakes in Aberdeen, which is a student loan corporation.

Fischer invited all of the parents to join in discussion when they talked about Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also

known as FAFSA. They were taught how to get student loans, grants, and scholarships and the price of different colleges. On Friday, Jan. 11, Fischer came back to school to talk to the freshmen

about preparing for college as a freshman. She lectured them about how important it is to do well now, rather than later, and how their grade point average is affected.

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NORTHWESTERN AREA PRESCHOOL SCREENING

The Northwestern Area School District will be screening children who will be three years old on or before Mar. 18, 2013, or five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013. Any four year olds that were not screened last year are also encouraged to be screened at this time. The screening will take place on Monday, Mar. 18, 2013, in the Northwestern Elementary addition. The screening includes all children who will be in the 2013-2014 Kindergarten class.

Children will be screened in gross and fine motor skills, general concepts, communications skills, vision and hearing. Additionally, the county nurse will be available to give general physical examinations to the upcoming kindergarten class members. Early identification of difficulties can help alleviate health or educational problems, which may develop during a child's education.

As part of the school's "Child Identification Project," HEARTLAND HANDS OF BIRTH TO THREE CONNECTIONS, Rich Jankord, will be available on the testing date to screen children who are younger than three years of age upon request. Mr. Jankord will be available only if appointments are made in advance through the school.

This is a FREE service provided by the school district. The screenings take approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Jessica Halvorson at 887-3467 x110 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at least 10 days before the screening) to make an appointment. After appointments have been received, letters will be sent to each family of who has called and made an appointment to verify their time slot for March 18.

If you know of a family who is unaware of the date for this screening, please share this information with them or contact the office at the number given. Thank you!

The girls and boys' junior high basketball Teams would like to thank the Conde Men's Club for donating \$150 to get their new jerseys!

Highlights from the School Board Meeting:

Bids for the house built by HATS are still being accepted. No bids have been received yet. The reserve bid limit is \$67,500. If you are interested in submitting a bid you may call Scott Pudwill at 605-725-7800 for more information.

Career Readiness test was given last month at Hub Area. The students scored consistent with the state average.

Sheltered Reality will be performing Jan. 18, 2013. They are a drum-line assembly for at-risk students.

The One-Act play will perform at the school on Jan. 22 at 2:45. This is open to the public.

January character counts pillar is responsibility.

Reviewed the winter Dibles testing scores. Most students showed advancements since the fall testing.

NW is collecting prices for possibly purchasing a new, smaller gas bus to put on the route next year.

NW administration met with the Spink County Emergency Management Team to develop an emergency response plan in the event of an intruder.

Thank you to the Northwestern Community Foundation for the donation used to purchase the stage

mats.

Thank you to the school board members for their hard work and leadership to the Northwestern Area School District.

The school board election date was set for June 18, 2013. Seats available for election/re-election are Brett Toennies and Troy Grandpre.

Congratulations to Student of the Month, Tyler Carda.

Congratulations to Kris Boekelheide for being named Area 3 Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to the junior high math counts team for receiving 1st place at the Simmons contest.

Congratulations to the Landon Fischbach for being selected to the North all-Star Football Team.

Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of Jan. 20, 2013.

The Wildcats Continue to Dominate

by: Cara Spielman

Northwestern Defeats Lower Brule

The Northwestern girls' basketball team defeated Lower Brule 54-38 on Jan. 5, at the Redfield Classic. Senior Ashley Clemens and Sophomore Kennedi Sparling both led the teams scoring with 14 points. Northwestern had 56 rebounds. Clemens and Sophomore Jordon Peterson both had a total of 15 rebounds. Clemens had a total of four out of 12 assists.

Wildcats fall to Potter County

The Northwestern girls' basketball fell to Potter County 59-61 on Dec. 18 at Potter County. Sophomore Jordon Peterson led the team's points with 25. NW had a total of 48 rebounds. Senior Ashley Clemens had a total of 13 rebounds. Sophomore Julia Sparling had a total of five assists out of 15. Sophomore Kennedi Sparling had a total of five steals out of 12.

Northwestern Falls to Sisseton

Northwestern girls' basketball team fell to Sisseton 42-66 on Jan. 8 at Northwestern. Sophomore Jordon Peterson led the teams scoring with 20 points. The Wildcats had a total of 30 rebounds. Peterson also led the team with 10 rebounds. Senior Courtlen Lechner had four out of 12 assists.

Ipswich Blocks Northwestern

The Northwestern wildcats girls' basketball team lost to Ipswich 41-50 on Friday, Jan. 11 in Ipswich. Sophomore Jordon Peterson led the teams scoring with 18 points. The wildcats had a total of 41 rebounds. Senior Ashley Clemens had 9 rebounds, 6 out of 9 assists, and four of 13 steals.

Wildcats Defeat Miller

The Northwestern girls' basketball team defeated Miller 68-58 on Jan. 12, at Northwestern. Senior Ashley Clemens led the teams scoring with 24 points. Northwestern had a total of 35 rebounds. Clemens had 9 rebounds. Clemens and Sophomore Jordon Peterson both had four assists out of 16 assists.

Northwestern Dominate Hitchcock-Tulare

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team crushes Hitchcock-Tulare 56-39 on Jan. 3. Sophomore Jordon Peterson raked up a total of 15 points for the Wildcats. Peterson and Senior Ashley Clemens had 9 rebounds out of 47. Clemens had five assists out of 13. Peterson and Clemens all so had two steals out of 6.

Wildcats Defeat Leola-Frederick

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team defeated Leola-Frederick 61-30 at Northwestern on Jan. 18. Sophomore Kennedi Sparling led the teams scoring with 27 points. Sophomore Jordon Peterson had a total of 11 out of 39 rebounds. Sparling had 6 assists out of 16 and had 7 steals out of 36.

Warner Takes Down Northwestern

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Warner 23-56 on Jan. 17 at Warner. Sophomore Jordon Peterson led the teams scoring with 14 points. The Wildcats had 15 rebounds and 15 turnovers.

by: Shay Clemensen

Northwestern Defeats Aberdeen Christian

The Northwestern boys' basketball took on the Knights on Jan. 7, 2013. Total rebounds were 47 and lead by Senior, Landon Fischbach. Fischbach ended up with 14, followed by Junior, Nathan Palmer with 8. Most points were also held by Fischbach with 18 and a close follow up with 17 by Palmer. Total assists were 18 and held by Senior, Ray Lerew with a total of four. Total steals were 6 and lead by Senior Silas Franco with three steals. The total score was 61-60.

Northwestern Falls short to Miller

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost 54 to 67 to the Miller Rustlers. Junior Nathan Palmer lead the team in rebounds with 14. Senior Landon Fischbach followed closely behind with 13. Leading the team with steals was senior Silas Franco with 3; Palmer followed with 2. Senior Ray Lerew ended the game with 4 assists, Franco followed with 2 and sophomore Corbin Smith had 2 also. Leading the Wildcats with points was freshman Dylan Miles with 21 points, Palmer was next with 12.

Wildcats Are Taken by Tigers

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to the Ipswich Tigers on the night of Jan. 15, 63-67. The Wildcats had a total of 39 rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team with six offensive and five defensive rebounds. Junior Nathan Palmer followed with six offensive and three defensive rebounds. Out of the 63 points scored by Northwestern, Fischbach led with 22 points. Senior Silas Franco followed with 13 points. The Wildcats had a total of 13 assists. Senior Ray Lerew led the team with five, and Palmer followed with four. Northwestern had a total of eight steals. Lerew led with three steals. Palmer and Franco followed with two. The team is now 2-6.

Wildcats Slaughter the Faulkton Trojans

The Northwestern Wildcats slaughtered the Faulkton Trojans on the night of Jan. 22, 47-44. The Wildcats had a total of 34 rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team with three offensive and eight defensive rebounds. Junior Nathan Palmer followed with five offensives and five defensive. Out of the 47 points that the Wildcats scored Fischbach led with 15 points. Palmer followed with 10. Northwestern had 12 total assists. Freshman Dylan Miles led with four assists. Palmer and Senior Silas Franco followed with two. The Wildcats had a total of 10 steals. Miles, Palmer, Fischbach, and sophomore Corbin Smith all had two steals.



Meet the Play Cast and Crew...

by: Maddie Hahler



Calli Peterson
Senior



Nick Wood
Junior



Maddie Hahler
Junior



Skylar Sorenson
Junior



Jesse Lutter
Junior



Luther Johnson
Junior



Kalen Frericks
Junior



Delbert Leonhardt
Junior



Christine Morgan
Sophomore



Halle Sieve
Sophomore



Kate Finley
Freshman



Christian Warcken
8th Grader



Sadie VanderWal
7th Grader



Seth Wood
6th Grader

Extras and Crew Members:

Logan Schentzel

Caleb Schentzel

Wyatt Hahler

Isaac Groft

Zachary Toennies

Jarret Haven

Trevor Bohl

Tucker Bohl

Director: Michelle Stuck

Should teachers be armed in effort to better protect the students?

Con

by: Maddie Hahler

It's hard to say that arming teachers with guns may solve the school shooting issues. Many people want to take guns away entirely, others want to add more in to even the stakes. I think that teachers armed with guns is not a terrible idea, but it may have some dangerous consequences.

For one, the teachers should have to go through safety courses with their weapons and emergency situation trials. This could easily be an over-complicated process that many teachers won't want to go through. You can't just slap a gun on a teacher's desk and expect them to use it properly.

Who is going to buy these guns for all the teachers? Giving weapons to all teachers would be very expensive. Is this funding supposed to come from the government, or are teachers supposed to just go out and buy a gun

for themselves? This process would be a very complicated one.

Some people are simply unable to shoot a weapon at someone. Police officers and men and women in the military have to go through many months of training prior to going out into the fields. Many still are not mentally prepared after all the training and years of experience. Teachers may not even have the ability to shoot a gun at a person, especially for a one-time thing. Besides, it's not like there are people with guns attacking our school on a daily basis.

Yes, school shootings happen sometimes, and they are extremely sad and unforgettable. They change the lives of people forever. Shooting someone, no matter how bad they are or how heroic it makes you, could potentially scar a teacher for the rest of their life. It's not that simple.

Pro

by: Haley Grandpre

Recently there has been an issue with school shootings. Aiding teachers with guns might change the course of events if these shootings would happen. The government needs to start finding a solution to these shootings. It was bad enough that the Sandy Hook Elementary had to go through the pain of the deaths of many children and adults. If we do not want these things to start happening in towns around us, and even the school of Northwestern, we need to start thinking of ways to have protection in the schools.

Arming the teachers with guns might be the best way to assure all students have protection. At NW we have a "game plan" if something that this would come into play during the school hours, but it is not difficult to get

around all that if you have weapons. This is why we need to take precaution and act fast about ways to protect the school.

The best defense against school shootings may be arming the teachers. Let's say a shooter did come into the school right now; how would we protect everybody? There are not closets to hide in or anything big that we could barricade the doors with, so the shooter could not get to the students or faculty.

If the government allowed the teachers to have guns, at least if they had to use it they could, but if not, then have something in the school that can contact 911 services, right away. I think that the government or even school districts need to start thinking about ways to protect the students and the faculty better.

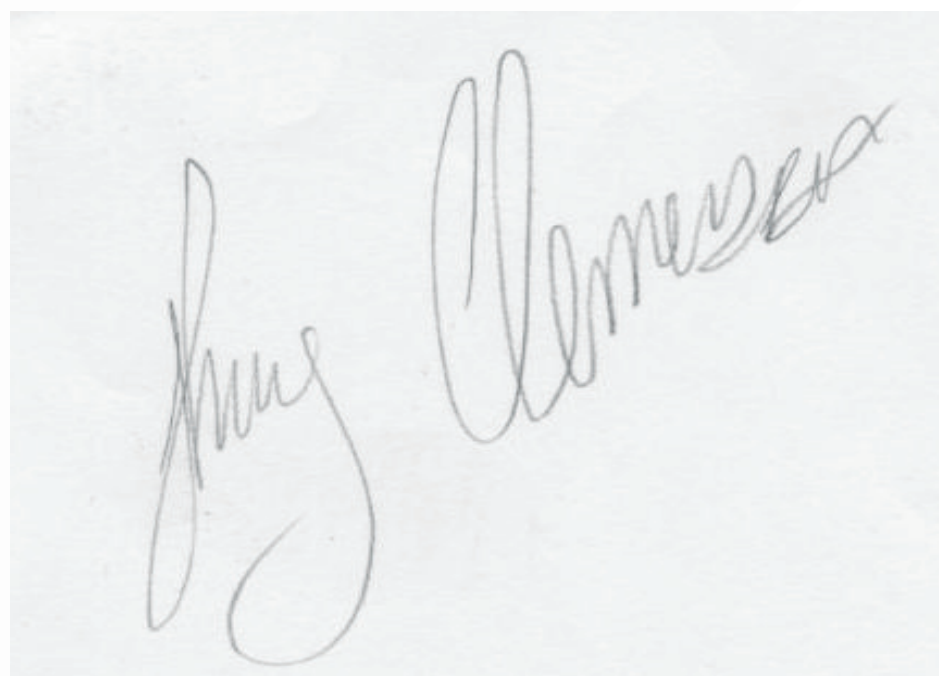


Shay's Words of Advice to the Freshmen

by: Shay Clemensen

DO NOT MAKE A PIPE BOMB.

From my past experiences, I have found out that having an itch to blow things up can get you in trouble. There just has to be a way to work around that system by using legal fireworks. So, figure it out and don't make a real one. Someone will report you, and you will likely be fined.



2013 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL: SECOND QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically:

9th Grade: Straight A: Kirstin Borge, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Andrea Rausch, Madison Styles; "A": Rachael Boekelheide, Cameron Bohl, Kate Finley, Rachel Rausch, Codi Sparling; "B": Kendra Bohlen, Hope Bowar, Allison Braun, Abigail Fischbach, Darienne Frericks, Isaac Groft, Kaylee Hoellein, Cody Lefforge, Nolan Peterson, Logan Schentzel.

10th Grade: Straight A: Halle Sieve; "A": Corbin Smith; "B": Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Jordon Peterson, Julia Sparling, Kennedi Sparling.

11th Grade: Straight A: Kalen Frericks; "A": Kristie Bade, Tyler Carda, Jeanna Duncan, Nicholas Wood; "B": Torey Beardemphl, Nathan Frericks, Madison Hahler, Stephanie Hansen, Jacob Heidenreich, Sophie Kranhold, Paige Metzinger, Alyssa Steward.

12th Grade: Straight A: Landon Fischbach; "A": Kelsey Hoellein, Calli Peterson, Kaitlyn Sparling; "B": Ashley Clemens, Shay Clemensen, Evan Finley, Courtlen Lechner, Kimberly Miles, Stanton Roach.

Congrats to Darby Duncan, Josie Clemens, Christian Warcken, Evy Peterson, and Sadie VanderWal for being selected into the 2013 Middle School All State Band!

Top Five Reasons Shay Should Go to Prom

- 1. His mom wants him to**
- 2. He has a Camaro**
- 3. He has a tan already**
- 4. Last chance to take Jordon Peterson**
- 5. Likes to wear a suit**

Top Five Prom Dates for Shay

- 1. Alex Boekelheide**
- 2. Alessandra Ambrosio (Look her up!)**
- 3. Fat Amy (Fat Patricia)**
- 4. His car**
- 5. Jordon Peterson**

What do you think about arming the teachers?



"Obviously, the teachers won't shoot us. It is a good form of protection for the students. I'm afraid that students might bring guns since the teachers have guns. Silly kids," sophomore Christine Morgan said.



"I don't want it, because if you get on their bad side they will shoot you," sixth-grader Caleb Schentzel said.



"I think it would be a good and bad idea. In our community, we don't have a big problem with this issue, so I feel they aren't needed," junior Tyler Carda said.



"I don't feel I know enough about guns to be qualified to carry one, and teachers carrying the gun wouldn't solve the problem," junior high English teacher Christy Cardella said.



"Teachers being armed is a very good idea, if they have a background check and don't have a criminal record," eighth-grader Andrew Lefforge said.

In the Elementary...

What's your favorite video game?



"Mario Cart," third-grader Emma Grandpre said.



"Just Dance 4," fifth-grader Tya Weideman said.



"Sklanders," kindergartner Rhianna Troske said.

"Mario," kindergartner Dallas Stoltenberg said.



Student of the Month



Tyler Carda

by: Maddie Hahler

Tyler Carda received the teachers' votes for being Student of the Month in January. Carda's parents are Robert and Diane Carda. He has four older siblings, Joe, Brady, Sharla and Cole.

Carda's activities include football, basketball, track, FCA, FBLA, science bowl, band and chorus. In his freetime, he hunts, lifts weights and fishes.

After high school, Carda plans on going to SDSU but has yet to fully decide.

Carda's favorite quote is "we are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit," by Aristotle. His favorite athlete is Jared Allen, and his favorite class is welding. Carda's role models are his older brothers.

Carda's most embarrassing moment was driving to the family farm and sliding into the ditch. Delbert pulled him out, just in time, before the snow plow came speeding by.

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February Horoscopes



Aquarius - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Keeping a low profile may cause you to miss a great opportunity. It will also keep you from getting into a situation that you have been trying to avoid. Weigh your options.



Pisces - Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Don't pretend to be afraid of things just to get out of doing something new. Tackle new challenges willingly and with confidence.



Aries - Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

Avoid rushing into situations that you are unsure of. Slow it down and take your time when making decisions. You could regret it later if you don't.



Taurus - Apr. 20 - May 20

That unhealthy level of attachment may catch up with you soon. Now is the perfect time to pull back and readjust. Everything will work out for the best.



Gemini - May 21 - June 20

Don't worry about your laundry list of appointments and deadlines. Your great energy will take over and you will maintain the level of dependability that is expected of you.



Cancer - June 21 - July 22

Don't bite that person's head off that has been annoying you. Keep your cool and find a way to channel that energy into something creative.



Leo - July 23 - Aug. 22

Be sure to delegate and collaborate when working on important projects. Don't be afraid to lead. Just don't take on more than you can handle.



Virgo - Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Stop talking yourself out of taking that big step you have been avoiding. The craziest of ideas are often the biggest successes!



Libra - Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Don't drown yourself in the details. Keep the big picture in mind. Keep steady progression toward your goal. The small kinks can be ironed out later.



Scorpio - Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You have a lot on your mind. You may find it hard to focus on one issue. Rely on your friends to offer you the guidance and insight you are looking for.



Sagittarius - Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You seem to be surrounded by people who are determined to keep you from taking care of projects that you know need to get done. Politely tell them to buzz off!



Capricorn - Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Don't let your ego become bruised when someone calls you out. It's not that big of a deal, really! Roll with the punches and learn to make fun of yourself.

Orange Leaf



By: Haley Grandpe

Orange Leaf is the newest spot to stop in Aberdeen, SD. Basically you walk into Orange leaf and you start at the cups or bowls. You can pick from several different flavors of frozen yogurt. You fill up your cup with all the flavors you want, and then you move onto the toppings. For toppings you have a variety of things to try. There are fruits, sweets, candy, and many different syrup toppings.

Personally, I like Orange Leaf, but there are rumors and confirmation that Cherry Berry is coming to town. I think Cherry Berry will be better, but for now Orange Leaf will do.

After you decide what you want on your yogurt you pay by the pound. Finally you either take it to go, or enjoy the array of many different seating styles. If you are looking for something new to try for a snack stop on by Orange Leaf and treat yourself to a delicious frozen yogurt.

Pitch Perfect



By: Hannah Palmer

If you want to laugh until your stomach hurts, I suggest Pitch Perfect! The Cast includes: Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson (Fat Amy), Brittany Snow, Skylar Astin, Elizabeth Banks, Anna Camp, Adam Devine, and Ester Dean.

Pitch Perfect is a movie about A Capella groups that compete to win the state finals. The two teams competing are the Treblemakers and Bardun Bellas. Beca ends up falling for Jesse who is a Treblemaker! Fat Amy rules this movie! She is hilarious in this comedy!

Overall, if you would like to watch a hilarious movie that will keep you wondering what will happen next, I suggest Pitch Perfect! Fat Amy (aka Fat Patricia) will keep you entertained with her great quotes, and comical jokes! Jesse and Beca will also keep you guessing in their love story. This movie has everything: romance, comedy and tons of entertainment. This is a great movie for teens, and adults!

2014 CORVETTE

By: Shay Clemensen

Corvette enthusiasts have been waiting for the arrival of the new Corvette for the past few years. There have been some rumors that it would be a V-6 which worried some fans. The videos that the Corvette team has been showing on the internet to tease the people on the revealing. The car was revealed on the night of January 13. When it was revealed the new generation of corvette had just begun.

It packs the same size motor as the old one but it is a whole different motor. This motor is the LT1. It has direct injection which helps it for power and fuel economy. The new Vette is rated at 450 horsepower and 450 lbs of torque. The transmission of this car was upgraded to seven-speed manual but the automatics are still six-speeds. It is estimated at an impressive 26 MPG. The new body has very sharp lines in it that make it look like a million dollar European supercar. The high powered Z06 and the ZR1 will come within the next few years.

This new Vette is equipped with all digital gauges on the dash. The Interior is totally redesigned from the 6th generation. In my opinion is totally worth it. The hood is now made with the very prestigious carbon fiber, shedding 100 lbs. The body of the car was stiffened by 60%, and the steering was stiffened by 200% for more control. The Vette is now equipped with the magnetic ride suspension from the ZL1 Camaro. The Corvette team decided to bring back the name of the old cars and call it the Stingray. Production of this car will come out in late 2013. The price of one of these bad dudes starts at \$50,000.



Miranda Lambert

By: Julia Sparling

I am sure everybody has heard Miranda Lambert on the radio quite a bit lately, as I have. She released her last album in 2011 but some of the songs didn't become popular for a long time later such as "Fastest Girl in Town" and "Baggage Claim".

My favorite album of Lambert's is called "Revolution". This album is older and it came out in 2009 but some of her best songs are on it. "White Liar", "The House that Built Me", and "Only Prettier" are some of the best ones on that album. Lambert married Blake Shelton in 2011 around the same time her album was released. Even though they have very busy schedules, both being country singers, they work with it and are even seen singing karaoke together on YouTube on a few different occasions. Lambert is 29 years old, but just getting started.

