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Qualifying Students Attend Northern Science Fair

by: Haley Grandpre

Northwestern students proudly represented the NW science depart at the Northern State University Science Fair March 21. Most of the students came out with some sort of an award. The awards ranged from calculators to gym bags, but usually came with some organization's certificate praising their work.

In the junior high division, sixth-graders Jarret Haven and Caleb Schentzel both received a prize. Seventh-graders Darien Watson, Addison Sparling and Tyler Braun came home with awards, as well. Sparling and Braun place second in their categories. Also, eighth-grader Darby Duncan placed first in her category.

"I felt very surprised and happy to win!" Duncan said.

In the high school division, freshman Abby Fischbach received an award. For the

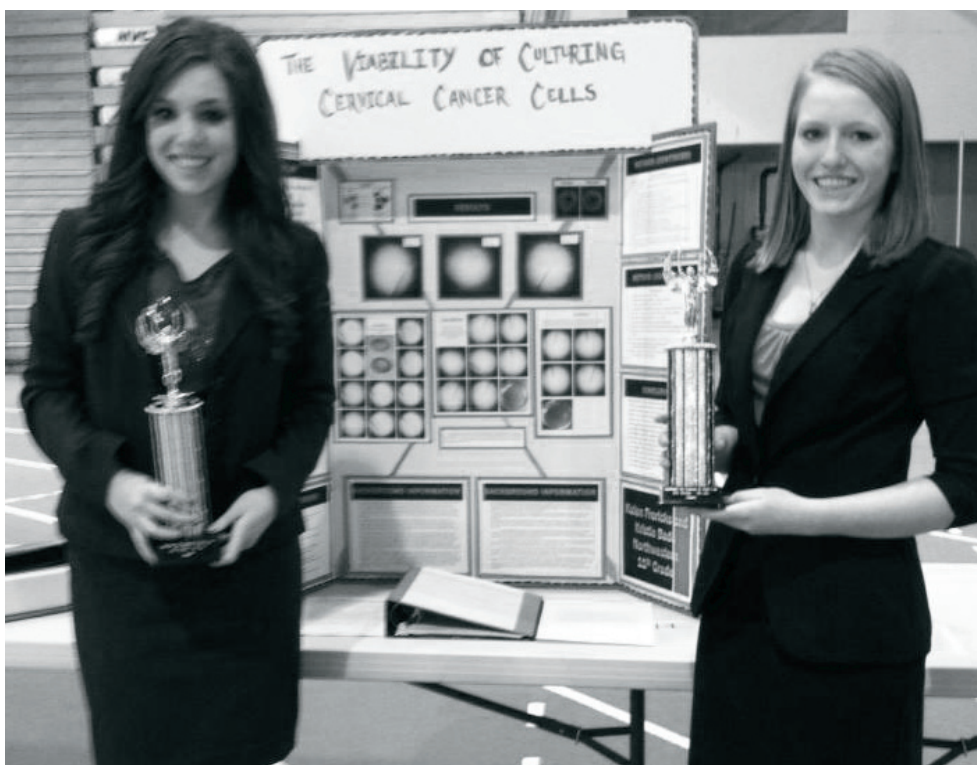
sophomores, Christine Morgan and Corbin Smith also received awards for their projects. Sophomore Blake Toennies got third in his category. In the junior class, Jeanna Duncan and Alyssa Steward, Jacob Heidenreich, and Nick Wood were

honored to receive awards as well. Junior Maddie Hahler received third in her category. In addition to these achievements, the junior team of Kristie Bade and Kalen Frericks placed first in their category and are going to International Science Fair in

Phoenix, Ariz.

"We were really excited! When we started science fair during freshman year, we were with Josh Clemens, Amanda Finely and Ethan Steward, so we never thought it would be us to win! We would also like to thank Stanford for the materials and Mrs. Denise Clemens for the help and support throughout the year!" Bade and Frericks said.

That same day both science bowl teams competed at NSU. The high school team consisting of juniors Wood, Tyler Carda, Bade and Frericks placed first. This is the high school's second time in a row winning the contest. Also, the junior high division of science bowl consisting of freshmen Kate Finley and Andrea Rausch, seventh-grader Sadie VanderWal, and sixth-grader Jarret Haven placed third in their competition.



The first-place team of juniors Kalen Frericks and Kristie Bade qualified for the International Science Fair in Phoenix, Ariz.

Duncan Wins Dr. Dwayne Rehfeld Award

by: Maddie Hahler

Junior Jeanna Duncan won the Dr. Dwayne Rehfeld Award at the regional science fair at Northern State University on March 21. Duncan was nominated by Mrs. Denise Clemens, her chemistry and physiology teacher.

During the awards ceremony at the science fair, Duncan was shocked to learn that she had received the award.

"I am honored to have received this reward," Duncan said.

Duncan's award consists of \$300 toward Northwestern's science department, \$150 cash for her, \$150 for the Salvation Army in Aberdeen, a plaque

for the science room at Northwestern, and her name on the plaque of recipients at NSU.

To be nominated, the students must be involved in school activities, be involved in a higher science class and obtain good grades. The student must also be of high moral character and a good role model for other students. Duncan met all these requirements.

"Jeanna is a very deserving recipient of this award. The criteria was for someone with strong academic, leadership, and community service skills and Jeanna definitely meets these requirements," Mrs. Denise Clemens said.



Duncan and Mrs. Denise Clemens

Students Attend Women in Science Conference

by: *Hannah Palmer*

Northwestern girls attended the Women in Science conference at Northern State University in March. This conference had many speakers, but the main speaker was a nutritionist this year. Other speakers included forensic scientists, an agronomist and many other women involved in medical-related careers.

This conference provided girls

with opportunities to see many different science careers. Women in Science was an all-day event that showed the students who attended the fun-filled day on many different job choices.

"I thought it was very informative and interesting to see the women succeed in their careers," sophomore Halle Sieve said.

Women in Science is great for girls to take a day to reflect on the women who have been deter-

mined to work hard to succeed in their careers. The female speakers encouraged the students to take charge in the science world, no matter how male-dominated. It was a great conference for the girls and should inspire them to keep making a difference in science.

"It was fun learning about the different careers in science," sophomore Jordon Peterson said.



Eighth-grader Josie Clemens, sophomores Jordon Peterson and Kennedy Sparling and freshman Madison Styles wait patiently for the speaker to begin.

High School Math Students Compete at LRC

by: *Cara Spielman*

The Lake Region Conference was on Wednesday, March 20, at the Strode Center Presentation College. Eighth-grader Derek Boekelheide, freshman Rachael Boekelheide, sophomores Corbin Smith and Halle Sieve and juniors Skylar Sorensen, Jeanna Duncan and Nick Wood competed in the LRC.

"It was exciting seeing people we know do well. Go Derek!" Sieve said.

D. Boekelheide and R. Boekel-

heide competed in the Algebra I division. Smith and Sieve competed in the geometry division. Sorensen competed in the Algebra II division. Duncan and Wood competed in the senior math division. D. Boekelheide placed third in the Algebra I division and R. Boekelheide received eighth place in the Algebra I division. Smith placed seventh in the geometry division.

"It was a fun experience, especially because it was my first time going," R. Boekelheide said.

Boekelheide Places 9th at Math Counts

by: *Cara Spielman*

Eighth-grader Derek Boekelheide won ninth place individually in the state Math Counts contest in Pierre on Saturday, March 9.

In the entire competition, 40-50 middle school students from all over the state competed against Boekelheide. Some of the cities that the competing students came from were Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Pierre, Brookings and Aberdeen.

"It was fun competing with all the other competitors in the compe-

tion. Math Counts is awesome," Boekelheide said.



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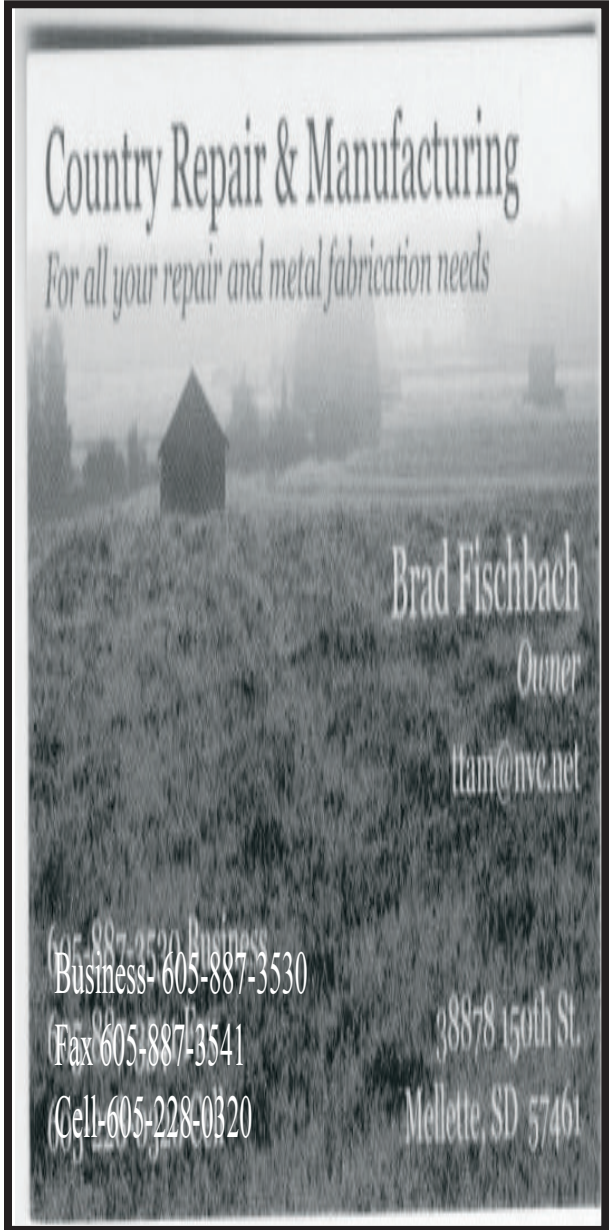
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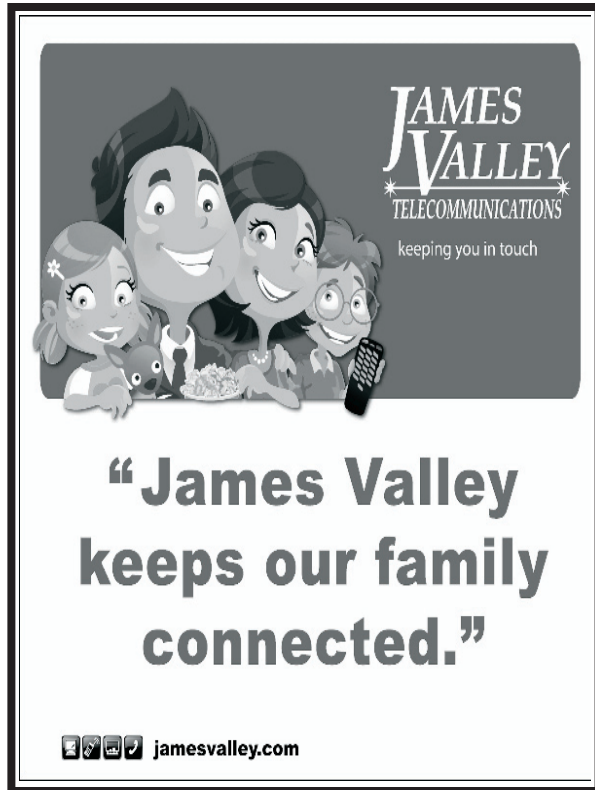
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Hahler's Design Wins Women in Science Contest

by: Haley Grandpre

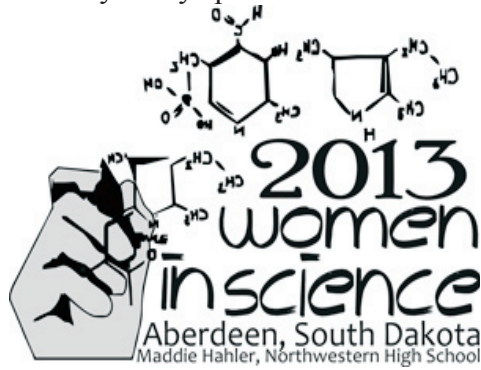
Junior Maddie Hahler won the Women Design Contest. Many people participated in making a design, such as junior Kristie Bade and eighth-grader Josie Clemens. In the end, Hahler won the grand prize of a mini iPad and one of her own designed T-shirts, given to her at the Women in Science conference.

She had some criteria though when making it. The design could only be two colors, it had to fit the women and design rules, and she to have it done by a certain deadline, as it would be in the professional world. This is Hahler's second year in a row winning this T-shirt design contest!

"I am honored to receive this award, especially for the competi-

tion I had. Kristie and Josie had some pretty great designs, too," Hahler said.

Every year, the Women in Science "logo" or design for that year is put on T-shirt and are given as door prizes to some of the female students who participate at the end of the fun-filled day at the Women in Science conference. The T-shirts are also worn by every speaker and adviser.



Fourth-graders Field Trip to Redfield to See a Play

by: Hannah Palmer

The fourth-graders attended a play in Redfield last week. This play was about the Wizard of Oz, and Hailie Stuck was starred in the performance.

"It was really good. I liked it," fourth-grader Seth Heidenreich said.

Hailie Stuck played a munchkin, and two of the days, she also played a witch. The fourth-graders took this day to learn about the arts and drama. This play provided the students the opportunity to learn about the arts and to see a fellow student in action.

"It was funny, but there were some sad parts, too," fourth-

grader Hunter Shipke said.

This experience will hopefully inspire some youngsters to be involved in drama and oral interp when they start high school. This was a great experience for the fourth-graders.

"I liked it a lot. I was a sneezy munchkin, and two of the other days, I was a mini witch. I really want to be in another play, even if I have to play a boy!" fourth-grader Hailie Stuck said.

The students enjoyed the entire play, but many thought that seeing one of their peers as a munchkin in the performance was the best part.

Sieve and Grandpre Win Voice of Democracy Contest



by: Jordon Peterson

Sophomores Haley Grandpre and Halle Sieve received \$100 and a certificate for winning the Voice of Democracy speech contest sponsored by the Redfield VFW. Students recorded their speeches on democracy for this contest as part of sophomore English.

"It is nice to know that my hard work paid off," Sieve said.

The students then sent in their voice recordings to be judged and the top two students in the class placed. Sieve received first place and Grandpre second.

"Well, it was the first speech of the year so it was difficult, and I hate how my voice sounds on recording. But it was all worth it when I got second place," Grandpre said.

Kindergarten -8th Grade Attend Dakota Assembly

by: Haley Grandpre

The Dakota Assembly took place Monday, March 4, at Northwestern School for grades K-8. The assembly involved Matt Baker, who came in and did magic tricks. The students were really enter-

tained by all the tricks he could do. He travels all over the country performing for many different age groups. He performs such acts like balancing a bowling ball on top of his head, juggling and many other different things that entertained the

students.

"My favorite part was the Amish motorcycle. He was really funny! Also he did really cool tricks. Derek Boekleheide said he reminded him of Justin Timberlake, and I partially agree with that," said

eighth-grader Dawson Smith.

All the students thought Baker was a very talented individual, and were all really entertained by his tricks he performed for them.

Students surely benefitted academically from this presentation.

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FBLA Students Host Second Blood Drive

by: Julia Sparling

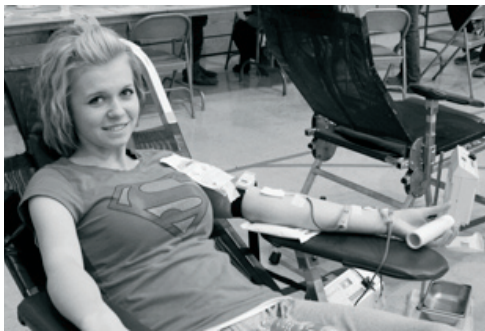
The Future Business Leaders of America blood drive held March 19 proved successful. Students seventeen and older were allowed to sign up to give a blood donation. Students who were seventeen were required to have their parents sign a permission slip.

Many people gave doubles because they were able to do so. However, there were many people that wanted to, but were not able because of various reasons. Cookies, fruit and juice were available for those recovering donors. Students were required to wait at least 15 minutes before returning to class.

"I waited forever, but it was worth it to potentially save somebody's life," sophomore Hans Leonhardt, who gave a double, said.

A blood drive is a good way to give back to people who need it, and FBLA will hopefully be putting them on for years to come.

"For having a snow day a day before, it was a good turnout. Around 40 people were able to donate blood. For a last-minute blood drive, a lot of people showed up!" Mrs. Frericks, the FBLA adviser said.



Junior Maddie Hahler gives blood for the first time.

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6th Grade: Straight A: Caitlyn Fischbach, Jarret Haven, Caleb Schentzel; "A": Gavin Bohl, Riley Grandpre; "B": Moira Duncan, Zachary Toennies, Seth Wood.

7th Grade: Straight A: Peyton Groft, Jaidyn Kramp, Sadie Vander Wal, Darien Watson; "A": Megan Heidenreich; "B": Tyler Braun, Mackenzie Engels, Hunter Neiber, Evy Peterson, Addison Sparling.

8th Grade: Straight A: Derek Boekelheide, Josephyne Clemens, Christian Warcken; "A": Darby Duncan; "B": Kyler Johnson, Austen Wiman.

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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.

Hub Area has garden shed's for sale at \$1,800. They are 8 x 12 with a roll up door.

Hub Area was broken into and vandalized. Repairs are being made. The perpetrator was arrested.

The Dakota Step Test will have approximately 40 questions that align with the common core standards.

Fairness was last month's character trait. 50% of the students participated and received their paw patch.

Elementary teacher evaluations should be completed this month.

Tonya Harmon was hired as the preschool aide.

2 school board positions will expire and will be up for re-election/election. Petitions may be taken out on April 9, 2013.

The NW Staff had a lock down training last Thursday. Emergency management personnel were involved in the training of what should be done in the event of an armed intruder in the

school.

For next fall, there are 12 girls signed up for competition cheer and dance. There are also 6 girls signed up for football sideline cheer.

Approved use of facilities to the Relay for Life on April 5 & 6 for their vendor fair.

Invited the Teacher's to Negotiate 13-14 Contracts at the April 8th school board meeting.

The future of the wrestling coop program was discussed. At this point NW is planning on participating but no action was taken.

Discussed increasing the minimum activity guidelines code of conduct for extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to Student of the Month, Landon Fischbach.

Congratulations to Derek Boekelheide for his 9th place at the middle school state math counts contest.

Congratulations to all the science fair winners.

Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of March 17, 2013.

Girls' Team Fights to the End

by: Cara Spielman

Wildcats Defeat Langford

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team sneaked by Langford 49-46 on Feb. 21 at the Civic Arena in Aberdeen. Senior Ashley Clemens led the team's scoring with 18 points. Both Clemens and eighth-grader Josie Clemens had four assists out of 13. Josie Clemens received 10 out of 30 rebounds. Ashley Clemens had four out of 13 steals.

Wildcats Fall to Warner

The Northwestern Wildcats girl's basketball team lost to Warner 36-57 on Feb. 23 in the District 2B Championship at the Aberdeen Civic Arena. Senior Ashley Clemens led the team's scoring with 14 points and had seven total rebounds. Eighth-grader Darby Duncan dished out two assists. Eighth-grader Josie Clemens had two steals. The Wildcats finish the season 9-12.

Boys' Team Ends Season

by: Shay Clemensen

Wildcats Fall to Patriots

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots on the night of Feb. 15, 42-71. The Wildcats had 30 total rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team with six offensive and eight defensive rebounds. Senior Silas Franco and senior Ray Lerew both followed with three total rebounds. Out of the 42 total points that Northwestern scored, Fischbach led the team with 18 total points. Freshman Dylan Miles followed with nine points. The Wildcats had 10 total assists. Lerew, Fischbach and sophomore Corbin Smith each had two assists. Northwestern had nine total steals. Franco led the team with four steals. Senior Evan Finley followed with two.

Leola/Frederick Defeats Northwestern

Northwestern boys' basketball lost to Leola/Frederick on the opening night the district tournament on Feb. 25, 18-36. The Wildcats had 40 total rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team in rebounds with five offensive and nine defensive. Junior Nathan Palmer followed with nine offensive and one defensive rebound. Senior Ray Lerew, Palmer and Fischbach all had six points. The team had three total assists. Lerew, senior Silas Franco and senior Evan Finley each had one. The Wildcats had a total of four steals. Lerew led the team with four steals. The Wildcats finished the season 3-15.



Kimberly Miles



Ray Lerew



Courtlen Lechner



Silas Franco

The journalism class would like to thank those who bought cookie dough. All proceeds go toward the cost of printing the school newspaper. Your support is so appreciated!

Meet the Track Athletes...



Landon Fischbach



Ashley Clemens



Nathan Palmer



Delbert Leonhardt



Jacob Heidenreich



Nathan Frericks



Jeanna Duncan



Tyler Carda



Kennedi Sparling



Julia Sparling



Jordon Peterson



Hannah Palmer



Zachary Duncan



Logan Schentzel



Elizabeth Heidenreich



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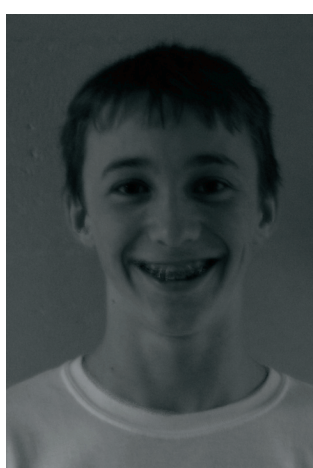
Kirstin Borge



Trey Bierman



Darby Duncan



Derek Boekelheide



Josie Clemens



Peyton Groft

Are the "cliques" at Northwestern having a positive or negative effect?

Con

by: Haley Grandpre

Cliques are a huge problem in BIG schools, but we do tend to get them even around the Northwestern School.

Cliques are classified as groups that tend to be a certain type of group. Like the jocks, the smart kids, etc. Cliques can harm the school system. It causes tension between classes.

Everybody has the one group that they fit in with. We have them in the NW school. I wish we could get away from the clique situations and just all be friends.

Other problems that come up with the cliques is when the cliques colloid, such as the sports. When you have the different sports there will be the ones that want to play sports and the ones that want to try, but do not care as much. This affects the teams' out-

come.

There is a lot of tension that comes about when some of the members on the team want to actually win, and there are students that are just there for "their friends." Also the students who do not play sports bring tension between the ones who do play sports.

Cliques really do bring up a huge problem in schools. I wish high school students would just all try to get along and not have cliques. Why can't we just all be equal and not have students that think they are better than those others. That is when fights happen in school.

Overall cliques are somewhat a problem in high schools. We should try to move past the cliques and all learn to get along.

Pro

by: Jordan Peterson

In my personal opinion, I do not think that our school has a problem with cliques.

I would have to agree that we do have somewhat different "groups" of people in our school. Even though we have these groups, it is not necessarily a problem.

My theory is that these groups are not intentionally established. Most people think that these groups are created by what social class you are, but we do not have this problem at our school.

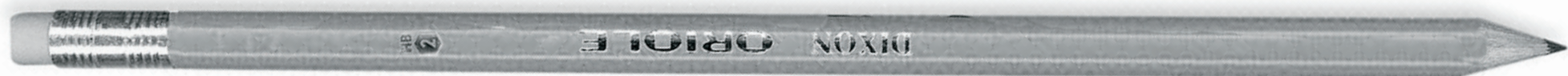
I think that at our school, these "groups" are mainly formed from the types of activities that each person is interested in. Most people who participate in sports are friends with people who share the same interests and activities. This includes any hobbies that the students enjoy. Be-

cause you participate in the same activities, you are often spending more time with these people, and you tend to bond more with them and that is how these groups form.

I think that even though these cliques form, they still do get along. Every once in a while, we will have controversy, but there is bound to be controversy between people in every school whether there are cliques or not.

Cliques can be a good thing because you have your close friends that you get along with better than other people. These groups just form because of what interests people share, not how popular someone is.

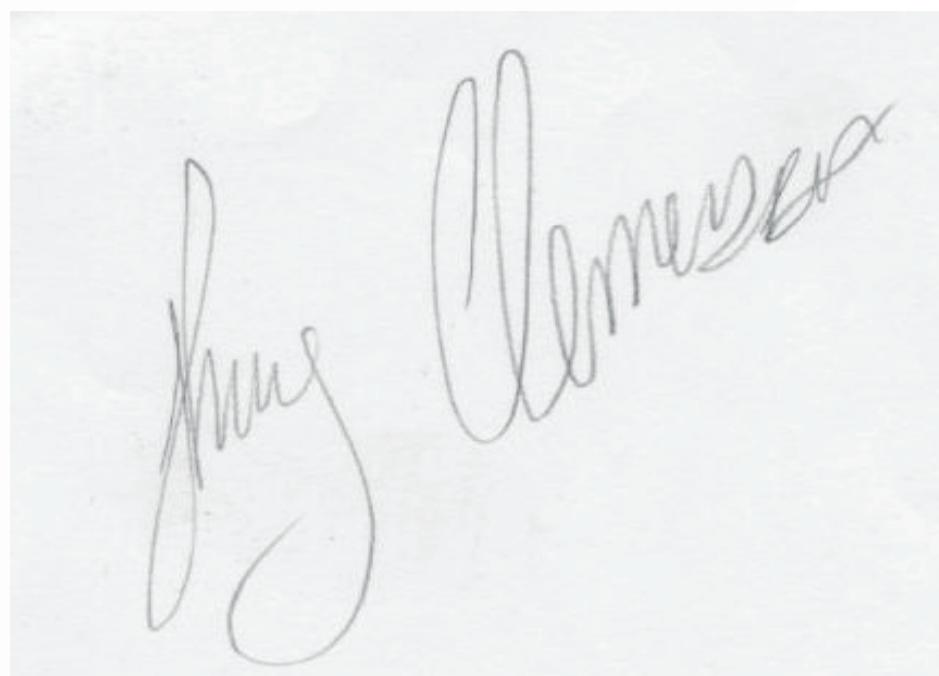
Overall, our school does have cliques, but it is not a bad thing in our school's situation. Cliques may keep the drama down and the friendships up!



Shay's Words of Advice to the Freshmen

by: Shay Clemensen

I know this year we have a drug and alcohol counselor at school. The only thing that she should be working on during school is preventing students from starting to do drugs. If you do have a drug or alcohol problem, I'm not saying that you shouldn't go to her. I am saying don't start them in the first place. Having a drug and alcohol counselor is not an invitation to do drugs. Drug-free is the way to be.



Congratulations to our Girls State, Boys State and Journalism City Representatives:



Journalism City:
Maddie Hahler

Girls State:
Kristie Bade
Kalen Frericks

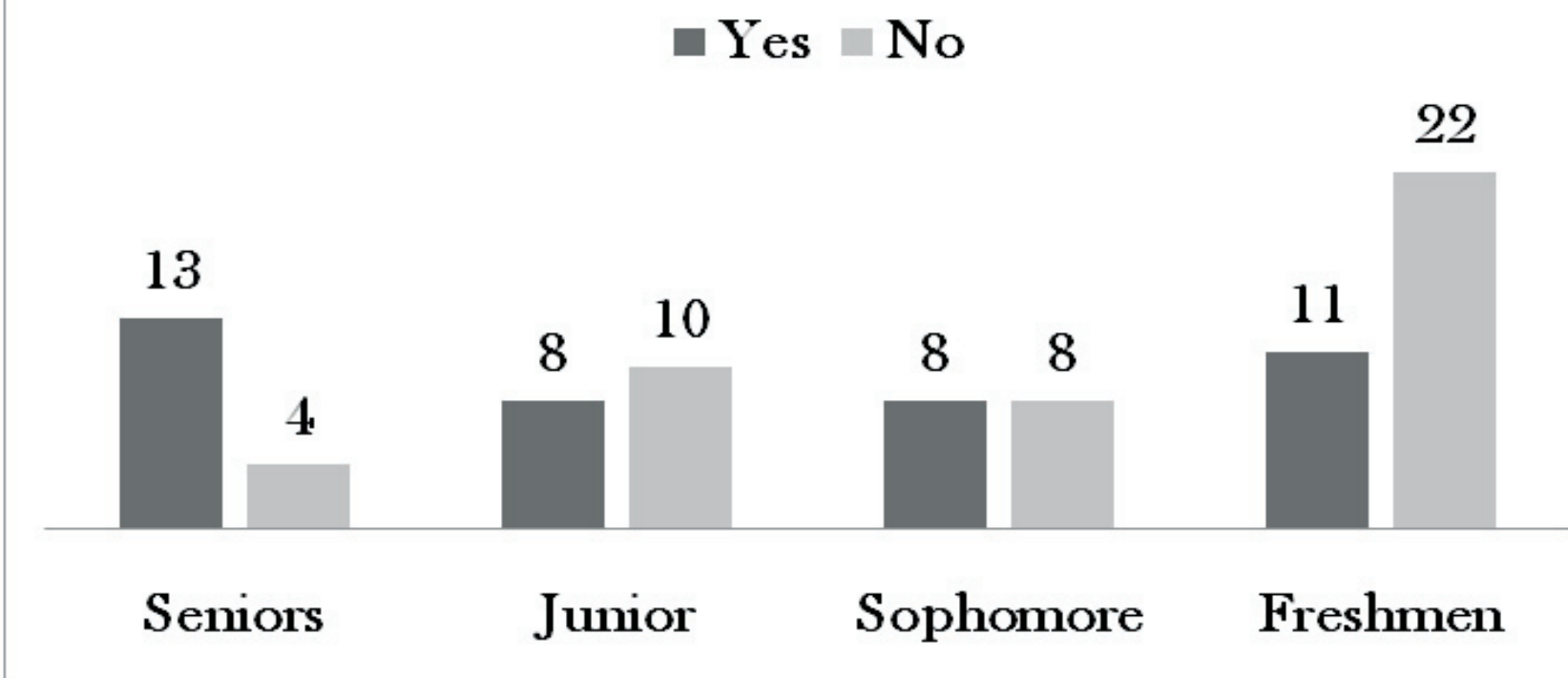
Boys State:
Tyler Carda

Congratulations to Clemens, Boekelheide and Vander Wal for receiving perfect scores on their Dakota STEP tests!

Eighth-graders Derek Boekelheide and Josie Clemens received perfect score on their math portions of the Dakota State Tests of Educational Progress. Seventh-grader Sadie Vander Wal received a perfect score on the reading portion.



Does Northwestern have a clique problem?



Top Ten Places to Hide an Easter Egg

10. In a shoe
9. Mr. Boone's chicken coop
8. In the toilet paper roll
7. The dog house
6. In a bird's nest
5. The Burmuda Triangle
4. Next to the missing seven minutes of Water Gate
3. In Pope Francis' hat
2. In Brayden's office
1. Inside the Ark of the Covenant

Do you think Northwestern has a clique problem?



“Kind of, Sports people spend more time with each other, so they become closer,” seventh-grader Jaidyn Kramp said.



“Yes, there’s a serious problem, and we need to address it,” senior Kimberly Miles said.



“Yes, especially in my class,” freshman Hunter Lerew said.



“Kind of because I don’t like some of the freshmen,” sophomore Colton Zens said.



“Yes, every school has cliques,” Mr. Jerry Sauer said.

In the Elementary...

Who is your best friend?



“Christopher Toennies,” third-grader Brandon Toennies said.



“Jaidyn Forsyth,” fourth-grader Hayden Bohl said.

“Ella Haven,” second-grader Kelly Miles said.



“Dylan Rush,” fifth-grader Eric Nelson said.



Student of the Month



Landon Fischbach

by: Maddie Hahler

The Student of the Month for February is senior Landon Fischbach. His parents are Ed and Joell Fischbach. He has two siblings, Austin and Alyssa.

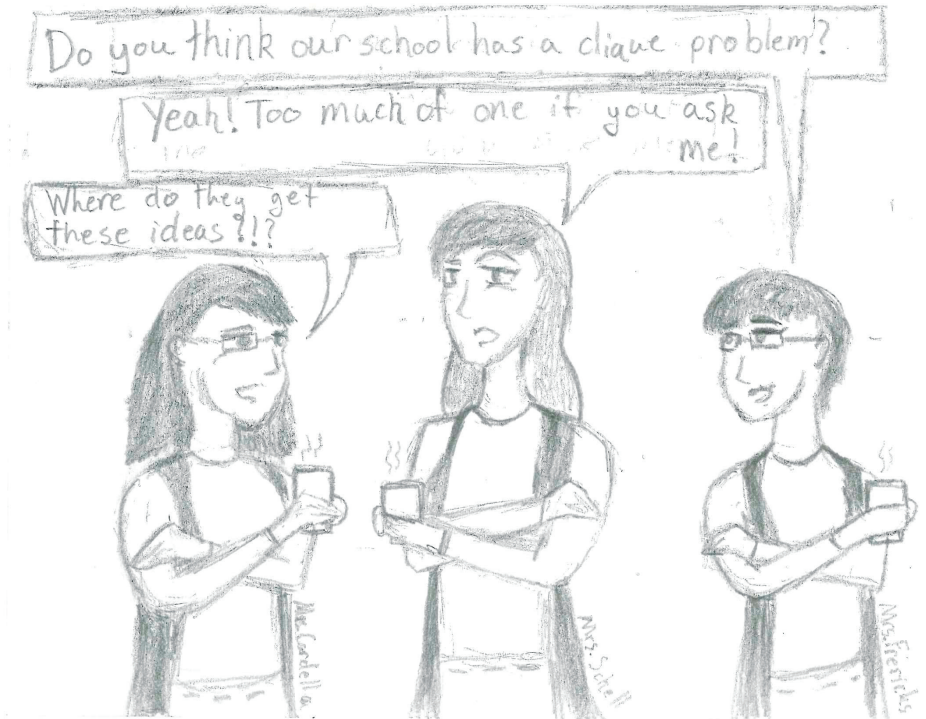
Fischbach participates in FCA, basketball, football, track and field, baseball, and choir. Fischbach is FBLA President and student council secretary/treasurer. In his free time, Fischbach watches ESPN athletics, hunts, works out and watches movies.

Fischbach plans to attend Dakota Wesleyan University, play basketball and major in business administration with an emphasis in finance.

His favorite quote is "When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps," -Confucius. His role model Adrian Peterson, and his favorite class is AP English.

Fischbach's most embarrassing moment was dropping his root beer float in front of a few thousand people in Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Comic
drawn
by:
Kate
Finley



April Horoscopes



♈ Aries - Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

Don't let what you want to do overshadow what you need to do. Make sure your priorities are lined up correctly. Take responsibility.

♉ Taurus - Apr. 20 - May 20

Spend some time hanging out at home with the family. Take some time to get to know your loved ones better. Push those "friends" away that are trying to pull you down.

♊ Gemini - May 21 - June 20

Don't get stressed over things that you cannot do anything about. Adjust your habits and way of doing things to encompass new things.

♋ Cancer - June 21 - July 22

Your health is on your mind this month. Take some time to do some research and/or see a doctor about what has been troubling you. It may not be as bad as you think!

♌ Leo - July 23 - Aug. 22

Praise your friends! They need positive reinforcement. Show your appreciation by doing something special for those close to you.

♍ Virgo - Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Tension arises between loved ones. Intervene and shed much needed light. Your caring personality will help smooth things over. Much luck awaits you!

♎ Libra - Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Take on a couple small jobs to make that extra cash you need. The work will be rewarding and you may make a new friend. Don't wait on others to bail you out!

♏ Scorpio - Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

When you receive surprising news, don't freak out or you will risk sounding like a whiner. Adapt as well as possible. Things will work out in your favor.

♐ Sagittarius - Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Energy levels are low right now. Take some time to yourself and just let your bad mood run its course. Enrich your mind while you wait to reenergize.

♑ Capricorn - Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Spend some time with animals. Furry friends will help take away some of the stress that has been building up over the past few weeks.

♒ Aquarius - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't let your vanity mask your charming personality. Tone down your appearance and just be yourself. You will charm the crowd!

♓ Pisces - Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

A decision you made a while back will come back to haunt you. Don't make the same mistake twice. Family members will offer a helping hand.

Cadillac ELR

By: Shay Clemensen

The new Cadillac ELR is the new cousin to the Chevrolet Volt. When Cadillac decided to make their own electric car they decided to have the same format as the Volt, but the ELR will have the luxury Cadillac look and appearance to it.

This new ELR will not be a normal family car, the starting price starts at around \$60,000 Cadillac has yet to come out with the exact MSRP. Since it is an electric car there will be a large tax reduction. I probably would be about \$50,000. The interior will look like a futuristic space ship with all electronic gauges.



Carrie Underwood

By: Julia Sparling

Carrie Underwood found her road to fame from a TV show "American Idol". She won the fourth season while competing against Bo Bice. Her fame has dramatically increased since 2005 and she has had numerous songs that shot to the top of the charts rather quickly.

Her biggest song was "Blown Away" which came out recently in 2012. She is on her Blown Away tour right now and I personally think she is amazing. She is absolutely gorgeous and has an incredible voice and it helps that we saw her try out for American Idol at such a young age. Now, she is 30 years old still making amazing music. She has many more years ahead of her because her biggest hits have just started playing on the radio.



Safe Haven

By: Hannah Palmer

Safe Haven was a very good movie. The romance between Katie (Julianne Hough) and Alex (Josh Duhamel) grows as Katie is trying to escape her old life and start a new beginning! This movie keeps you interested by the romance and adventure!

This is not just a chick flick; it has great story lines and is appropriate for any gender. I thought this movie was very heartfelt. This movie has an amazing ending that will surprise you! Overall, this movie is a great movie if you want romance and adventure. It's not just a love story but also a great story! I suggest teens will enjoy this movie the best, because it is perfect for a girl's night out or a date! This movie is great, and it was one of my favorite movies this year!



Cherry Berry



By: Haley Grandpre

Cherry Berry is a newly opened frozen yogurt shop in Aberdeen. Cherry Berry is similar to Orange Leaf, but in my view it is much better. They have a lot more toppings to choose from. Also the frozen yogurt choices have a lot more variety of kinds. If you are a fruit lover, they have tons of fruit-flavored yogurt and fruit toppings. If you are interested in chocolate, there are tons of chocolate flavors plus toppings.

Cherry Berry offers a lot of things. On Tuesdays it is called Logo Tuesday. If you come to Cherry Berry with one of their signature bracelets, you will get money off of the cost of your yogurt.

Also, two of our very own Northwestern students, seniors Calli Peterson and Kimberly Miles, now have jobs working at Cherry Berry. So stop in and see them and try out of the wonderful yogurt and toppings they have to offer.