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Journalism Staff Earns Double All-State Awards

by: Hannah Palmer

The Northwestern journalism students attended the 2012 South Dakota High School Press Convention in Brookings and won two awards: All-State Newspaper (with Mrs. Nora Groft adviser and senior Calli Peterson and junior Madison Hahler editors) and All-State Yearbook (with Mrs. Nora Groft, adviser and 2012 graduates Laine Mielke and Haley Wetzler editors). Students who attended were sophomores Haley Grandpre (business manager), Jordon Peterson (program manager), Julia Sparling (photographer), senior Shay Clemensen (staff member) and junior Maddie Hahler (newspaper editor). Peterson was unable to attend because of FBLA duties.

"It was fun! My favorite part was eating at Buffalo Wild Wings and Cherry Berry," Grandpre said.

The workshop started at 10 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m. This workshop showed the journalism students different styles to apply to the yearbook. The students listened to four guest speakers. The guest speakers demonstrated how

to construct a great yearbook with different styles and apply different techniques. Each schools' papers and yearbooks were judged and awarded accordingly.

"I am very proud that the staff and I were awarded this magnificent award. We work hard in trying to provide a sufficient, informative newspaper," senior Calli Peterson said.

Every year the South Dakota High School Press Association hands out the All-State Newspaper and All-State Yearbook awards. The Northwestern students walked away with one of each.

"Winning these awards makes the hard work throughout the year worth it," Hahler said.

Adviser Nora Groft agreed.

"Our students take a lot of criticism for their work, so it's nice to have a day that celebrates their successes rather than points out their errors," Groft said. "I am proud of the publications these students produce."



Northwestern journalism students, Hahler, Sparling, Grandpre, Peterson, and Clemensen, received their All-State awards at SDSU.

Styles and Sparling Crowned Snow Queens

by: Julia Sparling

The 2012-2013 Snow Queen Festival was held on Saturday, Nov. 10. The girls experienced a fun-filled day of female bonding together. There were 11 girls out for junior snow queen and four girls out for senior snow queen.

In the morning, they had interviews where the girls would go into a room with three judges and answer questions about themselves. The rest of the day the girls continued bonding together and rehearsed. At 7 p.m. that night, the contestants walked across the stage in their beautiful dresses. Madison Styles was crowned the 2012-2013 Northwestern Junior Snow Queen; Allison Braun took first runner-up.

"I'm honored to represent Northwestern at State Snow Queen. I had a blast compet-

ing against the tough competition," freshman Madison Styles said.

After the junior snow queen was crowned, the kindergartners had their time in the spot light while the audience learned a little

about each of them. After that, Frosty was unmasked and spectators discovered him to be Shannon Kettering.

Talent performers included juniors Alyssa Steward and Jeanna

Duncan and Kalen Frericks for senior talent. For junior talent, sophomore Christine Morgan, freshman Andrea Rausch and sophomore Tessa Rush and freshman Elizabeth Heidenreich. Winners for talent were Frericks with her guitar and vocal solo, and Morgan with her vocal and ukulele solo.

Finally, it came time for the main event. Senior Kaitlyn Sparling was crowned the 2012-2013 Northwestern Snow Queen, and senior Kelsey Hoellein took first runner up. The girls said it was a good experience for them all!

"It feels great, and it was a really great experience. I was really surprised when I was chosen, and I'm very excited to go to state," senior Kaitlyn Sparling said.



Kalen Frericks, Kelsey Hoellein, Kaitlyn Sparling, Madison Styles, Allison Braun and Christine Morgan won the events at the snow queen contest this year.

Art Students Visit NSU for Art Workshop

by: *Sophie Kranhold*

On Friday, Nov. 9, third and fourth year art students seniors Sarah Franco and Kimberly Miles, and juniors Kalen Frericks, Matt Fischbach, Alyssa Steward, Donna Harmon, and Maddie Hahler went with Mrs. Jennifer Shell to the 19th Annual High School Workshop at the Northern State University. The students had the ability to tour many northern art classrooms like the woodshop and drawing areas.

"I really enjoyed the entire experience. I learned a lot about different areas of art, and I got to tour through the Northern arts department," junior Alyssa Steward said.

The workshop day was designed to allow students the opportunity to visit campus and take part in activities presented by University faculty. The activities included drawing, painting, animation, rope-making, graffiti, and photography. Students were able to pick two workshops to attend. Most found the "photograms with light" workshop very interesting because they were able to have a first-hand experience with a black room. The students were allowed to take home their creations.

Students who sent artwork included Miles, Hahler, Franco and Steward. During the awards ceremony, Hahler received hon-

orable mention for her piece titled "Dripping Disclosure."

"Maddie's painting is the kind of art that makes you stop and think. The painting makes you wonder what is going on in the artist's head," said Mrs. Jennifer Shell, art teacher.

All together, it was a great experience for the students. Students said they enjoyed their day on campus, and the juniors can't wait to go again next year.



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Chorus Students Attend All-State

by: *Sophie Kranhold*

Juniors Kalen Frericks, Alyssa Steward, Tyler Carda and senior Landon Fischbach had been practicing for six weeks every other day during the 30-minute chorus period. They have worked very hard on a handful of difficult songs. All members, including the alternates junior Skylar Sorenson, freshman Rachael Rausch, and freshman Madison Styles, have put a lot of effort into achieving the greatest skill levels prior to all-state.

"I love to sing. Life is a soundtrack and I think people need to appreciate that more," said junior Kalen Frericks.

On Oct. 26, the students, along with Mr. Duncan, headed out for Rapid City. Around 950 students from different districts in South Dakota practiced the whole day from about 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday, they practiced from about 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"(I enjoyed) the concert and seeing how people cared to watch and listen," senior Landon Fischbach said.

On Oct. 27, the concert group of people. it sounded started at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The awesome," junior Alyssa Steward said.

chorus sang five songs; they sang three songs together with the orchestra. The favorite song of our students was "The Awakening".

"I really enjoyed singing with a huge



Mr. Doug Duncan, Tyler Carda, Landon Fischbach, Alyssa Steward and Kalen Frericks attend All-State Chorus.

Oral Interp Students Perform at Districts

by: *Cara Spielman*

On Wednesday Nov. 7, the oral interp students performed their pieces at districts held at Northern State University. Students who performed were senior Calli Peterson, juniors Nik Wood, Maddie Hahler, and Luther Johnson, sophomores Halle Sieve and Blake Toennies, and freshmen Kate Finley and Allison Braun. The results of this performance determined which pieces would advance to regions.

"At districts, we had a lot of tough competition. The other teams really brought it this year," Hahler said.

Peterson, Wood and Finley advanced to regions. Peterson and Wood performed a duet called "Who's on First?" and Finley advanced with her solo piece, "Ode to My Morning Cup of Coffee." Wood also advanced with his solo piece, "Seinlanguage."

"Even though our reader's

theater did not advance to regions, I am very proud of all of them," Mrs. Michelle Stuck said.

Regions was held on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Region results determined which pieces would advance to state oral interp.

Despite their efforts, Peterson and Wood sadly did not advance to state with their duet, nor did Finley with her solo. However, Wood advanced to state with his solo piece.



State oral interp will be held on Friday, Nov. 30 in Yankton.

Program Honors Veterans

by: *Jordon Peterson*

On Nov. 12, Northwest-ern students grades K-12 and others from the community gathered in the big gym for the annual Veterans Day Program. The program is organized every year in the school gymnasium, so students can be

educated about Veterans Day.

The program started off with a snare drum solo by senior Evan Finley during the posting of the colors by the Brentford American Legion Auxillary girls. Next, a trumpet quartet including juniors Jeanna Duncan and Kalen

Frericks, sophomore Kennedy Sparling and freshman Madison Styles played the national anthem. Shortly after, Kelsey Hoellien read a poem and Frericks sang "Home" by Dierks Bently.

Guest speaker Barb Vetter, American Legion Auxillary

President, gave a meaningful speech. In addition, the third, fourth and fifth graders sang "A Grateful Nation" while being instructed by Mrs. Wendy Thorson. To close the program, the Brentford American Legion Auxillary retired the colors.

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MathCounts Students Place at Contest

by: Maddie Hahler

Congratulations to the MathCounts team for their excellent performance at the Roncalli competition Nov. 14. In the eighth-grade division, Derek Boekelheide placed first, and the team placed second overall. In the seventh-grade division, Peyton Groft placed fifth.



Eighth-graders Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan, Christian Warcken and seventh-grader Groft enjoy MathCounts.

K-12 Students Attend The Archery Assembly

by: Cara Spielman

Aaron Cross came to Northwestern High School on Oct. 24 and talked to students about his life. Cross was in an accident that paralyzed him from the waist down, at the age of 19. He has full ability of his arms, but he cannot make a fist. He was a professional bicycle rider at a very young age.

He explained the back brace and how it makes a person stay in place and not move. He also explained his halo, which was a head-sized metal ring with spikes that went into his head. This halo was used to hold Cross's head in place after the accident.

Cross went to the Olympics for Archery four times and won a bronze medal in 2005. He puts the bow at the

edge of his wheelchair and pulls back the string with his teeth.

Senior Sarah Franco volunteered to give instructions to Cross to tell him where to shoot. Cross shattered the clay pigeon and almost split the arrow in two.

"His back story was very inspirational, and his archery skills were pretty intense," junior Nathan Palmer said.

Many students think that the best part of the assembly was when he wore two ties, one with a Tasmanian devil, and the other with Tabasco sauce bottle.

"I am crazy like the Tasmanian devil and hot and spicy like the Tabasco sauce," Cross said.

Motivational messages like these are meant to inspire NW students to succeed.

FBLA Officers Attend Conference

by: Hannah Palmer

The Future Business Leaders of America officers attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls. The officers that attended were senior Landon Fischbach (President), junior Nathan Frericks (Treasurer), junior Jacob Heiden-

reich (Parliamentarian), senior Kimberly Miles (Secretary), senior Calli Peterson (Vice President), junior Kalen Frericks (Reporter) and junior Alyssa Steward (Historian).

"It was a good experience, I met a lot of people. I would recommend it to next year's officers,"

senior Landon Fischbach said.

The leadership conference had speakers, and the students performed a lot of activities with the speakers. This conference showed the students ways to be a leader but to also be a good influence.

The conference was tons of fun

for the students, and they say next year's officers should go next time because it will provide a good experience.

"It was a lot of fun, and I met a lot of new people," Miles said.

Highlights from the School Board Meeting:

□ HATS is considering offering a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) program.

□ Bids for the house built by HATS will be accepted the last week of November. The bids will be opened at the December 17th HATS board meeting. 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.

□ There was only a 33% attendance rate at the middle school and high school conferences.

□ Elementary conference attendance was 97%.

□ Over \$2,500 of books were sold at the book fair. All proceeds go towards purchasing new books for the library.

□ This year the Character Counts program in the elementary will try to get every student involved. Each student will be able to earn a separate paw for each of the six character counts pillars. This month's pillar is Trustworthiness.

□ Recognized the volunteers for property & liability insurance purposes. This includes all volunteers who help at the school in the classroom and for all extra-curricular activities volunteers.

□ Congratulations to Senior Snow Queen, Kaitlyn Sparling and runner-up, Kelsey Hoellein. Also, Junior Snow Queen, Madison Styles and runner-up, Allison Braun. Talent winners were Kalen Frericks, senior division and Christine Morgan, junior division.

□ Congratulations to Student of the Month, Andrea Rausch.

□ Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country Team who placed 9th at the State Cross Country Meet in Huron (Peyton Groft 22nd, Josie Clemens 23rd, Darby Duncan 77th)

□ Congratulations to the NW Journalism Staff on being awarded All-State Honors for the Scratchin' Post newspaper and the Wildcat Yearbook at the Press Convention in Brookings.

□ Congratulations to the winners of the "Above the Influence" Poster contest:
1st place: Nathan Palmer 10th-12th grade, Madison Styles 8th-9th grade; 2nd place: Halle Sieve 10th-12th grade, Andrea Rausch 8th-9th grade; 3rd place: Stephanie Hansen 10th-12th grade, Josie Clemens 8th-9th grade

□ Congratulations Landon Fischbach for being one of the top 10 state finalists for the Wendy's Heisman Award.

□ Congratulations to Kate Finley, Nik Wood, and Calli Peterson who advance to Region Oral Interp.

□ Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

□ The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of Nov. 18, 2012.

Wildcat Volleyball Loses District 2B Championship

by: Cara Spielman

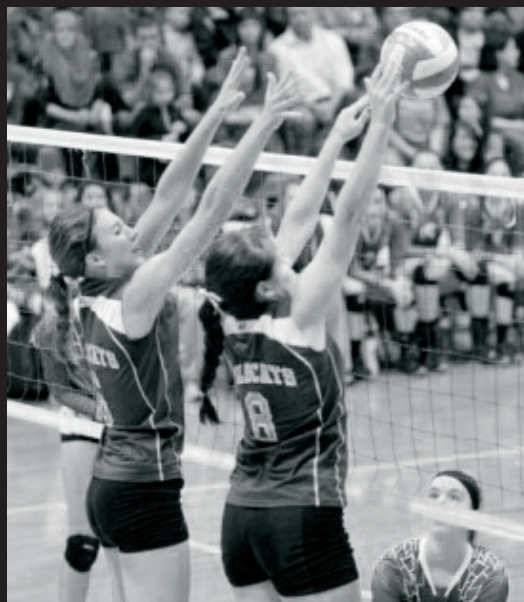
Northwestern defeats Hitchcock-Tulare

Northwestern defeated Hitchcock-Tulare in three sets, 25-10, 25-11, 25-16 on Oct. 25 in the semifinal round of the District 2B Tournament. NW served 64 of 74 with 14 aces. Sophomore Christine Morgan served 16 out of 18 with five aces. NW attacked 70 of 76 with 36 kills. Senior Ashley Clemens attacked 23 out of 23 with 14 kills. NW set 72 of 73 with 35 assists. Junior Jeanna Duncan set 64 out of 64 with 30 assists. Senior Kelsey Hoellein led the team's 32 digs with 10. NW blocked with two solo and four assists. Sophomore Jordon Peterson blocked with one solo and two assists.



Northwestern Falls short to Warner

Northwestern fell to Warner in three sets, 18-25, 21-25, 9-25 on Nov. 2 in the championship match of the District 2B Tournament. NW served 44 of 49 with four aces. Sophomore Kennedi Sparling served 10 out of 12 with two aces. NW attacked 70 of 85 with 23 kills. Senior Ashley Clemens attacked 29 out of 37 with 11 kills. NW set 79 of 79 with 20 assists. Junior Jeanna Duncan set 65 out of 65 with 15 assists. Sparling led the team's 32 digs with eight. Clemens led the team's blocking with two assists. The Wildcats finished the season 23-8.



Photos by: Roxanne Beardemphl

New Coach Begins Girls' Basketball Season

by: Sophie Kranhold

Northwestern has hired Jason Sparling as the new girls' basketball coach.

Sparling grew up on a farm in Athol, S.D. He graduated from Northwestern High School in 1992. His four sisters all played basketball at NW. Youngest sister Kennedi is a sophomore. Sparling had a scholarship to play basketball at Black Hills State University but decided to go to SDSU to pursue a major in veterinarian science.

Before now, Sparling was Vice-President of Link Snacks, Inc., which is a part Jack Links Beef Jerky; he was also their National Business Developer. The year before Sparling resigned, he spent 212 days in a hotel room traveling across the United States. His girls were

getting older, and he wasn't able to spend much time with them. His girls were more important than his job, so he quit to focus his efforts and enthusiasm on coaching girls' basketball in a school similar in size to NW. Sparling had a chance to be around his daughters and to help organize an entire girls' basketball program at the school.

When asked if he would be interested in coaching the Wildcat girls' basketball team, Sparling was excited. He said "yes" immediately, as this was a dream for him.

"This season should be an exciting season. We will not be very big down low but won't be shy shooting the ball from outside. I have one simple philosophy 'If you play defense you will play, If you don't, you

won't.' The girls will need to step up their work ethic, and if they do, they will be successful. We have good senior leadership this season, and I am looking forward to coaching them. We will need the sophomore class to step up this season since we have no juniors out."

His goal is to make the girls' basketball program as respected as the volleyball program.



Meet the Girls' Basketball Players...

by: Julia Sparling



Ashley Clemens
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Courtlen Lechner
Senior
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Kimberly Miles
Senior
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Junior
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Con

by: Maddie Hahler

The social networking system "Twitter" is an utter waste of time. Not only is it completely pointless, but it is also an oasis for creepers of all kinds! You have no control over who follows you, and people are almost never who they say they are.

Many times, I have noticed myself spending a large number of minutes reading pointless "tweets" instead of doing my homework. Yes, this means I have Twitter, but I rarely ever use it. I only look at my tweets if I am tagged in them. Anyway, I end up falling behind in my homework for the night and usually fall asleep. Luckily, I'm the type of person who can get up early and finish any incomplete work. Not all teens are this fortunate.

There are limitations to Twitter that Facebook doesn't have. On Facebook, a person can play games, look through pictures, see relationships and write directly to one person. On Twitter,

whatever you post is out there for everyone who follows you to see. There is no privacy. It's basically a bomb of drama waiting to explode at any given spark. Twitter also only allows your tweets to be 140 characters long. Statuses on Facebook have no limit.

The creepy thing about Twitter is half the people who follow you or you follow don't even know you! Many people think they are following celebrities or comedians, but in reality it's probably just some bored teenager in a different country under a fake name. Sounds illegal, right?

Twitter is very addictive. Some people get this crazy idea that everyone in the world wants to hear their every thought. News flash: they don't.

In conclusion, Twitter is not always a good thing. This social network is an addictive trap for the oblivious. Twitter is also full of creepers and gives its users zero privacy.

Pro

by: Haley Grandpre

Twitter is a social network connection. I have Twitter, and I enjoy it a lot. Twitter is basically a place to express your feelings. It also has many different accounts to follow. Some of the accounts include funny tweets, ones to help you with your love life and friends' accounts. The one thing about Twitter is you can follow whoever you want, but that do not have to follow you. It also works the other way, too. Friends can follow you, but you do not have to follow them. Also, the rule that you can follow anybody out there in the world comes in very handy for Julia Sparling, who is addicted to Justin Bieber.

Hash-tags are something you can put in the tweet. They are followed behind the num-

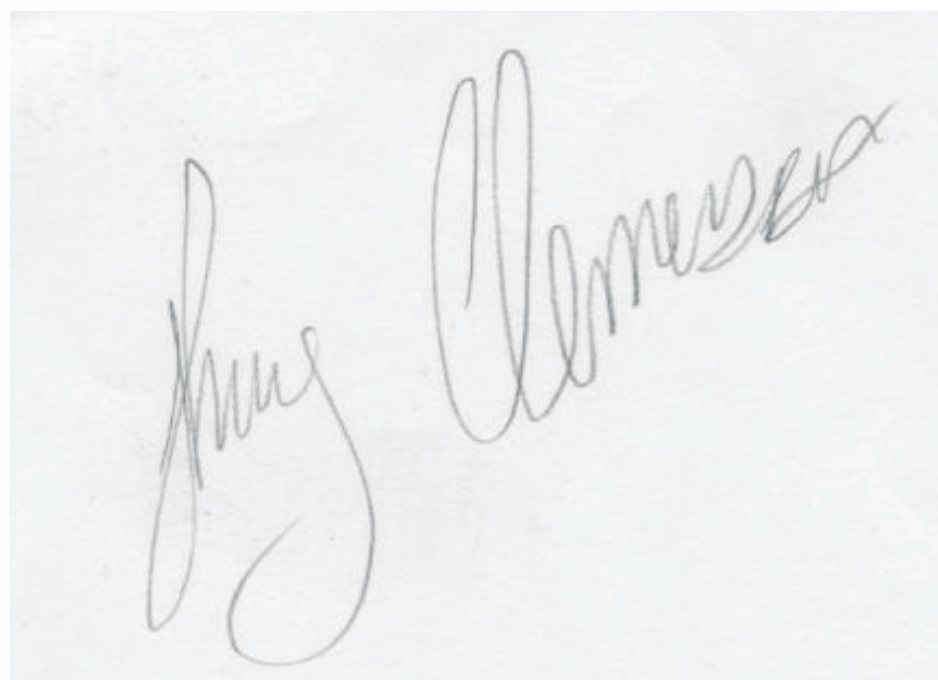
ber signs (#) in a tweet. They are used to mark a very important topic in the tweets. Twitter is not a bad thing to have. You just have to understand that with having a Twitter account that there are things out there that people tweet about that are not always the best. So, if you do not want to hear or see these things then don't get a Twitter account. If you want to have a good laugh, this is where to go when you are feeling down. Twitter is a fun place to just take time and see what is happening in the world. It is a good thing; there is nothing bad about Twitter, or having a Twitter account. It is like another Facebook, but in the Twitter world you don't have a whole status about your life. This is a place where you only have 140 characters to say what you want.



Shay's Words of Advice to the Freshmen

by: Shay Clemensen

Well this month, I am going to talk about something concerning everyone, not just freshmen. Many times though, the freshmen fail to listen to the people who come to our school to talk to us about making good decisions. Drinking alcohol as a young freshman is unacceptable and should be stopped. Parents should not give their children alcohol, either. If there are any parents reading this and don't like this subject, just remember I'm only giving advice. Receiving minors in high school is not okay, especially when students are six or seven years from being old enough to drink alcohol in the first place.



Comic
drawn
by:
Kate
Finley



HONOR ROLL:

Names are shown alphabetically:

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

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

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

12th Grade: Straight A: Landon Fischbach, Kelsey Hoellein, Kimberly Miles; "A": Calli Peterson; "B": Ashley Clemens, Shay Clemens, Evan Finley, Courtlen Lechner, Ray Lerew, Trevor Rush, Kaitlyn Sparling, Melissa Thompson.

JUNIOR HIGH:

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

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

8th Grade: Straight A: Derek Boekelheide, Josephyne Clemens, Christian Warcken; "A": NONE; "B": Darby Duncan, Kyler Johnson.

TOP TEN: Jordon Peterson's Greatest Journalism Quotes...

1. She was the good people!
2. Wait, so John Smith was Pocahontas' grandpa?!
3. How does a dinosaur get out of a pool? Root beer!
4. I can connect anything to anything else.
5. They aren't the laying chickens; they're the hatching chickens!
6. I can survive on my own!
7. Yesterday, I fell down the slippery, carpet stairs!
8. He got beat by nuns, then he played fast pitch softball, and then he almost fought Muhammad Ali!
9. A coyote is softer than a deer!
10. Everything makes sense!

What do you think about Twitter?



"I don't learn anything, but it gives me something to do," freshman Cameron Bohl said.



"It is overly time consuming and can be a negative thing," Mrs. Christy Cardella said.



"I think it is a waste of time," senior Kimberly Miles said.



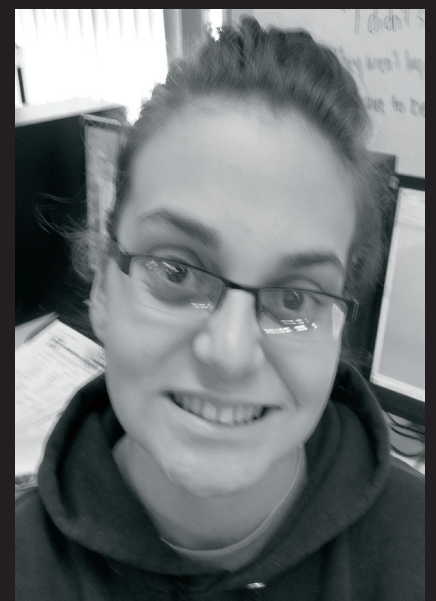
When Mrs. Anne Frericks was asked about her feelings toward Twitter, she just laughed.

In The Hallway... Whom do you follow on Twitter?

"Ron Burgundy," senior Shay Clemensen said.



"Brianna (Breezer) Dirks," sophomore Cara Spielman said.



"Earl Dibble Jr.," sophomore Corbin Smith said.



"Shawna Franco," senior Sarah Franco said.

Student of the Month



by: *Sophie Kranhold*

The Student of the Month in November is Andrea Rausch. Her parents are Glen and Sarah Rausch. She has three siblings, Rachel, Cody and Logan.

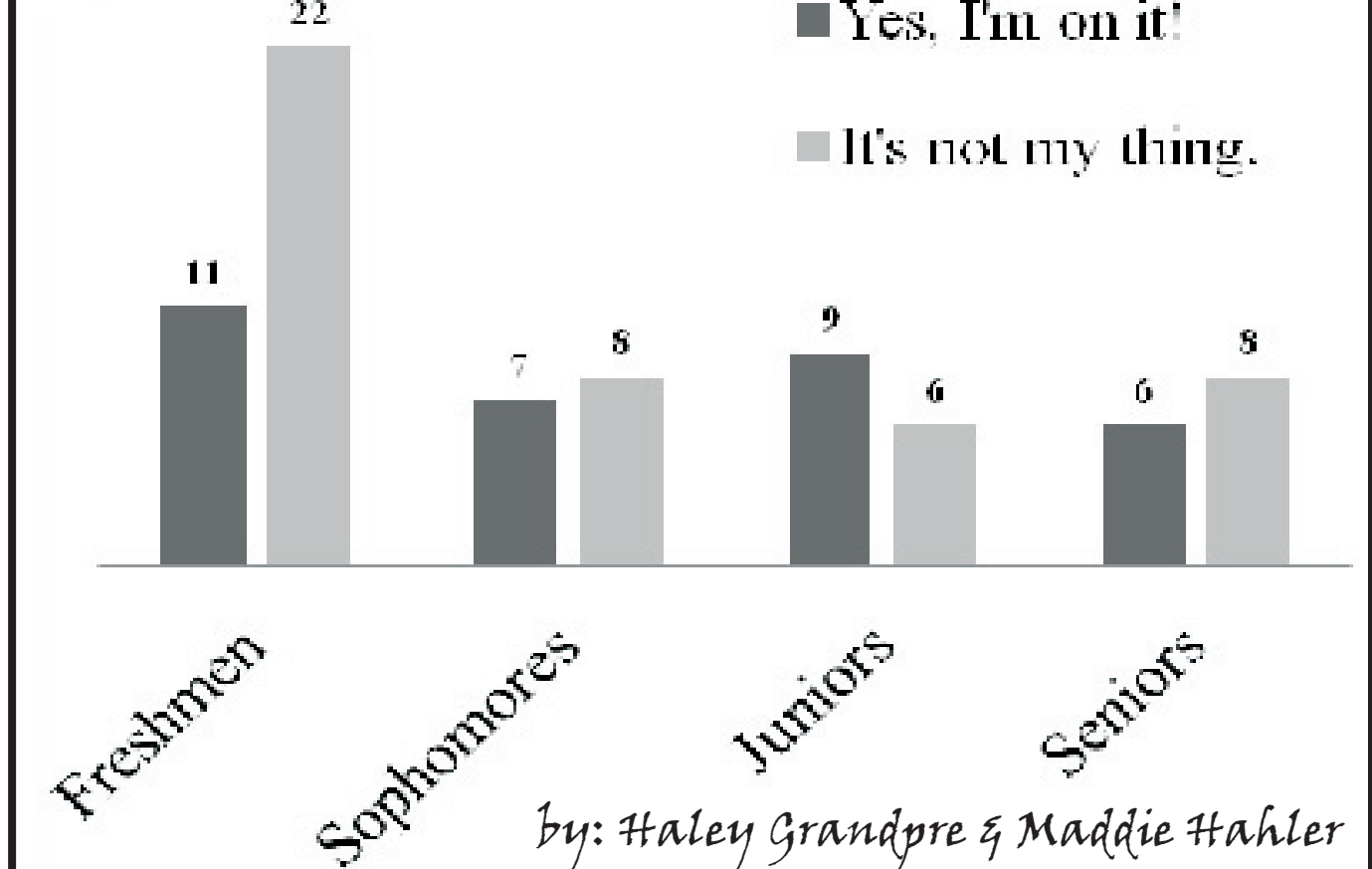
Rausch's activities include band, chorus, Students Against Destruction Decision (SADD), youth group, art and Future Business Leaders of America. Her hobbies are playing piano and flute, swimming, camping and hanging out with friends and family.

After high school, Rausch plans to attend Northern State University for further education and to obtain a teaching degree. Her parents are her role models. Her favorite class is math.

Rausch's favorite quote is: "It's better to be hated for who you are, than loved for who you are not." ~ Andre Gide.

The most embarrassing moment in Rausch's life was in the eighth grade. She accidentally wore her shirt inside-out. She had to go to the bathroom in the middle of class to switch it around.

Who's on Twitter??



December Horoscopes



Sagittarius - Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Drawn-out daunting projects are wrapped up with the help of friends. Make sure that your finishing touches aren't rushed. Friends offer a helping hand.



Capricorn - Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Sit back and enjoy some soft tunes... you need to relax! Take a leap of faith and put your trust in that unexpected person. The results will be surprising!



Aquarius - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your sense of what you want and what you need are at odds. Way your options and go with the one that will not affect anyone else. Keep your head high.



Pisces - Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

The desire to try new things and meet new people is overwhelming. Pull yourself out of that rut and be adventurous. New relationships will blossom toward the end of the month.



Aries - Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

An opportunity will arise to make a great first impression. Be sure to take it! People that played a small role in your life to this point are brought to the forefront.



Taurus - Apr. 20 - May 20

Financial issues are not near as bad as they seem. Hard work will overcome and things will smooth themselves out. Be wary of people you don't trust.



Gemini - May 21 - June 20

Let go of that grudge that you have been carrying around with you. Unlikely partnerships with old foes prove fruitful. Be kind to your peers! They will remember it.



Cancer - June 21 - July 22

A situation will arise where you will need to step up and take charge. Don't make unbalanced decisions. Think of the group first, yourself second.



Leo - July 23 - Aug. 22

A large gathering brings out the best in you. Let your personality shine through and set yourself apart from the crowd.



Virgo - Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Refresh your body and mind with new experiences. Don't be afraid to try unusual things. Spend some time outside with friends and family.



Libra - Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Clear the air. A chance to make positive changes will present itself toward the end of the month. Avoid a crucial financial mistake.



Scorpio - Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Family members test your patience as you try to relay concerns to them. Be patient and don't lose your temper. They will come around!

2013 Cadillac

By: Shay Clemensen

Over the past year, Cadillac has made a tremendous comeback. When people think of Cadillac, they think of luxury. It has been the “standard of the world” for luxury since the 1950s. Cadillac has always had a smooth ride to it with a high class interior.

A few years ago, Cadillac lost their touch in the 80s and 90s. Now within the past eight years, it has made a comeback. The Escalade is one of the most prestigious SUVs on the market, and the CTS has a roar-punching engine that can out-run a Corvette.

The CTS’s new design has a very eye-catching feature in the grill. The chrome billet grill is unmistakably unique to any other car on the market. There are two different motors for the CTS, and there are three different styles for it also. The standard motor uses the Chevrolet V6 3.6 liter. It pushes out 323 horsepower, which is a good amount of get- up and go for a family sedan. There is the option to get it in the coupe or the wagon (hatchback). Here is the best part; all three models have the option of what Cadillac calls the “V.” The Cadillac CTS-V has the LSA small block Chevy 6.2 V8. This is not your normal soccer mom car now. It has a whopping 556 horse power motor. That is more than the Corvette Z06, which has 505. That is the second-largest motor to come out of a GM factory car under the Corvette ZR1. You can do a burnout all the way home from soccer practice without touching the brake.

The CTS-V can come in the coupe and in the wagon version. It is the most powerful and the fastest sedan in the world. It also comes with the most sophisticated suspension in the world so far the magnetic ride control. Here’s the catch--the standard CTS has a starting price of \$35,915, and the CTS-V has a price of \$64,515. For around here, that is a lot of money, but if you compare it to a car that it can beat, which is the Ferrari California, and that starts at \$192,000. The 64 grand doesn’t seem so bad now, but it is still out of reach for a lot of people who live in small, rural South Dakota communities like ours.



Carrie Underwood

By: Hannah Palmer

Carrie Underwood started her career in music in 2005 right after she won American Idol! She was the first country star to ever win American Idol. She beat her biggest competitor in the final round named Bo Bice. She started singing at age three in her hometown church! Carrie’s songs are great because she can relate to many things in life and what people are going through. Carrie Underwood can also play guitar and piano. When asked what is your definition of an American Idol, she replied with “Someone who is nice, talented and deserves it.”

Carrie Underwoods albums include: Some Hearts (released in 2005), “Carnival Ride” (released in 2007), Play on (released in 2009), “Blown Away” (released in 2012). Carries most popular song ever is “Before He Cheats.” She has become very popular this year with the song “Blown Away.”

Overall, I believe Carrie Underwood is an amazing country singer and has made a lot of process in the last seven years! She has a great future ahead of her with her music and also with her new husband Mike Fisher. She plans to keep making music that can relate to people and just have fun!



Paranormal Activity 4

By: Jordon Peterson

Paranormal Activity 4 was in theatres in Aberdeen at the Carmike Cinema Theatre. This is a great movie to get you a little freaked out. It might hard to comprehend if you have not seen the first three movies, but if you haven’t, it is not that hard to catch on. However, it is much better if you have seen the first few movies.

The movie is filmed in a way that convinces the viewer that it is a true story. Paranormal Activity 4 has a crazy ending, and I would definitely recommend to anyone who loves a good scare. Even though it is not a true story, it still gets to the audience. This movie is rated R, so if you plan on going, make sure you are 18, or have an adult come with you.

