

Frericks Wins First Runner-up at the South Dakota State Snow Queen Festival

By: Haley Grandpre

Four Northwestern high school girls had the wonderful opportunity to compete in the South Dakota State Snow Queen held in Aberdeen at the Civic Theatre. Freshman Klarysaa Schnoor represented NW in the Junior Snow Queen Festival on Jan. 4, and senior Kalen Frericks represented NW in the Senior Snow Queen Festival the following week. Two others competed in the talent portion.

“It was a very unique experience and an honor to represent the Northwestern community. I was very shocked and grateful to receive first runner-up. I would like to thank the Plains Lions Club for sending me and the community for helping put together my basket and giving me support throughout,” Frericks said.

Frericks received first runner-up behind Miss Ipswich. Schnoor did not place, but was just happy she had the wonderful opportunity.

“It was great having to interact with so

many girls. This experience will definitely help me in life,” Schnoor said.

NW also sent two wonderful young girls to compete in the talent act. On the day of the junior snow queen contest, junior Christine Morgan and sophomore Madison Styles tried out in front of the judges. The judges then determined who would move on to the actual Snow Queen talent. Morgan did not make it past the tryout, but Styles did. That night at junior snow queen, Styles performed in front of a huge audience. She performed her same song she sang at the local snow queen, “Famous in a Small Town.” Styles did not place but was glad she had the chance to do what she loves most.

“I was very shocked and honored to make the top 5. There was a lot of great competition in my division,” Styles said.

Senior Kalen Frericks represented the Northwestern community at the South Dakota Senior State Snow Queen as First Runner-up.



Sophomore Madison Stlyes performed “Famous in a Small Town” at the Sout Dakota Junior State Snow Queen in front of the crowd.



Freshman Klarysaa Schnoor represented her Northwestern class during the South Dakota Junior State Snow Queen.



Junior Christine Morgan performed in front of the judges the day of South Dakota Junior State Snow Queen held in Aberdeen.

Four Make Middle School All-State Band

By: Katie Myers

Eighth-graders Sadie Vander Wal and Peyton Groft and sixth-graders Cassidy Frericks and Miranda Thorson made middle school all-state band. The event will be held Feb. 28 to March 1 in Pierre.

To be chosen for the great honor that is middle school all-state band, the students must prove their skills by sending in a recording of their performance. The recording consists of three to four long scales and a short, challenging song excerpt that none of the students have seen or practiced before. The students have to have been able to repeat the scales almost flawlessly along with the smaller song

in order to have the chance to be selected to the all-state band.

The students will spend a couple days practicing several different songs. This marks the third straight year for Vander Wal.



Eighth-graders Sadie Vander Wal and Peyton Groft will represent NW at the middle school all-state band performance in Pierre Feb. 28 to March 1.



Sixth-graders Cassidy Frericks and Miranda Thorsan will represent Northwestern at the Middle School All-State Band festival.

Peterson Designs for Women in Science

By: Haley Grandpre

Junior Jordon Peterson represented the local science department when she submitted her Women in Science Design. We will find out some time around March 11 who the winner is. The design will put on T-shirts, and also the winner gets an iPad mini.

Northwestern Area Preschool Screening Held in March

The Northwestern Area School District will be screening children who will be three years old on or before March 17, 2014, or five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014. 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, March 17, 2014, in the Northwestern Elementary addition.

The screening includes all children who will be in the 2014-2015 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


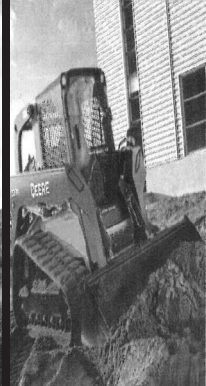
only if appointments are made in advance through the school.

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 appoint-

ments 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 17.

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






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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NHS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Jan. 13, 2014

- ☐ 130 students at HATS took the National Career Readiness test, 11 percent were in the top gold category and 30 percent were in the next silver category.
- ☐ Aberdeen applied for a 2 million dollar grant to build a new Tech Academy. Plans are still being finalized. If approved, the academy will be built on the campus of Aberdeen Central and will be run by Aberdeen Central. Area schools will be able to send students to the academy for a tuition fee. If this happens, HATS will be dissolved.
- ☐ Responsibility is the character counts trait of the month. Students are asked to wear green shirts on Mondays.
- ☐ STAR testing will be done in the elementary next week. It is a computer-based test that monitors reading levels.
- ☐ Thank you to the Brentford Legion Auxiliary for purchasing a new flag and stand for the superintendent's office.
- ☐ Thank you to the NW Community Foundation for the donation for the 20 banquet tables.
- ☐ The Math Counts team will go to Simmons on Wednesday, Jan. 15 for a competition.
- ☐ Accepted resignations from Ray Sauerwein, Roylene Heidenreich and Sandy Bierman.
- ☐ The board reviewed the attendance policy and would like to find out what other schools have for attendance policies.
- ☐ Amended the early retirement policy to be more specific on retirement dates.
- ☐ School board election date was set for June 17, 2014. There will be one position available for election/re-election.
- ☐ Congratulations to Kalen Frericks for being named First Runner-up at the State Snow Queen Festival.
- ☐ Congratulations to Student of the Month – Nick Wood
- ☐ Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014,

Student of the Month

By: Haley Grandpre



Senior Nick Wood received the January student of the month. His parents are Steben and Rene Wood. His siblings are Zach, Hunter and Seth.

"He is a hard worker, but he is the goofiest kid I know," junior Halle Sieve said.

Wood's activities include football, science bowl, FBLA and 4-H. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, hanging out with friends, blowing stuff up and taking care of his cattle. His role models are a multitude of people who have made him who he is today. Wood's favorite class is AP biology, which he takes online. Nick's future plans are to get a fellowship in anesthesiology.

His favorite quote is "No" from Rosa Parks. His most embarrassing moment is pretty much every time he goes out in public.

"Nick is an incredibly intelligent young man. His level of intelligence is most evident in his choice to attend the University of South Dakota next year," AP English teacher Mrs. Nora Groft said.

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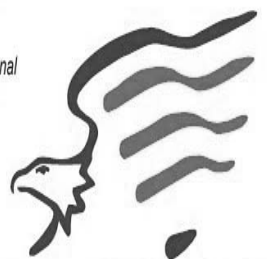
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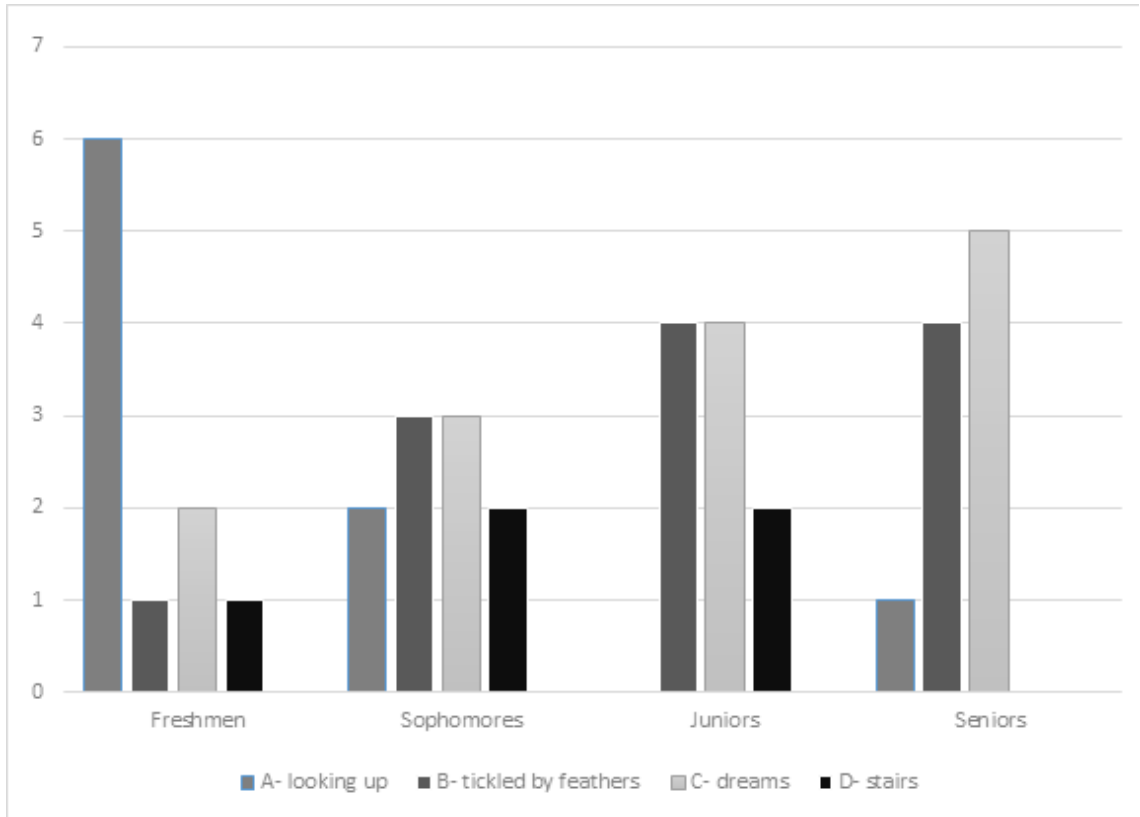
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Question: Of What Fear is Oneirophobia?

By: Rachel Rausch and Kate Finley



Actual Answer: C- DREAMS
Mrs. Jolinda Finley says,
“Oneirophobia is the fear of the
number or being first.”
Mr. Scott Boone says,
“Oneirophobia is the fear of being
close to something.”

2014 Northwestern High School Honor Roll for the Second Quarter

Names appear alphabetically

Freshmen: Straight A: Josie Clemens; A: Derek Boekelheide and Darby Duncan.

Sophomores: Straight A: Andrea Rausch and Madison Styles; A: Rachael Boekelheide, Kirstin Borge, Kate Finley and Elizabeth Heidenreich; B: Cameron Bohl, Allison Braun, Abigail Fischbach, Darienne Frericks, Quinn Girdeen, Isaac Groft, Kaylee Hoellein, Cody Lefforge, Rachel Rausch, Chance Sale, Logan Schentzel and Codi Sparling.

Juniors: Straight A: Halle Sieve; A: Jordon Peterson and Corbin Smith; B: Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Tessa Rush, Julia Sparling and Kennedi Sparling.

Seniors: Straight A: Kristie Bade, Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks, Jacob Heidenreich, Paige Metzinger, Schyler Sattler, Alyssa Steward and Nick Wood; A: Madison Hahler; B: Torey Beardemphl, Tyler Carda, Nathan Frericks and Donna Harmon.

Girls Start Basketball Season with a Tough Schedule

By: Isaac Groft



Junior Kennedy Sparling shoots a free throw.



Junior Julia Sparling looks to drive against her defender in a home game.



Junior Jordon Peterson drives to the hoop on a fast break against Sully Buttes.



Junior Hannah Palmer drives to the basket in hopes of scoring.



Freshman Josie Clemens drives past her opponent using her arm.

Northwestern Falls to Roncalli

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team lost its season opener to the Roncalli Cavaliers on Dec. 9, 48-43. Junior Jordon Peterson led the team's scoring with 15 points. Freshman Josie Clemens led in assists with three out of seven. Peterson led in rebounding with 14 of the team's 42. Clemens had four of the team's eight steals.

Northwestern Defeats the Knights

The Northwestern Wildcats defeated the Aberdeen Christian Knights on Dec. 11, 63-12. Junior Jordon Peterson led in scoring with 12 points. Freshman Josie Clemens and junior Kennedy Sparling led the team's 15 assists with four apiece. Sparling led the Wildcats' rebounding with five out of the team's 32. Sophomore Kirstin Borge and eighth-grader Peyton Groft led the team's 27 steals with five apiece.

Northwestern Loses to Sully Buttes

The Northwestern Wildcats fell to the No. 2 ranked Sully Buttes Chargers on Dec. 14, 21-69. Junior Jordon Peterson led the team's 21 points with 11. Junior Julia Sparling led the team's four assists with two. Peterson led in rebounding with nine of the Wildcats' 48. Freshman Darby Duncan had three steals.

Northwestern Backs Down to the Monarchs

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to the No. 1 ranked Warner Monarchs on Dec. 19, 28-75. Freshman Darby Duncan led the team's 25 points with eight. Freshman Josie Clemens, eighth-grader Addison Sparling and Duncan each had one assist. Junior Jordon Peterson led the team in rebounding with seven out of 30. Duncan led the with three steals.

Northwestern Falls Short to Miller

Miller defeated Northwestern on Dec. 21, 68-71. Junior Jordon Peterson led in scoring with 13 points. Freshman Darby Duncan and junior Julia Sparling each had three assists out of the team's eight. Peterson led in rebounding with nine of the team's 52. Freshman Josie Clemens had five of the Wildcats' 16 steals.

Northwestern Defeated by Waverly/South Shore

Northwestern fell to Waverly-South Shore on Jan. 2, 38-54. Freshman Josie Clemens led in scoring with 14 of the team's 38 points. Freshman Darby Duncan and Clemens each had two assists of the Wildcats' seven. Sophomore Kaylee Hoellein led in rebounding with 10 of the team's 46. Duncan also led in steals with five.

Northwestern Loses to Faulkton

Northwestern lost to Faulkton on Jan. 7, 42-43. Junior Jordon Peterson led in scoring with 14 points. Sophomore Kaylee Hoellein led with two of the team's six assists. Eighth-grader Addison Sparling led in rebounding with 11 out of the Wildcats' 59. Peterson had five of the team's 18 steals.

Northwestern Takes Loss to Hitchcock/Tulare

Northwestern lost to Hitchcock/Tulare on Jan. 9, 39-58. Freshman Josie Clemens led the team with 13 points. Eighth-grader Addison Sparling led with two assists. Sophomore Kaylee Hoellein led with nine out of the 41 rebounds. Clemens had seven out of the team's 17 steals.



Junior Jordon Peterson shoots a free throw.



Eighth-grader Addi Sparling pauses on a dead ball.

Wildcats Keep Working Toward Success

By: Isaac Groft



Freshman Darby Duncan looks to pass the ball inside to the post.

Northwestern Competes in Redfield Classic

Northwestern fell to McLaughlin on Jan. 11, 70-74. Junior Jordon Peterson led in scoring with 26 points. Eighth-grader Addison Sparling led with five assists out of seven. Peterson led in rebounding with 19 of the team’s 57. Junior Julia Sparling led in steals with three of the Wildcats’ eight.



Junior Haley Grandpre looks to pass the ball to her open teammate.

Northwestern Falls to Sisseton

Northwestern fell to Sisseton on Jan. 14, 48-61. Freshman Josie Clemens led in scoring with 13 points. Eighth-grader Addison Sparling and Clemens each had three assists out of 11. Junior Jordon Peterson led in rebounding with 10 of the Wildcats’ 35. Sparling and Clemens each had three steals out of the team’s 10.



Sophomore Kirstin Borge drives past her defender to the corner.

Northwestern Takes Loss to Ipswich Tigers

Northwestern fell to Ipswich on Jan. 17, 62-54. Freshman Josie Clemens led in scoring with 16 points. Eighth-grader Addison Sparling and junior Jordon Peterson each had two assists of the team’s nine. Sparling led with 12 rebounds of the Wildcats’ 44. Peterson also led in steals with four out of 10.



Sophomore Maddie Styles cuts to get open.

Northwestern Falls to Potter County

Northwestern was defeated by Potter County on Jan. 20, 54-85. Freshman Darby Duncan led in scoring with 14 points. Junior Julia Sparling had four of the team’s 10 assists. Junior Jordon Peterson led in rebounding with seven out of 33. Sparling also led in steals with four of the Wildcats’ 12.



Junior Julia Sparling shoots the ball from three-point range.

Northwestern Gets Closer to Warner

Northwestern fell to Warner on Jan. 23, 36-63. Freshman Josie Clemens led in scoring with nine points. Eighth-grader Addison Sparling had three of the team’s seven assists. Junior Jordon Peterson led in rebounding with six. Freshman Josie Clemens led in steals with four of the Wildcats’ nine.



The Northwestern girls’ basketball team huddles together during a time out to re-group and focus on the next play during a home basketball game in Mellette.



Eighth-grader Addison Sparling drives to the hoop as her coach watches.



Junior Jordon Peterson tries to get position to get an offensive rebound.

Boys' Basketball Team Picks up First Win of the Season

By: Julia Sparling



Junior Corbin Smith shoots a free throw.



Sophomore Ethan Bauer drives to the hoop.



Sophomore Isaac Groft squares up to shoot the pumpkin.



Freshman Derek Boekelheide drives to the hoop.



Sophomore Hunter Lerew pulls up to shoot the jump shot.

Northwestern Falls to Sully Buttes

The Sully Buttes Chargers dominated the floor with a 79-49 win over the Northwestern Wildcats on Dec. 14. The leading scorers for the Wildcats included junior Corbin Smith with 18 points and freshman Derek Boekelheide with 17 points. Shooting 61 per cent from the 3-point line, Smith had four 3-point field goals, Boekelheide had three and sophomore Isaac Groft had one.

Northwestern Defeats Edmunds Central

The Northwestern Wildcats traveled to face off against the Edmunds Central Raiders on Dec. 17. Finishing the game with a 58-35 victory, the Wildcats found their first win. Leading scorer, sophomore Isaac Groft, scored 12 points with junior Corbin Smith and freshman Derek Boekelheide following close behind with 10 points apiece.

Northwestern Defeated by the Monarchs

The Northwestern Wildcats fell to the Warner Monarchs on Dec. 19 after a 25-75 loss. The Wildcats struggled to put points on the board, but sophomore Isaac Groft led the team in scoring with nine points. Groft also lead the team that night with eight rebounds, followed closely by senior Tyler Carda with seven. Junior Corbin Smith led the team in assists with three.

Northwestern Falls to Eureka/Bowdle

The Eureka/Bowdle Patriots took down the Northwestern Wildcats with a 31-68 defeat on Dec. 28. The leading scorers consisted of sophomore Hunter Lerew with 12, junior Corbin Smith with seven and senior Tyler Carda with seven. Lerew also lead in rebounds with five, and was followed closely by freshman Derek Boekelheide and sophomore Isaac Groft with four apiece. Smith also racked up six assists.

Northwestern Falls to Waverly/South Shore

The Waverly/South Shore Coyotes defeated the Northwestern Wildcats in a 32-56 victory Jan. 2. The Wildcats' points were all over the board that night; every player who entered the game scored. The leading scorer was sophomore Hunter Lerew with 10 points. Lerew also led in rebounds with nine while junior Corbin Smith had eight. Sophomore Derek Boekelheide led the team in assists with six.

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Boys' Basketball Team Fights Tough Competition

By: Julia Sparling



Sophomore Logan Schentzel shoots the ball.

Northwestern falls to the Knights

The Northwestern Wildcats played tough during the 42-90 loss to the Aberdeen Christian Knights on Jan. 13. Senior Tyler Carda led the team in points with 11, junior Corbin Smith followed closely with nine, freshman Derek Boekelheide with eight and sophomores Hunter Lerew and Ethan Bauer with five apiece. Boekelheide led the team in assists with five.



Sophomore Nolan Peterson looks to pass the ball to his teammates.

Northwestern Defeated by Miller

The Northwestern Wildcats got beat 41-90 by the Miller Rustlers on Jan. 18 after a hard-fought game. The top scorers consisted of junior Corbin Smith with 11, sophomore Isaac Groft with 10 and sophomore Ethan Bauer with eight. Bauer led with three assists and both sophomore Nolan Peterson and senior Tyler Carda with one apiece.



Senior Tyler Carda makes a move in the lane.

Northwestern Falls to Warner Monarchs

The Northwestern Wildcats battled to the end in a game against the Warner Monarchs on Jan. 21, losing 43-56. Definitely a highlight of the year so far, the leading scorers consisted of senior Tyler Carda with 10, junior Corbin Smith with nine, sophomore Hunter Lerew with eight and freshman Derek Boekelheide with six. Smith and Boekelheide tied in the assists column with two apiece.



Sophomores Cody Lefforge and Trey Bierman rebound an offensive board.



Junior Corbin Smith makes a move to the hoop.



Junior Corbin Smith makes a fast break up the court.



Sophomore Ethan Bauer brings the ball up the court.



Sophomore Ethan Bauer shoots a free throw



Senior Tyler Carda makes a move in the lane.



The Northwestern boys' basketball team huddles after the starting line ups are announced at a home game in Mellette.

Guys' Pro/Con

PRO: CHIVALRY

By: Logan Schentzel

Chivalry is when guys give something special to a girl, and they give you something back.

Chivalry can be great because boys just have to do nice little things like opening doors and whatnot, and girls go crazy for it.

Thousands of cards,

flowers and candy are given to girls all over the world. High school students give things on holidays. Holidays is the best time to give something to a special someone.

Chivalry is a great way to express your feelings for each other.

Starting in grade school is when it all started with love notes and candy.

Girls want a guy who can take care of them. Guys should pay on dates and take the lead in the relationship. They should do it while they can before the girls

are aware of what's going on! Boys love to be in charge and make decisions. Girls should not have to worry about that stuff.

When giving gifts, boys should get gifts for girls; however, girls should return the favor. Chivalry cannot be just

one-sided.

Everyone just needs to be nice and let the girl know that they appreciate everything that is given.

Boys often get in trouble for not thanking girls when they do return the favor. Beware!

CON: CHIVALRY

By: Nolan Peterson

Chivalry is when a boy does the nice stuff for girls when in a relationship or when the couple are about to get into a relationship.

Chivalry can be a good thing; boys open the doors for girls and do nice things and take

care of them. The guy should do nice things for the girls, but when they do it too often, the females get too use to being taking care of and they think they do not need to do anything for the males.

Girls believe that the

guy has to do everything. The guy should not do everything in the relationship, the relationship works both ways. Girls tend to believe that the guy is supposed to do everything without the girl caring and if the guy

does something wrong--guess what--we get in trouble! But if the girl does something wrong, it's like nothing ever happened.

Chivalry is a great thing, but if it does not go both ways after a while, the relationship

becomes boring and tiring. Relationships should mean two people going together to make each other happy.

Guys need to be gentlemen and do stuff for the ladies, but the girls can make the first move --guys like that, too.

GUY CODE

By: Logan , Isaac and Nolan

When you think about Valentine's Day, most people put this holiday as an opportunity to give that special somebody in their life a gift to show their love for them. Thousands of cards, flowers and candy are given to guys and girls all over the world. As a high school student this holiday is a great way to express your feelings for each other. Starting in grade school, the annual Valentine's Day party has been a highlight for many students. Making a

cool-looking box with colored paper and markers and receiving a card and candy from each student is how we all started to learn about the importance of giving. Another annual event held at our school is the Future Business Leaders of America sucker giveaway. This is a great fundraiser and a great way for students to give their friends, classmates, teachers and secret crushes a thoughtful gift without breaking the bank. Everyone enjoys receiving a

Blow-Pop sucker, and it's even better when it comes from someone special. While some people don't enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day because they don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend, the day can still be a meaningful way to express your feelings for each other as just friends. Even if you don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend, everyone has at least one friend. Valentine's Day can get to be expensive, but it doesn't need to be. Some people

celebrate with going out to eat and a movie plus flowers and candy and maybe even an additional gift. If you're doing this, you're trying to "buy" love and affection. Remember that if you need to celebrate like this one year, you'll more than likely be expected to do the same or more every year. Your soul mate and a good friend would be perfectly happy to receive a few \$.25 suckers from the Northwestern FBLA. If you feel like you still need

flowers and a dinner date, consider the floral section at Wal-Mart and talk to any of the Tri-Parish Youth members for a ticket to their fantastic Valentine's Supper. What says romance more than dinner at church?

Valentine's Day is a day to bring a smile to everyone's faces and to make a difference by expressing your love and affection for the guy or girl of your dreams, and it doesn't even need to break the bank in order to do so.

Girls' Pro/Con

PRO: CHIVALRY

By: Maddie Styles

Where have the days of chivalry gone? I remember my grandpa telling me stories of how they used to treat women compared to how they are treated now. Back then, men would hold doors open for women as they entered and left buildings, open their car door for them, take off their hat when they entered a building, pay on a date, drop them off at the door and then go park the car, walk nearest to the street to avoid water splashing on them and most certainly start their vehicle for them in the winter. They did this all without being asked.

Many advantages come from these different scenarios. Women feel important when men put in the extra effort to do these gestures. It makes them feel respected and safe knowing the man is attentive to her. Women certainly benefit from these gestures by having a warm vehicle, not having their hair or makeup messed up walking from place to place depending on the weather, and even dry clothes should a vehicle splash water on them. It's not that women wouldn't survive doing these things on their own, but it is nice to be shown appreciation and being made to feel safe and special.


Chivalry not only benefits women but men, too. For instance, the woman is more than likely going to want to go out on a date or hang out as friends with a man she knows will take care of them. Men will earn massive brownie points from her family by acting like a gentleman, which could lead to another date or more time to hang out. These small gestures contribute to an ego boost, knowing the woman can be protected and appreciated in the presence of men. The biggest advantage of chivalry is knowing that someday children watching will learn and follow in the same footsteps, creating another generation of young gentlemen.

CON: CHIVALRY

By: Cameron Bohl


For women chivalry can be a bad thing because some women like to be independent. Sometimes, they want to be left alone. A woman can feel more independent if she is the ones doing things for herself instead of always having the guys do something for her. Women can feel like they have some power when they do things for themselves. When guys are always doing things for the women, the women feel almost like they are being "babied." It is nice to have someone do something nice for you every once and while, but not all the time.

For men this can be a bad thing because guys sometimes like making women feel special. It is an act of kindness to do things for women. They can be as simple as carrying their bags or opening the door for them. Some men think that chivalry will make a woman like you more. This is not always the case. Some women find it annoying that they are always being taken care of by men. There is a difference between chivalry and being kind. A way to avoid the mix up between the two, be kind and respectful to everyone.



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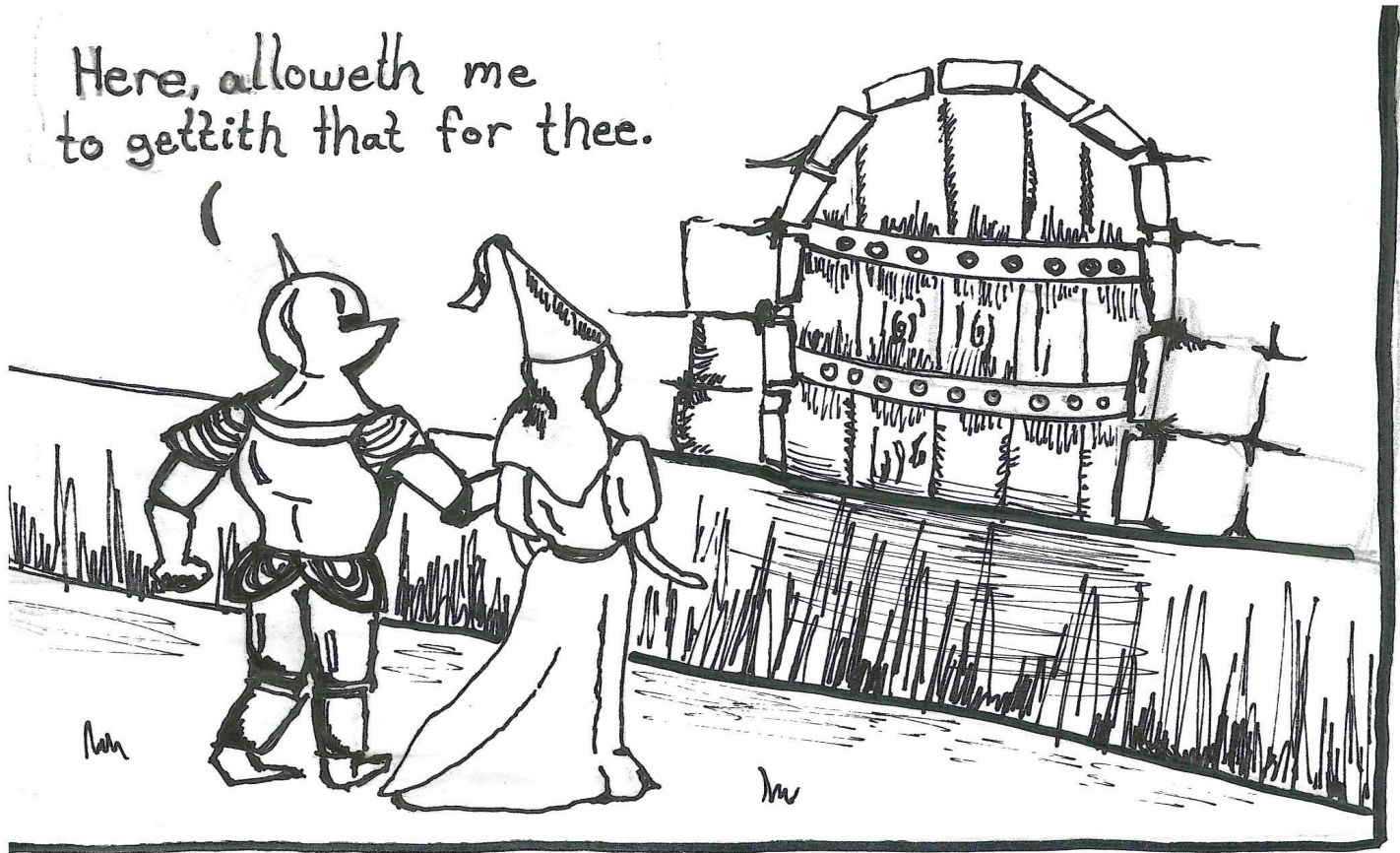
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Comic By: Kate Finley

In the Hallway

By: Cameron Bohl

What’s your favorite thing about Valentine’s Day?



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s day is receiving and eating chocolate,” freshman Klaryssa Schnoor said.



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s day is getting to eat all the chocolate that I buy my girl-friend,” sophomore Hunter Lerew said.



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s day is sending and receiving suckers at school during the week,” junior Tessa Rush said.



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s day is receiving large bouquets of flowers, having my date paid for and receiving big teddy bears,” senior Jacob Heidenreich said.



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s day is receiving a beautiful bouquet of flowers from my husband,” Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

In the Elementary

By: Maddie Styles

“Which high school student would you like to be your Valentine this year?”



“Maddie Styles because I like her hair and shirt,” kindergartner Teresa Melius said.



“Paige Metzinger because she was my babysitter,” first-grader Natalia Schipke said.



“Alli Johnson because she’s my big sister,” second-grader Jevon Berry said.



“Abby Fischbach because she’s my sister and helps me sometimes and lets me watch the TV downstairs,” third-grader Quinton Fischbach said.



“Jordon Peterson because she is tall and can hit hard in volleyball and because she’s really good at basketball,” fourth-grader Emma Grandpre said.

Maverick's Steak House

By: Logan Schentzel

If you're looking for a place to eat out, I recommend Maverick's Steak House. Maverick's is known as Aberdeen's best steak place. Not only are the steaks great, but Maverick's also serves great burgers, wings, chicken, fish and pasta dishes. Their food is perfectly cooked and tastes great. They are known for their steaks marinated with Jack Daniel's sauce. It has a spicy kick to it with very tender and juicy steaks due to the quality cut of steak they start with. Not only are the steaks seasoned and cooked to perfection,

but all other foods are very flavorful and appealing to the eye. Maverick's caters to any crowd and often hosts private parties and company holiday parties. Its location is great being part of the Dakota Events Center (DEC) as well as attached to two of the newest hotels in Aberdeen. If you are looking for a noon meal, the restaurant offers a noon buffet with a variety of foods. As busy as the restaurant is, seating is usually quick, and in the summer, customers have the option to eat outside on the patio.

The service at Maverick's is excellent with very attentive waiters. The atmosphere is like a sports bar with tons of TVs with sports on various channels. There is also a more private area with a western type theme with wood-paneled walls, leather chairs and pistol door handles on the bathroom doors. Maverick's is an overall great pick for any type of meal at any time of the day. If you choose to eat there, you won't be disappointed. Maybe give it a try this Valentine's Day!

Joe Nichols

By: Katie Myers

Joe Nichols is an American country music artist. Between 1996 and 2001, Nichols held recording contracts with the Intersound and Giant labels. In 2002, he signed with universal South Records, which is now known as Show Dog-Universal Music. On Oct. 8, 2013, Nichols debuted his new album, Crickets. Crickets is Nichols' eighth studio album.

Nichols has many hit songs such as, "Sunny and 75," "Gimmie That Girl," "I'll Wait For You" and "The Impossible." Nichols married Heather Singleton in 2007. Nichols is currently on tour. His next concert will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 at Edward Jones Dome in St Louis, Miss. Nichols will be opening that night for Gary Allan. Check out his music!

MAVERICK'S STEAKHOUSE & GRILL

Frozen

By: Kate Finely

Disney welcomes another Princess into its family, a beautiful but "cursed" princess named Elsa. Princess Elsa was born with a powerful ability to create snow and ice, which if not controlled properly, can be extremely dangerous. Elsa's younger, adventurous sister, Anna, wanted only one thing from her sister since they were children; her love. Unfortunately, given Elsa's "colder" nature, Anna was never able to connect with her sister. When Elsa begins to lose control of her abilities, she runs away into the mountains

in an attempt keep everyone safe from her magic. Convinced she is too dangerous to be around, Elsa unknowingly places the village, her subjects and her sister in a deadly blizzard. Anna must team up with Kristoff, a daring mountain man, on the grandest of journeys to find Elsa the Snow Queen and put an end to the icy spell. Encountering Everest-like extremes, mystical creatures and magic at every turn, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom from destruction.

The Mortal Instruments Series

By: Rachel Rausch

Clary Fray is just 15 years old when her world turns upside down. Within 24 hours, she witnesses a murder of a teenager by three other teenagers with strange tattoos and weapons, her house is torn apart, her mother kidnapped and she is almost killed by a demon. No one else can see the teenagers who committed the crime, and the body of the victim disappeared. Clary is surprised when she realizes no one else can see these three teenagers, but they are equal-

ly as surprised that she can see them. The three reveal themselves as Shadowhunters, a group of people dedicated to destroying all the demons in the world. Before she knows it, Clary and her best friend Simon are sucked into their world. With the help of the Shadowhunters, she sets out to find her mom. Along the way, she learns about the world that the Shadowhunters live in and uncovers a truth about herself. Everyone has at least one

movie or book they love involving either vampires and werewolves, demons and angels or other similar creatures. "The Mortal Instruments" series by Cassandra Clare features all of these creatures and more. These books are fast-paced and exciting with a side of romance. Clare's books are nearly impossible to put down and will keep you up all night. Check out "City of Bones," the first book in the series and get ready for an exciting, new world.

