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Northwestern's One-Act Performs at State

By: Cameron Bohl

The Northwestern One-Act play performed a play called "Offerings" by Alan Haehnel. The cast performed in Sisseton for regions, competing with five other B schools. Northwestern won first for the second year in a row at regions, advancing to the state competition in Sioux Falls against 16 Class B schools on Friday Feb. 6.

The play had a setting of a warehouse. The gist of the play begins with being serious in nature. This play presents life lessons. The box either accepted or declined each character's offering. The life lesson is that sometimes life throws things at you that you can accept or you can make a change.

The cast consisted of: seniors Halle Sieve, Christine Morgan, Tessa Rush and Blake Toennies, juniors Allison Braun, Kate Finley, Andrea Rausch, Cory Walter and Codi Sparling, sophomore Ali Johnson and freshman Sadie Vander Wal.

The crew consisted of juniors Trevor Bohl and Ethan Bauer. Mrs. Jolinda Finley directed the play. At regions, Morgan and K. Finley received acting awards. At state, Sieve, Toennies and K. Finley received the outstanding acting awards.

"As a whole, we did tremendous, especially for a drama play. At state, the audience laughed a lot for a serious play, and that was confusing, but according to the judges, that is okay," K. Finley said.

"I picked this play for the cast to be able to devote their creativity to a character. We have a lot of talented students, and I didn't want to just limit that talent to a few people to show off," J. Finley said.

J. Finley and crew now prepares for the spring play.



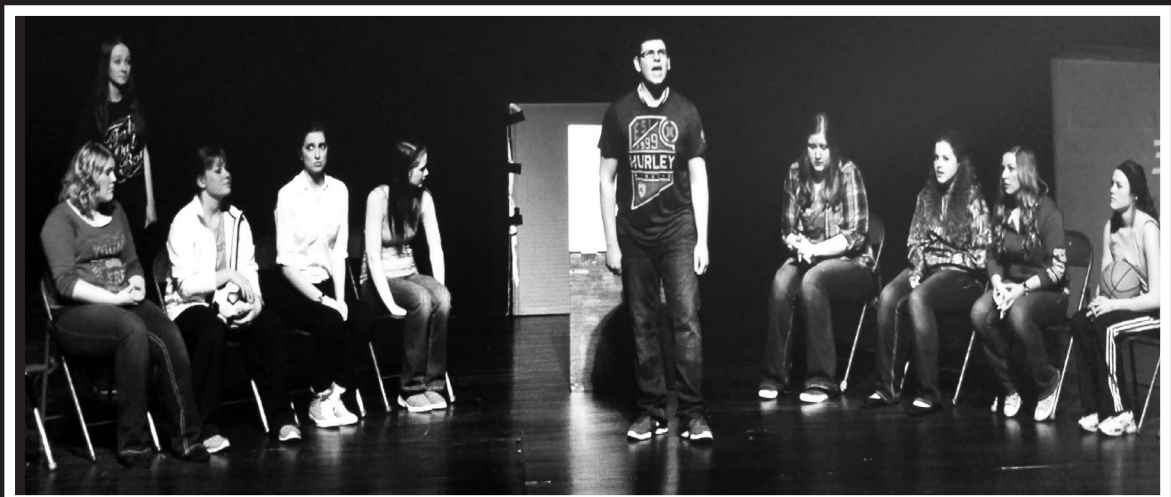
Northwestern's One-Act play cast took first place at regions in Sisseton.



Northwestern's Drama Club cast and crew prepare for their state performance Feb. 6.



Sophomore Ali Johnson, juniors Andrea Rausch and Allison Braun and freshman Sadie VanderWal wait for awards at the state competition.



The cast performs at the state event in Sioux Falls



Northwestern's Drama Club seniors modestly hold the cast's first-place award.



Women in Science Design Winner: Peyton Groft

By: Abby Fischbach



Every year, a contest is held to create a logo for the Women in Science convention. Students from the Aberdeen area and surrounding schools are able to participate.

Sophomore Josie Clemens and freshman Peyton Groft each entered into the competition from Northwestern.

Out of 20 other schools, Groft won the contest. Groft's design will be featured as the 2015 logo for the Women in Science convention, which will be held March 10 at Northern State University. The logo will appear on convention T-shirts and other signs.

"I had a fun time designing the logo, and I think it is cool that my design won out of all the people who participated in the competition," Groft said.

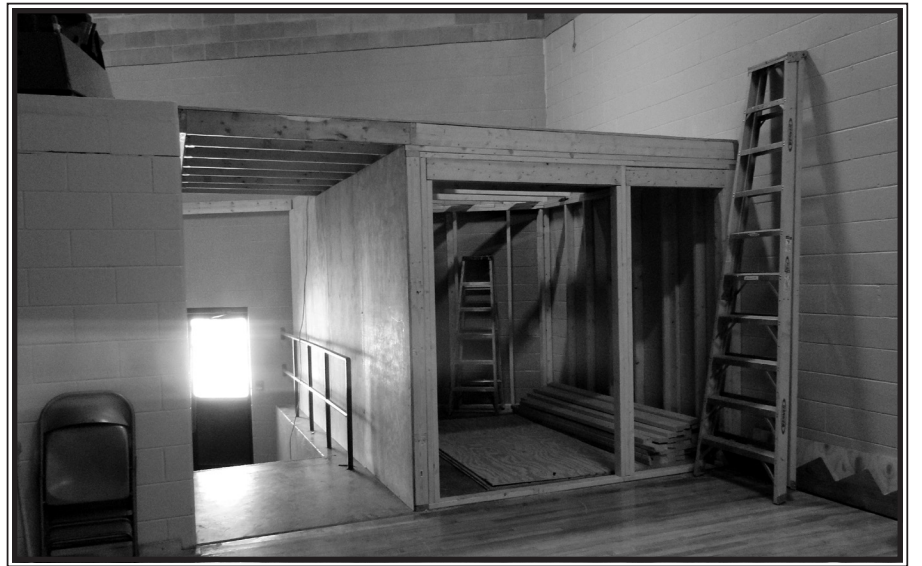
Art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell taught Groft how to use Corel Draw, a computer design program used for making T-shirt designs for the school's screen-printing business.

For winning the competition, Groft will receive an iPad Mini or a tablet computer.

Science teacher Mrs. Denise Clemens encouraged science students to enter the contest. Last year, a student from Warner won.

Renovations to Stage Area by Construction Class Creates Additional Storage Space

By: Nolan Peterson



Mr. Jerry Sauer's building trades class put its learning to good use this semester by creating additional storage space on the area of the stage located in the gym.

The class usually builds two large sheds for its curriculum, but the harsh winter weather makes it hard for students to work outside.

"It was fun building the room on the stage; it finally gave us something to do," junior Ethan Bauer said.

The new improvement on the stage will give more room and storage space for

chairs and any other supplies that do not need to be out all the time.

"The room on the stage will be more effective for storage and will give more space for the school," junior Trevor Bohl said.

Not only will materials be able to be stored inside the structure, but the top of the space can also be utilized for additional storage.

The building trades class has done a marvelous job building the structure and will improve storage and space on the stage.



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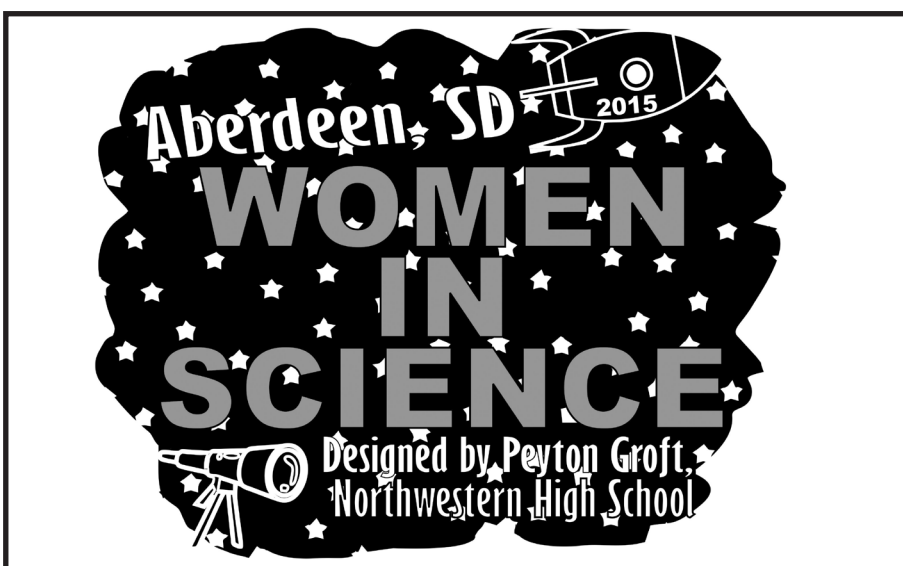
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Northwestern's Talented Singers and Musicians Perform at Regions

By: Abby Fischbach

The Northwestern High School band and chorus attended the Region IV Music Contest held at the AARC in Aberdeen, S.D., on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

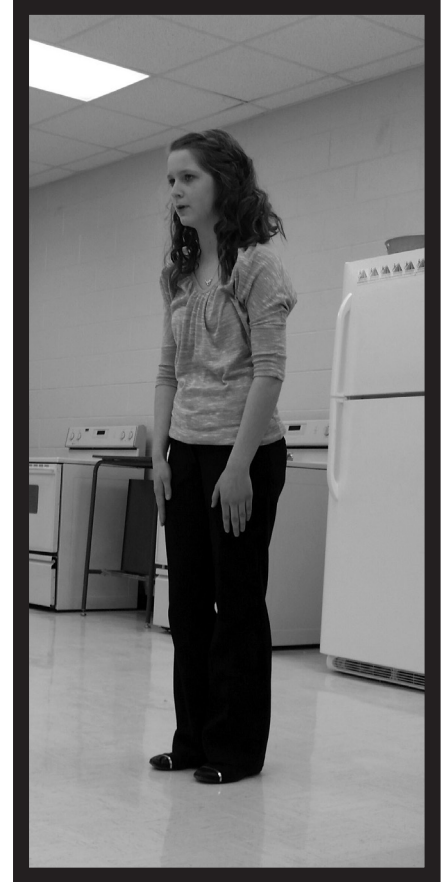
Schools in Region IV all performed at this competition. Students in grades nine through twelve each had an ensemble or solo they performed. Band teacher Mrs. Wendy Thorson and choir teacher Miss Jamie Kessler helped to accompany the musical groups.

"We struggled in some areas, but other performances went much better than I expected," junior Isaac Groft said.

"It was a lot of fun since it was my last year, and I saw a lot of friends. I enjoyed the wonderful criticism of the judges, and I wish the best of luck to the chorus and band next year!" senior Carolina Spielman said.



The Northwestern band performs a group piece using chairs as its instrument of choice.



Freshman Sadie VanderWal shows off her vocal skills while she sings her solo.



The girls' choir group sings "Away From the Roll of the Sea" while being accompanied by Miss Jamie Kessler at small-group contest in Aberdeen.

Photos by Kate Finley

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Freshman Evy Peterson tears down a rebound against Faulkton.



Junior Madison Styles looks for an outlet on the offense.



Freshman Peyton Groft uses her long arms to control the ball.

Student of the Month: Kate Finley

By: Cameron Bohl

Junior Kate Finley received March student of the month.

Her parents are James and Jolinda Finley. Finley's siblings are Amanda, Evan, Jacob and Levi.

Her activities include Drama Club, Oral Interp, band and Future Business Leaders of America.

Kate serves as the editor of The Scratchin' Post. Her favorite classes are art and journalism.

Finley's hobbies are everything related to art.

Finley's future plans involve going to the University of North Dakota for a degree in fine arts.

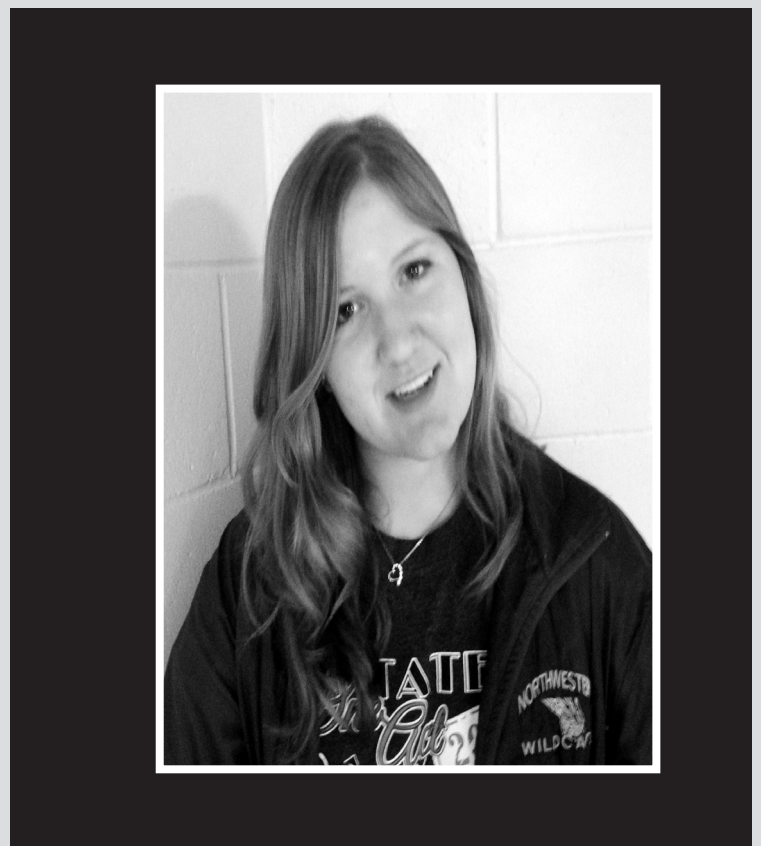
Her favorite quote is "The

artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work."

Her role model is her older sister, Amanda Finley.

"Kate is creative, clever, and artistic. Those qualities will make her successful in any chosen career path," Mrs. Nora Groft said. "Kate excels in all areas of the fine arts, whether it be music, art, journalism, oral interp or drama. Those are school activities that serve students well long after they leave this building."

Congratulations to Kate!



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The Northwestern Area School District will be screening children who will be three years old on or before March 16, 2015, or five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2015. Any four year olds who were not screened last year are also encouraged to be screened at this time. The screening will take place on Monday, March 16, 2015, in the Northwestern Elementary addition. Please stop at the pre-registration table in the choir room when you arrive.

The screening includes all children who will be in the 2015-2016 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.

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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 14 days before the screening) to make an appointment. After appointments have been received, letters will be sent to each family of who has called and made an appointment to verify their time slot for March 16.

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Girls' Basketball...

Stories by: Nolan Peterson

Wildcats Soar Past Ipswich Jan. 16

The Wildcats grabbed another victory as they beat the Ipswich Tigers 61-37. Senior Jordon Peterson led the team with 24 points, two assists, and two steals, senior Kennedy Sparling followed with 18 points and five assists. Sophomore Josie Clemens added 14 points to the score with six assists and four steals. Senior Julia Sparling had three points on the night and added five assists, freshman Darien Watson added to points also. The Wildcats shared the ball extremely well as they total 18 assists on the night to pull off the victory and move its record to 8-1.

Northwestern Flies by Potter County Jan. 16

Northwestern brought another victory home as the girls beat Potter County 57-44. The Wildcats were missing one of their starters, senior Kennedy Sparling due to sickness, and had sophomore Darby Duncan start in her place. Duncan did very well for filling in, as she scored seven points and had two assists. Senior Jordon Peterson scored 22 points, three assists, and two steals. Sophomore Josie Clemens had 14 points with three assists and three steals. Freshman Addison Sparling added another eight points with five assists and two steals. Senior Julia Sparling totaled six points with five assists and one steal. The Wildcats did very well and now move its record to 9-1.

Northwestern Loses Against Warner Jan. 22

The Wildcats' eight-game winning streak was broken up by the powerhouse Warner Monarchs. The Wildcats were defeated 27-48. Senior Kennedy Sparling led the team with 10 points, one assist, and two steals, senior Julia Sparling followed with five points and two assists. Senior Jordon Peterson also scored five points on the night. Sophomore Josie Clemens added three points and two assists, sophomore Darby Duncan contributed four points to the Wildcat score. The Wildcats were cut short and are now sitting at 9-2.

Northwestern Defeats Leola/Frederick Jan. 23

Northwestern took another victory against the Leola/Frederick Titans. The Wildcats won the game 62-47. Senior Julia Sparling led the team with an amazing performance, scoring 20 points and seven assists. Senior Jordon Peterson shortly followed with 16 points, one assist, and one steal. Senior Kennedy Sparling followed Peterson as she added another 14 points, four assists and two steals. Freshman Addison Sparling had six points, two assists and two steals. The Wildcat bench added six points with freshman Darien Watson having three points and freshman Peyton Groft having three points. The girls played very well, pulling off the victory, making the team record 10-2.

Wildcats Win Nail Biter at Faulkton Jan. 27

The Wildcats played a tremendous game against the Trojans as Northwestern won 39-36. Senior Jordon Peterson led the team with 14 points and one assist. Senior Kennedy Sparling also scored in double digits with 10 points, five assists and four steals. Senior Julia Sparling contributed six points and three assists; freshman Addison Sparling had three points, one assist and three steals. Sophomore Josie Clemens had three points, three assists and three steals; sophomore Darby Duncan also had three points on the night. The Wildcats pulled off the intense game, moving its record to 11-2.

Northwestern Comes Up on Top vs. Langford Jan. 30

The Wildcats grab another victory as they beat the Langford Area Lions 57-14. The Lions were no match for the Wildcats as senior Jordon Peterson led the team with 19 points, one assist and two blocked shots. Freshman Addison Sparling had eight points, four assists and seven steals. Junior Kirstin Borge also had eight points and one assist. Senior Julia Sparling contributed six points to the score with two assists and one steal. Senior Kennedy Sparling added six points with three assists and two steals; sophomore Darby Duncan came up with six points, one assist and one steal. Sophomore Josie Clemens had two points with freshman Darien Watson, who also had two points. The Wildcats shared the ball very well as many of them scored in this game to pull out a victory and make the team's record 12-2.

Wildcats Lose to Summit Feb. 7

The Wildcats were defeated by the Summit Eagles 36-60. Senior Kennedy Sparling led the team with 14 points, two assists and one steal. Senior Jordon Peterson followed with eight points; sophomore Darby Duncan added six points and one steal. Senior Julia Sparling contributed four points, three assists and one steal. Junior Kirstin Borge had two points with three assists, and freshman Darien Watson also had two points. The Wildcats played well but were beaten in the outcome. They now move the team record 13-3.

Northwestern Defeated by Webster Bearcats Feb. 10

Wildcats were defeated by Webster 46-58. Senior Kennedy Sparling had an amazing night, scoring 24 points, two assists and three steals. Senior Jordon followed with 14 points and one assist. Senior Julia Sparling totaled four points and three assists; junior Kirstin Borge had two points and three assists. Freshman Darien Watson contributed two points to the team also. The Wildcat's record is now 13-4.

Northwestern Beats Hitchcock-Tulare Feb. 13

Wildcats bring another victory as they defeat Hitchcock/Tulare 52-44. Seniors Kennedy Sparling and Jordon Peterson led the team, scoring 19 points. K. Sparling added five assists and four steals; Peterson added two assists and one steal. Senior Julia Sparling contributed six points, as freshman Addison Sparling had five points with three assists and two steals. Sophomore Darby Duncan served up three points to help the Wildcats; she also had one assist. The Wildcats won to improve its record to 14-4.

Northwestern Defeated by Redfield/Doland Pheasants Feb. 17

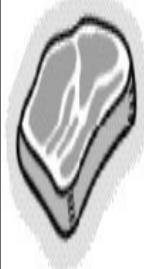
Northwestern was defeated 31-52 in a tough match up against Redfield. Senior Jordon Peterson led the Wildcats with 12 points and one steal. Sophomore Josie Clemens followed with eight points and senior Kennedy Sparling shortly followed with seven points, one assist and two steals. Senior Julia Sparling added two points with two assists, and junior Kirstin Borge had two points with one assist and two steals. The Wildcats played very hard but still are on top with a record of 14-5.

Wildcats Lose Close Game in Overtime Feb. 19

The Wildcats lost nail biter in a game against Selby in overtime 44-49. The Wildcats played a great intense game, coming back to put the game in overtime. Senior Kennedy Sparling led the team with 19 points and three steals, sophomore Josie Clemens followed with nine points, three assists and two steals. Sophomore Darby Duncan scored eight points, had four assists and one steal. Senior Jordon Peterson contributed five points; senior Julia Sparling added three points to the game score. The Wildcats played extremely hard but came up short in the battle. The record moving in to districts is 14-6. The enter the District 2B Tournament as the No. 2 seed, taking on the Leola/Frederick Titans on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

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Boys' Basketball...

By: Madison Styles

Warner (Away):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team fell to Warner 83-30 Jan. 20 in Warner. Senior Corbin Smith and junior Trey Bierman led the team with seven points each. Smith had six rebounds, and Bierman contributed seven rebounds. Eighth-grader Jarret Haven trailed just behind them with six points, two rebounds and one steal. Junior Isaac Groft added five points to the team score with sophomore Derek Boekelheide also adding four points to that. As a team, the Wildcats made six of 20 free throws and made 12 of 46 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-7, will next take on Leola Frederick Jan. 23 in Mellette.

Leola Frederick (Home):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Leola Frederick 84-37 Jan. 23 in Mellette. Junior Corbin Smith led the team with 12 points, five rebounds and one steal. Juniors Isaac Groft and Cody Lefforge scored six points each. Eighth-grader Logan Schentzel contributed five points and one steal to the team score. As a team, the Wildcats made seven of 13 free throws and made 16 of 77 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-8, will next take on Faulkton Jan. 27 in Faulkton.

Faulkton (Away):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to the Faulkton Trojans 68-46 Jan. 27 in Faulkton. Senior Corbin Smith and junior Isaac Groft each scored 16 points and three rebounds. Smith added four steals with Groft adding one. Junior Trey Bierman and eighth-grader Caleb Schentzel contributed four points to the team score each. Junior Cody Lefforge added three steals, three assists and one point. As a team, the Wildcats made seven of 21 free throws and made 21 of 62 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-9, will next take on Langford Jan. 30 in Mellette.

Langford (Home):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team fell to Langford 73-18 Jan. 30 in Mellette. Senior Corbin Smith led the team with five points, three rebounds and one steal. Sophomore Derek Boekelheide followed with four points, one rebound and three steals. Junior Nolan Peterson added three points to the team's score. As a team, the Wildcats made two of 11 free throws and made 9 of 53 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-10, will next take on Wolsey Wessington Feb. 3 in Mellette.

Wolsey Wessington (Home):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team found themselves defeated to Wolsey-Wessington 81-25 Feb. 3 in Mellette. Eighth-grader Jarret Haven led the team with six points, five rebounds and one steal. Senior Corbin Smith scored five points while adding three rebounds, one block and one steal. Junior Cody Lefforge and sophomore Derek Boekelheide each contributed four points to the team's score. As a team, the Wildcats made eight of nine free throws and made nine of 47 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-11, will next take on Summit Feb. 7 in Summit.

Summit (Away):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team fell to Summit 67-36 Feb. 7 in Summit. Senior Corbin Smith led the team with 13 points, two rebounds and four steals. Eighth-grader Caleb Schentzel followed with eight points and two steals. Sophomore Derek Boekelheide and eighth-grader Jarret Haven each scored five points. Junior Trey Bierman added 10 rebounds as well. As a team, the Wildcats made nine of 16 free throws and made 14 of 59 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-12, will next take on Webster Feb. 10 in Webster.

Webster (Away):

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Webster 71-44 Feb. 10 in Webster. Sophomore Derek Boekelheide led the team with 15 points, three rebounds and three steals. Junior Isaac Groft followed with seven points. Eighth-grader Caleb Schentzel contributed five points and two steals. As a team, the Wildcats made eight of 12 free throws and made 19 of 69 shots from the field. The Wildcats, 2-13, will next take on Redfield Feb. 17 in Redfield.



Junior Isaac Groft looks to pass against Langford at home.



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Holly Morgan Voted Cheer Coach of the Year

Photos and story by Kate Finley

Cheer coach Holly Morgan recently received the incredible honor of South Dakota Cheer Coach of the Year.

The award is given by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association through votes tallied by all sports coaches across the state.

Morgan has been dedicated to cheer coaching at Northwestern for nine years and as a dance coach the past two years.

Growing up at Northwestern High School, Morgan committed to being on the cheer team as well but never really considered the idea of becoming a cheer coach in the future. Morgan graduated from NW in 1999.

“When the opportunity to coach presented itself, I didn’t realize that I would enjoy it as much as I have and that it would become such a big part of my life” Morgan said.

Northwestern has thoroughly enjoyed having Morgan as their devoted cheer coach as well as the athletes involved. Without such a wonderful teacher, the athletes who perform so well in this sport never would have realized their extravagant skill they possess for it.

“Holly is great! She is awesome! She definitely deserves the award” junior cheerleader Darienne Frericks said.

“The Northwestern community I’ve been able to work with has been so supportive of the sports of dance and cheer and the growth of those student athletes involved, that it has made this journey so worthwhile for me” Morgan said.

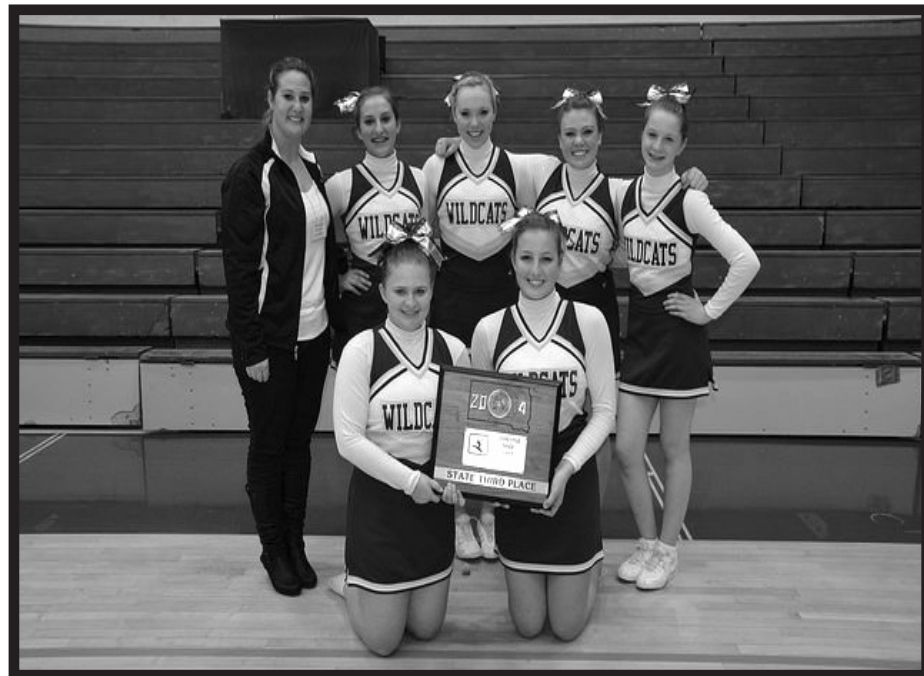
This year the cheer team performed exceptionally well. The team made it all the way to the state competition and placed third in dance in the Class A division overall, which is quite astounding.

“Each year and team always has its own set of challenges. I feel that every team I have coached has all shared one main goal: to do their very best and to make great memories! This year’s team really used this season to just put it all out on the line with every performance at every meet,” Morgan said.

The cheer and dance teams start practice in the summer, typically during the first week of August, well before school begins. Once school starts, the cheer and dance participants hold practice before the school day even begins. Their dedication to their sport certainly paid off this season as the girls placed third at the state meet, and their coach received Coach of the Year honors. Congratulations!



Northwestern’s dance team showcases its third-place award at the state competition in Watertown, S.D., in October.



School Board Highlights: February

- *The new tech academy has contacted Ipswich, Groton and Warner about enrolling their students for classes next year. The Tech Academy is setting tuition prices in accordance with the per student allocation amounts.
- * Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for this Thursday from 2:30-8:30 by appointment or reservation only. School will dismiss at 2 p.m. for conferences on February 12, 2015.
- * The small group music contest is this Wednesday, Feb. 11.
- * We have joined with Aberdeen American News to develop an app for smart phones that will help disseminate information and make it more easily accessible via a hand held device. Hopefully, it will be in app stores this spring.
- * We will be having repairs done to our sewer line to keep it from plugging and backing up.
- * The capital outlay plans are to make upgrades, improvements and necessary repairs to the school. We will not be going forward with any plans for a new gym at this time.
- * NW locked in the natural gas for the 15-16 school year.
- * The 2015 Legislative Day in Pierre is Feb. 17, 2015.
- * We have nine community members signed up to use the weight room, cardio room and small gym.
- * Approved the school calendar for the 15-16 school year.
- * Invited the teachers to negotiate their 15-16 year contracts.
- * Preschool fees will remain the same at \$75 for 2 days/\$100 for 3 days/\$125 for 4 days.
- * Accepted the resignation from Jackie Remily.
- * Congratulations to Andrea Rausch for being chosen Student of the Month.
- * Congratulations to Holly Morgan for being selected as Cheer Coach of the Year.
- * Congratulations to the One Act Play cast for winning first at Regions to advance to the State. Congratulations to the One Act Play acting awards at State to Halle Sieve, Blake Toennies and Kate Finley. Christine Morgan and Kate Finley received acting awards at Regions.
- * Congratulations to Peyton Groft for being chosen as the winner of the Women in Science Logo Contest.
- * Congratulations to Cassidy Frericks and Mitchell Vander Wal for being selected to the Middle School All-State Band.

Girls' Team Enters District 2B Tourney




Players sit back in awe as sophomore Josie Clemens goes up for a shot against Aberdeen Christian.



Senior Haley Grandpre powers through Aberdeen Christian's defense.

Leola-Frederick advances with win over Aberdeen Christian, Monday, Feb. 24. Leola/Frederick ended up winning 62-21. They move on to play Northwestern on Feb. 24. Langford will not advance as they were defeated by Waubay 45-47. Waubay will go on to play Warner on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The winners of those two games will go forward to the District 2B Championship on Thursday, Feb. 26.

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Journalism Students Editorial

TO TAN, OR NOT TO TAN...

Having white, pasty skin might be considered healthy by doctors, but it is not very appealing to the eye, is it? By using tanning beds, you get an easy and affordable way to bronze your skin and avoid the glare that could bounce off your skin and blind someone.

Especially with prom on its way, we have to look our best, right? With modern tanning options, you can even avoid the similar skin damage that UV beds can cause that is similar to sunlight. On the other hand, tanning beds can often cause burns and other forms of skin damage. There are other advantages and disadvantages as well.

One of the primary benefits to using a traditional tanning bed is that it can help the skin produce more levels of Vitamin D. Though normal dietary consumption of Vitamin D combined with reasonable sunlight exposure is recommended for this vitamin's production, some people may find that tanning beds can supplement the production of this needed vitamin because of environmental or lifestyle issues that may prevent it.

Research has also shown that UV exposure can reduce problems with eczema, psoriasis and other skin issues that people may have. When medically supervised, limited use of a tanning bed can contribute to skin issues going into remission. However, it is still not recommended to do a commercial tanning bed without a doctor's approval.

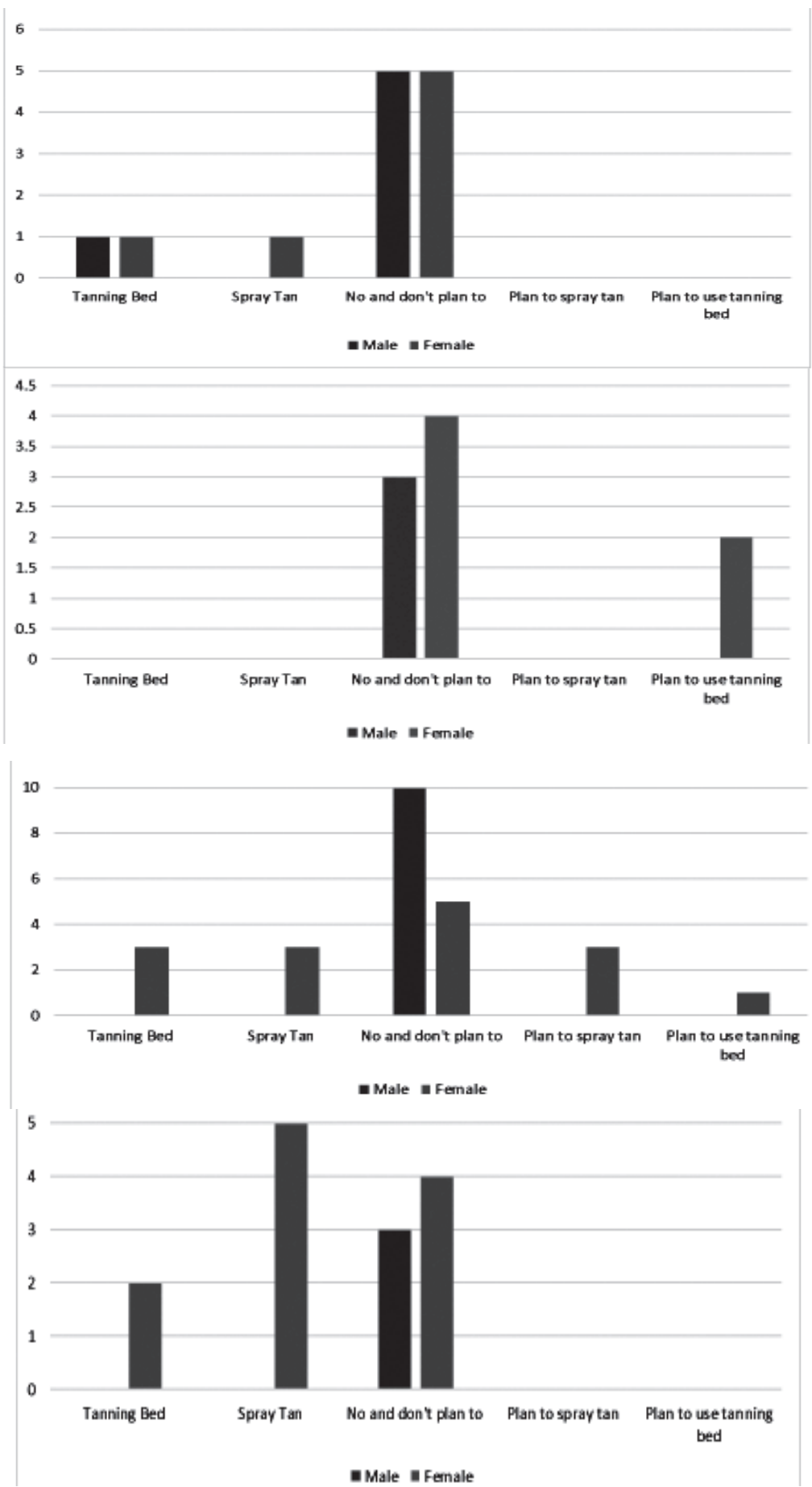
There are also tanning salons that apply spray-on tans or provide other solutions that do not involve UV light. This allows for the opportunity to get bronzed skin without

the associated risks of skin damage.

The primary problem with tanning beds is their association with an increased skin cancer risk. The damaging UV play the role in that. Another risk of using tanning beds is that it can cause premature aging of the skin. The exposure to the UV rays causes the skin to lose its elasticity, which in turn causes wrinkles to form. A loss of elasticity is also thought to lead to a reduction in the overall immunity protection that the skin provides, thereby causing people to be more at risk for disease development as well.

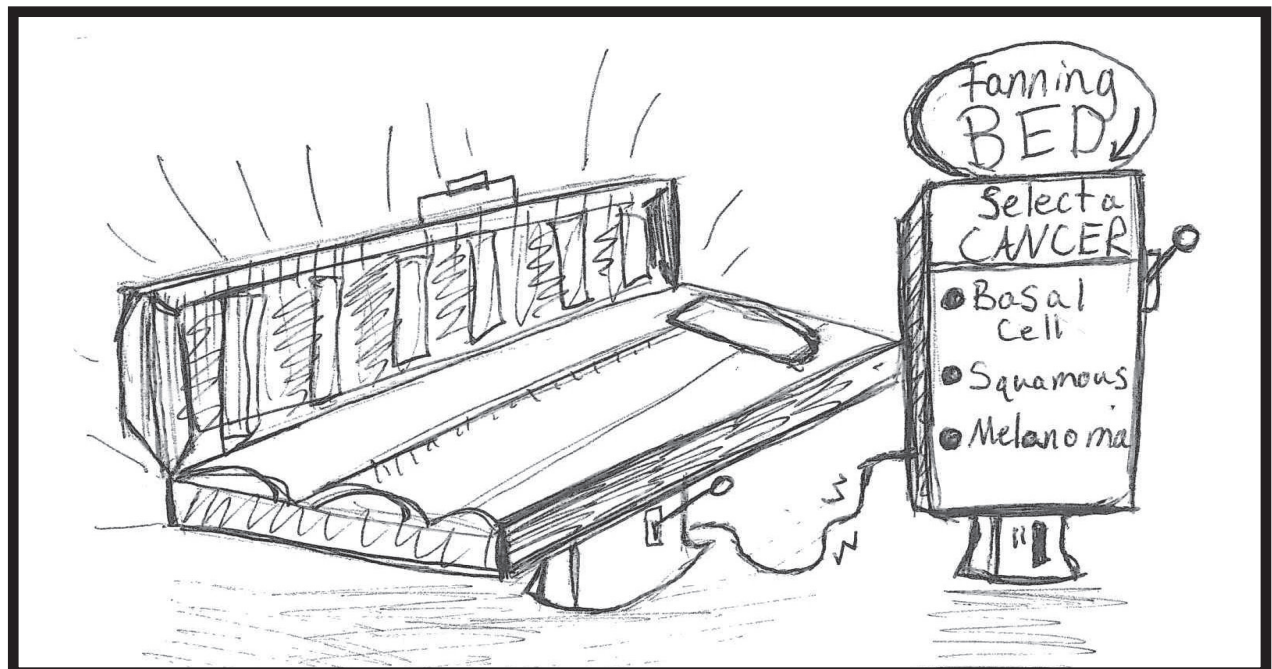
The primary immediate risks that people face in the use of tanning beds are sunburns.

When used properly and occasionally, tanning beds could be something that benefit you. In many cases, however, tanning beds are overused and this causes people to have an increased risk of severe health issues, including cancer. If you are thinking about using a tanning bed, remember both the risks and the benefits to make an empowered choice.



Grade 9
Grade 10
Grade 11
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Tanning Risks



Comic by Kate Finley.

In the Hallway...

Photos and story by: Cameron Bohl

If you could spend a day with a celebrity, whom would you pick and why?



“John Wayne because he is in Western movies,” freshman Tucker Bohl said.



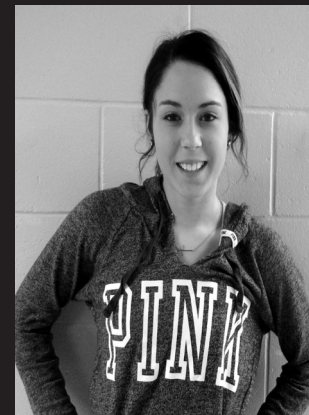
“Maya Moore so then she can teach me more basketball moves,” sophomore Josie Clemens said.



“Adam Levine because I really like his music, and I am a huge fan of *The Voice*,” Mrs. Christy Cardella said.



“Jennifer Lawrence because she would seem like someone fun to be around,” junior Allison Braun said.



“Justin Bieber because I love him,” senior Julia Sparling said.

In the Middle School...

Photos and story by: Madison Styles

If you could go relive any moment, what would it be and why?



“The time I went to Hawaii, because it was really fun, and I got out of school. My favorite part was playing at the beach and playing beach volleyball,” sixth-grader Hannah Schentzel said.



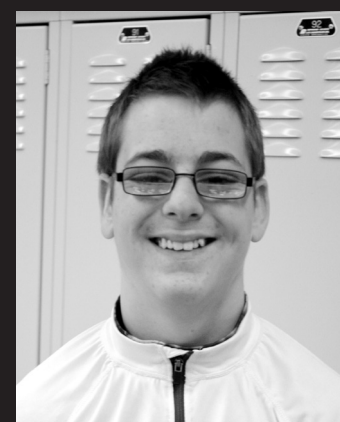
“The time I went to Disney World because the rides were fun. I liked the room we stayed in, the place we ate, and the pool was really big,” sixth-grader Zach Mzala said.



“When we were at a Timberwolves game, and they beat the Washington Wizards,” seventh-grader Christine Stoltenberg said.



“Going to the Cavaliers game because I got to see Lebron James,” seventh-grader Dalton Peterson said.



“My ninth birthday, because my girlfriend asked me to kiss her, and I didn’t,” eighth-grader Sean Shepherd said.

In the Elementary...

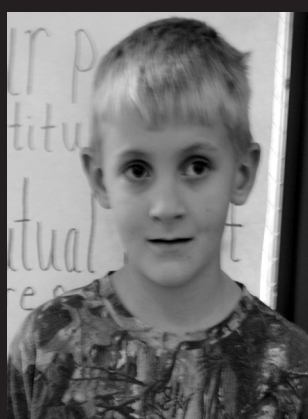
- “If you could choose one rule in your family to change, what would you change?”



“I always have to do my homework, and it’s so boring,” kindergartner Austin Nash said.



“I always want to eat ice cream for breakfast,” first-grader Josie Sparling said.



“I want to play football in the house, but Mom and Dad don’t let me because they think I will break stuff,” second-grader Dallas Stoltenberg said.



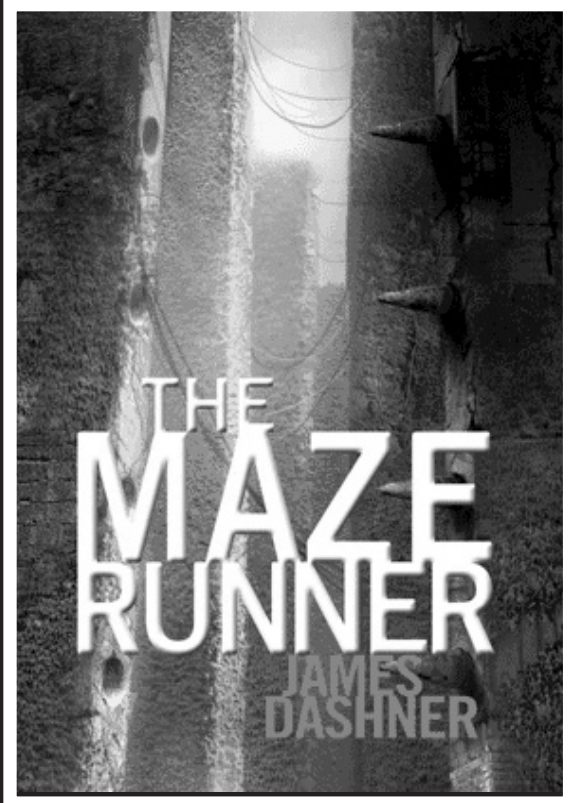
“We can’t wrestle in our house, because last year my brother broke my mom’s vase,” third-grader Henry Williams said.



“I don’t think the kids should have to clean the house until they’re more mature,” fourth-grader Brooke Heim said.

Rachel's Book Shelf

By: Rachel Rausch



After waking up in an elevator in a strange place with no memories except for his name, surrounded by dozens of teenage boys that call themselves Gladers, Thomas must learn not only how to fit in, but how to survive. The Glade in itself is a safe, peaceful place. Everyone has assigned jobs that keep the Glade running. Outside the walls that surround the Glade lie many dangers. Four doors in the wall open and close every morning and evening. Death is guaranteed to anyone who is outside the walls when the doors close.

All of the boys in the Glade have the same story as Thomas. All of them woke up

in the Glade with no memories besides their names. All of them showed up a month apart. When a girl, the only girl to ever enter the Glade, shows up the day after Thomas, things start to go wrong and he and the Gladers must figure out a way to survive the changes or leave the Glade.

“The Maze Runner” by James Dashner is an action packed book that keeps you guessing and is a #1 New York Times bestseller.

“[A] nail-biting must-read.”—Seventeen.com

“Heart-pounding to the very last moment.” —Kirkus Reviews

Pass the Popcorn

By: Kate Finley

“What’s On Netflix!?”

“Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,” March 6

From Tina Fey and Robert Carlock, this comedy, set for a March 6 release, centers on a woman who decides to completely restart her life after escaping a doomsday cult. Starring Ellie Kemper of “The Office,” “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” will air on the streaming service as part of a two-season deal with the network, according to Variety.



“Bloodline”: Mar. 20

Boasting an all-star cast including Kyle Chandler (“Friday Night Lights”), Ben Mendelsohn (“The Dark Knight Rises”), Linda Cardellini (“Mad Men”), Sam Shepard (“The Right Stuff”), Jamie McShane (“Sons of Anarchy”) and more, this show focuses on the lives of a family in the Florida Keys and the delicate tapestry that is their relationship. According to IGN, the family’s secrets are revealed when their black-sheep brother returns to town. “Bloodline” hits Netflix March 20.



By: Madison Styles

Maddie's Music Review

Twenty-one-year-old fire-cracker Ariana Grande known for her signature pony tail, short skirts and crop tops with knee high white boots grew up in Boca Raton, Florida with her mother, a CEO, her father, a graphic designer, and her older brother Frankie. F. Grande also stole people’s hearts and holds a job as a performer and producer. He even agreed to go on A. Grande’s tour with her as a dancer. A. Grande loved performing on stage in her younger years, so much that she auditioned for a role in a Broadway play in 2008 at the age of 15. After seeing her remarkable talent, producers signed her to play

the role of Cat Valentine in the hit television show called “Victorious” which created a spin off from it a few years later called “Sam and Cat”. As she matured and learned more about herself, A. Grande realized her remarkable talent for singing. She released her first single titled “The Way (feat. Mac Miller)” that reached No. 1 instantly after seven hours of release, selling over 169,000 copies in the first week, making it go triple platinum. It also reached No. 1 on the iTunes chart within 15 minutes of the release. A. Grande later teamed up with pop star Iggy Azalea for the song “Problem” debuting at

No. 3 on the Billboard’s Hot 100. In 2014, she formed a collaboration with Jessie J and Nicki Minaj for a song titled “Bang Bang” that reached No. 3 in the U.S. “You have to be thankful and I think being in the business one of the most important things is to give back because there’s no better feeling that knowing your work’s greatly appreciated by people,” A. Grande said. A. Grande sings as if the sky’s the limit, unafraid of hitting as high of notes as anyone could imagine. She has kept a good head on her shoulders so far and I predict amazing work from this fresh artist to pop up more and more in the future.

Ariana Grande

