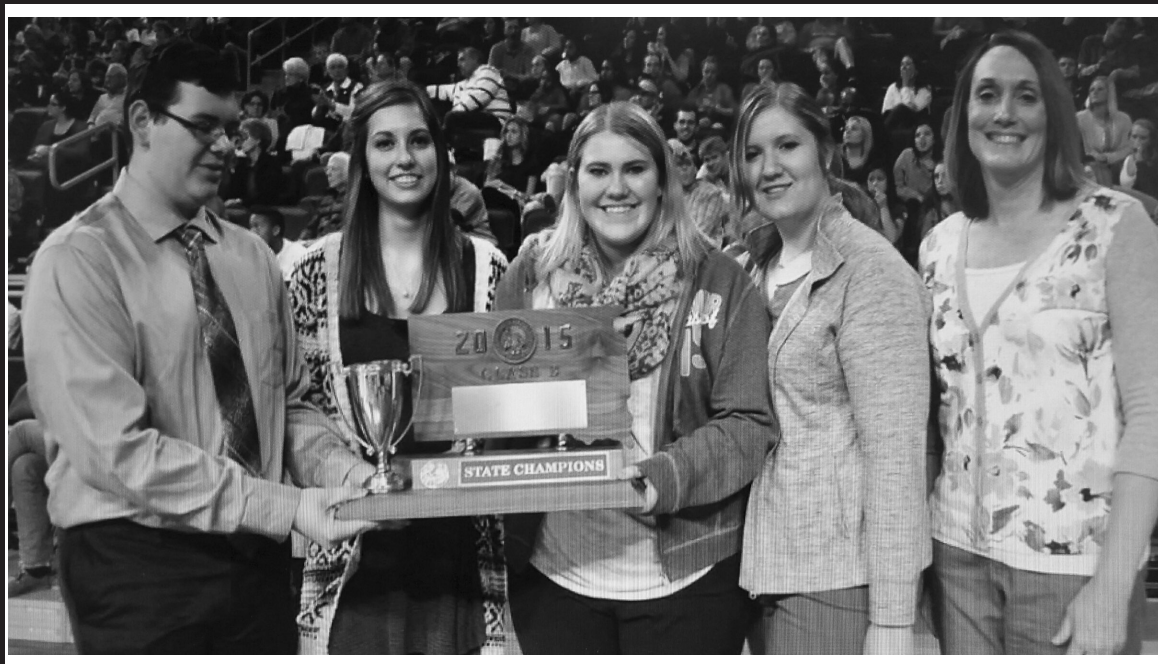


Northwestern Artists Win State Championship

By: Abby Fischbach



Seniors Blake Toennies, Halle Sieve and Tessa Rush, junior Kate Finley and art instructor Mrs. Jennifer Schell comprise the state championship art team.

RESULTS:

Finley: Painting, First; Crafts, First; Photography, third. Rush: Multi-media, First. Sieve: Graphic Design, First. Sparling: Black and White Drawing, Third.

Northwestern High School added yet another trophy to its vast collection of awards. Instead of being won for athletics, for which Northwestern is commonly known, the award was won in the arts, thus proving the variety of young, successful students in Northwestern.

A group of young artists in Mrs. Jennifer Schell's art class entered several pieces of their work to the South Dakota High School Activities Association, along with other high schools from across the state. Northwestern recently won the Art state B championship title and appeared on local broadcast during the Boys' State B Basketball game. The students who entered pieces into this competition included seniors Tessa Rush, Blake Toennies, Halle Sieve and Kennedy Sparling and junior Kate Finley.

"I was very shocked about how competitive I started feeling as the day progressed. It reminded me of many athletic events I have been at in the past," Schell said.

"It was nice to see that the South Dakota High School Activities Association created a program to recognize the art culture in South Dakota. Overall, I thought that we did very well at the competition," Toennies said.

Northwestern FBLA Wins State Competition

By: Rachel Rausch

The Northwestern Future Business Leaders of America participated in this year's state conference in Rapid City and took home many awards, along with first place overall. Winners of first and second place, along with some third place winners, are eligible to attend the National FBLA Conference in Chicago, Ill., in June. Congratulations to everyone who placed!



Northwestern FBLA members anxiously await for the opening ceremony.

See results, p. 5



Northwestern Community Foundation would like to say...

Thank you to all of the people who helped make our annual pancake breakfast a huge success again. We would like to thank those who helped cook, serve, clean up and wait tables. We would like to thank the seniors who took the time from their busy school schedules. Working on community projects such as this are an important part of life! We would especially like to thank those who came to eat and donate to our cause. We live in a great community, and it shows year after year. We took in almost \$5,400 on Sunday to be used toward scholarships, music and other needs in our communities.

The numbers are also in for our football halftime kick and basketball halftime shot. There were a total of 2,262 kicks and shots this year with 608 people winning a bottle of soda. A special thank you to Crop Production Services of Northville, as they advertised to match all kicks and shots taken. Thank you for matching the sum of \$2,262. Your business community support is very much appreciated!

Morgan Wins KSFY Touchstone Scholarship

By: Madison Styles

Guidance counselor Mrs. Kari Brenner entered senior students from Northwestern in the annual Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week program. The program recognizes 36 high school students for academic achievement, co-curricular involvement and community service. Every week a new student is selected and featured in a segment aired on KSFY Television, and he or she receives a \$100 scholarship. Touchstone Cooperatives honored these students Sat. April 25, at the annual Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Year banquet and recognition at Lake Area Technical Institute. Of the 36 students chosen, senior Christine Morgan was selected from Northwestern.

"It is awesome to be honored across the state, and I am so fortunate to have such a supportive community to be a part of," Morgan said.

Newspaper Editor Kate Finley Receives Al Neuharth Journalism Scholarship

Junior Kate Finley was selected to represent the state of South Dakota at the Al Neuharth Journalism conference in Washington, D.C. June 20-25.

One student from each state is selected for an all-expenses paid trip to the conference along with a \$1,000 scholarship to the student's college of choice.

"I never would have even known about the scholarship if it wasn't for my journalism teacher, Mrs. Nora Groft. Thank you, Mrs. Groft. Honestly, this is a truly amazing honor. I am so excited for this experience!" Finley said.

The late Al Neuharth is the founder of USA TODAY. He grew up in South Dakota and attended the University of South Dakota.

"As a USD journalism student, I had the opportunity to meet Al Neuharth on many occasions. He generously gave back to other young people from South Dakota pursue their dreams. I knew she had to apply for this," Groft said.

Large-Group Music Contest

By: Abby Fischbach

Northwestern band and choir students competed in a large-group music contest in Aberdeen, S.D., on April 1, 2015. The students performed difficult pieces throughout the day. The choir received a II and the band a I-.

"I thought the students played extremely well due to the fact that we played very difficult pieces this year," band instructor Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.

"The choir students did very well for being such a small choir, and the day went very well," chorus teacher Ms. Jamie Kessler said.



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Northwestern Students Take on Miller Academic Challenge

By: Cameron Bohl

Northwestern sent its top students to participate in the Miller High School Academic Challenge on Wednesday, March 25.

Northwestern placed third overall as a team!

Congratulations to the first-place finish by our Senior Quiz Bowl Team of Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Jordon Peterson and Blake Toennies!

Individual place winners:

Grammar I: Sadie Vander Wal 1st, Peyton Groft 3rd

Grammar II: Josie Clemens 5th
Grammar III: Andrea Rausch 6th, Kirstin Borge 8th

Grammar IV: Jordon Peterson 6th, Christine Morgan 9th

American Literature: Andrea Rausch 8th, Kirstin Borge 11th

English Literature: Sadie Vander Wal 5th, Josie Clemens 6th

Physical Science: Sadie Vander Wal 3rd, Peyton Groft 12th

Biology: Derek Boekelheide 3rd, Josie Clemens 9th

Chemistry: Chance Sale 1st, An-

drea Rausch 5th

Anatomy: Jordon Peterson 3rd, Kirstin Borge 5th

Physics: Hans Leonhardt 4th

Algebra I: Sadie VanderWal 1st

Geometry: Peyton Groft 2nd, Josie Clemens 4th

Algebra II: Derek Boekelheide 6th, Kirstin Borge 7th

Senior Math: Hans Leonhardt 7th, Andrea Rausch 8th

Economics: Chance Sale 2nd, Isaac Groft 10th

Psychology: Christine Morgan 5th, Blake Toennies 7th

World History: Isaac Groft 4th, Peyton Groft 11th

World Geography: Blake Toennies 1st, Derek Boekelheide 2nd

US History: Chance Sale 3rd, Hans Leonhardt 9th

US Government: Jordon Peterson 12th, Christine Morgan 15th

Art: Blake Toennies 1st, Christine Morgan 3rd

Music: Blake Toennies 7th

Sports: Chance Sale 4th, Isaac Groft 14th

Animal Science: Jordon Peterson 9th

Natural Resources: Isaac Groft 12th

Ag Mechanics: Derek Boekelheide 7th, Hans Leonhardt 8th

High School Performs Spring Play

By: Rachel Rausch

This year's spring play, "A Family Reunion to Die For," featured a cast full of many familiar faces as well as a few new ones, all adding up to an impressive 24-member cast and crew.

The play, directed by Mrs. Jolinda Finley, followed the events that take place at a family reunion. The reunion, held at the family hotel, quickly turns from one of excitement and joy to one of fear and sadness when Aunt Gretchen, the owner of the hotel, is murdered. Freddie, an aspiring detective newly wedded into the family, tries to solve the case with the help of his wife Haley.

As the play progresses, two more family members are killed, leaving the remaining family members and hotel residents wondering who could be committing the murders. Everybody is a suspect. After some time of getting nowhere, the seemingly incompetent Freddie has a breakthrough and with the help of a superhero impersonator, his biggest fan, and Haley, the murderer is caught.

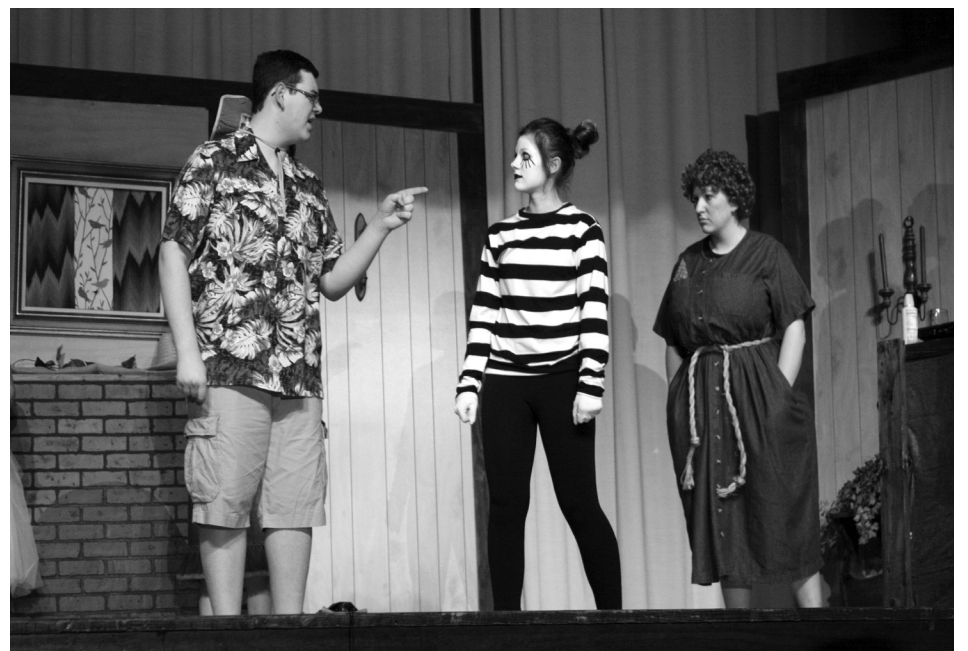
Seniors Julia Sparling, Tessa Rush, Blake Toennies, Halle Sieve and Christine Morgan, juniors Kate Finley, Andrea Rausch, Allison Braun, Ethan Bauer, Nolan Peter-

son, Madison Styles, Cory Walter, Cody Lefforge, Codi Sparling, Darienne Frericks and Logan Schentzel, freshmen, Daniel Tonga, Sadie Vander Wal, Megan Heidenreich and Isaac Bauer made up the cast and senior Carolina Spielman, sophomore Ali Johnson and freshmen Tucker Bohl and Tyler Braun made up the crew. The cast and crew all helped to build the set.

"I thought the play went great! For my first time I did not really know what to expect, but I learned that learning and memorizing lines was not that easy. I had a lot of fun, and I would do it again" Peterson said.

"I thought it turned out pretty well. The biggest concern was getting schedules for so many people and staging that many people. It was fun having the new kids and to give them the experience" Finley said.

The spring play wraps up the season for the drama club, which consists of oral interpretation in the fall, one-act play in the winter and high school play in the spring. Finley serves as adviser for each activity. Students can participate in one, two or all three events.



Senior Blake Toennies (Freddie Franklin) accuses junior Madison Styles (Molly) for the deaths in the play while senior Christine Morgan (Beatrice) observes.



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Students R-O-C-K Redfield Spelling Bee

By: Nolan Peterson

The elementary spelling bee held at the Court House in Redfield on 21 April featured two students from every class in the elementary at Northwestern. Out of the first grade, Brenna Storly and Carson Ewalt attended the spelling bee. Storly placed third in their grade. In the second grade, Josh Thorson and Landon Storly went, and Storly placed first

in their grade. In the third grade, Dylan Hahler and Lincoln Woodring attended. Hahler placed third, and Woodring placed second. The fourth graders who went were Ella Haven and Preston Martin. The fifth graders who attended were Samuel Groft and Megan Nash. Nash won the event.



Senior Tessa Rush Received April Student of the Month

By: Cameron Bohl

Her parents are Doug and Dina Rush. Rush's siblings are Trevor and Dylan. Her activities include Future Business Leaders of America, band, choir, youth group, drama club and oral interp. Rush's hobbies include crafting, gardening, scrapbooking, knitting and crocheting. Her favorite classes are anatomy and physiology because of the hands-on activities that help with learning. Rush's future plans are to attend Globe University for a Vet Tech. Her role models are her parents because they deal with her on a daily basis, and she could not imagine that that is an easy job. Her favorite quote is "Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once" by Lillian Dickson.

Students of the Month: Duncan & Rush

Sophomore Darby Duncan received May student of the month.

Her parents are Doug and Amy Duncan. Duncan's siblings are Jeanna, Zach, Moira and Ezekiel.

Her activities include volleyball, cross country, basketball, track, Future Business Leaders of America, Youth Group, band and chorus.

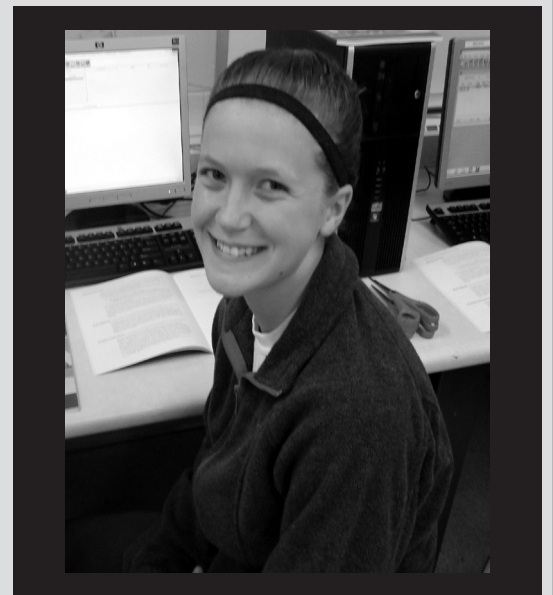
Duncan's hobbies are playing with dogs, helping with daycare, singing, hanging out with family, coloring, watching her dad play video games and listening to music.

Her favorite classes are Algebra II and band.

Duncan's future plans are to attend a four-year university with an undecided major at the moment.

Her role model is her older sister, Jeanna Duncan, because Jeanna has always worked hard, never gave up, and always went 100 percent.

Her favorite quote is "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7.



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2015 Northwestern FBLA Winners

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Banking & Financial Systems (presentation and written test)
4th Hans Leonhardt, Corbin Smith, Derek Boekelheide

Business Calculations (written test) 4th Kirstin Borge

Business Ethics (presentation)
5th Christine Morgan, Halle Sieve, Kaylee Hoellein

Business Law (written test)
3rd Corbin Smith

Business Math (written test) 1st Derek Boekelheide
3rd Peyton Groft
5th Josie Clemens

Business Plan (written project)
1st Rachael Boekelheide, Darienne Frericks, Lizzy Heidenreich

Business Presentation (Power-Point project)
2nd Rachael Boekelheide, Darienne Frericks, Lizzy Heidenreich
3rd Cameron Bohl/Abby Fischbach

Client Service (presentation)
4th Sadie Vander Wal

Desktop Publishing (project and written test)
1st Kate Finley
2nd Haley Grandpre/Julia Sparling

Digital Design & Promotion (graphic design project)
2nd Halle Sieve

4th Kate Finley

Digital Video Production (video project)
1st Isaac Groft, Cody Lefforge, Nolan Peterson

E-Business (business website)
1st Sadie Vander Wal

Electronic Career Portfolio (project)
2nd Halle Sieve
3rd Jordon Peterson

Emerging Business Issues (presentation)
1st Kate Finley, Halle Sieve, Blake Toennies

Entrepreneurship (presentation and written test)
3rd Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Codi Sparling

FBLA Principles & Procedures (test)
2nd Megan Heidenreich
4th Peyton Groft

Future Business Leader (interview, letter/resume, and written test)
1st Corbin Smith

Global Business (presentation and written test)
2nd Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan

Help Desk (written test)
5th Blake Toennies

Hospitality Management (written test)
4th Corbin Smith/Julia Sparling

Introduction to Business (written test) 2nd Derek Boekelheide

Introduction to Bus Comm. (written test)
1st Sadie Vander Wal
3rd Peyton Groft
4th Josie Clemens

Job Interview
3rd Madison Styles

Local Chapter Scrapbook
1st Julia Sparling

Management Decision Making (presentation)
5th Rachael Boekelheide, Darienne Frericks, Lizzy Heidenreich

Marketing (presentation and written test)
2nd Kate Finley, Andrea Rausch, Codi Sparling

Parliamentary Procedure Team (presentation and written test)
4th Christine Morgan, Halle Sieve, Kate Finley, Haley Grandpre, Allison Braun

Public Service Announcement (video project)
1st Rachael Boekelheide, Darienne Frericks, Lizzy Heidenreich
3rd Zach Duncan, Jordon Peterson, Kennedy Sparling

Sales Presentation
1st Christine Morgan
3rd Codi Sparling

Spreadsheet Applications (project and written test)
2nd Andrea Rausch
5th Darien Watson

Social Media Campaign – presentation
1st Haley Grandpre, Julia Sparling, Madison Styles
3rd Zach Duncan, Jordon Peterson, Kennedy Sparling

Website Design (website project)
2nd Haley Grandpre/Julia Sparling
3rd Megan Heidenreich/Jaidyn Kramp

Word Processing I (project and written test)
1st Kirstin Borge
3rd Kaylee Hoellein
5th Cameron Bohl

Who's Who in FBLA
2nd Christine Morgan

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Outstanding Local Member Haley Grandpre

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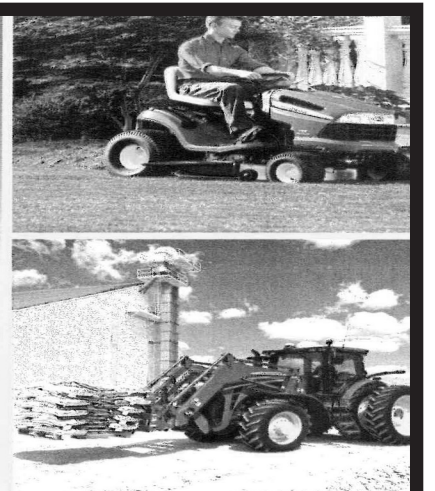


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PROM 2015

By: Rachel Rausch

Northwestern students enjoyed another successful prom this year. Attending couples enjoyed a night of pictures, trivia and dancing in the style of *The Great Gatsby*. Following the dancing, students changed into more comfortable clothes to participate in post prom, which included a hypnotist, the live version of Hungry Hungry Hippos, bean bag toss, trivia on the junior and senior classes and food provided by the junior parents. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped make this night a success!

Senior Haley Grandpre reveals her most intimidating game face.

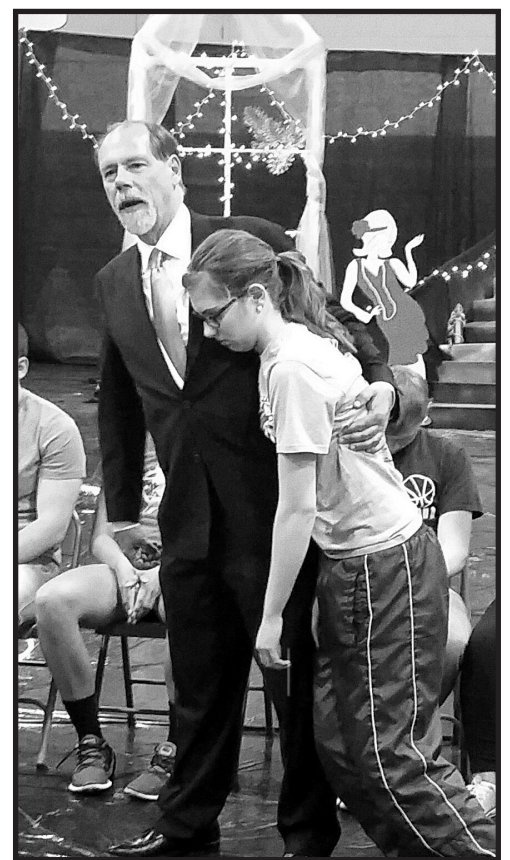


Junior Madsion Styles and senior Hans Leonhardt fight for the balloons.

Seniors Julia Sparling and Christine Morgan and freshman Addison Sparling huddle together for warmth after being hypnotized.



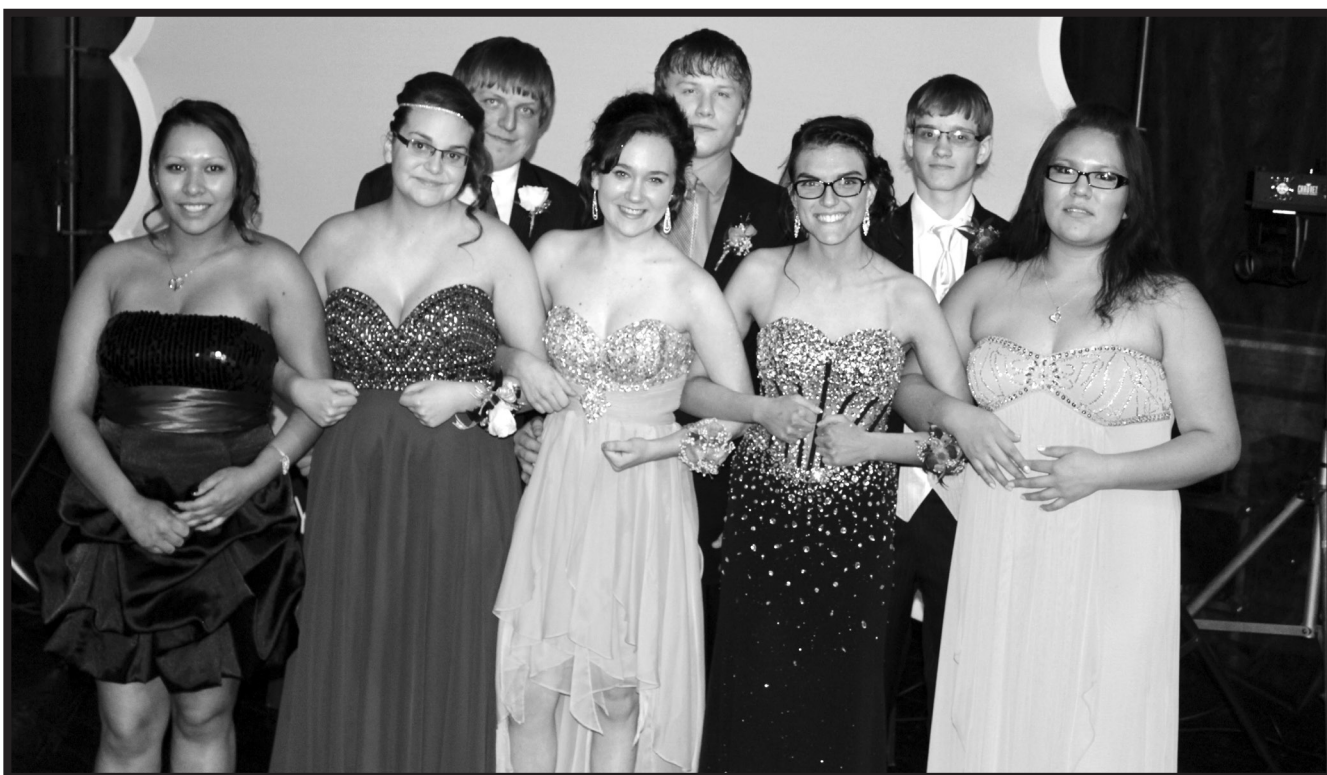
Seniors Julia Sparling and Corbin Smith enjoy a little post prom snack.



A hypnotized Senior Halle Sieve falls into a deep sleep during post-prom activities.



Senior Jordon Peterson reaches for her well-deserved balloon.



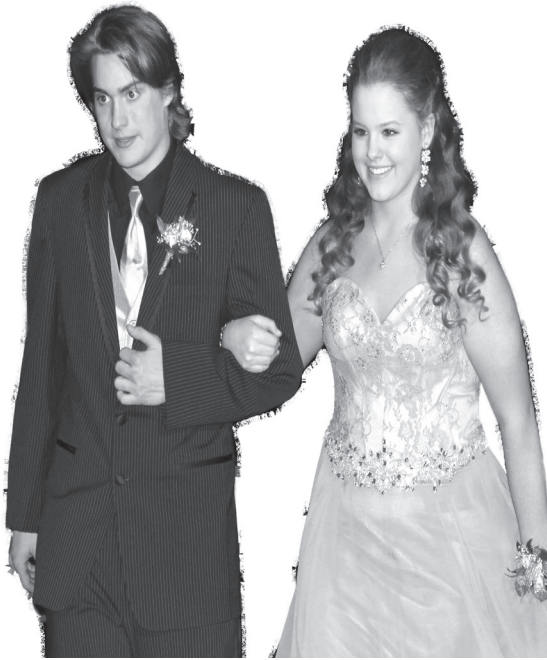
Back Row: Steve Fey, Cory Walter, Austen Wiman. Front Row: Darvella Dotson, Carolina Speilman, Shania Clowers, Kendra Bohlen and Misty BadWarrior look stunning in thier prom dresses and suits.

Cody Lefforge and Kirstin Borge



Photos by Kate Finley

Ethan Bauer escorting Allison Braun



Kennedi Sparling escorted by Alan Peterson



Tessa Rush escorted by Zach Wellman

Austen Wiman escorting Kendra Bohlen



Allison Braun, Andrea Rausch and Darienne Frericks

Derek Boekelheide escorting Cameron Bohl

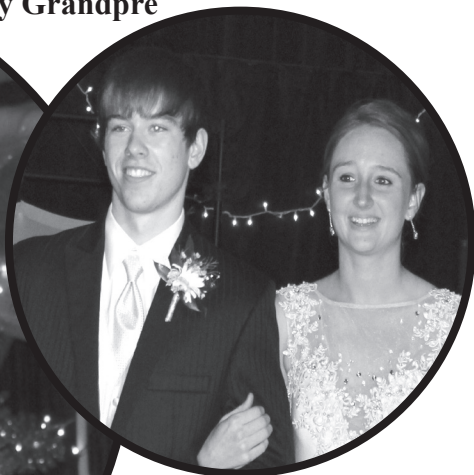


Codi Sparling, Kaylee Hoellein and Kyle Smidt

Abby Fischbach escorted by Cole Baloun



Andrew Lefforge escorting Haley Grandpre



The Northwestern juniors celebrated a *Great Gatsby* theme for prom.

Rachael Boekelheide escorted by Joseph Holsing



Andrea Rausch escorted by Cole Lundeen



Blake Toennies looks dreamily at his date for the evening.

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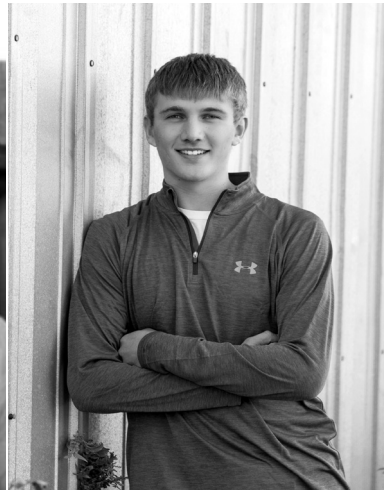
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Darvella Dotson
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MEET THE TRACKSTERS...



Senior Jordon Peterson



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Junior Logan Schentzel



**Sophomore Darby
Duncan**



**Sophomore Josie
Clemens**



**Sophomore Derek
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Freshman Daniel Tonga



Freshman Peyton Groft



**8th-grader Moira
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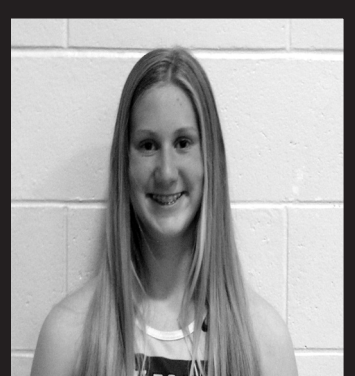
**8th-grader Jarret
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**8th-grader Caleb
Schentzel**



**7th-grader Danille
Seymour**



**7th-grader Christine
Stoltenberg**



**7th-grader Hailey
Boekelheide**



**7th-grader Miranda
Thorson**



**7th-grader
Madalyn Groft**



**7th-grader Tya
Weideman**

Boys' Track Results

By: Cameron Bohl

The Northwestern track team participated in the Patriot Invite in Miller on Thursday, Apr. 2.
 For the 400-meter dash, senior Zach Duncan placed sixth with a time of 1:03.26.
 For the 1,600-meter run, sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed first with a time of 4:55.82.
 For the 800-meter run, Boekelheide placed first with a time of 2:14.02.
 For the 3,200-meter relay, the team of Boekelheide, eighth-grader Caleb Schentzel, junior Isaac Groft and eighth-grader Jarrett Haven placed fourth with a time of 10:01.88.

The track team competed in the Central Dakota Invite in Miller on Friday, Apr. 10.
 For the 800-meter run, Boekelheide placed first with a time of 2:15.63.
 Eighth-grader Jarret Haven placed fifth with a time of 2:36.11. Groft placed seventh with a time of 2:38.03.
 For the 400-meter dash, Duncan placed third with a time of 1:01.54.
 For the 3,200-meter relay, Northwestern placed fourth with a time of 9:42.30.
 For the discus, junior Trey Bierman placed third with a throw of 97 feet, 9 inches.

The Sunshine Bible Academy track meet took place in Huron on Tuesday, Apr. 14.
 In the 800-meter run, Boekelheide placed fifth with a time of 2:14.8.
 For the 1,600-meter run, Boekelheide first with a time of 4:57.7.
 The 3,200-meter relay consisting of Haven, Schentzel, Boekelheide and Groft placed fifth with a time of 9:52.7.
 For the discus, Bierman placed seventh with a throw of 99 feet.

On Saturday, Apr. 25, the track team ran in the Tiger Relays in Ipswich. Northwestern placed eighth in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 10:24.02.
 Boekelheide placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.83.
 Boekelheide placed seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.95.
 Boekelheide placed second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:13.27.

On Tuesday, Apr. 28, Northwestern participated in the Groton Kiwanis Relays Track meet.
 Boekelheide placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.13.
 Boekelheide placed first in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:52.81.

Girls' Track Results

By: Isaac Groft

Charger Invite: April 9, 2015
 The Northwestern girls began the track and field season on a high note. Seventh-grader Madalyn Groft placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.15 and eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:15. Seventh-grader Hailey Boekelheide placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.81 and second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.91. Freshman Peyton Groft placed fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:50 and placed fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:06. Seventh-grader Tya Weideman placed seventh in the 800-me-

ter run with a time of 2:54. The 3,200-meter relay placed first with a time of 11:15. The medley relay team placed fifth with a time of 5:13. The 1,600-meter relay team placed third with a time of 4:43. The 800-meter relay team placed fourth with a time of 2:03. The 400-meter relay team placed second with a time of 56.48. Junior Kirstin Borge placed fifth in the long jump with a jump of 13-10. In the high jump, seventh-grader Danielle Seymour placed third with a jump of 4-7, senior Jordon Peterson placed fourth with a jump of 4-7 and junior Abby Fischbach placed sixth with a jump of 4-3.

Central Dakota: April 4, 2015
 Eighth-grader Madalyn Groft placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 21.69, placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 1:02 and placed sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:10. Seventh-grader Hailey Boekelheide placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.19 and placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 30.39. In the 800-meter run, eighth-graders Tya Weideman and Miranda Thorson placed third with a time of 2:50 and placed fifth with a time of 2:55. Freshman Peyton Groft placed first in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:55, and placed second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:40. Senior Jordon Peterson and junior Abby Fischbach placed first with a jump of 4-11 and third with a jump of 4-3. Junior Kirstin Borge placed second in the long jump with a jump of 13-5. The 3,200-meter relay placed second with a time of 11:04. The 1,600-meter relay team placed fourth with a time of 4:51. The 400-meter relay team placed second with a time of 55.75. The medley relay team placed second with a time of 4:57.

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Middle School Students Compete in Oral Interp at Florence

By: Kate Finley

Congratulations to the following junior high oral interp students on their fantastic results at the Florence competition on Monday, April 13. These students applied fantastic speech skills and did their absolute best. Northwestern cannot wait to welcome a few of these aspiring young actors into the high school oral interp program where we hope they continue their progress.

Seventh Grade Humorous
Chrissy Stoltenberg – Superior
Hailey Boekelheide – Superior +
Kaitlyn Lefforge – Superior
Kyle Stahl – Superior +
Ezekiel Duncan – Superior +

Seventh Grade Dramatic/Prose
Madalyn Groft – Superior

Eighth Grade Duet
Moirra Duncan/Riley Grandpre – Superior
Seth Wood/Zachary Toennies – Superior



Back Row: Seventh-graders: Christine Stoltenberg, Hailey Boekelheide, Kaitlyn Lefforge, Kyle Stahl, Ezekiel Duncan, Eighth-graders: Seth Wood, Zach Toennies. Front Row: Eighth-grader Riley Grandpre, seventh-grader Madalyn Groft and eighth-grader Moira Duncan.

3rd Quarter High School

9th Grade: Straight A: Peyton Groft, Megan Heidenreich, Evy Peterson, Sadie Vander Wal; A: Jaidyn Kramp, Addison Sparling; B: Daniel Tonga, Darien Watson.

10th Grade: Straight A: Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan; B: Derek Boekelheide, Alexandria Johnson, Christopher Johnson.

11th Grade: Straight A: Rachael Boekelheide, Kirstin Borge, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Andrea Rausch, Madison Styles; A: Cameron Bohl, Allison Braun, Kate Finley, Kaylee Hoellein; B: Ethan Bauer, Trevor Bohl, Abigail Fischbach, Darienne Frericks, Isaac Groft, Cody Lefforge, Nolan Peterson, Rachel Rausch, Logan Schentzel, Codi Sparling, Cory Walter.

12th Grade: Straight A: Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Jordon Peterson, Halle Sieve, Corbin Smith; A: Julia Sparling; B: James Beck, Darvella Dotson, Zachary Duncan, Christine Morgan, Tessa Rush, Kennedi Sparling, Blake Toennies.

Good Job Wildcats!

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to all the sponsors of Post Prom. Also, thank you to the junior parents who helped put it together and make it a success.

Northwestern Competes With Electric Car

By: Nolan Peterson

The Northwestern welding class, taught by Mr. Jerry Sauer, made a working electric car and raced it in Nebraska. Juniors Wyatt Haler, Trevor Bohl and Ethan Bauer completed the car with a team effort in building. Hahler was the driver of the car and drove for one hour and made 22 laps until the car blew a fuse and quit. The team got second in its class.

The race is won by how many laps and how long the car can last until the batteries die. Many schools compete in this race, and many do very well at it. Most cars have only three wheels, two in the front and one in the back. The race went extraordinarily well for the team of three.



Juniors Trevor Bohl, Ethan Bauer and Wyatt Hahler stand proudly behind their team car.

Making Math Count at NSU Contest

By: Abby Fischbach

Eleven students from Northwestern High School attended a math contest in Aberdeen, S.D., on April 17. The students competed against 25 different schools with more than 100 students in each category. Freshman Sadie Vander Wal won second place in the geometry category while freshman Peyton Groft won honorable mention in geometry as well.

"Most of our students placed in the top half of the contestants. Sadie and Peyton did awesome. While we didn't receive many awards, I am still pleased with all our students effort," math teacher Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua said.

"The test was really hard, but going to Twist Cone afterwards made the day much better," junior Kirstin Borge said.

"I thought that the test was very difficult, but overall I thought that I did pretty well," freshman Jaidyn Kramp said.

Students Take Part in LRC Math Contest

By: Nolan Peterson

Eight students competed in the Lake Region Math contest at the Strode Center on Wednesday, April 8. The Northwestern High School team took fifth place overall and competed very well.

The members of the team included freshmen Megan Hiedenrich, Peyton Groft, Jaidyn Kramp, and Sadie Vander Wal, sophomores Derek Boekelheide, and Josie Clemens, junior Andrea Rausch and senior Halle Sieve.

The students also placed in individual events as well. Hiedenrich placed sixth in Algebra I, Groft placed sixth in geometry, Boekelheide placed fifth in Algebra II and Rausch placed fourth in senior math.

"The math contest was very fun and a good experience," Boekelheide said.

School Board Highlights: April

Next year, many dual credit classes will be available at the Tech Academy for Lake Area and Mitchell Tech.

* Bids are now being accepted for the HATS house. The minimum bid required is \$69,500. If anyone is interested please call Hub Area Technical School at 725-7800.

* Smarter Balance testing has started and will run through May 5.

* FBLA students will be attending the FBLA State Conference Apr. 19 – 21.

* Sports physicals for grades 6, 9, 11 and anyone else needing one will be on Apr. 24. The initial physical form packets were sent out with students on Monday to be signed by parents and returned.

* Mr. Osborn would like to see a change in the football parking situation, this includes charging to park around the football field and to have designated handicapped parking spots. These changes would allow for some of our older loyal patrons to come to the game and have a spot to park to watch the game from their vehicles; would serve as a fundraiser for athletic programs; and help get the students to sit in the stands and not in the back of vehicles.

* Prom for next year. It has been suggested that NW look into having a junior/senior trip instead of having a prom. NW will be having some discussions with the students and will be finding out an estimated cost of a trip to Minneapolis or surrounding areas. Another suggestion was to have a Spink County prom with Redfield and Hitchcock/Tulare.

* On-line registration is continuing for next year in the high school.

* Mrs. Megan Clemensen accepted the first-grade teaching position. Mr. Doug Duncan will return to teaching second grade. Ms. Brenna Rausch has accepted the K-12 vocal teaching position.

* We will have a 12:30 dismissal on the final day of school May 21.

* Thank you to American Bank & Trust for providing the elementary Character Counts program with T-shirts this year. Thank you to Mrs. Brenner for organizing the monthly Character Counts assemblies and thanks to the fifth-grade class and our Hometown Heroes Corbin Smith and Haley Grandpre for your contributions that have made the assemblies a success.

* The SD Department of Education approved NW alternate evaluation model.

* Thank you to the Northwestern Community Foundation for their donation to be used for the marching band uniforms.

* The five-year administrative review for our food service was completed and all went well.

* Approved the purchase of new band uniforms.

* Accepted the resignation from Christi Cardella as Junior High Oral Interp coach, accepted the teaching resignations from Doreen Leinen and Jaimie Kessler.

* Approved contracts.

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 16

Journalism Students Editorial

Should we raise the minimum wage?

As we already know, the federal minimum wage for workers across the nation is set at a minimum of \$7.25. South Dakota has recently passed a state law to lower our state minimum wage from \$8.50 to \$7.50 for students under the age of 18. Wow! Just above the federal minimum requirement.

“Good job” South Dakota.

On one hand, we have the younger workers desiring a higher pay for possible college or personal expenses, and on the other, we have businesses that want to lower the wage for less-experienced workers. The vote that created this new regulation was passed recently and will be put into effect on July 1. Unfortunately, the crowd being affected by this bill was unable to vote because they are too young. This stands to be an unfair voting advantage for the youth workers. Republican Senator Arthur Rusch supported the measure. He said Senate Bill 177 allows kids who are just entering the workforce to become productive citizens.

“The goal is to try and make sure that the teens would have jobs available to them if people would be more willing to hire them,” Senator Rusch said.

Rusch believes that there will always be young workers who are willing to work in this economy even if the pay has been lowered. Rusch says with the \$8.50 minimum wage, many businesses would rather hire an adult than a teenager. Sadly, young workers do not approach this bill with the same feelings.

“I can understand why it would be more important for people who are trying to provide for a family and make more money, but students trying to pay for college also need money. I do not agree with this, and I think that it should be raised back to \$8.50 an hour because college is becoming more and more expensive, and teenagers will not want to work when they are not getting paid,” junior Abby Fischbach said.

This bill does not radiate a very welcoming environment for younger workers in South Dakota.

“Students are usually expected to go to college, which is extremely expensive. Some students are need-

ing to use their own money to pay for their education. With a lower minimum wage, the students are receiving less money. Everything keeps increasing in price, but students are being paid less and less. Raising the minimum wage will help students with money issues and help pay for college,” junior Cameron Bohl said.

Due to this bill, teens may feel less encouraged to pursue a part-time or full-time job. Most teens claim to work just as hard as adult workers and therefore believe they deserve the same paycheck.

“I understand they do not have as much experience and are young, but they need money, and they have the drive to be responsible, so why not reward them for that?” junior Madison Styles said.

Raising the minimum wage right now could not be more important. Minimum wage increases stimulate in the economy by increasing spending among young workers, without adding to state and federal budget deficits. Consumer spending drives 70 percent of the economy, and increasing demand is key for jumpstarting production and re-hiring. A raise in the minimum wage puts money into the pockets of younger workers, who either immediately spend it at local businesses or save it for future educational endeavors.

Student workers typically have jobs because they are saving money for college. With current four-year college educations costing an estimated \$75,000, students would have to work 10,000 hours to earn that much money. That puts students working full time--40 hours a week--at the \$7.50 rate for five years in order to save up enough money to pay for college. That's not even possible.

Put in those terms, South Dakota is an incredibly unfriendly place for young people. Those in state government and positions of power constantly tell us young people to stay in South Dakota. With this kind of treatment, why should we?



Comic by: Kate Finley

In the Hallway...

Photos and story by: Cameron Bohl

“What are you looking forward to this summer?”



“I am looking forward to the warm weather and participating in the 5K,” freshman Daniel Tonga said



“I am looking forward to catching some big fish,” sophomore Derek Boekelheide said.



“I am looking forward to making hay and checking cows,” junior Trevor Bohl said.



“I am looking forward to being able to have free time, having time for work and attending many concerts,” senior Christine Morgan said.



“I am looking forward to yard work, playing golf, attending a Twins game, painting barns and chasing the chickens and cats around the yard with my grandson,” Mr. Scott Boone said.

In the Middle School...

Photos and story by: Madison Styles

“What are you looking forward to this summer?”



“My birthday, because it’s always a fun time getting to see my family and most of my friends even though it’s summer,” sixth-grader Hailie Stuck said.



“Going swimming and having sleepovers,” sixth-grader Hayden Bohl said.



“Hanging out with friends and going fishing a lot,” seventh-grader Jerrin Weiman said.



“Being able to have free days off of school and being able to hang out with family,” eighth-grader Moira Duncan said.



“I’m looking forward to caring for my fairy gardens,” art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

In the Elementary...

“What are you looking forward to this summer?”



“To put up our trampoline and swim in our pool, because we are going to jump from our trampoline into our pool,” kindergartner Sierrah Johnson said.



“Jumping on the trampoline, because me and my sister takes balls on there and plays a different kind of dodge ball,” first-grader Alyssa Brick said.



“Playing volleyball, swimming, and going to my aunt and uncle’s house. They live in Nebraska,” second-grader Rhianna Troske said.



“Going to my grandma’s, because I haven’t seen her in over a year,” third-grader Natasha Kaderabek said.



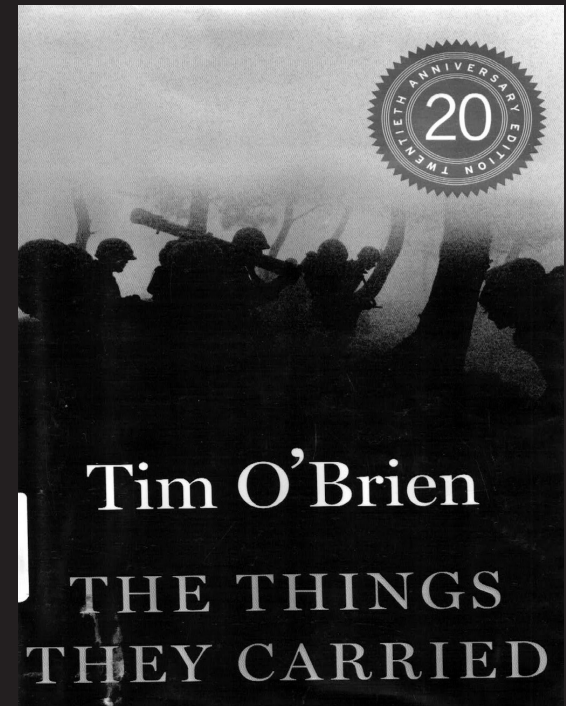
“Splashing my brother in the face with my water gun, because it’s going to be awesome!” fourth-grader Maren Hansen said.

School Board Highlights: April Continued... see p. 12 for rest

- * Approved an open enrollment for next year.
- * Approved facility use for Relay for Life's vendor fair on April 18th.
- * Approved board resolution authorizing membership in the SDHSAA.
- * Approved the NW Sec 125 Health FSA & Dependent Care Assistant Plan for the 15-16 Year.
- * Approved the low bid to Harlow's for a 2016 IC/CE PB105 59 passenger bus.
- * Approved the participation agreement with the SD School District Benefit Funds.
- * Re-announce board vacancies. NW will have two positions open for election/re-election for the three year term beginning July 1, 2015. Petitions may begin to be circulated on April 7, 2015 and must be filed no later than May 8 at 5 p.m.
- * Congratulations to Derek Boekelheide for breaking the school record in the 1,600-meter run.
- * Congratulations to Jordon Peterson for qualifying in the high jump.
- * Congratulations to Sadie Vander Wal for being chosen Student of the Month.
- * Congratulations to the following Girls State delegates Rachael Boekelheide, Kirstin Borge, Darienne Frericks, Elizabeth Heidenreich and Codi Sparling, Journalism City delegate Kate Finley. Boys State delegates Nolan Peterson and Logan Schentzel.
- * Congratulations to Josie Clemens for winning first place from the Spink County Soil Conservation District with her science research project.
- * Congratulations to Christine Morgan for being the KSFY/Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week
- * Congratulations to the Northwestern students that participated in the Miller High School Academic Challenge. Northwestern placed 3rd overall!
- * Also congratulations to the first Place finish by our Senior Quiz Bowl Team of Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Jordon Peterson and Blake Toennies!
- * Congratulations to all the Science Fair participants!
- * 10-12 Science Bowl: Fourth Place (Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Josie Clemens, Derek Boekelheide)
- * 7-9 Science Bowl: Second Place (Sadie VanderWal, Addison Sparling, Jarret Haven, Miranda Thorson)
- * Sadie Vander Wal – First place in Botany Zoology & finalist to International Science Fair in Pittsburg, Penn.!!!!
- * CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NW ART TEAM (Halle Sieve, Tessa Rush, Blake Toennies, Kate Finley, Kennedi Sparling, and Mrs. Schell) on their State B Visual Arts Championship!!
- * Kate: Painting first, Crafts first, Photography third
- * Tessa: Multi-media first
- * Halle S.: Graphic Design first
- * Kennedi: Black and White Drawing third
- * Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week April 19, 2015.

Rachel's Book Shelf

By: Rachel Rausch



Tim O'Brien's Pulitzer Prize finalist book, *The Things They Carried*, follows the men of Alpha Company during their time in Vietnam. Although the characters are fictional, they are based on the real life men with whom O'Brien served. This book is a compilation of different war stories told either by or about the men. This bit of metafiction leads readers to consider all aspects of war.

"O'Brien's meditations—on war and memory, on darkness

and light—suffuses the entire work with a kind of poetic form, making for a highly original, fully realized novel. . . Beautifully honest. . . This book is persuasive in its desperate hope that stories can save us." —Publishers Weekly

Students in Mrs. Nora Groft's AP Language & Composition class, as well as those in English 11, read this novel at close of the semester.

We highly recommend this book!

By: Madison Styles

Maddie's Music Review

The young duo called Dan + Shay met in December of 2012. Singing as a young child, Shay, born and raised in Natural Dam, Arkansas, began learning to play guitar at the age of 16. His musical influences include Rascal Flatts, Usher and Kenney Chesney. He most recently moved to Nashville for his music career. Since the age of 12, Dan began writing and playing music in his hometown of Wexford, Pennsylvania. He moved to Nashville in 2010 and has lived in the music scene a little longer than Shay. His musical influences

stretch from Ryan Adams and Tom Petty to Kenny Chesney and Alison Krauss. After they met, they instantly began writing together and after their relationship grew, they began performing together as well. Their sound consists of a mix of country rock/pop with many powerful ballads and fun hits. In 2013 the duo released the single that lifted them off their feet and made them a hit called "19 You + Me". They performed the single on The Ellen Show and made their Grand Ole Opry debut in 2014. They have toured with many singers so far, opening

up for Hunter Hayes and even Blake Shelton. They have received many awards for Vocal Duo of the Year for their hit song "19 You + Me." If they continue the hard work, I predict them making a huge impact in the music business.

