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The year of the Wildkitties

By Riley Grandpre

This is the Year of the Wildkitties!

A total of eight staff members have or will bring future Wildcats into the world this year!

2020 was the last time Northwestern School had this many staff members expecting children at the same time.

The six faculty members child," Holsing said. who have had children so Marissa Harms, Mrs. Megan Clemensen, Mrs. Breanna Holsing, Mrs. Alexz Smith, Mr. Rich Osborn and Mr. Ryan Bruns. Also, Mrs. Noelle Reppe are both expecting this spring/summer as well.

born on Nov. 2, weighing 7lbs., 6 oz. and 21 3/4 inches long. I am looking forward to all of the milestones over this child," Clemensen said.

"Ellett Sylvan Smith, 9lbs., 9oz., 22 inches long. He was born July 30, 2016. I love how much my volleyball family loves Ellett! I can't wait for Ellett and me to make many more memories in the volleyball gym together! This is my first she was born July 2, child," Smith said.



Courtesy Photo Mr. Ryan Bruns proudly shows baby Ramsey.

"My child's name is Raelynn Mary. We like to call her Rae. Rae was born three and a half weeks early and weighed 5 lbs. and 7oz. She was 18.5 in. The graduating class of long. She was born Oct. 20, 2016, at 10:43 a.m. I am looking forward to when she can talk and tell me all her great stories, and this is my first technically be new par-

"My child's name is far this year include Mrs. Marshall Douglas. He was 7lbs., 2 oz. and 20 in. long. He was born Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016. I am excited to watch his personality develop as he grows, and yes this Swanson and Mrs. Elissa is my first child," Harms

"My children's names are Mamie Marie and "Adalynn Elaine was Lucas Richard. Mamie was 5 lbs. and 13 oz., and Lucas was 5 lbs. and 14oz. They were born Dec. 30, 2016, Mamie was born at 8:21 a.m., and Lucas next year! This is our first was born at 8:23. I am looking forward to the whole process of watching them grow and teach them things I love to do. And help them find their way and help them find their passion, kind of like what I do with the students," Osborn said.

"Ramsey Caye Bruns, 2016. Ramsey weighed 5

lbs. and 5 oz. and was 19.5" long. I'm excited to watch her grow and develop her personality. There's so much more to look forward to with children, but those are my short terms items. This is my fifth child," Bruns said.

All of our teachers may ents, but they all have played such a large roll in all the students' lives. They seem like they have been parenting for years now. The Wildcats now cannot wait to see what the future has in store for the upcoming Wildcats! We wish all new parents the best of luck!



Courtesy Photo Mrs. Breanna Holsing



Courtesy Photo

Mrs. Megan Clemensen holds her baby.



Courtesy Photo

Mrs. Marissa Harms, her husband and Marshall.



Mr. Rich Osborn's twins, Lucas and Mamie.



Courtesy Photo

Mrs. Alex Smith holds baby Ellett and the game ball after winning the region volleyball match.

January Student of the Month: Moira Duncan



By Riley Grandpre

Sophomore Moira Duncan won this this month's Student of the Month. Duncan's parents include Doug and Amy Duncan, and her siblings include Jeanna, Zach, Darby and Ezekiel.

She participates in volleyball, basketball, track, school plays, youth group, Future Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America and robotics. Her hobbies include putting together puzzles, watching movies, playing games and organizing.

Her favorite quote is "Set an example of good works yourself with integrity and dignity in your teachings" Titus 2.7

Duncan looks up to her older sister, Jeanna as her role model.

"She gives me wisdom to get me through my struggles, and she gives a great example about how I should live," Duncan said.

She enjoys accounting, and her most exciting moment had been when Jeanna asked her to be one of her bridesmaids.

Middle school band students qualify for All-state events

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Congratulations to eighth-grader Mitchell Vander Wal for qualifying for Middle School All-State Band, which will be held March 3 and 4.

To make it into All-State band, all the students had a chance to record themselves playing various scales. To be chosen for All-State band is a great honor. The students have to be able to repeat the scale flawlessly along with smaller song excerpts in order to be selected. A couple days will be spent

practicing several different songs during all-state with other students, and on the last night, the students will perform their songs in a concert.

This will be Vander Wal's third time participating.

Also a congratulations to sixth-grader Ethan Boekelheide on making it to Middle School All-State Jazz Band. The Middle School All-State Jazz Band will be held Feb. 3 and 4.

Good luck to both participants!



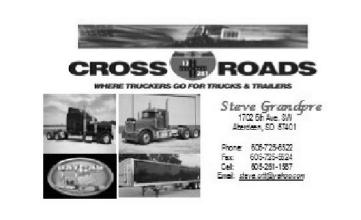
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Sixth-grader Ethan Boekelheide and eighth-grader Mitchell Vander Wal qualified for All-State

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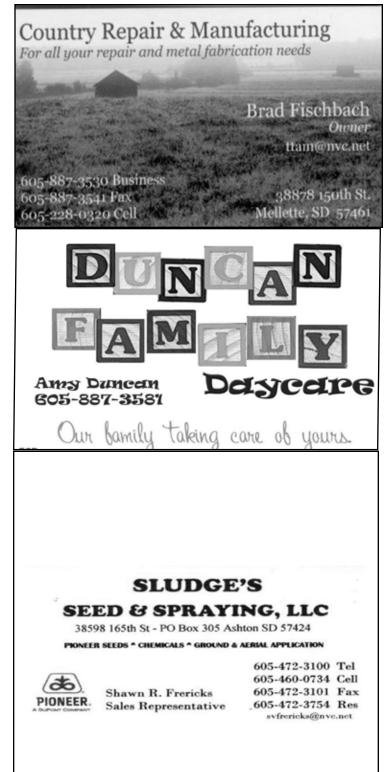
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Thorson qualifies for honor choir

By Riley Grandpre

Fourth-grader Josh Thorson qualified to sing in the elementary honor choir.

Elementary Honors Choir is comprised of almost 200 students in grades four through six. Multiple students auditioned from our school, but only Thorson received the honor of qualifying for the special event. He will go to South Dakota State University in February for rehearsal and a performance.

The event will be held on Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.



Photo by Riley Grandpre Fourth-grader Josh Thorson

NEWS BRIEFS

The elementary teaching staff voted on nomina-

tions for grades K-2 and 3-5 for the awards.

Elementary December

Students of the Month:

By Josie Clemens

Austin

Nash

Austin Nash

Second-grade

Ella

Boekelheide

Student of the Month

Ella Boekelheide

Third-grade

Former NFL athlete speaks to **FCA** students

Bu Caleb Schentzel

Former NFL punter Brian Hanson came to Northwestern and talked to the students involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He spoke

about how they can become more involved with worshiping Christ, and the success involved with playing with faith.

MathCounts continues success at Northwestern

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Northwestern MathCounts students went to their meet on Ian. 11 at Simmons Middle School. The participants on Team 1 included eighth-grader Mitchell Vanderwal seventh-graders Sam Groft, Megan Nash

and Jessica Boekelheide. Team 2 consisted of eighth-grader Bailey Heim and sixth-graders Ella Haven, Ethan Boekelheide and Emmy Robeson. Neither team placed at the meet, but Vander Wal placed 7th individually.

One-act play preview

By Caleb Schentzel

The 2017 One-act play, And the Giants Fell has been categorized as a serious play, basing itself off of the attack on the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. This play will include views from the side of Americans as well as the sides of the terrorists who attacked the towers. The play shows the effects of the perspectives.

struggles of what the

through after the attacks and shows the struggles the terrorists faced after they attacked the Twin Towers, indicating that both sides had suffered hardships because of the

The cast includes seniors Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan, juniors Megan Heidenreich and Sadie Vander Wal, sophoattack from different mores Zach Toennies and Moria Duncan, fresh-The play illustrates the man Ezekiel Duncan and eighth-grader Bailey American families went Heim. The crew includes

juniors Tucker Bohl and Tyler Braun.

"I am very excited to show everyone the play because it is a very serious yet entertaining play," Toennies said.

Mrs. Jolinda Finley has taken the position of directing the play.

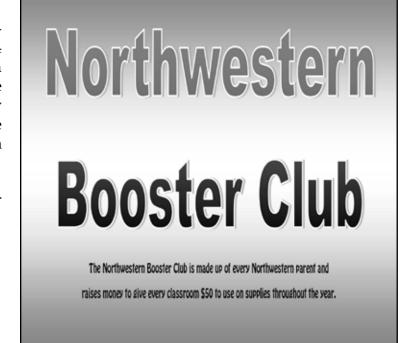
The students will perform on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 2:45 p.m. in the gym at Northwestern. The following day, the play members will compete in Sisseton for the region one-act contest.

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Northwestern students achieve academic success

By Caleb Schentzel

Northwestern students in the middle school and high school receive Bohl, ond quarter honor roll.

Names appear alphabetically:

6th Grade:

Straight Ethan A: Boekelheide, Ella Ewalt, Haven, Emmylea Robeson;

A: Brooke Heim, Jude Stuck, Kiarra Ortmeier;

Bourelle, B: Trey Fatafehi Faonelua, Quintin Brooklinn Halvorson, Heidenreich. Martin, Jayden Mielke, Weideman; Chase Neiber.

7th Grade:

Straight A: Jessica Boekelheide, Groft, Megan Nash;

A: Justin Haven, Landen Danielle Watson. Melius, Teryn Sparling, Sawyer Styles;

B: Morgan Gehring, Emma Grandpre, Haiden Grandpre, Logan Rausch, Mackenzie Stoltenberg, Brandon Toennis, Christopher Toennis, Nicholas Troske, Maddie Williams.

8th Grade:

Bailey Heim, the honor of academic Jackson Mielke, Alexis achievement on the sec- Rahm, Sydney Schell, Mitchell VanderWal;

> Haven, Schentzel;

B: Seth Heidenreich, Tanner Paige Heintzman, Teagan Jost, Kyle Peterson, Hunter Schipke, Hailie Stuck, Ethan Walter.

9th Grade:

Straight A: Hailey Fischbach, Boekelheide, Cassidy Frericks, Madalyn Groft, Maren Hansen, Olivia Christine Stoltenberg, Preston Miranda Thorson, Tya

> A: Ezekiel Duncan, Talley Sparling;

B: Zechariah Clemens, Samuel Kaitlyn Lefforge, Dalton Peterson, Eleanor Tonga,

10th Grade:

Straight A: Moira Duncan, Jarret Haven, Caleb Schentzel;

A Erin Sully;

B: Gavin Bohl, Caitlyn Fischbach, Riley Grandpre, Zachary Toennies, Seth Wood.

11th Grade:

Straight A: Peyton Straight A: Hayden Groft, Addison Sparling, Sadie Vander Wal;

A: Megan Heidenreich;

B: Isaac Bauer, Tyler Braun, Jaidyn Kramp, A: Jace Haven, Joclyn Austin Peterson, Evy Hannah Peterson, Taniela Tonga, Darien Watson.

12th Grade:

Straight A: Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens;

A Darby Duncan, Kyler Johnson;

B: Alexandria Johnson, Aubury Orr, Fernanda Orsi, Klaryssa Schnoor.



Courtesy Photo Sophomore Moira Duncan studies in class.



Courtesy Photo

Sophomores Jarret Haven, Seth Wood, Gavin Bohl and Zach Toennis and freshman Eric Nelson work hard in their advanced computers class.

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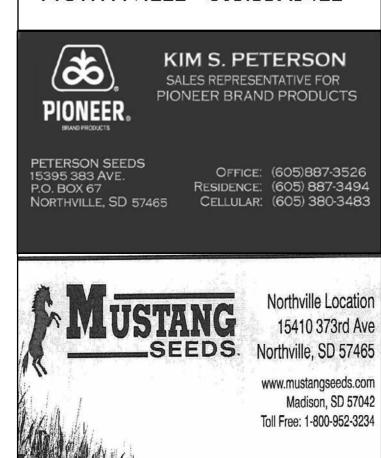
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NW students participate in Junior Snow Queen

By Fernanda Orsi

The State Junior Snow in front of people and Queen Festival took place Jan. 7 at the Civic Theater in Aberdeen, S.D.

and eighth-grader Hailie Stuck performed for the judges for the Snow Queen Talent and did a great job earlier that Saturday. Unfortunately, neither of them made it Weideman was the local past the auditions.

"I always love singing Area and represented

using the song to share a message with others. The best part of this year was Senior Darby Duncan that I got to sing with my dad and brother. We had a great time at the competition, even though we did not make it to the ple, and it was fun! I finals," Duncan said.

> Freshman **Junior Miss Northwestern**

Northwestern in the 71st **Junior State Snow Queen** Festival.

Although Weideman did not place, she represented Northwestern well in the competition.

"I met a lot of new peowouldn't trade the expe-Tya rience for anything," Weideman said.



Tya Weideman, second from the left, made new friends and created memories from her experience at Snow Queen.



Courtesy Photo

Tya Weideman, second from the left, represented Northwestern well and met last year's Snow Queen winners.







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Girls' basketball team halfway through season

By Caleb Schentzel

The Northwestern girls' basketball team is continuing through a great season of basketball. The Wildcats fell short to the Warner Monarchs 37-54. The team had been led by junior Peyton Groft and senior Darby Duncan contributing eight points each. Senior Josie Clemens led the team in rebounds with 10. Junior Addison Sparling led the team with three assists and four steals.

The Wildcats topped off a win in a very intense game versus Waverly/ South Shore. The girls beat the Coyotes 52-51. Clemens led the team with 16 points and con-

tributed two assists and four steals. Junior Evy Peterson pulled in seven rebounds, and Duncan ended with three assists. The Wildcats won the game by a last second 3-point shot by sophomore Caitlyn Fischbach. Fischbach ended the game with nine points.

In the following game, Northwestern pulled a victory against Sisseton, scoring 66-41. The Wildcats were led by Sparling who had 17 points and led the team in assists with six total. She also pulled in six rebounds and five steals. Freshman Chrissy Stoltenberg dropped 13

points. Peterson added 11 points and Clemens added 10 points.

The Wildcats claimed another win against Faulkton, beating 62-49. Trojans Northwestern was led by Clemens who had 23 points and two steals. Sparling added 16 points, and she pulled down 10 rebounds to help the Wildcats. Sparling also had four assists. Peterson dropped 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds to help the Wildcats.

Northwestern topped off another victory against Hitchcock-Tulare. The Wildcats beat the Patriots 64-55. Peterson led the team with 14 points. Duncan and Stoltenberg each added 12 points to the victory. Stoltenberg also totaled seven rebounds. Sparling added 10 points and had four assists.

The girls broke their winning streak during the Redfield Classic, falling short to Little Wound. Duncan, Clemens, Sparling and Peterson each had 11 points. Clemens led the team in assists with seven, and Sparling had eight rebounds. Groft led the team with four steals.

The Wildcats defeated the Ipswich Tigers during the next game, scoring 52-31. The Wildcats were led by Clemens who had 17 points, nine rebounds and six steals. Duncan added nine points to the win. Sparling contributed five assists and six steals. Peterson and Groft each totaled seven points to the victory.

Northwestern defeated Miller in a very close game, resulting in a 48-43 win over the Rustlers. Northwestern was led by Clemens who had 17 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and five steals. Sparling added 13 points to the victory, and Stoltenberg had 10 rebounds.

The girls' basketball team now focuses on practice, looking to improve every day.



Photo by Aberdeen American News Freshman Chrissy Stoltenberg pulls up for a jump shot.



Photo by Aberdeen American News Sophomore Caitlyn Fischbach dribbles against Roncalli.



Photo by Aberdeen American News Junior Addison Sparling drives to the rim during the var-

sity game against Aberdeen Christian.





Boys basketball team off to a steady start

By Josie Clemens

The Northwestern boys' varsity team began its season with a 4-4 record.

match-up Edmunds Central on Dec. 13, they cruised to a 66-46 win over the Raiders.

"I had been injured in the beginning of the season, but the season looked promising. I was excited to get back on the court and play with the team again," sophomore Jarret Haven said.

The next game had the fans on the edge of their seats. The basketball team played Aberdeen Christian on Dec. 19, suffering a loss in a high-scoring game 81-88 in the Knights' favor.

In the following game took on the Iroquois Chiefs, resulting in a 71-58 win over the Chiefs. Freshman Zech Clemens led the team with 24 six assists. Senior Derek Boekelheide contributed 18 points and seven make 17 points. rebounds.

Α

against Faulkton on Jan. 3 left the boys with a 2-2 record. The Wildcats In the Wildcats' first lost 59-68 to the Trojans. against Boekelheide led the team with 21 points while Clemens and sophomore Caleb each contributed 14 points. Haven had his injury cleared and had been able to play during the Faulkton game.

The varsity boys' team did not let the loss against Faulkton affect the next game on Jan. 6. The Wildcats claimed a 66-62 victory over Florence/ Henry. Clemens led the team with 18 points while Boekelheide closely followed with 14 points. Junior Isaac Bauer led both teams with eight steals for the night.

9, On Jan. the on Dec. 22, the Wildcats Northwestern boys' basketball team could not handle Potter County's offense that had made 31 out of 54 shots attempted. The Wildcats points, 13 rebounds and lost 39-77 against the Battlers. Schentzel and Boekelheide combined to

> The Wildcats did not double-header dwell on the past as they

shot past the Ipswich Tigers to a 75-60 victory on Jan. 12. Schentzel had 20 points and led with 13 rebounds. Boekelheide closely followed with 18 points.

"I feel like so far we have done pretty well. Even though we have lost a few games, we never quit, and we never give up. I have high expectations for the rest of the season," Bauer said.

The most recent game had been against Miller on Jan. 14. The Wildcats could not power through the Rustlers' 31 defensive rebounds, leading to a 72-95 loss for Northwestern.

The Northwestern basketball team faces Warner on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and Leola/Frederick in a double-header matchup on Friday, Jan. 20.





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Junior Isaac Bauer drives past his opponent.



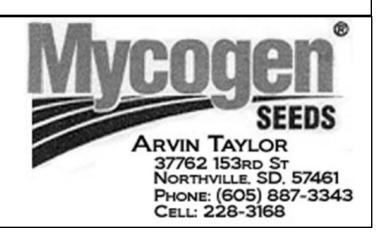
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Braun competes on Warner/ Northwestern wrestling team

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Due to the small amount of students at Northwestern, its wrestling team joined with the Warner wrestling team in order to continue its wrestling program.

Junior Tyler Braun is the only Northwestern student who participates on the Warner/Northwestern

team.

Braun had been able to start in the beginning of the season, but could not place due to an injury earlier in the season. Braun's injury had occurred in the beginning of January.

During one of his wrestling matches Braun had

issues dealing with his shoulder. He hopes for a quick recovery and only have to take a week off since the injury occurred.

"I will hopefully have a quick recovery and will be able to be back on the mat and wrestling again," Braun

Netflix N Chill

By Fernanda Orsi



Photo by Fernanda Orsi

The moment we all have been waiting for has come. We can now watch Netflix anywhere you want without internet. On Nov. 30, the streaming service revealed the new download feature, which allowed users to watch some of their favorite shows and movies whenever and wherever they want. Perfect for that boring road trip!

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Valentine's Day: is it all just an illusion?

Staff Editorial

Valentine's Day.

A day full of love and romance consisting of couples pouring their hearts out to each other and exchanging chocolate in heart-shaped boxes. Oversized teddy bears

show up on door steps, and flowers appear out of thin air.

The shelves have been stocked with items of various shades of reds and pinks.

Declarations of unwavering love travel through the win, and the couples could not be any happi-

Business owners share this same amount of joy during this holiday. Their love for money grows exponentially. The manager has money in his eyes while he looks at a couple holding hands. In place of their love, he only sees dollar signs. Businesses exploit their costumers' happiness to achieve their own sense of prosperity.

Christmas season has ended for the market, and companies search for new ways to cre-

ate an illusion for its customers, sucking the money directly from the wallets of many innocent people. Valentine's Day provides the perfect opportunity for such a scandal.

New Year's Day brings excitement and anxiety for the new year, but that energy quickly diminishes, leaving a person with doubt and sadness. Valentine's Day offers a way for couples and single people searching for romance to dwell in their own happiness for

24 hours.

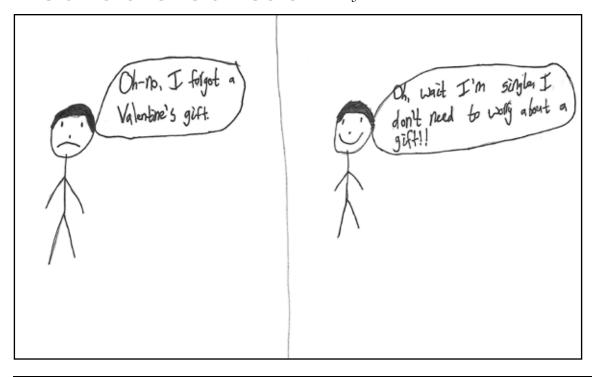
Companies utilize those 24 hours and weeks prior to the special day to market happiness and to sell their merchandise. Similar to New Year's Day, people wake up the day after the holiday, and reality hits them. Arguments within a relationship become relevant again, and single people realize what little hope they have to finding their true love.

However, never fear because Easter is near, and companies will find new

ways to build false happiness in order to make a few extra dollars by way of chocolate bunnies and cream-filled eggs.



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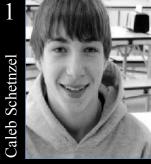
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IT'S A MATCH!

Throwback: Can you match each person to their past Valentine?

Story by Josie Clemens



2015, eighth grade

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Alexis Rahm

2015, seventh grade

Noa Tonga



2016, freshman



2015, fifth grade



pictures taken the year of quote



2012, fifth grade

"If this wasn't going in the paper, I would say Addi, but I guess I'll go with Carrie Underwood'

"Casper the Ghost because we are both single"

"Malana, because she likes the month of February and that's the month of my birthday"

"Joe Groft, because he's amazing and awesome"

"Haley Wetzler"

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Whom do you want to be your Valentine?



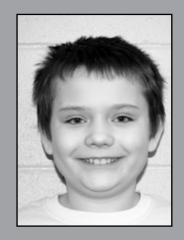
"My mom because I love her," kindergartener Ezra Koch said.



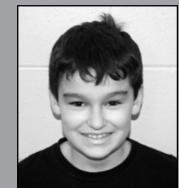
"My dog because he is nice to me," first-grader Tailynn Twete said.



"Ella because she is a good friend," thrid-grader Josie Sparling said.



"Mackenzie because I love her," fourth-grader Pheonix Bloomhall said.



By Caitlyn Fischbach

"My mom because she takes care of me," fifth-grader Lincoln Woodring said.

In the Middle School Whom do you want to be your Valentine?



"I want basketball to be my valentine because it's fun," seventh-grader Nick Troske said



"Sean Mendes. I like his music," sixth-grader Jordan Barrus said.



"My mom because she is cool," eighth-grader Sydney Schell said.



"Caitlyn because she is loving and carying, and he is my favorite sister," sixth-grader Quintin Fischbach said.



"Either my mom or my dad because they are my parents, and I am not ready to date," sixth-grader Emmy Robeson said.

In the High School

Whom do you want to be your Valentine?



"I don't know, Talley Sparling because she is standing next to me," junior Tucker Bohl said.



"Cassidy because she is my awesome best friend," freshman Tya Weidemen said.



"Tya because she is my awesome best friend," freshman Cassidy Frericks said.



"Probably food because it never lets me down," senior Fernanda Orsi said.

By Josie Clemens

"Me, myself, and I," sophomore Zachary Toennis said.

Foreign exchange student represents **Northwestern at Snow Queen**

By Josie Clemens

Senior Fernanda Orsi had been the senior honored to represent Northwestern Area at the 2017

Snow Queen Festival.

Fernanda is a member of the journalism staff and decided to provide

everyone with recounting her experience as a participant in the special occasion.

Her experience had been one to remember. She began her events on Thursday morning,

and the awards had been on Saturday evening.

Snow Queen Timeline

By Fernanda Orsi

Day 1: Thursday

Arrived at the hotel at 10:30 am and had a "Welcome Tea" with snow queen Georgialee.

Met my roommate. Mine had gotten sick on the first day and had to leave.

Then I drove around to say thank you to the festival sponsors and went to the Civic Arena for rehearsal.

At 6 p.m., the snow queen participants went to Skate Away and skated until 9 p.m. with Frosty and the snow sisters.

Then I went back to the hotel and had a "PJ" party with the snow queen until 11 p.m.

Day 2: Friday

I had to wake up at 6:15 a.m. to get ready for my interview and the workshops required during the day.

Everyone divided into three groups, and I was in the first one, which meant that my group had our interviews with the judges first.

Then I went to my first workshop, a self-defense class where I got to learn some moves in case I would ever be attacked.

The second workshop was about communication and selling your image. It taught the people in the workshop how to start a conversation in a professional environment and how to behave in an interview.

Then I had lunch (everything we has during the weekend was paid by our sponsors).

At 5 p.m., I got dressed for the Queen's banquet that was at 6 p.m.

After the banquet, I went to the hotel for the Queen's ball with my

I finally had been able to go to bed at 1 a.m.

Final Day: Saturday

Woke up at 6 a.m. and had breakfast with a surprise interview! (everyone had one immediately when they woke up that had been unannounced).

I met the snow sisters and did some crafts with them.

Then everyone went to Dairy Queen to eat.

Next I went to the snow queen museum and then back to the hotel where Thom gave us a meditation lesson right before it was time to get ready to go on stage.



Courtesy Photo

Fernanda Orsi meets the 2016 Snow Queen Festival winner.



Courtesy Photo

All 29 of the snow queen

participants had to get

ready in the same room backstage.

I went on stage twice:

the first time with our snow sisters, and the second time by ourselves.

2017 Snow Queen Festival participants, including Northwestern's Fernanda Orsi: top row, third from the left. On the second time, the results were announced.

Caitlyn's Cuticles

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Tools

1. Nail polish

2. Water

The marbling technique

A fun technique to use when doing your nails is the marbling technique. Using this technique may be a little messy, but in the end it turns out looking great. First, start with a base coat of your choice. If you do not want your fingers to be a mess, you can tape around your finger nails or use a liquid tape peel-off used for nails. Then you will need to choose your colors. Put a couple drops of nail polish in the water until it is fully spread across the top. You can alternate colors while doing this. By using a nail tool you can create a design by moving the paint around in the water, or using a straw and blowing on it to make it spread out. Once your nail polish is all added to the water, dip your finger into the paint. The paint should go straight onto your nail. Let it dry then finish with a base coat.

Riley's Closet

By Riley Grandpre

Before everyone starts to eat all the good Valentine's food, maybe stop and think about what clothing will stretch as you keep eating chocolates! Here are some few comfortable clothes idea for winter. A crew neck sweatshirt or a long sleeve would go perfectly with a vest over top. This style has recently become more seen. Many college students have started to follow this trend. For pants, jeans or leggings go perfectly with the vest. A pair of shoes that would go well could be high top white Converse sneakers. These have really popped up this past summer. If you would like to wear this brand of shoe, yoga pants or skinny jeans would match perfectly. A scarf would top off this outfit nicely, along with a beanie to stay warm. Of course, red is good! Happy Valentine's Day!

Peterson Meats

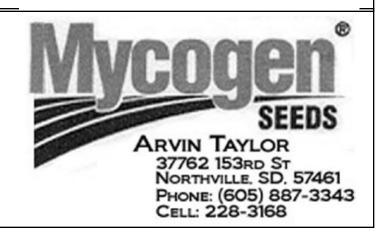
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Cookin' with Caleb

By Caleb Schentzel

Easy Brownies

Ingredients:

2 eggs

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup granulated sugar

½ cup cocoa
 ¾ cup flour
 1 tsp vanilla
 Optional:
 ½ chopped nuts

Melt butter and let cool. Stir in granulated sugar and vanilla. Beat in eags, beating well between each one. Stir cocoa and flour together and blend into creamed mixture. *Blend in nuts. Press into greased and floured 8-inch sqare pan. Bake at 350 F for 25-30 minutes. Do not overbake! Cool pan on wire rack before cutting into squares

*Optional

Josie's Jigsaw

VALENTINE WORD SEARCH

The following words can be found across, up, down, and diagonally:

CHOCOLATE FLOWERS
DATE HUGS
LOVE ROMANCE
VALENTINE FEBRUARY

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