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# Musicians receive eight superiors at contest 

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Northwestern musicians received eight superiors at the Region IV solo and ensemble contest held at the ARCC in Aberdeen on Feb. 8.

The following groups received a I :

The mixed vocal ensemble of Moira Duncan, Ezekiel Duncan and Darby Duncan; Ezekiel Duncan, timpani solo; Cassidy Frericks and Madalyn Groft, unlike wood wind duet; Peyton Groft and Darby Duncan, like wood wind duet; Madalyn Groft and Caitlyn Fischbach, flute duet and Peyton Groft,

Hailey Boekelheide and Riley Grandpre, alto sax trio.
"I am very proud of how well our musical groups did this year at contest," freshman Madalyn Groft said. "I really enjoy singing and playing instruments together with my friends."

The following groups received a II:

Darby Duncan, soprano/alto vocal solo; Ezekiel Duncan, tenor/bass vocal solo; Miranda Thorson, Chrissy Stoltenberg and Tomlyn Toy, mixed vocabl ensemble; Chrissy Stoltenberg, Tomlyn

Toy, Miranda Thorson and Madalyn Groft, mixed vocal ensemble; Moira Duncan, soprano/alto solo; Josie Clemens, Aubury Orr, Evy Peterson, Jarret Haven, Zeke Duncan and Chrissy Stoltenberg, percussion ensemble; Cassidy Frericks, clarinet solo; Ezekiel Duncan, snare drum solo; Caleb Schentzel, Dalton Peterson and Dani Watson, trombone ensemble; Tyler Braun, Miranda Thorson, Caleb Schentzel, Kaitlyn Lefforge and Derek Boekelheide, brass quintet; Peyton Groft, Riley Grandpre, Hailey

Boekelheide, Darby Sparling and Gavin Bohl, Duncan and Moira trumpet ensemble and Duncan, sax ensemble; Derek Boekelheide and Miranda Thorson, Tyaler Zech Clemens, like brass Braun, Darby Duncan, duet. Tya Weideman, Talley


Photo by Caitlyn Fischbach
Trumpet players perform at the small-group contest in Aberdeen.

## Students compete in local science fair <br> By Fernanda Orsi

The Northwestern local science fair took place on Friday, Feb. 17. Many students presented their final projects in the little gym judged by volunteer students and community members. The awards were presented at 1:30 p.m. in the big gym. First and second winners, along with a few third-place students, will continue on to Northern State University Science Fair on March 23.
The junior high awards were split into six categories: physics, biology, agronomy, zoology, food and chemistry. High school awards were divided into five categories: physics, biology, life, chemistry and environment.

## JH Physics <br> Honorable Mention: Sam Groft and Samantha Rush <br> Second: Tanner Ewalt <br> First: Ethan Boekelheide with "What Bridge is the Strongest" <br> JH Biology <br> Honorable Mention: <br> Chase Neiber and Trey

Bourelle
First: Jayden Mielke with "Distance vs. Age" JH Agronomy
Honorable Mention: Jackson Mielke and Haiden Grandpre
Second: Megan Nash and Justin Haven
First: Hannah Schentzel with "The Effect of Scratification on Green Bean Germination" and Jessica Boekelheide with "Growing Plants with LED lights"

## JH Zoology

Honorable Mention: Hayden Bohl, Joclyn Haven and Kyle Peterson Third: Alexis Rahm and Ella Haven
Second: Sawyer Styles and Bailey Heim
First: Sydney Schell with "Guppy Growth Phase 1" and Mitchell Vander Wal with "Pop Goes the Calf"
JH Food
Honorable Mention: Mackenzie Stoltenberg Third: Hunter Schipke Second: Brooklinn Halvorson
First: Teryn Sparling with "How Well Do Desinfectants Work?"

JH Chemistry
Honorable Mention: Quintin Fischbach
Second: Emma Grandpre and Brooke Heim
First: Jace Haven with
"Tin Temperature Phase 3"

## HS Physics

Honorable Mention: Sean Shepherd
Second: Zach Toennies, Daniel Tonga
First: Tyler Braun with
"The Construction of a Fuel Cell Phase 1" HS Biology Honorable Mention:


Courtesy Photo Middle school and high school science fair winners show off their ribbons.


By Riley Grandpre
The Student of the Month for February is Caitlyn Fischbach. Fischbach's parents are Brian and Shelly Fischbach. Her siblings include Abigail and Quintin Fischbach. Fischbach's activities include volleyball, basketball, track, Future Business Leaders of America and Felllowship of Christian Athletes.
Her future plans are to attend a four-year college and play college volleyball. Her favorite quote is "God is good all the time... And all the time God is good."
Fischbach's favorite athlete is Kerri Walsh Jennings. Her favorite class is journalism because she gets candy. Fischbach's most embarrassing moment was when she was at Cassidy Frerick's house and was standing on the top of the stairs and a little child came around the corner and scared her, so she fell all the way down the wooden steps.

## Groft wins Women In Science Logo Contest

By Caitlyn Fischbach
Junior Peyton Groft has now won nine of won the Women In these contests. Groft also Science logo design won the design contest contest. Groft creat- her freshman year.
ed a T-shirt design for "It was an honor to win, the Aberdeen Women and I hope my design in Science conference clearly reflects the ideals that will be used as this expressed in the mission year's conference logo. of the Women in Science Groft's design will be program," Groft said. featured on T-shirts and Groft will also receive as a logo for other items an iPad mini for her for the 2017 conference. efforts. The 2017 Women The contest was open to in Science conference anyone in the Aberdeen will be held in Aberdeen area who wanted to par- on Tuesday, March 7.
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Junior Peyton Groft's Women in Science logo won the design contest.

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## One-act third at

## regions

By Caleb Schentzel
Northwestern students in the one-act play placed third at the region contest in Sisseton on Jan. 25.

Northwestern placed third out of six schools, missing astate-qualifying place by one. Five actors received awards: senior Josie Clemens, juniors Megan Heidenreich and Sadie Vander Wal, sophomore Zach Toennies and eighth-grader Bailey Heim all received outstanding acting awards.
"It is really difficult to perform serious plays, but we were able to pull it off. I had a lot of fun performing this, and I am very proud of how I did," Vander Wal said. This year's play consisted of seniors Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan, juniors Megan Heidenreich and Sadie Vander Wal, sophomores Zach Toennies and Moria Duncan, freshman Ezekiel Duncan and eighth-grader Bailey Heim. The crew included juniors Tucker Bohl and Tyler Braun.
This year's one-act play featured the attacks on the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001 called And the Giants Fell. This play included views from the side of Americans and sides of the terrorists who attacked the towers. The play showed the effects the attack had on both sides.

Photo by Fernanda Orsi Eighth-grader Bailey Heim, senior Darby Duncan and juniors Megan Heidenreich and Sadie Vander Wal perform a scene.

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Students of the Month:
By Josic Cleners


The elementary teaching staff voted on nominations for grades K-2 and 3-5 for the awards.

## NEWS BRIEFS <br> Curt comes to elementary

By Riley Grandpre
On Feb. 7, the elemen- main goal was to teach tary had a guest come the elementary students and show them some to work hard to get American classics; his what you want in life.

## MathCounts team places fourth at chapter competition

By Caitlyn Fischbach
The Math Counts stu- Vander Wal received dents participated in fourth place. The team the chapter competi- last year took sixth tion Feb. 8. The team place, so they increased of seventh-graders Sam by two places. The stuGroft, Megan Nash, dents were very excited Jessica Boekelheide and about their placing. eighth-grader Mitchell

## Vander Wal travels to Pierre

By Caleb Schentzel
Future Business Career and Technical Leaders of America state Student Organization reporter junior Sadie Legislative Shadows Vander Wal traveled to Days.
Pierre on Feb. 8-9 for


## Booster Club

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## NW Preschool Screening

By Josie Clemens

NORTHWESTERN AREA PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN S CREEN ING ANNOUNCEMENT
The Northwestern Area School District will be doing two separate screenings this year due to large \#'s.
We will screen those entering kindergarten on Monday, March 13th (students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017).
The screening on Tuesday, March 14th will include any child who will be three years old on or before March 14, 2017.
Any four year olds that were not screened last year are also encouraged to be screened at this time. Both screenings will take place in the small gym. Please stop at the pre-registration table on the stage when you arrive.
*Enter through NE door by the small gym All children who will
be in the 2017-2018 Kindergarten class need to be screened prior to enrolling for kindergarten.

Children will be screened in gross and fine motor skills, general concepts, communications skills, vision and hearing. Additionally, the county nurse will be available to give general physical examinations to the upcoming kindergarten class members. Early identification of difficulties can help alleviate health or educational problems, which may develop during a child's education.

As part of the school's "Child Identification Project," HEARTLANDHANDS OF BIRTH TO THREE CONNECTIONS, Rich Jankord, will be available on the testing date to screen children who are younger than three years of age upon
request. Mr. Jankord will be available only if appointments are made in advance through the school.
This is a FREE service provided by the school district. The screenings take approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Jessica Halvorson at 887-3467 x110 or e-mail jessica.halvorson@k12.sd.us between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 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.
If you know of a family who is unaware of the date for this screening, please share this information or contact the office at the number given. Thank you!

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## FBLA sells suckers for Valentine's Day

By Riley Grandpre
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Junior Daniel Tonga tapes suckers onto the Valentine note.


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Juniors Evy Peterson, Megan Heidenreich and Peyton Groft team up to tape and sort suckers sent out to all of the classes.


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# Girls' basketball team finishes regular season 

By Caleb Schentzel

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team is continuing to play great basketball. The Wildcats have won four out of the last seven basketball games.
Northwestern defeated Potter County 63-36. Senior Josie Clemens led the Wildcats with 15 points, and Darby Duncan added 14 points. Clemens also added four steals and four assists. Junior Peyton Groft hauled in eight rebounds.
The Wildcats fell short to Leola/Frederick in a very close game with a score of 53-58. Clemens had 15 points and pulled in six rebounds. Junior Evy Peterson added 12 points, and junior Addison Sparling grabbed six rebounds and six assists.


Junior Evy Peterson

Northwestern defeated Langford 69-31. Clemens led the team with 22 points, eight assists, six steals and six rebounds. Clemens also had six steals. Groft added 18 points, and Sparling dropped 12 points to help seal the victory.
The Northwestern Wildcats lost to Groton in a close game with a score of 45-52. Sparling had 16 points. Clemens grabbed 11 rebounds, four assists and eight steals. Peterson had nine rebounds.
The Wildcats beat Waubay/Summit with a score of 59-41. Duncan, Groft, and Clemens all had 12 points to help the Wildcats gain the victory. Sparling led the team in assists with three, and Peterson grabbed eight rebounds.

The Wildcats lost to Webster 41-61. Northwestern fought hard all game, but time had not been on their side. Clemens had 12 points and seven rebounds. Sparling added eight points and grabbed four rebounds.
The Wildcats beat Wilmot in a very exciting game with a score of 64-49. Clemens had 26 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds. Peterson chipped in 18 points, and Sparling had 15 points. Clemens scored her 1,000 career point. Officials paused the game, and Clemens got to keep the game ball that she scored her 1,000 point with.
"It was a nice surprise because I did not know I was that close. I could have never reached this


Junior Addison Sparling

## Duncan signs with DWU

By Riley Grandpre

Senior Darby Duncan recently went to Mitchell to sign to play volleyball at Dakota Wesleyan University next year.
On Feb. 3, Duncan went down and took a picture, but she had officially signed on Nov. 29, 2016.
"I am really happy that Darby found a good fit for her both athletically and academically that is close to home. I'm excited to see her continue to develop as a volleyball player," coach Nora Groft said.
Duncan has played on the varsity volleyball team since her freshman
year, basketball since her eighth-grade-year, and track since seventh grade. She also ran cross country from seventh grade to sophomore year.
Duncan plans on going to school for elementary education. She really liked the school because it has a great education program and volleyball program.
"The school made me feel at home. I really liked the atmosphere, the smallness of the school, and the ability to grow in my faith," Duncan said.


Courtesy Photo
Darby Duncan
goal without the help of face Leola/Frederick for my teammates," Clemens the second time of the said.
season in their first game look- of districts at the Civic ing to finish the season Arena on Feb. 21. out and are excited to

Photos by Roxane Beardemphl


Freshman Chrissy Stoltenberg


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# Boys' basketball remains steady 

By Josie Clemens

Northwestern boys' varsity basketball team maintains a 7-11 record with one game left of their regular season.
The Wildcats fell to Warner's aggressive offense 56-89 on Jan. 17. Sophomore Caleb Schentzel led the team with 16 points with senior Derek Boekelheide grabbing 11 points and nine rebounds.
Taking a hard fall to Leola/Frederick, the boys lost to the Titans 50-70. They suffered another loss only a few days later to Groton on Jan. 23. Sophomore Jarret Haven led the team with 13 points. Schentzel boarded 11 rebounds and freshman Zech Clemens grabbed an additional eight rebounds.
The boys took another loss playing Langford, ending with a score of 40-75.
The varsity finally pulled out an $80-48$ victory against Edmunds Central on Feb. 2. Clemens ended the game with 18 points and six rebounds. Schentzel helped the team with 13 points and seven rebounds, while junior Isaac Bauer followed closely behind with 13 points and six rebounds.
Shortly after, the Wildcats lost in a dou-ble-header matchup against the Waubay/ Summit Mustangs, scoring 58-64. The team had been led by Bauer with 14 points and five rebounds and Schentzel
with 12 points and seven rebounds. Haven and Clemens combined to grab 19 out of the team's 38 total rebounds.
The following two games had not been easy for the Northwestern boys' team. They took a hard loss against Webster area, falling 44-67.
They also lost to Waverly-South Shore in a closer battle with the end score of 63-70. Haven had a spectacular night, leading with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Boekelheide helped the team with 16 points, and Schentzel added 11 points and seven rebounds.
The Wildcats' offense powered through Redfield/Doland with a 73-66 victory. Haven led with 15 points, six rebounds, closely followed by Boekelheide with 14 points, Schentzel with 13 points, Bauer with 12 points and Clemens with 10 points. Schentzel had also ended the night with 16 of the team's 37 rebounds.
The victory carried over to the next game against Hitchcock-Tulare where the varsity team pulled out another win, scoring 66-54.
The Wildcats have one more regular season matchup against the Aberdeen Christian nights, meeting them for the second time this season. The game will take place in Mellette on Feb. 24.

## Braun back from injury

By Caitlyn Fischbach
After being injured for four weeks with an AC joint injury, junior Tyler Braun is healthy and back wrestling.
He participated in the Groton tournament which was the last tournament and placed second.
Northwestern also held its first meet of the year. Braun received all-conference at the home
meet.
"I could not be happier to be back wrestling and will leave everything on the mat," Braun said.
Feb. 18 is the region meet, which will be held in Britton. The state tournament in Sioux Falls will be held Feb. 24 and 25.
"I am most looking forward to going to state," Braun said.

# Clemens and Duncan honored on Feb. 16 

## By Caitlyn Fischbach

The National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball great, FloHyman, for her numerous athletic achievements and her work to assure equality for women's sports and to elim - inate the struggles of girls and women in sports.

This year the coaching staff of girls' athletics at Northwestern honored two athletes who exemplify qualities of excellence in sports skills and leadership. This year's recipients of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day Outstanding Female Athlete are seniors Darby Duncan and Josie Clemens.
Duncan participates in volleyball, basketball and track. Her volleyball awards include four-year letter winner, four-time Redfield Tournament All-Tourney Team, Northwestern Rookie of the Year, two-time AVCA team academic achievement award, All -Conference and All-Conference 1st team MVP, three-year captain, three-year assist leader, two-time Aberdeen American News All -Area team, AVCA/ Max Preps Player of the week, Northwestern will-to-win athlete, AllState second team, kill efficiency leader, AVCA phenom list, academic all-state, South Dakota all-star and 2016 state champion. Basketball awards include All-Lake Region conference, two -time Ms. Defense and Ms. Wildcat. Track and field awards include five-year letter winner,-three-time high-point track, four-year most valuable runner. Duncan has signed to play college volleyball at Dakota Weslyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota.
Clemens also participates in volleyball, bas-


Senior Josie Clemens, center, gives the team a pep talk before the Hitchcock-Tulare game.


Senior Darby Duncan passes the ball during the volleyball state tournament.


Duncan and Clemens are awared a plaque for the honor on Feb. 16 before the game against Selby Area.
ketball, track and cross country. Clemens's volleyball awards include four-year letter winner, AVCA team academic achievement award, kill leader, Aberdeen American News athlete of the week, Redfield tournament all-tourney team, All-Lake Region conference second team, Academic all-state and 2016 state champion. Basketball awards include five-year letter winner, rookie of the year, three-time Ms. Offense, two-time Ms. Defense, third-team all-conference, second team all-conferteam all-conference, Aberdeen American News all-area, and third team all-state. Track and field awards include five-year letter winner and longest yard. Cross country awards include five-year letter winner, most improved, most valuable runner, sixth, 13th, 23rd and 24th place individually at the state meet, fourth and fifth place state team. Clemens claimed her 1,000 career point Feb. 11 at the Warner classic. Clemens will be attending the University of South Dakota in the fall to pursue academics.

## FFAQ

By Fernanda Orsi


Photo by Fernanda Orsi
1-Doyou have Valentine's Day in Brazil?
Yes, we do have Valentine's Day in Brazil, but we don't celebrate it like in the U.S because we also have Dia dos Namorados, which means Couple's Day. It is celebrated on June 12, which is Saint Anthony's Day Eve. Saint Anthony is recognized for blessing young couples with happiness and prosperous marriages. The celebrations are similar to the American celebrations, and we consider Couples Day our true Valentine's Day.
2- Do you have Easter in Brazil?
Yes, we do have Easter since it is a Christian festival celebrated across the world. In Brazil, Easter in called Pascoa and meat is a big "no" during the Easter holiday. The festivities are really big, and you can find chocolate Easter eggs in every market.
3- What is "Carnaval" ?
Carnaval is one of the biggest Brazilian festival and, in my opinion, the best one. It is held between Feb. 24 and March 1 but there are a lot of cities that start the celebrations early. For example, in my city this year, the celebrations started last weekend, Feb. 17. It is my favorite festival because it is during the summer and everyone goes out to the streets to celebrate. There is music playing everywhere, groups parade through the streets and people dress up as whatever they want.


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Staff Editorial

An epidemic has plagued the senior class. If students have a decline in motivation or performance in their final year of high school, they can be diagnosed with an illness called senioritis.
As seniors head down the home stretch of their high school career, they finally catch a glimpse of the light at the end of the tunnel.
Caps and gowns have been ordered. Gradu-
ation announcements have been mailed. Applications have been completed. The talk of future plans remains relevant to many conversations. However, senioritis often takes the excitement out of all of those situations.
Common symptoms of this terrible mental disease include an increase in procrastination and laziness, a decline in self-motivation, complaining, tiredness, fa-
tigue, mental negativity and a decline in school participation and success.
Senioritis may become severe if not handled properly.
Students need to make sure they keep track of due dates and manage their time wisely. If a person with senioritis, for example, has the option of either watching their favorite episode on the television or doing a homework assign-
ment due the next day, the student needs to be encouraged to do their homework.
A single lapse of responsibility may make the illness more severe and harder to cure.
The general time that the illness thrives often begins after students return to school from Christmas break and ends in late May.
No medication can cure senioritis. Doctors suggest plenty of rest
and fluids. Keeping track of due dates and planning a schedule will also help with laziness and procrastination. Senioritis can be extremely harmful to a student's health, but with the right help, the illness can have minimal side effects. Fortunately, all seniors at Northwestern will encounter a magical phenomenon on May 20 that will cure all cases of senioritis.

## Caleb's Cartoon

By Caleb Schentzel



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## IT'S A MATCH!

Can you match the student to their locker?

## Story by Josie Clemens



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## A peek inside the classrooms

By Fernanda Orsi


Sophomores Gavin Bohl, Zach Toennies, Seth Wood and Jarret Haven focus on their work in Accounting I class.



Middle-school saxophone players focus on their music while they practice songs for contest.

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# In the Hallway... 

## In the Elementary

If you could be any animal, what would it be?

"A dog because I am a dog person," fifth-grader Wyatt Iron Cloud said.

"A cheetah so I could hunt down my prey easily," second-grader Sierra Johnson said.

"A parrot because I could fly," second-grader Sophia Troske said.

"A mountain goat because I can defend danger with my horns, first-grader Isaac Epp said.

By Caitlyn Fischbach

"A mountain lion because they can kill," first-grader Paxton Bloomhall said.

## In the Middle School

If you could be any animal, what would it be?

"A lemur because you can swing on trees," eighth-grader Hunter Schipke said.

"Eagle because they soar through the sky," eighth-grader Kamy Iron Cloud said.

"A bison because they are strong and fierce," seventh-grader Brandon Toennies said.

"A turtle because I can live a long time," eighth-grader Paige Heintzman said.

By Riley Grandpre

"An eagle because they do not have that many predators," eighth-grader Kyle Peterson said.

## In the High School

 What are you looking forward to most about summer?
"I cannot wait to hang out with friends," freshman Talley Sparling
said.

"Hanging out with friends," senior Austen Wiman said.

"Hanging out with my cows because I do not have any friends," junior Sadie Vander Wall said.

"Sleeping in," sophomore Caitlyn Fischbach said.

Tools
7. Nail polish
2. Clear base coat

## Animal Print

First, put a base coat any color of your choice on your nails. Making a zebra print is one of the easiest animal prints. Simply take a small brush and make lines until you get a zebra-like pattern.

The next technique could be used for a turtle shell design or a giraffe, depending on the color choice. First, paint the base coat, and while it is still wet, drop dots of a different color on your nail and let it spread on its own.

Lastly, there is the cheetah print. First, start by placing dots on your nail using a dotting tool. Using the same dotting tool and black nail polish, carefully trace around the dot. Do not connect the lines around the dots.

Finish with a clear top coat.

## Riley's Closet

 By Riley GrandpreMarch is now upon us, which means we are one month closer to summer. But never underestimate South Dakota; it might snow in the middle of March. Since we are all hoping it will stay nice outside, here are some appropriate dress styles for March. T-shirt dresses have become popular over the past year or two. With these dresses, they normally do not come in a wild print, so you can easily match a scarf with this dress. For shoes, booties would go well with this outfit. Booties are ankle boots that come in different styles and can be worn with almost anything. To tie off this outfit, some bracelets and a choker would add a little flare to the outfit if one does not wish to wear a scarf. Chokers have recently became very popular. Because it still is nippy outside, a jacket will keep you warm.


## Cookin' with Calch

By Caleb Schentzel

## Butterballs

Ingredients:
1 cup butter-softened $\quad 1 / 2$ tsp. vanilla
2 cups flour $\quad 3 / 4$ cup powdered
1/2 cup chopped
sugar
pecans (or walnuts)
Mix butter and sugar together. Add other ingredients. Mix together well. Chill for several hours. When the dough is done chilling bake it at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar.


