

Members of FBLA chapter win state conference

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Northwestern Future Business Leaders of America team competed in the local competition held April 10 and 11 in Aberdeen. Sadie Vander Wal won the office of State Reporter for the 2017-2018 school year. Vander Wal was also able to serve in this position the past year. Northwestern received first place overall, making this the fourth year in a row. Students who placed first, second or third can attend the national conference in Anaheim, Calif.



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The students above are members in the Northwestern FBLA chapter who have placed in the top five in at least one category at the state conference.

Spring play entertains audience

By Josie Clemens and Riley Grandpre

On April 21, the Northwestern drama club put on its spring play matinee for the school and also performed that evening for the parents and the community.

Members of the play include eighth-graders Hayden Bohl, Bailey Heim, Alexis Rahm, Cody Rausch, Sydney Schell, Hannah Schentzel, Hailie Stuck, Mitchell Vander Wal, Ethan Walter and Jackson Weideman, freshman Zeke Duncan, sophomores Gavin Bohl,

Moira Duncan, Caleb Schentzel, Zach Toennies and Seth Wood, juniors Isaac Bauer, Tucker Bohl, Tyler Braun, Megan Heidenreich, Daniel Tonga and Sadie Vander Wal and seniors Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan.

"I am so glad to be a part of the spring play at least once in my high school career. It has helped me grow out of my comfort zone, and I encourage every student to participate at least once in some sort of drama event!" Clemens said.

The spring play was called "The First Annual Achadamee Awards." The play was about a high school having an award show and nothing seemed to go right. The curtains open up and the audience hears horrible band playing, the Master of Ceremonies pushed out on the stage and handed notes from an offstage voice, presenters fighting on stage and much more! Compared to the fall one-act play, this play was a gut buster.



Courtesy Photo

Junior Isaac Bauer and sophomore Moira Duncan perform a love scene.



Courtesy Photo

Junior Daniel Tonga



Courtesy Photo

Juniors Megan Heidenreich and Tyler Braun present the nominations.

High School Student of the Month

By Riley Grandpre

April

Darby Duncan



Senior Darby Duncan has been honored with the April SOM. Duncan's parents are Doug and Amy Duncan. Her siblings include Jeanna, Zach, Moira and Zeke Duncan. D. Duncan's activities consist of volleyball, track, basketball, band, chorus, Future Business Leaders of America, youth group and cross country student managers. Her hobbies include listening to music, hanging with family, playing with daycare children and watching Netflix. D. Duncan's plans to attend Dakota Wesleyan University for elementary education and to play volleyball and band. Her favorite quote is from Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths." D. Duncan's role model is her older sister J. Duncan; she has always been there for her and taught her to be the best person she can be. "She was truly a great leader and I admire her for it," D. Duncan said. Her favorite classes are math and band.

May

Sadie Vander Wal



The student of the month for May is junior Sadie Vander Wal. Vander Wal's parents are Jeff and Beth Vander Wal and her only sibling is Mitchell Vander Wal. Her activities include Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farms of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, robotics, 4-H, competition cheer, band, chorus, journalism,

drama club, science bowl, and piano. Vander Wal's hobbies are spending time with her cows and pigs, going to livestock shows, shooting BB-gun and being outside with the family. She plans on attending South Dakota State University for animal science and biotechnology. Her favorite quote is 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." Vander Wal's favorite role models would be her parents, because they are dedicated to what they do, support her in everything, and have been the base to her faith. Her favorite class includes AP English. Vander Wal's most embarrassing moment was when she broke a music stand at pep band and got a gash in her head that is now a permanent scar.

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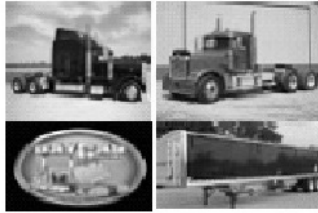


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NW art creates signs for field

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Northwestern Art Department has started to create signs for the Redfield baseball field. This is the first time Northwestern has made these signs. The signs will feature the local businesses logos on them and be placed at the Redfield baseball field.

"This is definitely something we have never done before. The cool part will be that the signs will be up in the Redfield community for many years to come," art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

Elementary March Students of the Month:

By Josie Clemens

Tara Blachford

Wyatt Rahm



Second-grade

Third-grade

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

Elementary Spelling Bee

By Josie Clemens

The elementary students recently participated in the Redfield Spelling Bee.

First- through fifth-graders first had to compete against their classmates in order to move on to Redfield.

Congratulations to the following students who moved on to place in the Redfield competition include first-grader Will Clemens, first place, third-grader Ashley Haven, second place, fourth-grader Josh Thorson, first place and fifth-graders Dylan Hahler, third place, and Lincoln Woodring, first place.

Elementary April Students of the Month:

By Josie Clemens

Regan Bruns

Teresa Melius



Second-grade

Third-grade

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

NEWS BRIEFS

High school students participate in NSU math event

By Caleb Schentzel

Mrs. Allison Schmitz took students to the Northern State University Math Contest. Senior Derek Boekelheide, junior Peyton Groft, sophomore Moira Duncan and freshman Chrissy Stoltenberg all went to the contest. Boekelheide received honorable mention in senior math and Groft received honorable mention in advanced algebra.

Students find success at LRC math competition

By Caitlyn Fischbach

High school students attended the Lake Region Conference math meet April 5 in Aberdeen. Students include senior Derek Boekelheide, juniors Sadie Vander Wal and Peyton Groft, sophomore Moira Duncan and freshman Chrissy Stoltenberg. Stoltenberg placed fifth in Algebra I, Duncan placed eighth in geometry and Vanderwal placed 10th in pre-calc.

FFA competes at final event of this school year

By Fernanda Orsi

Members of the Northwestern Area Future Farmers of America Chapter competed at the 89th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings on April 24. The top four students of each category attended the three day event.

“For our first state convention, we all had a lot of fun and gained a truly amazing experience from

it. Competing and doing so well on a state level for our first year was awesome, and I am so glad that so many of our younger members got this opportunity,” junior Sadie Vander Wal said.

The Northwestern Area team got ninth place in Livestock Evaluation, junior Sadie Vander Wal placed 12th as an individual in Veterinary Science and junior report-

er Mackenzie Engels won the chapter scrapbook award.

“I am very happy with how the kids did, they behaved well and they were very competitive and gave their best, especially considering there were over 2,000 people competing there!” FFA adviser Mrs. Swanson said.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the Northwestern FFA program attend competition.



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Eighth-graders Jocelyn Haven and Alexis Rahm listen carefully to one of the workers.

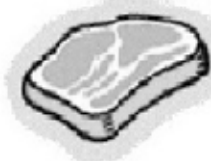


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High school band performs in Aberdeen

By Fernanda Orsi

The Northwestern band students traveled to the Northern State University in Aberdeen on March 29 to attend the Region IV Large Group music. The contest included the surrounding areas band, 15 total, and there were three judges present.

"It was fun to go to the new Johnson Fine Arts center because it was just remodeled and it was fun to play in the new facility.

We played three different songs and they were each very different, so it was cool to listen to each song and how the whole band sounded together in the big area," sophomore Caitlyn Fischbach said.

The groups are judged by numbers; I being the best and V being the lowest score. The band played "Kirkpatrick's Muse" by Jay Bacook, "Celtic Voyage" by Melanie

Donahue, with flute solos by Madalyn Groft and Caitlyn Fischbach, and "Sun Peaks" by Ralph Ford. The band received three II, marked as excellent.

"It was very nice to play at the newly renovated Johnson Fine Arts building at NSU. The stage was beautiful!" band director Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.

Clemens honored for academic excellence

By Josie Clemens

The best and brightest from the Class of 2017 were honored for their academic achievements at the 27th Annual Academic Excellence Banquet in Pierre on Monday, April 24.

Among those students recognized was senior Josie Clemens.

"I am honored to be able to participate in the event. Education has always been important to me, and I am glad to know that it is paying off," Clemens said.

In conjunction with Gov. Dennis Daugaard, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota invited more than 200 students, who were identified as the top one percent of their senior class, from the state's public, private and tribal schools, to celebrate their academic accomplishments.

"These students represent the best and the brightest students in South Dakota," ASBSD President Anita Peterson said. "They have strived for and accomplished academic excellence.

"It is a group with untold talent and skill, a group with ideas and creativity abound; a group we hope will become the next generation of lead-

ers of our great state."

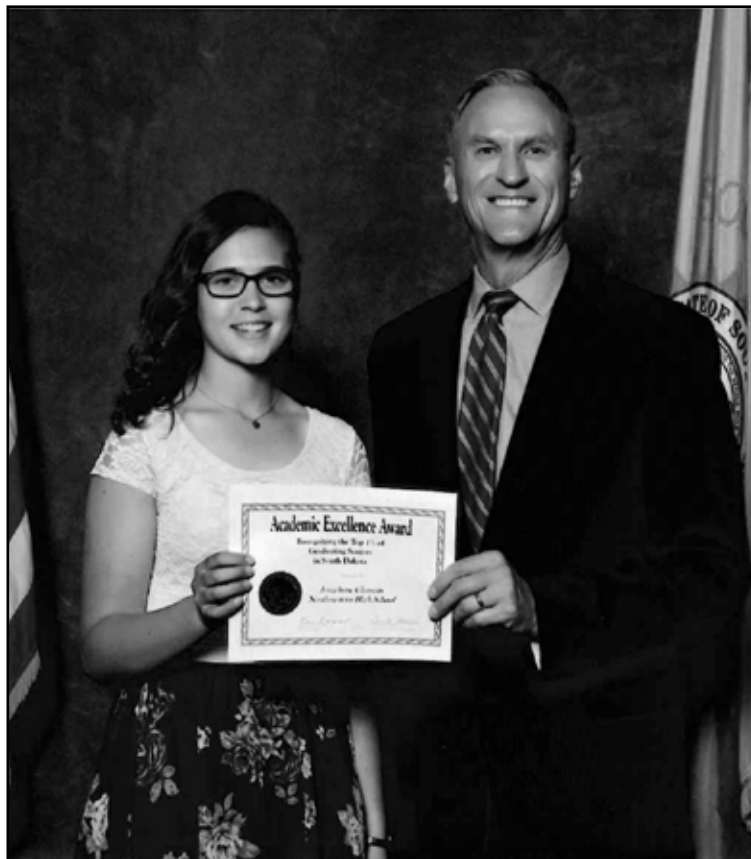
Gov. Daugaard echoed Peterson's hope, encouraging the students to appreciate all South Dakota offers.

"I hope you'll consider a career right here in South Dakota," Gov. Daugaard appealed. "Have your dreams and follow them where they may lead, but don't underestimate the value of what you have here."

The governor pushed students not to underestimate themselves, either.

"Believe in yourself. Have faith in yourself," Gov. Daugaard implored. "Almost any path you choose will lead to something you're successful at."

The event was sponsored by the South Dakota Board of Regents, the South Dakota Community Foundation and the South Dakota Education Association. The Philip High School Band provided musical entertainment.



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Senior Josie Clemens accepts her Academic Excellence certificate from Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

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Photo by Gail Stoltenberg

Freshman Hailey Boekelheide powers out of the blocks at the Miller meet.

Tracksters continue to succeed through season

By Riley Grandpre

With the school year winding down quickly, track season is soon to be coming to the finish line before the region track meet May 18.

The state qualifiers include junior Addison Sparling in triple

jump, junior Peyton Groft and seventh-grader Jessica Boekelheide in the 3,200-meter run, eighth-grader Sydney Schell in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, the girls' medley relay of Schell, senior Darby

Duncan, freshman Hailey Boekelheide and Groft) and the girls' 3,200-meter relay (Groft, freshman Miranda Thorson, senior Josie Clemens and J. Boekelheide).

On the boys' side, senior Derek Boekelheide

qualified in the 400-meter dash, 800-meter run, 1,600-meter run and 3,200-meter relay with eighth-grader Hunter Schipke, freshman Zech Clemens and sophomore Jarret Haven.

"I am really proud of

my 4x8 team for qualifying early in the season. I am excited to see what the rest of the year holds for the team," Clemens said.

The state track meet will be held in Sioux Falls May 26 and 27.

Groft receives award for efforts

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Sioux Falls Argus Leader selected junior Peyton Groft for the South Dakota Sports Awards, honoring the most elite athletes in South Dakota High School Sports. This event is hosted by the Argus Leader and will take place June 3, 2017, at the

Sanford Pentagon. The show features various awards, entertainment and a special appearance from celebrity guest, Cal Ripken, Jr.

"It is an honor to be nominated for this award, and I am very excited to meet Cal Ripken, Jr.," Groft said.



Photo by Gail Stoltenberg

Groft passes during volleyball match.

Clemens selected to All-Star basketball games

By Caleb Schentzel

Senior Josie Clemens was invited to play in two South Dakota All-Star games: the 3-Class Shootout and the Sanford Pentagon All-Star game.

The 3-Class Shootout took place in Salem, S.D. In the 3-Class Shootout, the class AA girls all-star team played against the class A girls all-star team, concluding with a win from the class AA team.

The class AA team advanced to play against the class B girls' all-star team. Clemens participated on the class B team. The B team was coached by a Dakota Wesleyan University coach. The class B team ended up beating the class AA team, almost reaching 100 points. Clemens ended the game with six points.

Clemens also played in the Sanford Pentagon All-Star Game for Team

White. Team White was coached by Webster head coach Jared Vergeldt and Northwestern head coach Denise Clemens. Team White beat Team Navy 84-62, and Clemens led the team with 17 points,

nine rebounds and five assists.

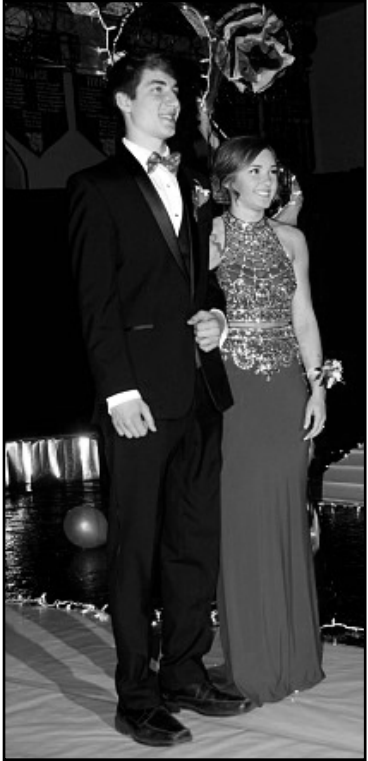
"Playing with amazing basketball players from across the state is a rare opportunity, and I am honored to be a part of both events," said Clemens.



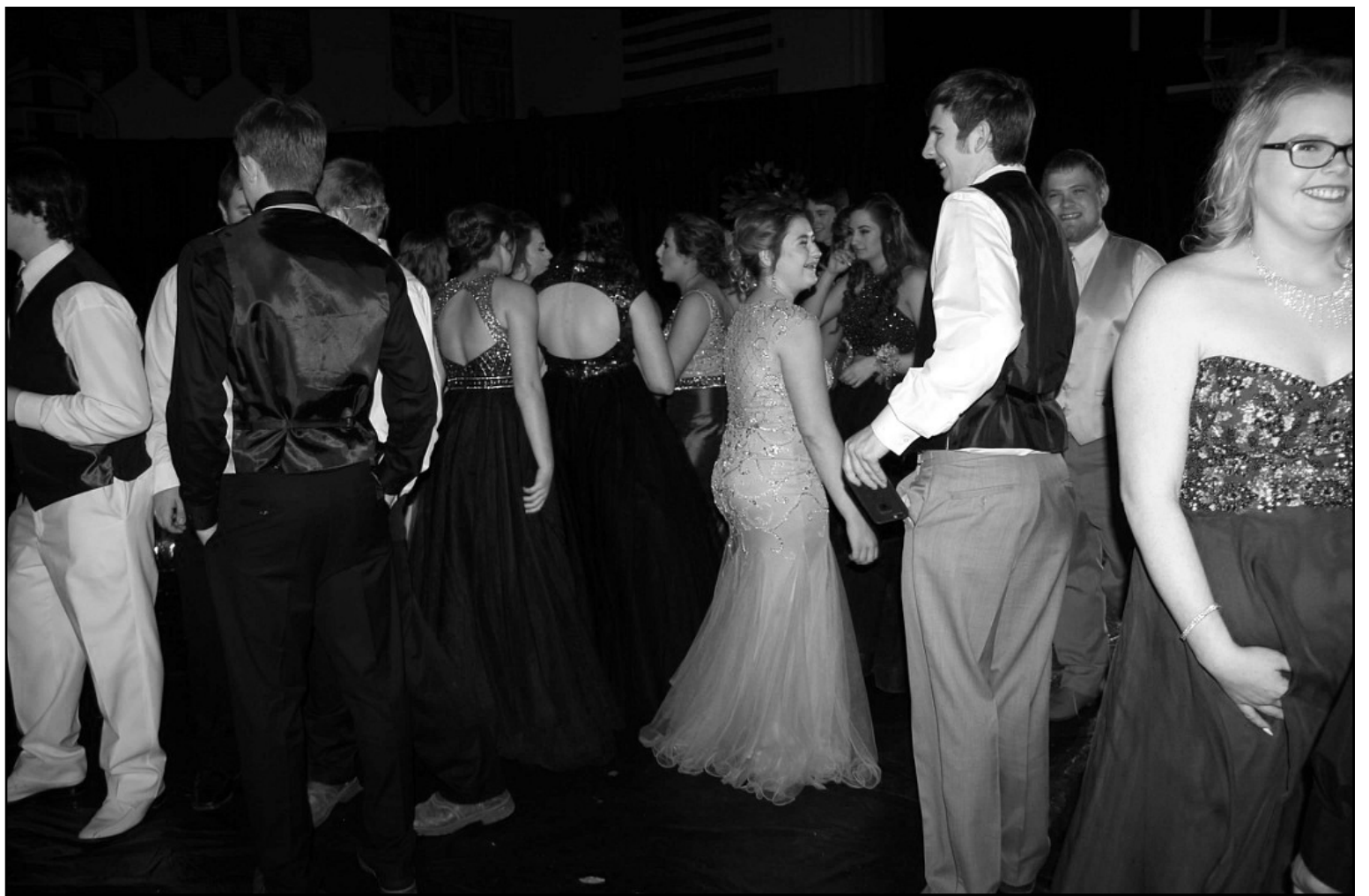
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Clemens dribbles past a player from Leola-Frederick during district game.

The 2017 prom held at Northwestern had been a night to remember. The pictures had been captured by Roxanne Bear-demphl.



Sophomore Caleb Schentzel and junior Addison Sparling



After the Grand March, a dance was held for the couples. The dance lasted until approximately midnight. Following the dance, the junior parents organized the post prom, which took place in the little gym.



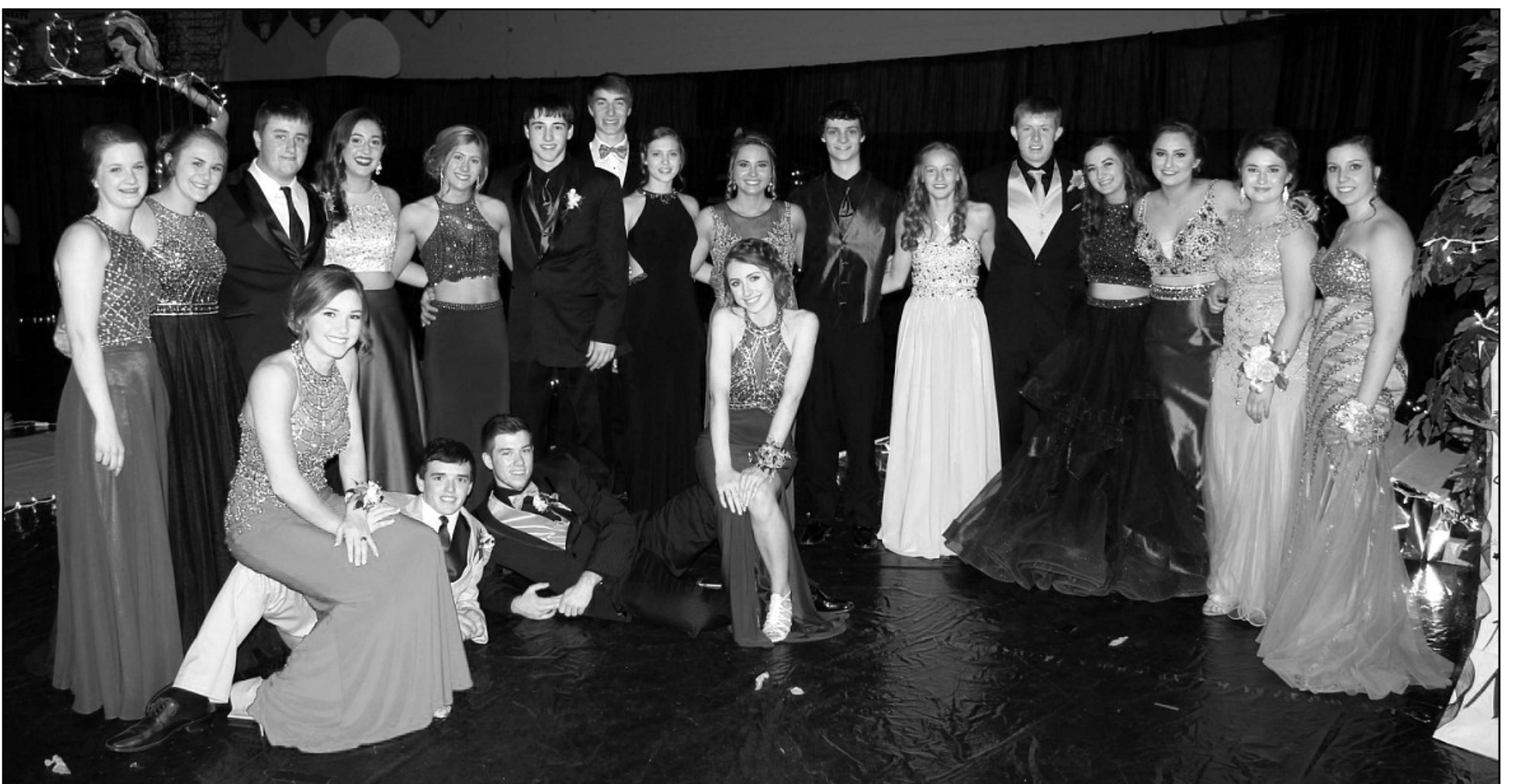
Juniors Daniel Tonga and Megan Heidenreich



Freshman Tya Weideman and senior Fernanda Orsi pose next to the NW Masquerade poster.



Volunteer freshmen and sophomores had were the waiters and waitresses at the dance.



Junior Sadie Vander Wal, freshman Tya Weideman, juniors Tucker Bohl and Addison Sparling, senior Fernanda Orsi, junior Jedd Groft, junior Kendra Gassman, senior Andrew Lefforge, sophomores Gavin Bohl and Caleb Schentzel, senior Josie Clemens, juniors Jaidyn Kramp, Dawson Smith and Peyton Groft, sophomore Jarret Haven, juniors Darien Watson, Megan Heidenreich, Mackenzie Engels and Morgan Hoffman

FFAQ

By Fernanda Orsi



Photo by Fernanda Orsi

Last adventures of an exchange student:

On Easter weekend, the Weideman family prepared a trip to Rapid city, Deadwood, Devil's Tower, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Cosmos Mystery Area, and other tourist attractions that I could not leave without seeing. It was nice to see other parts of South Dakota, with more hills and trees. Of course, my favorite attraction was Mount Rushmore, especially because we got to go to the Sunrise Easter Service. It was early in the morning and a little cold but it was still really pretty, and I was in awe the whole time. Photographs do not do it justice. There are so many details that you think would be impossible to get in a rock, but they are there and the Presidents look scary real! To be honest, for someone who did not know Mount Rushmore was in South Dakota before coming, after the visit I came out of there knowing even about the construction process. My second favorite would probably be the Cosmos Mystery Area. I am still trying to figure out how they built those houses like that and trying to gain my balance. Devils tower was impressive, and I even saw some people climbing it, something I would never do, but you go guys! The view on top of the Custer State Park was amazing. It was so quiet and a change from all the flatness. Not that all the curves to get there were that nice.

All in all it was an amazing trip, and I would like to thank the Weideman family for taking me! It was a great last adventure here.



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Senior advice to next year's high school students

By Josie Clemens

If someone tells you high school flies by in the blink of an eye, believe them. Each day may seem to drag on, but high school will be over before you know it.

If you did a slight cheer in your head or blew a sigh of relief at the thought of moving on, please take it back.

I know this may sound cliché, but cherish every moment you spend with your classmates or other friends during high school because time does fly, and you do not want to look back and wish that you did or did not

do something.

As for each individual class, I have some advice for you.

To the incoming freshman class, set your priorities. You may think that your education does not matter right now because you need to "fit in" to the social norm, but trust me when I say that your GPA now will affect future scholarships, enrollment into colleges, and other opportunities down the road.

Also, do not be afraid to try new things! This is your year to step out of your comfort zone and

start figuring out what your passions are. Just because you are the star football player on the varsity team does not mean you cannot receive an acting award in drama.

Most importantly, be you. If your friends tease you for playing band, they are not your real friends. Surround yourself with people who will support you through every obstacle.

To the incoming sophomores, it is never too early to start thinking about your future. Do not wait until your final semester

of senior year like I did.

Look into colleges, tech schools, careers, and opportunities that may interest you and explore those areas.

I suggest trying to find job shadowing opportunities and possible college visit experiences as soon as possible. Create a list and write down everything you consider about your future. It helps!

To the incoming juniors, now is the time to seriously look into scholarships, job shadowing, internships, and summer work.

Keep working on your college list and do not be afraid to ask someone for advice.

Stay focused on school. I know it may seem to be dragging on forever, but you will get through it!

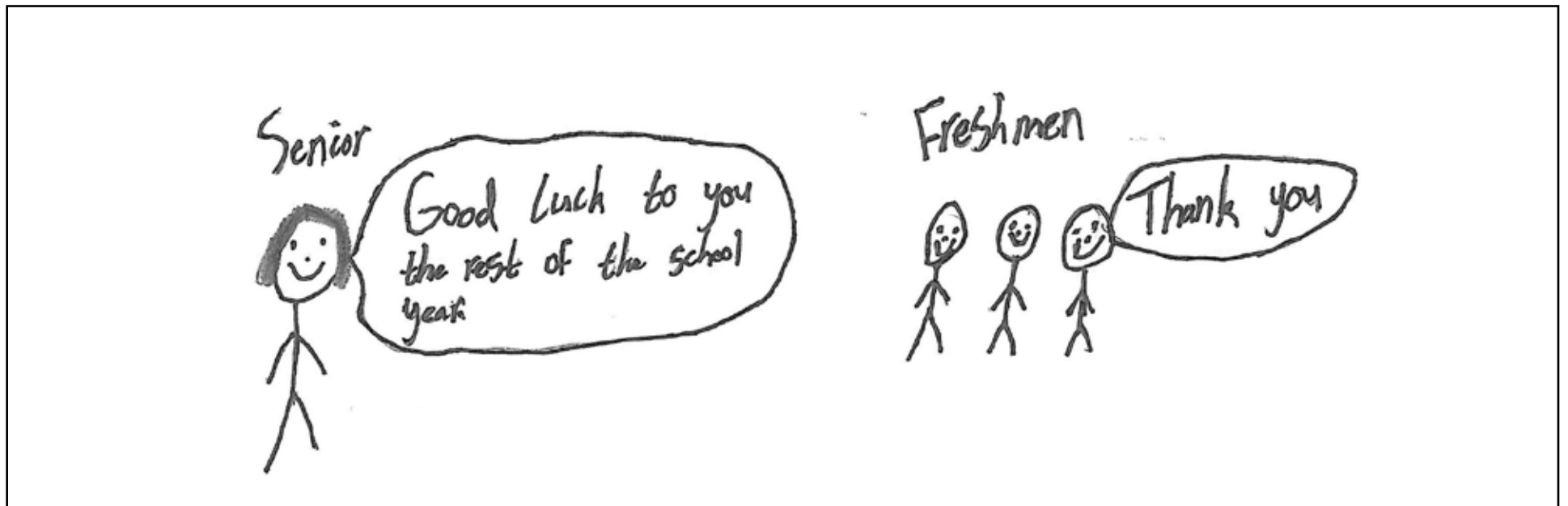
And last but not least, to the incoming seniors, you have a very vital role in the characteristic of the school.

Lead through example and do not take advantage of the newfound power. Treat everyone with respect, and they will learn to trust you and follow you.

Good luck to everyone!

By Caleb Schentzel

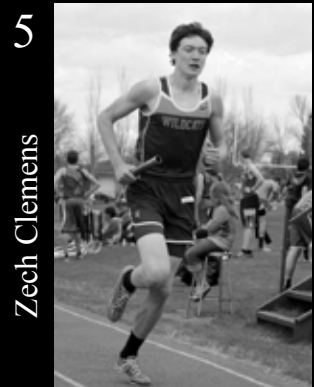
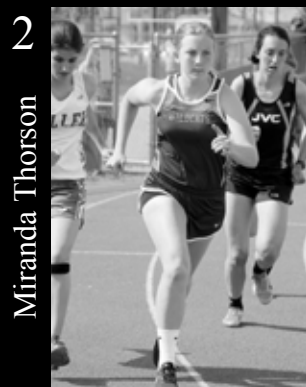
Caleb's Cartoon



IT'S A MATCH!

Can you match the athletes to their favorite track event?

By Josie Clemens



A Medley Relay

B 200 m

C 1600 m

D 800 m

E Triple Jump

Answers: 1E, 2D, 3C, 4B, 5A

Class of 2017



The Northwestern Class of 2017 includes, top row from left to right, Fernanda Orsi, Derek Boekelheide, Kyler Johnson, Andrew Lefforge, Chris Johnson, Darby Duncan, Josie Clemens, Klaryssa Schnoor, Ali Johnson and Chelsea Sorenson.

The class colors include forest green and white.

Only half of the class has stayed together since kindergarten with the addition of new students as the years have gone by.

The class also gained a foreign exchange student from Brazil for the 2016-17 school year, Fernanda Orsi.

They wish the best of luck to the next year seniors along with the rest of the high school and middle school classes.



Derek Boekelheide
Attend SDSU and major in Agronomy while running track and cross country



Josephyne Clemens
Attend USD and major in Medical Laboratory Sciences with a minor in Public Health



Darby Duncan
Attend DWU and major in elementary education while playing volleyball and band



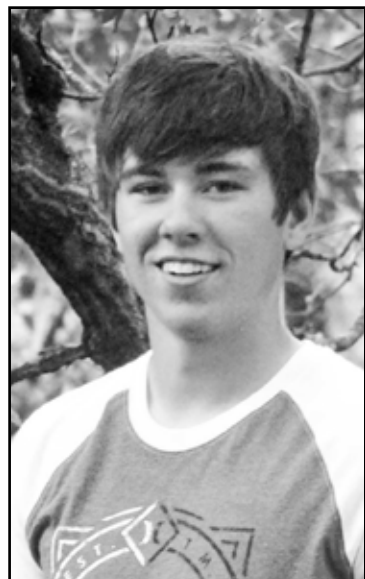
Alexandria Johnson
Attend Presentation College for radiology technician



Christopher Johnson
Plans to continue farming after high school



Kyler Johnson
Attend Lake Area Tech to major as a diesel tech



Andrew Lefforge
Attend Lake Area Tech for business, marketing and management



Fernanda Orsi
Might attend Iowa Central College and play volleyball while majoring in Pre-med



Klaryssa Schnoor
Attend BHSU for psychology



Chelsea Sorenson
Plans are undecided at this moment after high school

In the Hallway...

In the Elementary

If you could change any family rule, what would it be?

By Caitlyn Fischbach



“To eat candy in the morning,” third-grader Layla Ortmeier said.



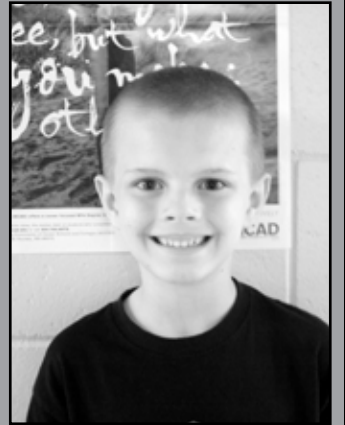
“Unlimited time of television,” third-grader Brady Kiefer said.



“Not letting me pick up my sisters,” fourth-grader Rylen Kramp said.



“My mom does not let me do anything fun, so I would change that,” fourth-grader Jack Hansen said.



“Doing my chores,” first-grader Beckett Halvorson said.

In the Middle School

Where do you want to travel to this summer?

By Riley Grandpre



“California because there is lots of stuff to do and see,” seventh-grader Logan Rausch said.



“Japan because that is where Anime is,” eighth-grader Hailie Stuck said.



“The Galapagos Islands because there is amazing wildlife,” seventh-grader Kyanne Anglin said.



“Florida because it is a nice vacation spot,” eighth-grader Ethan Walter said.



“Comic-Con, it has lots of nerdy things there,” eighth-grader Sam Rush said.

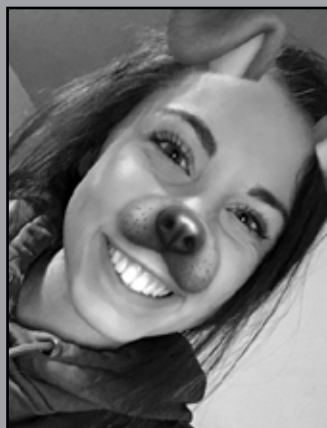
In the High School

What is your favorite filter on Snapchat?

By Josie Clemens



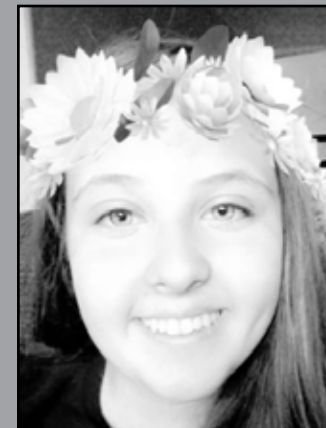
“I think that that filter cracks me up every-time,” junior Addison Sparling said.



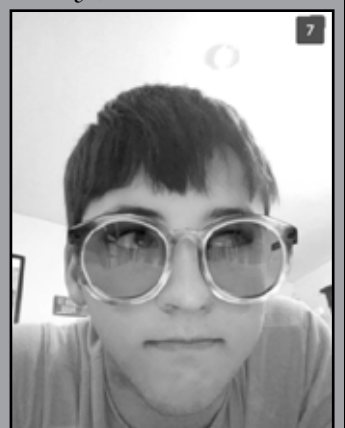
“Because the puppy filter is cute and I think most people like this filter,” junior Evy Peterson said.



“I like my teeth,” sophomore Danny Orr said.



“Because I like flowers,” freshman Talley Sparling said.



“Right now Snapchat doesn’t have any good filters so I picked the one with glasses,” sophomore Gavin Bohl said.

Riley's Closet

By Riley Grandpre

Summer is finally upon us and that means hot weather. By the beginning of summer, we may not have the tan body yet but we will get there. Once we do not have white legs, let us start dressing like it is summer. Summer can be a really fun time to express colors, and a good way to do that is by wearing a sun dress. When you hear sun dress, you might think of a swim suit cover-up dress, but recently, clothes designers have come out with some stylish longer sun dresses. These dresses come in many styles, colors, strapless or straps. Since it is flip-flop season, regular flip-flops would work fine, but if you want, go from more of the dresser shoes. Another piece to really have fun with is a hat, and I do not mean a ball cap or a bucket hat; I mean a sun hat. Hats can be a piece of your outfit you can really play around with and have fun with. Enjoy your summer and see you next school year!

Cookin' with Caleb

By Caleb Schentzel

Double Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients:

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| 1/3 cup white sugar | 2 cups all-purpose flour |
| 1 cup light brown sugar-packed | 2/3 cup Hershey's dark baking coca |
| 2 tspns vanilla extract | 1 cup softened butter |
| 1 tspn baking soda | 2 large room-temperature eggs |
| 1/4 tspn salt | 6 ounces white chocolate chips |
| 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate morsels | |

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cream together the butter and sugar in a medium bowl, add the vanilla and one egg at a time. Beat on low with a mixer. In another bowl, sift together the flour, Hershey's cocoa, baking soda and salt. Add the flour mix into the butter mix slowly and beat until well blended. Add the chocolate chips and mix. Bake for about 10-12 minutes, times may vary do to fluctuation in oven temperatures. DO NOT over cook.

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Caitlyn's Cuticles

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Making Designs

Not knowing what to do with your nails can be a difficult situation. This is where making designs on your nails comes in handy. You can do whatever design you want, or you can create your own. Tools that work for making designs include dotting tools, striping brushes, fan brushes, sponges or a stamper. If you do not have any of these tools, you can also use things that you have at home. Toothpicks work for making lines and a bobby-pin will work for making dots. If you have these tools, you will be able to create whatever design you choose. After you are finished with your design, let it dry then add a top coat.

Josie's Jigsaw

GRADUATION WORD SEARCH

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

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| CEREMONY | CLASS |
| DIPLOMA | GRADUATION |
| MEMORIES | RECEPTION |
| SCHOOL | |

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