

# The Scratchin' Post

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## Journalism Receives Award of Excellence for the Fourth Year

By Riley Grandpre

Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, announced that Northwestern School's yearbook program has been named a 2017 Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies literacy.

Senior Peyton Groft and senior Sadie Vander Wal, under the direction of Mrs. Nora Groft, Northwestern School yearbook adviser, lead the Northwestern School award-winning yearbook program.

Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are twice a year, in spring and in fall for yearbooks delivered during the school year. The award was presented to the Northwestern yearbook pro-

gram for achieving the defined criteria in each of three following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school



By MADALYN GROFT SENIORS SADIE VANDER WAL AND PEYTON GROFT POSE WITH THEIR BANNER OF EXCELLENCE.

ment, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

The Northwestern School yearbook program received a plaque to display in the yearbook area and a banner to display in school so the entire school community will be aware of the outstanding achievement.

"I was honestly very nervous designing a yearbook for the first time, but I am very excited for how it turned out," Vander Wal said.

"It is very rewarding to see all of our hard work finally laid out in the year book pages," Groft said.

"We have won this award four years in a row. Typically, seniors make the yearbook, but last year we had no seniors take on that responsibility, so we had these two junior learn quickly how to run the computer program, design lay outs and write copy. I am excited to have them do the yearbook this year because they actually know what they are doing," Mrs. Nora Groft said.

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## FFA Continues to Gain New Members

By Ana Rivetti

The Northwestern Area Future Farmers of America went on to a land judging school in Woonsocket, where they had some practices and learned new techniques how to determine what soil is better on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

"I am excited for new year of FFA, because we accomplished a lot last year, so I am pretty confident that this year we can go further", senior Sadie Vander Wal said.

FFA has one of the largest scholarships in the country, and since South Dakota is a rural state, it received a lot of new

students.

The group has become more popular, with 12 new students that joined, after last year. Last year the team got ninth place in livestock evaluation, which is great for a first year in a competition with more than 2,000 people.

"As my second year in Northwestern FFA club, I am looking forward to the competitions. Last year was a lot of fun", freshman Teagan Jost said.

All the students are confident about having great results this year.

Mrs. Noelle Swanson,

the ag teacher at Northwestern, enjoys teaching students about the things many of them

experience in their daily lives in agriculture. For 2017, the expectations are high for the Future

Farmers of America students at Northwestern School.



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The 2016 FFA chapter. Most are returning for the 2017 seasons.

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**Student of the Month:**



*Photo by Riley Grandpre*  
The first student of the month winner for this year is Addison Sparling, a senior at Northwestern. Sparling's parents are Jason and Alana Sparling; her siblings include Julia, Josie and RJ. She is in volleyball, basketball, track, JO volleyball, Future Business Leaders of America and Fellow Christian Athletes. Sparling's hobbies consist of being outside and with her family. Her future plans are to attend a four-year university with the possibility of going on to get her master's. Sparling's favorite quote is "Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14. Her older sister, Julia, is her biggest role model, because she is strong and has great morals. She is very determined and a great person to admire. Sparling's favorite class is dual credit speech or AP Literature. Sparling's proudest moment is winning state volleyball.

# Dual Credit: Seizing the opportunity

*By Riley Grandpre*

Northwestern High School offers many different classes, including dual credit and advanced placement classes.

Dual credit classes count as a college course if students pass the class with an A, B or C. AP classes count as college courses, but the student must pass a test for the class to count. Here at Northwestern, some students are taking dual

credit speech class, psychology and sociology, government, Spanish and algebra. AP offers around the same classes as dual credit, plus English and composition. The difference between dual credit and AP classes are some dual credit classes do not transfer to out-of-state colleges where AP classes do transfer.

Dual credit and AP

classes are a huge opportunity for students to get ahead on college courses. Students have chance to take these extra classes and should be commended for seizing the opportunity.

"Dual credit is beneficial for those who are getting ready for college courses. I am in two online classes. I like them online because I can keep track my schedule, and

I can get ahead if I am going to be gone," junior Moira Duncan said.

Students can take these more challenging classes as juniors and seniors, which will save them money and give them a jump-start to college.

Senior Peyton Groft completed 20 college credits last year as a junior and will continue to take more of these classes this year.

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## Freshmen Thoughts on High School

*What are you most excited about?*



"Basketball season," freshman Jace Haven said.



"Sports," freshman Kiarra Stuck said.



"Homecoming and volleyball," freshman Alexis Rahm said.



"Homecoming," freshman Jackson Christ said.



"Spring CDE for FFA," freshman Mitchell Vander Wal said.



"The homecoming game," freshman Cody Rausch said.



"Art," freshman Jordyn Red Tomahawk said.



"Sweet 16 for volleyball," freshman Bailey Heim said.



"Wrestling," freshmen Seth Heidenreich said.



"Sports and health and wellness," freshman Hunter Schipke said.



# New Staff Members



**Heather Grandpre**

Q. Where did you live?  
 A. "Conde."  
 Q. Where did you teach last?  
 A. "I did not teach. I was a stay-at-home mom."  
 Q. Where did you go to college?  
 A. "I did not attend college, I entered the work force right away"  
 Q. What has been interesting about teaching here?  
 A. "Probably getting to know

each of the twenty-six kindergarteners."

Q. What brought you here?  
 A. "I was ready to rejoin the workforce, and Northwestern seemed like the perfect fit."  
 Q. What goals do you have for your classroom and your students?  
 A. "Hopefully, they all can write their names and learn to listen."

**Rose Kramp**



Q. Where do you live?  
 A. "Conde."  
 Q. Have you taught before?  
 A. "I haven't really taught before."  
 Q. Where did you go to college?  
 A. "Northern State University."  
 Q. What has been challenging?  
 A. "Learning everybody's names."  
 Q. Why did you come to Northwestern to work?  
 A. "All my kids are in school, so I thought it would be nice to have a job

where I'm close to my kids."

Q. What are your goals?  
 A. "I think the goal is to help Joe become the best developed that he can be."



**Sophie Hughes**

Q. Where did you live before you came here?  
 A. "Before I came here, I was living in Brookings to get my degree."  
 Q. Have you been to Northwestern before?  
 A. "I was Mr. Duncan's student teacher last."  
 Q. Where did you go to college?  
 A. "I went to SDSU for early childhood, and DSU for my elementary

end."

Q. What do you like about Northwestern?  
 A. "I like the community that the teachers have. They all are willing to help you out. I like the small school setting, and it has a lot of the resources that a bigger school has."  
 Q. Why did you come to Northwestern to teach?  
 A. "I came here to student teach, and I applied because I enjoy being in this school."  
 Q. What are your goals?  
 "As a group, we want to learn to read and to love reading. I want to develop a good classroom community."



**Roni Levtzow**

Q. Where do you live?  
 A. "Redfield."  
 Q. Have you taught before?  
 A. "This is my first time."  
 Q. Where did you go to college?  
 A. "I went to Lake Area."  
 Q. What are you looking forward to?  
 A. "Working with different ages."  
 Q. Why did you come to Northwestern?

A. "This is a smaller school. I wanted to start out smaller, and Northwestern has a preschool."  
 Q. What do you want to teach the students?  
 A. "For the preschool, I want them to understand and learn new things."



**Kristina Bloomahall**

Q. Where did you live?  
 A. "Ashton."  
 Q. Have you cooked at a school before?  
 A. "No."  
 Q. What college did you attend?  
 A. "None."  
 Q. What has been interesting about cooking here?  
 A. "That I spent 13 years going to

school here."

Q. What brought you here?  
 A. "My kids."  
 Q. Do you have any goals for working here?  
 A. "Not really."

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# Volleyball Team Works to Defend Title

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Northwestern volleyball team came out with its first win of the season against Roncalli. Then the team brought home a win from the Parkston tournament for the fifth time in row, defeating Wagner, Arlington, Parkston, and McCook Central/Montrose to bring home the win. Northwestern got its first three-set sweep against rival Warner Monarchs in twelve years. The Wildcats proceeded on a winning streak, going 17-0 before getting their first loss of the season against Parker. The Wildcats continued into the next week taking down Leola/Frederick in three sets and Warner in four.

“Now that I am a sophomore, I have more leadership responsibilities, and I am working to set a good example for the younger kids coming up. I am most looking forward to playing with girls who are determined and willing to work hard. We have an amazing chemistry on and off the court, and I am excited to improve with them throughout the season,” sophomore right side

Hailey Boekelheide said.

Earlier in the season Peyton Groft, Caitlyn Fischbach and Riley Gradpre were also

Sparling, Grandpre and Fischbach. M. Groft leads the team in Assists with a total of 490. P. Groft leads the team with 44 aces, 99 percent serving, and 176 digs. Blocks are lead by Grandpre with a total of 36. Fischbach leads the team in kills with 170 and a kill percentage of 45 percent.

The team plans on raising these numbers as the season goes on. Upcoming matches include Redfield-Doland Tourney, Potter County, Milbank, Groton, Hitchcock-ulare, Regions, Sweet 16 and State located in Rapid City.

These matches, though fun and exciting, still have their own effects on each player, win or lose.

“I do not feel much pressure during the games because I just try to play in the moment. I try to keep the games fun for myself, my teammates and all of our fans. We have improved a lot since last year, and I am looking forward to improving my game with my teammates. Hopefully we can make it deep into the post season and bring home another state championship!” senior libero Peyton Groft said.

The Wildcats, 18-1 on the season, look to utilize multiple players in its lineups, as 12 different players have been playing significant amount of time on the court. That experience will pay incredible dividends as the season progresses.



Courtesy Photo

SENIOR PEYTON GROFT DIVES TO DIG UP A BALL AT A VOLLEYBALL MATCH.

named to the AVCA Phenom list.

Team leaders of the season include Madalyn Groft, P. Groft, Addison

## Cross Country Athletes Sprint Toward Post-Season

The Northwestern girls' cross-country team placed first as a team at the Redfield Pheasant Invite on Thursday, Oct. 31. Eighth-grader Jessica Boekelheide placed second in a time of 20:19.82, senior Peyton Groft placed fifth in a time of 20:53.48 and sophomore Madalyn Groft placed 28th in a time of 23:34.72. On the boys' side junior Jarret Haven placed ninth at the meet in a time of 18:00.57 and Jace Haven placed 31th with a time of 19:40.41. Eighth-grader Jessica Boekelheide placed fifth, with a time of 20:50 at the Webster Invitational on Sept. 18. Senior Peyton Groft followed closely behind in 11th with a time of 22:17.22, and sophomore Madalyn Groft place 24th with a time of 25:25.62. Jarret Haven placed sixth with a time of 18:50.45 to lead the boys, followed by Justin Haven with a time of 20:11.93, who placed 60th and Jace Haven, who placed 70th with a time of 20:12.71. The region

meet will be held Oct. 11 in Webster starting at 2:30 p.m. The state meet will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 in Rapid City at Hart Ranch.



Courtesy Photo

Eighth-grader Jessica Boekelheide races hard at one of her cross country meets.



Courtesy Photo

Junior Jarret Haven looks toward the finish line.



Courtesy Photo

Senior Peyton Groft strides out.



# Football Team Starts out Season 1-3

By Madalyn Groft

The Wildcat football team started the year a little early. They started on Friday Aug. 18, four days before school started. Normally, the games do not start until after school has begun, but everyone thought that the boys needed more time to rest and practice during playoffs. This meant that practice must start awhile before school.

"My goal for the season is to make football playoffs," senior Tyler Braun said.

The football team lost on Aug. 18, 12-44 against Warner. The next game they played was on Aug. 25, and they won 20-18 against Ipswich. This game made them win the first conference game in more than five years. They also played on Sept. 1, against Faulkton, which they lost 6-48. The team's next game held in Frederick. The North Border Titans include the four schools of Leola, Frederick, Eureka and Bowdle. The game con-

cluded at the score of 14-48; North Border won.

"I want to win at least three of our last four games before post season," sophomore Ezekiel Duncan said.

The Wildcats, 1-3, look to have a great rest of the season!



*Courtesy Photo*  
JUNIOR CALEB SCHENTZEL REACHES FOR THE BALL AT THE NORTHWESTERN-WARNER GAME AUG. 18.



*Courtesy Photo*  
SENIOR ISAAC BAUER RUNS THE BALL AT THE GAME AGAINST WARNER ON AUG. 18



*Courtesy Photo*  
THE WILDCAT FOOTBALL TEAM LINES UP ON DEFENSE TO TRY TO STOP WARNER'S OFFENSE ON AUG. 18 AT HOME.

## Dancing into the season

By Riley Grandpre

The Northwestern cheer and dance teams have started their seasons with some wins.

The dance team has three seniors on their team, Sadie Vander Wal, Darien

Watson and Megan Heidenreich. The head coach is Alyssa Serfling; this marks the second year as head coach.

"I am excited for what this year will bring. We have a lot of potential this year with the experienced

returners and the talent that our new members bring to the floor. Our goal is to gain higher scores at each meet than the last, and the team's willingness to work hard and give it their all at each

practice leaves no doubt in my mind that we will be able to achieve that," senior Sadie Vander Wal said.

"Our goal for this season is to add as much difficulty as possible based on



*Courtesy Photo*  
Three cheerleaders jump at the Redfield dance competition.

our individual strengths. So this year, the crowd will be seeing some very difficult stunts that most Class A schools do not attempt. For dance, we also have a high tempo and intricate choreogra-

phy for the Pom category. Both of these will add points to our overall scores, and will hopefully pay off. I am looking forward to seeing these athletes grow during season. Some who were apprehensive about stunting the first week are now doing twist downs from extensions, which are high-level skills. It is so exciting to see how far they have come, and we are not even to the end of the season yet," head coach Serfling said.

At the team's first meet Aug 26, at Aberdeen Central, they scored 141.50 and placed 11. Sept. 12 the team traveled down the road to Redfield- Doland placed first in dance.

The state cheer and dance competition will be held Oct. 20 in Rapid City, S.D. All teams advance to the state competition.



# FBLA Students Experience Nationals in California

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Northwestern's Future Business Leaders of America chapter students who qualified at the state conference last April had the chance to travel to Anaheim, Calif., to attend the national conference from June 28 through July 3.

Members who attended included former seniors Derek Boekelheide and Josie Clemens, current seniors Peyton Groft, Addison Sparling, Sadie Vander Wal, Evy Peterson, Darien Watson and Megan Heidenreich, juniors Caleb Schentzel, Jarret Haven and Gavin Bohl and sophomores included Cassidy Frericks and Christine Stoltenberg.

The members were chaperoned by FBLA advise Mrs. Anne Frericks and Mrs. Jolinda Finley.

The members were fortunate enough to go on many California adventures. The members attended and enjoyed an LA baseball game. They also ventured to Disneyland and Disney Adventure Park, making that a two-day trip. Want



Courtesy Photo

**National FBLA attendees spent a week in California.**

ing to see new things, the members ventured to see the beach and ocean. They visited Santa Monica Pier and Catalina Island. The group also walked around and did some sight seeing.

"It was another memorable National FBLA Conference. We all had a good time, and it was exciting to have Jarret place in the agribusiness contest. Everyone performed well, and I'm looking forward to Baltimore next year," said A. Frericks.

Beside all the adventures, the members also presented their projects and tested with the goal of placing in mind. Haven placed seventh in agribusiness.

"We were late getting to the award ceremony, and Derek and I ran in just as they called my name. I was super surprised when they called my name. It was amazing to stand up there in front of all those people," Haven said.



Courtesy Photo

**Junior Jarret Haven was the lone place winner at the National FBLA Conference in Anaheim, Calif. Haven placed 7th in agribusiness.**



Courtesy Photo

**Students enjoy the pier.**

## Ending Summer with a Bang: 4-H students do well at State Fair

By Riley Grandpre

A few Northwestern students ended the summer with a bang. As always, the summer ended with the South Dakota State Fair in Huron, S.D.

Participating in the state fair is mostly a family affair for NW students, as many siblings competed together as family tradition.

The sister-brother duo of senior Sadie Vander Wal and freshman Mitchel Vander Wal showed cattle, junior Jarret Haven showed goats, freshman Jace Haven, eighth-grader Justin Haven and second-grader Jarren Haven and junior Sam Olson showed cattle, freshman Bailey Heim and sister and seventh-grader Brooke Heim showed their goats, freshman Hailie Stuck showed off her artistic side. Freshman Hannah Schentzel cooked a porkloin for

special foods and received first in horticulture judging in junior division, along with her brother, junior Caleb Schentzel, who also placed first in horticulture.

S. Vander Wal received Grand Champion Short Horn Steer in 4-H and Junior Show, while M. Vander Wal received a purple on his two heifers and beef showmanship. Stuck placed second with her small wood item, fourth in floral arrangement and fifth in medium wood item.

"I have been going to the State Fair since I was an infant. My whole family has showed," junior Sam Olson said.

The State Fair has the capability to let some of the Northwestern students show off their true talents during the summer.



**Senior Sadie Vander Wal shows off her skills in 4-H.** Courtesy Photo



**Sadie and Mitchell Vander Wal present a slide show together.** Courtesy Photo

# ISEF Students Experience National Fair

By Madalyn Groft

Senior Addison Sparling and freshman Alexis Rahm observed the International Science Fair held in Los Angeles, Cali. Junior Danny Orr competed with his project there.

“The highlight of the trip was getting to trip and getting to see new places,” Addison Sparling said.

Going to the Santa Monica Pier was Rahm’s favorite part, and Orr’s favorite part included going to Universal Studios because the whole park got blocked off for just the students involved in the International Science Fair.

The three students walked around downtown Los Angeles, walked through Chinatown and viewed the California Museum of Science.

“That was really cool and interactive,” Sparling said.

They also got to go to Universal Studios.

The students learned a ton of new things on their trip.

Sparling learned that

people use their minds very creatively to come up with brilliant ideas for their projects. She also learned that some students go to school for their science fair, and that is their research for their high school career.

Rahm learned that people come up with a variety of ideas for their projects and can use it very differently.

“I learned a lot to prepare me for this year’s science fair. I learned how to organize my board better, and I actually learned that hydrogen isn’t stored the as liquid,” Orr said.

Sparling’s goals for next year include challenging herself and stepping outside of her comfort zone to make a better project than last year.

Rahm’s goal is to do a phase two for her project from last year, and she and Danny also hope to make it back to International Science Fair next year and for more years to come.



Senior Addison Sparling



Freshman Alexis Rahm



Junior Danny Orr



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# Students and Teachers adjust to new class schedule: 48-minute classes every day

Staff Editorial

Back in 1998, the school administrators decided to switch the school class schedule from the typical 50-minute class period (or Carnegie) schedule to block scheduling, in which students had class every other day for 90 minutes.

At the time of the switch, the students hated the idea of block scheduling (and something new).

Now flash forward to 2017-- the administration

has switched our scheduling from block BACK to Carnegie.

Let us just say the students still hate the idea of something new.

The irony here is not lost on students or staff members, as both groups adjust to the new--or shall we say, old--schedule.

Advantages and disadvantages abound with each schedule.

Students really enjoyed

having class every other day because if students were absent, they did not miss every class that day. Also on game nights, the athletes did not have to stay up late at night to get their homework done, as they had two nights to complete it.

The major bonus to the new schedule is having class every day because then the students do not have the chance to forget everything they learned the day before.

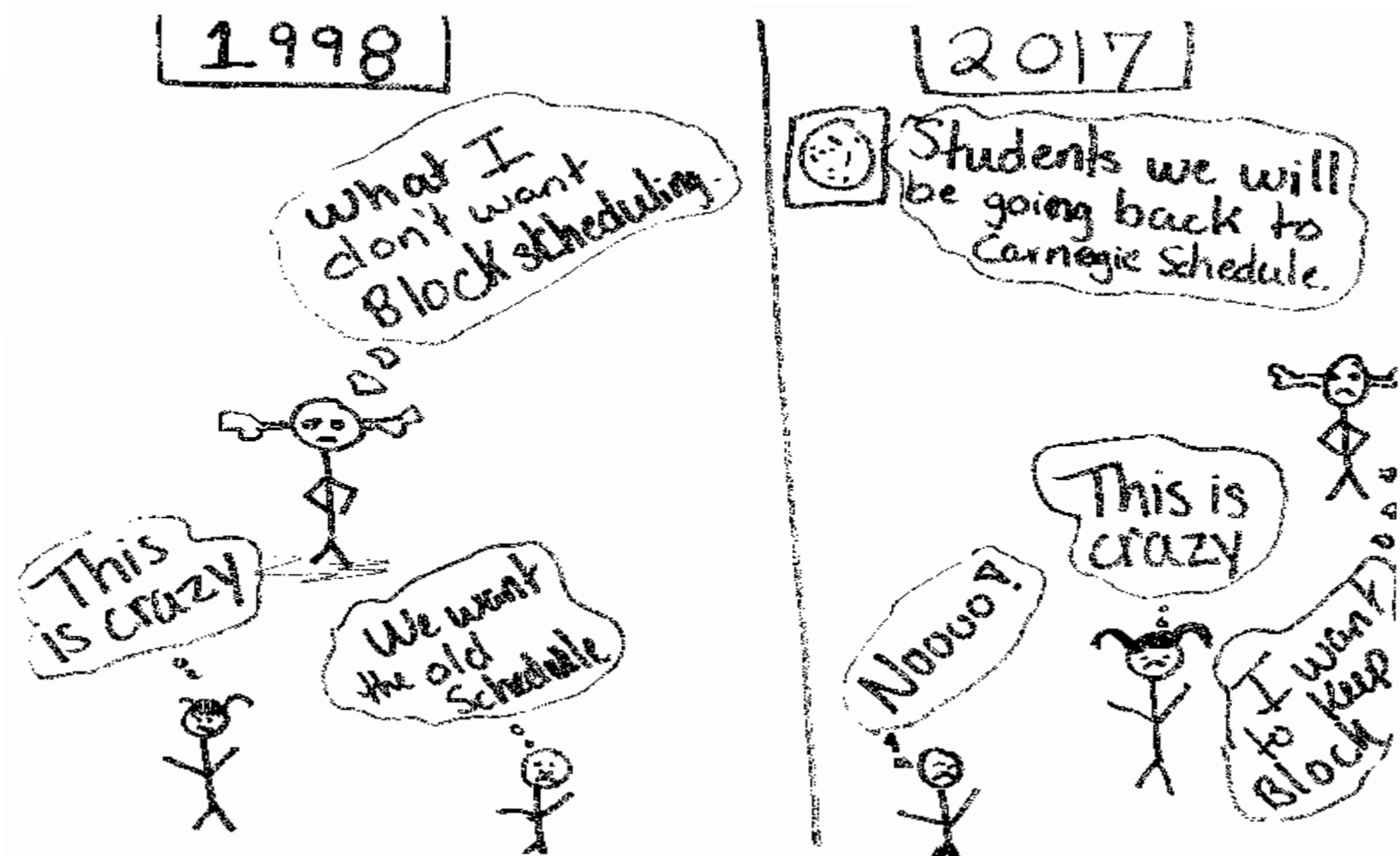
Advantages to the new schedule change include more breaks in between classes, shorter class time, seeing every teacher every day and less homework.

The cons to this change consist of less time in class to do homework, switching classes more often, having a shorter amount of time get homework done and having all the classes every single day.

Regardless of the kind of

schedule a school utilizes, an adjustment period will take place after the change.

Whether students or staff prefer Carnegie or block scheduling, one thing is for certain: in another 19 years, students won't remember the schedule used, but hopefully, they will retain the information taught to them.



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# In the Hallway...

## *In the Elementary*

What do you like about your new teacher?

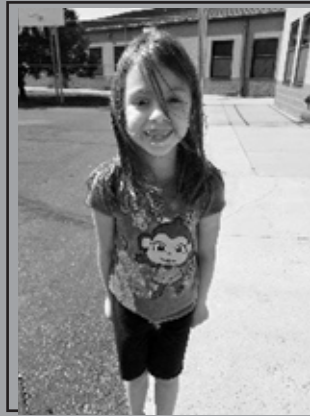
By Torri Bourelle



“She’s weird,” kindergartner Declan Zens said.



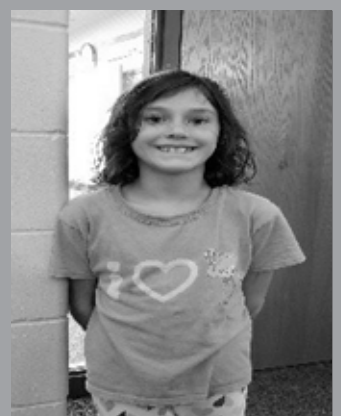
“She’s married,” first-grader Austin Vetter said.



“Mr. Doug Duncan is funny and helps when we are stuck on problems” second-grader Isabella Grenier said.



“She gives us candy,” third-grader Allie Hoekman said.

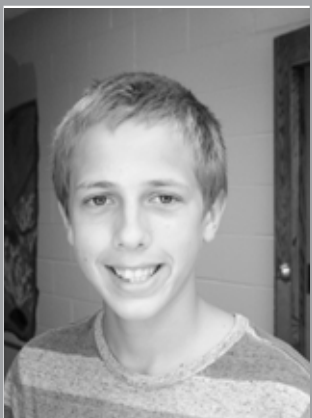


“She’s funny,” fourth-grader Isabella Kramp said.

## *In the Middle School*

What do you miss most about summer and why?

By Caitlyn Fischbach



“Working with my dad because I like doing construction,” eighth-grader Kaysie Bauman said.



“Riding a 4-wheeler because it is awesome,” seventh-grader Hunter Johnson said.



“Camping because I love spending time with family,” seventh-grader Brooklinn Halvorson said.



“Sitting in my room listening to music because I don’t like people,” seventh-grader Olivia Heidenreich said.



“The pool because I like to go swimming when it is hot,” eighth-grader Emma Grandpre said.

## *In the High School*

What do you miss most about summer and why?

By Riley Grandpre



“Not having homework,” senior Evy Peterson said.



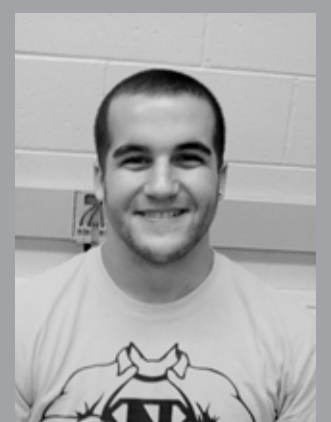
“Water skiing because I have a lot of friends and skiing is my favorite sport,” sophomore Miranda Thorson said.



“I miss going to the drive-in movie with my friends,” sophomore Talley Sparling said.



“Working rather than being in school,” senior Tyler Bruan said.



“I miss having family time,” sophomore Zeke Duncan said.

### Seniors last first day

By Madalyn Groft

The 2018 class of seniors sums a total 15 students. The class consists of Isaac Bauer, Domonic Beckwith, Tucker Bohl, Tyler Braun, Mackenzie Engels, Jedd Groft, Peyton Groft, Megan Heidenreich, Austin Peterson, Evy Peterson, Dawson Smith, Addison Sparling, Daniel Tonga, Sadie Vander Wal and Darien Watson. Sparling is most looking forward to being independent with her

classes and gaining college class experience.

"I'm most looking forward to volleyball season and seeing how that goes," Peterson said.

Braun is looking forward to college after this, and Hendenreich's excitement this year is participating in state cheer.

"I'm most looking forward to going to state volleyball, if we are fortunate enough to make it," Groft said.

Vander Wal looks forward to making lasting memories in all of her activities and academics for one final year. Sparling takes college courses and explores her career options to help prepare her for what's after high school, Braun explores his different scholarship offers and Peterson and Heidenreich prepare themselves by taking college classes, too.

"I am challenging myself

with Advanced Placement course work and applying for scholarships," Vander Wal said.

The seniors want to leave their "mark" on the school, so everyone will remember them. Peyton and Sadie say a lot about that.

"I want to win another state title. I also want to show the younger students that life is not all about being the most popular, or the coolest, person. You can accomplish

much more with your brain and athletic ability," Groft states.

"I want to push myself to my highest potential to not only prepare myself for my future, but to show younger students that trying your best at something you are passionate about in school or extracurricular is always worth more than your popularity status," Vander Wal said.

# IT'S A MATCH!

## Can you match the person to their popsocket?

1

Hannah Schentzel



2

Megan Heidenreich



3

Cassidy Freericks



4

Hayden Bohl



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Hailey Boekeheide



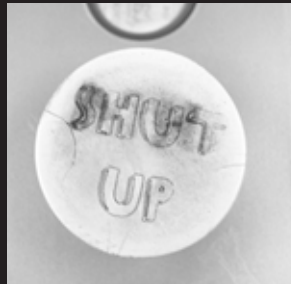
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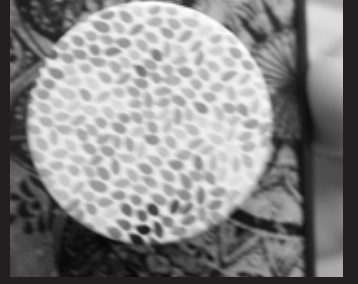
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# Exchange students invade NW

By Dalton Peterson

Northwestern High School gained two foreign exchange students, Pablo Alonzo and Ana Clara Rivetti Bacheco.

Alonzo, age 16, studies with the junior class. The Welch family from Northville fills the spot as his parents for this year.

"I play football and basketball, my first impression coming to America

was good. I live in Oviedo, Spain. The schools back home are different. The students would stay in the classroom and the teachers move classes," Alonzo said.

Rivetti also participates in the junior class, age 16. The Halvorson family host her while she stays in America.

"Some activities I am

in are volleyball and a half year of basketball. My first impression was this is a small town. I live in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. There seems to be larger people here in America," Rivetti said.

Alonzo stays for the full year and Rivetti stays half a year. The students are very excited to see what these two new prospective will bring.



Photo by Dalton Peterson  
Junior Ana Rivetti



Photo by Dalton Peterson  
Junior Pablo Alonzo



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## Northwestern Booster Club

The Northwestern Booster Club is made up of every Northwestern parent and raises money to use on supplies throughout the year.

## elementary pawesome award

By Caitlyn Fischback

For the month of Oct. Ryker Bruns won the pawesome award for caring.



Kindergartner Ryker Bruns

# Ana's American Adventure

By Ana Rivetti

My name is Ana, and I came to spend the semester in South Dakota as an exchange student. People keep asking me, "Is it so much different from what you're used to?" and YES, it is.

The first big change for me was the small town... In Brasil we don't have towns with 200 people like here. The smallest town I've ever been before was 30,000 people, and my own city (Belo Horizonte-MG) has 2 million!!

As you can imagine, the scenery is pretty dif-

ferent. We have buildings all around, skyscrapers, full streets, noises, traffic, etc. It's kind of relieving in South Dakota that we don't have so much things going on. For me, this is the best advantage I found on living in a rural state.

Of course, in the other way, it has its disadvantages, but I can't say what is better and what's worse. This is a opinion, so it can change from person to person. It's just divergent...

Many people also ask me why did I leave my home and come to a strange place.

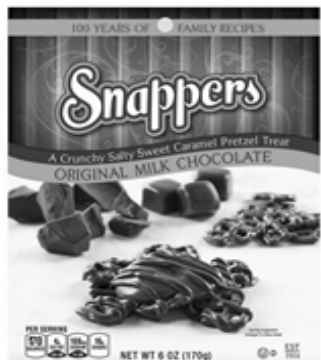
Well, that's why... To know different cultures and places that I am used to. Getting out of my comfort zone, understanding other's habits makes me expand my mind, and expanding my mind is the key to being a better person in life.

Therefore, I just hope I can learn a lot here and share with you my experiences from Brasil and my culture.

# Madalyn's Munchies

By Madalyn Groft

I discovered a lot of new snacks in the past few months. One of my favorite snacks for this month is Snappers milk chocolate pretzels. They are milk chocolate-covered pretzels with a little bit of caramel on the top. I also discovered "Yup!" milk. This contains a great taste at a low-fat rate. Chocolate milk is great to drink after a workout or a practice. Nut Harvest brand holds a great quality. My favorite kind from the brand is the mixed kind. I hope you all have a great time snacking!

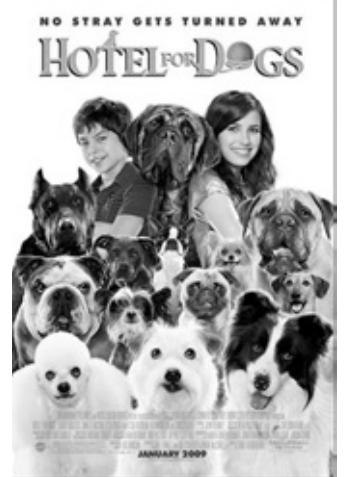


# Torri's Trailers

By Torri

Hotel for Dogs coming to Netflix September 2017 After moving into a foster home that forbids pets, siblings Andi (Emma Roberts) and Bruce (Jake T. Austin) must quickly find a home for their dog, Friday. The resourceful pair find an abandoned hotel, and with the help of Bruce's mechanical skills, turn it into a pooch paradise for Friday and a number of strays. But when

the inevitable barking makes neighbors suspicious, Andi and Bruce must find a way to hide their canine haven from prying eyes.



# Peterson's Puzzles

By Dalton Peterson

1. muppink \_\_\_\_\_
2. btocore \_\_\_\_\_
3. nacy \_\_\_\_\_
4. neelalwoh \_\_\_\_\_
5. lafl \_\_\_\_\_
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1. pumpkin 2. october 3. candy 4. halloween 5. fall 6. witch 7. scarecrow

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