

Northwestern Visual Arts

Team Brings Home the Gold

By Riley Grandpre

The Northwestern visual arts team traveled to Sioux Falls April 16 - 17 and won the State B Visual Art Championship.

Mrs. Jennifer Schell's team consisted of four seniors, Peyton Groft, Megan Heidenreich, Darien Watson and Mackenzie Engels, along with junior Daniel Orr and sophomores Miranda Thorson, Hailey Boekelheide and Cassidy Frericks.

Last year, the team just fell short of placing first in the whole competition, so the young artists set out for revenge. With such competitive artists, no team stood a chance. The artists took home the 2018 state visual art championship trophy home! Each student brought one or more pieces to state; each piece speaks volumes about the quality of the Northwestern art depart-

ment and the teaching ability of Schell.

"It was so fun placing first this year. We did extremely well last year, and this year, we did even better! It was a fun experience to go and compete with other talented people," first-place winner Thorson said.

These students worked numerous hours on their projects. The artists have keen eyes and steady hands. State art is no joke to the students here; with such high competition at state, every detail must be perfect.

"There were over 41 school, with 400 pieces of art. The talent is considerably better each year we participate state art. State art is very different compared to other sports. In basketball, the score, is either one, two, or three points, where in art, the artist is judged based on personal opinion. We

never know what type of judges we'll get, and they are different every year, and we are very consistent with judging year to year," Schell said.

Here are the what places the artists received.

Best In Show Award
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• This year's Class B **BEST IN SHOW**, with 198 out of 210 possible points in the Print Making category is Peyton Groft from Northwestern High School.

Overall Team Champion Award
The Overall Team

Champion Award is awarded to one school in each class that accumulates the most sweepstakes points across all State Gallery categories.

• This year's Class B **CHAMPION** is Northwestern High School and their coach, Jennifer Schell.

Crafts
• **RUNNER-UP**, from Northwestern High School is Mackenzie Engels.

Drawing (Colored)
• **RUNNER-UP**, from Northwestern High School is Miranda Thorson.

Functional Ceramics
• **Class B 3RD PLACE**, from Northwestern High School is Darien Watson.

Mixed Media
• **CHAMPION**, from Northwestern High School is Miranda Thorson.

Painting (Oil and Acrylic)

• **RUNNER-UP**, from Northwestern High School is Megan Heidenreich.

Painting (Watercolor)
• **RUNNER-UP**, from Northwestern High School is Megan Heidenreich.

Photography
• **RUNNER-UP**, from Northwestern High School is Cassidy Frericks.

Print Making
• **CHAMPION**, from Northwestern High School is Peyton Groft.

Three-Dimensional (3D)
• **CHAMPION**, from Northwestern High School is Daniel Orr.

Traditional Culture Art
• **Class B 3RD PLACE**, from Northwestern High School is Hailey Boekelheide.

Congratulations to the 2018 state visual arts team and everyone who placed.

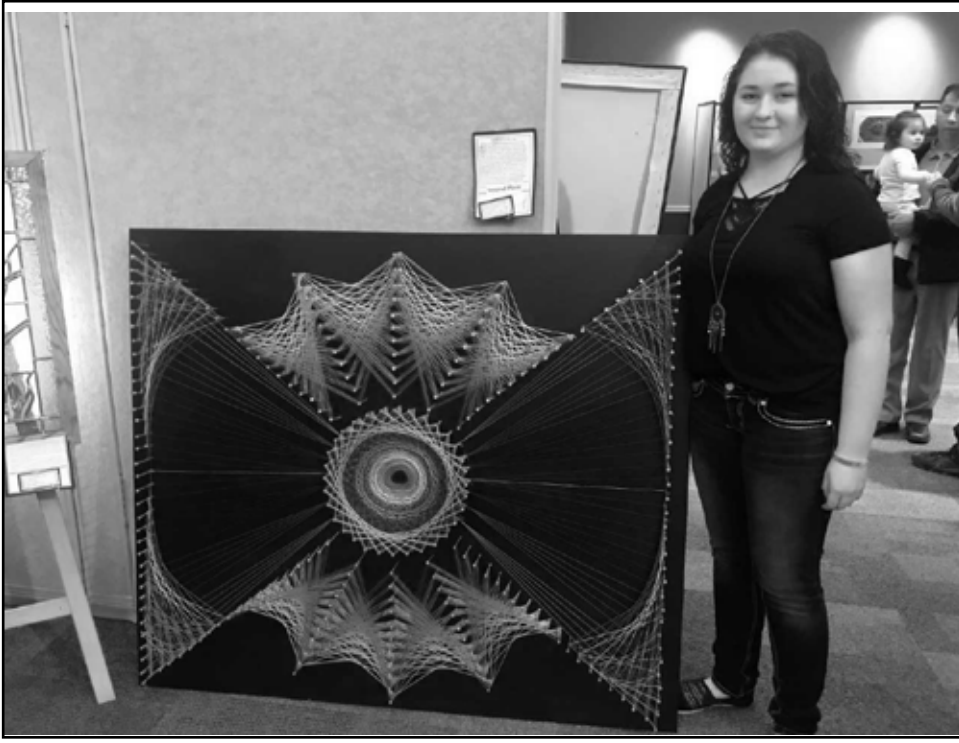


Photos from Mrs. Anne Frericks.

The State B Visual Arts Champions placed first at the annual competition.

State B Visual

Courtesy PHotos



Senior Mackenzie Engals stands by her large art piece.



Senior Darien Watson stands by her small pot.



Sophomore Hailey Boekelheide kneels by her bowl, which placed third.



Runner-up sophomore Cassidy Frericks stands by her photo.



Junior Danny Orr kneels next to his piece.



Senior Megan Heidenreich stands by her art piece.

Art Champions



Senior Megan Heidenreich stands by her painting.



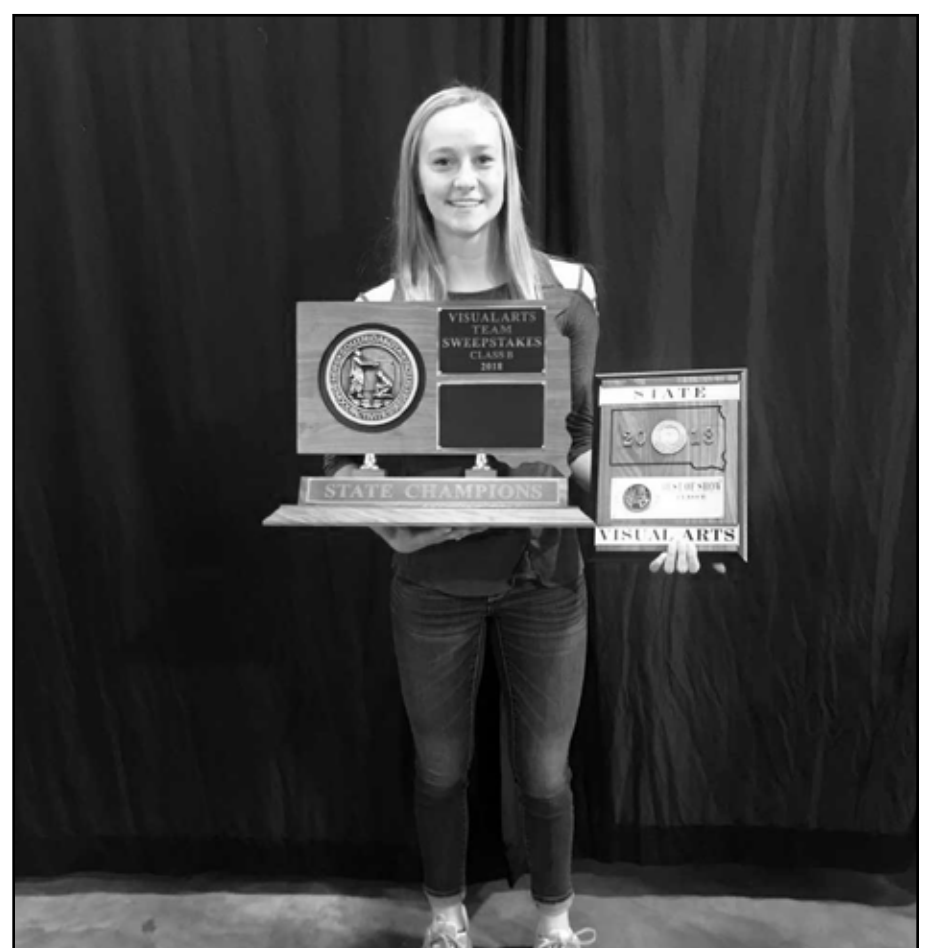
Sophomore Cassidy Frericks stands by her drawing.



Sophomore Miranda Thorson poses by her amazing piece.



Senior Peyton Groft stands by one of her pieces.



Senior Peyton Groft snaps a picture with the first-place team trophy and her Best in Show award.

**March
Student of the Month:
Sadie Vander Wal**



By Riley Grandpre

This month's recipient is senior Sadie Vander Wal. Vander Wal's parents consist of Jeff and Beth, and her lone sibling Mitchell Vander Wal. Vander Wal's activities include student council, FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, competitive cheer and dance, band, chorus, journalism, science bowl, one-act play, spring play, oral interp and 4-H. A few of her hobbies are playing the piano and showing cattle and pigs. Vander Wal's future plans are to attend South Dakota State University with a major in animal science and a minor in journalism and biotechnology. Her favorite quote is, "Do not 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" - 1 Timothy 4:12. Vander Wal's inspiration is Sadie Robertson. Vander Wal's favorite classes are AP English Literature and Composition and biotechnology. Her most embarrassing moment was the time where she broke a music stand, hit herself in the head and had a giant bloody scar in the middle of her face.

Ana's American Adventure

By Ana Rivetti

Updates from Brazil: It has been so long since the last time that I wrote for this paper, but at the same time, it feels like I left yesterday. So, a little bit about when I came back, and my 'first' impressions. I felt like I was gone for decades, my city was all different, and I found myself enjoying it a lot, you arrive and you just want to see everybody you know, talk to them, visit the same old places but with a different look now. That's what I did during all my free time, but then school summer break was over, and I got extremely busy with everything that I missed at school, so I still have a lot to visit.

I was missing my family



and my friends so much, but I am also missing the South Dakota lifestyle a lot because I don't know when I am going back... I had kind of a cultural shock, because I got used to Americans and the way you guys act, and after a few days, it was Carnival, so it was overwhelming that much of Brazilian culture all hitting me at once. And, of course, the crowd made me freak out, I mean, if you spend a whole semester with Aberdeen being your biggest town close and you come to this festival is the weirdest thing ever.

Coming back is good, but I miss America a lot, Northwestern, the sports, my friends, the Halvorsons, the teachers and all the little things that used to be part of my daily life for such a long time. You guys have no idea how you have changed me, so thank you for that. I hope to be writing here again soon.

Ana

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Northwestern Local Science Fair

By Dalton Peterson

The Northwestern Area Science Fair Feb. 28 consisted of high school and middle school students. The first and second place winners will go to Northern State University; from there if they win, they will then go to nationals to compete against people across the world. The results include the following:

JH PHYSICS
 HM: Trey Bourelle, Cordell Vitense, Tyler Ashalintubbi
 2nd: Dylan Hahler
 1st: Tanner Ewalt
 "Ball Bearing: Is Bigger Better?"
 Ethan Boekelheide:
 What Bridge is the Strongest? Phase II
HS PHYSICS
 HM: Teagan Jost, Pablo Alonso
 2nd: Jace Haven
 1st: Danny Orr
 "Feasibility of Supplementation of Oxyhydrogen Gas to Increase Internal Combustion Efficiency"
JH BIOLOGY
 HM: Ella Haven, Nathan Melius
 3rd: Tyanne Franks
 2nd: Nick Troske
 1st: Jessica Boekelheide:
 "Oxygenating a

Hydroponics System" Phase II
HS BIOLOGY
 HM: Talley Sparling, Kaitlyn Lefforge, Tomlyn Toy
 3rd: Hayden Bohl, Cassidy Frericks
 2nd: Hailie and Kiarra Stuck
 1st: Mitchell and Sadie Vander Wal
 "Effects of Barometric Pressure on Conception Rates of Artificial Inseminated Bovine"
JH AQUATICS
 HM: Brooke Heim
 3rd: Haiden Grandpre
 2nd: Sawyer Styles
 1st: Megan Nash
 "Fertilizer Run Off Effects on Daphnia"
HS BOTANY
 2nd: Jackson Mielke, Gavin Bohl
 1st: Hannah Schentzel:
 "The Effects of Scarification on Green Bean Germination."
 Phase II
JH ENVIRONMENTAL
 HM: Morgan Gehring,
 3rd: Quintin Fischbach
 2nd: Brooklinn Halvorson
 1st: Justin Haven
 "Artesian Wells"
HSENVIRONMENTAL
 HM: Kyle Stahl
 3rd: Sydney Schell
 2nd: Samantha Olson
 1st: Caleb Schentzel

"The Importance of Microbial Activity in Soil"
JH BIOCHEM
 HM: Kade Stahl, Jude Ortmeier
 3rd: Emma Grandpre
 2nd: Maren Hansen
 1st: Teryn Sparling
 "Which Cutting Board Does a Disinfectant Wipe Work Best?"
HS CHEMISTRY
 HM: Caitlyn Fischbach/Riley Grandpre, Moira Duncan
 3rd: Hailey Boekelheide
 2nd: Jarret Haven
 1st: Alexis Rahm
 "The Effects of Cayenne Pepper on Chickens"
JH LIFE
 HM: Chase Neiber
 2nd: Sam Groft
 1st: Maddie Williams
 "Good Sleep"
HS LIFE
 3rd: Bailey Heim
 2nd: Miranda Thorson
 1st: Tya Weideman
 "Personality Factor between Athletes and Non-athletes"
 Congratulations to all the winners and good luck continuing to NSU.

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Plains Lions Carnival

By Riley Grandpre

The Northwestern's Plains Lions club held its annual Carnival on March 4. This event consists of different games, such as bingo, a free throw booth, a fishing booth and more. This is tons of fun for elementary students to come and hang out with their friends. The students can collect tokens and use those to win different prizes throughout the night. There is also a cake walk, and different items are being raffled off throughout the carnival. There is a supper serviced the whole night in case anyone gets hungry, and at the end of the night, a money prize is drawn.

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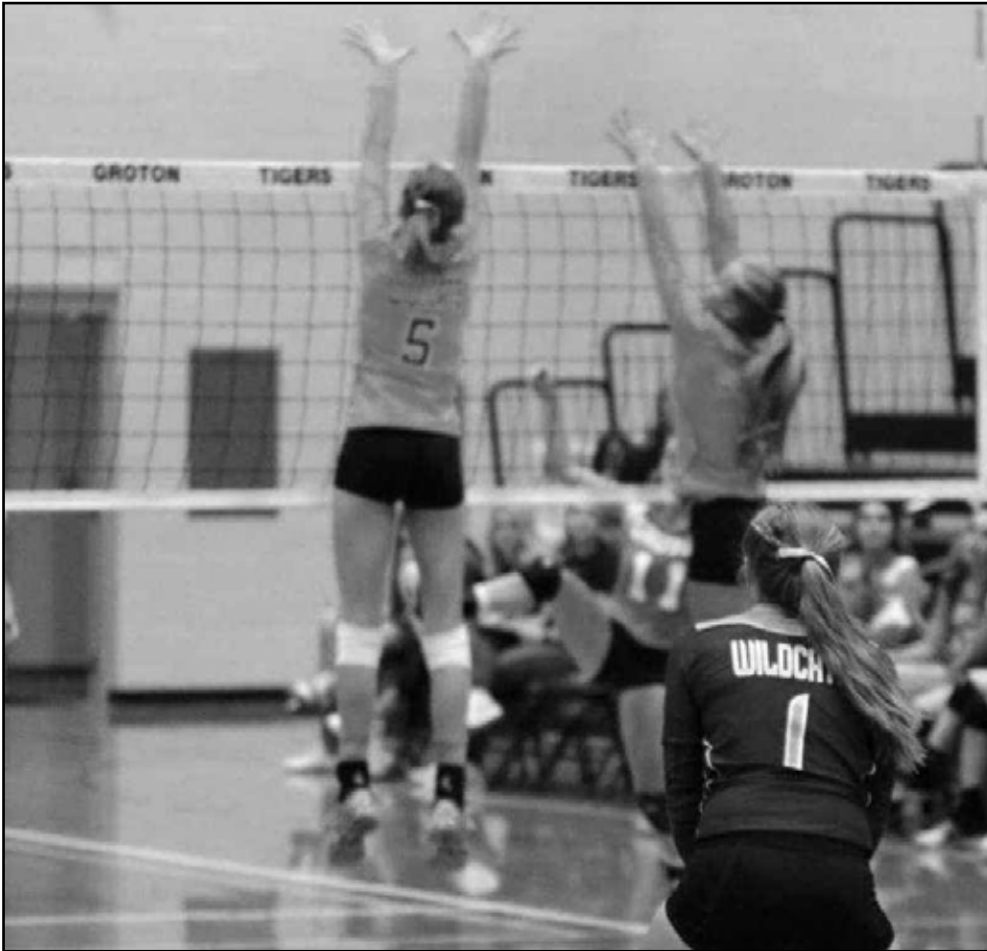
By Caitlyn Fischbach

Junior middle hitter Riley Grandpre has committed to playing volleyball at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D. She will be joining her fellow teammate, senior Peyton Groft. Grandpre officially signed on March 25, 2018. When Grandpre moved into the Northwestern School in third grade, she started playing volleyball right away. Over the years, she has developed into an amazing volleyball player. Grandpre has played on the varsity team since eighth grade. She has received her letter and bar four times. Other awards include Northwestern Rookie of the Year, Aberdeen American News All-Area Team, All-Lake Region Conference 2nd Team, AVCA/MaxPreps Player of the Week, The Wall- Blocking Leader and Class B All-tournament team. Grandpre has also contributed to two state championships.

"This is a really amazing moment. I have always dreamed of playing at the college level. I picked Dakota State University because it felt more like home to me, it is a smaller school, and I

got along with the coaching staff easily. I have always dreamed of playing at the college level ever since I started playing volleyball in third grade. I would have never been able to achieve my dream if it was not for the coaches here at Northwestern, all of my teammates and the community members. They are the ones that push me every day to be the best I can. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to continue to play the sport I love," junior Riley Grandpre said.

Northwestern is glad to have Grandpre for one more season next year. Grandpre has 806 total career kills and looks to break the 1,000-kill mark her senior year. The Wildcats open their season the first day of school, Aug. 21 at Aberdeen Roncalli.



Junior Riley Grandpre goes up for a block against Groton while senior Peyton Groft looks on.



Junior Riley Grandpre signs the official papers to play volleyball at DSU.

Athletes race into track and field season

By Riley Grandpre

The track and field team is waiting patiently for the starting gun to sound. This year practice started March 12. The very first meet will be held at Miller on April 6.

The team is made up of seniors Peyton Groft, Daniel Tonga and Tyler Braun, juniors Caleb Schentzel, Jarret Haven, Sam Olson and Pablo Alonso, sophomores Dalton Peterson, Zeke Duncan, Zech

Clemens, Madalyn Groft, Miranda Thorson, Chrissy Stoltenberg, Talley Sparling, Cassidy Frericks, Tya Weideman and Hailey Beikleheide, freshmen Sydney Schell, Hannah Schentzel, Joclyn Haven, Jace Haven, Hunter Schipke and Jackson Weideman and eighth-graders Justin Haven and Jessica Beikleheide.

Though the team seems young, many of these

tracksters have been doing this sport for many years.

P. Groft is the most experienced on the team and will help them reach the team's goal of going to state.

The state meet will be held in Rapid City on May 25-26.




P. Groft running the 3200 meter run last season.

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**April Fools'
 Paper**

By Riley Grandpre
 Throughout the paper there are a bunch of pictures of senior Peyton Groft. Count how many times you find a picture of her, and at the end of the of your reading, come back to this page to see how many pictures there are. Groft is very photogenetic, so we did this to show off her amazing smile. Please enjoy the awesome pictures of Groft!

**Pawsome Awards
 April**

By Caitlyn Fischbach

**Peyton
 Groft**

**Dalton
 Peterson**



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Joe rides in police car

By Caitlyn Fischbach

On March 21 Joe Groft was pulled out of school by the local police for an opportunity to ride in a

police car. Sources believe Groft was arrested for stealing "Leo the Lift" too many times as well as

Courtesy Photos
janitor Bill Clemens' cart. When asked about the crime, Groft said, "Bill not happy."



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Senior Class Suspended Until Graduation

Staff Editorial

The entire senior class has been suspended until graduation due to mutual requests from both the seniors and the teaching staff.

Many of the students have been using their senior privileges to their advantage as an excuse to skip school and go home or do other activities that shall remain

unnamed.

Tucker Bohl, Tyler Braun and Jedd Groft left school one Friday and reportedly never came back.

Peyton Groft, Addison Sparling and Sadie Vander Wal have been in in-school suspension for the past week due to their refusal to leave school when asked.

Online course supervisor Mrs. Jeannine Jilek has tried to get those three to sleep in and take advantage of their senior privileges, but they refuse.

"But we have so much learning left to do," P. Groft said.

As for the rest on the class, Mr. Rich Osborn has told them the school

will not graduate them due to their lack of attendance.

Since neither the seniors nor their teachers want them in the building, principal Rich Osborn has decided to suspend the entire class until graduation.

The school has now been way quiter since missing the senior class.

Coincidentally, the suspension coinsides with the Smarter Balanced testing schedule, so underlcassmen have had a quiet building in which to take their tests.

--This is our April Fool's edition of The Scratchin' Post. The seniors will graduate May 19. In fact, Mrs. Groft guarantees it.

Draw your own Peyton

April Fools'

IT'S A MATCH!

By Caitlyn Fischbach



A B C D E

11th 2nd 12th 5th 8th

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

In the Hallway...

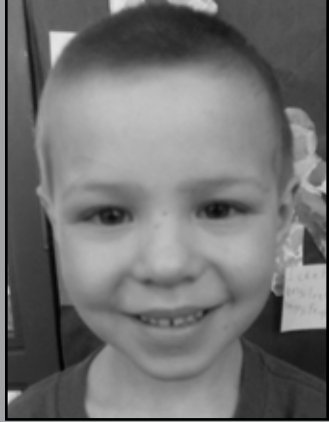
In the Elementary

What is your favorite thing about summer?

By Torri Bourelle



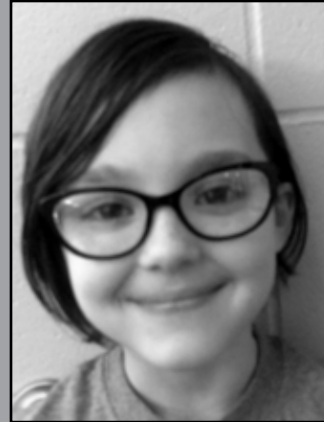
“Going swimming,” kindergartner Brenna Halvorson said.



“Playing outside,” first-grader Clay Solheim said.



“Going up to Alaska to see my cousins,” second-grader Annelesia Holsing said.



“Going swimming,” third-grader Sofia Kramp said.



“Playing with my dogs outside,” third-grader Stetson Zens said.

In the Middle School

Whom would your ideal prom date be?

By Caitlyn Fischbach



“My pig because I like pigs more than humans,” eighth-grader Justin Haven said.



“My couch because I don’t like human interaction,” eighth-grader Mackenzie Stoltenberg said.



“Taylor Swift just because,” seventh-grader Trey Bourelle said.



“Payton List because she is cute,” eighth-grader Brandon Toennies said.



“There is nobody I can think of,” eighth-grader Christopher Toennies said.

In the High School

Whom would your ideal prom date be?

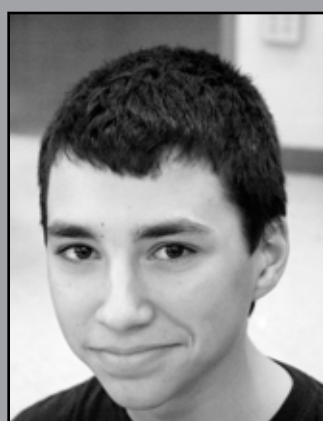
By Riley Grandpre



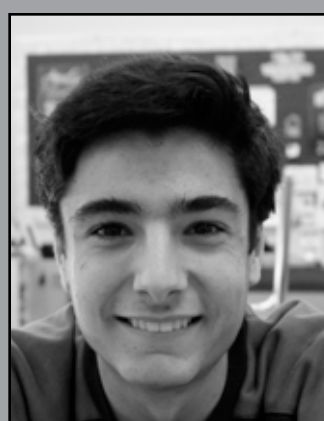
“Ben Azelart because he is just perfect all around,” freshman Kiarra Stuck said.



“Elyes Gabel because he plays my favorite character in Scorpion,” Mrs. Alison Schmitz said.



“Megan Fox because she is hot,” sophomore Kyle Stahl said.



“Scarlett Johansson because she plays in my favorite movie,” junior Pablo Alanso said.



“Jeremy Renner because he plays my favorite character in a movie,” junior Moira Duncan said.

Maddie's Munchies

By Madalyn Groft

It's April and the school year is winding down. I have a few more snacks for you to try. Hershey Snack Mix is a great snack and comes in a Reese's flavor, too. I love candy and pretzels, so put together, they are a great snack. I also love Chicken in a Biscuit. They are delicious crackers with low trans-fat. They go amazingly with Easy Cheese. One of my favorite granola bars is the Sunbelt Bakery chocolate dipped granola bar. This is a delicious quick, easy snack with low calories. Come back to read what others snacks I have for you all in May!



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9. wignrhTo _____
10. gJungmip _____
11. rEtah yda _____

Answers: 1. Easter, 2. Eggs, 3. Spring, 4. Rain, 5. April fool, 6. Track, 7. Field, 8. Running, 9. Throwing, 10. Jumping, 11. Earth Day

Torri's Trailers

Torri Bourelle

Grey's Anatomy

The medical drama series focuses on a group of doctors at a hospital in Seattle, including several who began their careers at the facility as interns. One of the doctors and the show's namesake, Meredith Grey, is the daughter of a famous surgeon. She struggles to maintain relationships with her colleagues, particularly the hospital's one-time chief of surgery, Richard Webber, due to a pre-existing relationship between them -- Webber and Meredith's mother had a personal relationship when Meredith was young. Grey's Anatomy is very fun to watch, you get to learn different things from baby up to old adult and how they do their procedures on them.

Sander's Songs

By Weston Sanders

1. God's Plan - Drake
2. Perfect - Ed Sheeran
3. Finesse - Bruno Mars ft. Cardi B
4. Meant to Be - Bebe Rexha ft. Florida Georgia Line
5. Psycho - Post Malone ft. Ty Dolla \$ign

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