

Band and Choir Students Receive I Ratings at Small Group

By Madalyn Groft

The high school band and chorus students participated in the Region IV high school small-group contest held at the Civic Arena, in Aberdeen, on Feb. 7. Students who participate in small group can have up to six chorus and band songs and an optional piano solo if students would like. Students have only a couple months to prepare for this event, so it is important that their practice time is valued. There are three different categories of grading. There is 25 points, for percussion players, 30 points for the solos, and 35 points for all other

ensembles. Songs need to be under the 5-minute limit. All chorus songs must be memorized as well.

The tuba duet (Jace Haven and Zechariah Clemens), the double dribble group (containing 15 band students), a percussion duet (Evy Peterson and Ezekiel Duncan), the saxophone ensemble (Peyton Groft, Riley Grandpre, Alexis Rahm, Moira Duncan and Hailey Boekelheide), a saxophone duet (Joclyn Haven and Sydney Schell), a French horn solo (Sadie Vander Wal), a saxophone solo (M. Duncan), a brass duet

(S. Vander Wal and Mitchell Vander Wal), a saxophone trio (P. Groft, R. Grandpre, and M. Duncan), and a soprano solo (S. Vander Wal) all scored a I at contest.

"I believe that the Northwestern music department truly showcased our school's musical talent at small group this year with our high ratings," S. Vander Wal said.

Small group is a great place for students to learn more and advance their knowledge about their musical talents.

"Overall, we did well, but I very much enjoyed our basketball perfor-

mance," band director Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.

Fans got to see the dou-

ble dribble performance at a home basketball game in February.



Courtesy Photo

The boys' ensemble performs during small group

FBLA Sells Suckers for Valentine's Day

By Riley Grandpre

Each year the Northwestern Future Business Leaders of America chapter sells suckers to the students to give to their Valentine.

During the students' lunch period, they have the chance to go to the designated table and buy a piece of paper for 25 cents.

The color of paper represents, yellow- secret admirer, orange- friendship, purple- encouragement, pink- sweetheart and red- love.

The students write whatever they desire to send to their Valentine. After they write their note, a group of the FBLA members tape suckers on them and hand them out to everyone.

The FBLA chapter has been selling suckers at Northwestern since February 1999.

Out of the high school, the seniors collect the most suckers. Orange gets sold the most out of all the colors.

This year, about 3,000

suckers were sold in three days.

"I have been a part of FBLA for three years now, and each year, we sell a lot of suckers. This is a good fundraiser for the chapter, and it is fun for the younger children

to do. Any one from kindergarten to seniors can buy suckers to give away and write something nice in," junior Caitlyn Fischbach said.

Northwestern School carries on a small Valentine's

Day tradition.

Whether students have boyfriends or girlfriends or not, this is something

to make a student smile on such a gloomy day even if he or she does not have a significant other.



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Senior Isaac Bauer writes a note as junior Gavin Bohl looks on.

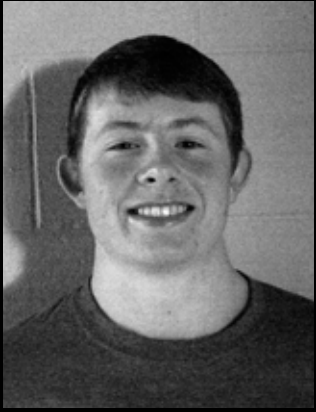


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Freshmen Hayden Bohl and Joe Groft sign suckers

February Student of the Month:

Jarret Haven



By Riley Grandpre

Junior Jarret Haven is the month's recipient for student of the month.

Haven's parents are Jarrod and Tamra Haven; his siblings are Jace, Justin and Jarren.

Jarret's activities consist of cross country, basketball, track, FFA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America and 4-H.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Jarret's future plans are to attend a two-year technical school.

His favorite quote: "Where there's a will, there is a way."

Vince Carter is Jarret's favorite athlete because he likes the way he played and wishes he could dunk like him.

Jarret's most embarrassing moment was when he passed out singing during a junior high spring concert.

Congratulations, Jarret Haven on receiving student of the month.

Freshmen Participate in Equity Days

By Dalton Peterson

The freshman class attended Equity Days at Lake Area Tech Institute in Watertown on Thursday, March 1.

The freshmen went to Lake Area to tour jobs that they can do one day.

They first went to a job that the other gender is more likely to do.

Then they toured a job that is more likely to be done by the same gender.

Some of the jobs they toured are nursing,

heavy equipment operator, law enforcement and many others. Touring the jobs help open new opportunities to the students.

During the tour, students are encouraged to attend nontraditional employment sessions that they would not necessarily consider otherwise.

Students attend this as part of their freshman career class with Mrs. Anne Frericks.

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One-Act Play Goes to State

By Riley Grandpre

The Northwestern one-act play traveled to Brandon to compete at state on Feb. 1. This year's theme was comedy.

The play is about two children who watch so much television that they get sucked into their favorite television shows. Some of the television shows are *The Bachelor*, *Cops* and *E.R.* Throughout the play, the children's experiences change their view on television.

Though the cast did not place, they surely had fun. For group acting awards, junior Sam Olson and freshman Bailey Heim got an award, along with junior Zach Toennies, freshman Cody Rausch and freshman Ethan Walter. Senior Sadie and freshman Mitchell Vander Wal, received individual awards.

"State one acts was a wonderful time; I loved watching all the plays. My favorite part about being on stage is listening to all the people enjoy how much they loved the play," Olson said.

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Top: One-act play cast. Middle: Freshman Bailey Heim and junior Sam Olson perform. Bottom: Junior Zachary Toennies, senior Sadie Vander Wal and freshman Mitchell Vander Wal perform at the state competition.

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FBLA budget meeting

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Senior Sadie Vander Wal will attend the FBLA state budget meeting Wednesday, March 7 in Huron, S.D., for state officers to discuss the budget with advisers.

Build Dakota Scholarship

By Madalyn Groft

Representatives from Southeast Tech, Mitchell Tech, and Lake Area Technical Institute came to the school on Wed., Jan. 31 to talk to the students about the Build Dakota Scholarship. The Build Dakota Scholarship is a full-ride scholarship to a tech school to do a specific, needed job in South

Dakota. Some jobs could be agricultural jobs, environmental technology, welding and so much more! The jobs available for the scholarship change each year. Receivers of the scholarship will then have to advance their career in South Dakota.

Elementary Honors Choir

By Dalton Peterson

Fifth-grader Josh Thorson attended the Elementary Honors Choir in Brookings on Feb. 8.

Thorson was selected among hundreds of students across

South Dakota to perform in this concert. Students had to record their entries to be submitted to judges. Congratulations, Josh!

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Northwestern Kindergarten Screening

By Caitlyn Fischbach

NORTHWESTERN AREA KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The Northwestern Area School District will be holding a screening on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 for children entering kindergarten next Fall. (students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2018) Screenings will take place in the elementary school. Please stop at the pre-registration table in the Elementary Library when you arrive to check in.

*Enter through the Main Entrance on the south

side of the school.

All children who will be in the 2018-2019 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.

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.

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Vander Wal Selected to All-State Band, first Northwestern musician selected in 17 years

By Riley Grandpre

Senior Sadie Vander Wal has been selected to play her French Horn in the 2018 South Dakota High School All-State Band. She has participated in band and chorus since her sixth-grade year. Vander Wal has grown up with music her entire life and has always had a love for it. With a mother who loves to help the Northwestern music department when needed, music is naturally in her blood.

Vander Wal has been trying out for the all-state band since her freshman year. After making it into the middle school all-state band her entire junior high career, she knew she wanted to pursue music further on the

high school level. To be selected for the band, Vander Wal auditioned in January, in which she was prepared to play a memorized chromatic scale, two randomly selected major or minor scales, a short, technical etude, excerpts from a prepared solo of her choice and a 50-question music vocabulary test. This rigorous audition tryout required much time and dedication, in which Vander Wal has practiced hard for. In fact, she will be the first student from Northwestern to be in the all-state band since Trista (Smith) Dunsmoor made it in 2001.

"I am beyond excited to have accomplished this

goal of mine. It has taken many years of practice and dedication to achieve this endeavor. Getting braces when I was a sophomore really set me back as far as advancing my playing skills, but I eventually overcame that obstacle and learned how to play in a different way. I could not have done this without Mrs. Thorson or my family's support as I have pursued music throughout my middle and high school career," Vander Wal said.

The Northwestern school and community supports Vander Wal as she travels to Rapid City March 22 to perform in the All-State Band concert on March 24. Best of luck to Vander Wal!



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Senior Sadie Vander Wal qualified for All-State Band.

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Girls' basketball team finishes season 10-12

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Northwestern girls' basketball team finished the season with a 10-12 record. To finish the season, the wildcats played Faulkton, Langford, Groton, Waubay Summit, Webster, Eureka/Bowdle, and Redfield/Doland. The Wildcats had a 52-65 loss against the Trojans. Sophomore Chrissy Stoltenberg led the team with 14 points and 14 rebounds. After a slow start against Langford, the Wildcats came out on top with a score of 51-43. The Wildcats were led by senior Peyton Groft with a total of 14 points and freshman Sydney Schell with eight rebounds. They continued their winning streak against Groton. The Wildcats started the game off strong and came out with a win of 62-39. Senior Addison Sparling led the team with 14 points and eight rebounds. After their two wins, they fell short against Waubay/Summit with a score of 64-74. Groft led the team with 12 points and Sparling led with nine rebounds. They went on to defeat Webster 53-33. The Wildcats were led by Stoltenberg with 14

points and nine rebounds. The Wildcats continued with a win, defeating Eureka/Bowdle 44-28. Groft led the Wildcats with 12 points and senior Evy Peterson, Sparling and junior Caitlyn Fischbach all contributed seven rebounds. The Wildcats fell to Redfield/Doland 39-66. Sparling and Peterson both contributed seven points. The Wildcats went into regions as the sixth seed. "My first year with the team has been a memorable one. It's been a fun season, and I'm not ready for it to end," said coach Ronni Levtzow.

The Wildcats defeated Aberdeen Christian 82-19 before falling to Waverly/South Shore 50-55 in the

second round of Region 1B action. The Wildcats

graduate Sparling, Peterson and Groft and will return 10 players from the current squad.



The bench stands up and cheers after a good shot.



Junior Caitlyn Fischbach goes in for a layup.



Senior Peyton Groft dribbles the ball up the court.

Tonga Signs with DSU

By Madalyn Groft

Senior Daniel Tonga signed a National Letter of Intent with Dakota State University, in Madison, to continue his football career for the next four years.

"I think it is a great opportunity for him. He will do a fine job, and hopefully I will have the chance to go and watch a game someday," assistant coach Scott Boone said.

Tonga's honors include the following: South Dakota All-Star Football Team, Aberdeen American News All-Area Team, Lake

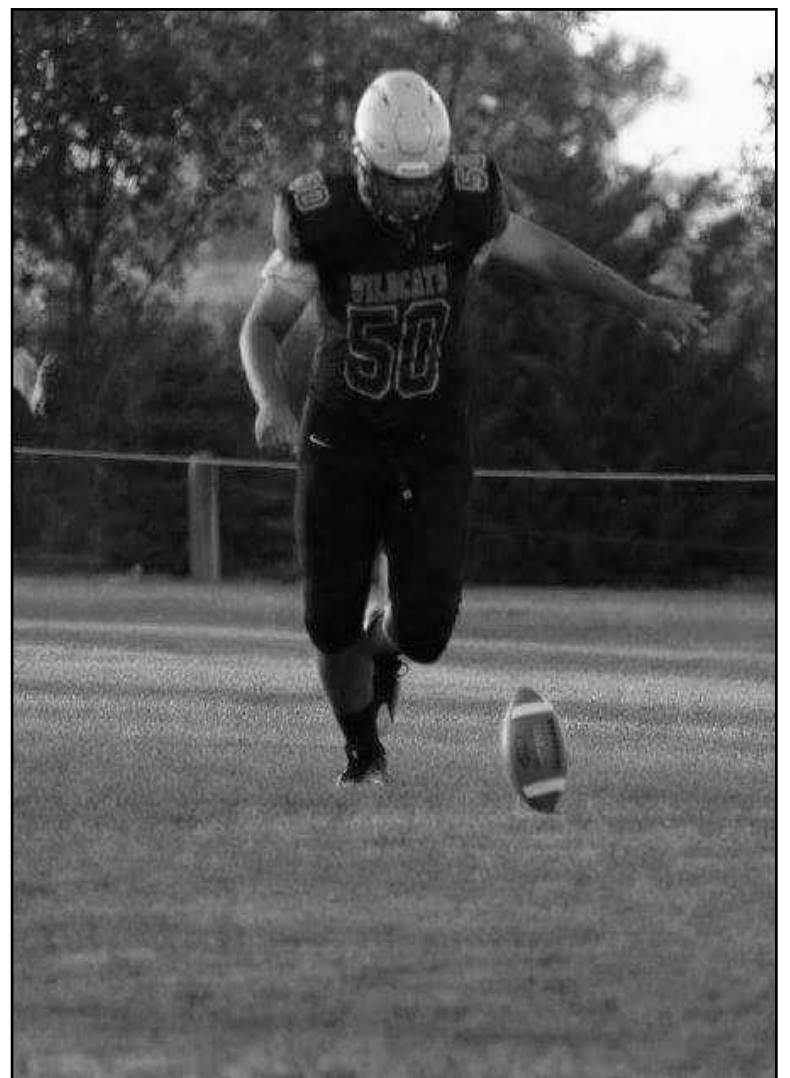
Region All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention.

"I really excited to be playing for DSU. It is really exciting to think that I will be playing at the next level. Playing college football is going to be a good next step in my life. Transitioning between high school and college football will be a challenge for me, but like all challenges I face, I am willing to overcome. After I leave Northwestern, I am leaving behind a legacy, but now I have to start thinking about the next stage in my life and where I go from

here. Football has always been a passion of mine, and I am very grateful for the opportunity that was given to me by the Trojan family. They see potential in the person I can become, and they are willing to help me get there. I will be doing something I love and my education is being paid for it, what could be better than that," Tonga said.

Tonga joins fellow senior Peyton Groft, who signed with DSU to play volleyball and run track.

Good luck to Tonga in his upcoming seasons!



Seniors Girls Show Leadership on the Court

By Riley Grandpre

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

This year the coaching staff of girls' athletics at Northwestern honored three 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 Peyton Groft, Addison Sparling and Evy Peterson.

Between these three seniors, they have accumulated multiple awards. Groft has been a very important leader ever since her seventh-grade year. She has been on the varsity cross-country

and track teams since her seventh grade year and has played on the varsity team for volleyball and basketball since her eighth grade year.

Peterson has been a strong player for both volleyball and basketball over her high school career.

Sparling has been an amazing leader for volleyball and basketball.

These three have been to State B Volleyball twice in their career and won both 2016 and 2017 years. These seniors have set an amazing example for all the younger players who look up to them. They are good role models on and off the court. Not only do they excel on the court, they excel in the classrooms, too.

Congratulations to these three amazing seniors! The school is so proud of them and everything that they have accomplished.



Boys' basketball team finishes season 13-9

By Riley Grandpre

The boys' basketball team finished the season with a record of 13-9.

On Feb. 1, the boys played Edmunds Central, with a final score of 78-53. That night sophomore Zech Clemens score 28 points, followed by juniors Jarret Haven and Caleb Schentzel with 15 points. Haven and Clemens also led the team with eight rebounds apiece.

On Feb. 3, Waubay/Summit traveled to Mellette for a double-header. Clemens had that night's high score of 20 with Schentzel following close behind with 15 points. Schentzel also had the most rebounds of five offensive boards and four defensive. The final score was 62-37.

On Feb. 6, the boys' team had a nail-biting game versus Webster. Clemens led the team with 23 points followed by Haven with 19. Haven also crashed the boards with 10 rebounds, seven defensive and three offensive. Ending score was 77-73.

On Feb. 8, the boys easily took the win over Wilmot with a score of 68-43. Clemens led the team with 18 points

along with 16 points from Schentzel and 15 from Haven. Haven also had four offensive and defensive rebounds that night.

On Feb. 10, the boys claimed the victory over Eureka/Bowdle with a score 70-45. Clemens had 12 points and Haven had 10. Clemens had nine offensive rebounds and Schentzel had seven defensive.

On Feb. 16, the boys traveled to Aberdeen Christian to have a close loss 46-53. That night Schentzel and Clemens had 17 points each. Haven led the defensive boards with seven and Clemens had five offensive.

On Feb. 23, the boys defeated Hitchcock/Tulare 65-52 in the last

home game of the season before beginning region play.

On Feb. 26, the boys entered the Region 1B tournament as the No. 6 seed, the same as the girls' team.

The boys defeated Waubay/Summit 52-41 to earn the right to advance to the second round in Warner against Langford.

Despite a tough first quarter, the boys fought back but ended up losing 47-60 to the Lions.

The team graduates lone senior Isaac Bauer from the squad and returns 12 other players from its current roster.

Coach Anthony Redman looks to continue to improve the Wildcats basketball team next season.



The Wildcat starters huddle together before the game.

Braun and Heidenreich Advance to State

By Dalton Peterson

Senior Tyler Braun placed first at Groton Jan. 27. Regions was held Feb. 19, where Braun placed third and freshman Seth Heidenreich placed fourth, carrying them into state, which was held in Sioux Falls on Feb. 23 - 24. Heidenreich represented the 126 pound weight class, and Braun wrestled in the 182 pound weight class.

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Six Man Football?

Staff Editorial

6-man football, say what?

Who knew something like 6-man football would even be possible, but it now is just a thought going through the South Dakota Activity Association.

A few good things could come out of this idea.

For one, the small schools will have a chance to compete in better competition.

Schools would also

have to travel far and find new teams to play that would also have 6-man.

This would also stop the major co-ops. It is not fair for teams to co-op and make a major team that will walk all over smaller schools like us.

With fewer people on the field, it will also prevent injuries, because some players will not have to play the entire game and actually have time to rest.

While all good ideas have positives, there are always unknowns and/or negatives to new ideas and concepts.

Some negatives to this idea is learning a different way to play the game.

With fewer men on the field, new tactics must be used to win.

Also, 6-man football teams will be overlooked by many colleges.

Some boys actually like the physical contact of

the game, with the new system less contact will be made, which for some people is a downside.

Everyone knows that sports are always changing, new rules, new classes, the Sweet Sixteen just went in affect, changes most average fans end up not knowing about, but with this too many classes will be made for football.

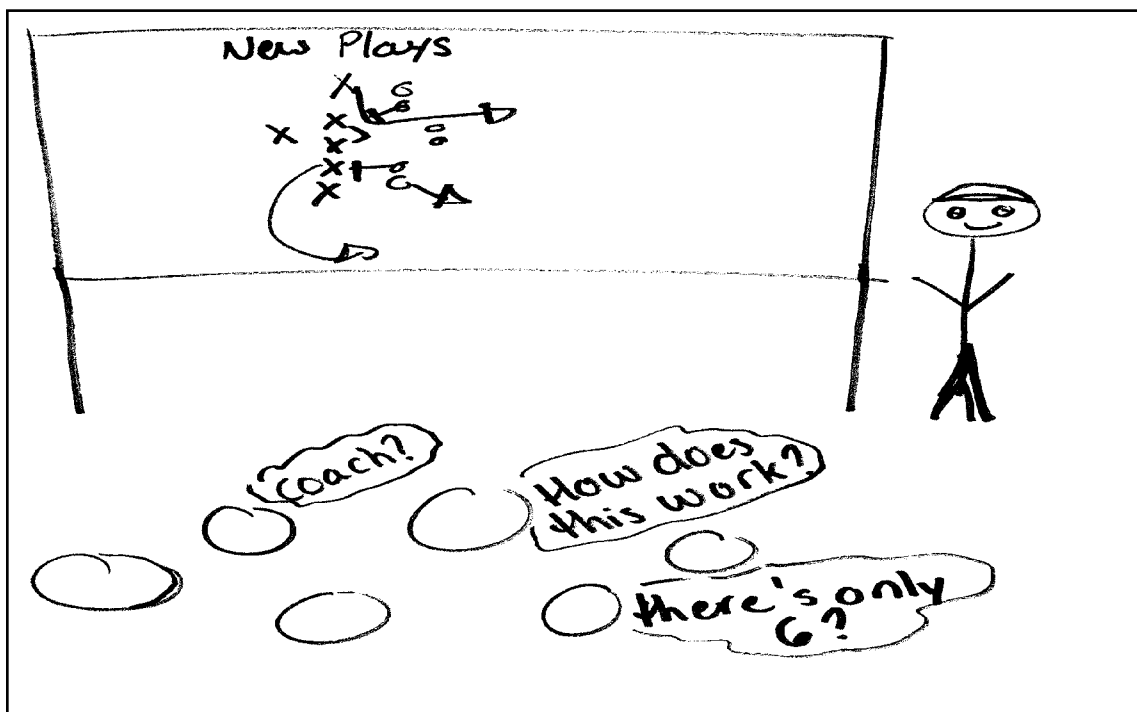
There is 11-man, 9-man, and now maybe 6-man, there will not be enough

schools in South Dakota to fill all those divisions.

Another question to ask, what will the junior high football teams do?

Sports are always evolving, but this may be too far, 6-man might be pushing the limits on classes- though Northwestern could possibly like it, because we would have enough players to fill the team, as this has been an issue in past years, but this year's team had enough guys.

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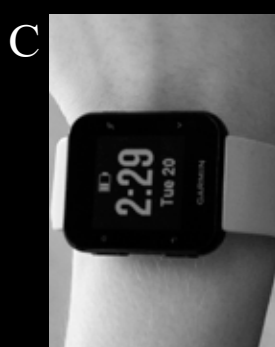
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IT'S A MATCH!

Can you match the students to their watches?

By Caitlyn Fischbach



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

National FFA Week

By Caitlyn Fischbach

National FFA week started Wednesday, Feb. 21 and went through Saturday, Feb. 24.

The students who participate in FFA put on many different activities and fundraisers during the week.

The week started off with a scavenger hunt. The FFA logo was posted around the school, and students had to find the logo in order to win.

One of the first fundraisers the students did was sell ice cream. The FFA members sold ice cream after school for two days.

On Thursday the members held a break-

fast for the faculty at the school. There was also another breakfast held at the school on Sunday, where the members helped cook and prepare the breakfast.

The final fundraiser was kiss the goat. There were five different jars with teachers' pictures on them. Throughout the week, students could put money in the jar for the teacher they wanted to kiss the goat. The teachers who participated consisted of Mr. Wade Rozell, Mr. Anthony Redman, Mrs. Anne Frericks, Mr. Rich Osborn and Mrs. Christy Cardella.

The winner, to kiss the goat was Mr. Anthony Redman and was announced on Monday, Feb. 26.

The FFA members would like to thank everyone who participated in the events and for supporting the FFA.



Photo By Caitlyn Fischbach

Mr. Anthony Redman and junior Jarret Haven smile after Redman kisses the goat for the national FFA week.

Boekelheide Participates in All-State Jazz Band

By Madalyn Groft

Seventh-grader Ethan Boekelheide participated in Middle School All-State Jazz Band Feb. 2 at Mitchell High School.

"Ethan was third chair in the state and learned a lot about improvising for jazz. He even had an improvising solo in the concert!" band director Wendy Thorson said.



MathCounts

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Math Counts Chapter Competition was held at SDSU on Feb. 3. Eighth-graders Megan Nash, Jessica Boekelheide, Sam Groft and Dominic Kaderabek received sixth place as a team.

Nash and Groft qualified to compete in the countdown round (head to head

competition).

Groft received sixth place for his written tests and earned a spot at the state competition in Pierre on March 10.

"What can I say? I just love math!" Groft said. "It just makes sense."

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“What joke would you tell your friend?”

By Torri Bourelle



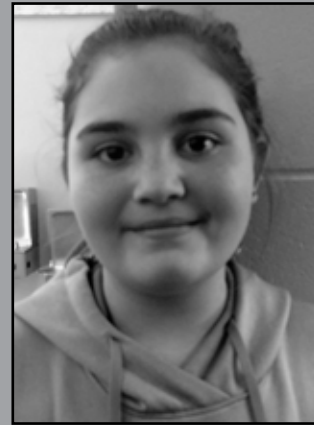
“Your car is on fire,” first-grader Rustin Maas said.



“I think your dog got ran over,” third-grader Tabitha Kaderabek said.



“There’s a spider on your head,” fourth-grader Rian Anglin said.



“I’m going to scare you behind that door,” fourth-grader Alyssa Brick said.



“Your bat is on fire,” first-grader Steele Anglin said.

In the Middle School

“What is your superstition?”

By Caitlyn Fischbach



“I have to drink a white or yellow gatorade before a game,” seventh-grader Brooklinn Halvorson said



“I have no clue,” eighth-grader Emma Grandpre said.



“I have to have a four-leaf clover because it brings me luck,” seventh-grader Emmy Robeson said.



“I have to wear my Lions jersey before every Lions game,” sixth-grader Nathan Melius said.



“I have to pray before every cheer meet,” seventh-grader Olivia Heidenreich said.

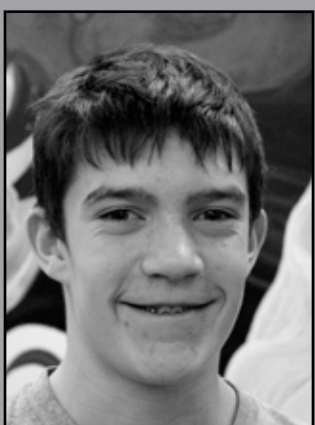
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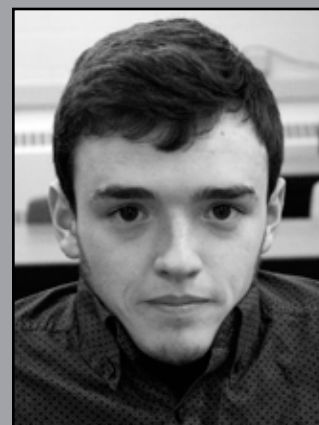
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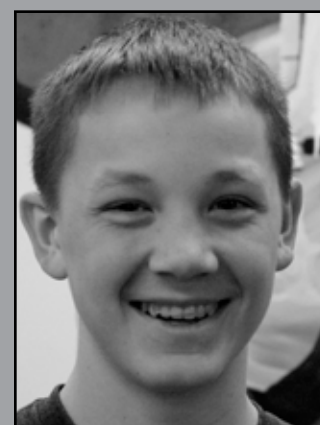
“I have to wear a blue shirt the day before ever game,” sophomore Chrissy Stoltenberg said.



“A few of us boys play Fortnite before games,” freshman Hunter Schipke said.



“A broken mirror brings seven years of bad luck,” senior Jedd Groft said.



“I have to jump up and hit the back board before dodgeball,” freshman Mitchell Vander Wal said.



“Caitlyn has to put me in motion right before the game,” junior Riley Grandpre said.

Maddie's Munchies

By Madalyn Groft

It's now March, and I have a few more snacks for you all to try. I have recently discovered Palmer's peanut clusters. Very similar to the chocolate-covered peanuts from previous months, but these are in cluster form. I also like Kind granola bars. These bars come in a couple different flavors. The last snack I would like to share with you are Fruit Snacks. Fruit Snacks are quick, low calorie, and tasty snacks. Those are my three snacks for you for this month!



Torri's Trailers

By Torri Bourelle

The Little Women

In this 1994 adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic, the March sisters confront growing pains, financial shortages, family tragedies and romantic rivalries in mid-19th-century Massachusetts. Jo (Winona Ryder) struggles for independence and sometimes clashes with her beloved mother and her sisters Meg, Amy and Beth. She also contends with their cranky Aunt March, their impulsive neighbor Laurie (Christian Bale) and kindly linguistics professor Friedrich Bhaer (Gabriel Byrne).



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Answers: 1.St. Patrick's Day, 2. March, 3.Spring, 4.March Madness, 5.Leprechaun, 6.Rain, 7.State Basketball, 8.Shamrock, 9.Green, 10.good luck, 11.bird, 12.chirp

Sander's Songs

By Weston Sander

The top hit songs of February 2018!

1. God's Plan -Drake
2. Perfect -Ed Sheeran
3. Finesse -Bruno Mars ft. Cardi B
4. Havanna -Camila Cabello ft. Young Thug
5. Rockstar -Post Malone ft. 21 Savage

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