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By Riley Grandpre

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Photos from Mrs. Anne Frericks.
Senior Peyton Groft is the April Student of the Month. Groft’s parents are James and Nora Groft. Her siblings include Isaac, Madalyn and Samuel. Groft’s activities consist of volleyball, basketball, track, cross-country, Future Business Leaders of America, band, chorus, journalism and robotics. Some of her hobbies include running, working out, playing volleyball and basketball, baking and watching Netflix. Groft’s future plans are to attend Dakota State University to major in exercise science and to play volleyball and run track. Her favorite quote, “If you take time to realize what your dream is and what you really want in life—no matter what it is—you have to realize that there is always work to do, and you want to be the hardest-working person in whatever you do.” —Stephen Curry. Groft’s favorite athlete is Klay Thompson. Her favorite class is anatomy and physiology. Groft’s most embarrassing moment would have to be being hit in the face at least once every volleyball practice.

Sophomore Hailey Boekelheide is the May Student of the Month. Boekelheide’s parents are Chad and Kris, along with her siblings Derek, Jessica and Ella. Boekelheide’s activities consist of volleyball, basketball, track, robotics, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, club volleyball and youth group. Some of her hobbies include bowl making, reading, playing with her chickens and cats, being with her family, binging on popcorn and watching Netflix. Her future plans are to attend a four-year university to major in human science and services. Boekelheide’s favorite quote, “Uncertainty leads to the pursuit of truth” —God’s Not Dead: A Light in the Darkness.” Her favorite role model is Lauren Oliver. Boekelheide’s favorite class is any class that Mrs. Schell teaches. Boekelheide’s most embarrassing moment was when she was at middle school track practice. She thought she would be able to run and jump onto the stage; instead, she was taken out by the knees.

Third-Graders write letters to St. Jude Hospital

By Riley Grandpre

The third-grade class wrote letters to St. Jude Hospital in hope of lightening other children’s day. Mrs. Marilyn Battey said that her class was really excited about writing these letters. This small act of kindness shows how caring the Northwestern students are. These third graders are prime examples that small acts make the biggest difference.

Band Produces Superior at Large-Group Contest

By Dalton Peterson

The Northwestern High school band and choir competed in Aberdeen for large group contest on March 28. The contest consisted of multiple schools from around the area. Both departments had an amazing day! The band scored a superior, and the chorus scored an excellent. Congratulations to the music department on a successful contest this year!

Elementary Spelling Bee

By Dalton Peterson

The elementary spelling bee was held in Redfield on April 25, featuring two students from every class in the elementary at Northwestern. Local winners included first grade: Lily Haven and Rustin Maas, second grade: Will Clemens and Victoria Kramp, third grade: Regan Bruns (2nd) and Ty Boekelheide, fourth grade: Wyatt Rahm (3rd) and Mareya Maas (2nd) and fifth grade: Rhianna Troster and Josh Thorson (1st).

Students Compete in two math competitions

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Northwestern high school students competed in two math competitions this year. They attended the Lake Region Conference contest April 11 at Presentation. Sophomore Madalyn Groft placed eighth at this competition. The students also competed at the Northern State University math contest on April 18.
One-Man Volleyball Team Fights Teenage Drinking

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Northwestern had the privilege of inviting the one-man volleyball team into the school for an assembly. Bob Holmes makes up the one man volleyball team. Holmes has played in 6,000 plus gymnasiums and 20,000 more games than any sport athlete in the history of the world. Holmes does not just go around the school to compete in these sports, but because he has a passion to help save lives. Holmes travels all around the country to spread the word about saving lives. Northwestern was very thankful that he could stop by the school. Holmes played against the Northwestern boys’ team, the teachers’ team and the Wildcat volleyball team. He challenged each team to a set of 25, taking down the boys and teachers’ team, and then falling to the volleyball team. Holmes did not just come to Northwestern to compete against our teams, but to give the students a lesson. He told the students an inspiring story about a young woman who was hit by a drunk driver and burned. The woman survived but was not the same. The women ended up forgiving the drunk driver for what he did. Holmes told this story to the students to give them an understanding of what these things can do. His lesson was that students should think before they do something, because they never know whose life it could change. The speech was very inspirational to the students and gave them a great lesson. Holmes also played in the Aberdeen Civic Arena against the law enforcement and told the story to many more people.

"Holmes was a really great person to bring to the school. Watching the boys play against him was very entertaining, and seeing the teachers get into it was very comical, too. But he did not just play volleyball; he brought a message with him, also. Drinking is a very serious issue to him, and he had the school feeling the same way after he left. He was able to grasp the attention of all the students. I also felt really bad for hitting a 62-year-old in the face," junior Riley Grandpre said.

Holmes sets himself up for the kill.

Holmes informs students about drinking and driving.

Holmes talks to the Northwestern volleyball team after the match.

Photos by Caitlyn Fischbach
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News

FFA Completes Season

By Madalyn Groft

The Northwestern FFA chapter finished its season on a high note. The members have had a busy finish to their year with CDEs, the Agriscience fair and the state competition. The students traveled to Groton for their last CDE April 5. Then they went to State FFA in Brookings April 15 - 17. Agriscience fair was originally supposed to be April 3 in Mitchell, but changed to April 20. Here are the results for the ending of the year.

**CDE Results**

- Livestock Team - 3rd place
  - Sadie Vander Wal, Justin Haven, Jarret Haven, Mitchell Vander Wal
- Livestock individual:
  - S. Vander Wal - 2nd, M. Vander Wal - 5th
- Biotechnology Team - 6th
  - Ethan Walter - 15th
  - Hailie Stuck - 19th
- Farm business management team - 6th
  - Megan Nash - 18th
  - Chrissy Stoltenberg - 19th
  - Caleb Schentzel - 20th
- Ag Mechanics
  - Landon Melius - 10th
- Ag Business Management:
  - 6th Place Team Nash (18th Place Individual), Stoltenberg (19th Place) M. Vander Wal and Bohl
- Nursery Landscape:
  - C. Schentzel - 20th
- Veterinary Science
  - S. Vander Wal - 10th

**State Agriscience Fair Results**

- Plant Systems
  - Division 1
  - 1st Place Jessica Boekelheide
- Food Products and Processing Systems
  - Division 1
  - 1st Place Kiarra and Hailie Stuck
- Environmental Science/Natural Resources
  - Division 1
  - 1st Place Nash
- Animal Systems
  - Division 3
  - 2nd Place Alexis Rahm
- Ag Mechanics
  - 6th Place Team Walter (15th Place Individual), Stoltenberg (19th Place) M. Vander Wal and Bohl

All 1st place projects will submit their written reports to nationals. From there, the top 12 projects in the nation will be invited to compete in the National FFA Agriscience Fair.

**State FFA Results**

- 3rd place chapter scrapbook
- 1st place Beef Production Entrepreneurship
- Proficiency and national qualifier: S. Vander Wal
- 2nd place AgriScience Animal Systems
- Proficiency - S. Vander Wal
- Blue and Gold Scholarship - S. Vander Wal
- Livestock: 3rd Place Team S. Vander Wal (2nd Place Individual), M. Vander Wal (5th Place Individual, Jarret Haven and Justin Haven
- Ag Mechanics: L. Melius 10th place Individual
- Biotechnology: 6th Place Team Walter (15th Place Individual), Stoltenberg (19th Place Individual) and Teryn Sparling
- Ag Business Management: 6th Place Team Nash (18th Place Individual), Stoltenberg (19th Place) M. Vander Wal and Bohl
- Nursery Landscape: C. Schentzel 20th Place Individual
- Vet Science: S. Vander Wal 10th Place Individual
Middle School Band Results

By Madalyn Groft

The Northwestern Middle School Band Contest featured 65 I ratings. The following students received I+: Nathan Melius, Ethan Boelkelheide, Rhianna Troske, Josh Thorson and Cole Caulder. The following students received a I: Lincoln Woodring, Dawson Ward’s mallet solo, D. Ward’s timpani solo, Tyanne Franks, Dustin Dirksen, Zach Fischbach, Rian Gehring, Brooklinn Halverson, Tanner Ewalt, Cordell Vitense, Jayden Mielke, Brooke Heim, Maren Hasen, Jude Ortmeier, Quintin Fischbach, Fehi Faonelua’s snare solo, F. Faonelua’s timpani solo, Ella Haven’s mallet solo, Ella Haven’s snare solo, Ella Haven’s timpani solo, Megan Nash, Teryn Sparling, Haiden Grandpre, Maddie Williams, Nick Troske, Landen Melius, Emma Grandpre, Logan Rausch’s mallet solo, L. Rausch’s snare solo, Kyanne Anglin, brass sextet 2, sax quartet 1 and 2, flute duet, clarinet duet, trombone duet, trumpet/trombone duet, Mia Yockey, Jack Hansen, Annie Dvorak, Jaedyn Bierman, Natalia Schipke and Payton Grandpre.

Both the middle school band and the fifth grade band earned an I.

The following students received a I-: Natasha Kaderabek, Dylan Hahler, D. Ward’s snare solo, Angelina Molina, Jordan Barrus, Hunter Johnson, F. Faonelua’s mallet solo,, Morgan Gehring, Jessica Boelkelheide, Samuel Groft, Kade Stahl’s snare solo, trumpet trio, trombone/baritone duet, percussion duet and Aaron Blanchford.

Third Quarter Honor Roll

By Riley Grandpre


11th Grade: Straight A: Moira Duncan, Jarret Haven; “A”: Gavin Bohl, Caitlyn Fischbach, Samantha Olson, Caleb Schentzel; “B”: Pablo Alonso, Riley Grandpre, Zachary Toennies, Seth Wood.


Tracksters look to qualify for state at regions

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The high school track team had a slow start to the season. The weather did not cooperate well, but that did not stop the team from preparing for meets.

The team started practice March 12. The first meet was scheduled for April 6 in Miller. The track meet got canceled due to the weather. The Redfield relays meet was also canceled on April 19.

The runners braved the weather and had their first meet in DeSmet on April 12. The Wildcats had a great day for a meet in Ipswich April 21 and in Gettysburg April 28.

Three Wildcats have qualified for the state track meet by exceeding the qualifying standard.

- Sophomore Zechariah Clemens qualified in the long jump at the first meet of the season.
- Sophomore Dani Watson qualified for the high jump with a leap of 4-10 to win the Gettysburg competition.
- Eighth-grader Jessica Boekelheide also had a great day in Gettysburg, qualifying in the 3,200-meter run by mere seconds.

While the weather has hampered the athletes’ ability to gain qualifying times on the track, runners do look forward to a few more meets before regions.

With an astoundingly high number of athletes out for track, the Wildcats look to regions to qualify many of its relays and individual events.

Mr. Wade Rozell coaches the boys’ team. Mr. Scott Boone coaches the girls’ team while Mrs. Jennifer Schell coaches the shot and discus throwers.

“(Competing in shot and disc) is an amazing experience since Mrs. Schell is an amazing coach,” sophomore Cassidy Frericks said.

The region track meet is May 17 at Clark. The meet will be run by the Northwestern staff.

The state track and field meet will be May 25 - 26 in Rapid City.
Juniors Moira Duncan, Riley Grandpre, Caitlyn Fischbach and Sam Olson enjoy the prom.

Senior Tucker Bohl and his date stop to smile at the camera.

Senior Evy Peterson and her date participate in grand march.

Senior Addison Sparling and junior Gavin Bohl take a rest from dancing.

Juniors Danny Orr and Caleb Schentzel and sophomore Hailey Boekeldheide show off their dance moves.

All prom attendants enjoyed a night of fun.

Photos by Roxanne Beardemphl.
As the school year comes to an end, let us reflect on everything the students have accomplished.

* The girls cross country team qualified for the state meet for the seventh year in a row.
* The volleyball team won its 10th state title.
* The art department won the state visual arts competition for the third time in four years.
* The Future Business Leaders of America won its fifth state title in a row.
* The FFA program had students qualify for state and national competitions.
* The science department qualified two students to the International Science Fair.
* The band received a I rating at the large-group contest.
* Sadie Vander Wal qualified for all-state band--the first NW musician to do so in 17 years.
* Tyler Braun and Seth Heidenreich qualified for the state wrestling meet.
* Several track athletes have qualified for the state meet.
* The journalism staff received the National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award for the fourth consecutive year.

These are just a few of the tremendous highlights of what our staff and students have accomplished this year. When we sit back and reflect on all that has been accomplished, we cannot help but smile.

Thank you to our teachers and coaches who go above and beyond for us. We are very grateful for your leadership and guidance.
Class of 2018

Class Flower: Cactus
Class Colors: Gold & White
Class Motto: “So no one told us life was gonna be this way” *clap clap clap clap* (song from the show “Friends”)

Graduation: Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m.
Fun Fact: Out of the 14 seniors graduating on Saturday, 10 have been students at Northwestern since kindergarten

Bauer will be attending Northern State University to major in human performance and fitness.

Braun will be attending South Dakota State University to major in agricultural sciences.

Bohl will attend Lake Area Tech to major in ag production.

Engels will be attending Academy of Art University to major in architecture.

Brown will be attending Lake Area Tech to major in large animal science.

Smith will be attending Lake Area Tech to major in diesel tech.

Heidenreich will be attending Concordia University Chicago to major in social work.

Tonga will be attending Dakota State University to major in computer science and play football.

Watson will be attending Northern State University to major in biology and nursing.

Vander Wal will be attending South Dakota State University to major in animal science.

J. Groft will be attending Lake Area Tech to major in large animal science.

P. Groft will be attending Dakota State University to major in exercise science and play volleyball and run track.

Megan Hedenreich

Dawson Smith

Austin Peterson

Addison Sparling

Daniel Tonga

Darien Watson

Sadie Vander Wal
In the Hallway...

*In the Elementary*

What are you looking foward to in summer?

“Playing on my swing set,” kindergartner Noami Epp said.

“Going into the pool,” first-grader Steele Anglin said.

“Swimming,” second-grader Amyah Wilson said.

“Going swimming,” fourth-grader Kaden Drobny said.

“Going to the pool,” fourth-grader Adien Barrus said.

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“I counted all the holes in the heater in the chorus room. There were 19,420,” eighth-grader Morgan Gehring said.

“I learned math,” eighth-grader Kyanne Anglin said.

“I don’t know,” eighth-grader Nicholas Troske said.

In the Middle School

What is the most important thing you learned this school year?

“Absolutely nothing,” eighth-grader Mackenzie Stoltenberg said.

“I learned to be responsible for my things because my mom won’t bail me out,” eighth-grader Samuel Groft said.

“I learned math,” eighth-grader Morgan Gehring said.

“What to do and what not to do during lunch,” eighth-grader Nicholas Troske said.

In the High School

What is the most important thing you learned this school year?

“I learned that if you break your thumb, you become a teacher,” junior Danny Orr said.

“I learned how to skip out of class without getting in trouble,” junior Gavin Bohl said.

“I counted all the holes in the heater in the chorus room. There were 19,420,” junior Jarret Haven said.

“I learned how to screen shirts,” junior Seth Wood said.

“Not to schedule your Spanish test on a Friday because if it’s a snow day, you get your grade docked,” sophomore Madalyn Groft said.
Maddies Munchies

By Madalyn Groft

With summer around the corner, I want to offer some great summer-time snacks! Good Thins are a delicious chip substitute. They are very low calorie, so feel free to binge eat. They come in numerous different flavors of potatoes, rice, veggies and many more! Boom Chicka Pop popcorn is amazing. It not only comes in flavors such as sweet barbeque, kettle corn, sweet and salty, white cheddar, sea salt, and real butter, but it is also a delicious snack. My personal favorite is the kettle corn flavor. Skinny Pop popcorn is also a delicious healthy alternative! Fiber One bars are a yummy, healthy quick snack. They come in more than 10 different flavors; just do not eat too may at once, or you’ll be in the bathroom a lot! Those are my few recent snacks, and I hope you enjoy them. Have a good summer!

Torri’s Trailer

By Torri Bourelle

On May 1, Shrek is coming to Netflix. Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek whose precious solitude is suddenly shattered by an invasion of annoying fairy tale characters. They were all banished from their kingdom by the evil Lord Farquaad. Determined to save their home -- not to mention his -- Shrek cuts a deal with Farquaad and sets out to rescue Princess Fiona to be Farquaad’s bride. Rescuing the Princess may be small compared to her deep, dark secret.

Peterson’s Puzzles

By Dalton Peterson

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10. cvni ottaa___________

Sander’s Songs

By Weston Sanders

The top hit songs of May 2018!
1. Nice For What – Drake
2. God’s Plan – Drake
3. Meant to Be – Bebe Rexha ft. Florida Georgia Line
4. Psycho – Post Malone ft. Ty Dolla Sign
5. The Middle – Zedd ft. Maren Morris & Grey