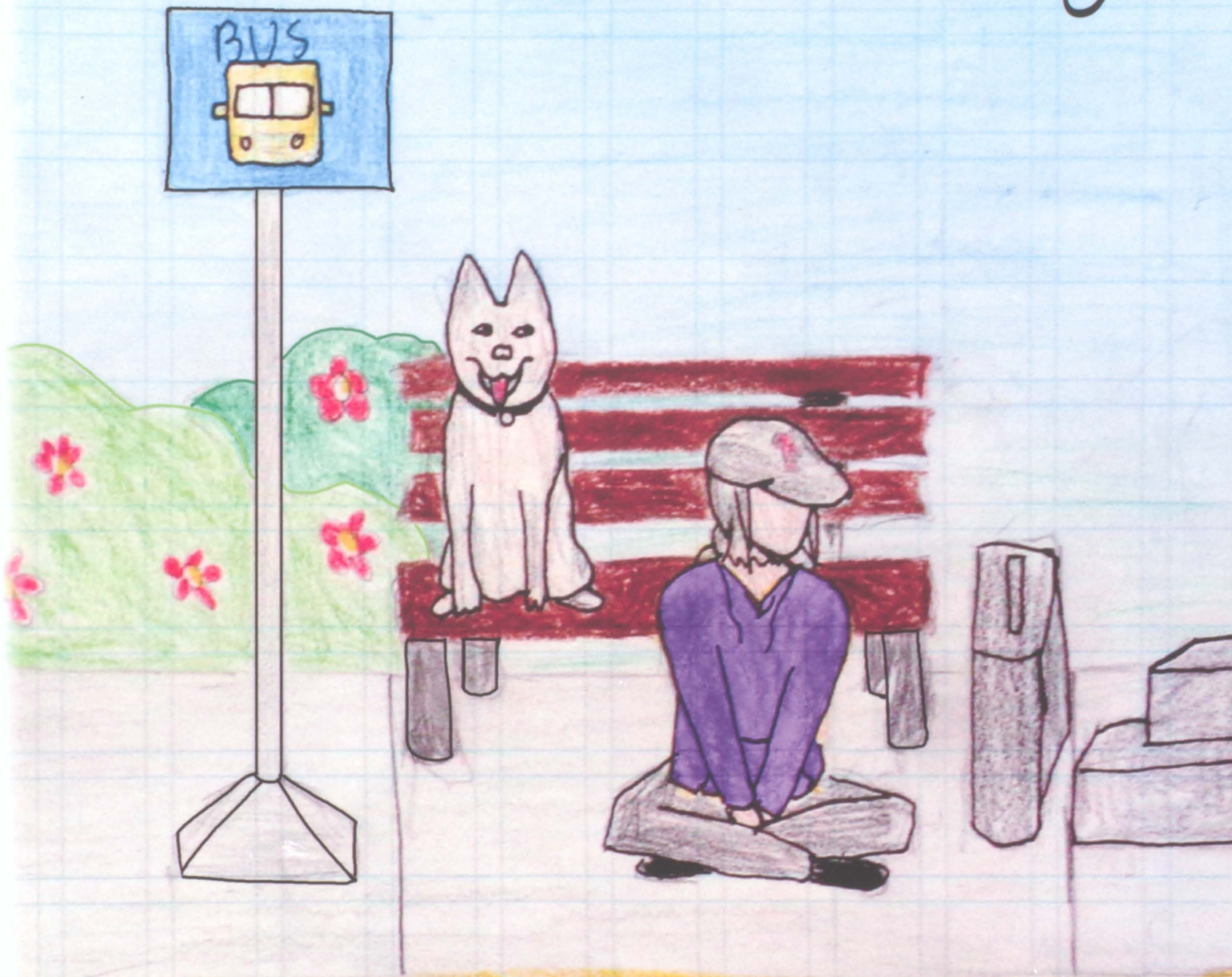
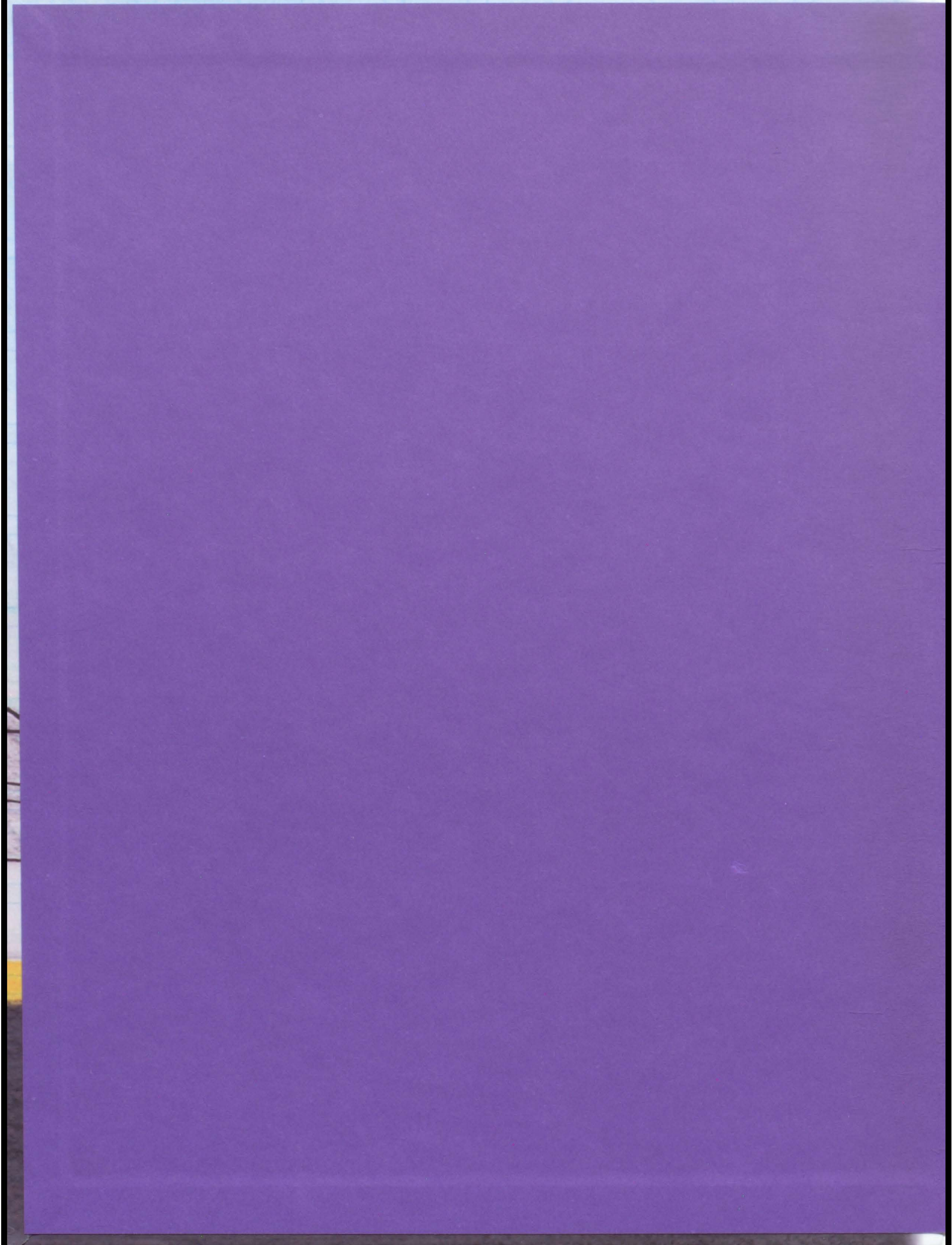


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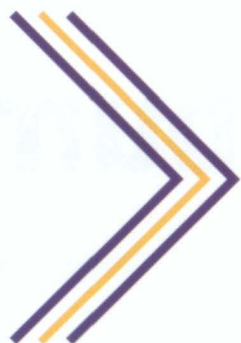
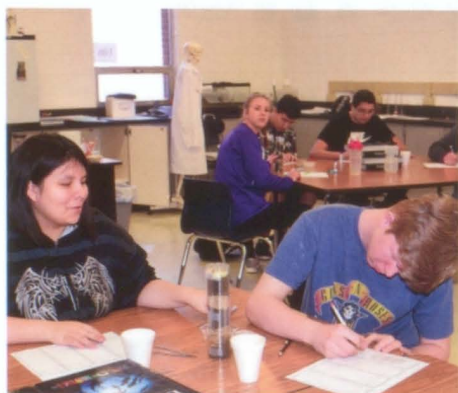
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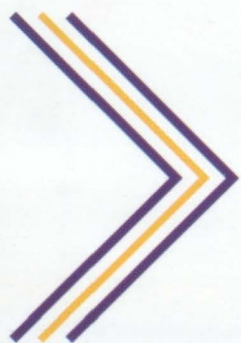
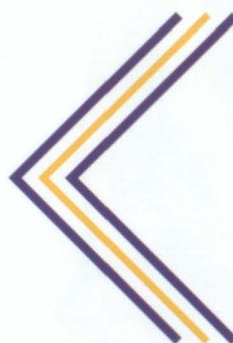


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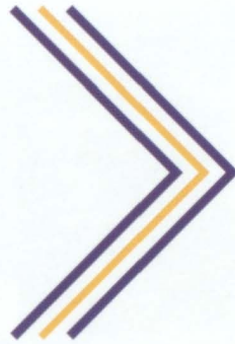
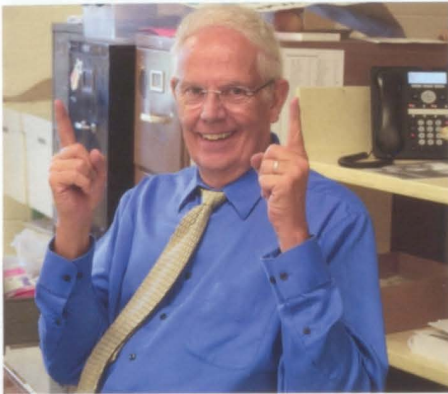
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The chorus room never sounded better as the middle and high schoolers came together to prep for an upcoming performance.



Sophomore Taryn St. Pierre got crafty while making Mexican paper flowers for Days of the Dead.

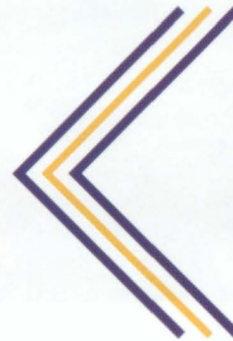


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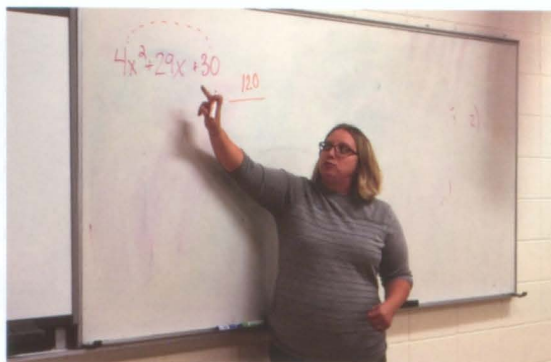


Freshman Michaela Corcoran remained poised during her presentation in front of her classmates.



Freshman Sophia Brownwolf put in some extra time on her Spanish work in ICU.

Math

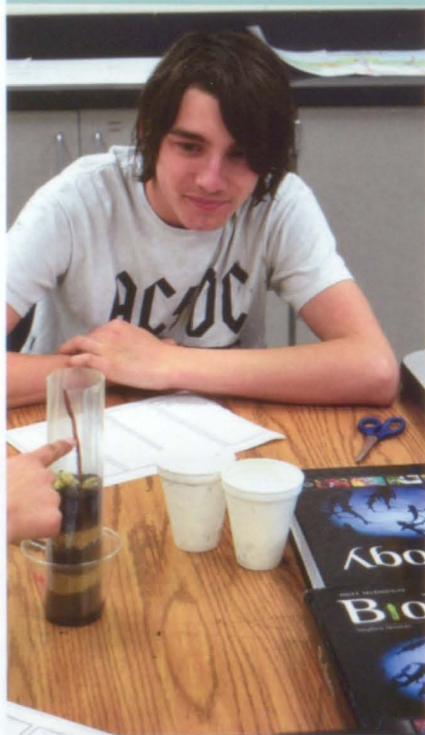


Mrs. Opsahl dissected an algebraic equation for her students on a relatively clean white-board.



Mr. Ross advised his students to study hard before the test with his famous Testasaurus Rex.

Mr. Ross was presented with the prestigious District Teacher of the Year award at the staff's final meeting of the school year.



Science

Senior Josh Pauley showed off the apple of his eye during his anatomy class's cow eye dissection.



Freshman Payne Gilbert worked with the biology class to build wormeries for all the little wormies.

Mr. Haugen explained how to read a caliper to junior Ashleigh Timmerman.

English

Juniors Harley Steinhauer, Hope Brennan, and Kayla Ziebarth carried on the tradition of signing their own Declarations of Independence.

Seniors Jennifer Sundermeyer and Erin Drietz narrated as the other group members puppeteered in Macbeth.





An adventure through academics:

How some students specialize in uncommon areas.

What do we love? Math?!

Core academics tend to have a bad rep among the student body. English, math, science, social studies: they take up the majority of every school day for 13 years straight. Despite all the time and effort put into these classes, many students wouldn't pick them out as their favorites.

Junior Kaitlyn Walford and senior Josh Henderson think a little bit differently, however, with their favorite subject being

math. "[Math] is my favorite class because the teacher makes the subject understandable," said Kaitlyn, but unlike Josh, Kaitlyn didn't always feel this way. "It comes naturally for the most part. I understand it," said Josh. But math class has not always been fun and games for these two students.

All classes come with challenges, but math tends to best a lot of students. "This class is challenging for me," said Kaitlyn. "I

rarely hated it, but there [were] a few times..." said Josh. However, there are always enjoyable assignments in each class. For Kaitlyn that assignment was "creating an architectural landscape" in geometry class. Both students agree that math will play into their futures beyond high school. "I'm planning to minor in math in college," said Josh. Even though math or the other core subjects aren't everyone's favorite or best subjects, they are the foundation to a well-rounded education and many career paths.

Social Studies



Mr. Ahrens took a break from teaching to model in the annual Spanish 2 fashion show.



Mr. Parsley showcased how hard core he is when he used a weight as his door stop on the first day of school.



Roaming through a variety of ventures:



How elective academics provide new opportunities for everyone.

Elective academics give students the chance to explore their own creative and educational interests. With more than half a dozen new electives to choose from this year, that is exactly what junior John Eng and senior Josh Pauley have done.

When the students reflected on why they choose their favorite elective subjects, it had been because they wanted to further their knowledge in the things they enjoy. "I wanted to higher my education in accounting, so when I go to college, I'll be able to know the basics," said Josh. "With computer hardware, I just wanted to get a good feel for that aspect of computers," said John.

Not only could elective academics provide a base of interests for college, but

they could also give the freedom to meet new people and try new things. "I enjoyed my computer hardware class because that cemented together my group of friends, the gaming club. We also had a great teacher, which made class enjoyable," said John. "Electives are great because it gets students outside of the box of their general classes," said Josh.

However, elective academics are not only great for the students; the staff also really enjoys teaching a variety of classes. Mr. Hall reflected on his classes during the school year saying, "They all have different parts that I enjoyed in each of the classes between business and tech. I don't think I could actually pick a favorite. However, through all the classes, I really

enjoyed getting to know my students, building a relationship, and hopefully being a good role model for the future."

Mr. Hall is also looking forward to the future of electives in Flandreau. "I'm excited for where we're going with our electives. I think we have great support from our administrators and they're allowing us to open up more opportunities for [the students]." It is not yet certain how many of the new electives are here to stay, but the excitement that these classes are creating among staff and students is a great foundation for these new opportunities.



Senior Megan Saylor kept her jokes "cornea" with the dissection of this cow eye in anatomy class.



The Drama class was all smiles after the performance of their adaptation of the classic fairytale Cinderella.



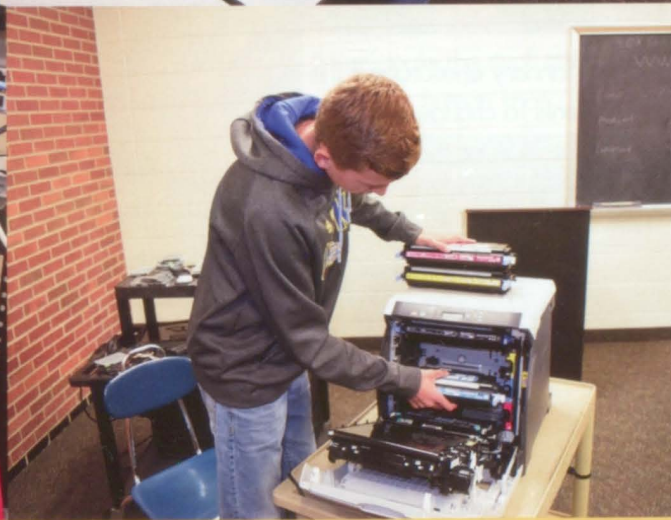
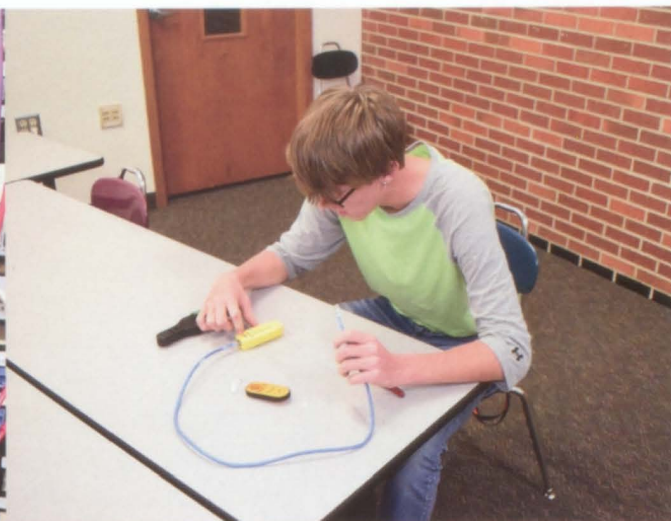
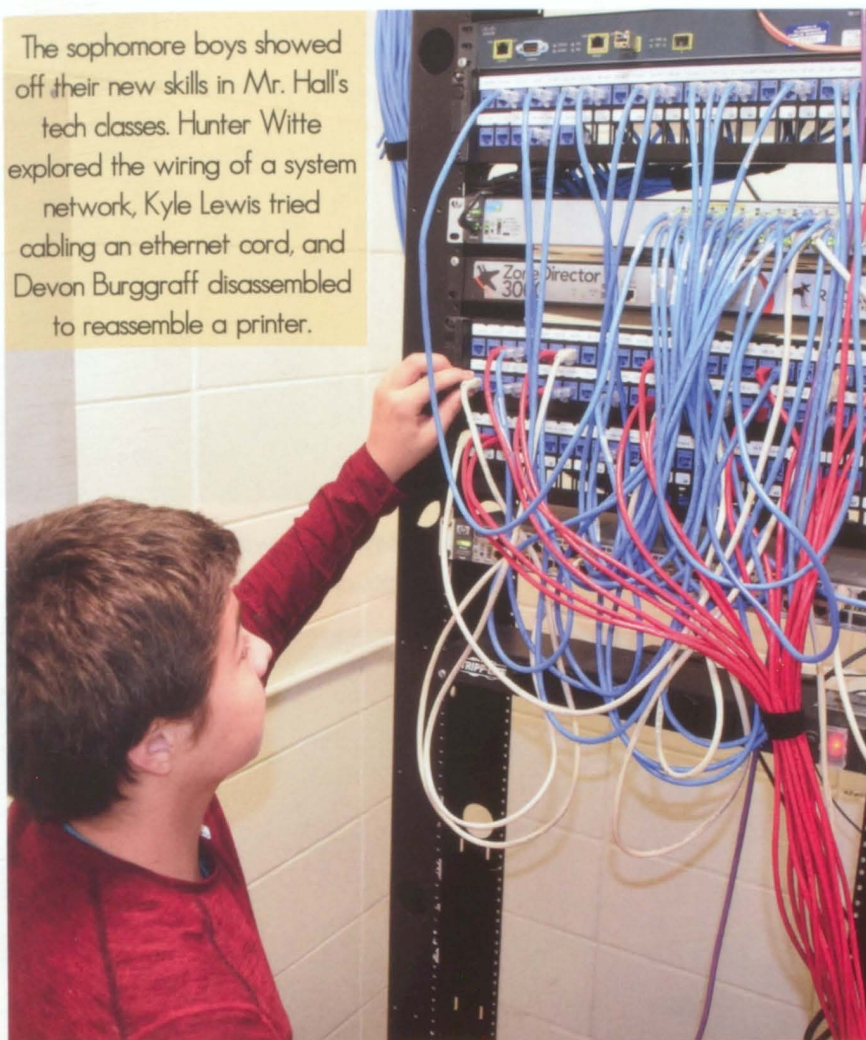
On this sunny day, senior Makayla Welbig prepared her rocket for launch.



Juniors Elle Thompson and Harley Steinhauer showed off their ability to make a superb paper airplane.



The sophomore boys showed off their new skills in Mr. Hall's tech classes. Hunter Witte explored the wiring of a system network, Kyle Lewis tried cabling an ethernet cord, and Devon Burggraft disassembled to reassemble a printer.



Sophomore Kiley Kraft displayed her modeling ability for sophomore Shalyn Peters' Spanish 2 project.



Sophomore Gabe Hobbie and freshman Toby Taylor designed their own skulls for Días de Los Muertos in Spanish 1.



Freshman Kolton Walford explained to his class the rundown on how to give CPR.



Sophomore Tishara Hardy and freshman Macy Kneebone sat through their CPR lesson while freshman Grace Thompson had some fun.



Bridget Flannery encouraged the students to change their perspectives as the NHS Banquet speaker.



The Student Council and NHS teamed up to make the NHS Banquet a success.



8 Junior Ashtyn Bertram was thrilled to receive her NHS certificate as a new member.

The National Honor Society is one of the most exclusive and illustrious groups that FHS has to offer, and for good reason. Senior Tessa Ryan is proud to have been an NHS member and looked back at all the good that has been done. "The most rewarding part of NHS activities is knowing that you were able to give back and lend a helping hand," said Tessa. Being a member of NHS isn't all work and no play though. "My favorite memory from NHS this year was when Bridget Flannery was giving the speech at the banquet. She asked the audience what they think she's learned from starting yoga and without [hesitation] Mara Lunday replied 'the downward dog'," said Tessa. Helping others comes in many different forms, but there was one activity this year that stood out for Tessa. "I think the biggest success of the National Honor Society this year was packing weekend fuel, which is a meal program, for children in the elementary school. NHS helped pack fuel multiple times throughout the year." NHS has been an important aspect of Tessa's high school career and she encourages others to be a part of it. "I believe it's important for students to be willing to give back, set aspirations in high academic and moral standards, and work with each other. NHS helps hold members accountable to these aspects. People often want to make an impact, but don't know where to start. This is a great opportunity and can really help students build the community and school environment they want to see. Be the action!"



The new National Honor Society inductees were proud to join this prestigious club.



Senior Makayla Welbig lit one of the ceremonial candles representing the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character during the induction ceremony for the new NHS members.





Senior Megan Sayler demonstrated her superior hoop-wrangling skills while the rest of the line watched in anticipation.



The Student Council gathered volunteers like sophomore Ashley Lange to serve at the NHS Banquet.

Junior Justis Shortman was hungry to win during the Souperbowl week games.

The Student Council has made great strides towards getting everyone more involved and invested in life at Flandreau Public Schools this year. Student Body President Makenzey Burggraff reflected back on the year with great enthusiasm and hope for the future. "We colored hearts for I Love School week, sold treats for Valentine's Day,

we raised money through the Penny Wars, and we also did an assembly where the whole school got to play games and get involved with each other!

That was a ton of fun," said Kenzey. Of course, with all these new changes comes added stress to do everything well in such a big role. "Knowing that I am the leader of the school and having to be involved with everything adds pressure. Also knowing that I would have to get up in front of a lot of people multiple times was nerve-racking," said Kenzey.

However, all that extra pressure was well worth it to make the year successful. "Watching Student Council get more involved and [bring] more spirit and pride to Flandreau" was Kenzey's favorite memory of the year. "Being able to implement more activities was also fun," said Kenzey. Continuing this new involvement of the Student Council is an exciting prospect for the future and Kenzey has some words of advice for next year's participants. "Have fun with it! The point is to help lead the school. Lead them and have pride to be a Flier. Implement ideas and be involved. If you are a part of Student Council, represent it well and be active with it!"



Sophomores Medelin Marquez and Madison Kontz attempted to untangle the confusion of the human knot.



Mara Lunday was all business during the shoot-out of the Souperbowl games.



With marker in hand, Senior Erin Drietz put her stamp on the giant "Welcome back" sign on the first day of school.

Exploring Execution

Readers' Theater executes to receive a state superior



The RT team is all smiles after receiving their superior award at state.



Makayla brought the phrase "practice makes perfect" to life as she recited for coach Fischer at the workshop.



Alecia showcased poetic devices such as rhyming and rhythm.



Grace built a comedic moment in the RT causing Tessa to react.



Coach Fischer and Tessa posed with a team excellence award for superior performances in the RT and poetry.



Catrina captivated the audience with her suspenseful storytelling.

One, two, three, turn and pose. "It's really regions that gives me the most nerves....You only get one shot at state and it's very nerve-racking," said senior Catrina Standifer. The team of Standifer, senior Tessa Ryan, junior Ailee Southwood, and sophomore Grace Johanson worked hard to give a clean and well executed performance.

Heading into the regions competition, the team practiced poses, vocals, enunciation and different synchronized steps. "You have to work on your facial expression and the way you move around because that can make or break a piece," said Ailee. These and other aspects make the piece meaningful to the audience.

The team also worked on things like building up to the most important elements in the piece so it hit harder. Grace identified several of those elements as, "how you deliver the

piece, and what you want your audience to get out of it. Try to build up to those comedic or serious moments," she said. As the team competed, they used nerves to their advantage. "Even when we're nervous, [we] use it as energy like Fischer says," said Catrina. At regions, the team advanced to the state meet. "The judges appreciated the level of expression and characterization everyone brought to the performance, the judges noted that as a strength and I would agree," said coach Kristi Fischer of the team's state-qualifying performance.

At the state meet, they reminded themselves of the hard work that went into their performance. The team executed to the best of their ability and received a state superior. "I think it meant a lot to see our hard work pay off, both to my teammates and myself along with coach Fischer. I'm proud of our team," said Tessa.

What was your favorite line from a piece this season?



"The chances are pretty good that I'm going to be killed before daylight."
-Senior Makayla Welbig



"I knew when I fell in love with Justin."
-Junior Elle Thompson



"You should've thought twice for I'm a substance that can steal your life."
-Junior Alecia VanDyke



"But, you'll like it."
-Coach Kristi Fischer



Catrina and Ailee began the workshop with practice to boost their duet for their regions performance.



Grace, Ailee, and Tessa showcased the personalities of their Readers' Theater characters for their friends and families.

On course for a Christian community:

How FCA provides a fun and food-filled experience each Sunday.

Food. Community. Adventure.

These aren't the typical words that come to mind when we think of FCA. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a close-knit community that has wonderful adventures and, in the words of sophomore Gabriel Hobbie, "Food! I like the food!" Everyone is welcome at the weekly FCA gatherings. There's always plenty to go around, but that's not all FCA is about.

Gaining a new view on life is just one advantage of joining in on the FCA get-togethers. "It brings me closer to God. It helps me get a different perspective on life and God and how everything connects together," said Gabe. However, it may be hard to just walk in for the first time. "My brother went to it and I just kind of started coming too," said Gabe. Once the habit is formed, though, it might be hard to stop. "It's pretty chilled out. You get there, play games, do a lesson, [and] eat some food," said Gabe. With such a laid-back atmosphere, Gabe might just be hooked for the rest of his high school career.

Coach Parsley is the head of the FCA in Flandreau and it is his mission to bring together our athletes to grow the skills of teamwork, community, leadership, and integrity, all while centering on God and making it a good time for all. According to Gabe, being able "to have some fun and learn about God while you're doing it" is what it's all about, and, of course, "it means you get good food."



A cloudy day couldn't stop the FCA group from enjoying some time outside.



The champion softball team beamed with pride after their hard work paid off.

A heated softball game closed out another great year of FCA fun.



A moment of suspense silenced all the FCA goers during an intense game of hoops.



Ugly Christmas sweaters had nothing on this good looking group.

Exploring every stop along the way:

FFA provides countless options for all students.



The Gullickson brothers weren't too busy to find the camera as they manned the grills during the FFA breakfast.



Freshman Kelby Crantz donated some coins and sophomore Madison Kontz collected for the "Make a Noisy Change" campaign.



Blake was recognized as an honorary National FFA Organization member during the annual FFA Banquet.





Sophomore Kiley Kraft and senior Blake Kontz spent a sunny afternoon sprucing up some Flandreau community ditches.

Anything can be achieved through hard work... and FFA.

The National FFA Organization is not just for farm kids in cowboy boots. It teaches all its participants about leadership, persistence, and thinking outside the box. Seniors Clay and Clint Van Der Vliet have spent their high school careers in Flandreau's chapter of FFA and it has shaped them both into the people they have become. Clay describes the most rewarding part of FFA as "expanding my comfort zone and being able to interact with others better." Whereas Clint says "how outgoing I am and how much better I can talk in front of a crowd" was his most rewarding part. These critical skills come from trying all that FFA has to offer.

FFA allows students the opportunity to try many different activities linked to the agricultural industry. "My favorite event is Ag Mechanics because I like building and fixing things," said Clint. "My most favorite event was [the] National Convention bus ride; listening to music and dancing," said Clay. While some students let doubt or nerves creep up on them during these

events, the Van Der Vliets say that they never had those issues. "Never let the fear get to you," said Clay, but Clint says that his lack of nerves came from having "a great adviser." However, nothing puts the final seal on being an FFA member like the traditional blue and gold corduroy jacket.

Every FFA member has different emotions when it comes to getting and wearing their corduroy jacket, and Clay and Clint are no exceptions. When asked about their feelings when they first received their jackets, Clay said, "It was pretty sweet! I still wear it and hopefully will get to for the next couple years." "I felt so small in it; now it barely fits and it holds all the memories with my FFA family and friends," said Clint. The memories that these young men have made encourage them to give advice to anyone interested in FFA. "Enjoy the time, use your time and live because it [is] your time," said Clint. Clay reminds everyone to "do everything you can in FFA and get your school work done!"

Officer Pelton went all in for the milk mustache contest during FFA week.

Freshman Colton Pulscher showed off some CDE skills to the 5th graders.



Junior Seth Mulroy stood proud on stage at the National FFA Convention.



Mr. Christiansen showed he's not all business as he spent some quality time with his daughter at the petting zoo.

Senior Brooke Iott prepared herself to run to the goat and tie it with the hopes to have a smooth, fast run.



Sophomore Madison Kontz reached to grab this steer's the horns so junior Jaycie Pulscher could rope the feet.



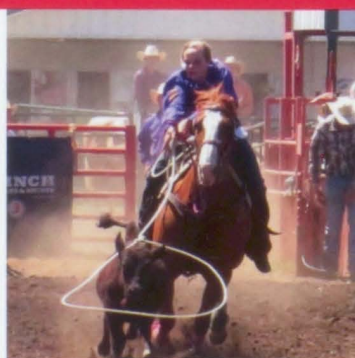
Senior Blake Kontz dallied and turned left for his partner to rope a double hawk.



Who is your rodeo role model?



"My brother, because he showed me how fun rodeo can be."
- Freshman Alison Rice



"My cousin. She's the reason I got into rodeo; she taught me what I know. She's the person I look up to."
- Sophomore Maddie Loehr

Roping on a wild ride:

The rodeo team pushes hard with heart.

The 2017 Rodeo Team posed together outside the corral to kick off another season.

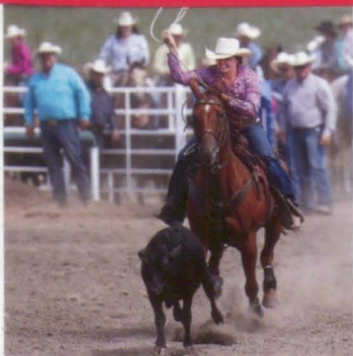


Life isn't always about horses, ropes, and rodeos, but it should be.

This is what sophomore Madison Kontz and freshman Colton Pulscher believe about rodeo. Both students reflected on the past summer's rodeo season. "I love rodeo! I'm able to be with friends and have fun with them while doing what I love to do," said Colton. Madison also felt the same saying, "Rodeo is something I love doing, and I think for me competing can get hard when I get nervous, or when I put pressure on myself because then I start to lose confidence in myself and that's when I struggle with my runs."

They each put many hours with their team into practice working to get better each day. "I make sure I practice all year with my friends and family," said Colton. Despite the long hours, senior Blake Kontz helps the younger riders out by reminding them that the pain is definitely worth the gain. "Rodeo isn't a sport for the weak of heart. All season long you may hurt, but it's worth it for the chase of the year-end buckles and saddles crowing you the champion," said Blake.

The group also remembers that rodeo is not just an independent sport. "You have to have a strong team around that is willing to support you on good and bad days. You need that team to help cheer you on when all of your hard work and dedication falls into place and you achieve great things," said Madison. Needless to say, all the rodeo crew is excited and ready to get back at it this summer for the 2018 season.



"Jace Christensen, because I've always seen him work hard with his events."
- Junior Jaycie Pulscher



"Myself because I push myself to work hard and I train my own horses for their events, so it means a lot when I succeed with them."

- Senior Amanda Haugen



The yearbook class posed for a picture in their snazzy new t-shirts and hoodies!

A quest for features and fragments:

How the yearbook class tackles a momentous task as a team.

There is no "I" in team . . . or yearbook.

Students who sign up for the Publication Production class learn so much more than how to make a scrapbook, but the foundation of the success of a yearbook is the team. "I feel like our 8-person crew is fun to work with, and we joke around a lot while getting stuff done at the same time. It's just a happy atmosphere," said senior Amanda Haugen. However, it's not always easy to make decisions when there are eight different voices to be heard.

Many arguments fly across the tech center when there are so many important choices to be made – choices that will affect the entire student body in their yearbook. "We all disagree pretty much. We all sacrifice and we all compromise and we all try to work together to semi have an idea that we all like," said senior Megan Sayler. "The yearbook is supposed to be the best it can be for our school. If our group doesn't agree on everything, we do have to compromise and some people have to sacrifice, but we should never do it just to get the yearbook done," said yearbook advisor Emily Schelske. These choices

tend to be more stressful knowing that they're all for a very critical audience.

The student body is the true judge of what makes a yearbook great, and having so few students making decisions for everyone carries great weight. "We create the yearbook for students in the future who are going to look back at it and appreciate it. They're the ones who lived the high school life," said Megan. "I think we create the stories and try to incorporate memories in there for when, for example seniors, look back at it that they would be able to think about 'this is what happened' and 'I remember this time' and bring back memories of high school years," said Amanda. However, working with a variety of students in different points of their high school journeys helps relieve some of that pressure.

Being able to work with students of different grade levels, experiences, and preferences is both a challenge and a necessity to create a well-rounded yearbook. "It gives me a different perspective seeing ideas from younger students," said senior Erin Drietz. Senior Tessa Ryan

agreed saying, "I think it gives you a different perspective because, even though we're all in high school at once, our experiences are so much different. [It's important] trying to absorb their perspective so we can have all of those incorporated in our stories." Despite all the stress and pressure, creating the yearbook does come with some bright spots through skills learned.

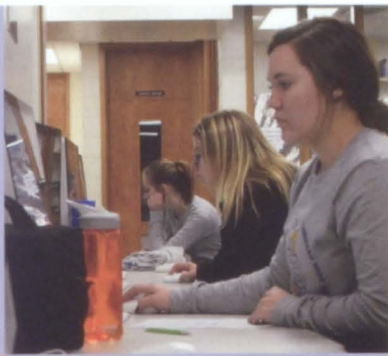
The skills gained by the students from yearbook class are cemented in history forever with the printing of that one book. "Yearbook is not a free time class, even though it sounds like free time. You have to prove that you have the skills and you're sharing it with all the people who read it. Yearbook is fun, but not easy," said junior Angelus Lumibao. "The most rewarding part is knowing that you helped design something in the yearbook that you've never done before, so you can take credit for that," said Amanda. Many students leave high school with a yearbook, but for those students who have been through the work, stress, and reward of Publication Production, that book carries a completely different set of memories.

Junior Angelus Lumibao played with some different perspectives for a creative photo.

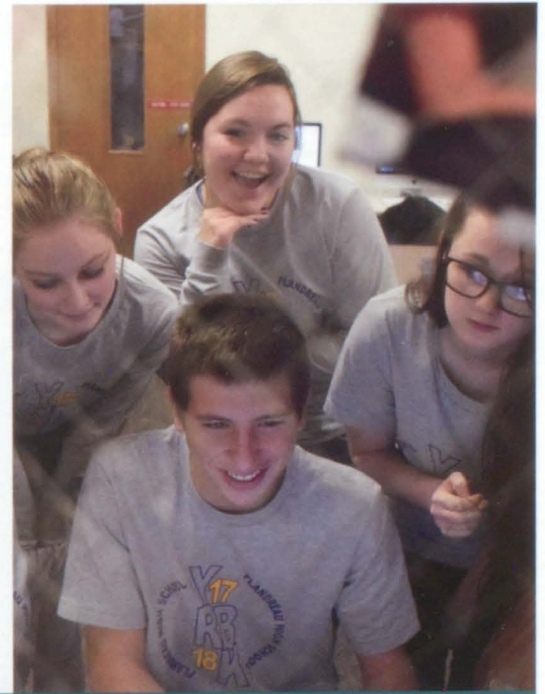


Seniors Jennifer Sundermeyer and Erin Drietz reviewed pictures taken in this candid photo.

Senior Amanda Haugen began her work on templates for this annual.



Yearbook students had a little fun with getting their pages done for class.



A day is never too long in yearbook class as senior Erin Drietz analyzed pictures for different pages.



Mrs. Schelske made me restart my story twice!

- Sophomore Tristan Bietz



Sophomore Tristan Bietz focused on the design of this page in the yearbook, ready to write captions.

Schelske's expectations for the yearbook are ludicrous, and that is the most challenging part of the yearbook.

- Senior Jennifer Sundermeyer



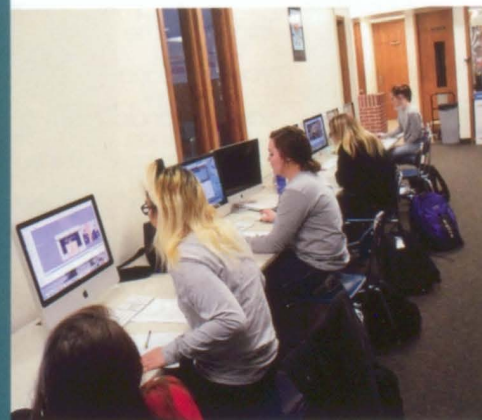
I deal with the stress by kind of blaming it on Schelske.

- Senior Erin Drietz



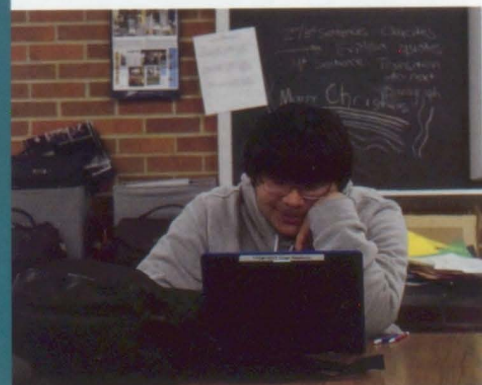
If a picture's worth a thousand words, why do we need captions?!

- Senior Tessa Ryan



Working can be fun! These yearbook students began to show their creativity in their assigned pages.

Sophomore Chaz Stephens "worked hard" on creating headlines and templates for his pages in the book.



Escaping into the Art World:

a glimpse into the magic of room 117.



Sophomore Hunter Witte demonstrated that "squeaky clean" doesn't apply with throwing clay on the wheel.

Art is the center of the universe at Flandreau Public School – for more reasons than just Mr. Spolum's endless supply of gum. Everyone loves to find their creative side in art classes. Most students, even if they are not fortunate enough to be enrolled in a class, find time throughout the day to go connect with their artistic side – like sophomore Ian Parra. Even students in the classes will use their spare time to perfect their creations – like senior Amanda Haugen.

Students, despite when they craft their art, all have similar responses as to why they love art. "I like [drawing], because I can let my inner creative beast shine," said Ian. "It's fun to create

things on the wheel, and then express your personality with the glaze colors," said Amanda. Both of these students love to express themselves through their art, and their personalities really shine through their pieces.

Both of these talented students have been able to hone their own crafts, and are able to pinpoint their favorite pieces. "My favorite piece is a picture of 'La Pucelle De'Orleans,'" said Ian, who had 36 works in the winter art show. Ian is inspired by Katsushika Hokusai, a Japanese painter from the Edo period, and reflects similar elements in his own craft. Amanda said that her favorite piece was a medium sized bowl that she put a turtle in the bottom of using vinyl. She said it was

her favorite because she loves turtles, but it can also be seen as a nod to her favorite painter, Terry Redlin.

Though they both have their own favorite "big-time" artists, everyone's true favorite artist is the man, the myth, the legend himself: Mr. David Spolum. Mr. Spolum has garnered much wisdom and many catch-phrases over his 27 years at Flandreau Public and there are many wonderful quotes of his for students to take with them. Ian's favorite "Spolum-ism" is one that many should remember for the rest of their lives: "The word of the day is kindness." Sayings like these are the reason that Mr. Spolum's wisdom will live with students even longer than their favorite projects will.



Sophomore Shania Jandreau kept calm in front of the camera as she colored in her drawings.



Sophomore Devon Burggraff attempted to throw together another pot in second hour clay class.



Freshman Lars Dailey worked on the wheel to create his 17th pot.



Senior Amanda Haugen felt the Christmas spirit when she used red and green glaze.



Senior Jackie Allen takes a closer look at her color options before deciding on "Lagoon Blue."



Sophomore Tanner Sundermeyer punched his pot to get a jump start on his project for the day.



Freshman Kolton Walford carved out time to put final details on his project.

Sophomore Jimmy Pittsenberger worked out the edges and ridges of his pot to make it completely smooth for Mr. Spolum to fire it.



What was your favorite project you made this year?



"My coil pot, because my older brother made one and I wanted to, too."

- Freshman Bradon Weber



"I liked all of the pots that I made, because it was so much fun making them. We always had a good time."

- Sophomore Angelina Esquivel



"The raku firing, because that's the best."

- Junior James Auren



"It's just a bowl, but it was the most challenging and interesting one."

- Senior Jordan Eng

What is your favorite music to play for pep band?



"I personally like playing *Never Gonna Give You Up* because it's so catchy and makes me want to dance. It is an older song, but a goody."
- Senior Erin Drietz



"I would say *Burn* because it's one of the most popular music [pieces] that we have."
- Junior Maddie Hursey



"*Paint it Black* because of the percussion break!"
- Sophomore Grace Johanson



"*Paint it Black* because it is fun to play and it's fast."
- Freshman James Drietz

A campaign for spectacular sound:

The band commits to making music as a family.



The jazz band got groovy at their annual music carnival performance.



Juniors Kyle Johnson and Seth Mulroy patiently waited to show everyone how the pros shoot hoops.



Senior Makenzey Burggraff and junior Kelsey Sutton soared while playing Just Dance at the music carnival.



Juniors Maddie Hursey and Anna Gassman and sophomores Gabe Hobbie and Hannah Parsley took a break from trumpeting to smile pretty for the camera!



Senior Makenzey Burggraff and sophomore Grace Johanson had their game faces on for Friday night pep band.

Family. Commitment. Love.

Imagine arguments, laughter, stress, anxiety, growth and happiness all in one class. "When a person is in band, they are part of a group that can travel through eight years of school together. During that time, so many memories are made that concern that group of people, that too is like a second family. By the time a group of band students are seniors, they will hopefully look back on [it] fondly. These memories bond them together, like a musical family that has grown up together," said director Patrick Weight. Even though the memories are very fond in the moment, the person telling the story makes it even better. "One of my favorite moments was getting everyone's reaction when they found out that we had taken first place!" said Mr. Weight referring to the DSU parade. But senior Josh Henderson remembers things a bit differently. He fondly remembers, "when Andrew and I stole the snare drum and bass drums at Hobo Days," said Josh. These favorite memories may come from different perspectives, but a love of music is always at their core.

The memories and stories also wouldn't exist unless the band had some favorite pieces to play as a whole. "One of my favorites is for symphonic band. It is called *Festive Overture* by Dmitri Shostakovich," said Mr. Weight. All types of winds, brass, and percussion instruments are needed to make up a band, so picking just one can be tricky. "I originally wanted to play the saxophone, but I thought it had too many keys. I picked the trumpet because it had only three keys and [I] got to play the melody a lot," said Mr. Weight. Josh chose the saxophone because, "Mr. Weight suggested it." So what would happen if the trumpet or the saxophone hadn't been an option? "Trumpet! I have never played a brass instrument and always wanted to learn how to," said Josh. "I would probably play tuba, baritone or trombone. As I've learned to play other instruments, I have really enjoyed the low brass family," said Mr. Weight. The pieces and instruments are the main contributors to band, but what drives a student to want to commit many years to one class?

All of this couldn't have started without being

interested in band somehow. "Part [of] the reason was because I really liked music and couldn't think of anything else I would rather do," said Mr. Weight. "I played piano at a young age and wanted to keep making music," said Josh. So where did their love of music come from? "I'm not sure why I love music so much. I guess it has just played a very large roll in my life at different ages. I loved singing when I was a child, and as I started to learn to play instruments, I just really enjoyed making music," said Mr. weight. "I have done it my whole life and it is something that is fun and relaxing," said Josh. Music is a foundational part of not only Mr. Weight's and Josh's lives, but of life in general. "It is very difficult to go an entire day without hearing a little music. Music is also so helpful in one's life," said Mr. Weight. "For me it is recreation, relaxation, and therapy all rolled into one activity. It can get you excited, it can help you calm down. Music can also help a person express feelings that cannot be put into words."



We know what you're thinking....
"Where is Mr. Weight?!"

Music Can Take You Anywhere

- even if it's only lost in the performance.

It is a rare day that the chorus room door is not open right away in the mornings. The music room is often filled with bright students with huge passions. With many great performances and a new chorus teacher, the year was one of the most fun, creative experiences the chorus has had in a while.

Sophomore Cameron Schipper joined choir when he returned to FHS this year. When asked why he joined, he said, "It's a habit I've had all my life. I've always loved music." Cameron also talked about how he is always singing outside of class. "I'm always singing - in the car, at work, at home. There isn't a place I won't sing at." One of his fellow tenors, junior Coby Renville, shares that

deep passion with Cameron. "I don't practice my choir pieces all the time, but I'm always practicing my singing," said Coby. Both of their musical passions bring a strong unity to the chorus' tenor section.

There are only three tenors in chorus, the third being junior Seth Mulroy, but they are arguably one of the strongest sections in the choir. During live performances, it seems like the trio forget that there are only three of them and perform with their all. "I find it easy to lose myself in the atmosphere of the music, but also find myself worrying about whether my performance is adequate while I'm singing," Coby said. Their performances always exceed adequate, as Mrs.

Kneebone would never have anything less.

Over the year, Mrs. Kneebone demonstrated strengths in the choir that not many saw at the start. She was always there to help and support everyone as they navigated through the difficult pieces. Coby and Cameron agreed that the year with Mrs. Kneebone was amazing. "[It was] a great time that exceeded my personal expectations about what she could do as a conductor," Coby said. Mrs. Kneebone worked hard to make sure that everyone knew their parts, the harmonies were amazing, everyone felt comfortable together, but most importantly, everyone had fun while doing it.



"We're all in this together," the chorus sang at Little Orpheum before breaking into fits of laughter at Mrs. Kneebone's antics.



Director Lori Kneebone made her first year back as the high school chorus teacher memorable as she lead Mr. Weight and Mr. Parsley in their instrumentals for 'I Lived.'

The All-State chorus presented a few of their favorite pieces from the season for the winter concert.



A few chorus girls stepped up to the serving plate and dished out food as a way to give back during the winter concert.

What was your favorite concert this year?



"I liked the pops concert, because it was with the middle school and I liked the songs."

- Freshman Macy Kneebone



"The pops concert was my favorite, because I knew the songs."

- Sophomore Mazzy Johanson



"I liked the Christmas concert, because I couldn't see the crowd since the lights were so bright."

- Junior Nathan Kneebone



"My favorite concert was the pops concert, because we sang songs that we sing on a regular basis."

- Senior Megan Sayler



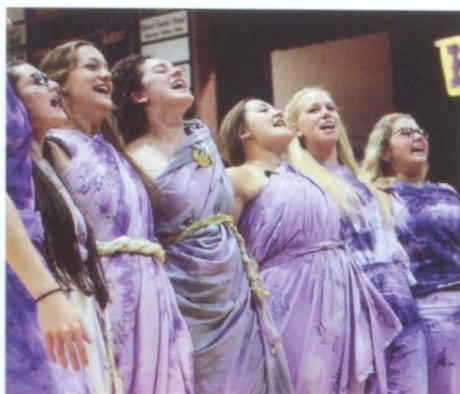
Senior Josh Henderson double-checked the position of his fingers on the fretboard after he messed up a chord progression during dress rehearsal for the pops concert.

Mrs. Kneebone's mission for the year was bringing fun into the chorus room. Over many performances in the year, she was recognized for her efforts by the crowds, who were especially impressed with the chorus' ability to clap and sing during the songs.





The quarterback targeted sophomore Hannah Parsley for a first down over the juniors.



The senior girls had a bittersweet moment as they pumped up the crowd at their final homecoming.



Senior Blake Kontz took a narrow win while he was bobbing for apples.

《 A Messy Mob of Movement: 》

The daring dance that defined school spirit.



Then the unexpected happened.

Teachers from Elementary to High School came out and started dancing to hit songs. "It was fun; something different; which is great, not just for the teachers, but for the students too," said Mrs. Emily Schelske. "I thought it was really funny how much they all differed for their dances," said senior Jennifer Sundermeyer, referring to the fact that some of the teachers knew what they were doing, but others just went along with the group.

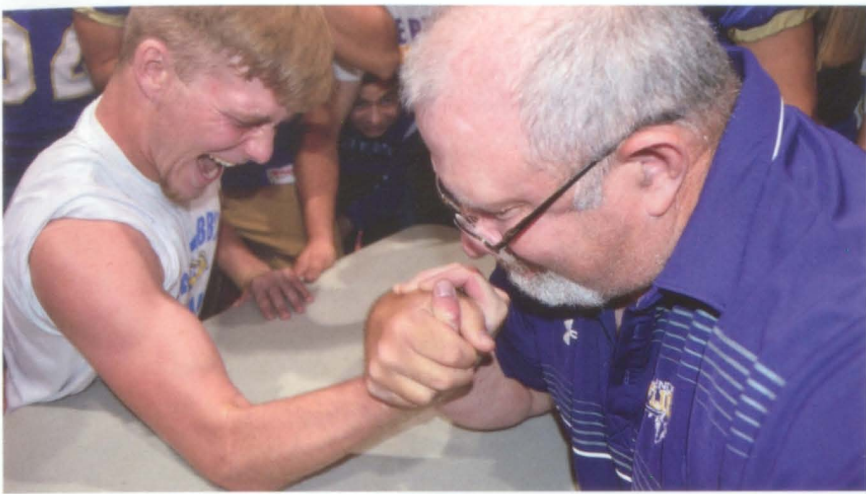
So where did this all begin? The teachers put in just over 2 hours of practice before the pep rally. "It was a little bit nerve-racking and scary,"

said Mrs. Schelske. Songs like the YMCA and the Macarena were the easiest to dance to for the teachers, who were not as familiar with the Whip. Despite a lack of coordination, the dance went over well with the students.

While it may not have been perfect, it was unique and memorable, and most of the staff enjoyed themselves - despite what Mr. Travis Ahrens' frown said. "They didn't know what they were doing, but that's what made it funny," said sophomore Tanner Sundermeyer. The teachers came out and surprised us with a dance to make the most unexpected part of the pep rally, but the cheerleaders also had some new

tricks to show off.

The cheerleaders started a new routine, but this time they had five football players assisting them. "I liked how [the footballers helping the cheerleaders made it seem] as though the school was coming together even more than it already does during homecoming," said Jennifer. "I'm happy how this school shows their school pride. I've been to other schools and they are just like 'eh, ok,' but we have pretty involved kids," said junior Connor Roozen. The cheerleaders and football players came together as one and unified as a student body to give us our most surprising and memorable pep rally in years.



It was a tough squeeze through the big crowd to view champion Mr. Scott Ross as he faced off against senior Brendan Ten Eyck.



KP2 smiled for the crowds from their mustang-chariot.



The senior girls finally experienced the excitement of making togas.



Junior bouncers carried a crazed fan out of Little Orpheum for their skit.



Senior Amanda Haugen and sophomore Madison Kontz danced together after the game.



Everyone saw double on twin day!



The seniors guys got rambunctious with pep rally cheers.



King Kaine Pelton and Queen Kathy Parsley basked in the delight of becoming proper royalty.



"We stunted on 'em!"
- Freshman Karly Grengs



"Mark Twain: 'The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer someone else up.'"
- Junior Anna Grydzhuk



"This season was very eye-opening."
- Junior Rylee lott



"Being a flyer always sucks, but being a Flier never does."
- Senior Jennifer Sundermeyer

They're trying hard to fly far!

Or at least to touch the ceiling.

1, 2: Jump! 3, 4: Up! 5, 6: Pop! 7, 8: Catch! For this year's homecoming pep-rally, the cheerleaders recruited a few of the football players to help with a routine. Stunting with familiar bases (those who hold the flyer up) can be anxiety-inducing enough, but imagine practicing with bumbling football players, who have never stunted before, as bases.

In the three stunting groups, all of the flyers had different experiences. "I was the flyer and was really nervous about it, because we only could get it a couple times up without me falling or slipping," said freshman Alison Rice. "I was pretty nervous about being dropped at first, but trusted [the footballers] more at the performance," said junior Kelsey Sutton, who was the flyer being based by the footballers.



"[We threw Kelsey] up to the ceiling!" Bastian said, with less exaggeration than one would believe.



The Fliers cheer squads both used a team photo op as a time to show their stunting skills.



Her trust in them was strengthened when her base, sophomore Bastian Erickson, dove under her body to break her fall when he was not able to catch her. The flyers were not the only ones that came across challenges however.

The cheerleaders and the footballers that based also faced different challenges. For some of the girls, nerves were running high. "It was the first time I based [Rylee]," said freshman Karly Grengs. The boys all agreed they had been nervous, too. "I based Kelsey and I was more than nervous about dropping her," said junior James Auren. "I didn't [want

to] drop the girls," agreed Bastian. In spite of their worries, the boys did not end up dropping Kelsey and threw her, in Bastian's words, "up to the ceiling," to make the routine a success.

Much like with the boys' stunt, everyone overcame their challenges and made the entire pep-rally successful. Both the cheerleaders and the footballers agreed that the routine was entirely worth it. "It was great seeing all of our early practices pay off to make a great performance," said Rylee. "[Everyone] got to have fun and celebrate homecoming," Bastian agreed.

Coach's Corner



Our cheer squad made incredible growth this season and school spirit was the best it's ever been. My girls did an amazing job improving and perfecting their skills and showcasing them at our two big events this year: Homecoming and our Junior Cheer Camp. Both were a huge success! I look forward to the cheer seasons to come!

Coach Kourtney Amdahl



Senior Clay Van Der Vliet pumped up the crowd, as per usual, at the boys' basketball game with the 'Hey Ho' chant.



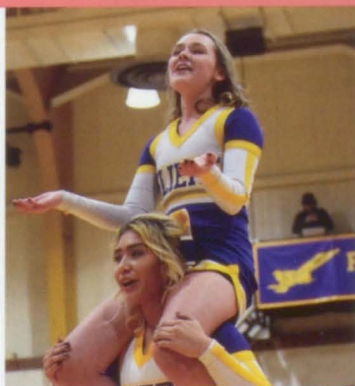
The football cheerleaders braced themselves for a successful pancake flip.



"Fliers, you can do it. All you gotta do is put your mind to it and do it. HEY! HEY!" the basketball cheerleaders chanted before a great Flier's comeback.



The 52 "Future Fliers Cheerleaders" posed moments before they rocked their halftime performance show.



"Stand up, up, up on your feet!" co-captain Kelsey chanted from her shoulder-sit seat.



Football cheerleaders bled purple and gold Flier spirit while showing their true red, white, and blue pride as they faced the flag.



"Down! Set! Hut!" Fliers are prepared to run the play called.



Same pose, same outfit, same mindset. Coach Otkin, coach Ahrens, and coach Genzlinger anticipated the coin toss.



"What time is it? Game time! What is it? Game time! Dogs in house! Oooo! Break Down! AHHH," and fans are ready for a pumped-up team to take the field.



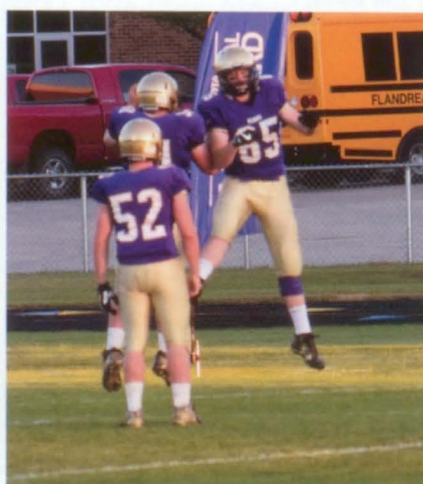
Senior Austin Weber jogged off the field to take a breather.



Senior Josh Pauley blocked for his teammate.



"PUNTI!" Luke Behrens kicked the football to the opposing team, while they waited with open arms.



Freshman Brady Johnson showed his enthusiasm as he shoulder checked his teammate during line-up.



Senior Brendan Ten Eyck accepted the football to run the play.



A Football Odyssey:

New beginnings and fond memories highlight the season.

Quiet time, when the world stops, and football is the only thing that matters.

Senior Brendan Ten Eyck and freshman Brayden Sayler have been playing football for different amounts of time, but they can still relate to each other through brotherhood. "My favorite place to get my mind ready for the game is normally in the locker room when we are putting our pads on," said Brendan. For Brayden, "in the gym during quiet time before the game," seems to be his favorite place. Quiet time is when all of the football players spread out in the gym and lay in silence to prepare mentally for the game ahead. They all have different ways of mentally preparing themselves, but they are still together bonding with one another. When the guys are

walking out to the field, and they see the lights shining overhead, and smell the freshness of the grass, they get this feeling to play football. "It makes me forget about the real world and it makes me think about how much fun it was to play out under the lights with my best friends," said Brendan. Hearing the fans cheering, and the players knowing they have support, win or lose, is a big part of football.

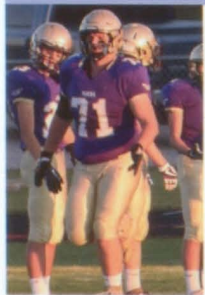
Like most athletes, they have supporters who push them to do their best, and people they connect with most on game day. "I connect most with my older brother, [Bryce], because he pushes me to be better," said Brayden. For the seniors, they have a deeper connection because they have been practicing and playing football

together longer than the rest of the team. "I definitely connect with [Michael] Witte because we have been playing all of high school and we've practiced together longer than most people," said Brendan. Though people may have an impact on game day, songs can be just as impactful.

Athletes have a time and place to get their minds ready for the game, but they also have time to get pumped and jacked for the game. Jamming out to "Can't Be Touched" by Roy Jones, and "Bring em Out" by D.I. are Brayden and Brendan's favorite songs to pre-game jam too. Being ready for a game mentally and physically may take time, but with the right music and people, game day preparation doesn't even have to be work.



The bond between the senior football team captains was unbreakable as they made their way to the coin toss against Sioux Falls Christian for the last home game of the season.



"I felt super fresh after I picked up a fumble and ran for 5 yards against Sioux Valley."
- Senior Josh Pauley



Despite the loss, the players were good sports and gave congratulations to the other team.



Senior Andrew Julson remained focused as he rushed off the field.



"My favorite memory is Mr. Otkin quoting *The Longest Yard*: 'But coach, I was all-state!'"
- Junior James Auren



"My worst memory was sitting on the sideline the first game and being unable to contribute to my team."
- Sophomore Matt Pauley



"The road to athletic greatness is not marked by perfection, but the ability to constantly overcome adversity and failure."
- Freshman Johnny Deloera



Junior Connor LeBrun took a moment to get his head in the game.



8th grader Maria Parsley was trained by Senior Brooke Iott for defensive stats.



Senior Amanda Haugen, and newcomer stats girl, 8th Grader Isabella Pavlis, get a quick break from offensive stats.

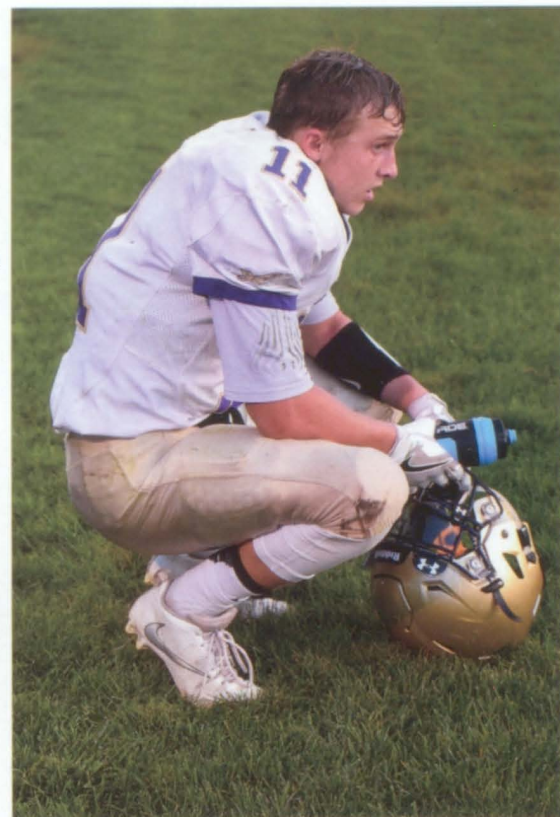


Sophomore Tayson Alberts hesitated to decide what way to run away from the opponent.

Sophomore Bastian Erickson waited patiently and excitedly for the snap.



Senior Andrew Julson rushed up the field through the hole his teammates created.



After playing the game for a while, freshman Luke Behrens sat on the side line and watched his team out on the field.

Senior Brendan Ten Eyck mentally thanked his teammates for having blocked him while he ran the ball up the field.



Coaches' Corner



"While the record didn't match our goals for the season this year, we had a great group of football players. We had a dedicated senior class that led the way in terms of effort and attitude, both in-season and off-season and we have many talented underclassmen coming back next year. This year's team will always hold a special place in my heart. It was a blast to coach our guys this year and with continued dedication, the future looks bright." - Travis Ahrens

"The football team this year obviously did not go as planned as far as wins and losses, but the team continued to improve each week. We played a lot of underclassmen, which can make it difficult to win a lot of games. With that, I am looking forward to how much work the team puts in this off-season to see how much we can improve going into next season." - Derek Genzlinger



"This season was a challenge due to the inexperience we had on both sides of the ball. We played a lot of new faces that were either new to football or just entering their first year of football. Although our record didn't reflect it, progress was made in numerous areas of our program and the men worked extremely hard to get better as a team and individuals. Overall, the future looks extremely bright for the Flier football program!" - Jeremy Otkin

"We were young, so we had our struggles, but the future looks very bright and I am excited about the guys that we have coming back. The seniors played well and led the team. It was fun to see the guys interact with each other and learn how to play as a team. While the total wins didn't come, we still learned new things about football. I am excited for the future and what it has in store for the Flandreau Football program!" - Josh Edlund



Sophomore Matt Pauley excitedly jogged off the field as the Fliers celebrated.



Junior Brock Kepford anticipated the kick-off from the opposing team.



We Run This Town...

...and the rest of the state in memorable XC careers.



Running Reflections



"I will really miss the strong relationship I had with my team and coaches."

- Senior Kathy Parsley



"Sometimes the best runs come on days you didn't feel like running."

- Junior Gia Renteria



"The faster you run the faster you're done."

-Sophomore Gabe Hobbie



According to coach Streitz: "It's a casual 8-10 mile day."

- Freshman Lars Dailley



Freshman Libby Hursey was confident as she persevered through the race.

8th grader Reese Olinger pushed herself to stay ahead of the pack at the Garretston meet.



Sophomore Kendall Patrick-Treetop paced the scenic Sioux Valley course at the region competition.



Junior Hunter Jones helps send off the state team with some loyal flier support.

Junior Maddie Hursey made a hard push on the last stretch to the finish line.



Sinona secured her place at Big East.



The varsity girls showed their excitement for the season. Josh sighted another runner to pass.



Sam fought to maintain his place.



Varsity boys kept pace together at the Big East meet.



Tishara ran solo at Garrestson.

BANG...and emotions are everywhere!

Senior Erin Drietz always felt very nervous when she heard the gun, but senior Preston Keith says, "I was not nervous at all." Erin ran 55 races in her cross country career with a total of approximately 137.5 miles, whereas Preston ran a total of 36 races, with a total of 108 miles. When they both got their best times, Erin felt accomplished and successful; Preston felt like he was king of the world. Preston and Erin are very proud of what they have accomplished. People may think that running can be boring at times, but there are interesting things that occur.

Erin's favorite part about running was when she reached the finish line, and Preston's favorite part was when he got a runner's high. When they were running, Erin thought about reaching the finish line and beating her time, while Preston thought about how he could make the people watching him laugh. The weirdest thing that happened to Erin while running was, "A deer started running with me during an early morning practice," said Erin. For Preston, the weirdest thing that happened to him was, "Two dogs started chasing me while running at six in the morning, so I started running faster," said Preston. The funniest thing that happened to Erin while running was, "when I tripped and fell on the bike path when it was just flat ground ahead of me," said Erin. For Preston, "I almost fell down the mountain side in Montana mid-afternoon," said Preston. These are just a few things that stand out in Erin

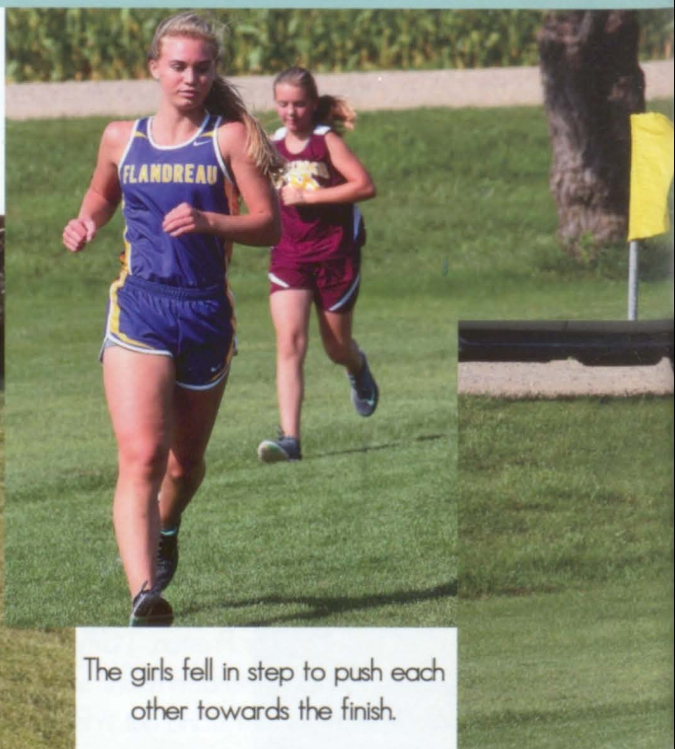


and Preston's running happenings.

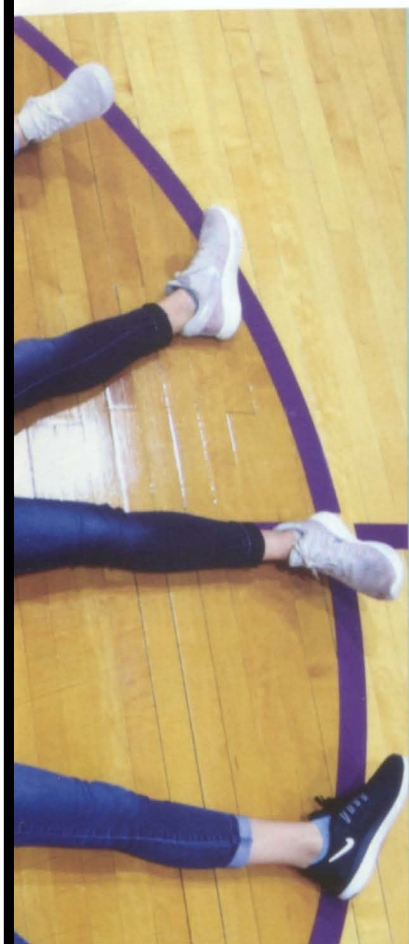
Erin, Preston, and their teammates share stretching before the race together and riding on the bus together while listening to music. Their best run this season was when Erin beat the majority of the JV runners, and when Preston beat Senior Ben Hobbie in his last race. Erin's favorite part of the season was, "my final race of my XC career and getting a bunch of food," said Erin. Preston's favorite part of the season was, "when I tipped a kid's canoe at the Montana Cross Country camp," said Preston. Many memories were made for Preston and Erin to make their high school years even more eventful.



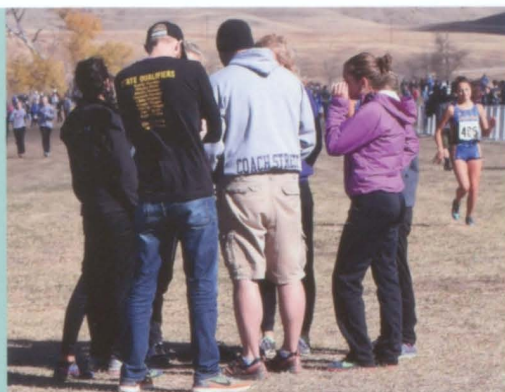
Freshman Bradon Weber looked ever forward in the hope of a higher finishing place.



The girls fell in step to push each other towards the finish.



The State runners took a moment to bond as a team before they headed off to Rapid.



One final pep-talk before the run at state.



David had to sweat it out at the Big East.



Devon and Gabe pursued the win together.



Despite the age gap, the girls were right in sync as they dashed towards the finish line.



Ben gained a confident stride.

Freshman Cassidy Keith charged the course with poise and determination.



Coaches' Corner



"The 2017 XC boys and girls teams had a nice blend of upper classmen leaders and young up-and-coming runners. The girls have had a "run" of 4 straight years of making it to State and finished 7th, which was the 2nd best finish in school history. The highlight for the boys team was improving meet by meet and finishing 5th out of the 11 teams in our region after battling various injuries over the course of the season.

The girls also won their 6th straight Lake Central Conference meet and their 3rd straight Big East Central Conference meet."

- Brendan Streitz



The 2018 cross country season taught this team to stay hungry. The girls varsity represented our school well at Rapid City by sending our team to state and is looking forward to another shot at it next year. What I appreciated about the girls' work ethic is that they always did what Mr. Streitz and I asked of them. The boys' team is up and coming, like a pack of ferocious young wolves growing every day. They're young pups now, but we're excited to see what beasts they'll become as the seasons unfold.

- Owen Parsley

"FLIERS ON THREE"



"one-two-three FLIERS!"

A Road Trip Through the Season:

a rundown of challenge and commitment, changes and courage

This year was a season of growth and progress for everyone.

Two points kept the Fliers from continuing on in regions, but their loss to Madison drove the hope that the team can win in seasons to come. But how did these capable girls go from a 5-win season last year to an impressive 13-win season this year? "Last year, we didn't have the same leadership in the coaching staff and we didn't trust them enough to buy in their program," said senior Brooke Iott.

This year, two major changes happened that affected the team: senior Mara Lunday was moved from a setter to a hitter and senior Makenzey Burggraff was moved from a middle hitter to an outside hitter. At first, it rattled the team but, they managed to fill their roles to help them achieve their 13-win season.

One way that the team got stronger and were able to work together is that they

worked out throughout the summer. Then they started practicing. "Our warm ups are the same, but our drills and practice varies from what we need to work on or how our team is going," said coach Lauren McCafferty. "[We] start practice with a warm up drill and usually it's a footwork drill: either hitting or blocking. And then, depending on what we need to work on, we would do a passing drill, or hitting drill. There's some times where we play competitive strategy games that would help us place the ball on the other team's court," said Brooke. All of those hours of practice prepared the team well for their 13-win season, but some games were more exciting than others.

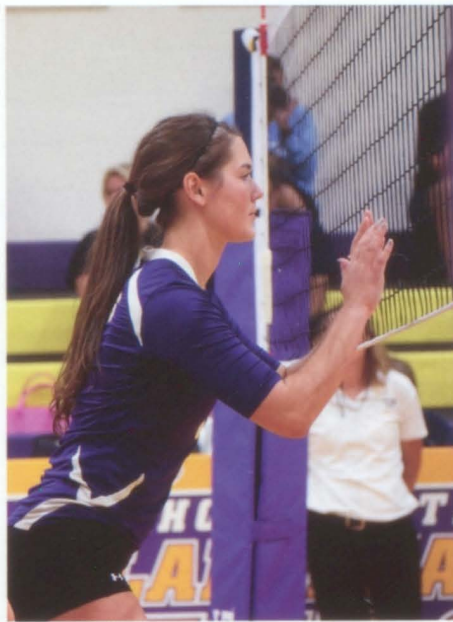
Most of the team agreed that their homecoming game against Dells was the most intoxicating experience of the season. The crowd cheered amazingly and they played the game to the best of their ability. This game pushed them to do better for the rest of the season. Brooke enjoyed volleyball, but said that it was frustrating for the team to get new coaches every couple

of years. However, she believed that it made the team stronger overall. "Buying into the program [this year] was the biggest growth. We trusted what we were doing in practice and [were] more likely [to] play in games that way. We trusted our teammates more and [were] able to rely on them to [do] their job," said Brooke. "This was my last year to play and I do not want to waste it. [I wanted to] get as much out of it as possible." Despite all the improvement they made, the team's season ended sooner than anyone wanted.

When they played Madison, they felt like it was life or death - like it was their last game. When they got to the second match, they played as hard as they could, but they lost. However, coach Kimberly DeKruif has confidence in the direction that the program and the team are going. "There were games that we played where I left the court. We lost the game, but it was a win for us because we saw the potential, the hope, and the drive for games to come," said coach DeKruif.



Coach McCafferty advised the team in blocks during the dig pink game.



Junior Marianna Pavlis waited to pursue her block on a hit.



Junior Jaycie Pulscher went for a hard shot to take the opposing team by surprise.



Senior Mara Lunday and senior Brooke Iott were all set to acknowledge the serve.



Junior Rylee Iott dealt a quick blow to the Elkton team for another volley.



Junior Harley Steinhauer aimed for that ace at the serving line.



Emotions were high as the team got their block against Dells at the throwback-themed homecoming game.



"Whatever it takes."
-Freshman Macy
Kneebone



"The only thing lost in
the Dells game was
our voices."
- Sophomore Shalyn
Peters



"C team was fun."
- Junior Lily Perez



"We started with a
clean slate and took
advantage of it to
make a successful
season."
- Senior Brooke Iott

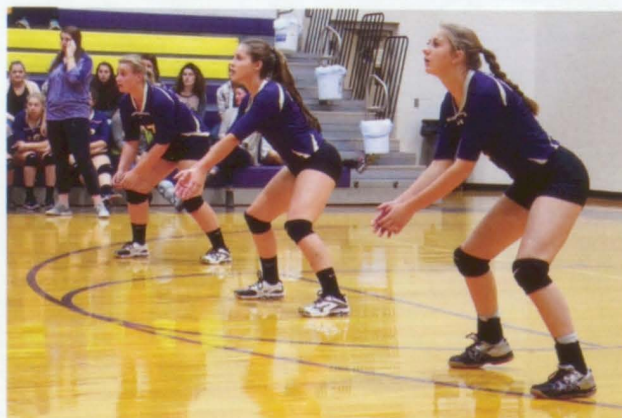


The student section helped
build energy as the team
pushed to their homecoming
game win.

Elle, Anna,
Marianna,
Mara, Jaycie,
Makenzey, and
Brooke were
confident in
their team's
chemistry.



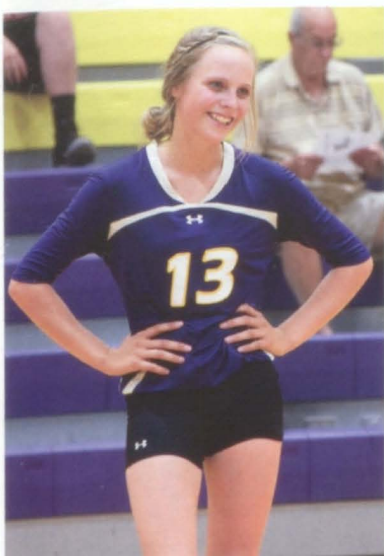
Sophomores Grace
Johanson, Kennedy
Headrick and freshman
Alison Rice were ready to
bump the ball to their
teammates.



Junior Anna
Gassman
looked to raise
the score with
her hard hit.



Rylee and
Makenzey
denied Parker
an easy hit.



Sophomore Madison Kontz showed her team pride.



Brooke hit as the team rushed to prepare for a return.



Junior Elle Thompson and Kennedy were prepared to pass up the hit.



Juniors Jaycie Pulscher, Rylee Lott, and senior Makenzey Burggraff were ready for the ball as they set up their defense.

Coaches' Corner



"My favorite memory was of the victory over Dell Rapids during homecoming. The girls played exceptionally well and the crowd participation was outstanding."

- Assistant coach Lori Williams



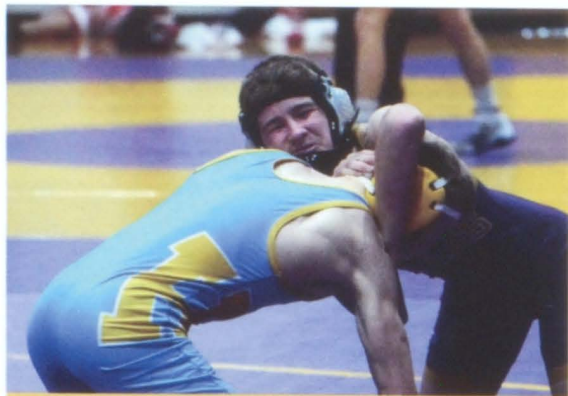
"These athletes have made so much progress in the one year I've worked with them. I'm excited to help them progress into even better and stronger volleyball players."

- Head coach Lauren McCafferty

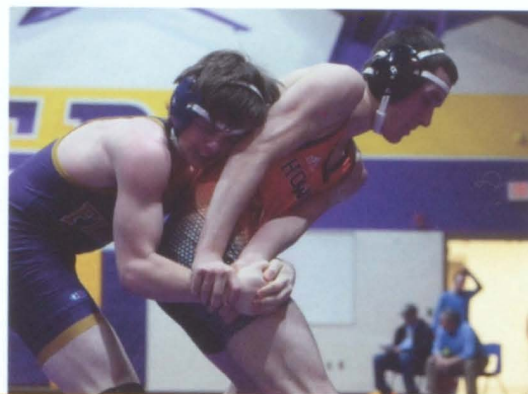


"First to 5. They got the first serve, so we get the first kill."

- Assistant coach Kimberly DeKruif



8th grader Tanner Christenson maintained the hold on his opponent in order to transition to a more strategic position.



8th grader Austin Kulm held his brace as his Howard opponent tried fleeing the hold.

A family drive towards athletic greatness...

How two brothers survive challenges and pursue success.

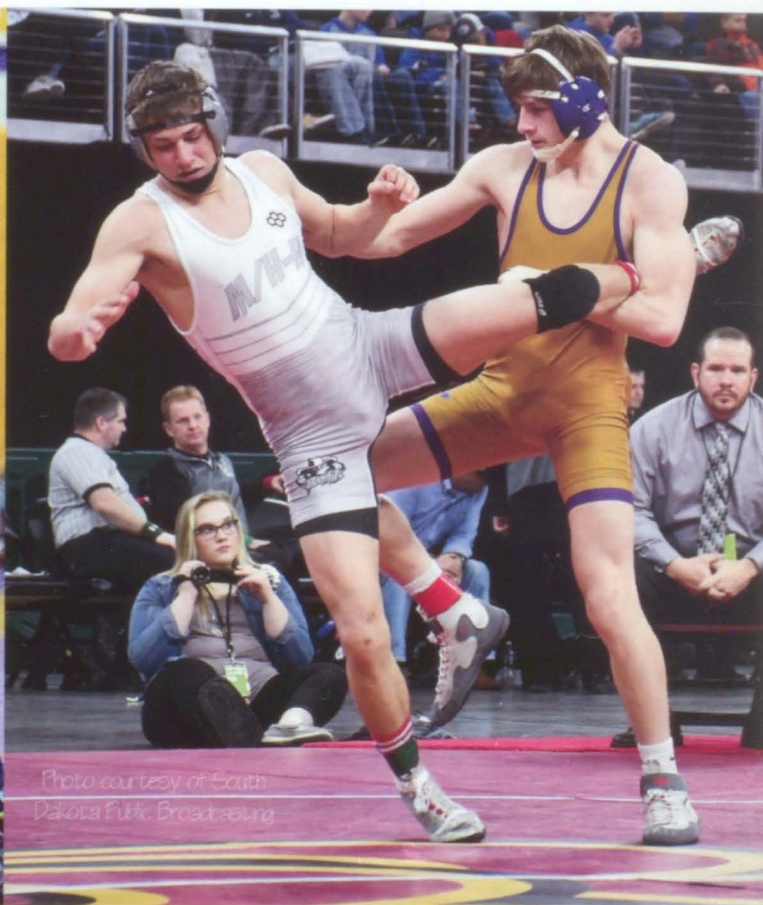


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With victory so close, senior, Brendan Ten Eyck gripped his opponent tightly.





The team took a breather to watch their teammate's match along with some other FHS student fans.

A team is a family, but what happens when family is the team? Senior Michael Witte and sophomore Hunter Witte have formed a relationship that goes beyond just brotherhood through wrestling. Although the brothers' wrestling careers didn't start together, they grew to be close teammates through hard work and practice. "My parents threw me on the mat when I was five," said Michael. "It was just fun, but [I] quit for basketball, and last year joined again and [I] am starting to enjoy it more," said Hunter. Despite their differences in starting out their commitment to wrestling, they both faced challenges, experienced highs and lows, and shared the same goal.

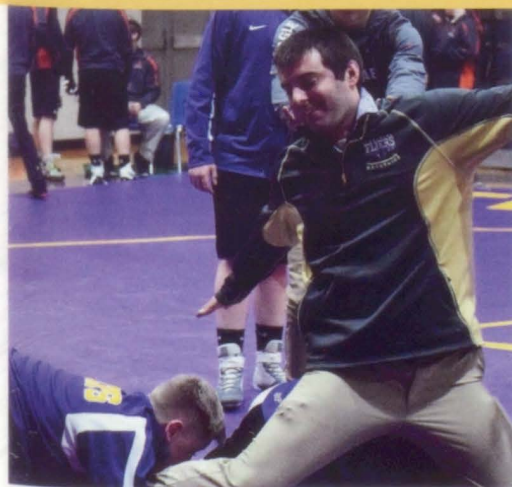
There are challenges and difficulties in wrestling when people put in their time on the mat. There are different shapes and sizes in wrestling that make it challenging for wrestlers to take down their opponents and even Hunter and Michael have their disadvantages. "A tall guy; wrestling tall lengthy kids throws me off. They have really long arms and it gives me a disadvantage," said Michael. "Michael, he is obviously

bigger, stronger, and better, so it's hard to do anything on him," said Hunter. The boys even have their favorite and least favorite drills in wrestling. "My least favorite drill was drilling takedowns because we had to do them super fast and I got super tired," said Michael. "[My] least favorite drill is 3x1's so a minute of 3 different types of takedowns," said Hunter. Even though there are difficulties that each wrestler has to face at some time, there is always a fun, more positive side to everything.

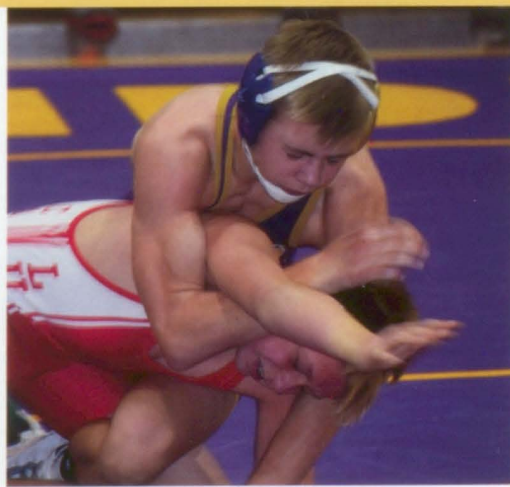
There is always a bright spot through all the obstacles, and each wrestler has their favorites in sports. "My favorite drill was drilling returns. I always got to drill Brendan [Ten Eyck] & Preston [Keith] to the mat," said Michael. "[The] best is top move drill, just working [on] pinning moves," said Hunter. Through their careers, wrestlers like using a specific move that fits their style. "The half nelson, it is a very basic yet efficient move," said Michael. "Wing and a wrist, [an] easy move to put on someone," said Hunter. Each wrestler also has a favorite memory on the mat. "My sophomore year, I upset the

number-one kid in my weight class," said Michael. "I came up short three times, but placed second at state," said Hunter. Each and every wrestler has their highs and lows in their career, but they always have each other.

Throughout the years together in wrestling, the brothers might have had their ups and downs with each other, but in the end, they are family. "Having a brother in wrestling is awesome to me," said Michael. "I'm able to learn more from him and he pushes me to do better," said Hunter. Having a little brother on the wrestling team, however might have had its fair share of annoyances. "It was a little annoying to have Hunter on the team because he never stopped talking, but for the most part it was awesome," said Michael. When Michael was on his game as a junior, his brother might have needed some help with his technique. "I can't say I helped him out a lot, but I definitely helped him sometimes and I take credit for him making it to state," said Michael. From Hunter's perspective, it might have been hard to live up to the standard that Michael set for him. "[When I got to high school] everyone expected me to be equal skill or be able to do what he does [or] did. People look at me like Michael and [expect me to] place higher than him at state," said Hunter. All in all, this is the last time the brothers will wrestle for FHS together, but they will always be family.



Coach Genzlinger and the middle school wrestlers had some fun after the first round of the home quad meet.



8th grader Tathan Headrick took down his opponent with great strength and ease.

Who was your toughest opponent in wrestling?



"The toughest opponent I had in wrestling was a kid that was one of the top ten kids in state"
- Freshman Toby Taylor



"It was Jack Smith because he's better than me."
- Freshman Brayden Sayler



"Myself, because you always have the mind set to quit, but you always have to keep on going."
- Senior Preston Keith



My toughest opponent was myself. It takes a certain mentality to push through the season and keep the grind going and sometimes you don't.
- Senior Brendan Ten Eyck



Coach Ahrens gave some last minute tips and tricks to his middle and high school wrestlers before their upcoming matches.

The 2018 State Qualifiers stood tall before they took on their opponents in Sioux Falls the following weekend.



With an effort to defeat his opponent, Preston held the Howard wrestler ready to force him to the mat.

The Fliers knew victory was in reach when sophomore Hunter Witte gained control over his opponent.

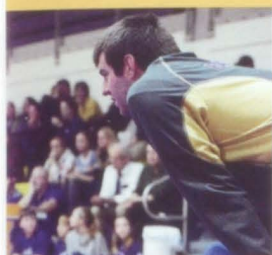


Senior Michael Witte awaited the reset in the referee's position.

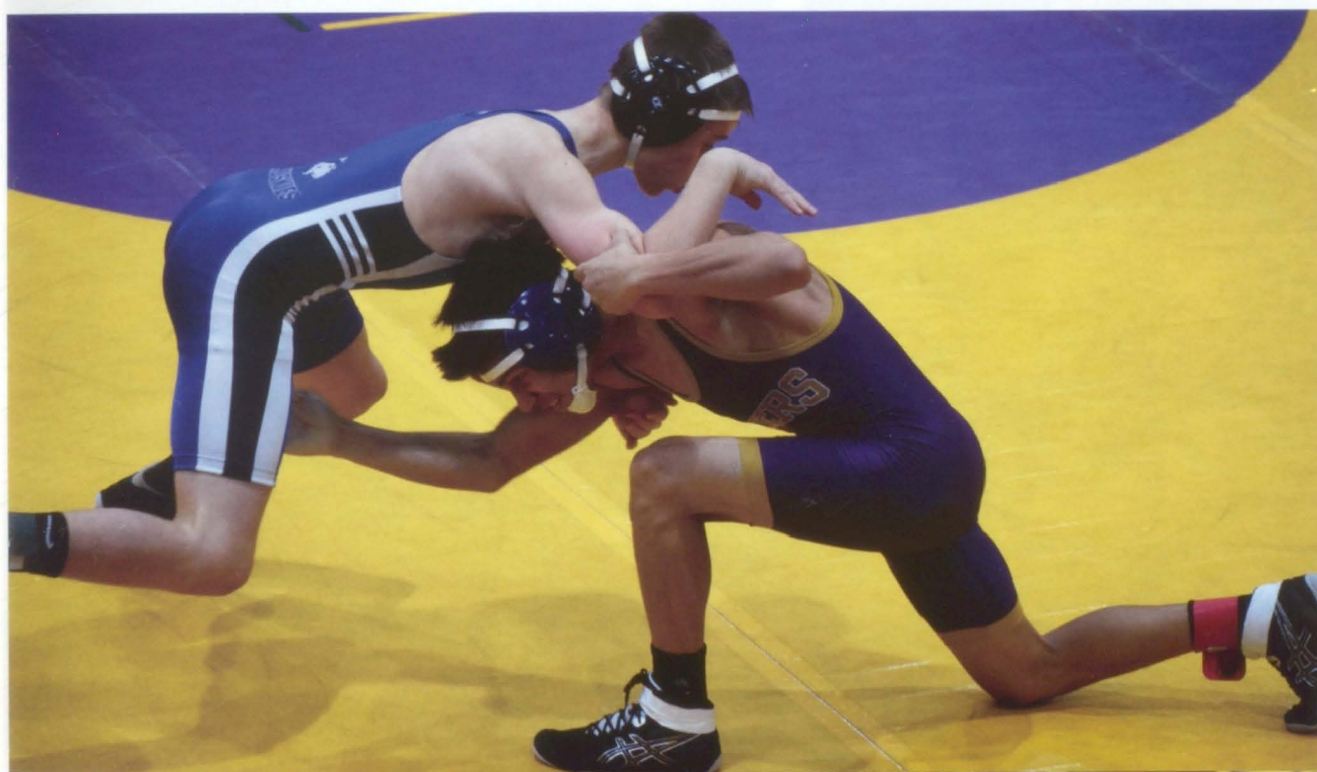


Overall, we were very young and inexperienced at most weights, but loved how our guys battled and competed despite this. We did have a great group of seniors too, that showed the way in terms of the hard work it takes just to prepare for competition. Some definite high points were seeing our young guys find some success and rise to the challenge of wrestling, and also our four state qualifiers, with Michael Witte placing 3rd on a very tough weight class. The team is going to be super young overall next season, but I expect that those guys will continue to work hard, develop, and if they stick together through it all, I have no doubt they will have the opportunity to make quite a bit of noise in the coming years around the state.

Coaches' Corner



I thought the season went well, especially with how young we were. We improved everyday and everybody made great strides. The biggest challenge was how young we were, making it harder to compete with teams with more experienced wrestlers. The high point was taking four to state and having Witte place 3rd. I look forward to seeing how our young wrestlers develop as they continue to mature and hopefully keep increasing our numbers in the program.



Freshman Johnny Deloera hit an outside single working for the takedown against his Elk Point opponent.

Senior Brendan Ten Eyck went head to head with this opponent ready to get a victory.



Continuing to climb:

The girls' basketball team always strives for more.



Freshman Cassidy Keith worked to get open to put up her shot.

Hope – the hope of achieving greatness - begins every sport season.

But it's a long journey from the first practice to the state finals, and that journey begins with great coaching. "Megan Severtson knows everyone's strengths and weaknesses. She constantly encourages us to work on skills that need improvement. Not only does she push us physically, but also mentally. She tells us every game we need to have the mindset to win and know we are the best. Coach Severtson invests so much time and effort into the team. The confidence she has in us is what makes us perform our best," said senior Kathy Parsley. "She really pushes us in the off season to improve both individually and as a team. We try to 'team bond' and hang out as a team to build our trust and team chemistry," said junior Ashtyn Bertram. Great leadership and commitment leads to exciting sports seasons.

But what is a great season without some great rivalries? Ashtyn identified Flandreau's greatest rivals as "Dells, Madison, [and] Hamlin because they're always good games that everyone really gets into and we take a lot of importance in winning them." Kathy, however, felt that each game was just as important as the others. "We go into every game knowing we have the talent and skill to beat the other team." In the end, these rivalries proved a little bit too

much and Flandreau's season ended at the sweet sixteen.

Despite not making it to state, the girls still had a very successful season. "We worked our way to the sweet sixteen where we fell to West Central. I think this basketball season was one of the best Flandreau girls' basketball has had in a while," said

Kathy. "We finished the season well. We worked really hard and improved throughout the season," said Ashtyn. As a senior, Kathy's basketball career with Flandreau has ended, but she is proud of how far her and her team have come. "I have seen the program grow drastically for the better. My

teammates and coaches have worked really hard to hold the reputation of being a team that always puts 100% effort all the time. I am so grateful to have been a part of this amazing team and I can't wait to see the great things they accomplish in the future."





The Varsity girls tried to stay man-to-man on defense.



Sophomore Hannah Parsley takes the tip-off to start the game against Madison.



Freshman Libby Hursey extended as far as she could in the hopes of an intercepted pass.



Junior Marianna Pavlis caught her breath with her teammates before heading back onto the court.



Hannah Parsley needed to free her arm from her opponent to get the height she needed for her layup.



Senior Mara Lunday was ready to play hard knowing her team would always be in her corner.



Game day meant pep-talks and guidance from Coach Severtson before game time.

Coaches' Corner



"Each year it gets tougher to see a group of seniors leave your program. This year is no exception. These four seniors have established a strong foundation for our program. While it is difficult to see them leave, I know that because of the example they set our program will continue to thrive for years to come.

Our season did not end as we had hoped; however, there are many positives that we can look back at and enjoy."

- Coach Severtson



I had a great group of girls that worked hard every day in practice. During games, they gave it their all and it shows with how successful of a season they had, 8-1. This was a great group of girls that I had the privilege to coach.

- Coach Albertson



"Our JV team made great progress this season and I am very appreciative of their effort and very proud to have had the opportunity to coach them."

- Coach Relf



The JV girls hustled to cover their opponents as they neared the basket.



Freshman Teiloni Hardy steadied the ball in both hands for a pass.



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Senior Brooke Iott and sophomore Hannah Parsley never let their eyes leave the ball in the hopes of recovering the rebound.



Junior Rylee Iott kept her peripherals on her guard during her drive to the hoop.



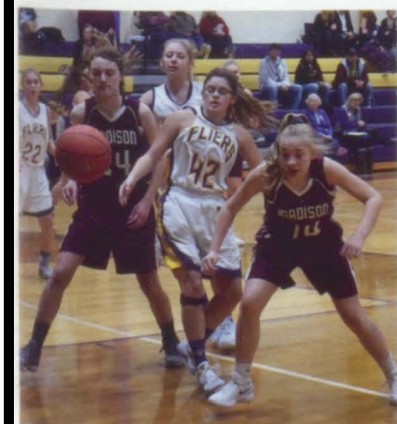
Freshman Macy Kneebone looked for an open teammate to receive her pass.



After four quarters of tough game-play, the girls proved their humility and sportsmanship as they shook the hands of every member of the opposing team.

Hannah Parsley buckled down to execute a successful free-throw.

Junior Ashtyn Bertram strove to out dribble her adversary.



Junior Gia Renteria drove herself to a more strategic position.



Junior Marianna Pavlis launched the ball to shift the focus of the play.



"It was funny seeing all of us walking out of practice with our basketball shorts on and our skinny jeans halfway up because we were too lazy to change before we went outside when it was cold."
- Freshman Cassidy Keith



"My favorite memory was winning the Sweet Sixteen against Sioux Valley."
- Sophomore Tishara Hardy



"A lot of memories were made this year that I will never forget."
- Junior Madeline Hursey



"Fliers over everything (F/E)."
- Senior Mara Lunday





Joe Kohl stayed wide and looked to the ball.



Senior Nathan Cloud pulled himself into a triple threat position.



Junior Nate Kneebone drove into the hoop for a layup.

Driving towards eternal glory:

How the boys worked together towards success.



What does it take to become Mr. 2000? Running sprints, full court layups, shooting drills, and a love for the game was how this year's boys' basketball team accomplished their record of 16-6.

Senior Dylan LeBrun and junior Nathan Kneebone recall the season and the year that was full of both ups and downs. "I will always remember this year, we had a

lot of great wins. I'll remember all the times in the locker room during halftime that Coach Sheppard gave us some motivation," said Dylan. Nathan also remembered the good times on the bus saying, "I loved the ride on the bus to games; being around all the guys was a lot of fun."

This year also held a personal record for Dylan as he accomplished his 2000th

shot, getting his name in Flandreau's hall of fame. "If you want to achieve your goal, you have to work hard. I made sure I practiced all year," said Dylan.

As the season came to an end, Nathan reflected on the last game saying, "It was a nail biter, and even though we lost, I am so proud of our team for coming that far. Thanks for an amazing season."



Junior Kyle Johnson tried to keep himself open for the ball.



Sophomore Tayson Alberts was ready to protect the hoop.

What was your favorite moment of the season?



"My favorite moment was beating Tea in the Hanson classic."

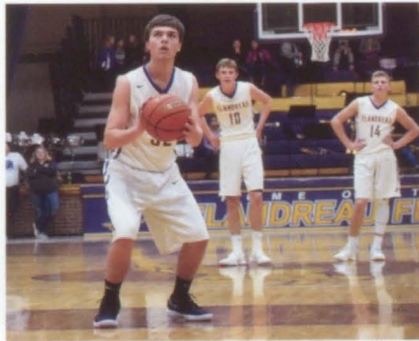
-Freshman Taryn Ukestine



The starting 5 and other varsity players watched anxiously as their teammates worked for a significant lead.



Senior Ben Hobbie fought to put up his shot.



Senior Grady Gullikson trusted his instincts as he prepared for a free-throw.



Freshman Lars Dailey was ready to dribble towards the hoop.



"My best memory was when I passed a ball behind me and David made a layup off it."

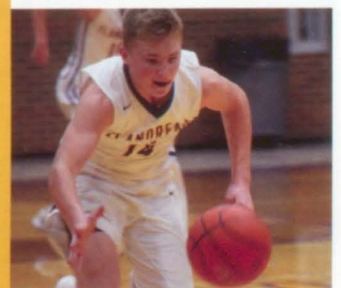
-Sophomore Chaz Stephens



Taryn Ukestine kept his eyes on the ball while he played defensively.

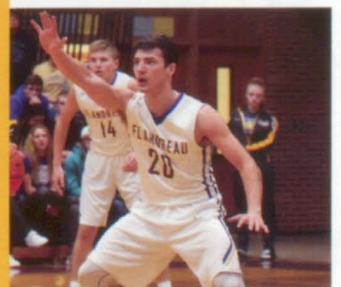


Senior Dylan LeBrun rushed back and showed his hustle after his rebound.



"Gonna miss Dylan's buzzer beaters every game."

-Junior Connor LeBrun



"Group Shoot Sucks!"

-Senior Andrew Julson



The Fliers' student section showed amazing school spirit both by being rowdy and making "Country Roads" the anthem for the season.



The varsity boys listened in to help strengthen their game after this time out.



Sophomore Devon Burggraff looked for the rebound.



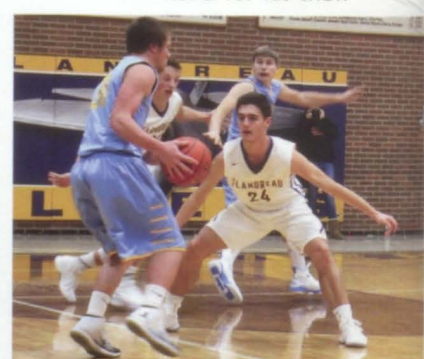
Senior Andrew Julson worked hard for his shot.



Senior Dylan LeBrun showcased his jumping to block the shot.



The LeBrun brothers took a quick rest before the next play.



Junior Edu Povea quickly learned to stay low on defense.



Juniors Nathan Kneebone and Connor LeBrun proved they weren't afraid to fight for the ball.



Andrew Julson kept his eyes on the prize and was prepared to out jump Hamlin in order to secure the rebound.



The JV boys watched hopefully for a win.



Dylan LeBrun saw an opportunity for a shot and did everything in his power to make it to the hoop..



The JV boys anticipated the rebound and mentally prepared for what came next.



Nate Kneebone pulled up for a three as Nate Cloud and Connor LeBrun got ready to follow it.

COACHES' CORNER

"The Fliers had a great year with many memorable games, including a big win against Tea in the Hansen Classic. The team enjoyed great crowd support throughout the year."

-Brendan Sheppard, Head coach



"We had a great year and made many improvements. I look forward to what our team can accomplish next year!"

-Justin Kelm, Assistant coach

"Flandreau basketball had a great season at all levels. The lower-level teams were able to use their athleticism to come out with a winning record, while the varsity team played a caliber of basketball that evoked some outstanding fan support."

- Josh Christiansen, C-team coach





Sophomore Grace Johanson analyzed the green to line up an expert putt.



Sophomore Devon Burggraff went for distance at the driving range.



8th grader Tanner Christenson wound up for a long drive.



Sophomore Alaina Cloud finished up another hole with a sunk putt.



Tanner Christenson aligned the ideal shot and watched the ball find its target.



Freshman Bradley Heinemann demonstrated his strength with a club at the driving range.



8th grader Keva Burshiem followed her ball as it flew across the course.



7th grader Marley Barboza took a couple of practice swings before committing to a hit.

Marley Barboza looked to drive her ball between all those trees and other course hazards.



Grace Johanson never let her eyes leave the ball as she prepared to send it flying.



A course of intellectual obstacles:

The golf team deals with more than just sore legs and sunburns.

What's the most important weapon in a golf bag? The brain!

Golf may be more of a physically passive sport, but what really gets a workout walking the course, is the brain. Sophomores Alaina Cloud and David Allen have both been golfing long enough to know that a mental psych-out can be the worst thing during a meet. "When I start getting mad or in my own head, I usually just start telling myself that it's just one bad hole or start singing songs in my head," said Alaina. David had a little bit more simple solution, as he just likes to "concentrate on [the] next shot." Luckily, the golfers don't have to suffer through the mental stress all

alone.

A good coach is a necessary key to keeping a level head during each competition, and both Alaina and David have gotten some great advice from their coach, Jeremy Otkin. "He did tell me to put my thumb over to stop hitting the ball to the right because my drives were going bad," said Alaina. "He gives me advice on my stance and hand placement," said David. But strategy isn't the only thing Mr. Otkin does that helps the golfers to a more peaceful mental state — sometimes a few words of encouragement is all it takes. "He talks us down by building us up," said David. And after all the mental stress that

competition can bring, some downtime is definitely called for.

When the miles have been walked and all the holes have been played, the team likes to spend some time just being together. "Stopping to eat and cracking jokes with the team" is one of David's favorite things to do after meets. Whereas one of Alaina's favorite moments involved "going to state golf with my team, getting 6th place, and then afterwards going to an indoor arcade with bouncy houses." The team knows how important some stress-free fun can be so that everyone can put their best brain forward on the next course.



What is the most challenging course to play?



"Lake Region because it is really long, hilly, and [has] too many trees."
- Freshman Bradley Heinemann



"Lake Region course because it's 7 miles long and it's a lot of walking."
- Sophomore Grace Johanson



"Lake Region - because it has a lot of hazards and out of bounds."
- Sophomore Devon Burggraff



"Flandreau because [of] the lack of open holes."
- Junior Seth Mulroy



Marley Barboza demonstrated her driving skills to her competition.



Carrying hefty golf bags is a thing of the past as Keva Burshiem and Tanner Christenson strolled to the next hole working smart, not hard.



Devon Burggraff had to put his shades up to ensure a successful drive.



Bradley Heinemann prepped for some tough competition before the start of the meet.



Coach's Corner



This season was very successful for the Flandreau golf team. We went into the year with high expectations on the girls side and I believe we exceeded most of those expectations. We are still very young and have a lot of room to grow yet, but the future is very bright for this girls team. On the boys side, I believe we really exceeded our initial expectations. We were young and very inexperienced, but the boys rose to the challenge getting better every meet and being very competitive by the end of the year. As a very youthful team, I am excited about the future of the boys squad.

The weather was our biggest challenge as during the year: we were never able to golf a full 9 holes on our home course. Due to such a late start, we were never able to truly get our club distances down and see the trajectory and flight of our ball, and to read greens until towards the end of the year. The way the team responded to this and came to practice every day to work hard and get better was a great feeling as a coach. They take each day as an opportunity to grow because they want to succeed as a team and individuals.

It is incredible how much this team grew over the course of the year. They are a very tight knit group of kids who only got closer as the season grew. It was amazing to see each one of them ask how the others were doing at our golf meets, showing they truly care about one another. Due to our youth I believe the golf team at Flandreau will continue to be on the rise and their success will continue to gauge interest from the younger generation.

Tanner Christenson only had a few balls left to practice with on the driving range.



Alaina Cloud worked to get her ball away from the trees and closer to the green.



Tanner Christenson couldn't miss the camera on his way to the next hole.



Grace Johanson looked back and thought, "Did you see that?!"



Keva Burshiem certainly got her steps in as she began another trek to follow her ball.



Senior Brendan Ten Eyck was ready to race as senior Kathy Parsley supported his start.



The track participants showed off their teamwork skills as they cleaned up trash around the community.



Junior Elle Thompson planted that back foot for the optimal throw.



A voyage towards unification:

Creating a team identity with individual events can be the biggest hurdle for Track and Field.

Track allows all students to come together to create one unified team, but creating that unity can be difficult with so many events to choose from. Whether a runner like senior Andrew Julson and freshman Whitley Olinger, or a jumper like junior Anna Gassman and sophomore Tristan Bietz, picking one event to excel at can be a challenge. For Whitley, it was a family connection that led her to running.

"My dad was a runner in high school, so he inspired me to run." For others like Tristan, it's a coach like Georgia Adolph. A classmate inspired Andrew.

"Brendan 'The Man' Ten Eyck begged me to come out just to run the 4X400, which we skipped most of the year." And Anna had a couple of different influences to jump and join track in the first place. "My volleyball coach said I should try it because if I don't try it then I'll never know if I like it or not. Rylee, Tishara and myself wanted to jump because it got us out of running events." Of course, any event would not be complete without some obstacles.

Challenges are present in every sport, but in track, each competitor faces different difficulties. For the runners, endurance was key for individual races and long-term. "The



How Track and Field creates an alliance of individuals.

biggest challenge in my event is having enough endurance to finish the race," said Whitley. "Getting through the year was the biggest challenge," said Andrew. For the jumpers, the struggles came down to technique. "The hardest part about jumping for me is probably reaching: I kind of just jump. I just forget," said Anna, but Tristan struggles more with "getting my form right." Overcoming these challenges is easier with a good support system, however.

Good coaches and great encouragement are everything when it comes to a successful season. For Andrew and Whitley, Mr. Parsley knew just what to do to push

everyone to be their best. "My coach helps and motivates me and my teammates by providing us with workouts that push us and make us faster," said Whitley. "He always says, 'It'll only make you stronger,'" said Andrew. For Anna and Tristan, Mrs. Adolph is the support system of the jumpers. "She helps me by telling me to reach and she tells if I'm on or off the mark," said Anna. For Tristan, she ensures that he remembers "to thrust my hips or kick my legs up." Despite all their differences, the track athletes push together as one family bound for victory.



Unity and cooperation was the theme of the day as the track team went old school with a friendly egg-toss competition.



Junior Ashtyn Bertram outpaced the competition in the hopes of a 1st place finish.

Sophomore Tristan Bietz gathered all his leg strength to overcome the height of the bar ahead.



Junior Nate Kneebone sought to get his foot as far into the sand as possible from his jump.

Who is
your
best
track
buddy?



"Maddie because we push ourselves to do our best."
- Freshman Libby Hursey



"Braden Peters because he makes practices more fun."
- Sophomore Matt Pauley



"The tennis crew (you know who you are) because they got me through the meets."
- Junior Rylee Iott



"Andrew Julson because he's my best friend."
- Senior Trevor Hahn



The qualifiers and alternates posed for one last photo op before their police-escorted send off to the state competition.

Freshman
Braden Weber
kept consistent
speed in his
heat to endure
over his
opponents.



Freshmen
Whitley Olinger
and Libby
Hursey took a
break with
senior Mara
Lunday
between
events.



Freshman
Johnny Deloera
strained to
keep ahead of
the pack.



8th grader
Austin Kulm
pushed hard to
the finish line
just ahead of
his Elkton
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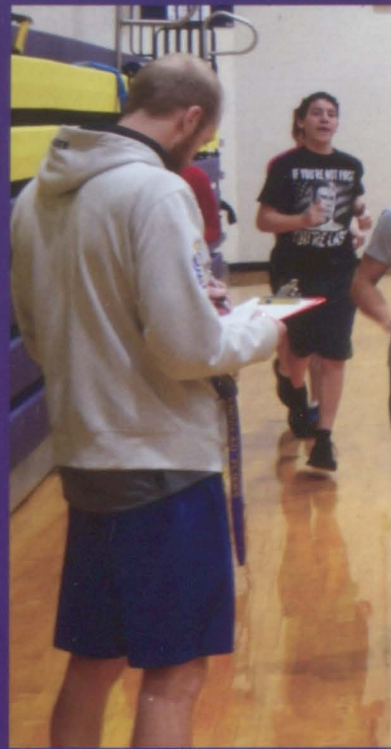


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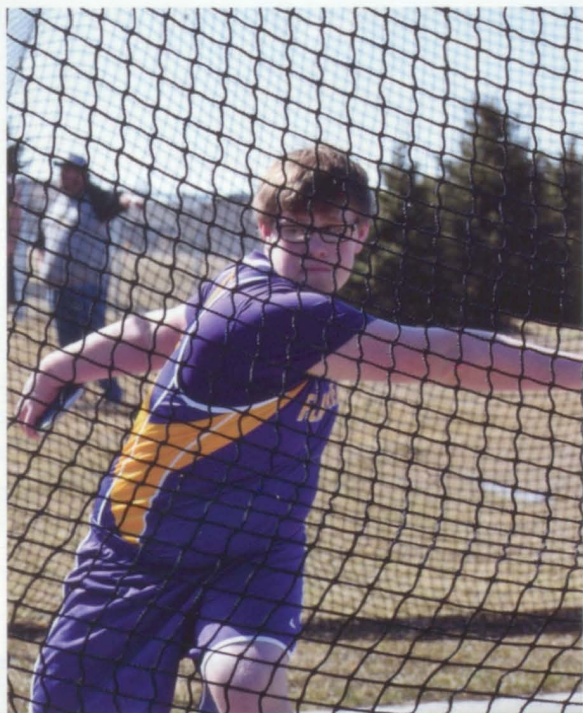
Though we had a challenging snowy start, we persevered through the conditions and really attacked the end of the season with solid times and distances. It's difficult when you don't see the results at first, but just like any investment, with time and hard work, it eventually pays off. I am so proud of how our athletes competed at regions and put on a great show in front of a home crowd. I look forward to a strong finish at state from our guys and gals competing in thirteen events!

Some of the challenges, early on, were negative and apathetic attitudes from the athletes and even me as the coach. We had to remember that iron sharpens iron and that we can either bring others down or build them up. Thankfully, by the end of the year, we chose the latter. The high points were seeing coachable and hard-working people try new events (Rylee Iott in triple jump, Mike Witte in hurdles, etc.) and discover success. It was also great to see both guys and girls teams experience triumph at our region meet and now hopefully carry that into the state meet.

This season showed that when everyone buys into hard work and perseverance, you truly reap the rewards. No matter if you're short or tall, a sprinter or distance, wide or thin, young or old, track and field is a sport that you can do and find individual as well as team improvement. Track and field is really a team sport and I hope, come next year, athletes are back out, ready to contribute their own abilities and talents to the Flier squadron.



Junior Kyle Johnson worked his spin towards the front of the throwing circle for maximum force behind his throw.



Sophomore Tishara Hardy leaped from the runway with both feet forward and arms up to help maintain some balance.

Tristan Bietz demonstrated a masterful leg-tuck to extend for the greatest distance.



8th grader Reese Olinger looked to pass her opposition on the right to take the lead.



The running Fliers teamed up to push each other through the race.



Cross Country

Whitley Olinger, Erin Drietz, Lars Dailey, Joe Kohl, David Allen, Kendall TreeTop, Devon Burggraff, Ben Hobbie, Preston Keith, Gabe Hobbie, Hannah Parsley, Kathy Parsley, Tishara Hardy, Teiloni Hardy, Maddie Hursey, Bethany Britton, Paige Cain, Matt Drietz, Liam Streitz, Austin Kulm, Tison Burggraff, Lurick Dailey, Caleb VanDyke, Sam Gassman, Bradon Weber, James Drietz, Gia Renteria, Tessa Ryan, Sinona Flute, Medelin Marquez, Reese Olinger, Tiffany Taylor, Alice Williams, Brooklyn Roozen, Ashleigh Brewer, McKayla Loehr, Arianna Weston, Katherine Kulm, Katya Rubio, Eshiah Morrow, Maria Parsley, Libby Hursey

Not pictured: Konstance Fricke, Brandon VanDyke

Volleyball

Brooke Iott, Grace Thompson, Kennedy Peper, Anna Gassman, Shalyn Peters, Madison Kontz, Makenzey Burggraff, Kennedy Headrick, Mazzy Johanson, Hope Brennan, Jennifer Sanders, Elle Thompson, Lily Perez, Marianna Pavlis, Harley Steinhauer, Rylee Iott, Alison Rice, Jaycie Pulscher, Macy Kneebone, Grace Johanson

Not pictured: Mara Lunday



Football

Kyle Calderon, Preston Keith, Josh Pauley, Brady Johnson, Gage Gullickson, Nate Kneebone, Michael Witte, Braden Peters, Brendan Ten Eyck, Connor LeBrun, Matt Pauley, Brockston Kepford, Kevin Fernandez, Andrew Julson, Tayson Alberts, Toby Taylor, Luke Behrens, Eduardo Poveda Grund, James Auren, Bastian Erickson, Brayden Sayler, Austin Weber, Jevan Moran, Tanner Sundermeyer, Tristan Bietz

Not pictured: Johnny Deloera, Kyle Johnson

Wrestling

Tathan Headrick, Brayden Sayler, Chase Reed, Toby Taylor, Preston Keith, Michael Witte, Brendan Ten Eyck, Hunter Witte, Caleb Dietrich, Austin Kulm, Tanner Christenson, Kolby Peters, Owen Peters



Boys Basketball

Sam Gassman, Joe Kohl, Lars Dailey, David Allen, Christian Renville, Kyle Johnson, Andrew Julson, Chaz Stephens, Luke Behrens, Mario Bonilla, Kendall TreeTop, Gabe Hobbie, Grady Gullickson, Connor LeBrun, Eduardo Povea Grund, Nathan Cloud, Dylan LeBrun, Ben Hobbie, Nathan Kneebone, Devon Burggraff

Not pictured: Taryn Ukestine, Tayson Alberts



Girls Basketball

Maddie Hursey, Kennedy Headrick, Macy Kneebone, Mara Lunday, Marianna Pavlis, Maddie Loehr, Rylee Iott, Makenzey Burggraff, Brooke Iott, Ashtyn Bertram, Cassidy Keith, Hannah Parsley, Kathy Parsley, Gia Renteria, Tishara Hardy, Shalyn Peters, Anna Gassman, Maria Parsley, Bella Pavlis, Libby Hursey, Teiloni Hardy, Whitley Olinger



Track and Field

Tayson Alberts, Braden Peters, Kyle Johnson, Connor Roozen, Nathan Kneebone, Connor LeBrun, Ben Hobbie, Gabe Hobbie, Matt Pauley, Eduardo Povea Grund, Andrew Julson, Michael Witte, Trevor Hahn, Brendan Ten Eyck, Austin Weber, Jaymin Kohl, Tristan Bietz, Elle Thompson, Mara Lunday, Kathy Parsley, Hannah Parsley, Anna Gassman, Tishara Hardy, Whitley Olinger, Cassidy Keith, Lars Dailey, Bradon Weber, Rylee Iott, Maddie Hursey, Libby Hursey, Teiloni Hardy, Johnny DeLoera

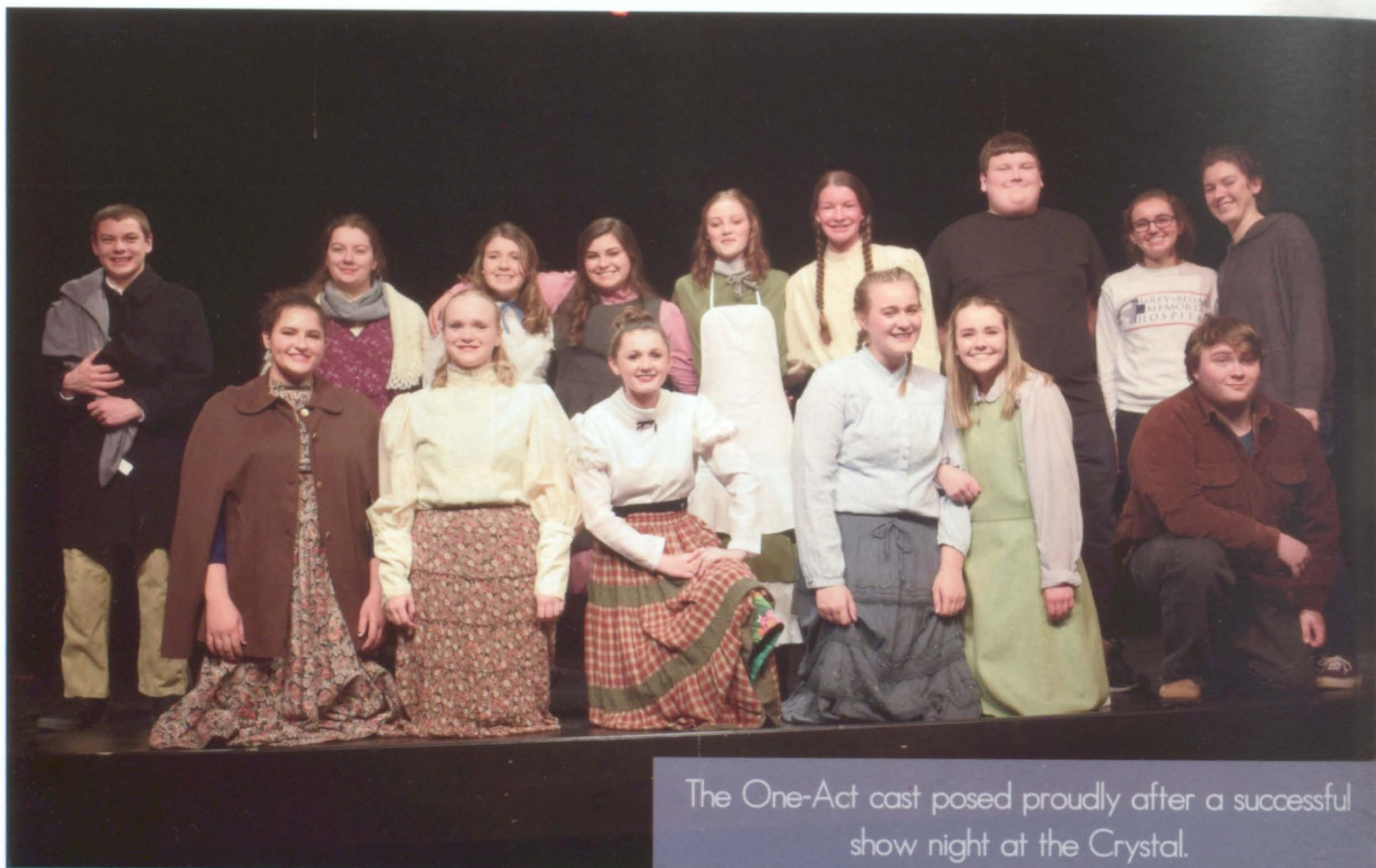
Not pictured: Ashtyn Bertram



Golf

Alaina Cloud, Marley Barboza, Keva Burshiem, Grace Johanson, Seth Mulroy, Tanner Christenson, Bradley Heinemann, David Allen, Devon Burggraff





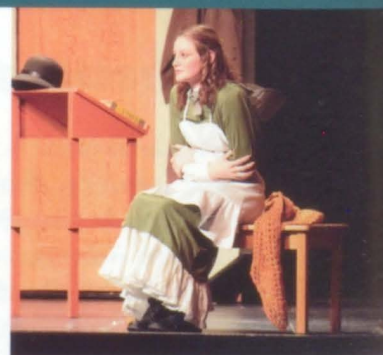
The One-Act cast posed proudly after a successful show night at the Crystal.

A cruise through show building: how hard work individually and as a team came together in the One-Act.

Team work is the surest form of success building. "Waking up at six a.m., crying a little bit, drinking coffee, and then going to One-Act," was just the beginning of participating in the One-Act according to junior Seth Mulroy. The cast's ultimate goal was to have a group successfully perform a show through practice, hard work, and everyone's individual efforts coming together as a whole. They practiced lines, blocking, tone, and their play from top to bottom at most of their 6:30-8:00 morning practices, in order to get show ready.

While the cast worked towards the performance, they also all put in individual work. "When I had free-time, I would read over the script and decide what would be best at certain times," said freshman James Drietz. Many members of the cast had aspects they wished they would have elevated in their individual performance. "I think if I were to do it again, I would try to bring more emotion to it and be a bit louder," said Seth. These minor downfalls didn't stop the group from collective success however. In the end all of the cast members' hard work came together to accomplish their

goal of putting on a successful show. "We all tried, we all did well," said James. Everyone worked together as a team by being dedicated. "There were a bunch of hard-working, talented people on the cast, and in my opinion the play was pretty great," said Seth. The cast's hardwork paid off and helped them function as a team to accomplish their goal of putting on a successful show (which was proven as four members which included, Tessa Ryan, Kelsey Sutton, Seth Mulroy, and Grace Johanson) received outstanding actor awards at the region competition.



Senior Erin Drietz embodied a young girl scared of what would happen next.



Senior Saige Gourneau's character was frightened for her classmates' lives in the storm as Tessa Ryan worked to show comfort on stage.



The cast members acted like they braved a brutal winter storm on stage.



Kelsey Sutton and Grace Johanson's characters prepared to endure the storm as the rest of the cast showed concern.



"It was an awesome experience, but quite funny when everyone started clapping and we weren't done!"

- Freshman Bradley Heinemann



"You're the Bille..."

-Sophomore Grace Johanson

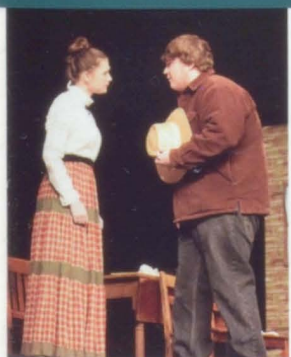


Senior Makayla Welbig curbed her show night jitters as she helped James Drietz apply makeup.



"...to my Polly."

- Junior Kelsey Sutton



Senior Tessa Ryan and Seth Mulroy built passionate moments between their characters.



Sophomore Grace Johanson and Junior Kelsey Sutton showed off their ability to supplement each other's characters.



Senior Grabby Drapeau and junior Elle Thompson started the show off strong.



"I'm definitely not a morning person."

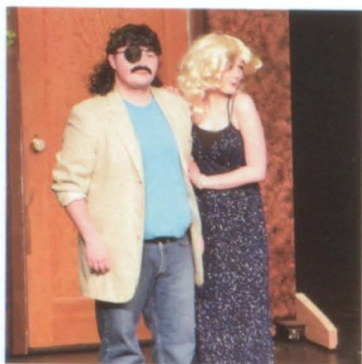
- Senior Saige Gourneau



The cast members worked to make the audience feel the desperation their characters were feeling.



Junior Rylee Iott portrayed a convincing reverend.



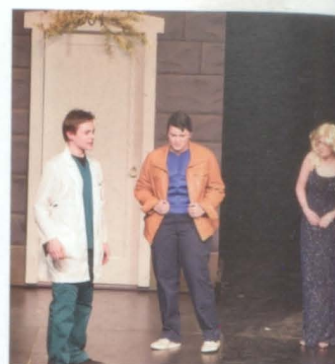
Tessa and Seth acted in love after their marriage announcement.



James embodied an evil doctor as Saige played the patient.



Senior Makayla Welbig showcased her ability to play uninterested.



James played the accuser after his own character was accused.

Murder on the Move:

A look into the inner workings of the All-School Play.



Lights, camera, drama, soap opera, death, and going above and beyond all came together in the All School Play. The play started with auditions where cast members learned that the play would be a comedic spin on a murder mystery with a soap opera set. The next step for them was auditioning for a role. "I wanted the Valencia Decarpathio role because it sounded cool," said senior Gabby Drapeau. Thankfully, she landed it. After everyone was cast, practices and character development came into effect.

This play was particularly challenging because it was a show within a show, and everyone had a soap opera character along with whoever they supposedly were off camera. "I got the part of Lily/Sequoiya. It kind of challenged me. I was supposed to be a crazy sociopath, which is easy to do in front of your friends, but not in front of a full audience," said junior Rylee Iott. Everyone had challenges as well, whether it was needing to be a bold soap opera character or conquering an evil laugh. The play also had odds stacked against it because of unexpected snow.

The cast members never got a dress rehearsal due to a snow day. This was nerve racking for many. "I was nervous, I had to change outfits, and make sure my

wig was pinned on good when I died. It was nerve-racking, but made it more funny," said Rylee. The cast persevered however, and overcame the challenges.

Mistakes were made, but it added to the comedic factor of the performance. "I was standing there waiting for act two and Erin (Drietz) asked me what I was doing standing there because we had (an) intermission," said Gabby. Cast members still pushed through and Gabby gave some stagewise advice: "cover it up, laugh it off." Rylee said she got through mistakes by thinking, "the audience won't notice, just make it funny." Overall the show had to go on and the comedic murder mystery came to a close.



Rylee got to die on stage as sophomore Grace Johanson discovered the dead body.



Senior Saige Gourneau's character recalls the drama she went through.



"You just signed your DEATH WARRANT!"
- Freshman James Drietz



Cast members practiced using big facials before show night.



Tessa practiced her dramatic sitting to appease the director within the show.



"Don't fall asleep."
- Sophomore Hannah Parsley



Juniors Elle and Kelsey built tension as Kelsey's character admitted to swapping babies.



"Play must be pretty great if it makes me be in town at 6:30 everyday."
- Junior Elle Thompson



Elle and Grace acted very interested in the story Kelsey was selling.



All were shocked to learn that senior Gabby Drapeau played the villain in this soap opera.



Grace's character was convinced Kelsey's character was the killer.



"Cut, take it back. Five, Four, Three, Two..."
- Senior Erin Drietz



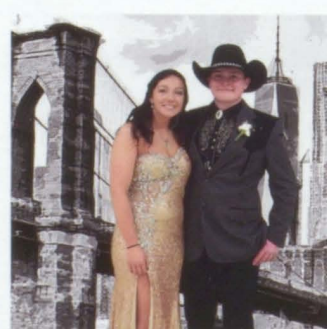
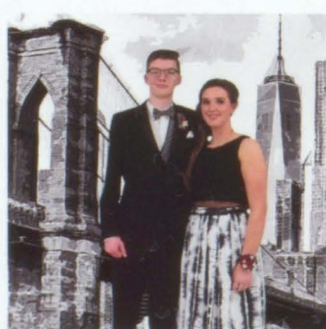
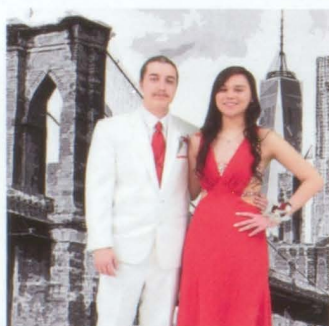
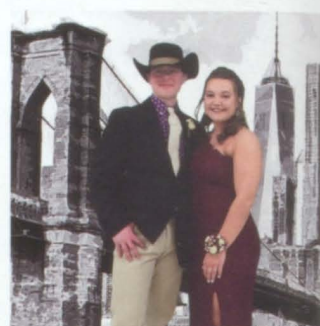
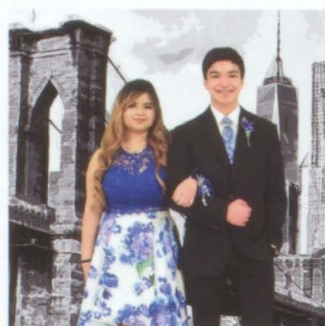
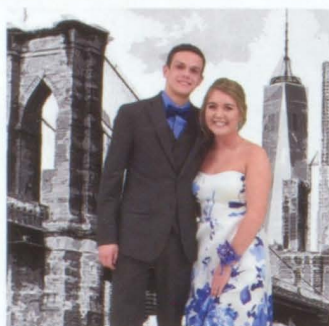
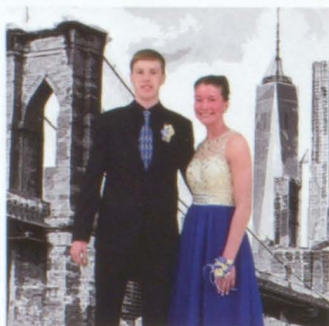
Junior Seth Mulroy played dead as seniors Erin Drietz and Tessa Ryan discovered his terrible demise.



Cast members showed off their acting ability by showing interest in the murders.

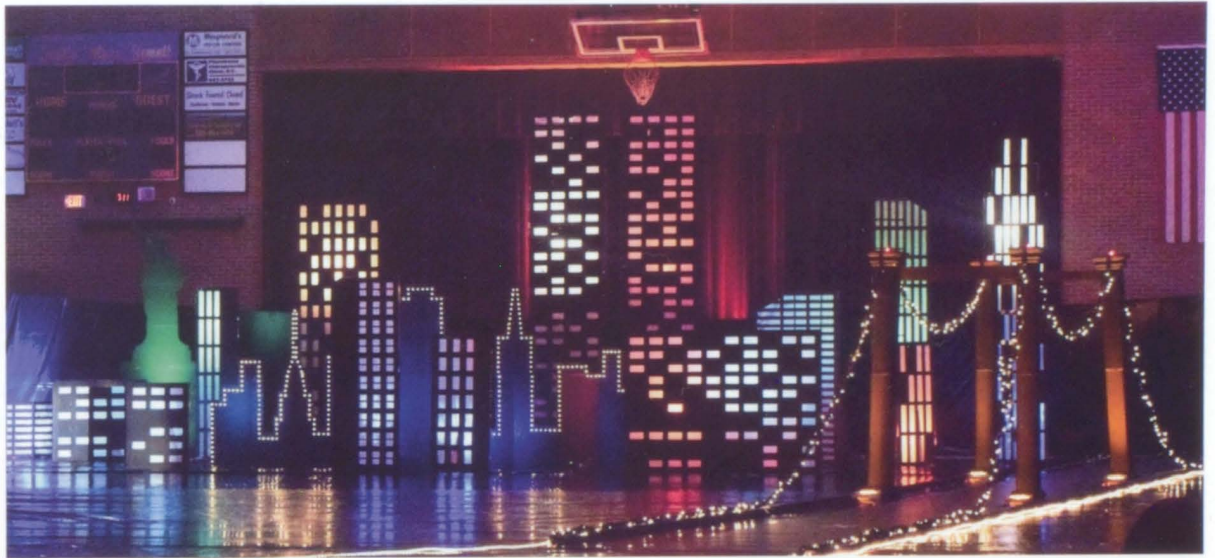
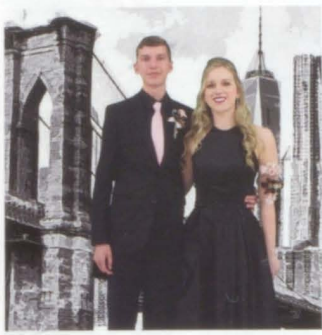
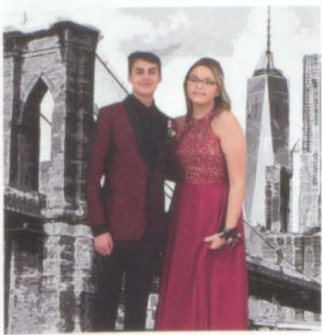
Cruising through a New York view:

FHS shows off its smooth moves on Broadway at prom.

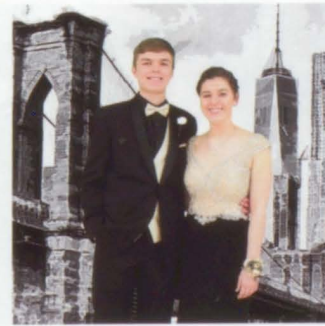
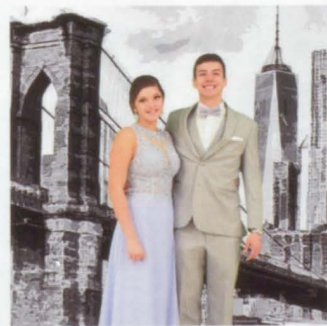
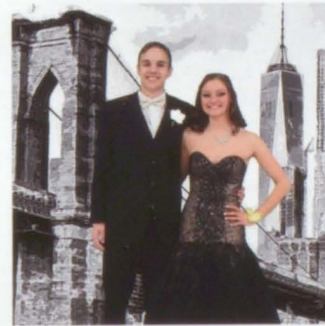
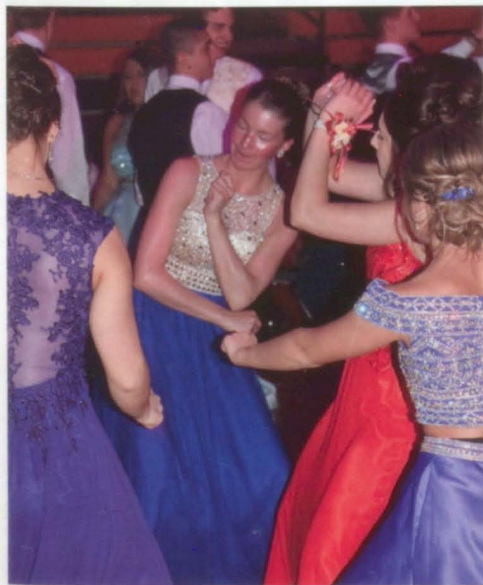


Senior Preston Keith looked back at his wall-flower friends at their table while he showed how much fun prom could really be.

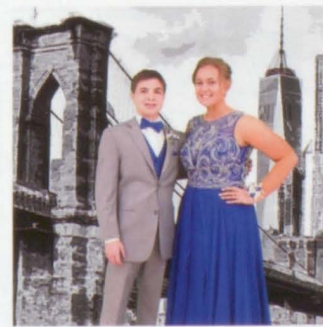
Sisters Kathy and Hannah Parsley shared a Snapchat-worthy pose during a dancing break.



The photo booth provided hours of fun and permanent memories for juniors Angelus Lumibao and Harley Steinhauer, and sophomore Kiley Kraft.



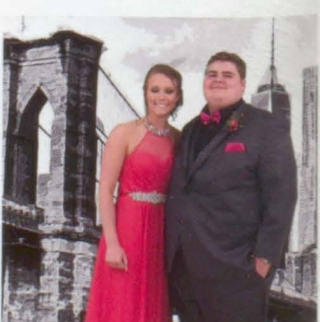
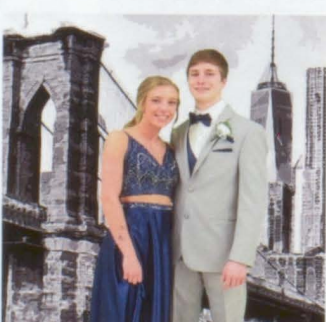
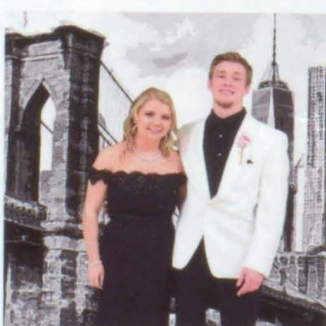
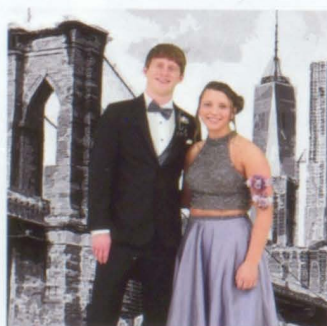
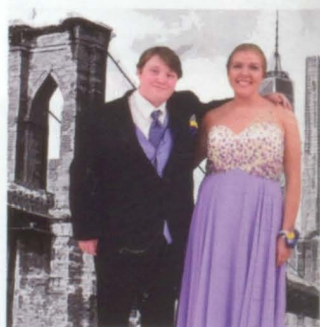
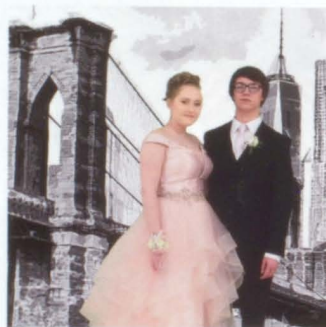
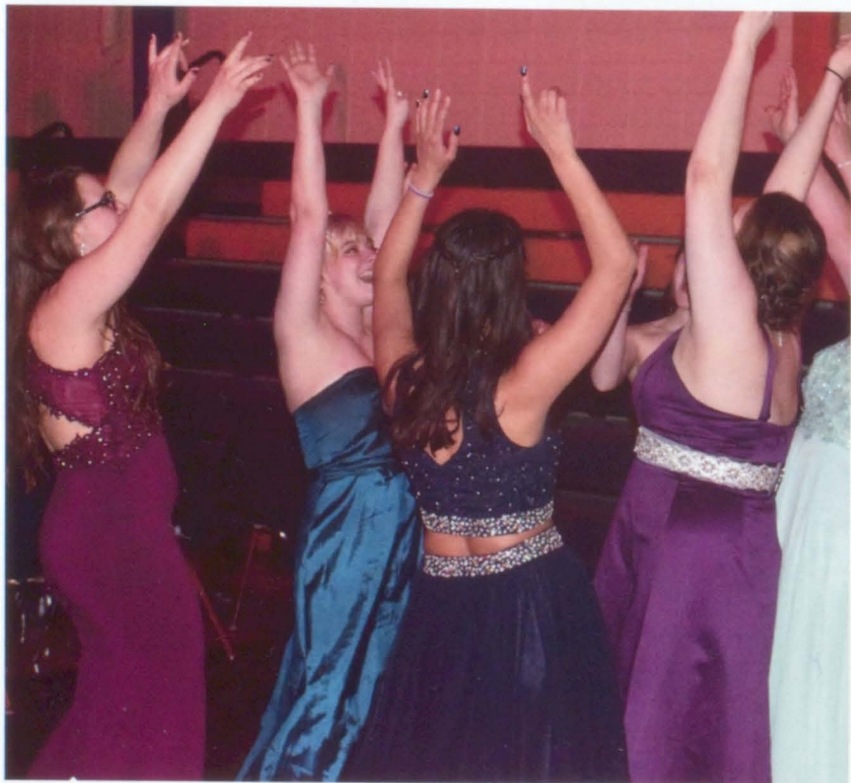
Junior Rylee lott showed the rest of the girls in her dance group how to get funky in the middle of the dance floor.





Prom provided an opportunity for all grade levels to get together and show their stuff on the dance floor, including senior Austin Weber, juniors Connor LeBrun and Nate Kneebone, sophomore Devon Burggraff, and freshman Taryn Ukestine.

Miley Cyrus' "Party in the USA" had senior Paige Cain, junior Hope Brennan, sophomore Molly Lloyd and freshman Makenzie Petty throwing their hands up at the beginning of the night.





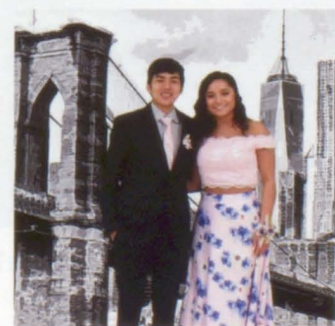
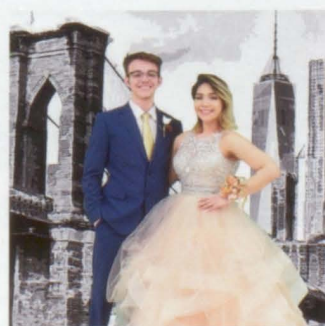
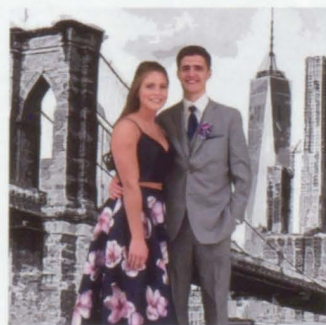
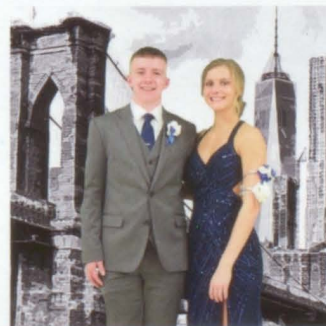
Seniors Mara Lunday, Jennifer Sundermeyer, and Rosella Fox busted a move to Jackie Allen's harmonizing of one of the DJ's beats.



Seniors Clay Van Der Vliet and Blake Kontz put their friendship on display when they posed as the "groom" and the "best man."



Junior Ashtyn Bertram contemplated the best choice of prop to pose with her date senior Michael Witte in the prom photo booth.





The tie went flying as Mr. Parsley took a practice run at his wall-flip during the Superbowl games.



Mr. Edlund demonstrated coordination and strength during his PE class.

A lovely milk waterfall went rushing down Mount Beard as Mr. Ahrens showcased his milk-drinking skills.

Mr. Spolum helped cultivate another artistic mind in his final year at Flandreau.



Staff

Adolph, Georgia
Ahrens, Travis
Beall, Elizabeth
Bechen, John
Christiansen, Josh
Edlund, Josh



Feske, Dave
Fischer, Kristi
Fryslie, Jamie
Giomo-James, Elisabetta
Grengs, Stephanie
Hall, Dan



Haugen, Jeremy
Herzog, Nichole
Johnson, Denise
Jung, Rachel
Kayner, Beth
Kneebone, Lori



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Opsahl, Melissa
Parsley, Owen
Payer, Mary
Pelton, Lisa
Pulscher, Jean
Ross, Scott



Sanderson, Lisa
Schelske, Emily
Spolum, Dave
Streitz, Brendan
Veldkamp, Gail
Voelker, Jennifer



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Weber, Rick
Whipkey, Brenda
Williams, Lori

Mr. Streitz
addressed the
student body in his
final send off
before the Cross
Country team
headed to state.

Ms. Herzog
prepared to say a
final farewell for
her first graduating
class at FHS.



Senior Austin
Weber checked
his rocket
wiring with Mr.
Haugen.

Officer Pelton
fully committed
to a win at the
milk-mustache
contest.



Junior Alecia Van Dyke went
through her Interp piece with Ms.
Fischer.

Neysa Alberts
Sarah Baker
Veronica Bird
Mario Bonilla
Sophia Brownwolf



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Kelby Crantz
Lars Dailey
Johnny Deloera
Austin Dexter
James Drietz
Rachel Eastman



Kevin Fernandez
Sky Fox
Samuel Gassman
Brenna Geraets
Payne Gilbert
Karly Grengs



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Julius Grow
Gage Gullikson
Teiloni Hardy
Bradley Heinemann
Karla Hernandez Mendez
Elizabeth Hursey



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Brady Johnson
Cassidy Keith



Macy Kneebone
Joseph Kohl



Emily Martinez
Whitley Olinger



Teiloni Hardy, Cassidy Keith, and Whitley Olinger enjoyed the most exciting part of cooking together - the taste test!



Freshmen



Libby Hursey refused to be missed at the throwback jersey volleyball game.



Colton Pulscher still smiled through the hard work of ditch cleaning for the FFA.



Macy Williams and Macy Kneebone showed some Flier spirit during homecoming week.



Hayden Pelton
Kennedy Peper
Braden Peters
Kristi Peterson
Makenzie Petty
Colton Pulscher

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Kenosha Quinn
Trinity Redday
Christian Renville
Vidalia Renville
Alison Rice
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Kyeauna Schmit
Kylab Schoenwetter
Shawn Shortman
Tristan Shortman
Melany St. Pierre
Toby Taylor

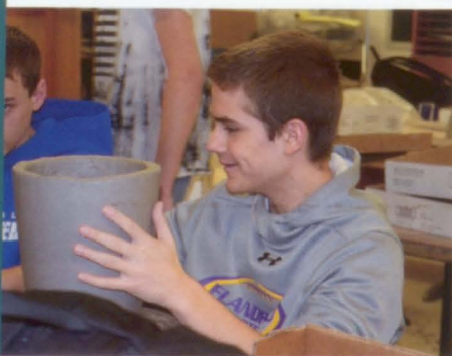


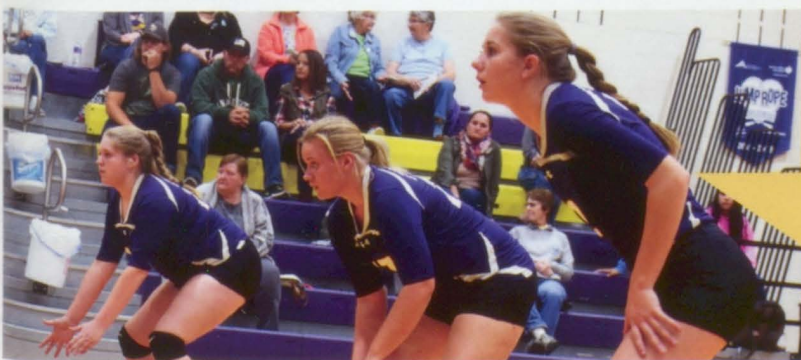
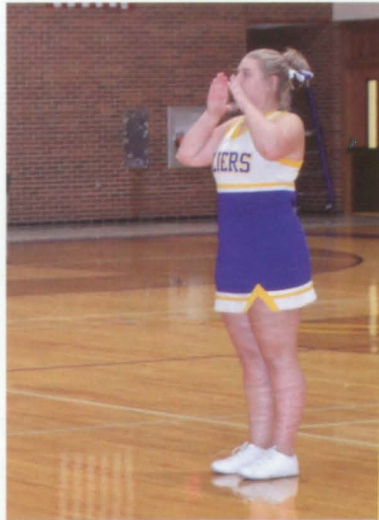
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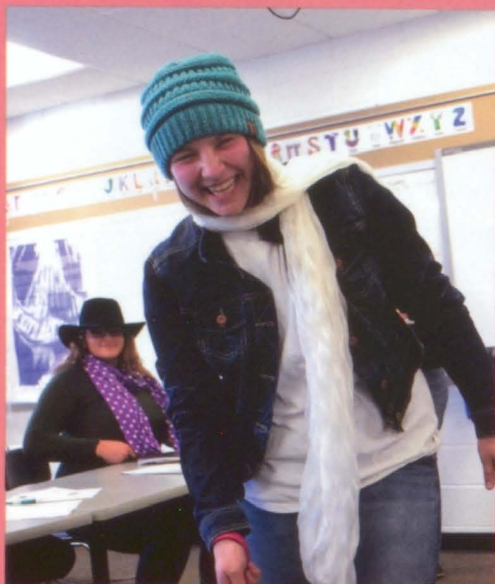
Grace Thompson
Taryn Ukestine
Koltan Walford
Bradon Weber
Meadow Wilkie
Macy Williams

Just Starting Out





Sophomores



Shalyn Peters failed to keep a straight face as she strutted down the runway during the Spanish 2 fashion show.



Hannah Parsley swayed and stepped in the middle of the dance floor during prom.



Bastian Erickson demonstrated his artful peanut butter and jelly sandwich-making skills during Speech class.

Tayson Alberts
David Allen
Tristan Bietz
Devon Burggraff
Alaina Cloud
Kenneth Corcoran



Joel Deloera
Aaliyah Dupris
Pierce End of Horn
Bastian Erickson
Angelina Esquivel
Gabrielle FlutePlayer



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Tishara Hardy
Kennedy Headrick
Gabriel Hobbie
Shania Jandreau
Grace Johanson
Mazzy Johanson





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Ashley Lange
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Kyle Lewis
Molly Lloyd



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Madelyn Loehr
Medelin Marquez
Sergio Nieto-Beltran
Ian Parra
Hannah Parsley
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Shalyn Peters
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Chaz Stephens



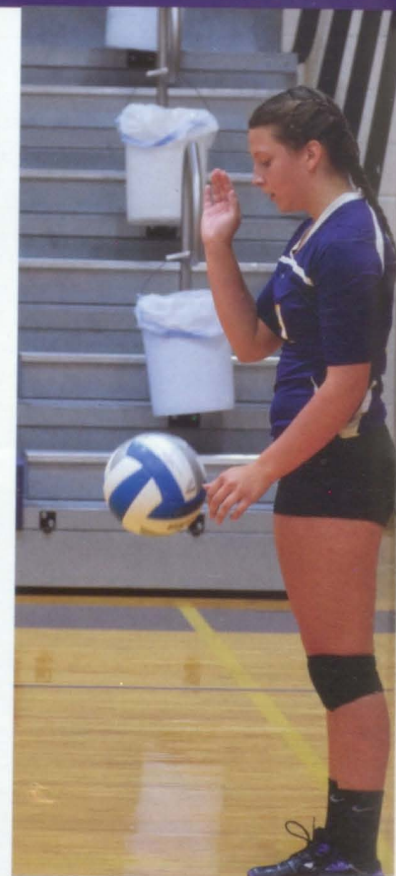
Tanner Sundermeyer
Kendall-Patrick TreeTop
Jose Vargas
Hunter Witte



Matt, Kendall, Tanner, Madison, Diego, and Alaina conversed openly with their classmates during class.

Jimmy Pitsenberger shaped and sculpted another clay masterpiece in Art class.







On Our Way

James Auren
Zoe Baker
Ashtyn Bertram
Hope Brennan
Tyler Cain
Presley Cease



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John Eng
Sinona Flute
Anna Gassman
Madeline Hursey
Rylee Iott
Kyle Johnson



Hunter Jones
Nathan Kneebone
Jaymin Kohl
Connor LeBrun
Angelus Lumibao
Seth Mulroy



Marianna Pavlis
Liliana Perez
Eduardo Povea Grund
Jaycie Pulscher
Gia Renteria
Coby Renville



Connor Roozen
Justis Shortman
Marisa Shortman
Ailee Southwood
Harley Steinhauer
Kelsey Sutton



Elle Thompson
and Kelsey
Sutton showed
off their skills on
the stage
during the All
School play.



James Auren
accepted his
National
Honor
Society
certificate as
one of the
newest
inductees for
2018.

Juniors



Maddie Hursey took cheering on the team to a whole new level as a proud Flier.

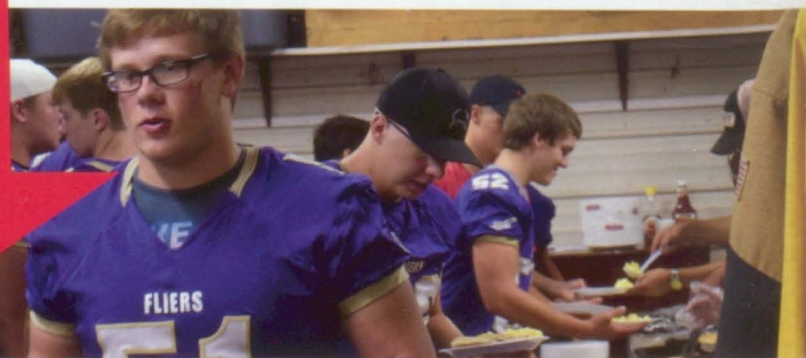
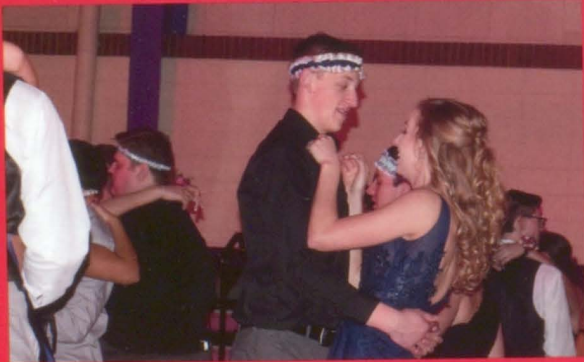
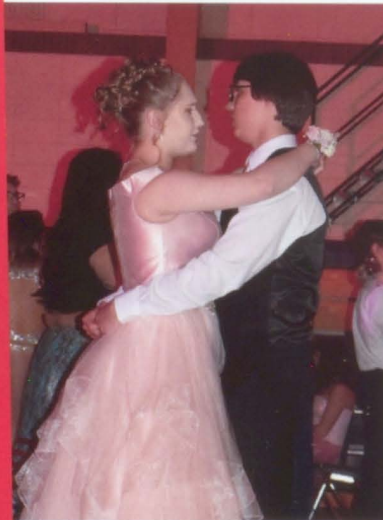
Edu Povea Grund pushed to get ahead of his Chester opponent on his way to the hoop.

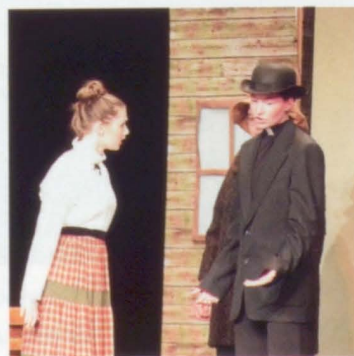
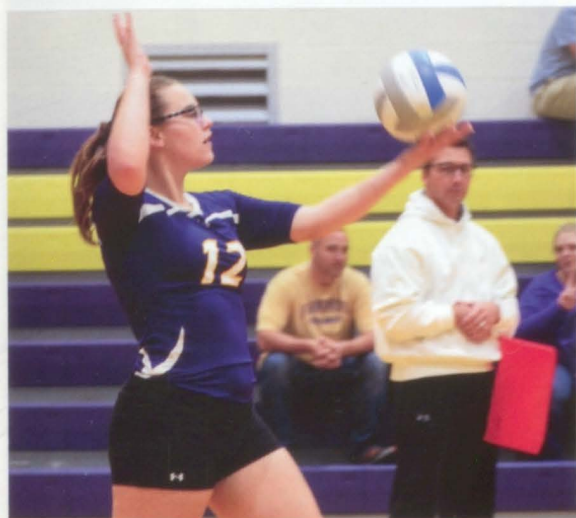


Ellen Thompson
Alecia Van Dyke
Kaitlyn Walford
Rhiannah Wasson
Charles Wasson Jr
Kayla Ziebarth



Connor, Nate, Kyle, Seth, and Coby serenaded the audience with the choirmates at their winter concert.





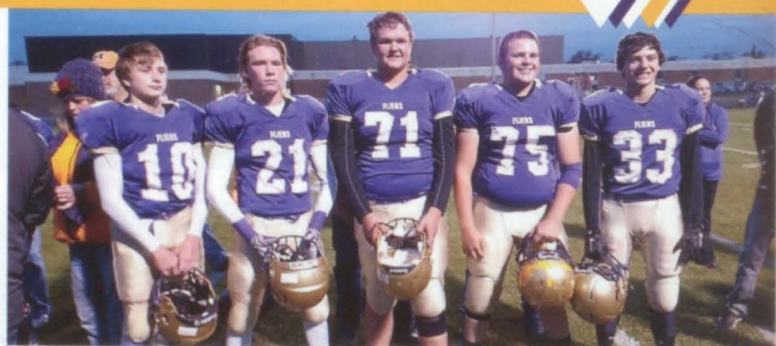
Almost there



A look in the seniors' rear view



The Class of 2018 squaded up for their junior year homecoming fire.



The football boys posed for a picture after their game knowing they gave it their all.



A group of boys got rowdy at the 8th grade dance.



The 7th grade boys' basketball team was all smiles after a successful season.



These girls decided 'If you cant find the perfect dress, try on the ugliest one around.'



Blake Kontz and Josh Pauley always looked spiffy for school dances.



In 8th grade, during the time the of "ussies," Tessa Ryan, Jackie Allen, and Rosella Fox posed for one.



It was all hands on deck, or the shoulders of the person in front of you, for this 8th grade conga line.



The class cleaned up well for their last winter formal at Flandreau High School.



Mara Lunday enjoyed her birthday party with some of her best pals.



Erin Drietz and her friends were all dressed up in princess attire to celebrate her birthday.



Powerpuff's the name, winning was the seniors' game.



After hours of hard work, the class float came together for sophomore homecoming.



The first day of freshman year was exciting and nerve-wracking.



Jacqueline Allen

Most influential person: Barack Obama: He's the only man to run America right.

Personal Quote: "It's a beautiful day to save lives."

- Derek Shepherd

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Procrastination is your friend.

Best Homework Excuse: I couldn't get it done

because I was too busy listening to the Van Der Vliets' stories.

Best Classroom Memory: Listening to the Van Der Vliets' stories for the 100th time in Consumer Math.

What you're looking forward to most next year: Studying dead bodies

Summer/Future Plans: Travel the world, go to college and major in nursing

What you'll miss most about high school: Listening to the Van Der Vliets' stories



Jordan Eng

Most influential person: Mr. Spolum because he has helped with my interests in water color and pottery.

Personal Quote: "Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it, we go nowhere." - Carl Sagan

Best Advice for underclassmen: Don't plan out your entire future, think of the bigger picture.

Best Homework Excuse: I lost it.

Best Classroom Memory: Making a class video in Multimedia

What you're looking forward to most next year: Work on my apartment and starting a good career in amateur astronomy

Summer/Future Plans: Work for Eng Services and hope to work on a degree in astronomy or computer science

What you'll miss most about high school: Pottery and working on Adobe programs



James Arpan

Most influential person: My paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents, because they have taught me everything.

Personal Quote: "Strong hearts to the front."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Don't take notes, sleep in class, plagiarism

Best Homework Excuse: Being sick

Best Classroom Memory: 4th hour Consumer Math

What you're looking forward to most next year: Not being in high school and sleeping in

Summer/Future Plans: To learn the Lakota language

What you'll miss most about high school: The time spent in high school



Makenzey Burggraff

Most influential person: My grandma. She was a hard working, strong-willed woman. She was devoted to her faith and is my role model in all aspects of life.

Personal Quote: "I ain't got no work."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Never use proper English in Mr. Ross' class. Always talk like a hick.

Best Homework Excuse: I was too busy petting Sid.

Best Classroom Memory: Hiding pictures of Kathy and me in Mrs. Weisbecker's room every year and having her find them (People are still finding them around her room!)

What you're looking forward to most next year: Being independent and buying all the ice cream I want without my mom putting a limit on me

Summer/Future Plans: I will go to Presentation college. There I will play volleyball and major in nursing.

What you'll miss most about high school: I will miss being with my friends and the people I grew up with.



Paige Cain

Most influential person: Mrs. Opsahl and Mr. Streitz for always encouraging me

Personal Quote: "Don't cry because it's over smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Procrastinate senior projects

Best Classroom Memory: Review games in Mr. Parsley's and Mrs. Schelske's

What you're looking forward to most next year: Going to SDSU

Summer/Future Plans: Going to SDSU for History Education

What you'll miss most about high school: Cross Country with the team



Kyle Calderon



A journey of one thousand miles
Class of 2018
begins with one step.



Nathan Cloud



Jose Cortez - Altamirano



Most influential person: Martin Luther King Jr. because he gave the minority a voice.
Personal Quote: "I finally served my four year sentence."
Worst Advice for underclassmen: Drop out of high school.
Best Homework Excuse: I left it in my fridge.

What you're looking forward to most next year: No more homework
Summer/Future Plans: Get a job
What you'll miss most about high school: Turning in late work



Kaleb Crantz



Most influential person: Ms. Weisbecker. She helped me improve my writing ability and boosted my self confidence.
Personal Quote: "I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once, but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times." - Bruce Lee
Worst Advice for underclassmen: There's plenty of

time to do it the night before it is due.

Best Homework Excuse: I was busy working on the gravity - repulsion theory.

Best Classroom Memory: Taking care of a baby for a class grade

What you're looking forward to most next year: Meeting new people

Summer/Future Plans: Enlist in the Marines and become either a physicist or marine biologist

What you'll miss most about high school: The people



Gabrielle Drapeau



Most influential person: Mr. Parsley. I actually learned how to file my taxes in high school.

Personal Quote: "Sometimes we fight for the things we want and eventually get them, but we don't realize that everything we desire can't bring us happiness." - Mr. Control Freak

Best Advice for underclassmen: Quit back-talking.

Best Homework Excuse: I was gone that day.

Best Classroom Memory: When Erin, Saige and I got kicked out of study hall for laughing too much

What you're looking forward to most next year: Adulthood

Summer/Future Plans: Sleep, eat, repeat

What you'll miss most about high school: Being able to see everyone



Erin Drietz



Most influential person: The animal, bear, because it shows perseverance, and that's what I'm aiming to accomplish.

Personal Quote: "The perspective you see may not be what others see."

Best Advice for underclassmen: Establish a friendship with your teachers.

Best Homework Excuse: My dog ate my homework.

Best Classroom Memory: Eighth grade year when I was in Mrs. Weatherly's literature class and the room was freezing, so she turned on all the ovens and made hot chocolate and had class in the side kitchen

What you're looking forward to most next year: I'm looking forward to being on my own and starting over.

Summer/Future Plans: I plan on attending SDSU in the fall with a double major in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.

What you'll miss most about high school: I'll miss seeing my friends every day.



Rosella Fox



Most influential person: Jackie Allen of the Santee Sioux Tribe because she's Jackie.

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Use all your days in the first month, then you can't leave.

Best Homework Excuse: My wifi isn't working.

Best Classroom Memory: When Jackie was dressed as a ghost in Spanish 3 and tripped over a table

What you're looking forward to most next year: Being able to use my own backpack

Summer/Future Plans: To travel

What you'll miss most about high school: Consumer Math



Saige Gourneau



Most influential person: Ms. Fischer because she is very professional and makes the effort to help students

Personal Quote: "Everything happens for a reason."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Just do it tomorrow.

Best Homework Excuse: I just didn't do it.

Best Classroom Memory: Opsahl's class or Anatomy class

What you're looking forward to most next year: Not living in Plandreau

Summer/Future Plans: Working and traveling this summer then going to college

What you'll miss most about high school: Seeing my friends every day and all of our memories



Grady Gullickson

Most influential person: My dad. He is always there for me and gives me advice at any time.

Personal Quote: "Never give up."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Procrastinate

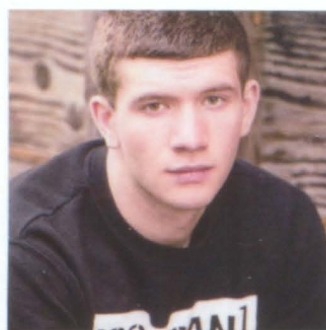
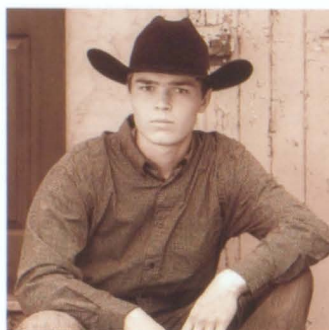
Best Homework Excuse: I was at a pigeon convention.

What you're looking forward to most next year:

Making new friends

Summer/Future Plans: I plan to show livestock in the summer and I will attend SDSU with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Ag business.

What you'll miss most about high school: Seeing my friends everyday



Trevor Hahn

Most influential person: My dad because he pushes me to be my best.

Personal Quote: "2018: We takin' this."

Best Advice for underclassmen: Get your work done on time.

Best Homework Excuse: I don't have it.

Best Classroom Memory: When we have snow days.

What you're looking forward to most next year: Going to the Air Guard

Summer/Future Plans: Go to school to become a pilot

What you'll miss most about high school: Seeing my friends every day



Amanda Haugen

Most influential person: My older sister, Sara, because growing up, I always wanted to do what she was doing. Also, we do everything together pretty much.

She pushes me to do better in whatever it is I'm doing, and she wants me to succeed along the way.

Personal Quote: "It's only going to be as good as what you make it to be."

Best Advice for underclassmen: Go out with your friends on school nights, and don't worry about getting homework done all the time. Making memories is way more fun than not going out.

Best Homework Excuse: I was watching Grey's Anatomy.

Best Classroom Memory: In yearbook class when I put the memory card in the CD port, and Mr. Streitz had to get it out with tools. He also said that this was a first for Flandreau High School.

What you're looking forward to most next year: Experiencing college and just having fun while going with the flow

Summer/Future Plans: Rodeo and attend VoTech school for Dental Assisting, also to treat horses with massage treatments.

What you'll miss most about high school: Seeing my friends everyday and hanging out with the "shop crew"



Joshua Henderson

Most influential person: Mr. Streitz. He has guided my future career path. He is also funny (or he thinks he is) and he always knows what to say to help you.

Personal Quote: "Procrastination is the key to success." - Schelske

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Your grades are all that matter. They are important, but there are other things in life that matter too.

Best Homework Excuse: I'm sick.

Best Classroom Memory: Tortilla cake

What you're looking forward to most next year: Independence and meeting new people

Summer/Future Plans: Go to LA, then England, then go to college

What you'll miss most about high school: Friends



Benjamin Hobbie

Most Influential Person: Mr. Streitz. He was a great coach and always pushed me as an athlete and a person.

Personal Quote: "If you ain't first, you're last." - Ricky Bobby

Best Advice for underclassmen: Try hard in every class

Best Homework Excuse: It is somewhere, but not here.

Best Classroom Memory: Clay cutting his hand open in the shop and having to go to the hospital for stitches

What you're looking forward to most next year: Flying planes

Summer/Future Plans: Go to UND for commercial aviation

What you'll miss most about high school: Good times with friends



Brooke Iott

Most influential person: My mom because she taught me to ask for help, be persistent, and do what I love.

Personal Quote: "Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved." - Winnie the Pooh

Best Advice for underclassmen: Find a big guy to walk behind in crowded hallways

Best Homework Excuse: Season 14 of Grey's Anatomy

came out on Netflix.

Best Classroom Memory: When Ms. Beall danced for the Anatomy class

What you're looking forward to most next year: Living somewhere that has more to do than just drive around

Summer/Future Plans: MSU Mankato to major in nursing

What you'll miss most about high school: I will miss seeing my friends that I've spent the last 13 years with.



Andrew Julson

Most influential person: Myself. Couldn't have made it here without me.

Personal Quote: "I know I'm gon' get got, but I'm gon' get mine before I get got though." -Marshawn Lynch

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Don't give Beth attitude.

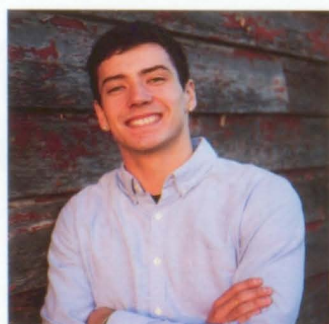
Best Homework Excuse: I thought I turned it in.

Best Classroom Memory: Mr. Ross falling out of his chair on the first day of school

What you're looking forward to most next year: Having more than three minutes to use the bathroom

Summer/Future Plans: Air Guard

What you'll miss most about high school: Melissa Opsahl





Preston Keith

Most influential person: My Opa because he always helped me with everything, told me amazing stories, and taught me so much.

Personal Quote: "Better to fight for something than live for nothing."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Swing first, talk later.

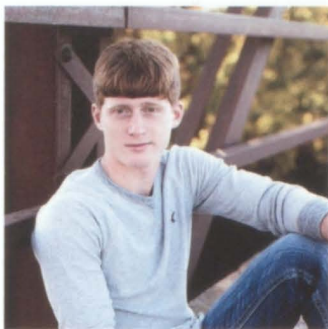
Best Homework Excuse: Wifi was out

Best Classroom Memory: When I put a staple in the lock of Veldkamp's door and we sat in the hallway for 20 minutes watching her try to unlock the door

What you're looking forward to most next year: Getting my pilot's license

Summer/Future Plans: Attend college, travel, and get my pilot's license

What you'll miss most about high school: Messing around in study hall



Blake Kontz

Most influential person: My dad is the most influential person to me. I strive to own and operate a successful business just like him.

Personal Quote: "Don't blink. High school goes by faster than you think. Enjoy it while it lasts."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Don't study for tests.

Best Homework Excuse: The bull got out with the cows so

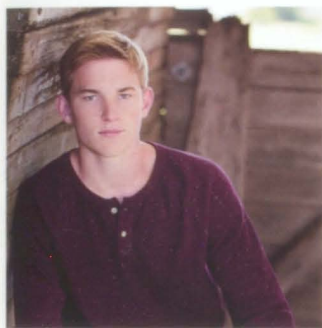
I had to go fetch him.

Best Classroom Memory: 4th hour consumer math

What you're looking forward to most next year: Continue my education and work towards owning my own farm

Summer/Future Plans: Attend Mitchell Technical Institute for Agricultural Business Management

What you'll miss most about high school: The long nights and early mornings with the Shop Crew



Dylan LeBrun

Most influential person: My parents for helping me get through tough times.

Personal Quote: "Shop crew for life."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: There is literally no drama here.

Best Homework Excuse: We had homework? You told us yesterday we didn't have to do it.

Best Classroom Memory: 7th hour clay class with the boys

What you're looking forward to most next year: Learning life lessons

Summer/Future Plans: Play basketball at Augustana

What you'll miss most about high school: The long nights and early mornings with The Shop Crew



Mara Lunday

Most influential person: Mr. Streitz. He's the man.

Personal Quote: "One of the saddest things to watch is someone quitting too early."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Walk really slow in the hallways. Seniors love that.

Best Homework Excuse: "We had homework?"

Best Classroom Memory: Probably all the off topic conversations in Spanish

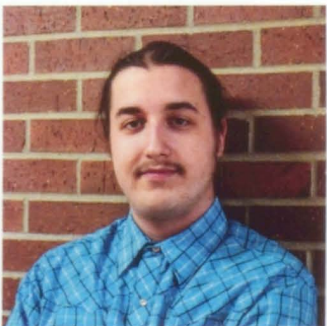
What you're looking forward to most next year: Meeting new people and making new experiences

Summer/Future Plans: "Work, Work, Work, Work, Work" - Rhianna

What you'll miss most about high school: Snow Days



Gabriela Morales



Bryant Neuenfeldt

Most influential person: Mr. Streitz because he influenced my love of technology.

Personal Quote: "You cannot achieve a high score without at least one failure."

Best Advice for underclassmen: Do your homework.

Best Homework Excuse: I did it last year.

What you're looking forward to most next year: Being

back home

Summer/Future Plans: Be back home with friends and make money; I would like to go to school for photography.

What you'll miss most about high school: Just chilling with friends



Most influential person: My teachers because they are the people who strive to teach us to be good people.

Personal Quote: "Always forward."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Tell a person to stop studying.

Best Homework Excuse: Forgot my homework

Best Classroom Memory: Presentations

What you're looking forward to most next year: What career exactly to take

Summer/Future Plans: Take a short vacation and continue studying

What you'll miss most about high school: My teachers and classmates



Atilio Nieto-Beltran





Kathryn Parsley

Most influential person: My dad because he always pushes me to be a better person and always has a positive outlook on life.

Personal Quote: "Enjoy every moment."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Overdress. Wear formal attire. Everyone is well dressed in high school.
Best Homework Excuse: I couldn't do my homework because I was at a rally for higher teacher pay.

Best Classroom Memory: Brooke pushing me around in an office chair while playing the theme song to Titanic and acting like we were Jack and Rose

What you're looking forward to most next year: New experiences, new opportunities, and new adventures

Summer/Future Plans: I plan on traveling and spending a lot of time with my friends this summer. I plan to go to DWU (major is undecided), and I'm playing basketball.

What you'll miss most about high school: I will miss being around my friends and playing basketball with the best team around.



Dylan LeBrun

What you're looking forward to most next year: Playing football at USF

Summer/Future Plans: Playing football at USF

What you'll miss most about high school: Late nights and early mornings with The Shop Crew

Joshua Pauley



Most influential person: My dad. Always on me about football and grades, he really helped me out.

Personal Quote: "Roses are red and violets are blue, I hated high school, and so will you."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Don't listen in class, you already know everything.

Best Homework Excuse: I was gone.

Best Classroom Memory: Farting in Pre-Calc with



Kaine Pelton



Most Influential Person: Uncle Rico

Personal Quote: "Kaine just stole my girl." - Everyone

Worst advice for underclassmen: Cheat

Best Homework Excuse: The combine broke down and the cows needed harvested

Best Classroom Memory: 4th hour Consumer Math

What you're looking forward to most next year: Learning life lessons

Summer/Future Plans: WDT

What you'll miss most about high school: The long nights and early mornings with the shop crew



Tessa Ryan

Most influential person: I'm blessed and thankful to have many positive influences in my life.

Personal Quote: "It's probably not that important."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Make the teachers hate you.

Best Homework Excuse: I didn't feel like doing it.

Best Classroom Memory: When the 6th hour Gov.

class made Mr. Ahrens feel like he was only giving the speech by asking things like, "Wait Mr. Ahrens is doing it? We didn't vote on that!"

What you're looking forward to most next year: I'm looking forward to finding myself and growing as a person.

Summer/Future Plans: I'm just trying to enjoy wherever life takes me.

What you'll miss most about high school: The moments of laughter with the people I grew up with



Megan Sayler

Most Influential Person: My mom because she give me the best advice. She has taught me so much, but most importantly to me is to treat people how you want to be treated.

Personal Quote: "Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day." - Alice Morse Earle

Best advice for underclassmen: Take your grades seriously throughout all your years, or you will regret it when applying for college. Also, treat everyone with respect.

Best Homework Excuse: I forgot.

Best Classroom Memory: Color sheets in 6th hour Anatomy while talking about anything and everything with Kenzey, Brooke and Kathy

What you're looking forward to most next year: I am looking forward to starting the big part of my life, even though I am super nervous.

Summer/Future Plans: Work, hang out with friends, relax before college, then college

What you'll miss most about high school: I will miss seeing my friends every day the most. Also, I will miss living at home and having everything taken care of for me.



Catrina Standifer



Most Influential Person: Ailee Southwood. She has always been there for me and she helped me grow as a person. Ailee had not only become my best friend, she had become my sister.

Personal Quote: "It is better to fail at originality, than to succeed in imitation." - Unknown

Worst advice for underclassmen: Sarcasm is your best friend.

Best Homework Excuse: That was due today?

Best Classroom Memory: Connor and Kaine trying to rap battle Mr. Parsley on the last day of school of junior year

What you're looking forward to most next year: Going to DSU

Summer/Future Plans: Spend as much time with my friends and family as I can

What you'll miss most about high school: Mr. Parsley's ditty of the day and getting Mr. Ahrens off topic every day



Jennifer Sundermeyer

Most Influential Person: My gangam was the strongest, most incredible woman I will ever meet in my life.

Personal Quote: "Treat people with kindness." - Harry Styles

Best advice for underclassmen: Be the teacher's pet.

Best Classroom Memory: Every Spanish class

What you're looking forward to most next year: Seeing the ocean every day

Summer/Future Plans: I'll move to California and study audio production at the Los Angeles Recording School.





Dylan Taylor



Most Influential Person: Lil Peep because he helped so many people through his music, and always stayed humble.

Personal Quote: "Everything changes with time, you can't predict where you're going to be next year." - Lil Peep

Worst advice for underclassmen: Procrastinate your work.

Best Homework Excuse: Left it at home

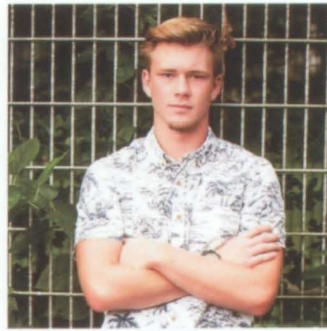
Best Classroom Memory: When finding out we were getting an early out

What you're looking forward to most next year: Getting out of state and going to tech school

Summer/Future Plans: Summer vacation, go to tech school in North Dakota

What you'll miss most about high school: Being around all my friends

Brendan Ten Eyck



Most Influential Person: My mom because she always knows what to do when I don't.

Personal Quote: Weird, right?

Worst advice for underclassmen: No one checks homework, so don't do it.

Best Homework Excuse: What homework?

Best Classroom Memory: When Witte made me laugh so hard I couldn't finish my presentation

What you're looking forward to most next year: Being done with high school

Summer/Future Plans: Work and travel

What you'll miss most about high school: Messing around in school and playing sports



Clay Van Der Vliet



Most Influential Person: My parents for helping me and pushing me to keep going when things get hard

Personal Quote: "Striving for success without the hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted."

Worst advice for underclassmen: Do what I did.

Best Homework Excuse: I was too busy farming.

Best Classroom Memory: Watching the teachers' reactions when the principal walked in randomly

What you're looking forward to most next year: Living on my own and preparing myself for my future plans

Summer/Future Plans: Working for Loiseau Construction and expanding my part of Van Der Vliet farms

What you'll miss most about high school: Hanging with the shop crew and getting rowdy at basketball games



Clint Van Der Vliet

Most Influential Person: Mr. Ross. He has always been a great guy to talk to about homework, math, and life.

Personal Quote: "Without passion, you don't have energy, you have nothing. Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion." - Donald Trump

Worst advice for underclassmen: Don't study.

Best Homework Excuse: Left my book bag in my sister's car and she was on her way to Kansas City, Kansas.

Best Classroom Memory: Fourth hour Consumer Math senior year

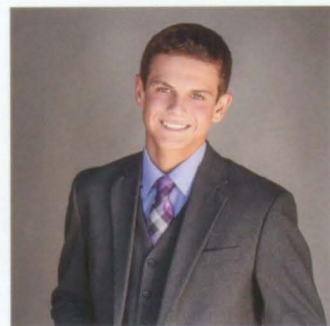
What you're looking forward to most next year: Being on my own

Summer/Future Plans: Work, have my own house and business someday and be self-sufficient

What you'll miss most about high school: The shop crew



Austin Weber



Most Influential Person: Donald J. Trump.

He showed that you can literally do anything you put your mind to... and if you have a lot of money

Personal Quote: "Just do it." - Nike

Worst Advice for underclassmen: "Wikipedia is the best thing ever. Anyone in the world can write anything they want about any subject. So you

know you are getting the best possible information." - Michael G. Scott

Best Homework Excuse: I didn't do it.

Best Classroom Memory: Looking out the window and seeing Alan Martinez jumping the fence to ditch Speech class

What you're looking forward to most next year: Meeting new people and making new friends

Summer/Future Plans: Hang with the boys

What you'll miss most about high school: My friends and family



Makayla Welbig



Most Influential Person: The most influential person to me is Ms. Fischer. She helped me overcome my fear of public speaking.

Personal Quote: "Better an 'oops' than a 'what if'."

Worst advice for underclassmen: Always do what a senior tells you to do.

Best Homework Excuse: Homework? I don't remember getting any homework!

Best Classroom Memory: Getting Mr. Ahrens off topic in AP Gov.

What you're looking forward to most next year: Meeting new people

Summer/Future Plans: I plan to major in Veterinary Science at Augustana or SDSU.

What you'll miss most about high school: Seeing my classmates every day



Michael Witte



Most influential person: Rocky Balboa. He's the best!

Personal Quote: "One day at a time."

Worst Advice for underclassmen: Don't study.

Best Homework Excuse: We got homework? I don't remember getting homework.

Best Classroom Memory: Putting Austin in a garbage can with Martin and pushing them down the hall

What you're looking forward to most next year: College

Summer/Future Plans: Maynard's work

What you'll miss most about high school: The laughs

«Flying through the memories:»

How the senior class prepares to end their 13-year voyage.

New beginnings can't come without some goodbyes.

As the seniors' journey to closing begins, two seniors, Kyle Calderon and Paige Cain, remember what it was like to have their class' annual Senior Honoring.

"It was very emotional to put on my cap and gown because I realized that I'm actually graduating and leaving everyone that I grew up with," said Paige. Kyle also felt the same saying, "It was a pretty crazy experience I'd have to say. I had to

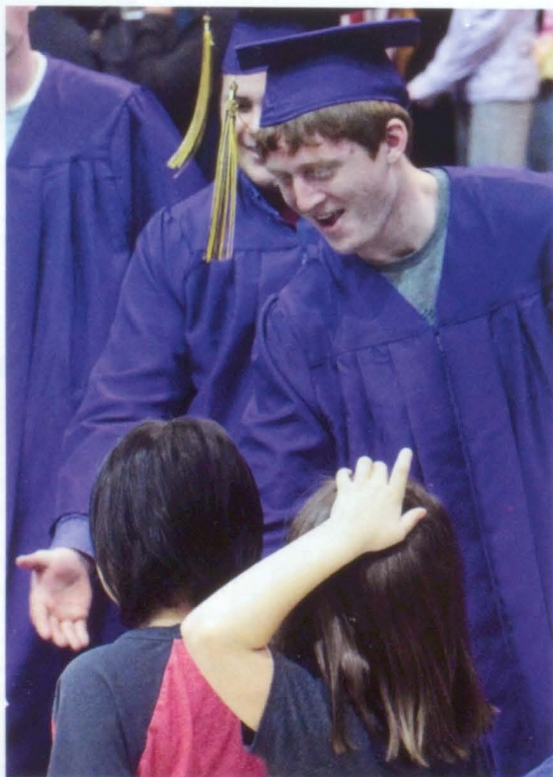
take a step back to take it all in."

During the Honoring, Paige reflected on fellow classmate, senior Andrew Julson's speech. "It really hit me when Andrew talked about the country song. I remembered all those times my class would yell that song at the top of our lungs. It's something I'll always remember." It also made both Paige and Kyle realize how close they are to graduation and how close their senior class is, "It didn't give me butterflies, but I kind of got

nervous and kind of got that feeling of when graduation was going to come. We were definitely one of the closest senior classes to graduate," said Kyle.

However, Senior Honoring is not all tears. They also remember that this is the beginning of a new journey. "I'm excited to start my new journey and I'm glad to have had all the help throughout my years here at Flandreau High School," said Paige.

Preston Keith made sure that the elementary students had a good time in the receiving line hoping they will continue the tradition when their turn comes around.



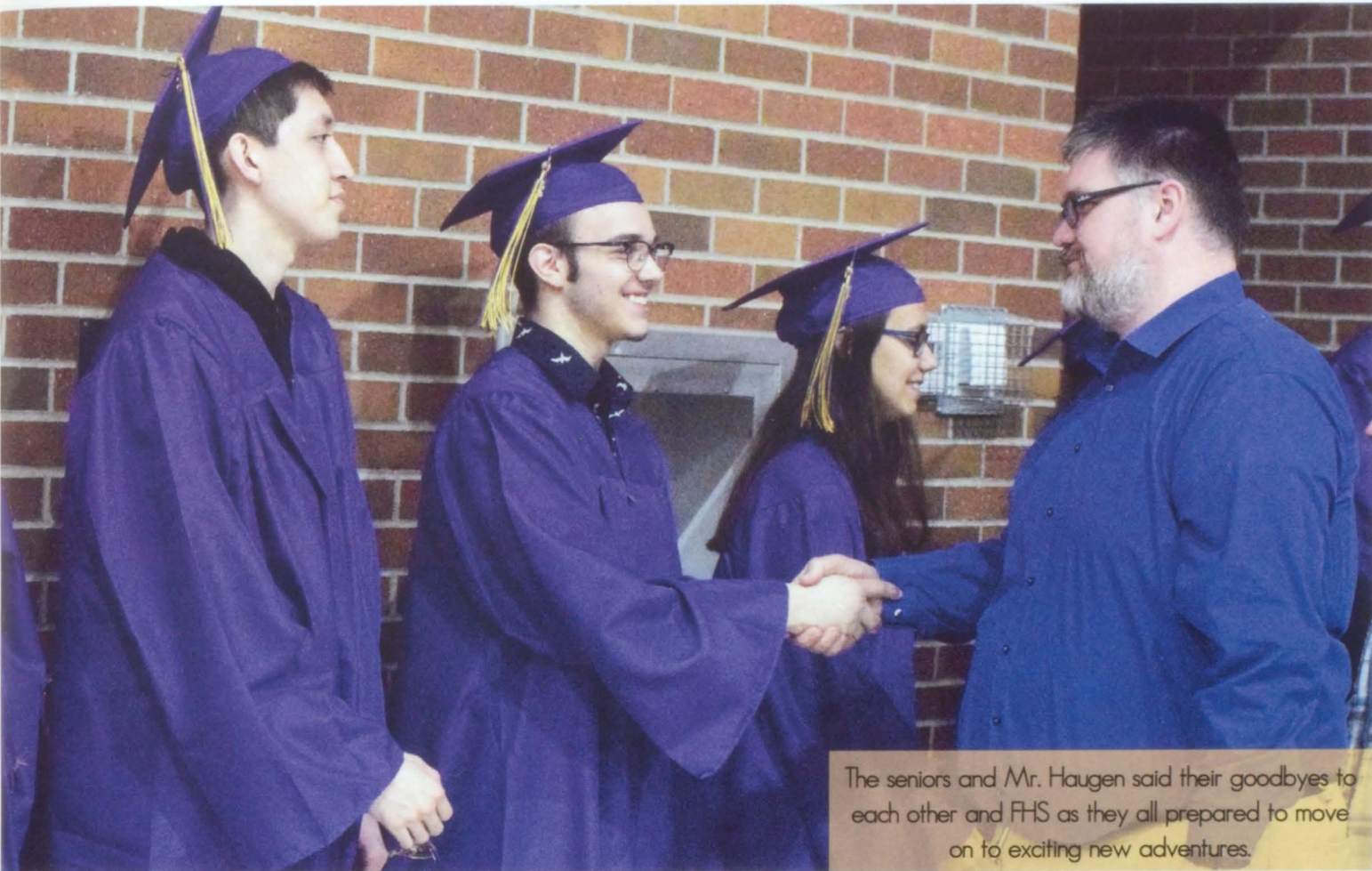
Mrs. Opsahl's smile never disappeared as she made her way down the receiving line.



Jackie Allen led the charge across the stage to receive her sweetgrass braid and to shake the hand of Superintendent Weber.

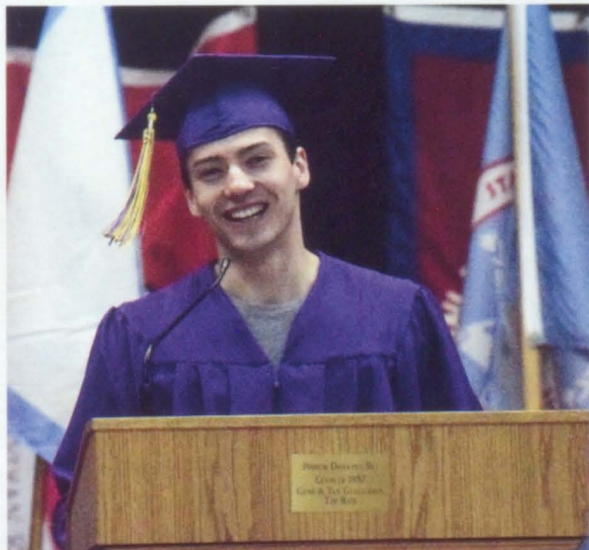


James Arpan held his head high as he walked down the aisle towards the stage for a ceremony he had waited 13 years for.



The seniors and Mr. Haugen said their goodbyes to each other and FHS as they all prepared to move on to exciting new adventures.

Andrew Julson tried to keep his speech light-hearted and fun reminding his classmates to just live in the moment.



Never one to miss a time to laugh, Josh Pauley took advantage of a break in the receiving line to flash a smile at the camera.



The senior class commended the speakers on their wise words and sound advice as they prepared to say goodbye.

The final stop and some surprising anxiety:

Graduation represents reflection and the uncertain road ahead.



It was the end of the road, but some nerves were at an all time high.

Each year, the senior class president is tasked with delivering a speech at the most important ceremony of a teenager's life — graduation. So what, for most, is an exciting and much anticipated walk across the stage, for Gabrielle Drapeau it was a bit of a scary and nerve-wracking experience. "I was honestly a little scared that our class would not like my speech," said Gabby. But before delivery had to come some prep work.

Sometimes the hardest part of a daunting task can be the start, but inspiration can come in the simplest forms. "When I was writing the speech, I really wanted to be able to say something that would make

our class proud of themselves. I was excited to be able to share with everyone what I thought of our class. Even though I had only been in Flandreau for three years, I really did like our class," said Gabby. Even with a great speech in hand, the delivery of that speech is where the real nerves hit.

On graduation day, reality likes to deal out a big slap to the face. "I was most nervous about the length of my speech. It was only about two and a half minutes," said Gabby. However, support can be found through any challenge of life, and for Gabby, that came in the form of Mr. Travis Ahrens. "Before the actual ceremony we were talking about our speeches and he helped me feel less nervous. He kept giving me encouraging looks then told me I did an awesome job. So thanks Mr. Ahrens!" Even

though the hard part of speech-giving is over, a new set of nerves begins to set in — nerves about the future.

Although the future is uncertain for all graduates, it does not come without the hope of good things. "Honestly, I'm scared. I'm scared of adjusting to something new. Although I know I can do it. I know I will be okay. Just like through high school, I had the support of everyone around me and just because I graduated, doesn't mean that that is going away," said Gabby. Wise beyond her years, Gabby knows that help will always be there when tough times come around — a message that she hoped would resonate not just with her classmates, but all those who will follow in their footsteps.



Travis Ahrens earned the coveted spot of graduation speaker for the class of 2018.



The final step of Rick Weber moving the tassel had Gabriela Morales beaming.



Despite only being in Flandreau as a senior, Atilio Nieto-Beltran was grateful for the relationships he built with all his teachers.



Makayla Welbig and Paige Cain shared one last moment of unity and support as they helped one another with the last-minute details.



Giving a rose is a wonderful way to say thank you to those who supported every step of the journey as Blake Kontz demonstrated.



Silly string marked the beginning of life as a Flandreau High School alum as the class of 2018 was officially introduced for the first time.

Dylan Taylor and Bryant Neuenfeldt shared a final photo op as they prepared to head out the doors with diplomas in hand.



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We hope you had an exciting trip! Thanks for making the journey with us!

Sophomore Tanner Sundermeyer played with some basic shapes for his next clay project.



Senior James Arpan grabbed his diploma and met Mr. Weber at the end of the stage for a tassel-shift and a handshake.

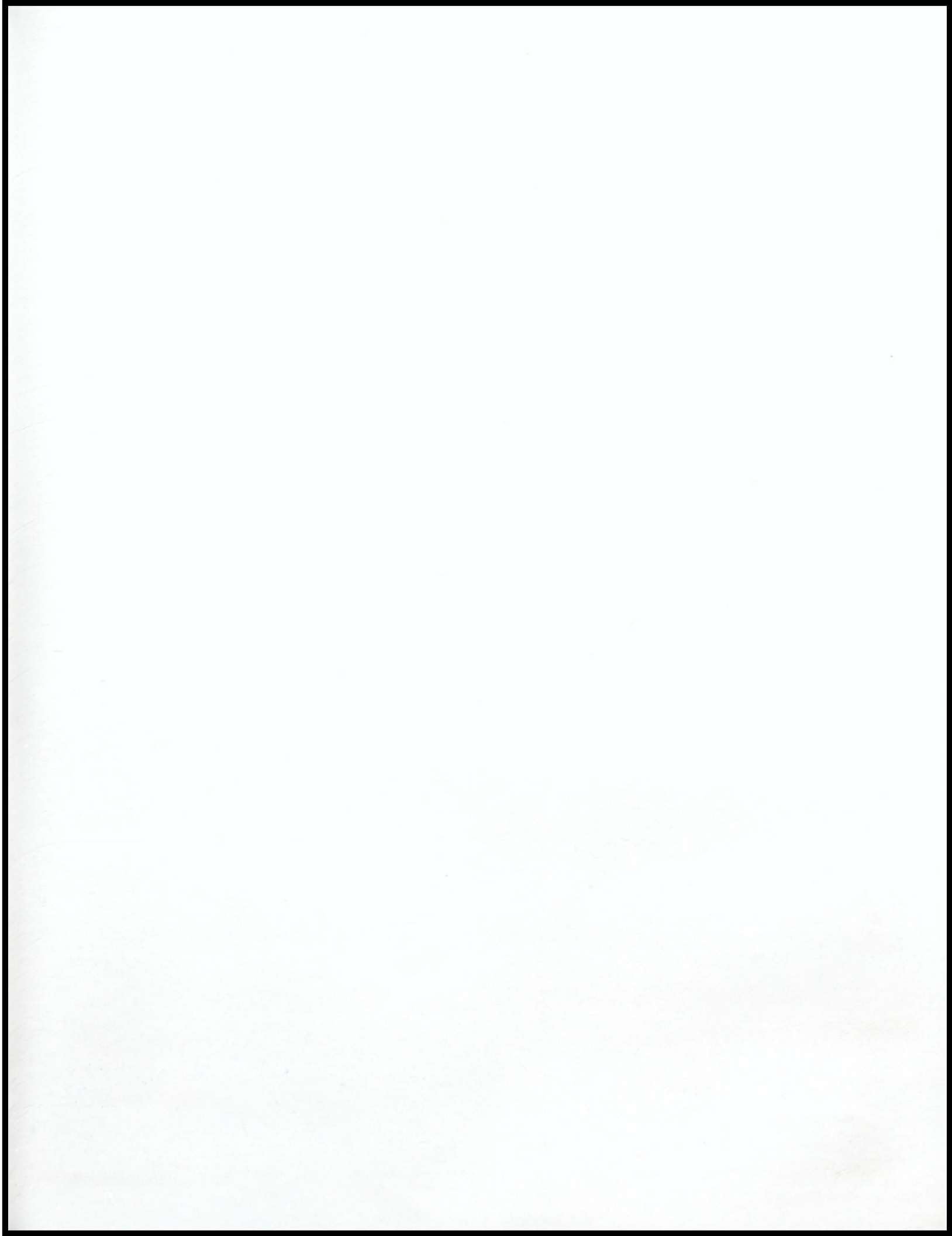


Nothing said "good job" like a Mr. Ahrens wink of approval

Sophomore Grace Johanson had to take a break from the keys to regain some composure during concert practice.



Junior Elle Thompson channeled her inner Miss America in her fashion show pose.

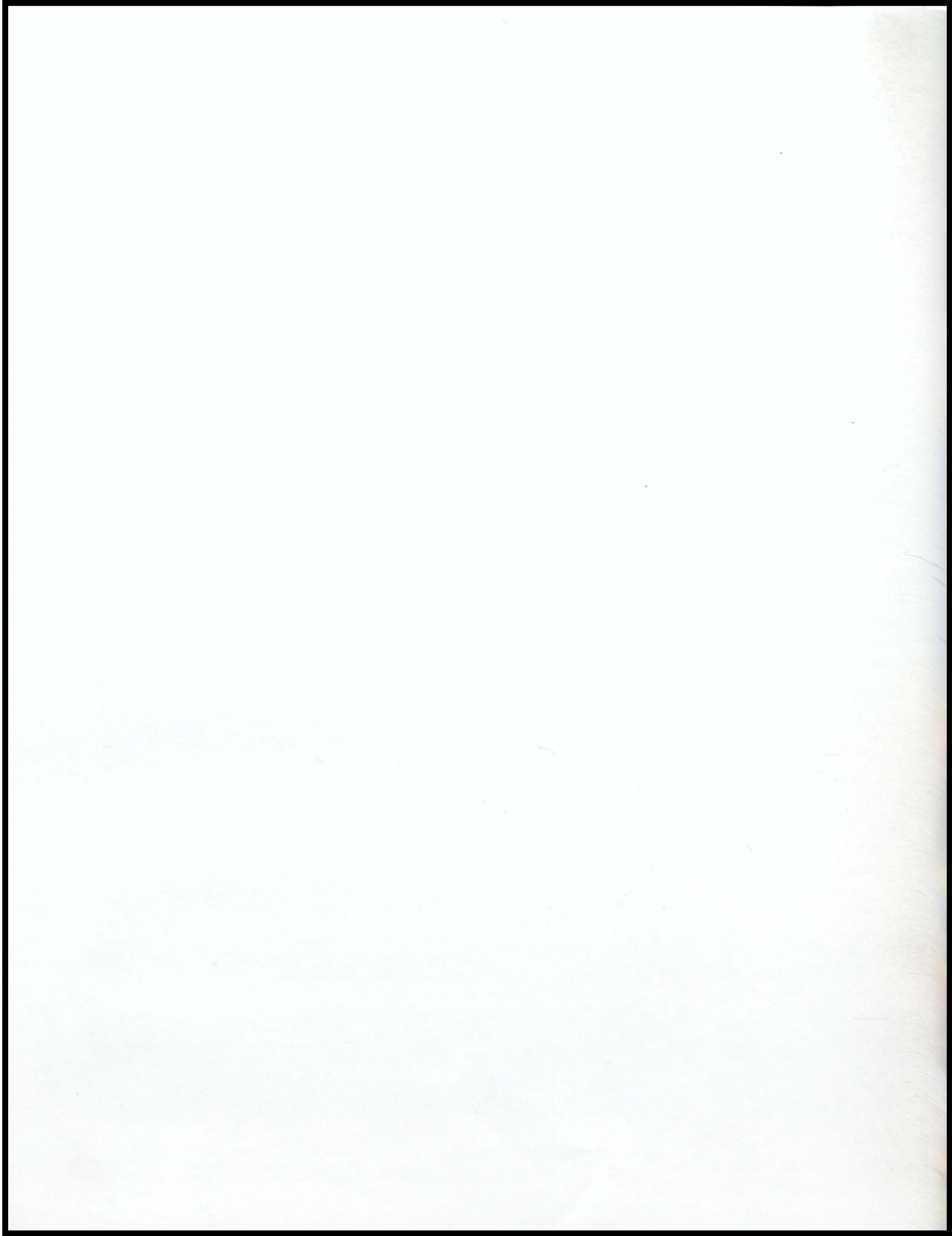




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This year's top stories in Music, TV, Movies, News, Sports, Pop Culture and more.



NEWS/ HEADLINES

HURRICANE HAVOC

The southeastern coast of the United States and its territories are battered by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. This is the first time that three category 4 hurricanes have hit the United States in the same year.



REVOLUTIONARY ROBOT

Boston Dynamics' advanced humanoid Atlas robot gains internet fame with a video showing the robot jumping, handling rough terrain, and landing in impressive backflips.



ECLIPSE EXCITEMENT

Millions of people watch in awe as a total solar eclipse passes over North America, with the path of totality passing across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina. This eclipse was the first total solar eclipse visible in the mainland United States since 1979.



X

Apple unveils the iPhone X in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the iPhone.



A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

Prince Harry and girlfriend Meghan Markle are engaged to be married in Spring 2018. Markle is an American actress and humanitarian who is proudly of mixed-race heritage, making history in the Royal family.



SPACE STATION INNOVATION

SpaceX makes history by launching a recycled rocket into space, then successfully landing it back on Earth.



DAY OF GIVING

Charitable donations on Giving Tuesday top 2.4 million online gifts worth a combined total of \$274 million. Donations pour in from over 150 countries worldwide.

#GIVING TUESDAY

EXTRATERRESTRIAL TRAVELER

Scientists have confirmed our first interstellar visitor: Oumuamua, an asteroid from another solar system.



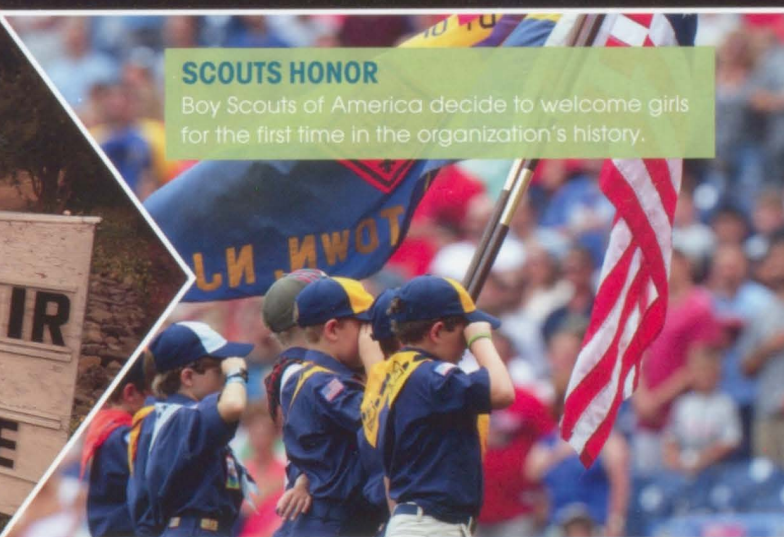
UP IN SMOKE

Deadly fires sweep across the western United States and Canada, including the deadliest fires in California history.



SCOUTS HONOR

Boy Scouts of America decide to welcome girls for the first time in the organization's history.



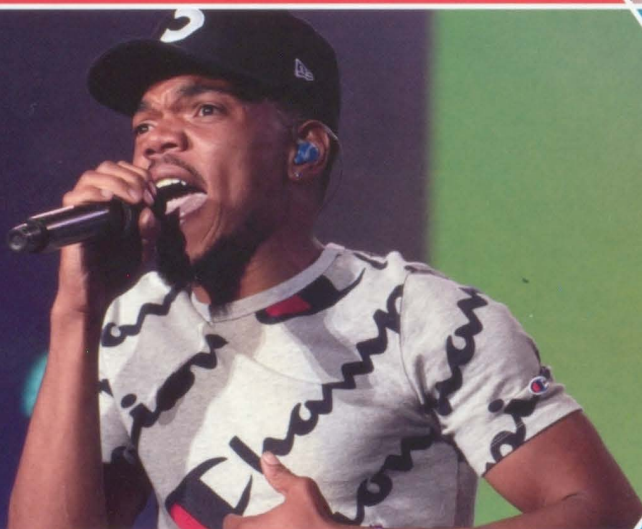
WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS THAT HAPPENED THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

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MUSIC

LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

Taylor Swift's highly anticipated new album, *Reputation*, debuts at number 1 on the Billboard 200 Albums chart.



TAKE A CHANCE

Chance the Rapper is best known for touring and performing on TV without being signed with a music label. In 2017 he wins his first Grammy for Best Rap Performance with his song "No Problem." Also known for his social activism, Chance donates \$1 million to Chicago Public Schools to help schools that have suffered budget cuts, lack textbooks and music programs, and have seen a decrease in graduation rates.

REDHEAD REIGNS

Ed Sheeran wins the first ever Artist of the Year award at the 2017 VMA's.



COUNTRY CROONERS

Miranda Lambert wins Female Vocalist of the Year at the 2017 CMA awards for the seventh time, while Chris Stapleton takes home the award for Male Vocalist of the Year for the third year in a row.



OUT OF TRAGEDY COMES TRIUMPH

In the wake of tragedies surrounding concerts, music festivals, and natural disasters the world over, artists from all different backgrounds come together to host benefit concerts for those affected by this year's tragic events. Some of the biggest in 2017 include *One Love Manchester*, *Hand in Hand*, *Texas Strong*, *Vegas Strong*, and *Band Together*.

MAGIC MARS

Bruno Mars wins big at the 2017 American Music Awards, taking home seven awards including Artist of the Year, Favorite Male Artist-Pop/Rock, and Favorite Album-Pop/Rock for his 2016 album *24K Magic*. Bruno Mars also takes home Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best R&B Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best R&B Album at the 2018 Grammy Awards.



RISING STAR

Alessia Cara, best known for her songs "Stay" from the motion picture *Everything, Everything* and "How Far I'll Go" from the motion picture *Moana*, takes home the 2018 Grammy award for Best New Artist.

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SONGS & ARTISTS THIS YEAR?

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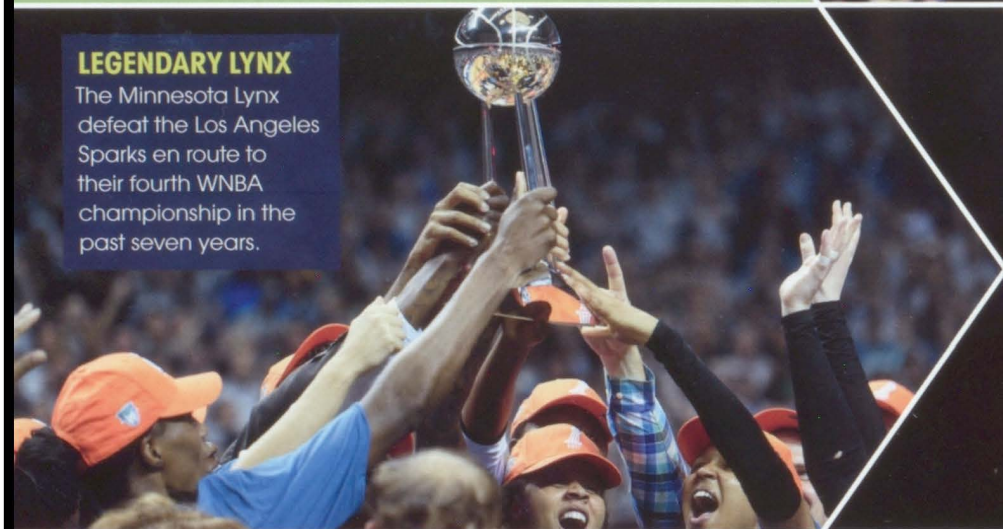
ROLL TIDE

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeat the Georgia Bulldogs 26-23 to win the College Football National Championship. Their win gives coach Nick Saban his sixth national title, tying him for the most national titles of all time.



LEGENDARY LYNX

The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Los Angeles Sparks en route to their fourth WNBA championship in the past seven years.



GREATEST OF ALL SLIME

Michael Phelps is drenched in golden slime as he accepts the Legend Award at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Sports Awards.



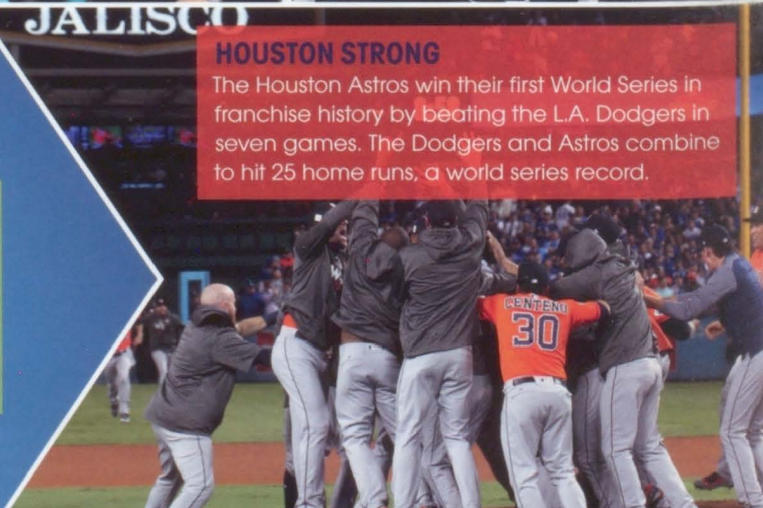
FLY EAGLES FLY

The Philadelphia Eagles defeat the New England Patriots, 41-33, in Super Bowl LII to earn their first-ever Super Bowl win.



HOUSTON STRONG

The Houston Astros win their first World Series in franchise history by beating the L.A. Dodgers in seven games. The Dodgers and Astros combine to hit 25 home runs, a world series record.



RACING LEGEND RETIRES

Dale Earnhardt Jr., two-time Busch Series Champion, retires after 20 years of professional racing.



GOLD MEDAL GIRL

Simone Biles wins Best Female Athlete at the 2017 ESPY's.



OH, CANADA!

Toronto FC triumphs over the Seattle Sounders in the 2017 Major League Soccer Playoffs.



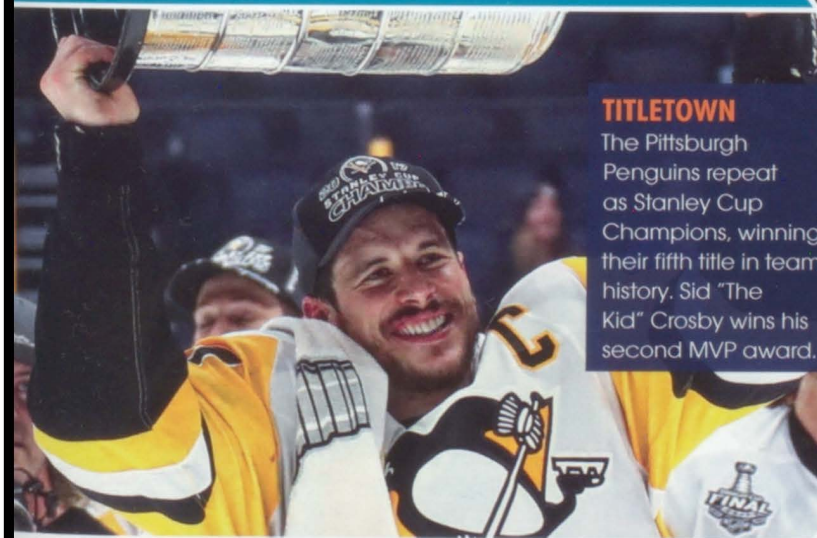
X GAMES

The Minneapolis X Games are held in July with athletes from all around the world competing to win in dozens of categories. Garrett Reynolds takes home the win in the BMX street competition, with Aori Nishimura taking home the win in the women's BMX Skateboard street competition.



TITLETOWN

The Pittsburgh Penguins repeat as Stanley Cup Champions, winning their fifth title in team history. Sid "The Kid" Crosby wins his second MVP award.



AMERICAN DREAM

Shalene Flanagan becomes the first American woman to win the New York City Marathon in 40 years.



WHAT WERE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE SPORTS MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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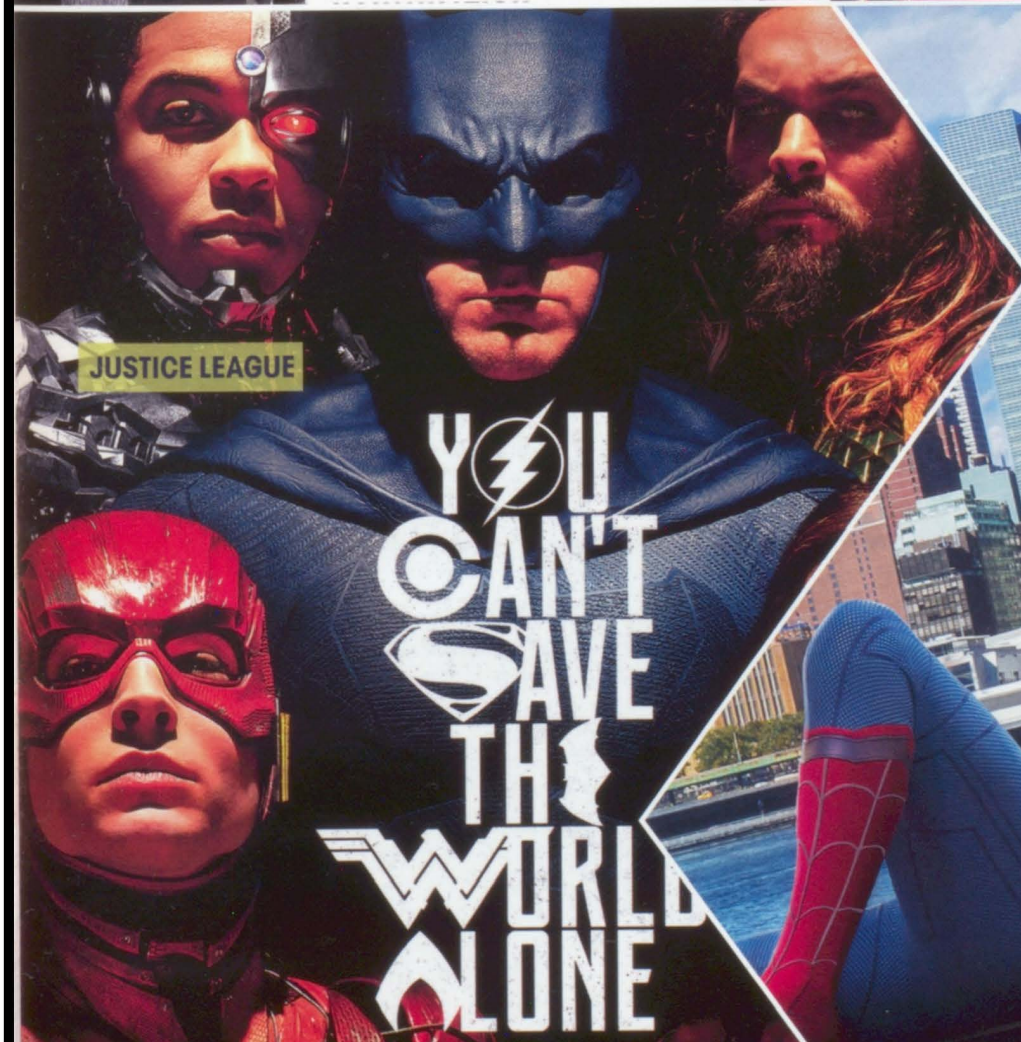


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SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING



POP CULTURE

BEY-BIES

Beyoncé broke Selena Gomez' record for the most-liked Instagram post by announcing her pregnancy, garnering 8 million likes in the first 24 hours. In July, Bey broke her own record with a photo of the twins, Rumi and Sir, with 10.2 million likes.



LIVING VIRTUALLY

Whether *PokemonGo* or *The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim VR*, virtual and augmented reality are taking the world by storm by making digital landscapes come to life right before our eyes.



SWITCH SURGE

The Nintendo Switch provides gamers with the ability to take their gaming system anywhere or play at home with multiple users. The first system of its kind, it gains instant popularity.



ENVELOPE-GATE

A faulty envelope handoff causes one of the most shocking moments in Oscars history—*La La Land* is announced as the best picture winner, when the film *Moonlight* is the true winner. A *La La Land* producer corrects this mistake onstage, shocking audiences around the globe. As a result, the Oscars will implement new rules for handing over envelopes to celebrity presenters to prevent future blunders.





FIDGETING FUN

The spinning gadgets take over malls, schools and offices everywhere this year. The fidget spinner is not patented, allowing anyone to replicate the design.

THE FORCE TURNS 40

The original *Star Wars* movie, released 40 years ago in 1977, launched one of the most successful and beloved franchises ever. The eighth movie in the series, *The Last Jedi*, is released in December.



WONDER WOMAN

Director Patty Jenkins' *Wonder Woman* crosses the \$600M threshold worldwide, making the film the highest-grossing live-action movie by a female director in history.

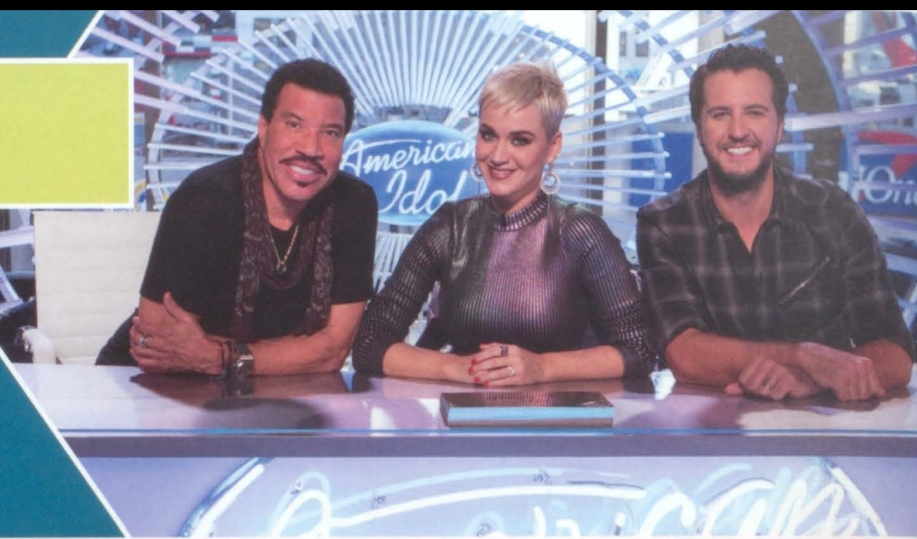
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TV

IDOL RETURNS

Two seasons after its final episode on Fox, *American Idol* will be returning to television for the 2017-2018 season on ABC.



THE FUTURE OF FUN

Streaming TV is taking over traditional cable as the way we consume entertainment. Amazon Studios, Netflix, and Hulu have all started their own original series to drive engagement and revenue.

A close-up photograph of a Samsung television screen displaying the Hulu logo in its signature green color.

TV TECH

Just as the ways we watch TV are evolving, so are the screens we watch it on. New screen technology innovations this year include 10-bit color depth, 4K, HDR, and OLED.



WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

Shows like *Gilmore Girls* and *Full House* (now *Fuller House*) make a comeback to the small screen and their popularity shows. *Fuller House* wins the award for Favorite TV Show-Family at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.





STERLING STORY

Sterling K. Brown, who plays Randall in NBC's *This Is Us*, makes history by becoming the first African American male to take home the Screen Actors Guild award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series and the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Television Series, and the first black actor since 1998 to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series.



SQUAD GOALS

The CW's *Riverdale*, a series based on the characters in the *Archie* comics, became a viral favorite among teens after the pilot aired earlier this year.

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE TV MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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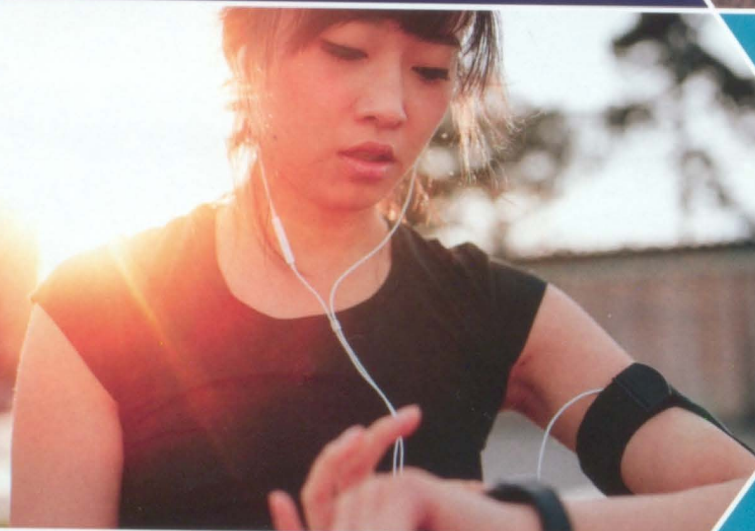
MIND YOUR MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness and focusing on well-being are top trends this year. Calm, an app that helps you meditate and find clarity, is the 2017 Apple app of the year.



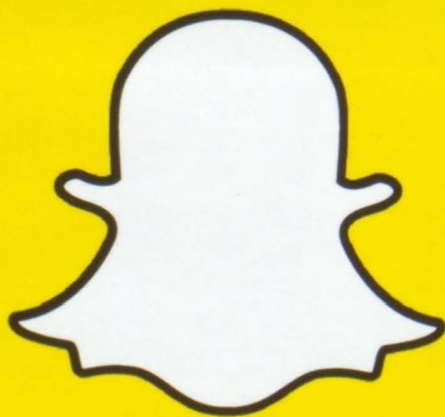
HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

Wearable technology may soon save your life. Apple launches the Apple Heart Study app, which collects data and notifies users who may be experiencing irregular heart rhythms or atrial fibrillation. New innovations in wearable health monitoring include measurement of UV exposure, blood pressure, blood glucose, and stress.



BITCOIN BUZZ

Bitcoin, the first digital currency that does not rely on central banks or administrators, becomes a global sensation and a source of debate over the future of money.



SNAPS THE APP

Snapchat reigns supreme as the most popular app of 2017, followed by Instagram and Sandbox.



FASHION FLASHBACK

What's old is new again. Denim, chokers, patches, and embroidery make nods to the past while staying on-trend in the present.

PRIME SLIME

Making slime (a mixture of glue, water, and other additives) becomes a sensation for both kids and young adults.



FANTASTIC FOOD

Unicorn noodles, rainbow cheese, and edible cookie dough are some of the biggest trends in food this year.

WHAT WERE THE TOP TRENDS YOU ENJOYED THIS YEAR?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TOP OF 2017

TOP HOW-TO GOOGLE SEARCHES

- How to make slime
- How to make solar eclipse glasses
- How to buy Bitcoin
- How to make a fidget spinner
- How to watch the solar eclipse



TOP INSTAGRAM HASHTAGS

#Art
#Love
#Photography
#Photooftheday
#Fashion

TOP EMOJIS

Emojis are changing the way we communicate. The most popular emojis of the year are:



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