



# Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Quarriers

Dell Rapids Public Schools Dell Rapids, SD

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*"We promote spirited thinking, responsible citizenship and lifelong learning."*



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## Another year gone 'BYE'!



Members of the graduating class of 2014 wait for the all their classmates to enter to gym for the final event of their high school experiences to begin.

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 2:00 P.M., friends and family gathered in the Dell Rapids High School gym to honor the 76 seniors who flooded into the gym in their black caps and gowns to receive their long awaited diplomas

There were many touching moments from the choir performing "I Was Here" and the band performing "Prairie Dances" allowing seniors to participate one last time. Valedictorian and Salutatorians Michael Mitchell and Jonathan DeNoon spoke of the many memories their class had in the time spent with each others and teachers.

Principal Kimberly Kludt then announced each candidate for graduation as the Class of 2014 was presented their diplomas by school board member Troy Randall and their tassels were turned by class advisor Rick Mott. Then class President Zach White delivered a touching speech honoring his parents for all of their work and support throughout high school before his fellow classmates handed out roses to parents as the song "Letting Go" was performed by Larry Olson, Karol Baer, and Al Berven.

After all the formal affairs were done, the class and crowd was entertained by the senior video with many baby, senior, and group shots representing a life time of memories and events. The video was put together by Jayme Damm and Natasha Reit.

After presenting the graduates to the crowd, and the silly string and hats finally settled on the ground, all the seniors filed outside for photo opportunities and final farewells before heading out to receptions and family affairs.

Even though the final event of high school lasts just one hour, it does completely show the mark left by the Class of 2014.

Congratulations to you all and the best of luck in all of your future choices.

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# News and Notices

Please contact Guidance Counselor Jennifer Ruesink to provide her with an updated e-mail address for your high school student.

Having this information will allow for quick communication to inform parents of upcoming standardized assessments, scholarship information, financial aid information, and post-high planning guidelines.

You can contact Mrs. Ruesink at [Jennifer.Ruesink@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jennifer.Ruesink@k12.sd.us) or call the high school office at 428-5473, Opt. 1.

If you missed the opportunity to reflect on a part of high school history you still have time to be in the know!!

**The 2013-14 DRHS Quarrier yearbook is still available for order.** Contact Advisor Kerri Kirschenmann for details on how to order at 428-5473, Opt. 2 at the high school, during the morning hours, or [kerri.kirschenmann@k12.sd.us](mailto:kerri.kirschenmann@k12.sd.us).

Cost to preorder is \$55.00, or if extra copies are available in the fall cost will be \$60.00

**Final Deadline is June 16, 2014**

Congratulations to the 5-6 graders at DRMS on raising \$3,414.00 during their fundraiser for the American Heart Association Hoops for Heart.

They were the top middle school class in the state of South Dakota and Minnesota. They raised \$1,000.00 more than any other school in South Dakota and Minnesota. Outstanding work!!

Great Job to all the DRMS 5th and 6th graders!!!!

## From the School Nurse...

Food Allergies @ DRES - Please note that Dell Rapids Elementary School remains a Peanut Aware School and that fish is not served in the elementary school. In order to keep our students with allergies to these foods safe and healthy, we ask that peanuts, peanut butter, peanut products, and fish, including tuna not be brought to DRES.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

## SCHOOL BOARD

Tom Morris ..... 428-4884

Steve Stofferahn..... 428-4897

Jody Schumaker..... 428-4557

Troy Randall..... 428-4660

Matt Weiland ..... 428-3570

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Barb Littel, Business Manager.. 428-5473

Jay Nelson, Elementary Principal..428-5473

Jeff Krumm, Technology Director ... 428-4909

Jeff Dvorak/AD..... 428-5473

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#2 HS, #7 Bus Barn,

#8 Lunchtime Solutions.

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## MEETINGS

The Board of Education meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, and fourth Monday of every month, except July and December. BOE meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Distance Learning Room at the High School. Agendas can be obtained from the Superintendent's office on the Friday before any meeting. The Dell Rapids Tribune publishes the minutes of each regular and special meeting. Agendas and minutes are also posted on the school website.



## **DRHS 'Term 4' Honor Roll**

### **'Gold' Honor Roll**

Baumberger, Lyndsey  
Boever, Margaret C.  
Bruggeman, Beth N.  
Damm, Jayme  
DeLange, Theodore  
DeNoon, Jonathan  
DeNoon, Matthew  
DeNoon, Mikayla J.  
DeVos, Alexa  
Gleason, Jackson  
Haak, Sarah  
Hegge, Nadine  
Jensen, Morgan  
Leighton, Karlie M.  
Lucero, Angel  
Lucero, Ismael  
Luke, Merry  
Tia McKillip  
Mitchell, Michael  
Nagelhout, Maria  
Nielsen, Samantha  
O'Hara, Dhane  
Pankonen, Averi  
Parrott, Joshua  
Petrik, Elyssa  
Salow, Nele  
Schmidt, Riley  
Snyder, Alexandra  
Solberg, Chole  
Tisher, Jessica  
Welbig, Brittney  
Wiebanga, Ross  
Wilson, Riley  
Wrage, Shelby

### **'Silver' Honor Roll**

Benda, Joshua  
Boever, Matthew  
Boyle, Emily E.  
Brown, Taylor  
Carpenter, Matthew  
Damm, Dylan  
Dennis, Stephanie  
Dishman, Tyler  
Dorn, Justin F.  
Drew, Kendra  
Erickson, Demi  
Fritz, Veronica  
Gee, Tyler  
Gillogly, Benjamin  
Gleason, Kenyon  
Gleason, Micah E.

Griebel, Megan  
Gronli, Brooke  
Gullickson, Mackenzie  
Hackett, Patrick  
Hahn, Janae  
Hauf, Kelcie  
Hinricher, Benjamin  
Hof, Alisyn M.  
Hoglund, Ty  
Holmes, Dominic  
Huewe, Jacob  
Huss, Hannah  
Kaiser, Brooke  
Kangley, Sarah  
Klein, Eric  
Kludt, Brittany  
Kluever, Easton  
Knutpe, Trent  
Kost, Spencer  
Lambert, Jessica  
Lightner, Braeden  
Logan, Taiven  
Lueders, James  
Mandel, Michael  
Meyer, Justin  
Miles, Megan  
Mitchell, Brandi  
Mogen, Brett  
Morris, Lindsey  
Munk, Bailey  
Murphy, Victoria  
Nelsen, Jill  
Nemmers, Roman  
Nielsen, Cody  
Nordstrom, Alexander  
Opland, Erica  
Peter, Mason  
Prasek, Samuel  
Randel, Trey  
Redetzke, Shelby  
Riswold, Justin  
Roozing, Mikayla  
Ruth, Alexis K.  
Scherff, Andrew  
Schrader, Zachary  
Schreurs, Harrison  
Schultz, Kelsey  
Schumacher, Kiah  
Schumacher, Zane  
Schumaker, Autumn  
Skinner, Sheridan  
Dolberg, Tanner  
Sprecher, Alexis  
Stanton, Keegan  
Stelzer, Zachary  
Stofferahn, Mikaela  
Stone, Jordan  
Swenson, Jericho

Swenson, Jonah  
Tisher, Grace  
Tomes, April  
Van Ballegooyen, Devin  
Viotor, Madeline  
Welbig, Hannah  
White, Sam  
White, Zach  
Wiebanga, Andrew  
Wilke, Melanie  
Wolles, Jacob M.

### **'Bronze' Honor Roll**

Adams, Mara  
Adams, Mikaela  
Baker, Zachary  
Bakker, Skyler  
Breck, Emiline  
Brobjorg, Ethan  
Broin, Austin  
Carpenter, Beau  
Delker, Traci  
Ellison, Hutten  
Erickson, Dena  
Faux, Jacob  
Fiedler, Hannah  
Geraets, Ryan  
Gullickson, Christopher  
Habeger, Rose  
Hammer, Benjamin  
Hansen, Hunter  
Hanzlik, Trevor  
Heim, Tanner  
Heinemann, MacKenzie  
Hennen, Ty  
Hofeman, Trystan  
Hoffman, Nicholas  
Jurgensen, Riley  
Karst, Adam  
Kerzman, Dawson  
Kistler, Morgan  
Krantz, Alexis  
Lemme, Zachary  
MacRunnels, Michela  
McKee, Nathan  
Mergen, Kenedy  
Neels, Karisa  
Nelson, Jase  
Pulscher, Trevor  
Reider, Samantha  
Reinhiller, Brock  
Riswold, Alec  
Roemen, Alexandra  
Schreier, Jacob  
Schroeder, Zachary  
Schumacher, Pierce  
Schumaker, Zane  
Scott, Damon  
Siemonsma, Sheldon  
Spielmann, Cheyenne

Stahl, Dominick  
Stange, Rita  
Swenson, Kenaniah  
Warne, Mariah M.  
Wolles, Courtney  
Yetter, Caleb

**Congratulations to  
Lexi Snyder for being  
chosen as the 2013-14  
Quarrier of the Year!**



**Meyer chosen as Boy's  
State candidate**



Congratulations to Justin Meyer for being selected to represent Dell Rapids High School at the 2014 Boy's State Convention

Meyer had to apply and write an application letter to be accepted. He will attend this event at the end of the school year and we wish him the best of luck.

## Heinricher selected as March Quarrier of the Month



Benjamin Heinricher

Each month, the Dell Rapids High School faculty selects a student for Quarrier of the Month. These seniors are described as hard-working students who excel in either academics, athletics, or the area of the Fine Arts. For March, the Quarrier of the Month was Ben Heinricher.

The staff at DRHS have described Heinricher as hard-working and polite. He has been involved in a variety of things throughout his high school career.

Academically, Heinricher has made the Gold HonorRoll all four years of high school, was inducted into the National Honor Society his junior and is a current member his senior year. Heinricher has also participated on the Quiz Bowl team since his freshman year. Other students at Dell Rapids look toward him for help and advice since his friendly attitude brought him to be active in the Peer Help-

ers program his freshman through senior years.

Fine Arts has played a pretty big role for him in high school. Since his freshman year, Heinricher has participated in a wide variety of band groups, including: band, marching band, concert band, jazz band, and pep band. His dedication earned him a letter his freshman and sophomore years. He also has received a Quad State Honor Band award his freshman year, and an East Central Honor Band award his sophomore and senior year. In his sophomore year he received an Angie Jazz- Outstand Solo award for his musical ability.

Vocally, Ben has been a member of the DRHS chorus, and Ensemble quartet since his freshman year; and joined Contest chorus and All-State Choir. The students and staff recognize his outstanding performances as a singer and musician.

"I am honored to be chosen by the faculty! It feels great to know they see me as a hard worker and role model in our school," Said Heinricher.

Heinricher plans to attend the School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City with a projected major in Chemical Engineering. Best of luck in your future choices!

Ben is the son of Joe and Edie Heinricher.

## Stone selected as April Quarrier



Jordan Stone

This student is described as "a good student who is very involved in our school and community. She is friendly to everyone, is willing to help out wherever needed, and is great with the other students." Dell Rapids High School congratulates Jordan Stone as April's Quarrier of the Month.

Stone has a strong academic record through her high school years. She has been on the Honor Roll her freshman through senior years, was inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year and is a current member her senior year, and was a member of Student Council her junior and senior years.

Stone has also been very involved athletically as well. She has been a part of the basketball team all four years lettering her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She received the "Newcomer" award her freshman year in basketball and "Most Improved"

her sophomore year. She was also a member of the volleyball team her sophomore, junior and senior years. She participated in track her freshman year as well. She also participated as the student manager of the football team her junior and senior year, lettering her senior year. Stone's encouraging attitude and support is welcome on any field or court.

Not only does she excel athletically and academically, she is a big part of the Fine Arts program at DRHS. Jordan participated in chorus, ensemble quartets, contest chorus, All-State Chorus, and SD Honors Choir as well. Her voice is well known here in Dell Rapids, because of her amazing vocal ability when she has performed the "National Anthem" at many events as a solo performer or with her All-State team.

Stone is an active member in the school plays as well. She was in One Acts her 8th grade, and sophomore through senior years. She participated in the Fall Play her sophomore and senior year, as well as the spring play her 8th grade year. Her musical talent gave her a part in the school musical her freshman year. She also participated in Oral Interp all four years of high school. She lettered in Fine Arts her sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Jordan is the daughter of Dane and Jody Stone.



## South Dakota Reading Council winners

The South Dakota Reading Council sponsors yearly contests to promote reading, writing and illustrating. Prairie Valley reading council, the local branch of SDRC, honored the local area winners at a banquet on April 10, 2014.

Local winners from the Elementary School were: Young Author- Quinn Becker (1L), Kale Evans (2A) and Jade Kludt (4J) Young Illustrator- Luke Schoolmeester (2A) and April Hof (4J) Young Poet- Brandon Nyman (1L), Alexis Powelson (2A), and Lilly Tiernan (4J) Their work has been submitted to the state. We are proud of their work and accomplishments.



## Congratulations middle school Students of the Month

Dell Rapids Middle School would like to announce and congratulate the Students for the Months of April and May. These individuals have demonstrated positive behavior reflective of the Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, responsible, respectful, fair, good citizenship, and are caring individuals.

Thanks to Lunchtime Solutions, Pizza Ranch and the Video Plus, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places!



May SOM awards went to: Fifth Grade: Asher Lensing and Maddie Wilburrs; Sixth Graders: Kaylee Oberg and Zeb Schumaker; Seventh Graders: Grace Woolf and Gabe Skonseng; and, Eighth Graders: Sheree Lacey and Jack Prasek. \*\*Not pictured: Sheree Lacey



April SOM awards went to: Fifth Graders: Peyton Gleason and Jakob Letsche; Sixth Graders: Dezi Rus and Ava Schuring; Seventh Graders: Brooke-Lynn Hawthorne and Amber Baker; and, Eighth Graders: Paige Schueller and Lealand Randel



## The ACT Test Dates For 2014-2015

### Test Date:

Sept. 13, 2014

### Registration Deadlines:

Regular Deadline: August 8, 2014

Late Fee Deadline: Aug. 9-22, 2014

### Test Date:

October 25, 2014

### Registration Deadlines:

Regular Deadline: Sept. 19, 2014

Late Fee Deadline: Sept. 20-Oct. 3, 2014

### Test Date:

December 13, 2014

### Registration Deadlines:

Regular Deadline: Nov. 7, 2014

Late Fee Deadline: Nov. 8-21, 2014

### Test Date:

February 7, 2015

### Registration Deadlines:

Regular Deadline: Jan. 9, 2015

Late Fee Deadline: Jan. 10-16, 2015

### Test Date:

April 18, 2015

### Registration Deadlines:

Regular Deadline: March 13, 2015

Late Fee Deadline: March 14-27, 2015

### Test Date:

June 13, 2015

### Registration Deadlines:

Regular Deadline: May 8, 2015

Late Fee Deadline: May 9-22, 2015

**For any other testing or scholarship information, contact Mrs. Jennifer Ruesink, Guidance Counselor, at 428-5473 - Opt. 2 at the Dell Rapids High School.**

### Psychology students practice Childhood Development in classroom



Above: Jeff Welbig's high school Advanced Psychology class takes a moment for a photo opportunity with Mrs. Turner's Pre-K class after spending the day reading to them.

High school Psychology teacher Jeff Welbig and his students studied a unit covering childhood development where they learned about how children learn and then process what they learn.

To bring in the practical aspect, Welbig took his class to the elementary school to allow his students time to interact with Pre-K classes reading and answering questions.

It was a good day for hands-on learning and a fun experience for all.

### Welbig wins 'Duck Stamp' art

Dell Rapids High School junior Brittney Welbig recently won the South Dakota Duck Stamp competition. She is currently in art class creating all sorts of projects.

Recently, Art teacher Rick Mott suggested Welbig should enter her work into some sort of art contest so she could be recognized for her talent. So, she entered into a Junior Duck Stamp Program Conservation and Design Contest, and won. Welbig did not receive a prize, but knowing her work won a contest is enough of a prize for now.

"It took me about a month, it was

definitely a work in progress, but it was well worth it," said Welbig.

"She is a great painter and I knew she had it in her to win the contest," said Rick Mott.

Great job Brittney on showing another talent DRHS produces.



(Left): Brittney Welbig proudly displays her finished product that was unique enough to earn a first place recognition.

The *Wise Owl* will only be mailed by request. The monthly *Wise Owl* and school calendars will be published for viewing online at [www.dr-k12.org](http://www.dr-k12.org). Persons wanting to continue to receive a printed copy by mail must contact Wendy Anstine at 428-5473, Opt. 2, or e-mail Wendy at [Wendy.Anstine@k12.sd.us](mailto:Wendy.Anstine@k12.sd.us) to be included on the new mailing list.



# WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER? JOIN THE FUN AT HAVEN!

## 2014 Summer Haven Programs

- All Summer Programs are open to students who have completed Kindergarten through age 12
  - Flexible scheduling and rates
    - Open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays
    - \$15 one-time Registration Fee per participant (\$20 after April 30)
- Weekly tuition fees are based on Full Day & Half Day Rates. Full Day: \$20; Half Day (6 hrs or less): \$12
  - Reduced fees are available for those who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.
  - Tons of fun activities planned including: local and area Field Trips, Art & Craft Projects, Sports, Food Fun, Board & Card Games, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Science Experiments, Multicultural Activities, Special Events, Visitors, Community Service Projects and time to just have fun with friends!

### SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



- \* Sponsored by the City of Dell Rapids
- \* \$15 Registration Fee/child (\$20 after Apr 30)
- \* Eleven-week program, from May 19 - July 31, features a different sport each week
- \* Learn or develop skills in: Indoor & Outdoor Games, Hockey, Football, Soccer, Taekwondo, Team Building, Track & Field, Bowling, and Volleyball
- \* Meets Monday-Thursday at the Old Public Elementary School Gym;
 

Grade 1	8:30-9:25 am
Grade 2	9:30-10:25 am
Grade 3	10:30-11:25 am
Grades 4-7	12:00-12:55 pm



### FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS

- \* Transportation Sponsored by the City of Dell Rapids
- \* Leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. each Friday
- \* Visit and explore places like: the Washington Pavilion & Cinedome, Ingalls Homestead, Skyzone, SD State Parks, Great Plains Zoo, Prairie Village, Wild Water West, Pipestone National Monument, Porter Sculpture Park, Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, Heartland Country Corn Maze, SD Children's Museum & lots of area Aquatic Centers!
- \* Full Day tuition rates apply plus applicable entrance fee for the day. Entrance Fees will vary each week.
- \* Join us for one trip or all of them! Prior registration is required.
- \* Drop-ins are welcome as space is available. Deadline to sign-up is on Wednesday for each week.

**"Early Bird" Registration is  
due April 30**

All Registration Fees will be  
increased to \$20 per child after this  
date- so SIGN UP TODAY!  
On-going enrollment will be accepted  
as space is available.

**Dell Rapids Haven,  
A Great Place For YOUth!**

Enrollment Packets are available at: (1) Haven, before or after school, (2) St. Mary's Elementary School Office, (3) Public Elementary School Office, (4) Public Middle School Office, (5) Dell Rapids City Hall (Rec. Program Only), (6) <http://haven.dellrapids.k12.sd.us>  
or call us at 366-8612.



South Dakota businesses compete in a global marketplace. These businesses need a workforce that can compete against workers trained in schools spanning the globe that have demanding standards achieved through rigorous routines. Current sources conclude that the U.S. and South Dakota are falling behind in educational outcomes. Future jobs will require a high level of skill in math, science and engineering; a capacity for critical thinking and problem solving; the ability to comprehend written material especially those that are technical in nature; and possess skills in writing and other forms of communication. While South Dakota students have a record of above average ACT scores, the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry is alarmed that the percent of high school graduates who require remediation at the postsecondary level continues to be approximately 30 percent. As the demands of our economy evolve, it is imperative that South Dakota require a continuously higher level of accomplishment in order to prepare students for the challenges of college, careers and life in the 21st century. This higher level of accomplishment must be developed in the state's schools which need to be guided by rigorous standards that will challenge students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers, and to be able to effectively apply knowledge. Using standards that have been adopted by a number of states and that have been developed by a wide spectrum of educators along with the business community would provide assurance that those standards are rigorous. It is also important that strategies for achieving the standards are flexible and the specific methods of achieving the standards be left to individual states and local schools. The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry has reviewed the standards known as the "Common Core" standards and believes they will move education into a process to achieve the knowledge most needed by future business leaders and employees. Should another set of standards claim to be as rigorous the Common Core standards the Chamber would join in the

review of those alternatives. At this time it is urgent to move forward in preparing for the immediate future and it is the Common Core standards that address the skills that will be most needed if South Dakota is to remain competitive, successful and prosperous. The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry believes this state can and will work collaboratively with educators, parents, school boards, businesses and community leaders to develop successful methods for achieving the Common Core standards and ensuring it is done consistent with the values and priorities of South Dakota citizens and local school districts. The fact that the Common Core standards were developed by a collaboration of many states using a process that involved education leaders and business leaders and were not developed in a centralized "top down" driven process, enhances the Chamber's belief that the standards are truly rigorous and can be effectively applied. While achieving the Common Core or other equally rigorous standards will help students prepare for the jobs of the future and improve economic opportunity in South Dakota, it is also important to note that these skills and abilities will not replace the need for hard work. The Common Core standards are tools that can only be effective in the hands of those willing to be persistent in pursuit of achievement and dedicated to success. The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry commends the State Board of Education for adopting the Common Core standards, urges implementation of the methods needed to achieve the standards and affirms the organization's willingness to support appropriate actions to attain those standards.

### **Mark Your Calendar - Registration Dates Set!!**

#### **High School Schedule**

**Seniors - August 11, 2014, from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**Juniors - August 11, 2014, from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**Sophomores - August 12, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**Freshman - August 12, 2014, from 1:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.**

#### **Middle School Schedule**

**5th Grade - August 12, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**6th-8th Grades - August 12, 2014, from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

#### **Elementary School Schedule**

**All Elementary grades - August 12, 2014, from 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**



## Annual National Honor Society Banquet held



New 2014 NHS members inducted were: (back row-from left) Brandi Mitchell, Jill Nelsen, Jessica Tisher, Andrew Wiebenga, Benjamin Gillogly, Kenyon Gleason, Justin Meyer, and Damon Scott; (front row-from left): Cheyenne Spielmann, Trystan Hofeman, Melanie Wilke, Sarah Haak, Brittany Welbig, Emily Boyle, Shelby Wrage, Samantha Nielsen, Jericho Swenson, Zane Schumaker, and Taiven Logan.

On Monday, May 5, 2014, the Dell Rapids High School National Honor Society Banquet was held at the Lutheran Church in Dell Rapids.

The evening began with a warm welcome from Lexi Snyder and grace presented by Jordan Strone before dinner was served. The returning members of the NHS were Mikaela Adams, Jayme Damm, Jonathan DeNoon, Matthew DeNoon, Jackson Gleason, Benjamin Hinricher, Jacob Huewe, Sarah Kangle, Tia McKillip, Michael Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Maria Nagelhout, Cody Nielsen, Shane O'Hara, Zachary Schroeder, Zane Schumacher, Sheridan Skinner, Alexandra Snyder, Tanner Solberg, Jordan Stone, Kenaniah Swenson, April Tomes and Courtney Wolles.

New members for the 2014 NHS were presented to the audience in a formal ceremony and a pledge to uphold the values of this academic organization. New members included Emily Boyle, Benjamin Gillogly, Kenyon Gleason, Sarah Haak, Trystan Hofeman, Morgan Jensen, Trent Knappe, Taiven Logan, Justin Meyer, Brandi Mitchell, Jill Nelson, Samantha Nielsen, Zach Schumaker, Damon Scott, Cheyenne Spielmann, Jericho Swenson, Jessica Tisher, Brittany Welbig, Andrew Wiebenga, Melanie Wilke and Shelby Wrage.

Next was the Scholarship awards program. Beginning with the Bausch & Lomb Science Award presented by Darwin Daugaard and awarded to Jessica Tisher. The Trent Area Scholarship for \$500, presented by Pat Gengler, was awarded to Madie Viotor, Jacob Huewe and Ben Hinricher. The American Legion Scholarship for \$500 presented by Joe Thornell was awarded to Tia McKillip. The Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship was awarded to Michael Mitchell, and the David Jay Schmidt Memorial Scholarship for \$2000 presented my Mike Schmidt was awarded to Sheridan Skinner. The Golden West Scholarship presented by Joanne Mathis was awarded to Tia McKillip; the

Dan Daugaard Scholarship for \$500 presented by Darwin Daugaard was awarded to Jackson Gleason, and the Dell Rapids Education Scholarship presented by Daugaard was awarded to Mallory Luke and Jacob Haebeger. The PEO Scholarship presented by Cathy Boever was awarded to Lexi Snyder, the Dell Rapids Lions Club Scholarship for \$1000 presented by Tom Early was awarded to Lexi Snyder, and the Jerry Hoftiezer Memorial Scholarship giving \$1,250 presented by Jennifer Bunkers was awarded to Michael Mitchell and Ben Hinricher. The Dells Forward Youth Scholarship presented by Rob Wiarada was presented to Victoria Murphy and Lexi Snyder., and the Jeremy Baum "Hope" Scholarship for \$1,500 presented by MsCarol Baum was awarded to Alexis Damm. The Wyatt Ammon Scholarship presented by Allison Byington and Jeanne Ammon was awarded to Ben Hinricher, the Regina Evans "Grandma" Scholarship for \$500 presented by Bob Evans was awarded to Jonathan DeNoon, while the Gloria Beck Scholarship for \$500 presented by Ron Beck was awarded to Tia McKillip.

Jennifer Ruesink next presented the Woody Yaroeh Memorial Scholarship for \$250 to Taiven Logan; the Bernice & Henry Speh Scholarships for \$1,000 were awarded to Kenaniah Swenson and Zane Schumacher; the John E. Solem Scholarship was awarded to Tia McKillip, Jonathan DeNoon, Matthew DeNoon and Lexi Snyder.

Next, the National Honor Society Awards were presented by Jordan Stone and Ben Hinricher in the George Eastman Young Leadership to Sarah Haak, and the Fredrick Douglas/Susan B. Anthony was awarded to Melanie Wilke.

The final awards on the night were the NHS Teacher of the Year to Jann Saxon and the Friend of Education award was given to LuAnn Heidebrink for all they do for the students at DRHS

It was another successful academic year for the students at DRHS!



Jacob Habeger received the DREA Scholarship from Darwin Dagaard



Victoria Murphy received the Dells Forward Youth Scholarship to help with college costs.

## Hoglund and Mogen chosen to attend Governor's Leadership Luncheon



Ty Hoglund



Brett Mogen

Every year, two sophomore students are chosen by staff to represent their schools at the Governor's Leadership Luncheon, including Dell Rapids High School.

This year at the 14th Annual Governor's Leadership Luncheon, Ty Hoglund and Brett Mogen were chosen to represent DRHS at the dinner on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

"I am so honored to be chosen to be one of the students to represent Dell Rapids," said Hoglund.

Students all around from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska are chosen to represent as well. Being recognized as a talented student, these students get the opportunity to meet other students who may be interested in similar things and given the opportunity to compare schools and interests.

This event will include lunch, a featured speaker who is not yet announced, and each student will be recognized individually for their accomplishments in and out of the classroom.

"Being selected to represent Dell Rapids at this event is an honor for these two students," said Guidance counselor Jennifer Ruesink. "This demonstrates their leadership and their community contributions that have been recognized by staff members."

## Top seniors chosen for "Best and Brightest"

Two of Dell Rapids High School seniors have recently been honored with the title of the "Best and Brightest" of South Dakota high school seniors. Michael Mitchell and Jonathan DeNoon, Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, of the senior class, were recognized by the DRHS staff to be chosen for this campaign.

KSFY-Television and Student Loan Finance Corporation use this campaign to recognize seniors who have excelled academically. Beginning in May, KSFY will begin a series of thirty second commercials recognizing the seniors who were chosen around South Dakota for their academic success. Mitchell and DeNoon are deserving students who have pushed themselves throughout their high school careers to be at the top of their class and are sure to do great things beyond high school and college.

DeNoon plans to attend South Dakota State University this fall to major in engineering. "It is an honor to be selected as KSFY's "Best and Brightest" after all of my hard work throughout high school," said DeNoon.

Mitchell is still undecided on where he will attend and plans to major in medicine. "It feels great to know the staff view me as an individual fit to represent DRHS academically," said Mitchell. Congratulations to both on this recognition and best of luck in the future!



Jonathan DeNoon



Michael Mitchell

## Hauf to experience Japan Culture

Japanese Exchange is a scholarship opportunity for FCCLA members to travel to Japan for four-to-six weeks as an exchange student. The scholarship is funded by the Kikoman Corporation, administered by Youth for Understanding USA, and the scholarships are worth more than \$6,995 each.

Dell Rapids High School sophomore Kelcie Hauf, was fortunate enough to receive this scholarship and will be spending her summer in Japan.

The goal of the organization is for the stu-

dents to experience the day-to-day life of another country and its people so the students may become more aware of international issues. Only 12-14 FCCLA members throughout the United States were selected to make the trip. The members will be immersed into the Japanese culture experiencing a Japanese tea ceremony, traditional Japanese foods, or even climbing up Mount Fuji. Hauf will attend training in the beginning of June and then fly to California to meet up with the other chosen students for a few days before they leave. They will then leave on June 8 and return around July 23, 2014.

"This will be an experience of a lifetime and I'm honored to receive this scholarship," said Hauf.

FCCLA Advisor Beverly Rieck said, "This opportunity is such a valuable experience for Kelcie. She is very fortunate to be chosen for this cultural exchange program."

We all wish the best of luck to Hauf as she prepares for this once in a lifetime experience and hope to hear about her trip next fall, with photos!

Best of luck on this once in a lifetime experience!



## 2013-14 Staff Awards Presented

On May 20, 2014, the Dell Rapids Public School staff gathered in the middle school commons where Superintendent Summer Schultz recognized staff for their years of service and dedication to the school district. Other staff members retiring or leaving the district were thanked at this time as well.

We wish to thank everyone for all they do year round and for all the work you put into your educational services. Have a good summer and congratulations to all the award winners.

### Peer Awards:



Nancy Jorgensen



Eve Pickard



Danette Sell



Jeanne Ludens



**Teacher of the Year**  
Beverly Rieck



LuAnn Heidebrink

### Five years of service



(Above-from left): Sue Hovey Kelly Gruneich, and Kim Gaul ; Not pictured - Samantha Dishman

### Ten years of service



(From left): Sharon Mitchell and Brian Smith

### Fifteen years of service



(From left): Nichole North, Karla Gruis, and Sherry Koopman; Not pictured - Mike Lueders and Laurie Schultz.

### Twenty years of service



Darwin Daugaard

### Twenty-five years of service



Dale Solberg

**Not Pictured :** Jack Schwebach for Thirty years of service

### Retirements



David Klein - 13 years of elementary custodian services



Brenda Hahn - 26 years of district Librarian services

### Thirty-five years of service:



Dawn Sorenson

### **Best of Luck/Leaving**

Gail Sriver - HS Aide, Kerri Kirschenmann - HS English and Publications, Carrie Schrecengost - ES Teacher, Katrina Reimnitz - HS math and Volleyball Coach, Vanessa Anderson-Smith - MS Speech, Lisa Danforth - ES Teacher, and Eve Pickard.- MS Aide



## DRHS Spring Athletic Award Night

On Friday, May 9, 2014, the gym was filled with athletes, parents, and other family for a newly formatted Awards Night.

In the past, each sport was allowed time to present each athlete with honors and awards, however, this year the awards were handed out by class and each athlete received an envelope with their letters, pins, honors and certificates. At the end of the evening, Coach Craig Jorgensen presented the Ron Berg Memorial awards for football and wrestling, Jeff Welbig presented the Entringer Scholar-

ships, Coach Doug Fiedler presented the Zach Leighton "Believe" Scholarships, Principal Kimberly Kludt presented the Male/Female Scholar Athletes, and AD Jeff Dvorak presented the Male/Female Athletes of the Year.

The seniors received their plaques from the Booster Club for their four years of dedication, and the Boosters of the Year Award went to Kevin and Jeanine Schnieders.

Congratulations to all of the Dell Rapids athletes. Congratulations to the seniors, you all will be missed but you have paved a great path for others to follow. See you all next year, same time and place!

### **Ron Berg Memorial Awards:**

Football: Jacob Habeger and Cody Nielsen  
Wrestling: Austin Eulberg and Brock Reinhiller

### **Male Scholar Athlete:**

Cody Nielsen

### **Female Scholar Athlete:**

Lexi Snyder



### **Michael Entringer**

#### **Scholarship:**

Cody Nielsen  
Michael Mitchell

### **Zach Leighton "Believe"**

#### **Scholarship:**

Cody Nielsen  
Andrew Scherff  
Zach Schroeder  
Mikaela Adams



### **Male Athlete of the Year:**

Zach Schroeder

### **Female Athlete of the Year:**

Mikaela Stofferahn



2013-14  
Boosters of the  
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Kevin and  
Jeanine  
Schnieders  
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Congratulations!



## Humanities night recognizes the Arts

On Monday, April 28, Dell Rapids High School held their annual Humanities Awards night. Students who are involved in Band, Journalism, Visual Arts, Choir, and Fine Arts are recognized for the great work they do throughout the year.

The evening started with the Jazz Band performing for the guests and showed them what they're made of. Next, Journalism Advisor Kerri Kirschenmann awarded Journalism pins to Jessica Lambert, Karlie Leighton, and Tia McKillip who all qualified for the *Quill and Scroll* Award. In order to receive this award they must have written a certain amount of stories, and helped out with the *Echo* since their junior year. Lambert received a certificate for being the Editor for the school newspaper, and Leighton, McKillip, Meg Dearduff, and Rita Stange all received certificates for being reporters/writers for the school newspaper.

Next up was a solo by Jordan Stone, who sang "Danny Boy" that she sang at competition and received a perfect score on. "She blew me away with how great she sounded, she was amazing," said Karlie Leighton.

Ginny Ziebarth next announced the solos, All-State Choir, and Ensemble awards. For the solos, Dylan Damm, Stone, Veronica Fritz, Elly Petrik, Jackson Gleason, and Bryana Schull received perfect scores. Ted DeLange, Taiven Logan, and Nick Holmes received Superior scores; for the Ensembles, Jackson Gleason, Nick Holmes, DeLange, Chuck Grassi, Ethan Schull, Dylan Damm, Jake Faux, Josh Benda, Ben Hinricher, and Luke Snoozy all received perfect scores. This year there were two All-State Choir quartets. The first quartet was Stone, Mikaela Stofferahn, Hinricher, and Jackson Gleason; while the second quartet was Jade Schull, Bryana Schull, DeLange, and Dylan Damm. Two seniors this year received an award for being an All-State Choir member for four years in Stone and Jackson Gleason.

Following the choir awards was Sharon Mitchell with the Oral Interp, and play awards. Jayme Damm, Alexis Damm, Ashley Welbig, Brianna Koster, Cassidy Dearduff, Brook Kaiser, Elly Petrik, Danny Weber, and Rita Stange received awards for being a part of Oral Interp. Melanie Wilke, Morgan Jensen, Shauna Brech, and David Halverson all received awards for being a part of the Fall Play. Courtney Sorsen, Jill Nelsen, and Tad Lacey all received awards for being a part of both Oral Interp and the Fall Play. Jessica Tisher, Michael Mitchell, Ted DeLange, Hannah Fiedler, Sam Prasek, and Luke Snoozy, and Caleb Kirschenmann all received awards for being a part of both the Fall Play, and One Act. Lastly, Mikaela Stofferahn, Bryana Schull, Deni Ahlers, Jade Schull, Jordan Stone, Kendra Drew, Morgan Kistler, AJ Peterson, Taiven Logan, and Demi Erickson, received awards for being a part of Oral Interp, Fall Play, and One Act. Michael Mitchell and Taiven Logan, and Alec Riswold all received Outstanding Actor Awards for their One Act performances in the Region and State competitions.

In order for students to be able to letter in Fine Arts, they must be involved in two out of three of the events. Students

lettering for the first time in Fine Arts was Mikaela Stofferahn, Morgan Kistler, AJ Peterson, Ted DeLange, Sam Prasek, Rita Stange, Demi Erickson, and Caleb Kirschenmann. Students lettering in Fine Arts once before and received a bar were Bryana Schull, Courtney Sorsen, Deni Ahlers, Jade Schull, Jessica Tisher, Jill Nelsen, Jordan Stone, Kendra Drew, Michael Mitchell, Hannah Fiedler, Tad Lacey, and Taiven Logan.

Next up to the stand was Jackson Gleason, performing a solo to "Give A Man a Horse", which also earned him a perfect score in competition earlier this year.

"His deep voice was perfect for that song! He did great," said Alec Riswold.

Band Director Brian Smith, announced awards for Honor Band, Jazz Band, and Solo and Ensemble competitions. For the East Central Honor Band Jayme Damm was part of Jazz Band, while Ben Hinricher, Josh Benda, and Erica Opland were part of the Concert Band. The USD Quad-State Honor Band was Melanie Wilke, and Josh Benda, Symphonic Band; and, Jayme Damm, and Erica Opland, Concert Band. Superior Ratings in Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest were Melanie Wilke, Jayme Damm, Mikaela Stofferahn with a Trumpet Trio; and Erica Opland's Solo. Next for the Jazz Band awards, "Jazz on the Upper Great Plains" Carter Wynja, Luke Snoozy, Mikaela Stofferahn, Jayme Damm, Josh Benda all received Outstanding Soloist Awards. Next for the Coyote Jazz Festival, Jayme Damm, Josh Benda, and Mikaela Stofferahn all received Outstanding Soloist Awards. Letter Winners this year were Luke Snoozy, Erica Opland, Mikaela Stofferahn, Josh Benda, Melanie Wilke, Jayme Damm.

To finish up the night Rick Mott, Art Director, and Pat Gengler, Visual Arts Director, took over the stand to announce the Visual Arts awards. Alexis Damm and Alexa DeVos both received Outstanding Graphics Artist award. Amanda Lemme, Brittney Welbig, Shelby Wrage, Shane O'Hara, Madie Vietor, Sarah Kangley, and Brandi Mitchell all were recognized as Outstanding Artists and also received \$50 scholarships. Lastly, Karlie Leighton received Artist of The Year, and a \$100 scholarship. All scholarship money was raised by the DRHS Art Club to recognize these students.

At the end, all were able to take photos, look at art work on the year, and enjoy an ice cream social provided by the Art Club.

It was another successful art season for the students at DRHS and with a lot of up coming talent there will be more to come next year.



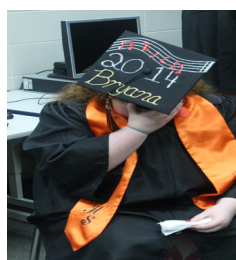
Choir Director Ginny Ziebarth gives Jordan Stone and Jackson Gleason a special award for four years of participation in All-State Choir.



Art Director Rick Mott gives Shane O'Hara his plaque for Outstanding art work throughout the school year.



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014!!



### Band takes trip to Chicago

On Thursday, April 24, 2014, Dell Rapids High School band and choir traveled to Chicago, Illinois. Students and parents have been helping to plan and fundraise this trip for the past four years.

The group boarded two separate charter buses at 9:00 Thursday night, and left for Chicago an hour later.

While in Chicago, the students took a subway to Wrigley Field, visited Lincoln Park Zoo, and went to the Atrium Mall in downtown Chicago. They walked the eight blocks to Willis Tower; formerly the Sears Tower where they took a memorable photo together. After that, they visited Millennium

Park where they got the opportunity to see many tourist spots such as the 'Bean', and Pritzker Pavilion stage. Later, they hopped on a bus for a one-hour commute to Medieval Times Theatre where they watched a jousting show and enjoyed a very large feast.

Bright and early on Saturday, morning, April 26, they all made their way to the Field Museum where both the band and choir had an hour to perform their shows but also had time before and after their performance to tour the museum where they saw the three-story Ancient Egypt exhibit, a world fair, and many other of the featured exhibits. After leaving the Field Museum, the group travelled to the world-famous Rock N' Roll McDonalds before a two-

hour commute to see the Blue Man Group.

At 8:00 the next morning, everyone boarded the bus once again, and started to make their way home back home. It was a trip enjoyed by all and many great memories were made.



Band and Choir members gather in front of the "Bean" for a memorable group shot.



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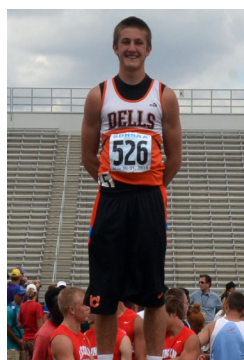
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August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
August 10	August 11 9:00 AM 9-noon- Senior Registration 1:00 PM 1-4pm- Junior Registration	August 12 7:00 AM Elementary Registration (7am-?) 9:00 AM 9-noon-Sopho- more Registration 9:00 AM 9-noon - 5th Grade Registration 1:00 PM 1-4pm- Freshmen Registration 1:00 PM 1-4pm - 6th-8th Grade Registration	August 13	August 14	August 15 8:00 AM FFA- State Fair Entries due	August 16
August 17	August 18	August 19 8:00 AM FFA- Dakotafest Farm Show-Mitchell (August 19-21)	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
August 24	August 25 8:00 AM Staff In- Service/ Work Day	August 26 8:00 AM Staff In-Service/ Work Day	August 27 8:30 AM First Day of School	August 28 8:00 AM South Dakota State Fair- Huron (August 28 - Sept 1)	August 29	August 30
August 31	Sept. 1 8:30 AM No School- (Labor Day)	Sept. 2 8:00 AM MS/HS- Student Pictures with Lifetouch	Sept. 3 8:00 AM ES-Stu- dent Pictures with Lifetouch	Some content may be added closer to the school year so check the school website for more information.		

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**Congratulations Track and Field at State**

(Above): Seniors Brett Nichols and Zach Schroeder were selected as Class 'A' MVP Athletes for Field and Track Events



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