

We Have A Lot to be Proud Of

by James Stanton, Superintendent

The school year is quickly coming to a close, but that does not mean that we still don't have plenty to do. Not only do we need to finish the third trimester strong; we also need to say "Good-bye" to a wonderful group of seniors. Believe me, we will miss this group as they have supplied us with plenty of memories. It is always hard to see a group of students graduate, and the longer I am here, the harder it becomes. I have known these kids for 6 years, and it is sometimes hard to look at them and not see those 7th graders that were here my first year. They have been a fun group to be around, and I will miss them sorely. I also wish them the best of luck as they journey out into the world of unknowns and the ever-changing world of technology. When these kids started school, there was no Facebook and no Twitter. Now it is a huge piece of their lives. I hope for their sake they use it in a responsible manner as it is becoming abused more and more every day. The only bit of advice I give students when they leave about technology is this: "There is no truth filter on the internet. Believe only those things that you can confirm, and hold no stock in people who post things on the internet but do not have the courage to face the person they are bashing face to face. This is true cowardice. The internet is a powerful tool, but it is being used for evil more than good these days. Use it as it was intended, not for what it currently is." Our seniors were honored on May 16th at the senior awards banquet and became official high school graduates on May 18th.

The Dunkerton Board of Education and the Dunkerton City Council have been

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meeting jointly to discuss ways to bolster student enrollment and promote city growth. We feel these two issues go hand in hand as we have seen a declining enrollment and not much change in city growth of late. Part of the reason is that young families have very few housing opportunities/options in Dunkerton. We want to change that so we can remain a viable option for families in the future. If you have any ideas on how to promote city growth, or to bolster student enrollment, please talk to a City Council Member, or a School Board Member. We currently could handle about 100 students in our school buildings without hiring any extra staff. There was also a community meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 in the school commons where these issues were discussed.

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Pictured from left: Elonna, Willow, Danielle, Adeana, and Ava



Seniors

Prom 2014—Roaring 20s



Juniors

National Honor Society

Lindsay Gallo

The Dunkerton chapter of the National Honor Society embraces and exemplifies the four principles of character, scholarship, leadership, and service throughout the academic year. There are seven events the NHS members organize and conduct during the school year:

In the fall, they put on the Powder Puff Flag Football for the girls, and money raised from this event goes toward buying gifts for Adopt-A-Family for Christmas. Local families are often brought to tears with the generosity and kindness of our NHS members who shop and wrap specialized gifts for their children. In my eyes, this is the most rewarding service project that our members do.

Members also clean Elk Run Road as part of the Adopt-A-Highway in the fall, which somehow always ends up being a windy or rainy day. In November, NHS leads the Battle of the Classes Food Drive, which gathers food for local families and churches.

Later in February, NHS has a Bowl-a-thon event, which raises money for a charity or cause of the members' choosing. This year the students raised almost \$600.00, which was \$250.00 past their goal!

In March, the members also organize the Powder Puff Volleyball for the boys. For their final project,

members work with the American Red Cross to put on a blood drive. This year's blood drive took place on May 7th where they had eighteen donors. All seven of these events display members' character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

On Monday, April 14th, ten new members were inducted into the National Honor Society:

New National Honor Society Members

McKenna Boesch	Kory Kuenstling
Abby de Neui	Shauna Mills
Sarah Fager	Karlee Nesvik
Bethanie Fish	Abby Scharborough
Sarah Heideman	Rylie Stanton

Present National Honor Society Members

Aubrey Duncan	Brett Rathe
Bailey Epling	Harley Schuety
Lanae Johnson	Madison Steffen
Emilee Miller	Andrew Winkers
Seth Pipho	

(continued from p.1) Every Friday I send out a “Friday Note” to the staff, and lately I have been opening every note with a section entitled, “It’s a Great Week to be a Raider.” In this section I pick between four or five things that week that are great accomplishments of our students and staff. Only after you start to do something like this do you realize just how much we have to be proud of. We have amazing students and staff. The accomplishments vary from sending a student to NASA for a competition and having them win and move on to the international competition, to three of our elementary students being chosen to perform in the prestigious NEICDA Honor Choir; from winning the runner-up trophy at the state basketball tournament to being invited to perform at All-State Speech; from having students being featured on KWWL for creating a positive environment to having a student qualify for Drake Relays in two different events; we have a lot to be proud of here at Dunkerton. We have some of the highest quality teachers in the state. Did you know that we have teachers who come in at midnight and stay until 3:30 in the morning just so their students can come in and watch the lunar eclipse with them, or that we have a staff member who was the Teacher of the Month on “93.5 The Mix”? The next time you get a chance, just take a few minutes and think about all the great things we have going on here at Dunkerton. Once you get a chance to think about it, I think you will agree with me, “We Have a Lot to be Proud Of”!!!! Dwell on those positives, and use them to build upon and create more positives. The next time you see something positive or hear about a student or staff doing something great, spread the word and tell somebody else, and please let me know so I can get him or her in “The Great Week to be a Raider” segment of my Friday note. I feel like we have a movement going on right now, and I like the direction it is going. Jump on the bandwagon, and make Dunkerton a great place to be a kid. Reminder—we will now be having school on May 27 and 28, 2014 due to the NO SCHOOL days we had for the State Basketball Tournament. It is always fun to get them, but it stinks to make them up.

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2nd grade Happenings

The second grade class recently took a field trip to Heartland Acres and the Mill in Independence. The trip was paid for by a grant from the Farm Bureau. The classes collected pennies and donated \$38.37 to the Mill's fundraising project for a new roof.



Additionally, for the second year in a row, Jerry from Asplundh and Mike from MidAmerican Energy have donated and planted a tree at Dunkerton School.



The second grade students have learned how to plant a tree and about the proper care of a growing tree. They've also learned the important ways that trees help the environment.

Spelling Bee Participants

This year, our 5th Grade classrooms sent four students to the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in March. Congratulations to Gabe Heideman, Savannah Swanson, Bryce Dwire, and Madison Sebetka. Good job for qualifying, and congratulations to Savannah for going nine rounds in the Spelling Bee!

1600 Distant Medley—Karlee Nesvik, Abby de Neui, Brianna Stone, Hannah Johnson 4th

800 Sprint Medley—Karlee Nesvik, Abby de Neui, Brianna Stone, Dani Reicherts 1st

400m Shuttle Hurdle—Sarah Heideman, Justine Nagel, Chelsea Fager, Mercedes Mayer 4th

4x800—Sarah Heideman, Chelsea Fager, McKenna Boeschen, Hannah Heideman 4th

4x400—Brianna Stone, Destiny Hansen, Justine Nagel, Chelsea Fager 7th

4x200—Brianna Stone, Abby de Neui, Destiny Hansen, Chelsea Fager 7th

4x100—Emilee Miller, Karlee Nesvik, Hannah Johnson, Abby de Neui 3rd

News from the Track and Field

After coming in 2nd at the Conference meet a year ago, the Raiders came in wanting more. Led by Drake Relay qualifier Dani Reicherts, Dani won the 100m, 200m, Long Jump, & anchored the Sprint Medley to a 1st place finish. Emilee Miller placed 2nd in the 3000m, 3rd in the 400m, 1st in 800m, and led off the 4x100 to a 3rd place finish. Karlee Nesvik picked up a 4th place finish in the 100m, 4th in Distant Medley, 1st in Sprint Medley, and 3rd in 4x100. Hannah Johnson anchored Distant Medley to a 4th place finish, 3rd in 1500, and 3rd in 4x100. McKenna Boeschen placed 3rd in the Discus and 4th in 4x800.

100m—Dani Reicherts 1st, Karlee Nesvik 4th

200m—Dani Reicherts 1st

400m—Emilee Miller 3rd

1500m—Hannah Johnson 3rd

3000m—Emilee Miller 2nd

400m Hurdles—Justine Nagel 7th

Discus—McKenna Boeschen 3rd, Bethanie Fish 7th

High Jump—Sarah Heideman 4th

Long Jump—Dani Reicherts 1st

Shot Put—Harley Schuety 7th

Final Results Conference Track Meet 2014



Pictured front row L-R Harley Schuety, Abby de Neui, Emilee Miller, Karlee Nesvik, Bethanie Fish
Middle row L-R Dania Valdez, Chelsea Fager, McKenna Boeschen, Sarah Heideman, Hannah Johnson, Dani Reicherts, Nicole O'Hara
Back row L-R Manager Xena Root, Hailey Weston, Hannah Heideman, Brianna Stone, Destiny Hansen, Justine Nagel, Jordyn Nagel, Mercedes Mayer, Coach Ross Steinbronn
Not pictured Team Captain Sarah Fager



Art Show Winners

On April 30th, Dunkerton art students presented their work at the Wildcat Invitational (Star Conference Art Show). They represented Dunkerton well, taking home three top prizes.

Abby Scarborough: 1st place in Digital Imaging

Maddie Steffen: 1st place Graphic Design

Brady Hill: 2nd place Graphic Design

School Play: The Complete History of Everything Abridged



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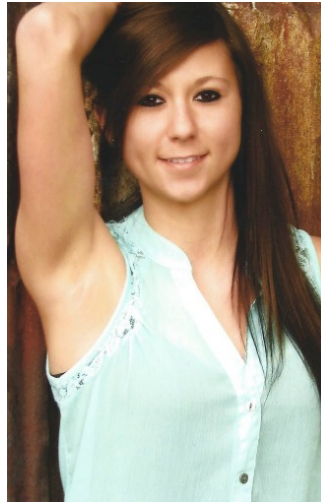
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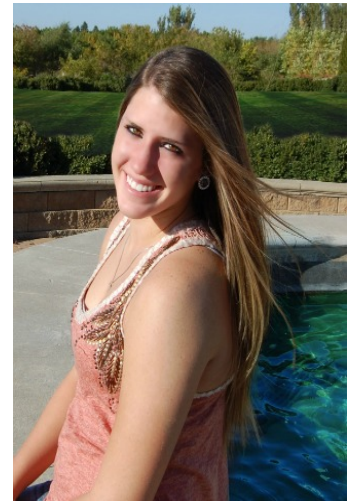
Congratulations Class of 2014!



Alexis Thayer



Ashley Bedard



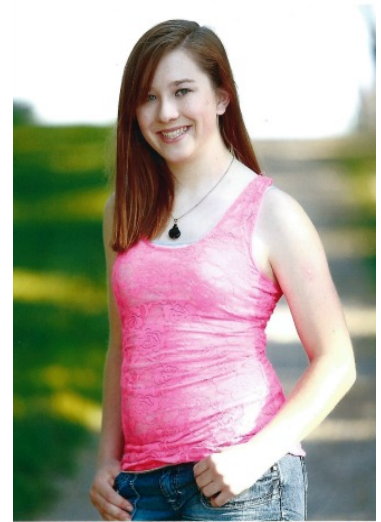
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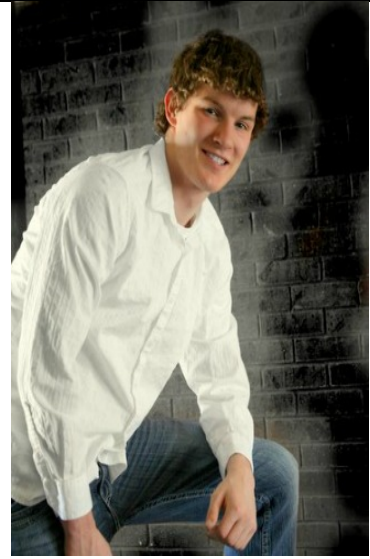
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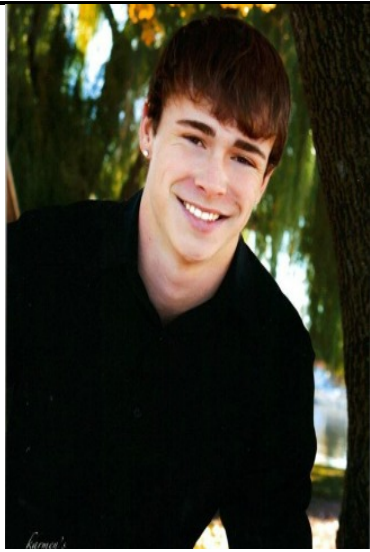
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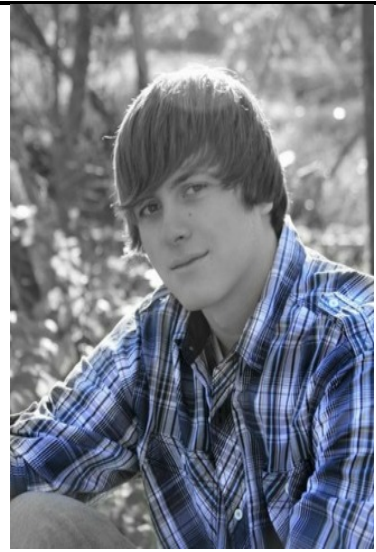
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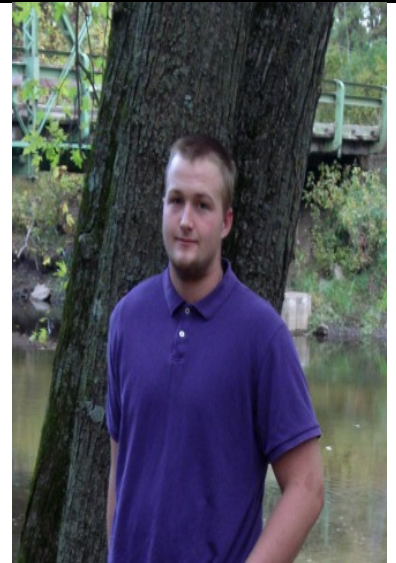
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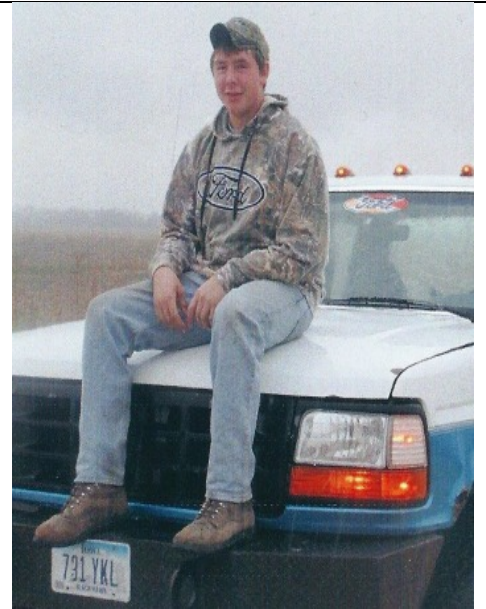
Sarah Fager



Anna Tissue



Lydia Herman



Kaine Wilson

Not pictured: Dominic Yung, Emily Grage

Class Colors: Red and Black

Class Flower: Red Sparkled Rose

Class Motto: Remember yesterday, dream for tomorrow, live for today.

Scholarship Winners:

Sarah Fager: Christina Hixson Opportunity Scholarship, DEA Scholarship, Marsha Nichols Scholarship, Community Foundation of NE Iowa, Student Leadership Scholarship

Aubrey Duncan: Class of 1964 Scholarship, Dollar Denim Scholarship, U.S. Marine Corp Award—Distinguished Athlete, Lyle Bare Scholarship, Student Leadership Scholarship, Salutatorian

Madison Steffen: U.S. Marine Corp Award—Scholastic Excellence Award, Community Foundation of NE Iowa, Des Moines Register Governor's Scholar, KWWL—Best of Class, Valedictorian, Denim Dollar Scholarship

Anna Tissue: Class of 1964 Scholarship, Capri College Award

Christy McClain: Mother Moon Scholarship, U.S. Marine Corp Award—Semper Fidelis

Trevor Jacobsen: Bernie Saggau Award, Iowa State Bar Association—American Citizenship Award, U.S. Marine Corp.—Distinguished Athlete Award, Elma Bennett Scholarship

Brad Jessen: Community Foundation of NE Iowa

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Class of 1964 Scholarship Winners

The Class of 1964 is honored to recognize two Dunkerton seniors with scholarships. Aubrey Duncan and Anna Tissue were the recipients of this year's scholarships. Each senior will receive more than \$1,300 toward her post-secondary education. The scholarships were given at the Awards Ceremony on May 16th. 1964 class representative Wayne Magee presented the scholarships.

The Class of 1964 worked with the Dunkerton Schools Foundation to facilitate these scholarships. This is the second year the class celebrating its 50th class reunion raised money for scholarships and made an impact on the lives of seniors.

The Dunkerton Schools Foundation would ask that the Class of 1965 continue this legacy and begin a scholarship to be awarded to a senior (or two) in the Class of 2015. If you are interested in donating to the Foundation or beginning a scholarship fund through the Foundation, please call Kim Fettkether, Foundation Board Chair at 319-822-7881. Remember all donations are tax-deductible, and a scholarship is a great way to give back to your community and school. Thanks again to the Class of 1964, and congratulations to Aubrey and Anna.



Alive and Running 5K Brunch

Come enjoy brunch following the Alive and Running 5K on June 14th. Brunch will be served in the Dunkerton School's Commons from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Breakfast burritos, a side, and a drink will be served for \$5.00. All proceeds support the Dunkerton Schools PTO, Fine Arts Boosters, and Foundation. Everyone is welcome!



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