

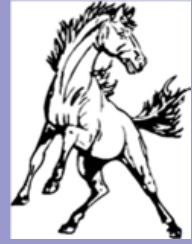
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## National Honor Society



Congratulations to Midkota's new National Honor Society members! The newest inductees are Vanessa Vollmer, Will Spickler, Kylie Johnson, Mason Iverson and Mackenzie Miller. They were inducted Wednesday, March 15th in a ceremony at the high school. The guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Holly Utke, CEO of Dakota Central. She gave an excellent real-life message about growing up, perseverance, being a leader and giving back to others in service that all students can apply to their lives as they transition to life after high school.

## Midkota Academic Challenge



Our academic challenge team was in Hatton on March 15th for the regional competition. They placed 4th in their division and just missed the lightning round by one point. Good job team!

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## JESSICA JOHNSON

ENGLISH & SPANISH TEACHER

**23 YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Favorite thing to teach in English?**

**Reading**

**Favorite book?**

**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**How do you transition between Spanish and English Classes?**

**"I think it's fun to have variety during the day and it is fun to go in between them."**

### ABOUT MRS. JOHNSON

She went to Valley City State University and Majored in English and minored in Spanish & Library. She is also working on her masters in Teaching with Tech & Communication.

### FAMILY

Mrs. Johnson is married to Pete and together they have 4 kids, Kyle, Kelsey, Kauri, Aleks. She also has 3 brothers. Her favorite place is her home in Kensal, since she's not there very often.

### FAVORITES

Her favorite food is tacos and her favorite color is blue, her dream vacation is going to Spain, and her dream job is being a teacher.



## Reading Month 2023: Mystery Solved by Mrs. Dockter

Midkota Elementary has successfully solved the mystery of who stole Mrs. Topp's Reading Month snacks. Students and classes read more than enough words, which enabled them to receive clues and ultimately lead to the discovery that Mr. Christianson had unknowingly consumed the tasty treats. Midkota students read 10,941,287 words, shattering last year's record by more than 3 million words. Throughout the month students were encouraged to solve mysteries and think outside the box. Super Sleuth showed up every now and then to bring new clues as classrooms met goals and the month culminated with a pajama and movie party.



## Calling for the Midkota Class of 2037!!

If your child was born between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019, you have a potential Midkota graduate of the Class of 2037! Information about Pre-School will be sent out this summer. Please be on the look-out for correspondence from the school. Don't be afraid to call the office to make sure your child is on our list.

# Additional Reading Month Photos



**Abigail Dreher, of Midkota** was announced as one of the 2023 regional Scholastic Art and Writing award recipients. Abigail earned a Silver Key in the writing division.

Fargo, N.D., Feb. 14, 2023 – The Red River Valley Writing Project at North Dakota State University and Plains Art Museum have announced the regional award recipients of the 2023 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. It is the country’s longest running and most prestigious recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12. This year, 90 creative teens from North Dakota received regional honors, including Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions and/or American Visions and Voices nominations from the local Scholastic Awards Affiliate.

“For creative teens in North Dakota, these awards are equivalent to what the state tournaments are for athletes – a recognition of hard work and a showcase of talent,” said Benjamin Melby, director of the Red River Valley Writing Project at NDSU. “Every teen in North Dakota, from Belcourt to Beulah, from Williston to Wahpeton deserves recognition for creative talent in writing and art.

The North Dakota state awards ceremony was held at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo. Over \$2,500 in cash prizes was awarded at the ceremony thanks to the generous sponsorship from John Deere. The winners of NDSU scholarships in art and writing were announced, along with this year’s American Voices nominees.

For Gold Key works of art and writing in the 29 categories, including architecture, painting, flash fiction, poetry, printmaking, video game design and more, the opportunities for recognition will continue when those works are adjudicated again on a national level by a panel of leading creative professionals. National gold medalists was announced on March 22 and will be honored during a special awards ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City in June.

Since the program’s founding in 1923, the Awards have fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students, including renowned alumni who have gone on to become leaders in their fields, including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Philip Pearlstein, and Sylvia Plath. More recently, Stephen King, Richard Linklater, Zac Posen, Lena Dunham, and Amanda Gorman received Scholastic Art and Writing Awards when they were teens.

More information about the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers and the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is available online at <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/artandwriting>.





## Archery Team Attends State

Our archery team attended their state tournament March 17 and 18 in Minot. Students in grades 4-12 competed well in their divisions. Six students qualified for the national tournament in either Sandy, Utah or Louisville, Kentucky. In bullseye, national qualifiers were Cole Wessels and Nolan Hoffman who placed 6th and 7th out of 101 participants in the elementary boy's division.

Avery Johnson (7th place),

Kyle Johnson (5th place),

Harlie Hoyt (6th place), and Jesse Wessels (10th place) all qualified for nationals in the 3D tournament. Cole, Nolan, and Jesse were also recognized at the state tournament for qualifying for all-state by having top scores in their divisions throughout the state based on their whole season.

In preparation for state, the team hosted the [Mandy Hoyt Memorial Tournament](#). The meet was held virtually so archers could participate from their own schools. About 200 archers competed this year! We hope to make this tournament an annual event .



**GRIGGS - MIDKOTA  
3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT**

**\$100 per team**

**April 15th, 2023**  
**Griggs County School - Cooperstown, ND**

**Boys & Girls  
Grades 3 - 9  
Starting @ 8:30 AM**

**Lunch will be served all day!**

**Sign up at:  
<https://midkota3on3.weebly.com>**

**Deadline for registration- April 3rd**

# Titan Girls Basketball

By Wyatt Spickler

The girls team ended their season with a record of 3-18. They were playing their best basketball at the end of the season and played in the region qualifier game to finish out the year. The future looks bright for the Griggs-Midkota Titans with lots of young talent on the roster. The girls are excited for the upcoming season and are ready to keep improving.



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# Titan Boys Basketball Team

By Will Spickler

The Titan Boys Basketball Team ended the year 9-13. We had an exciting pep rally with fun games to send the team into the tournament on Monday. In districts, the boys beat Oakes in a rematch game, but couldn't defeat Ellendale to send the team to regionals. We had a fun year and appreciate coaches and teammates for the hard work they put in this season.



# Mustangs of the Month



**Kelsey Johnson**

Kelsey is a freshman and is the daughter of Pete & Jess Johnson. She has 3 siblings, Kyle, Kauri, & Aleks. Kelsey is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, speech, theater, FFA, FBLA, choir, & 4-H.

Kelsey's future goals are to become a teacher and a coach.

Kelsey was nominated for her hard work in and out of school, her positive attitude, and for being a friend to everyone.



**Wyatt Hoyt**

Wyatt is a Sophomore and is the son of Charla Hoyt and Cody & Shian Hoyt. His siblings are Mikayla & Trae. Wyatt is active in football, basketball, FFA, & FBLA.

Wyatt's goals this year are to get good grades and excel in sports.

Wyatt was nominated because he helps others, has a great work ethic and attitude, and is always willing to help those who need it.



**Brady Anderson**

Brady is a Senior and the son of Mark & Roxane Anderson. He has a sister Brenna, and is involved in golf, basketball, & FFA.

Brady's future plans are to obtain a Business Administration degree and a computer networking certificate.

Brady was nominated because of his good attitude, strong character, and leaves a positive lasting impression on students and staff.

Midkota High School "Mustang of the Month" is nominated and chosen by teachers monthly after careful consideration and deliberation. These students demonstrate the values of good citizenship, cooperation and respect for adults and fellow classmates.

**Congrats to these students!**

## Midkota Elementary Raises Money for the American Heart Association by Mrs. Dockter

During the month of March, Midkota physical education teacher, **Dakota Hoyt**, challenged Midkota Elementary students to raise money for a good cause. Mr. Hoyt promised the students that top fundraiser in each category, K-2, 3-4, and 5-6, would be allowed to pie him in the face. True to his word, Mr. Hoyt endured 3 pies to the face and praised his students for an excellent effort. Great work Midkota Elementary and congratulations to **Ahna Sawyer, Leah Edlund, and Avery Johnson!**



## Ag News Report



By: Payton Sorum

Right now **Mr. Black's Ag Class** is working on a sustainable ag project. They will be learning all about farming and ranching practices that build and protect our environment. We asked Mr. Black what his class will be working on next, "We will be studying different crops and weeds."



On March 9th, Midkota Elementary students were able to witness Brent Allan and his

"Just for Fun" show.

A few lucky students were

chosen to help perform some of the magic tricks. **Heidi Ramsey** may have a bright future ahead of her as a magician.





## FBLA Week was Feb. 5th—11th.

We celebrated with professional dress day and getting ready for State Conferences, which was held in Bismarck on April 2-4.



## MIDKOTA BAND & CHOIR COMPETE



On Tuesday, March 14, Midkota's Band and Choir participated in Region 5 Large Group Music Contests at Carrington High School. Our Midkota Music students brought home three "1's" (Excellent) and one "2" (Good) in total. [Mr. Anderson](#) received many compliments on how professional Midkota's groups were in presenting themselves and in their performances. Dareien Lund, an adjudicator who also heard our groups last year, commented "Midkota! Great improvements! I am so proud of your hard work! Keep making music!".

# FFA Week

By: Lilly Larson

The week of February 20-24 is designated as FFA week. Midkota High School enjoyed many activities throughout the week. We talked to the FFA President, Cooper Timm, and asked him how the week went? "It went well and students and staff had a good time". We then asked him how much money they were expecting to raise? "We weren't expecting to raise too much". The results were roughly \$350. Throughout the week Ag questions we asked and prizes were given out to the students for the best dressed. At the end of the week, whichever teacher had the most money in their bucket, got pied in the face. The winners were principal, Mr. Baron and history teacher, Miss Peterson. Thank you everyone who donated and helped out our FFA.



## Desktop Publishing Class



Our Desktop students have taken on the task of archiving class pictures throughout our district. We have taken pictures of the senior composite pictures in Glenfield and recently traveled to McHenry to archive those class pictures. Thank you to Arlene Ehlers for opening up the McHenry senior citizen's center and sharing some of McHenry's history with us. Also thank you to Sheriff Justin Johnson for buying treats for our group at the café!

# Building Trades

By: Myla Larson & Ava Schaeffer

Mr. Veile shared an update on the house they have been building since the school year started. They are finishing up the roof, next they will be installing doors and windows and at some point they have to do the shingling. In April they will be ready to work on the inside of the house. The house will soon be ready to be put up for bids.



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**Midkota School District 7**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 14, 2023, 7:30 AM**  
**Midkota Elementary School**  
**Binford, North Dakota**

Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Veronica Vollmer, Preston Hoffman, Shian Hoyt, Bobbi Hoffman, Louis Halvorson, Justin Spickler.

Others Present: Elementary Principal Linn Dockter, Superintendent/HS Principal Ryan Baron, Charla Hoyt

Present Via Zoom: Austin Monson, Carrie Braaten

President Utke called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established. Motion by Hoyt to approve the agenda as presented with FFA added to New Business, seconded by Spickler . On roll call vote, motion passed.

**REPORTS:**

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT: Gym floor update: Water/slippery issues has been decided that it was due to humidity. There are a couple of suggestions that were made to help solve this issue. Until the issue is solved, there will be limited games held in the Elementary gym. Students will have a Lyceum on March 9 entitled "Just for Fun." Ready Month will start on March 1.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Monson attended the District 4 Basketball Meeting where the new three class system was discussed. Starting next year, BBB Districts location will alternate between Devils Lake and Mayville. GBB Districts location has not been set but possible locations are New Rockford, Benson County, Larimore and Northwood. Regionals will alternate between Devils Lake and The Betty in Grand Forks for both BBB & GBB. Elementary VB Practice starts on March 6. We are currently looking for a coach, will put an offer out to staff. If there isn't any interested staff, there are two Senior girls that are interested in coaching together. First possible day to start Track practice is February 27.

SUPERINTENDENT/HS PRINCIPAL REPORT: Prom has been set for April 21, 2023.

Mr. Baron has been in contact with Harold Rotunda for the last 3 years audit. A contract will be sent to Mr. Rotunda about payments and audit acceptance. Mr. Baron will be contacting two other auditing companies for quotes for future audits.

Window blinds will be ordered for the new elementary windows.

Mr. Baron also spoke about enrollment and ESSER Funds.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Hoyt to approve the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board Meeting, February bills and the March budget, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**


- 4.1 MUSIC POSTION FOR 2023: Mr. Anderson accepted the HS Music position and terms.
- 4.2 BUILDING TRADES PROJECT: Bids for the cabin will be taken in March with April-May approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 5.1 ELECTION: Date of June 13, 2023 will be the date of the school board election. Positions up are Bobbi Hoffman and Shian Hoyt. Motion to accept June 13 as the election date was made by Hoyt, seconded by P. Hoffman. On roll call vote, motion passed.
- 5.2 POLICIES REVIEW: Wellness Policy (ABEA) and Meal Charge (ABEC) were a few of the policies up for discussion. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of required "A" policies was made by Hoyt, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed.
- 5.3 SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATIONS: Superintendent Evaluations were handed out to all board members. Evaluations need to be completed and returned to President Utke on or before March 12.
- 5.4 PHONE STIPEND: In lieu of the district paying for part of a cell phone plan, a stipend of \$50 will be given to Ryan Baron and Charla Hoyt. Motion to accept made by Spickler, second by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed.
- 5.5 EARLY GRADUATION: Motion to close meeting to discuss student request made by Vollmer, second by B. Hoffman. Motion to approve early graduation request made by Spickler, second by Vollmer. On roll call vote, motion passed. Motion to reopen meeting made by B. Hoffman, second by Hoyt.
- 5.6 HS SCHOOL GYM: With the addition to the high school now paid off, discussion was had about going ahead with plans for a new gym. Mr. Baron will be contacting Zerr-Berg's to inquire about plans.
- 5.7 SCHOOL VEHICLE: Discussion was had if it was possible to get a new suburban or car. Louis Halvorson will look into pricing for both and report back to board. If another vehicle is purchased, current school vehicle will be put out on bids.
- 5.8 PROM CO ADVISOR RESIGNATION: Motion to approve resignation of Katie Eggermont as prom co advisor made by Hoyt, seconded by P. Hoffman. On roll call vote, motion passed.
- 5.9 KILN & POTTERY WHEEL: Discussion was had about the possibility of selling, was decided to keep at this time.
- 5.10 BUSINESS MANAGER AND ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER SALARIES: Due to new responsibilities of the Assistant Business Manager, an increase in pay was discussed. Motion to increase pay was made by Hoyt, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed.
- 5.11 REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE: Request for Intent to Negotiate was made by Midkota Teachers, motion to approve was made by Hoyt, B. Hoffman second. On roll call vote, motion approved.
- 5.12 CONTRACTS: Basketball contracts and Midkota Extra Curricular contracts were looked over. Contract for FFA will be offered to Mr. Gavin Black.

Motion by B. Hoffman to adjourn meeting, seconded by Hoyt. On roll call vote, motion passed.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Midkota High School in Glenfield, ND

  
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President

  
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Business Manager

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Use them wisely.



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| 9<br>Happy Easter! | 10<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Easter Monday                        | 11<br>E: Hot dogs & Corn dogs<br>HS: Crisпитos               | 12<br>E: Chicken Nuggets & Fries<br>HS: Meatball Subs | 13<br>E: Hotdish<br>HS: Pizza Hotdish            | 14<br>E: Pizza Rolls<br>HS: Pulled Pork            | 15  |
| 16                 | 17<br>E: Subs<br>HS: Fettuccine Alfredo                        | 18<br>E: Chicken Strips & Hashbrowns<br>HS: Hot Ham & Cheese | 19<br>E: Spaghetti<br>HS: BBQ's                       | 20<br>E: Scalloped Potatoes<br>HS: Chicken Bowls | 21<br>E: Grilled Cheese & Fries<br>HS: French Dips | 22  |
| 23                 | 24<br>E: Stew<br>HS: Chili                                     | 25<br>E: Hamburgers<br>HS: Breakfast                         | 26<br>E: Chicken Gravy<br>HS: Orange Chicken          | 27<br>E: Pizza Sticks<br>HS: Taco in a Bag       | 28<br>E: Soup & Sandwiches<br>HS: Chicken Burgers  | 29  |
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Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve an uncommon result.



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|                    |  | *4/4- 7:30am<br>School Board Mtg<br>@ MES  |  |  |  | 1  |
| 2                  | 3<br>4pm Pembina Co.<br>Indoor Track Meet<br>@ UND<br>State FBIA Convention @ Bismarck       | 4 4p E-VB @ MES<br>vs. GCC<br>County Health for<br>5th & 6th Grade   | 5<br>2:30p MES Musical<br>@ MHS<br>Small Group Music<br>@ VCSU | 6 4p Softball @<br>McVille vs. PCN<br>5p Baseball @ LaM-<br>oure; 4th Grade Wax<br>Museum; STEM<br>Night @ MES           | 7<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><b>Good Friday</b>                                  | 8  |
| 9<br>Happy Easter! | 10<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><b>Easter Monday</b><br><b>Boys Golf Practice</b><br><b>Starts</b> | 11 4p Varsity Track<br>@ Lisbon<br>4p E-VB @ GCC<br>4:30p Baseball @<br>Tolna vs. NR-S   | 12   | 13 4:30p E-VB @<br>Kensal vs. Pingree-<br>Buchanan; 4p SB @<br>Northwood vs. MPCG;<br>4:30p JH Baseball @<br>Devils Lake | 14 1p JH/V Track<br>@ Grafton<br>4:30p Baseball @<br>Tolna vs.<br>Carrington | 15 Regional Speech @<br>Carrington;<br>G-M 3on3 Tourney @<br>GCC<br>TBD JH/JV Baseball<br>Tourney @ Park River           |
| 16                 | 17<br>4p Softball @<br>Grafton<br>5:30p E-VB @ New<br>Rockford                               | 18 Boys Golf @ New<br>Rockford; 2p V Track @<br>Carrington; 4:30p E-VB<br>vs. PB @ Buchanan;<br>Dental Hygienist<br>Re-Checks @MES | 19   | 20 Boys Golf @<br>Casselton; 2p JH/V<br>Track Relays @<br>Mayville; 4:30p BB<br>@ Tolna vs. S. Border                    | 21<br>4:30p Softball @<br>Langdon<br>PROM<br>8p Grand March                  | 22<br>11a JH/V Track @<br>Mayville<br>Noon Baseball @<br>New Rockford  |
| 23                 | 24 Boys Golf @<br>Mayville<br>4:30p Baseball @<br>Tolna vs. Kidder<br>Co/Nap/G-S             | 25 11a Varsity Track<br>@ Grotten, SD; 4p SB<br>@ TBD vs. Maple<br>River; 4:30p BB @<br>Tolna vs. Midway/<br>Minto                 | 26<br>County Health<br>Immunizations @<br>MES                  | 27 4p JH Track @<br>Hillsboro; 4p SB @<br>McVille vs. Midway/<br>Minto; 4:30p JH BB<br>@ Lakota vs. Devils<br>Lake       | 28<br>Boys Golf @<br>Hillsboro<br><b>5th &amp; 6th Field Trip</b>            | 29 State Speech @<br>Mandan; 11a Varsity<br>Track @ Hillsboro;<br>BB @ Casselton;<br>11:45 vs. MPCG<br>1:30 vs. Larimore |
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## Update:

The Living Wax Museum will be held April 20th  
@ 2:00 PM

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 12th Tutoring /Professional Development - No School

May 18th End of Quarter 4

May 18th Last Day of School

May 20th Graduation— 2:00 pm at the High School campus.

\*\* Watch your mail this summer for Pre-School information.

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