

# Northwest News

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## *Congratulations,* Northwest Class of **2012**



Northwest High School held its 58th Commencement Saturday, May 26, at the Akron Baptist Temple. Diplomas were issued to 175 seniors, and speeches were delivered by the co-valedictorians and co-salutatorians.

**More about Graduation**

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## Larry Tausch Named Middle School Principal



Larry Tausch is the new middle school principal, replacing Bob Venables who retired at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Tausch has been the principal of Apple Creek Elementary in the Southeast Local School district since 2009.

Tausch had previously worked as a Language Arts teacher in the Plain Local School District

for 13 years. He also served as the Oakwood Middle School athletic director for four years. He holds a B.A. in Elementary Education from Akron University and an M.A. in Education from Marygrove College.

◀ “We are very excited to welcome Larry Tausch to the Northwest Community. He will be a great fit and an asset to the district.”

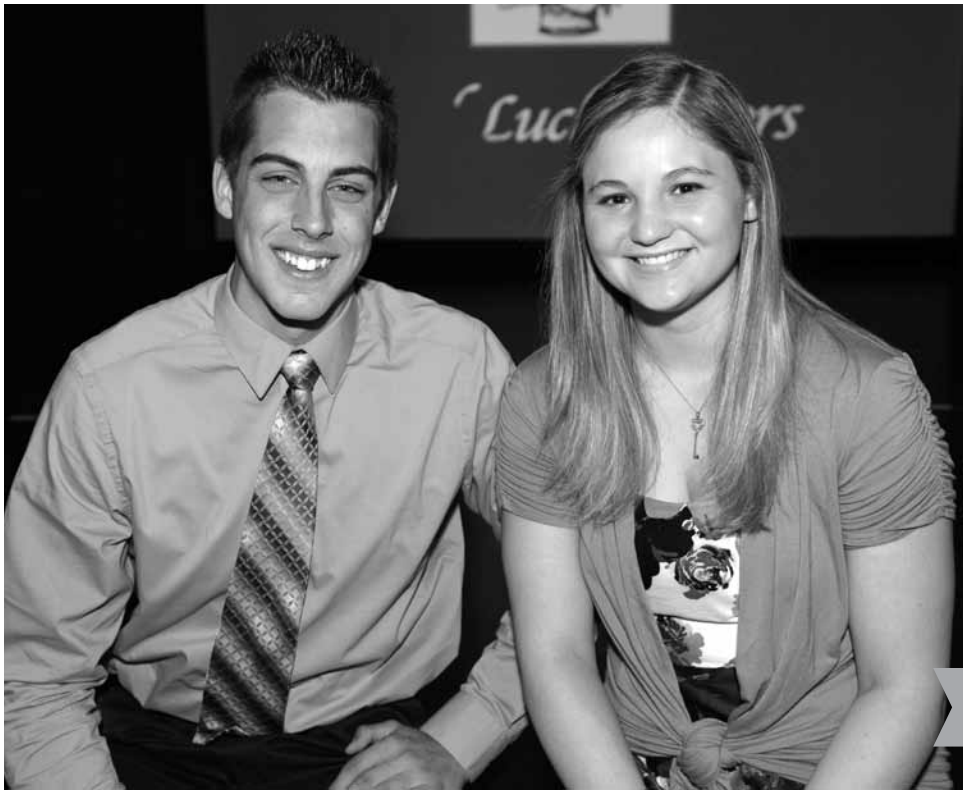
Superintendent Mike Shreffler is pleased to have him join the district administrative staff: “We are very excited to welcome Larry Tausch to the Northwest Community. He has a wide variety of experiences to share. He will be a great fit and an asset to the district.”

# Local Scholarships and Awards

The following awards and scholarships were announced at the 53rd annual Northwest High School Honors Banquet held May 14.



Joan Cogan presents her character award to Brent Bauman



Mike Millard and Meghan Fennell - Mr. and Miss Northwest

- Brent Bauman**  
Cogan’s Core of Character Scholarship ..... \$5,000  
Lion’s Club Scholarship..... \$1,250  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250
- Ronnie Beers**  
NW Touchdown Club Book Scholarship..... \$250
- Jordan Benson**  
NW Touchdown Club Book Scholarship..... \$250
- Shelby Booth**  
Northwest Girls Basketball Scholarship ..... \$500
- Ryan Brotherton**  
Tom & Dorothy Healey Memorial  
Scholarship ..... \$500  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$500
- Jacob Cochran**  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250
- Cara Crawford**  
Ryan Hudson Memorial Award ..... \$1,000  
Jordan Ayers Memorial Scholarship ..... \$1,000  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250
- Rachel deGuia**  
Northwest Girls Basketball Scholarship ..... \$500  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250
- Seth Duncan**  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250  
NW Touchdown Butch  
Schembechler Memorial Scholarship..... \$1,000
- Meghan Fennell**  
Carmen Ketz Memorial Scholarship ..... \$500  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250  
Paul Swigart Rotary Scholarship ..... \$2,000  
Miss Northwest ..... \$250

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## Local Scholarships and Awards *cont.*

### Breann Gindlesberger

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250  
Red Cross Scholarship..... \$500

### Haleigh Hamad

Paul Swigart Rotary Scholarship..... \$1,000

### Samantha Hartman

McDonald's Scholarship..... \$500

### Olivia Hensal

Tricia Echols Memorial Scholarship..... \$1,000

### C. Bradley Hoffman

Tom Holl Memorial Scholarship..... \$750

### KaraNina Kapper

Red Cross Scholarship..... \$1,000

### Hillari Macko

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250

### Morgan Massengale

Avalon Foods Scholarship..... \$500

### Daniel May

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250

### Maggie McCreary

Teen Institute Award

### Michael Millard

Robert A. Beichler Memorial Scholarship..... \$500  
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250  
Herb & James D. Schalmo Memorial  
Scholarship..... \$2,000  
Mr. Northwest..... \$250

### Ryan Murgatroyd

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship..... \$250

### Natalie Nicholson

Robert A. Beichler Memorial Scholarship..... \$500

### Kasey Pagani

"Sarge" Sherhag Memorial Scholarship..... \$750

### James Pawlyk

Tom & Dorothy Healey Memorial  
Scholarship..... \$1,000  
NW Touchdown Club Scholarship..... \$500

### Ashley Porter

Gregg Metzger Memorial Scholarship..... \$3,000

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## May Fiesta! Features the '70s and '80s



The Vocal Music Department, under the direction of Mrs. JoAnn Pitzer, presented "Re-livin' the Past" at the annual May Fiesta May 18-19. Dressed in platform shoes, tie-dyed shirts and bell-bottom jeans, students performed songs from the '70s and '80s.



# Northwest Alumnus Presents “Shelter”

Wrion Bowling, a 2004 graduate of Northwest High School, has won the attention of local film enthusiasts with his recent film, “Shelter.” The film will be shown at a special screening held by Akron Film+Pixel June 23 at 8:30 p.m. at Summit ArtSpace on East Market Street in Akron. The film is free and open to the public. Although the film has not received an official MPAA rating, it does contain elements that may not be suitable for children.



Northwest Alumnus Wrion Bowling

Bowling and his collaborator, Adam Caudill, wrote, produced, directed, and edited the film as a team. The film is about five survivors forced to live in a secret underground bomb shelter for more than a year. The film was shot entirely in Akron. The film has a small ensemble cast, and Joyce Hshieh, a 2005 Northwest alumna, has the lead role.

Bowling’s interest in movie-making began with his short videos for Ms. Shannon Stacy’s English class, and he first began to sense that he might want to pursue film and television as a career option in Mr. John Rafailedes’s class, Electronic Media. After his graduation from Northwest in 2004, he enrolled at Ohio University to study video production. At OU he had the opportunity to write and direct many projects, including short films, sitcoms,

and even an actual evening news program, broadcast on WOUB for Southeast Ohio and West Virginia.

Bowling stresses that his work on “Shelter” was a collaboration of efforts, and he believes being in the high school marching band

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taught him “valuable lessons: the ability to lead a team, the experience of collaborating with others toward a larger creative goal, and the importance of individual practice – often tedious, but always rewarding. For this, I am forever indebted to Mr. Garry Masowich.”

Wrion currently lives with his wife Carissa in New York City where he works as a freelance video editor. He and Caudill are putting the finishing touches on “Shelter,” focusing on promoting it and starting to write their next project.





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## *Congratulations,* Northwest Class of **2012**



**Northwest Local School Graduates:**

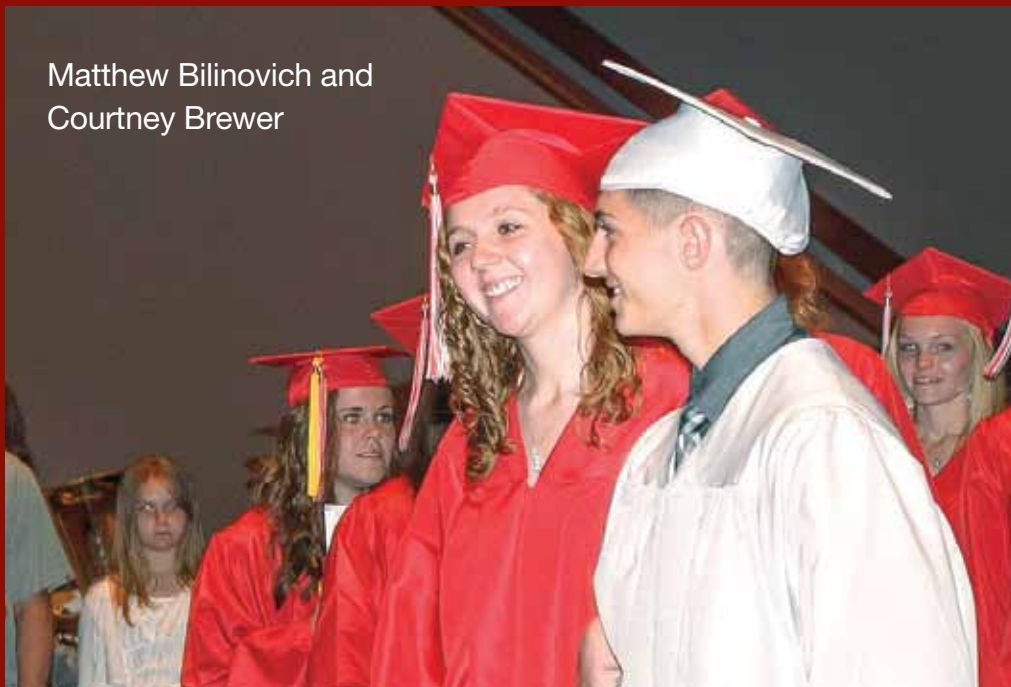
(above) Christian Costanzo and Nicole Devine

(below) Stephen Baglia and Tonya Beasley



Superintendent William Stetler addresses the Class of 2012 with  
Principal Eric Bornstine beside him

Matthew Bilinovich and  
Courtney Brewer





# Valedictorian Meghan Fennell

“And not that our troubles and mistakes have been good, but they’ve helped make us who we are. Four years of bumps in the road and problems that seemed bigger than we could handle have taught us that we can handle anything. Through it all, we’ve become strong.”

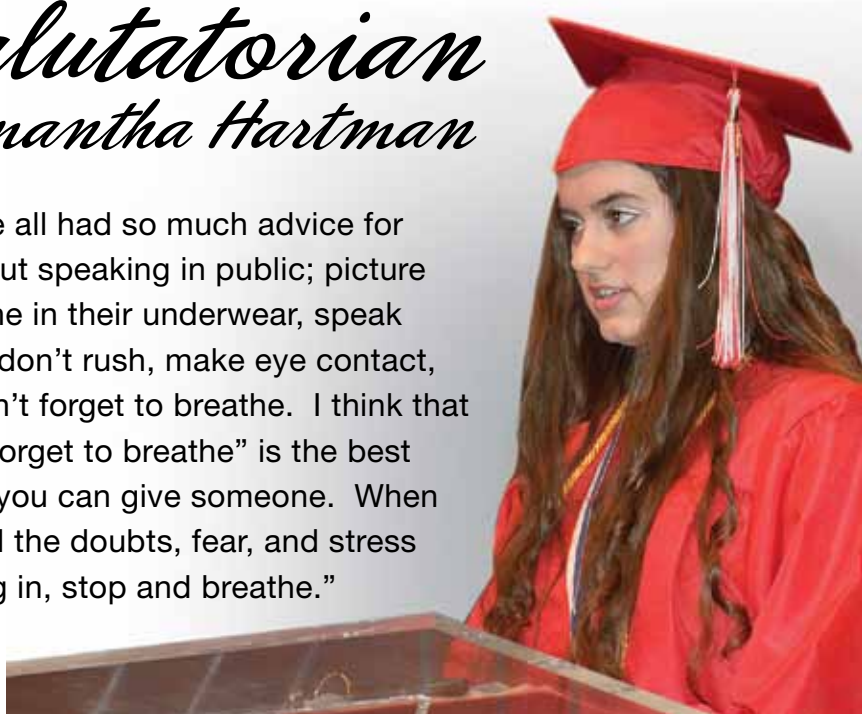


# Valedictorian Taylor Snelick

“Getting involved in high school was the best decision I have made in my four years here. Becoming a part of a team or performing in a play together is something to be proud of, something bigger than yourself. It's more than just you, it's caring about and supporting others that you would have never met.”

# Salutatorian Samantha Hartman

“People all had so much advice for me about speaking in public; picture everyone in their underwear, speak slowly, don’t rush, make eye contact, and don’t forget to breathe. I think that “don’t forget to breathe” is the best advice you can give someone. When you feel the doubts, fear, and stress flooding in, stop and breathe.”



# Salutatorian Morgan Massengale

“We have to overcome our fears and believe in ourselves. We have to embrace the past because it has made all of us who we are this very moment.”





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## Local Scholarships and Awards *cont.*

### Michael Pribonic

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$250
NTA Scholarship .....	\$500
Northwest Touchdown Club .....	\$500

### Nicholas Riley

Northwest Touchdown Club .....	\$500
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### Lindsey Rossiter

Red Cross Scholarship .....	\$500
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### Courtney Sandmann

Northwest Girls Basketball Scholarship .....	\$500
Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$250

### Randall Schelcher

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$500
Red Cross Scholarship .....	\$500

### Hannah Segers

Teen Institute INTERACT Award .....	
Paul Swigart Rotary Scholarship .....	\$2,000

### Tess Serb

Northwest Lady Indians Basketball Scholarship .....	\$500
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### Taylor Shoff

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$250
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### Taylor Snelick

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$250
Tom Holl Memorial Scholarship .....	\$750

### Kyle Stover

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$500
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### Jay Strelecki

NW Touchdown Club Book Scholarship .....	\$250
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### Mason Tesch

NW Touchdown Club Scholarship .....	\$500
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### Matthew Varga

Robert A. Beichler Memorial Scholarship .....	\$500
Red Cross Scholarship .....	\$500

### Nicholas Weaver

NW Touchdown Club Book Scholarship .....	\$250
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### Marisa Zink

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship .....	\$250
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### Toni Zumpano

Paul Swigart Rotary Scholarship .....	\$2,000
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## District Arts Program



**The Kent State University Faculty Brass Quintet**

The District Arts Program held two programs in May that allowed students to hear performances by outside groups. The Kent State University Faculty Brass Quintet performed May 4 for the district band students in grades 5-12. Band Director Garry Masowich believes these concerts are valuable to students who rarely have an opportunity to see and hear live performances. Through the efforts of Dr. Alex Christ, the Jackson High School Steel Drum Band performed for Northwest Primary School students May 11.



**The Jackson High School Steel Drum Band**



# Athletic Charitable Committee

## Supporting Athletics in our local Northwest Community

The Athletic Charitable Committee (ACC) is a committee of volunteers dedicated to improving our local Northwest sporting facilities in order to continue our commitment to excellence for future generations. The ACC is currently comprised of members representing:

- *Touchdown Club (Football)*
- *Takedown Club (Wrestling)*
- *Runner's Club (Track / CC)*
- *Lady Indians Basketball Boosters (Girls Basketball)*
- *Northwest Softball Boosters*
- *Northwest Cheerleading Association*
- *Northwest Girls Soccer*
- *Diamond Club (Baseball)*
- *Boys Basketball*

# Kasey Pagani Wins State and National Titles

Kasey Pagani won the “All Around” and uneven bars titles at the Level 10 National Gymnastics Championships held in May in Hampton, Va. She also took third in the floor exercise, sixth on the balance beam and seventh in the vault. Kasey is also the state champion in the uneven bars this year and has won four state titles in Level 10 during her high school career. This marks Kasey’s fifth year at a level 10, which is considered college level gymnastics, and she has been a national qualifier all five years. Training at Gymnastics World in Broadview Heights, Kasey will compete in gymnastics for Kent State next year.



## WHAT’S NEW?

- **Recycling** – Don’t forget to take your cans to the recycling center at the bus garage! It’s good for the environment and raises money for Northwest Athletics!
- **Football Reserved Seats and Parking Passes** will be going on sale soon. Look for more information in the next edition. Don’t miss the chance to get your passes for the upcoming football season!
- **NW Touchdown Club Family Fun Day July 22nd** – Enjoy a fun-filled day at Clay’s Park with swimming, food, beverages, DJ, fishing, bounce house, volleyball and much more! Tickets are only \$20! Contact John Barabasch (330) 606-9945 or Craig West (330) 904-1226 for more information. \*\*Presale tickets only\*\*
- **NW Takedown Club Golf Outing – July 15th @ Lyons Den Golf Club** - \$60 per golfer / Four person teams. Fee includes 18 holes, food at the turn, dinner and prizes after golf. To register your team, contact Kara Fitzwater (330) 620-8258 or Jim Cox (330) 671-0537. Sponsorship opportunities also available.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- JULY 15, 2012** – Takedown Club Golf Outing
- JULY 22, 2012** – Family Fun Day @ Clay’s Park - Sponsored by the Touchdown Club
- JULY 28, 2012** – Girls Soccer Tournament at Northwest





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## Sheepskin Replaced by Parchment

The diplomas received by the Class of 2012 are printed on parchment, but those diplomas issued a century ago were printed on sheepskin. Visitors to the Rhoads-Harter House in Clinton have an opportunity to see the actual sheepskins of two graduates of the Clinton School Class of 1894. These diplomas belonged to John P. Rhoads and Della (Dreurey) Sours. The two graduates were part of a graduating class of four students that included Lewis Hertle and Minnie (Klein) Ruch.

The use of sheepskins by universities has declined over the past few years, with Notre Dame most recently announcing the move to parchment. Why are universities moving from

the traditional sheepskin? A parchment diploma costs about \$15 while a sheepskin diploma ranges between \$135-200.



## Scott Burnett Inducted into Wayne County HOF



Northwest High School Assistant Principal Scott Burnett will be inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame June 30. Burnett, an alumnus of Triway High School, was the state champion in the shot put in 1989 and 1990. He still holds the current Triway High School shot put record at 58' 1¼".

Burnett also competed in the shot put, discus and hammer throw at Ashland University and earned All-American honors for five years. Burnett is also a member of Triway Hall of Fame and the Ashland University Athletic Hall of Fame.



# Middle School Awards Announced

Northwest Middle School recognized student achievement for the 2011-2012 school year at the spring program.

**Outstanding Eighth-Grade Girl and Boy:**  
Gracyn Loper and Matthew Fennell

**Archie Griffin Award:**  
Hayley Macko and Tristen Lindeman

**Lions Club Award:**  
Madison Butcher & Tristen Lindeman



**Perfect Attendance:**  
**first year**

**Sixth Grade**  
Cooper Ross  
MacKenzie Woodrum

**Seventh Grade**  
Tim Brosch  
Kasandra Fager  
Kristine Fager  
Andrew Murray  
Sam Weinland

**Eighth Grade**  
Kyle Converse  
Joseph Eisenmann

**Perfect Attendance:**  
**second year**

**Seventh Grade**  
Dylan Bolyard  
Trevor Summers  
Ethan Zellers  
Chara Kelleman

**Eighth Grade**  
Carter Antal

**Students who**  
**earned a 4.0 for**  
**one grading period**

**Sixth Grade**  
Erika Bell  
Collin Brockmeyer  
Josef Chiboroski  
Quinton Davis  
Madison Fightmaster  
Julia Finney

Jordan Freeman  
Jonathan Gerry  
Jordan Glass  
Chelsea Grisby  
Anna Henry  
Ethan Lower  
Caleb Lopez  
Elizabeth Mumau  
Tyler Neitz  
Kara Starling  
Angelia Nicolardi

**Seventh Grade**  
Morgan Burnell  
Danielle Hearn  
Emily Jackson  
Morgan Lenardos  
Deborah Liknes  
Trevor Summers  
Ethan Zellers

**Eighth Grade**  
Sarah Butti  
Holly Hamilton  
Hannah Messner  
Kristopher Noble  
Madison Pollard  
Alexis Ropchock  
Kristin Sobie  
Hunter Speedy  
Brian Stevenson  
Brooke West

**Students who**  
**earned a 4.0 for**  
**two grading periods**

**Sixth Grade**  
Nicholaus Adams  
Mahlee Evans

Hallie Laterza  
Breanna Snyder

**Seventh Grade**  
Angel Aronson  
Kristine Fager  
Seth Loper  
Madison Markus  
Joshua Smith  
Zachary Woodrum

**Eighth Grade**  
Kyle Converse  
Jake Demaree  
David Dill  
Matthew Fennell  
Jacob Hyrne  
Leah Luhring  
Hayley Macko

**Students who**  
**earned a 4.0 for**  
**three grading**  
**periods**

**Sixth Grade**  
Kendal Kovacs  
Corban McAviney  
Dillon Petty  
Joshua Woodward

**Seventh Grade**  
Bailey Bloom  
Kaitlyn Clark  
Kasandra Fager  
Hunter Kosco  
Maddison Oakes  
George Workinger  
Kim Zickefoose

**Eighth Grade**  
Jacob Tholl

**Presidential**  
**Education Award**

**These students**  
***maintained a minimum***  
***grade-point average***  
***of 3.5 for the year of***  
***seventh grade and***  
***during the first and***  
***second nine weeks of***  
***eighth grade***  
Nathan Booth  
Madison Butcher  
Sarah Butti  
Kyle Converse  
Madison Culp  
Jake Demaree  
David Dill  
Matthew Fennell  
Holly Hamilton  
Justin Hinkle  
Jacob Hyrne  
Leah Luhring  
Hayley Macko  
Madison Pollard  
Alexis Ropchock  
Hailey Sabol  
Ethan Shuttleworth  
Kristin Sobie  
Kelly Walker  
Brooke West  
Madison Worden





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## S.W.O.R.D.

Northwest High School held its annual "Seniors Work Out Reach Day," or SWORD, Friday, May 25. Through Dave Orr, coordinator of SWORD, students learn the importance of giving back to the community.

## Alyson Lindic Claims State Championship

Alyson Lindic jumped 5' 5" to become the Ohio High School Division II state champion in the high jump Friday, June 1, at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus. Jumping the same height last year earned Alyson a second place finish.

Earlier in the season, Alyson and Michael Millard set school records in the high jump in the last home meet of the season against Coventry on May 7. Alyson jumped 5' 6" and Michael cleared 6' 5" to set the records.

Both Alyson and Michael were district champs in the high jump while Alyson finished as runner-up in the regional finals to advance to state competition. Michael did not qualify for state, finishing sixth overall at regionals.

Alyson joins a very elite group of athletes to win a state championship from Northwest.



1984 – GOLF – Mark Taylor

1989 – WRESTLING – Brian Slates

1997 – CC – Kelli Litton

2001 – WRESTLING – Jared Villers

2004 – WRESTLING – Cody Butzer

2006 – GOLF – Justin Lower

2012 – TR – Alyson Lindic