

North Dakota School For the Deaf

Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

"A School Without Walls"

BANNER



Burton Driggs Pond

Photo by Kerry Olson-Rysavy

*"Looking back with pride;
Looking forward with confidence".*

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North Dakota School for the Deaf Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Purpose:

- *To develop, coordinate, and maintain a comprehensive continuum of services for all citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing (infants through senior citizens).*

Mission:

- *To provide an environment in which individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can access the services and support that they need to become and remain integrated, productive citizens of the state.*

*“Looking Back With Pride,
Looking Forward With Confidence.”*

A School Without Walls

Superintendent's Update



Dr. Connie Hovendick

We completed strategic planning in October with our mission statement:

NDSD/RCDHH shall serve as a State Resource Center to provide advocacy, leadership and educational expertise for all individuals in North Dakota who are deaf or hard of hearing.

We began 2017 with a legislative session in progress. This was a difficult session with a loss of income that required the legislators to make cuts to state programs. All state salaries were frozen so there are no raises for the dedicated, knowledgeable staff that work here. NDSD/RCDHH was cut by 18% of our general funds that are state appropriated. The good news is that with supportive legislators we were able to use our special funds to make up the difference so we did not have to cut any positions or programs. NDSD/RCDHH has some dollars in special funds that I think of as "savings". This is a combination of rent and other services that we are paid for and some state land dollars. I am confident that we will continue to provide high quality services to children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing across North Dakota.

The model school on campus has seen an increase in professionals coming to visit and interact with our students as part of their training programs. Nurses, interpreters and teachers have come to observe; students from UND, Minot State University, Dickinson State College and Lake Region State College are taking advantage of opportunities to learn about deaf education and Deaf culture.

We have increased our use of technology to provide services across long distances. We offer sign language classes taught by way of IVN from both Devils Lake and Fargo, we are using Skype for teachers to consult about students, and we have begun a pilot project to provide programming for a few students with WEB-EX to accommodate long distances. Interactive smart boards are routinely used in the model school classrooms.

Outreach continues to grow in all areas. The adult program has developed a strong in-service programming that they have presented to state agencies, hospitals, assistive living centers, aging groups and even law enforcement. The school age outreach provides consultations and professional development for all teachers of the deaf across the state and has provided mentoring to new teachers who are still taking course work to complete their teacher of the deaf degrees. The parent-infant program works closely with families to encourage language development of their children.

This has been an exciting time of growth and change for NDSD/RCDHH.

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**Denotes Department Manager*



August 23, 2016



*Summer is over, fall is here.
Back to school for a brand new year.*



Deaf Awareness Week

September 18-24, 2016



Among the week's activities were presentations by Lilia Bakken:
Legacy of the Frelich Family
And NDSD Landmarks



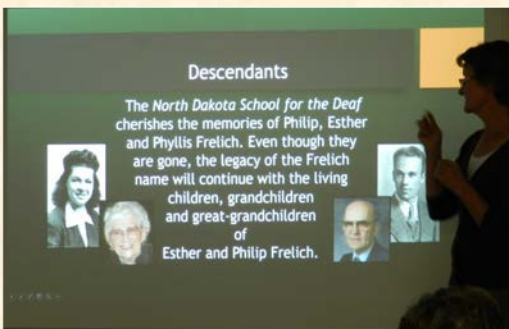
Special guests in attendance were members of the Frelich family:

(left to right)

Mary Frelich

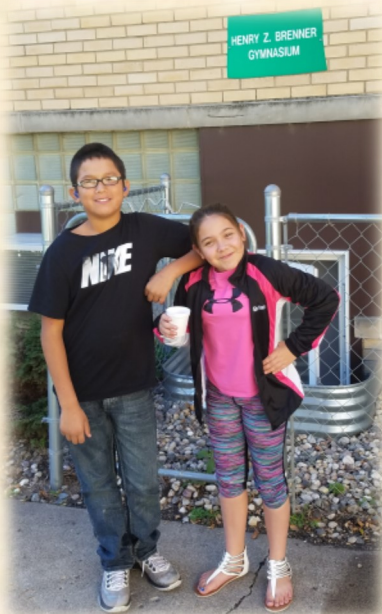
John Frelich

Margaret (Frelich) Helten





Deaf Awareness Week activities included a scavenger hunt for the dedicated landmarks on the NDSD/RCDHH campus. Not only was it an enjoyable outdoor experience, but students also learned more about the achievements of these men and women who played such a large part in our school's history.



Landmarks

By Lilia Bakken

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing has nine landmarks named in memory of former employees who were recognized for their exceptional dedication to their profession and to the students they served. Have you seen these landmarks?



(1890-1895)



Spear School Building, dedicated 1992, in memory of Anson Spear (deaf) - first superintendent (1890-1895). Spear helped to establish the North Dakota School for the Deaf.



(1945-1969)



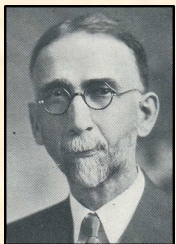
Smith Building, dedicated 1993, in memory of Superintendent Carl F. Smith (hearing). He oversaw the construction of gymnasium, administration building and girls' dormitory.



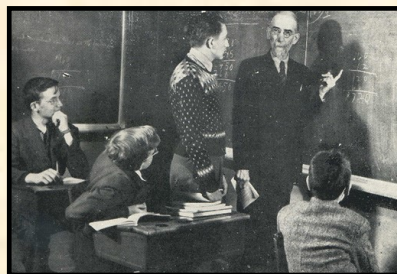
(1943-1985)



L. Dwight Rafferty Field, dedicated 1994, in memory of Coach Dwight Rafferty (deaf). He was NDSD's track coach from 1945 to 1976. He also taught printing for 30 years.



(1908-1947)



Thomas Sheridan Road, dedicated 1994, in memory of Thomas Sheridan (deaf). He was a teacher of high school math and editor of the **Banner**.



(1960-1984)



Blackhurst Dorm, dedicated 1995, in memory of Kenneth Blackhurst (deaf). He was a house father and dorm counselor and often repaired bikes for students.

Landmarks



(1921-1937)



Burton Driggs Pond, dedicated 1995, in memory of Superintendent Burton Driggs (hearing). He oversaw construction of boys' dorm, vocational building and bridge over the pond.



(1956-1992)



Henry Brenner Gymnasium, dedicated 1996, to Coach Henry Brenner (deaf). He coached football and basketball and taught high school social studies for 36 years.

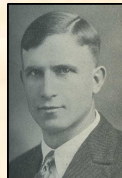


Built—1928

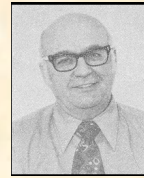
Vocational Building, dedicated 1997, to nine vocational teachers:



Louis Burns (deaf), Vocational Principal, gym teacher and coach, 1924-1956.



Ernest Langenberg (deaf). Linotype-printing teacher, 1925-1954.



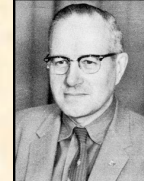
Dwight Rafferty (deaf). Linotype-printing teacher, 1943-1985.



Gladys Burns (hard-of-hearing). Art teacher, 1949-1978.



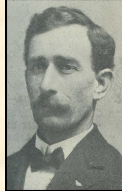
R.O. Chapman (hearing). Barbering teacher, 1921-1944.



William Hartl (hard-of-hearing). Carpentry & Woodworking, 1943-1980.



Sonja Leonhardt (hearing). Art teacher, 1970-2001.



Charles Osburn (deaf), Carpentry & Cabinet Making, 1904-1935.



Halvor Bekken (hearing). Shoe-making and shoe repair, 1925-1948.



Frelich Family

Frelich Playground, dedicated 1997, in memory of Esther and Philip Frelich and their nine children (all deaf). Every member of the family graduated from the North Dakota School for the Deaf.



BANNER FLASHBACK



Bus on snow runners



Bus on wheels

HORSE-DRAWN BUS 1907-1925

Banner, 1925—The North Dakota School has discarded its old horse-drawn bus that transported teachers and pupils to and from town. The bus was on wheels in above zero weather and on runners when the grease stood up! In its place is a fine Dodge stage (pictured below) which cost the state quite a pile of greenbacks.

But that old bus will be missed. It was the friend of all the teachers and the butt of the townsfolk. In fair weather, drawn by two black steeds, it clattered and rattled along the streets as it deposited or took on its passengers. It was of such ancient vintage and its service had been so long and regular, the natives got into the habit of depending on it to keep them informed on the time of day, the time to arise and the time to get supper. And ah! What mirth within! The bus was like an animated music-box whose songs and laughter made glad the passersby, as it went lumbering along the uneven streets carrying the legend in gilded letters: "School for the Deaf." Children would gather on the street corners. A leader would sally forward, raise a baton and the chorus, "School for the Deaf" would fill the air and bring a smile to every face. When on runners, the top heavy bus would now and then tip over when gliding along an uneven surface. Instead of being frightened, the faithful horses would whinny when they heard the uproar of the imprisoned teachers. The driver would then go around, open the rear door and yell, "All hands and the cook on deck." The bus, then up righted, would once again proceed on its merry way.

Banner, 1925—For eighteen years the old horse-drawn bus rattled thru the town at seven bells, hauling the teachers to school. So they sing this farewell song:

"By the walls beside the cow shed,
By the pig pens and the corn crib,
Stands the remnant of a past day,
Stands a cart with rattles many,
Stands a bus whose work is over,
And who now is superseded
By a motor bus of glory."



1925—School for Deaf gets new motorized bus.

Welcome New Staff



Karen Kalk

Hi there! My name is Karen Kalk and I am thrilled to join the NDSD/RCDHH Outreach Team. After subbing in California, North Dakota, and Minnesota, I got this opportunity to work with students with hearing loss and fell in love with the variety of ways to learn and grow with them. It lead to my earning a Masters of Education with concentration in deaf education and learning disabilities from the University of Minnesota. Go Gophers!

My husband, Brian, and I have a daughter named Jordee who is a reporter for an out of state TV station. Jordee has a beagle-corgi mix puppy named Frankie Lynn who loves to come visit me at the lake and ride on my paddleboard.



Tate Cichos

Hello! My name is Tate Cichos, your friendly cook in the kitchen. I was born and raised in Devils Lake. I attended Devils Lake High School, graduating in 2010. This is my first year at NDSD; I was previously employed at Proz End of the Line.

I have a son who is 2 years old and his name is Braxton Riley. My fiancé, Roxy, and I are planning to be married on August 11, 2018. My hobbies include going to the parks and on walks as a family.

I am a huge sports fanatic and also an avid gamer (Xbox 1 and PlayStation 4).



Spotlight on Communications Department

By Lilia Bakken, Coordinator

The **Communications Department** is made up of seven individuals who help keep operations running smoothly for NDSD/RCDHH. Routine tasks performed by members of the Communications Department include provision of services to students such as interpreting, tutoring, note-taking and transportation to/from various activities. Other services include teaching sign language classes and providing mentoring opportunities to interpreters-in-training.

Pictured below are the dedicated individuals who make up the

Communications Department at NDSD/RCDHH.



Lilia Bakken, Coordinator

36 years



Jeanne Johnson

23 years



Nancy Trottier

34 years



Renae Bitner

Outreach Office in Bismarck

23 years



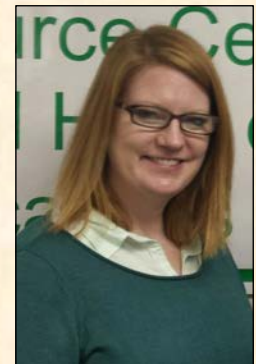
Turi Hanson

4 years



Kayla Perez

6 years



Lindsey Solberg-Herbel

Outreach Office in Bismarck

6 years

Basic Sign Language classes, Level 1 and Level 2, continue to be popular and well attended. Courses were offered on campus as well as via Interactive Television Network (ITV) and by streaming options on computers. This school year, free classes were provided to participants in the following ND communities:

**Lisbon, Williston, Grafton, Bottineau, Grand Forks, Belcourt, New Salem,
Rugby, Hettinger, Tioga, Walhalla and Devils Lake.**

Classes will begin again this fall (first Tuesday after Labor Day) September 5.

Developing Professionally for Student Success:

Facilitating Language and Literacy, Development Across the Life Span

By Carol Lybeck

A goal of the North Dakota School for the Deaf /Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to provide support for children in developing the linguistic competence to become productive and contributing members of society. One way this is accomplished is through early and consistent access to language through the implementation of best practices provided by well trained, highly qualified staff. A necessary prerequisite for the provision of quality educational services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing is to have qualified teachers available to them (Luckner, 2002). Professional development is one of the strategies the NDSD/RCDHH is using to ensure that staff continue to strengthen their skills.

Dr. John Luckner, Professor and Coordinator/Deaf and Hard of Hearing, at the University of Northern Colorado provided distance and on-site training and guidance to NDSD/RCDHH staff with the goal to expand knowledge/understanding of how to apply effective methods and strategies to teach language—ultimately, to increase children's ability to better communicate, read and write.

He discussed how becoming literate is a complex task, yet needs to be mastered especially by children with hearing loss to open opportunities for a lifetime of learning and enjoyment. During his presentations and visits to the classrooms, Dr. Luckner shared strategies for encouraging language and literacy development of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.





Teachers, Ms. Parker and Mr. Zimmerman, read *Skeleton Hiccups* by Margery Cuyler followed by **HALLOWEEN** learning activities.



Students and staff got creative for a pumpkin decorating contest.



Contest winners:

Staff :
Chris Eckes with
The Hulk

Student:
Bailee with her
Bumble Bee

Sponsored by the
Wellness Committee





Rick Senger, Navy Veteran

Local veteran, Rick Senger, visited with the students of NDSD for Veteran's Day. Mr. Senger joined the Navy in October of 1965 and served until 1972. He was stationed on the U.S.S. Forest Sherman, a Navy destroyer, and also on the Island of Guam with the Naval Security Group. His specialty was Communications. Mr. Senger is the father of teacher, Wendy Palmer.

Tech Tidbits... by Kerry Olson-Rysavy, Technology Dept.



Security Tip by Department of Homeland Security



How can you minimize the access other people have to your information?

You may be able to easily identify people who could, legitimately or not, gain **physical access** to your computer. Identifying the people who could gain **remote access** to your computer becomes much more difficult. As long as you have a computer and connect it to a network, you are vulnerable to someone or something else accessing or corrupting your information; however, you can develop habits that make it more difficult.

- **Lock your computer when you are away from it.** Even if you only step away from your computer for a few minutes, it's enough time for someone else to destroy or corrupt your information. Locking your computer prevents another person from being able to simply sit down at your computer and access all of your information.
- **Disconnect your computer from the Internet when you aren't using it.** The development of technologies have made it possible for users to be online all the time, but this convenience comes with risks. The likelihood that attackers or viruses scanning the network for available computers becomes much higher if your computer is always connected. Disconnecting may mean disabling a wireless connection, turning off your computer or modem, or disconnecting cables. When you are connected, make sure that you have a firewall enabled ([Understanding Firewalls: https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-004](https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-004)).
- **Evaluate your security settings.** Most software, including browsers and email programs, offers a variety of features that you can tailor to meet your needs and requirements. Enabling certain features to increase convenience or functionality may leave you more vulnerable to being attacked. It is important to examine the settings, particularly the security settings, and select options that meet your needs without putting you at increased risk. If you install a patch or a new version of the software, or if you hear of something that might affect your settings, reevaluate your settings to make sure they are still appropriate ([Understanding Patches \(https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-006\)](https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-006), [Safeguarding Your Data \(https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST06-008\)](https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST06-008), and [Evaluating Your Web Browser's Security Settings \(https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST05-001\)](https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST05-001)).

What other steps can you take?

Sometimes the threats to your information aren't from other people but from natural or technological causes. Although there is no way to control or prevent these problems, you can prepare for them and try to minimize the damage.

- **Protect your computer against power surges and brief outages.** Aside from providing outlets to plug in your computer and all of its peripherals, some power strips protect your computer against power surges. Power strips alone will not protect you from power outages, but there are products that do offer an uninterruptible power supply when there are power surges or outages. During a lightning storm or construction work that increases the odds of power surges, consider shutting your computer down and unplugging it from all power sources.
- **Back up all of your data.** Whether or not you take steps to protect yourself, there will always be a possibility that something such as a virus or worm, a natural event, or a problem with your equipment will happen to destroy your data. Regularly backing up your data reduces the stress and other negative consequences that result from losing important information. You don't need to back up software that you own on CD/DVD—you can reinstall the software from the original media if necessary.

Both the National Cyber Security Alliance and US-CERT have identified this topic as one of the top tips for home users.

Authors: Mindi McDowell and Allen Householder

ADULT OUT-

REACH IS ON THE

By Pam Smith



THE ADULT OUTREACH TEAM
HAS BEEN PRESENTING TO A VA-
RIETY OF AGENCIES.



This year, we have provided training and information on hearing loss to:

Jamestown Law Enforcement Center

Sanford Health in Bismarck

Prairie Harvest Mental Health in Grand Forks

Sunshine Foundation in Grand Forks

Vibra Hospital in Fargo

*Community Violence Intervention Center
in Grand Forks*

Prairie St John's in Fargo

One Oak Place in Fargo

Region 1 Aging Coalition in Williston

ND Alzheimer's Association

LRSC Nursing Program

Options

We have also specifically presented to our older adults at the:

West Fargo High Rise Senior Living; Senior Centers in Grand Forks, Grafton, Hunter, Manvel, Park River, Edinburg; Tufte Manor in Grand Forks; Eventide Assisted Living; Lake Country Manor and the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Devils Lake; Good Samaritan Nursing Home-Basic Care in Bismarck; and Edgewood Vista in Mandan.

Upcoming presentations are scheduled for St Alexius CHI in Williston, Senior Center Administrators in New Leipzig, and a repeat performance to Sanford Health in Bismarck.

Our Strategic Plan goal for this year is to increase the number of presentations and after compiling this list, I can confidently say that we are successfully completing that. The Adult Outreach Team appreciates all those who have been working with us.





Library Lines

Susan



The **Novel Group** read two terrific award winning books this year. Both were filled with a variety of themes, emotions, and life lessons relatable to the students.

We later watched the movies based on these books, noting the differences and similarities in the stories from print to film. Coincidentally, the same young actress, AnnaSophia Robb, starred in both movies.



Novel Group

← **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson
and
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo →



Left: As responsible citizens, we exercised our right to vote in the presidential election.

Bottom left: Shane demonstrates his story telling skills by narrating a wordless book.

Below: Students act out the story, **Pete's a Pizza** by William Steig.



Library Lines *continued*



Kerry & kids posting signed poetry on Facebook.



Ladies from the local Sons of Norway surprised us with a big box of beautiful new books!



Creation Station



Jack, the Amaryllis, turned out to be more of a beanstalk than a flower, producing no blossom. He was still fun to measure and care for.

It's always great to see our DLHS students return to spend time in our library.





Christmas with our Soldiers



National Guard soldiers from Camp Grafton came today bearing Christmas gifts for our students. Thank you, soldiers, for your service and for bringing us such joy!



And later, SIGNING SANTA CAME !



Merry Christmas



Rockin' Reindeer Christmas

12-16-17



Staff, students, families, and honored guests attended the biennial Christmas dinner.



Students performed a wonderful song and dance rendition of *Rockin' Reindeer Christmas*.



Elementary Science / Health



Collecting leaves and studying the life cycle of trees.



Exploring the inside of a pumpkin and estimating the number of seeds.



Students learned how to be safe at Halloween time.



After lessons on fruits and vegetables, Nurse Tracy took students on a fieldtrip to Leevers Supermarket. There they saw how produce arrives and is displayed. They also learned about how produce may be purchased fresh, frozen or canned.



Right: A close up look at germs led a to valuable lesson on how to prevent the spread of germs and on the importance of good and frequent hand washing.

Below: Guests and former NDSD teachers Beth Michel-Evenson and Mary Rutten talked with students about the benefits of Tai Chi and taught them some basic moves.





TREE TAPPING

Local hospital administrator, Andy Lankowicz, tapped some Boxelder trees on the NDSD/RCDHH campus in the early spring. He later demonstrated his sap collecting technique and syrup making process.

SULLY'S HILL VOLUNTEERS VISIT NDSD/RCDHH



Sandy and David Reeves, volunteers at **Sully's Hill National Game Preserve**, visited our library today. They talked about many different ND mammals and displayed those pelts. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to touch and handle the pelts.



100th Day of School



Students gathered in the library to test their skills at several math stations, all based on the number 100.

Cooking and frosting lessons presented new experiences and new vocabulary.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Students enjoy opportunities to get creative.

Mrs. Shereck's Classroom

Mrs. Shereck's students learn on the go! After studying about various **community helpers**, they took fieldtrips to see things up close and to talk to these important people.



Left: At the **Post Office**, students sent and retrieved mail and talked with the clerk about his job responsibilities.

Right: A Public Relations representative at the new **Altru Clinic** gave the students a special tour of designated areas and some of the equipment used.



Left: The annual **Experience Agriculture** event is always a special day for 4th graders. Here, students learn about North Dakota grown grains, meats and vegetables — all the ingredients that go into the pizzas sampled here.

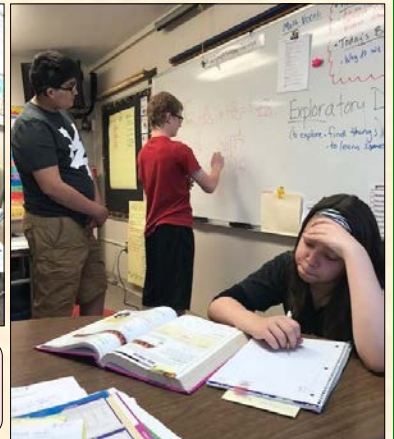
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
at our local fire station



Lower right: A trip to the **Lake Region Heritage Center Museum**, located in the old post office, gave students insight to days gone by.



Mrs. Palmer's Classroom



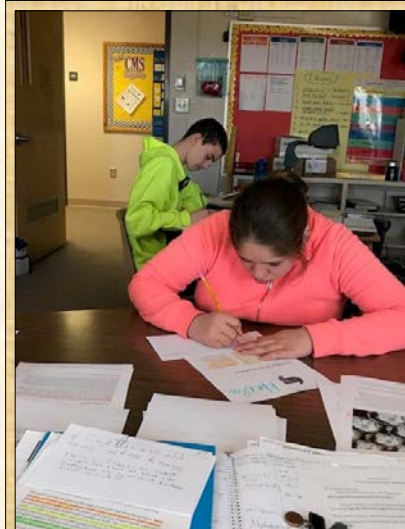
Wendy Palmer keeps middle school students busy with academics, pictured here working on vocabulary studies, independent writing and math.



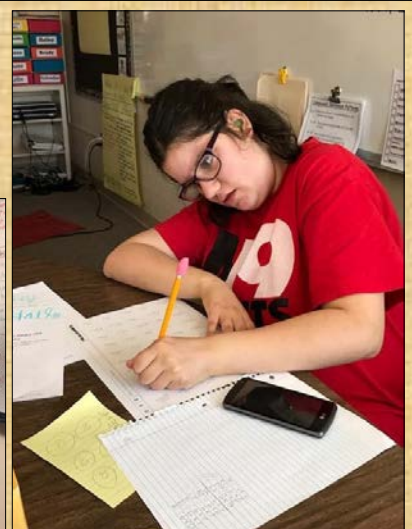
Hooked
on the
Outdoors



Middle School students
participate in the annual
event that includes a
taste of:
Archery
Target Shooting
Clay Disc Shooting
Animal Furs and Trapping



High School students attend DLHS for
most of the day and then come to Mrs.
Palmer for DHH support class.





Education students at Dickinson State University of Bismarck (DSC) Skyped with our students to learn something about deaf and hard of hearing children. The DSC students are all future teachers and wanted to learn what our students felt they should know if they happen to have deaf/hard of hearing students in their classes someday. The children also taught them a few words in sign language.

NDSD/RCDHH shares experience and resources.

Students invite their public school classmates for a campus



tour and a fun end-of-the-year pool party.



North Dakota native, Robert Keyes, is a sign language aide in an elementary school in Las Vegas. Robert plans to become a teacher of the deaf so spent a day observing in classrooms.

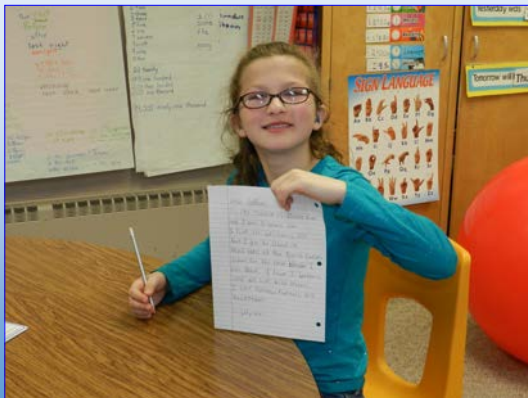


USA wins Gold

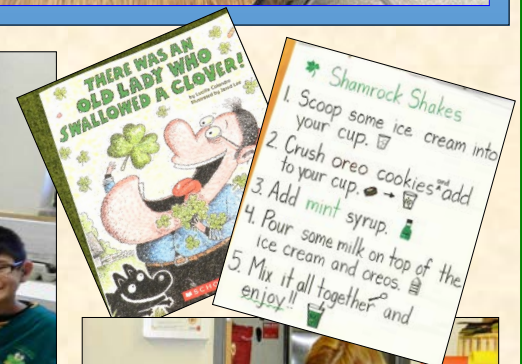


David Zimmerman, teacher at NDSR/RCDHH, traveled to Buffalo, NY, for the 2017 World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships, where Team USA won the gold medal for the first time by defeating Canada 6-3 in a rematch after suffering a loss to them earlier in the week. As part of the USA coaching staff, Zimmerman (pictured on the right) was the Video Coordinator. "It was great to be back on top of the podium", he stated proudly.

The USA's last gold medal was at the Deaflympics in 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Some students in Kim Shereck's writing classes took time to write to soldiers who are currently stationed in Afghanistan. They are hoping to get letters in return.



Ms. Parker's holiday lessons, art projects, and cooking experiences are always a hit!

Health Services

By Tracy Vilandre



Health Services, along with the Health and Wellness Committee, has been busy with events to promote healthy and fun activities. It is our mission to create an environment of work and learning that will encourage all to be active, healthy and happy.



Go Red for Women Day

raises awareness for the fight to end heart disease and stroke in women. We dressed in red, enjoyed a Tai Chi lesson by Rick Senger and had a guest speaker to talk about mindful eating.

A coloring contest was held to remind us of the importance of regular tooth brushing. The winning students are pictured here displaying their art work and prizes.



The Spring Fling is a 5K walk/run activity that lets staff and students have fun while promoting fitness. Friends and family were invited to join us. The theme this year was ***"Taking It Tropical"***. Participants were encouraged to wear Hawaiian themed clothing and were met at the finish line with fresh fruit, pineapple shaped water bottles and a bracelet for sharing in the

2nd Annual Spring Fling



North Dakota Student Returns for Optimist's Communications Scholarship

By Ashley Martin

Isaiah Skiple, a junior from Fargo, competed in the 2017 Optimist International's Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH). The CCDHH invites students with hearing loss from North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, and Minnesota to compete for a \$2500.00 scholarship. It is open to students ages 12 and above with a 40 dB hearing loss in their better ear. Four competitors, one (Skiple) from North Dakota, one from South Dakota, and two from Minnesota met in Saint Cloud, Minnesota, on April 29th, 2017 for this competition. The Optimist CCDHH is an exceptional scholarship opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing students. The scholarship can be used to support the winner who plans to pursue a two-year or four-year post-secondary education.



The four competitors of the 2017 Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Skiple is pictured third from the left.



Skiple enjoys a laugh during a game while waiting for the awards ceremony.

All interested deaf and hard of hearing youth must register for the CCDHH through an Optimist Club. Skiple was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Fargo. Optimist Clubs support their contestants by helping fund transportation and lodging.

Another highlight for CCDHH contestants is having an opportunity to meet other peers who share the same experiences and challenges of having a hearing loss. After the competition, parents were also invited to participate in an icebreaker activity. They played a visual game of *Tele-phone* called *Telestrations*, provided by Ashley Martin from the North Dakota School for the Deaf and Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. All players enjoyed a few rounds interpreting drawings and the final reveal of answers at the end of each round.

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's Outreach Department promotes the CCDHH to students with hearing loss from North Dakota. Ashley Martin has helped facilitate services from working one-to-one with a student and/or communicating with their teachers and/or parents. She has provided ongoing consults ranging from helping the students understand the topic to clarifying contest rules, and/or providing feedback. Martin has also facilitated communication with various North Dakota Optimist clubs and helped coordinate sponsorships for North Dakota competitors.

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Isaiah with his parents, Jason and Anita Skiple.

Dorm Life

Dorm Project— making a pool volleyball net



What's for supper?



preparing to host
a jewelry party



bedtime stories



Dorm Life continued



swimming and
basketball fun



preparing Olympic stars

celebrations!

Rugby Pioneer Village



fieldtrips



loving Sully's Hill!



rodeo



FRIENDS

Dorm Life continued



ice skating

so many
winter activities



Super Bowl





2016-2017 Student Awards



Congratulations to Shane
for completing the
8th Grade!



NDSD/RCDHH Service Awards



3 years—Kathy Pfeifer



5 years—Cindy Lee



5 years—Kristen Vetter



10 Years Nicole Swartwout



10 years—Lezlee Thorson



15 years—Sabrina Schmitz



20 years—Wendy Palmer



20 years—Linda Ehlers



35 years Kerry Olson-Rysavy



Camp 2017: Dino-Mite



Attending camp this year were : Back row: Counselor Jeremy Johnson, Brooklyn Roggow, Collin Rude, Shane Felix, Cody Bice, Jaylee Anderson, Destiny Rocha, Counselors in Training Kathleen Theisgen and Julie Behles. Middle Row: Chloe Rude, Rose Baumgartner, Bailee Rude, Gideon Nyame, Gracie Krueger, Jordan Necklace. Front Row, Counselor Ashley Martin, Elizabeth Hoffer, Michael Baumgartner, Briana Meier, Hailey Odden and Director Linda Ehlers



June 16-19,
2017 at
Triangle
YMCA
Camp near
Garrison





Sixteen campers from around the state met at the North Dakota School for the Deaf Summer Camp held at the Triangle YMCA Camp near Garrison. Celebrating 30 years of providing recreational and language-rich camping for children who are deaf and hard of hearing, this year's theme was Camp Dino-Mite and centered around learning about dinosaurs. The goal of summer camp is to provide campers with a hearing loss the opportunity to try and learn about new recreational activities as well as participating in traditional recreation. The campers also enjoyed a day in Bismarck and explored dinosaur bones at the Heritage Center. They had a pizza lunch then were surprised with time at the Sky Zone, a new trampoline sport that is popping across the United States. They also played a variety of dinosaur-themed games and searched for "bones" in an archeology dig and experimented in making slime.



Carol Lybeck, NDSD Outreach Coordinator introduced different



Dr. Christen Szymanski, school psychologist at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School of the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at Gallaudet University in Washington DC, was sponsored by the North Dakota School for the Deaf and presented on Deaf Plus.

North Dakota School for the Deaf co-sponsors the Midwest Conference

Over 130 people from 11 different states participated in the Midwest Conference for Deaf Educators that is held in Sioux Falls every two years. This is the second time North Dakota School for the Deaf, South Dakota School for the Deaf and Gallaudet University - Midwest Region have joined forces to continue this bi-annual event.

Keynote speakers were Rachel Coleman from Signing Time, Sheri Cook from Gallaudet University—Midwest Region, Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, director of Training, Products, and Dissemination at the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, and Christen Szymanski, school psychologist at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School of the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center .



A parent who benefited from Signing Time introduces Rachel Coleman.



Participants look through children's books related to hearing loss.



Sheri Cook discusses literacy and children with hearing loss.

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