# **DCHS** musicians combine for 8 stars at state festival

### **By Jordan Rusche**

**Report for America** Eight Divide County student performances earned star ratings at the NDHSAA state Class B music festival held on May 2 at Bismarck State College.

Star ratings are the highest rating possible, denoting a superior performance.

The state music festival features instrumental and vocal solos and ensembles that earned star ratings at their respective region contests.

A brass quintet made up of senior Titus Stubbs, juniors

Jocia Fuhrman, Emma Hay and Easton Tibbs and sophomore Mira Stubbs earned a star rating for their arrangement of "Farandole."

The jazz band also received a star rating playing "In the Mood." Jazz band members include senior Titus Stubbs, juniors Fuhrman, Hay, Tibbs, Ailyn Ordonez-Guayamis, Gracie Rowse, Samantha Smith, Landyn Wagner and Marcus Shaw, sophomore Mira Stubbs, freshman Nels Fagerbakke and seventh-grader Faith Fagerbakke.

A saxophone quartet com-

prised of Tibbs, Rowse, Smith and Nels Fagerbakke received a star for their performance of "Turmoil."

The one vocal performance to receive a star rating was a soprano/alto duet between Fuhrman and seventh-grader Kylie Ator, singing "Under Winter Moon.'

Four students also received star ratings for different solo instrument performances, including Hay with a trombone solo, Ordonez-Guayamis with a clarinet solo, Smith with an alto saxaphone solo and Tibbs with a trumpet solo.

# **DCHS** seniors write articles on yearbook club, new staff

(Editor's note: This is the latest in a series of articles written by Divide County High School students in the English 4 class, taught by Pam Buth Nelson.)

#### Yearbook club By Hayden Smithberg

Every year when seniors leave and new students come into the Divide County

reviewing

High School, a yearbook is released to the public

Allie **Muncaster** 

everything the current school year has brought: sports, clubs and even highlighting special events in the community.

But what goes on behind the scenes on making a yearbook?

"It's a lot of pictures and a lot of editing," said Allison Muncaster, DCHS art teacher and yearbook adviser.

Muncaster is in charge of the photographers like Amber Grabowski, Abigayle Wishart, Stella Broe, Leah Vigness. Hannah Williams and Rose Neal.

taking pictures; more than I can remember," Neal said.

For people who want to be in the yearbook more often, Muncaster has a tip for them. She said that people who are in sports, after-school activities or more interactive with the community have a much better chance at being included.

She also talked about why it takes so much time to make the yearbook.

"I think it's more because of all the great photos my students and peers have taken for the yearbook," Muncaster said. "It's hard to pick just a couple. Also the editing takes a long time."

#### New staff **By Dean Kroshus**

Payton Mueller and Rebekka Bummer recently completed their first year as teachers.

They both shared how they felt their first year at the district went.

"It was good; it was a learning experience," Mueller said. "I've done a lot of tutoring in the past, so I'm used to teaching. What I wasn't used to was teaching as many kids as I did this year. I had a little over 60 kids."

I think it went verv well," Bummer said. Bummer and Mueller also talked about if

and downs,

but overall

teaching at Rebekka the school **Bummer** matched their expectations.

Bummer said it did, "because I went to college to be a teacher and I knew what to expect."

Mueller said it was different than he expected. "It's more (slowing) down and

Payton and making

actually understand the book and not just blasting through the book trying to get it done by the end of the year," he said.

Both said they plan on coming back next year.

# Journal wins 7 categories in revamped NDNA awards

The Journal has won first place in seven categories and taken home 27 awards overall against some new and often much larger competition in the North Dakota Newspaper Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The awards were announced Friday during the NDNA's annual convention, held this year in Fargo.

In a change to the contest, The Journal this year competed in the second-highest of four divisions of newspapers, instead of the third-highest of five. The divisions are based on each newspaper's circulation.

The division comprised 14 newspapers with circulation between 1,651 and 4,999, including three big-city publications in the Dickinson Press, Jamestown Sun and Williston Herald. The Journal is on the smaller end of this division, with a circulation of 2,049.

Nonetheless, The Journal earned third place for general excellence in the division, ahead of most of the larger competitors. First place went to the Hillsboro Banner; second place to the Walsh County Record, Grafton; and honorable mention to the Jamestown Sun.

The other newspapers in that division were the Emmons County Record, Linton; Cass County Reporter, Casselton; McLean County Independent, Garrison; Bottineau Courant; **Benson County Farmers** Press, Minnewaukan; Ransom County Gazette, Lisbon; Herald Press, Harvey; and Turtle Mountain Star, Rolla.

The contest and awards were for work published in the year 2024.

In addition to seven firstplace awards, The Journal was the winner of eight secondplace awards, 10 third-place awards and two honorable mentions.

The first-place awards came in a variety of categories, including for government reporting, business news reporting, feature reporting and frontpage design excellence, as well as one each for advertising and photography.

The contest judges were from the West Virginia Press



The May 1, 2024, issue of The Journal was one of three issues entered that were awarded first place for Front Page Design Excellence in the North Dakota Newspaper Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

named for school's top job" by Jordan Rusche, May 1; "School hires Vandal as new superintendent" by Jordan Rusche, May 8; and "New superintendent glad to be here" by Jordan Rusche, July 31.

Portrait Photo, for "Almost 94 and still farming" by Don Anderson, Sept. 18.

Special News Section, for "Fields of promise, yields of abundance," Oct. 16.

#### Second place

Agricultural Coverage, for "Harvest '24: Inflated costs, deflated income" by Sydney Caraballo, Oct. 16.

Agricultural Photo, for "Hayland Township grain cart and wheat field" by Luke Ellis, Oct. 16.

Feature Reporting, for "Schmidt's poetry leads to love, new life in Crosby" by John Baver. Feb. 14.

Outdoor Recreation Photo, for "Knot your average ropers" by Don Anderson, July 17.

Reporting, for "Exciting' renovations underway at Divide library" by John Baver, May 15. Reporting Series, for "Man

for "Roland starts new DCHS role" by Jordan Rusche, Jan. 31; "Grote, Benson join elementary teaching staff" by Jordan Rusche, Aug. 14; "Bummer is DCHS' new ag teacher" by Jordan Rusche, Aug. 21; "Speechlanguage pathologist Ticzon joins Divide schools" by Jordan Rusche, Sept. 4; "New DC special ed teacher Ang hails from Philippines" by Jordan Rusche, Sept. 11; and "Emolaga is new DC Elementary music teacher" by Jordan Rusche, Oct. 2. Financial Ad, for "First State

Feature Reporting Series,

Bank and Trust - Merry Christmas" by Tia LaCombe, Dec. 18.

Government Reporting, for "Records request adds more mystery to threats" by Jody Michael, Oct. 23.

Personal Column, Humorous, for "My AI facsimile is still hanging around" by Cecile Wehrman, Jan. 24.

Reporting Series, for "Discussing grocery needs" by John Bayer, Jan. 10; "Grocery shortage has ripple effects" by Jody Michael, Jan. 17; "Grocery store owner arrested. charged with kidnapping" by Jordan Rusche, Jan. 24; "Grocery efforts make progress" by John Bayer, Jan. 31; "Jason's gets a restocking" by Jordan Rusche, Feb. 7; "Jason's closes indefinitely" by Jordan Rusche and Jody Michael, April 3; "Lindseys seek to purchase Jason's" by Jordan Rusche, May 1; "Council OKs buydown for grocery store" by Brad Nygaard, May 15; and "Excitement' for new grocery" by Jordan Rusche, July 24. Small Space Ad, for "Old School Center coyote hunt" by Tia LaCombe, Jan. 10. Sports Page, for the Feb. 7, May 29 and Sept. 25 issues by Jody Michael.



going at the pace of the students

**Mueller** 

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There's a lot of us who are

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## Court News

#### **Divide County** April 13-19

Powell, Steve - hunting on posted land without permission. Unsupervised probation, 11 months; violate no criminal laws; hunting, fishing and trapping privileges suspended for one year; fees, \$250; confinement, 30 days, 30 days suspended.

Forfeitures: Rilea, Daniel Lee - speeding, \$25.

Sem, Monica Lynn - speeding, \$10.

Clemens, Doug Arthur speeding, \$10.

Monson, Reese Douglas notice of change of name or address, \$20. Chamley, Charles Elden speeding, \$30. Harbin, Adian Thomas speeding, \$20.

#### April 20-26 Forfeitures:

Odame, John Kobina speeding, \$20. Dahl, Justyse Wayne Patrick - speeding, \$20. Martinez, Michael - speeding, \$25.

Teran Aispuro, Cesar Aispuro - disregarding a stop sign, \$40.

Teran Aispuro, Cesar Aispuro - failed to yield right of way at intersection marked with stop sign, \$40.

Teran Aispuro, Cesar Aispuro - care required, \$30. Svangstu, Michelle Marie speeding, \$11. Juvenile - use or possession of tobacco by minor, \$25. McElhaney, Joseph Don speeding, \$40. Aalund, Clyde Walt - driving without liability insurance, \$150. Aalund, Clyde Walt - per-

mitting unauthorized minor to drive, \$20. Juvenile - speeding, \$20. Yurkoski, Kalyn Rae speeding, \$12.

O'Brien, Kevin James speeding, \$20.

Association.

### First place

Business News Reporting, for "Grocery shortage has ripple effects" by Jody Michael,

Jan. 17. Digital Ad, for "The Rooted Home - Fresh holiday candle" by Tia LaCombe.

Feature Reporting, for "Paulhus headstone's new home" by Jordan Rusche, Aug. 14.

Front Page Design Excellence, for the Feb. 28, May 1 and May 8 issues.

Government Reporting Series, for "School superintendent Hirning resigns" by Jordan Rusche, Feb. 7; "Superintendent selection committee formed" by Jordan Rusche, Feb. 21; "School board is close to picking new superintendent" by Jordan Rusche, April 17: "Superintendent vetting process questioned" by Jordan Rusche, April 24; "Finalists

dies from grass fires fueled by high winds" by Brad Nygaard and Jordan Rusche, Oct. 9; "Fires burned nearly 90,000 acres" by Jordan Rusche, Oct. 16; "Local, state groups provide aid after area wildfires" by Jordan Rusche, Oct. 16; and "Fires lead to request for federal disaster aid" by Brad Nygaard, Nov. 27.

Spot News, for "Man dies from grass fires fueled by high winds" by Brad Nygaard and Jordan Rusche, Oct. 9.

Website, for journalnd.com. Third place

#### General Excellence, for the July 10, Sept. 11 and Oct. 16 issues.

Agricultural Coverage, for "Farm wife' role evolves through the years" by Jordan Rusche, Oct. 16.

Entertainment/Liquor Ad, for "Meadowlark Arts Council Concert Series: C. Willi Myles" by Tia LaCombe, Oct. 30.

#### Honorable mention

Editorial Page, for the July 24, July 31 and Oct. 30 issues. Government Reporting, for

"Property tax vote could be a blow to budgets" by Jordan Rusche, Aug. 21.



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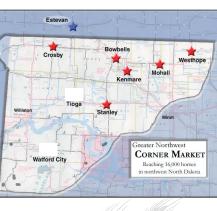
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