

Sandy Creek

Central School
District
Newsletter



Graduation 2018

The Comet's Tale



Wall of Distinction
Honorees Inducted



2018 Sandy Creek Central School District Wall of Distinction Inductees included Joseph Ferreira, left, and Kurt Kehoe, right.

Sandy Creek Central School District recently inducted two individuals to its Wall of Distinction. The Wall of Distinction honors those alumni who throughout their lives have shown a high level of professionalism, distinction and sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district.

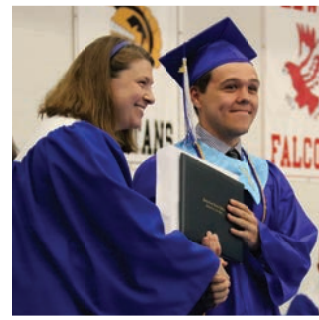
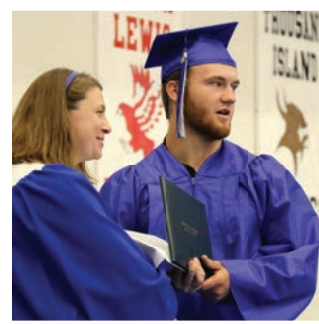
This year's class of inductees included: Joseph Ferreira, class of 1965. Mr. Ferreira attended Niagara University after graduation and received a BS in Economics. He received an ROTC Commission as a Sec-
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Congratulations Class of 2018

Kyle Robert Allen ◻	Tori Chante Jenkins §*◻	Brianna Rose Snyder
Faith Brianne Bachar §◻	Emily Bailey Kehoe §°*◻	Joseph R. Stawicki
Joshua David Balcom §*◻	Dylan J. Kimball §	Colton J. Steele ◉
Joseph Jonathon Benedict	Jacob Samuel King	Carley G. Stoker §◻
Christopher Mark Blount §*◻	Michael Charles Landphere ◉	Logan G. Stone ◉
Kerrik Austin Bradley °	Garrett Michael LaPointe	Machela Maxine Sullivan §
Savannah Taylor Brown	Hayden Joseph Leppien	Jordan A. Trudell ◉
Dustin Jacob Bryant §◻	Bradley C. Liverman	Tyler David Trump ◉
Allison M. Burrows §◻	Seth James Lurcock §	Marjorie N. Vazquez
Cassidy Erin Carnes §◻	Riley MacDuffie-Dingman	Madalin Kaily Vescera
William Ward Castor ◉	Oren F. McDougal §°*◻	Damian Elijah West
Anthony Joseph Catania	Rebecca Ann Miller §*◻	Hannah Marie Woolson
Gavin James Chrisman	Alexander Olin	Hannah Leeann Worden
Trace Robert Clark §	Christina Renee Perkins	Sullivan Patrick Worms §
Todd C. Cornell	Richard Nicholas Potter §°*◻	Madison Renee Yerdon
Jennifer Hope Dana	Hope Elizabeth Priest
Giuseppe DiMario	Kaitlyn Ann Quinn	§ Advanced Regents Diploma
Dominic Scott Forcione	William Lawrence Robbins ◊◉	° Honor Student
Kacey Elizabeth Goodsell	Alexander William Sawchuck °◻	◻ National Honor Society
Arthur Byron James Grennell	Autumn J. Shephard	◊ National Technical Honor Society
Anthony M. Guarasc	Summer Ann Skinner ◉	❖ Math Endorsement
TJ Bryce Harding ◉	Allyssa Marie Smith	* Science Endorsement
David Michael Hennigan §°*◻	Emily Elizabeth Smith ◻	◉ CTE Endorsement





More photos are available on the district Facebook page at Facebook.com/SandyCreekComets



5th Grade Celebrates Moving Up



The future class of 2025 successfully completed fifth grade and held a special moving up ceremony where awards and special recognitions were presented to the students in the class. The student with the highest grade point average in the four core subjects of Science, Social Studies, ELA and Math was awarded to Sophie Harris who received all four awards. She is pictured above with Principal Tim Filatrault following the ceremony.



The following students were celebrated in the Fifth Grade Moving Up Celebration: Vienna Allen, Abigail Balcom, Aden Bartlett, Ashton Bartlett, Jacob Bort, Kiah Bradley, Christopher Bunnell, Clover-Dane Bush, William Cole, Kadin Collins, Jesiah Curry, Elizabeth Dano, Jaeden Darling, John Darou, Joshua Davis, Dakota Denny, Olivia Euler, Mikayla Glazier, Timothy Gleasman, Chloe Gonyeau, Aaron Grafton, Sophie Harris, Lizzy Hobbs, Lucas Keeseey, Colton Killam, Seth LaCelle, John Ladd, Mikayla LaMay, Hailey Lamica, Logan Lando, Sara Leppien, Noah Lescenski, Cyprus Liszewski, Brayden Metott, Logan Montieth, Harley Petrie, Piper Phillips, Ava Potter, Kiley Procko, Andora Reid, Dayle Ridgeway, Kelsie Ridgeway, Arin Salzman, Hailey Skellington, Kingston Sprague, Blake Tennant, Dominic Thurston, Kayden Trumble, Destiny Urquhart, Reece VanNuys, Caiden Williams and Caylon Zehr.

Wall of Distinction Honorees Inducted

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ond Lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation from college in May 1969. After a thirty-year career in the United States Army, he retired in 1999 at the rank of Brigadier General in the NYARNG. He was the Executive Vice-President at Peduzzi Associates Ltd. from 1999-2016, an organization that provides effective level key personnel, certified instructors and technical specialists to commercial and government organizations.

Kurt Kehoe, attended JCC after graduation and then provided twenty-seven years of service to his country in the United States Army. The army offered "Green to Gold" to return to college and Kehoe graduated SUNY Oswego ROTC in 1991 and was commissioned. He was named their "Distinguished Military Graduate." He excelled throughout his career, both stateside and overseas in areas such as Bosnia, Afghanistan and Latvia. Since retiring, he supports veterans through the Ingham Count Veterans Affairs Offices and as Senior Vice-Commander and Life Member of the VFW Post 701 in Lansing. He is currently employed as a Michigan State Police Concealed Pistol License Unit Manager.



Sandy Creek Class of 2018 Top Ten



Sandy Creek High School Principal Emily Wemmer announced the top ten students at Sandy Creek High School for the class of 2018. The top ten academic achievers include left to right, seated in front: Valedictorian Emily Kehoe and Salutatorian Oren MacDougal; row two, left to right - Chris Blount (3), David Hennigan (4), Alex Sawchuck (5), Cassidy Carnes (6), Nic Potter (7), Allison Burrows (8), Becca Miller (9), and Tori Jenkins (10).



Community Lead Night Student Leadership Showcase



Middle School students presented practical applications for the seven habits from "Leader in Me" during a Community Lead Night at the school. They provided hands-on activities that focused on leadership, teamwork, getting out of your comfort zone and tours of the school as part of the night's activities. The students, with advisers Tanya Trudell and Karen Miller, organized the night to showcase some of the students' work and to provide an overview of the Leader in Me habits. Above: Students illustrate the habit "Put First Things First" as they show that by taking care of the big things first, you can get more accomplished in your day.

Students Honor the Flag



Second grade students performed several songs, shared interesting facts and information regarding the history of the flag of the United States of America during the annual Flag Day performance on June 14th.



Pesticide Notice

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The following pesticide applications took place in the Sandy Creek Central School from February 15, 2018 to June 30, 2018:

❖ There have been no pesticide applications during the above stated period.

As a reminder, the Sandy Creek Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you have not yet registered to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Shelley H. Fitzpatrick, Sandy Creek Central School District Business Administrator at:

**PO Box 248
Sandy Creek, NY 13145
Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510
Fax: 315-387-2196**

Sandy Creek Central School District

Request for Pesticide Application Notification (Please Print)

_____ School Building

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please feel free to contact Andy Ridgeway, the Sandy Creek Central School District pesticide representative at: PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145, Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510, Fax: 315-387-2196 for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school.

Sincerely,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick
Business Administrator



Pre-K Sail-a-bration Marks End of the Year for Students



Kindergarten here they come! Students in the Pre-Kindergarten program at Sandy Creek Elementary officially moved up into kindergarten following a Pre-K Sail-A-Bration before family and friends. The ceremony showcased some of what the students learned throughout the year and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, students included.



After the action-filled songs, each student was presented with their portfolio to commemorate the event and provide a keepsake for students and parents to see what the students had learned over the course of the school year.



In the finale of each performance, the students declared that they were ready and excited to start kindergarten!

Following each morning and afternoon ceremony, a reception was held with cake to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Sandy Creek Middle School Recognizes Top Fifteen Students



Students at Sandy Creek Middle School were recognized for being in the top 15 of their class with a special honor luncheon where they were presented with framed certificates to mark the prestigious academic honor.

Pictured at the luncheon in front, left to right are: Emma Halsey, Jessica Graham, Luke Yerdon, Matthew Trudell, Dorothy Searles, Alexia Phillips and Cailey Robbins. In back, left to right are: Abigail Lantry, Harley Douglas, Claire Dreibelbis, Alayna Blount, Madison Benedict, Mary Carnes and Hailey McNitt.

Superintendent Kyle Faulkner addressed the students as did Sandy Creek High School Principal Emily Wemmer. Coordinating the ceremony for the students and hosting the event was Middle School Principal Carolyn Shirley.



Elementary Student Council Awards Recognize Academic Excellence

Sandy Creek Elementary School Principal Timothy Filiatrault presented awards to students in grades Kindergarten to Grade Two for the final quarter of the school year. The character awards align with the seven habits for the Leader in Me school.

The first habit, Be Proactive: Amelia Crast, Kinley Wielt, Felicity Young, Olivia LaCelle, Chase Smith, Caitlyn Guevara, Malachi Gibbs, Gianna Pisik, Cadence Katsoris, Peyton Brown and Georie Pollic.

Habit #2, Begin With the End in Mind: Leiah Bristol, Emily Walke, Gavin Reid, McKenzie McGrath and Natalie Nemier.

Habit #3, Put First Things First: Harper Fahnstock, Blake Stock, Claire Willson, Shane Allen, Natalia McNitt, Madison Snow, Megan Burton, Mason Huggins, Elijah Sanderlin-White, Helen Harris, William Garvin and Juliana Curry.

Habit #4, Think Win-Win: Grayson Erhardt, Malaya Caufield, Owen LaBozzetta, Layton Gibbons, Cameron Pool, Jase Soluri and Lincoln McNitt.

Habit #5, Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood: Gabriella Peter, Emmett Trumble, and Jadin Mosher.

Habit #6, Synergize: Vincent Taylor, Ian Eveleigh, Cole Wilson, Wyatt Bremm, Michael Haverlock, Carlie Merritt and Burke Harvey.

Habit #7: Sharpen the Saw: Marissa Soluri, Gage Ward and Moxon Soluri.

Presented with the award for best exhibiting the traits of habit #7: Sharpen the Saw, are: Gage Ward, Moxon Soluri and Marissa Soluri.



Recognized for their outstanding leadership, Jaeden Darling, far left, and Piper Phillips received the Leadership Award at a recent ceremony.

Sandy Creek Elementary School Principal Timothy Filiatrault presented awards to students in grades three to grade five for the final quarter of the school year. The character awards align with the seven habits for the Leader in Me school.

Habit #1, Be Proactive: Brody Pecha, Margaret Wallace, Blake Dufany, Patience Oregon, Brooklynn Orr, Benjamin Hackett, Leia Wall, Kingston Sprague, Kiah Bradley, Jaeden Darling, Zeydan Johnson and Emma Gibbons.

Habit #2, Begin With the End in Mind: Phoenicia Hathway, Mikayla Glazier, Jaeden Darling, Matthew Luce, Benjamin Hackett, Emma Sue Euler, Madelyn Coe and Remington Blodgett.

Habit #3, Put First Things First: Emma Sue Euler, Lola Tessier, Blake Tennant, John Darou, Brody Pecha, Dakota Balcom, Mary Tibbles, Abigail Jones, Elizabeth Hobbs, Cole Zehr and Zaydan Johnson.

Habit #4, Think Win-Win: Madelyn Coe, Abigail Balcom, Olivia Euler, Chase McCarty, Tucker Nevills, Haidyn Soluri, Trevor Bort, Abigail Jones, Triston Martin and Maylee LaRock.

Habit #5, Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood: Josiah Radley, Jesiah Curry, Maiah Owen, Abbygail Peter, Kyle Coe, Hailey Skellington, Dakota Denny, Brody Pecha and Kaylie Parker.

Habit #6, Synergize: Emma Gibbons, Jacoby Balcom, Nathaniel Curry, Simon Preston, Kiah Bradley, Hailey Skellington, Maiah Owen, Kayleigh Paro, Morgan Mears, Maddenleigh Soluri, Olivia Euler, Colton Killam and Cyprus Liszewski.

Habit #7: Sharpen the Saw: Hudson Hunt, Cyprus Liszewski, Brayden Metott, Destiny Urquhart, Logan Lando and Lilly Trumble.

A special Leadership Award was presented by past recipients Colton Killam, Jesiah Curry and Seth LaCelle to Piper Phillips and Jaeden Darling.

The Jeanne McKown Leadership Award was presented to Piper Phillips.

Also recognized during the ceremony were members of the Climate Committee, Student Council and Good Kid Award recipients.

Students Honor Classmates With Positive Awards



Seventh grade students work on their positivity awards for their fellow students prior to the awards ceremony. Below: some of the awards presented.



Award recipients following the positivity ceremony.

Sandy Creek Middle School seventh graders held an awards ceremony recently of a very different kind. Instead of the traditional academic awards, they looked deeper into the character of their fellow classmates. They reflected on the positive character traits of their fellow students and created award certificates that touted those positive traits. In a special ceremony in the auditorium the students read the special characteristics they were recognized for and presented them to each other during the awards ceremony.

Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony Held



Sandy Creek Middle School students were honored at a special academic and character awards ceremony at the school.

The Sandy Creek Middle School awards ceremony was held recently and students were honored for their outstanding academic achievements.

Presented by Carolyn Shirley, Middle School Principal, the awards represented excellence in academic subjects, outstanding character, leadership, sportsmanship and a special "Hero" award for students who came to the aid of another in a medical emergency.

The following students were honored:

Academic Achievement Award to the 6th grade boy and girl with the highest math average: Maddox Palmer and Hannah White.

Social Studies 7 Leaders of Tomorrow Initiative Award: Nikolai Rosenbaum.

Social Studies Initiative Award for the 8th grade boy and girl with the highest Social Studies 8 average: Matthew Trudell and Emma Halsey.

Cheri Bartholomew Memorial for a student showing enthusiasm in home and careers: Abbie Battles.

Jack Miller Industrial Arts Award for a deserving student who shows potential in the industrial arts area: Cade Stoker.

James Welch Memorial for sixth grade students that show an interest and enthusiasm for nature studies: Perle Convey, James Guile and Donald Moore.

Joey Eisch Memorial Award: to a 6th grade student who has a positive outlook on life with the love of the outdoors: Zachary Pettit.

Mabel Hamer Memorial for a student with the highest marks in 8th grade science: Jessica Graham.

6th, 7th and 8th grade reading award: Javiemarlys Hernandez (6), Hayden Haines (7), and Evan Allen (8).

8th Grade Motivation Award given to a student with the greatest motivation and drive to succeed: Kaleigh Doyle and Cailey Robbins.

6th, 7th and 8th grade art award: Arlo Driskell (6), Hannah Hackett (7), and Hailey McNitt (8).

Middle School music award: Trevor McDougal, Zachary Pettit, Benjamin Erickson, Hannah White, Marissa Brennan, Natalie LaCelle, Abby Chen, and Lillian Kohlbach.

Lead Award to students in 6th, 7th and 8th who show outstanding leadership potential: Alexander Caufield (6), Caitlin Wagar (6), Maiya Hathway (7), Tate Lallier (7), Lindsey Felio (8), and Logan Henry (8).

English Award: Robbie Patterson (8), Noah Reff (7) and Abby Chen (7)
Bright Spot Math Award: Natalie LaCelle, Rylee Katsoris, and Brody Driskell.

Humanitarian Service Award: Johnathan Kennedy.

Math magician award: Abby Chen, Dustin Mackey, Hannah Hackett and Noah Reff.

Outlook Club Citizenship Award: Hailey McNitt.

Outlook Club English Award: Olivia Rudd.

Scholar Athlete Award: Hayden Haines, Abrielle Soluri, and Kenneth Burd.

Science Award: Marissa Brennan.

Social Studies 7 Award: Abby Chen, Cody Walke, Olivia Williams, and Social Studies Finish Strong Award: Jacob Williams.

Mabel Laird Memorial: Ty Lallier.

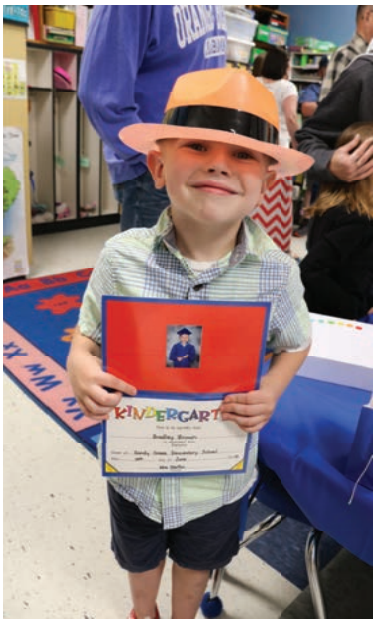
A Special Hero Transportation Recognition was given to Abbie Battles for her assistance when a student on the school bus was in a medical emergency situation. Abbie and a high school student assisted bus driver Melissa Goodsell during the incident.

Student Council Initiative Award: Benjamin Erickson (6), Lillian Kohlbach (7), Dorothy Searles (8), Abbie Battles (8).

Sandy Creek Support Staff Initiative Award: Matthew Hackett and Hailey Norton.



Kindergarten Classes Hold Graduation Ceremony



Kindergarten students performed several songs for the packed audience who watched them receive their "diploma" as they "graduated" to first grade during the annual Kindergarten graduation ceremony. Welcome to first grade!

Students donned their mortar board and tassel and picked up their diploma in full graduation style. Back in their classrooms, they celebrated with snacks and goodies with family and friends.

Congrats!

to the following Spring Sports Teams for Winning the Frontier League Sportsmanship Award!

- Varsity Girls Track and Field for the B Div.
- Varsity Boys Track and Field for the B Div.

Sandy Creek Won the 2017-18 Frontier League Overall Sportsmanship Award for the C Division

Fifth and Sixth Grade Band and Chorus Concert Packs House



At left: Fifth grader Chloe Gonyea presents a flower to a special person in the audience during the performance of "For Good" from the Broadway musical "Wicked" during the recent 5th and 6th grade band and chorus concert. The students identified someone in their lives who have changed them for the better to recognize following the performance of the song at the concert.

In addition to the performance by the fifth grade chorus, the sixth grade band, sixth grade chorus and fifth grade band all performed several songs during their portion of the evening's concert. Fifth and sixth grade band are directed by Valerie Marshall and fifth grade chorus is led by Jackie Hobbs, while Sandy Kinney directs the sixth grade chorus.

Special recognitions were given to those students who participated in solo fest and NYSSMA All-County.



HS Athletic Awards



Sandy Creek Athletics had an amazing year for sports this school year with several teams earning Section III Championships and others advancing to State Qualifiers and even a New York State Champion! Mike Stevens, Athletic Coordinator for the district presented awards to teams and individuals for their outstanding athletic and academic achievements. Above: Joe Benedict and Allison Burrows earned the participation award; top right: Joe Benedict and Carley Stoker were honored with the Babe Ruth Award; below right: wrestling awards including Larry Miller Award to Marshall Coe (left) and Nate Woolson Award to Caleb Miller; bottom right: Joe Benedict received the Art Jones Wrestling Award as well as recognition for his State Championship in Wrestling.



Safety Poster Contest Winners



The Sandy Creek Transportation Department announced the winners of this year's Bus Safety Poster Contest at a recent morning program at Sandy Creek Elementary School. The students received a special certificate and cash award for their award winning posters promoting safety with a theme of "The Safest Form of Transportation." Pictured in front, left to right are: Lucas Davis, Sophia Bremm, Ian Hanley, Caitlyn Guevara, Allison Jones and Phoebe Preston. In back, left to right are: Hailey Lamica, Brayden Metott, Tucker Nevills, Abigail Balcom, Bella Hoffman, Lyndi Fitzgerald, Maggie Wallace, Brody Pecha and Bus Driver Melissa Goodsell who presented the awards on behalf of the transportation department at the ceremony.



Hovercraft Project Puts Leadership Into Action

Fourth graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School put their Leader In Me skills into action as they worked in teams on a hovercraft building project. Coordinated through the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation, the Hovercraft Project brought a thought-provoking project based learning event to the school. Working in small teams, the students first had to find the largest perfect circle they could make from a piece of provided Tyvek-type material to begin creating their hovercraft design. Hovercraft Project leader, Matt Chase, took student teams and team leaders through each aspect of the build before testing and racing began. Students worked together to brainstorm and troubleshoot their designs, discussing as a group at each stage of the project.



Meeting with the team leaders, Matt Chase discusses strategies and offers guidance for the teams to create their hovercraft. Chase helped students through the process, allowing them to work through the problems and find their solutions.



Students and Staff Show Support for Relay for Life's Creekers For A Cure



The entire Sandy Creek Elementary School students and staff showed their support for "Creekers for a Cure," a Sandy Creek team in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.



Sandy Creek Varsity Softball Advances to State Tourney



The Sandy Creek Varsity Softball team advanced to the State Tourney for the second consecutive year, but could not bring home the title falling to Pine Plains in a close 3-2 game. The Lady Comets finished the season with a 20-2 record, and were undefeated in their division. They earned Frontier League, Section III and Regional Championship titles. In addition, several team members earned individual recognitions including: Carley Stoker who was named Class C first team for the fourth straight year and All-Central New York softball player of the year for the second consecutive year. Hannah Dasno was named Class C 2nd team all star and Savannah Brown, 4th team.

Team members include Carley Stoker, Lainey Hathway, Hannah Dasno, Savannah Brown, Marley Yerdon, Olivia Pappa, Sarah Balcom, Madison Yerdon, Allison Lantry, Rosie Walter, Shelbie Miller and Riley Dowlearn with head coach Katie Soluri.

Spring Chorus Concert Held



Members of the high school mixed chorus perform during their recent 7-12 Spring Chorus Concert at the school. The chorus is under the direction of Sandy Kinney. In addition to the high school chorus, performances by middle school and show choir were also held as well as a large group mixed chorus for the finale of the show. Those students who participated in All County, Solo Fest, All State and All State Conference were recognized for their achievements during the show. In addition, senior members were recognized and thanked for their participation in chorus. Pictured above: David Hennigan was the featured soloist during the song "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat".



Section III Champ Three-peat Award Grows to Include More

Last year for the first time in the recent history of the school a special award was presented to Madison Yerdon for being on three teams during the school year that each won the Section III Championship: Fall Competitive Cheer, Winter Competitive Cheer and Varsity Softball. This year, four additional names were added to that elite award: Lainey Hathway, Rosie Walter, Olivia Pappa and Abby LaRue. Pictured above, left to right are: Yerdon, Hathway, Walter and LaRue.

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SC Students Participate in County Olympiad



Members of the Sandy Creek Olympiad team enter the stadium during the annual Special Olympics held at Phoenix High School. The students participated in a wide range of Olympic events and were cheered on by friends, family, and staff.



Science Club and Student Volunteers Clean the Creek in Community Service



Science Club members and student volunteers came together to "Clean the Creek" recently in a community service project coordinated by Science Club Advisers Kit Sheehan and Karin Johnson. The students picked up trash and debris around the Sandy Creek and Lacona towns in an annual project to celebrate Earth Day and their communities. Weather forced the project to be rescheduled, but it did not dampen the student's enthusiasm or participation.