

Final farewell: Class of 2012

Though this month, Appleton North says farewell to the graduating senior class, their indelible legacy at North will forever remain. Congratulations Class of 2012. In the words of Tom Brokaw, "Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Think of it as your ticket to change the world."

Also leaving us are six educators, all of whom have contributed immensely in shaping North and the minds of students. We remain forever grateful to you.



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By Christian Bakken



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By Laurel McKenzie

When I first wandered down the sterile hallways of North as a dewy-eyed freshman, the *Noctiluca* was on the same level as the *New York Times*. I distinctly remember standing just inside the library during the first homeroom of the year, peering to my left at the publications lab jammed with people. A combination of sheer terror and false apathy soon sent me scuttling to drama club instead – I attempted to convince myself that perhaps newspaper wasn't the place for me and, that being the case, I went on to tell myself I didn't want to be in a dumb ol' paper anyways.

Freshman year came and went, and I had slowly put down my dream of ever writing for the great *Noctiluca*. I spent my time in theatre and thought nothing of any other extracurricular. I will never forget, then, the September of my sophomore year when I was approached to write an article about exchange students. With great exuberance and even

greater repression of my excitement, I rushed home to schedule an interview and write a lead.

It takes time for things to become memories, and it took three years for these particular recollections to resurface, much like noxious gas bubbles will break through the muddy surface of a swamp and fill the air with something that has been fermenting for a while now. I look back now on my first article and squirm over the clunky writing, the abuse of commas, the lack of actual news; my soul cringes.

Cringing, it appears, is all part of the process. Like the agonizing soreness of athletes with which I voluntarily have limited experience, that pain is the very brash reminder that you're getting better. Looking back and cringing is just life's little way of patting you on the back and saying, "see how much you've grown?"

And grown I have. Being on the newspaper has taught me how to write like no Comm. Arts class ever could. It's re-

markable how quickly I understood the proper punctuation with quotes while writing for the paper, a lesson that English teachers through the years have failed to impress upon me. The newspaper made writing matter to me, and for that I am ever grateful.

I'll leave this school with some parting words of senior wisdom, slowly accumulated and consequently fermented over my four years of experience. It's two parts firstly, don't be like me freshman year. If you're on the brink of opportunity, take it. If I'd joined one year earlier I'd be one year a better writer, and considering that I'm pursuing journalism as a career, one year can make a big difference. It's always scary, but it's always worth it.

And secondly, if you don't heed the advice above, at least heed this: you may as well start now. Don't limit yourself based on what's passed. I thought I could never be on the paper, much less an editor, and yet here I am, typing away. It's never too late to try. The very worst thing you could do is wait.

There. Did that work? Are you inspired? Excellent, because we really need contributors for next year, and this was my last-ditch attempt to get people to join the *Noctiluca*. After this, I'm hiring that monkey and its blasted typewriter.

Anyways, so long, Appleton North readership, and thanks for all the fish.

As I bid a fond farewell to Appleton North and the *Noctiluca*, I recall that it has been three years since I first stepped into a *Noctiluca* summer camp (at my mother's urging), and I have to admit I was not the most involved for the first two of them. Forced to devote only a small fraction of my school involvement to *Noctiluca* as I was torn away by the pressures of a full homeroom schedule, a reluctance to add more work to my already busy schedule, and a lack of confidence in my own writing ability, I nonetheless produced several articles, and with some trepidation applied to be an editor my senior year. I was immensely gratified that I was found worthy to take on the weighty responsibility of being a news editor, and that I was able to devote myself to bringing the school information on my passions for current events and global issues.

I have had an incredible time as an editor, as though the responsibility is great, the reward of seeing my handiwork spread to the school and the phenomenal experiences I had with the newspaper staff have certainly outweighed the hours of writing and editing I engaged in. I hope you too have learned more or experienced a new perspective at some of the major events that shook our state, nation, and world in this past year and that I have featured on my page. And on that note, I would like to thank everyone who contributed



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to the paper over the year, as well as Mr. Ramponi and the other editors who were of invaluable assistance in teaching me how to effectively carry out my position. And let me lend my keyboard to the entreaty all of us editors have for all of you who are now perusing this paper, attempt the simple but gratifying task of contributing in the next year.

North is blessed with such a quality newspaper, as well as many great writers, however, the *Noctiluca* is always in need of contributors, and with all manner of topics covered, it is certain all of you could find a subject that interests you and you believe would interest the student body. I am not interested in pursuing journalism as a career, yet I took the first step in writing an article and coming to a meeting and now I leave much more involved as an editor, and all of you are capable of following a similar path. So as long as you underclassmen still step up to replace those of us who are moving on to different futures, I have the utmost confidence that this newspaper will certainly remain just as well-produced, informative, and all around amazing for many years to come.

Salute to Seniors awards

The following are the graduating members of the class of 2012 who earned a 3.0 GPA or higher throughout their four years at North. They will walk with a gold tassel during Commencement.

ABOUZELAM, TALA
 AGNEW, TIM
 AHLGRIMM, ROBERT
 ALLEN, JENNIFER
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 ALSBACH, NICHOLAS
 ANHOLZER, BENJAMIN
 AUSTIN, CORINNE
 BAILIN, JASON
 BAKER, KATE
 BAKKEN, CHRISTIAN
 BAKKEN, KELSEY
 BARRINGTON, BLAKE
 BAST, MEGAN
 BATLEY, EMILY
 BAUMBACH, LANE
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 BENYO, LAUREN
 BICIGO, ALEXANDER
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 CAREY, RYAN
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 CHADEK, FOSTER
 CHANG, ALEN
 CHANG, CHANE
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 SPENCER
 CLEMONS, MCKENZIE
 COUMBE, TRICIA
 CUMMINGS, AMY
 DALGLEISH, SARAH
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 DAVIS, JODY
 DELTOUR, MARIAH
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 DIEDRICH, CARLISSA
 DIX, BREANNA
 DORAN, CONNOR
 DOUGLAS, MAYA
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 DUDLEY, JORDYN

DUESTERHOEFT, SARA
 DUNNING, HENRY
 EDLER, SAVANNAH
 EGGERS, MEGHAN
 EMANUEL, BENJAMIN
 ENGLISH, KIMBERLY
 ENTERLINE, BENJAMIN
 FIEWEGER, RACHEAL
 FISCHER, SAMUEL
 FISCUS, BRIAN,
 FLYNN, KADIE
 GABOR, VICTORIA
 GAJEWSKI, MATTHEW
 GERRTIS, JACK
 GIERKE, KEVIN
 GOHLA, MARLO
 GOTTSCHALK, DARIAN
 GRATTON, ANAIS
 GREISCH, ZACHARY
 HAARALA, MICHAEL
 HACKETT, WILLIAM
 HANSON, BRENTEN
 HARRINGTON, CALEB
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 HENDERICKSON,
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 HERRNON, ZACHARY
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 JENTZ, AUTUMN
 JESSOGNE, HEATHER
 JOBE, ALEXANDER
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 JONES, JENNIFER
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 KIEFER, GARRISON
 KILSDONK, MICHELLE

KING, KARA
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 KORDYBAN, LAUREL
 KOTEK, RYAN
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 LABEAU, ANDREW
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 LOGEMANN, DAVID
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 SICKLER, CAMERON
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 SIMON, SAMANTHA
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 SIRACUSA, ASHLEY
 SLINE, ABIGAIL
 SMITH, DYLAN
 SMRZ, SAMANTHA
 SONNLEITNER, TRACE
 SPRISLER, LOGAN
 STAGE, JENNIE
 STEEL, MATTHEW
 STERNHAGEN, IAN
 SUTTER, SIERRA
 SYVANG, PAYEE
 SZABO, HANNAH
 TETZLAFF, TRENT
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 VANG, TONG
 VANG, TOUA
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 VOSS, SAMUEL A
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North will transcend doomsday

By Laurel McKenzie

It is said that the Mayan doomsday will manifest itself in a gigantic flood, the earth splitting apart, and plagues descending upon mankind. Any manner of destructive calamities could wipe out life, as the ancient priests of Central America predicted so many years ago. Almost all apocalyptic events have been considered, but there's one vital factor that failed to make it into the prophecy. No, it won't be fires nor locusts that bring about doomsday, it will be the fact that the class of 2012 is graduating and entering the real world.

This year's seniors will soon take their first wobbly steps into adult life. Although plagued with the unusual challenge of surviving the Mayan apocalypse, the class of 2012 has been well equipped with all sorts of survival skills, or at least they can quote Shakespeare.

The seniors, as well as the retiring teachers, are moving on. The unknown can sometimes be scary, so it's nice to think that there's always a place that makes sense. Even as the Mayan gods crash their mighty fist unto the earth there will always be North. There is always something to come back to. It isn't all that bad. It's just a beginning.

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Opinions editor bids goodbye in true opinions manner

By Austin Herrling

Here we are, ladies and gentlemen, at long, long last. I sit here, poised over my keyboard, as I deliver my final words as opinions editor for the Appleton North *Noctiluca*, and the finality of the task gives me pause. For a year, I have molded stories and caajoled writers; I have edited columns and credited contributors; I have sought content and wrought editorials – but here I sit, pensive, without the slightest idea of what I want to say. I can write criticisms, critiques, and censures – it’s easy to craft a story when the ideas you’re trying to get across are already in front of you – but a motivational work? A farewell? It seems I must learn how to do something new.

I can rectify that issue, though, by considering this farewell an editorial. I can handle editorials. As the opinions editor, I published one unsigned and several signed editorials this year, representing the views of the *Noctiluca* editorial board and contributing students. Editorials are focused and educated comments on current issues, concluded with calls to action. Columns are valuable, but editorials truly attempt to make a change. As this letter is my final edito-

rial for the *Noctiluca*, I’ll try my best to make this one matter too.

The theme of this issue of the paper is departure. The senior class is graduating high school, teachers are retiring, and even incoming freshmen are graduating eighth grade – so that will be the topic of this farewell.

We all leave for our own reasons, and each of us have our own paths ahead of us. What message, then, can reach all of us? As I say goodbye to the *Noctiluca*, so do I say goodbye to my classmates and teachers. You have all affected me in different ways, and I’ll continue to value the relationships that I’ve created over the many years of my public school career.

I want you all to write more editorials. Every single one of you. The few true editorial pieces I published this year were not enough. Each and every individual reading this has a wealth of knowledge and experience that only they can uniquely apply; why not share and contribute this information? Writing an editorial is collecting one’s thoughts in a way to apply them best to the world. Opinions are essential for discussion and discovery – new ideas are scarce created with no input or criticism.

Your opinions don’t even



Photo courtesy of Austin Herrling

need to be written. Simply knowing and organizing your thoughts allows you more freedom in expression and a better position with which you can truly exercise your right to freedom of expression. If you do choose to write, you will find that it can be a lot of fun. Not many people enjoy organized debates, true. But when given the opportunity to collect your thoughts and pace your replies, debates become less and less scary and more and more constructive.

It’s also amazingly easy to contribute your own opinions. The *Noctiluca* has a drop box on the publication lab door for letters to the editor. The Appleton *Post-Crescent* has their e-mail and phone numbers posted in the community section of their paper. Nationwide newspapers like the *New York Times* regu-

larly publish guest-submitted editorials. Myriad blogs exist on every contentious topic in recorded history; it’s not difficult to find a medium of publication, if publication is what you desire.

I’m leaving Appleton North’s newspaper, but I am not leaving journalism, nor expression. My farewell is thus not an ending – it is a plea for continuation. If I could, I would publish an opinion by every student and faculty member at this school, every single month. That’s out of the question, sadly, but that does not mean each one of you isn’t fully qualified to have your opinions. You are. Just write them more. Talk about them. Keep thinking and writing and contributing, and you’ll see the changes in both my former section of the paper and the world at large.

Cheers and Jeers

By Laurel McKenzie

Image by Andy Barta

Seniors – for making it! After four long years of high school, you’re finally going to get that diploma! Congratulations!

Converse – for being the shoe that can do it all. You can be active and look classy while doing it. Coming in hipster certified thespian chic and in a rainbow of colors, the converse is one style that will never be forgotten.

Air conditioning – for still working, even after six months of disuse. We bow down to you, O Mighty Climate Control, and we hope you accept these humble offerings of lesser methods of cooling off, like squirt bottles and handheld fans.

Chihuahuas – for being the most adorable, irresistibly cuddly animals in the world. If you don’t own one, I suggest you run out and purchase one immediately. Their sneezes are precious.

Insects – for coming out so gosh darn early. Yeah, it’s warm, but can’t we have just a couple of mosquito free weeks?

Road construction – for starting up... yet again. We always think, “gee, summer will be great! There’s not a care in the world!” Then we hit your flashing orange signs and long traffic jams, and we remember. We remember the pain and anguish of regular infrastructure renovations, and we weep for the one true bane of summer.

Mechanical pencils with irregular lead sizes – for being just another one of those little inconveniences. When you buy them you think you’re being unique, but then it runs out of the provided lead and you’re in trouble. No matter how many people there are in the world, it’s a well-known fact that no one will carry a little canister of lead that fits your freaky.9 lead size. Only .7 is viable.

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Noctiluca Editorial

As seniors step away, juniors have shoes to fill

Over four hundred seniors will be walking across a stage on June 7th, accepting diplomas commemorating their successful completion of four years of high school. On May 30th, the senior awards night recognized many achievements by the same class. Students will be attending prestigious colleges and receiving valuable scholarships, and each honor is as deserved as the last. The graduating seniors will be missed as individuals, but will be perhaps most missed in the sports and extracurriculars they are also graduating from. The leadership of these seniors has led to some very impressive accomplishments for Appleton North. Seniors led the way

to the 13th consecutive highest honor at the One Act state competition, a 1st time boys swimming conference championship, a 9th place nationwide finish in the Knowledge Masters quiz bowl, a boys cross country sectional championship, myriad individual sports victories, with state qualifiers in nearly every sport, and innumerable other rankings and feats.

The graduating senior class began their journey through high school with the guidance of a group of upperclassmen in the North Link Crew. The participating leaders in this extracurricular led the students through the hallways and the classrooms, setting them up for their next four years; as time went on,

those freshmen became sophomores, junior, and seniors – and all at once were now the instructors.

The cycle will continue with every new class, and has been the same for every previous class. It's never an easy change, but it's always necessary.

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Juniors have a lot to do to follow in the seniors' footsteps. New officers have already been chosen for some of North's clubs, including this publication, and they have been learning the ins and outs of their positions. One year from now, they too will become the teachers, instructing their replacements in order to continue traditions of integrity and achievement.

These juniors, once they become seniors, will be remembered for their merits and their aptitude for leadership. Leading is not easy, but it's important to remember that the seniors leaving were once in exactly the same place – experience can do wonders, and is absolutely necessary for advancement.



Members of North's League of Leaders exemplify leadership in their sports and clubs. Photo courtesy of the North Almanack.

Colleges and careers seek out leaders. Getting involved in leadership clubs like League of Leaders, Link Crew, and the National Honor Society is beneficial to any and all. Students need not be officers of clubs to gain experience, although officership is an impressive statement on a resume and a goal worthy of pursuing.

The resume isn't everything, though. Leadership for leadership's sake garners a lot of respect from both peers and superiors. Plato's *Republic* does not give the whole story when stating how those least willing to lead will be best at it; experience dictates that those best at leading are those who lead for the sake of their followers.

All graduating students can benefit from an understanding of leadership – not just seniors graduating high school, but each class graduating its finished year. New years bring new challenges and difficulties, but students will not always have an upperclassman, nor even a teacher or parent, to aid them. Bar the cliché, it's all about growing up, and that's exactly what this year's – and next year's – seniors will be able to do.

The *Noctiluca* wishes luck to every graduate, including our valued retiring teachers. We salute all of your contributions, your storied careers, and wish you all the best in the years to come.



Students in the Appleton North National Honor Society display leadership through volunteer work and co-chairing club events. Photo courtesy of the North Almanack.

Our rights may be unalienable, but they are changing

By Sam Allen

Every day it seems, we hear another person use the broad term of "rights" to justify, well, just about anything that suits their need at the moment. Switching nimbly between "Nobody has the right to-" and "I have the right to-," one can quickly escape from having to explain their reasoning, and instead take cover behind the mysterious and unquestionable wall that we call our rights. You, good North students, I, and countless politicians are often just as guilty as anyone else for doing this. However, whenever I hear someone claim "rights" as the reason why they are correct or another is

wrong, I always wonder for a bit, and ask myself: "Seriously, what are these 'rights' we all keep talking about, and why are they so great?"

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As it turns out, historically, rights aren't infallible, unchanging, or holy. Indeed, this is a good thing: if the rights of humankind were like this, then today we would certainly be talking more about the divine right of kings than of our Bill of

Rights. No, what we consider to be our set of rights has proven time and time again to be only whatever is most convenient to implement at the time. This is why we have shifted our point of view from accepting the divine right of kings to the Magna Carta, and then later to our Bill of Rights and the numerous times we've meddled with it. Simply put, whenever more people feel like it, such as during times of fear or, of course, progress, our views of what our constitutional rights are change drastically.

Our constitutional viewpoint that common citizens didn't have the right to vote for president changed with

the 14th Amendment, which also modified our rights to include other races. On another side of things, during times of war, we have changed our interpretation of our 1st Amendment rights to exclude speech deemed as "subversive." So what are "rights," and why do we have them?

Our rights are and always have been loose guidelines defined by whatever is most popular at the moment. We have them in order to serve as many Americans as possible, and if a right doesn't do this, then we inevitably disregard it, as we always have. Of course, people know these things about our rights, but they also keep in

their minds that the Constitution, which gives us our rights, is a sacred and infallible document that nobody should change.

The end result is that we have Americans twisting the Constitution to their every whim, and at the same time holding it as a fact that arguing with the Constitution is un-American and wrong. In truth, the only thing that squabbling over what our constitutional rights may or may not include does is distract us from real issues, which could be addressed in far better ways than by looking to a fallible, changing, and intentionally vague document that tells us what our rights should be.

SPOTLIGHT: RETIRING TEACHERS

Mrs. Line



Photo by Nate Correia

By Katie Fleming

Mrs. Line has been a valuable member of our team of teachers for many years.

Senior Alex Larson recalls all of the good times he had in Mrs. Line's classes:

"Leanne Line is a staff member at Appleton North High School and is retiring this year and everyone at Appleton North High School wants to say, 'Good luck, Mrs. Line.' I'm a senior at Appleton North High School and I will sure miss Mrs. Line the most because she taught me *Of Mice and Men*, *Lord of the Flies*, and *Outsiders*. She was my homeroom, communication arts, and resource teacher during my freshman and sophomore years here at

Appleton North High School. Assignments she planned were Your Life Path and How to Do. She also gave me vocabulary tests and quizzes. She also gave me a report about diseases. She was the funniest teacher ever because she gave me a Tootsie Pop during the graduation rehearsal."

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 40 years.

Q: How has this year been memorable for you?

A: I knew ahead of time that this was the year I was going to retire. Also, I had all pull-out classes.

Q: Do you have any parting advice for North students?

A: It's not what you're taught, it's what you learn.

Q: Anything else you'd like to share about your experiences at North?

A: I came to North on purpose, and I've never regretted it.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: I'm going to spend time with my seven grandchildren and my husband, who is already retired. I have plans to travel and go fishing.

Mrs. Olsen



Photo by Nate Correia

By Abbey Edmonds

After 24 years of dedicated service to the Appleton Area School District as a Para Professional, Mrs. Linda Olsen will be retiring this year.

Originally from southern Wisconsin, Olsen attended junior college in California for two years, before moving to San Francisco, and then Madison.

Olsen's educational career began at Huntley Elementary where her daughter attended elementary school.

"I was already doing a lot of volunteering" said Olsen who segued into the position as an instructional aide.

Olsen's favorite memories of teaching include working as a distance education facilitator. Distance education programs featured courses on veterinary science, which included hands on experience with animals, criminal justice and a variety of humanities classes.

During her tenure at North, Olsen primarily has worked in the library. "One year [prior to working at North] I was in four buildings, but three of them, I worked in the library. I really really liked that," Olsen said.

Though looking forward to a retirement full of reading, and spending time with her husband and father, Olsen says she "will always have a connection to this place," and added, "we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff at the library."

Mrs. Nick



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By Katie Fleming

Mrs. Nick began her teaching career working with students with learning disabilities in the small town of Immokalee before moving to Ashland, Wis. She also coached girls softball and girls basketball. Mrs. Nick earned her degree in general education with a specialty in Student Personal Services and Counseling. Prior to teaching here at North, she taught at Madison Middle School and Wilson Middle School.

Senior Alex Larson has plenty of fond memories to share about Mrs. Nick:

"Barbara Nick is a staff member at Appleton North High School in LD and is retiring this year and everyone at Appleton North High School wants to say, 'Good luck, Mrs. Nick.' I'm a senior at Appleton North High School and I will miss Mrs. Nick because she taught me United States History. She was my resource teacher dur-

ing my junior year here at Appleton North High School and my history teacher also. Assignments she planned were Skittles, Native American project, Industrial project, Civil War project, and the amendment project. She read the story "Black Like Me." We will all miss her and we wish her luck on her retirement."

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 25 years

Q: Have you always wanted to teach for a profession?

A: No. I started out as an architect major.

Q: What is your most memorable moment from teaching?

A: Once, there was a student who was in danger of not graduating. He ended up graduating with honors and went on to college.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: I'm going to build a house on a plot of land on a lake in central Arkansas. I'm looking forward to spending quiet time with my family and dogs.

Q: Anything else you'd like to share about your experiences at North?

A: North has done a lot of changing over the years and has gotten a lot bigger. I've had a good time here, and met a lot of good people and students. I'll always remember North as a very caring place.

Mrs. Mann



Photo by Nate Correia

By Arpita Wahal

Mrs. Susanne Mann has guided many students in the difficult endeavor of learning English. Mrs. Mann discovered her passion for language and experiencing different cultures when she started studying Spanish in the 7th grade.

"One of the best parts of

"It has been a privilege to work with students who are so eager to learn English."

- Mrs. Mann

teaching ELL (English Language Learners) for me has been getting to know people from so many different countries sharing out cultures," she said. She has taught Spanish at the elementary, middle and high school levels as well as to adults. "It has been a privilege to work with students who are so eager to learn English, which is, by far, one of the most difficult," she said.

As a part of her job, she has helped teach English to Hmong refugees—many who have gone for higher education.

Mrs. Hahn



Photo by Nate Correia

By Arpita Wahal

From growing up in a large family, working with children comes naturally to Mrs. Hahn. After high school, she pursued her passion of working in the arts by earning an associate degree in interior design from Gateway Technical College in Kenosha. After spending summers with her kids she discovered her passion for working with children and began working as a teacher's aide at New Holstein in the special education department. Her career in special education officially began after she returned to school to obtain her bachelor's degree in education.

After retirement, she plans to spend time with her granddaughter and develop a business at Larkwood Chapel Hall.

Ms. Kearns



Photo by Nate Correia

Ms. Beverly Kearns has been teaching Health at North. She also worked at West with the National Honor Society and was also director of the yearbook. She also coached volleyball, basketball, and track at West. She's also been at WCA, eSchool, East, Wilson, Roosevelt, Lincoln and McKinley. Her favorite quotes include: "Health is Wealth." -H.D. Thoreau and "Don't worry be happy!" -B. McFerrin.

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By Raphael Allen

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Make a quilt out of old washcloths- you will understand why over time. Just make sure that they are clean first and when stitching the pieces together use 40 lb. fishing line.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Others around you seem to be under heavy stress. Help your friends but be sure to take care of yourself as well. Your happiness impacts others around you in a positive way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Do not open any fortune cookies within the next month; their contents may conflict with this horoscope. If this advice is not heeded you may find yourself ordering take-out and finding yourself eat-

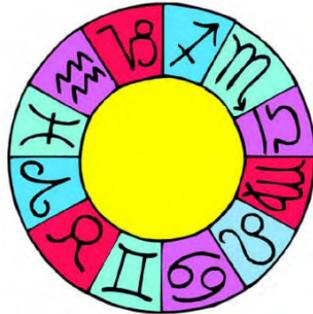
ing a spring roll instead of an egg roll. In short, you're going to have a bad time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Deadlines are named so for a reason. The cool breeze that accompanies their passing may be pleasant for a time but remember that failure to complete tasks on schedule will always be followed by flat soft drinks.

Leo (July 23-August 22) - Songwriting may be your forte. You will find your talents building in a magnificent crescendo over the next few weeks. Buy a sitar, you won't regret it.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) - Don't bring me down. Go climb a tree, the view is spectacular and little birds may become your friends.

The three points of contact rule still applies when exploring the canopy of the forest to help prevent returning to earth too fast.



Libra (September 23-October 22) - If you are a Libra and are only reading these horoscopes for advice specific to your sign and are passing over reading the other horoscopes here is yours. Read all of them, wisdom is universal, just like astrology.

Scorpio (October 23-November 22) - The pocket gnomes are going on vacation. You will have a week long reprieve from the mysterious and impossibly complicated knots that form in your headphone cables while they lie undisturbed when not in use.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 22) - You are going to have a good day; well one part of it might be improved over the usual. So your day will may have one bad part removed. This is the case if you sharpen a pencil in any one of the schools thousands of hand cranked pencil sharpeners. Today and only today you lucky Sagittarians will crank that handle and not witness your all important writing utensil be eaten faster than a box of Bunny Crackers

in a frat house by the sharpener. Remember this day; it comes once a year. Unfortunately it's at a time when you probably don't need a pencil.

Capricorn (December 23-January 22) - Take some time to remember how good of a person you are. Be proud of your many accomplishments, even if you don't see them as worthwhile. Breathe deep and enjoy the sun.

Aquarius (January 23-February 22) - Magnets and tube T.V. screens make rainbows. Rainbows will brighten anyone's day.

Pisces (February 23-March 20) - SOH-CAH-TOA. Repeat five times in a dark room in front of a mirror. You will see life from a different angle.

Sudoku

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Puzzle by websudoku.com.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

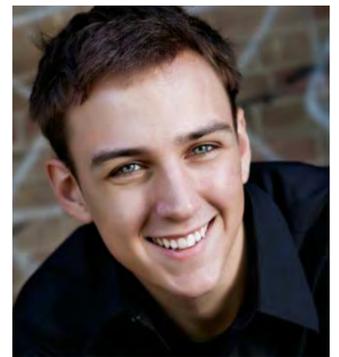
Profiles of students at Appleton North



Name: Samir Abouzelam
Year: Freshman
Co-Curricular Involvement: Choir, Tennis
Interests and Hobbies: Listening to music, playing piano, reading.
Favorite Movie: Star Wars
Favorite Food: Pie



Name: Sadie Miller
Year: Sophomore
Co-Curricular Involvement: Softball, 4H, Choir
Interests and Hobbies: Playing piano, eating, watching TV, being with family.
Favorite Animal: Panda
Sadie also shows cows at the county and state fair.



Name: Rafe Allen
Year: Senior
Co-Curricular Involvement: Jazz Band, Drum Major, Noctiluca, Robotics, Pep Band
Interests and Hobbies: Disc Golf, reading, saxophone, listening to music, nature, traveling, biking

Heard in the Hallway

By Katie Fleming

"Is it summer yet?!"

"Good luck on your AP test!"

"It's so warm outside, but freezing in here!"

"You would think, since it's the end of the year, we wouldn't have so much homework..."

"Ugh, I'm so sun-burned!"

"Ready to run the pacer?"

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A final farewell to North Centerspread

By Andrew Vanden Boogaard

Over the past three years, I have not only had the opportunity, but the privilege, to work on the *Noctiluca* newspaper staff. Whether it was scavenging stories, tending to interviews, or arranging articles, participating on the newspaper staff has been nothing less than a rewarding experience.

In short, engaging in the *Noctiluca* newspaper organization allowed me to further my growth as a writer, conversationalist, and even as a person. The *Noctiluca* provided me a chance to become involved in my school and surrounding community due to the stories I would write and due to the pride of partaking in a newspaper that I could call my own.

However, the benefits I have reaped from this club are not limited to having come from my own personal growth, but to the development that my fellow editors, contributors, and teachers helped me achieve.

I would first like to thank my fellow editors for all the hard work they have put into this newspaper; I know that without these nine editors,

we would never have been able to put these publications together. At the same time, I would like to commend those same editors for their efforts for putting together a continually solid and meaningful paper month-in and month-out. I know that although the road to putting the paper together may not always have been smooth and straightforward, but managing it and working as a team throughout will always be a worthwhile experience. We all should be proud of ourselves, regardless of the challenges each of us has faced in putting this paper together.

In addition, I want to thank Trent Tetzlaff for his constant help and contributions to my sports section this year. Without his dedication and willingness to write and help, this sports section would not be close to what it is. Needless to say, I am and always will be extremely appreciative for his well-developed and well-written stories.

Finally, I would like to thank both Mr. Ramponi and Mrs. Bruce for their constant aid that they have given me over the years. Both of these advisors helped me become the writer and person I am today, and for that I will al-



Photo courtesy of Andrew Vanden Boogaard

ways be grateful. In other words, I can't thank these two enough for giving their time to help me develop and become the journalist I am.

Nevertheless, readers should not worry, for the *Noctiluca* sports section will be in capable and competent hands next year with junior Trent Beilke stepping in to take the job. I am confident that he will continue to bring quality work to next year's *Noctiluca* staff.

So, I guess this is farewell, Appleton North. Hopefully in some way, shape or form I left this place a little better than I found it.

editor says goodbye

By Sarah Dalglish

As centerspread editor I've covered topics ranging from mental illness to the Hunger Games. No matter what the topic I would not have been able to get my sections out each month if it wasn't for the consistent efforts of my wonderful writing staff.

I want to give a special thanks to Joey Jandacek, Liza Long, and Sara Dueterhoeft for their multiple contributions and for saving me from developing my own mental illness.

This June I had the exciting task of compiling a list of the senior class and seeing where everyone was heading off to college. I expect great things from the class of 2012 as they head off into the world, especially seeing how some students will be attending some of the best universities in the world.

This fall I will be joining previous *Noctiluca* editors at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I hope to continue writing in many different facets. I encourage people interested in writing to contribute to the *Noctiluca*,

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it's a great place to voice your opinions and inform students on topics that are important to you. Thanks for the supportive feedback and continue to read the *Noctiluca* next year!



Photo courtesy of Sarah Dalglish.

A school year in sports: photo review

By Andrew Vanden Boogaard

This year, many Appleton North individual athletes and sports teams have had success.

Through this photospread, the *Noctiluca* wishes to share and acknowledge their accomplishments.



Grant Yost, an All-Conference selection last year, looks to lead the Lightning to their first state title this spring. Photo by Blaine Yost.



The Appleton North/East Boys' Swim Team captured its first ever conference title this year. In addition, senior Jake Iotte repeated as state champion in the 200 Yard Freestyle. Photo by Andrew Vanden Boogaard.



Left: Nate Otto, a senior guard for the Appleton North Boys' Basketball team, helped lead the Lightning to a regional tournament win over Oshkosh West before falling to Appleton West in a 56-51 loss. Photo by the Appleton Journal.



Tawanh Maphixat, a senior powerlifter, qualified for the state and national powerlifting tournaments this winter. Photo by Jerry Voss.



Senior Captain Anna Westmark became the all-time leader in points, goals, and assists this year for the Appleton United Girls Hockey Team. Photo by Jeff Gosda.

What's On Your Playlist?

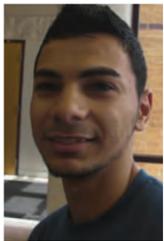
By Sean Lyons



Freshman class

Maya Murzello

- "Everything"
-Michael Bublé
- "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree"
-K.T. Tunstall
- "Hey Soul Sister"
-Train/the Warblers
- "I Like It"
-Enrique Iglesias
- "Love Like This"
-Natasha Bedingfield



Junior class
Fouad Khouri

- "Back in Black"
AC DC
- "Losing My Religion"
REM
- "Dream On"
Aerosmith
- "Dance With the Devil"
Immortal Technique
- "One"
Metallica



Sophomore class
Garrett Ellis

- "Sleepy Head"
-Passion Pit
- "Time to Dance"
-Panic! at the Disco
- "Little Lion Man"
-Mumford and Sons
- "Stay"
-May Day Parade
- "Do You Want it All?"
-Two Door Cinema Club



Senior class
Jena Sieckert

- "She's Everything"
Brad Paisley
- "Why You Wanna?"
Jana Kramer
- "Summertime"
Kenny Chesney
- "Last Name"
Carrie Underwood
- "Waitress"
Tech N9ne

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All photos by Sean P. Lyons

Senior Farewell

Sean Lyons



Hello everyone. Well, this marks my last installment for the Noctiluca. Being a senior, it's my time to move on to other things and hopefully, other publications. I would like to thank all of you who read what my contributors and I published. On the whole,

being an editor was a rewarding experience, I can honestly say that my senior year was a year well-spent.

I would also like to take the time to encourage any student next year to get involved with our newspaper. Much of the difficulties I experienced as an editor were due to the sparse

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Toonami blasts back to Cartoon Network

By Matt Hendrickson

I'm guessing a fair amount of the people reading this know what Toonami is. But for those of you who don't, it was a programming block on Cartoon Network that originally ran from 1997 to 2008. It was kind of like Adult Swim, in that the only real difference it has from regular TV are the short little clips that it used to play before and after commercials that introduce the shows. In Adult Swim's case, it's those messages they show with the white font on an all black screen. For Toonami, it was scenes of a robot named Tom and his ship the Absolution.

Toonami was originally shown on weekday afternoons for two hours a day until 2005 when it was moved to Saturday nights. While Cartoon Network usually just shows... well, cartoons, and Adult Swim mostly plays shows with adult humor, Toonami would show anime. With the anime, it also used to broadcast plenty of American shows like "Samurai Jack" and "Megas XLR," but for the most part, it was anime. If you ever watched "Dragonball Z" as a kid, you can thank Toonami.

You may or may not remember a few months

ago when I raved about how much I love anime, well Toonami is what made me love it. I used to watch it every day after school, turning it on right when I got home to see "Gundam," "Zoids," "Yu Yu Hakusho," and so many others. It was awesome, and I (along with many others like me) absolutely loved it.

But then, it got cancelled in 2008. That was pretty

complain about Toonami and how it was ruined before it died off. It was a sad and dark time for Internet geeks everywhere.

Although, this was only until April 1st, this year, when Adult Swim brought it back for a night, and just one night. They played classic shows, reviewed "Mass Effect 3," and advertised several DVDs... heck, they even got Steve



Photo from <http://boards.adultswim.com>

terrible. It wasn't exactly a shock when it happened; because it had been going down the drain for a long time. But for all those



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people who had such fond memories of the block, it was still incredibly disappointing. For the next four years, anime fans all around the Internet would

Blum (Tom's voice actor) to record brand new lines! Toonami fans exploded in joy. It was only brought back as an April Fools joke, but the positive response by fans was so immense, that the executives at Cartoon Network could not ignore it.

And now, four years after its cancellation, it's back. Saturday nights starting at eleven. Words are not capable of describing how happy this has made me, and the legions of other anime fans for that matter. TOONAMI IS BACK!

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Summer festivals that all can enjoy

By Calen Schruender

With summer months just around the bend, the student population is faced with one question. "What is there to do?" There is no doubt that with summer vacation comes seemingly endless boredom, but there are plenty of things to do if you look in the right places. The list provided in this article is meant to kick that boredom in the face and destroy those "lame" summers with fun local festivals that are by and large, cheap and close-by.

Waterfest

Waterfest is a unique festival in that it takes place throughout the whole summer. Starting on Thursday, June 14th, the party goes from 5:45 to 11 PM, and continues every Thursday night through August 30. The festival features musicians covering genres from jazz to pop to blues and many more. It is located in Oshkosh's Riverside Park at the Leach Amphitheater and is a popular attraction around the Fox Cities (it receives roughly 60 to 70,000 guest throughout the entire summer).

First held in the summer of 1986, Waterfest has since nestled itself into Northeast Wisconsin culture and has hosted, in the past, recognizable acts such as The Doobie Brothers, Alice Cooper, Cheap Trick, Reel Big Fish, Rusted Root, as well as Appleton North's very own Cory Chisel. This year's festival will feature the Bodeans and REO Speedwagon, who are headlining, and will include many other local acts.

The price of admission is \$8 before 6 p.m., \$10 before 7 p.m., and \$15 after 7 p.m.. There will be a special 2 for 1 offer on tickets before 6 p.m. on June 14

and 21, July 12 and 26, and August 2 and 23, which makes the price of admission merely four dollars per person. And a special note to teachers, on the night of June 14th, admission is free with an ID. So make sure to arrive early, stay late, and take advantage of these discounts in order to save a few greens. This fest is sure to be one fun time, so make your way out there at least one Thursday this summer, if not several (if you have the cash).

Shawano Folk Music Festival

If you're looking for a nice way to wind down your summer, or you would like to spend some time in a relaxing environment, the Shawano Folk Music festival is for you. The fest features (no surprise here) folk music running from Friday, August 10 through Sunday the 12th at the Mielke Theater in Shawano.

The music aspect of this festival is far less exhaustive than that of Waterfest, featuring two concerts on that Friday and Saturday evening.

Both concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Music however is not the only thing this folk fest has to offer; crafts are also an important part of the festival. Here you can find hand made instru-

ments, clothing, pottery, as well as soaps and candles. If you want to kill an afternoon you can spend it at a variety of music and dance workshops on Saturday and Sunday, from 10:30 to 4:30. Sunday morning will also feature a Gospel sing-a-long workshop.

It is advisable to purchase tickets for this festival online, and early. The different kinds of tickets include weekend passes, Saturday and Sunday day passes, and Friday or Saturday evening concert tickets (yes the concerts cost extra). The early bird special goes through June 15th, so purchase tickets soon, and note that adults age 18 and older are charged extra, as

is expected at an event such as this. So if you're up for some time outdoors and some folk music then get on up to the 34th annual Shawano Folk Music Festival.

German Fest

If you live in Wisconsin, there is a very good chance that you have at least a little bit of German blood in you. If you don't, you can still make yourself welcome at the annual German Fest, located on the Summerfest grounds in Milwaukee. The fest runs from Thursday July 26 through Sunday July 29th and features multiple aspects of the German culture.

The most recognizable part of the German culture is, undeniably, the food. With an estimated 20,000 bratwurst eaten each year at German fest there is no doubt that food is a big attraction during the weekend. That doesn't even include the staggering 10,000 pounds of sauerkraut, not to mention the 20,000 roast pork sandwiches; the list goes on. Trace your German roots with the assistance of the Sons and Daughters of the Veterans of the Civil War. Or get your music fix in the Culture Tent. Previous line ups have included such culturally relevant acts as a Tribute to the Sound of Music, with Magnificent Strings and Hilltop Singers. It has also included stand out groups such as the Milwaukee Ukelele Club and the Harmonica Club. Both clubs can also be found at the Handwerker Area to discuss and display their instruments, along side a variety of other antique instruments. Friday and Saturday night will be closed out with a display of fireworks over German Fest starting at 10:30.

Ticket prices for this festival are relatively cheap. For Thursday only

there will be a special one day only \$3 admission price. For the rest of the weekend, students and seniors ages 60 plus will be charged a one day \$7 admission fee with a valid ID. Adults must pay a cover charge of \$13 for each day after Thursday. To any church goers, there will be a 9:30 a.m. Mass held at the Marcus Amphitheater, and anyone at the mass will receive free entry into the festival afterwards. This festival is a unique celebration of German heritage and is a family friendly event, more than worthy of any person's time.

Paperfest

So what if money is low and a high budget trip around Wisconsin isn't in the works? No worries, there is always Paperfest at Sunset Park in Kimberly. Spanning four days from July 19 to July 22nd, Paperfest is a great "family oriented" which raises money for various non profit and civic organizations throughout the Fox Cities.

Paperfest has got it all too. Games, sports, music, and food can all be found at Paperfest. The featured carnival rides also add a bit of thrill to the fun in the sun atmosphere. Headlining musical acts feature country star Rodney Atkins performing on the Friday 20th followed the next day by Love and Theft. Tickets must be purchased on Friday and Saturday for the Amphitheater stage but not Thursday or Sunday. All other stages require no entry fee. Various local bands will be performing throughout the weekend, including Appleton North's own Pitch 13 on the 20th at the Family Stage. On top of musical performances, there will be a car show on the 21st as well as an arts and crafts fair earlier in the day.

Individual admission is free to those who come, so go on out and have some fun at Paperfest, because it beats laying at home in the heat of summer.

Hopefully these various festivals will help pass the time until school eventually starts again. And if none of these fests sound interesting there are many other festivals and events going on around the state this summer. With the help of Google, finding out about these festivals is but a click away. So thrust your boredom out the window, and come join the fun this summer.

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Staff

Mr. Eastman

- "Before You Accuse Me"
Eric Clapton

- "Dancing Nancies"
Dave Matthews

"Bitter Sweet"
Big Head Todd and the Monsters

- "Jeremy"
Pearl Jam

- "Steam Roller"
James Taylor

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"Senior farewell"

amounts of contributors. Never underestimate an editor's need for good writers. Even if many of you aren't confident in your writing skills, I still implore all of you to still give it a shot. With enough support, the *Noctiluca* can not only be fun for those who love writing and reading, but also be more ready to cover issues that matter to you, to the student body. Every editor needs a few writers, and every writer, (although many are in denial of this) need an editor. Next year, with Maya Murzello in charge, you can expect a different culture section. This is the perfect time to go forth and try it out. Give it a go. Thanks for reading, kids.

-Sean P. Lyons



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The year in review



Left: Drum majors stand at attention during the Homecoming halftime show.



Above: Fans cheer on their football team during a home game.



Right: Link crew members welcome incoming freshmen during orientation in the fall.



Above: A football player makes an astounding catch during a game against Kaukauna.

Right: A line of the Varsity Womens Choir sings in the aisles during a performance of Holiday Classics.

Time flies, whether you're having fun or not. Fortunately, most of the year went by with its usual smattering of hectic enjoyment. From on the field to on the stage, North students showed off their skills and probably had a good time as well. Despite the stress, the blisters, and the likely mounds of homework awaiting each student after the day was done, it all came together.

So long and good luck to the seniors, and to everyone else... it's time to start getting ready for next year.

Congratulations, Appleton North — you've done it again.

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Left: The cast and crew of the theatre department's One-Act team race to disassemble the set within time limits.

