



CHARGER CHATTER

Learning the Trade



Senior welding students Clara Tikka, Kenna Wendling, Anya Beld, and Laura Lehtola have been developing new skills and taking on challenges in the shop.

Welding instructor Dave Sheehan has been especially impressed with their hard work and dedication.

“The young ladies in my welding class have truly exceeded my expectations. Their work ethic, determination, attention to detail, and willingness to learn have been outstanding,” Dave shared. He added, “They aren’t afraid to take on challenges, and they continue to improve their skills and confidence every day.”

The four seniors shared their experiences in the class and encouraged other students to give welding a try.

“Take welding because it’s not scary and you have the best teacher ever—he’s very nice!” said Clara. Kenna agreed, sharing that “Welding is a lot easier than you think and it’s very fun!” Anya admitted, “I didn’t expect to like it as much as I do.” Laura echoed the others, saying, “It’s not as scary as you think it might be. Dave is a good teacher and the class is very fun!”

As Dave put it, “I hope everyone can see that welding isn’t just for the boys!”

Trivia

1. What federal holiday is observed on the second Monday in October in the United States?
2. Pasta lovers rejoice! What food-related holiday is celebrated on October 6?
3. What two meteor showers occur every October?
4. What season is it in the Southern Hemisphere during October?
5. What is the name of the first full moon after the Harvest Moon, which occurs in either October or November?

Answers on page 6.

CALENDAR

10/28 – 12:30 dismissal; Parent Teacher Conferences

10/29 – 9AA Football Playoff TBD

10/30 – No School; All State Choir @ Rapid City

“Serving” School Spirit

Five days, five themes, and a whole lot of Charger pride!

**HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS**

Homecoming Court (left to right): Jayci Trowbridge, Mya Yonker, Aubrey Moeller, Issie Steffensen, Jack Stormo, Teague Stevenson, Jonny Leonardi, and Boden Stevenson.

THE LAST HARVEST

On a foggy October night in Hamlin, South Dakota, a group of students snuck into a cornfield after hearing rumors about a masked killer who hunted after dark. They laughed at the stories—until a bloodcurdling scream echoed through the rows.

A tall figure emerged from the fog, wearing a cracked scarecrow mask and carrying a rusty blade. The students scattered, but the endless rows of corn swallowed their screams. By morning, two students were missing, and the only clue left behind was a torn Hamlin High hoodie hanging from a scarecrow.

The police searched for days, but the killer was never found.

That night, a farmer driving past the field spotted a new scarecrow standing beside the road.

It wasn't there yesterday.



SEPTEMBER'S CHARGER CHAMPIONS



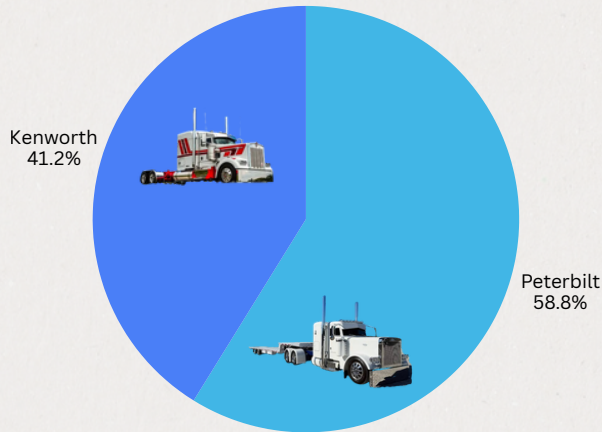
September's Middle School Charger Champions (Above): Rawlen Homla (6th), Alison Stormo (7th), and Bo Smith (8th).



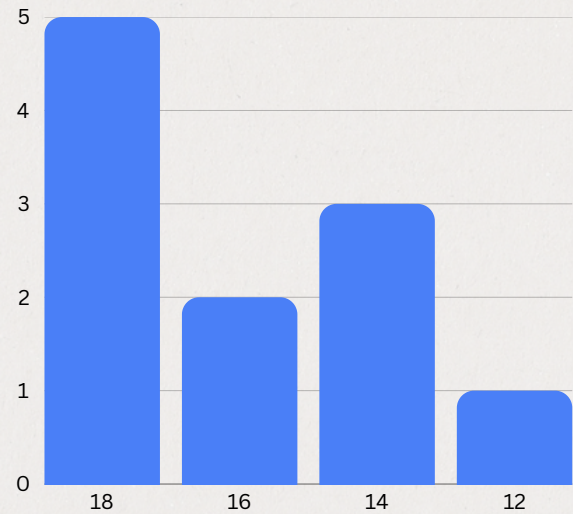
September's High School Charger Champions (Above): Kardel Sundberg (12th), Danica Perez (11th), Cambrie Koistinen (10th), and Eleanor Kaski (9th).

HALLWAY HOT TAKES

Peterbilt vs. Kenworth Trucks



At what age are you "too old" to go trick-or-treating?



THINK PINK: RAISING AWARENESS, SHOWING SUPPORT, AND INSPIRING HOPE

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place every October to spread awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast grow uncontrollably, and it can affect both women and men. Men with breast cancer account for 1% of all breast cancer diagnoses. October is dedicated to educating people about the disease, supporting those who have been diagnosed, and raising money for research and treatment. People wear pink because it is the color that represents breast cancer awareness and shows support for survivors, patients, and their families.

(Another) Harvest Reminder

With harvest season in full swing, farm equipment and trucks are a common sight on the roads. Drivers should be patient and cautious when sharing the road with tractors and other large equipment.

For those who farm, harvest is a major part of their lives. Farmers put in long, exhausting hours to get their crops out of the fields. When asked what a typical day during harvest looks like, one student shared, "We wake up at the crack of dawn and head out to the field. We start harvesting and don't stop until we can't go anymore."



OCTOBER WORDSEARCH

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beans
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football



Ms. Soltys's Staff Spotlight



Fast Facts:

Erin Soltys, daughter of Dina Soltys and Patrick Soltys, was born on October 3, 2003. Her siblings, Ellie, Nick, and Henry live in Nebraska. Erin attended Skutt Catholic High School in Nebraska, where her senior year was her favorite year. She went on to attend South Dakota State University, and one of her most memorable experiences was her freshman year of college when she went to Frisco, Texas. If she could change one thing about herself, she would choose not to be allergic to cinnamon! If she could travel anywhere in the world, she would love to visit Soltys, Poland, a place connected to her family name.

Advice:

"Her advice to students is to never think you are too good to try new things because you never know what opportunities you might discover."

(Last-Minute) Halloween Costume Ideas



Senior Spotlight:

Faith Smith

Faith Wileen Smith was born on January 6, 2009. Her parents are Barton and Christine, and she has six siblings: Julie, David, Tanner, Micheal, Lillian, and Grant. Her favorite class freshman year was English with Mr. Abraham because she enjoyed learning about the history behind the stories they read. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Shultz because she explains assignments clearly and makes learning easier. Faith's advice to others is to stop stressing and go with the flow because things get easier. She has a variety of hobbies that change frequently, but right now, she is really into diamond art!



1. Columbus Day (also observed as Indigenous Peoples' Day);
2. National Noodle Day;
3. Draconids and Orionids;
4. Spring;
5. Hunter's Moon



Senior Spotlight:

Anya Beld

Anya Faith Beld was born on July 2, 2009, to Nathan and Ashley Beld. She has six siblings: Shinia, Levi, Jacob, Boyd, Cutler, and Billy. Her favorite class is welding because she loves her teacher and thinks it is a cool skill to learn. In her free time, Anya enjoys shopping. After graduation, she plans to move out, get married, and hopefully have a child. In ten years, she sees herself happily married with a child.

Senior Spotlight:

Laura Lehtola

Laura Michelle Lehtola was born on April 24, 2009. Her parents are Kurt and Javotte, and she has nine siblings: Cameron, Rawley, Brant, Lana, Ryan, Tyrel, Kendra, Trevor, and Lamar. After high school, Laura plans to enter the workforce and move out to live with her friends. Her favorite class has been welding with Mr. Sheehan because she has learned useful skills and enjoys having him as a teacher. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Schultz because of her wisdom, advice, and kind, understanding personality. One of the most important lessons Laura has learned is to let things go, whether it is a failed relationship, a toxic friendship, a job, or something else in life.



Senior Spotlight:

Wesley Beld

Wesley Robert Beld was born on June 27, 2008, to Kendall and Aimee. He has seven siblings: Caleb, Emme, Noah, Cambrie, Lynnae, Oliver, and Anna. One of Wesley's funniest school memories is how he would fake cry whenever he had to go to the principal's office, making the staff feel bad enough to let him go. Over the years, Wesley has learned many lessons, including that getting work done on time saves a lot of stress later. He has also learned that not everything happens all at once and that some things take time, patience, and a few reminders along the way. When it comes to getting help with schoolwork, Wesley admits that ChatGPT has been there for him many times when he "really" needed help with assignments. 🤖





Senior Spotlight:

Clara Tikka



Clara Tikka was born on February 13, 2009, to Micky and Melanie Tikka. She has eight siblings: Kaden, Landen, Boden, Laya, Kale, Livia, Luken, and Taja. Her favorite teachers include Mrs. Shultz, Mr. Abraham, Mrs. Ching, and especially Mr. Dave Sheehan. She enjoys English with Mrs. Shultz and learning about the human body in Anatomy and Physiology with Mrs. MacDonell. Her favorite memories include riding the bus with Kenna and Kennedy and spending study hall with Erin Rosenlund. Clara's advice to others is to make the most of school, try to learn, and remember that being smart is a good thing. She believes that being kind, respectful, and disciplined will take you far in life. After graduation, she hopes to attend Lake Area Technical College and earn a nursing degree. In the future, she sees herself working as a day nurse at a family clinic or nursing home, being a mother, and hopefully marrying Cauly Pedersen. In her free time, Clara enjoys cooking and baking, and she hopes to be remembered as a nice person.

Senior Spotlight:

Malia Berg

Malia Catherine Berg is the daughter of Seth and Mandi Berg and was born on April 8, 2009. She has seven siblings: Levi (24), Connor (23), Devan (22), Abby (20), Brielle (14), Cole (11), and Ivey (6). One of Malia's funniest school memories was when her pants ripped down the seam during Unified PE. Her favorite part of senior year has been interning with Estelline's Special Education program. After graduation, Malia hopes to continue working with the special education program or at the nursing home. In the future, she hopes to get married and start a family. Her favorite teacher has been Mrs. Schultz because she is very understanding and supportive.

