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seen. My professor is actually a midwife, so she sat there with me and walked me through it. It really opened my eyes and made me consider becoming a midwife, so that was very interesting.

"It was weird because we went in thinking that we were going to go in and teach them everything. (But) we got there and we were like, 'Huh, you do it that way?' They taught us more of the patient care aspect: These are people and you need to take care of them. We were thinking more of the technology aspect where we could show them how things work."

After their week in Quito, the group traveled to a small orphanage, Casa de Fe, in the town of Shell, located at the edge of the jungle.

"They have about 60 orphans there. We did vision screenings and (learning) tests," Hunhoff said. "It was very hard at first to go in there and think that all of those children are orphans. But then they run up to you and they

are all smiling and singing to you. They are just so happy and the teachers are great. So it was hard to be sad while you were there."

The orphanage where the group worked housed children from two buildings and had children from infants to about age 12.

"It didn't start off as an orphanage, it started out as a woman who had two foster children," Hunhoff said. "Then one day a lady left her baby at the door. Somebody heard and then another was left and another, 60 kids later you have an orphanage."

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the trip for Hunhoff came when the group was given a chance to fly into the interior of the jungle to meet with a native tribe.

While at the village, the students had the opportunity to visit with the local nurse to see how she uses local items for treating illness and injury. They also shared stories with the members of the tribe.

"They meet us at the plane and greeted us with tribal dances," she said. "They took us around the camp and did face painting on us. There was a nurse there that took care of all the tribes in the area. She took us to her pharmacy. It was incredible to see that she took care of all of these people with no training. So, as nursing majors, we were very impressed on how she had worked everything out."

Now that the nursing students are back home, they are required to journal their experience and do presentations on what they learned.

However, just because she is home doesn't mean that Hunhoff has forgotten Ecuador. She said she plans to go back.

"My sister actually lived in Ecuador for a few months," Hunhoff said. "We agreed that sometime after I graduate from college and she graduates from law school, we are going to go back there and experience it together."

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Senate as lieutenant governor. Knudson is majority leader and Heidepriem is leader of the minority Democrats.

Knudson said it's been tough to raise money in a bad economy, but he is satisfied with his efforts so far. The Sioux Falls lawyer started last year with nearly \$168,500 on hand, raised more than \$527,600 in donations and gave \$35,000 to his own campaign. He spent about \$273,000, which left him with about \$458,000 at year's end.

Heidepriem, a Sioux Falls lawyer, began his campaign with about \$730 in the bank and then raised more than \$338,800, which he said was a record for a Democratic gubernatorial candidate in a year before an election. He lent his own campaign \$4,050 and spent about \$147,100, ending the year with about \$196,600 in the bank.

Heidepriem said he thought he did well compared with Daugaard and Knudson because he was raising money for only five months, while they were seeking money during the entire year. He said he believes he will need to raise up to \$3 million to run a campaign through the November election.

"We're right on schedule, right where we want to be," Heidepriem said.

Here's what other candidates reported:

— Former Brookings Mayor Scott Munsterman, a Republican, raised almost \$56,000, borrowed \$75,000, spent more than \$123,000 and had \$22,300 on hand Dec. 31. Munsterman reported campaign debts of more than \$148,400, including the \$75,000 loan.

— Buffalo Gap rancher Ken Knuppe, a Republican, raised \$13,400 and spent the same. He ended the year with about \$6,200.

— Republican Sen. Gordon Howie of Rapid City entered the race in January and did not have to file a report for last year.

A+ Students of the Week



Amanda Janssen

School: Crofton High School
Age: 17 **Grade:** 12th
Parents: Larry & Teresa Janssen
Academic Achievements: National Honor Society, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Who's Who Among High School Students
Extracurricular Activities: Band, Chorus, Speech, Art, FCCLA, No Limits, HS Bowling Club, Youth Group, Youth Choir, C-Club, One-Act
Favorite Subjects: Art & Band
Best School Memory(s): State FCCLA



Kristin Steffen

School: Crofton High School
Age: 18 **Grade:** 12th
Parents: Randy & Nancy Steffen
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, USD Math Contest
Extracurricular Activities: Cross-Country, Basketball, Track, C-Club, FCCLA, Choir of Fire
Favorite Subjects: Art, Science & Math
Best School Memory(s): Winning four Class D State Cross-Country Team Championships, hanging out with friends, going to games, and decorating for prom.



Cassandra Tramp

School: Crofton High School
Age: 16 **Grade:** 11th
Parents: Kevin & Lori Tramp
Academic Achievements: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Student Council
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, FFA, Softball, Band, C-Club
Favorite Subjects: Math & Science classes
Best School Memory(s): Playing at state basketball; making videos with Emma, Raychel & Alyssa for plant science; Homecomings & dances.



Mollie Wilken

School: Crofton High School
Age: 17 **Grade:** 12th
Parents: Dean & Sandy Wilken
Academic Achievements: USD Mathematics Contests in Trig, Algebra, Algebra II; High Honor Roll every semester
Extracurricular Activities: FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society, Student Council, Speech, Showing Cattle, Crocheting, Art
Favorite Subjects: English, Speech, Art & Ag
Best School Memory(s): Being elected president of Crofton FFA chapter as a junior and senior, which allowed me to become a better leader; showing cattle at Knox Co. Fair; NE State Fair; and AK-SAR-BEN and earning showmanship finalist buttons at AK-SAR-BEN.

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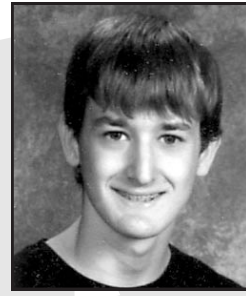
Sara Kohles

School: Crofton High School
Age: 18 **Grade:** 12th
Parents: Guy & Bonnie Kohles
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll, All-State Academic Award
Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, FFA, FCCLA, Student Council, Speech Team, Youth Group, Golf Team
Favorite Subjects: History
Best School Memory(s): Friday night football games



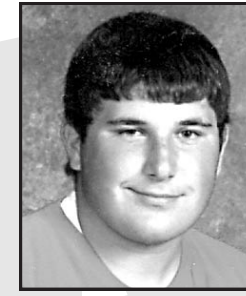
Nicole Guenther

School: Crofton High School
Age: 17 **Grade:** 11th
Parents: Elaine & Duane Guenther
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll freshman & sophomore years, National Honor Society
Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, Student Council
Favorite Subjects: Algebra
Best School Memory(s): Playing ping-pong and doing archery in freshman PE.



Tyler Stark

School: Niobrara Public School
Age: 16 **Grade:** 11th
Parents: Bruce & Jill Stark
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Drama
Favorite Subjects: Home Room



Wade Foner

School: Niobrara Public School
Age: 16 **Grade:** 10th
Parents: Kathy & Ken Foner
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Basketball, Drama, FFA, Speech
Favorite Subjects: Science
Best School Memory(s): Alex Sternberg giving himself a black eye.

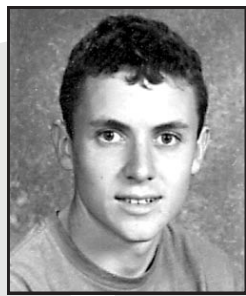
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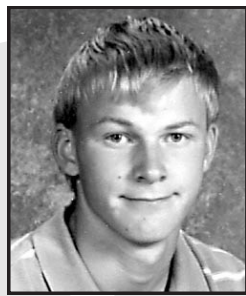
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Michael Kotrous

School: Niobrara Public School
Age: 17 **Grade:** 11th
Parents: Jan & Kris Kotrous
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll, Academic All-State, Breakfast of Champions, Northeast Scholastic Competition medalist
Extracurricular Activities: Cross Country, Drama, Basketball, Speech, Golf, Student Council, Band, FBLA
Favorite Subjects: Chemistry
Best School Memory(s): When I attended the Breakfast of Champions in Lincoln. I got to meet many famous Nebraskans, including athletes.



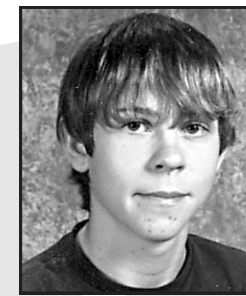
Clayton Hanzlik

School: Niobrara Public School
Age: 16 **Grade:** 10th
Parents: Sharla & Dennis Hanzlik
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll, 8th Grade Breakfast of Champions, JH Academic Day Science Award
Extracurricular Activities: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, FFA, N-Club
Favorite Subjects: Science
Best School Memory(s): Lunch hour just sitting and hanging out with friends.



Mackenzie Rettig

School: Niobrara Public School
Age: 14 **Grade:** 9th
Parents: Mark & Robyn Rettig
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll, Academic All-State Volleyball
Extracurricular Activities: FBLA, Speech
Favorite Subjects: English
Best School Memory(s): Getting stranded with my class in a snow storm.



Josh Kemp

School: Niobrara Public School
Age: 16 **Grade:** 10th
Parents: Gerald & Denise Kemp
Academic Achievements: Honor Roll, Academic All-State
Extracurricular Activities: Football, Basketball, Golf, Drama, Speech, FBLA, N-Club
Favorite Subjects: Computer Apps II
Best School Memory(s): When senior Alex Sternberg gave himself a black eye attempting a back flip on a trampoline and connected his knee with his eye.