

# FIRE

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in a water pipe, which probably cooled the fire down for a while before it heated up again, Nickles said. Eventually, the flames climbed a chase in the center of the house and broke through the roof.

"The fire stayed in the center

of the house," Nickles said. "There was so much structural damage on the first floor — the floors were caving in — so we had to pull everybody out."

Firefighters were called in from Gayville and Lesterville to assist with the blaze.

Nickles said the department filled more than 85 cylinders of air while on scene for five hours.

The Red Cross had been contacted to assist Amon with any immediate needs, according to Nickles.

# Flooding Now Possible Near Des Moines Reservoir

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Des Moines River could flood if the water level of a reservoir north of the capital rises so much that it overflows, the Army Corps of Engineers said.

Corps of Engineers spokesman Ron Fournier said the water is expected to begin

flowing over the lake's spillway, which controls its water-release system, by Monday, and the lake's water level will likely rise above its flooding level on March 26. Des Moines officials have already closed several streets because of water on the roadway.

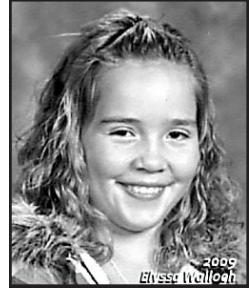
Warm temperatures and rain expected on Thursday and Friday in Des Moines could increase the flooding risk, Fournier said.

Water level forecasts are tentative because they are made according to 24-hour weather predictions. The lake could rise

slower or more rapidly depending on temperatures and precipitation.

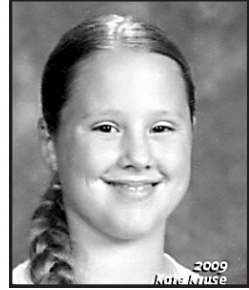
Several Des Moines neighborhoods hit hard by flooding two years ago are again at risk, including Central Place and Birdland.

# A+ Students of the Week



**Elyssa Walloch**

**School:** Scotland Elementary  
**Age:** 11 **Grade:** 5th  
**Parents:** Mark & Emily Walloch  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Piano, Voice, Saxophone, Ballet, Tap, Gymnastics, Softball, Basketball, Kid's Praise, Girl Scouts  
**Favorite Subjects:** Science & Reading  
**Best School Memory(s):** The first day back to school from summer vacation. I love catching up with friends I haven't seen all summer. Also, going on field trips with them.



**Kate Kruse**

**School:** Scotland Elementary  
**Age:** 11 **Grade:** 5th  
**Parents:** Casey & Chris Kruse  
**Academic Achievements:** Solo in Christmas Concert, Student Council President, "A" & "B" Honor Rolls  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Student Council, Babysitting, Hunting, Fishing, Quilting  
**Favorite Subjects:** Reading & Social Studies  
**Best School Memory(s):** Field trip to the Menno Power Show and Band Days.



**Shannon Fanning**

**School:** Scotland Elementary  
**Age:** 11 **Grade:** 5th  
**Parents:** John Fanning and Shelly & Jason Konstanz  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Band, Basketball, Softball  
**Favorite Subjects:** Science  
**Best School Memory(s):** When we went to the Washington Pavilion and went into the Cinedome and watched a movie.



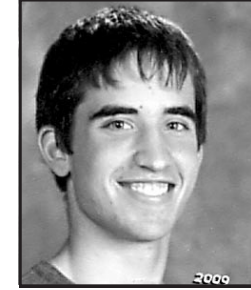
**Morgan Iwan**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 15 **Grade:** 10th  
**Parents:** Brenda Iwan and Kevin Iwan  
**Academic Achievements:** Superior Honor Roll, Class Awards for Math, Science & English  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Show Choir, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Band, Vocal, Improv  
**Favorite Subjects:** Spanish  
**Best School Memory(s):** Homecoming



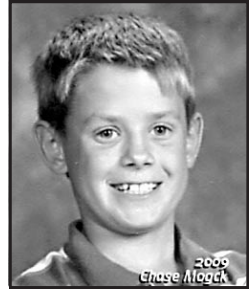
**Mariah Roth**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 16 **Grade:** 10th  
**Parents:** Terry & Deb Roth  
**Academic Achievements:** Honor Roll  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Cross Country, Track, Play, Improv, Oral Interp, Show Choir  
**Favorite Subjects:** Biology  
**Best School Memory(s):** Freshman Slave Day and Prom.



**Trevor Larson**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 17 **Grade:** 11th  
**Parents:** Rhonda Issak and Perry Larson  
**Academic Achievements:** National Honor Society, Algebra II Award, Spanish I Award, Physical Science Award, Sophomore Ag Award  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Football, Basketball, Vocal  
**Favorite Subjects:** Chemistry  
**Best School Memory(s):** Winning state football as a freshman.



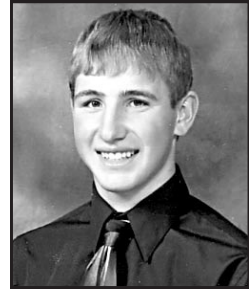
**Chase Mogek**

**School:** Scotland Elementary  
**Age:** 11 **Grade:** 5th  
**Parents:** Charles & LeAndra Mogek  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Baseball, Basketball, Football, 4-H, SD Jr. Angus, Band, D.A.R.E.  
**Favorite Subjects:** Math & Science  
**Best School Memory(s):** Waiting to see how fast bread molds during our 5th grade science experiment. We have a lot of really good assemblies, especially when we got to make sculptures out of clay, and getting to be a part of the fun and excitement throughout the season when our football team won back-to-back football championships.



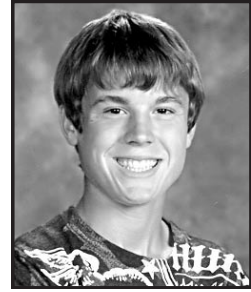
**Rhiannon Jakopak**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 17 **Grade:** 12th  
**Parents:** Peggy Jakopak  
**Academic Achievements:** Advanced Chemistry Award, English III Award, Outstanding Academic Achievement (2 yrs), Academic Lettering (2 yrs), National Honor Society  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Oral Interpretation, Girls' Basketball Stat, School Play, Golf, Yearbook, Luther League, Jazz Band, Show Choir, FCCLA, Student Government, Band, Vocal  
**Favorite Subjects:** Calculus or Physics  
**Best School Memory(s):** Sociology/Current Affairs class with Mr. Graham, and being the only senior in freshman PE.



**Tanner Suess**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 18 **Grade:** 12th  
**Parents:** Gary & Lori Suess  
**Academic Achievements:** South Dakota Rising Scholar for Math & Science, Superior Honor Roll, Academic All-State (Football), Freshman Scholastic Award, Young Leaders Award Luncheon, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Honor Society, KSFY Scholar of the Week, and numerous class awards  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Football, Wrestling, 4-H Rodeo, High School Rodeo, Band, Vocal, Show Choir Sr. U.C.Y., Student Council, Young Riders 4-H Club  
**Favorite Subjects:** Physics  
**Best School Memory(s):** Being selected as the homecoming king in our school.



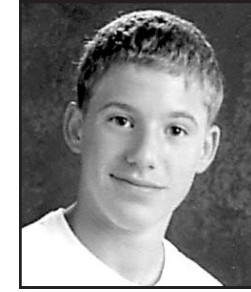
**Jesse Pechous**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 17 **Grade:** 11th  
**Parents:** Linda & Steve Pechous  
**Academic Achievements:** Geometry Award, 2 English Awards, Spanish Award, Superior Ratings in Vocal & Band at contest, Most Reliable Award, previous A+ Student of the Week, participant in the USD Governor's Luncheon, World History Award, National Honor Society  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Cross Country, Wrestling, Track, Show Choir, Mentoring, Church Activities  
**Favorite Subjects:** Chemistry & Trigonometry  
**Best School Memory(s):** Hanging out with friends, and the many adventures in English class.



**Sydney Schmitz**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 15 **Grade:** 10th  
**Parents:** Lisa & Rob Schmitz  
**Academic Achievements:** Superior Honor Roll terms 1 & 2, Perfect Attendance term 2, various class awards received on Awards Day  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Softball, Band, Jazz Band, Show Choir, Oral Interp, School Play, Football Stat, CYO, Improv  
**Favorite Subjects:** Spanish I, American Lit & Speech  
**Best School Memory(s):** I have a lot. Let's just say my class is a lot of fun.



**Connor Grosz**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 16 **Grade:** 11th  
**Parents:** Dean & Lisa Grosz  
**Academic Achievements:** President's Award for Educational Excellence, USD Young Leaders Award Luncheon Excellence Award, Outstanding Geometry Student, Outstanding World History Student, Intro. to Business Award, Honor Roll  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Football, Track, Quiz Bowl, Baseball  
**Favorite Subjects:** Welding  
**Best School Memory(s):** Scaring Mr. Schmitz after lunch every day in school.



**Haley Brunke**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 16 **Grade:** 10th  
**Parents:** Wayne & Melodee Brunke  
**Academic Achievements:** Presidential Academic Award, Superior Honor Roll  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Show Choir, Band, Oral Interp, Improv  
**Favorite Subjects:** Biology & Spanish I  
**Best School Memory(s):** English class every day with the hilarious guys in our class, but there are a lot more....)

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**Audrey Hagge**

**School:** Scotland High School  
**Age:** 18 **Grade:** 12th  
**Parents:** Ralph Hagge and Dawn Hagge  
**Academic Achievements:** President's Education Award for Academic Excellence, Creative Writing Festival - First Place, "A" Honor Roll, Academic All-State, National Honor Society  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Band, Vocal, Jazz Band, FCCLA, Student Government, Volleyball, Golf, National Honor Society  
**Favorite Subjects:** Anatomy/Physiology  
**Best School Memory(s):** Receiving "Best Abbs" Award as a sophomore.

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