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Candidates Proclaim Plans on the Real Issues

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Although all candidates' views on the school have been broadcasted exponentially, their positions on national affairs remain rather unnoticed. Haley Kunkel of the Liberty Party takes a stance on the issues of employee compensation as well as war. Miss Kunkel believes in increasing minimum wage to \$8.00 an hour. Proposing an increase to students' budgets as well as their spending, perhaps she aims to provide a stimulus to the economy. Along with her position on hourly earnings, Kunkel believes in bringing America's armed forces home, eliminating direct foreign involvement. Alex Rogen of the Federalist Party takes another financial position. Pay-

ing off debt accumulated by a college education remains a major concern in the eyes of many students. Mr. Rogen proposes lowering interest



**Candidates Debating the
Issues on Wednesday, Octo-
ber 24th.**

rates on student loans to alleviate the heavy financial burden many prospective graduates will face. Brendan Gallo of the Freedom Party and Joe Sandoval of the Liberty party both share concerns on energy and the environment. Mr. Gallo supports lowering gas

prices through reducing restriction on offshore drilling as well as funding development into renewable energy. Mr. Sandoval, however, vows an entirely green approach, decreasing global warming through solar, wind, and other renewable resources. Through the eyes of Josiah McGee, Iran prevails as the most important national issue. Stating he would enforce an economic embargo on Iran, Mr. McGee hopes to stop nuclear development within the aggressive country. Whether this would be effective or only aggravate combative tensions remains debatable.

-Zach Van Ede

Haley Kunkel: Liberty Party



Haley Kunkel is your Liberty Party candidate for the 2012 presidential election at Brandon Valley High School. Haley is involved in theatre, choir, band, volunteering, and track managing. She is very active in her church and she directs her Christmas play and is very active in her youth group as well. Haley has gained mainly leadership skills along with being able to cooperate well with others from all of these

extra-curricular activities she is involved in. Haley mentioned how she is an excellent debater and performs very well in front of large crowds, which allows her to possess great leadership, which would make her a great class president. If Haley is elected class president, her plan is to improve the school quickly and do it correctly the first time. Specifically, she plans to add more classes such as Junior ROTC and military history, allow cell phones during passing periods, and add new activities like frisbee golf. She plans to ac-

complish these goals by working quickly and efficiently. What sets Haley apart from the other candidates is being the only female running which directly separates her from her running mates; also she is in this race only to help our school. Most candidates only want to participate for the aspect of the popularity contest.

-Jamie Peterson

Joe Sandoval: Populist Party



Our presidential candidate Joe Sandoval is anything but your average Joe. Joe is very involved with his school as well as many extra-curricular activities. He is involved in football, powerlifting, track and field, disc-golfing, and simply working out and staying in shape. When asked what he had gained from these activities, he said teamwork,

dedication, and hard work. Joe is also interested in hunting, mudding, and hanging out with friends (such as his good friend Josiah McGee). What an outgoing and active man he is. When asked what skills he possesses that would make him a good president, Joe gave this heart-warming response: "I am a great leader who will endeavor to be the best I can be for my school. And my love has no end for helping others." Joe plans on improving BVHS if elected class president. These improvements include, but are not limited to: open lunch, eating in class, and adding new extra cur-

ricular activities to keep us active. He also plans to put an iPad or laptop on every student's desk. To raise money to accomplish some of these goals, Joe plans to host a "Lynx Walk" and adding a school store. What puts Joe a step above the rest is his good looks, attitude, experience with leadership, and a hard-working and persevering personality.

-Jack McCann
and Devan West

Brendan Gallo: Freedom Party

Senior Brendan Gallo won the nomination for President of the Freedom Party. Involved in various activities such as marching band, cross country, praise band, quiz bowl, and jazz band, Brendan states he has gained various skills that make him the prime candidate for President including: interpersonal skills, leadership, group dynamics, and both physical and mental fitness. Brendan explains his knowledge and intelligence to make wise decisions as well as leadership experience through

the marching band and cross country team have sculpted him into an epitome of intelligent authority. If elected president, Mr. Gallo aims to widen school hallways, provide open lunch, and end the current TEAM format. When asked his exact plan to accomplish these goals, Brendan speaks of taking into account the desires and expertise of the entire, diverse student body while observing the guidelines and laws of the state and nation. Asked what sets him apart from other candidates,

Brendan boastfully replies, "I'm better looking" and "My platform is superior". In moments of spare time, Brendan enjoys rock climbing, alligator hunting, and vacationing in Antarctica.

-Zach Van Ede



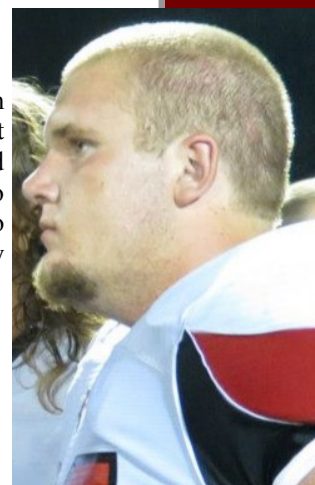
Josiah McGee: Reform Party

Josiah McGee's top five extra-curricular activities include football, wrestling, FFA, Church activities, and track. He has gained leadership and determination from his family and friends. Hobbies that interest him are farming, hunting, and fishing; they all sound fun to him and other people. He has a big family and is the oldest one

in the house which makes him a good leader in the big family he has. If he would get elected class president he wants to help all the American people and improve their lives. If he does get elected class president he would improve the school lunch, and bathrooms. The way he would accomplish these goals is with hard work and

determination. What sets him and the other candidates apart is good leadership. Ode and him have the power to change the school. They do not just talk the talk, they walk the walk.

-TJ Lo



Alex Rogen: Federalist Party

The candidate from the Federalist Party is Senior Alex Rogen. For the past two years, Rogen has been president of the South Dakota Junior Angus Association. He is also involved in soccer, band, choir, and theatre. Work ethic and dedication are some skills that he has

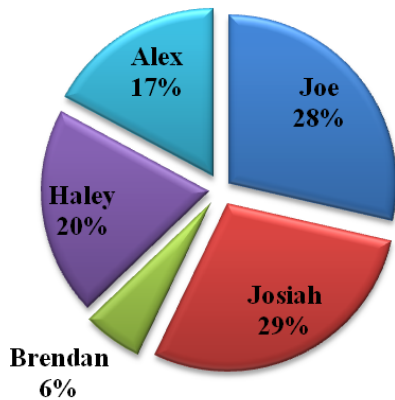
gained from these activities. He also believes he has good public speaking and people skills. Rogen enjoys being outdoors, taking long walks on the beach, and eating pie. His plan for the future of BVHS is to make the school a better place. He specifically plans to build a swimming pool for student and community use. To raise money for

his improvements he plans to host disc golf tournaments and have the community pay for membership to the pool. Rogen feels that he possess better listening skill than his opponents and he can relate to the common student.

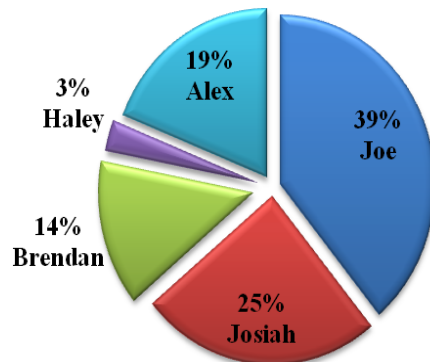
-Brianna Clemenson

Political Polling

% Votes Out of 35 Sampled
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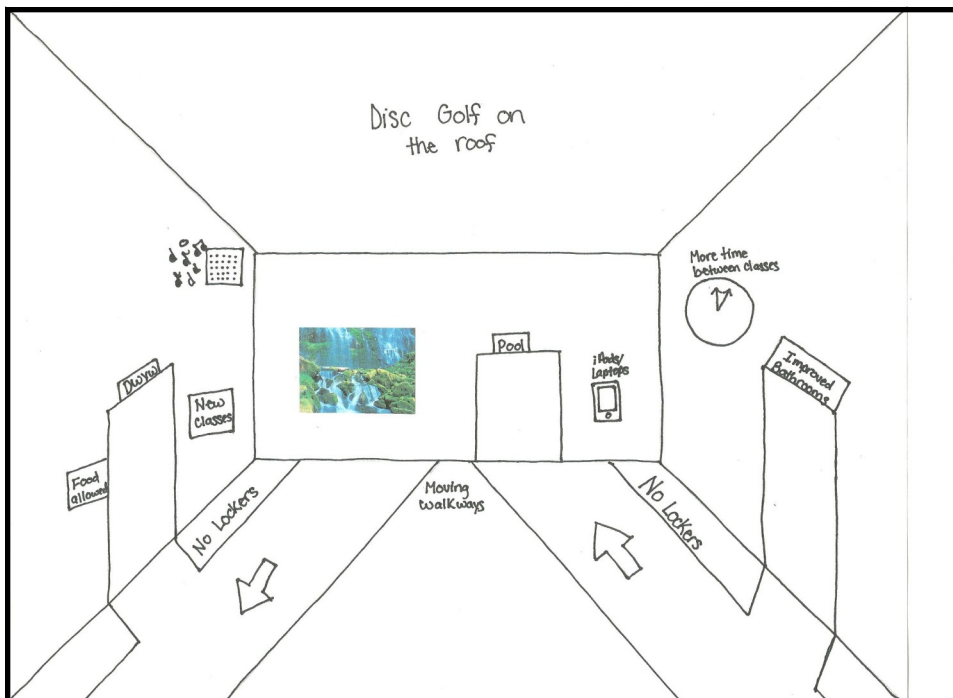


% Votes of 36 Sampled
Date: 10/25/12



Jamie Petersen and
Devan West

All the Candidates' Improvements to the School



Brianna Clemenson
TJ Lo
Jack McCann