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MSU student Max Patzner helps Linda Olson, chair of the the Division of Humanities, put up blue lights in the lobby outside of Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall. The lights are to raise awareness of National Sexual Assault Month, which takes place in April.

Photo by Hannah Wickey

## Blue lights appearing on campus

#### Hannah Wickey Assistant Editor

The "Why Blue?" campaign is already underway at Minot State and is appearing as blue lights across campus.

The purpose of the "Why Blue?" campaign is to increase awareness of National Sexual Assault Month in Minot. The National Sexual Assault month doesn't begin nationally until April, but with the enormity of the 'Why Blue?' campaign, Minot State is beginning early.

Workers are placing blue cellophane over fluorescent lights to change the light they're emitting to blue. Attached to the cellophane is a statistic specific to Minot or North Dakota about sexual assault. The goal is to have one of these cellophane-covered lights on every floor in every building on Minot State's campus. This is an effort to reach the maximum number of people on campus.

One of the main goals of National Sexual Awareness month is to increase awareness of sexual assault and get people talking about it. Linda Olson, MSU Division of Humanities chair and art instructor, is directing the "Why Blue?" campaign on campus.

"As we turn the lights blue, we want people to ask 'why blue?'" she said. "Sexual assault is something that's not talked about. People are afraid to come forward. It's believed that approximately three-quarters of the people who experience sexual assault do not report it. Part of the problem is the secrecy that surrounds it. It seems like a privilege to some people and we would like to remove that privilege."

In addition to cellophanecovered lights, the 144 light fixtures in the Hartnett Hall lobby now have blue light bulbs. Olson and students from the Art 291 class installed these bulbs last Friday.

Another goal of the "Why Blue?" campaign is to raise money for the Domestic Violence Center. The center provides services to help victims of sexual assault in the Minot area.

Organizers urge everyone to watch for upcoming events in April for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

For more information contact Olson at linda.olson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3836.

## 'Squeaky' NAC lecture



Photo by Jesse Kelly

Conrad Davidson (far left), dean, College of Arts and Sciences, leads a group in reading lines from a script, while Rick Watson (far right), humanities instructor, accompanies on guitar during their Northwest Art Center lecture titled, "Johnny Squeaky: Anatomy of an Operetta." The lecture took place last week in Aleshire Theater.

## Sustainability committee planning eventful Earth Day

#### Cassandra Neuharth Staff Writer

Earth Day, April 22, is just around the corner and the day is jam-packed full of activities for all. The Minot State University Sustainability Committee is sponsoring the event.

Earth Day activities include a poster/project/product presentation, an Earth Day design contest, campus cleanup, "Best New Sustainability Idea for



MSU" contest, and battery and plastic beverage cap recycling.

"MSU is working towards becoming greener," Linda Olson, president of the Sustainability Committee, said. See Sustainability – Page 5

#### News

## SSWO to hold spring symposium

The Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) will host its annual Spring Symposium Wednesday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. This year's presenter, Bismarck native Bruce D. Perry, MD, Ph. D., is the Senior Fellow of The Child Trauma Academy, a not-forprofit organization based in Houston.

His presentation will examine the long-term cognitive, behavioral, emotional, social, and physiological effects of neglect and trauma in children, adolescents, and adults. Dr. Perry will describe how childhood experiences, including neglect and traumatic stress, change the biology of the brain and, thereby, the health of the child.

In addition, Dr. Perry will describe the effects of prenatal drug exposure on brain development, the neurobiology of human neuropsychiatric disorders, the neurophysiology of traumatic life events and basic mechanisms related to the development of neurotransmitter receptors in the brain. He will also integrate concepts of child development into the discussion. Further, the physician will discuss how his research can, and has, impacted institutions and agencies that work with high-risk children.

This conference is recommended for social workers, educators, case managers,



Perry

medical staff, parents, law enforcement, counselors, psychologists, child care providers and nurses. The work shop is approved for social workers to earn six Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

SSWO invites students to attend free of charge, as it is partially funded by Student Activities money. Although students are not required to preregister, if it is possible, organizers prefer them to, so they know how many seats to save for them. Students planning to attend can find a registration form at http://www.minotstateu.edu /socialwork/pdf/2010\_ symposium.pdf.

Instructors who wish to have students attend the presentation that day are asked to please have the students go to the balcony, so they can come and leave without disrupting others.

Over the last 20 years, Dr. Perry has been an active teacher, clinician and

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researcher. He has conducted both basic neuroscience and clinical research regarding the effects of prenatal drug exposure on brain development, the neurobiology of human neuropsychiatric disorders and the neurophysiology of traumatic life events. His research and practice have focused on highrisk children – examining all aspects of the effects of neglect and trauma in children, adolescents and adults.

Dr. Perry's experience as a clinician and researcher has led many community and governmental agencies to consult with him following high profile incidents involving traumatized children. These included the Branch Davidian siege, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Columbine school shootings, the September 11 terrorist attacks and the Katrina and Rita hurricanes.

Dr. Perry and Maia Szalavitz are co-authors of "The Boy Who Was Raised As A Dog: What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us About Loss, Love and Healing." The clinician and researcher has written an additional 300 journal articles, book chapters and scientific proceedings, and is the recipient of numerous professional awards and honors.

Faculty wishing to view Dr. Perry's vitae, or those who have questions, can e-mail debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu.

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## Career Services to host work-oriented events

#### Anthony Anderson Staff Writer

Minot State University Career Services has planned four events for late March designed to help students build a professional advantage in the workforce.

"Dress for Success" on Tuesday, March 23, in the Beaver Dam, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., is a fashion showstyle event. It will help students pick clothes that will present a professional image while they search for a job.

"We've got outfits that show what to wear, and what not to wear," Lynda Bertsch, MSU Career Services, said.

They have also scheduled a résumé clinic that day at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center, third floor, Student Center.

"We have invited professionals from the area, who are going to be giving students' résumés a check-up," Bertsch said.

Students must have a résumé prepared for the clinic. Preregistration is encouraged.

"Speed Interviewing" will be on Wednesday, March 24, from 3 to 5 p.m., also in the Conference Center.

"It's kind of like 'speed dating," Bertsch said. "There will be a group of professionals from different fields from the area. Students will spend a small amount of time with each of them, and they will each ask student a question or two."

The MSU Job Fair is Wednesday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Conference Center.

"The Job Fair is an annual event for us," Bertsch said. "It's a chance for students to meet with professionals. Some may be looking for interns, some for summer employees or full-time got employees. We've employers from all different kinds of fields, from the USDA to the Department of Corrections. Even if you aren't looking for employment, it's a good chance to practice networking."

She encourages students to bring their résumés and dress professionally.

For more information on these upcoming events, contact Bertsch at 858-3996, or lynda.bertsch@minotstateu.edu.



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## MSU to host symposium event on energ

(MSU Public Information Office) — Minot State University will host "Energy Independence and Security," the first in a four-part series, Sunday through Tuesday, March 14–16. MSU and Dickinson State University are sponsoring the Western North Energy Dakota Impact Symposia in cooperation with the Great Plains Energy Corridor. A U.S. Department of Energy grant funds these symposia.

"This symposium is very important because it will draw a range of experts, enabling us to gain a big-picture as well as a local perspective on the impact of energy in North Dakota," JoAnn Linrud, dean of the College of Business, said. "And, it's a great way for students in our Bachelor of Science in energy economics and finance program and other students to network with experts first-hand."

On Sunday, in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m., David Fuller, president of Minot State University, will introduce the first keynote speaker, Barry Asmus, senior economist for the National Center for Policy Analysis. Asmus "Powering will discuss America's Energy Future." Both the presentation and a reception to follow are free and open to the public.

the On Monday, in Conference Center, JoAnn Linrud, dean of the College of Business, will give a conference overview. Fuller will introduce U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, who will give opening remarks. General Charles "Chuck" Wald, director and senior adviser to the aerospace

and defense industry practice for Deloitte LLP, will "Energy present Security: Our Best Defense." From 2002 until his retirement from the U.S. Air Force in July

2006, Wald, a Minot native, served as deputy commander of U.S. European Command. Prior to that, he served as the U.S. Air Force deputy chief of staff for air and space operations at the Pentagon.

After Wald, Fred Joutz will discuss "The Role of Energy in the Economy: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Joutz is a professor of economics, director of



gram on forecasting and a member the of Elliot School's Institute for International Economic Policy at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

After lunch, Hillard Huntington, executive director Stanford University's of Energy Modeling Forum, will give the keynote address "Geopolitics and Oil Independence in the New Decade."

Bruce Hicks, assistant director of the North Dakota Industrial Commission's Oil and Gas Division, and Patrice Lahlum, a consultant to the Great Plains Institute on their federal biomass program, will discuss "North Dakota's Contribution to U.S. Energy Independence."

John Harju, associate director for research at the Energy and Environmental Research Center, will present "What is Dakota's North Energy Future?"

With North Dakota University System Chancellor Bill Goetz moderating the panel, NDUS members

William Gosnold, Cole Gustafson, Kari Knudson and Frank Moseley will discuss "North Dakota University System: Meeting the Needs of an Energy-Based Economy."

In the Conference Center on Tuesday, Thomas Hoffman, who recently retired as CON-SOL Energy Inc.'s senior vice president for external affairs, will reflect upon and wrap up this symposium's topics.

Larry Leistritz, professor of agribusiness and applied economics at North Dakota State See Energy — Page 12

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## Voices on Campus

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Katelyn Donald Sociology/Psychology "A table, because it's useful, and I like to be helpful."



Brandon Johnson Undecided "A lamp, because I'm tall and bright."

Anthony Anderson Staff Writer



Trista Hartleib Business Management "A chair, because I'm short."



Melanie Johnson Non-degree "Anything but a bed."



Dustin Craven General Studies "A desk lamp. It's classy, refined, and I'd be a light upon knowledge."



**Gemma Steiestol** *Elementary Education* "A couch, because they're always comfortable, and I like to be comfortable."



Delaney Coyle Marketing "A painting, because I like art, and I want to be unique."



Matt Grubbs Management/Marketing/ International Business "I'd be a TV stand, then I'd hold a TV that everybody loves."



Arthur Ward Business Management "A clock. That way people would pay more attention to me than their instructor."

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The term "sustainability" in this case means being earthfriendly: to reduce, reuse, and/or recycle, and to expend the least resources possible.

Earth Day begins with campus cleanup for everybody with an interest in making the MSU campus look nicer. Cleanup begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon on April 22. Volunteers will start in the quad, grab some bags and clean-up all the litter and debris that accumulated on campus over the winter. Each person will carry two bags - one for recyclable goods and the other for trash.

Organizers also encourage students, faculty, and staff to participate in the city-wide cleanup, tentatively set for April 30 and May 1.

A poster/project/product presentation is open to all student groups, clubs, community groups, or businesses. Each presentation should describe an activity, project, or product presentation geared toward Earth Day or sustainability in general. Posters may highlight the project, with visual aids to showcase the idea. All presentations will take place in the Student Center Atrium from noon to 2 p.m. on April 22.

Those interested should submit ideas for a product, project, or poster to linda.olson@minotstateu.edu by March 15. For an entry form, contact Penny Brandt, second floor, Administration.

The Earth Day design contest is open to all MSU students, staff and faculty members. Guidelines are as follows: the design can be no bigger than 8.5" X 11," must contain the words "Earth Day 2010" and have no more than two colors (the two color design will be applied on a white T-shirt.) All members participating in Earth

#### Day will receive a T-shirt.

The winning design, chosen by the MSU Sustainability Committee, will appear on Earth Day T-shirts and posters. The winner will also receive a prize of \$100. Midnight on March 15 is the deadline to submit designs to Olson.

The "Best New Sustainability Idea for MSU" contest is open to all students, faculty and staff. On Earth Day, the Sustainability Committee will announce the winning idea that could make MSU more green friendly. The winner will receive \$100. Midnight on March 15 is the deadline to submit ideas to Olson.

From now until Earth Day, April 22, two more options for recycling on campus will be available. Bins for discarding batteries and recycling plastic beverage caps will be near each of the green recycling kiosks. The plastic bottle cap project will be recycled through Aveda Salon in Minot, which is the MBS Studio at 816 20th Ave. S.W. Aveda has a national campaign to recycle bottle caps through its salons.

The battery-collection project is to raise awareness of the haz-

ardous waste materials that crowd our landfills. This project will only last until Earth Day at MSU. However, every May, the City of Minot Sanitation Department carries out a "household hazardous" drive to collect old batteries, as well as paint, chemicals, cleaning supplies and pesticides. Organizers have tentatively selected May 15 and 16 this year for the collection at the Minot City Auditorium. Watch your newspaper, or call 857-4140.

This fall, the Sustainability Committee hopes to place more of the green recycle bins around campus. The group is committed to facilitating the ability of faculty, staff and students in reducing the campus ecological footprint, providing community leadership in sustainability issues and in educating both the campus and community about sustainability.

Earth Day planning meetings will be on March 11 and 18 at 11 a.m. in the Westlie Room, Student Center. The Sustainability Committee encourages students to come and include their input.

For more information, contact Olson at linda.olson@ minotstateu.edu or 858-3836.

## Former Minot residents share experiences with MSU students

(MSU Public Information Office) — After leaving Minot more than 35 years Tom and Karen ago, Hoffman are returning to reconnect and share their experiences and expertise with Minot State University students on Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12. They will meet with students in corporate finance, communication arts, music, humanities and environmental geology classes.

On Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., an informal reception in the Conference Center will honor the couple. The Conference Center is on the third floor in the Student Center.

On Friday, at a convocation with music and humanities students, Karen will discuss her book "Seasons with the Meistersinger: One Woman's Life with Richard Wagner 1834-1849." She spent 15 years researching and writing this book. Both the reception and convocation are free and open to the public.

Upon Tom's graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1971, the Hoffmans moved to Minot. Tom and Karen only lived in Minot for a short time, but they made significant impacts while they were in the Magic City.

Tom became an assistant professor of earth science at Minot State College, now Minot State University, and a weekend news anchor for a local television station. He was also involved in Minot State's Experimental College, which the National Science Foundation funded with a

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### **Arts & Entertainment**

## Faculty art takes over Harnett gallery



Photo by Jesse Kelly

This piece by Andrea Donovan is on display in Hartnett Hall Gallery. The biennial show, featuring works by MSU faculty, runs through April 1.

#### Amy Engleson *Comm* 281

art on display in the Hartnett how they're evolving as Hall Gallery will begin Monday and run though April 1, and will feature pieces by some of Minot State University faculty

members

"This is a great opportuni-The newest collection of ty for the faculty to show artists," Eric Benz, assistant director of the Northwest Art Center, said.

> The many pieces on display will include works from



3-D to printmaking, and paintings by MSU art instruc- regarding the NAC Gallery tor Walter Piehl.

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## Caffeine, pros and cons for your health

#### Brooke Hoffer Senior Nursing Student

Are you one of millions who simply cannot function in the morning until you have had your coffee? Have you ever stayed up late studying for a test and had an energy drink at your side? As college students, you and I both know what that is all about.

What is it about coffee in the morning that wakes us up and helps get us going for the day, or in the energy drink that keeps us awake at 2 a.m.? Caffeine! What is caffeine, you may ask? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines it as a bitter alkaloid used as a stimulant.

Caffeine is used in coffee, tea, soft drinks, energy drinks, chocolate and some over-thecounter medications. It has many effects on the human body as it stimulates the central nervous system, which can cause an increase in alertness and an increase in energy. Many people feel that it increases their cognitive skills, as well.

These are all positive effects. However, there are also many negative effects that the consumption of caffeine can have on your body and your health.

Caffeine is used as a diuretic, which means that it causes a person to urinate more than usual, so it has been linked to causing dehydration. It can

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lead to osteoporosis, as caffeine causes the body to lose calcium over time, which leads to bone loss.

Merriam-Webster defines osteoporosis as a condition characterized by decreased bone mass and density. According to Kidshealth.org in 2008, caffeine is important when used in moderation, which is reported to be 100-250 mg per day.

Some energy drinks alone contain up to 160 mg of caffeine per can; soft drinks can contain up to as much as 55 mg per can, and one cup of coffee contains 115 mg of caffeine. These numbers show that it does not take much to consume more than the recommended dose of caffeine on an average day.

Are you over the limit? According to the Mayo Clinic, consuming over 500 mg of caffeine in a day can lead to insomnia, nervousness, restlessness, nausea, fast or irregular heartmuscle tremors. beats. headaches and anxiety. Large amounts of caffeine can lead to sleep deprivation, which can cause many other health problems. So, try to add more hours of sleep to your night while decreasing your intake of caffeine during the day.

If you are thinking you may need to cut back on your caffeine intake, make sure to do so slowly. Cutting out caffeine too quickly can cause your body to go into withdrawal, which will leave you with a headache, very tired and just plain irritable. Start by replacing your usual caffeinated beverages with noncaffeinated ones, and start by cutting out one caffeinated beverage a day. It may not be easy in the beginning to decrease your use of caffeine, but your body will be thanking you in the end.



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## Golf teams gearing up for spring

#### **Cassandra Neuharth** Staff Writer

The Minot State University golf teams ended with a great fall season and is preparing for a great beginning to the spring season.

With the MSU boys garnering the top three spots and the women holding the first and third spots in the DAC division, the Beaver golf teams show great confidence. Both the men and the women have the lead for a winning season ahead.

Seniors Jordan Kelly and Justin Aberle and freshman Casey Gleich head up the men's team. Kelly is a threetime Most Valuable Player, Gleich is a topnotch recruit from Bismarck and Aberle rounds out the leadership.

Senior Whitney Stanley is a dominant force on the women's side, as is sophomore Ali Hilkewich, who is just breaking onto the scene.

"It will be impossible to replace our seniors," Chipper Farrell, MSU Golf Coach, said.

The golf teams are currently training for their season in Phoenix, Ariz. The weather in Minot in March makes it hard for the golf team to prepare for the upcoming tournaments.

"Practicing in Arizona helps them to get ready for the season," Farrell said.

The teams will hit the course April 11-12 in Rapid City, S.D., for the season-opening tournament. Three more away tournaments will follow: at Black Hils State University, at Bismarck State College and at Dickinson State University.

Both teams will be working hard to prepare for the national tournaments. The women's team is readying for nationals in Rapid City, S.D. at the end of May. The men's team is preparing for the national qualifier that will determine their chances of attending the national tournament May 18-21 in Silvis, Ill.

Check out the Beaver golf team's roster and standings at www.minotstateu.edu/golf.

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The Minot State baseball team warms up before playing Mount Marty College from Yankton, S.D., in the Metrodome. The Beavers won one of four games.

## Beaver baseball begins

#### Angela Gaston Staff Writer

The 2010 Beavers baseball team started off the year in Minneapolis, playing four games against Mount Marty at the Metrodome. They won one game (3-2), but lost the others.

"Pitching was good in all the games, as well as the defense and base running," Coach Brock Weppler said. "The team did struggle in batting. However, that is typical in the beginning of the season, and they will come around."

They also faced Valley City State University in the Metrodome earlier this week. Results were not known at press time.

The Beavers' next game is in Arizona against Northern State

University tomorrow. They will stay and play 11 more games against eight other teams including: Malone University, Mayville State University, Concordia University-Wisconsin, Springfield College, Dickinson College of Carlisle, Pa., Macalester College, University of Southern Maine and Middlebury College.

Weppler pointed to a few key returning players and some promising new ones as reason to be hopeful for a good season. The returning players are seniors Michael O'Dwyer, Kerry Boon and Eli Mihalick, who all played well in the opening games. Weppler said they struggled at batting, but he is positive that they will come around soon. The coach's promising new players include: Anthony Friesen, Cody Nevins, Cole Stober, Nolan Jago and Jordan Gilmour. He said they all played well, and he especially recognized sophomore Paul Thompson for his role in helping the team win their first game.

The Beavers' schedule includes an estimated 52 baseball games. Twelve of those, April 17-18, 24, 27 and May 1-2, are home games. Weppler named four tough teams that the Beavers will have to work hard to beat: Jamestown, Dickinson, Dakota State and Mayville.

The coach is looking forward to the upcoming baseball season.

"I'm excited to get started," Weppler said.

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#### \$350,000 grant.

Upon completing her bachelor's degree in history by correspondence in 1972, Karen joined the Minot Daily News as a staff writer. In 1974, she became the first woman sportswriter for a daily newspaper in North Dakota and, in 1976, became the first woman in the United States to win a sportswriter of the year award from the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

In 1977, the Hoffmans moved to Pittsburgh, where Tom started his impressive career with CONSOL Energy Inc. as the manager of state government affairs. CON-SOL Energy Inc. is the largest producer of high-BTU bituminous coal in the United States. Prior to his retirement in November 2009, Tom was responsible for the company's public and community relations. He also shared responsibility for developing and communicating CON-SOL Energy's strategic objectives in government and business policy.

In addition to being an author, Karen is an awardwinning journalist, a former senior staffer to Senator Mark Andrews in Washington, D.C., a former editor of national association newsletters and magazines and a former senior communications representative for an international company.

For additional information, contact Mark Schnabel, major gifts officer, at 858-4243 or mark.schnabel@minotstateu. edu.



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University, will discuss "North Dakota's Energy Sustainability."

To conclude the symposium, Justin Kringstad, director of the Dakota North Pipeline Authority, and Sandi Tabor, director of the North Dakota Transmission Authority, and Dwight Vannatta, a representative of the Mon-Dak Energy Alliance. will outline "Infrastructure Challenges Essential to Growth."

Additional information and all speakers' biographies for "Energy Independence and Security" are at www.minotstateu.edu/energy.

Dickinson State University will hold the next symposium, "Energy Technology," Aug. 8-10, with two more symposia following in 2011. The Western North Dakota Energy Impact Symposia series will examine broadly the impact of energy development in the region and the trends and strategies for coping with that impact.

Specifically, the symposiaseries discussions will focus on:

•Establishing a collaborative environment for education, industry and government to partner to address economic, infrastructure, environmental and workforce concerns.

•Developing strategies to address the academic programming necessary to put North Dakota at the forefront of the energy economy.

By identifying the impacts, public and private resources can be devoted to managing energy growth for a healthy future for North Dakota residents.

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- The Top 3 from March 3
- 1. Jazmine Wolff
- 2. Cody Blotter
- 3. Brett Olson

The first of three Beaver Idol events took place last week in the Beaver Dam. Another Beaver Idol event will be held March 24. The Top 3 from that event, plus last week's qualifiers, will compete in the April 7 final round.



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(Clockwise from top)

Cody Blotter sings his rendition of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance."

Arrion Hinton sings an a cappella version of General Larry Platt's popular song, "Pants on the Ground."

Bethany Tedford sings Britney Spears' song, "Oops! ... I Did It Again."

Dora Garza smiles while singing Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places."



