

# HARD WORK PAYS OFF

## • *SHS NAMED ON NATIONAL LIST*

Scotland High School worked its way on to a prestigious list this past year.

Newsweek Magazine named the home of the Highlanders one of the top 500 high schools in the nation in 2014.

"It is a huge honor to be recognized in a positive way," Superintendent Damon Alvey said. "It reinforces what our staff and students are doing, which is always good."

Newsweek collected data, which included achievement performance indicators, enrollment and graduation rates, changes in student enrollment, AP/IB and SAT/ACT scores and counselor to student ratio, from high schools across the United States and used a formula they created for the rankings.

Alvey credited the school staff, school board, parents and community for coming together to build a learning environment that benefitted the students and helped lead to the honor.

"We have managed to create a positive learning environment within our school which helps students foster their own abilities," Alvey said. "Our parents, community and School Board all support our mission and promote achievement."

The honor furthered the pride the students, staff and Scotland residents already had in the school.

"The students and staff were excited as we discussed the significance of this distinction," Alvey said.

"Our community has always been supportive of our school and this allowed us to celebrate the school's hard work and that (they were) part of that success."

