

Veterans Day Program Huge Success

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern held a Veterans Day program Nov. 11 for students, staff and members from the community.

"I thought the Veterans Day program was a great tradition to start at our school. It shows much respect for the veterans of our community," sophomore Haley Wetzler said.

The program began with the high school band playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the fifth-grade class presented the flags.

Senior Michelle Two Hearts opened with a poem titled "I am the Flag," written by Ruth Apperson Rous. The poem emphasized the history of the flag and what it symbolizes.

Following the poem, Mrs. Jackie Remily presented an award to

community veteran Bernard Fischbach. Remily traveled to Hawaii last summer and visited the Pearl Harbor site. She made a donation in Fischbach's name toward the Pearl Harbor foundation, which is rebuilding and expanding. The award given to Fischbach consisted of a memorial book that contains many photos, historical events that took place during the bombing and information leading to and after the attack; Remily also purchased a memorial book for the students of NW. Fischbach also received a pin for his service during that time.

Fischbach has spent many hours with the young people of our community explaining the flag, and what an honor it is to support our community.

Two Hearts also continued the

program by reciting the history of Veterans' Day.

Staff Sergeant Jamie Hare spoke of his tour to Iraq in 2004. He reminded everyone how important it is to show support and respect to our veterans. He ended his speech with a video consisting of actual photos of his tour; the photos portrayed the everyday life of a soldier.

"I thought it was a great time to show respect to those people who gave their services to our country. I thought the students were very attentive and respectful. I thought it was well received by the students, staff and community members. I have had many suggestions for future programs; we hope to add on to the program for next year," Mr. Richard Osborn said.



Staff Sergeant Jamie Hare spoke at the Veterans Day program.

Photo by Laine Mielke

Northwestern Students Accepted to Honor Choir

by **Laine Mielke**

Three Northwestern middle school students were selected for the Elementary Festival Honor Choir to be held in Brookings Feb. 11 in conjunction with the 42nd Annual South Dakota Choral Day held on the South Dakota State University campus.

Sixth-grader Rachel Rausch was selected as an alto, and sixth-graders Rachael Boekelheide and Madison Styles were selected as sopranos.

"I was happy to make it into the choir," Rausch said.

Of the 450 students who

auditioned, 185 were accepted. Including Northwestern, 42 schools will be represented.

The Elementary Festival Honor Choir is an independent honor choir of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students who are chosen by recorded audition. Internationally recognized conductor Mrs. Ruth Dwyer of the Indianapolis Children's Choir will be the conductor this year.

"Well, I was really shocked and excited," Styles said.

To participate in the festival, students must be in the appropriate grades, be recommended

by their school music teacher and submit an audition form and tape/CD.

The students will practice during the day Feb. 11 and end with a concert in the early evening.

"It's awesome," Boekelheide said.

"This is a great honor for Rachel, Maddie and Rachael. I am so proud of their accomplishment! This is a rare opportunity they have been given, and I know they will work hard to make it a great experience," Mrs. Stephanie Lunstrum said.



Sixth-graders Rachel Rausch, Madison Styles and Rachael Boekelheide.

Photo by Laine Mielke

FBLA Paints Pumpkins With Elementary Students

by **Logan Brown**

The members of Future Business Leaders of America helped the kindergarten, first-graders, and second-graders paint pumpkins on Wednesday, Oct. 28 in the lunchroom.

Pumpkin painting is a project that the FBLA members, assisted by Mrs. Anne Frericks, hold each year. It helps the high schoolers stay in touch with the elementary students.

"It was a great experience, and it made me feel like a great role model to the young children who do not have

their own pumpkins to paint," sophomore Hunter Wood said.

"I had an excellent time helping the kids, and I enjoy doing it every year," sophomore Jenny Lefforge said.

Overall everyone said that they had a great time helping the kids, and they enjoy doing it every year. They had around 66 pumpkins to paint, so the FBLA members were quite busy that day.

"I think it was good for the kids, and I thought they had a lot of fun, and I hope they continue to do it in the future,"

senior Alyssa Harmon said.

"It was very messy, but I think that they kids had a lot of fun," Ty Brown said.

FBLA does the pumpkin painting so they can get more involved with things that are happening at school, and it is also good for the kids.

Next in line for the FBLA members is a Thanksgiving project. The members will be constructing Thanksgiving cards to deliver to the Redfield nursing homes.



Second grader Danielle Watson poses with her painted pumpkin.

Courtesy Photo

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Students Attend Art Workshop

by Ruth Phillips

An art workshop took place on Oct. 23, 2009, in Aberdeen at Northern State University.

The students in attendance were Rachel Finley, Amanda Finley, Ashley Wise, Chelsea Fishbach and Kara Fishbach. They were chosen by Mrs. Schell.

"There were two sections that I did, and they are the mobile sculpture and graphic design principles. I had lots of fun. I liked seeing new people and getting out of school. I learned that I will probably not go to NSU for art because it is too small," junior Rachel Finley said.

"I had lots of messy fun; I also liked the charcoal drawing the most. I learned about shading and shadowing. I thought that it was a good experience and would like to go again," junior Ashly Wise said.

Women in Tech Classes

by Zack Wood

Northwestern school offers many tech programs, such as welding, Construction I and II, and woodworking classes in the middle school. The high school classes are not required classes.

This year there are two girls participating in tech classes. Katrina Frericks is in Construction I, and Ashly Wise is in Welding. This is quite different compared to other years. It is not every year that females participate in tech classes.

"The girls are hardworking and can keep up with all of the men in the class. I encourage more women to take tech classes in the future," Mr. Jerry Sauer said.

"I think it is fun to work in the classes. Boys are not the only ones that can do hard work," Wise said.



Sophomore Katrina Frericks works during her Construction I class.

Photo by Zack Wood

Student of the Month

by Joni Boekelheide

October Student of the Month is sophomore Mariah Taylor.

Her parents are Nancy and Arden Taylor.

Mariah's hobbies include piano, organ, youth group, AAU Basketball, going to movies and eating at Guadalajara's. Her activities include volleyball, basketball, track and field and Future Business Leaders of America.

Mariah's role model is her grandma Taylor, who inspires her. Her favorite classes are art and psychology.

Mariah's future plans are to attend South Dakota State University to become a pharmacist and to get rich.

"It's an honor," Taylor said.



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2010 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

FIRST QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically

9th Grade: Straight A: Landon Fischbach; "A": Ashley Clemens; "B": Evan Finley, Kelsey Hoellein, Ray Lerew, Kimberly Miles, Calli Peterson, Trevor Rush, Kaitlyn Sparling.

10th Grade: Straight A: Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor, Justine Tuscherer; "A": Alex Boekelheide, Katrina Frericks, Haley Wetzler; "B": Annie Lutter, Laine Mielke, Shelby Peterson, Madison Smith, Hunter Wood.

11th Grade: Straight A: Amanda Finley, Kara Fischbach, Ethan Steward; "A": Josh Clemens, Dalton Franck; "B": Joni Boekelheide, Rachel Finley, Hilary Frericks, Logen Lechner, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Alyssa Morgan, Ashly Wise.

12th Grade: Straight A: Betsey Borchard; "A": Nona Hawley; "B": Tyler Bisbee, Korie Braun, Jordan Breeding, Ty Brown, Will Cass, Logan Clemensen, Colette Fortin, Landon Gab, Caroline Hansen, Alyssa Harmon, Alexis Horning, Jenna Larson, Evan Morgan, Brock Penfield, Carly Peterson, Megan Peterson, Hope Stappler, Tristen Waller

Sophomore Wins Voice of Democracy Contest

by Trevor Toennies

The voice of democracy contest is for the students in Mrs. Nora Groft's speech class.

The students had to write and give a speech telling if there are still heroes today and who they are. They wrote a three to five minute speech and recorded it onto a cassette tape or CD.

All of the speeches were sent to Cy Dangel, who judges which of the speeches was the best. He chose sophomore Logan Brown as the winner of the voice of democracy contest. He won one hundred dollars and sent his tape to the next round of the contest.

"What can I say?

I'm just that amazing," Brown said.

"This year's sophomore speech class is doing an exceptional job. The class as a whole contains very good public speakers. Logan did a great job on his recorded speech for the contest," Mrs. Groft said.

Sophomore Logan Brown won the Voice of Democracy contest.

Photo by Trevor Toennies



FBLA Blood Drive

The Future Business Leaders of America chapter of Northwestern is sponsoring a blood drive in the school's small gym December 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must be 16 years or older to donate blood.

FBLA is sponsoring this because United Blood Service is short on blood because of the flu season.

There are 60 spots to be filled. For more information, or to sign up for a time, contact Anne Frericks at anne.frericks@k12.sd.us or call 605-887-3467 ext. 137.

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Fourth Graders Master Multiplication Facts



Fourth-graders Isaac Bauer, Tyler Braun, Sadie VanderWal and Darien Watson mastered their multiplication facts, 0-9!

Junior High Math Counts Results

by Cory Oberfoell

The second Junior Math Counts contest was the morning of Nov. 4 in the Roncalli gymnasium.

The eighth-grade team again consisted of Jake Heidenriech, Nick Wood, Kalen Frericks and Kristie Bade. The seventh-grade team again consisted of Jordan Peterson, Corbin Smith, Zach Duncan and

Halle Sieve.

They first took an individual round of tests. After that each team participated in rounds against other teams for which they were timed.

“I was disappointed in the other teams.” eighth-grader Nick Wood said.

“It was fun.” eighth-grader Kalen Frericks said.

Oral Interpreters Advance

by Ruth Phillips

Several Northwestern oral interpretation participants advanced to regions from the district competition Nov. 4. Seniors Michelle TwoHearts and Caroline Hansen, juniors Rachel Finley, Dalton Franck, Elizabeth Leonhardt and Ashly Wise, sophomores Annie Lutter and Kathy Stuck and freshman Calli Peterson all advanced to the next level of competition.

“I am very excited to go to districts,” TwoHearts said.

The regional competition is Nov. 17 in Webster.

“I am also really excited,” Hansen said.

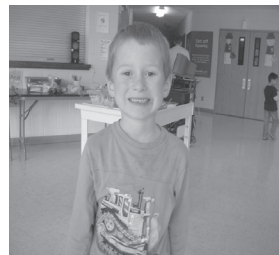
The state competition will be held Dec. 4-5 in Sioux Falls.

“Regions will not be that big of a deal, and I strongly believe that we will go to state,” Finley said. “I think we will do wonderfully.”

In the Elementary

by Evan Morgan

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving dinner?



“Eating ice cream,” kindergartner Landen Melius said.



“I like the turkey,” first-grader Hailie Stuck said.



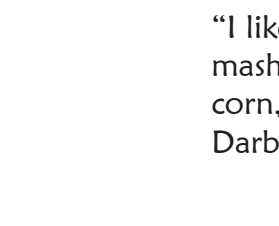
“I like the turkey,” second-grader Dalton Peterson said.



“Probably the stuffing,” third-grader Riley Grandpre said.



“All of it,” fourth-grader Isaac Bauer said.



“I like the turkey, mashed potatoes and corn,” fifth-grader Darby Duncan said.



The Adventures of Brock and Evan

We started leaving the coast of China with our new awesome pandas, and of course our smart good looking senioritas. we were boating on down through the pacific ocean and we decided to stop in Indonesia to get some training in Pencak-Silat, an ancient Indonesian martial art. In the middle of our training, we decided to take a break and walk through the forest of Indonesia. While we were walking, we saw a familiar face lost in the forest. The guy that we saw was the one and only Logan Clemensen. It looked like he had been there for weeks, because he had a long straggly beard. Feeling bad for him, we brought him along. Once we completed our training, we decided to boat our way down to New Zealand, so that we could do some great wild turkey hunting. We would then have some good fresh turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner was going to be prepared by Logan for repayment for us saving him. While he was preparing it we set our GPS for our next location.

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SENIOR PROFILES

By Logan Brown

Tyler Bisbee

Parents: Rich and Kelly Bisbee

College/ Major: Lake Area Tech

What you will miss most about high school: Seeing friends.



Korie Joy Braun

Parents: LeRoy and Joy Braun

College/Major: Unknown

What you will miss most about high school: Volleyball and basketball games.



Betsey Jo Borchard

Parents: Max and Rhonda Borchard

College/Major: SDSU/Nursing

What you will miss most about high school: Class and friends.

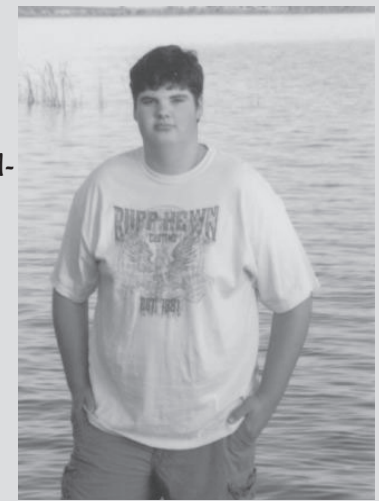


Jordan Lee Breeding

Parents: Bob and Patty Breeding

College/Major: Lake Area Tech/Welding

What you will miss most about high school: Friends and all the good times.



Ty Scott Brown

Parents: Wayne and Penny Brown

College/Major: Moorhead State University/Business Administration

What you will miss most about high school: Sports and Friends



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Should SD High Schools Have Tougher Curriculums?

Pro

by **Haley Wetzler**

The state should toughen up graduation requirements.

The curriculum that students take during high school has an effect on their future earnings. Having a more challenging high school curriculum standard can open many doors. Higher curriculum standards can give greater opportunities for a wide variety of scholarships. Setting a stricter high school curriculum would

challenge students to do their very best. The students' education would be benefited enormously.

Students would have a greater chance of getting into a higher-level college with a higher set curriculum. Upon receiving an excellent education, a wider variety of career opportunities would be available. A tougher curriculum would prepare students for college. Advanced Placement courses could give students college credits, save them

money, and prepare them more for college. AP classes could make college easier for students, also.

Basically, when schools set a stricter curriculum for the students to abide by, it makes their opportunities in life much greater. Schools should only allow students to graduate when they have followed a distinguished path.

Why wouldn't we want to push our students to be the best they can be?

Con

by **Laine Mielke**

Although the state has good intentions with their new plan of action, many ideas must first be considered.

While the changes to the curriculum would push all students to excel, not every student has the ability or the learning capacity to succeed with all the top classes. Not every student can handle the pressure of taking so many rigorous courses.

The popular question being asked among many high school students is,

"Why should I have to take classes that aren't necessary to get into college?" If a student plans to attend a tech school or to enter the work force after high school, then why should he or she have to take all the classes needed to attend a university?

Stiffer graduation requirements could cause students who cannot handle the academic pressures to miss out on other high school activities. If an academically challenged student must pursue harder class schedules, he or she would need to spend an extra amount of time working on their

studies, thus interfering with things such as sports, drama and music.

An academically challenged student could still obtain a scholarship to attend college, but if harder class schedules take away from those activities, or cause a student to become ineligible, he or she could not receive the help from a scholarship.

As the state only has the students' best interest in mind, their plan may need to be thought out awhile longer to ensure that it is helping all students and not hurting some.

What you think



"Children should be allowed to take the standard pathway if they choose to. If a student's parent lets them, then it should be allowed. Otherwise some students will suffer greatly because of the curriculum being too hard," sophomore Hunter Wood said.



"As a taxpayer, a teacher, and a parent, I would like to see our students maximize their educational experience by taking the most challenging courses possible. This is the last time students can take classes for free—why wouldn't they want to take advantage of all the opportunities available?" Mrs. Nora Groft said.



"Yes, make it hard because I don't have to deal with it anymore," senior Stetson Kretschmar said.



"Yes, kids are lazy," sophomore Mariah Taylor said.



"I don't think so, each student has a high school goal and the three pathways give the students options," Mrs. Christy Cardella said.



"No, we don't want to take away options for kids that may be heading towards tech schools," Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

SPORTS

Wrestling Now Available at NW

by **Haley Wetzler**

For the first time in 15 years, Northwestern will have wrestling available for middle school and high school boys.

NW will be co-oping with the Warner Monarchs. Warner asked because they have such small numbers, also.

The reason for co-oping is so high school boys can participate in another sport.

"I am very excited to start wrestling, it should be a fun time, and I will have great experiences in the next couple of

years," sophomore Trevor Toennies said.

Basically, it is like a club sport. NW and Warner will sponsor the name, Wild Monarchs, but will not provide funds or transportation. The parents and volunteer coaches will provide transportation.

A few years ago, wrestling was started in the elementary. They also co-oped with Warner and now has escalated to high school.

The Wild Monarchs will be coached by volunteers Jeff Larson and Rob Fortin. Practices will be held at the

Warner Community Center and started on Monday, Nov. 16.

The coaches expect to have 15-20 boys participating. The athletes will wrestle on a limited schedule. Unlike other schools, the wrestling team will not have cheerleaders.

Looking into the future, there will most likely be no stand alone wrestling because there is not enough to fill varsity football and basketball teams along with wrestling. Low numbers was the reason NW cut the wrestling program in 1995.

Boys' Basketball Preview

by **Haley Wetzler**

The Northwestern boys' basketball team will be looking toward the next step after losing in the first round of districts last season.

"Developing our skills as a team, and progressing day-to-day fundamentally, will be vital to the success of this program," junior Michael Smith said.

Chris Osborn, who will be the head boys' basketball coach for the first time this season, expects hard workers, never say die attitudes, and big hearts. The team should be more experienced than last year when they posted a 1-19 record.

Northwestern returns six letter winners; seniors Grasen Lechner, Landon Gab, Ty Brown, and juniors Josh Clemens, Smith, Alex Bauer, Logen Lechner, Dalton Franck and Jerry Serfling. Northwestern's biggest opponents will be Warner, Hitchcock-Tulare, Langford and the teams in the Lake Region Conference.

"Our season will be as productive as the team wants to make it," Coach Osborn said.

Girls' Basketball Preview

by **Trevor Toennies**

A very interesting girls basketball season is expected this year, with the players full of excitement and enthusiasm.

They are ready to get the season started. With three returning starters, senior Megan Peterson and sophomores Mariah Taylor and Jussy Tuscherer, it appears that there is a lot of potential for a great season.

"You can expect us to work hard, play hard, and have fun on the floor," head coach Rich Osborn said. He also said that they play some some tough teams this seasons, including Ipswich, Roncalli, Sisseton, Warner and Sully Buttes.



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Northwestern Rolls Ipswich

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern beat Ipswich in three sets 25-11, 25-2, 25-7 on Nov. 5 during the district 2B tournament in Aberdeen. NW served 65 for 69 and had 11 aces. Junior Kara Fischbach served 27 for 28 with seven aces. The Wildcats attacked 76 for 78 and had 34 kills. Freshman Ashley Clemens attacked 20 for 21 with 11 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 60 for 61 with 28 assists. Sophomore Haley Wetzler had nine of the team's 32 total digs. NW had a total of two solo and 12 assisted blocks. Senior Megan Peterson had two solo and three assisted blocks.

Wildcats fall to Monarchs

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern lost to Warner in four sets 21-25, 20-25, 25-22, 12-25 on Nov. 6 during the District 2B Championship game in Aberdeen. The Wildcats served 71 for 75 and had three aces. Junior Kara Fischbach served 16 for 16. NW attacked 115 for 126 and had 45 kills. Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer attacked 34 for 36 with 15 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 88 for 88 with 37 assists. Sophomore Haley Wetzler had 16 of the team's 59 total digs. The Wildcats had a total of one solo and 15 assisted blocks. Tuscherer had five assisted blocks.

Sports

by "the" **Landon Gab**

Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings beat the Green Bay Packers again last week by a sizeable margin. It's good to see Favre have continued success, but not with the Vikings. He was booed consistently during the game which did not surprise anyone including myself. Favre does not look good in purple and yellow and when he retires he will not be accepted the same by Packer fans and the organization because of his decision to play for the Vikings.

Even though the Vikings are now rolling along, they will not make it to the Super Bowl. The New Orleans Saints have too good of a football team to lose to the Vikings.

The Yankees won the World Series as I predicted. They won the series four games to two. They beat the Phillies easily and caused controversy for the Phillies by pitcher Cole Hamels saying he wanted the series to be over. The offseason is now in full swing and some teams will be making moves. The Yankees will try to reload and defend the title and other teams will look to improve their clubs and make a run next year.

Top 5 Men's College Basketball teams

1. Kansas
2. Kentucky
3. Michigan State
4. North Carolina
5. Duke



Sophomore Mariah Taylor passes the ball as the team looks on.

Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Haley Wetzler passes the ball as sophomore Mariah Taylor looks on and prepares to attack.

Courtesy Photo



Sophomores Haley Wetzler, Mariah Taylor and Jussy Tuscherer work together on the court.

Courtesy Photo



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Northwestern Gets Edged By Faulkton

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats (3-5) lost to the Faulkton Trojans (5-3) 28-6 on Thurs. Oct. 22, 2009, in a Lake Region Conference football game in Faulkton.

Senior Landon Gab had a two-yard run for the Wildcats only touchdown.

Zach Jones had a 32-yard run for the Trojans first touchdown, and Xavier Schlechter had a pass from Nathan Aesoph for the two-point conversion. Sheldon Bauer had a 15-yard pass from Aesoph for the second touchdown. Jones had a 48-yard run for the third touchdown. Kody Aesoph had an eight-yard pass from Bauer for the fourth touchdown, and Jones had a pass from K. Aesoph for the two-point conversion.



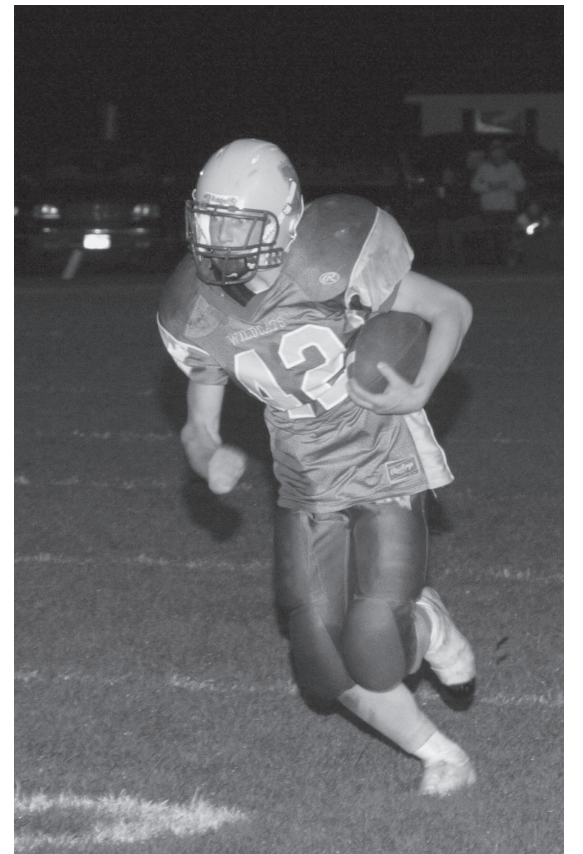
Senior Landon Gab throws the ball while the offensive line protects him.

Courtesy Photo



At left: Senior Evan Morgan makes a tackle as junior Mike Smith comes in to clean up.
At right: Senior Evan Morgan runs the ball.

Courtesy Photos



In the stands

By **Logan Brown**

What is the best part about playing Warner?



“Seeing all the fans getting riled up, and seeing no spare seats in the house,” senior Hope Stapler said.



“Seeing how ridiculous all the Warner people look,” senior Brock Penfield said.



“Beating them,” Breanna Birgen said.



“It is like a mini state tournament,” Camille Tuscherer said.

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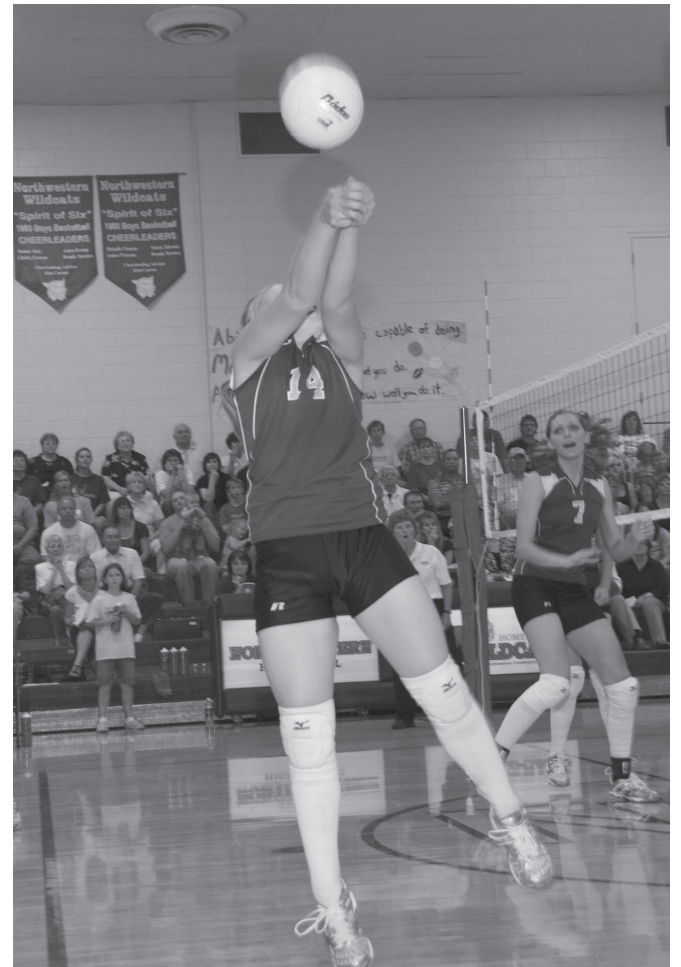
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2009-10 Northwestern Junior High Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mon, Nov 16	Ipswich	NW	5:00
Mon, Nov 23	Warner	Warner	6:00
Mon, Nov 30	Roncalli	Roncalli	4:00
Thur, Dec 3	Redfield	NW	4:00
Sat, Dec 5	Groton Jamboree	Groton	10:00
Tue, Dec 8	Roncalli	NW	4:00
Sat, Dec 12	Redfield Tournament	Redfield	9:00
Sat, Dec 19	Warner Tournament	Warner	9:00
Tue, Jan 5	Faulkton	Faulkton	6:30
Thur, Jan 7 (one game)	Hitchcock/Tulare	Tulare	5:15
Sat, Jan 9	NW Tournament (NW, L/F, Langford)	NW	9:00

Highlights From The Fall Sports Seasons



Junior Joni Boekelheide passes the ball.

Courtesy Photo



Senior Landon Gab hands off the ball to senior Evan Morgan as senior Stetson Kretschmar blocks.

Courtesy Photo



Senior Landon Gab prepares to throw the ball.

Courtesy Photo



Sophomore Haley Wetzler digs the ball.

Courtesy Photo

STUDENT LIFE

Native Soul

by Michelle Two Hearts

Tiwahe & Akictita: On November 11, Veterans Day made its appearance. Our crimson banner held strong that day as all remembered our Veterans. For Native Americans, our veterans are Very important to us, we call them "akictita" as warriors, veterans, or guardians, I have many relatives on the Bull Head and Two Hearts side who have fought both of American causes and overseas. Chief Tow Hearts had signed a treaty about the black hills. Bull Head, in December of 1890, killed Sitting Bull, Also dying that same night himself. It may look like a horrible deed done by my ancestor, but keep in mind that it was bad times. It was Indian against Indian, and no one could do anything about it. One relative, Ace Baker, is serving his second or third term in Iraq. We are all very proud of him, because he brings our family great honor. As for right now, in some parts of America it is still Indian against Indian, just because of who you are. City Indian and reservation Indian, pro-government and traditional Indian, but where I come from, there are no prejudices; we're all part of the Wakan Tanka's great power and love. In Kenel, it doesn't matter where your work or what you do for a living, we're all family. In last month's column, I talked about family, But family is very sacred to us and we come together as a union when we need one another.



Top 10 Things For Which To Be Thankful

by Zack Wood

10. Pop Rocks and Coke
9. Rubberbands
8. Lamp
7. Women
6. Guns
5. Tourettes
4. Not Trevor
3. Ford vehicles
2. Oxygen
1. Your Mom

Ag Column

by Zack Wood

Cattle owners from around the area are weaning their calves and bringing them into the feedlots.

Some farmers weigh their calves after they wean them. If you have registered cattle you have to do this. One problem that many ranchers are facing is their feedlots being too muddy. The mud leads to the calves getting foot rot. Foot rot causes calves to go lame and is treated with antibiotics.

The crops are finally starting to get harvested. It is still extremely muddy and farmers have to leave a lot of their crop in the field. When the ground freezes they can go back out and get everything they missed.

In the hallway

by Brock Penfield

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?

"Spending time with family," freshman Courtlen Lechner said.



"Being with family and having a good dinner," senior Jordan Breeding said.



"I love seeing family I haven't seen in a while, and the amazing food," junior Taylor Beardemphl said.



"The stuffing, sweet potatoes and apple pie, and going hunting," sophomore Shelby Peterson said.



POLITICS WITH ZACK

by Zack Wood

Sarah Palin has been quite busy since the election. Before the election, she was the Governor of Alaska, but she has given up that duty now. She has instead decided to write a book. The book has some information that Nicole Wallace, former aide to John McCain, claims to be fabricated, or false. In her new book "Going Rogue," Palin claims

that Wallace convinced Palin to do an interview with CBS News Anchor Katie Couric because Couric admired Palin as a working mother. Palin also claims that Wallace told her that Couric had low self-esteem.

"I think Sarah is using her 15 minutes of fame to make a buck with this book," Mr. Scott Boone said.

STUDENT LIFE

In the middle school

by Logan Clemensen

If you could go anywhere for Christmas, where would you go?

“Anywhere without my family,” seventh-grader Christine Morgan said.



“The North Pole because it reminds me of Christmas,” seventh-grader Hannah Palmer said.



“Scotland because Scottish people have a sweet accent,” seventh-grader Hans Leonhardt said.



“Hawaii because of the girls and the beaches,” eighth-grader Jacob Heidenreich said.



“Hollywood to see all of the stars,” sixth-grader Rachel Rausch said.

School Board highlights

- Five HATS students, including Rachel Finley, will attend the State SkillsUSA House of Delegates in Pierre.
- Over the past several years security updates have been made at HATS such as replacing hollow interior doors with solid core doors, installing motion sensor lighting, placing video cameras on all building entrances and replacing fire alarm bells with buzzers and flashing lights. More work is yet to be done.
- Attendance for NW conferences was 65% for middle school up from 61% in 2008 and 48% for high school down from 55% in 2008.
- Stacie and John Hawley attended the meeting briefly to discuss student attendance policies.
- Veteran’s Day Program for the entire school will be held Wednesday, Nov 11 from 9:30 to 10:30. The public is invited to attend. Jamie Harer will be the guest speaker.
- Juniors took the ASVAB test on Nov 2, 2009.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month, Mariah Taylor.
- Teacher evaluations have been started.
- The Character Count’s pro-

gram has begun with Trustworthiness being the character of the month.

- Approved supporting the Coalition of Schools Lawsuit.
- Approved the wrestling coop with Warner.
- Congratulations to the journalism staff for receiving the First Class Newspaper award.
- Congratulations to Tyler Bisbee for being selected DAR Good Citizen for Northwestern School.
- Congratulations to Jussy Tuscherer for being selected as AVCA Player of the week for South Dakota.

Next regular meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of November 9th, 2009.

Northwestern Booster Club Supports Northwestern Athletics and All Students

Some of the Projects Supported This Year Include:

- Post Prom Refrigerator
- Accelerated Reader Quizzes
- Science Fair
- Huttenville Colony Music
- Teacher Appreciation

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