

Northwestern Graduates Stationed In Kuwait

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern graduate and Army National Guard Specialist Tanner Baird is currently deployed overseas. He and the battalion HHB 1/147th Field Artillery from Aberdeen/Watertown are at the Kuwait Naval Base in Kuwait.

The entire deployment is approximately 12 months, including training. Before leaving for overseas, the battalion spent two months in Ft. Hood, Texas, to prepare for their mission. The Guard unit departed in May, 2009, to Texas and in August left for Kuwait.

"We knew about the deployment for more than a year in advance, so our normal weekend guard drills for that year were designed to start to get us ready. We also had two weeks in Arkansas, then the two months in Texas," Baird said.

Tanner's job is Force Protection, which

involves base security. The work time can either be during day or night hours and includes a large amount of off time. During the free time, he takes part in lifting weights and working out; the base contains a large gym. Watching many movies is also a way to pass the time. Keeping in touch with family and friends as much as possible is a top priority as well.

"The thing I miss the most is spending time with my friends and family. I also miss a lot of small things that I took for granted," Baird said.

"It has been going pretty well; time has passed relatively quickly. The whole process is a lot different than what I had expected. I'm excited to be home for good," Baird said.

Northwestern graduate Joel O'Daniel is also deployed with the HHB 1/147th FA

and is on the Kuwait Naval Base.

In January, Tanner and Joel had the chance to visit home for roughly two weeks. The time was spent visiting friends and catching up with family. The expected return date of the battalion is set for April 2010.



Northwestern graduate Tanner Baird is currently stationed in Kuwait.

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Dalton Franck Places Second in Talent Competition

by **Zack Wood**

Junior Dalton Franck received second place in the talent competition at the State Snow Queen Contest held in Aberdeen at the Thomas F. Kelly Theater in Central High School Jan. 16.

"It was a fun time!" Franck said.

Franck played the piano in the competition, and the song he played was "Waterfall." Also the Northwestern Senior Snow Queen Jenna Larson and the Junior Snow Queen Calli Peterson went to the contest.

"It was fun, and I met a lot of people," senior Jenna Larson said.

"It was a good time, and I liked going," freshman Calli Peterson said.



Junior Dalton Franck played piano the state snow queen talent competition.

Courtesy Photo

Relay For Life Fitness Challenge

by **Ruth Phillips**

The Northwestern Strollers Relay for Life team will be sponsoring a community-wide eight-week fitness challenge.

They have different challenges every week. A couple of these challenges include exercising three times a week for a duration of at least 30 minutes each session and drink at least 24 ounces of water per day.

Another challenge is to eat a fruit or a vegetable with lunch or drink 32 or more ounces of water each day. For the third week members increase their exercising time by adding 10 more minutes and add a fourth 30-minute session and also add 15 to 30 minutes of sleep.

The Northwestern Strollers include five teachers: Vicki Mitchell, Karla Borge, Doug Duncan, Denise Clemens and Jackie Remily. They are also doing a healthy recipe exchange. There is also a one dollar donation each week if the challenge is met and a two dollar donation if the challenge is not met.

"I think it promotes better health and it's for a good cause," Karla Borge said.

If anyone would like to do a new challenge, email Karla Borge at karla.borge@k12.sd.us by Feb. 15.

"I think it is a great way to work together and stay healthy and have fun," Remily said.

Proceeds go to the Northwestern Strollers American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.

Rachel Finley Named Student of the Month at Technical School

by **Haley Wetzler**

Junior Rachel Finley received the student of the month award at Hub Area Technical School. Finley takes Visual Communications at HATS.

"My class is very small, and it's close and personal, and I am considering going into visual communications," Finley said.

Finley is the daughter of Roger and LeAnn Finley of Mansfield; she has two brothers, Aaron and Ben. Finley enjoys painting, cooking and helping others. Finley participates in Drama Club and Skills USA and is the manager of the embroidery department of Scratchin' Sales.



NEWS

In the middle school

by Logan Clemensen

Whom do you want to be your Valentine?



“Chelsea Fischbach,” seventh-grader Halle Sieve said.



“Mariah Taylor because she is smoking hot,” sixth-grader Dylan Miles said.



“Annie Lutter because she is my sister,” eighth-grader Jesse Lutter said.



“Hilary because she is a good friend,” sixth-grader Destinee Zens said.



“My brother because I love him,” eighth-grader Alyssa Steward said.



“Haley Wetzler,” seventh-grader Andrew Myers said.

NORTHWESTERN AREA PRESCHOOL SCREENING

The Northwestern Area School District will be screening children who will be three years old on or before February 16, 2010 or five years old on or before September 1, 2010. The screening will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in the Northwestern Elementary addition. The screening includes children who will be in the 2010-2011 Kindergarten class.

Children will be screened in gross and fine motor skills, general concepts, communications skills, vision and hearing. Additionally, the county nurse will be available to give general physical examinations to the upcoming kindergarten class members. Early identification of difficulties can help alleviate health or educational problems, which may develop during a child’s education.

As part of the school’s “Child Identification Project,” HEARTLAND HANDS OF BIRTH TO THREE CONNECTIONS, Rich Jankord, will be available on the testing date to screen children who are younger than three years of age upon request. Mr. Jankord will be available only if appointments are made in advance through the school.

This is a FREE service provided by the school district. The screenings take approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Jessica Halvorson at 887-3467 x110 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (at least 10 days before the screening) to make an appointment. After appointments have been received, letters will be sent to each family of a three or five year old who has called and made an appointment to verify their time slot for February 16th.

If you know of a family who is unaware of the date for this screening, please share this information or contact the office at the number given. Thank you!

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Top 10's of 2009 According to Trevor

Top 10 Songs

- 10. "Watcha Say" by Jason Derulo
- 9. "Fireflies" Owl City
- 8. "Right Round" Flo Rida
- 7. "My Life Would Suck Without You" Kelly Clarkson
- 6. "Use Somebody" Kings of Leon
- 5. "I Gotta Feeling" Black Eyed Peas
- 4. "Poker Face" Lady GaGa
- 3. "Replay" Lyaz
- 2. "Down" Jay Sean
- 1. "You Belong with Me" Taylor Swift

Top 10 Movies

- 10. *Boondock Saints 2*
- 9. *Up*
- 8. *Blind Side*
- 7. *Fast and Furious*
- 6. *Transformers 2*
- 5. *Role Models*
- 4. *Gran Torino*
- 3. *Public Enemy*
- 2. *Step Brothers*
- 1. *The Hangover*

Top 10 Best-Selling Cars

- 10. Toyota Prius
- 9. Nissan Altima
- 8. Ford Escape
- 7. Ford Focus
- 6. Chevy Silverado
- 5. Toyota Accord
- 4. Honda Accord
- 3. Honda Civic
- 2. Toyota Camry
- 1. Ford F-Series

Top 10 Most Shocking Celebrity Deaths

- 10. Karl Malden
- 9. Jennifer Jones
- 8. Brittany Murphy
- 7. David Carradine
- 6. Ted Kennedy
- 5. Ed McMahon
- 4. Patrick Swayze
- 3. Farrah Fawcett
- 2. Billy Mays
- 1. Michael Jackson

Top 10 Celebrity Stories

- 10. Bret Favre and the Vikings
- 9. Tiger Woods admitted to betrayal
- 8. Patrick Swayze died
- 7. Kanye West made a scene
- 6. Rihanna got beaten by Chris Brown
- 5. Oprah decided to end talk show
- 4. Natasha Richardson died
- 3. Tom and Gisele tied the knot
- 2. Farrah Fawcett died
- 1. Michael Jackson died



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Student of the Month

by Joni Boeckelheide

Senior Alyssa Harmon was selected the December Student of the Month. Her parents are Mike Harmon and Kim Drewes. Alyssa's siblings are Aaron, Alyson and Alexis. Alyssa's role model is her father.

Her hobbies include scrapbooking, reading and hanging out with her friends. Harmon's activities include cheerleading, choir, Future Business Leaders of America, Modern Woodmen of America and American Legion Auxillary.

Alyssa's favorite class in school is child development, which she takes online. Her future plans are to attend Moorhead State University for her teaching degree.

Her favorite quote is "Everyone is trying to accomplish something big, not realizing that life is made up of little things." by Frank A. Clark.



Logan Brown Places Third at State

by Zack Wood

Logan Brown, the student who won the Voice of Democracy contest earlier in the year, received third place in the Voice of Democracy contest on the district level. He received an award of \$10 for receiving third place.

"I had a dream. My dream was to get first, but unfortunately that one did not come true. Thankfully, I had another dream. The dream was that I would place in districts. My dream has come true," Brown said.

The speech topic was to tell whether the student thought there were still heroes today. In his speech he said that anyone could be a hero in his or her own way.

He also said heroes are not just people who save others, and he is realizing this more as he gets older.

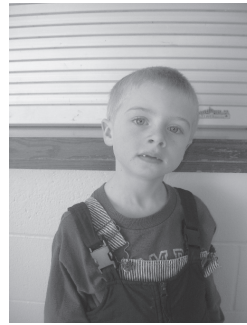


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In the Elementary

by Evan Morgan

Whom do you want to be your Valentine?



"Mrs. Sparling," kindergartner Justin Haven said.

"My sister," first-grader Bailey Heim said.



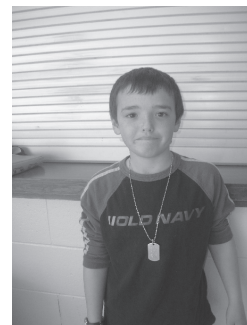
"My mom," second-grader Dylan Rusch said.



"Triten Heber," third-grader Caitlyn Fischbach said.



"My brother Joe," fourth-grader Jedd Groft said.



"My mom and dad," fifth-grader Klaryssa Schnoor said.





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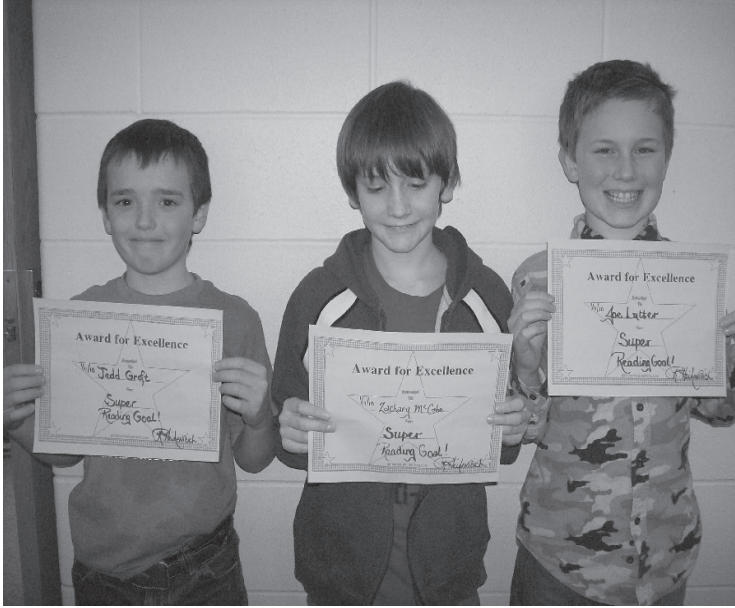
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Elementary Students Accomplish Goals...



Fourth-graders Jedd Groft, Zachary McCabe and Joey Lutter mastered the Super reading goal. Super reading goal has to have passes 3 books with a book level of 2.0 or higher and are worth 1 point or more.



Fourth-graders Darien Watson and Abigail Beatty mastered the Star reading goal. Star reading goal is to pass 3 books with a book level of 4.0 or higher and worth 4 points or more.



Fourth-graders Abigail Beatty, Tyler Braun and Jaidyn Kramp mastered the Advanced Reading goal. Advanced reading goal has to have passed 3 books with a book level or 3.0 or higher and are worth 2 points or more each.

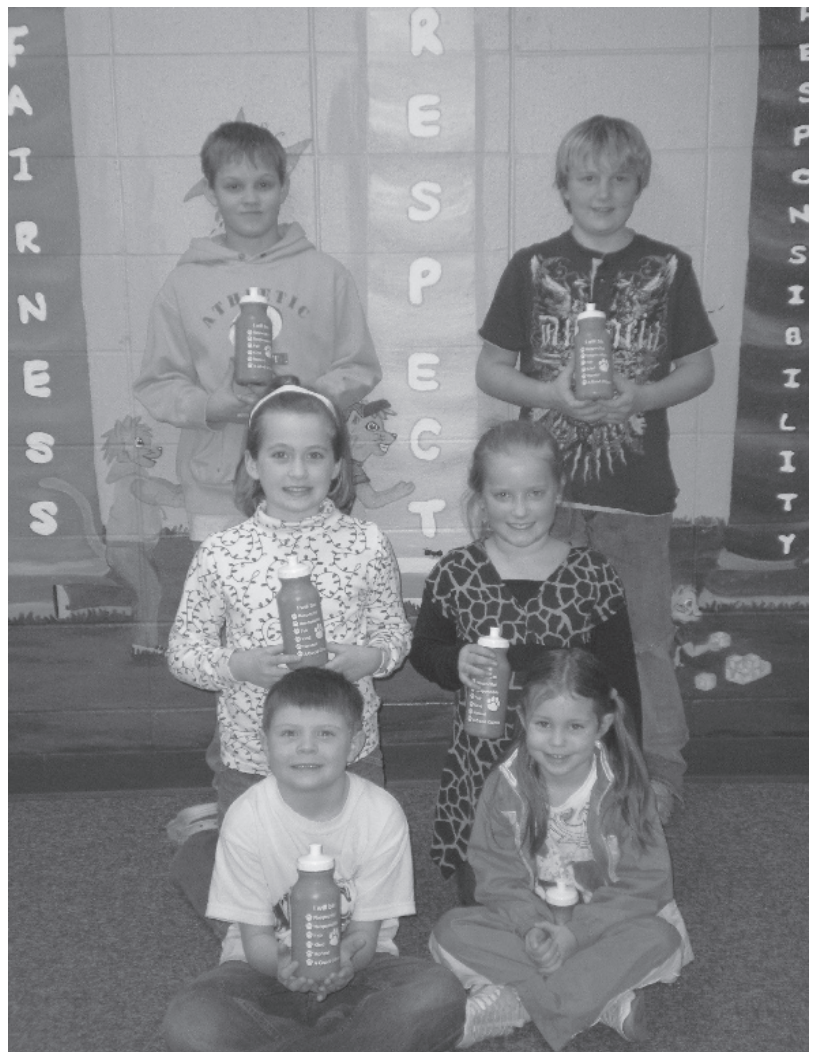


Fourth-grader Sadie Vander Wal mastered the Classic Reading goal. Classic reading goal needs to read 3 books with a book level of 6.0 or higher and worth 7 points or more.



Above: Fourth-grader Evy Peterson mastered her one-minute division facts.

At right: Students of the month include fifth-grader Austen Wiman, fourth-grader Isaac Bauer, third-grader Moira Duncan, second-grader Cassidy Frericks, first-grader Jackson Weideman and kindergarten Jessica Boekelheide.



OPINION

Facebook

Pro

by **Laine Mielke**

Looking to reconnect with old friends? Feeling like some family members have “fallen out of the family tree”? Facebook can help!

Upon sending and accepting friend requests on this one-of-a-kind social networking system, share everything from photos to upcoming events with long-lost relatives and friendships!

Sharing your age, relationship status, political views and religious views helps to better become friends with people

who share the same interests.

Befriending the wrong people isn't a problem with Facebook, as it has a much better search engine than other sites of its kind.

Facebook is one of the quickest, simplest ways to upload, organize and share photos.

Join groups or set statuses to show your feelings and opinions on certain subjects.

Worried about privacy? Not a problem with Facebook; it's equipped with easy-to-manage privacy settings, including the option to make it appear to certain people that you don't

have an account.

The obvious positive factor of Facebook is that it's a boredom stopper.

Facebook can be fun-filled. Find your inner farmer while playing FarmVille.

The chat feature is nice to quickly talk with someone.

Sharing your age, relationship status, political views and religious views helps to better become friends with people who share the same interests.

In today's world, staying connected to others is extremely important. Going online is a great way to do that, and Facebook can help!

Con

by **Haley Wetzler**

Social network continues to grow in importance. As Facebook grows from colleges to high schools to businesses, it becomes a problem in communities.

First of all, using Facebook wastes a lot of time. It can be addicting, like other websites as well; there is no time limit, which can result in not accomplishing anything. Facebook is one of the best procrastination tools when it comes to getting

any type of work done.

Not only are teenagers and college students coming in contact with people they would never face in person, but adults are also communicating with strangers.

Facebook has opened the world for anyone to come in contact with each other without even knowing them. Facebook allows people to converse with others online, which they would never do in public.

Facebook's privacy features generally go far beyond those of

many competing social networking sites, but many users simply aren't choosing their privacy options carefully, or haven't learned how to behave safely online.

Forty-six percent of Facebook users accepted friend requests from strangers. Eighty-nine percent of users in their twenties give out their full birthdays. Nearly 100 percent of users post their email address. Between 30-40 percent of users list information about their family and friends.

What you think



“I think it is a good way to stay connected,” Mrs. Shelly Fischbach said.

“It's addicting,” senior Carly Peterson said.



“It's a waste of time, but it's a habit when I get on the computer,” senior Grasen Lechner said.

“It's a good tool if you use it correctly,” Mrs. Jessica Halvorson said.



“It's the greatest thing on earth,” senior Landon Gab said.

“There's a lot of creepers on it and have to be careful,” Mr. Jerry Sauer said.



SPORTS

Duncan Receives Middle School Coach of the Year

by Haley Wetzler

Mr. Doug Duncan received Middle School Volleyball Coach of the Year from the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association.

"I am honored to be given this award and to be recognized out of all the coaches," Duncan said.

Duncan has coached for five seasons with the NW volleyball program. He has two state titles with the program in 2005 and 2006 and 2nd runner-up medal in 2008. Duncan also received Assistant Coach Volleyball of the Year in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Duncan, a second-grade teacher, is not just part of the volleyball program. He also coaches the girls' and boys' junior high track teams.



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The Adventures of Brock and Evan

We are now heading north from home so we can go on our trip of the year towards British Columbia for some of the best snowmobiling we will ever experience in this life time. As we are about to cross the Canadian border, we remembered that we did not have passports along with us, but we decided to cross over anyway. We were not too worried; we knew that we would find a way back into the country. So we continued to travel north until we reached our destination, and unloaded our brand new snowmobiles from our trailer with living quarters and a hot tub in it—for after long days of hard core riding. So then we started our adventure on snowmobiles. We did not know the country well so we found ourselves a nice native female to guide us around the territory. After we got done riding we treated our beautiful guide to a nice home cooked meal by Logan Clemensen. After we got done eating we decided to go hot tubing before we set off on our next great adventure.

SPORTS

Northwestern Beats Wildcats Win Aberdeen Roncalli Over Monarchs

by Laine Mielke

To start of the season, Northwestern beat Aberdeen Roncalli in a 54-38 game on Tuesday, Dec. 8. NW was led in scoring by senior Megan Peterson with 24 points. The team made 24 of 52 field goals and was led by Peterson who made 12 of 19 field goals. The Wildcats had a total of 33 rebounds; 12 offensive and 21 defensive. Peterson had a total of 15 rebounds. Led by sophomore Haley Wetzler, Northwestern had 13 total steals. NW committed 19 turnovers and had six assists. Sophomores Jussy Tuscherer and Wetzler led the team with two assists each.

by Laine Mielke

The Wildcats won over the Monarchs in Warner on Dec. 17, 60-49. Senior Megan Peterson led the team in points, with 26. NW made 27 of 74 field goals, led by sophomore Jussy Tuscherer who made seven for 16. Northwestern had 21 offensive rebounds and 19 defensive rebounds, for a total of 40. The Wildcats had 11 steals and 11 turnovers. NW had a total of six assists, led by sophomore Mariah Taylor and freshman Ashley Clemens.

Sports

by "the" Landon Gab

The college football season recently came to an end. The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the #2 Texas Longhorns in the Championship game. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy injured himself in the first quarter and ultimately hurt his team's chances of winning the game. Alabama used a strong rushing attack and a solid defensive effort in the first half to pummel Texas. Even if Texas had McCoy the whole game, I think Alabama would have won the game. They became very conservative in the second half to keep the clock running. Teams to look out for next year are: Boise State, TCU, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Virginia Tech.

The NFL playoffs have started. In the opening round the New England Patriots were knocked off by the Baltimore Ravens. Tom Brady struggled to get the offense moving to score points. The Packers and Cardinals game was much of the opposite. Both teams had a day on offense and the defenses could not make a stop. This week there the Chargers were upset by the New York Jets. Nate Kaeding could not make a field goal to save his life and ultimately hurt his team. They lost by only three points, and he missed three field goals. The Vikings ran away with the game against the Cowboys. Tony Romo certainly helped the Vikings by turning the ball over. The Saints and Vikings play next week and I expect the Saints passing game to be too much for the Vikings secondary. Saints win 34-20. In the AFC game I think the Colts will beat the Jets 28-10.

Northwestern Defeats Sully Buttes

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern defeated Sully Buttes on Dec. 12, 42-34. The Wildcats were led in scoring by sophomore Mariah Taylor, who had 12 points. NW made 13 for 38 field goals, led by sophomore Haley Wetzler, who made four of six. The Wildcat had six offensive rebounds and 16 defensive rebounds, for a total of 22; sophomore Jussy Tuscherer had seven rebounds. The team had 11 steals and committed 13 turnovers. Senior Megan Peterson had five blocks. Led by Taylor, Northwestern had five total assists.

NW won the B game 33-23.

Wildcats Steamroll Knights

by Laine Mielke

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Aberdeen Christian Knights 79-32 on Thursday, Dec. 10 in a conference match-up. Freshman Ashley Clemens scored 15 points and led the team in scoring. The Wildcats made 33 of 70 field goals; Clemens made 6 of 7 field goals. NW had a total of 41 rebounds; 16 offensive and 21 defensive rebounds. Clemens had five total rebounds. Sophomore Mariah Taylor had four of the team's 15 total steals. Northwestern committed ten turnovers and nine assists. Sophomores Jussy Tuscherer and Katrina Frericks each had two assists.

Wildcats Out-Score Rustlers

by Laine Mielke

The Wildcats beat the Rustlers 49-43 on Dec. 19. The top scorer was senior Megan Peterson with 19. NW made 19 of 56 field goals, led by junior Joni Boekelheide who made five of seven. Northwestern had 13 offensive rebounds and 20 defensive rebounds for a total of 33; Peterson had 11 rebounds. The Wildcats had 15 steals and 12 turnovers. Sophomore Mariah Taylor had three assists.

Wildcats Hand Loss to Tigers

by Laine Mielke

The Wildcats beat the Tigers in Groton, 58-33 on Dec. 29. Northwestern was led in scoring by sophomore Jussy Tuscherer, who had 14 points. NW made 19 for 53 field goals; sophomore Mariah Taylor made five of 11 field goals. The team had seven offensive rebounds and 20 defensive rebounds, for a total of 27. NW had 20 steals, led by junior Joni Boekelheide. The Wildcats had eight assists. Senior Megan Peterson had four blocks.

NW Tops Gettysburg

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern topped Gettysburg 48-29 on Dec. 22. The team was led in scoring by sophomore Jussy Tuscherer with 19 points. The Wildcats made 19 of 53 field goals; senior Megan Peterson made five of nine field goals. NW had seven offensive rebounds and 22 defensive rebounds, for a total of 29. The Wildcats had 12 steals and 11 turnovers. Freshman Ashley Clemens had five assists.



SPORTS

NW Wins Over Waubay

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats defeated the Waubay Dragons 59-54 on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, in a boys' basketball game in the Pepsi Classic in Aberdeen. The Wildcats improved to 2-2 on the season.

After the first quarter, the score was 14-8, with the Wildcats leading. At half-time, the score was 28-20. After the third quarter, the score was 43-33.

For Northwestern, senior Grasen Lechner led scoring with 24 points. Junior Michael Smith added 11 points, and junior Alex Bauer added 10 points.

For Waubay, Markus Barse led scoring with 24 points.

Smith led the Wildcats in rebounds with seven. The Wildcats had 18 turnovers while the Dragons had 10 turnovers.

Northwestern Defeats Ipswich

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats (3-4) defeated the Ipswich Tigers (1-8) 55-30 in a Lake Region Conference boys' basketball game in Mellette on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010.

After the first quarter, the score was 12-5, with Northwestern leading. At half-time, the score was 21-18. After the third quarter, the score was 33-21.

Michael Smith led the Wildcats in scoring with 17 points. Alex Bauer added 11 points. Grasen Lechner had 10 points.

Lane Myer led the Tigers in scoring with 10 points.

Northwestern had 36 rebounds, Josh Clemens and Michael Smith each with nine rebounds, and Ipswich had 19 rebounds. Ipswich had 20 turnovers and Northwestern had 25 turnovers.

Wildcats Fall to

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern Wildcats (2-4) lost to Aberdeen Christian Knights (2-5) 42-45 in a boys' basketball game on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 in Aberdeen at the Civic Arena.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 8-14 with the Knights leading. At halftime, the score was 17-19. After the third quarter, the score was 29-34.

For the Wildcats, the leading scorer was Michael Smith with 14 points. Grasen Lechner added 10 points and Josh Clemens had nine points.

For the Knights, the leading scorer was Jordan Keahey with 12 points.

Northwestern had 11 rebounds, and Aberdeen Christian had 29 rebounds. Northwestern had 11 turnovers and Aberdeen Christian had 25 turnovers.

NW Loses to Gettysburg

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats (2-3) lost to the Gettysburg Battlers (1-3) 48-52 in a non-conference boys' basketball game in Mellette on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was 4-9, with Gettysburg leading. At half-time, the score was 22-25. At the end of the third quarter, the score was 32-40.

The Wildcats leading scorer was freshman Landon Fischbach with 15 points. Senior Grasen Lechner added 14 points. Junior Michael Smith had 12 points. The Wildcats had 24 rebounds.

In the stands

Landon Gab

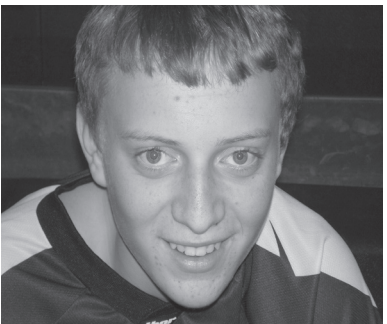
What has been your favorite game to watch this season?



"The Edmunds Central game because Bauer was on fire," senior Stetson Kretschmar said.



"The Ipswich girls' game," senior Carly Peterson said.



"The Miller game," freshman Shay Clemensen said.



"All of them," freshman Kaitlyn Sparling said.

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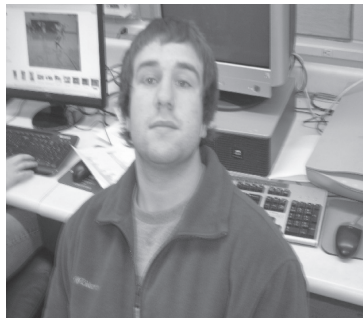
SPORTS

Meet the Boys' Basketball Players...

Photos by Jared Fischer



Alex Bauer
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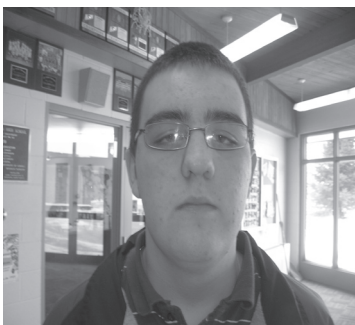
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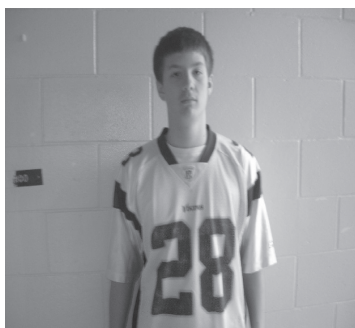
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Ray Lerew
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Trevor Rush
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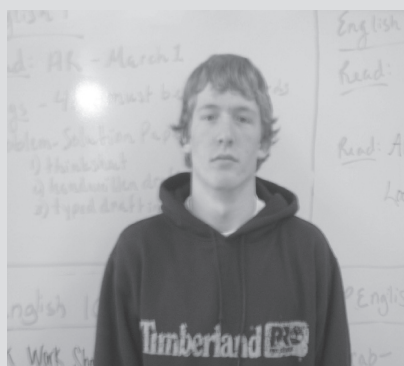
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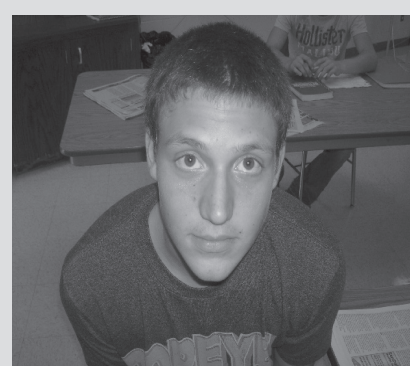
Dalton Franck
#32/33

Meet the *Northwestern* Wrestlers...

Photos by Jared Fischer



Casey Bade



Trevor Toennies

Meet the *basketball* cheerleaders...



Alyssa Morgan



Lexi Horning



Alyssa Harmon



Jenna Larson

STUDENT LIFE

Top 10 Winter Activities

by Zack Wood

10. Pulling People Out of the Snow
9. Snowmobiling
8. Building Igloos
7. Cuddling by the Fireplace
6. Snowball Fights
5. Dogsled Races
4. Ice Fishing
3. Ice Skating with Cute Girls
2. Licking Flagpoles
1. Drifting Icy Corners

Native Soul

by Michelle Two Hearts

There are four Lakota values. Generosity, courage, respect, and wisdom just like the four directions. Wacantognake, or generosity, is something all Lakota people are born with. They learn to provide for their family as well as the community. They provide and do not count the cost. A large example of a generous person is my aunt, Tammy Two Hearts. She is very generous and thinks of others over herself. Woohitika, or courage, is taking care of others, and facing difficult decisions when they have to. Lakotans learn to face danger and face it with dignity. It is all about self control, which describes my aunt, Carol Two Hearts, who is courageous and religious.

Wowacintanka, or respect, live together in peace. They have respect for one another the elders have wisdom and the young are respected because of their impact on Lakota future. My mother, Claudine, is sympathetic and respectful. Woksape, or wisdom, is knowledge. Elders have the power to see inside and understand the world better than others. The real way to judge a person is to see inside the heart, chante. Being humble and caring, is the wisest power, like at dawn, we only see things the way they truly are. That is why when in prayer, we face east, and we ask wakan tanka to become wise. One of my grandmothers had called me an old soul when I was a baby and I stick to it. To have all of these traits, respect, courage, generosity and wisdom is to be a true Lakotan. We are strong but we are stronger together.



Ag Column

by Zack Wood

By this time of year, all of the crops should be harvested; the calves should all be in the feed lots; and the rest of the cattle should be brought home for the winter. Now all that is left is feeding cattle through the winter. On our farm, we feed silage, hay, and grain to the calves in the lots. The cows get only hay for now, but we start to feed them silage when it gets closer to calving.

When feeding the calves grain, we feed them enough so they grow, but do not get too fat. We pull off a few calves that we are going to show and feed them a different ration of grain. We do this so they grow larger and are better for the fair.

POLITICS WITH ZACK

by Zack Wood

Sixty to 40. That has been the democrat to republican ratio in the house since the election, but it may not be that way for much longer. As many of you may know a democratic Senator from Massachusetts, Ted Kennedy, passed away this past year. An election is being held to replace the seat. The problem with this is, the republicans look like they are most likely going to win this election. That would make the house 59 to 41 for republicans to democrats.

The reason that this is so important is the democrats could no longer end a filibuster. The definition of a filibuster is the use of irregular or obstructive tactics by a member of a legislative assembly

to prevent the adoption of a measure generally favored or to force a decision against the will of the majority. So basically a person stands up and gives an extremely long speech so that nobody else can say anything or state their case. A filibuster can only be stopped by having a vote of 60 percent of the house to stop it.

If a republican is elected to Massachusetts, the democrats cannot stop a filibuster. This is a big deal because all of the work that has gone into this health care reform. All of the work may have been for nothing. If the democrats do not have the majority, it will be very hard to get something passed.

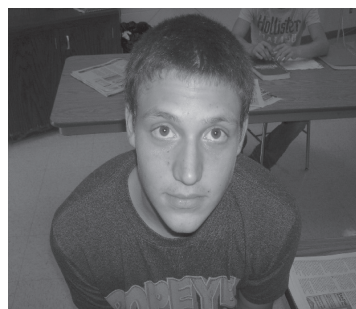
In the hallway

by Brock Penfield

Whom do you want to be your Valentine?



"Megan Fox," junior Mike Hanners said.



"Regan Kretschmar because of her beautiful eyes," sophomore Trevor Toennies said.



"Shay Clemensen," senior Carly Peterson said.



"Stetson Kretschmar," freshman Melissa Thompson said.

STUDENT LIFE

SENIOR PROFILES

By Logan Brown

Caroline Mae Hansen

Parents: Rodney and Carrie

College /Major: Kansas State University/Pre lab/Animal Science

What will you miss most about high school: Seeing friends and the intense conversations in Mrs. Jilek's room.

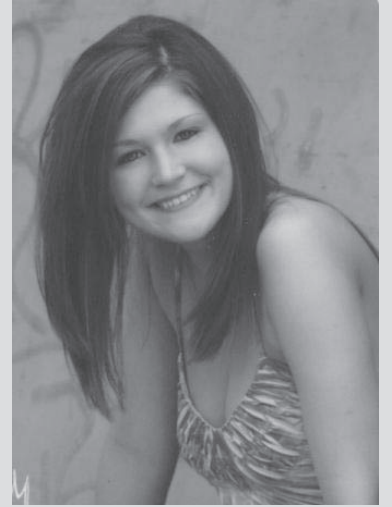


Alyssa Renee Harmon

Parents: Mike and Amy Harmon

College/Major: Minnesota State University of Moorhead/Teaching

What will you miss most about high school: Spending time with friends.



School Board Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, January 11, 2010

- HATS is starting the director evaluation process in January.
- Semester test have been moved back to this Wednesday & Thursday due to the snow days.
- NW will be considering purchasing a software license for Odyssey Ware to use for credit recovery classes, distance learning classes and for teacher resources.
- Dibles test scores were reviewed from the beginning of the year to now. Most student reading scores have improved.
- Two school board positions will be up for election/re-election this June. An election day of June 15, 2010 was approved.
- Snow removal has been going well. The new bobcat has been getting a lot of use from all the snow we've received.
- Approved contract amendments for Kayla Krause and Tara Hill.
- Tabled the approval

of the Hutterville School Improvement plan until next month.

- CONGRATULATIONS to the following:
Doug Duncan for being named South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association Middle School Volleyball Coach of the Year.

Laine Mielke for being selected as HOBY Representative for Northwestern.

Mariah Taylor for being selected as Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week.

December Student of the Month Alyssa Harmon.

□ Next regular meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for the Monday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m.

□ The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of January 11, 2010.

Nona Jerri Hawley

Parents: John and Stacie Hawley

College/Major: University of Minnesota/ Orthodontist

What will you miss most about high school: Friends

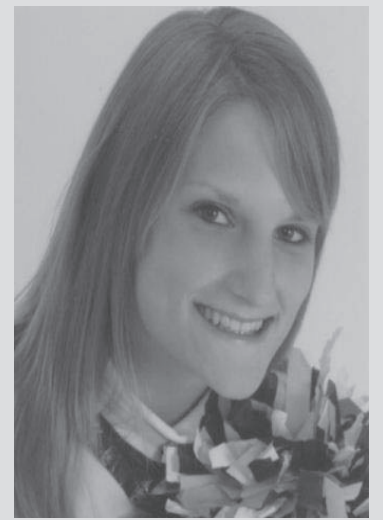


Alexis Lee Horning

Parents: Kevin and Sharon Horning

College/Major: North Dakota State University/Nursing

What will you miss most about high school: Friends and arguing with Mr. Boone

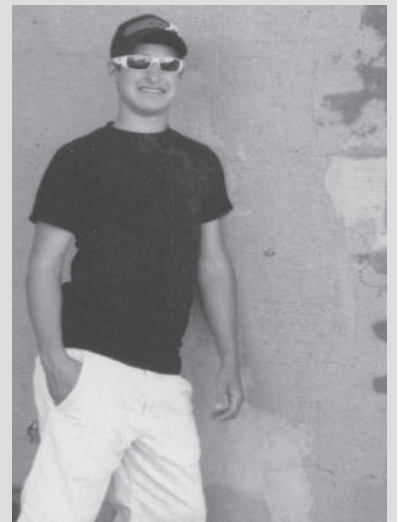


Stetson Elliot Kretschmar

Parents: Monte and Sue Kretschmar

College/Major: Lake Area Tech/ Diesel Mechanic

What will you miss most about high school: Friends



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