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One-Act Play Advances to State Competition

by **Ruth Phillips**

The 2010 Northwestern One Act play cast advanced from regions to the state competition held in Brandon Feb. 4-6. The Drama Club performed the play *All I Really Need to Know I Learned From Being in a Bad Play*.

The cast included seniors Zack Wood, Jessie Sitter, Cory Oberfoell, Anysia Reed, Caroline Hansen, Jenna Larson and Nona Hawley; juniors Ashly Wise, Rachel Finley, Kara Fischbach, Josh Clemens, Dalton Franck, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Alyssa Morgan and Hilary Frericks; sophomores Annie Lutter, Laine Mielke, Maddy Smith and Kathy Stuck and freshman Calli Peterson.

The tech and props crew included seniors Logan Clemenson, Brock Penfield, Stetson Kretschmar and Evan Morgan and juniors Alex Bauer and Jerry Serfling.

Hansen and Finley received outstanding acting awards.

"The play was a lot of fun. The practices were very interesting. Being part of the play was a good experience," Wise said.

"The play was an eye-opening experience," Oberfoell said.

"I had a fun time watching all the different plays and the acting was a good time. I wish I had a chance to do it again," Wood said.

Mrs. Michelle Stuck directed the one-act play.



The one-act play cast competes in Brandon in the state competition.

Courtesy Photo

Alyssa Morgan Cheerleads in London



by **Jared Fischer**

Junior Alyssa Morgan visited London during the winter break for cheerleading. She flew to London Dec. 26; the round-trip flight took about 16 hours. She went to London to perform at the New Year's Day Parade. She went with the United Cheer Association (UCA). More than 300 females from all over the world went to London with the UCA. Last year, Caitlyn DeWitte attended.

Morgan stayed at a hotel near the Tower Bridge; she also got to see other places of interest while in London. Morgan got to see the Changing of the Guards, and also Westminster Abbey, which is a Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

"My trip to London was a very good experience for me. I had the chance to meet many girls from around the country. It was very different driving on the opposite side of the road," Morgan said.

Her favorite part of being in London was seeing all the Cathedrals because of all the great art work.

Junior Alyssa Morgan traveled to London this past December for cheerleading.

Students Attend Assembly In Redfield

by **Cory Oberfoell**

Students in grades seven through 12 attended an assembly in Redfield Feb. 16. The speakers for the assembly are part of a group called R5 Productions. This group gives motivational speeches about drug and alcohol abuse. They also gave a speech on school bullying and how it causes problems in schools.

"It was great. The stories were good, the speaker and the video he showed was funny, and I learned a lot," freshman Evan Finley said.

Their message is that everyone has a story, and that story defines who they are. They spoke of the power of words and how they can affect people deeply.

"It was good experience," eighth-grader Luther Johnson said.

Their presentations were about people's stories and why they did what they did. Their speaker said "160,000 kids in the U.S. each day stay home to avoid bullying problems at school."

"It was cool," junior Ashley Wise said.

Physiology Class Visits Midland Campus

by **Haley Wetzler**

The physiology class, taught by Denise Clemens, took a field trip to Midland Campus Feb. 5. The students who went on the field trip included seniors Colette Fortin, Megan Peterson, Carly Peterson, Betsey Borchard, Lexi Horning and Michelle Two Hearts and junior Amanda Finley. (Not all of the physiology class was able attend due to State One-Act Play.)

"Well, the ice cream was really tasty, but during our visit to the campus, my favorite part was the tour of the facility," C. Peterson said.

The physiology class was shown, on a skeleton, how to properly perform physical therapy procedure. The class was also shown the facility of the Midland Campus. After leaving Midland Campus, the students went to Bon's Treats and Eats for ice cream.

"I really enjoyed learning about physical therapy. I found it really interesting. And stopping at Bons Treats and Eats was awesome. I got a delicious ice cream treat," M. Peterson said.

NEWS

In the middle school

by Logan Clemensen

What are you going to miss about winter?



"I am going to miss the deer frolicking in the snow," eighth-grader Nathan Frericks said.



"I am going to miss nothing. I hate the snow," eighth-grader Nick Wood said.



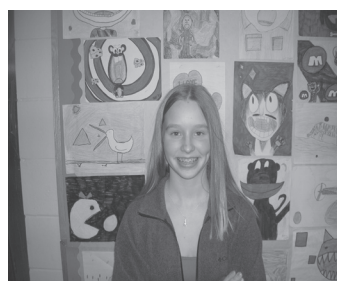
"I am going to miss snowmobiling," seventh-grader Colton Zens said.



"I am going to miss playing in the snow," seventh-grader Haley Grandpre said.



"I am going to miss snowmobiling," sixth-grader Nolan Peterson said.



"I am going to miss making snow angels," sixth-grader Abigail Fischbach said.

Middle School All-State Band Selected

by Trevor Toennies

Eighth-graders Paige Metzinger and Maddie Hahler have been selected to perform in the middle school all-state band. Metzinger plays bari sax and is first chair. Hahler plays baritone and is ninth chair.

"Both students are very well qualified players, and they will enjoy playing with such an outstanding group," Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.



Hahler



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Local Science Fair Awards

Northwestern students placing first and second now move on to the regional science fair at Northern State University in March.

JUNIOR HIGH

Honorable Mention: Haley Grandpre, Kennedi Sparling, Nolan Peterson, Abby Fischbach, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Matt Fischbach/Delbert Leonhardt, Zach Duncan, Isaac Groft, Cory Walter, Blake Toennies, Andrea Rausch, Torey Beardemphl./Maddie Hahler, Jessie Lutter, Jordan Ashalintubbi and Hope Bowar.

Third Place: Codi Sparling, Darienne Frericks, Hans Leonhardt, Kirsten Borge, Halle Sieve and Hunter Lerew.

Second Place: Jake Heidenriech/Nick Wood, Christine Morgan, Cody Lefforge, Kristie Bade/Paige Metzinger, Rachel Boekelheide, Madison Styles, Cameron Bohl, Kate Finley, Logan Schentzel, Tyler Carda and Trevor Bohl.

First Place: Kendra Bohlen, Allison Braun, Alyssa Steward, Kalen Frericks/Jeanna Duncan, Hannah Palmar and Corbin Smith.

HIGH SCHOOL

Honorable Mention: Landon Fischbach, Calli Peterson/Ashley Clemens, Courtlen Lechner/Kelsey Hoellein, Shelby Peterson/Annie Lutter, Shaina Jensen, Rachel Finley and Cory Oberfoell.

Third Place: Ray Lerew/Shay Clemensen, Michelle Two Hearts, Haley Wetzler, Jussy Tuscherer, Kaitlyn Sparling, Evan Finley/Nathan Hawley and Elizabeth Leonhardt.

Second Place: Dalton Franck, Katrina Frericks, Laine Mielke, Hilary Frericks and Alex Boekelheide.

First Place: Maddy Smith/Laken Frericks, Warren Walter, Alyssa Morgan, Joni Boekelheide/Chelsea Fischbach, Amanda Finley/Kara Fischbach, Michael Smith, Josh Clemens and Ethan Steward.



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Student of the Month

by Joni Boekelheide

Sophomore Haley Wetzler was selected to be the January student of the month. Haley's parents are Keith and Barb Wetzler. Her siblings are Lance, Ross, Wade and Holly. Haley's role model is her mother.

Haley's hobbies include swimming, hanging out with her friends, taking photographs, and playing with her nephew, Mason.

Her activities include volleyball, basketball, track and field and Future Business Leaders of America. Haley's favorite class in school is geometry.



In the Elementary

by Evan Morgan

What is your favorite gift to receive from the Easter Bunny?



"A Nintendo DS," kindergartner Megan Nash said.

"Super Mario," first-grader Jackson Christ said.



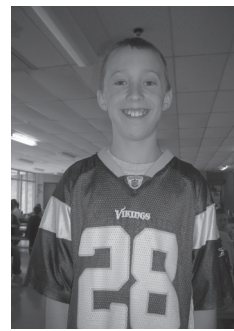
"Chocolate," second-grader Tya Weideman said.

"Chocolate rabbit," third-grader Brandon Ashalintubbi said.



"Chocolate bunnies," fourth-grader Tyler Braun said.

"Chocolate," fifth-grader Derek Boekelheide said.



2010 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL SECOND QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically

Freshmen: B: Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Landon Fischbach, Kelsey Hoellein, Kimberly Miles, Calli Peterson and Kaitlyn Sparling.

Sophomores: Straight A: Alex Boekelheide, Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor and Justine Tuscherer; B: Katrina Frericks, Annie Lutter, Laine Mielke, Shelby Peterson, Haley Wetzler and Hunter Wood.

Juniors: Straight A: Kara Fischbach, Dalton Franck and Hilary Frericks; A: Amanda Finley; B: Joni Boekelheide, Josh Clemens, Rachel Finley, Shaina Jensen, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Alyssa Morgan and Ethan Steward.

Seniors: A: Betsey Borchard, Ty Brown, Alyssa Harmon, Nona Hawley and Jenna Larson; B: Tyler Bisbee, Korie Braun, Jordan Breeding, Colette Fortin, Landon Gab, Alexis Horning, Carly Peterson, Megan Peterson, Hope Stappler and Tristen Waller.



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NEWS

Music Students Excel at Small-Group Contest

By Cory Oberfoell

Select students from Northwestern performed at the 2010 Band and Chorus Small-Group Contest on Feb. 10 at the Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen.

The percussion ensemble was performed by sophomore Shelby Peterson, junior Dalton Franck, and freshman Evan Finley. The Alto Sax solo was performed by senior Jenna Larson. The Xylophone solo was performed by junior Dalton Franck. The Trumpet Solo was performed by sophomore Justine Tuscherer. The Tympani solo was performed by sophomore Shelby Peterson. The Brass sextet was performed by senior Heather Stayner, sophomore Laken Frericks, junior Ethan Steward, sophomore Alex Boekelheide, and junior Josh Clemens.

The girls' vocal group included seniors Korie Braun, Heather Stayner, Michelle Two Hearts, Nona Hawley, Jenna Larson, Caroline Hanson, Lexi Horning, Tristen Waller, Hope Stappler and Alyssa Harmon. One of the Like Vocal Duets was performed by sophomores Katrina Frericks and Gabby Morgan. The second Like Vocal Duet was performed by seniors Jenna Larson and Alyssa Harmon. The Girls Vocal Ensemble was performed by sophomores Gabby Morgan, Madison Smith, Annie Lutter, Jennifer Leforge and juniors Elizabeth Leonhardt, Ashly Wise, April Alumbaugh and Alyssa Morgan. The Miscellaneous Duet was performed by senior Caroline Hansen and Nona Hawley.

Students receiving I ratings included: Frericks and Morgan, the brass sextet, Tuscherer, Peterson, Larson and Franck.

"It was an interesting experience for me," senior Nona Hawley said.

"It was really fun. We got to meet a lot of people who shared the same interests as us. We got to see them perform and we got to critique them. It was a fun experience," senior Heather Stayner said.

Joni Boekelheide to Participate in Rodeo

by Ashly Wise

The South Dakota High School Rodeo will be held between the months of May and June. This year one of Northwestern's own students, junior Joni Boekelheide, will be participating in two of the events. She hopes to do well in both the barrel racing and pole bending competitions.

"I really think I will do well, and I hope to win," Boekelheide said.

"She loves her horses and is going to do a great job," senior Zachary Wood said.

She will be competing with one of her horses named Aladdin, an Arabian she enjoys riding.

Junior Joni Boekelheide will participate in the barrel racing and pole bending competitions in the South Dakota High School Rodeo in May and June.



Boekelheide

Two More Arrivals for Baby Boom

by Zack Wood

Two more additions to Northwestern's current baby boom have arrived.

Mrs. Denise Clemens gave birth to William Gregory Clemens on Feb. 17, 2010. He joins siblings Josh, Ashley, Josie and Zec.

Mrs. Tamra Haven had a baby boy named Jarren Carl. Jarren was born at 10:37 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, and weighed in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces. He was 19 inches long. He joins big brothers Jarret, Jace and Justin.



William Gregory Clemens



Jarren Carl Haven

OPINION

Missed School Days

Make Them Up Now

by Laine Mielke

With so many missed days of school and late starts, the student body is left wondering when school will end for the year. Although the students enjoy the snow days, everyone is anxious for summer to arrive. However, nobody wants to be stuck sitting in the hot, stuffy classrooms in June. With so many snow days, this nightmare the students are dreading may become a reality.

At the beginning of the school year, the school administration sets aside days to be

deemed as make-up days. They also set aside days including the obvious holiday vacation days and days that state events are held on (such as state volleyball, football or basketball). There are also days filled with teacher in-services and comp days, as well.

This year, the administration scheduled three days as make-up days. Northwestern has had five snow days to this point, which surpasses the number of set make-up days. Now the big question is: will we make them up now or later? The school can choose to make the days up after graduation or have school on some days that were originally scheduled to be free.

With the school's lack of air conditioning, and the students' lack of attention when the weather is nice, it only makes sense to make up the days now. There are two days set aside for spring break in March that could be used for make-up days. We could also have school on Easter Monday.

With DakotaStep tests and ACTs just around the corner, teachers and students need to cover that material now.

If the days are made up sooner, then families can make plans for the summer. Then, the students, including the seniors, will not have to come back after graduation.

Make Them Up Later

by Haley Wetzler

So far in the year of 2010, Northwestern School has missed five school days, had numerous 10 a.m. starts, and a few early dismissals.

The talk in the hallways is how many days we are going to have to make up at the end of year.

The end of the year will be on May 21. Graduation will be on May 23.

According to the South Dakota Codified Law-School Terms, each local school

board shall set the number of days in a school term, the length of a school day, and the number of school days in a school week.

Grades four through 12 are not allowed to have less than 962.5 hours in a school term, excluding of intermissions.

Intermissions would be time when students are at recess and lunch. Therefore, the middle school and high school students easily make the time requirements,

but the elementary has more "intermission" time with three recesses a day.

Making the school days at the end of May would not interfere with travel plans that students have made with their family.

Families with plans during scheduled days off would not have to cancel their plans due to make up snow days.

It makes sense to make them up at the end of May because we have a whole week of May to use before the state track meet.

What you think



"I think they should be made up at the end of the year because I think that school gets out too early in May, and I think it's good for the kids to have breaks throughout the year," Mrs. Michelle Stuck said.

"I think we should make them up now because I don't want to come back after graduation," senior Grasen Lechner said.



"I think we should make them up now because I would rather miss out on snow rather than summer days," sophomore Katrina Frericks said.

"Definitely now because we have DakotaStep Tests to worry about," Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.



"Now," Sue Neiger said.

"I think we should make them up now because the spring is busy," sophomore Hunter Wood said.



SPORTS

Megan Peterson Named Outstanding Female Athlete

by Laine Mielke

Senior Megan Peterson was named the National Girls and Women in Sports Day Outstanding Female Athlete. The coaching staff of girls' athletics at Northwestern chose Megan because of her qualities of excellence in sports skills, leadership, self-discipline, and perseverance.

"Megan is awesome! She went from being a shy little freshman to being a six-foot-three-inch terror at the net," Mrs. Nora Groft said.

First-team all-state in volleyball, Megan led her team in kills, kill efficiency and blocks her senior year. Accumulating a 116-9 career record, Megan shattered the school career blocking record and owns the single season block record.

In track and field, Megan advanced to the state meet in the 3,200-meter relay as a sophomore and helped set a school record in that event. As a junior, Megan qualified for the state meet in the 1,600-meter relay and the high jump and received the high point field event award.

On the basketball court, Megan received first-team all-conference as a junior and led her team in field goal percentage, rebounds, points, and blocked shots. She recorded 18 double-doubles in points and rebounds.

"I was surprised and honored to receive this award," Peterson said.



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The Adventures of Brock and Evan

As we set off from British Columbia we left we remembered that the 2010 winter Olympics were going on in Vancouver right about now. So we decided that we should probably swing by and support the athletes from the United States team. The important people that we are, the security let us into the United States locker room to hang out with all the athletes. As we walked into the locker room there was only one person in there. It was Lindsey Vonn trying to mentally prepare for her next upcoming event. She was all nervous so we decided to help calm her down with our wonderful words of wisdom. When it was time for her events we both went out with her to watch and give our support. She did so well that she asked us to an after party where we met the whole Olympic team. We spent the entire night there talking with everyone. We spent most of the time talking with Shaun White and Lindsey. They are a great inspiration for us two. Lindsey asked Evan for his number and told him if they are around her area to call her. After that great night they set off on their next adventure.

SPORTS

Northwestern Beats Stanley County

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern beat Stanley County 64-44 on Jan. 2. The lead scorer was Megan Peterson with 19 points. The Wildcats made 17 of 41 attempted field goals. The team made 28 of 47 free throws, led by junior Boekelheide, who made three of four. NW had six offensive rebounds and 24 defensive rebounds, for a total of 30. Led by freshman Ashley Clemens, Northwestern had a total of six assists. NW committed 22 turnovers and made 17 steals. The Wildcats also had seven blocks, all made by senior Megan Peterson.

Northwestern Loses to Sisseton

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern lost to Sisseton 39-54 on Jan. 12 in Sisseton. Senior Megan Peterson led the team in scoring, with 13 points. NW made 14 of 37 attempted field goals. The Wildcats made 11 of 16 free throws, led by junior Joni Boekelheide, who made four of four. NW had six offensive rebounds and 17 defensive rebounds, for a total of 23. The team had five assists and one block. NW committed 23 turnovers and 10 steals.

Wildcats Fall Short to Tigers

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern lost to Ipswich 48-44 on Jan. 15. NW made 16 of 55 attempted field goals, led by senior Megan Peterson, who made eight of 17. NW had 16 offensive rebounds and 16 defensive rebounds, for a total of 32; Peterson had 19 total rebounds. Peterson had seven blocks. The Wildcats committed 13 turnovers and made eight steals. The team had a total of nine assists.

Wildcats Hand Loss to Monarchs

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern beat Warner 48-39 on Jan. 19 in Mellette. Senior Megan Peterson led the team in points, with 13. NW made 17 of 49 attempted field goals, led by Peterson. Junior Joni Boekelheide made all three attempted three point shots. The team made 11 of 23 free throws. NW had nine offensive rebounds and 20 defensive rebounds, for a total of 29. Sophomores Mariah Taylor and Haley Wetzler each had three assists; the team had a total of nine. Senior Megan Peterson had seven blocks. The Wildcats committed 17 turnovers and made 14 steals.

NW Falls to Summit

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern lost to Summit on Feb. 13. NW made 14 of 50 attempted field goals, led by junior Joni Boekelheide. The team made five of eight free throws, led by sophomore Haley Wetzler, who made three of four. NW had seven offensive rebounds and 21 defensive rebounds, for a total of 28. NW had 10 assists and two blocks. The Wildcats committed 15 turnovers and made five steals.

Wildcats Overcome Lions

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern beat Langford 59-36 on Jan. 28. The team's lead scorer was sophomore Jussy Tuscherer, who had 16 points. NW made 21 of 71 field goals. The Wildcats made 12 of 30 free throws, led by Tuscherer who made four of six. The team committed 17 turnovers and had six steals.

Sports

by "the" Landon Gab

New Orleans Saints fans can rejoice after their team has won its first Super Bowl ever. Three years after signing Drew Brees and hiring Sean Payton as head coach, the Saints are on top of the world. After taking out the Vikings in the NFC Championship game as I predicted, they went on to upset the Indianapolis Colts. My predictions were right on and I obviously should be on TV doing picks next year. Brees picked up Super Bowl MVP in the game as well. Teams to watch next year are the Colts again. Also the Saints, Vikings, Green Bay Packers, San Diego Chargers, New York Jets, and the Houston Texas could again surprise some people.

The Winter Olympics are starting up this week. I expect a big showing from the United States and to pick up the most medals out of any country. The Olympics should provide excitement and something for people to occasionally watch throughout the next week. Most interesting sport to watch would be the bobsledding. Make sure you watch a few hours of that, it is quite the rush.

College basketball is getting into the main stretch of the season now. The defending champion North Carolina Tar Heels are on the verge of not even making the tournament after losing seven of their last eight games. They are also tied for last in the ACC. My four teams playing for number one seeds in the tournament are: Kansas, Kentucky, Syracuse, and Villanova.

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SPORTS

NW Defeats Florence-Henry

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats defeated the Florence-Henry Falcons 51-48 in a non-conference boys' basketball game in Henry on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010.

After the first quarter, the score was 18-15, with Northwestern leading. At half-time, the score was 29-22. After the third quarter, the score was 38-32.

Grasen Lechner led the Wildcats in scoring with 15 points. Michael Smith added 14 points. Josh Clemens and Alex Bauer each contributed eight points.

Taylor Huppler led Florence-Henry with 13 points.

Northwestern had 25 rebounds, Clemens had nine rebounds, and Florence-Henry had 33 rebounds. Florence-Henry had 24 turnovers and Northwestern had 29 turnovers.

Wildcats Lose to Titans

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to the Leola-Frederick Titans 45-64 in a Lake Region Conference boys' basketball game on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 in Frederick.

After the first quarter, the score was 12-12. At half-time, the score was 22-23 with the Titans leading. After the third quarter, the score was 31-44.

For the Wildcats, Michael Smith led scoring with 11 points. Alex Bauer added 10 points. Grasen Lechner had nine points.

For the Titans, Tyler Sumption led scoring with 17 points.

The Wildcats had 34 rebounds, Smith had 10 rebounds, and the Titans had 49 rebounds. Northwestern had 25 turnovers.

Northwestern Falls to Langford

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats (3-9) lost to the Langford Lions (11-1) 30-83 in a Lake Region Conference boys' basketball game on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, in Langford.

After the first quarter, the score was 3-15 with Langford leading. At half-time, the score was 10-44. After the third quarter, the score was 15-63.

For the Wildcats, Grasen Lechner led with 11 points. Alex Bauer and Michael Smith each contributed with six points.

For the Lions, Michael Alberts and Zach Nipp led with 14 points each.

Northwestern had 17 rebounds, Landon Fischbach led with five rebounds. Langford had 32 rebounds. Northwestern had 14 turnovers and Langford had eight turnovers.

In the stands

Landon Gab

What do you enjoy most about coming to the basketball games?



"I enjoy cheering out loud for our teams and hanging out with my friends," senior Hope Stappler said.



"I enjoy the popcorn and sitting with my buddy Cory," sophomore Kathy Stuck said.



"I like it because it is a social event," senior Korie Braun said.



"I enjoy basketball and socializing with friends," junior Alyssa Morgan said.



"I enjoy socializing," senior Nona Hawley said.

Wildcats Lose to Trojans

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to the Faulkton Trojans 46-56 in a Lake Region Conference boys' basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 in Mellette.

After the first quarter, the score was 7-12 with Faulkton leading. At half-time, the score was 14-29. After the third quarter, the score was 31-36.

For the Wildcats, Michael Smith led scoring with 23 points. Josh Clemens added 11 points. Alex Bauer had six points.

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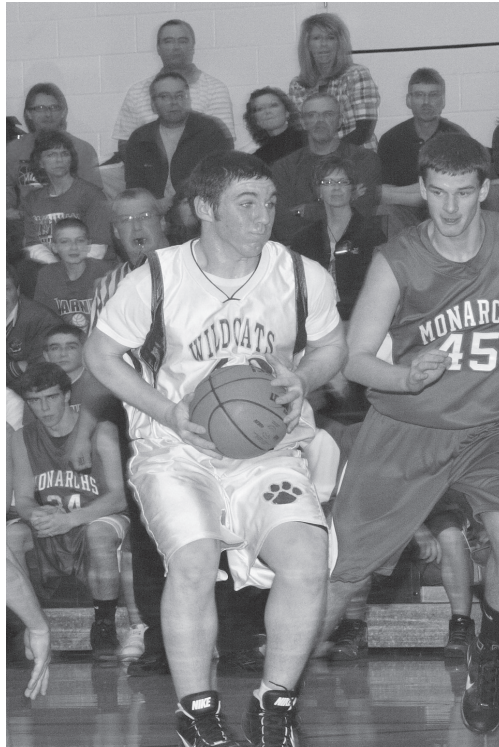
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SPORTS



Junior Joni Boekelheide drives to the hoop after transitioning down the court.

"I like the intensity of the games and shooting three-pointers," Boekelheide said.



Junior Michael Smith jump stops while avoiding the Warner press.

"My favorite thing about basketball is cooperating well with the team and coming together for a general purpose," Smith said.



Senior Grasen Lechner takes the ball to the basket during the Wildcat offense.

"I like it all," Lechner said.



Senior Landon Gab shoots a shot at the three-point line.

"My favorite part is watching Logan ball it up!" Gab said.

Sophomore Mariah Taylor finishes her fast break lay-up with a made basket.

"I like dribbling the basketball and being part of the team," Taylor said.



Senior Tristen Waller dribbles up the court during the Warner game.

"Basketball is my second love," Waller said.

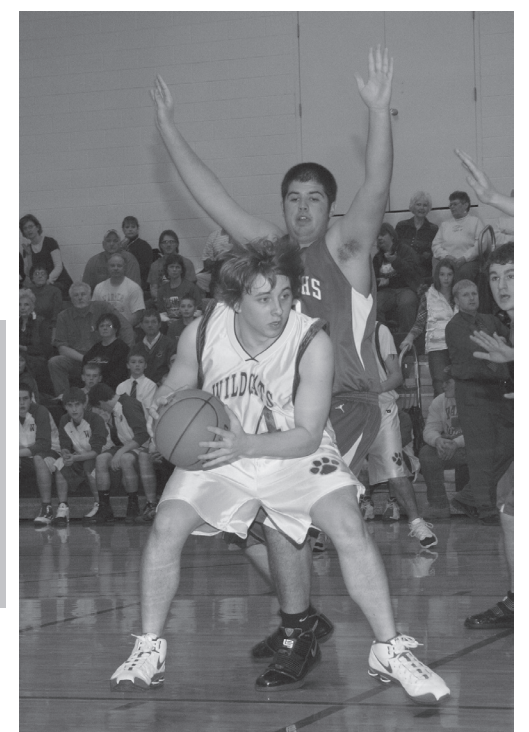


Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer dribbles to the hoop, avoiding the Warner defense.

"My favorite part is being able to play in the games because I love being able to participate and pulling pranks on Mr. Osborn and Mrs. Schell," Tuscherer said.

Senior Ty Brown posts up against the Warner defense.

"My favorite part is playing the games," Brown said.

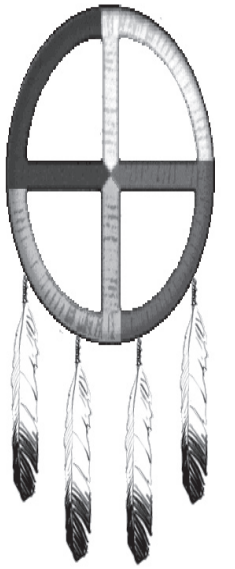


STUDENT LIFE

Native Soul

by Michelle Two Hearts

This month I am going to talk about the significance of different things that came to be. The first one is the dream catcher. A man had a vision of an iktomi, a great trickster, and took the hoop the elder had, and spun a web. He told him of life, the beginning as an infant, and moving on to childhood and adulthood. And old age, where we are all treated as infants, and completing the cycle. He told him that if he listens to the good forces, it will lead him in the right direction. If he listens to the bad, he will get hurt and go the wrong way. He explained to him many forces and different things that can either help or interfere with the Great Spirit's teaching. When the iktomi was finished, he gave him the web, a perfect circle, but the hole inside the circle was to make his own goals and dreams. If you believe in the Great Spirit, he will catch your good ideas, and the bad ones will go through the hole. As the web of life, we Sioux use it throughout life. If you hang one above your bed, the bad dreams go through, and the good dreams stay inside the web.



The legend of the white buffalo is strong today, and the white buffalo is very sacred to us. A trive of Lakota Sioux came together, starving, so they sent their best men out to hunt. A woman in a white dress floated as she walked, and was beautiful and enchanting. The man had bad intentions, and he tried to touch her, but as he did, the man was sucked into a white cloud, and unwrapped the bundle, and gave the people a sacred pipe, and told them how to use it. She told them with the pipe, that they will walk like a living prayer. She told them one day she would return, and when she walked away, she rolled over four times. She turned into a white female buffalo calf. When the buffalo calf Miracle was born on August 20, 1994, it symbolized the coming together of humanity into the heart, mind and spirit coming into one.

Top 10 Reasons to Buy Journalism Cookie Dough

by Zack Wood

10. Support your school
9. The yearbook looks better in color
8. Your new year's resolution will never last anyway
7. Healthy!
6. Something to do on a snow day
5. Everyone is doing it
4. Fills up the freezer
3. It's Magically Delicious!
2. Logan Brown needs points
1. It's good

Ag Column

by Zack Wood

We are getting closer to calving season. Some ranchers from around the area are already calving. When we start calving on our farm, we start to feed silage to anything that is calving. We keep the heifers in a pen up by the barn so they are easier to work with when they start calving. Our heifers start calving before the cows.

When a calf is born we go out and tag the calf. We also give them calf medicine. You have to make sure you continuously check on your calves to keep them straight and so you can help a cow if she cannot calve on her own. Sometimes the calves need to be pulled.

In the hallway

by Brock Penfield

What do you love most about Easter?

POLITICS WITH ZACK

by Zack Wood

Senator Joe Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, is introducing a bill to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to allow gays to openly serve in the military. Since the introduction of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," 17 years ago, thousands of military personnel have been discharged from the military. This bill would change that. Personally I think we have bigger things to worry about. I think it is alright how it is. If you want to serve in the military that badly then you don't need to tell anyone about your sexual preference. Just don't say anything and you will be alright. I guess the gays just want to be able to express

themselves without social prejudice. I say if you're willing to fight, then go ahead, just keep your mouth shut about being gay.

"I will be proud to be a sponsor of the important effort to enable patriotic gay Americans to defend our national security and our founding values of freedom and opportunity. I have opposed the current policy of preventing gay Americans from openly serving in the military since its enactment in 1993," Lieberman said after an interview he was in.

"I think it is fine the way it is. We don't need them fairies in the military anyway," senior Gary Phillips said.



"Eating all of the chocolate," senior Jalen Diede said.



"Reflecting on the fact that Jesus died and rose to save me," junior Ethan Steward said.



"Easter egg hunt in the morning. Woop Woop!" sophomore Gabby Morgan said.



"Candy," freshman Calli Peterson said.

STUDENT LIFE

SENIOR PROFILES

By Logan Brown

Jenna Larson

Parents: Rex and Kathy Larson

College /Major: Northern State University/Accounting

What will you miss most about high school: Friends



Grasen Lechner

Parents: Toni and Ernie Schnoor

College/Major: Northern State University/Elementary Education

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



School Board Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, February 9, 2010

- The Health Occupations class at HATS sponsored a blood drive on Jan 27th in conjunction with United Bloods Services.
- The Hub Area promotional video is now available online at <http://www.hubarea.com/programs/Promotional20%Video>.
- More school districts are considering moving to a four day school week, NW had a short discussion on this issue.
- NW may consider amending the calendar next month to make up some snow days.
- Enrollment is estimated to decrease in the future years which means less funds to operate the school.
- NW was approved for at Fun Fruit & Veggie's mini-grant to promote fruits and vegetables.
- Approved the Hutterville School Improvement plan.
- Approved the Resolution of Amendments to ASB Protective Trust Joint Powers

Agreement and Bylaws.

- CONGRATULATIONS to the following:
 - Rachel Finley for being selected Technical Student of the Quarter at Hub Area Technical School.
 - Megan Peterson and Carly Peterson (alternate) for being selected to the North All-Star volleyball team.
 - The One Act Contest Play for advancing to state. Congrats to Caroline Hansen and Alyssa Morgan for their Outstanding Acting awards at regions.
 - To all of our science fair winners.
 - Haley Wetzler for being selected January Student of the Month.

□ Next regular meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for the Monday, March 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 February 15, 2010.

Evan Morgan

Parents: Jerome and Lisa Morgan

College/Major: Lake Area Tech/Ag

What will you miss most about high school: Getting in trouble.



Cory Oberfoell

Parents: Bob and Jean Oberfoell

College/Major: South Dakota State University/Unknown

What will you miss most about high school: Fun times and good people



Brock Penfield

Parents: Curt and Leta Penfield

College/Major: Lake Area Tech/Building Trades

What will you miss most about high school: The delicious and nutritious food the cooks prepare for us each and every day and also Trevor Toennies.



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