

Third-Grader's Transplant a Success

by **Laine Mielke**

The past year has been one full of ups and downs for one Northwestern student. Third-grader Triten Heber has been in and out of the hospital since early December.

Triten was born with a condition called Ellis-van Crevald syndrome and has had to undergo numerous surgeries in the past ten years. On Dec. 1, 2009, Triten was taken to the doctor because his mother felt that something wasn't quite right. Later that day, they found out that Triten had renal failure. From Aberdeen, he was driven to Sioux Falls to Sanford Children's Hospital. Triten was admitted into ICU, where he remained for the next four days.

While in the hospital, Triten has had to experience many different treatments and surgeries. One of the surgeries included emergency surgery to replace a leaking blood vessel.

After being on the waiting list and hoping for the best, the doctors found a donor for Triten, and he had his kidney transplant on April 12. The surgery that was supposed to take four hours; instead, it took nine. The new kidney clotted so

the doctors had to remove it and flush the fluid. It was a slow process to get the new kidney to wake up and work inside his body. The new kidney has a severe symptom called ATN, but it will heal itself in time.

The hospital stay has definitely been eventful and challenging. Triten is battling high temperatures and loss of sleep. The most recent event to occur was the removal of the staples around his incision from his transplant. He is beginning to be able to get out of bed; he can sit in a wheelchair and can walk short distances. Overall, he is doing pretty well now; he sleeps most of the time but is awake more now than he was in the past weeks.

"He's being a trooper," his mother, Jessica Sheridan, said.

The doctors and family are hoping that Triten will be released from the hospital in a couple weeks. After being released, he will have to stay in Sioux Falls for six weeks of observation.

Triten is expected to return to school next year. As for this year, Triten has been being tutored to keep up with his school-



Third-grader Triten Heber is currently in Sioux Falls at the Sanford Children's Hospital recovering after a kidney transplant.

Courtesy Photo

work.

To keep up with Triten's progress, everyone is encouraged to visit and read his journal on the Caring Bridge website. This can be found at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/tritenheber.

Students Attend NSU Regional Science Fair

by **Cory Oberfoell**

Thirty-five students from Northwestern attended The NSU Regional Science Fair and 22 of these students received an award.

Sixth-graders Rachel Boekelheide, Kate Finley and seventh-grader Christine Morgan received NSU ribbons. Sixth-graders Madison Styles, Kendra Bohlen, seventh-grader Hannah Palmer and eighth-graders Kalen Frericks and Jeanna Duncan received NSU T-shirts. Eighth-grader Alyssa Steward received the NSU Tumbler award. Seventh-grader Corbin Smith received the NOAA Award. Juniors Kara

Fischbach, Amanda Finley, Alyssa Morgan and sixth-grader Cody Lefforge received second place in their category. Sophomore Laine Mielke and freshman Warren Walter received U.S. Army certificates. Juniors Josh Clemens and Michael Smith received third place in their category. Juniors Joni Boekelheide and Chelsea Fischbach received the U.S. Air Force Award and sophomores Laken Frericks and Maddy Smith received the U.S. Stockholm Water Award.

Also, congratulations to Amanda Finley for being presented with the Dr. Rehfeld Award. Amanda was awarded \$150 in

cash and a plaque was presented in her honor. Also, Northwestern receives an award of \$300 to be used by the science department and a gift of \$300 was sent to the Salvation Army in Aberdeen in Amanda's name.

The Science Bowl team of Fischbach, Finley, Dalton Franck, Josh Clemens and Ethan Steward placed third.

"It was a fun, interesting time. I learned a lot of new things," Clemens said.

"There were a lot of great projects, and science bowl was pretty fun," Franck said.

Spring Play Performed

by **Ruth Phillips**

This year's spring play, *My Cousin Lino*, was performed on April 30 at 7 p.m. It was presented in dinner theatre style; the cast members served the food in full costume. The cast also presented the play for the elementary and junior high at 2 p.m.

The cast included freshmen Evan Finley and Calli Peterson, sophomores Annie Lutter and Kathy Stuck, juniors Dalton Franck, Alyssa Morgan, Jerry Serfling, Rachel Finley and Amanda Finley, and seniors Caroline Hansen, Nona Hawley and Jessie Sitter.

"We had a rocky start but, in the end, I feel we had a very successful play. The lasagna was scrumptious!" Stuck said.

"Even though it is my first year with little experience, I have still enjoyed bonding in practices," said A. Finley.

Band and Chorus Receive I Rating at Contest

by **Joni Boekelheide**

The Northwestern High School band and chorus traveled to the Johnson Fine Arts Center for large group contest on Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

The band received a I rating, and the chorus received a I- rating. Mrs. Stephanie Lunstrum, NW band and chorus director, made the band a bet that if the band received a I rating in contest she would dye her hair blonde.

"I am very proud of all the hard work that the students did, and I'm glad that ratings were able to reflect the hard work the students put in," Mrs. Lunstrum said.

NEWS

In the middle school

What will you miss most about the 2009-2010 school year?

by Logan Clemensen



"I will not miss anything," sixth-grader Wyatt Hahler said.



"The seniors," sixth-grader Cameron Bohl said.



"The great new lunches," seventh-grader Corbin Smith said.



"Art class," seventh-grader Tessa Rush said.



"Seeing my friends," eighth-grader Alyssa Steward said.



"Activity period," eighth-grader Delbert Leonhardt said.

2010 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL THIRD QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically

9th Grade: Straight A: NONE; "A": Landon Fischbach; "B": Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Kelsey Hoellein, Kimberly Miles, Calli Peterson, Kaitlyn Sparling.

10th Grade: Straight A: Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor, Justine Tuscherer; "A": NONE; "B": Alex Boekelheide, Katrina Frericks, Laine Mielke, Shelby Peterson, Madison Smith, Haley Wetzler, Hunter Wood.

11th Grade: Straight A: Kara Fischbach, Ethan Steward; "A": Amanda Finley; "B": Taylor Beardemphl, Joni Boekelheide, Josh Clemens, Rachel Finley, Dalton Franck, Hilary Frericks, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Alyssa Morgan, Michael Smith.

12th Grade: Straight A: Carly Peterson; "A": Betsey Borchard, Ty Brown, Colette Fortin, Alyssa Harmon, Nona Hawley, Jenna Larson; "B": Tyler Bisbee, Korie Braun, Jordan Breeding, Landon Gab, Alexis Horning, Megan Peterson, Hope Stappler, Tristen Waller, Zachary Wood.

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Students Attend State FBLA Spring Conference

by **Landon Gab**

The Northwestern Future Business Leaders of America chapter recently traveled to Sioux Falls for the 2010 Spring Conference. This three day extravaganza took place April 11, 12, and 13. They took off bright and early at 8 a.m. Sunday morning to make sure their fierce competitors could make it in time for the Sunday afternoon events. Mrs. Rene Wood drove the bus.

"The bus ride was nice and quiet since I had to get up so early," senior Evan Morgan said.

After they arrived from the long expedition, some students got off the bus

for their events, the rest of the students trekked to the Empire Mall to do a little shopping to pass the time.

Monday morning marked the beginning of everyone's day. Every student was required to take four tests on Monday. These tests lasted from the early morning until the afternoon. Later that night the members went to a general assembly and were able to enjoy the burger bar. Caucusing took place after supper so the students could listen to every candidate running for a state office. A dance followed later that night and ran into the next morning.

Tuesday morning the awards took

place. Northwestern students did very well and finished in 3rd place with 20 students placing in events. After this the students boarded the bus for a long trip to Brookings to enjoy Brookings's finest delectable restaurants.

"Arby's was very appetizing and it sure hit the spot, I have never tasted food like that before in my life and I plan a return trip to Brookings just for the scrumptious sandwiches they offer," senior Logan Clemensen said.

Around 4 p.m. the students returned home to enjoy the lovely weather South Dakota had to offer, 60 mph wind.

2010 State Spring Conference FBLA Winners

** Most first and second place winners are eligible to attend the National FBLA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this summer

Business Communication
5th Dalton Franck

Business Presentation
1st Amanday Finley and Dalton Franck

Client Service
2nd Hilary Frericks

Desktop Publishing
5th Hilary Frericks & Kara Fischbach

Future Business Leader
3rd Dalton Franck

Job Interview
2nd Kara Fischbach

Largest Local Chapter-School Population
Northwestern (61%)

Largest Local Chapter Membership
2nd Northwestern (54 members)

Local Chapter Scrapbook 2nd
2nd Katrina Frericks

Management Decision Making
2nd Alex Bauer and Michael Smith

Public Speaking I
4th Laken Frericks

Spreadsheet Applications
1st Dalton Franck

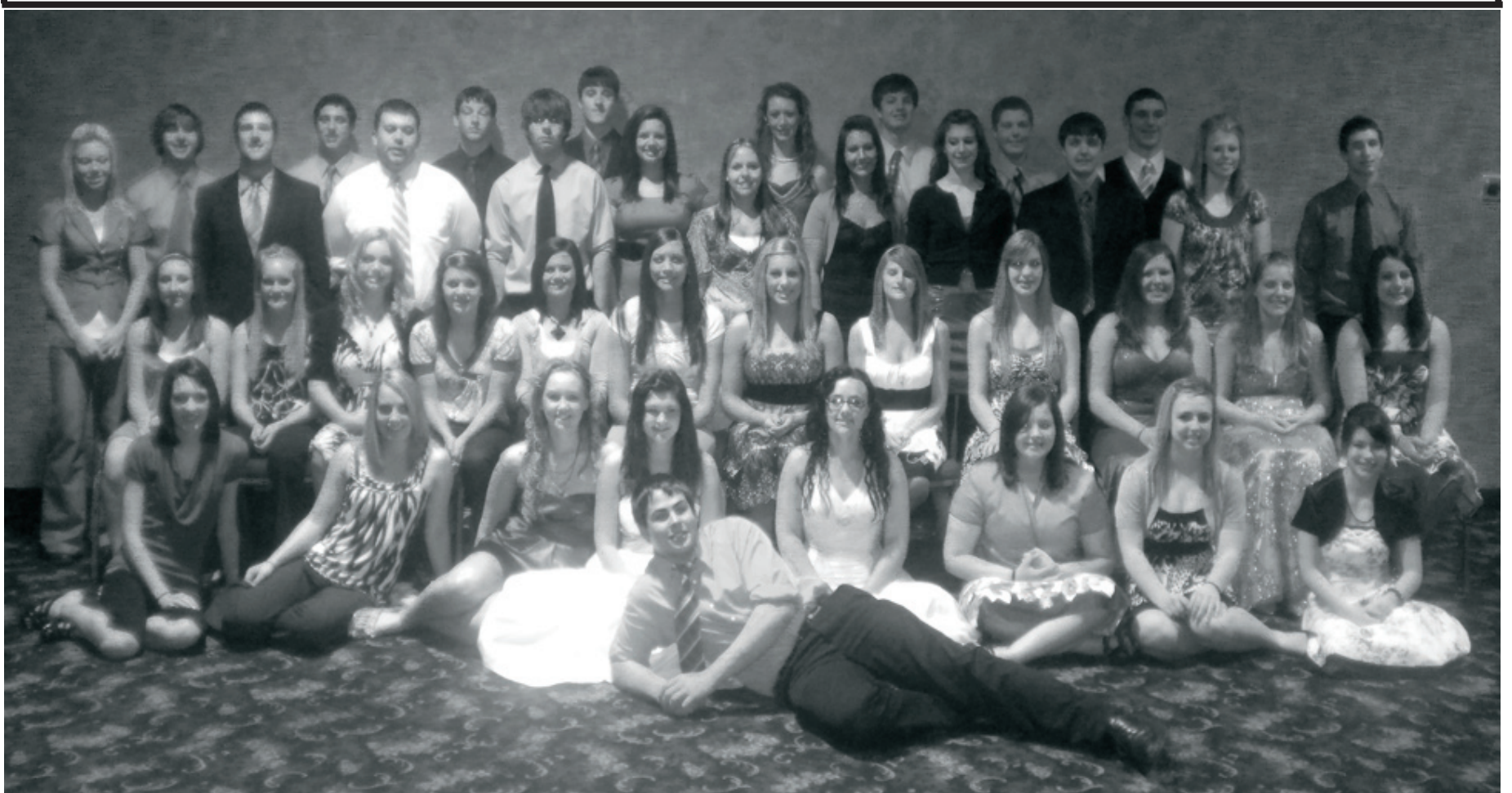
Paliamentary Procedure Team
1st Kara Fischbach, Jenna Larson, Hilary Frericks, Dalton Franck, Maddy Smith

Technology Concepts
5th Amanda Finley

Word Processing I
Place 1st Laine Mielke
2nd Haley Wetzler

Word Processing II
1st Kara Fischbach
2nd Mariah Taylor
4th Hilary Frericks

FBLA Chapter Runner-Up 3rd
1st Northwestern



The Northwestern FBLA chapter attended the state conference in Sioux Falls.

Courtesy Photo

NEWS

Student of the Month

by Joni Boekelheide

Junior Dalton Franck was selected to be the March Student of the Month. Dalton's parents are Peter and Lisa Franck. His brother is Matt. His role models are his parents.

Dalton's hobbies include piano, running, math, and drama. His activities include Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, basketball, science bowl, band, youth group, oral interp, and play. His favorite class is senior math.

Dalton's future plans are to attend South Dakota School of Mines to major in math.



In the Elementary

by Evan Morgan

What are you most excited for this summer?



"Riding my new bike," kindergartner Kade Stahl said.

"Going to the pool," first-grader Sydney Schell said.



"Going swimming," second-grader Eze-kiel Duncan said.

"Showing calves four 4-H," third-grader Seth Wood said.



"Playing outside," fifth-grader Alexandria Johnson said.

"Going to Seattle," fifth-grader Austen Wiman said.



The Adventures of Brock and Evan

While in Iraq keeping an eye on our good friend, we felt that we did a lot of good. The best part of the whole time we were there was when we first arrived. We used an old World War II airplane to jump into Iraq. We jumped out of a C-47. The ride was a little rough, but we got to feel how the army felt when they jumped on D-Day. We pushed our equipment out first, and then we jumped. We got right into the action because there were insurgents where we landed. There was not a problem finishing them off. We kept our distance from our allies, but we did some damage. We were there for about a month, but decided that we should head back home just in time to make to graduation. We were just about out of food and ammo so everything worked out just right. Just before we left we went to the United States Army base that Jaycee was stationed and told him about our adventures in Iraq. He enjoyed all our stories and we had a few good laughs. Then we started to head back home so we could make it to Logan's graduation reception and our own graduation.

Thank you to everyone in the Northwestern community who purchased cookie dough from the journalism class! Your support of our school is greatly appreciated. You helped the journalism class raise money toward the cost to continue to print the entire yearbook in color!

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Elementary Participates in Penny Drive

by Joni Boekelheide

The Northwestern Elementary children raised \$47.91 for the American Red Cross in the month of March. The students raised the money by bringing loose change to school and putting them in jars.

Ted Price from the Tulare area came and talked to the children about helping the Red Cross. A lot of the money that the Red Cross raises goes to help families that have gone through house fires and need help getting back on their feet.

The kindergartners through fifth-graders put jars out around the school and were asked to bring mostly pennies, but other change was accepted also.

Art Students Excel at Show

by Jared Fischer

Students from Northwestern attended the Granary art show on April 23 in Aberdeen. Of those in attendance were juniors Amanda Finley, Chelsea Reed, Alyssa Morgan, Joni Boekelheide and Rachel Finley sophomore Kathy Stuck. A. Finley and Reed won the Student Choice Awards. A. Finley won the award on Thursday and Reed won it on Friday.

The artwork was showcased and set up into 13 categories to be judged. The workshops this year included glass fusing, murals, ceramic, and tea bowls.

"It was a lot of fun and I am glad I had the opportunity to showcase my art work," A. Finley said.

Hahler Receives Second in Duck Stamp Contest

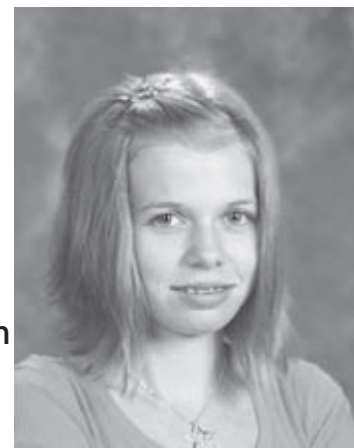
by Logan Brown

Eighth-grader Madison Hahler received a second-place honor in her age division in the annual South Dakota Junior Duck Stamp contest. The Junior Duck Stamp Program is an annual art contest that provides students with the opportunity to learn about biology and express their knowledge of the beauty, diversity, and interdependence of wildlife through art. Hahler is eligible to attend the SD Junior Duck Awards Luncheon on April 25, in Pierre.

Northwestern has also awarded three honorable mentions including sixth-graders Kate Finley and Rachael Boekelheide and junior Amanda Finley.

"We received our highest placing ever! Maddie received second in her aging category and I am very proud of her," Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

Eighth-grader Maddie Hahler received second-place honor in her age division.



Finley Wins Skills USA Ad Competition

by Ashly Wise

On April 8 and 9 of this year, junior Rachel Finley was honored with the Skills USA Ad Design competition at the Hub Area Technical School in Aberdeen. Her design was chosen as the winning design. The participants were given a certain advertisement to redesign for Western Dakota as a type of competition for who would have the best design. Anyone was able to enter and submit their own unique design.

"If you have a chance, I seriously recommend you be in Skills USA. It's a great time and fun to be a part of it," Finley said.



Junior Rachel Finley's ad design was chosen as the winning design in the Skills USA Ad Design competition.

Thank you to everyone who made pies, bars, cookies and offered their time to help with the HS Spring Concert and Pie Auction! We appreciate your willingness to help us raise money for our trip to Minneapolis in June 2011!

LRC Math Contest Attended

by Haley Wetzler

On Mar. 10, students from Northwestern attended the Lake Region Conference Math Contest held at Presentation College. Students in attendance were juniors Dalton Franck and Amanda Finley, sophomores Annie Lutter, Hunter Wood, Shelby Peterson and freshmen Kelsey Hoellein and Evan Finley.

Lutter and A. Finley competed in the Algebra II division; Peterson and Wood competed in geometry; Hoellein and E. Finley competed in Algebra I.

The students competed against eight other schools including Frederick, Faulkton, Langford, Leola, Ipswich, Roslyn, Warner and Aberdeen Christian.

Franck was the only student to place from NW. He placed second in his division.



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Shooting Sports Popular Among Students

by Laine Mielke

One of the new popular activities in the elementary and junior high this year is Shooting Sports. First-graders Ethan Walter and Mitchell Vander Wal; second-graders Tomlyn Toy and Jarret Haven; fourth-graders Sadie Vander Wal and Jaidyn Kramp; and sixth-grader Cory Walter all participate. It is a program run through 4-H.

The competitors partake in five different categories which include prone, which is laying down, standing, sitting, kneeling and agragote, which is an overall. The students also take a test.

Both Walter boys qualified for state this year. Ethan qualified in pistol and Cory qualified in pistol, rifle and archery.

"I really like it, but I really wish I could be in rifle," E. Walter said.

S. Vander Wal has had a prime season. She has placed 23 times in the five different events. She placed first, fifth, ninth and tenth in prone; second, fourth, and fifth two different times in standing; second, fourth, seventh two different times and eighth in sitting; first, second two different times, and third in kneeling and second two different times, third, fourth, fifth and seventh in agragote. She has also won four ribbons through the tests.

"It's really fun, and I have a fun time doing it," Sadie said. She plans to stay in the program as long as she can.

Kramp has also had a very good season. She placed sixth in sitting, tenth in kneeling and also received a purple, first place ribbon in agragote. M. Vander Wal is competing ahead of his time. The members competing must be eight years of age, however, Mitchell is only seven but is welcome in the sport. He has placed eighth in the sitting competition. Jarret received a second place ribbon this year.

"You shoot BB guns and get points for where the BB hits. It is very fun," Haven said.

Tomlyn has placed fourth and sixth in prone; fourth and tenth in kneeling and tenth in sitting. She participates in the eight and nine year team; they received second and third place this year.



Fourth-grader Sadie Vander Wal participates in shooting sports and has had a great season; she has placed in numerous events.

Photo by Laine Mielke

Two Hearts Attends Journalism Workshop

by Casey Kulm

Senior Michelle Two Hearts attended the Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop at the Crazy Horse Memorial April 19-23. She had a fun-filled week, but it wasn't all easy. She had many activities to do every day and had to present some of them to the rest of the students. In total for the entire week, they had ten presenters who spoke about inspiration.

"Everything looked so small, and seeing Crazy Horse up close was so gratifying," Two Hearts said.

The opening day she was offered the chance to ask Al Newharth five questions and she jumped at the opportunity. Out of the 80 applicants, 40 were chosen, and out of those 40 only 33 actually attended.

In the course of the last day, they graduated, and three were rewarded with \$1,000 Crazy Horse Memorial Journalism Scholarships. Two Hearts was lucky enough to receive one of the scholarships and also granted an hour of study time at USD.

The stories that were written at the workshop are available to read online at www.freedomforumdiversity.org

The journalism workshop focused on Native American students aspiring to be journalists.

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Welding Class Travels to Kearney, Nebraska

by Casey Kulm

The welding class recently took a trip to Kearney, Neb., to race the electric cars that they built in class. The trip was for the Kearney Power Drive, which is an engineering competition to see which car could go the most laps on a closed circuit track. The class constructed two electric cars. The race took place May 1.

This is part of the welding curriculum; they spend the first semester learning welding techniques and then put them to use during the second semester to build the cars. This is currently the only district in South Dakota that is doing this program. The competition was mainly high schools but also had teams from colleges.

They completed eleven laps with the aluminum car and seven laps with the steel car.

"I feel they did very well. The number of laps that they made was considerably longer than previous years. They did very well up next to what I considered they would do. Their average batteries lasted 43 minutes out of an hour, which is great compared to last year when they only lasted ten minutes," Mr. Jerry Sauer said.



Students in the welding class traveled to Kearney, Neb., to race the electric cars that they built.

Photo by Laine Mielke

The Foundation would like to thank all the students that helped stuff newsletters and sealed envelopes the week before the pancake fundraiser. You were all very good helpers and it was great to have so many be involved. Thank you for your help.

The Foundation would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to work at the pancake, sausage and egg brunch and truly appreciate everyone who came and supported the Foundation with your financial donations. We had a great turnout and took in \$5794 at the brunch. That was fantastic! (best ever) This could never happen without the efforts from everyone.

All proceeds will go towards scholarships, school needs and community projects.

The Foundation board would like to welcome Arden Taylor who replaces Bob Kienow from district one and Roger Clemensen who replaces Hal Clemensen from district three.

Thank you for supporting the Foundation!
Northwestern Community Foundation Board

Fruit and Vegetable Carnival Held

by Casey Kulm

The health and wellness classes held a "Fun Fruit and Veggie Carnival" on April 16. The elementary students came down and enjoyed fun games and fruit and veggies that followed. Many of the students did not want to leave when it came time for it to end.

The games consisted of bean bag toss, a bowling game, face painting, target shooting, can knock down, fruit races, bingo, and guess the number. The fabulous lunch ladies prepared smoothies, parfaits, and lettuce salads, which most of the students seemed to enjoy. Prizes that were given ranged from stickers and raisins to lanyards and pencils.

"I liked the smoothies," second-grader Danille Seymour said.

"It was awesome," fourth-grader Jedd Groft said.

Many other reactions from the kids were similar to both of these and they all seemed to have a ton of fun.

"I liked how they made us try new fruits, and I liked all the colors," sophomore Katrina Frericks said.

Junior High Attends Florence Oral Interp Contest

by Ruth Phillips

The Northwestern junior high oral interpers participated in a meet in Florence on April 12. Six seventh-graders and seven eighth-graders went to the meet. The students performed a range of poetry, humorous, dramatic and oratory pieces.

In poetry, Haley Grandpre and Skylar Sorenson both received superiors. In humorous, Halle Sieve, Tyler Carda and Blake Toennies received superiors, Nick Wood and Kristie Bade both received superior pluses and Jesse Lutter received an excellent plus. Hanna Palmer received a superior plus, Tessa Rush received a superior and Donna Harmon received an excellent plus in the dramatic category. Christine Morgan received a superior plus on her oratory piece.

Kristie Bade and Nick Wood also performed a duet and received a superior plus.

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NEWS

Americanism Contest Winners

Essay Winners

Class	Placing	Sponsoring Unit
Class II (5&6)		
Josie Clemens	1st	Brentford
Derek Boekelheide	1st	Cresbard
Ali Johnson	1st	Mansfield
Darby Duncan	1st	Mellette
Class III (7&8)		
Kalen Frericks	1st	Brentford
Paige Metzinger	1st	Cresbard
Skylar Sorenson	1st	Mansfield
Christine Morgan	1st	Mellette
Jordon Peterson	2nd	Brentford
Alyssa Steward	2nd	Cresbard
Kristie Bade	2nd	Mansfield
Halle Sieve	2nd	Mellette
Class IV (9&10)		
Laine Mielke	1st	Brentford
Jussy Tuscherer	1st	Cresbard
Laken Frericks	1st	Mansfield
Calli Peterson	1st	Mellette
Haley Wetzler	2nd	Brentford
Madison Smith	2nd	Cresbard
Shelby Peterson	2nd	Mansfield
Stanton Roach	2nd	Mellette
Class V (11&12)		
Kara Fischbach	1st	Brentford
Dalton Franck	1st	Cresbard
Chelsea Fischbach	1st	Mansfield
Michael Hinners	1st	Mellette
Cory Oberfoel	2nd	Brentford
Hilary Frericks	2nd	Cresbard
Colette Fortin	2nd	Mansfield
Korie Braun	2nd	Mellette

Poetry Winners

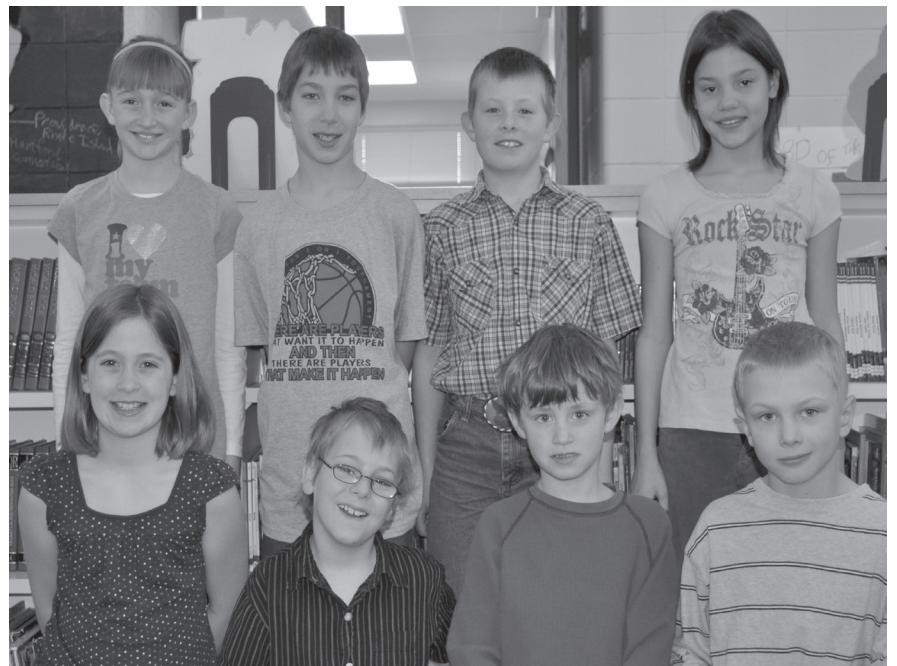
Class	Placing	Sponsoring Units
Class I (3rd)		
Katie Little	1st	Brentford
Talin Sorenson	1st	Cresbard
Riley Grandpre	1st	Mansfield
Moira Duncan	1st	Mellette
Jarret Haven	2nd	Brentford
Caleb Schentzel	2nd	Cresbard
Seth Wood	2nd	Mansfield
Sean Shepherd	2nd	Mellette
Class II (4th)		
Sadie Vander Wal	1st	Brentford
Peyton Groft	1st	Cresbard
MacKenzie Engels	1st	Mansfield
Kane Little	1st	Mellette
Jaidyn Kramp	2nd	Brentford
Evy Peterson	2nd	Cresbard
Megan Heidenreich	2nd	Mansfield
Isaac Bauer	2nd	Mellette
Class III (5th)		
Austen Wiman	1st	Brentford
Klaryssa Schnoor	1st	Cresbard
Andrew Lefforge	1st	Mellette
Class IV (6th)		
Elizabeth Heidenreich	1st	Brentford
Andrea Rausch	1st	Cresbard
Codi Sparling	1st	Mansfield
Allison Braun	1st	Mellette
Cameron Bohl	2nd	Brentford
Rachel Rausch	2nd	Cresbard
Kate Finley	2nd	Mansfield
Ethan Bauer	2nd	Mellette

2010 Americanism Poem and Essay Contest District Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were winners at the District level for the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism contest!

- Class II Poem: Peyton Groft
- Class II Essay: Derek Boekelheide
- Class III Essay: Skylar Sorenson
- Class IV Essay: Laine Mielke
- Class IV Essay: Jussy Tuscherer
- Class V Essay: Kara Fischbach
- Class V Essay: Dalton Franck

Each entry will compete at the state level in June!



Poetry winners in Class I of the Americanism Poem Contest.

Courtesy Photo



Essay winners in class V, grades 11 and 12, of the Americanism Essay Contest.

Courtesy Photo

NEWS

Northwestern Gymnasium Transformed for “Under the Sea” Prom

by Zack Wood

This year, the Northwestern gym was transformed into an underwater adventure with an under the sea themed prom. Prom was held on April 17. A wrecked wooden ship and other underwater objects decorated the grand march. The couples, 33 in all, walked through three different times and then danced afterward. Matt Larson was the DJ at the prom.

After the grand march and the dance, the couples rode the bus up to the YMCA in Aberdeen for their post prom. They swam and played basketball and racquetball. At the end of the night, names were drawn for different prizes such as a mini fridge, GPS, and microwave.

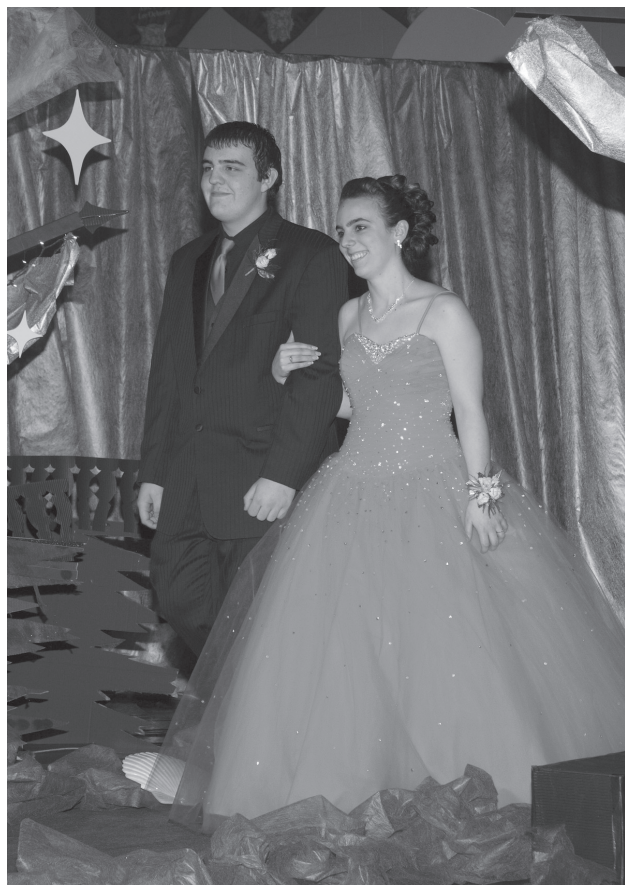
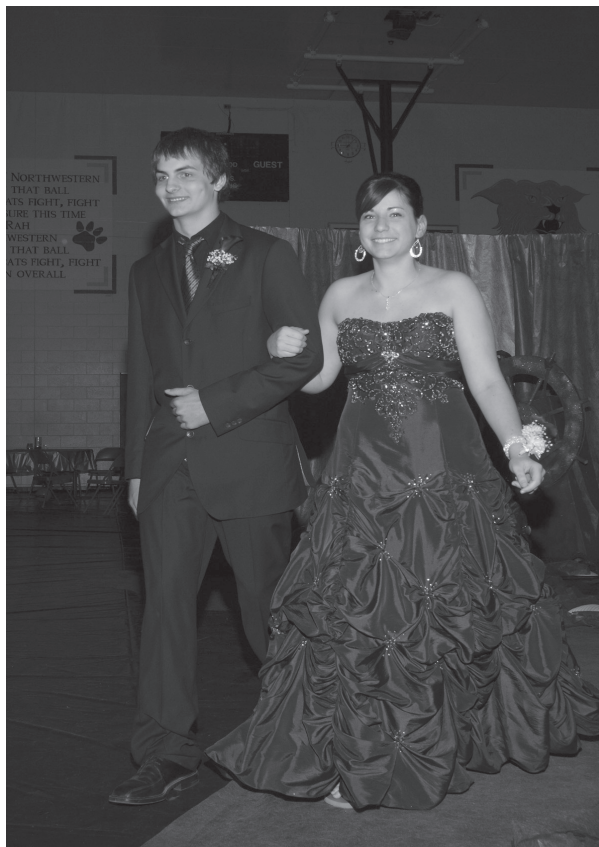
“The theme was fun and the juniors did a nice job,” Carly Peterson said.

“Post prom was a good time. I had a fantastic time playing raquetball with Carl Johnson,” senior Evan Morgan said.



Junior Chelsea Fischbach gets escorted through grand march by her date, Jake Kumpf.

“Prom was all right,” Fischbach said.

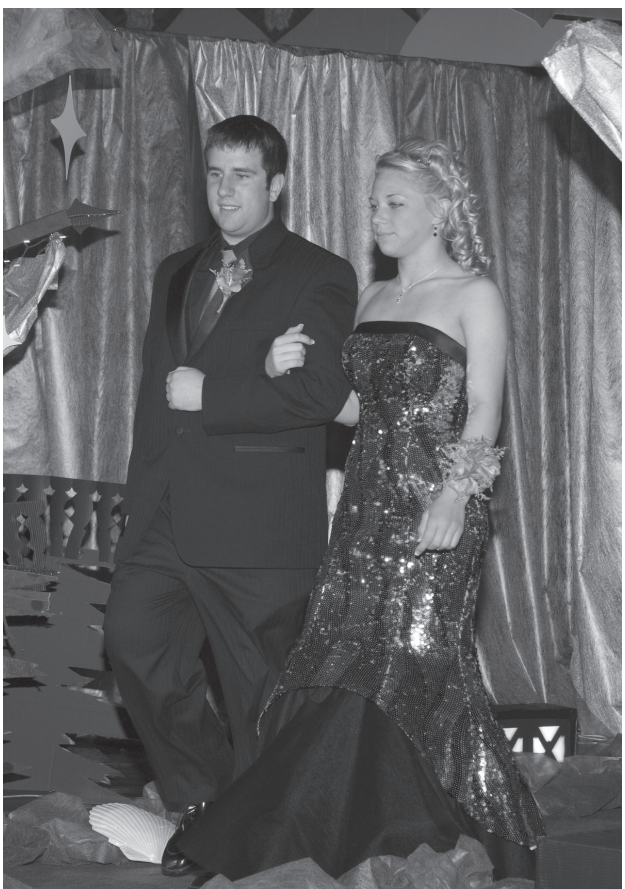


At left, junior Logen Lechner escorts his date, senior Tristen Waller, through grand march.

“It was a fun experience,” Waller said.

At right, senior Zack Wood escorts his date, sophomore Shelby Peterson, through grand march.

“The prom was a good time. The juniors did a good job, but it still doesn’t compare to last year’s prom,” Wood said.



At left, senior Landon Gab escorts his date, sophomore Mariah Taylor, through grand march.

“It was a magical night filled with a lot of fun!” Gab said.

At right, senior Jenna Larson gets escorted through grand march by her date, Mitch Friedt.

“The DJ was awesome. The set was really pretty,” Larson said.

OPINION

Tattoos

Pro

by **Laine Mielke**

The popularity of tattoos is at an all-time high, for men and women alike. Many people are sporting tattoos which tell something to the world, including who they are and what they believe.

Tattoos can have symbolic significance that gives you a chance to stand out in a crowd; it gives you a truly unique identity and tells

the world that you have arrived.

The variety of colors, sizes, shapes and designs that are available today make it possible for you to have a completely matchless tattoo. The reasoning for a particular tattoo may relate to what the person believes, it can show that they belong to a certain group or it can even demonstrate loyalty to a loved one. Many people, including most teenagers, use tat-

toos as a sign of freedom.

Tattoos can be put anywhere on the body and can really allow you to show the world your personality.

Sometimes tattoos can be used to relieve the pain of a lost loved one. Most tattoos signify some personal importance and give us the reminder that lost loved ones are not forgotten. It can be a way of coping with the loss.

Con

by **Haley Wetzler**

Tattoos can be a way of stating freedom but piercing the skin with a needle and injecting small amounts of ink produce them. Because of this procedure, the risk of infection is always a possibility. Infection depends very much on the sanitation of the artist. For instance, the risk of infection is much higher if they do not clean their equipment after

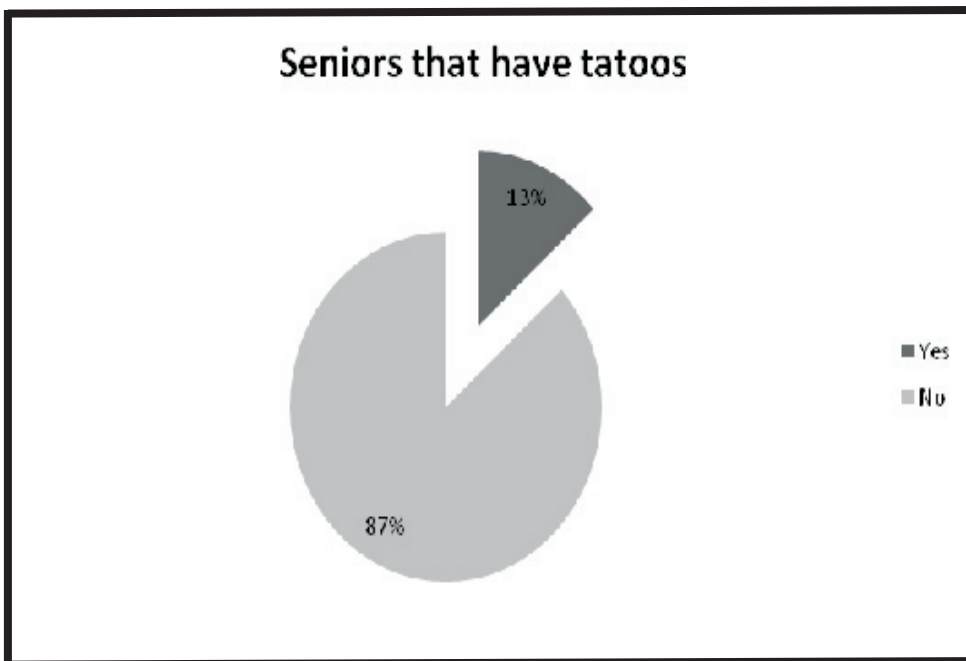
every use.

Another problem with tattoos is the cost and difficulty of removal. Tattoos can become expensive depending on the size and type of tattoo you decide to get. If you ever change your mind, surgery can be costly and carries its own risks of complications. An alternative to surgery is laser removal. However, depending on the area that you have the tattoo on, laser tattoo removal can be very painful. Other than tattoo removal

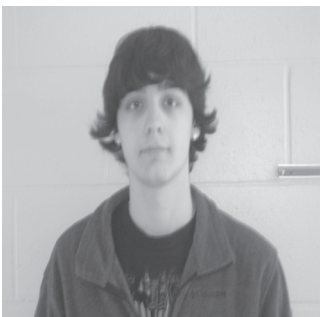
causing health risks, tattoos can also give people allergic reactions.

There is no real way to tell the difference between a good tattoo artist and bad tattoo artist other than looking at the artists' previous work. It is important to find a good artist because they only get one chance to make it perfect.

Another bad thing of tattoos is that they can leave a bad impression with people, especially sometimes with employers.



What you think



"I like them. To me they have to have meaning behind them. Also, they are addicting," Grasen Lechner said.



"We greatly approve of them because it shows one's individuality," senior Colette Fortin and Lexi Horning said.



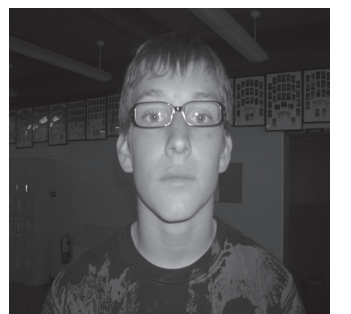
"I don't mind them but it depends on what it is and where it is at," Mrs. Sue Neiger said.



"Tattoos are acceptable as long as they are small and tasteful is nature," Mrs. Jeanine Jilek said.



"People have a right to tattoo their bodies, but it's not for me," Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.



"I think they're sweet. I'm going to get my whole body tattooed," senior Evan Morgan said.

SPORTS

Frerickses Run Half-Marathon

by Ruth Phillips

Sophomore Laken Frericks went to Lincoln, Neb., on May 2 to run a half-marathon, which consists of 13.1 miles. Laken decide to do this just for fun.

"I was excited and nervous for the half marathon. It was a great experience. My goal was to finish strong," sophomore Laken Frericks said.

Laken's mother, Lisa, school business manager, also participated in the half marathon.

"It was really exciting to run with 8,000 participants. I ran it in two hours and seven minutes," Lisa said.

Of the 6,124 finishers, Laken finished 2,752 and Lisa finished 2,756.



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At left, freshman Ashley Clemens runs the 1,600-meter relay at the LRC meet in Ipswich May 4.

At right, junior Ethan Steward runs the 3,200-meter relay.

Junior Casey Bade runs the 1,600-meter relay at the LRC meet in Ipswich May 4.



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- Mariah Taylor – 2nd Team**
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- Joni Boekelheide – Honorable Mention**

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NW Attends Eureka Track Meet

by Zack Wood

On April 6, 2010, Northwestern attended the Eureka track meet. There were many different placings on both the boys and girls side.

In the boys' individual competitions, junior Jeremiah Serfling took fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of .25.07. Serfling also took seventh in discus with a throw of 105 feet. Josh Clemens took seventh place in the 400-meter dash with a time of .58.23. Clemens also placed sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2.23.36. Casey Bade placed eighty in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.45. In the 1,600-meter run, Ethan Steward placed second with a time of 5:30.52. Steward also placed third in the two mile run with a time of 12:03.

In the girls' individual competitions, Nona Hawley took second-place in the shot put with a solid throw of 30-2. Shelby Peterson also placed in the shot put with a throw of 26-11 1/4, which put her in eighth-place. The girls had three girls place in the discus contest. Hawley took second with a throw of 84-3. Joni Boekelheide took third-place with a throw of 78-8. Peterson took sixth with a throw of 70-7. Freshman Mariah Taylor placed second in the long jump with a jump of 14-1.

In the boys' relay competition, Northwestern took seventh in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:09.88 and fourth in the 3,200-meter relay, with a time of 10:03.50. The girls received an eighth-place finish in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2:07.65 and a second-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:41.97.



Sophomore Haley Wetzler muscled her way to the finish line in the 1,600-meter relay.

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Junior Joni Boekelheide throws the shot put at the LRC meet in Ipswich May 4.

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Sophomore Jenny Lefforge hands the baton off to freshman Kimberly Miles in the 800-meter relay at the LRC meet in Ipswich May 4.

Courtesy Photo



Sophomore Mariah Taylor and senior Megan Peterson run the 400-meter dash at the LRC meet in Ipswich May 4.

Courtesy Photo

Sports

by "the" Landon Gab

MLB has started the regular season. The New York Yankees try to defend their title with new additions this year. World Series MVP Hideki Matsui is no longer patrolling left field for them. They traded for Curtis Granderson and signed Javier Vazquez. The Yankees will be strong again in the American League. I pick the young Tampa Bay Rays to come out of the American League and represent in the World Series. With good solid pitching and quality hitters they will own the league. In the National League the Philadelphia Phillies have a strong core returning and I expect them to be contenders this year with the addition of Roy Halladay. However my St. Louis Cardinals will win the pennant and go and win their 11th World Series title.

The NFL draft took place and the St. Louis Rams took home prized Sam Bradford. The best pick of the draft was Detroit Lions taking Ndamukong Suh. The Vikings missed in the first round by not taking quarterback Jimmy Clausen. This decision will haunt them for the next ten years when Brett Favre retires. Without a quarterback the Vikings will suffer.

Hitchcock-Tulare Invitational

by Zack Wood

On April 1, 2010, Northwestern Track visited the Hitchcock Tulare Invitational. For the girls, Haley Wetzler took eighth-place in the 100-meter dash with a time of .14.05. Mariah Taylor took fourth-place with a jump of 14-4.25. Kimberly Miles took seventh-place with a jump of 12-8. Nona Hawley took sixth-place with a throw of 29'-7 1/4 inches. Hawley also took fifth in the discus with a throw of 89'-10". Joni Boekelheide took eighth-place in the discus with a throw of 84'. Megan Peterson took sixth-place in the high jump with a jump of 4-6. The girls took fourth in the 1,600- and 400-meter relays. They also took second in the 800-meter relay. The girls gathered up a total of 37 points.

For the men, Jerry Serfling took fifth-place in the 100-meter dash with a run of .12.08. Serfling also took sixth in the 200-meter with a time of .25.28. Josh Clemens took seventh-place in the 400-meter dash with a speed of .55.96. Clemens also took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:22.96. Casey Bade took sixth-place in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:29.70. Ethan Steward took sixth-place in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:21.32, and took seventh place in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:59.14. The men took second place in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 9:18.70. They had a total of 31 points.

SPORTS

Meet the Tracksters...

by Trevor Toennies



Ashley Clemens
Specialty: 400-meter dash



Megan Peterson
Specialty: high jump



Joni Boekelheide
Specialty: discus, hurdles



Josh Clemens
Specialty: 400-meter relay



Gabby Morgan
Specialty: 100-meter dash



Nona Hawley
Specialty: shot put



Chelsea Fischbach
Specialty: 100-meter dash



Haley Wetzler
Specialty: relays



Cory Oberfoell
Specialty: shot put



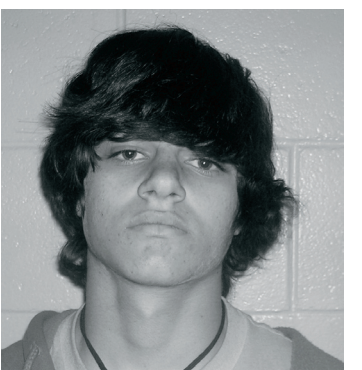
Casey Bade
Specialty: 800-meter dash



Kimberly Miles
Specialty: 100-meter dash



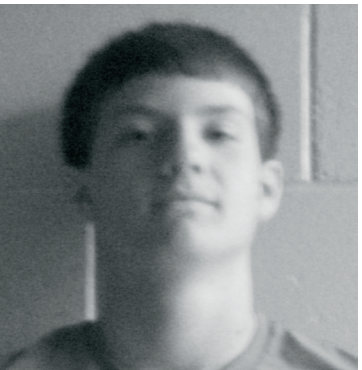
Shelby Peterson
Specialty: discus



Nathan Hawley
Specialty: 800-meter dash



Alex Hawley
Specialty: 200-meter dash



Landon Fischbach
Specialty: shot put



Jerry Serfling
Specialty: sprints



Jenny Lefforge
Specialty: 100-meter dash



Mariah Taylor
Specialty: long jump



Justin Dirksen
Specialty: 200-meter dash

STUDENT LIFE

Native Soul

Top 10 Tattoos

by Zack Wood

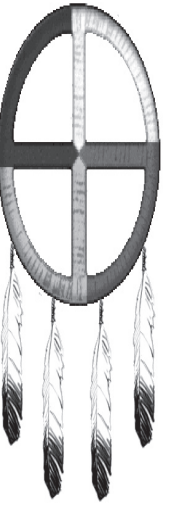
- 10. Wings
- 9. Flames
- 8. Oriental Symbols
- 7. Lower Back
- 6. Names
- 5. Tribal
- 4. Tribal with Basketball
- 3. Barbed Wire
- 2. Anchor
- 1. Cross

by Michelle Two Hearts

Just like any other family, things twist and turn, and sometimes things run out of control. On April 3, 2010, our family had the scare of our lives, and learned the essence of courage. Toward evening, a man threw out a cigarette on our dry property, and then the peta (fire), started. Screams emerged on our land as Bryce and Kirby Spinks, my two cousins, ran to the fire and attempted to put it out. Bryce ran as quick as he could into the house and found me, and we ran back out to see the fire.

While pausing for a plan, Kirby and my guardian Claudine ran quickly to the house. Bryce took immediate action in stopping the fire, and screamed at me when I tried to aid, because I have asthma and he did not want me to try to stop it. When Claudine and Kirby came back with water, we all started to fight the fire, myself included. After bucketfuls of water, we finally put the fire out, the three of us exhausted. Ten minutes after the fire had been extinguished, the firemen and police arrived. Bryce, the strongest, looked to the south as the lights shone, with an ashen face, no shirt, and melted boots, with slightly burned skin and had callused hands; Kirby had singed hair and an ashen face.

When the firemen talked to my guardian, they explained that if the wind had been blowing in the other direction, it would have taken everything. During times of tragedy, we learn to stick together. Going to school at Northwestern as a Native American student in an all-white community has broadened my horizons and has helped me get to know the wonderful people here. For all of those who enjoy my column, thank you for reading my column and getting to know me and my people. There is no word for goodbye in Lakota, because if you say goodbye, you say goodbye forever. I will miss everyone, pilamia (thank you), wiyuskinyan wanchinyanke (pleased to meet you) and of course, anpetu waste yuha yo pe (have a nice day)! May the wakan tanka (great spirit) bless you as you go on in life.



Ag Column

by Zack Wood

Farmers are starting to get into the fields for the long hard planting season. Some are still experiencing problems, such as fields being too wet. A lot of areas lost ground that has been planted on in years past, because there is a lot more water this year. That will help with getting the crops going though.

Many ranchers are still calving, and some are already done. It all depends on when they put their bulls in the pasture. So far this year, the weather has been fairly favorable for calves, aside from some of the lots being too muddy. It hasn't been very cold, and we did not have a late snowfall this year. That helps a lot with the calves.

In the hallway

by Brock Penfield

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

"No school," freshman Warren Walter said.



"Riding Quad," junior Casey Bade said.



"Softball, Melany's wedding, and hanging out with friends," Sophomore Shelby Peterson said.



"Partying like a rock star," senior Lexi Horning said.



"Huh?" senior Anyisia Reed said.



POLITICS WITH ZACK

by Zack Wood

It was recently released that the United States has 5,113 nuclear warheads in its stockpile. This is a number of active and inactive warheads. There are also thousand of missiles that need to be dismantled. The number of nukes has been reduced by 84 percent since 1964, when the United States had 31,255 warheads. This is only the second time that the number of warheads has ever been released to the public.

"We think the United States has set an example of transparency," said a

senior defense official.

Revealing the number of nukes has its pros and cons. Now, other countries know how many nukes they need to defeat our country. Then again, it could scare any other country that thinks they can mess with us.

"It doesn't matter how many we say we have, because we all know that we secretly have a lot more nukes than that. So, if any country tries to mess with us, we will blast them off the face of the earth," said Brock Penfield.

STUDENT LIFE



Congratulations class of 2010!

School Board Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, APRIL 12, 2010

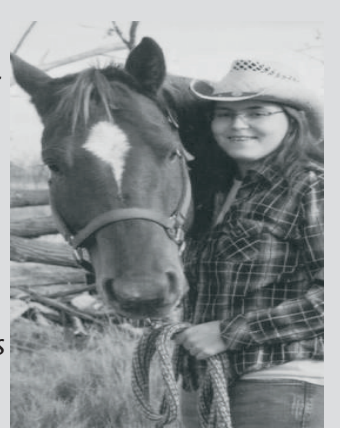
- John Emmett has resigned his position of director after 23 years at HATS. Also resigning are Jim Franzen, building trades instructor and Stephanie Symens, Visual Communications instructor.
- The preliminary HATS budget for 2010-2011 shows an increase to Northwestern of \$2,000.
- HATS has been considering a 4-day week because of high absenteeism on Fridays due to Frederick's four day week.
- The cabin project at Wylie has fallen through so Building Trades is looking for additional projects this spring.
- The Board has decided not to sponsor a scholarship this year for a HATS student.
- Dakota Step exams have started. During testing breaks the school has provided healthy snacks that have been going over well with the students.
- Hot breakfasts are also available on Dakota Step testing days through NW food service program.
- Another stage of Dibels testing was completed. Scores show that all the students have improved throughout the year. The small groups are showing a lot of progress with most students expected to meet their goals by the end of the year.
- Preschool numbers are estimated to be down next year.
- Fun Fruit & Veggie Carnival for the K-5th grade will be held in the small gym from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 16.
- Approved resignation of preschool aide, Jenifer Toennies.
- Approved membership in the SD High School Activities Association
- Re-announce two school board vacancies for 3-year term beginning July 1.
- Approved Pediatric Therapy Service Agreement with Avera St.

- Lukes.
- Congratulations to the following:
 - Student of the Month Dalton Franck
 - Rachel Finley for winning 1st place in Ad Design at Skills USA and advancing to Nationals in June.
 - Madison Hahler for receiving 2nd place in SD Junior Duck Stamp contest. Honorable mention went to Kate Finley, Rachael Boekelheide and Amanda Finley.
 - Congratulations to all students that participated in Northern State University's Regional Science Fair. The following is a list of NSU winners:
 - Rachael Boekelheide, Alyssa Steward, Madison Styles, Kendra Bohlen, Corbin Smith, Kate Finley, Hannah Palmer, Christine Morgan, Kalen Frericks/Jeanna Duncan, Cody Lefforge, Laine Mielke, Warren Walter, Joni Boekelheide/Chelsea Fischbach, Laken Frericks/Maddy Smith, Josh Clemens, Michael Smith, Kara Fischbach/Amanda Finley, Alyssa Morgan. The Science Bowl team of Kara Fischbach, Amanda Finley, Dalton Franck, Josh Clemens and Ethan Steward placed 3rd.
 - Amanda Finley for being presented with the Dr. Rehfeld Award. Amanda was awarded \$150 in cash and a plaque was presented in her honor.
 - Congratulations to the HS Chorus for receiving a I- rating at Large Group Contest and to the HS Band for receiving a I rating.
 - Congratulations to the following Girls Basketball Players for being selected for the Lake Region Conference All-Conference Teams: Megan Peterson – 1st Team, Mariah Taylor – 2nd Team, Jussy Tuscherer – 3rd Team, Joni Boekelheide – Honorable Mention
 - Next regular meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for the Monday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR PROFILES

By Logan Brown

Heather Stayner
 Parents: Darlene and Anthony Stayner
 College/Major: Enlisting in the Navy
 What will you miss most about high school: Hanging with friends, listening to the jokes, and watching my class pick on each other.



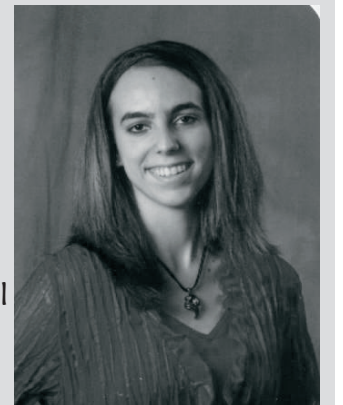
Hope Stappler
 Guardian: Zina Shepard
 Parents: Liza and Kevin Stappler
 College/Major: Northern State University/Sociology/Social Worker
 What will you miss most about high school: Friends and Boone's crazy stories



Michelle Two Hearts
 Guardians: Richard Weinreis and Claudine Bull Head
 Parents: Donovan Two Hearts and Candi Johnson
 College/Major: Northern State University/Speech/English
 What will you miss most about high school: Band, chorus, national anthem, basketball games, Mr.Boone's lectures, and friends



Tristen Waller
 Parents: John and Kristi Schlosser
 College /Major: Northern State University/Elementary Education
 What will you miss most about high school: Basketball and Friends



Zack Wood
 Parents: Steve and Rene Wood
 College/Major: South Dakota State University/Wildlife and Fisheries Management
 What will you miss most about high school: Football and causing mischief

