

Wildcats Rockin' Through the Ages

by **Laine Mielke**

Wildcats Rockin' through the Ages was the theme of this year's homecoming that took place, the week of Sept. 20.

Pajama day, along with buddy day, kicked off the week. While everyone was dressed in their pajama attire, the seniors got to dress up the freshmen. Coronation was held Monday night, followed by the powder puff football game. Seniors Colette Fortin and Tyler Bisbee were crowned homecoming queen and king.

"It was a rockin' good time, especially if our class is the last class that gets to participate in buddy day," senior Brock Penfield said.

"Buddy day was a drastic experience for everybody. The seniors had a good time, and it was fun until that person ruined it for everyone," freshman Evan Finely said.

Cowboys and cowgirls filled

the hallways on Tuesday for country western day. Tuesday night, the volleyball team participated in their Volley for a Cure event in Redfield. The Wildats defeated Redfield-Doland 3-0.

Wednesday was Rock and Roll, '50s day. The school cooks especially liked this day; they were each dressed as a member of Kiss.

"I thought cooks looked ridiculously awesome dressed as Kiss on rock and roll day," sophomore Maddy Smith said.

In the afternoon on Wednesday, the student council held a dodge ball tournament.

"It was a blast. My team could have been better, but we did all right," sophomore Logan Brown said.

Thursday was a blast from the past; flower power, hippie day. The students also had class time to work on their floats for the parade.

Friday was spirit day and the school was full of students wearing green and gold. In the morning, classes had more time to work on floats. The power buff volleyball game was also held. That afternoon, the parade took place.

Friday night, the football team battled Sully Buttes. The team fought hard, but unfortunately came away with a loss. The week ended with a dance for grades six through 12.

"Homecoming was a phenomenal time. Preparing for the extremely long parade was tiresome, but it (homecoming) turned out to be one heck of an extravaganza," senior Landon Gab said.

"Homecoming was quite the experience. We had a lot of fun," senior Evan Morgan said.



Students voted for Homecoming King Tyler Bisbee and Queen Colette Fortin.

Courtesy photo

Baby Boom at Northwestern

by **Ruth Phillips**

With enrollment down slightly again this year, eight Northwestern staff members have found their own solution: They have had or will have babies this school year.

"It is really exciting," Mrs. Kayla Sparling said. "It is really great to have teachers having babies so when (the children) get older, then they can come to this school."

Mrs. Jessica Halvorson gave

birth to son Brecken in July. Mr. Eric Borge's wife had a baby girl, Kamdyn, in July. Mrs. Doreen Leinen gave birth to a daughter, Emma, in August.

Mrs. Denise Clemens, Mrs. Tamra Haven, Sparling, Mrs. Jennifer Hahler, and Mrs. Kayla Krause all expect to deliver babies yet this school year.

The 2009-2010 school year denotes the second time a large group of staff members gave birth to children during the

same school year. Seven years ago, another group of teachers gave birth to children who now make up a large portion of Mr. Duncan's second-grade class. Ezekial Duncan, Miranda Thorson, Cassidy Frericks, Madalyn Groft, and Zechariah Clemens all arrived that year, as well as Mrs. Christy Cardella's daughter who attends Aberdeen Roncalli, and Mrs. Jennifer Schell's daughter, Sydney, who is in Mrs. Taylor's first-grade class.

"The last time the teachers were all gone with babies was eight years ago when I was a senior, and I think it is really cool to be a part in this baby boom," Sparling said.

Clemens is the only staff member involved in both baby booms.

"It's fun being a part of the whole group, but since I'm the only one in both, I feel a little bit older," Denise Clemens said.

Nora Groft Travels to Daytona Beach

by **Trevor Toennies**

In June 2009, more than 900 college faculty and high school AP English teachers scored more than 1 million AP exams in Daytona Beach, Fla., for the annual AP Language and Composition reading.

Mrs. Nora Groft spent 11 days in Daytona Beach scoring the national exam.

Many AP teachers report that participating in the AP Reading is an incredibly valuable professional develop-

ment experience.

"This was the best professional development I have ever experienced," Groft said.

Groft teaches both AP English Language and Composition and English Literature and Composition at Northwestern School. She also works for Learning Power as an AP Language cohort teacher.

The time spent examining student's performance, as well as the opportunity to exchange ideas about the types of prac-

tices that led to very high student performance, are valued aspects of the overall AP Reading experience.

"To be surrounded by individuals who care as much about academic rigor and student success in Language Arts as I do is quite gratifying," Groft said, "And to do so at one of the most beautiful beaches in the United States made for an amazing time!"



NEWS

Fifth-Graders Take Field Trip

by Logan Brown

The fifth-grade class attended a science and technology workshop in Aberdeen Sept. 28.

The class learned about robots. They learned about all of the parts of a robot, how robots move and how they turn, and they also hooked the robot up to a computer to see how it functions.

"I liked the robots and liked to work with technology," fifth-grader Klaryssa Schnoor said.

The class also learned about butterflies. Some of the things the fifth grade class learned about butterflies were how they fly, what they eat, where they live, and the three parts of a butterfly.

Finally, the class learned about windmills. The class learned the parts of a windmill, wind speed, size of the windmills, and some of the types of energy the windmills create.

The fifth grade class said that they had a lot of fun. They liked to learn about technology and how it works.

"It was fun. I liked seeing how all of the technology works," fifth-grader Derek Boekelheide said.

Student of the Month

by Joni Boekelheide

Senior Tyler Bisbee was awarded the Student of the Month for September. His parents are Richard and Kellie Bisbee.

Tyler's hobbies include hunting, fishing and watching the weather and forecast. Tyler's activities include helping other people with different things, going to church on Sundays and farming.

Tyler's favorite quote is "Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved."

"I feel that he deserves such an honor because he has never been in trouble or done anything wrong to anybody," sophomore Hunter Wood said.



Fourth Graders Reach Goals

Fourth-graders Evy Peterson, Sadie Vander Wal and Peyton Groft are Star Readers. A Star Reader has to read independently and pass reading practice quizzes. They have to read three books in a list from the teacher that has a grade level

of 4.0 and are worth four points or more.

Peyton Groft has also mastered her multiplication math facts to nine. Daily the class practices these facts, and now Peyton is working on division!



Fourth-grader Peyton Groft mastered her multiplication facts to nine.

Fourth-graders Evy Peterson, Peyton Groft and Sadie Vander Wal are Star Readers.



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NEWS

Kid Davey Makes an Appearance at NW

by Haley Wetzler

Kid Davey made an appearance at Northwestern on Thursday, Oct. 8. Students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade gathered in the gym for the performance.

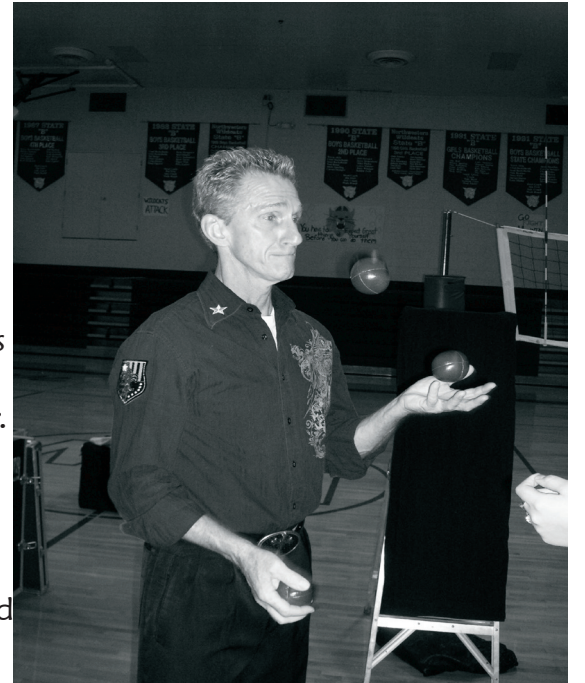
Kid Davey's topic was on teaching children how to balance their life and set their goals high. While being a highly skilled juggler, he interacted with the children and got them involved in his stunts. He talked about self-esteem, studying habits, bullying and different ways to control your life.

"I thought he was very entertaining, and both the students and the staff loved him," Mrs. Cardella said.

But with all that talking, he performed on stilts and spun plates. He pulled random objects out of an empty sack and made money come out of nowhere. He also made the teachers into The Village Teachers, a similar version to the band The Village People. Mrs. Cardella, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Heidenreich and Mr. Rozell made up The Village Teachers.

"My favorite part was when he did the bag trick. It was so cool. He had us look in the bag and even stick our hands in the bag, and nobody felt anything. But then he started pulling stuff out like scarves and other stuff too. It was amazing," eighth grader Torey Bearedemphl.

Kid Davey appears not only in schools, but on television also. He appeared on The David Letterman Show.



Kid Davey performs a juggling trick.

Photo by Haley Wetzler

Freshman Learn Character Counts

by Trevor Toennies

The freshman class partook in a day-long character counts program in the small gym of the school Sept. 24.

They were asked to spend the day in the small gym with an instructor learning about the five pillars of good character.

Toward the end of the day, they made posters and went down to the elementary to teach younger children about character counts.

"It was super fantabulous, and I had a great time,"

freshman Landon Fischbach said.

After spending the morning hours learning about the correct way to greet others, polite manners and correct public behavior, the freshmen ate lunch.

When back in the gym, they proceeded to do activities as a group and to learn about the five pillars of character.

The class then split into five groups to make a poster. After each group had made a poster for their particular pillar, they were sent to the

elementary to teach a class about what they had learned.

"It was dramatic and breathtaking, just like the Titanic, or maybe even worse," freshman Stanton Roach said.

After the activities had ended, the class was timed on how long it took them to go find cleaning supplies and then clean the small gym.

The director was happy with the students at the end of the day.

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NEWS

Students Attend All-State Chorus Workshop

by Logan Clemensen

The All-State Chorus annual workshop was held Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Northern State University's Johnson Fine Art Center.

Seniors Zach Wood, Landon Gab, Jordan Breeding, Michelle Two Heart, Jessie Sitter and Jenna Larson and juniors Ashly Wise and April Alambaugh were the 2009-2010 All-State Chorus students who attended. Most all-state participants from South Dakota were there, totaling about 350 students.

Director Bruce Justyn Geron Kotowich was the director of the workshop. Kotowich is Vocal Activities and Liturgical Music Consultant at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he teaches conducting, applied voice, and directs the Loras College Concert

Choir.

The all-state students sang through chorus pieces that the students will be singing at All-State Chorus Oct. 29-31 in Rapid City.

"The Choral Workshop was kind of boring, but the elegant food at Wild Oats made the trip a whole lot better," Gab said.

This is a very important time for students to get together and learn more about music. Northwestern students enjoyed the day and learned a lot from Director Kotowich.

"He was very interesting to listen to, and I learned better techniques to be a better singer," said Jenna Larson.

Mrs. Stephanie Lunstrum accompanied the students.

Fourth-Graders Attend Waterfest

by Ruth Phillips

The fourth-graders attended Waterfest in Aberdeen Sept. 24.

They left at 9 a.m. and got back at 11:30 a.m. In this time, they had sessions; one of these sessions was on water treatment in Aberdeen. Other sessions included water rescue, what to do in case of a flood, and wildlife safety with the game fish and parks.

They also played jeopardy questions with water.

Everyone was rotated through these sessions and that lasted about 30 minutes. All the fourth-graders from

the Aberdeen area went to this water fest.

In these sessions, the students learned about water safety, clean water and where water comes from.

They also learned about soil and participated in some fun activities.

"It was awesome. We got to see a scubadiver. My favorite part was making the bubble," fourth-grader Joey Lutter said.

"The most fun thing was seeing an invisible bug that they showed us. We got to see an otter skin," fourth-grader Kane little said.

College Planning Days

by Zack Wood

The junior class at Northwestern attended the College Planning Days at Aberdeen Central's school gym on Thursday, Oct. 1.

At the planning days, different colleges, tech schools, and even the military set up booths with information about the organization they represented.

"I was disappointed that

the Navy people left so early," junior Jeremiah Serfling said.

The students had a wonderful time and collected a lot of information about schools they may attend after high school.

"It was helpful, and they had a lot of information about the schools I am thinking of attending," junior Chelsea Fischbach said.

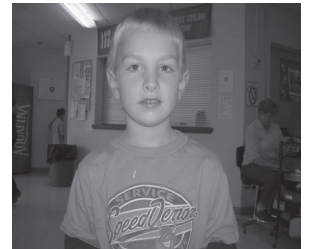
In the elementary

by Evan Morgan

What do you want to be for Halloween and why?



"I want to be a princess because I want to save people," kindergartner Emma Grandpre said.



"Darth Vader because he is cool," first-grader Seth Heidenreich said.



"A fairy because they have wings and can fly," second-grader Katelyn Lefforge said.



"I want to be caveman because I like the giant stick," third-grader Zach Toennies said.

Apple Man Entertains Elementary

By Trevor Toennies

The Apple Man came to Northwestern School Sept. 23 to talk to the elementary students about eating right, exercising and good nutrition.

He talked about how eating right was important in a healthy life style. Some of the teachers even dressed up for the entertainment. Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich dressed up as a strawberry, and Mr. Doug Duncan dressed up as a carrot.

"It was exciting and energetic," second-grade teacher Mr. Duncan said.

Grades preschool through fifth grade attended. The Apple Man strongly believes that a healthy diet will result in a healthy life style.

"It was funny," fourth-grader Austin Peterson said.

The students responded very well to what the apple man had to say.

"I liked the part about eating healthy," first-grader Hayden Bohl said.



"A southern bell because I want to wear the dress," fourth-grader Sadie Vander Wal said.



"An alien because that is all we could find at Wal-Mart," fifth-grader Derek Boekelheide said.

NEWS

Booster Club Looks for Treasurer

Rhonda Borchard has been our treasurer for a number of years and is stepping down this year!

We have one meeting a year and the job is very painless.

Please contact the school or Roylene Heidenreich if you are interested.

We also need to be thinking about who can run Boost-

er Club. I have organized the meeting and class projects for forever and should turn it over.

Booster Club benefits all students and teachers attending Northwestern.

Let's keep the spirit alive.

Sincerely,
Roylene Heidenreich

Yearbook Earns All-State

by Zack Wood

The journalism class from the 2008-2009 school year received two prestigious awards for their work last year.

The yearbook, created by Maggie Clemensen and Shari Fischbach, received the All-State yearbook award.

Northwestern was the only school in its class to receive this award.

This past year was the first year that

the yearbook was in full color.

"Maggie Clemensen and Shari Fischbach used every spare minute they had outside of class to work on the yearbook, and their hard work and dedication showed in their final product," adviser Mrs. Nora Croft said.

The newspaper, edited by Kara Fischbach and worked on by the rest of the journalism class, received the First

Class Newspaper award.

"I was surprised the newspaper received the award because of our limited number of staff members. Thanks to the hard work of most of the staff we got the job done," Junior Kara Fischbach said.

The yearbook has now received the all-state award, the highest honor possible, five times.

Junior High Math Counts

by Cory Oberfoell

The first Junior High Math Counts competition was held Sept. 30 in Groton.

The eighth-grade team consisted of Jake Heidenreich, Nick Wood, Kalen Frericks and Kristie Bade. The seventh-grade team consisted of Jordan Peterson, Corbin Smith, Zack Duncan and Halle Sieve.

They first took individual tests, and then each team took a test. Nick wood got the highest score of the individual tests.

The next contest is the morning of Nov. 4. The contest will be held at Roncalli.

"It was OK," Wood said.

"It was kind of fun," Bade said.

Mrs. Amanda Fa'Onelua accompanied the students.

Physiology Class Trip

by Haley Wetzler

On October 5, science teacher Mrs. Denise Clemens and Robyn Morgan chaperoned the physiology class trip to the radiology department of Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD.

"I thought the ultra sound machine was fascinating and I like seeing the inside of Amanda's stomach," junior Kara Fischbach.

Seniors Megan Peterson, Carly Peterson, Colette Fortin, Betsey Borchard, Lexi Horning, Anysia Reed, Michelle Two Hearts, and juniors Kara Fischbach, Hilary Frericks, Amanda Finley, and Alyssa Morgan attended the trip.

"I was really excited for the trip even though I don't plan on going into the medical field, I thought it would be an interesting alternative class," M. Peterson said.

The students and chaperons were separated into groups consisting of five students and one chaperon. The groups were guided through the CAT scan, MRI, nuclear medicine and ultrasound areas.


"My favorite part of the trip was definitely eating at Dairy Queen afterward. The cookie jar blizzard blew my mind with its deliciousness, and the car filled with seniors did not get to go to Dairy Queen," A. Morgan said.

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OPINION

Lowering the Drinking Age to 18

Pro

by Laine Mielke

Lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18 has recently been of much discussion in the legislature; the topic is obviously popular among many high school and college students.

It is highly known that the fact of an 18-year-old being able to fight for his or her country but not being able

to legally drink is considered unfair, but the legislature is looking past fairness.

Under-age drinking on college campuses is out of control.

One proposed way to deal with the lower drinking age is drinking licenses. These would allow people under the age of 21 to consume alcohol in a bar; thus keeping the drinking in certain areas.

Lowering the

drinking age would very much cut down the amount of binge drinking in high school and on college campuses. If someone can legally drink at a younger time, it could be less thrilling to them.

It would also lessen the amount of hidden drinking. If it's legal, there will be no reason to hide the fact that drinking is occurring.

Con

by Laine Mielke

Many factors, such as safety concerns must also be taken into consideration when lowering the drinking age to 18.

If more people can legally consume alcohol, more accidents will most likely follow. The number of alcohol-related accidents is already high, what happens if we add in younger drinkers?

Lowering the drinking age to 18 also opens

the door to even younger people drinking. This especially hits high school. When 18-year-olds can purchase alcohol, the chance of them purchasing it for underclassmen and younger siblings is very likely.

Maturity level must be taken seriously. How responsible would younger drinkers be?

Studies have shown that earlier drinking causes addiction problems late in life. Health factors must also be considered.

Essentially, no

matter what the legal drinking age is, the numbers of underage drinking will be high.

Lowering the drinking age would be putting more responsibility on the shoulders of high school and college students, some of which may not be mature enough to handle it.

With bigger issues to consider in our state and our country, why is the legislature wasting time (and our tax dollars) with this?

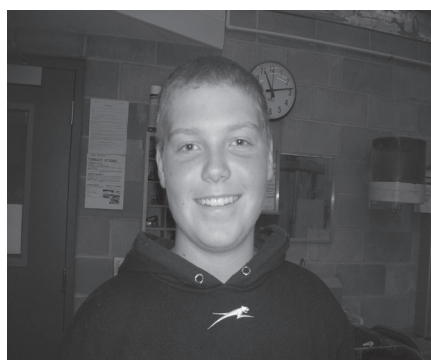
What you think



"They should not be allowed. If they do lower it, it should go back to 3.2 beer level," Jerry Sauer said.



"I think you should be 18 and a half," sophomore Gabby Morgan said.



"I don't think it would be a big deal because the three years between 21 and 18 will not make a difference in my maturity level," sophomore Alex Boekelheide said.



"I'm against it," Bill Clemens said.



I'm for it because if you can fight for your country and live on your own, then you should be able to drink," junior Alex Bauer said.



"No, because you need to be more mature to drink. Many people at the age of 21 aren't mature enough to handle drinking," Jessica Halvorson said.

SPORTS

Cheerleaders Compete

by Ruth Phillips

The competition cheerleading squad participated in a competition Oct. 12, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in Faulkton.

The team is judged on four categories which include Cheerleading Fundamentals which is worth 20 points (worth 30 if you are a tumbling group), Cheer which is worth 25 points, Dance which is worth 20 points, and Appeal & Perfection which is worth 25 points. All together, a perfect score is a 90 for SNT (100 for ST).

They placed third out of four schools. "It was a lot of fun and very exciting," sophomore Jenny Lefforge said.

They also had a competition in Redfield on Monday, Sept. 28, in which they placed third out of three schools.

They have only one competition left, and that is on Oct. 24 in Aberdeen.

These cheerleaders try their best each competition, and they cannot wait until the next competition to try to place first.

They are really excited and think they

will do well.

"The cheerleaders hope to place first in the next competition at Aberdeen Central," Lefforge said.

The Northwestern competition cheerleaders include seniors Lexi Horning, Jenna Larson and Nona Hawley, juniors Hilary Frericks and Alyssa Morgan and sophomores Gabby Morgan, Lefforge and Laken Frericks.

The cheerleaders are coached by Holly Morgan.

Northwestern Volleyball Celebrates its 25th Season

by Haley Wetzler

As Northwestern volleyball program celebrated its 25th season, they also held an alumnae event Saturday, Oct. 17 in Mellette. Forty-two former players attended the event.

As the alumnae showed up, they bought T-shirts and were given programs that contained all the volleyball team pictures dating back to 1985-86. The alumnae were sorted into four different teams. The teams warmed up and played one game to 25. After the games, all the alumnae lined up in front of the net while Terrence Ketterling took a photo.

The volleyball parents served barbecues and fruit to the current team and the alumnae. The alumnae attended the volleyball match that night against Milbank. Before the varsity match, the alumnae were announced and asked to come stand at the end line of the court. The 2009 volleyball team gave each alumni a yellow rose. Kathy Graves was thanked by the volleyball team and alumnae for such hard work that she had put in for the volleyball program. Graves will be inducted into the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in November 2009.

The adventures of Brock and Evan

by Brock Penfield and Evan Morgan

After we left the Mexican Riviera, we started boating towards China with our smart and good-looking senioritas so that we could purchase baby panda bears to raise as our own. We had a hard time finding these baby pandas because we could not speak Chinese, so we kept thinking that they were saying mean things to us and would end with us getting very angered at them, and yelling very loudly at them. Luckily our very smart and good looking senioritas knew Chinese and were able to find out where we needed to go to get these awesome creatures. After getting these bears and finding a lifetime supply of bamboo, we returned to our yacht for a perfectly cooked steak, hash browns, garlic toast, and shrimp skewer. Once we finished, we began building forts on the deck of our yacht out of bamboo for our young bears. We set our GPS for our next destination, set the cruise control and went to the forts that we built to snuggle with our senioritas and pandas.



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SPORTS

Wildcats win over Trojans

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern beat Faulkton in three sets, 25-13, 25-11, 25-13 on Oct. 8 in Faulkton. The Wildcats served 62 of 67 and had 17 aces. Junior Kara Fischbach served 16 of 16 with six aces. NW attacked 80 of 85 and had 35 kills. Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer attacked 32 of 33 and had 12 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 66 of 67 and had 27 assists. Led by sophomore Haley Wetzler, Northwestern had 39 digs. The Wildcats had a total of one solo and six assisted blocks. Tuscherer had two assisted blocks.



Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer sets the ball while sophomore Mariah Taylor watch and freshman Ashley Clemens and senior Megan Peterson transition to hit.

Courtesy photo

Northwestern falls to Warner

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern lost to Warner in five sets, 23-25, 25-22, 20-25, 25-21, 17-19 on Sept. 24 in Warner. The Wildcats served 98 of 108 and had 10 aces. Sophomore Mariah Taylor served 19 of 21 with five aces. The team attacked 142 of 153 and had 62 kills. Senior Megan Peterson attacked 44 of 46 with 19 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 116 of 116. Sophomore Haley Wetzler had 29 of the team's total 91 digs. NW had a total of seven solo and 12 assisted blocks and was led by sophomore Jussy Tuscherer, who had four solo and four assisted blocks.

Northwestern shakes Groton

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern beat Groton in three sets, 25-8, 25-17, 25-21 on Oct. 20 in Groton. The Wildcats served 68 of 72 and had 14 aces. Sophomore Haley Wetzler served 16 of 16 with four aces. The team attacked 61 of 71 and had 41 kills. Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer attacked 18 of 21 with 17 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 60 of 60 with 36 assists. Wetzler had nine of the team's 36 total digs. NW had one solo and 13 assisted blocks.

NW dominates Redfield-Doland

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern beat Redfield-Doland in three sets, 25-9, 25-11, 25-7 on Sept. 29 in Redfield. The Wildcats served 69 of 70 and had 11 aces. Senior Carly Peterson served 15 of 15 with two aces. NW attacked 76 of 79 and had 30 kills. Senior Megan Peterson attacked 25 of 26 with 12 kills. C. Peterson set 61 of 62 with 28 assists. Sophomore Haley Wetzler had 16 of the team's 44 digs. The Wildcats, led by sophomore Mariah Taylor, had one solo and 14 assisted blocks.

NW beats Milbank

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern won against Milbank in three sets, 26-24, 25-19, 25-15 on Oct. 17 in Mellette. NW served 65 of 70 and had 11 aces. Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer served 15 of 15 with four aces. The Wildcats attacked 89 of 101 and had 43 kills. Tuscherer attacked 32 of 36 with 18 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 83 of 84 and had 37 assists. Led by Tuscherer, the team had a total of 48 digs. NW had two solo and eight assisted blocks.

NW wins against Leola-Frederick

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern defeated Leola-Frederick in three sets, 25-12, 25-12, 25-12 on Sept. 26 in Frederick. The Wildcats served 61 of 65 and had nine aces. Junior Kara Fischbach served 13 of 14 with three aces. The team attacked 78 of 82 and had 41 kills. Senior Megan Peterson attacked 22

Sports

by **"the" Landon Gab**

Football is in full swing in the NFL now. Many surprising teams have started out of the gates. The Denver Broncos are 6-0 as well as the Vikings. The Tennessee Titans are 0-5 which is very surprising to many people including me. It is time that Vince Young gets his starting job back at the quarterback position. The defense also needs work. Green Bay needs help on the offensive line to cut down the sacks and hits Aaron Rodgers is taking. This will ensure the Packers are at full force coming into the thick of the mid season. "It has kind of been a disappointment for the St. Louis Rams," senior Brock Penfield said.

Baseball is in the post-season now. The Cardinals and Twins were swept in the first round which surprised many viewers. Especially since Albert Pujols is on the Cardinals team. I look for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Yankees to make it to the world series. I look for the Yankees to hang another championship banner. Look for some key offseason signings too. Matt Holiday is looking for money and could resign with the Cardinals and look to make them a contender for next year again.

Wildcats beat Bearcats

by **Laine Mielke**

Northwestern defeated Webster in three sets, 25-8, 25-10, 25-3 on Oct. 6 in Mellette. The Wildcats served 71 of 73 and had 14 aces. Sophomore Jussy Tuscherer served 24 of 24 with five aces. NW attacked 56 of 59 and had

37 kills. Senior Megan Peterson attacked 18 of 18 with 16 kills. Senior Carly Peterson set 44 of 44 and had 27 assists. Sophomore Haley Wetzler had nine of the team's 27 total digs. The Wildcats had one solo and four assisted blocks.

SPORTS

Wildcats beat Wolsey-Wessington

by **Joni Boeckelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Wolsey-Wessington Warbirds 34-6 on Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, in Wolsey in a non-conference football game.

In the first quarter, senior Evan Morgan had a 47-yard run for the Wildcats first touchdown, and the conversion was good on the play. In the

second quarter, senior Brock Penfield had a one-yard run, and the conversion was good, and Morgan had a 28-yard pass from senior Landon Gab. In the third quarter, junior Alex Bauer had a 19-yard run. In the fourth quarter, Morgan had a four-yard run for the Wildcats.

NW falls Sully

Buttes

by **Joni Boeckelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats (2-3) lost to the Sully Buttes Chargers (5-0) 20-12 in a non-conference football game at Mellette on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009.

For the Wildcats, senior Landon Gab had a one-yard run for the first touchdown. Senior Evan Morgan had a five-yard pass from Gab for the second touchdown.

Northwestern rushed 30-128 (Morgan 19-108), passed 8-17-1 for 134 (Gab 8-17-1 for 134), received (Josh Clemens 3-104) and had nine first downs.

Northwestern defeats

Warner

By **Joni Boeckelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats (3-3) defeated the Warner Monarchs (1-5) 20-12 on Friday Oct. 9, 2009, in a Lake Region Conference football game in Mellette.

Senior Ty Brown had an 85-yard kickoff return to score the first touchdown for the Wildcats. Senior Landon Gab had a one-yard run for the second touchdown and senior Evan Morgan ran for the two-point conversion. Junior Alex Bauer had a nine-yard run from the third touchdown.

For the Monarchs, senior Andy Bertsch had a 78-yard kickoff return for the first touchdown. Senior Will Rozell had a four-yard run for the second touchdown.

Warner rushed 39-100 (W. Rozell 14-63, Clay Rozell 9-37), passes 4-10 for 46 (Aaron Kendall 4-9 for 46), received (W. Rozell 2-30, Brady Fuhrman 2-16), and had seven first downs.



Senior Brock Penfield returns the kick while senior Stetson Kretschmar and junior Alex Bauer block and senior Ty Brown trails behind.

Courtesy photo

In the stands

By **Logan Brown**

Who is your favorite football player and why?



“ Ty Brown because he is my son,” Wayne Brown said.



“ Evan Morgan because he is my son,” Lisa Morgan said.



“ Zach Wood because he is my loving brother and he takes care of me well,” Nick Wood said.



“ Evan Morgan because of his strong muscle tone,” Dylan Miles said.

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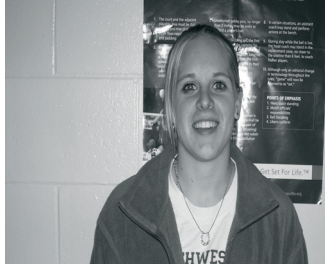
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Carly Peterson



Megan Peterson



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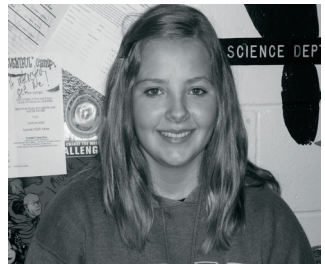
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Sophomore Mariah Taylor passes the ball

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Senior Carly Peterson sets the ball as sophomore Jussy Tuscherer gets ready to hit.

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STUDENT LIFE

Native Soul

by Michelle Two Hearts

This month I am going to talk about family values and the essence of family. Kenel SD is home to my grandmothers and other relatives in my family; Alberta, Esther, Germaine, and Isabelle. My grandmother Alberta is in her 80s. She lives in a small house at the face of town. The house is very small, but it holds a lot of love. She is an eternal student, sitting and drinking coffee, reading for days on end. She is proud of all her young youth, she wants us to succeed and go on and make something of ourselves. She is a tough woman-she's an observer, and sits in her house and listens to those who come inside and share a quick visit like the queen; Queen Alberta. Everyone attends to her with great respect and she is a very regal person.

My other grandmothers are Esther, Isabelle, and Germaine. Esther is my great-grandmother, and she is a very sentimental woman. She makes quilts and makes good fry bread. Isabelle is the word of the community-she is omniscient. She is very social and full of information. Germaine is the "go-to" gal. She can talk and laugh with others with an unknown charm, in her kitchen. Elaine is a very informative person, but is very proud of her culture. She has provided me with a lot of information with this column. Family is something that we never stray away from.



Top 10 Halloween Costumes

by Zack Wood

10. Chewbacca
9. UPS man
8. Mario
7. Batman
6. Barrack Obama
5. Green M&M
4. Sasquatch
3. Mexican
2. Naughty nurse
1. French Maid

Ag Column

by Zack Wood

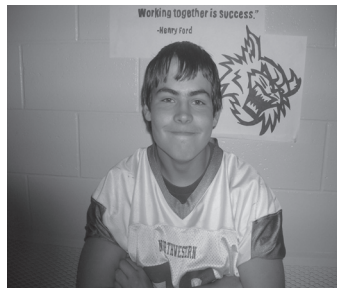
Farmers around the area are having trouble getting their crops in. The large amounts of rainfall in the area makes the fields too wet to combine. The combines will just get stuck. Many fields have standing water in them. Certain crops need to be at a specific moisture level to be taken to the elevator. Many farmers are concerned that it will not warm up the rest of the year and the crops will not dry out. The soybean pods will eventually start splitting open because of the cold weather and farmers' crops will all end up on the ground. Lets hope all the area farmers get their crops in before the snow flies.

In the hallway

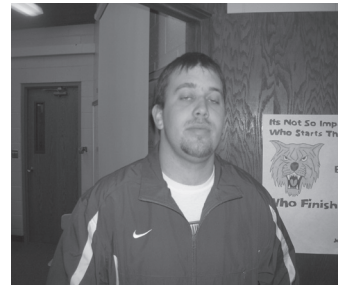
by Brock Penfield

What are you going to do for Halloween?

"I am going to spend the beautiful evening with my good friend Brock," sophomore, Hunter Wood said.



"I am going to trick or treating in the big city of Brentford, dressed as Iron Man," senior Logan Clemensen said.



"I am going to go trick or treating and get tons of candy," sophomore Maddy Smith said.



"I am going to smash pumpkins," junior Casey Bade said.



POLITICS WITH ZACK

by Zack Wood

The healthcare reform that is being worked on faces tough legislative action as lawmakers try to make one bill out of several. The senate is currently taking two bills that they made and putting them together. Once they do that, the senate and the house will vote on both of their versions of the bill to make a single bill to send to the president to review. Health insurance

companies stocks are falling from fear of the bill passing and hurting their profits. Health insurance companies have released two studies that show premiums rising if the bill passes. Republicans have condemned the plan as a costly and heavy-handed government intrusion into the private healthcare sector. They also state measure will get even worse as it moves forward.

STUDENT LIFE

In the middle school

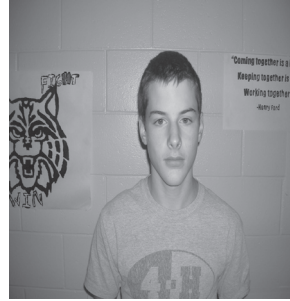
by Logan Clemensen

What's your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

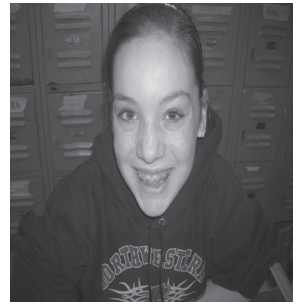
"I love turkey," sixth-grader Mark Phillips said.



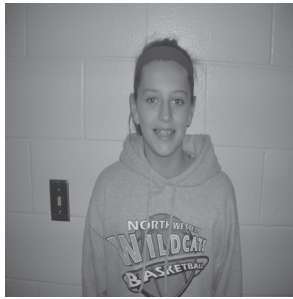
"The gravy over the mashed potatoes and turkey," eighth-grader Nick Wood said.



"Turkey and mashed potatoes," eighth-grader Kalen Frericks said.



"Apple pie is awesome," seventh-grader Jordon Peterson said.



"The pumpkin pie is my favorite," sixth-grader Nolan Peterson said.



"Turkey," eighth-grader Paige Metzinger said.



School Board highlights

- The Hub Area Technical School has a new sign and logo hanging on the building.
- Aberdeen Central will be picking up the dust collection system that was surplus.
- Hub Area Technical School has been turned down for Perkins Funding. One of the rejections would have been used for middle school ALC program. Also rejected was funding for automotive software and a health occupations student trip to NDSCS. They are hopeful that they can make up the funding elsewhere.
- HATS approved a donation from Kreiser's Medical Supply for five cases of medical examination gloves.
- PSAT testing will be given to the juniors on Oct 14.
- Middle school students will be attending the King Tut exhibit on Friday, Oct 16th.
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for October 29th.
- Character Counts programs will start in November.
- Northwestern's SAT team (Student Assistant Team), consisting of Rich Osborn, Jackie Remily, Marilyn Battey, Sue Neiger, and Chris Osborn attended a training seminar in Lead, SD. The program concentrates on 4 specific areas that are often absent in students that are not succeeding. The team will be getting everything in place to start this program in January of 2010. Student referrals can include teachers, administrators, parents, students and other staff members.
- Tabled the decision to join the school coalition lawsuit. The

coalition is asking for \$5000 from our school to support this.

- NW is considering, with parental approval, of moving the 8th grade boy's basketball players up to junior varsity team due to lack of numbers.
 - The salad bar and hot breakfast on Wednesdays seem to be going well and comments have been very positive.
 - Enrollment is down by four students this year compared to last year.
 - Approved contract amendments for Mrs. Schell and Mrs. Groft.
 - Approved contracts for Judy Lindhorst and Robin Paulson.
 - Attendance policy does have an exception for extenuating circumstances such as the H1N1 virus. Students and staff who have flu-like symptoms are encouraged to stay home to stop the spread of the virus.
 - Rodney & Casey Bade and Jerry & Trevor Toennies talked to the board about approving a wrestling coop with Warner. No decision will be made until more details are known from Warner.
- Next regular meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 7:30 a.m. in the morning.

The SCRIP board, formerly the Connections Afterschool Program board, would like to thank our SCRIP customers for their continued support of the SCRIP program. Your continued support has allowed us to give \$100 to the preschool for computer software and \$100 to the elementary library for prizes to be used in their winter reading contest.

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