

Sixth-Grader Attends State MathCounts

Derek Boekelheide places 23rd in state event

by **Courtlen Lechner**

Sixth-grader Derek Boekelheide made math history by being the first Northwestern student to advance to state MathCounts, an event for students who exceed in math to come together to compete by taking difficult math tests.

This organization encourages students to focus on academic achievement.

"Competing in the state MathCounts was really cool and interesting," Boekelheide said.

The event took place in Pierre, S.D., on Friday, March 11-12.

Boekelheide, his mother Kris and Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua, the math teacher at NW, stayed at the Kings Hotel.

Boekelheide did not compete until Saturday. He took tests and competed all day Saturday.

"I would love to compete again at state MathCounts. It was a really neat experience," Boekelheide said.

Out of a total 48 students in grades six through eight competing, Boekelheide placed 23rd.

At the competition, there were only two students from "B" schools. The other 46 stu-

dents were from "A" or "AA" schools.

Also, there were only three sixth-graders attending state math counts.

"It is exciting to see Northwestern have students who can compete in academic state events such as this. Derek is an excellent student, and he will go far. I hope to see more students thriving to achieve such honors," Fa'onelua said.



Finley Awarded Davis-Bahcall Opportunity Scholarship

by **Courtlen Lechner**

Amanda Finley, a senior at Northwestern, was one of the recipients for the Davis-Bahcall Opportunity Scholarship. Students who receive this scholarship may have the opportunity to go to a trip to Italy July 23 to Aug. 13.

Both seniors in high school and freshmen in college were among the 10 students chosen.

Recipients have three different rounds to go through before chosen to receive this scholarship.

In the first round, students needed to send in their grades, write a 500-word essay and send their Scholastic Aptitude Test and American College Test-

ing scores.

After sending in what was needed, 30 students were chosen to be interviewed for 30 minutes. Judges were able to pick only 10 students to be awarded the scholarship. The judges picked five males and five females, of whom seven were in high school and three were in college.

When the program first starts, the students chosen will leave for two weeks. They will tour home sick mines and do a group research project. After that, it will depend on funding who will travel to Italy. If they cannot travel, the students will take a trip to the Fermi Lab in Iowa. Winners will get a mentorship.

"It is amazing. Having Amanda at our school doing this, makes younger children think they can do what she does. She is a great role model to everybody," sophomore Kelsey Hoellein said.

Some people may think that obtaining this scholarship would be very difficult to do. To Finley it seems easy. For her it is like writing an essay on something she loves. Everything comes very naturally to her.

"I think it will be a great experience for me and my future," Finley said.



Clemens Signs to Play College Football

by **Courtlen Lechner**

Josh Clemens, a senior at Northwestern, has been awarded the opportunity to be signed to play college football at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, S.D.

"I think that it is awesome that somebody at such a small school gets the opportunity to play at college football," sophomore Kelsey Hoellein said.

Awhile ago, Clemens went to

tour the college and personally talk to the head football coach.

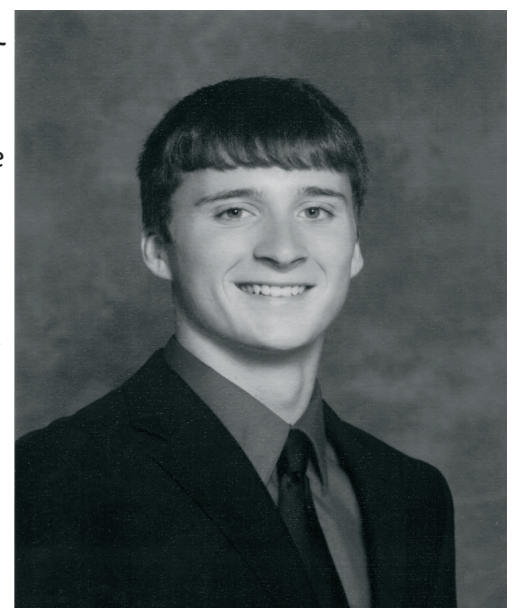
"I think it is really neat to have an older brother to go off and play football. It will be really exciting to go off and watch him play. He is an awesome brother and a great role model to me," sophomore Ashley Clemens said.

"I think Josh will really enjoy playing football at School of Mines. He enjoyed playing football at Northwestern, and I

think it will be a good opportunity for him to play with other excellent athletes. I hope to hear his name when he becomes a big college football star," sophomore Calli Peterson said.

Clemens played four years of football at Northwestern and looks forward to continuing his career.

"It is going to be a great experience. I am too excited! I do not know what to say," J. Clemens said.



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8th Grade: Straight A: Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Christine Morgan, Halle Sieve, Corbin Smith; "A": Jordon Peterson; "B": Zachary Duncan, Hannah Palmer, Tessa Rush, Kennedi Sparling, Carolina Spielman, Blake Toennies.

Fischbach Chosen to be a Legislative Page

by Kelsey Hoellein

Senior Kara Fischbach served as a Legislative Page from Feb. 22-25 and Feb. 28-March 3.

To become a page, she had to fill out an application, get permission from high school officials and have a legislator from her district sponsor her by signing her application.

The general duties of a page include getting coffee, pop, water, food; making copies and retrieving items like power cords or binders. All pages stayed in residential homes. They either stayed with other pages or solo.

Fischbach's day began at about 7:15 a.m. every day and ended from an hour and a half to two hours after the legislative session adjourned. The legislative sessions start at 1 or 2 p.m. every day and can last anywhere from six or seven at night.

Fischbach worked in the Senate, and Senator Jim Hundstad sponsored her. In the morn-



ings, she delivered mail to her assigned Senators and sat in on committees.

"My favorite committee was probably the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee, which heard a bill about opening the prairie dog hunting season to year round," Fischbach said.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, March 14, 2011

- Hub Area will not be offering a manufacturing class next year.
- Hub Area's house sale is scheduled for May 16, 2011.
- The LRC Math contest will be held on March 23rd at the Strode Center. Two students from each high school math class will be attending
- There will be 18 high school and 15 middle school students that will participate in the NSU Science Fair on March 24, 2011.
- On March 25th we will be dismissing at 2:00 for staff training on the AED.
- AP testing will take place May 2 to May 13.
- The elementary staff has selected a new social studies curriculum for next year.
- Dakota Step testing window is set for April 4 – April 22. This is for grades 3-8 and 11.
- Caring Character students for the month of February are Jude Ortmeier, Sawyer Styles, Hailie Stuck, Hailey Boekelheide, Zach Toennies and Megan Heidenreich.
- A summer strength and conditioning program is being lined up for middle school and high school students. This would be similar to the Budig program but only cost the students around \$50.
- We are working on next year's school calendar. Tentatively we are looking at starting school on August 23rd and ending on May 11th.
- Invited teachers to negotiate 2011-2012 contracts.
- Re-announced two board vacancies up for re-election/election. Petitions may be obtained at the business office and may begin circulation on April 12, 2011. Petitions must be filed by May 13th at 5:00 p.m.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month Amanda Finley.
- Congratulations to the third grade and fourth-fifth-sixth grade volleyball teams for winning the Y tournament.
- Congratulations to Amanda Finley for being recipient of the Davis-Bahcall Opportunity Scholarship. She was one of ten students in the state to receive this award.
- Congratulations to the students selected to Boys or Girls State. Laine Mielke (Journalism City), Kathy Stuck, Madison Smith, Laken Frericks, Alex Boekelheide and Casey Kulm.
- Congratulations to the Boys Basketball All-Conference team selection: Michael Smith – 1st team; Josh Clemens – 2nd team; Landon Fischbach – honorable mention.
- Congratulations to Kathy Stuck and Calli Peterson for winning individual acting awards at the Region One Act Play contest.
- Congratulations to Derek Boekelheide for his 23rd out of 48 place at State Math Counts.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for April 11 at 3:00 p.m.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of March 20, 2011.

Student of the Month: Amanda Finley

by Katrina Frericks

Senior Amanda Finley received the student of the month award for April. Her parents are James and Jolinda Finley. Her siblings are Evan, Kate and Jacob.

Amanda's activities include softball, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellow Christian Athletes, Science Bowl, Quiz Bowl and Science Club. Her hobby is painting. Her favorite classes are AP English, history and art.

"I think it's great; she has worked hard and showed that she deserves it," sophomore Courtlen Lechner said.

Her future plan is to attend SDSMT for chemical and biological engineering.

Amanda's role model is Mrs. Denise Clemens.

Amanda's favorite quote is "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:18.

Her most embarrassing moment has been any time she has



tripped in high-heeled boots and biffed it.

"I think Amanda is definitely deserving because of her fantastic work ethic and exemplary grades. I think a lot of the students that get student of the month don't necessarily fit all those qualities. It's nice to see someone that works really hard and takes difficult classes get recognized," senior Kara Fischbach said.

A huge congratulations to Amanda Finley for being the recipient of the Davis-Bahcall Opportunity Scholarship. Amanda is one of ten students in the state of South Dakota to receive this award. She will be awarded three weeks of research opportunities this summer at the Homestake Mine Lab, Fermi Lab in Chicago and the Gran Sasso National Lab in Italy. Congratulations, Amanda!

Pancake Feed Held

By Alex Boekelheide

On Sunday, March 13, the Trinity Men's Club put on a pancake feed at the Trinity Lutheran Church to raise money for the church. They were assisted by the youth group at Trinity. They served pancakes, French toast, sausage and eggs. To drink, they served orange Kool-aid, milk and coffee.

"The food was excellent. I thought it was a top-notch meal. After I was done eating, I helped in the back cleaning dishes. Overall, I thought the event was a great success. We had a great turnout this year," junior Mariah Taylor said.

The event has been held in the basement of the Trinity Lutheran Church for a number of years. It is a great event for people to get together and socialize to raising money for a good cause.

"The guys did a great job cooking. The food was excellent. Once I was done eating, I helped take orders for what the people wanted to eat. I would bring them out their food. Also, I took orders for what people wanted to drink. I would have to say that this is a good way to raise money. How can you fail? Who doesn't like pancakes?" freshman Maddie Hahler said.

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Driver's Education

Driver's education for students who will be 13 ½ years or older as of June 1, 2011 will begin on March 21 from 4-7 p.m.

Forms were handed out to middle school students. Any other students in grades 9-12 who are interested in taking drivers ed. please pick up a form in the office.

Students must complete 30 hours of classroom instructions. Classroom instruction is scheduled for 3:45-7:00 on the following dates: March 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31 and April 1, 7, 8, and 11.

The driver's ed. instructor is Jerry Sauer.

Students must complete six hours of behind the wheel instruction. Behind the wheel instruction is scheduled beginning April 12 from 3:30-7:30. This schedule will be Monday-Friday.

There will be 3 students driving per week. The students will take a 15-minute break for supper. Starting the week of May 16 there will be 3 groups of 3 students for the driving portion of the class. The schedule will be 8:00-11:30, 11:30-3:30, 3:30-7:00. The driving will be when school is out for the summer.

The cost of driver's ed. is \$150 per student. After each student has completed driver's ed. and has scored an 80% on the written and driving test they must ride with an adult for at least 90 days.

American Legion Auxiliary Holds Scrapbooking Event

Scrapbooking Event

By Alex Bockelheide

On March 4 and 5, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary put on a scrapbooking weekend for a fundraiser at the Northwestern High School. There were vendors that offered different scrapbooking materials for the people attending the event. Also, there were items that were up for bid during a silent auction. Door prizes were also raffled off as well.

"We have been putting this on for three years now. It is a wonderful experience. I learned a lot and it is a great way to raise money for the American Legion Auxiliary and other organizations," junior Kathy Stuck said. Stuck was the announcer of the event.

At the event, people could either buy scrapbooking supplies and assemble a scrapbook at home, or they could assemble the scrapbook while attending the event.

"It was an excellent move to hold it at the school this year. We had much more room. Therefore, we

were able to host over 50 scrapbookers and crafters. We raised over \$1,600 for the Brentford American Legion Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary," Mrs. Jessica Halvorson said.

Junior Laine Mielke and Stuck sold cans of pop to raise money for the gas to be used to travel to Girls State in Vermillion. Once the cans were empty, the two collected the pop tabs and gave them to the Ronald McDonald House.

"I think it is a great charity to be donating to. The families that are helped through the House have been through a lot and medical and hotel costs are the last things they need to be worrying about. Giving our time and efforts to projects that are beyond ourselves is what the Auxiliary is all about and this project definitely continues that," Mielke said.

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Jensen Travels to Washington, D.C.

by Katrina Frericks

Senior Shaina Jensen traveled with the National Hemophilia Foundation's National Youth Leadership Institute for the group's annual Washington Days held Feb. 16-18.

Jensen has type 3 Von Willebrand disease, a bleeding disorder that affects the blood's ability to clot. Von Willebrand disease is genetic and affects an estimated 1 to 2 percent of the population.

Last month Jensen traveled to Washington, D.C., to promote the organization's stance on health care for no declining of coverage for pre-existing conditions and no lifetime caps on coverage. She also talked to the South Dakota's congressional delegation and other members of congress about the health care reform bill.

Jensen is planning local fundraisers to attend camps that



help children with disabilities. In D.C., the group also raised money for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which helps fund treatment centers for people with bleeding disorders.

Students Learn More About Military Training

by Ashley Clemens

Cadet Sergeant Herbert Jockheck from West Point Military Academy spoke to Northwestern students Friday, March 11.

Jockheck spoke about the different levels of military training. Also, he explained what kind of schooling a student would have to go through.

"It reminded me of the movie 'Star Ship Troopers.' It was pretty cool to learn about. I thought that the high school students did a really good job listening intently to the military guy," sophomore Stanton Roach

said.

"He was informative on what to look forward to West Point. He was very interesting and fun to listen to. There was a lot of good information he gave out to us," junior Jared Fischer said.

"I was really excited to hear about what he had to say about the military. It was fun to know all the facts on what different levels there are and what each one does and the job they do. After attending that, I would now like to learn more about it," sophomore Ray Lerew said.

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Students Attend Women in Science

by Calli Peterson

Females from junior high to high school at Northwestern attended Women in Science at Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen on Tuesday, March 18.

At Women in Science, seven women from different areas of science careers came to speak. The students were able to choose four out of seven sessions where the career women spoke.

“The speakers that I listened to were very interesting. They helped me to put more consideration into entering a career in the science field; the information that they presented was very beneficial. The only downfall was the keynote speaker not being able to make it. The fill-in speaker did a great job, but I did not find it overly exciting or interesting,” junior Laine Mielke said.

Women in Science is held every year to encourage female

students to go into science careers. Unfortunately, the storm chaser keynote speaker was not able to make it. Instead a master teacher of physics and astronomy filled in.

The students from NW who went were seventh-graders Madison Styles and Cameron Bohl; eighth-graders Haley Grandpre and Christine Morgan; freshmen Jeanna Duncan, Kristie Bade, Kalen Frericks, Torey Beardemphl and Paige Metzinger; sophomores Kimberly Miles, Ashley Clemens and Courtlen Lechner; juniors Jenny Lefforge, Annie Lutter, Mielke, Laken Frericks, Gabby Morgan and Shelby Peterson.

“I was really interested in the different science-related jobs I witnessed. My favorite was the Air Force lady. She was awesome! She was really funny. I would consider going that field when I am older,” Clemens said.

Juniors Selected for Girls and Boys State

by Logan Brown

The Girls and Boys State interviews held Wednesday, March 2 ended in two male students and four female students selected.

The girls had to interview to be selected.

The following junior girls have been selected for Girls State: Laine Mielke (Journalism City), Brentford unit; Laken Frericks, Cresbard unit; Madison Smith, Mansfield unit and Kathy Stuck, Mellette unit.

Girls State will be held in Vermillion on the University of South Dakota campus on Monday, May 30 through Saturday, June 4, 2011.

The following junior boys have been selected for Boys State: Alex Boekelheide and Casey Kulm.

“I think it is going to be a good way to learn how our government works,” Boekelheide said.

Boys State is held at Northern State University from Monday, May 30 through Friday, June 3, 2011.

“I think it’s going to be a good experience to meet people outside of our comfort zone and to do things in different ways than we are used to,” Kulm said.

Students Participate in JO Volleyball

by Kelsey Hoellein

Northwestern School has 10 students participating in Junior Olympics volleyball, an organization for Aberdeen-area athletes to play with different schools in their age group.

In the U16 age group, freshmen Jeanna Duncan, Paige Metzinger and Kalen Frericks are participating.

“It is really fun, and I will get to meet a lot of new people,” Frericks said.

In the U14 age group, eighth-grader Christine Morgan and seventh-graders Madison Styles,

Abby Fischbach and Kirstin Borge are participating.

In the U12 age group, fifth-grader Peyton Groft, fourth-grader Moira Duncan and sixth-grader Darby Duncan and are participating.

Senior Kara Fischbach, who has played three years of JO volleyball, coaches one of the U12 teams, NESD Red.

Athletes play in four tournaments and practice twice a week during a two-month period.

“Girls who play JO definitely get better from the extra touches,” coach Nora Groft said.

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••• Mariah Taylor -2nd Team •••
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Meredith – Kalen Frericks
Lydia – Torey Beardemphl

Performance will be Friday, Apr. 29.



OPINION

Should Students Take Online Classes?

Pro

by Calli Peterson

Online classes have been becoming a new way to learn electronically. Instead of an actual class with a classroom, students have opportunities to take online classes for classes the Northwestern School does not offer. These classes give students the chance to take a class that they normally could not because of class schedule conflicts. When students are taking an online class, they are responsible for keeping up with the class. Online classes teach responsibility and independence.

Taking online classes supplies students with the chance to work on their own time and at their own pace. Students can take the class at home if they have a computer and the Internet. By being able to take the classes at home, students can work ahead. Snow days do not disrupt the class schedule. When the weather is dreadful, students still can go online to finish their classes.

The classes online are usually very organized and offer more in-depth coverage of material. If students take an Advanced Placement online class, they can receive high school credit. They also have the chance to receive college credit. Students are required to take an end of the year test to see if they receive college credit. The test is paid for, and every student who passes the test receives a \$100 bonus. AP classes are weighted, so the class can increase a student's grade point average.

When students attend college, some will register for online classes. The online classes in high school will prepare the

students for college. Also, assignments due dates are more flexible, which allows students to spend more time on projects.

Having online classes helps students who would like to at-

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by Laine Mielke

Many high school students are opting to take online and Ad-

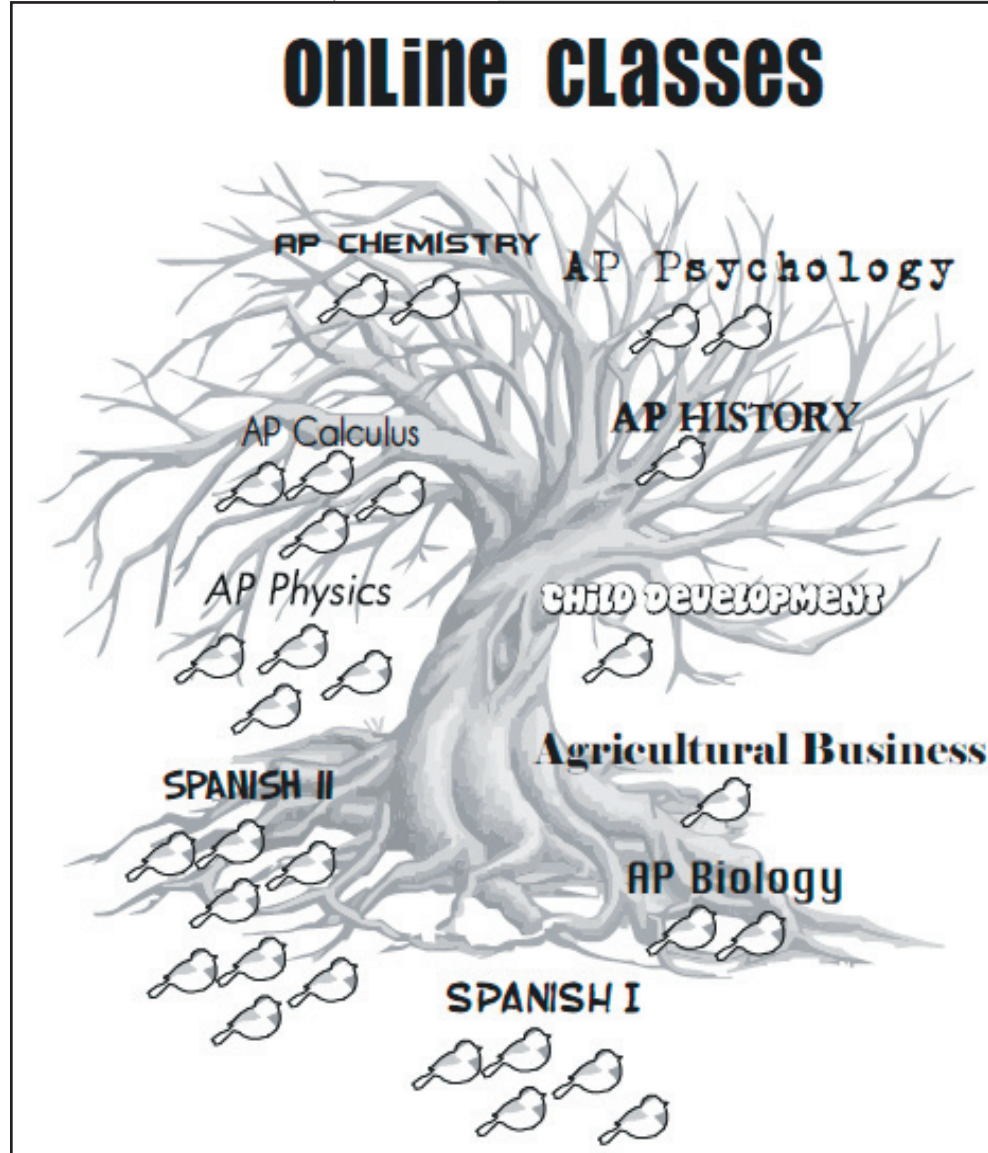
the online classes takes time, does not offer immediate feedback and makes it more difficult to receive help when needed, since the only way to communicate with the teacher is through email.

Technology plays a huge role in the art of online classes. The needed technological devices do not always cooperate with the students, and for some classes, certain software is needed. Since Northwestern is not a tablet school, the availability of laptops makes the classes more difficult. According to school policy, students are not allowed to bring laptops from home, and under some circumstances are not allowed to take school laptops home; this makes the classes even more difficult because of the transfer of work that must be done.

For science classes that are offered, "hands-on" labs are lacking, due to the obvious use of Internet. This makes online classes not suitable for all students, as some must learn by actually performing the tasks, not just by clicking buttons on a computer.

The classes also require much extra time to be allotted by the student; much free time is consumed by the online classes. The added difficulty of the AP classes requires even more time to be put into the classes and can take away from other subjects. Conflicts with the block scheduling of Northwestern, along with conflicts with the school calendar, add even more stress to the students.

Online classes are obviously not fool-proof; the system allows for an amount of dishonesty or cheating to be done. Also, not all AP credits are accepted at all colleges. Before taking an online or AP class, much thought and consideration must be done by a student. Although the classes can prove to be very beneficial, they can also prove to be a disappointment and cause struggle; the classes are definitely not for everyone.



tend a class but does not have the opportunity due to class scheduling.

Online classes allow top students to push themselves rather than being held back in a lower-level, face-to-face course with their classmates.

Online classes help students prepare for college by teaching them responsibility and having flexible due dates for assignments. In the end, online classes can help encourage students to work harder.

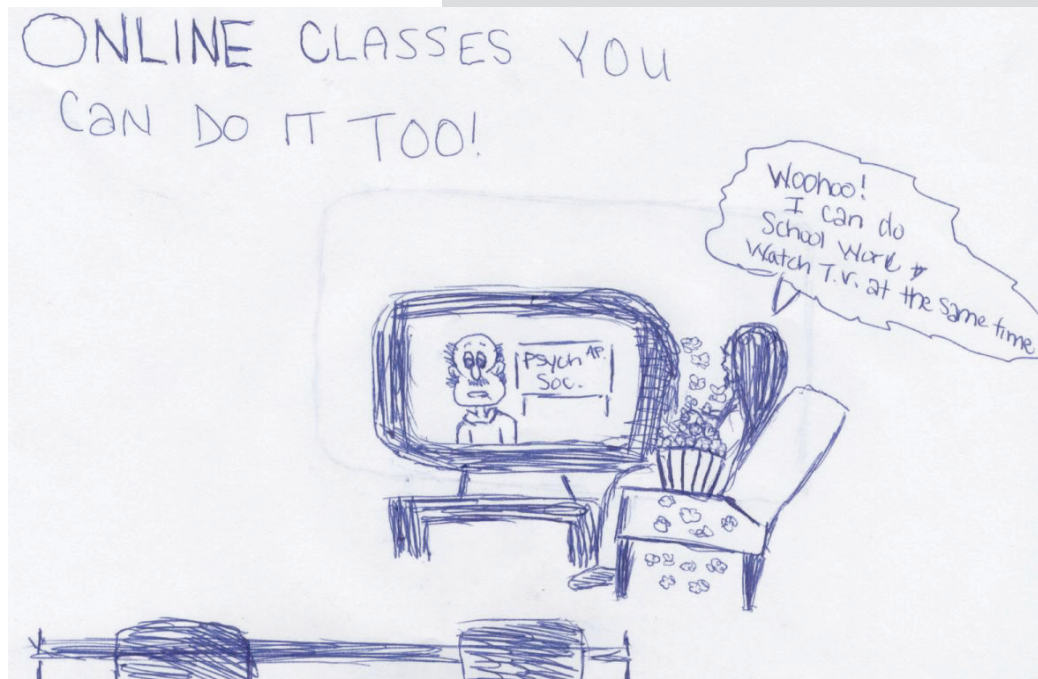
vanced Placement classes during the school year, and some even in the summer. Online classes allow students to take classes that are not offered at Northwestern, for various reasons. Classes labeled AP give the students a jump start to their college career; if a student takes the course and passes the AP exam at the end of the school year, he or she receives a credit towards their college education.

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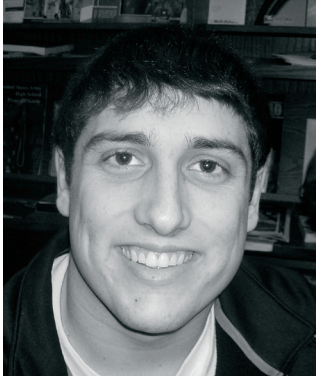
Online classes, you can do it, too!



SPORTS

Meet the Northwestern Track Team...

by Katrina Frericks



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Sophomore



Evan Finley
Sophomore



Gulsom Useinova
Sophomore



Landon Fischbach
Sophomore



Nathan Hawley
Sophomore



Silas Franco
Sophomore



Trevor Rush
Sophomore



Alex Hawley
Sophomore



Delbert Leonhardt
Freshman



Jacob Heidenreich
Freshman



Jeanna Duncan
Freshman



Nathan Palmer
Freshman



Right to Left:
Luther Johnson
Freshman



Paige Metzinger
Freshman



Skylar Sorenson
Freshman



Tyler Carda
Freshman

SPORTS

NW Boys' Basketball Team Finishes Season 7-13

by Jared Fischer

Northwestern Defeats Florence-Henry

The Northwestern boys' basketball team beat Florence-Henry High School 66-42 on Tuesday, Feb. 15 in a non-conference game. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 20 points. Senior Josh Clemens followed with 16 and seniors Alex Bauer and Dalton Franck each scored eight.

Clemens made three three-point shots. Clemens, Bauer and

sophomore Landon Fischbach each had one assist.

Clemens, Smith and Bauer led the team in rebounds with seven each. Fischbach had six rebounds. Northwestern had 24 turnovers, and Florence-Henry had 29. By the end of the game, Northwestern had 12 fouls and Florence-Henry had 24.

Aberdeen Christian Overcomes Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Aberdeen Christian High School 45-48 on Friday, Feb. 25 in a non-conference game. Senior Josh Clemens led the game with 17 points, senior Michael Smith had 13 and freshman Nate Palmer had nine.

Clemens made three three-point shots, and senior Dalton Franck had one three-point shot. Smith, Clemens, Palmer and

sophomore Landon Fischbach each had one assist.

Palmer had 11 total rebounds; Fischbach had seven, and Clemens had 5.

Northwestern had 12 total turnovers, and Aberdeen Christian had 17. By the end of the game, Northwestern and Aberdeen Christian each had 13 fouls.

Summit Beats Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Summit High School 45-64 on Saturday, Feb. 12 in a non-conference game. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 13 points, freshman Nathan Palmer added 11 points and senior Josh Clemens added 10 points. Clemens threw up two three-point shots, and Senior Alex Bauer threw up one three-point shot.

Clemens handed out two assists, and sophomore Landon Fischbach had one. Fischbach led the team with 10 rebounds; Clemens, Smith and Palmer each had five.

Northwestern had a total of 20 turnovers, and forced Summit to have 14. By the end of the game, Northwestern had 22 fouls, and Summit had 11.

Hitchcock-Tulare Conquers Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Hitchcock-Tulare High School 40-69 on Friday, Feb. 18 in a non-conference game. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 12 points, sophomore Landon Fischbach added 10 and senior Josh Clemens added nine. Clemens, Smith and senior Dalton Franck each threw

up one three-point shot. Smith had one assist. Landon

Fischbach led the team in rebounds with 10. Clemens had four and Smith two. Northwestern had 19 turnovers, and Hitchcock-Tulare had 21. By the end of the game, Northwestern committed 11 fouls and Hitchcock/Tulare had 19.

Sully Buttes Trounces Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Sully Buttes High School 48-66 on Saturday, Feb. 19 in a non-conference game. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 16 points. Sophomore Landon Fischbach had 11, and senior Dalton Franck had 10. Franck made two three-point shots, and Smith made one three-point shot. Smith had

two assists. Clemens led the team in rebounds with six. Smith had five, and Fischbach had four.

Northwestern had a total of 23 turnovers, and Sully Buttes had 17. By the end of the game, Northwestern committed 13 fouls, and Sully Buttes had 15.

Northwestern Beats Webster in Overtime

The Northwestern boys' basketball team beat Webster High School 59-53 on Tuesday, Feb. 8 in a non-conference game. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 19 points. Senior Josh Clemens had 16 points, and freshman Nate Palmer had nine. Clemens and Smith each made two three-point shots in the game, and senior Alex Bauer had one.

Smith had three assists and Bauer and sophomore Landon Fischbach each had one assist. Fischbach led the team 10 rebounds, Smith had eight, Palmer and Bauer each had five. Northwestern had 24 total turnovers in the game, and Webster also had a total of 24 turnovers. By the end of the game, Northwestern had 16 fouls, and Webster had 18.

Ipswich Strikes Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Ipswich 37-50 on Monday, Feb. 28 in a District Game. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 25 points, and sophomore Landon Fischbach scored five points. Smith had eight rebounds, fresh-

man Nate Palmer had seven, and senior Josh Clemens had four.

Northwestern had 22 turnovers and Ipswich had 31. By the end of the game, Northwestern had committed 15 fouls, and Ipswich had 19.

Redfield-Doland Tramples Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Redfield-Doland High School 33-62 on Monday, Feb. in a non-conference game.

Senior Michael Smith led the team with 10 points. Senior Josh Clemens had nine, and freshman Nate Palmer had six. Smith and senior Dalton Franck each threw up one three-pointer.

Clemens and Smith each had one assist.

Clemens led the team in rebounds with six. Palmer and Smith each had four rebounds. Northwestern had a total of 24 turnovers, and Redfield-Doland had 20. By the end of the game, Northwestern had 12 fouls, and Redfield-Doland had 15.

Wolsey-Wessington Defeats Northwestern

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Wolsey-Wessington High School 52-54 on Friday, Feb. 4 in a non-conference game at Northwestern. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 21 points. Sophomore Landon Fischbach added another 10 points, and senior Josh Clemens also contributed eight points. Senior Josh Clemens made one three-point shot. Senior Alex Bauer had two assists in the game, while Smith and Fischbach each had one. Fischbach led the team in rebounds, with a

total of 10, and freshman Nate Palmer had a total of six.

Northwestern had 18 turnovers throughout the game, and forced Wolsey-Wessington to have 22. By the end of the game, Northwestern had 19 total fouls, while Wesley-Wessington had 23.

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NW Girls' Basketball Team Finishes Season 11-9

Redfield-Doland Slides Past Northwestern in Overtime

by Alex Boekelheide

The Northwestern girls' basketball team fell to Redfield-Doland 28-35 in overtime in a non-conference game Monday, Feb. 14 in Redfield. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 17 points. The Wildcats had a total of 30 rebounds; four offensive and 26 defensive.

Overtime

Sophomore Ashley Clemens had eight rebounds. Led by junior Gabby Morgan and Tuscherer, NW had eight steals. NW committed 21 turnovers and had six assists. Junior Shelby Peterson had three assists. The Wildcats, 11-7 on the season, next play Selby in Mellette Feb. 17.

Selby Overpowers Northwestern

by Alex Boekelheide

The Northwestern girls' basketball team fell to Selby 42-46 in a non-conference game Thursday, Feb. 17 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 15 points. The Wildcats had a total of 21 rebounds; eight offensive and 13 defensive. Tuscherer had 10 rebounds. Led

by sophomore Ashley Clemens, NW had 10 steals. NW committed 11 turnovers and seven assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had three assists. The Wildcats, 11-8 on the season, next play Ipswich in the first round of the District 2B tournament in Aberdeen Feb. 21.

Northwestern Falls to Ipswich in Overtime

by Alex Boekelheide

The Northwestern girls' basketball team lost to Ipswich 59-64 in overtime of the first round of the District 2B tournament Feb. 21. Senior Joni Boekelheide drained a long three pointer with 0.9 seconds left to put the Wildcats into overtime. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 18 points. The

Wildcats had a total of 29 rebounds; 10 offensive and 19 defensive. Boekelheide had seven rebounds. Led by junior Mariah Taylor, NW had six steals. NW committed 15 turnovers and had 13 assists. Boekelheide, Taylor and Tuscherer all had three assists. The Wildcats finished its season with a record of 11-9.

The NW Community Foundation would like to thank all who participated in and helped with our half-time football kick and basketball free-throw shot scholarship fundraisers!! There were 2,050 participants who shot or kicked to try to win with 488 bottles of Pepsi product and won. The net profit for this scholarship fundraiser was \$1,622.52 which will provide four \$400 scholarships for graduating seniors furthering their education. Thank you for supporting the NW Community Foundation!!

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Top 10 Reasons Activities to Do With a Leprechaun

10. Frolick through the 4 leaf clovers
9. Steal his gold
8. Run away with his Lucky Charms
7. Learn how to dance a Jig
6. Learn how to play a bag-pipe
5. Run through the mall holding hands
4. Read tall-tales about far away lands
3. Try to shave his beard
2. Cuddle in a warm snuggie
1. Call him a dwarf

Politics with Hunter

This month in politics many political front runners for the GOP candidacy for president have stepped forward. Tim Pawlenty just recently posted a video on Facebook. This video did not announce that he was for sure running, but it did drop many hints that he will be. Donald Trump is also considering a run at the White House. He said he is going to wait until he is

done with his show "The Apprentice" before making a decision. Now let's just think a little here. If he is putting a television show in front of his politics, then why even try at all? How will he act in the White House if he is already putting things off?

Recently, a very large earthquake happened off the coast of Japan causing a tsunami. The death count is already up to over 8,000 with over 15,000 people still missing. Please keep the people of Japan in your thoughts. A big problem with the earthquake is now there are many nuclear reactors that are spewing toxic radiation. Many

workers are risking their lives to try and get it to stop. Just when they thought it had stopped, it started again. This is a big blow to Japan as well as the rest of the world.

The Life of a Farmer Through The Eyes of Hunter Wood

March is here and holding up to its expectations. As the old saying goes, March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. March definitely came in like a lion with frigid, cold temperatures and lots of wind. However, we had a nice warming period when most of the snow melted. However, it is now late March, and it has been raining all day. Now the snow is starting to move in, and the next three days are promising to be bad ones. With many area farmers done calving, they missed the mud season. However, some are right in the middle, and some are just starting. The

only thing to look forward to is the fact that we froze dry last fall. This means when the ground thaws, the water will have a place to go, instead of just flooding everywhere like last spring. The James River is already over its banks and looks to flood again this year.

"It's out of its banks, and it's going to be bad," junior Katrina Frericks said. The river near her place has forced major problems in the past.


I guess the only thing to do is just brace for it and prepare for what is next. Good Luck to all of the area farmers!!

Hunter and Only Hunter

Q: Hello, Hunter! I have come to a serious bump in my relationship, and I know that you are just the person to ask for advice, so here it goes. My boyfriend and I have been going together now for almost four months. Last weekend we had plans to go to supper, then see a movie afterward. However, he called and said that he was sick and couldn't make it. I felt bad for him, so I wasn't mad. Here's the worst part. I went to a party that a friend of mine was having and guess who was there?! It was my boyfriend! And let me

tell you what, he was NOT sick in the least. I guess I'm just trying to figure out what I should do.

A: Well let me start out by saying you need to talk to him. You need to ask him why he lied to you and tell him you don't deserve that. My biggest thing is the fact that you have only been dating for four months now, and he is already lying to you. I would advise you to reassess the situation and maybe consider breaking up with him. If you have only been dating that long, and he is already lying, it is just going to get worse. If you don't feel as if you can trust him anymore, then the best option would be to break it off. Good Luck!!



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STUDENT LIFE

Senior Profiles

by Logan Brown



April Alumbaugh

Parents: Phillip and Deanna Alumbaugh
College/Major: Northern State University/ Music Education

What will you miss most about high school? Friends and free time
What are you looking forward to after high school? Being on my own and starting a new life

In the middle school...

by Shay Clemensen

If you could be any celebrity, who would it be and why?



"Zach Galifianakis because he is just awesome," seventh-grader Brayden Genzler said.



"I want to be Will Ferrell because he has a funny daughter," seventh-grader Dylan Miles said.



"Gabriel Iglesias is my favorite actor because he is an awesome comedian," seventh-grader Cory Walter said.

In the hallway...

by Kathleen Stuck

If you could be any celebrity, who would it be and why?



Ashly Wise

Parents: Mathew Wise and Susan Poole
College/Major: Northern State University/ Art

What will you miss most about high school? Interesting conversations
What are you looking forward to after high school? New friends and new experiences



"Zach Galifianakis, for those of you who do not know this is Allen from 'The Hangover,' and I would like to be him because he has his own wolf pack and his awesome beard," senior Michael Smith said.



"Justin Bieber all the way," Mrs. Jessica Halvorson said.



"Snooky because I want a pickle, Guede and a Tan," junior Maddy Smith said.



Taylor Beardemphl

Parents: Korey and Roxane Beardemphl
College/Major: Presentation/ Nursing

What will you miss most about high school? Boone's Movies
What are you looking forward to after high school? Learning things I will do the rest of my life

In the elementary...

by Haley Wetzler

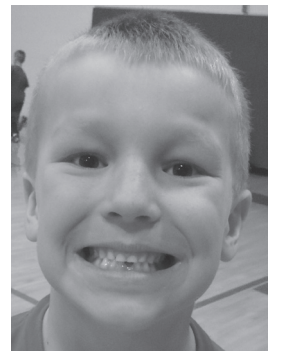
How many days do you think are left of the school year?



"Like 45," fourth-grader Zach Toennies said.



"About 45," third-grader Hailey Boekelheide said.



"16," kindergartner Quintin Fischbach said.



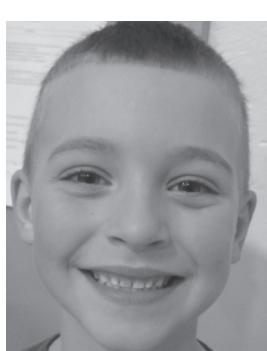
Jalen Diede

Parents: Karen Bierman
College/Major: Air Force

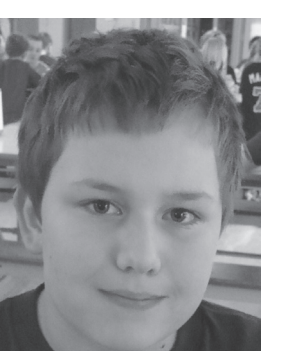
What will you miss most about high school? All the people



"About 50," second-grader Jackson Christ said.



"15," first-grader Kade Stahl said.



"38," fifth-grader Joey Lutter said.