

## JH Girls' Basketball Team Visits Coach Don Meyer

by **Courtlen Lechner**

The Northwestern junior high girls' basketball team visited Coach Don Meyer, the retired men's basketball coach at Northern State University on Jan. 10, 2011. The girls seemed to be very happy and excited to meet Meyer.

"Don Meyer is a great motivator to young, inexperienced, and dedicated basketball players. He pushed young player to follow their dreams," coach Denise Clemens said.

Coach Meyer is a funny guy who has a lot of pranks inside of him. One prank he pulled was

telling the girls he was going to take a picture of them and when he pulled the flash button, water squirted out onto the girls. Also in return from the girls to Don Meyer, Jordon Peterson took time to design a T-shirt for him. The shirt read "Shout Praise, Whisper Criti-



The junior high girls' basketball team and coaches visited legendary NSU coach Don Meyer in January.

cism."

"I think it was an amazing opportunity for the young basketball girls to get to not only meet, but to talk to a legend like Don Meyer," coach Jennifer Schell said.

At the end of their session, all the girls were given a nice Coach Meyer bobble head for the team to have. Also each girl was given a book called, *The Practice of the Presence OF GOD*. After, they all took a team picture with Don Meyer.

## Alive @ 25 Assembly Focuses on Defensive Driving

### Students experience new awakenings about driving safely at the Alive @ 25 assembly.

by **Kathleen Stuck**

Students in grades eight through 12 participated in the South Dakota Highway Patrol program on driving safely Jan. 5.

The Alive @ 25 program taught by SDHP trooper Chanda Derby, trooper Todd Albertson and trooper Desmond Watson provided students with an opportunity to examine their own driving strengths and weaknesses.

The SDHP came from Rapid City to teach Northwestern students a four-section class on driving properly and responsibly.

"I will definitely be more cautious and aware of my surroundings and I will be more aware of other drivers," junior Katrina Frericks said.

The main purpose of this course was to show Northwestern students that motor vehicle crashes are the number one

causes of death in the 15-24 age groups.

The teenagers participated in watching videos, listening to the instructor and doing role play. Each instructor shared stories of the times he or she has encountered when teenagers were not smart while driving. The students received booklets describing what people should do on the road. For taking the class, some students may receive lower insurance rates.

"Ninety-nine percent of life is not what happens to you but how you respond to it," Watson said.

Students learned to recognize the hazard, understand the proper defense and to act correctly in time.

Potential issues discussed included texting, drinking and driving, wearing safety belts, and other aspects of distracted teen driving.

## Snow Queens Participate in State Contest

by **Ashley Clemens**

Freshman Kristie Bade and Senior Kara Fischbach both participated in state snow queen. Junior snow queen was held Jan. 7-8. Senior snow queen was held Jan. 14 -15. Both contests were located in Aberdeen.

For junior snow queen, on Friday they had a welcome tea. Then, the junior snow queens rehearsed their walk on stage. After they rehearsed, they had a pizza party and a magic show. Saturday morning they had interviews until late evening, after that, they had a banquet and then a ball. At the banquet, the girls were asked an impromptu question.

"It was a great experience and interesting to meet girls from

other areas of the state," Bade said. "Being with all the other girls who made it to state was really interesting and fun. Everyone was really kind and funny."

For senior snow queen, the first night they went to the Ward Hotel and a girl named Nikky came and taught them Latin dances. Friday was interview day, and they interviewed in the morning through late afternoon. Friday night was the queen's ball and banquet. Just like the junior snow queens, the senior snow queens needed to answer an impromptu question at the banquet. The queens were asked to bring a basket filled with things that represented their community. The

impromptu question was 'what item best represented their community?' Saturday morning they were able to sleep in, and coronation was held Saturday night. "It was really fun because everyone there was really nice and genuine; I thought everyone deserved to be there. I met a lot of girls I will keep in



Senior Kara Fischbach participated in the snow queen contest in Aberdeen Jan. 14-15 with Miss Miner County, Charlotte Walter, and Miss Dupree, Ashley Higdon.

touch with. I also might have found a college roommate," Fischbach said.



# NEWS

## NORTHWESTERN AREA PRESCHOOL SCREENING

The Northwestern Area School District will be screening children who will be three years old on or before March 14, 2010 or five years old on or before September 1, 2011. Any four year olds that were not screened last year are also encouraged to be screened at this time. The screening will take place on Monday, March 14, 2011 in the Northwestern Elementary addition.

The screening includes children who will be in the 2011-2012 Kindergarten class.

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

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

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

If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Jessica Halvorson at 887-3467 x110 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (at least 10 days before the screening) to make an appointment. After appointments have been received, letters will be sent to each family who has called and made an appointment to verify their time slot for March 14th.

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

## 2011 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL Second Quarter

Names appear alphabetically

Freshmen: Straight A: Kalen Frericks, Nicholas Wood; A: Kristie Bade, Madison Hahler; B: Torey Beardemphl, Tyler Carda, Jeanna Duncan, Jacob Heidenreich, Paige Metzinger, Skylar Sorenson, Alyssa Steward.

Sophomores: Straight A: Landon Fischbach; A: Calli Peterson; B: Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Kelsey Hoellein, Ray Lerew, Kimberly Miles, Kaitlyn Sparling.

Juniors: Straight A: Mariah Taylor, Justine Tuscherer; A: Laken Frericks, Ulbolsyn Kuanova, Haley Wetzler; B: Alex Boekelheide, Logan Brown, Katrina Frericks, Annie Lutter, Shelby Peterson, Ruth Phillips, Madison Smith, Kathleen Stuck, Trevor Toennies, Hunter Wood.

Seniors: Straight A: Josh Clemens, Amanda Finley, Kara Fischbach, Dalton Franck, Hilary Frericks; A: Joni Boekelheide, Ethan Steward; B: Alex Bauer, Taylor Beardemphl, Rachel Finley, Logen Lechner, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Michael Smith, Ashly Wise.

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# NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING,  
January 10, 2011

- NuTech and Aberdeen Development Corp would like Hub Area to add a manufacturing class to their curriculum.
- Hub Area is receiving quotes to expand their security video system.
- KSFY reported on the Alive@25 program that the SD Highway Patrol presented to NW students. You may view the video at [www.ksfy.com](http://www.ksfy.com) and selecting the story titled "High School in Mellette teaching better driving habits."
- The 4th and 8th grade students have been selected to participate in the NAEP testing scheduled for Feb. 15. Hutterville students will be tested on March 3.
- Elementary Dibles testing, a grade level reading test, shows improvement from the fall to the winter testing. The elementary will be tested again in the spring.
- Responsibility students for the month of December are Ella Haven, Brandon Toennies, Alexis Rahm, Kaitlyn Lefforge, Caitlyn Fischbach and Sadie Vander Wal.
- On Jan. 11 the school funding lawsuit will begin arguments in Pierre.
- NW has looked into the cost of contracting our bus service to see if there would be any savings, at this time it is much more economical to handle our own busing.
- Club account binders with up to date balances are all set up for club account treasurers to be verified. They are located in the business office.
- Two school board positions will be up for election/re-election. The term is for three years beginning on July 1, 2011.
- The school board election date was set for June 21, 2011.
- Approved contract for Michelle Stuck, special ed aide.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month Josh Clemens.

• Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

□ The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of Jan. 16, 2011.

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## Student of the Month: Josh Clemens

by **Katrina Frericks**

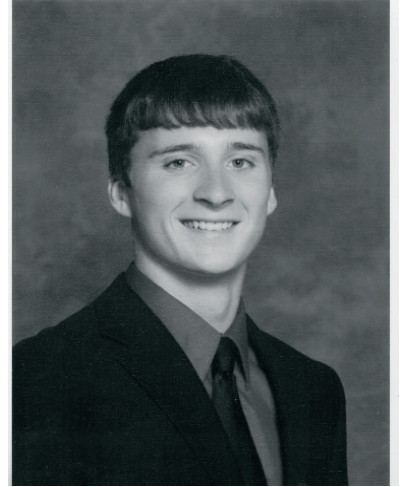
Senior Josh Clemens received the student of the month award for February. His parents are Bill and Denise Clemens. His siblings are Ashley, Josie, Zec and Will.

Josh's activities include football, basketball, track and field, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellow Christian Athletes and science bowl. His hobbies include playing sports, hunting and hanging out with friends. His favorite class is history.

"Josh is a very good student and works hard; he deserves it," senior Alyssa Morgan said.

His future plan is to attend the South Dakota School of Mines and obtain a master's degree in mechanical engineering.

Josh's favorite quote is "Success comes before work only in the dictionary."



His most embarrassing moment was last year during Science Bowl. "I was asked to answer a short essay question, but instead of answering in a short essay, I answered 'Y.'"

"I feel very honored and respected by the faculty to be student of the month," Clemens said.

## Freshman Injured in Four-Wheeler Accident during Christmas Break

by **Kathleen Stuck**

No one really knows how dangerous a four-wheeler can be until you or someone you know is in an accident.

During Christmas break, freshman Nathan Frericks was helping with cattle during a typical day when he the four-wheeler he was driving shockingly hit a ravine.

"I will be more careful on a four-wheeler," Frericks said.

The four-wheeler flipped when Frericks hit the ground, and he was carried back to the house by his dad, Stacey Frericks. Stacey then called Nathan's mother, Anne, to tell her to call the hospital.

Nathan then was rushed to the emergency room at the hospital and ended up breaking his arm and fracturing two bones in his face. His braces went through his face, and he injured his collar bone.

At the hospital, the doctors had to cut Nathan's braces off in



Frericks

several places in order to stitch the wounds in his mouth.

Nathan spent the night in the hospital, and he was put on a strict pudding and Jell-o diet. He is getting better day by day.

"It really, really hurt," Nathan said.

This is not the first Northwestern student to sustain injuries in a four-wheeler accident.



# NEWS

## One-Act Play Performs

by Jared Fischer

Northwestern School's drama department is becoming excited for its one-act play performance at regions in Aberdeen Wednesday, Jan. 26.

"The play started off rough, but it's coming around, and I have a lot of respect for what Michelle (Stuck) does to help us and coach us! Woo hoo!" junior Kathy Stuck said.

This year, the play "An Enchanted Evening" was written by Michelle Stuck. Stuck encouraged the students participating to add their suggestions to make the play even better. Each year the theme for the play changes; this year the theme is a serious play.

For one-act play, schools have 45 minutes to organize up their set, perform their play and clean off their props at the end. This year, the play has a large cast and crew. The crew helps with lights, makeup, costumes and set and even appear in the play

once or twice. Seniors Alex Bauer, Josh Clemens and Justin Dirksen are all a part of the crew. Juniors Hunter Wood, Shelby Peterson and Laken Frericks are also a part of the crew. Freshman Kalen Frericks is another person in the crew.

Parts range from nonverbal to speaking parts.

Seniors Alyssa Morgan, Jerry Serfling, Ashly Wise, Kara Fischbach, Dalton Franck and Hilary Frericks are part of the cast. Juniors Kathy Stuck, Annie Lutter, Ubolysn Kuanova and Nona Roeber are part of the cast. Sophomores Calli Peterson and Gulsom Useinova are the sophomores of the cast. Freshmen Maddie Hahler and Torey Beardemphl are also a part of the cast.

"I am very excited this year for our play because it is very exciting and has a stirring ending! We all have a great time with learning each character and putting our own spin on the characters.

Michelle is amazing for creating such a play, and I hope we make her proud! I cannot wait until we perform the play and find out how it will turn out," sophomore Calli Peterson said.



Senior Jerry Serfling performs a particularly sad scene in the one-act play during the Jan. 24 afternoon performance at Northwestern School.



# NEWS

## Teachers Attend iPad Inservice

by Calli Peterson

Due to the new iPad technology Northwestern School has accumulated, the teachers attended an iPad inservice at the school Dec. 23.

The teachers found new ways to use the iPads in their curriculum. Elementary teachers and students, as well as middle school and high school teachers and students anticipate using the iPads for their classes.

"I am going to like them [the iPads]. The iPads provide me the opportunity to have lessons inside the classroom with the iPads instead of needing to use the computer lab," third-grade teacher Mrs. Marilyn Battey said.

The iPads will help students to visually see their curriculum instead of always searching through textbooks. Teachers learned what applications they can add to the iPads for their classroom during the inservice. "I think the iPads are a great learning tool for our kids. We haven't used them a lot so far, but we plan on using them a great deal for math and hopeful-



Third-grader Talley Sparling learns how to use the iPads in Mrs. Marilyn Battey's class.

ly for reading books on them," fifth-grade teacher Mr. Wade Rozell said.

The inservice provided the chance for teachers to play around on the iPads and to find out how they can use them. Many elementary teachers believe the iPads will be a wonderful learning tool, especially for visual learning.

"The iPads are wonderful! My students work on math problems, states and capitals, spelling, etc. It will be amazing to see where teachers use the iPads in their curriculum," fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich said.

Northwestern recently purchased 150 iPads.



Seniors Alyssa Morgan and Ashly Wise perform a scene in the one-act play, "An Enchanted Evening," written by director Michelle Stuck. Students perform in the region contest in Aberdeen Jan. 26

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# NEWS

## Lil' Cats Cheer Clinic Huge Success at Northwestern

by **Katrina Frericks**

The Northwestern cheerleaders put on their annual cheer clinic this year for girls in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. They performed at half-time of the boys' varsity basketball game against Gettysburg on Saturday, Dec. 15.

"I thought the little girls did

a great job! They were very awesome to watch, and they worked hard, and it paid off," junior Haley Wetzler said.

This year was a little different; instead of having all the girls come on Saturday and practice all day, the high school cheerleaders kept them after school on Tuesday and practiced until

6:30 p.m., and then they also had them practice from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The girls had a snack after school then got right down to business.

The cheerleaders split the girls into groups and worked with them on their routines. Then all of the girls performed the cheers together in the gym Saturday

night.

The girls wore black Fierce and Fabulous T-shirts.

"I love teaching the girls because they are so much fun and are willing to learn anything. Seeing them practice outside during recess makes me happy to know they really enjoy this," senior Alyssa Morgan said.



**Third-graders Tya Weideman, Hailey Boekelheide and Cassidy Frericks cheer with junior Laken Frericks.**



**Second-grader Hayden Bohl shows her Wildcat spirit during the half-time performance.**



**Fourth-grader Riley Grandpre stands atop fourth-graders Caitlyn Fischbach and Moira Duncan.**



# OPINION

## Are promise rings necessary to signify a committed relationship?

### Pro

by: Calli Peterson

Back in the day, a boy would give a girl a ring to symbolize that they were a couple or “going steady.” Nowadays, things have changed, but couples still exchange rings. Instead of rings that indicate that two people are dating, these rings have a certain promise that the couple has made. A promise ring symbolizes a promise or commitment between two people. Receiving a promise ring can bring back the tradition of couples exchanging rings. Promise rings have become very common in this day in age.

A reason a person would give his partner a promise ring is to promise to always stay faithful to each other. Promise rings can be beneficial in long-distance relationships. When a person receives a promise ring, she understands that they are committed to a serious relationship. Couples would be able to trust each other more when they

“A promise ring is a symbol of mutual commitment. “back-in-the-day,” it might be composed to “going steady.” Whether or not there is a ring to symbolize the commitment, both parties must pledge their faithfulness to the other,” Mrs. Jeannine Jilek said.



make a promise to each other, especially when they bind the promise with a ring.

When a person is too young, or not financially ready to become married, the couple will exchange promise rings that say they will be married in the future. Promise rings can be pre-engagement rings. Some jewels on the rings that people receive are replaced for bigger jewels when the person who bought the ring can afford a larger ring.

Promise rings help couples to stay true to each other, so they do not lie or cheat. The ring can become a symbol for the love that they share, and the promises they made to each other to be faithful. By having a pre-engagement promise ring, a couple can be sure they will have a long-lasting relationship-- unless reality kicks in.



“In my opinion, promise rings pose no importance. For those of you that are foolish enough to think they’re a good idea, ask yourself ‘What is the purpose of them?’ There isn’t one! Wait a year or two, buy an engagement ring and get married,” senior Mike Smith said.



“I never gave one and don’t get the point of one,” Mr. Scott Boone said.



“I like the idea of it, but for practicality purposes, it’s one step in their relationship process that could be avoided,” senior Amanda Finley said.

### Con

by Laine Mielke

Promise rings appear to be a popular entity lately and especially at this time of year. After doing some research, however, it seems like a promise ring means something different to each person.

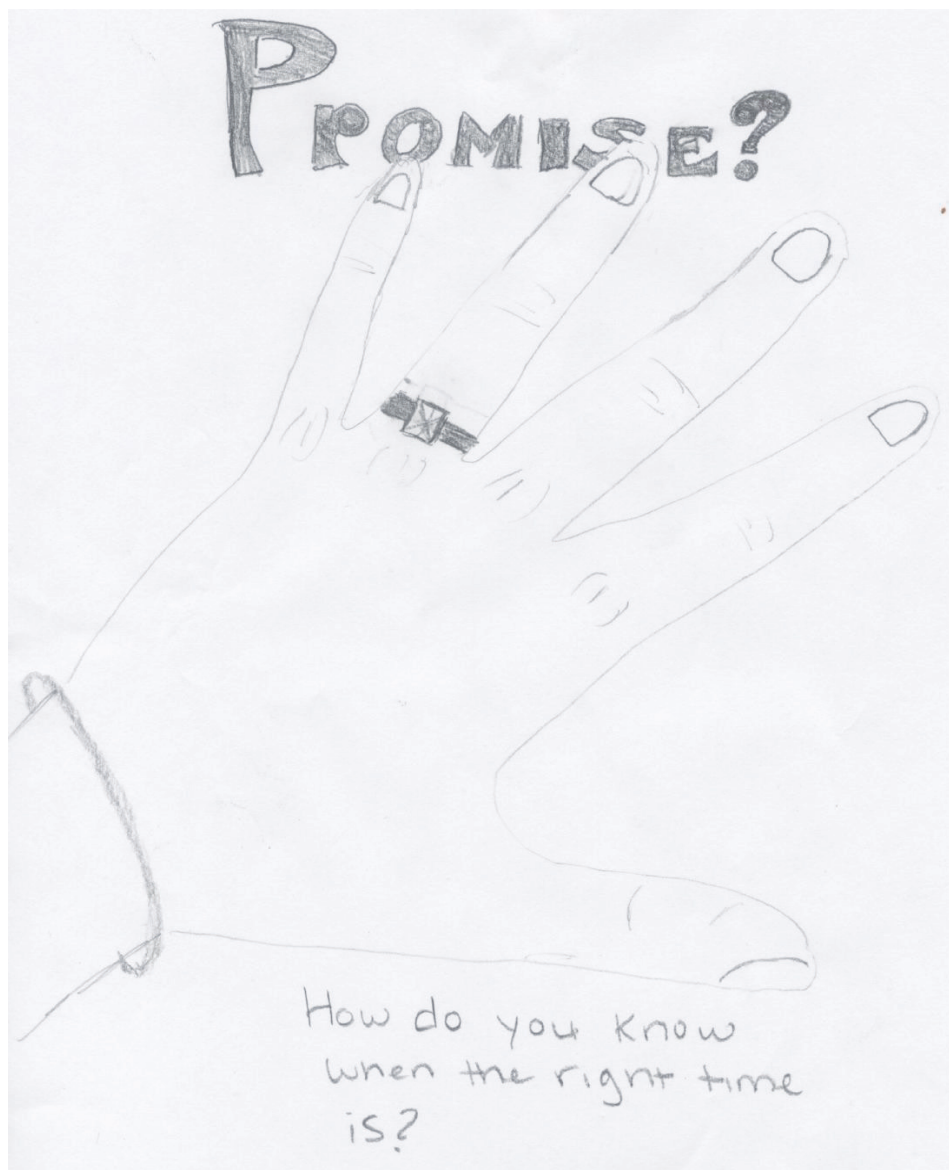
Some opinions of promise rings include: a pre-engagement ring; a ring that signifies dating and a promise to be faithful to a significant other. The opinions of promise rings range from good to bad and everywhere in between. Some say that a promise ring takes away from an engagement ring; some say that if you trust your significant other, a promise ring simply is not necessary; others say a promise ring is necessary when a relationship reaches a certain point.

With so many different opinions, the chance that the two people in a relationship will agree upon its meaning is quite unlikely. This can cause problems in itself.

Some of these promise rings are more expensive than wedding rings!

If people have not had a chance to experience life outside of high school, how will they know that they truly want to spend the rest of their life with this particular person?

It’s no secret that young people sometimes make unwise decisions. It’s possible that promising your life to someone else at a young age may be one of those mistakes.



*Promise Rings: How do you know when the right time is?*



# SPORTS

## Aberdeen Christian Beats

### Northwestern

**by Kara Fischbach**

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost 50-52 to Aberdeen Christian High School Monday, Jan. 10 in a conference game in Mellette. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 32 points, including four three-point shots. Freshman Nathan Palmer tossed in seven points. Senior Josh Clemens handed out three assists each, while senior Alex Bauer and Smith each had one. Senior Josh Clemens led

the team with nine rebounds. Sophomore Landon Fischbach had five. Northwestern had 19 turnovers and forced Aberdeen Christian to make 36. At the end of the game, Northwestern had committed 19 fouls, and Aberdeen Christian committed 15 fouls. The NW boys' basketball team, 2-2 on the season, will play Ipswich Thursday, Jan. 13 in Ipswich.



Freshman Nathan Palmer powers up a shot in the lane against the Aberdeen Christian Knights in Mellette Jan. 10. The Knights defeated the Wildcats 52-50 in a conference matchup.

Senior Michael Smith weaves a lay-up through three Aberdeen Christian defenders in a conference game against the Knights in Mellette Jan. 10. Smith scored 32 points in the contest.

## Northwestern Defeats

### Ipswich

**by Kara Fischbach**

The Northwestern boys' basketball team beat Ipswich High School 51-49 Thursday, Jan. 13 in a conference game in Ipswich. Senior Michael Smith led the team with 13 points. Senior Alex Bauer added 12 points, and sophomore Landon Fischbach contributed 11 points. Bauer tossed in one three-point shot. Bauer and senior Josh Clemens handed out two assists each. Fischbach pulled down six

rebounds to lead the team, and Smith had four. Bauer, freshman Nathan Palmer and Clemens had two each. Northwestern had 20 turnovers and forced Ipswich to make 30. At the end of the game, Northwestern had committed 16 fouls, and Ipswich committed 21 fouls. The NW boys' basketball team, 3-2 on the season, will play Miller next Saturday, Jan. 15 in Mellette.

## Miller Defeats Northwestern

**by Kara Fischbach**

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Miller High School 28-72 on Saturday, Jan. 15 in a non-conference game in Mellette. Sophomore Landon Fischbach led the team with 10 points. Senior Josh Clemens added six points, while senior Dalton Franck and freshman Nathan Palmer contributed five points each. Senior Alex Bauer

and senior Michael Smith contributed two assists each. Clemens nabbed the most rebounds with five. Fischbach pulled down four. Northwestern had 29 turnovers and forced 27 on Miller. Each team had 13 fouls at the end of the game. The NW boys' basketball team, 3-3, will play Warner next Jan. 18 in Warner.





# SPORTS

## Northwestern Defeats Miller

**By Alex Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team defeated Miller 55-44 in a non-conference game Saturday, Dec. 18 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 22 points. The Wildcats had a total of 19 rebounds; seven offensive and 12 defensive. Tuscherer had

a total of 11 rebounds. Led by senior Joni Boekelheide, NW had nine steals. NW committed 18 turnovers and had nine assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had four assists. The Wildcats, 3-1 on the season, next play Gettysburg in Mellette on Dec. 21.

## Northwestern Defeats Faulkton

**by Alex Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team defeated Faulkton 68-46 in a conference game Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer and sophomore Ashley Clemens led the team in scoring with 18 points each. The Wildcats had a total of 39 rebounds; 18 of-

fensive and 21 defensive. Clemens had nine rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had 17 steals. NW committed 15 turnovers and had 12 assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had five assists. The Wildcats, 6-1 on the season, next play Hitchcock-Tulare in Mellette on Jan. 6.

## Northwestern Defeats Gettysburg

**by Alex Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team defeated Gettysburg 67-51 in a non-conference game Tuesday, Dec. 21 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 24 points. The Wildcats had a total of 30 rebounds; 14 offensive and 16 defensive.

Sophomore Ashley Clemens had a total of nine rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had eight steals. NW committed 15 turnovers and had 18 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler and Tuscherer had four assists. The Wildcats, 4-1 on the season, next play Rosholt at the Britton Classic in Webster on Dec. 28.

## Northwestern Defeats Rosholt

**By Alex Boekelheide**

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team defeated Rosholt 45-27 in a non-conference game Tuesday, Dec. 28 in Webster. Senior Joni Boekelheide led the team in scoring with 13 points. The Wildcats had a total of 33 rebounds; 14 offensive and 19 defensive. Juniors Mariah Taylor and Jussy

Tuscherer each had eight rebounds. Led by Junior Haley Wetzler, NW had 20 steals. NW committed 22 turnovers and had eight assists. Junior Gabby Morgan and Taylor each had two assists. The Wildcats, 5-1 on the season, next play Faulkton in Mellette on Jan. 4.



**Senior Joni Boekelheide sinks another three-pointer as the Leola-Frederick defense gives up.**

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# SPORTS

## Northwestern Defeats Hitchcock-Tulare

by Alex Boekelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team defeated Hitchcock-Tulare 49-40 in a non-conference game Thursday, Jan. 6 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 18 points. The Wildcats had a total of 25 rebounds; eight offensive and 17 defensive.

Tuscherer had 10 rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had 10 steals. NW committed 17 turnovers and had 11 assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had six assists. The Wildcats, 7-1 on the season, next play St. Thomas More in Redfield Jan. 8.

## Sisseton Defeats Northwestern

by Alex Boekelheide

Sisseton defeated the Northwestern girls' basketball team 31-59 in a non-conference game Tuesday, Jan. 11 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 11 points. The Wildcats had a total of 22 rebounds; seven offensive and 15 defensive. Tuscherer had

nine rebounds. Led by senior Joni Boekelheide and junior Haley Wetzler, NW had nine steals. NW committed 25 turnovers and had six assists. Junior Mariah Taylor and Wetzler had two assists. The Wildcats, 7-3 on the season, next play Ipswich in Ipswich Jan. 14.

## Northwestern Falls to St. Thomas More

by Alex Boekelheide

St. Thomas More defeated the Northwestern girls' basketball team 64-42 in a non-conference game Saturday, Jan. 8 in Redfield. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring 16 points. The Wildcats had a total of 22 rebounds; seven offensive and 15 defensive. Junior Mariah

Taylor had six rebounds. Led by junior Haley Wetzler, NW had 14 steals. NW committed 16 turnovers and had 10 assists. Sophomore Ashley Clemens and Tuscherer each had three assists. The Wildcats, 7-2 on the season, next play Sisseton in Mellette Jan. 11.

## Ipswich Overcomes Northwestern

by Alex Boekelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Ipswich 43-50 in a conference game Friday, Jan. 14 in Ipswich. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 16 points. The Wildcats had a total of 28 rebounds; eight offensive and 20 defensive. Tuscherer had

nine rebounds. Led by junior Gabby Morgan, NW had seven steals. NW committed 20 turnovers and had nine assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had four assists. The Wildcats, 7-4 on the season, next play Warner in Warner Jan. 18.

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Top Ten Ways to Break Up With Your Sweetie

by Kara Fischbach

1. Accept a promise ring from someone else
2. Wear someone else's football jersey
3. Change your Facebook relationship status
4. Announce it through the grapevine
5. Have a friend do it for you
6. Send a text message
7. Put a post-it on his or her locker
8. Ask someone else to prom
9. Do a little PDA with someone else
10. Completely ignore the person

## Winter Activities: Snowmobiling

by Hunter Wood

Snowmobiling season is well underway here in the arctic state of South Dakota. With almost 35 inches of snowfall already this year, the ditches are full, and the drifts are big.

Two students from Northwestern recently took a trip to the Black Hills to go snowmobiling. Juniors Alex Boekelheide and Casey Kulm took a three-day trip. They rode for two days straight and were exhausted by the end of the third day.

"It was awesome! I cannot

wait to go back! Playing in the trees and the hill climbs are crazy fun," Boekelheide said.

"It's a blast to boondock and clumb up the sides of hills. The unknown about what is on the other side of the hill gives it a great thrill," Kulm said.

So get your sleds out and get to riding. This will be a great year for it. We wish you all a safe and happy snowmobiling season.

## Politics with Hunter

This month in politics many things have happened. The new senators and congressmen and women were sworn in. However, the biggest, most important thing that has happened was the Tucson shootings. All in all, six people were murdered in this awful act. Fourteen others were injured. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was shot in the head. Somehow she managed to survive and was rushed to the hospital as many "good Samaritans" held down the shooter. She manages to recover a little


more each day, yet doctors still do not know if she will make a full recovery. There was a nine-year-old girl who was shot and killed because she had an interest in politics and wanted to meet her congresswoman. She was born on Sept. 11, 2001. Her parents said she came into the world on a tragic day, and left this world on a tragic day. Other people shot and killed include a judge and a priest. Please keep these people and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## Hunter, and Only Hunter

Q: Hello Hunter. I have a major dilemma on my hands and need as much help as you can provide! Last year on Valentine's Day, a boy asked me on a date. I was super excited since I had liked him for a very long time. The night of the date, I did everything I could to look good for him. I took almost four hours getting ready. One problem, there was no date. He stood me up! I forgave him and now the same boy and I are dating. It has only been two weeks, and he says he is taking me out for a date on Valentine's Day. I am worried that he will stand me up again and that he is only dating me so he can play

the joke on me again. What do I do?!?!?

A: Well, I'm going to start off by saying, what a JERK!!!! I do not think that dating this boy is in your best interest. For all you know, he is trying to add another log to the fire and to make this year's prank even bigger and better than last year by supposedly dating you. For all you know, he tells his friends he hates you, and he is with you to make the joke even better. I think you need to get out of this relationship the easiest and quickest way possible. Remember, we are just looking out for your better interests. Good Luck!!!!!!



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# STUDENT LIFE

## In the elementary...

by Haley Wetzler

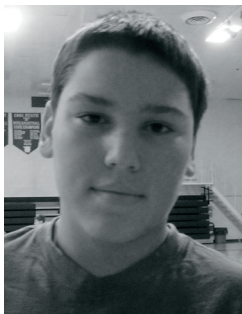
“If you could choose anyone to be your Valentine, whom would you choose?”



“My mom,” fourth-grader Brandon Ashlintubbi said.



“Kara Fischbach,” third-grader Christine Stoltenberg said.



“My sister Kathy,” fifth-grader Kane Stuck said.

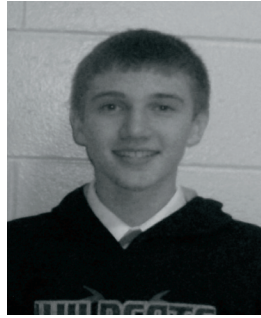


“Jace Haven,” second-grader Alexis Rahm said.

## In the middle school...

by Shay Clemensen

“What is your favorite part about Valentine’s Day?”



“All of the love in the air,” eighth-grader Corbin Smith said.



“I love getting candy,” eighth-grader Doris Wise said.

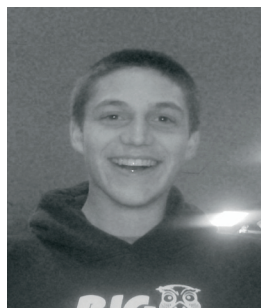


“Eating chocolate,” seventh-grader Ethan Bauer said.

## In the hallway...

by Kathleen Stuck

“If you could have anyone in the world as your Valentine, whom would you choose?”



“Susan Boyle. She has a voice of an angel,” junior Trevor Toennies said.



“Logen Lechner,” Sophomore Melissa Thompson said.



“Kyrie Irving,” Paige Metzinger said.

## Senior Profiles

by Logan Brown

Kara Fischbach  
Parents: Mark and Terri Fischbach  
College/Major: University of South Dakota/  
Business Economics  
What will you miss most about high school?  
I will miss Mariah Taylor and Haley Wetzler.  
What are you looking forward to after high school? Wearing sweat pants everyday



Amanda Finley  
Parents: James and Jolinda Finley  
College/Major: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology/Chemical/Biological Engineering  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Not having to pay for everything  
What are you looking forward to after high school? going to school, persuading my major and living in the hills



Rachel Finley  
Parents: LeAnn and Roger Finley  
College/Major: Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design/Art Education  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Art Class  
What are you looking forward to after high school? Moving away

## Inspiration Corner

*If you you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.*

## Trends



Can you guess whose boots these are?