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## Fischbach, Clemens Chosen as Athletes of Character

by Laine Mielke

Seniors Kara Fischbach and Josh Clemens were chosen to be part of the 4-H Athletes of Character program and gave an assembly to the elementary students about the importance of good character, both in sports and in everyday life, on Nov. 16.

Fischbach and Clemens both possess athleticism, strong academic performance and good character. Northwestern is one of 32 schools in eastern South Dakota selected for this pilot program; once completed, the program will reach a total of 15,000 students.

Fischbach and Clemens spoke to students about the importance of spending as much time with their homework as they do with other fun activities, including sports. More importantly,

they also told the students that it is their good character that they would really like to be remembered for, not just for how well they do in sports.

The program also features an eight-minute scene clip from the blockbuster movie *The Blind Side* for older elementary and middle school students. The clip educates students about sportsmanship and conflict resolution. Accompanying the clip is also a segment by John Stigelmeier, the head coach of the South Dakota State University football team, who shares about the importance of good character.

"The program promotes outstanding character by recognizing local, well-known athletes in the schools who exemplify all qualities that the students are supposed to be striving for. Josh and I were honored to have



Seniors Kara Fischbach and Josh Clemens pose with the kindergarten class after their 4-H Athletes of Character program.

been selected and presenting the platform was a lot of fun,"

Fischbach said.

## Elementary Christmas Concert a Success

by Courtlen Lechner

The elementary and middle school performed their Christmas concert on Dec. 8.

The concert was accompanied and directed by Mrs. Wendy Thorson and Mrs. Stephanie Lunstrum.

During the concert, the fifth-graders performed a play called "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders." In this play, fifth-grader Tyler Braun played the role of Elfis Presley.

"I really liked being Elfis. My lines were really easy to remember," Braun said.

They also had a Mr. and Mrs. Claus; Kane Little played the role of Santa and Evy Peterson



The fifth-graders performed "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders" at the Christmas concert held Dec. 8 in the gym.

played the role of Santa's wife. During this play, they had three solos. The soloists were Sadie VanderWal, Peyton Groft and Megan Heidenreich.

"Those three soloists were quite the singers," sophomore Kaitlyn Sparling said.

The middle school sang and played band music. Some of the songs the middle school performed were "We Three Kings" and "A Christmas Gloria." The songs they performed in band were, "Celtic Bell Carol," Faeries," and "A Christmas Finale."

"I got kind of nervous before my solo because there were so many people at the concert," Heidenreich said.

## Newspaper Places Second in First Edition Contest

by Katrina Frericks

Newspaper editors Laine Mielke and Calli Peterson received second place for the South Dakota High School Press Association First Edition Newspaper Contest.

Schools across South Dakota were put into categories based on enrollment in their high school. There were two categories: Category one with enrollment over 175 and Category two with enrollment under 175.

Category one first place winner was O'Gorman; the second place winner had a tie between

Brandon Valley and Huron, and honorable mention went to Mitchell. Category 2 First Place

winner was Aberdeen Peterson Roncalli and second-place winner was Northwestern.

"I think it's super fabulous!" Mrs. Nora Groft said.



Peterson



Mielke

skills everyone possesses individually and the obvious team work we have as a whole. This year we have a larger class than last year, so

"This being my second year getting this award, it's awesome. I'm proud of the writing

we have differentiation in our stories, and I think that makes the paper more fun to read. I'm also proud of Calli and the things she has done, and I look forward to reading her paper next year," Mielke said.

"I think it's really awesome that we won the award. I think Our class works really hard to put out the paper, and it takes a lot of team work. Everyone criticizes our work and notices every mistake, so to get an award is really nice, and I think we deserved it," Peterson said.



# NEWS

## Students Compete at MathCounts

by Kelsey Hoellein

The MathCounts students attended a contest at Roncalli Elementary on Wednesday, Dec. 1. No students placed overall. Each student was then placed in a bracket.

"Each student competed well in the bracket they were put in. I think going to Roncalli was a good experience for each of them," Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua said.

Even though no students placed overall, a few students placed inside their brackets. Eighth-graders Corbin Smith, Jordan Peterson and Haley Grandpre and seventh-grader Cody Lefforge placed third in their individual brackets.

"MathCounts was fun, but the ride there and back was the best," eighth-grader Jordon Peterson said.

## Environmental Science Class Visits and Test Water At Armadale Bridge Site

by Kelsey Hoellein

The environmental science class visited Armadale Bridge to take water samples. Each group had to find out what the area was like. They had been learning about different types of water and tests and could perform any tests they wanted to the water. They also learned about the history and significance of the bridge.

"It was a good experience until I lost the bucket underwater," junior Alex Boekleheide said.

The tests they took included a water sample where they could do several tests to see what the water was like. They could also get a soil samples and run tests on the soil. Students could also

get a leaf litter, which is a leaf, a sample of dirt and leaves.

They put everything in a funnel under a light and put methanol in a beaker underneath the funnel. They could see what bugs they caught. Then, they calculated the numbers to get the results. After each group did all the tests and found their results, they had to write a lab report with their data and results.

"It was a good experience, and I learned a lot about Armadale Bridge. It was a good challenge for us because we were all on our own when doing the tests. I would like to do it again," junior Logan Brown said.

## Students' Art Featured in Digest

by Ashley Clemens

The Conservation Digest had students enter artwork in its contest. Kindergartner Emmylea Robeson, fourth-grader Jarret Haven and fifth-grader Sadie VanderWal were chosen out of the 1,300 entries to have their artwork featured in a 2011 edition of South Dakota Conservation Digest.

"This is a really good experience for our young students to have their artwork featured. It really shows them that hard work does pay off. There were a lot of students entered in this, but only a few of them got chosen, and we are lucky enough to have three of them right here at our school. I'm extremely proud of them," Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

"It's really cool to have my picture go in the magazine," Haven said.

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# NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, December 14, 2010

- Hub Area purchased a new CNC machine, a computerized milling machine, for the machine shop.
  - High school semester test are scheduled for December 21 and 22.
  - The bullying presentation put on by Camfel productions was well received by the students, especially the middle school kids.
  - Dibles testing was started on December 14.
  - Trustworthiness students for the month of November are Tanner Ewalt, Jessica Boekelheide, Jace Haven, Cassidy Frericks, Riley Grandpre and Wyatt Erickson.
  - NW will be replacing and repairing some of the treadmills in the cardio room.
  - Impact testing will be done on all students involved in athletics. This will provide a base line in the event of a concussion. Other students are also welcomed to be tested.
  - The audit for the fiscal year 6-30-2010 was reviewed and accepted by the Department of Legislative Audit, State of South Dakota.
  - For better internal controls, a board member will be reviewing bank reconciliations monthly. All club accounts will also be verified regularly by their treasurers or account heads.
  - Approved the amended CIPA Compliant Internet Safety Policy.
  - NW will provide a bus driver, when available, for the wrestling tournaments and meets. Warner will provide the bus and fuel.
  - Approved the Resolution for Obtaining Social Security Coverage for Employees of South Dakota Political Subdivisions.
  - Congratulations to Student of the Month Alisa Grabau.
  - Congratulations to Alex Boekelheide who placed 2nd in the South Dakota "Big Idea" business plan winning \$500. Alex Boekelheide, Madison Hahler, and Laken Frericks were selected as three of the top eight finalists (out of 148 entries state wide) for the "Big Idea" in which each student writes a business plan for a their business idea. Jussy Tuscherer and Katrina Frericks also received honorable mention.
  - Congratulations to Derek Boekelheide for placing 1st individually at the Holgate 6th Grade Math Counts Contest and the team for placing 2nd overall!
- Congratulations to Jussy Tuscherer for being selected as first team all-state in volleyball and to Haley Wetzler for being selected as second team all-state in volleyball! Congratulations to Mariah Taylor, Haley Wetzler, and Jussy Tuscherer for being selected as All-Lake Region Conference! Haley Wetzler and Jussy Tuscherer were also selected to the Aberdeen American News All-Area team!

## Assembly Teaches Students Dangers of Bullying

by Jared Fischer

A bullying assembly was held on Wednesday, Dec. 1. The junior high went to the assembly at 9 a.m., and the high school went to the assembly at 10 a.m.

"It was very interesting, and I am glad that everyone got to see the assembly, so that they could learn more about school bullying. Also, I thought the big TV's were cool," said junior Madison Smith.

The purpose of the assembly was to warn kids about the danger of bullying. The speaker at the assembly was from California, and Northwestern High School was one of the stops on his tour across the country.

"It was very educational," sophomore Shay Clemensen said.

## Student of the Month: Alisa Grabau

by Katrina Frericks

Sophomore Alisa Grabau received the Student of the Month award for December.

"I think she deserved it," junior Jared Fischer said.

Alisa is a foreign exchange student from Germany; her host family is Troy and Michelle Metzinger of Northville. Her host siblings are Matthew and Paige. Her parents in Germany are Elisabeth and Harald Grabau; she also has one brother, Philipp.

Alisa's inspiration comes from her mother and brother.

Her activities include singing and riding her bike into town. Her hobbies include ballroom dancing, meeting friends and volleyball.

Alisa's future plan is to study hotel management abroad at a university, then have a job and small family. Her favorite class is health and wellness with Mr. Scott Boone.

Alisa's favorite quote is "Life is like a box of chocolates, you



never know what you're going to get," Grabau by Forrest Gump.

The most embarrassing moment for Alisa was language misunderstandings and difficulties in the beginning of her exchange year.

"I think it's great that she came to our country with very little knowledge of the U.S. and still went through the struggles and barriers of being a foreign exchange student. She has done a splendid job here," junior Hunter Wood said.

## Northern Electric Provides Energy Assembly

by Jared Fischer

Some students got to learn hands-on about saving energy on Wednesday, Nov. 17. A couple employees from Northern Electric came to Northwestern and set up a presentation in the small gymnasium. Any student who is in a science class was able to attend the presentation.

The reason for attending was to show students the importance of saving energy.

The students who attended

this presentation discovered the benefit of fluorescent light bulbs compared to regular light bulbs.

"I thought that is was very cool to see how energy is made and used," junior Alex Boekelheide said.

They also made windmills and tested them to see how fast they would go.

"It was interesting, and I liked making the windmills," junior Nona Roeber said.

## Duncan Accepted to Honor Choir

by Laine Mielke

Sixth-grader Darby Duncan was selected to represent Northwestern at the Elementary Festival Honor Choir. The performance will be on Feb. 10 in Brookings on the South Dakota State University campus.

To participate in the choir, the students needed to make

an audition tape and send it in. There were a total of 721 audition tapes sent in from around the state, and only 195 of them were accepted.

"I was really happy when I found out I made it! I think it will be a lot of fun," Duncan said.



# NEWS

## Night Creatures Visit During Day

by Haley Wetzler

High school, middle school, and elementary students and faculty all gathered in the gymnasium to watch the Night Creatures assembly presented by "Uncle Henry."

Uncle Henry began with teaching the students about nocturnal animals and their habitats. Uncle Henry got his lesson across by using a lot of rhyming, hand motions and having the students repeat after him.

The first animal Uncle Henry brought out with was tarantula named Rosie in which he explained how they were nocturnal. Next, he brought out a chinchilla and explained to the students how the chinchilla is hunted for its coats. Following the introduction of the chinchilla, his pet ferret was brought out. The ferret seemed to be the students' favorite animal since Uncle Henry could instantly put the ferret to sleep. The trick behind the ferret's ability to fall asleep instantly was that Uncle Henry would hold the ferret right behind the neck like a mother ferret would do to calm the ferret.

"I liked the animals he brought to show and the history he told about them so we could get a

different aspect of all the different kinds of animals are in the world, but I liked the ferret the best when he grabbed the back of his neck and made it yawn the same time as him," sophomore Landon Fischbach said.

To end the show, Uncle Henry brought out his last animals, two snakes. These snakes, along with the other three animals, were also nocturnal. Kindergartners Maren Hansen and Hunter Johnson were asked by Uncle Henry to hold a snake skin so all the students could see how long the shed skin was.



Kindergartners Maren Hansen and Hunter Johnson help Uncle Henry during the Night Creatures show.

## Oral Interp Participants Attend State Competition

by Ashley Clemens

The Northwestern Oral Interp students went to the state competition Friday, Dec. 3 in Aberdeen, S.D., at the Johnson Fine Arts Center.

Those who attended the state competition included seniors Rachel Finley, Elizabeth Leonhardt and Dalton Franck, juniors Kathleen Stuck and Annie Lutter and sophomore Calli Peterson.

They first needed to make it through locals to get to districts and once they made it past districts, they went to regions. They ended up making it further than regions and made it to state.

The Readers' Theatre per-

formed "Horton Hears a Who," by Dr. Seuss; they did not place.

"Overall it was a very good experience," Lutter said.

"I think it was a good season for my senior year," Finley said.

"I think that being in oral interp is a very good experience, and more people should be in it. It is a great chance to learn how to speak without getting too nervous. State this year was very exciting, and overall, I thought this year's season went very well. I wish we would have placed at state, but at least we made it," Peterson said.

## FBLA Blood Drive Held

by Jared Fischer

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, the Northwestern Future Business Leaders of America held a Blood Drive.

"It is enjoyable to go through the process and know it is needed to help others," senior Hilary Frericks said.

A total of 38 people came to volunteer to donate blood, and 28 were able to give. A total of 30 pints of blood were

donated.

"I am glad to know that I am able to donate my blood for a good cause. The refreshments and cookies at the end make it worthwhile," junior Mariah Taylor said.

The NW chapter of FBLA has been hosting blood drives for the past several years and now does two each year. The next blood drive will be in March 2011.

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# NEWS

## High School Christmas Concert Enjoyed By All

by **Kathleen Stuck**

The 2010 high school Christmas concert held Dec. 6 and directed by Stephanie Lunstrum and accompanied by Wendy Thorson pleased audiences.

"This year's high school concert was a smashing success!" sophomore Shay Clemensen said.

The concert kicked off with piano preludes by junior Laine Mielke and freshman Jeanna Duncan and a guitar solo by freshman Kalen Frericks.

Songs sung by the choir in-

cluded "O Come to the Manger," "Sleigh Ride" and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." The chorus performance also included a performance by the boys' chorus and the girls' chorus, as well.

The high school band selections included "Good King Wence-Salsa," "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "Up On a Housetop."

A flute quartet also played, as well as a piano solo by senior Dalton Franck.

## FBLA Officers Attend Fall Conference

by **Courtlen Lechner**

A few students who are part of Northwestern's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended the fall conference held in Sioux Falls.

The four students which attended were seniors Dalton Franck, Kara Fischbach, Amanda Finley and junior Katrina Frericks, along with adviser Mrs. Anne Frericks.

"It was a pretty enjoyable time. Since I am a state officer, it was kind of nice to be able to meet some more of the people from around the state," Franck

said.

While at the conference, the students played games and listened to speeches by officers from different schools. It helped the students gain more leadership skills and meet many new people. It was also a way for the officers from NW to get to know all the other officers so that they can better work together at the state convention in April.

"It was very fun getting to know new people, and the games were pretty intense," Frericks said.

The journalism class would like to thank everyone who purchased a pizza kit! Over 300 kits were sold, to help reach the fundraising goal!

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# NEWS

## LETTERS TO SANTA

*From the first-graders*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Nerf gun  
cs-6 or something  
betr for Christmas.  
I hope the reindeer  
don't get ingrt. I  
will leve you some-  
thing helthe. I love  
you, Santa.

Nick Joseph Troske

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will give you cook-  
ies and milk. The  
carrots are for the  
reindeer. Does Mrs.  
Claus help you? I  
want to ride in your  
sleigh. I want kids  
makeup.  
Jessica Boekelheide

Dear Santa,  
I want a American  
girl baybey doll for  
Christmas and a lap-  
top too.  
Merry Christmas  
Santa Claus. Merry  
Christmas Mrs. Claus  
too.  
Haiden Grandpre

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I'll leave milk  
and cookies. I want  
Chinese checkers.  
Have a nice Christ-  
mas. I love you,  
Santa. Merry Christ-  
mas.  
Samuel Groft

Dear Santa, I want  
a D.S for Christmas.  
My name is Me-  
gan. I want to ride  
in your sled. I will  
leave you cookies. I  
love you.  
Megan

Dear Santa,  
I want to ride in  
your sleigh and go  
home. Tell Mrs.  
Claus I like her. I  
want to met you  
Mrs. Claus. Are your  
reindeers good. I  
belev in you Santa.  
Sawyer Styles

Dear Santa,  
I live in Mansfield.  
I like my Christmas  
thee. I like your hat.  
I made a list. I can  
be good in class.  
Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a  
Merry Christmas. I  
want a train. I love  
you. I want to see  
you. Justin

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a computer  
and a book and a  
toy deer. I Love you  
and Miss closs. My  
mom nedss a new  
Christmas tree. I  
love Rudolph. I like  
you.  
Emma

Dear Santa, you  
have a Merry Christ-  
mas. I want a digi-  
tal fingernail printer  
for Christmas. I  
want to get in your  
sleigh. I Love your  
reindeer. I like your  
elves.  
I love you.  
Maddie Williams

Dear Santa,  
I will leave milk and  
cookies. I want a  
computer. I want  
zho zho pets. I  
want a pillow pet.  
Merry Christmas.  
Reagan

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a  
Leapster frog. And  
please bring me a  
DSI. Oh and tell  
Mrs. Claus and Ru-  
dolph that I said hi.  
I love you.  
Merry Christmas!  
Teryn

Dear Santa,  
I live in Brentford.  
I want a laptop. I  
want a stuff anu-  
mull. I want a flag.  
Reindeer is the best.  
Kyanne Anglin

Dear Santa,  
I like to have a re-  
mote control semi  
and traler and  
skid-stere. Wish  
Mrs. Claus a Merry  
Christmas! I want to  
find your sled and  
ride in it.

Landen Melius

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a crane. I  
will like a batman  
and I love Miss Closs  
and you. I love Ru-  
dolph.  
Chris

Dear Santa,  
I like the snow. I  
want a Laptop San-  
ta. I want a Ameri-  
can girl Santa. I will  
give you milk and  
cookes. Thank you  
Santa. Mack

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will brein cookies  
and milk. I want  
yogi bear in 3D.  
You is my favoit.  
Your elfs ar good.  
Brandon

Dear Santa Claus,  
You have the best  
presints ever. I will  
give you milk and  
cereal. I want 2  
stuff anammls. You  
are reli snece.  
Logan Rausch.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a laptop for  
Christmas. Mrs.  
Claus, I love you.  
Tell Rudolph he is  
the best. Dancer is  
the best.

Kade Stahl





# OPINION

## Was purchasing 150 new iPads a smart choice?

### Pro

by: Calli Peterson

Recently, the Northwestern School received money to use for technology. The school decided to purchase the new high-tech items that have become popular in other school communities. iPads are an excellent visual tool and have many good applications that can help students learn new things. NW is trying to keep up with new technology resources and always encourages new items that can help students understand the subjects more clearly.

The iPads can be used for a visual learning tool. Instead of having to learn information from textbooks, students can actually see the information while learning everything that would be in a textbook. Some students are more visual learners than listening learners. The iPads help these students, so they can see what they are learning. NW staff members have talked with other schools and

found some useful applications that the school can use.

iPads will be very useful in science classes. One school found a virtual dissection application. By finding applications that can show three-dimensional pictures of cells, animals and the inside of the human body, students will have a better understanding of such topics without actually looking inside an animal's carcass.

Other schools have found different applications that can be downloaded onto the iPad for elementary education as well as junior high and high school education. Northwestern hopes to find new ways to increase knowledge for all students.

The iPads will probably start in the elementary but still will be used for high school. Students in the elementary can use the iPads for virtual flash cards, games and activities. Instead of using textbook activities, teachers can assign activities on the iPads that would be much more enjoyable for the students.

"It's a great opportunity for our students to get to use technology," Mrs. Jessica Halvorson said.



"Let's start by saying, WHAT A JOKE! I could find way better ways to spend the money. Heck. Lets get some quilted Northern (toilet paper) up in here. School is for learning, not for playing games, which iPads are for. The iPads will just bring trouble," senior Logen Lechner said.



"I could've used 82,000 dollars," Mr. Dennis Jeschke said.



"We could have spent it on something more useful. We have laptops and a great computer lab," sophomore Stanton Roach said.



### Con

by Laine Mielke

The Northwestern school system recently received a grant that needed to be used towards a student program; the money needed to be spent in a short amount of time, or it would consequently be lost. The administration chose to use the money by purchasing 150 new iPads.

The idea of having so many iPads is so that if more than one class wants to use them at one time, it is possible. However, the class sizes at Northwestern are not very large; therefore, it would not take very many iPads to fulfill that wish.

The iPads also cannot access any of the Microsoft programs or Internet Explorer, which is what every student in the school is taught to use. Adding new programs from Mac may cause confusion and frustration.

Problems with broken computers and keyboards already exist within the school, so adding 150 touch screens to the mix seems problematic. A touch screen can much more easily be broken or cracked.

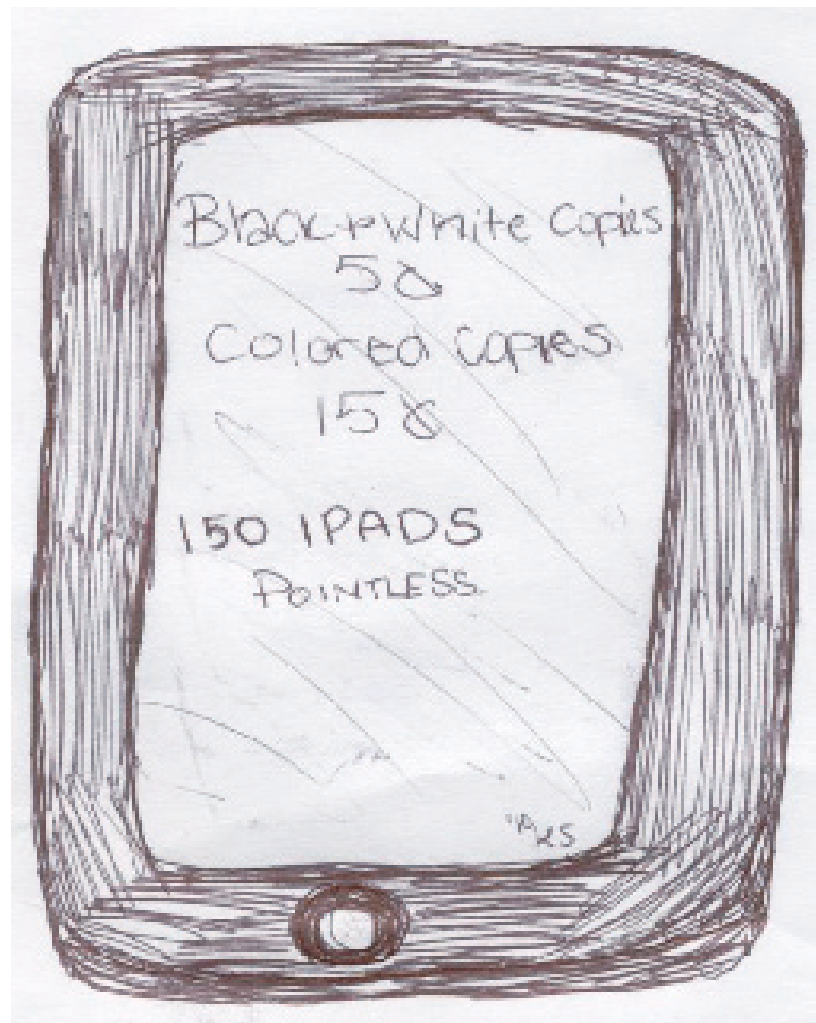
Also, the iPads are being purchased for the elementary

students because there are many educational applications for the young students. However, anyone that has ever worked with small children knows that their hands are never fully clean, which will add time to the teachers' day because they will be cleaning the iPads after use. Young children are also never very gentle with anything, and they can be expected to press too roughly on the screen.

There are obviously other student programs in the school that could use some extra funding. The AP calculus students would benefit from having their own laptops to use for the class; the AP English students could also benefit from additional iPads. The school bell system is currently not working correctly, either; maybe some of the money could have been used to help fix that problem. Some students have also mentioned that maybe the money could have been put into the lunch program.

Although the purchasing of these new technological devices may have positive sides, it definitely could have been thought out better.

Maybe it could have been used for ink and paper.



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# SPORTS

## Girls' Basketball Kicks Off Season

by Alex Boekelheide

### NW Beats Roncalli

To start off the season, the Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team beat Aberdeen Roncalli 53-48 in a non-conference game Tuesday, Dec. 7 in Aberdeen. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 19 points. The Wildcats had a total of 28 rebounds; nine offensive and 19 defensive. Sophomore Ashley Clemens had a total of eight rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had nine total steals. NW committed 21 turnovers and had 11 assists. Junior Mariah Taylor led the team with six assists.

### Wildcats Rock Knights

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team beat Aberdeen Christian 76-16 in a conference game Thursday, Dec. 9 in Aberdeen. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 21 points. The Wildcats had a total of 47 rebounds; 21 offensive and 26 defensive. Tuscherer had a total of 12 rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had six steals. NW committed 13 turnovers and had nine assists. Senior Joni Boekelheide, junior Mariah Taylor and Tuscherer all had two assists.

### Northwestern Falls To Warner

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Warner 56-64 in a non-conference game Thursday, Dec. 16 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 17 points. The Wildcats had a total of 22 rebounds; seven offensive and 15 defensive. Tuscherer had a total of seven rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had 13 steals. NW committed 24 turnovers and had eight assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had five assists.

## Northwestern Football Awards 2010

### All-Conference Awards

Michael Smith  
Josh Clemens  
Alex Bauer  
Jeremiah Serfling

### Honorable Mention

Hunter Wood

### Academic All-State Awards

Dalton Franck  
Josh Clemens

### Football All-State Award

Jeremiah Serfling

### Team Awards

Alex Bauer- Offensive MVP  
Hunter Wood- Defensive MVP  
Josh Clemens- Special Team MVP  
Jeremiah Serfling- Lineman MVP  
Alex Bauer- Team MVP  
Jacob Heidenreich- Most Improved  
Michael Smith- Mr. Football  
Captains- Alex Bauer, Michael Smith and Jeremiah Serfling

### Seniors

Alex Bauer- Bar  
Jeremiah Serfling- Bar  
Michael Smith- Bar  
Josh Clemens- Bar

### Juniors

Trevor Toennies- Bar  
Hunter Wood- Bar

### Sophomores

Jake Groft- Bar  
Landon Fischbach- Bar  
Evan Finley- Bar

### Freshman

Jacob Heidenreich- Letter and Bar  
Nathan Palmer- Letter and Bar  
Nathan Frericks- Letter and Bar  
Tyler Carda- Letter and Bar

## Northwestern Volleyball Awards 2010

### Team Awards

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
SDHSAA Team Academic Achievement Award GPA 3.69  
Record: 25-6

JV Record: 14-2

C Team Record: 14-11

Statistician: Calli Peterson

Minions: Darby Duncan, Peyton Groft, Moira Duncan, and Madalyn Groft

Assistant Coaches: Doug Duncan & Elissa Reppe

### Paige Metzinger

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award

### Jeanna Duncan

Northwestern Rookie of the

Year  
AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Pin and bar

### Kelsey Hoellein

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award

### Kaitlyn Sparling

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award

### Ashley Clemens

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Bar

### Laken Frericks

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Pin and bar

### Shelby Peterson

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Pin and bar

### Mariah Taylor

Assists Leader  
Serving Percentage Leader  
All-Lake Region Conference

AVCA/MaxPreps Player of the Week  
AVCA/MaxPreps Player of the Week  
AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Bar

### Haley Wetzler

Captain  
Digs Leader  
Serve Receive Passing Level Leader  
Serve Receive Passing Percentage Leader  
Second Team All-State  
All-Lake Region Conference  
Aberdeen American News All-Area Team  
Northwestern Will-to-Win Athlete  
AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Bar

### Jussy Tuscherer

Kills Leader  
Kill Efficiency Leader  
The Wall—Blocking Leader  
Points Leader  
Ace Server

First Team All-State  
All-Lake Region Conference  
Aberdeen American News All-Area Team  
Northwestern Player of the Year  
AVCA/MaxPreps Player of the Week  
AVCA/MaxPreps Player of the Week  
AVCA/MaxPreps Player of the Week  
AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Bar

### Joni Boekelheide

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Academic All-State  
Bar

### Alyssa Morgan

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Bar

### Kara Fischbach

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
Academic All-State  
Bar



# SPORTS

## BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS UNDEFEATED

by Laine Mielke

### Wildcats Defeat Hoven/Edmunds Central

To kick off the season, the Northwestern Wildcats defeated Hoven/Edmunds Central 74-45 on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Senior Michael Smith led the team in points with 22. NW committed 20 fouls and 21 turn overs. The Wildcats had 24 steals. For offensive rebounds, the Wildcats had nine, and for defensive rebounds, they had 17 for a total of 32 rebounds.

### Wildcats Slide Past Monarchs

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Warner Monarchs 50-44 on Thursday, Dec. 16 in Mellette. Sophomore Landon Fischbach led the team in points with 13; Senior Michael Smith had 12. Seniors Alex Bauer and Dalton Franck and freshman Nathan Palmer each had a 100 percent free throw percentage. NW had a total of seven offensive rebounds and 23 defensive rebounds, for a total of 30. The Wildcats committed 14 fouls and 28 turnovers. The team had three assists, one block and seven steals.



Above: Sophomore Landon Fischbach boxes out while senior Logen Lechner goes up for a rebound.


At Left: Senior Alex Bauer goes up for a lay up.

Sophomore Landon Fischbach shoots over the Mustang defense.

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## Northwestern Cheerleading Awards 2010

### Seniors

Alyssa Morgan- Bar  
Hilary Frericks- Bar

### Juniors

Laken Frericks- Bar  
Gabby Morgan- Bar  
Jenny Lefforge- Bar  
Maddy Smith- Bar

### Freshmen

Torey Beardemphl- Bar and Pin  
Kalen Frericks- Bar and Pin  
Maddie Hahler- Bar and Pin  
Kristie Bade- Bar and Pin

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Tuesday, Dec 14	Hoven-Edmunds Central	NW	5:15
Tuesday, Jan 4	Aberdeen Christian	NW	5:15
Thursday, Jan 13	Ipswich	Ipswich	5:15
Monday, Jan 17	Groton	NW	6:00/7:00
Thursday, Jan 20	Warner	NW	6:00
Saturday, Jan 22	Warner Tournament	Warner	TBA
Tuesday, Jan 25	Faulkton	Faulkton	5:15
Saturday, Jan 29	H/T Tournament	Tulare	TBA
Tuesday, Feb 1	Wolsey-Wessington	NW	5:15
Thursday, Feb 3	NW Jamboree	Conde	4:00
Monday, Feb 7	Roncalli	Roncalli Elem.	4:30
Friday, Feb 18	Hitchcock-Tulare	Tulare	4:15
Saturday, Feb 19	NW Jamboree	NW	9:00

Landon Fischbach shows off his skills by shooting a basket to help win the game.



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# STUDENT LIFE

## Top 10 Things to do in the winter with Shay Clemensen

10. Swim
9. Hunt
8. Sled
7. Snowmobile
6. Build snow forts
5. Snowball fights
4. Read a great book
3. Drink coffee
2. Wear a Snuggie
1. Cuddle

## Politics with Hunter

by Hunter Wood

The government has been discussing whether or not to extend Bush's tax cuts. They finally came up with a deal to do so. However, President Obama made the deal, and his fellow democrats say he is not allowed to do so because congress must make the deal. More arguing in Washington, what a huge surprise. The tax cuts will add \$500 billion to the deficit. The rich people can't let the average man get a tax cut without him being allowed to get one also.

Let's do some quick math here. If a person making \$30,000 per year, has to pay back \$6,000 they are left with \$24,000. Now a person making \$156 million per year may have to pay back \$8-10 million. That leaves them with right around \$147 million dollars. It barely even makes a dent in their fortune!

The new speaker of the house, John Boehner, sure is an emotional one. He cries when talking about how he got to where he is now. When he was asked why he cried about it, guess what he did. He cried again! People LOVE him. Maybe Bush should have shed a few tears every now and then. However, Bush's approval rating (47%) is now one point higher than Obama's (46%).

PLEASE, e-mail me at hw3053@k12.sd.us.

## Through the eyes of a foreign exchange student

by Alisa Grabau

The time is flying by so fast, and I can't believe my exchange year is almost over. I can remember New York and the first weeks of school as if it happened yesterday.

I'm so ready to go home and finally be with my family and friends. But I'm sad that I have to leave, because I know it will never be like this again. I won't see some of the awesome people I met here again. I just can't believe it's over.

Now, I figured out how everything is going on here; I'm involved in daily life. I finally figured out the school system and I know who my friends are. When I have a bad day, I just say 'Hey enjoy these moments, you will never have the opportunity to do something like THIS again.' And that is so true; I may never have the chance again.

In Germany, everything will be the same. Same daily life, maybe some changes in friendships and school, but that's it. It will feel like I wasn't gone. That's what other people think. But for me; I will never forget the time abroad and the experiences I made. I would say I changed, in a good way.

I learned so many new things here; it's hard to describe. I think everybody should have the opportunity to do something like this.

So all in all, you can say that I have two different lives. I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to live a "second life" here in South Dakota, get to know some amazing people, learn a new lifestyle and culture and living in an all-American family, the Metzinger's :-). THANK YOU, I had a wonderful time!

## Hunter, Logan & a Little Bit of Shay

Q: Hey guys! My girl is doing great thanks to you guys. There is one problem. Christmas is almost here! What do I get her as a gift?!?!?

A: Buying gifts at Christmas time for a significant other can be tricky; however, we have used our expertise and have compiled a few things that we think would be acceptable in your situation.


\* For 0-4 months, we suggest candy, stuffed animals and anything but a \$600 promise ring.

\* For 4-6 months, we think candy and jewelry are acceptable gift choices.

\* For 6-12 months, jewelry is acceptable and by now, you should know her well enough to be able to get her things in regards to what she likes to do.

\* For anything over a year, jewelry is definitely acceptable, and may be expected by the woman. Remember that flowers are always an excellent choice!

In this season of giving, remember that it's really the thought that counts! (Yes, girls, we are talking to you.)



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# STUDENT LIFE

## In the elementary...

by Haley Wetzler

What is your favorite part of winter?



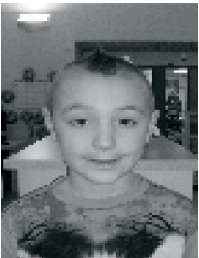
"Presents!"  
kindergartner  
Olivia Heidenreich  
said.



"I get to go sled-  
ding," second-  
grader Sydney  
Schell said.



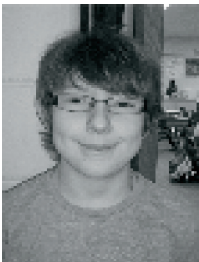
"When Santa Claus  
comes," first-grader  
Emma Grandpre  
said.



"Snowboarding,"  
third-grader Noah  
Morgan said.



"Probably build-  
ing snow forts and  
riding behind the  
four wheeler on a  
sled," fourth-grad-  
er Seth Wood said.



"Snowmobiling,"  
fifth-grader Blaine  
Wright said.

## In the middle school...

by Shay Clemensen

What's at the top of your wish list this Christmas?



"The top of my list  
would have to be  
Black Ops for the  
Xbox360," eighth-  
grader Christine  
Morgan said.



"I want an Xbox  
360," eighth-grader  
Blake Toennies said.



"I want my parents  
to buy me a pup-  
py," eighth-grader  
Tessa Rush said.

## In the hallway...

by Kathleen Stuck

If Santa Claus came into your house, what would you do?



"I'd moon him,"  
freshman Nathan  
Palmer said.



"I'd drop kick  
him," sophomore  
Shay Clemensen  
said.



"I'd give him  
cookies," fresh-  
man Kalen Frericks  
said.

## Senior Profiles

by Logan Brown



Alex Bauer  
Parents: Brian and Dee Bauer  
College/Major: Dakota State University/  
Business Finance  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Sports, friends, and laid back atmosphere.  
What are you looking forward to after high  
school? Meeting new friends and new expe-  
rience.



Casey Bade  
Parents: Rodney and Kimberly Bade  
College/Major: Marine Corps  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Messing around with friends.  
What are you looking forward to after high  
school? Meeting new people.



Mike Smith  
Parents: Jim and Deb Smith  
College/Major: Animal Science/ North Da-  
kota State College of Science  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Sports, friends, and the mischief we get  
into.  
What are you looking forward to after high  
school? Furthering my knowledge of the ani-  
mal science field and meeting new people.

## Trends



Can you guess whose boots these are?