

Freshmen Participate in Character Counts Event

by **Katrina Frericks**

The freshman class participated in the annual Character Counts event held Jan. 25 at school.

The students met in the small gym at 8:30 a.m. to start the day. Throughout the day, students participated in many activities that involved making towers out of balloons, watching videos, playing the telephone game, etc. These games related to Character Counts by being involved with the six pillars of character: respect, caring, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship and fairness.

The balloon towers involved teamwork and responsibility. The videos showed examples of character, and the telephone game involved trustworthiness between the students.

"It was a pretty fun day. It was definitely better than sitting in class all day!" freshman Nate



Freshmen Donna Harmon, Nathan Palmer and Maddie Hahler teach the second-graders about what they learned through the Character Counts program.

Palmer said.

The students learned how to introduce themselves to other people and how to use their manners in appropriate situations. The students formed into groups of three at the end of the day for their final project. Each group received one pillar of character to make a poster that would be presented to one of the elementary classes.

"My favorite part was presenting our poster to the elementary students. I think they really liked it too," freshman Torey Beadempl said.

Teachers expect exemplary character from freshmen.

K-12 Attend Assembly on History of Magic

by **Kelsey Hoellein**

Northwestern students in grades kindergarten through seniors attended an assembly on the history of magic Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Jeff Holding conducted the assembly; he has been doing magic tricks since he was nine years old and showed the students some of his favorite tricks. Holding goes to different schools showing his magic tricks and telling the history of magic dating back to Egyptian times, to Houdini to present-day magic.

"The show was awesome! I wish I could do magic like him," second-grader Jackson Mielke said.

While performing his magic tricks, he also entertained everyone with his jokes and involved a few students in his show.

Holding knew many different kinds of tricks, and he started the show with some classic card tricks. He then moved on to doing tricks with handkerchiefs



First-grader Emma Grandpre assists Jeff Holding in a few of his magic tricks during an assembly Feb. 16.

and ended the show with balloon tricks.

Holding has been doing research on magic for many years now and is very educated on the subject. He encouraged all of the students to do research on magic, as it is a very rewarding subject.

"I totally had a magic kit when I was little. This assembly made me want to go home and find it!" junior Shelby Peterson said.

Students Compete in Local Science Fair

by **Jared Fischer**

The local science fair competition held on Thursday, Feb. 10 featured many outstanding projects. The science fair date changed due to weather conditions the week prior.

The students have been busy working on their projects since school began. At the beginning of the year, they brainstormed ideas and decided on a project. They then completed forms that must be sent to Northern State University to hopefully get approved. Once approved, the students may begin working. Some students choose to work with a partner, but the majority of projects are done individually.

At Northwestern, everyone

in grades six through 10 are required to do science fair. Some juniors and seniors have the option to participate, depending on the science class they are in.

"My testing took quite awhile to do, but in the end, it worked out because I got first place!" seventh-grader Cameron Bohl said.

"Our testing was very precisely done, and it took a long time, but we are hopeful that we have a chance at making it to national science fair this year," senior Josh Clemens said. His partner is senior Ethan Steward.

The students who received first and second place will travel to the NSU science fair March 24.

Congratulations to the following Science Fair winners:

JUNIOR HIGH

Honorable Mention: Carolina Spielman, Darby Duncan, Andrea Rausch

3rd: Derek Boekelheide, Zach Duncan, Tessa Rush, Rachel Rausch, Nolan Peterson, Elizabeth Heidenreich

2nd: Rachel Boekelheide, Isaac Groft, Blake Toennies, Cory Walter, Josie Clemens, Kate Finley, Cody Lefforge, Allison Braun

1st: Madison Styles, Logan Schentzel, Christine Morgan, Cameron Bohl, Haley Grandpre, Corbin Smith

HIGH SCHOOL

Honorable Mention: Calli Peterson, Shelby Peterson, Kristie Bade, Paige Metzinger, Evan Finley, Tyler Carda, Delbert Leonhardt, Alex Hawley, Nathan Hawley

3rd: Maddie Hahler, Jesse Lutter, Warren Walter, Hunter Wood

2nd: Ashley Clemens, Laine Mielke, Jerry Serfling, Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks, Maddy Smith, Laken Frericks

1st: Alyssa Steward, Mariah Taylor, Josh Clemens, Ethan Steward, Amanda Finley, Jussy Tuscherer, Katrina Frericks, Nathan Frericks, Annie Lutter

NEWS

One-Act Play Performs At Region Contest

by Ashley Clemens

The one-act play preformed at the region one-act play contest at the Capitol Theatre in Aberdeen held Jan. 26.

The cast performed "An Enchanted Evening" written by Mrs. Michelle Stuck. Their performance did not place, but overall, everyone did a good job.

"I thought that we acted well, and we should have gone to state. The judging was a joke," senior Josh Clemens said.

Schools competed for a chance to go to state. In order to attend the state contest, a school play must receive first or

second place at regions.

Sophomore Calli Peterson and junior Kathy Stuck both received outstanding performance awards.

"I really liked going. It is a lot of fun watching other schools perform. I am glad that I am a part of it. I was super excited when I got the award," Peterson said.

"It was a fun-filled day, and it was awesome to see Calli and Kathy get the performance award," senior Dalton Frank said.

Due to weather and other planning difficulties, a local performance will not be shown.

Boekelheide Qualifies For State Math Counts

by Ashley Clemens

Sixth-grader Derek Boekelheide received eighth place at the regional MathCounts competition.

To qualify for state, students have to either be on the first or second team, or be on the top four individuals who were not on a winning team.

Boekelheide competed against seventh and eighth graders. State MathCounts is located in Pierre on Saturday, March 12.

"I love MathCounts because the atmosphere is fun, and I get out of school for some of the competitions," Boekelheide said. "I got eighth place, which really surprises me because I had tough competition."

Of the seven people who beat him, six of them were on a winning or second place team. Therefore, he gets to go with the sixth, ninth, and tenth place people.

"I was very excited to see



Derek do so well at the Chapter competition and advance to state. Northwestern has never been represented at the state level until now, and I know Derek will make us proud," math teacher Mrs. Amanda Fa'Onelua said.

Fa'Onelua advises the NW MathCounts program.

Congratulations to Emily Waldner for winning the region contest with her grandparents essay and for being sent to the state competition!

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, February 15, 2011

- Hub Area will be working on the director's evaluation and starting on their budget for the upcoming year.
- Middle School trimester ended on February 15th.
- The NAEP (national Assessment of Educational Progress) testing for grades 4 & 8 was done on February 15.
- Dakota Step testing window is set for April 4 – April 22. This is for grades 3-8 and 11.
- 8th grade Technology Literacy Assessment testing window is set for April 25-May 13. 3rd year of testing. This was set up as part of NCLB-Title II Part D.
- Elementary had near a 100% turn out for conferences.
- Fairness students for the month of January are Kelly Miles, Hayden Bohl, Nicholas Thiel, Gavin Bohl and Peyton Groft.
- Ipads are ready for classroom use.
- We are working on next year's school calendar. NW would like to take one day a month for staff development and student enrichment.
- Received estimates of the cost of a new bus in the event we decide to upgrade our bus fleet.
- Reviewed estimated budget projections reflecting the 10% cut Gov. Dauggaard is proposing.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month KO Frericks.
- Congratulations to the following science fair winners:
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- Congratulations to Derek Boekelheide for qualifying for State Math Counts.
- Congratulations to the Northwestern Science Bowl team for finishing in the top six of all teams in the state of South Dakota! Team members include Dalton Franck, Amanda Finley, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Ethan Steward and Nik Wood.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for March 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of February 21, 2011.

Student of the Month: Kalen Frericks

by **Katrina Frericks**

Freshman Kalen Frericks received the student of the month award for March. Her parents are Lisa and Ronnie Frericks. Her siblings are Laken and Darienne.

Kalen's activities include volleyball, basketball, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellow Christian Athletes, band and chorus. Her hobbies are playing guitar, singing, hunting and hanging out with friends. Her favorite classes are English and Art.

"K.O. is an excellent student, she tries her hardest and she deserves it," sophomore Calli Peterson said.

Her future plan is to attend college and become a pilot or anesthesiologist.

Kalen's favorite role model is

her sister Laken. "If she does something, my goal is to do it better." K.



Frericks said.

Kalen's favorite quote is "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain."

Her most embarrassing moment was pretending to hit a volleyball and running into the net, which caused her to fall over.

Junior Participates in Redfield Community Play

by **Ashley Clemens**

The Redfield Community Play Association has been working on the play "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and plan to perform it on Feb 25, 26 and 27. The performances will be held at the Redfield School. Northwestern junior Katrina Frericks is participating in the play.

"I probably should have started with a smaller play, but I kind of got roped into it," Frericks said.

The cast has been practicing three hours every night lately to prepare themselves for the performances.

"It is fun, but it takes up a lot of time. It is a really good experience. This is the first play I have been in, and I have to dance and sing," Frericks said.

The cast will be performing the show for a group of schools in the area on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Art Department Donates Handmade Fish to Help Shriners

by **Kelsey Hoellein**

The Northwestern art class will be donating fish to the Shriners organization in Aberdeen. The art classes taught by Mrs. Jennifer Schell made 3-D fish that will be hanging from the ceiling to decorate for the Shriners' theme. The fish will be auctioned off in Aberdeen; the Shriners do this benefit every year to raise money for their various charities.

"It is great to have a community that connects between a

school and another outside organization, and we get to contribute to helping the Shriners raise money," Schell said.

The art class donated other projects five years ago, and the Shriners held a really good benefit. Since it went so well last time, the Shriners asked for the art class to donate again this year.

"It was very complicated to make the fish," sophomore Kaitlyn Sparling, a high school art student, said.

NEWS

February Brings Snow Days & Make-up Days

by Kathleen Stuck

During the first week of February, Northwestern students enjoyed three days out of the week as snow days. Most people stayed home, but some people still had to bear the cold, and go to work. The morning of Feb. 1 started off as a 10 a.m. start, but eventually turned into a day off and so did the rest of the days that week.

"I enjoyed my days off even though I still had to go to work," junior Ruth Phillips said.

Most of the days students stayed in to read, watch movies,

catch up on sleep and clean.

"I enjoyed staying at home and watching television and sleeping in," senior Jalen Diede said.

Of the three days, students made up one of them on Friday, Feb. 11. Presidents Day, Feb. 21, was slated as a second snow but turned into a snow day itself!

Whether or not the remaining two snow days will be made up and when is undecided. The students hope there will be no more snow days so that school can get out on May 13 as originally planned.

Physiology Students Visit Cadaver Lab

by Casey Kulm

The physiology students toured the cadaver lab at Presentation College on Thursday, Feb. 17. The class included seniors Taylor Beardemphl, Joni Boekelheide, Josh Clemens, Jerry Serfling and juniors Jussy Tuscherer, Laken Frericks and Mariah Taylor.

They saw two cadavers, one male and one female. They saw the muscles and the nerves in the body, as well as different organs: a smoker's lung, alcoholic's liver, hearts, eyeballs and many various other body parts.

The instructors at the cadaver lab allowed the students to hold and touch the body parts

to experience what the human organs feel like and how much they weigh.

"It was a great experience, and it was interesting to see the cadavers," Boekelheide said.

The students got to experience the wonders of the human bodies for about an hour and a half, which was about the same time span that they would normally have physiology class.

"The cadaver lab is an opportunity for the students to see the complexity of the human body, and we really appreciate Presentation allowing us to come visit and have such a great time," Mrs. Denise Clemens said. Clemens teaches physiology at NW.

Band & Chorus Students Attend Small Group Contest

by Jared Fischer

The high school band and chorus students attended the small-group contest held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

"Overall, everyone was well prepared, and I think they did a great job," Mrs. Stephanie Lun-

strum said.

A variety of performances by the Northwestern students took place that day, including band performances and choral performances.

"It was very fun, and it was a great way to get out of school," junior Katrina Frericks said.

Event	Performers	Rating
Clarinet Solo	April Alumbaugh	I
Trumpet Ensemble	Jussy, Jeanna, KO	I
Timpani Solo	Evan Finley	II
Timpani Solo	Shelby Peterson	I
Like Vocal Duet	April, Ashley	II
Bari Sax Solo	Paige Metzinger	II
Flute Ensemble	Ashley, Haley, Donna, Jenny I	
Brass Quartet	Jussy, Laken, Laine, Jeanna II	
Like Vocal Duet	Gabby, Katrina	I
Piano Solo	Dalton Franck	II+
Like Vocal Duet	Calli, KO	II

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NEWS

Students Accepted to Middle School All-State Band

by **Katrina Frericks**

Seventh-graders Rachel and Andrea Rausch were selected to attend the Middle School All-State Band Clinic held in Pierre on March 4-5. Two different bands will be performing; the honor band and the festival band. Both Andrea and Rachel will be in the festival band. Rachel plays the baritone, and Andrea plays the flute.

They will practice all day on Friday, and the performance will be on Saturday at 4 p.m.

The girls practiced for many weeks before being recorded by band teacher Mrs. Wendy Thorson.

They had to memorize the chromatic scale, along with other scales, which were then sent in as audition tapes. About 150 students were accepted into the clinic this year.

"It becomes more difficult every year because more students audition. So it is quite an honor to be accepted as seventh-graders," Thorson said.

Science Bowl Team Places Sixth at State Competition

by **Kelsey Hoellein**

The Northwestern science bowl team participated in state science bowl at Huron on Saturday, Feb. 12. The competition ran from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Northwestern science bowl team consisted of freshman Nik Wood and seniors Amanda Finley, Dalton Frank, Ethan Stewart and Elizabeth Leonhardt; Wood was the alternate.

"It was a fun time. We did better than expected," Wood

said.

At the competition, there were three rounds in the morning. The top eight teams went to a double elimination bracket. The Northwestern science bowl team won the first game, but they lost the next two games in double elimination.

The Northwestern Science Bowl team placed sixth at state behind much larger schools, such as Rapid City, Aberdeen and Vermillion.

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Coaches vs. Cancer Event Raises \$2,400 for the American Cancer Society

On Feb. 14 in a packed gymnasium, more than \$2,400 was raised for the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and service programs at the inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer event held in Redfield. A true community spirit of fighting cancer was evident as coaches, cheerleaders and fans from Redfield-Doland and Northwestern came together to support one cause.

To support Coaches vs. Cancer, the coaching staff of each team donned athletic footwear instead of their usual dress wear to show support. In addition, the cheerleaders from each school united during the half-time of the boys' varsity basketball game to participate in a bucket-run fundraiser that lasted 111 seconds and raised \$832. Why choose that short amount of time? According to Relay For

Life event chair, Heather Jordan, "In 2011, 4,000 South Dakotans will hear the words You have cancer. That breaks down to eleven people diagnosed every single day!" Jordan also commented, "This outstanding show of support proves that the people of Spink County are truly committed to the fight against cancer. It was just amazing to see the cheerleaders running through the crowd with their purple buckets and how cooperative the crowd was."

The Spink County Relay For Life committee came together to help coordinate the Coaches vs. Cancer event with a spud supper held in the shop area with a delicious menu of baked potatoes and several toppings including diced ham, chili, broccoli, and bars and a drink for a free-will donation. Members from the Northwestern Strollers

Relay For Life team sat side-by-side with members of the Relay Committee to offer raffle chances on a Valentine's goody basket won by Bonnie Clemensen, and a donated night's stay at Dakota Sioux Casino and \$50 spending money won by Mike Sanders. Here are just a few of the accomplishments the American Cancer Society in South Dakota has achieved, with donor support:

- In the 1970s, American Cancer Society funded research that found mammograms were the best tool to find breast cancer early, now 63% of South Dakota women over the age of 40 has an annual mammogram. This helps women stay well by finding breast cancer when it's most treatable.
- Since 2000, the American Cancer Society has helped

400,000 tobacco users nationwide give up the habit through confidential, one-on-one customized support.

- In 2009, the American Cancer Society served more than 1,400 people in South Dakota. We provided information to help cancer patients make informed decisions and provided support through programs and services to improve their quality of life. This is a 10% increase over the number of people served the prior year.
- In 2009, the American Cancer Society launched a patient lodging program in South Dakota, because sometimes the best cancer treatment is far from home. During the first year of the program, cancer patients in South Dakota received more than 350 nights of no cost lodging saving them nearly \$50,000.



Boys' basketball coaches Chris Osborn and Bill Clemens show off their attire for the night: black suits, green shirts, yellow ties and tennis shoes.



Northwestern cheerleaders listen to instructions from Heather Jordan before taking donations in the bucket-run.

The Brentford Junior Auxiliary members are asking for donations of pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls. The Ronald McDonald House uses the donations of pop tabs to help defray the medical costs of families who have children staying in the hospital; it gives the families a place to stay and a peace of mind that they can still be close to their children. The officers who attended the state convention this past summer chose to collect the pop tabs as this year's community service project. Any donations are appreciated!

OPINION

Should every student take the ACT?

Pro

by: Laine Mielke

It's ACT time! The ACT is a test that assesses high school students' educational development at a general level and the ability at which they can complete college-level work.

Students who choose to take the test are tested with a multiple choice exam that covers four skill areas, including English, mathematics, reading and science; it also includes an optional writing test that measures skills in planning and writing a short essay.

The ACT is mandatory to get into a university and is accepted by all colleges in the United States. If a student is planning to attend a technical school, an ACT score is also acknowledged; if a student does not take the ACT, they will be tested with the chosen technical school's acceptance test.

For a reasonable price, the ACT can prove to be helpful for all students; it can provide a general idea of a student's academic performance level and can help determine which path in life a

student should take. The ACT costs only \$33, and the ACT plus writing costs \$48.

If a student does well on the test, the door to many scholarship opportunities opens up. The minimum ACT score that is accepted by most colleges is between an 18 and a 24; however, the higher the score that a student receives, the less college may cost due to scholarships and other opportunities.

After taking the test, if students are not satisfied with their results, they can take it again; the test may be taken an unlimited amount of times, and a university will accept the highest score; the test is offered six times per year.

Taking the ACT is a chance for students to push themselves to do well, while measuring their academic performance. Doing so also gives schools an understanding of which areas their students need work in and can help them teach their students at a maximum level.

Con

by Calli Peterson

The time of year has begun when students are cramming their brains with knowledge for the prestigious test that may decide to which college he or she will be accepted. Every year students study hard to acquire a good score on the American College Testing exam. The cost of taking the exam is \$33, and the late fee is an additional \$13. A student's ACT score is a large part of a student's college acceptance letter for most colleges.

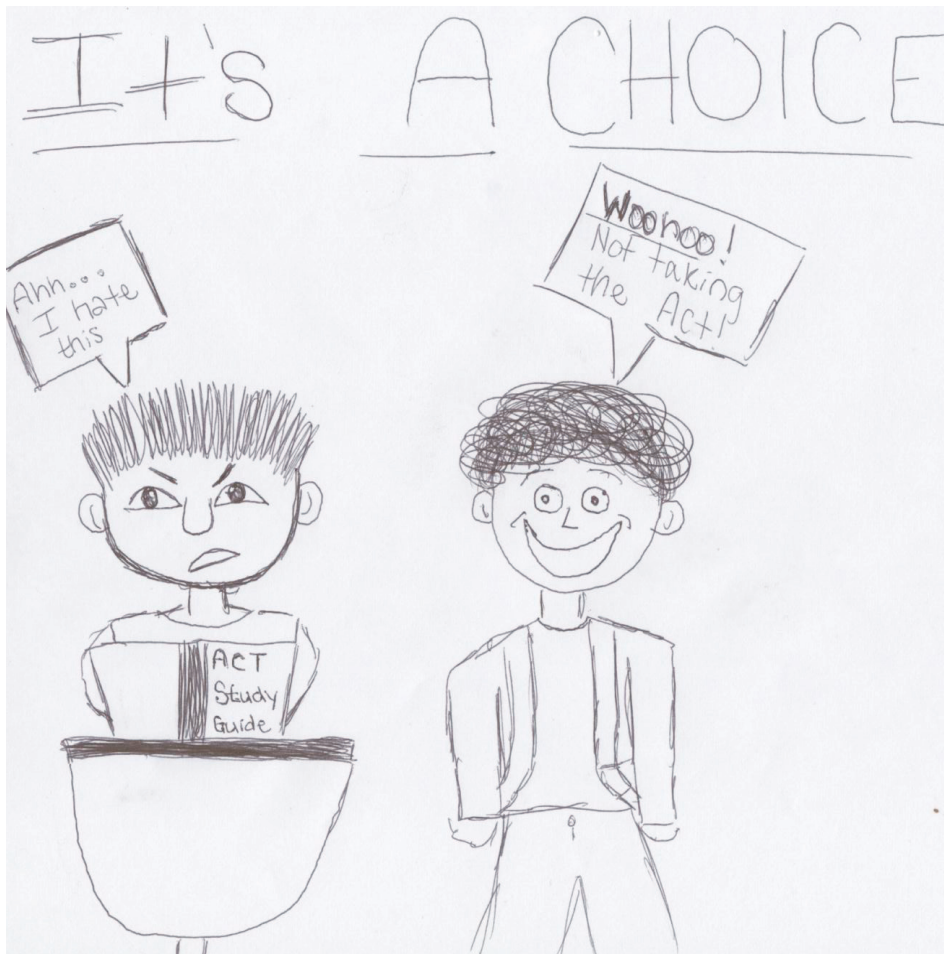
Although the ACT exam seems important, it is not always necessary. The student may be attending a tech school to which taking the ACT would be pointless. Not every student is attending a college where the ACT scores are as important.

If a student takes the ACTs and receiving a poor score, the college he or she is hoping to attend will see that score. Even if the student retakes the exam and regains a better score, the

college will still see all the scores the student receives. This could make a student look bad to colleges. Each student's final score is added to his or her high school class. A student who does not do very well on the test could bring down the entire class' overall average score. Not only would the score make the class look bad, it could also make the school look bad. Although the ACT exam could be very important, it is not suited for everyone.

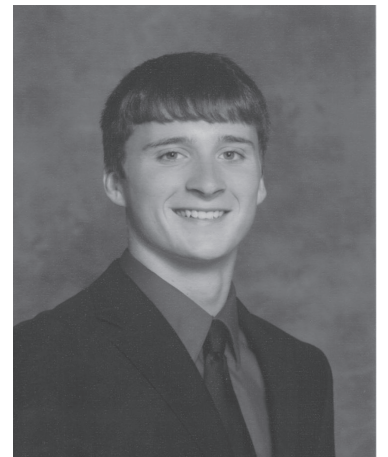
Not all good students are good test takers. Many 4.0 students do not do well on the ACT, while students with much poorer grade point averages can score very high. The test cannot assess a student's work ethic, which is the biggest indicator of success in college and work.

The ACT cannot accurately measure a student's true intelligence. Students who do not have to take the ACT should not feel pressured into doing so. It's just a number.



Taking the ACT is not required. It's a choice!

"I believe everyone should take the ACT. It's a good way to test your knowledge," senior Josh Clemens said.



"How do you spell ACT?" sophomore Ray Lerew said.

"Any student considering post-secondary education at a four-year institution should take the ACT at least once," Mrs. Jeanine Jilek said.



"Taking the ACT is not for everyone. Even though students sometimes believe they have to take it, they don't. However, students going to a four-year college can receive scholarship money based on their score," Mrs. Nora Groft said.

SPORTS

Girls' Basketball Keeps a Steady Record

by Alex Boekelheide

Ipswich Defeats Northwestern

Ipswich defeated the Northwestern girls' basketball team 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.

NW Conquers Leola-Frederick

The Northwestern girls' basketball team defeated Leola-Frederick 60-33 in a conference game Friday, Jan. 21 in Mellette. Junior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 20 points. The Wildcats had a total of 38 rebounds; 22 offensive and 16 defensive. Tuscherer had 10 rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had 17 steals. NW committed 13 turnovers and had 11 assists. Junior Mariah Taylor had five assists.

Wildcats Rock Lions

The Northwestern girls' basketball team rocked Langford 61-37 in a conference game Friday, Jan. 28 in Mellette. Junior Mariah Taylor led the team in scoring with 16 points. The Wildcats had a total of 25 rebounds; 11 offensive and 14 defensive. Junior Jussy Tuscherer had six rebounds. Led by Taylor, NW had 12 steals. NW committed 12 turnovers and had 13 assists. Taylor had four assists.

NW Falls to Warner

Warner defeated the Northwestern girls' basketball team 37-49 in a conference game Tuesday, Jan. 18 in Warner. Junior Mariah Taylor led the team in scoring with 12 points. The Wildcats had a total of 22 rebounds; eight offensive and 14 defensive. Junior Jussy Tuscherer had seven rebounds. Led by Taylor, NW had 13 steals. NW committed 14 turnovers and had five assists. Taylor and Tuscherer had two assists.



At right: Junior Jussy Tuscherer jumps for the ball at the beginning of the game against Redfield-Doland in Redfield Feb. 14.

At Left: Junior Mariah Taylor goes up for a shot against a Redfield-Doland defender in Redfield Feb. 14.

Boekelheide recognized on National Girls and Women in Sports Day

by Calli Peterson

Each year women athletes around the state are recognized on National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Approximately 385 athletes get recognized by their school and the state of South Dakota. This year, senior Joni Boekelheide was nominated by the Northwestern coaching staff to be recognized.



"It is an honor to receive this award. I think it is really cool that my sister, Kelli, and I both received this award. I try to be a good role model for my teammates," Boekelheide said.

The award recognizes athletes

with highest achievements of athletic ability, leadership, scholarship and community involvement. Boekelheide received a certificate of recognition, and she will also be nominated to become a part of the Elite 15. Out of how many women were recognized, 15 will be chosen to become the Elite 15. The Elite 15 are those athletes who have exceeded with the same four highest achieve-

ments.

"Joni is deserving of the award. Joni's been a good role model for all the younger girls throughout the school," girls' basketball coach and high school principal Mr. Rich Osborn said.



SPORTS

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM CONTINUES THRILLING SEASON

by Kara Fischbach & Haley Wetzler

Wildcats Decimate Trojans

The Northwestern Wildcats boys' basketball team decimated the Faulkton Trojans in a conference game in Faulkton on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Senior Michael Smith led the team with 16 points. Senior Josh Clemens and sophomore Landon Fischbach contributed 11 each.

Smith handed out three assists. Clemens had 2. Seniors Alex Bauer and Dalton Franck each had one.

Fischbach pulled down 12 rebounds. Freshman Nathan Palmer and Clemens each took 4.

Northwestern had 15 turnovers and forced 28 on Faulkton. At the end of the game,

Northwestern had committed 15 fouls, and Faulkton had 13.

Northwestern Nips Leola-Frederick

The Northwestern boys' basketball team barely overcame the Leola-Frederick team with a score of 45-42 on Jan. 21 in a conference game in Mellette.

Senior Michael Smith led the team with 13 points. Senior Alex Bauer contributed 8, and sophomore Landon Fischbach tossed in 7.

Smith handed out three assists.

Senior Josh Clemens pulled down 7 rebounds. Freshman Nathan Palmer and Smith each had 5.

Northwestern had 22 turnovers and forced 26 on Leola-Frederick. At the end of the game,

Northwestern had committed 15 fouls, and Leola-Frederick had 21.

Langford Bites Northwestern

The Langford Lions bite the Northwestern Wildcats in a non-conference game Friday, Jan. 28 in Mellette.

Seniors Michael Smith and Josh Clemens led the team with 15 points each. Seniors Alex Bauer and Dalton Franck, along with sophomore Landon Fischbach and freshman Nathan Palmer, all contributed 4 points each.

Smith handed out two assists. Clemens had 1.

Clemens pulled down 6 rebounds. Bauer had five.

Northwestern had 15 turnovers and forced 26 on Langford. At the end of the game,

Northwestern had committed 14 fouls, and Langford had 12.

Warner Dominates NW

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Warner High School 25-37 on Tuesday, Jan. 18 in a conference game in Warner.

Seniors Michael Smith and Josh Clemens and sophomore Landon Fischbach each contributed 7 points. Seniors Alex Bauer and Jeremiah Serfling added 2 each.

Smith had one assist.

Clemens had 10 rebounds. Smith pulled down 7.

Northwestern had 20 turnovers and forced 19 on Warner. At the end of the game,

Northwestern had committed 17 fouls, and Warner had 15.

Senior Josh Clemens jumps for the ball at the beginning of the Langford game held in Mellette.



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Sauerwein Inducted into Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame

by **Hunter Wood**

Mr. Ray Sauerwein, superintendent at Northwestern High school, was inducted into the South Dakota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Sioux Falls on Jan. 29.

"He was a fierce coach who hated to lose," head football coach Eric Borge said. Borge played quarterback at NW for Sauerwein.

Sauerwein went 111-67 in his years of coaching football for a 62 percent winning percentage. With only eight games in a regular season (not counting play-offs) just the size of the numbers in his record can show that he coached for a great number of years.

He won seven conference championships in his 26 years of coaching.

Another great feat is producing two region title winning teams and two state runner-up teams.

When his former players were asked what kind of coach he was, they all had alike responses. They all said that he was a great coach.

He wasn't just a man out



there making them run when they messed up or didn't listen. He cared for all of his players as if they were his own.

Sauerwein Football:

- * 111-67 (.62) record
- * 7 conference championships
- * two region titles
- * two state runner-up finishes
- * 26 years in coaching

Elementary Girls Participate in YMCA Volleyball

by **Courtlen Lecher**

Sixteen elementary girls participate in volleyball activities at the YMCA.

The third through sixth-grade girls practice every Thursday at the NCA in Northville and participate in clinics at the YMCA on Tuesdays put on by the players from Northern State University. The girls have matches on Saturday mornings.

"I think it is a good thing for girls to start volleyball at such a young age," sophomore Kelsey Hoellein said.

Hoellein and sophomore Kaitlyn Sparling and senior Kara Fischbach coach the girls.

"I think it is a great opportunity to have these young girls practicing twice a week and having games on Saturdays.

Also I think these girls are going to be great at volleyball in their later years to come," Sparling said.

Amongst all the girls there are two teams. They are split up by the ages of the girls.

Each team is progressing as the weeks go by.

Sixth-graders Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan, fifth-graders Evy Peterson and Peyton Groft, and fourth-graders Caitlyn Fischbach, Riley Grandpre and Moira Duncan make up one team.

"It is fun. I get more experience doing it. I like meeting new people. It's a fun activity to do after school," Duncan said.

The third-graders have their own team. Third-graders include Miranda Thorson, Lauren Weidebush, Torri Bouelle, Hailey Boekelheide, Talley Sparling, Cassidy Frericks, Tya Weideman, Christine Stoltenberg and Madalyn Groft.

The girls conclude their seasons with a tournament at the YMCA March 4-5.

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Top 10 Reasons the Packers Should Not Have Won the Super Bowl

1. Polomalu's hair is cooler than Rodgers'
2. Alex Boemelheide likes them.
3. What is a cheese head anyway?
4. The Vikings are way better.
5. Because Mr. Boone says so.
6. They are from Wisconsin.
7. Someone else could have used that new car.
8. Aaron Rodgers thinks he's a wrestler.
9. They have won their fair share.
10. Nobody likes them.

Politics with Hunter

by Hunter Wood

This month has had ups and downs just like always in politics. The biggest political story comes from Egypt. Many protesters started an uprising in the country's capital, Cairo. They were mad with the way that their leader Mubarak. The protests have sparked and started a wildfire in the country. Now instead of just the town center of Cairo being in turmoil, the whole country decided they wanted Mubarak out of there

after 30 years of leadership. Surprisingly enough, this is more closely related to us here at home as some may think. As everyone knows, we do not have very many friends in the Middle East. Egypt has been one of the few we have for many years and Mubarak, although he has treated his people poorly, has been an ally to the United States. Therefore, it is a tough decision for our leaders to make as to what to do. We need friends in the Middle East, so we couldn't really get too involved without angering the leaders in case they don't resign. However, Mubarak very recently announced his resignation as leader of Egypt.

The Life Of a Farmer Through The Eyes of Hunter Wood

"...buckle up and get ready for the ride."

by Hunter Wood

As winter slowly comes to a close, spring is moving in. Spring is a busy time of year for most people in the neighborhood. Spring calving is about to begin on many area farms. Calving brings a very busy time for everyone with cattle. It is some of the hardest work involved in farming, and is a very stressful


time. For people without cattle, planting season is coming up way faster than one may think. With a large amount of snow fall this year, and more sure to fall in March, I'm sure there will yet again be flooding this year in most fields. It will probably be a tough task to get into the fields, get the crop planted, and get back out without getting stuck at least once. Hopefully we have a drier spring than last year so it isn't quite so bad. Another thing that happens every spring is graduation and the end of another school year. Spring will be here before you know it, so buckle up and get ready for the ride.

Hunter and Only Hunter

Q: Dear Hunter, I recently got out of a very committed five year relationship with whom I thought was the love of my life. We had been going together for five years and three months when I discovered the lady whom I thought was in love with me had been cheating on me with various men for almost two of those years. Now she has come running back to me after we have been broken up for four months. I do not know what to do. I am still in

love with her, but can I trust her again? I guess I'm just looking for some guidance as to what to do.

A: Okay, I'm not trying to make you feel bad, but that is one of worst situations I have ever heard of in my life. I would automatically say that under no circumstances should you ever trust her again. However, I did not hear her apology and do not know if she is sincere in it or not. Therefore, I cannot tell you not to take her back. However, I strongly discourage the fact of ever trusting or confiding in her ever again. I'm very sorry about your luck. Good luck in the future!!



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STUDENT LIFE

In the elementary...

by Haley Wetzler

What would you do to a leprechaun to steal his gold?



"I would tie him to the rainbow!" Kindergartner Kelly Miles said.



"I would run to the rainbow faster than him," first-grader Taryn Sparling said.



"Tie him up to a building or lock him in a room," second-grader Jackson Mielke said.



"Kick him!" third-grader Hailey Boekelheide said.



"I would punch him," fourth-grader Caleb Schentzel said.



"Tie him to the ground with stakes," fifth-grader Jedd Groft said.

In the middle school...

by Kelsey Hoellein

What's the luckiest thing that has ever happened to you?



"I get to play the cymbols in percusion," sixth-grader Darby Duncan said.



"Probably being born," seventh-grader Darienne Frericks said.



"We went to Las Vegas," eighth-grader Christine Morgan said.

In the hallway...

by Kathleen Stuck

Who is the luckiest person you know and why?



"Shay Clemensen, because of his blonde hair and blue eyes, and last but not least his ability to wear tight shirts," junior Logan Brown said.



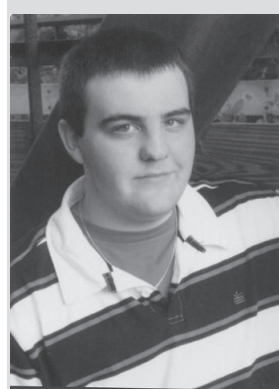
"Shay Clemensen because he's just awesome," sophomore Ashley Clemens said.



"Joni Boekelheide because she's awesome," junior Hunter Wood said.



Josh Clemens
Parents: William and Denise Clemens
College/Major: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology/
Mechanical Engineering
What will you miss most about high school? My friends
What are you looking forward to after high school? Learning new things



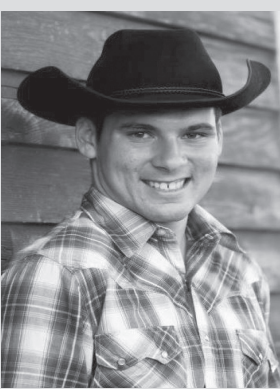
Logen Lechner
Parents: Ernie and Toni Schnoor
College/Major: Northern State University
What will you miss most about high school? Being with friends and making Boone mad
What are you looking forward to after high school? Meeting new people



Ethan Steward
Parents: Allan and Laura Steward
College/Major: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology/
Physics
What will you miss most about high school? Study hall and Mr. Boones class
What are you looking forward to after high school? ROTC Training

Senior Profiles

by Logan Brown



Jerry Serfling
Parents: Bill and Nila Serfling
College/Major: Marine Corps
What will you miss most about high school? Hanging out with friends.
What are you looking forward to after high school? Meeting new people.



Joni Boekelheide
Parents: Tom and Sharron Boekelheide
College/Major: South Dakota State University/Animal Science
What will you miss most about high school? Friends, sports, & wandering the halls
What are you looking forward to after high school? Meeting new people