

## Cats Experience Wonderful World of Disney

**Fun-filled homecoming week celebrated by all in community**

by **Laine Mielke**

Homecoming was celebrated the week of Sept. 20 this year; the student council chose the Wonderful World of Disney for the theme.

Buddy day and Finding Nemo day kicked off the week. While everyone showed off their water adventure gear, the freshmen found senior buddies to share the day with. The classes were given the last block of the school day to work on posters and skits for coronation that night. Coronation started at 7 p.m. with the annual powder puff football game to follow. Seniors Alex Bauer and Hilary Frericks were crowned homecoming king and queen. Other candidates for king and queen included seniors Alyssa Morgan, Joni

Boekelheide, Michael Smith and Josh Clemens.

"I thought Jeanna looked very much like rock star Hannah Montana on buddy day and I think she thoroughly enjoyed the experience," senior Kara Fischbach said.

Sleepy students filled the halls on Tuesday, as it was pajama day. An eating contest to see who could eat five Saltine crackers the fastest was also held Tuesday. Middle school and high school students, along with staff members participated in the contest.

Wednesday was Lion King/Mardi Gras day. In the afternoon, students participated in the annual dodge ball tournament; the junior high defeated the high school in the final round



Seniors Hilary Frericks and Alex Bauer were crowned homecoming king and queen.

of the tournament.

"My dodge ball team dominated and I had a blast. I can't wait for next year's tournament," junior Alex Boekelheide said.

On Thursday the students came to school in their nicest attire for Hunchback of Notre Dame day. The volleyball team hosted the Warner Monarchs that night for a full night of volleyball action. The Wildcats fell to the Monarchs, but the

school still had spirit for the burning of the 'N' afterward.

Friday was jam-packed with events for spirit day. In the morning, the marching band practiced one last time, while other students put the final touches on their floats. The high school boys and teachers participated in the powder puff tournament, with a pep fest following. The community barbeque took place right before the parade. That night, the Wildcats took on the

Wolsey-Wessington Warbirds; once again, the Wildcats came out short. The week ended with a dance after the game for grades six through 12.

"Homecoming was a lot of work this year, but I think in the end it paid off. I feel that everyone had a great time!" senior Michael Smith said.

## Second Annual Middle School Festival Held

by **Haley Wetzler**

The second annual Northwestern middle school music festival held Tuesday, Oct. 12 featured middle school students from 13 schools, including Aberdeen Christian, Aberdeen Roncalli, Bowdle, Doland, Edmunds Central, Eureka, Faulkton, Highmore-Harrold, Ipswich, Langford, Northwestern, Redfield and Warner.

The students arrived in the morning and divided into the band and chorus sections to practice for the concert that evening, practicing a total of six hours together.

"It was awesome to spend the day with all the other kids." eighth-grader Hannah Palmer said.

The guest chorus director for the day was Mrs. Mary Marion who has worked with music in the Aberdeen public school system for years. She is now an elementary music specialist at C.C. Lee Elementary.

In the past, Marion has di-

rected Freshman Choir at Aberdeen Central, taught kindergarten through senior music in Groton and now works with the Strives classroom and is the coordinator of the Central Show Choirs as well.

Marion teaches private piano lessons and is the music director at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Aberdeen.

The guest band director was Mr. Dan Mortimer. Mortimer taught instrumental music for grades five through 12 for seven years in Browns Valley, Minn., 18 years in Clear Lake for the Deul School District and taught at Watertown Middle School until his retirement last year.

Mortimer also was Mrs.



The festival band and chorus performed "God Bless America" together.

Wendy Thorson's band teacher when she was in school.

Tuesday night, the students gave the concert they practiced for all day.

The chorus selections included "Inscription of Hope," "Cantar! (Sing!)," "Amani Utupe," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Kyrie," and "Jambbo, Rafiki" (Hello, Friend).

The band played "An-

cient Voices," "Blazing Fury," "Shenandoah," "Knights of Destiny," and "Theme from Spider-Man."

To conclude the concert, the band and chorus performed "God Bless America" as a combined number.

"The concert was awesome!" seventh-grader Cameron Bohl said.

# NEWS

## Physiology Class Visits Hospital

by **Haley Wetzler**

The Northwestern physiology class took a field trip to Aberdeen Avera St. Lukes on Sept. 30. The class taught by Mrs. Denise Clemens consists of seniors Jerry Serfling, Josh Clemens, Dalton Franck, Joni Boekelheide, Taylor Beardemphl, Shaina Jensen; juniors Mariah Taylor, Jussy Tuscherer and Laken Frericks and sophomore Alisa Grabau. Mrs. Jeanine Jilek helped chaperone the trip. Tony Callis, head of the radiology department, showed the class around the hospital.

"I would consider going into some type of this occupation. It is a very unique and interesting job. I would get to see differ-

ent problems each day," Frericks said.

The class toured the radiology department of the hospital.

"I enjoyed the tip to the hospital and expanding my knowledge about radiation. I was really looking forward to that part of the tour. I think it is quite interesting," Taylor said.

Each student was able to see x-rays, ultra sounds, CT scans, and MRIs. Jensen and Serfling were lucky enough to show themselves and the rest of the class ultra sound of their own stomachs.

"I really enjoyed looking at all of the x-rays of broken bones," Boekelheide said.

## Lefforge Competes in Miss Teen South Dakota

by **Kathleen Stuck**

Junior Jennifer Lefforge competed for Miss Teen South Dakota held at the Brandon Valley Performing Arts Theater on Oct. 9.

In order to compete in the event, Lefforge had to send an application and pictures to the judges. She also had to find sponsors to help cover expenses. "I enjoyed being able to express who I really am in the competition," Lefforge said. Thirty-nine other teenage girls attended the pageant wishing to become Miss Teen South Dakota. The contestants competed in three different divisions including interview, evening gown and swim wear. Lefforge did not make it into the top 15, but she did win the evening gown competition. "It was a life changing experi-



Lefforge

ence and I enjoy every bit of the program," Lefforge said.

"I felt she was a great candidate for this year Miss Teen South Dakota," senior April Alumbaugh said.

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# NEWS

## Finley Elected Skills USA President

by Ashley Clemens

Senior Rachel Finley received the president position of Skills USA. Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has an experienced work force. It is a natural nonprofit organization serving teachers, college students, and high school students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

“What I like about Skills USA is that we actually go out and help our community. None of my experiences with Skills USA have been negative, which is huge, because it seems like no matter what organization you are a part of someone doesn’t want to participate,” said Rachel

Senior Rachel Finley received the presidential position of Skills USA. She is also the president of the chapter she attends at the Hub Area Vocational School.

Finley. “I have met so many new people from going to skills, and most of them, I still keep in touch with, and very few of them are from SD.”

The Skills USA organization serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state associations. More than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members.

“I got the president position because of my experience and my willingness to be the voice of everyone in SkillsUSA (for the high school class) of South Dakota,” Finley said.



## Fourth-Graders Attend Waterfest

by Hunter Wood

The fourth-graders attended a program titled Waterfest at Northern State University on Sept. 23.

They were asked went to different stations and observed many things that water does to the environment. They were shown different erosion patterns and the way different minerals are eroded differently in the environment. Towards the

end, they all went into the gym where there was a lot of different experiments and presentations set up. Some of the things set up in the gym included fun games or experiment type things that all of the students could gladly partake in. The school plans to send the fourth-graders next year as well.

“I thought the Waterfest was going to be boring. Then I went to it and I had a great time. I was surprised as to how much fun I had at the Waterfest. It was a great time and I was sad when we had to go back to the school,” fourth-grader Seth Wood said.

“I had an awesome time at Waterfest. I totally wish we could go again!” fourth-grader Moira Duncan said.

## Middle School Students Compete In MathCounts

by Ashley Clemens

This year at Northwestern, the middle school students who enjoy and have excelled in math join math counts to compete against schools around the community. Math Counts is led by Mrs. Amanda Fa’onelua.

This year they will compete at Groton, Warner, Roncalli, Holgate, Roncalli Elementary, Simmons Middle School and Northern State University. The team competed in Groton on Oct. 9. None of the students placed, but each one of them tried there hardest. Eighth-grader Zach Duncan scored the best.

“I like seeing the students get excited about math. We have a good team this year and hopefully we will see more success in the future competitions. I am also excited to start a sixth grade team, and I look forward to see them compete,” Fa’onelua said.

“It makes me think,” sixth-grader Josie Clemens said.

At the Warner Invitational, sixth-grader Derek



Boekelheide won first place in the individual competition. Boekelheide is the first person from Northwestern to achieve this honor. The whole team received third place; this has also never happened before.

“I was really excited when I found out that I won first place,” Boekelheide said.

Math counts started in August and will continue competitions through February.

## New Science Club Started

by Courtlen Lechner

Recently this year the students in grades nine through 12 started a science club. Most of the kids in high school like the science club, mainly because it is a lot of fun activity days with no homework. The new science club hopes to help catch attention of the younger students in grades sixth-eighth interested in these science activities. The activities will be held on important days such as mole day and scientists birthdays. Activities will be located mostly outside and will include fossil hunting, looking at the stars, and possibly have a speaker come to talk about different interesting things. The science club has

no grades included and it is just something fun to do out of the classroom.

“Science club is going to be a great learning experience and a fun time,” senior Ethan Steward said.

“This is a great opportunity for students to have fun and learn at the same time,” teacher Mrs. Clemens said.

“Science club will be something very new for me to do, but it sounds really fun,” sophomore Ashley Clemens said.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 2010

- Hub Area is considering opening the classes up to students in non-member schools.
- Seniors have started going to the Senior Center the 3rd Monday of each month.
- A Veteran's Day program is being planned for November 11th at 9:30.
- The state safety council has been in contact with NW to do a 4 hour presentation dealing on the dangers of drinking, texting and cell phone use while driving.
- A safety fair is being held for the elementary to learn about fire safety, bus safety and farm safety.
- 1st grade through 5th grade will be singing at the volley ball game on Tuesday, October 19th. This is the Volley for the Cure match.
- NWWarner wrestling program would like NW to provide a bus and driver for wrestling tournaments this year.
- The school has been maxing out its allowed bandwidth due to high technology usage. We are looking into increasing our bandwidth, but possibly not until next year due to the cost.
- We still would like to get more input from community members and staff on moving to a four-day school week. Would anyone like us to move in this direction or stay with the 5 day school week?
- Salad bar will only be served on Wednesdays, but it will be available to all K-12 students.
- Post prom activities are being planned at the school this year.
- The following volunteers were recognized: Wayne Borge, Donnie Stahl, Richard Halvorson, Gene Eisenbeisz, Tim Haselhorst, Mary Mielke, Michelle Stuck, Audrey Ewalt, Wanda Gabel, Kristi Smith, Cody Bullock and Jane Hammer.
- Approved bus driver contract for Doug Stahl and Butch Gabel.
- Congratulations to September Student of the Month Maddie Hahler
- Congratulations to Rachel Finley who was elected the SD State President of Skills USA. Rachel is also the President of the local group that meets at Hub Area Technical School.
- Congratulations to Jussy Tuscherer for being selected as the South Dakota AVCA player of the week.

## Congrats to the following winners of the float competition for the Homecoming parade

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 1st - Sophomores  
 2nd - Seniors  
 3rd - Freshmen  
 4th - Juniors

Middle School Division  
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 2nd - 6th grade  
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# NEWS

## Construction Class Attends Construction Awareness Day

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern construction class took a trip to the Brown County Fair Grounds for Construction Awareness Day on Sept. 22.

The class met with different Technical Schools discussing specific careers in construction. Many Technical Schools such as Lake Area, Mitchell and Southwest came to interest students.

“My favorite part was meeting with and getting the pens from different colleges,” sophomore Shay Clemensen said.

Also, the class partook in an obstacle course where they pound in three nails and sawed

a piece of wood while they were pushing a wheelbarrow. They learned how to run a road grader and a back hoe, and how much cement to use.

The construction students received yellow neon shirts from the event, which they wore the next day to school. In all, the class had a very educational and amusing time.

“I think it {the construction camp} was a very good experience for the students of Northwestern to experience the great educational value of construction,” sophomore Ray Lerew said.

## Juniors Attend College Fair

by Hunter Wood

On Sept. 29, the junior class attended the college and job fair held at Central High School in Aberdeen. To start the day, Paul Sather, the new NSU Men’s Basketball head coach, spoke to the students to get them excited about their lives after high school. He gave the students his advice along with a five-step plan to their futures.

Many universities and tech schools from South Dakota and the surrounding states were in attendance to speak with the students. Different branches of the military also had booths to speak with students.

“It was a real eye opener as to where to go to college. It made me completely change my mind on the profession that I

want to pursue when I am done with my high school career,” junior Gabby Morgan said.

Many businesses from the Aberdeen area were also in attendance to give the students other options.

“I had a lot of fun at the National Guard blow up thingy and I want to go again!” junior Trevor Toennies said.

“I think that it is a great opportunity for high school juniors to go and realize the various institutions that are available in this area. The best part of it is the fact that they ask the students what they want to know instead of telling them stuff they have no interest in.” counselor Sue Neiger said.

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# OPINION

## Should Northwestern make the switch to a four-day school week?

### Pro

by Calli Peterson

Through the past years, schools around the community have been switching to four day school weeks instead of the normal five-day school week that Northwestern has now.

Four day school weeks can help NW and its students spend less money on transportation. This would help students who live out of town spend less money on gas, and it would help the school to spend less money on sending buses out nearly an hour away to drop off students because of the one fewer day.

Some of the staff such as the cooking staff and bus drivers would not need to come in on the extra day which would save a little extra money for the school. Also, the school would not need to spend money on food for the day that the school has off.

Having an extra day off a school would help students have more time to finish big projects. This would help students know more about their project or homework and what they are doing. Struggling students can use the extra day to become caught up in school work and ask have teachers tutor them. Students may have the chance to

work and earn money or more time to rest for the new school. This extra day could be used for an extra day on a family vacation that the student might have planned.

Changing to a four day school week may also change NW back to the Carnegie schedule which would mean each student would have the same class every day. This would give the teachers more contact time with the students. The teachers would be able cover more material as well.

Students would have fewer absences if the school switched to a four-day school week because the students would be able to schedule all of their doctor and dentist appointments on the day off. The school days would become longer which may help parents align their work days with their child's school day, so they may not need to hire a babysitter.

Having a four-day school week may help students and teachers in numerous ways. Students would have more time to finish homework and projects. There could be teacher in-service, parent/teacher conferences on the day off. Teachers would have an extra day to prepare their classes and grade papers.

### Con

by Laine Mielke

Much talk of a four day school week is surrounding the state of South Dakota and the communities around Northwestern.

Although some can argue quite a few positive points for switching to a four day week, there are just as many negative aspects.

Saving money is a big reason to switch; however, that also means cuts in the budget; cuts that could affect staff members of the school district. Four-day weeks would be unpopular with cafeteria workers and bus drivers, as they would be the ones receiving the reduced salaries first.

For parents with elementary-aged students, a four-day school week just simply is not an option. Those particular parents will have to find a child care provider for the day-off, or take time out of work themselves.

If a day is cut out of the school week, the school hours will obviously be longer for each day. The longer hours could cause focus issues for students of all ages. Moreover, twenty percent more instructional time would be lost throughout the week because of the missing day.

A shorter school week would also have a large impact on extra-curricular activities. The students would still either have practice or a game on the missing day; this means that the students will still have to drive to the school but only for a few hours. The school may be saving money on

gas, but the families in the school district would not be.

The teachers would have to prepare and change some of their curriculum to get the maximum use of their instructional time. Difficulties with students (especially at-risk and special needs students) retaining new information over the missing days could arise as well. The teachers will have the same instructional time plus have to come in on Fridays. Will the teachers be paid for their additional time? The teachers will also spend more money on child-care for their school-aged children.

In order to switch to a four-day school week, Northwestern would have to switch from block scheduling to Carnegie scheduling; this is very unpopular with the students.

Is switching the best for the Northwestern students? Will it raise student achievement? If not, then why make the switch?

The switch would also affect the middle school students. Those students would have to have athletic practices either before or after school. This means more travel for the parents, as junior high students generally do not drive to school.

Switching to a four-day school week is something that needs to be very carefully considered. Each school is going to have to decide for themselves if it is right; they will have to get the opinions of the community as well. If the community is not backing the school district, a switch will never work.



"I hate it. It would give me shorter time to do my homework," freshman Delbert Leonhardt said.



"I have not completely made up my mind on the issue," Mrs. Christy Cardella said.



"I hate it. Why would we do that?" junior Gabby Morgan said.



"We are already behind in education compared to other countries. Why would we want to get more behind?" Mrs. Jeanine Jilek said.



# SPORTS

## FBLA Holds 5K, 10K & Bike Race

by **Jared Fischer**

The Future Business Leaders of America chapter of Northwestern held a 5K, 10K and bike race on Oct. 2 in Mellette. The event was held to raise money to attend the state FBLA meeting in Sioux Falls in April. There were just over fifty people that competed.

"I was very surprised, and it was a great turnout for the first 5k we have held. It was a beautiful morning," Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

"I was ecstatic to have so many people from our community and other surrounding communities participate. Kris Boekelheide provided much needed help, and our FBLA chapter really appreciates all the support we have been given. It was definitely a successful event, and I hope FBLA will do another next year," senior Kara Fischbach said.

### 10K Race Results

Jason Mount	44.54	Overall 10K Winner
Ethan Steward	46.45	
Amanda Finley	55.14	



Senior Ethan Steward runs the 10K race as 5K walkers finish.



Children participating in the bike race patiently await the start.

### 5K Race Results

Name	Time	Overall 5K Winner
Delbert Leonhardt	22.14	
Derek Boekelheide	24.03	11-17 Winner
Logan Schentzel	26.09	
Corbin Smith	26.17	
Evan Finley	26.26	
Jeri Fosheim	26.4	30-39 Winner
Lisa Frericks	27.03	40-49 Winner
Chris Osborn	27.04	
Isaac Groft	27.33	
Jake Heidenreich	27.36	
Nora Groft	27.46	
Nathan Frericks	27.59	
Jeanna Duncan	28.01	
Kristy M. Smith	28.05	18-29 Winner
Dalton Franck	28.24	
Kaylee Hoellein	30.00	
Peyton Groft	30.05	10 and under Winner
Josie Clemens	30.06	
Zachary Duncan	30.09	
Darby Duncan	30.33	
KO Frericks	31.32	
Amy Duncan	32.06	
Kirsten Borge	32.07	
Jeannette Smith	32.54	50 and up Winner
James Groft	34.15	
Heather Mutea	34.45	
Darienne Frericks	35.17	
Madalyn Groft	35.18	
Doug Duncan	36.47	
Teri Mitchell	38.49	
Landon Fischbach	40.58	
Wanda Gabel	41.06	
Maddy Smith	41.32	
Samuel Groft	41.42	
Moira Duncan	42.26	
Terri Fischbach	43.34	
Tammy Weiszhaar	45.19	
Kristi Smith	45.20	
Ezekiel Duncan	50.17	
Trevor Toennies	51.43	
Alex Boekelheide	51.44	
Gabby Morgan	51.46	
Kaitlyn Sparling	52.26	
Maddy Hahler	52.31	
Ashley Clemens	52.43	
Torey Beardemphl	52.44	
Kelsey Hoellein	52.45	
Logan Brown	52.46	
Tyler Anderson	53.42	
Kelly Hahler	54.26	
Anne Rasmussen	55.08	
Amy Rothacker	55.09	
Cole Rasmussen	55.10	
Katrina Frericks	57.05	
Marly Kendrick	57.07	

### Bike Race Results

Name	Overall Winner
Tyler Carda	Overall Winner
Andrew Lefforge	
Payton Ellison	
Jerry Lefforge	
Delbert Leonhardt	
Isaac Bauer	
Blaine Rothacker	
Ben Fischbach	
Hailey Boekelheide	
Derek Rothacker	
Noah Fischbach	
Kami Fischbach	

# Volley For A Cure

by Katrina Frericks

Northwestern hosted its Volley for a Cure event on Oct. 19 against Groton. Volley for a Cure is an event NW started three years ago to help raise money for breast cancer education and research. The first two years Northwestern partnered with Redfield, but this year with Groton.

To raise money, the girls on the volleyball team sold Volley for a Cure T-shirts for \$10, face painted, painted finger nails, and sold cookies and popcorn balls for \$1.

The James Valley Communication donated coolers for the serving contest in between games and had a "Texting for a Cure" drawing. People from the crowd put their numbers in a box for \$1 and JVC texted the number they pulled out. Donna Gab, who received the text message, won \$100. JVC also donated \$100 to the fundraiser.

The eighth-grade parents also had a cake raffle.

Northwestern has raised more than \$10,000 in the past three years for the Komen Foundation.

"I continue to be impressed by our community's support of our Volley for the Cure event." head coach Nora Groft said.

The gym was covered in pink to support the cause. The players warmed up in pink, the fans wore pink and pink programs were even available.

"I think it is a great way to raise money for such a good cause." junior Hunter Wood said.

Northwestern honored former all-state player Chris (Swanhorst) Burckhard as a breast cancer survivor.

The volleyball team pulled out a win and beat Groton in three games.





# Volleyball Team Keeps Successful Season

## Northwestern Defeats Gettysburg

Northwestern defeated Gettysburg in three sets, 25-9, 25-14, 25-15, on Oct. 14 in Gettysburg. The Wildcats served 69 of 74 with 15 aces. Senior Alyssa Morgan served 18 of 19 with six aces. NW attacked 77 of 90 with 41 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 33 of 35 with 18 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 73 of 79 with 33 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 12 digs. Tuscherer had four blocks.

## Wildcats Beat Bearcats

Northwestern defeated Webster in three sets, 25-8, 25-16, 25-15, on Oct. 5 in Mellette. The Wildcats served 66 of 68 with 13 aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 16 of 16 with four aces. NW attacked 76 of 84 with 35 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 32 of 36 with 17 kills. Taylor set 64 of 64 with 32 assists. Senior Alyssa Morgan had 13 digs. Senior Kara Fischbach and Tuscherer each had two blocks.

## NW Steamrolls Milbank

Northwestern defeated Milbank in three sets, 25-19, 25-19, 25-15, on Oct. 16 in Milbank. The Wildcats served 65 of 72 with 13 aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 18 of 19 with five aces. NW attacked 88 of 96 with 45 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 42 of 45 with 26 kills. Taylor served 78 of 83 with 39 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 13 digs. Freshman Jeanna Duncan, sophomore Ashley Clemens, Taylor and Tuscherer all had two blocks.

## Wildcats Defeat Trojans

Northwestern defeated Faulkton in three sets, 25-4, 25-20, 25-19, on Oct. 7 in Mellette. The Wildcats served 70 of 75 with 16 aces. Junior Jussy Tuscherer served 18 of 21 with eight aces. NW attacked 73 of 85 with 35 kills. Tuscherer attacked 36 of 41 with 19 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 61 of 63 with 26 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had nine digs. Senior Kara Fischbach, sophomore Ashley Clemens and Tuscherer all had two blocks.

## Northwestern Dominates Groton

Northwestern defeated Groton in three sets, 25-14, 25-17, 25-12, Oct. 19 in the Volley for the Cure match. The teams raised approximately \$2,200 for the South Dakota Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. NW served 55 of 66 with 14 aces. Junior Jussy Tuscherer served 13 of 17 with seven aces. The Wildcats attacked 80 of 90 with 43 kills. Tuscherer attacked 35 of 41 with 20 kills. Tuscherer also hit her 1,000th career kill during the match. Junior Mariah Taylor set 63 of 65 with 38 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 12 digs. Senior Kara Fischbach and sophomore Ashley Clemens each had two blocks.

## Wildcats Stomp Cavaliers

Northwestern defeated Aberdeen Roncalli in three sets, 25-15, 25-14, 25-12, on Oct. 13 in Aberdeen. The Wildcats served 67 of 74 with 12 aces. Senior Kara Fischbach served 21 of 23 with five aces. NW attacked 90 of 101 with 47 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 42 of 45 with 27 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 76 of 78 with 31 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had nine digs. Tuscherer had three blocks.



# SPORTS

## Northwestern Falls to Sully Buttes

by Haley Wetzler

Northwestern Wildcats (2-3) were defeated by the Sully Buttes Chargers (5-0) in a non conference game held on Oct. 1, 2010 in Onida.

In the first quarter, Northwestern started their first run with a carry from senior Alex Bauer with no yards gained and two consecutive incomplete passes.

The Wildcats took another stab at a touchdown, with Bauer losing two yards in a first down and no gain in the second down. Sophomore Evan Finley passed to senior Josh Clemens for a one yard gain.

Wildcats started the second quarter with a carry from Finley for a loss of three yards. Junior Hunter Wood stepped up to for a gain of five yards. Finley went for the third down and ended with a loss of four yards.

After a Sully Buttes kick off, Northwestern's Clemens car-

ried the ball for a gain of four yards. Senior Justin Dirksen carried the ball for a gain of five yards; Dirksen went for another run to gain eight yards for a Northwestern first down. Clemens had a loss of three yards for a carry and Dirksen had a gain of two yards before Clemens punted. Northwestern concluded the game with three more tries that ended in two fumbles and an interception finishing the game at half-time with a score of 0-62.

The Wildcat offense was led in rushing yards by Dirksen with twenty yards. Finley led the passing yards with ten yards; sophomore Jake Groft led the pass receiving with nine yards.

Northwestern's defense was led by senior Jerry Serfling with a total of five tackles. Clemens and senior Casey Bade added four tackles each. The Wildcats had three first downs.

## Wildcats Overtake Tigers in Overtime

by Haley Wetzler

Northwestern Wildcats (2-1) triumphed over the Ipswich Tigers (0-3) in a double overtime ending the score 12-6. The game was a Lake Region Conference game held on Sept. 17 in Ipswich.

Wildcats started off the game in the first quarter with a 55 yard run from senior Jerry Serfling. The two-point conversion failed making the score 6-0 to end the quarter. Ipswich fought back scoring in the second quarter to tie the game 6-6. With neither teams scoring in the second half, the game went into overtime.

In the first overtime, Northwestern's effective defense stopped Ipswich in their attempt for a touchdown. The Wildcats threw an interception to end the

overtime.

Wildcats started the second overtime with a 19 yard pass from senior Alex Bauer to senior Josh Clemens. Ipswich was unable to score, ending the game with a Wildcat win, 12-6.

Freshman Jake Heidenreich led the team in rushing yards with 33; Bauer led passing with 134 yards. Clemens contributed 92 receiving yards.

Junior Hunter Wood led the Wildcat defense with 15 tackles. Bauer contributed 14 tackles and Serfling included an additional 12 tackles. Freshman Nathan Frericks and Clemens added 10 tackles each.

Congratulations to Zach Duncan who placed third in the regional Punt, Pass & Kick Competition!



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# STUDENT LIFE

## Top 10 Negatively Influential People

- 10. Bill Janklow
- 9. Billy Mayes
- 8. Alan From "The Hangover"
- 7. Jack The Ripper
- 6. O.J. Simpson
- 5. Charles Manson
- 4. Bernie Madoff
- 3. Joseph Stalin
- 2. Jeffery Michael Dahmer
- 1. Adolf Hitler

## Politics with Hunter

With midterm elections very near, the political ads are in full swing. Kristi Noem first launched an ad attacking Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin. Then Herseth-Sandlin released an ad stating that she would not be like previous candidates by attacking her opponent but instead telling facts of herself instead. However, no more than 2 weeks later, Herseth-Sandlin released an ad telling of all of the speeding violations Noem has on her record. If you are going to advertise that you are going to be positive and not attack your opponent, then stay with it do not do the op-

posite of what you previously said. Noem's latest ad talks about the national debt. The republicans are constantly trying to blame democrats for the debt America has accumulated. Let's do some history research. When the Reagan administration (republican) first took office, the debt was around 1 trillion. By the end of his presidency the debt was almost 5 trillion. Clinton (democrat) then took the National debt up a whopping .5 trillion to have it set at 5.5 trillion. Then the world's greatest moron Bush (republican) took office and the debt was around 10 trillion when he left. Now anyone can do basic math to discover that the GOP party is truly the one to blame. Please give me feedback at hw3053@k12.sd.us.

*Through the eyes of a foreign exchange student*

by Alisa Grabau

I have been here for nearly two months now. On one hand, it seems like I have been here for longer, on the other hand it feels like every day is a completely new experience!

I started living an American life with a lot of new events, starting with the spirit week in September. We don't have anything like this in Germany. It is unbelievable in Germany; nobody would dress up, everyone thinks it is embarrassing. But I think it was fun seeing the whole school dressing up and doing different activities in the afternoon, for example the float building. I especially liked the atmosphere on Friday: no school, parade, football game and dance; the school was all green and gold! The homecoming day was a success, even though we lost the football game.

The volleyball season will be over soon and I'm really sad about it. Although I play volley-

ball in Germany, it's a big difference. In Germany, we practiced only twice a week for one and a half hours; we always do the same things and we only have five games per season. It is definitely more fun here!

A thing I got used to is having the same daily routine. I go to school, then to volleyball practice and after that I come home, to do stuff I need the next day and sleep. That's how the weekdays look like, except for the game days! Those days are always fun. I really like going to the games in the famous yellow school bus and playing against other teams or just watching the varsity games.


I'm really thankful to spend these months here in South Dakota; how else could I gain insight into a life far away from city life? You can go to New York or California and see life there as a "tourist", but you never get a chance to see life in non-touristic South Dakota.

## Hunter, Logan & A Little Bit Of Shay

Q: Is chivalry dead?

A: What is chivalry you ask? Chivalry is the act of a man dedicating his time to being polite to a woman and doing everything to help her out. Many women think that it is dead and gone and lies with generations in the past. Could it be that women maybe just expect too much? Opening doors for a lady is a given. A gentleman should always do this. But expecting everything and to be pampered from head to toe everyday is

just outrageous. Women bring out the argument that men expect them to cook and clean. However, we men see it as if the wife or spouse is a stay at home mother and the husband works, should she not be the one to cook and clean? It is not too much to ask. Why was it started that men should pamper women all day long? Maybe it is because that women had no rights until about 80 years ago. So maybe chivalry is dead. Maybe men should start to treat women better. Some people need to help to bring chivalry back.



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# STUDENT LIFE

## In the elementary...

by Haley Wetzler

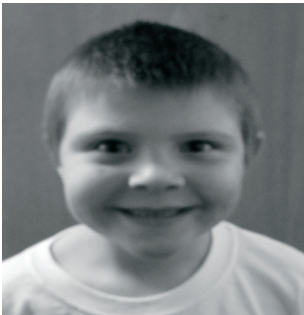
"If you could be any Halloween costume for the rest of your life, what would you be and why?"



"A pumpkin, because it is cool," kindergartner Hunter Johnson said.



"Cheeta costume because I like animals," third-grader Miranda Thorson said.



"A ninja because I like to hit people," second-grader Jackson Weideman said.



"A train because I like trains," first-grader Justin Haven said.

## Trends



Can you guess whose shirt this is?

## Inspiration Corner



*Always Eat Breakfast!*

## In the middle school...

by Shay Clemensen

"If you could be on any reality TV show, what would it be and why?"

"Top Shot because I like shooting cool guns," seventh-grader Hunter Lerew said.



"Teen Mom, because it has drama and teaches a lesson," seventh-grader Abby Fischbach said.



"Survivor, because I think I could win," seventh-grader Cory Walter said.



"Jersey Shore because I have a great tan and tight abs," eighth-grader Corbin Smith said.



## In the hallway...

by Kathleen Stuck

"If you could be on any reality TV show, what would it be and why?"



"I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant, because I didn't know I was," freshman Jacob Heidenreich said.



"Kendra, cause I think Kendra and I would be good friends," junior Mariah Taylor said.



"Wipe out because it's funny!" sophomore Kimberly Miles said.

## Senior Profiles

by Logan Brown



**Hilary Frericks**  
Parents: Shawn and Vonda Frericks  
College/Major: University of South Dakota or North Dakota State College of Science/  
Dental Hygiene  
What will you miss most about high school? Student gatherings and Mr. Boone  
What are you looking forward to after high school? I want a huge family

**Elizabeth Leonhardt**  
Parents: Tom and Jean Leonhardt  
College/Major: Black Hills State - History  
What will you miss most about high school? Everything  
What are you looking forward to after high school? seeing new places

