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SCHOOL MAKES NEW RULES & IMPROVEMENTS

by **Shay Clemensen and Laine Mielke**

This year some of the rules in the school have been modified. Some have been entirely redone, and some were just tweaked a little.

The new Saturday school rule enforces the misbehaved student to start at 8 a.m. and end at noon instead of ending at 10 a.m.

Cell phones can now be on hand instead of turned off and in the locker, just as long as they don't disturb class. If a student disturbs the class, he or she will receive three Saturday school points. On the second offense, the phone will be taken away, and the student will again receive three Saturday school points.

The staff will enforce the dress code much more than previous years. If jeans have holes that are not fully patched, the student will be told to change into sweatpants. Any inappropriate shirts

will be covered with one of the well-printed shirts made in the screen printing room.

All other rules have not been altered. A full list of rules, including the three in this article can be found in the school handbook online.

The school has also undergone some changes and improvements.

Of all the changes, the most noticeable is the newly paved parking lot. The student parking lot on the north side of school is now fully paved and has painted parking spaces. The lot now includes a clearly marked handicapped parking space and a space reserved for the student of the month.

Another change is the new crows nest on the football field. The old nest was blown over in a storm last spring.

The inside of the school has had a few changes as well. The high school library is now a smaller size, due to a new office

for principal Rich Osborn; guidance counselor Sue Neiger now has Osborn's old office. The small room in between the two now serves as the student lounge.

Mrs. Anne Frericks' room also now has air conditioning units.



This summer the high school parking lot was paved.

COMMUNITY GAINS NEW CULTURES

by **Katrina Frericks**

This year at Northwestern, the student body not only gained new students, but three new foreign-exchange students as well. The students are Alisa Grabau, Gulsum Useinova and Ulbol-syn Kuanova.

Grabau, from Rheda-Wiedenbruck, Germany, is 16 years old and a sophomore. She is staying with Troy and Michelle Metzinger until January. In Grabau's hometown, her school starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 1:15 p.m., and she does not participate in any sports. Her town has around 50,000 people, and the weather is about the same. Here at Northwestern, Grabau participates in volleyball.

"Northwestern has good sportsmanship, and it's fun," Grabau said.

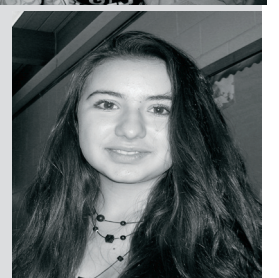
Useinova, from Crimea-Simferopol, Ukraine, is 15 years old and is also sophomore. She is staying with Meagan and Colin Williams until the end of the school year. In Useinova's hometown, people have older cars, fewer animals and bigger stores. At her school there is no practice after school, they wear uniforms and do not have study hall. Here at NW, Useinova is currently in volleyball and plans on going out for basketball. She loves everything about our school--especially no uniforms--and she enjoys the food.

Kuanova, from Aktobe, Kazakhstan, is 16 years old and is a junior. She is staying with Joshua and Christina Kramp until the end of school. At Kuanova's school, her classes are more difficult and five times larger. Here at North-

western, Kuanova is currently in volleyball and plans to participate in basketball and track. She loves being able to go outside during school and really enjoys the apple trees.

"I think they [the foreign exchange students] are really fun," Mr. Scott Boone said.

Top: Kuanova
Middle: Useinova
Bottom: Grabau



JUNIORS ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

by **Kelsey Hoellein**

Juniors Laine Mielke and Kathy Stuck went to Milwaukee, Wisc., on Aug. 27 for the 2010 National Junior Auxiliary meeting. Laine and Kathy attended meetings through Aug. 29.

In June, the Brentford post of Junior Auxiliary attended the state conference held in Spearfish, and Mielke was elected South Dakota Junior Auxiliary President and Stuck was elected South Dakota Junior Auxiliary Vice President.

At the convention, Junior Auxiliary members from all across the nation were in attendance. On the first day in Milwaukee, Kathy and Laine got the opportunity to explore the city and visit a few of the tourist attractions.

The next couple days of the conference were filled with speakers and

activities. The speakers included the National American Legion Auxiliary president, from New Mexico, the National Commander and the National Secretary. The large group of girls participated in activities including decorating IV covers for St. Jude's Hospital, making poppies and earning money for the National President's Scholarship fund.

On the last day of the meeting, caucusing was held to fill the offices. Stuck was nominated and elected to the position of Northwestern Division Vice President. She will now spend the next year traveling to the states in the Northwestern Division to speak to the junior members.

"The convention was amazing and becoming vice president was an honor," Stuck said.

To end the convention, all the juniors walked in the parade.

"I had a great time on the trip and got the opportunity to meet many new people. I also have many new ideas to bring back to my unit and to the Department of South Dakota," Mielke said.



Mielke



Stuck

News

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned for the 2010 All-State Chorus:

Soprano: Alyssa Steward
Soprano Alternate: Elizabeth Leonhardt

Alto: Ashly Wise
Alto Alternate: Annie Lutter

Tenor: Landon Fischbach
Tenor Alternate: Skylar Sorenson

Bass: Tyler Carda
Bass Alternate: Logen Lechner

All-State Chorus will be held Oct. 29 & 30 with a concert at the Barnett Center on Saturday, Oct. 30.

SENIOR ATTENDED SUMMER TEEN COURT CONVENTION

by Katrina Frericks

This summer, senior Shaina Jensen attended a national conference in Amahi, Calif., for teen court.

Jensen has been volunteering for the Brown County teen court for three years. Many different counties from across the country applied. Pierre County, Brown County and Elkwood County were accepted. Jensen, along with seven other youth and two supervisors spent a week in California.

"It was really interesting, and I would definitely go again," Jensen said.

The first day they attended the Disney Park and the beach. Also throughout the week, they went to conferences that talked about preventing underage drinking and what they could do to help their hometown or state. They had many workshops and discussed new laws.

"I had no idea she was going, but now that I have heard about it, it seems as though it was a great reward for all of the volunteering she has done in the past. I think it would be fun to help decide the punishment for all of those naughty kids," senior Kara Fischbach said.

Jensen is also looking forward to the Blood Disorder Association convention that is held in New Orleans, which she will attend in mid-November.



Jensen

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by Courtlen Lechner

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HOBY SEMINAR A HUGE SUCCESS

by **Kathleen Stuck**

Juniors Laine Mielke and Laken Frericks attended the 2010 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar held in June in Mitchell, S.D.

"I had a very fun experience, and I learned awesome leadership skills. I also met many new faces," Frericks said.

To be selected to attend HOBY, an individual must fill out an application, and if there is more than one student hoping to go, the students will go through an interview process. Typically, Northwestern only sends one student; however, this year, two students received the opportunity to attend.

At the seminar, different speakers talked, and taught the students about being a great and successful leader.

"It was a very interesting and rewarding experience," junior Laine Mielke said.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD

by **Laine Mielke**

The Northwestern Middle School Music Festival will take place Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the big gym. Cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students (K-12).

Middle school students will spend the entire day playing or singing music to practice for the evening concert.

Participating schools will include Aberdeen Christian, Aberdeen Roncalli, Bowdle, Doland, Edmunds Central, Eureka, Faulkton, Highmore-Harrold, Ipswich, Langford, Northwestern, Redfield and Warner.

Thanks to everyone who braved the wet weather to make the skybox auction a GREAT success!! The night started a little wet, but by auction time the weather turned nice and the skyboxes were auctioned for a total of \$4225. All of these dollars will go towards scholarships, community projects and other needs at Northwestern High School.

Many people contributed to making the night a great success, but the Foundation would like to especially thank the following:

Lisa and Ronnie Frericks for the brats.
Steve and Kristi Smith for the hotdogs.
Roger and Michelle Clemensen for the buns.
Greg Wiedebush for auctioneering and Donnie Stahl's help.
Tom Boekelheide for grilling.
Adam Hahler for bringing condiments.
Don Stahl for arranging for grills and picking up drinks.

Others that helped or donated: McDonald's, Mellette Bar and Grill, American State Bank, Peterson Meats, Mellette Fire hall (grill), and Mellette Travel Plaza.

If I missed someone, please know we appreciate everyone's support very much!!!

Congratulations to all the winning bidders. Enjoy the games and have fun!!!

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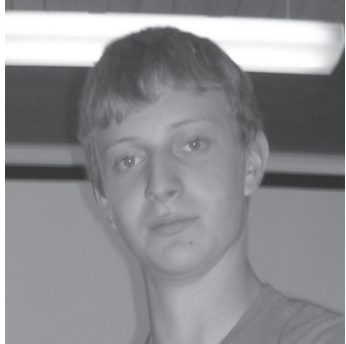
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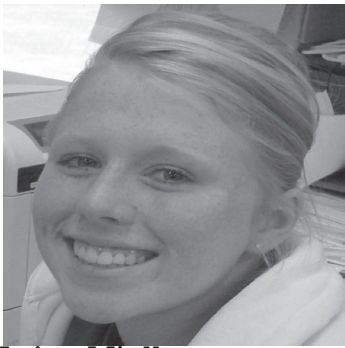
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NORTHWESTERN ADDS NEW FACES

by **Kathleen Stuck**

Northwestern gained a few new students this year in all areas of the school.

Kiarra Stuck is the new face in the second-grade room. Her parents are Nathan and Michelle Stuck, and she has three siblings, Kathy, Kane and Hailie. Hailie is also in second-grade. Kiarra is originally from South Barre, Mass., but now lives in Brentford.

“My favorite thing about this school is recess and my awesome teacher, Mr. Duncan,” Stuck said.

Third grade has two new students, Lauren Wiedebusch and Nicholas Thiel. Lauren’s parents are Greg and Katrina Wiedebusch. She is originally from Clark and now lives in Mellette. Lauren enjoys the friendly community here at Northwestern. Nicholas is originally from Watertown and now resides in Northville with his parents, Michael and Kathy, and his sister, Laine.

“I like playing kickball at recess with my new friends!” Thiel said.

Kyler Johnson, originally from Warner, now lives in Mellette and is in the sixth grade. His parents are Angela and Michael, and he has two siblings, Hunter and Sierra. He enjoys the fun atmosphere at Northwestern.

Trey Bierman is the new face in the seventh grade. He is originally from Warner and now lives in Northville with his parents Jill and Troy and his two sisters, Lexi and Megan. Trey likes his new class and the new teachers.

The sophomore class made two new friends this year. Twins Sarah and Silas Franco transferred from Central High School to Northwestern. Their parents are Erma and Tuan, and they have two other siblings, Shawna and Dugan.

Nona Roeber is a new addition to the junior class. Her parents are Clair and Daniel, and she has three siblings, Laurence, Preston and Trenton. She moved here from St. Pete, Fla., and now lives in Northville. Her favorite part of Northwestern is the different classes.



Kiarra Stuck



Nicholas Thiel



Lauren Wiedebusch



Nona Roeber



Trey Bierman



Kyler Johnson



Sarah Franco



Silas Franco

Northwestern School District 56-3
P.O. Box 45
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Ray Sauerwein
Superintendent

August 2nd, 2010

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Employees of Northwestern School;

As of October 10, 1988 the Northwestern School Dist. has implemented its management plan.

The management plan is available for viewing by interested parties, Monday through

Friday, 8:00AM through 4:00PM at the Administration Office in the Northwestern School.

Copies will be made available for \$25.00 with five days written request.

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The Northwestern school as required by law has completed their three-year inspection of

Asbestos on July 7th 2009 and found no friable asbestos in the Northwestern school buildings.

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School Board Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 9, 2010

- HATS will continue with a 5 day school week. Those on a 4 day school week will need to come in one Friday a month
- Visual Communications program is on hold due to lack of time to get new equipment. If there is enough interest there is a possibility HATS will have it 2nd semester.
- The north side of the HATS parking lot will be paved.
- The crow's nest construction will begin this week. It will be ready by the first home football game.
- The parking lot in back has been paved and striped.
- The Dept of Ed has released the district scores from the Dakota Step tests. Northwestern has made the required AYP (annual yearly progress) under the no child left behind goals. You may view these scores on the DOE web site: <https://nclb.dnrcampus.net/nclb/index.html> and clicking on the 2010 report card & selecting Northwestern School from the side panel.
- Consolidated Application was approved by the State.
- Annual Report was submitted and approved by the State.
- Food service is planning to offer the salad bar twice a week for grades 6-12.
- Projected enrollment is currently at 257. This includes 3 foreign exchange students.
- Approved Administrative Contract Agreement.
- There will be a stricter enforcement of the dress code for the 10-11 school year. The dress code is as follows:
 - Caps/hats will not be allowed in classes, hallways or inside the building. No biker, boxer, athletic shorts or short shorts are to be worn in school. No bare midriff tops, spaghetti straps, low cut tops or pants are allowed. Also, jeans with holes exposing any skin or undergarments, ripped, or excessive baggy, low riding pants or tight clothing is prohibited. Undergarments should not be showing at all. Clothing with alcohol, tobacco advertisements or vulgar statements is prohibited.
 - Approved the bus driving contract for John Groft.
 - Approved the resolution to request authorization of referendum to allow employees to receive Social Security coverage.
 - Second reading & approval of Attendance Policy.

The administration and teaching staff of Northwestern Area School believe that a student's contribution to classes and achievements are directly related to attendance. Therefore, any students with excessive absences will usually be subject to a special attendance program. Phone calls, School Reach messages, or letters will be used to contact parents to inform them of concerns. Most students have fewer than five absences a year. In order to encourage regular attendance, the following procedures will be in place.

For each semester (Grades 9-12):

1. If a student is absent from a class for 4 blocks of a class (8 Carnegie), the parents will receive a letter of concern from Administration.
2. If a student is absent from a class for 9 blocks of a class (18 Carnegie)*, a truancy (Child in Need of Supervision) petition may be filed with the State's Attorney, parents will receive a letter of notification of the truancy, and a counselor or principal will be assigned to monitor absences.

*If a student is absent from a particular class for 9 blocks (18 Carnegie), the student will receive a grade of F for that course and parents will receive a letter of notification of that failure. Parents do have the opportunity to appeal to the Northwestern Area Board of Education if absences are due to extenuating circumstances.

*On average a block schedule allows for 43 class meetings per semester. If a child missed 9 of these 43 meetings they would be missing 20% of the class.

For each trimester (Grades 6-8):

1. If a student is absent from a class for 3 blocks of a class (6 Carnegie), the parents will receive a letter of concern from Administration.
2. If a student is absent from a class for 6 blocks of a class (11 Carnegie)*, a truancy (Child in Need of Supervision) petition may be filed with the State's Attorney, parents will receive a letter of notification of the truancy, and a counselor or principal will be assigned to monitor absences.

*If a student is absent from a particular class for 6 blocks (11 Carnegie), the student will receive a grade of F for that course and parents will receive a letter of notification of that failure. Parents do have the opportunity to appeal to the Northwestern Area Board of Education if absences are due to extenuating circumstances.

*On average a block schedule allows for 29 meetings per trimester. If a child missed 6 of these 29 meetings they would be missing 20% of the class.

For each quarter (Grades K-5):

1. Students missing 5 or more days in a quarter will have their parent or guardian contacted by the Principal concerning the absences.
2. If a student is absent for more than 15 days in the school year, a truancy (Child in Need of Supervision) petition may be filed with the State's Attorney, parents will receive a letter of notification of the truancy, and a counselor or principal will be assigned to monitor absences.

- Approved the contract with Northeast SD Headstart Program Inc for the 10-11 school year.
- Approved the resignation of board member Jolinda Finley. It is tentatively planned to appoint a board member at the next meeting.
- There is a morning suburban/mini-bus route available for the Ashton/Athol area. No CDL is required. If you are interested please call Ray Sauerwein at 887-3467.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, September 13 at 8:00 a.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

- Troy Grandpre was appointed for a one-year term to the school board.
- Cost of materials for the house to be built at HATS is less than last years' cost for approximately the same floor plan.
- HATS is looking into starting an Ag program
- Shelley Fischbach talked to the board about security & server concerns with students bringing in their own computer equipment and using the schools internet connections.
- The high school is using an online tool, WriteToLearn, to help students build better writing skills and develop reading comprehension.
- The Homecoming Theme is "Wonderful World of Wildcats". The following are the 2010 Homecoming Royalty: Joni Boekelheide, Hilary Frericks, Alyssa Morgan, Alex Bauer, Josh Clemens and Michael Smith.
- The cost of a junior/senior trip to Washington DC/New York/Philadelphia would be around \$1300 per person. Due to the cost this probably will not be pursued, but maybe a smaller trip somewhere closer and less expensive.
- Dibles results in the elementary are very similar to the reading levels of the students last tested in May.
- NW will be talking with other area schools that have gone to the four-day school week to see the pro's & con's of doing this.
- Patrons should be able to pay for lunch with a credit card in a few weeks. There will be a convenience fee charged for this service.
- Approved a minimum qualifications for NW Competition Cheer Team to be able to compete at the State Competition.
- Approved the Northwestern Area School District budget for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Approved contract amendment for Shelley Fischbach & Nora Groft.
- Approved the Referendum Election Committee of Lisa Frericks, Ray Sauerwein and Jessica Halvorson.
- Approved the SD Schools Group Insurance Pool Joint Governance Agreement.
- Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the 2010 All-State Chorus: Gabby Morgan, Ashly Wise, Landon Fischbach, Tyler Carda. Alternates: Alyssa Steward, Annie Lutter, Skylar Sorenson and Logen Lechner.
- Congratulations to Mariah Taylor for being selected as the South Dakota AVCA player of the week.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of September 19, 2010.

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Opinion

SHOULD WE TIE DAKOTA STEP TEST SCORES TO SENIOR PRIVILEGES?

Pro

by Laine Mielke

Northwestern teachers always encourage their students to perform well on tests; they especially promote excellent test scores on the Dakota Step Tests, as the scoring is compared statewide with other schools and is used for No Child Left Behind.

Over the past two years, the administration has started to offer extra incentive to the junior class to do well on these tests by tying each student's Dakota Step Test scores in with their senior privileges.

Students who achieve three advanced scores on the test get their senior privileges starting at the beginning of their senior year; students who receive two advanced scores get their privileges second quarter; one perfect score earns the student privileges at third quarter. Every senior receives full privileges at the beginning of the fourth quarter, regardless of test scores.

Tying in the student's scoring on such an important test with senior privileges encourages the students to study and to take the test seriously because every senior wants senior

privileges as soon as possible. Senior privileges give students the opportunity to eat off campus for lunch and to leave school early if they have a study hall.

Pushing the students to do well on tests is always a fine idea, especially when comparing NW to other schools.

Many jobs require that employees pass a test, such as teachers, doctors and lawyers. This is good practice for the real world.

Providing the students with something to work toward, other than just a "pat on the back" may just give the students the extra oomph that they need.

Con

by Calli Peterson

Seniors at Northwestern High School all receive senior privileges. Some students receive their senior privileges earlier than others based on their Dakota Step Test results.

Even though there are some advantages to this rule, there are always some disadvantages. Some students are smart, but they are not exactly test smart. They do not do as well on tests as other students. They would need to wait a

while before they can have their senior privileges because they did not do perfect on their Dakota Step test, but they still do well on any other test or assignment and have high grade point averages.

Some students may try their hardest to receive a good score, but they still cannot reach the score that they wished to get. In this case, they are almost punished for not receiving a high enough score that other students can receive easier than others.

Everyone in the school finds out how well the students did on their tests by which students

received their senior privileges right away and which students did not.

All students, regardless of test scores, receive their senior privileges for the entire fourth quarter; however, singling out those students who scored better could make those who did not score well feel badly about themselves academically.

Other considerations are that students use the privileges to go to the MTP to buy food and that many students cannot leave campus anyway because of the distance between home and school.

Early privileges could lead to obesity!



What You Think



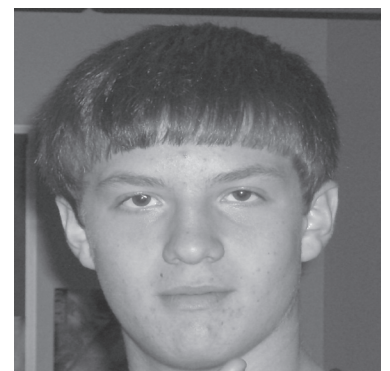
"I think it makes the students try harder, but it's not fair for people who struggle with testing," senior Hilary Frericks said.



"It is a fine incentive!" Mrs. Anne Frericks said.



"I think it's awesome, and they should continue to use them together," senior Casey Bade said.



"I think it should be based on the student's GPA throughout high school," sophomore Landon Fischbach said.



"In my expert opinion, any way we can encourage our students to attain better scores is a good thing," Mrs. Jennifer Schell.

Sports

Northwestern Defeats Langford

by **Alex Boekelheide**

Northwestern beat Langford in three sets, 25-7, 25-10, 25-10. The Wildcats served 74 of 80 with 25 aces. Senior Kara Fischbach served 16 of 16 with seven aces. NW attacked 66 of 70 and had 36 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 19 of 21 with 10 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 48 of 50 with 21 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had nine digs. Sophomore Ashley Clemens had two blocks.

NW Falls to Warner

by **Alex Boekelheide**

Warner defeated Northwestern in 4 sets, 27-25, 16-25, 19-25, 24-26, on Sept. 9 in Warner. The Wildcats served 74 of 82 with eight aces. Junior Jussy Tuscherer served 14 of 16 with four aces. NW attacked 120 of 135 with 39 kills. Tuscherer attacked 45 of 50 with 17 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 118 of 122 with 30 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 30 of the team's 83 digs. Tuscherer had three blocks.

Wildcats Rock Knights

by **Alex Boekelheide**

Northwestern beat Aberdeen Christian in three sets, 25-4, 25-7, 25-1 Aug. 31 in Mellette. The Wildcats served 68 of 72 with 22 aces. Junior Haley Wetzler served 20 of 21 with seven aces. NW attacked 43 of 48 with 24 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 16 of 17 with 12 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 33 for 33 with 21 assists. Senior Alyssa Morgan had eight of the total 29 digs. Tuscherer and senior Joni Boekelheide led the team with three blocks each.

Northwestern Shakes Britton

by **Alex Boekelheide**

Northwestern shook Britton in three sets, 25-11, 25-9, 25-12 on Sept. 7. NW served 61 of 69 with six aces. Junior Jussy Tuscherer served 13 of 14 with six aces. NW attacked 64 of 70 with 30 kills. Tuscherer attacked 23 of 24 with 13 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 54 of 54 with 24 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler and Taylor each had 11 digs. Sophomore Ashley Clemens had three of the team's nine blocks.



Wildcats Take Second in Parkston Tourney

by **Alex Boekelheide**

Northwestern falls to Wagner: Wagner defeated Northwestern in three sets, 25-23, 18-25, 23-25 Aug. 28. The Wildcats served 54 of 62 and had seven aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 11 for 12 with two aces. NW attacked 69 of 87 and had 31 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 25 of 28 and had 14 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 69 of 69 for 26 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler led the team's 26 digs with eight. Senior Joni Boekelheide led the team with one block.

Northwestern defeats Parkston: Northwestern defeated Parkston in two sets, 25-12, 25-15. The Wildcats served 43 of 44 with nine aces. Junior Haley Wetzler served five for six with three aces. NW attacked 39 of 45 with six kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 14 of 15 and had six kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 33 of 33 with eight assists. Wetzler led the team with nine of the 19 digs. Senior Kara Fischbach and Tuscherer led the team with one block each.

Northwestern defeats McCook Central: Northwestern takes down McCook Central in two sets, 25-16, 25-8. The Wildcats served 41 of 43 and had six aces. Senior Kara Fischbach served nine of 11 with three aces. NW attacked 39 of 45 with 15 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 12 of 17 with seven kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 30 of 31 with nine assists. Junior Haley Wetzler led the team with seven of the 22 digs. Tuscherer led the team with one block.

Northwestern defeats Tripp-Delmont-Armour (TDA): Northwestern defeats Tripp-Delmont-Armour (TDA) in two sets, 25-13, 25-11. The Wildcats served 45 of 47 with eight aces. Junior Haley Wetzler served nine of nine with six aces. NW attacked 49 of 55 and had 20 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 23 of 24 with eight kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 41 of 44 with 15 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler led the team with 10 of the 21 digs. Tuscherer, sophomore Ashley Clemens, senior Kara Fischbach and junior Laken Frericks all had one block.

Wildcats Place Second in Parkston Tourney

by **Alex Boekelheide**

Northwestern defeated Elk Point-Jefferson: NW defeated EPJ in two sets, 25-12, 25-21 Sept. 4. The Wildcats served 44 of 46 with six aces. Senior Kara Fischbach served 14 of 14 with two aces. NW attacked 60 of 69 with 24 kills. Sophomore Ashley Clemens attacked 11 of 11 with six kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 50 of 52 with 15 assists. Senior Alyssa Morgan had 10 of the team's 32 digs. Junior Jussy Tuscherer, Fischbach, and Clemens each had four blocks.

Northwestern defeats Harrisburg: NW defeated Harrisburg in two sets, 25-19, 25-12. The Wildcats served 43 of 48 with seven aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 11 of 11 with two aces. NW attacked 56 of 62 with eight kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 20 of 23 with eight kills. Taylor set 47 of 47 with 16 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 13 of the team's 32 digs. Tuscherer and junior Shelby Peterson each had one block.

Northwestern beats Milbank: NW defeated Milbank in two sets, 25-12, 25-15. The Wildcats served 44 of 50 with 10 aces. Freshman Jeanna Duncan served 20 of 21 with five aces. NW attacked 59 of 63 with 28 kills. Junior Kara Fischbach attacked 17 of 17 with 12 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 46 of 48 with 20 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 11 of the team's 35 digs.

Northwestern falls to Elk Point-Jefferson: NW fell to EPJ in three sets, 23-25, 25-21, 26-28. The Wildcats served 72 of 76 with 12 aces. Junior Jussy Tuscherer served 10 of 11 with four aces. NW attacked 106 of 121 with 35 kills. Tuscherer attacked 36 of 39 with 15 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 103 of 104 with 28 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 18 of the team's 53 digs. Sophomore Ashley Clemens had three of the team's seven blocks.

Sports

Wildcats Place Second in Arlington Tourney

by Alex Eoekelheide

Northwestern dominates Hamlin: NW beat Hamlin in two sets, 25-7, 25-12 on Sept. 11. The Wildcats served 42 of 44 with 13 aces. Senior Kara Fischbach served 18 of 19 with nine aces. NW attacked 44 of 49 with 23 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 16 of 16 with nine kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 37 of 37 with 16 assists. Taylor had seven of the team's 27 digs. Tuscherer had three of the team's six blocks.

Northwestern beats Arlington: NW beat No. 2 ranked Arlington in two sets, 25-12, 25-17. The Wildcats served 43 of 45 with seven aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 12 of 12 with four aces. NW attacked 53 of 59 with 24 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 22 of 26 with 14 kills. Taylor set 45 of 46 with 18 assists. Taylor also had six of the team's 27 digs. Senior Kara Fischbach and Tuscherer both had two blocks.

Northwestern rocks Iroquois: NW beat Iroquois in two sets, 25-7, 25-6. The Wildcats served 41 of 46 with 18 aces. Junior Jussy Tuscherer served 12 of 13 with six aces. NW attacked 22 of 24 with 15 kills. Tuscherer attacked 11 of 12 with seven kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 25 of 25 with 14 assists. Taylor had six of the team's 18 digs.

Northwestern falls to Warner: Warner defeated NW in three sets, 25-22, 23-25, 16-25. The Wildcats served 51 of 56 with nine aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served nine of 10 with four aces. NW attacked 107 of 122 with 25 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 43 of 50 with nine kills. Taylor set 69 of 71 with 12 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 21 of the team's 63 digs. Tuscherer had five of the team's 12 blocks.

Northwestern pounds on Deubrook: NW beat Deubrook in two sets, 25-10, 25-13. The Wildcats served 44 of 47 with 11 aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 19 of 21 with five aces. NW attacked 35 of 41 with 22 kills. Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 17 of 18 with 13 kills. Taylor set 30 of 30 with 14 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had seven of the teams 18 digs. Taylor and Tuscherer each had one block.

Wildcats Fall Short to Titans

by Haley Wetzler

Northwestern Wildcats (1-1) fell short to the Leola-Frederick Titans (3-0) 20-26 in a Lake Region Conference game Sept. 10 in Mellette.

The game started off slow in the first quarter with neither team scoring a touchdown. In the second quarter, Leola/Frederick ran a 16-yard pass to score the first touchdown and scored on the two-point conversion to put the score at 0-8. Following that, the Titans went for another touchdown and a unsuccessful two-point conversion put the score 0-14 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Northwestern took charge when senior Josh Clemens ran in a 29-yard touchdown and a failed conversion making the score 6-14. After a long stretch down the field, senior Alex Bauer ran in one-yard to score; Bauer also scored the two-point conversion to tie the game at 14-14. The Titans added a touchdown to end the quarter 14-20. Leola-Frederick took off with another touchdown to start the fourth quarter with a failed conversion, making the score 14-26. Bauer threw a 10-yard pass to senior Justin Dirksen to finish the game at 20-26.

Bauer led the team in rushing yards with 55 and passing with 171 yards. Smith contributed 100 receiving yards. Also, Clemens added 71 receiving yards.

NW Defeats Langford

by Haley Wetzler

Northwestern Wildcats (1-0) defeated the Langford Lions (0-1) 28-12 in a Lake Region Conference game Sept. 3 in Langford.

Langford started off the game with an early touchdown and failed conversion to lead 6-0. Following that, Northwestern struck a 36-yard pass from senior Alex Bauer to senior Josh Clemens to score a touchdown to tie the game 6-6. Northwestern took another run for a touchdown with a handoff from Bauer to Clemens for a three-yard run, making the score 14-6. Langford charged back with a touchdown and another failed conversion to make the score 14-12 at halftime.

In the third quarter, senior Michael Smith received a 25-yard pass from Bauer and scored another touchdown. Northwestern's unsuccessful two-point conversion put the score at 20-12. Northwestern received a safety, adding two points to the score, making it 22-12. To finish the game, Smith caught a 35-yard pass from Bauer to put the Wildcats up 28-12.

Bauer led the team in rushing yards with 55 and passing with 171 yards. Smith contributed 100 receiving yards. Also, Clemens added 71 receiving yards.

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Sports

Meet the football players...

by Faley Wetzler



Alex Bauer
Senior #20
QB/LB



Casey Bade
Senior #44
WR/DB



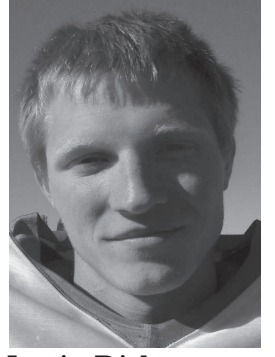
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Senior #84
WR/DB



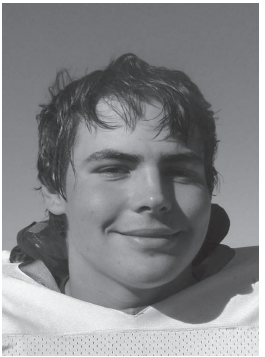
Michael Smith
Senior #40
TE/LB



Mike Hinners
Senior #55
OL/LB



Justin Dirksen
Senior #33
RB/DB



Hunter Wood
Junior #23
FB/LB



Trevor Toennies
Junior #54
OL/DL



Landon Fischbach
Sophomore #82
TE/DE



Jake Groft
Sophomore #24
WR/DB



Warren Walter
Sophomore #81
TE/DE



Jesse Lutter
Freshman #74
OL/DL



Nathan Frericks
Freshman #21
WR/LB



Tyler Carda
Freshman #79
OL/DL



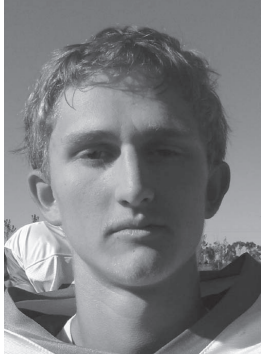
Nick Wood
Freshman #69
FB/DE



Jacob Heidenreich
Freshman #22
RB/DB



Luther Johnson
Freshman #75
OL/DL



Delbert Leonhardt
Freshman #14
WR/DB

Meet the Cheerleaders...

by Shay Clemensen



Hilary Frericks
Competition
cheerleader



Alyssa Steward
Competition/
football
cheerleader



Gabby Morgan
Competition
cheerleader



Laken Frericks
Competition
cheerleader



Maddy Smith
Competition/
football
cheerleader



Alyssa Morgan
Competition
cheerleader



Kristie Bade
Competition/
football
cheerleader



Maddie Hahler
Competition/
football
cheerleader



Kalen Frericks
Competition/
football
cheerleader



Jenny Lefforge
Competition/
football
cheerleader



Torey Beardemphl
Competition/
football
cheerleader

Student Life

Top 10 Rejected Homecoming Themes

by Hunter Wood

1. Peace in the Middle East
2. Adult Cartoons
3. Lego Land
4. Weight-Loss Commercials
5. Wildcats in Space
6. Special Olympics
7. Life as a Teenage Girl
8. Rockin' through the Ages
9. You Tube Sensations
10. South Dakota Shore



Politics with Hunter

by Hunter Wood

This month in politics many things happened. I will start with the controversy over the mosque being built on ground zero. For starters, the Muslims do not want to build the mosque on ground zero, they are building it on ground that they own many blocks away. Then, we call ourselves "the land of the free," yet we won't allow people to build on ground that they own just because of their religion. They are Muslims, not terrorists.

Now on to the speech held by Glenn Beck on the same date as the "I Have a Dream" speech in the same spot. I think Beck is the most mentally challenged person in America today. First he

had the audacity to say that Obama was a racist and now this. The fact that he wanted to hold a rally on the same day in the same spot is not a big deal at all. He has rights, and he can hold a rally there if he is given permission. However, it was only when people had a problem with it that he made himself sound like an idiot. His reply to people complaining about the setting of the rally was this: "I didn't know that it was the same date as the speech, or even that it was held there." With midterm elections coming up this fall I'm sure there will be many more controversies to be had in the next couple months. Please respond to me at hw3052@k12.sd.us.

Through the eyes of a foreign-exchange student

by Alisa Grabau

A couple of you guys might know me, but for the people who don't, a short introduction:

I'm Alisa Grabau from Germany (you are right, I have no middle name). I'm staying in Northville until January. When I came here, everything was different for me. The people around me, the language, the landscape, and its inhabitants. In Germany, I live in a town with about 50,000 people. It's not very big compared to other German cities, but in comparison with South Dakota, it's huge!

My first day of school was different, too. My German school has got about 1,000 students from grade 5 to 12. There I attend the 10th class with 30 other people (all in all four 10th-grade classes). The classes are completely different; we all have the same schedule, we are staying in one room (the teachers have to change the room, each class has an own classroom), and we have no lunch. Here in America I'm at home at 6.30. That's new for me; I'm not used to spend the whole day in school. You have a different view of school, in Germany you sit there and wait until the bell rings and you can go home at 2 o'clock, in fact nobody would watch a soccer-match in school!

I really get to know the team spirit, it is kind of impressing me, and I have to say that I like school!

The thing most people know about Germany is the drinking age. You have to be 16 years old to drink legally beer. Everybody is jealous, but I think the laws here are more appropriate. You could drive a car when you are 14 years old, I have to be 18.

All in all, I like it here I like the mentality of the Americans. They are open-minded, friendly and interested. That's why many people asked me questions about Germany like "Do you have Walmart in Germany?", "No!", "You don't have Walmart???" or "Are there hotels in Germany?", "YES!", as well as "Do the boys have fun in Germany?", "No, they don't laugh at all. JUST KIDDING!" But the question that every second person is asking me is how to pronounce my last name. It's kind of hard for the Americans.

Hunter and Logan...with a little bit of Shay

Q: How do I get that perfect girl?

A: Well, as experienced as we are in relationships, we know just the advice to snag that perfect girl. You have to start off with getting noticed. You don't want to be noticed by being rude and obnoxious. An idea is to help nerds out when bullies pick on them. She will definitely notice your kindness then. After you have gotten her to notice you, you must prove how big of a sweetheart you are. Maybe get her some flowers or chocolates, but that is kind of a cliché. Therefore, we live by the phrase "go big or go home." This means if you are going to spend your time trying to impress the girl, you may as well impress her well. Go ahead and take her to a spa. Make sure she gets that long massage she has been so desperately wanting. Then you will for sure have her heart. The rest of the relationship is up to you; whether you fail or succeed is all your doing. We wish you good luck though. Next time you are in a tight spot, just remember to send all of your questions to Logan and Hunter. We will be sure to give you all the expert answers we have.

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Student Life

In the Elementary

by Haley Weizler

What do you like most about your new teacher?



"She lets us go to music," kindergartner Jayen Mielke said.



"She's nice, and she gives awesome toys from the toy box," first-grader Haiden Grandpre said.



"Mr. Duncan is funny," second-grader Alexis Rahm said.



"That she reads to us," fourth-grader Caleb Schentzel said.



"She is always smiling and in a good mood," third-grader Maddie Groft said.



"He is fun," fifth-grader Tucker Bohl said.

In the Middle School

by Shay Clemensen

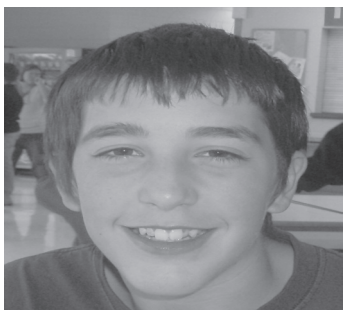
If you wear deodorant, what is your favorite kind?



"Axe," sixth-grader Derek Boekelheide said.



"Secret," sixth-grader Darby Duncan said.



"Axe," seventh-grader Hunter Lerew said.



"Coco Butter Kiss," seventh-grader Rachael Boekelheide said.



"Red Zone, Old Spice," eighth-grader Zach Duncan said.



"Sweet 16," eighth-grader Jordon Peterson said.

In the hallway

by Kathy Stuck

What item would you like to add to the student lounge?



"A blow up swimming pool, a sand box and a palm tree in the corner to light the room up," senior Hilary Frericks said.



"A refridgerator full of Mountain Dew," junior Katrina Frericks said.



"A lovely bowl of fruit and a computer," freshman Tyler Carda.



"Air-conditioning," sophomore Shay Clemensen said.

TREND OF THE MONTH



Can you guess whose flip flop this is?