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Several Players Selected for All Conference Teams

by Calli Peterson

Several Northwestern basketball players were selected for the 2011-2012 Lake Region girls' and boys' basketball All-Conference Teams. The girls chosen for first team all-conference are seniors Jussy Tuscherer and Mariah Taylor. Senior Haley Wetzler was chosen for second team, junior Ashley Clemens was chosen for third team and

junior Shekota Myer received honorable mention.

"Being chosen second team all-conference feels really great. Our conference is full of excellent basketball players," Wetzler said.

Junior Landon Fischbach was selected for third team all-conference boys' basketball.

"It's always an honor to be recognized by other coaches. I am

grateful to be mentioned with other great players, and it is unfortunate we did not pull out some conference games because my teammates also deserve recognition for their hard work and pushing me to be a better player," Fischbach said.

The Northwestern varsity girls' basketball team finished their season with a record of 15-6. The NW boys' basketball team finished

their season with a record of 2-18.

"I thought the girls had a great season. They played well throughout the season. We had some good wins down the road. It is unfortunate that we had a strong district, and that these girls didn't get the opportunity to play in a state tournament. We're proud of them and wish them nothing but the best," coach Mr. Richard Osborn said.



Jussy Tuscherer
First Team



Mariah Taylor
First Team



Haley Wetzler
Second Team



Ashley Clemens
Third Team



Landon Fischbach
Third Team

Plains Lions Club Holds Annual Carnival

by Courtlen Lechner

Every year around March, the Plains Lions Club holds its spring carnival. This year, the Plains Lions Carnival was held on March 4 at Northwestern in the large gym. Many members of the Plains Lions Club and the junior class helped to set up and run the carnival.

"My favorite thing about the

carnival was throwing the darts because I got to throw sharp things," fourth-grader Nicholas Thiel said.

Activities put on at the carnival included balloon darts, cake walk, Wii sports, ring toss, darts, free throw competition, fish tank and many others.

Throughout the carnival, door prizes were called out. Sponsors from around the community do-

nated prizes and gift cards to their business.

"The door prizes are always great! Everyone usually claims at least one prize, and they have to be excited about the prizes! I won a John Deere hat and many other things that I think are really cool," junior Calli Peterson said.

Elementary students as well do their part in making the carnival a

success. A few weeks before the carnival, the students sell raffle tickets for a \$50 prize. The award is presented at the end of the carnival.

The elementary class with the most tickets sold received a pizza party. The fourth-grade class sold the most tickets.

Students Participate in LRC Math Contest

by Shay Clemensen

Several math students competed at the Lake Region Conference math contest at the Strode Center in Aberdeen on March 21. Junior Landon Fischbach received eighth place in the senior math category, and sophomore Nik Wood placed sixth place in Algebra II.

"It was an enjoyable experience! I think we should have a little bit more practice so we can win!" Wood said.

Students who attended are as follows: in Algebra I, freshmen Corbin Smith and Halle Sieve, in geometry, sophomore Jeanna Duncan and Kalen Frericks, in Algebra



Junior Landon Fischbach placed eighth, and sophomore Nik Wood placed sixth.

II, sophomores Wood and Tyler Carda and in senior math Fischbach and junior Kelsey Hoel-lein.

The two top math students in all of the high school math classes go to math counts competitions. Here they test their knowledge and compete against other top math students. This is a great way for students to see where they are in math.

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Student of the Month:



Calli Peterson

by Maddie Hahler

Junior Calli Peterson received the student of the month award for February. Her parents are Kim Peterson and Cheryl Olson. She has four siblings, Amanda, Stephanie, Nathan and Nolan.

Peterson's activities include volleyball stats, chorus, basketball manager, newspaper editor and FBLA. Her favorite athlete is Jimmer Fredette. She spends her free time reading, watching movies, playing cards with her family, playing Mario Kart and hanging out with friends. Peterson's favorite classes are art and journalism.

"Calli, Calli, Calli, I saw it coming the whole time! She works so hard all the time! This girl does not get a break, ever! I'm happy for her getting SOM! She really earned and deserved it. Way to work Calli!" junior Courtlen Lechner said.

Her favorite quote is "It is not our abilities that show who we truly are, it is our choices," said Albus Dumbledore. Peterson plans to attend a four-year university to major in communication disorders and deaf education. She also plans to get her master's degree in speech pathology.

Peterson's most embarrassing moment was falling off the bleachers in front of the whole school during homecoming her sophomore year.

"I was really excited when I found out I was student of the month! Being able to be recognized for being a great student is a wonderful feeling. It felt really nice being able to park my car in the student of the month parking even though it took me awhile to figure out where I parked," Peterson said.

Students Attend Science Seminar

by Calli Peterson

Females in grades nine through 12 from surrounding school including North-western attended Women in Science at the Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen on March 6. Students who attended from North-western included junior Kimberly Miles; sophomores Maddie Hahler, Paige Metzinger, Torey Beardemphl, Kristie Bade and Kalen Frericks; freshmen Julia Sparling, Christine Morgan, Hannah Palmer and Halle Sieve; eighth-graders Elizabeth Heidenreich and Darienne Frericks; seventh-graders Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan and sixth-graders Sadie VanderWal, Klaryssa Schnoor and Peyton

Groft.

"It was inspiring to see so many successful women, and it really

in Science, the girls could choose which women they wished to listen to speak. Many women from dif-

ferent science fields gave speeches on what they do and why they enjoy their science field. The fields varied from plant growers to child life specialists to medical laboratory scientist and some others. Lisa Schmit, a meteorologist, was the keynote speaker at the seminar.

"The keynote speaker had some really cool sound affects in her presentation. My favorite

presentation at Women in Science was the team of Tammy Gottman and Carrie Kindopp. They were child life specialists. It was really cool seeing everyone where my design on T-shirts," Hahler said.



Maddie Hahler won the T-shirt design for Women in Science.

opened my eyes to so many science-related careers," Frericks said.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MARCH 12, 2012

- ▣ Bids are now being taken for the garden sheds the Hub Area Technical students constructed.
- ▣ This summer Probuild Company is planning on having HATS students job shadow.
- ▣ Girls & Boys State interviews are planned for March 15th.
- ▣ LRC Math Contest is March 21st.
- ▣ Dakota Step testing window is April 2 through April 20th.
- ▣ Character Counts Students of the Month for Fairness are K-Gregory Nelson, 1st - Ethan Boekelheide, 2nd - Megan Nash, 3rd - Alexis Rahm, 4th - Zech Clemens, 5th - Caleb Schentzel.
- ▣ The elementary local spelling contest will be held in March and the Redfield spelling contest is scheduled for April 25, 2012.
- ▣ In addition to getting a new security cameras for the school NW is looking into a new card lock system for the doors.
- ▣ 42 students were screened at the preschool screening.
- ▣ Nora Groft was again selected to be one of the AP English & Literature examiners.
- ▣ NW will be hiring a middle school/high school special education teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.
- ▣ The legislature has increased the school funding by \$103.40 per student for the 12-13 year.
- ▣ The Board invited the Teachers to Negotiate 12-13 contracts.
- ▣ Two school board positions will be up for election/re-election for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2012. Nominating petitions may be picked up at the business office beginning April 10th and must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. May 11th.
- ▣ Accepted resignations from Jennifer Schell for assistant girls basketball coach, Jody Roseland, and Kayla Krause.
- ▣ Approved calendar change to make up a snow day on April 9, 2012.
- ▣ Congratulations to Landon Fischbach who was selected 3rd Team All-Conference for basketball.
- ▣ Congratulations to Student of the Month Calli Peterson.
- ▣ Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- ▣ The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of March 18, 2012.

Tuscherer Drawn for \$3,000 Essay

by Calli Peterson

Senior Jussy Tuscherer claimed \$3,000 after writing an essay. In the personal finance class, taught by Mrs. Anne Frericks, the students were asked to complete five different subject topic essays. These essays were called the Investor Education Essay. Tuscherer was drawn for the essay and was granted \$3,000 as a reward. Her category was the B category, and two winners were drawn from each group. The essay was for the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

"I incorporated numerous vocabulary words that we have learned

each week in Mrs. Groft's AP English class as well as used the various writing techniques that she teaches," Tuscherer said.

Tuscherer's subject topics included retirement plans, how to obtain \$1,000,000 by the age of 65, advertisement for an investment/business opportunity, mutual funds and clarifying differences between the FBIC and SIPC. Most of Tuscherer's subject topics were around 300 to 1,100 words long.

"Winning the \$3,000 is an exceptional honor, and this will certainly help me as I embark on my future college endeavors," Tuscherer said.

2012 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL THIRD QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically

9th Grade: Straight A: Christine Morgan, Corbin Smith; "A": Halle Sieve; "B": Zach Duncan, Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Jordon Peterson, Julia Sparling, Kennedy Sparling.

10th Grade: Straight A: Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks; "A": Kristie Bade, Alyssa Steward, Nicholas Wood; "B": Tyler Carda, Madison Hahler, Jacob Heidenreich, Paige Metzinger.

11th Grade: Straight A: NONE; "A": Landon Fischbach; "B": Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Kelsey Hoellein, Lane Myer, Shekota Myer, Catarina Oliveira, Calli Peterson, Stanton Roach, Kaitlyn Sparling.

12th Grade: Straight A: Alex Boekelheide, Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor, Jussy Tuscherer; "A": Katrina Frericks, Laine Mielke, Shelby Peterson, Madison Smith, Haley Wetzler; "B": Logan Brown, Jared Fischer, Jennifer Lefforge, Gabrielle Morgan, Ruth Phillips, Kathleen Stuck, Trevor Toennies, Hunter Wood.

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Art Students Enter Vans Shoe Contest Again This Year

by Logan Brown

The Vans shoe contest is back, and the art class is hard at work. Themes this year for the contest are music, art, local flavor and action sports. Throughout the last few weeks, the art class has been quickly gathering creative ideas to supply the shoes.

"I love doing the shoes. It is very challenging

because there is no room for mistakes, but it's great because the

whole country gets to see our art work," sophomore Kalen Frericks said.

Artists working on the shoes include senior Gabby Morgan, juniors Kimberly Miles, Catarina Oliveria and Calli Pe-

Hahler and Terrance Circle Bear. Other students may work on them as well.

Again, the shoes will need to be sent to see if they make it into the round where people can vote. The art class asks that if the shoes make it again that the community goes and votes online.

"It is really exciting being a part of such a large contest. This really shows how great our art department is. There are so many great artists and getting to have a part in the contest feels great!" junior Calli Peterson said.



Senior Gabby Morgan works on her shoe that is in the action sports category.



Junior Catarina Oliveria's shoe that she is working on is in the local flavor category.

terson, and sophomores Nathan Palmer, Kalen Frericks, Maddie

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High School Band and Chorus Hold Concert and Pie Auction

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern High School band and chorus held a spring concert and pie auction on March 26. NW raised \$997 for the pie auction not including the money donated for bars and cookies.

The Chorus sang "There Will Be a New Day!" with soloists for the song sophomore Maddie Hahler, sophomore Alyssa Steward, sophomore Kalen Frericks and junior Calli Peterson. The next song that they sang was "Coming Home,"

and the last song they sang was "I Am a Small Part of The World." The girls' choir sang "Give Us Hope." The soloists for this song were Steward, senior Katrina Frericks and Frericks.

Steward and sophomore Jeanna Duncan sang a duet together called "A Blessing." Katrina Frericks and senior Gabby Morgan sang a duet together called "Benedictus." Duncan and Frericks had a trumpet duet together called "Rod & Nod."

The Northwestern band per-

formed three different songs: "Jubliance," "Aventra" and "Encanto." Katrina Frericks performed a solo in this song playing the clarinet.

The grand pie bidder was Bernadette Burger. The pie was sold for \$265. It was a peanut butter pie made by Perkins and brought by Maddie Hahler.

"The concert and auction were really great! It is really exciting raising so much money," junior Calli Peterson said.



Bernadette Burger bids \$265 for a pie provided by Maddie Hahler.



Torey Beardemphl, Gabby Morgan, Katrian Frericks and Annie Lutter sing during the concert.



Sophomores Jeanna Duncan and Kalen Frericks play their trumpets during the concert.



Senior Katrina Frericks plays a clarinet solo during the concert.

OPINION

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What You Think Should cursive writing be a requirement in the elementary?




“Yes.”

Business Teacher
Mrs. Anne Frericks




“Yes, because in my opinion cursive writing is a form of art. I would hate to see that disappear.”

Art Teacher
Mrs. Jennifer Schell




“I have never had to use it since I learned it, and it is way easier to write when it is not cursive.”

Senior
Shelby Peterson



“Yes, they should know a little bit.”

Senior
Katrina Frericks



“Yes, because I think cursive is a basic skill that everyone should master.”

DDN Supervisor
Mrs. Jeannine Jilek

Should cursive be a requirement in the elementary?

Pro...

by Calli Peterson

A new idea has been brought to elementary schools around the state. The idea is to not requiring teaching cursive writing. This decision has not only been brought to the attention at Northwestern, but other schools as well. Cursive writing seems to have become outdated compared to technology. Although technology communication has proved a more efficient way of writing, what happens if technology breaks down? Cursive writing is still being taught, but it is not be graded.

Since formal writing began, cursive writing was the most common form of writing. Cursive was and is used for signatures and proper writing. Although cursive writing has a different way of writing, it has a certain flow to it which makes it faster to write. Even those who may use print writing still connect some letters, which is almost cursive.

Many older people still use cursive writing. This is because it is what they were taught. What happens when children do not learn cursive, and they want to read their grandparents' or even parents' writing? Although printing is not completely different from cursive, it still has its certain distinctions that allow people to connect letters easier. Technology may have its benefits, but technology is a more modern way communication; it was not used many years ago. In time, if all children do not learn cursive, they will not be able to read their grandparents' writing; it will become foreign to them.

Although technology has become more advanced and more reliable in the modern days, children should still learn the proper etiquette of cursive writing. They will need to be able to sign their checks and forms using cursive. Cursive writing has been used for generations and generations, which mean many reports and or diaries are written in cursive. Children will not be able to read such writing if they are not taught. Cursive writing used to be a mandatory necessity, now it's just shrugged off as another olden-day trait. If cursive writing is only made as a suggestion, then how are children going to take it seriously? This will be another excuse for students to complain about subjects in school.

Con...

by Maddie Hahler

Cursive writing teaching may be viewed as a complete waste of time. Electronics, like computers, iPads, and cell phones have overtaken our world of communication. People hardly have to sign their name anymore. Even more rarely do people write letters, notes, etc.

Why should young students be required to learn something that they will never use in the future? Cursive writing has become almost entirely unused by today's teenagers, and I believe it will continue to be more and more unused. Cellular devices have become a necessity to almost all people. People are getting cell phones just for work, and students have begun texting their teachers to ask for assignments and such.

“I think it is a pretty good idea to be able to text your teacher. It's easier and more efficient,” said senior Logan Brown.

The junior high and elementary students have all received iPads with their textbooks and workbooks in them. It is a lot less for them to have to remember, and it is really handy to take home and get their work done. Junior high students have reported that they like this and are glad to be rid of textbooks.

“I really like using my iPad for class work. It is way easier to remember to bring one thing to and from home rather than a big bag of books,” eighth-grader Wyatt Hahler said.

Everything is slowly becoming electronic. iPads will let you keep notes, flip through books, use a calculator and many other things. Laptops do the same. Textbooks are being uploaded, and “pens” can be used to write on the virtual workbooks. Cursive writing has become pointless and therefore should no longer be a required course in the elementary.

When we keep adding new technologies to the curriculum that must be taught, we must start eliminating some of the outdated curriculum. Cursive writing should be at the top of that list.



Comic Designed by Maddie Hahler

Girls' Basketball Finishes Season 16-6



**Ashley Clemens #20-21
Wildcats
Vs.
Webster**

by Trevor Toennies
The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team trounced Webster 66 - 23 on Feb. 7. Junior Shekota Myer led the team in scoring with 17 points. The Wildcats had a total of 47 rebounds; 16 offensive and 31 defensive. Myer led in rebounds with eight. NW had a total of 15 steals. Seniors Mariah Taylor and Jussy Tuscherer led with five steals. NW committed 18 turnovers and attained 18 assists. Taylor led assists with six. The Wildcats are now 12-4 for the season.



**Kimberly Miles #32-33
Wildcats
Vs.
Summit**

by Trevor Toennies
The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team lost to Summit 16 - 45 on Feb. 11. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with five points. The Wildcats had a total of 28 rebounds; six offensive and 22 defensive. Junior Shekota Myer and Tuscherer led in rebounds with three. NW had a total of 13 steals. Tuscherer led with three steals. NW committed 14 turnovers and attained five assists. Tuscherer led assists with two. The Wildcats are now 12-5 for the season.



**Jussy Tuscherer
#22-23
NW
Vs.
Redfield/
Doland**

by Trevor Toennies
The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team crushed Redfield-Doland 51 - 25 on Feb. 14. Senior Jussy Tuscherer and junior Ashley Clemens both led the team in scoring with nine points each. The Wildcats had a total of 37 rebounds; five offensive and 32 defensive. Senior Mariah Taylor led the team with six rebounds. Senior Shelby Peterson followed close behind with five rebounds. NW had a total of 12 steals. Tuscherer led with four steals. Taylor followed with three steals. NW committed 16 turnovers and attained 11 assists. Taylor led assists with five. The Wildcats are now 13-5 for the season.



**Haley Wetzler #12-13
Northwestern
Vs.
Langford**

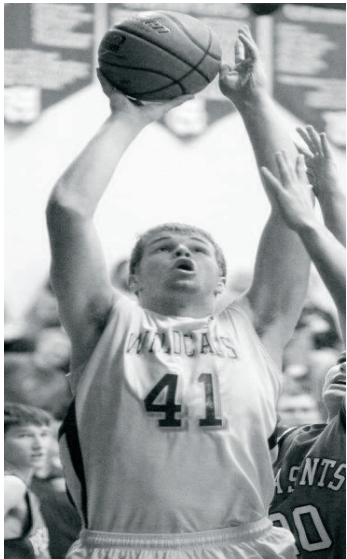
by Trevor Toennies
In the first round of districts at the Civic Arena in Aberdeen the Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team conquered the Langford Lions 45 to 22 on Feb. 21. Junior Ashley Clemens led the team in scoring with 14 points. Senior Jussy Tuscherer followed with 12 points. The Wildcats had a total of 41 rebounds; 13 offensive and 28 defensive. Clemens led the team in rebounds with nine rebounds. NW had a total of 11 steals. Senior Mariah Taylor led in steals with three. NW committed 14 turnovers and attained 11 assists. Clemens led in assists with four assists, and Tuscherer followed with three assists. The Wildcats are now 16-5 for the season. They next play the Warner Monarchs for the district championship.



**Mariah Taylor #4-5
Wildcats
Vs.
Monarchs**

by Trevor Toennies
In the championship round of districts at the Civic Arena in Aberdeen the Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team lost to the Warner Monarchs 39 to 50 on Feb. 23. Senior Jussy Tuscherer and junior Ashley Clemens led the team in scoring with eight points each. Senior Haley Wetzler obtained seven points. The Wildcats had a total of 24 rebounds; five offensive and 19 defensive. Clemens led the team in rebounds with four rebounds. NW had a total of 12 steals. Wetzler, Clemens and Tuscherer led in steals with three steals each. NW committed 10 turnovers and attained seven assists. Seniors Mariah Taylor and Wetzler led in assists with two each. The Wildcats ended the season with a 16-6 record.

Boys' Basketball Finishes Season 2-19



Tyler Carda #41
Wildcats
Vs.
Summit

by Shay Clemensen

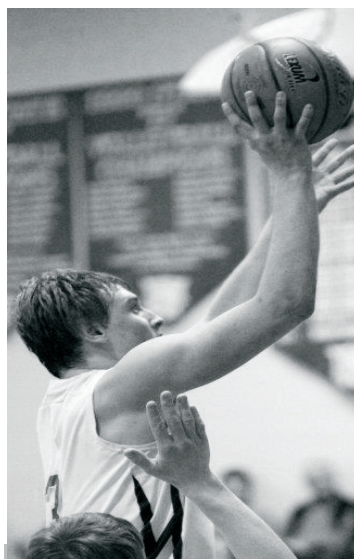
The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Summit on Feb 11. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led in points with 17. Junior Landon Fischbach scored 15 points. NW gained a total of 47 rebounds with 14 offensive and 33 defensive. Fischbach led in rebounds with 11. Junior Ray Lerew gained nine rebounds. The Wildcats obtained eight steals with junior Silas Franco and Fischbach leading both with three. Fischbach and Franco led assists with three each; NW acquired 11 assists as a team. NW committed 27 turnovers. The Wildcats are now 2-14.



Landon Fischbach
#23
Northwestern
Vs.
Redfield/
Doland

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Redfield/Doland on Feb 14. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led in points with 13. NW gained a total of 30 rebounds with 13 offensive and 17 defensive. Palmer led in rebounds with eight. The Wildcats obtained five steals with Palmer leading with two. NW acquired five assists with junior Ray Lerew leading with two. NW committed 23 turnovers. The Wildcats are now 2-15.



Nathan Palmer #3
Wildcats
Vs.
Hitchcock/
Tulare

by Shay Clemensen

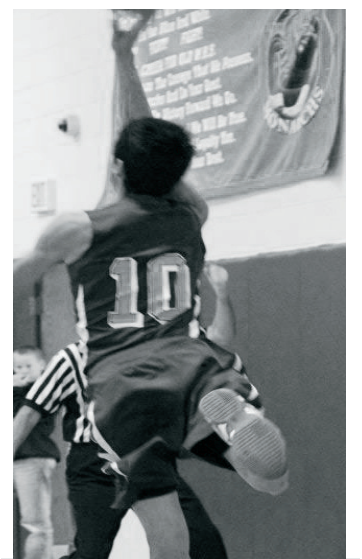
The Northwestern boys' basketball team was defeated by Hitchcock-Tulare on Feb 17. Junior Landon Fischbach led in points with seven points. Eighth-grader Hunter Lerew followed with six total points. NW gained a total of 34 rebounds with nine offensive and 25 defensive. Fischbach led in rebounds with 10. The Wildcats obtained six steals with junior Ray Lerew leading with three. Junior Evan Finley leading with two, NW acquired five assists as a team. NW committed 28 turnovers. The Wildcats are now 2-16.



Ray Lerew #1
NW
Vs.
Aberdeen
Christian

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was defeated by Aberdeen Christian 42 - 65 on Feb. 24. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led in points with 16. NW gained a total of 30 rebounds with 12 offensive and 18 defensive. Palmer led in rebounds with 13. The Wildcats obtained eight steals with junior Silas Franco leading with four. NW acquired five assists with juniors Evan Finley and Ray Lerew leading with two. NW committed 21 turnovers. The highlight of the season was scored by Lerew in this game when he made a slam dunk. The Wildcats are now 2-17.



Silas Franco #10
NW
Vs.
Leola-
Frederick

by Shay Clemensen

In the first round of districts played at the Civic Arena in Aberdeen, SD, the Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to the Leola Frederick Titans in a tough game 58 - 65 on Feb. 27. Junior Landon Fischbach led in points with 22 points. Sophomore Nathan Palmer followed with 17 points. The team acquired a total of 39 rebounds with 13 offensive and 26 defensive. Fischbach led in rebounds with 10 rebounds. Junior Silas Franco led in steals with two; the team had a total of six steals. With seven total team assists, Lerew led with three. NW committed 19 turnovers. The Wildcats ended the season with a record of 2-19.

MEET THE TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITORS...



Haley Wetzler
Senior sprints



Mariah Taylor
Senior sprints



Shelby Peterson
Senior throws



Jussy Tuscherer
Senior sprints



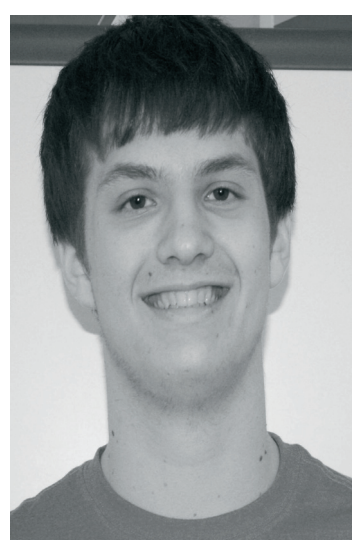
Ashley Clemens
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Silas Franco
Junior distance



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Landon Fischbach
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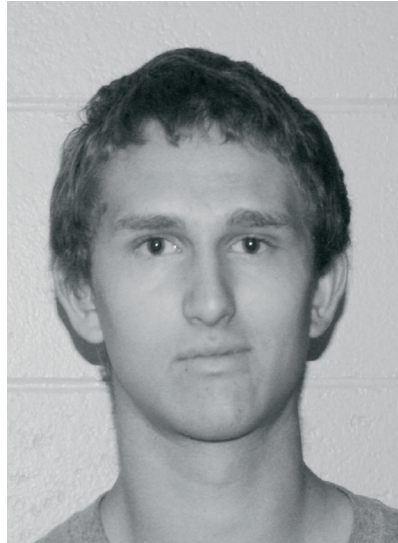
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MEET THE TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITORS CONTINUED...



Jeanna Duncan
Sophomore
hurdles



Delbert Leohnardt
Sophomore
distance



Jacob Heidenreich
Sophomore
sprints



Paige Metzinger
Sophomore
high jump



Tyler Carda
Sophomore
throws



Nathan Frericks
Sophomore
sprints



Nathan Palmer
Sophomore
throws



Julia Sparling
Freshman
sprints



Hannah Palmer
Freshman
throws



Kennedi Sparling
Freshman
sprints



Zach Duncan
Freshman
sprints



Jordon Peterson
Freshman
sprints

STUDENT LIFE

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In the Hallway...

What website would you want unblocked at the school?



"YouTube.com," senior Alex Boekelheide said

"YouTube.com," junior Stanton Roach said.



"All of them," sophomore Nathan Palmer said.



"Kelolandautomall.com," freshman Esther Moler said.

In the Elementary...

Where would you like to go on your class field trip this year?



"Storybook Land."

Kindergartner Zach Fischbach



"A music show."

First-Grader Maren Hansen



"The Y."

Second-Grader Justin Haven



"A museum."

Third-Grader Cody Rausch



"Sioux Falls."

Fourth-Grader Talley Sparling



"The Grand Canyon."

Fifth-Grader Riley Grandpre

Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay

Q-My girlfriend and I broke up a few weeks before prom. We were already planning on going with each other, but now I don't know whether that is the right decision. Should we still go together?

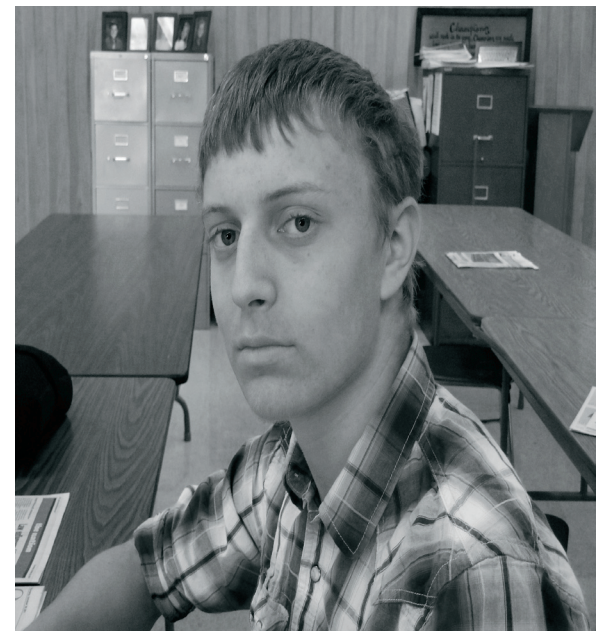


Logan- So what happens if you and your significant other break up before prom? This can be a hard decision. Personally, I would try to work it out, so you can still go with each other. It would just not be the same if you didn't go with your loved one. If you can absolutely not take being around your ex, it is time to find a different date to prom. This may be a hassle, especially if she already has her dress. You will have to sit down and have a serious talk with one another. If you are deeply in love with your girlfriend, and she is not in love with you, say that you will pay for everything when you go out for prom. When you get done eating, say that you have to go to the bathroom and actually sneak out to your vehicle and make her pay. If she is going to be mean and not try and work it out with you, then she can pay for the meal. So the bottom line here is that if she says she will go if you pay for everything, actually make her pay so she suffers, too.



Trevor-

DO NOT GO with her! It is a bad idea; it will be weird and awkward. Also if you do go with her, there is a slim chance that one of you will want to get back together, and when you slow dance with someone else, she could get mad at you and dump fruit punch all over you and cause a scene. I have heard of some people going to prom with their ex, and I have not heard of anything good coming out of it. Also, I think that it is stupid to go to prom because it is a total waste of time and money. If I had a girlfriend, I would not take her to prom anyway.



Shay-Oh, that's a tough one. I don't know what to tell you. That one is a touchy subject. I think it would depend if she already got her dress picked out or not. I think you both **HAVE** to settle your differences and deal with it. It might be awkward, but you will get over it.

Top 10 Things to do with senior privilege time

by Trevor Toennies

10. Play basketball
9. Read the newspaper
8. Bug other students who are doing homework
7. Go to Aberdeen
6. Get websites blocked
5. Spend time on Pinterest
4. Sleep
3. Go to the bar
2. Go to the MTP
1. GO HOME

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A Message from the Girls' Perspective as told by Maddie

Maddie- You plan everything out with your boyfriend/girlfriend for prom: the tie, the flowers, the reservations, and of course, the dress. Tragically, you break up, just weeks prior to prom. Some girls are very emotional and will want nothing to do with their new ex; others may want to make it work just for one night. If the break up wasn't bad, and you are still close friends, go ahead and go together. What's the worst that can happen? Who

knows, this one magical night may just be the thing to pull you back together! However, if it was a bad breakup, do not go with your ex. Find a last-minute date or don't go. If someone would try to go with



her ex, it could easily end in a catastrophe of a night. During a slow dance with your ex, the awkwardness would be very obvious. Unaware of the break up, adults may come over and say something like, "you guys are such a cute

couple," or ask how long you've been together. The discomfort of explaining the situation to random acquaintances may ruin your night anyway. This awkwardness could even radiate to other couples at prom, making it an uncomfortable night for everyone. Also, there is the chance a fight between the exes could brew. So, all in all, I advise against attending prom with your ex.

Students Embark on Snowmobile and Snowboarding Excursions

by Calli Peterson

With limited snow on the ground this winter season, students needed to find new places to experience the excitement of snowmobiling and snowboarding. At Northwestern, a person can find numerous students with snowmobiles and snowboards. Since students have spent a great deal of money on new snowmobiles, their need to ride these power-

mobiling is to travel to none other than the Black Hills near Lead and Deadwood, S.D. Seniors Alex Boekelheide and Logan Brown and sophomore Shay Clemensen embarked on a snowmobiling adventure Jan. 27 - 29 in the Hills.

"It was a great time until Shay had the great idea to get stuck time after time. He figured when he got stuck he could just wait there and have Alex or I pull him out, but when Alex or I got stuck, he just drove by and watched," Brown said.

"I really enjoy hill climbing and side hilling through the trees. It is a great time. It is also fun

watching Logan "Norris of the Forest" run into trees all the time. It really makes it interesting.

Towards the end of the trip, I was getting extremely tired of helping Shay "I like to get stuck Clemensen" get unstuck. I think he did it on purpose there for a while just so I had to come help him," Boekelheide said.

"It was a good time until I had to follow Alex 'Snowball' because his snowmobile likes to throw snow at me until I broke my belt," Clemensen said.

Senior Trevor Toennies from Northwestern and Levi Clemmen, Phil Beck and Greg Hoffman from Ipswich escaped to Terry Peak at the Black Hills to go snowboarding in Janu-



Alex Boekelheide does a wheelie on his snowmobile.



Shay Clemensen storms across the hills.

ful machines has become even greater.

Their only chance to discover the miracle of snow-

ary.

"It was awesome! I love snowboarding because of the excitement that fills me when I speed down a hill. Snowboarding is way better than snowmobiling because it does not have an engine, and it actually takes skill to get down the hill," Toennies said.

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In the Middle School...

What website would you want unblocked at the school?



"Myspace," eighth-grader Darienne Frericks said.



"YouTube," eighth-grader Isaac Groft said.



"Facebook," seventh-grader Klaryssa Schnoor said.

"YouTube," sixth-grader Austin Peterson said.




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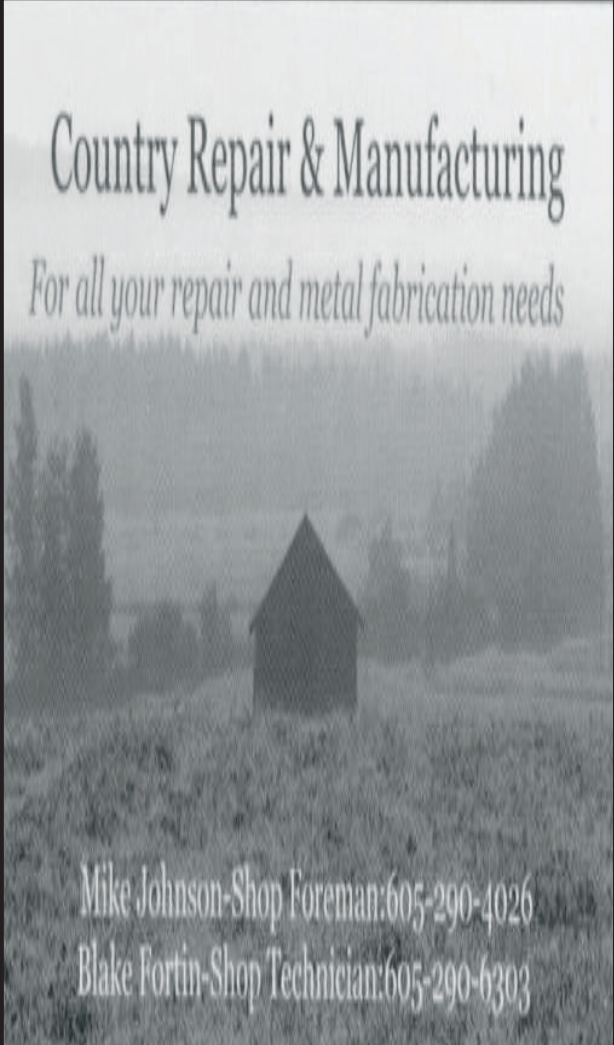


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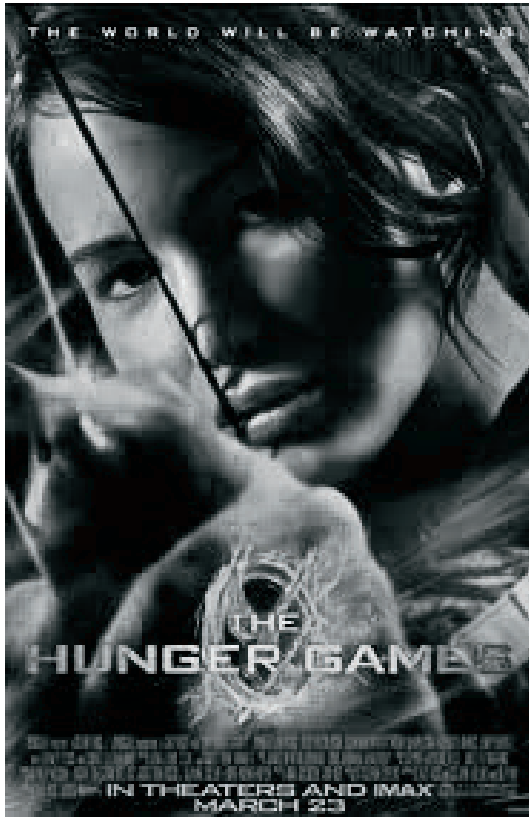
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What Movies Premiered in March?

by Calli Peterson

From epic book to great movie, The Hunger Games continues to become more and more popular. The Hunger Games movie premiered on the midnight of March 23, and who was one of the first people to see the story that created such a stir? I did.

The movie followed along quite well with the book. I was a little concerned on how they were going to draw out the suspense and intensity from a person's mind and portray it on screen, but the movie surely did a great job. The movie was able to capture the audience's attention and pull a person into the horrors of "The Hunger Games." Unfortunately, movies do have limited time, so not all the little details were able to be put into the movie. Also, the camera was quite a bit shaky at some parts, so the audience could at time become a little



dizzy.

With such an emotional story, the movie needed to pull off a great cast. In my opinion, most of the actors and actress played their part very nicely. Jennifer Lawrence did a great job in showing the greatness of the main character Katniss Everdeen. Josh Hutcherson (Peeta Mellark) and Liam Hemsworth (Gale) created the atmosphere that Katniss needed

to keep her strength just like they were depicted in the book. One other actress that I believed lived up to the book's potential was Elizabeth Banks who played Effie Trinket.

Even though the movie was pretty good, the books are still by far the best. I seriously suggest reading the books!

If you are ever in need of a good book or movie, I highly recommend The Hunger Games, and "May the odds be ever in your favor."

by Logan Brown

If you are thinking of a movie to go to, Project X is the one to see. It is a great family movie to go to, so your kids can see what they should not do when the parents are gone. Project X is also a great movie to go to with your guy friends. It was quite the comedy. It was not one of those movies when you are like "wow this part is boring." There was not one boring part at all. Every part of Project X was amazing. The movies are getting pretty expensive at Carmike Cinemas, but Project X is worth every penny. This is a film that everyone must see. NO EXCEPTIONS! Basically what I am getting at is go out this weekend and have a great time watching Project X. The next movie to see



after that is 21 Jump Street. This movie is rate R for strongly advised parental supervision.

What is the New Trend for Girls at NW?

by Calli Peterson

What new item of clothing is becoming the new comfy wear? Yoga Capri pants are! With these comfortable, stretchy clothing, a girl can walk through the halls of school while being relaxed. Most pants come in black, but you can also find them in colors such as grey or blue. Also, a lot of the pants come with a folded over flap that reveals a bright new color.

"Yoga pants are so comfortable! When you are having a lousy day, all you need to do is throw on a

pair of yoga pants," sophomore Maddie Hahler said.

Yoga pants are now becoming the new sweatpants. You can find numerous people strutting the halls with the comfy casual wear. With such flexible wear, a person can easily unwind after a hard day at for or school. The nice thing is you can find such pants in popular brands such as Nike, Adidas, Pink and others.

An added benefit? You are ready for track practice!

What Car Shows Style?

by Shay Clemensen

The Ford Shelby GT500 will produce 650 hp and 600 lb-ft of torque from its supercharged 5.8-liter V-8, and can reportedly top out at more than 200 mph. Yes, I said 200 mph! It is the fastest production V-

the same suspension in the GT500 for the past ten years. The boys at the Ford motor company couldn't even make the car themselves the needed some help from SVT and Carroll Shelby.

"This vehicle has a lot of power!



8 in the world. Since the designers at Ford only added 100 horsepower and the car has no sophistication to it at all. The mustang still has

It's everything you could want in car besides good gas mileage," senior Trevor Toennies said.

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What's Good West-Mex Food?

by Courtlen Lechner

If you had to choose to eat at a restaurant place one last time, it is Taco Johns! Taco Johns is the place without a doubt! I think everything else is either not good or gets old easily, Taco Johns just never gets old!

"OMG! I loooooove potato oles! Every time I go to the mall, the first thing I do is buy potato oles and walk around the mall with them! It is not a full shopping day at the mall if you do not have



potato oles in your hand!!" sophomore Maddie Hahler said.

Aberdeen needs a huge Taco Johns because their food is amazing, but Taco Bell has really good cheesy fiesta potatoes! Those things are amazing! The oles are better though! So, if you are making a trip to Aberdeen and you do not want to sit down and eat, you want to make the trip fast, make sure your stop is at Taco Johns, with potato oles and a side of nacho cheese.

What Restaurant Has Fantastic Breakfast?

*by Trevor Toennies*

Marlins is a popular dinner chain. I have eaten at a few different Marlins restaurants, and the one in Aberdeen is by far the best one I have eaten

at. My favorite thing about Marlins besides the good food is that they serve breakfast 24/7, and it is almost always very good. I have

only been dissatisfied with my

meal once. Some of my favorite things to order are "the works" (a breakfast with two pancakes, two eggs, two sausages, ham and hash browns). Their burgers are good as well, and their biscuits and

gravy are as good as Grandma's!

Next time you are in Aberdeen, you have to check out Marlin's.



What's Going on in Country Music?

by Trevor Toennies

The title cut Pearl Snaps is a great hit and will be a popular song for a long time to come. The song makes references to Jesus and Bud-

some things that stay the same.

Next comes 'Proud Souls and then Ponies.' 'Ponies' seems to be the Straggler's answer to 'Ghost Riders'...not bad at all. My favor-



dha showing that even those of us with a country flavor to our speech can have culture. Even if Jesus is no longer legal, some of us think he is great. Jason seems to realize that the world, at least sometimes, gets out of whack. There really are

ite song on this CD is 'Backslider Blues.' The song is about our eternal Blessing and the roads that we travel in life. We don't always take the best turn in the road, but hopefully, we learn from the mistakes.