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Volleyball Team Wins State Championship

by Shay Clemensen
Northwestern Vs. Herried/Selby

In the first round of the state tournament, the Northwestern Wildcats played Herried/Selby Area on Thurs., Nov. 17 in the Sioux Falls Arena in three sets. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led aces with seven, and senior Haley Wetzler and sophomore Jeanna Duncan tied with four aces. The team had a total of 36 kills. Tuscherer led with 18 kills and junior Ashley Clemens with 13. NW had a total of 34 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor led with 31 assists and Duncan with three. The Wildcats had 42 digs. Tuscherer obtained 10 digs, and freshman Kennedi Sparling followed close behind with nine digs. The Wildcats next played Parker in the second round in which they defeated them 3-0.



Back Row: Mr. Doug Duncan, Elissa Reppe, Kalen Frericks, Paige Metzinger, Kelsey Hoel-lein, Kaitlyn Sparling, Shekota Myer, Christine Morgan, Kennedi Sparling, Ashley Clemens, Jordon Peterson, Jeanna Duncan, Coach Nora Groft. Front Row: Christine Stoltenberg, Calli Peterson, Darby Duncan, Madalyn Groft, Shelby Peterson, Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor, Moira Duncan and Peyton Groft.

Northwestern Vs. Parker

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Parker in the second round of the state tournament on Nov. 18 at the Sioux Falls arena in three sets: 25-18, 25-17 and 27-25. Junior Ashley Clemens led in aces with four, and senior Haley Wetzler had

two aces. The team had a total of 50 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led with 27 kills, and Clemens with 17. NW had a total of 49 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor led with 39 assists. The Wildcats had 54 digs. Wetzler obtained 14 digs, and Taylor with 10 digs. The Wild-

cats next played Arlington in the State B Championship on Nov. 19.

Northwestern Vs. Arlington

The Northwestern Wildcats defeated Arlington on Nov. 19 in the State B Championship in four sets: 25-16, 32-30, 25-23 and 25-18. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led with five aces, and junior Ashley Clemens served four aces. Senior Haley Wetzler was close behind with three aces. NW had 60 kills. Tuscherer led with 35 kills. Clemens came in second with 15 kills. The team set a total of 53 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor led with 44 assists, and sophomore Jeanna Duncan had three assists. The Wildcats had 70 total digs. Wetzler had 14, Tuscherer had 13, and Taylor and Duncan had seven. The Wildcats won the eighth State B Volleyball Championship for Northwestern.

Smith and Sparling Crowned Snow Queens

by Courtlen Lechner

The Plains Lions Club Snow Queen Festival was held on Nov. 5, 2011, at 7 p.m. This year's senior snow queen was awarded to Madison Smith with Haley Wetzler for first runner-up. Kathleen Stuck was honored Miss Congeniality. The junior snow queen was awarded to Kennedi Sparling. The snow queen festival had two princesses and 11 princes for a total of 13 kindergarteners in review.

"I was surprised but very happy that I won junior snow queen. I was able to spend an amazing day with some of my friends," Sparling said.

The junior snow queens in review were Sparling, Halle Sieve and Christine Morgan. For the junior talent division acts there were five acts: sixth-grader Sadie Vander Wal playing the piano, seventh-



Kathy Stuck, Haley Wetzler, Madison Smith, Kennedi Sparling, Kalen Frericks and Alyssa Steward won this year's Snow Queen contests.

grader Darby Duncan featuring Doug Duncan performing a duet, eighth-grader Madison Styles sing-

ing a solo, freshmen Morgan and Tessa Rush with a duet and sophomore Kalen Frericks winning the

junior talent division with her solo "Red High Heels."

"It felt amazing winning the junior talent division. I really enjoyed getting to go up on stage and play for everyone," K. Frericks said.

The senior snow queens in review were Laken Frericks, Laine Mielke, Stuck, Mariah Taylor, Jennifer Lefforge, Smith and Wetzler. For the senior talent division acts there were two: junior Calli Peterson with her solo and sophomore Alyssa Steward with her lyrical dance solo. The winner of the senior act was Steward.

"It was an awesome feeling that I will never forget! I cannot wait for January when I can go through an exciting three days of meeting people and the actual show," Smith said.

NEWS

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Frericks Wins Voice of Democracy

by Calli Peterson

Sophomore Kalen Frericks won the Voice of Democracy speech contest this year. Every year each sophomore and/or speech student writes a speech and presents it through a voice recorder. The student does not need to stand and give the speech. All that is needed is their voice, which is sent to be judged.

"I was a little shocked because I didn't know how to give a speech. I think it is great that I was able to give it, and that it went on to



the next level. I really believed in what I said in that speech," Frer-

icks said.

This year the speech theme was "Is there pride in our military?" The speech needed to be three to five minutes long. Frericks' recording will move on to the next level, and she was awarded a \$100 savings bond.

"Kalen Frericks has a lovely speaking voice. Combining that with her intelligence and academic nature makes her a good choice to represent Northwestern in the Voice of Democracy contest," English teacher Mrs. Nora Groft said.



Student of the Month

by Maddie Hahler

Freshman Haley Grandpre received the student of the month award for October. Her parents are Heather and Troy Grandpre. She has two siblings, Emma and Riley.

"I was really surprised when I got selected," Grandpre said.

Haley's activities include volleyball and basketball. Her favorite athlete is Maya Moore. She spends her free time hanging out with friends and playing with her animals. Her favorite class is history because Mr. Scott Boone has many nicknames for her. Her inspiration comes from Julia Sparling, and her mom is her role model.

"Haley is a stud," sophomore Nik Wood said.

Haley's future plans include finishing high school.

Her favorite quote is "Winning is helping someone who's down; It's sharing a smile instead of a frown."

Haley's most embarrassing moment was nearly walking into the boys' bathroom at a volleyball match in Groton. Luckily, Julia Sparling stopped her.

2012 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST TRIMESTER

Names appear alphabetically

6th Grade: Straight A: Peyton Groft, Evy Peterson, Sadie Vander Wal; "A": Jaidyn Kramp; "B": Tyler Braun, Mackenzie Engels, Megan Heidenreich, Addison Sparling, Darien Watson.

7th Grade: Straight A: Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan; "A": None; "B": Kyler Johnson, Matthew Metzinger, Austen Wiman.

8th Grade: Straight A: Rachael Boekelheide, Cameron Bohl, Kirstin Borge, Allison Braun, Kate Finley, Isaac Groft, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Kaylee Hoellein, Andrea Rausch, Rachel Rausch, Codi Sparling, Madison Styles; "A": Abigail Fischbach; "B": Ethan Bauer, Kendra Bohlen, Hope Bowar, Brittany Bublitz, Darienne Frericks, Cody Lefforge, Hunter Lerew, Nolan Peterson, Logan Schentzel, Destinee Zens.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

- Open enrollment tuition for students going to HATS was set.
- 6th grade math counts students will be attending a competition at Holgate on Wednesday.
- FBLA blood drive will be held November 23rd.
- NW will be dismissing at 2:00 p.m. on November 23rd for Thanksgiving break
- Elementary conferences had a 95% attendance rate.
- The Character Counts Program starts this month.
- Four teachers attended the common core workshop in Aberdeen this month.
- A bus grant application was submitted to help fund a new bus purchase.
- Possible capital outlay projects for next summer would be to update the administrative offices.
- Impact testing procedures were reviewed. 3 Students went through the concussion testing.
- Title I review was held in Aberdeen on November 2nd.
- NW received donations from 3M for the math counts program and also from the Boosters for teacher appreciation, library & art supplies
- Recognized volunteer's for property & insurance purposes.
- Approved purchasing a van to replace the old suburban.
- Congratulations to Senior Snow Queen Madison Smith, 1st runner up Haley Wetzler, Miss Congeniality Kathleen Stuck, Junior Snow Queen Kennedi Sparling, Senior talent winner Alyssa Steward and Junior talent winner K.O. Frericks.
- Congratulations to Jussy Tuscherer for being named AVCA/MaxPreps Volleyball Player of the Week for South Dakota.
- Congratulations to October Student of the Month Haley Grandpre.
- Congratulations to Peyton Groft on receiving 2nd place at the 6th-grade Math Counts competition.
- Congratulations to the following runners for qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet: Silas Franco, Kaylee Hoellein, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan.
- Congratulations to Kalen Frericks for winning the Voice of Democracy speech contest sponsored by the Redfield VFW!
- Congratulations to the Volleyball team on winning the district & region volleyball championships!
- Congratulations to the 7th Grade MathCounts team for receiving 1st place and to Derek Boekelheide for receiving 1st place in the 7th grade individual round at MathCounts!
- Congratulations to Ashley Clemens for being selected as the Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week!

Tuscherer Signs for Northern

by Calli Peterson

Senior Jussy Tuscherer is widely known for two things: her red hair and her killer volleyball skills. Tuscherer has recently signed with the Northern State University Wolves in Aberdeen. She will be joining the Wolves for fall camp in August.

“Jussy is phenomenal athlete who loves the game of volleyball. Her fiery spirit and competitive nature



Jussy prepares to sign a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Northern State University with her parents Camille and Darwin Tuscherer.



Jussy signs her national letter of intent for NSU while superintendent Mr. Ray Sauerwein inspects the documents.

helped fuel her team onto victory. Jussy Tuscherer is anything but ordinary!” volleyball coach Mrs. Nora Groft said.

Tuscherer is a four-time all-conference and all-area selection and a four-time first-team all-state pick. Finishing her high school career, Tuscherer led Northwestern as the all-time career kills leader with 1,647 kills. She had a total of 303 aces, 804 digs and 273 blocks throughout her high school career.

She along with senior Mariah Taylor and junior Ashley Clemens were recently named to the all-tournament team at the State B tournament in Sioux Falls.

“I’m excited for the new experience, while staying close enough here to have community support for volleyball,” Tuscherer said.

Coach Groft is happy about Tuscherer’s decision.

“I’m glad she will be close enough for us to watch her play.”

NEWS

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Students Explore Culture Fest



Tables at the Culture Fest were covered with fascinating things from diverse cultures.

by Logan Brown

Spanish I and II and psychology students learned about new cultures at the Northern University's Culture Fest held Nov. 3, 2011. Students were able to explore different cultures, learn cultural dances and even try some food from different

countries.

"This fest was really fun! I really enjoyed watching the entertainment because a lot of it was dancing. Trying the foods was a little interesting. I tasted some really good dishes that I would probably never have tried before," junior

Calli Peterson said.

High school students from around the area could attend this event along with any other people wanting to intrigue themselves in different nationalities. The Culture Fest took place at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen. As soon as the students walked into the gym, they witnessed different booths describing different cultures. Students could partake in the activities or watch, and they were able to visit different booths to gain knowledge of more diverse cultures.

"The Culture Fest was really interesting. I learned some new things about different cultures. My favorite part was the dancing. Even though I didn't dance, it was pretty neat," junior Ashley Clemens said.

Students who attended included: Spanish I students, sophomores Kalen Frericks, Maddie Hahler, Donna Harmon, Jeanna Duncan and Kristie Bade; Spanish II students, juniors Peterson, Landon Fischbach, Clemens,

Kaitlyn Sparling and Catarina Oliveira; and psychology students, sophomores Paige Metzinger, Alyssa Steward, Jacob Heidenreich and Luther Johnson.



Sophomore Alyssa Steward reads her fortune cookie that she recieved from an Asian culture.

2012 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

FIRST QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically

9th Grade: Straight A: Christine Morgan, Halle Sieve, Corbin Smith; "A": Haley Grandpre; "B": Zachary Duncan, Hans Leonhardt, Hannah Palmer, Jordon Peterson, Tessa Rush, Julia Sparling, Kennedi Sparling.

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

11th Grade: Straight A: None; "A": Landon Fischbach; "B": Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Kelsey Hoellein, Oliver Kragelund, Kimberly Miles, Lane Myer, Shekota Myer, Catarina Oliveira, Calli Peterson, Kaitlyn Sparling.

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

NW Honors Veterans on Veteran's Day

by Calli Peterson

Northwestern Area School held a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 in the school auditorium. The Brentford Junior American Legion Auxiliary held the posting of colors and the NW High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Jodi Roseland played the National Anthem.

"This program was really set up nice. It was a really nice program to remember our Veterans. Everyone did a really nice job setting up this program and making it for everyone to enjoy," junior Courtlen Lechner said.

Senior Laine Mielke, president of the Department of South Dakota Junior American Legion Auxiliary, read a passage "My Name is Old Glory" representing the United States flag. The Brentford Junior American Legion Auxiliary then read America's White Table, and they demonstrated setting the white table.

"Junior Auxiliary is a fantastic organization that provides opportunities to younger generations to

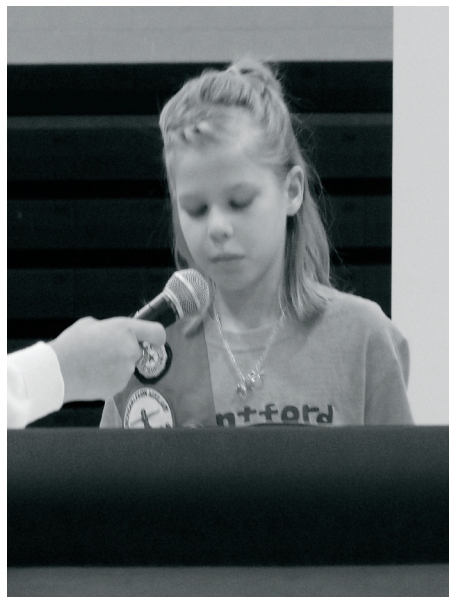
learn more about veterans and their importance and to honor Veterans everyday, not just on the national holidays. Throughout the year, we participate in various activities such as Veterans Day programs, Memorial Day programs, we sell poppies and also partake in other service projects including collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. It's really awesome to be able to be apart of such a great organization with so many outstanding girls!" Mielke said.

Heather Larson Beaner (1992 graduate) was the guest speaker at the event. She is a judge advocate for the Air Force. Although she is considered a lawyer, Beaner did take part in combat training. She was also deployed to Kosovo, Europe to help the prosecuting in war crimes. Beaner has traveled to 35 different countries. She is still on reserve.

To end the program, the third-grade class sang "God Bless the USA," and the retiring of the flag was done by the Brentford Junior American Legion Auxiliary.



Heather Larson Beaner was the Veterans Day program's guest speaker.



Third-grader Jocelyn Haven reads "The Little White Table."



First-grader Olivia Heidenreich starts to prepare the "Little White Table."

The journalism staff would like to thank all who purchased a pizza kit from Little Caesars Pizza Kits!!!

FBLA Holds Pumpkin Painting

by Bryahna Hartford

The Future Business Leaders of America chapter from Northwestern held a pumpkin painting activity for grades kindergarten through second in the cafeteria Tuesday, Oct. 25.

"I enjoy working with the younger kids; they always have something new to tell me. They are super messy though," senior Katrina Frericks said.

The pumpkins of all different sizes and shapes were donated to

the school by seniors Laine Mielke and Laken Frericks and junior Kimberly Miles.

"I made mine with squared eyes and a button nose. I drew a button nose out of paint! It was supposed to look like a jack-o-lantern," second grader Hayden Grandpre said.

The FBLA chapter holds this activity every year for the FBLA member to better interact with the younger students, and have a little fun.

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Seventh-Graders Win First Math Counts Contest

by Trevor Toennies
Four Northwestern students placed at Roncalli's math counts competition. Seventh-graders Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan and Matt Metzinger received first place for their efforts in the team competition.



Seventh-graders Darby Duncan, Matt Metzinger, Josie Clemens and Derek Boekelheide eagerly show off their trophies.

"I was really surprised and said.

excited that we won," Duncan said.

Boekelhide also placed first in the seventh-grade individual competition.

"I am very proud of all of our students for their strong effort.

The seventh-grade team did a fabulous job," math teacher Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua

Oral Interperses Speaks Their Way to Regions

by Courtlen Lechner

The Northwestern oral interpretation group at Northwestern had their first competition which was the Pumpkinstakes contest. Pumpkinstakes held Oct. 29 in Watertown, S.D. The readers' theater, a piece done by numerous people, fought their way into finals. This group included seniors Kathy Stuck and Annie Lutter, junior Calli Peterson, sophomore Maddie Hahler and freshmen Blake Toennies and Halle Sieve. The entire oral interp group came out in second place for all of the surrounding B schools.

"It was really fun to see the interp students from the A and AA schools. It inspired me of how much effort they put into it. I think

we did a really good job," junior Peterson said.

District oral interp was held on Nov 9, 2011. The awards are as follows: Stuck went to regions for the category of serious plays; Lutter went to regions for non-original oratory; sophomore Kristie Bade went on to regions for humorous serious pros; Peterson was an alternate for



Sophomore Kristie Bade practices her humorous oral interp piece.

the poetry category; and Peterson and sophomore Nicholas Wood were alternates for the duets act. The readers' theatre also went to regions.

Regional oral interp. was held on Nov. 15, 2011. Despite great efforts, no student advanced to the state competition Dec. 1-2.

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OPINION

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Should Students Have Jobs While in School?

Pro...

by Calli Peterson

Attending high school, a student faces the reality of learning to pay for more things themselves rather than relying on their parents. To ensure the child has money, the child is usually expected to acquire a job.

High school students who have jobs learn responsibility. He or she is in charge of attending work on time and finishing what needs to be done on time. Jobs give the student more advantage of learning how to be responsible.

Students gain money for working. When a child has a paying job, the parents are not needed to give the child as much money for things the child might need as before. Also, students receive more of a glimpse of the real world. They learn how money works, and they learn how

to work for their money. Students also gain experience from having a paying job. Experience is needed on job applications and resumes. By having work experience, a student is more likely to receive other jobs in the future.

High school students feel more confident and independent when they have jobs. They do not need to rely on anyone else to give them money. Also, they know that they are working for their money, and that helps a student feel more confident in what they are doing.

High school students with jobs can learn responsibility, obtain money, gain experience and feel more confident and independent.

All students should consider holding a part-time job during their high school careers.

Con...

by Maddie Hahler

Having a job in high school could affect students' grades dramatically, especially if they are the unorganized type, which is quite common for teenagers. The time they spend at work would take away from the time they need to spend on homework. With incomplete homework, students will not understand anything in class, which in return would lead to the failing of a test or perhaps detention sessions.

Students with an after-school or weekend job have no extra time. Teens need to go out and have fun while they can, before they are kicked out into the cold abyss of the real world. If teens don't have time for their friends, they will likely lose them. Students need time for their family, too. Whether families need their teens to babysit,

help with a project, or just be a part of the family, time is a necessity. Sometimes, students have responsibilities with their church, too, with either cleaning or fundraisers. That stuff also takes time. Not to mention the time teenagers need for their athletics or other organizations. Having a job during high school makes it virtually impossible to participate in a sport or any extracurricular activities.

Often times, the gas money spent driving to work is just as much as a student makes. Unless students live in town and have less than a 10-minute drive to a workplace, it's a waste to even go. The couple hours after school, making maybe seven dollars an hour, is not worth the twenty dollars spent on gas getting there and back.

What You Think...



Should students have jobs during the school year?

"Yep," sophomore Nathan Frericks said.



Comic designed by sophomore Maddie Hahler



"I feel that the student's job is to be a successful student by learning as much as possible in the classroom and participating in extracurricular activities," DDN supervisor Mrs. Jeannine Jilek said.



"No! I'm good with just lounging on the couch at home doing nothing," junior Shay Clemensen said.

Northwestern Volleyball Continues to Dominate

Monarchs Defeat Wildcats

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to the Warner Monarchs Sept. 27 in four sets, 25-18, 21-25, 21-25 and 11-25. The Wildcats served a total of 69 of 75 times with five aces. Freshman Christine Morgan served 18 for 18 with two aces. Senior Mariah Taylor served 12 for 14 with one ace. Senior Jussy Tuscherer served 10 for 12 with one ace. The team attacked 105 of 118 total times with 40 kills. Tuscherer had 40 of 47 attacks with 20 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 29 of 36 attacks with 13 kills. Taylor had 16 of 17 attacks with three kills. NW set a total of 115 of 115 times with 39 assists. Taylor had 98 of 98 sets with 32 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan set 11 for 11 with six assists. The team had a total of 61 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 27 digs. Taylor had 11 digs and Tuscherer had five. The Wildcats blocked a total of four solo and 13 assisted blocks. Clemens had one solo and four assisted blocks. Tuscherer had one solo with three assisted blocks. Junior Shekota Myer had two solo and one assisted. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 17-4.

NW Overcomes Hitchcock- Tulare

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots, on Oct. 27 in three matches: 25-15, 25-16, and 25-9. Senior Haley Wetzler led the team with six aces followed by Senior Jussy Tuscherer whom had four aces. Tuscherer led the Wildcats with 19 kills and junior Ashley Clemens followed by having eight kills. Senior Mariah Taylor had a total of 30 assists. Sophomore Paige Metzinger and Sophomore Jeanna Duncan both had one assists. The Wildcats are now 17-4.

"I am proud of how far our team has come this season. While we still have a long way to go, I am confident that the players will be successful if they set their minds to it. This team is extraordinarily talented and will advance as far as their heart and passion will take them," Coach Nora Groft said.

Northwestern Annihilates Redfield- Doland

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Redfield-Doland Pheasants on Sept. 27, in three sets, 25-19, 25-14 and 25-7. The Wildcats served a total of 57 of 57 times with 11 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 10 of 12 serves with five aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 19 of 19 serves with two aces. The team attacked 67 of 77 times with 31 kills. Tuscherer had 23 of 28 attacks with 11 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 20 of 21 attacks with nine kills. Senior Mariah Taylor had eight of eight attacks with five kills. NW set a total of 74 of 75 times with 30 assists. Taylor had 59 of 59 sets with 21 assists. Duncan had nine of nine with four assists. The Wildcats had a total of 50 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 13, Taylor had 10 and Duncan had six digs. NW had a total of five blocks. Clemens had two blocks. Junior Shekota Myer and sophomore Paige Metzinger had one block. The Wildcats are now 19-4.

Northwestern Stomps Webster

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Webster Bearcats on Oct. 4, in three matches: 25-10, 25-13, and 25-6. The team serves a total of 52 of 58 times with 17 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 16 of 17 serves with eight. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 14 of 15 serves with three aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 10 of 10 serves with two aces. The team attacked a total of 60 of 69 times with 36 kills. Tuscherer had 24 of 26 attacks with 15 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 12 of 15 attacks with 10 kills. Junior Shekota Myer had nine of nine attacks with five kills. NW had a total of 58 of 58 sets with 33 assists. Taylor had 46 of 46 sets with 29 assists. Duncan had six of six sets with two assists. The Wildcats had 32 total digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 10 digs, Taylor had eight digs, and Kennedy Sparling had six digs. The Wildcats are now 20-4.

Cats Attack Trojans

The Northwestern Wildcats beat the Faulkton Trojans on Oct. 6 in three matches: 25-10, 25-5, and 25-11. The Wildcats served a total of 64 of 71 with 12 aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 28 of 29 serves with six aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 14 of 15 serves with four aces. Freshman Kennedy Sparling had five of seven serves with one ace. The team attacked a total of 60 of 65 times with 40 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 31 of 33 attacks with 23 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 10 of 10 attacks with five kills. Junior Shekota Myer had five of six attacks with four kills. NW set a total of 57 of 58 times with 36 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 48 of 48 sets with 30 assists. Duncan had five of five sets with three assists. The Wildcats had a total of 24 digs. Sparling led the team with seven digs. Wetzler and Taylor both had six digs. The team blocked a total of eight times. Clemens blocked a total of three times. Myer and Tuscherer both had two digs. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 21-4.

by Shay Clemensen

Districts: Northwestern Dominates Over Leola/Frederick



The Northwestern Wildcats beat Leola/Frederick on Nov. 3 in the district 2B Tournament in two matches: 25-20, 25-17, and 25-7. The Wildcats served a total of 66 of 75 times with 12 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had eight of 10 serves with four aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 11 of 13 serves with three aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had 16 of 18 serves with three aces. NW attacked a total of 89 of 101 times with 37 kills. Tuscherer was 24 of 28 with 16 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 30 of 31 attacks with 11 kills. Junior Shehota Myer had nine of 10 attacks with three kills. The team set a total of 92 of 92 times with 33 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 73 of 73 sets with 28 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had seven of seven sets with five assists. The Wildcats had 48 total digs. Wetzler had 16, Tuscherer had 13, and Taylor had seven.

Districts: NW Wildcats Slide Past Warner Monarchs



The Northwestern Wildcats stomped the Warner Monarchs at the District 2B championship on Nov. 4 in four sets: 25-22, 15-25, 25-17, and 25-23. The Wildcats served a total of 70 of 18 times with 10 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 21 of 25 serves with nine aces. The team attacked a total of 136 of 151 times with 53 kills. Tuscherer had 68 of 78 attacks with 24 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 36 of 38 attacks with 23 kills. NW set a total of 149 of 149 times with 50 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 116 of 116 sets with 43 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 12 of 12 sets with six assists. The Wildcats had a total of 97 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 40 digs, Tuscherer had 16, and Taylor had 12 digs. The team had nine total blocks. Tuscherer and Freshman Jordan Peterson both had three blocks. Duncan had two blocks. The Wildcats are now 27-4.

Regions: Northwestern Annihilates Summit



The Northwestern Wildcats beat Summit in Webster on Nov. 8, for the region 1B tournament in three matches: 25-9, 25-13, and 25-8. The team serves a total of 67 of 73 times with 22 aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 15 of 16 serves with nine aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 15 of 17 serves with nine aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 18 of 19 serves with two aces. The Wildcats attacked a total of 81 of 89 times with 41 kills. Tuscherer had 34 of 37 attacks with 19 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 17 of 19 attacks with 10 kills. Junior Shehota Myer had 11 of 12 attacks with four kills. NW set a total of 76 of 76 times with 32 assists. Taylor had 64 of 64 sets with 28 assists. Duncan had five of five sets with two assists. The team had a total of 42 digs. Wetzler led the team with 13 total digs. Tuscherer and Freshman Kennedi Sparling had seven digs. The Wildcats blocked a total of 10 times. Tuscherer had three assisted blocks. Freshman Jordon Peterson and Myer both had two assisted blocks. The Wildcat will proceed to go to the state tournament in Sioux Falls. They are now 28-4.

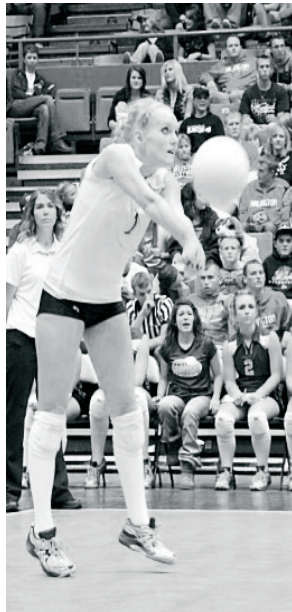
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Sophomore Jeanna Duncan obtained 12 digs.

Senior Haley Wetzler scored 14 digs in the match versus Arlington.



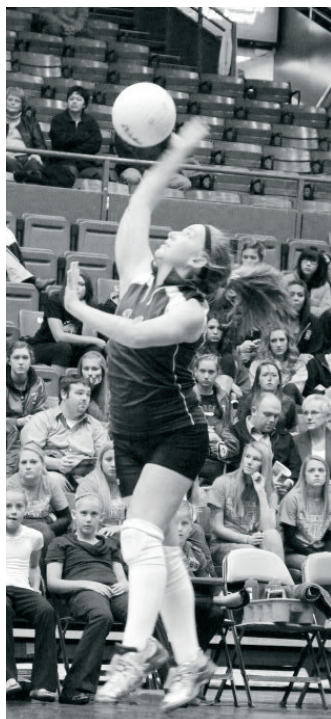
Senior Jussy Tuscherer struck 35 kills in the championship match.



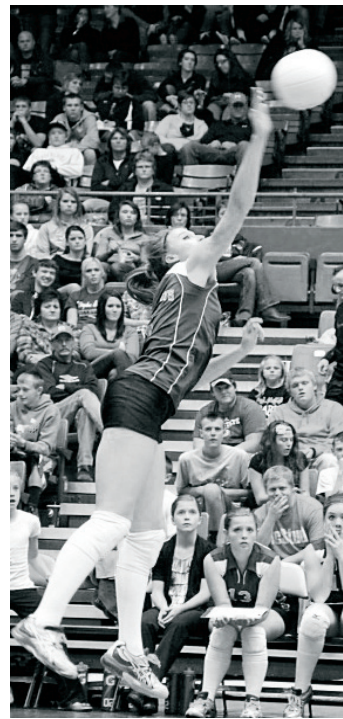
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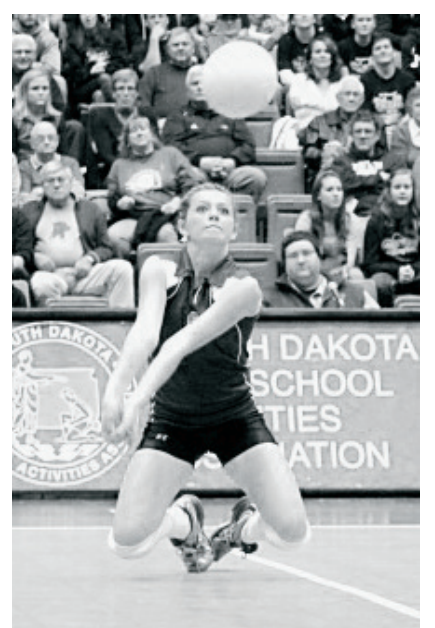
Senior Mariah Taylor managed 44 assists in the match versus Arlington.



Freshman Christine Morgan served one ace.



Junior Ashley Clemens smacked 15 kills in the championship match.



Freshman Jordon Peterson saved three amazing digs in the match versus Arlington.

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The team proudly jumps with joy after the last kill of the championship match.

The team celebrates their victory with the championship trophy.



Junior Ashley Clemens calmly responds to interview questions following the match.

State B Champions

Seniors Alex Boekelheide and Logan Brown and juniors Shay Clemensen and Ray Lerew show their team spirit by dressing up at the state tournament.



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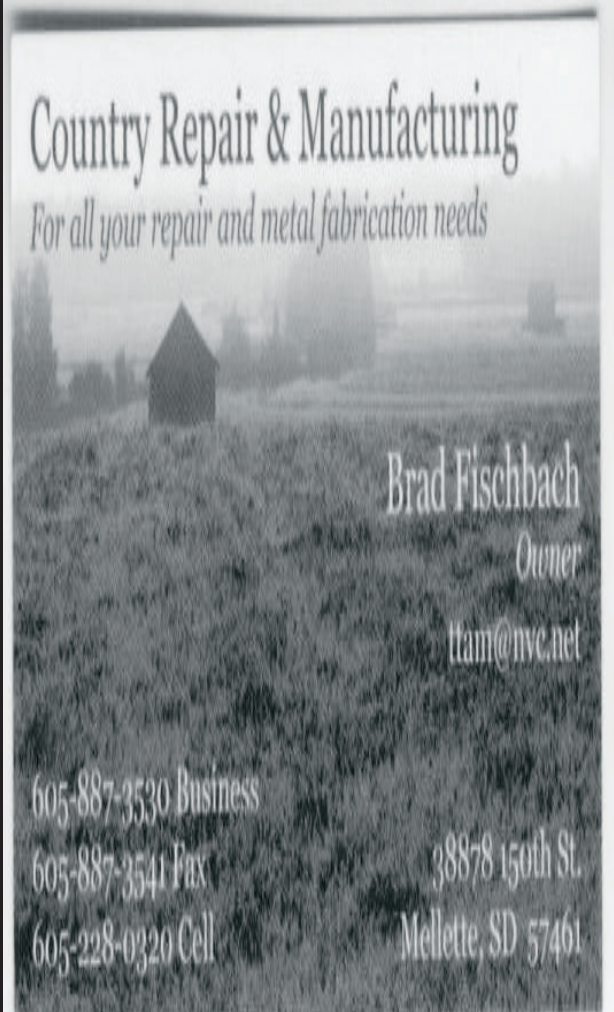
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In the Hallway...

If you could drive any vehicle, what would you drive?



"A souped-up Charger," senior Jussy Tuscherer said.



"A carriage driven by a buffalo," junior Silas Franco said.



"Anything," sophomore Terrance Circle Bear said.



"A Ford F-150," freshman Jordan Ashalintubbi said.

In the Elementary...

What do you NOT want for Christmas?



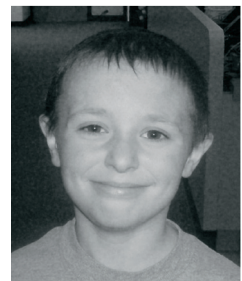
"I don't want a pirate ship."

Kindergartner Landon Braun



"I don't want a toy horse."

First-Grader Jayden Mielke



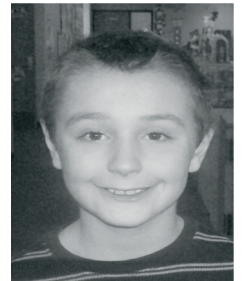
"I don't want a baby toy."

Second-Grader Bubba Toennies



"Coal."

Third-Grader Sydney Schell



"I don't want my cousin to come over to my house."

Fourth-Grader Noah Morgan



"Underwear."

Fifth-Grader Sean Shepherd

Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay



Logan: There are many ways you can approach this problem. I wouldn't take her out to a public place because if she goes psycho, you don't want everyone to see that you were with her. Just go to her house and say that you need to talk. Before you go, make sure you are prepared if she goes psycho. When you pull up to her house, make sure you keep your vehicle running. Park it, so it's facing the street. That way you don't have to back up; you can just tear out of her driveway if she is coming after you. When you get there, walk in the house and wait for her to come to see. Do not go too far into the house and make sure you are by a door. When she comes to see you, tell her to stand away from you (four to five feet). This is in case she tries to hit you. Tell her that you think it is better for you two to be friends and that is nothing she did. After you say it, stand there for a minute and let it sink in. If she starts coming after you swinging, you better have your running shoes on.

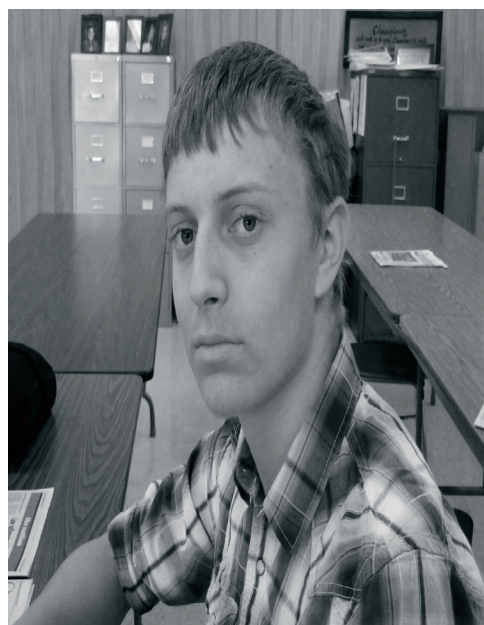
Trevor: First, timing is everything. Nothing sends a message like breaking up with a girl on her birthday, Christmas, Valentine's Day or even on Thanksgiving. Next, location is almost as important as timing. You want it to be a public place, so that way if she is a psycho, she can't physically hurt you. By being in a public place, she is less likely to make a scene. I personally would pick a restaurant as an ideal location for a break up. If you do break up with her at a restaurant, do it right before the check comes--any earlier, it is just awkward. Also have her meet you there. You don't want to pick her up and then break up with her then have take her home. Now the way you break up with her is the most important thing you do, don't just say "I think we need to take a break." Or "It's not you, it's me." What you need to do is get down on one knee and act like you're going to propose and then say "Will you break up with me?"



Top 10 Things You Don't Want to Hear at Work

by Trevor Toennies

10. You will not be getting a severance package.
9. Can I have a word with you in private?
8. You've been served.
7. I accidentally deleted it.
6. How's that report coming?
5. Clean up on aisle 3.
4. You're Fired!!
3. Code Brown.
2. Trim the fat ones.
1. We got a code rainbow in the fourth-grade room!



Shay: I would do what any normal man would do. If she was some psycho person, I would make sure to break up with her in public. That way she would not kill me there. The best place to pick is a stadium during a game, preferably a NFL football game because you will be wearing a coat. That way when she hits you, you would not feel

a thing! Then call up to the announcing station thing and tell them that you are "proposing" to your girlfriend, but little did she know you were planning on breaking up with her, and there are a thousand witnesses to see. You will want witnesses.

What's the best way to break up with a girl?



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In the Middle School... What do you NOT want for Christmas?



"Coal," sixth-grader Jaidyn Kramp said.



"A rat," sixth-grader Addison Sparling said.



"Hot weather," seventh-grader Kyler Johnson said.



"A box of broken crayons," seventh-grader Dawson Smith said.



"Chicken and biscuits," eighth-grader Mark Phillips said.

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Senior Profiles



Alex Boekelheide
Parents: Mark & Diane Boekelheide
College/Major: SDSU for AgBusiness
What are you looking forward to after high school? Beginning my career as a farmer and starting a family.
What advice would you give to younger students? Enjoy every minute of high school because it flies by.



Annie Lutter
Parents: Robert and Linda Lutter
College/Major: SDSU for Pharmacy
What are you looking forward to after high school? Meeting new people!
What advice would you give to younger students? Don't worry about the small stuff.



Casey Kulm
Parents: Mike and Kathy Kulm
College/Major: Lake Area Tech for diesel tech
What are you looking forward to after high school? Moving onto bigger and better things and starting the rest of my life.
What advice would you give to younger students? Stay on track and keep your head in the game.



Gabby Morgan
Parents: Jerome and Lisa Morgan
College/Major: SDSU for business
What are you looking forward to after high school? Having the experience to be on my own.



Trevor Toennies
Parents: Jerry and Judy Toennies
College/Major: Lake Area Technical Institute for Ag business
What are you looking forward to after high school? Just getting started on life
What advice would you give to younger students? Stay in school and don't do drugs

What advice would you give to younger students? Try your hardest with school work because you'll regret it if you don't.

REVIEWS

What's New in Music?

by Bryahna Hartford

Party Rock Anthem and Sorry or Party Rocking are just a few of the very up-beat pop songs on the new top rated album, "I'm Sexy and I Know It," by LMFAO.

The song performed by American electro-hop recording duo LMFAO, was a number one hit on Rick Dee's and the Weekly Top Forty's countdown. It was released as the second single from their second album Sorry for Party Rocking in June, 2011, and is continued with second endings on the newest album.

On Oct. 29, 2011 LMFAO performed their new songs on the

Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood, CA. Reviews from the audiences specified their favorite part of the show to be when the singers, Redfoo and Sky Blue, dressed themselves as Hulk Hogan and Ric Savage, two famous WWE wrestlers.

The music video for "Sorry for Party Rocking," is a take on the 2002 British zombie movie 28 Days Later in which Redfoo and Sky Blue wake from a party induced coma to find the world possessed to dance to this song. As of July 15, 2011, the video has been watched 111 million times on YouTube.

I enjoy LMFAO's music, be-

cause they have a crazy and humorous sense of style. In next month's edition of "The Scratchin' Post," I will write a review on a song the students of Northwestern High School voted on. I'm going to send out a ballot to each member of the high school with three top rated songs of that month. The songs can be any type of genre from country to hard rock. You chose! Thank you for reading my review



on this month's best songs.



by Calli Peterson

Imagine the world being destroyed, and all that is left is 12 districts run by one Capitol. Your living depends on yourself and yourself only, and your life will never be the same again. The Hunger Games trilogy will keep you interested until the very last page.

In the earlier years the districts held a rebellion against the Capitol and lost. To prove the Capitol is stronger, the Capitol destroyed the thirteenth district. Every year, to make an example, the Capitol

What's Popular in Books?

holds the Hunger Games. One teenage boy and girl from each district are tossed into an arena where there is only one survivor. Each person is to fight each other to death until the last person standing becomes the Victor.

For Katniss Everdeen, life becomes more than just an idea. When Katniss' younger sister Primrose is drawn to be in the Hunger Games at the Reaping, Katniss strongly volunteers to take her sister's place.

Katniss is only a 16 year-old girl who has taken care of her mom and sister since her father died in a mining incident. The male tribute for District 12 that is drawn is Peeta Mellark, a 16 year-old baker. Katniss and Peeta along with the other 22 tributes are forced to leave their family and friends and go into the arena. This book is packed with drama, love attractions, action and

suspense with each chapter ending in a way you will not be able to stop reading and an ultimate surprise ending.

For more excitement, see the two other books in the trilogy, Catching Fire and Mockingjay.

What Shoes are Spreading Across the School?

by Maddie Hahler

What type of footwear is in at Northwestern? UGG boots, of course! These boots are fashionable, warm, comfortable, and great for this time of year.

"I love my UGG boots. I wear them all the time. Even with clothes that don't match my UGG boots, I still wear them! They are comfortable and perfect everyday shoes," junior, Calli Peterson said.

UGG boots usually come in natural tones, like tan, brown, or gray, and come up to about ankle length. UGG boots have a thick, cushy inside layer for warmth and comfortable walking. Often times, the top of these boots is folded down to reveal the furry white/cream-colored inside. Students, such as Kalen Frericks, Calli Peterson, and Codi Sparling (as shown in picture) just love this footwear!

"I wear my UGG boots because they're cute and comfortable," eighth-grader Codi Sparling said.



What Can We Look Forward to in Movies?

by Bryahna Hartford

In the month of November, Disney presents the biggest adventure to go down in Hollywood history. The only problem? The Muppets have lost their fame! After all these years of being adored by kids of many ages, the Muppets get what they had never expected. It all started when Kermit the frog ran into his biggest fans, Walter, his brother Gary, and his girlfriend

Mary, a small town American family who might be a little obsessed with Kermit and the crew.

Walter, being such a big fan couldn't help himself but to let Kermit in on a little. The one and only Muppet Theater was about to be torn down by a stuck-up oil company manager, Tex Richmen. To save the theater Kermit, Miss Piggy, and the rest of the Muppet crew, along with their newly found

friends must raise \$10 million before the deal with Richmen is set. Can they do it?

The Muppets is an absolutely new and outstanding story of characters we all know and love. Disney puts a twist on the real world, and real-life problems by mixing in wanna-be-famous-again talking

puppets.

Find out if the Muppets can save their fame, and home. The movie premiered on big screen Nov. 23!