

The SCRATCHIN' POST

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Wildcat Newspaper Takes First Place in Contest

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern newspaper, The Scratchin' Post, placed first in the 2011 First Edition Contest held by the South Dakota High School Press Association and the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

"This is awesome! The staff did an incredible job. Being the editor of the paper is such a great honor because the staff works really well. Having been awarded this award is a huge accomplishment," junior Calli Peterson.

To achieve this award, the newspaper is judged on the design, stories, pictures, layout and editing.

"Having the opportunity



Back Row: Junior Shay Clemensen, Seniors Logan Brown and Trevor Toennies Front Row: Juniors Courtlen Lechner, Calli Peterson and Maddie Hahler

to be able to partake in the newspaper is thrilling! I love being the baby of the group even though I still am placed with a lot of pressure. Calli is fun to work with, and she always keeps me entertained," sophomore Maddie Hahler said.

The NW newspaper contains events happening around the school and the surrounding area.

"As a Journalism III student, I put in about a 20% effort and 80% heart," senior Logan Brown said.

"I am very proud of our small but mighty journalism staff. Trevor, Logan and Shay spice up the content while Calli, Courtlen and Maddie take care of business," newspaper adviser Mrs. Nora Groft said.

Snow Queen Participants Represent Northwestern



Kennedi Sparling participated in the jr. snow queen competition.

by Maddie Hahler

This year, Northwestern had a wonderful turnout at the state snow queen competition in

Aberdeen. Senior Madison Smith represented senior Miss Northwestern, and freshman Kennedi Sparling represented junior Miss Northwestern. For talent, sophomore Alyssa Steward was sent for senior talent and sophomore Kalen Frericks for junior talent.

This year's junior and senior talents both placed in the final competition. For the senior division, Steward placed third with her self-choreographed dance. For the junior talent, Frericks wowed the crowd with her singing and guitar-playing to Kelli Pickler's "Red High Heels."

"I met a lot of fun people. Receiving third place was a great honor," Steward said.

"It was a super long day, but I met some very talented people, and it was so exciting to win first," Frericks said.

The junior snow queen com-

petition was held Jan. 7. The contestants partook in interviews and an impromptu question to determine who was chosen as state snow queen. Their stage presence was also key in receiving the honor.

"It was a great experience, and I met so many great girls! Thank you to all who sent me flowers and who came and supported me," Sparling said.

The senior snow queen competition was held Saturday, Jan. 14. The contestants had to go through a long course of practicing and interviewing, but they had some fun along the way. Between the ball, banquet, tea and karaoke, the girls had a busy weekend. Smith received third place in the state competition.

"I was, so grateful to have experience, and to have met all of the other girls at the pageant. It is a weekend I will



Maddy Smith placed third in the sr. snow queen competition.

never forget!" Smith said.

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Student of the Month:



Tyler Carda

by Maddie Hahler

Sophomore Tyler Carda received the student of the month award for December. His parents are Robert and Diane Carda. He has four siblings, Joe, Brady, Sharla and Cole.

Tyler's activities include basketball, football, track, FBLA and FCA. His favorite athlete is Jared Allen. His role models are his older brothers. They inspire him to achieve his goals. He spends his free time hunting, camping, swimming and weight lifting. His favorite class is Algebra II.

"Tyler is a fine young lad. He is great at everything, and everyone loves him!" sophomore Jacob Heidenreich said.

Tyler's future plans include attending SDSU and receive Ag degree.

"Tyler is highly intellectual," junior Shekota Myer said.

His favorite quote is "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit" by Aristotle.

Tyler's most embarrassing moment was stumbling down the basketball court last year. He had stolen the ball during a game, and he lost his balance.

"I was very excited and surprised when I received student of the month for December," Carda said.

MathCounts Places Third



Math Counts Winners: Back Row: 4th place - Holgate: TJ Allam, Thomas Krueger, Allen Schanzenbach and Connor Weber. Front Row: 3rd place - Northwestern: Derek Boekelheide, Kirstin Borge, Josie Clemens and Andrea Rausch.

by Calli Peterson

Seventh- and eighth-grade MathCounts competitors placed third at the Simmons Middle School Competition on Jan. 11. The team consisted of seventh-graders Derek Boekelheide and Josie Clemens and eighth-graders Kirstin Borge and Andrea Rausch.

"It felt good to see our hard

work pay off," seventh-grader, Derek Boekelheide said.

Boekelheide also placed third in the overall individual division. MathCounts competitions are to test some of the best math students in

the surrounding area. The opposition between the schools increases interest in math for some students. Students test their math ability and learn new problems as well.

"It makes me feel very smart being around other mathematicians," seventh-grader Josie Clemens said.

Students normally compete in groups from their school and also partake in individual competitions.

The state MathCounts competition is set for Saturday, Feb. 11 in Brookings, S.D.

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

- HATS will sell the house by sealed bids.
- HATS will try to add advance welding class.
- Leola would like to enroll students at Hub Area due to a loss of an industrial arts teacher.
- Mrs. Fischbach and Mr. Rich Osborn attended an Itest workshop on Friday to help with the Dakota Step testing.
- December's Cats with Character for Respect are Courtney Decker, EmmyLea Robeson, Justin Haven, Hannah Schentzel, Hailey Boekelheide and Jarret Haven.
- Dibel's Scores showed that 90% or better in K-4 are presently at the grade level benchmark.
- Donations have been received for the electric car project.
- Kristi Smith is filling in for Jessica Halvorson while she is on maternity leave.
- School board election date will be Tuesday, June 19, 2012 if needed.
- Approved the use of the gym to the Brentford Legion Auxiliary for their scrapbook fundraiser on March 2nd & 3rd.
- Approved the use of the gym to the NW Strollers for their rummage & vendor sale fundraiser on April 13th & 14th.
- Approved open enrollment students.
- Discussed the boys basketball roster and decided it is allowable to have 8th graders play on the varsity team.
- Congratulations to Editors Calli Peterson and Madison Hahler and the journalism staff for winning the Newspaper First Edition Contest hosted by the South Dakota High School Press Association.
- Congratulations to KO Frericks & Alyssa Steward for their 1ST & 3RD place at the SD Snow Queen Talent Competition.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month Tyler Carda.
- Congratulations to Rachel Rausch, Abby Fischbach, Kirstin Borge, Maddie Styles, Darby Duncan, and Sadie VanderWal for making Middle School All State Band.
- Congratulations to the 7th & 8th grade MathCounts team (Derek Boekelheide, Kirstin Borge, Josie Clemens, and Andrea Rausch) for placing 3rd at the Simmons competition. Congratulations also to Derek Boekelheide for placing 3rd overall in the individual division.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday MORNING, February 6 at 7:30 a.m.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of January 16, 2012.

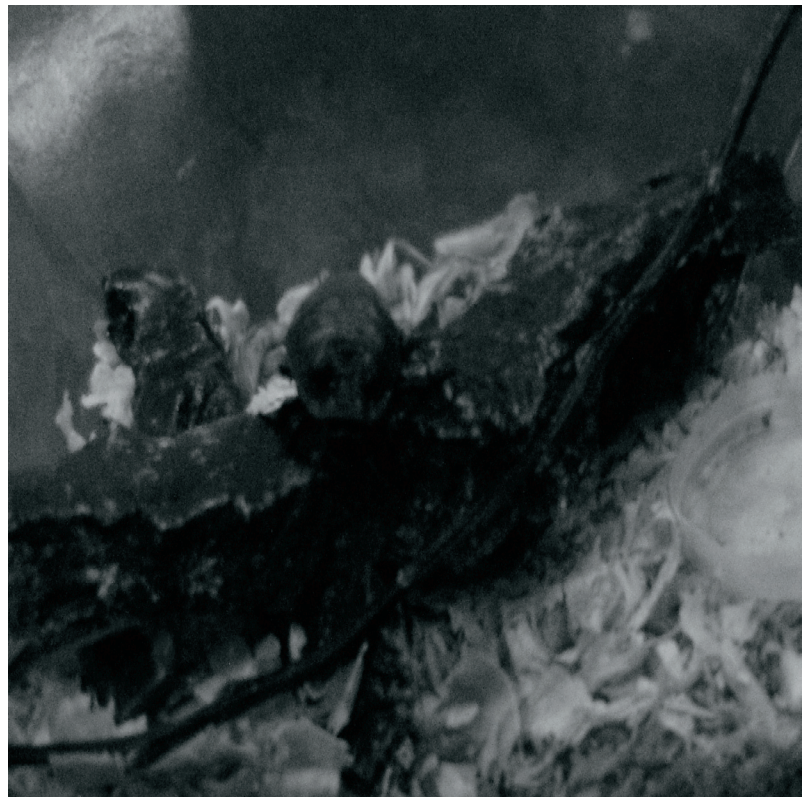
Science Room Welcomes New Guests: Cockroaches

by Maddi Hahler

In the month of January, the science room contained some special, new guests. The guests that were welcomed into the science room were called Hissing Cockroaches. The cockroaches belonged to science teacher Mrs. Denise Clemens. Clemens has shown the roaches to not only the high school and junior high but also to the elementary students.



hard, yet soft. When they walk around, they clinch onto your hand, feeling like they might bite. Some people wanted to hold them, and others could not even stand to look at them. In the elementary, Clemens dropped one on the table, and all the children jumped back and



“Those hissing cockroaches were awesome! I was standing next to Ashley (Clemens) and the cockroach was walking around my pinky. As it was walking around my pinky, I swear it jumped off and it flew toward Ashley! We both screamed! It was funny,” junior Courtlen Lechner said.

The cockroaches' backs are

screamed.

“I thought they were pretty sweet. I thought it was pretty funny when Mrs. Clemens teased our class with the fake purple cockroach that ran after Ashley, Courtlen and Catarina. It is always interesting when Mrs. Clemens shows us her new critters,” junior Calli Peterson said.

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Myer Strikes Up a Big Idea

by Courtlen Lechner

The junior business management class enrolled in a contest called The Big Idea. One of the students, Shekota Myer, received honorable mention for her "Big Idea."

"Shekota's idea was awesome! I would totally buy a pair of the glasses! It is so hard to see when water and such splashes onto your glasses," junior Calli Peterson said.

Myer's "Big Idea" was glasses with wipers. She called this product "Zwipes."

In order to get honorable mention, a student's score needed to be within 10 percent of the top eight finalist's scores.

There were more than 150 students around South Dakota who participated in this program.



"I thought Shekota had a very unique idea for a business, and her business plan reflected that," business teacher Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

This is the second year in a row that the business class students have participated in this contest.

Elementary Students Experience Golden Dragon Acrobats

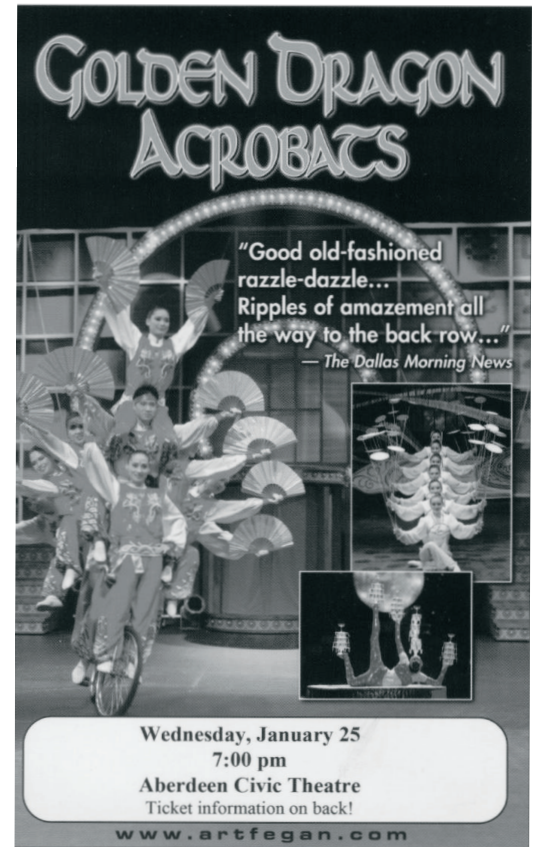
by Maddie Hahler

The elementary students took a field trip to see the Golden Dragon Acrobats on Wednesday, Jan. 25. This group showed the students a little culture, and many unique acts struck the children with enthusiasm. There was a little something for all ages.

"I liked when the lady climbed the chairs," kindergartner Gregory Nelson said.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats are recognized throughout the United States. They have toured around the world as a representation of Asian tradition. This unique group showed the children some new tricks and an interesting performance.

"My favorite part was when she



balanced glasses on her feet," fourth-grader Danielle Watson said.

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One Act Play Cast & Crew

Hard Candy

Director: **Michelle Stuck**

Student Directors: **Laine Mielke & Maddy Smith**

Cast (In order of appearance):

- Laken Frericks** as Ashley
- Maddie Hahler** as Barb
- Kathy Stuck** as Cindy
- Halle Sieve** as Dawn
- Kalen Frericks** as Emily
- Luther Johnson** as Fred
- Calli Peterson** as Gail
- Kristie Bade** as Harriet
- Laken Frericks** as Ira
- Kathy Stuck** as Jill
- Annie Lutter** as Linda

Crew:

- Delbert Leonhardt**
- Hunter Wood**
- Jesse Lutter**

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Straight A Honor Roll

Freshmen: Corbin Smith

Sophomores: Kristie Bade, Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks, Alyssa Steward and Nicholas Wood

Seniors: Alex Boekelheide, Laken Frericks, Mariah Taylor and Justine Tuscherer

A Honor Roll

Freshmen: Christine Morgan and Halle Sieve

Juniors: Kelsey Hoellein

Seniors: Laine Mielke, Gabrielle Morgan and Madison Smith

B Honor Roll

Freshmen: Zachary Duncan, Haley Grandpre, Hans Leonhardt, Jordon Peterson, Julia Sparling and Kennedi Sparling

Sophomores: Tyler Carda, Madison Hahler, Jacob Heidenreich, Paige Metzinger and Skylar Sorenson

Juniors: Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Landon Fischbach, Kimberly Miles, Lane Myer, Shekota Myer, Catarina Oliveira, Calli Peterson and Kaitlyn Sparling

Seniors: Logan Brown, Jared Fischer, Katrina Frericks, Jennifer Lefforge, Shelby Peterson, Ruth Phillips, Kathleen Stuck and Trevor Toennies

NORTHWESTERN AREA PRESCHOOL SCREENING

The Northwestern Area School District will be screening children who will be three years old on or before March 12, 2012 or five years old on or before September 1, 2012. Any four year olds that were not screened last year are also encouraged to be screened at this time. The screening will take place on Monday, March 12, 2012 in the Northwestern Elementary addition.

The screening includes all children who will be in the 2012-2013 Kindergarten class.

Children will be screened in gross and fine motor skills, general concepts, communications skills, vision and hearing. Additionally, the county nurse will be available to give general physical examinations to the upcoming kindergarten class members. Early identification of difficulties can help alleviate health or educational problems, which may develop during a child's education.

As part of the school's "Child Identification Project," HEARTLAND HANDS OF BIRTH TO THREE CONNECTIONS, Rich Jankord, will be available on the testing date to screen children who are younger than three years of age upon request. Mr. Jankord will be available only if appointments are made in advance through the school.

This is a FREE service provided by the school district. The screenings take approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Kristi Smith at 887-3467 x110 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (at least 10 days before the screening) to make an appointment. After appointments have been received, letters will be sent to each family of who has called and made an appointment to verify their time slot for March 12th.

If you know of a family who is unaware of the date for this screening, please share this information or contact the office at the number given. Thank you!

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Kirstin Borge



Abby Fischbach



Sadie VanderWal



Madison Styles



Rachel Rausch



Darby Duncan

Six JH Band Students Accepted Into All-State

by Calli Peterson

Six students from the Northwestern middle school band made it in the Middle School All-State Band.

The students included eighth-graders Rachel Rausch, baritone; Abby Fischbach, clarinet; Madison Styles, trumpet; Kirstin Borge, clarinet; seventh-grader Darby Duncan, saxophone and sixth-grader Sadie VanderWal, French horn.

"I'm hoping the experience will be really fun, and I'll get to meet lots of new people," Fischbach said.

Northwestern had the most representation in band for any Class B school in the state. VanderWal marks the first NW sixth-grader to ever advance.

"It's really exciting to be the first sixth-grader Mrs. Thorson taught to make it!" VanderWal said.

To accomplish this honor students are expected to practice and record their best sound recording of scales and parts of songs.

"This is awesome! I'm totally pumped!" Duncan said.

Congratulations to all six middle school all-state band recipients!

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OPINION

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What You Think

Would you prefer a brown winter or a white winter?



Third-Grade Teacher
Mrs. Marilyn Battey

"I have loved the calm weather. I don't look forward to driving on slippery roads. It makes recess a lot more interesting."



Senior
Ruth Phillips

"I wish that we had more snow. I like it, it's pretty!"



Senior
Trevor Toennies

"I wish the snow would stay."



Sophomore
Torey Beardemphl

"I hate snow and hope it goes away and stays away."



Freshman
Julia Sparling

"I wish the weather was warmer. I hate snow (yes, Alex Boekelheide, I HATE it!)."

Would You Prefer a Brown or White Winter?

Pro...

by Calli Peterson

Since Dec. 2006, Aberdeen, S.D., and surrounding areas have not had a "brown" Christmas until this past year, 2011. From temperatures around 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, the surrounding area is expected to have a warm winter.

Warmer winters ensure safety in numerous ways. First, people not have to worry about the icy roads. Icy roads can lead to dangerous driving because of the slippery surface. Next, because the roads are slippery, the chance of driving into the ditch and becoming stuck are abundantly high. Also, without having to deal with icy roads, students, parents or adults do not have to worry about entering school or work late. When the roads become icy, people are advised to drive much slower. Driving much slower can increase the chance of going to school or work late.

With temperatures around the 40 to 50 degree Fahrenheit range, people do not have to worry with the problem of having to continually layer their body with clothes to keep warm. Constantly trying to find coats, scarves, hats and gloves can become quite a mess. With having warmer weather, the most a person would actually need is a nice coat. Also, usually when colder weather comes, snow falls. When snow falls, elementary children are required to bring all winter clothing. Such clothing includes large winter coat, gloves, snow boots, hats, scarves and snow pants. With so many garments, children tend to forget their things either at home or at school. Winter garments become very smelly when children are playing in the snow. This means more laundry!

Warmer weather ensures a child's safety. Parents need less be worried if their child were in a wreck on the way to school. The same goes for the child worrying about their parents. The winter accessories are not officially needed with warmer weather. Warmer winter weather is much more comfortable than colder weather.

Con...

by Maddie Hahler

Where is winter? It is simply not winter without snow. This winter, so far, we have had 50-degree weather and a brown Christmas. This is South Dakota! The classic South Dakota winter is 20 below with three feet of snow at this time of the year. We had a brown Christmas for the first time in many years. We have not even had a no-school snow day yet! No snowmobiling, no skiing, no snowboarding, snowmen, snowball fights, ice skating or sledding can be done in this weather.

"There is no benefit to a cold winter without snow," senior Trevor Toennies said.

Without snow, students cannot partake in winter-time fun. The ice is not even thick enough to safely go ice-fishing. The Scatterwood Ice Fishing Derby was postponed to the end of January because there was four inches of water on top of the several inches of ice. Snow-mobiling is a big deal around here. Many students are angry by the lack of snow and continue to pray for it.

"This weather is a joke. I bought a snow mobile to use it, not to look at it. I want a winter like '97," senior Logan Brown said.

Any foreign exchange student visiting this year has not experienced a true South Dakota winter. Often times, our foreign exchange students come from warm climates. They come here to see new things, and many of them have never really seen true snow. If the winter carries on like this, they will not be able to.

"I've always wanted a white Christmas, because my Christmases are usually very hot. I come from another country, without snow! It is very disappointing," foreign exchange student junior Catarina Oliveira said.



**Comic
designed
by Maddie
Hahler**

Boys' Basketball Team Continues to Work Hard



Corbin Smith #32
NW
Vs.

Sully Buttes

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats boys' basketball team lost 37-48 to Sully Buttes on the night of Dec. 10. The Wildcats' total stats were 14 total shots made, six for 10 on free throws and 37 total points scored. Sophomore Nathan Palmer had four field goals, two for three at the free throw line, and 10 points scored. Junior Ray Lerew made one field goal worth two points. Junior Lane Myer made seven field goals, went four for seven at the free throw line and had 21 total points scored. Junior Landon Fischbach made one field goal for two points, and he went 0-2 at the free throw line. Junior Evan Finley made one shot for two points and shot no free throws. The boys are now 0-1 and next play Hoven/Edmunds Central Dec. 13 in Roscoe.



Lane Myer #20
NW
Vs.

Hoven-Edmunds Central

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats struck Hoven/Edmunds Central 68-37 on Dec. 13. The Wildcats had 54 total rebounds. Junior Landon Fischbach led the team with 18 rebounds, 11 defensive and seven offensive rebounds. Sophomore Nathan Palmer followed with nine, three defensive and six offensive rebounds. Junior Lane Myer had 22 total points. Palmer followed with 20. Northwestern had 10 total assists. Junior Silas Franco led the team with three. Palmer and Fischbach both had two assists. The team had 29 total turnovers. Lane Myer led the team with seven turnovers. Junior Ray Lerew and Fischbach followed with five turnovers. The team had 18 steals. Myer led the team with 10 steals. Franco followed with five steals. Their record is 1-1, and they play Warner next at Warner in a double header Dec. 15.



Landon Fischbach #23
NW
Vs.

Warner

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern Wildcats boys' varsity basketball team lost to the Warner Monarchs 30-55. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team in points with 10 total points. In rebounds, the team acquired a total of 48; eight offensive and 35 defensive. Junior Lane Myer led the team in rebounds with 10 total rebounds. Palmer followed with eight. Junior Ray Lerew led in steal with two; a team total of three. The team obtained three assists and committed 34 turnovers. Wildcats, now 1-2 on the season, next play Gettysburg at home on Dec. 19.



Nathan Palmer #3
NW
Vs.

Gettysburg

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was defeated by Gettysburg 51-43 on Dec. 19. Junior Landon Fischbach and sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team in scoring with 16 points each. Both led the team in rebounds with 10 rebounds each. The team obtained a total of 33 rebounds; 13 offensive and 20 defensive. Junior Lane Myer led the team in assists with two, five assists team total. Myer and Fischbach had three steals each leading up to a total of eight steals total. The Wildcats committed 33 turnovers. Northwestern, now 1-3, next play Dupree at the Barnett Center on the campus of Northern State University on Dec 27.



Ray Lerew #1
NW
Vs.

Dupree

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was overpowered by Dupree 70-27 on Dec. 27. Junior Lane Myer led the team in scoring with 12 total points. Junior Landon Fischbach acquired eight rebounds leading in rebounds. Junior Ray Lerew followed close behind with five rebounds. The team ended with 32 total rebounds, 12 offensive and 20 defensive. Junior Silas Franco obtained the only two steals and two assists. NW committed 30 total turnovers. The Wildcats are now 1-4 on the season and next play Waubay at the Barnett Center on the campus of Northern State University on Dec. 28.

Girls' Basketball Team Triumphs over Opponents



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

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Miller 49-54 in a non-conference game Saturday, Dec. 17 in Miller. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 25 points. The Wildcats had a total of 35 rebounds; eight offensive and 27 defensive. Tuscherer had a total of seven rebounds. Led by senior Mariah Taylor, NW had 14 steals. NW committed 15 turnovers and had 11 assists. Clemens had three assists. The Wildcats, 2-3 on the season, next play Gettysburg in Gettysburg on Dec. 20.



**Shelby Peterson #10-11
NW
Vs.
Gettysburg**

By Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team destroyed Gettysburg 78-37 in a non-conference game Dec. 20 in Gettysburg. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 21 points. The Wildcats had a total of 45 rebounds; 15 offensive and 30 defensive. Junior Shekota Myer led in rebounds with a total of 11 rebounds. Tuscherer had 10 rebounds. Myer led in steals with five; NW had a total of 13 steals. NW committed 22 turnovers and obtained 17 assists. Senior Haley Wetzler led in assists with six. Senior Mariah Taylor followed close behind with five assists. The Wildcats, 3-3 on the season, next play at Britton Dec. 27 against Groton.



**Shekota Myer #50-51
Northwestern
Vs.
Groton**

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team slide past Groton, 40-30 in a non-conference game Dec. 27 in Britton at the Christmas Britton Classic. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 17 points. The Wildcats had a total of 26 rebounds; seven offensive and 19 defensive. Junior Shekota Myer led in rebounds with a total of nine rebounds. Junior Ashley Clemens acquired six rebounds. Senior Mariah Taylor led in steals with four; NW had a total of 17 steals. NW committed 27 turnovers and obtained 10 assists. Taylor led in assists with five. The Wildcats, 4-3 on the season, next play Faulkton Jan. 3 in Faulkton.



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

By Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team extinguished Faulkton, 75-23 in a conference game Jan. 3 in Faulkton. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 17 points. Junior Shekota Myer followed with 13 points and freshman Jordon Peterson with 11. The Wildcats had a total of 32 rebounds; 15 offensive and 17 defensive. Senior Shelby Peterson led in rebounds with a total of six. Senior Mariah Taylor and Tuscherer both obtained five rebounds. Taylor led in steals with seven; NW had a total of 22 steals. NW committed 17 turnovers and obtained 22 assists. Senior Haley Wetzler led in assists with five. Taylor and freshman Kennedy Sparling both acquired four assists. The Wildcats, 5-3 on the season, next play at Tulare Jan. 5 against Hitchcock-Tulare.



**Jussy Tuscherer #22-23
Wildcats
Vs.
Hitchcock-Tulare**

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team struck past Hitchcock-Tulare, 52-46 in a non-conference game Jan. 5 in Tulare. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 17 points. The Wildcats had a total of 26 rebounds; six offensive and 20 defensive. Taylor led in rebounds with seven. Junior Shekota Myer followed with a total of six rebounds. Myer led steals with three steals; NW had a total of 10 steals. NW committed 20 turnovers and obtained seven assists. Senior Shelby Peterson led in assists with three. The Wildcats, 6-3, on the season, next play Sanborn Central/Woonsocket Jan. 7 in Redfield.

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MORE THAN JUST A GAME...



The varsity boys' basketball team excitedly watches the game. Freshman Corbin Smith, eighth-grader Hunter Lerew, sophomore Tyler Carda, junior Ray Lerew, freshman DonShay Dillard, juniors Silas Franco and Landon Fischbach and Coach Austin Fischbach.



The Northwestern crowd roars with exhilaration as they watch an electrifying girls' varsity basketball game.



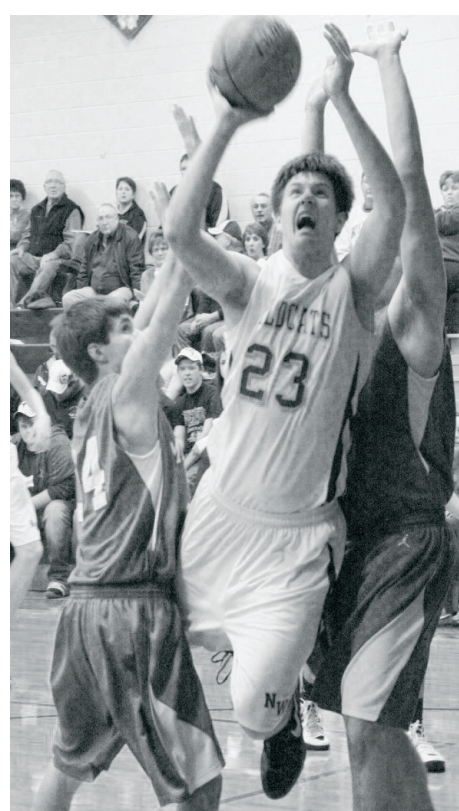
Eighth-grader Dylan Miles, guard, speeds down the court during a varsity game.



Junior Ashley Clemens, guard, handles the ball in an away varsity basketball game.



Senior Mariah Taylor and junior Courtlen Lechner share a "high five" moment after a thrilling play.



Junior Landon Fischbach, post, fights his way to the basket.



Senior Gabby Morgan, guard, anticipates to throw the ball.

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Warner-Northwestern Wrestling Team Features Senior Trevor Toennies

Milbank Tournament

Warner-Northwestern wrestling team traveled to the Milbank tournament on Saturday, Jan. 7. They wrestled Sisseton and lost 66 to 16. Sioux Falls Washington beat Warner-Northwestern 72 to 9. Milbank defeated Warner-Northwestern 63 to 18. Marshall Minnesota 47 to 36. Warner-Northwestern wrestler junior Adam Ochsner, 145 pounds, received four wins, three of which were by pins and one was by decision. Senior Trevor Toennies, 160 pounds, went two and two with two pins.

Faulkton, Warner-Northwestern, Gettysburg Triangular

Warner-Northwestern beats non-conference team, Gettysburg, 46 to 36. Conference team, Faulkton, beat Warner-Northwestern 60 to 18. Seventh-grader Nick Evangelisto, 106 pounds, defeated Chris Zuber by decision 11 to 2. Senior Trevor Toennies, 160 pounds, pinned Tucker Bowar of Faulkton in 40 seconds. Junior Adam Ochsner, 152 pounds, pinned Lucas Vogel of Gettysburg in three minutes and 39 seconds. Senior Conner Seaman, 220 pounds, pinned Denver Jost in four minutes and 15 seconds.

Redfield Triangular

Sunshine Bible Academy defeated Warner-Northwestern 36 to 30. Warner-Northwestern defeated Redfield JV 54 to 24.



CONGRATULATIONS TO WARNER/NORTHWESTERN VARSITY WRESTLER TREVOR TOENNIES. HE HAD THREE PINS LAST WEEK AT GETTYSBURG AND THE BIG STONE TOURNAMENT IN MILBANK. WAY TO GO TREVOR!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NORTHWESTERN/WARNER AAU WRESTLERS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES AT THE GROTON DUELS ON SUNDAY.

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4TH GRADER TRISTAN DVORAK - 1 PIN**

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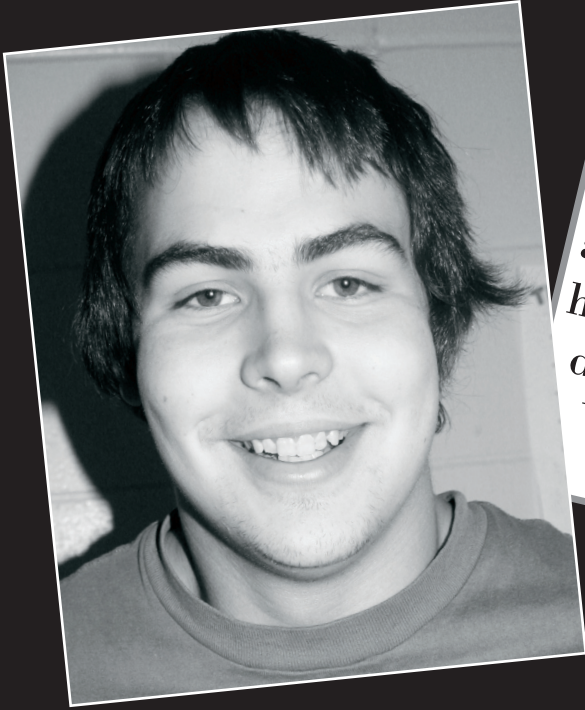
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In the Hallway...

Who do you want to be your Valentine?



"Shay Clemensen because of his toned abs, and he might have a Camaro someday," senior Hunter Wood said.

"Taylor Lautner," junior Courtlen Lechner said.



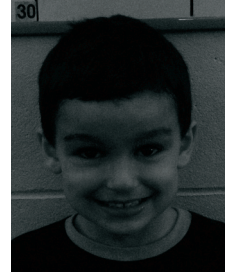
"Scotty McCreery," sophomore Kalen Frericks said.



"Angelina Jolie," freshman Don'Shay Dillard said.

In the Elementary...

Who do you want to be your Valentine?



"Brooke Heim."

Kindergartner
Lincoln Woodring



"My mommy."

First-Grader
Gretchen Severance



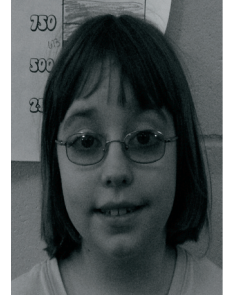
"My Uncle Scott."

Second-Grader
Jessica Boekelheide



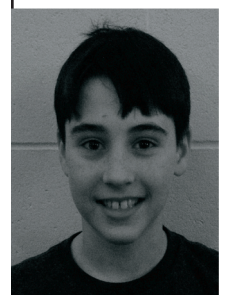
"My best friend Danika."

Third-Grader
Samantha Rush



"My mom."

Fourth-Grader
Breanna Moler



"Haley Wetzler."

Fifth-Grader
Gavin Bohl

Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay

Q-So...is it wrong to break up with my girlfriend on Valentine's Day?



Logan-There are two sides to this question in my opinion. It is not wrong to break up with her if you are having issues. If you fight all the time and are having problems, plus you have broken up before and then gotten back together, you could try breaking up with her on Valentine's Day. This way the break up would stick. I know that many people may think this is wrong, but you have to see where your guy is coming from. If you are in a good relationship, and you do not fight, then, yes, it would be very wrong to break up with her on Valentine's Day. It is supposed to be a special day to spend with your significant other. If you are in a bad relationship and you spend the day with her, then you might end off fighting. That is not what you want on a special day.



Trevor-Absolutely not! It is a fantastic idea. That way you don't have to get her a present. Also it sends a message that you are serious about the breakup, and she will not bug you with annoying phone calls and text messages. In fact, if you are planning to break up with her, say in January, I would wait until Valentine's Day to do it.



Shay- WOW! Trevor took what I was going to say, so I will just agree with the Flying T-up there. If you do break-up with her, refer back to our other paper, just make sure it is in a crowded place. That way, there are witnesses if she attempts to kill you.

A Message From the Girls' Point of View Told by Maddie



No way! You definitely cannot break up with your girlfriend on Valentine's Day! Have some respect and wait awhile. If you are a big enough jerk to do such a thing, then how on earth do you have a girlfriend in the first place? Valentine's Day is usually a big deal for girls! If you break her heart on a day so special, you will devastate her and ruin her happy holiday... forever! Seriously, you might as well fake your own death than put her through such a catastrophic nightmare.

Top 10 Worst Valentines' Day Gifts

by Trevor Toennies

10. Cleaning Supplies
9. A stick of gum
8. A dandelion
7. Expired deer tags
6. ONE FBLA sucker
5. A 20% coupon from the newspaper
4. A Weight Watchers membership
3. An empty box of chocolates
2. A "Make me a sandwich and waffle fries" coupon
1. Sticky note break up

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In the Middle School... Whom do you wish to be your Valentine?



"My friend, Brooke," eighth-grader Trevor Bohl said.



"Luke Bryan," eighth-grader Cameron Bohl said.



"Megan Fox," seventh-grader Dawson Smith said.



"Jaidyn Kramp," sixth-grader Isaac Bauer said.



"Mariah Taylor," sixth-grader Tucker Bohl said.

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Senior Profiles



Katrina Frericks
Parents: Anne and Stacey Frericks

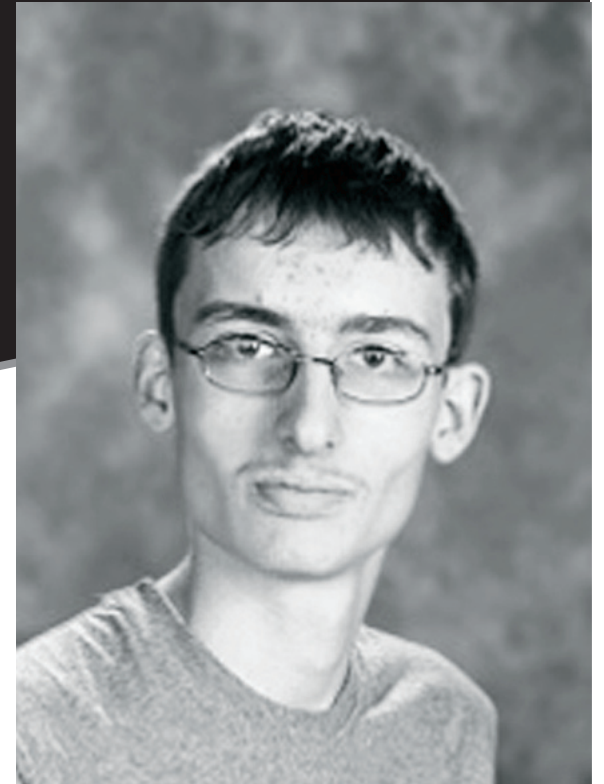
College/Major:
Lake Area Tech/ Human Resources/ Finance

What are you looking forward to after high school?

The freedom, meeting new people, hopefully no "high school" drama and having a good time.

What advice would you give to younger students?

It's OK to take a breath from the books. School doesn't always have to be hard work. In a few years, hopefully, you'll be working your butt off, so take this time and enjoy it while it lasts!



Jared Fischer
Parent: Annette Fischer

College/Major:
Business Management

What are you looking forward to after high school?

Moving

What advice would you give to younger students?

Have fun



Ruth Phillips

Parents: Ed and Marilyn Phillips

College/Major:
Lake Area Tech/ Cosmetology

What are you looking forward to after high school?

Living on my own

What advice would you give to younger students?

Do your homework; it pays off!



Kathy Stuck

Parents: Nathan and Michelle Stuck

College / Major:

Lake Area Tech/ Ag Production

What are you looking forward to after high school?

Being independent and growing more into an adult...

What advice would you give to younger students?

Memories last a lifetime, so make great ones! Live your life at full throttle!

REVIEWS

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What's New in Movies?

by Calli Peterson

Tom Cruise is back as Agent Ethan Hunt in a nail-biting movie, continuing from the series, Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol. In the beginning of the movie, Ethan Hunt is shown in a foreign jail bouncing a rock off the wall. With the help of his new team, Agents Jane Carter and Benji Dunn, Hunt escapes the prison and learns what was happening on the outside.

After the Impossible Missions Force (IMF) orders Ghost Protocol (in other words complete shutdown) after a terrorist bombing of the Kremlin, Hunt and his team, Agents Carter, Dunn and William Brandt are forced to clear the company's name and prevent another nuclear attack.

This movie bursts with excitement and near death experiences that will leave you



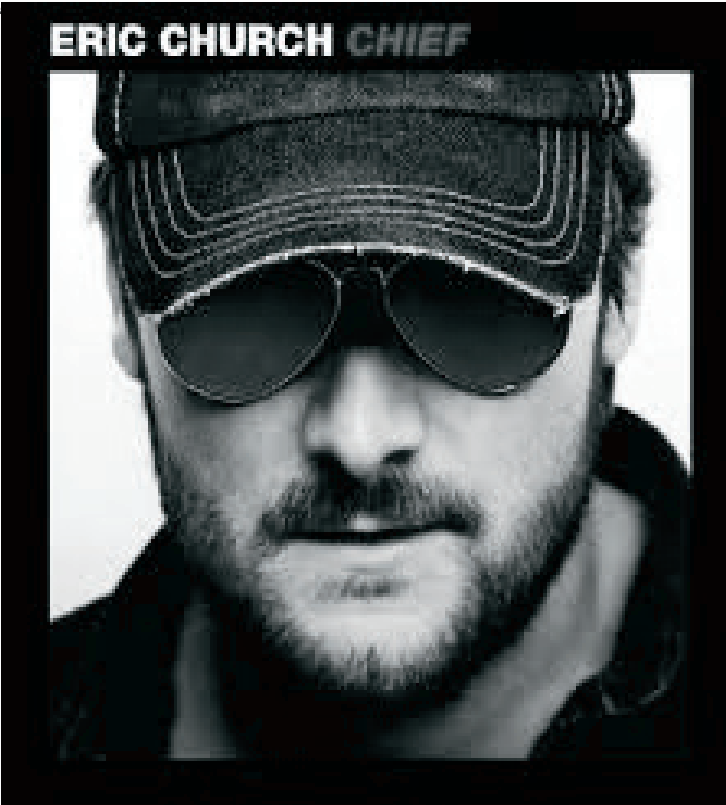
crossing your fingers and sitting at the edge of your seat.

"This movie was straight up amazing! It was the all-time best Mission: Impossible," junior Shay Clemensen said.

What Country Star Rocks His New Album?

by Trevor Toennies

Erich Church's album Chief, named after his grandfather, has been recognized as one of 2011's top albums. This album is far more radio friendly than the North Carolina singer's previous two efforts, but he doesn't



sacrifice his artistic ability. There's still plenty of Church's "do it my way" spirit on songs like "Creepin," "Keep On" and "Jack Daniels." The love ballad "Like Jesus Does" is an easy choice for the next single. There is plenty of rowdy, with "Drink in My Hand" being another easy choice for a single.

The album will pick up and drop fans with its diversity. No two songs sound alike, and some touch on themes Church addressed in previous albums like "Country Music Jesus" and with "Lotta Boot Left to Fil". He also covers new ground with the song "Springsteen."

Check it out!

What's Cool in Vehicles?

by Shay Clemensen

The 2011 Mercedes-Benz Self-Leveling System Aufrecht Melcher Grossaspach is a very distinctive car. Made by the Germans, it has power and great handling.

This car is equipped with a 6.3L 563 horsepower engine with 479 ft/lbs of

torque. This car is part of Mercedes high performance AMG motor. The car has a price tag of \$185,750. The engine of this car sound like a tiger growling into a bullhorn--it has a very

throaty engine. The car is a throw-back of the 1953 Gullwing. Dislikes about the car include that the Gullwing doors

are too difficult to shut. When you are sitting down, your arms might be too short to reach it. The car can have an automatic or a 7-speed manual transmission. In some terms

the car is ranked as the "German Muscle Car". The SLS can go 0-60 in 3.8 seconds and reach a top speed of 197 mph.



What Fresh Footwear Makes a Statement?

by Maddie Hahler

What fun, fresh footwear is striding down the halls at Northwestern? Commonly referred to as "skater shoes," these flashy shoes stand out with bright or bold colors. The brands DC, Nike and Osiris have new twists on versions of their own. With prices ranging from \$50 to \$100, parents question their worth, but the students insist on having their very own pair of these sweet kicks. According to www.nextag.com, Osiris skater shoes received a 5-star rating. Many students at Northwestern love the look and feel of skater shoes.

"I like my big, black shoes," sophomore Nathan Palmer

said.

Skater shoes are popular all over NW. They come in kids' sizes and adult sizes, in almost any color imagineable. Often times, these shoes are selected for their bright colors. Bright shades of green, yellow, pink, or purple are a big hit with this type of foot wear. A newer splatter design has taken off this season as well. Some people even prefer the all-black or all-white versions. Skater shoes are pretty simple but stand out and make a statement.

"I love my skater shoes. The splatter design is super fun and different," freshman Christine Morgan said.

