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Eighth-Grade Math Counts Team Takes Second Place

by Calli Peterson

Eighth- and seventh-grade students from Northwestern placed second in a "head-to-head" math counts competition at Roncalli Elementary on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The students included eighth-graders Kirstin Borge, Hunter Lerew, Andrea Rausch and Isaac Groft; and seventh-graders Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan and Matt Metzinger.

"It was very nerve-racking, but it was very fun!" Clemens



Back Row: 8th Grade Team 2nd Place - Northwestern: (left to right) Kirstin Borge, Isaac Groft, Hunter Lerew and Andrea Rausch. Front Row: 8th Grade Team 1st Place - Groton: Hailey Hansen, Andrew Helm, Marlee Jones and Megan Unzen.

said.

The students were placed into individual groups. Borge, Groft

and Clemens all placed second in their group. Rausch placed fourth. Since many placed second, the eighth-grade team place second place among nine other teams.

"I think we did really well! My certificate will be framed because I'm so proud of us!" Borge

Blood Drive Successful

by Bryahna Hartford

The Future Business Leaders of America chapter at Northwestern put on a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 23. The blood drive was in the morning in the small gym at the NW School and was held from around 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

"I really enjoyed working at the blood drive. I'm very sad that I could not actually give blood because of my size, but I really like how FBLA puts this on every year," junior Calli Peterson said.

The blood drive had 50 volunteers. Out of the 50, 43 were eligible to donate, eight of whom were first time donors. Less than half of the Northwestern FBLA members were required to help the blood drive. The Northwestern Area School District holds a blood drive every year, sometimes even more than one. Anyone is allowed to come; it's voluntary.

"It wasn't bad. The cookies and juice were awesome," senior Trevor Toennies said.

Santa Spreads Holiday Cheer at Northwestern Area School District



Santa asks a little boy what he wants for Christmas.

Claus took the elementary students on a horse-driven sleigh.

"Santa came into the construction class and said 'hi' to me!!! He is my best friend... Trust me," sophomore Torey Beardemphl said.

Jim and Alta Smith, long-time members of the Brentford community, willingly allow Santa and his wife to stay with them during the time of their visits to the Northwestern School. Jim and his wife have recently started this tradition and plan on continuing it on throughout their years.

Ryon Bohl, a small horse farmer outside of Mellette, allows Mr. and Mrs. Claus to borrow a few of his Belgian horses to give sleigh rides to the el-

ementary students of the Mellette School.

"The kids seem to really enjoy when Santa brings Mrs. Claus and an elf of his choice to give rides," Secretary Mrs. Jessica Halvorson said.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, Jim and Alta Smith, along with Ryon



Santa Claus rings the jingle bells and waves goodbye.

by Bryahna Hartford

Northwestern elementary students got a wonderful surprise on Thursday, Dec. 22. Mr. Santa Claus and the lovely Mrs.

Bohl wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Students Learn the Importance of Driving Safe



Student of the Month by Maddie Hahler

Senior Shelby Peterson received the student of the month award for November. Her parents are Dave and Sheri Peterson. She has four siblings, Curtis, Melany, Carly and Evy.

Shelby's activities include volleyball, basketball, softball, youth group, FBLA, and FCA. Her favorite athlete is Crystl Bustos, a USA softball player. She spends her free time hunting and hanging out with friends. Her favorite class is Mrs. Jilek's study hall.

"Shelby exudes such love and kindness in everything she does. Everyone should aspire to be an awesome aunt like her," senior Madison Smith, said.

Shelby's future plans include attending Northern for elementary education/early childhood.

Her favorite quote is "For I knew the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

Shelby's most embarrassing moment was tripping over Paige's volleyball bag and getting a rug burn on her nose while at the State B Volleyball Tournament.

"I think receiving this award is pretty cool. This is awesome," Peterson said.



Juniors Trevor Rush and Sarah Franco try to maneuver the electronic, disabled car.

by Calli Peterson

Driving under the influence is becoming a major problem for teens. To ensure the safety of students, Northwestern has had police officers and members of the National Guard talk to student about the dangers of what one little mistake could lead to. High school students participated in an assembly about driving vehicles when people are intoxicated on Friday, Dec. 16.

"It was awesome!" senior Trevor Toennies said.

At the assembly, students

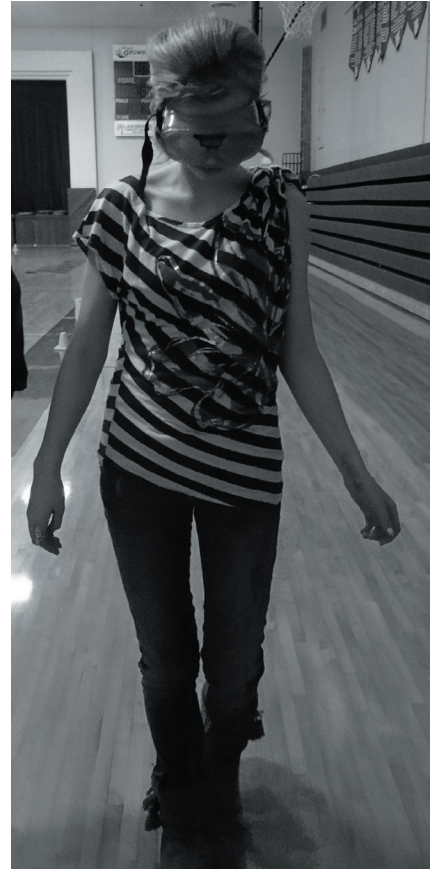
took part in driving an electric car that was controlled by a remote in which the Guard member was holding. One person drove while the passenger wore goggles that impaired eyesight.

The person driving drove through a path made by cones; the National Guard member would change the direction of the car without notice. This showed what it would be like to drive while intoxicated.

"It was fun. I loved being able to understand how to drive a vehicle that was disabled. I almost ran into the guy! It would have been more knowledgeable if I would have got to wear the beer goggles," senior Logan Brown said.

While some of the students

drove, the other students could partake in a sobriety test. In this test, students were asked to do things that would be asked during a sobriety test.



Sophomore Maddie Hahler walks in a straight line during the sobriety test.

Some students even wore the goggles during the test.




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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 2011

- HATS was contracted to build a house. As such, they will not need to have an auction this year.
- HATS will try to add the following new courses for the 12-13 school year: Intro to Auto Body, Fundamental Plant Science, and Advanced Plant Science.
- Elementary Christmas parties will be held December 22nd starting at 12:30 with dismissal at 2:00.
- Elementary Dibles testing will be done on December 20th & 21st.
- NW would like to implement a bigger use of the iPads by allowing the 8th graders to take home the iPads. There would be a cost of \$25 per student for self-insurance and the parents would need to agree to allow their student to be able to take one home. Other schools have tried this and have had a lot of success academically by allowing the students to use the iPads at home for homework and studying.
- NW received the one-time allocation from the State of \$97 per student.
- Thank you to the NW Foundation for the donation to the school for the upkeep of the skyboxes.
- Thank you to the Plains Lions Club donation to the art department for the backdrop for the Snow Queen contest.
- The June 30, 2011 audit report will be sent to the State's Legislative Audit Department in the next few weeks.
- Approved the receipt of the grant for SD Clean Diesel Grant to be used to purchase a new bus for the 12-13 school year.
- Discussed renewing our bus radio license and upgrading to narrowband operations. Our license expires in May 2012 and after a discussion it would be in our best interest to renew our licenses & update the radios due to the cell phone dead spots in our District.
- Congratulations to the State Champion Wildcat Volleyball Team on an outstanding year!
- Congratulations to the 6th grade Math Counts Team consisting of Darien Watson, Peyton Groft, Sadie Vander Wal, and Megan Heidenreich for placing 3rd at the Holgate Math Counts Competition. Sadie also placed 5th overall.
- Congratulations to Ashley Clemens, Haley Wetzler, Mariah Taylor, and Jussy Tuscherer for being named All-Lake Region Conference in volleyball.
- Congratulations to Ashley Clemens, Mariah Taylor, and Jussy Tuscherer for being named to the Class B All-Tournament volleyball team.
- Congratulations to Haley Wetzler and Jussy Tuscherer for being named First Team All-State in volleyball.
- Congratulations to Jussy Tuscherer for being named Aberdeen American News athlete of the week.

Groft Finalist for National High School Volleyball Coach of the Year

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern volleyball team dominated this year in the State B Championship match, coming home with the title.

Coach Nora Groft led her team to success and was a finalist for the 2011 American Volleyball Coaches Association National High School Volleyball Coach of the Year award.

The NW team now leads the state in championship titles with eight, and Groft received her 300th win of her coaching career on Friday night of the state tournament. Her record stands at 301-40 in 10 years.

"I really enjoy having her as my coach. She knows how to lead a team to victory. Without her, Northwestern wouldn't have won as many state titles that we have," ju-



nior Ashley Clemens said.

Other coaches who were nominated included Amber

DeCoursey from Indiana, Danny Tullis from Louisiana, Greg Snipes from Ohio, Susan Brewer from Texas, Jeff Carroll from Montana, Gwen Egbert from Nebraska, Candice Collins from Texas, Jason Ulrich from New Jersey, Kim

Adams from Virginia, Kevin Murphy from Idaho and Ron Kordes from Kentucky. Brewer and Carroll won.

"It's a huge honor just to be nominated if you look at the field of other nominees. I think it is inevitable that Coach Groft will someday get this award," assistant coach Mr. Doug Duncan said.

Groft attended the AVCA convention in San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 14-18, where she was recognized.

Hy Contender Awarded Silver and Gold Buckle

by Maddie Hahler

Northwestern School Superintendent Mr. Ray Sauerwein races horses in South Dakota. Each horse is awarded points for winning. His horse, Hy Contender, was crowned South Dakota Champion. This horse is a three-year-old stallion. He was home-bred and raised by Sauerwein. This horse received a silver and gold buckle for an award at the Horsmen's Banquet in Fort Pierre at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center on Dec. 3.

"It is very satisfying to take a colt from birth, break and raise it yourself, and win a championship," Sauerwein said.

Senior Casey Kulm helped Sauerwein with chores, riding horses to get them ready for the races and on race day. He fell in love with Hy Contender and after the race season was over, he made a deal to purchase him from Sauerwein.

He is hoping that he will run a few more years with an impressive track record like the



The recipient of the Silver and Gold Buckle at the Horsmen's Banquet, Hy Contender.

one he had this past year.

"For me it was awesome to have Mr. Sauerwein take me and teach me as much as he knows about racing horses. It was even more fulfilling when we had horses with amazing track records, including the one that I ended up buying," Kulm said.

The love of horses and caring for animals is just one of the many lessons Sauerwein teaches NW students.

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Elementary and Middle School Band and Choir Share Their Holiday Spirit through Concerts



Mrs. Wendy Thorson directs the first- and second-grade chorus at the concert Dec. 14.

by Bryahna Hartford
"Home for the Holidays," the Northwestern elementary and junior high Christmas concert, was directed by Mrs. Wendy Thorson, the school's band teacher, and Mrs. Jody Roseland, the school's chorus

teacher.

The Christmas concert was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011.

"It was fun. I don't like practicing. It took too long," first-grader Gretchen Severance

said.

To begin with, the preschoolers showed the crowd how to "Reindeer Pokey."

This was shortly followed by the kindergartners singing "Christmas in Hawaii."

The first- and second-graders, Reagan Nelson and Landen Melius, sang a solo together on the song "The Holly and the Ivy."

The third-, fourth- and fifth-grade put on a musical called, "Flakes!" This musical included excerpts from the original play by John Jacobson and John Higgins.

The middle school chorus and band finished the show with "Home for the Holidays," written by Larry Clark.

"The elementary and junior high do very well in their concerts. This concert was very entertaining," junior Calli Peterson said. "I especially enjoyed the musical put on by the higher elementary students. Reagan Nelson and Landen Melius sang absolutely amazing in their solo!"



Fifth-grader Caleb Schentzel spoke as "snirt" in the fifth-grade musical.

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Volleyball Players Awarded

Team Awards

Parkston Tournament Champions
 Sioux Falls Christian Tournament Champions
 District 2B Tournament Champions
 Region 1B Tournament Champions
 State B Tournament Champions
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award 3.68 GPA
 SDHSAA Team Academic Achievement Award 3.76 GPA

Varsity Record: 31-4
 JV Record: 14-2
 C team Record: 10-10
 8th grade team record: 15-3
 7th grade team record: 15-2

Jussy Tuscherer

Ace Server
 Kills Leader
 Points Leader
 Kill Efficiency Leader
 The Wall—Blocking Leader
 Northwestern Player of the Year
 All-Lake Region Conference Aberdeen American News All-Area Team
 First Team All-State
 Class B All-Tournament Team
 KDLT Athlete of the Week
 Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week
 AVCA/MaxPreps Athlete of the

Week

AVCA/MaxPreps Athlete of the Week
 Academic All-State
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Career Totals: 1,647 kills, 804 digs, 303 aces & 273 blocks
 bar

Haley Wetzler

Captain
 Digs Leader
 Serve Receive Passing Level Leader
 Serve Receive Passing Percentage Leader
 All-Lake Region Conference Aberdeen American News All-Area Team
 First Team All-State
 Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week
 Academic All-State
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Career Digs: 1,427
 bar

Mariah Taylor

Assists Leader
 Serving Percentage Leader
 All-Lake Region Conference Class B All-Tournament Team
 Academic All-State
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Bar

Laken Frericks

Academic All-State
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Bar

Shelby Peterson

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Bar

Ashley Clemens

Northwestern Will-to-Win Athlete
 All-Lake Region Conference Class B All-Tournament Team
 Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 bar

Shekota Myer

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Kelsey Hoellein

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Kaitlyn Sparling

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Calli Peterson

bar

Jeanna Duncan

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 bar

Paige Metzinger

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Kalen Frericks

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award

Kennedi Sparling

Northwestern Rookie of the Year
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Jordon Peterson

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Christine Morgan

AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award
 Pin and bar

Football Players Awarded

Letters: seniors Hunter Wood and Trevor Toennies, juniors Silas Franco, Evan Finley, Jake Groft, Lane Myer, and Landon Fischbach, sophomores Nathan Palmer, Delbert Leonhardt, Skylar Sorenson, Nathan Frericks, Jacob Heidenreich, Nick Wood, Jesse Lutter, Tyler Carda, freshmen Corbin Smith, Zach Duncan, and Don'Shay Dillard

All-Conference: Hunter Wood and Lane Myer

Honorable Mention All State: Hunter Wood for tight end, Lane Myer for kicker.

All-Star Representative: Hunter Wood

Academic All-State: Hunter Wood

Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week: Lane Myer

Captains: seniors Hunter Wood, Trevor Toennies, junior Lane Myer.

The Offensive MVP: junior Lane Myer

Defensive MVP: senior Hunter Wood

MVP lineman: junior Landon Fischbach.

Most Improved: Corbin Smith

Cross Country Awards

State Qualifiers

Junior Silas Franco
 Eighth-grader Kaylee Hoellien
 Seventh-grader Josie Clemens
 Seventh-grader Darby Duncan

Letter

Junior Silas Franco

Cheerleading Award: Miss Spirit

Senior Laken Frericks

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OPINION

Is Black Friday Shopping Worth It?

Pro...

by Calli Peterson

Every year many people wait for not only the happy holidays approaching but the wondrous shopping specials that come with the excitement. The day after Thanksgiving, otherwise known as Black Friday, is commonly awaited for the super deals and the fun exhilaration. Numerous people go all out on Black Friday and go on a complete shopping spree.

Black Friday includes stores opening early and great shopping deals. Prices drop down to lower prices than they usually are. Many people decide to do most of their Christmas shopping on Black Friday because of the low prices.

People have the experience

of real excitement on Black Friday. They wake up early, wait in line, and purchase items for lower prices. The rush of shopping for low prices is exhilarating. By having a day where people have a reason to shop, people become very eager to grab a few of their friends and family and "hit the town." Black Friday can be an awesome experience for those passionate shoppers out there.

Black Friday is a day for people to find products for lower prices, have a little fun and acquire all of their Christmas presents. The rush can be a little overwhelming, but after a while can be quite exciting.

What You Think...



"I think Black Friday is just a huge waste of time," junior Ashley Clemens said.



"I didn't like waiting in line for four hours, but I do really like the laptop I got on Black Friday!" junior Courtlen Lechner said.



"I don't get involved in it too much. I don't understand it. You would never see me up at 4 a.m. shopping. I think my life would be in danger because women are crazy. However, I did buy a black Camry on Black Friday," history teacher Mr. Scott Boone said.

Con...

by Maddie Hahler

Black Friday shopping leaves the world breathless, quite literally. The madness of Black Friday can scare many people into not leaving their house. Four hours of waiting in lines and racing to your desired item, many times just to be beat by the person ahead of you is what to expect when people go Black Friday shopping. Is it really worth it?

Many people these days take Black Friday very seriously. They feel the need to go to all extents to save as much money as possible. The craziness is not worth the amount people save.

The lines to enter the store are outrageous! At Target, this year, the line wrapped all the way around the store. The line for Menards started three hours prior to opening! Some people waited in the Menards line for two hours, which I believe is far too much. People insist their sanity is intact,

but I still question it.

When the doors open, the real madness begins. As the workers open the doors, a stampede begins. It is crazy! People literally take off sprinting into the stores. People charge like wild animals on a rampage. The insanity of this visual is unbelievable. People fight over carts!

Is Black Friday really worth all the insanity? People are literally killed by being trampled on by crazy shoppers. Besides, are the prices really that great? When the prices drop, a lot of dropped prices stay the same days after Black Friday. Black Friday is just another excuse for all the shoppers out there to spend tons of money thinking they made a great deal when in actuality they probably spent more than they would normally.

Get some much-needed sleep and do some shopping online instead!



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Meet the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team...



Haley Wetzler
Senior
Guard #12-13



Mariah Taylor
Senior
Guard #4-5



Jussy Tuscherer
Senior
Foward #22-23



Shelby Peterson
Senior
Foward #10-11



Gabby Morgan
Senior
Guard #14-15



Ashley Clemens
Junior
Forward #20-21



Shekota Myer
Junior
Center #50-51



Courtlen Lechner
Junior
Foward #24-25



Kimberly Miles
Junior
Guard #32-33



Kennedi Sparling
Freshman
Guard #30-31



Jordan Peterson
Freshman
Center #34-35



Meet the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team...



Ray Lerew
Junior #1
Guard/Foward



Lane Myer
Junior #20
Foward/Center



Landon Fischbach
Junior #23
Foward/Center



Silas Franco
Junior #10
Guard



Evan Finley
Junior #12
Guard



Jacob Heidenreich
Sophomore
Guard #5



Nathan Palmer
Sophomore
Forward/Center
#3



Tyler Carda
Sophomore
Center #41



Corbin Smith
Freshman
Guard #32

Northwestern Basketball Starts

Aberdeen Roncalli Defeats Northwestern

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Aberdeen Roncalli 36-54 in a non-conference game Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Mellette. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 14 points. The Wildcats had a total of 34 rebounds; three offensive and 31 defensive. Junior Ashley Clemens had a total of six rebounds. Led by senior Mariah Taylor, NW had six steals. NW committed 28 turnovers and had six assists. Taylor had three assists. The Wildcats, 0-1 on the season, next play Aberdeen Christian in Mellette on Dec. 8.

NW Destroys Aberdeen Christian

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team destroys Aberdeen Christian 78-36 in a conference game Thursday Dec, 8 in Mellette. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 22 points. The Wildcats had a total of 53 rebounds; 19 offensive and 34 defensive. Senior Shelby Peterson had a total of nine rebounds. Tuscherer had eight rebounds. Junior Ashley Clemens led in steals, NW had a total of 20 steals. NW committed 20 turnovers and had 24 assists. Clemens and Senior Haley Wetzler had six assists. The Wildcats, 1-1 on the season, next play Sully Buttes in Mellette Dec.

Sully Buttes Overcomes Northwestern

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Sully Buttes 29-35 in a non-conference game Saturday, Dec. 10 in Mellette. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 14 points. The Wildcats had a total of 37 rebounds; six offensive and 31 defensive. Tuscherer had a total of eight rebounds. Junior Ashley Clemens had five rebounds. Led by Tuscherer, NW had nine steals. NW committed 21 turnovers and had six assists. Clemens had three assists. The Wildcats, 1-2 on the season, next play Warner in Warner on Dec. 15.


Wildcats Strike Monarchs

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team annihilated Warner 48-37 in a conference game Thursday, Dec. 15 in Warner. Senior Mariah Taylor and junior Ashley Clemens led in points with 10 points apiece. The Wildcats had a total of 38 rebounds; seven offensive and 31 defensive. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had a total of seven rebounds. Clemens had six rebounds. Led by Clemens, NW had 10 steals. NW committed 22 turnovers and had eleven assists. Taylor had five assists. The Wildcats, 2-2 on the season, next play Miller in Miller on Dec. 17.

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Freshman Kennedy Sparling chases after the ball.

Senior Jussy Tuscherer goes up for a layup.



Senior Haley Wetzler anticipates to throw the ball.



Junior Kimberly Milles concentrates as she shoots a free throw.

Junior Ashley Clemens handles the ball.



Senior Mariah Taylor dribbles down the court.

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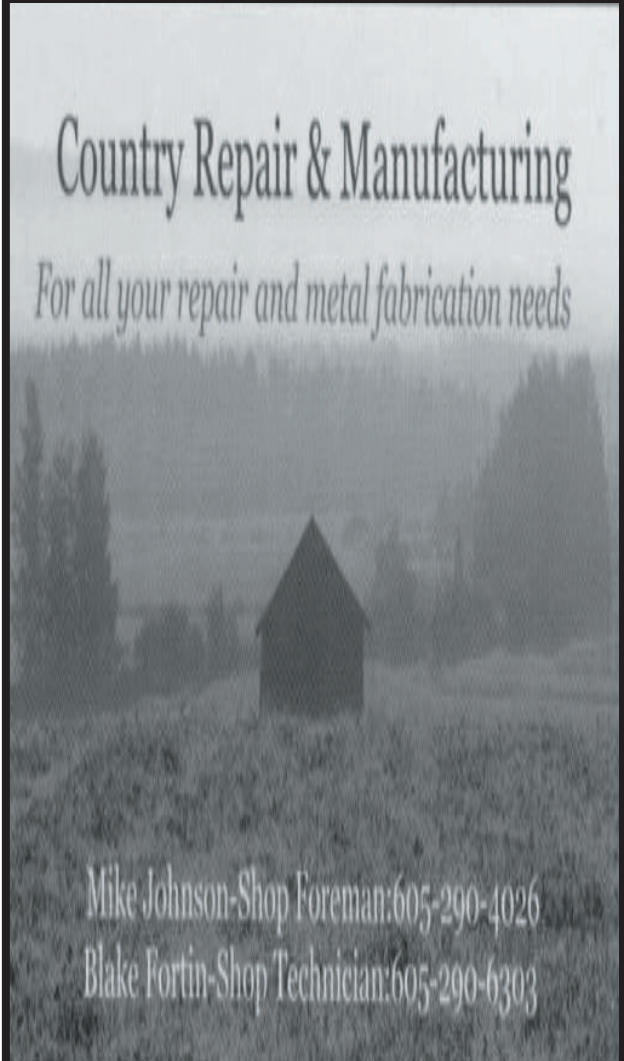


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Letters to Santa From the First-Grade Class



Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
How are you and
Mrs. Claus? I want
a American doll
and rollerblads and
a puppy named
Bella. I was a
good girl. How is
Rudolph and the
other reindeer?
Love,
Ella

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I ben a good boy.
Santa I want a
puppy and a set of
rollerskates and a
snowmobile.
Love,
Jude

Dear Santa,
I want one fish on
Christmas morn-
ing. I would like a
brand new cat but
my Mom is allergic.
Love,
Gabby

Dear Santa,
Marry Christmas!
I have ben a very
good girl. How
aer your reindeer
and Rudolph? Can
you ples giv me
a puppy and a kit-
ten.
Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I wold like a cichin
set and lpoird, and
a play car and a
mac up set, and
doll with closs
and a bed and Ice
scates. and a doll
that can tock and I
want hair spray.
Love,
Gretch
We will have fun!

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I have ben a good
girl. Can I ples
have a babby
puppy and a moma
puppy to. Pleez
santa.
Love,
Jayden

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I think i was a
good boy. I want
Jay and his dagin.
I want a green
dagin. I want a red
dagin.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas I
want a big snow-
mobile toy.
Love,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I have ben a very
good boy. Can I
pleas have a mini
Snowmobile for
Christmas and a
Legoningago.
Love,
Quintin

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I have ben a good
girl. Can I plese
have a American
doll and a puppy
and a kitten. Oh
how is Mrs. Claus
and Rudoalph and
the raindeer!
Love,
Olivia

Dear Santa,
I wont Hunting stuf
and X box 360 and
dog. I wont a game
for my x box 360
and have a nice
trip.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I am a good. Can
you ples bring
presis ples. I love
you Santa. Do you
have Rudolph? I
want a Loloopses
and Borbes ples.
Love,
Brooklinn

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I bin gugd. I want
a puppy. I want a
rollerskates. I want
a Americandoll. I
want Mrs Claus. I
want a reindeer. I
want a Rudolph. I
want a toy.
Love,
Rian

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas.
Can I ples have a
rele cat. I want
a best frend that
will like me and
that will have
natin to do. I want
a HELLO KITTY.
Love,
Maren

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I bin a good grle.
Santa can i have a
toy pupe. and can
i have a toy cat
too Santa and can
I have a Borbes
and can I have a
rel pupe. and can I
have a rel cat too
and can I have a
Lepstr.
Love,
Kelly

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!
I am good. Haw is
Rudolph and the
uthr reindeer.
Can i hav Legonin
joja. I want a gift.
I want a puppy a
small one.
Love,
Trey

Dear Santa,
Merry Chrismas
Santa! I want roll-
ersaktes, and, a
snowmobile.
Love,
Preston

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I
hav ben a god boy.
The toy I want is a
lego ningogo toy. I
is gormudos fotres
and gormudos
spindr.
Love,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
All I want for
Christmas is a Bar-
bie, a Barbie car,
and a Barbie horse
and also I want a
Barbie jet plane
and some horse
figurines.
Love,
Emmy

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I
like you. Can you
give me a Lego
ninjago Jay Kai
zane spinnrs? Can
I get cole and Jay
too?
Love,
Fatafehi

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Letters to Santa From the Journalism Staff

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year, and I need the following items on this list

- Cattle
- 2012 lifted yellow F-350
- A w900 Kenworth
- Jeans
- 70" Plasma
- A case of Coke
- Twinkies
- Red Fire Truck
- Gift Card to Marlins
- K-Mart gift card
- Action figures
- Justin Beber sing along Christmas CD

Don't bother wrapping the presents--just put them on my front porch.

Love,
Trevor

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,
This year for Christmas I would really like a new TV. My mom took mine, and I guess I just figure that if I get it from you... she can't take it away from me.

Thanks a bunch!
Bryahna

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I would like Shay to get his Camaro. He is a good and caring young man. He deserves this, come on Roger and Michelle he has wanted this for years and Logan has had 4 vehicles. How can you do that to such a perfect child? Everyone in the school knows exactly what he wants because he talks about it every minute of every day. He is constantly looking at one on the computer. Santa I know you know that Shay wants one. How can you do that to him? He has never been on the naughty list and he never will be. If you got Shay his Camaro he could help you deliver presents to all these wonderful kids. You could be done delivering presents at about 2 in the morning instead 5 or 6 in the morning. You are getting older Santa and you're slowing down. If you don't get help soon you will get caught by one of the kids. If you had Shay's help with his Camaro you would be done in a nick of time. Santa I don't know how much longer I can see my great friend Shay in denial. You, Roger and Michelle need to think of a great way to surprise Shay with his Camaro. I can promise you Santa that if you get Shay his car you will be guaranteed a ride in it. So please Santa I am begging just get Shay his Camaro and he will buy you a new Santa suit. It will be nothing like you have ever seen before. If you get a camaro for shay he will give you a gift in return so then everyone will be happy.

Love,
Logan

Dear Santa Claus,

I think I've been a pretty good girl; I've only yelled at my brothers a little bit. Since I have been a good girl, I have some ideas on what you can bring me for Christmas. I would like either a flat-screen TV for my room or an iPod Touch! Here's the fun part--you can choose! That would be totally awesome. Santa! Thanks!

Love,
Calli
P.S.

You can skip my brothers.

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I would like to get a Camaro so I could stop driving my parents nuts. Oh, and also throw in a super-charger because interest was so large.

Love,
Shay

Dear Santa,

All I wanna do is open my laptop! I have been a good girl, and I even had to wait in line at Walmart for 4 hours, to find out I can't open it! Distract my mother, please!

Love,
Courtlen

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I just hope that my family members are together and happy and that my horse that was injured this summer is healed and out of pain before too much longer because it hurts seeing her in pain.

Merry Christmas,
Casey Kulm

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas a donkey...or five! Don't tell my dad!

Love,
Laine

Dear Santa,

I would like some new Nike shoes for Christmas—I prefer Free, Air Max, or Lunar Swift—the more colorful, the better! I would also like some delicious Coca-Cola.

Dreaming of a Brown Christmas,
Mrs. Groft

P.S. I love your movies starring Tim Allen!

Hey Santa,

My dream is to one day have an endless supply of Coca-Cola and coffee. If I were to receive that for Christmas, I would be eternally grateful. My caffeine addiction and I thank you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Maddie Dee.



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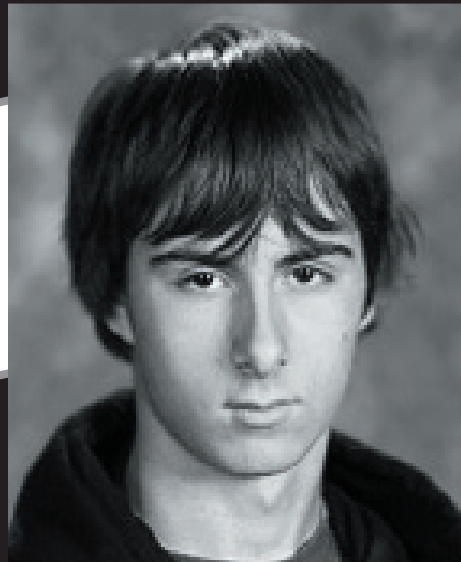
In the Hallway... What is your New Years' resolution?



"I have a chronic problem with trying to chase leprechauns. No matter how many times I'm told to stop because it will kill them, I still try. I really need to work on that because I hate to think that I am the reason for those dead leprechauns," senior Hunter Wood said.



"Do my homework," junior Aaron Schultz said.



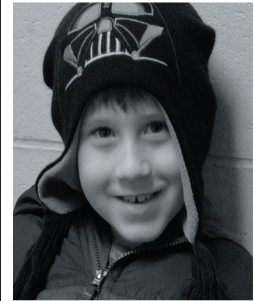
"To win games," junior Lane Myer

said.



"My New Years' resolution is to not make a New Years' resolution," senior Laine Mielke

In the Elementary... Were you naughty or nice this year?



"Nice; I listened to my parents."

Kindergartner
Gregory Nelson



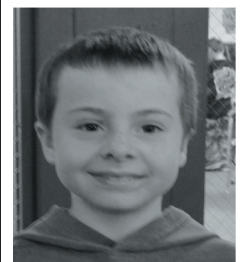
"Nice because I was caring."

First-Grader
Kelly Miles



"Nice; I helped my mom decorate the tree and clean dishes."

Second-Grader
Tyler
Ashalintubbi



"I was naughty because I fight my brother."

Third-Grader
Jace Haven



"I was naughty because I shot my brother with a paintball gun."

Fourth-Grader
Kyle Stahl



"In between because I only hit my brothers when they hit me first."

Fifth-Grader
Moira Duncan

Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay

Q: So...my girlfriend has gained a few pounds, and it is almost to the point where I think I should say something. She needs to be told, but I don't want to hurt her. How do I discreetly tell my girlfriend to lose some pounds.



Logan: I would go out and buy two treadmills. I would tell my girlfriend that we are having a competition of who can lose the most weight. The competition would be one month long. Whoever wins will get to go on a shopping spree and get whatever they want. I would work every day for the first week. I would try to lose 5 pounds and then lie to her and say that I have lost 15, so she will work harder to lose more weight. Each week I would say I have lost an additional two pounds, so by the end of the competition, I would have lost 21 pounds. She would have to lose more than 21 pounds to beat me. If she loses more than 21 pounds that should take care of her being on the heavy side. After the whole competition is over and if she wins, then I will take her shopping. After she has bought everything she wanted and was really happy then I would tell her why I really did buy the treadmills and had this competition.

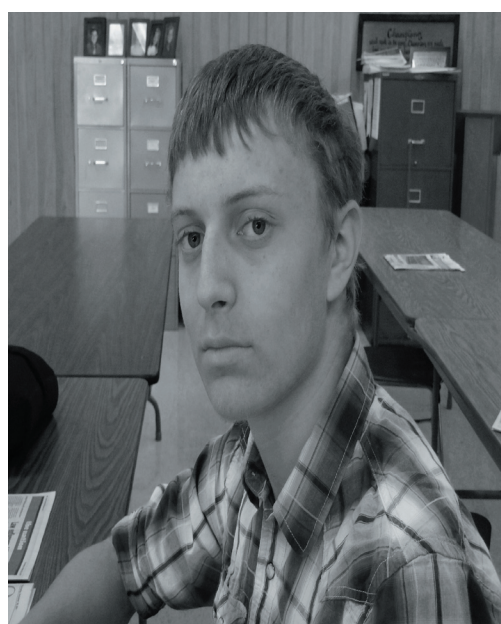
Trevor: Well, first I would buy us both memberships to a gym, so it appears like it could be an activity for the both of us. Then, I would always suggest going on walks. I would also always order her a salad when we go out to eat. When I grill at home, I would make sure she gets a smaller stake or a smaller burger than usual. If all that fails, I would slip diet pills in her food to help her lose some weight. If she found one and got mad at me, I would tell her she looks fat in all of her jeans and break up with her.



Top 10 Failed New Years' Resolutions

by Trevor Toennies

10. Not get in trouble
9. Find my soul mate
8. Get my homework done on time
7. Take down the Christmas lights before Valentine's Day
6. Join a gym
5. Don't procrastinate
4. Steal a cop car
3. Read all my books for AR
2. Lose ten pounds
1. Do well in school



Shay: I would get her a free membership to Weight Watchers from my mother.



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In the Middle School... What's your New Years' resolution?



"Eat less chocolate," eighth-grader Kendra Bohlen said.



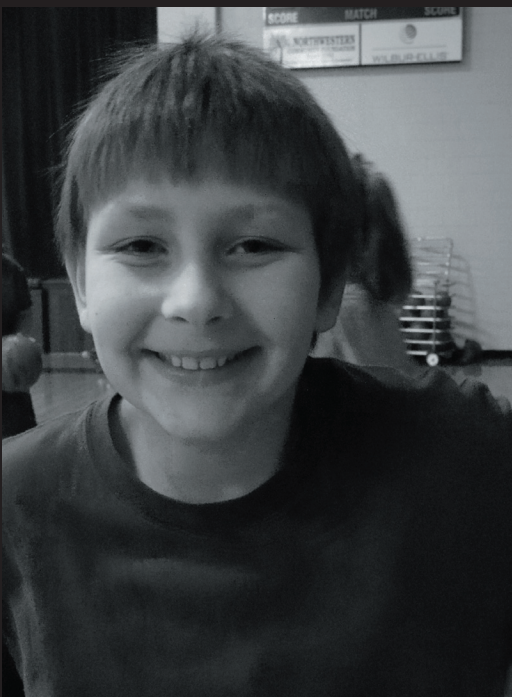
"Not get in trouble," seventh-grader Austin Wiman said.



"Make some money," sixth-grader Isaac Bauer said.



"To do better in school," eighth-grader Brittany Bublitz



"Help my mom more at home," sixth-grader Wyatt Erickson

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Senior Profiles



Jussy Tuscherer
Parents: Darwin and Camille Tuscherer
College/Major: NSU/Human Performance and Development (Athletic Training)
What are you looking forward to after high school?
 A new environment with new opportunities. I'm really excited to be able to continue playing volleyball as well.
What advice would you give to younger students?
 Events that occur during high school may seem like the biggest events in life, when in reality, there is truly more to life than high school. Don't let insignificant details get the best of you. ENJOY IT!



Mariah Taylor
Parents: Arden and Nancy Taylor
College/Major: SDSU/Pre-Pharmacy
What are you looking forward to after high school?
 Meeting new people and being exposed to a whole new environment.
What advice would you give to younger students?
 Set high standards and work your butt off to accomplish your goals.



Logan Brown
Parents: Wayne and Penny Brown
College/Major: Lake Area Tech/ Automotive Mechanic and Auto-body Repair
What are you looking forward to after high school? Not being in high school anymore
What advice would you give to younger students?
 Have a safe rest of high school and don't get caught...



Maddy Smith
Parents: Steve and Kristi Smith
College/Major: SDSU for nursing
What are you looking forward to after high school?
 Living on my own, meeting new people, and having more free time.
What advice would you give to younger students?
 Learn how to wake up without your parents' help and work hard on your school work.



Laken Frericks
Parents: Ronnie and Lisa Frericks
College/Major: USD for Pre-Med or Pre-PT
What are you looking forward to after high school?
 New experiences.
What advice would you give to younger students?
 Enjoy your time in high school because it flies by!

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What's Cool In Music?

by Bryahna Hartford

Brad Paisley is no longer a newcomer on the country music scene, proving with this, his fifth studio album (it's officially his sixth, counting the Christmas album), that he's in for the long haul. It'll probably be a few more years and a few more discs before one can rightly call him a classic or even legendary artist, but he's certainly working his way to that status, cruising right along

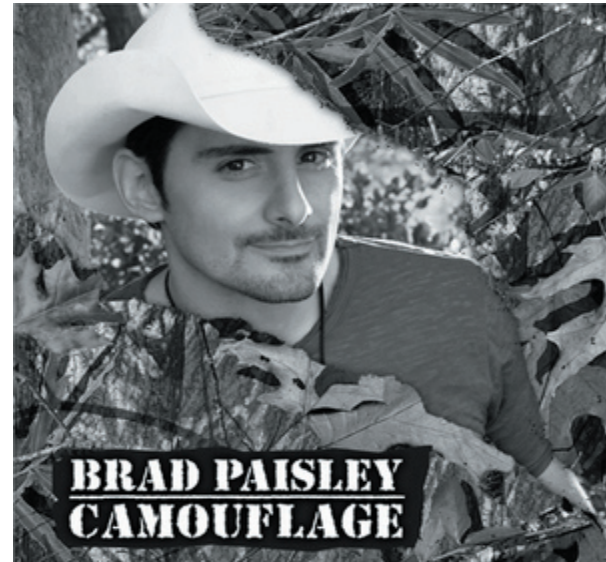
with another solid, traditionally-minded mainstream disc filled with his usual powerful picking, clever lyrics, and, of course, corny carryings-on.

Brad Paisley's *Camouflage* has become a big hit in the last couple weeks. Paisley says that while wearing his camouflage, he can be invisible to a white tail (perfect for hunting) and irresistible to a redneck girl (ideal for all men.)

Brad Paisley's fourth single from his new album, "This is

Country Music," is more fun than anything he's released since 'I'm Still a Guy' way back in 2008.

Paisley's sneaky sense of humor is at its best in this tribute to *Camouflage*, along with his guitar playing.



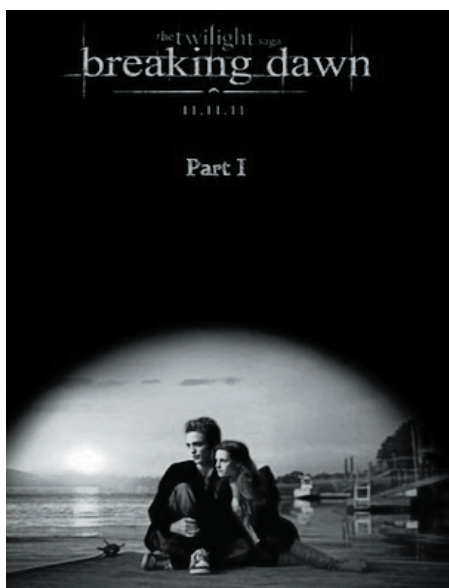
What Movie is on Your List?

by Bryahna Hartford

Fans of the *Twilight* movies have much more to worry

about than the end of the *Twilight* series coming very soon. Supposedly a scene in the movie has been causing viewers across the country to have seizures. Many people have been saying they developed seizures during the tense birthing scene with the flashing lights.

It's the thought of the sto-



rybook wedding between the gorgeous vampire, Edward and the simple-city girl, Bella that

sets the note of the film.

The teens are now more mature and considered adults, ready to step into a new world. The wedding, attended by the vampire family, Bella's parents (including her mother's boyfriend,

Phil), and many of the old high school friends was rudely inter-

rupted by Jacob, a werewolf. The rest of the story is pretty much about Bella's new life as a vampire, and her scary vampire baby.

The movie is, obviously, a major hit in the United States, and the U.K., but if it's causing seizures... I don't know

what to say. People know if they have had seizure problems in the past, and people have heard about someone suddenly going into a seizure during the movie. Why would you risk going?

What's Your Taste?

by Logan Brown

For all you people who like a nice place to sit down and eat, pick Shenanigans. The ser-

vice is good, and the food is pretty darn good, too. I went there on

Friday, and I ordered a burger and shrimp. I also got a side salad. The salad was pretty much amazing, but it needed a lot more ranch and carrots. The burger was cooked to perfection. There was not one bad thing about it. The shrimp

was a little dry and did not have very much flavor. If you dipped it in ketchup, then it tasted a lot better. I had fries

with my



burger and shrimp, and the fries were really good. Our waitress did a really good job of serving us. She remembered all of our orders in her head. I still cannot figure out how she did that.

What Shoes Spark Your Interest?

by Maddie Hahler

What hot new sneakers are all the guys wearing? Zig-Techs! ZigTech sneakers have a fresh look for men's footwear. These sneakers are all around the school.

"My shoes are the coolest. I love them," junior Ray Lerew said.

These shoes come in an assortment of colors. The most popular around here are the gray with bright, lime green zigzags, or the all black shoes with the gray zigzags. Zig-Techs are found at almost any athletic footwear store. This design became so popular many different brand names took over this design and made their own. Reebok and Nike are the most popular brands, so far. This flashy footwear is said to be comfortable and stylish for teen athletes. According to the official Reebok website, these shoes have a 4.4 star rating.

"They get the job done," eighth-grader Wyatt Hahler said.

