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Tuscherer Awarded for Numerous Achievements

by Maddie Hahler

The South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association named senior Jussy Tuscherer as the 2011 Class B Miss Volleyball.

Tuscherer has earned numerous school records in kills, aces and blocks. However, records are not all Tuscherer excels in; she has also received other impressive honors for each year of her career. Along with these, her phenomenal stats enabled her to be a perfect recipient for this title.

Tuscherer has demonstrated great skill with six school records. She is number one for most kills in a season with 577, and number two for kills efficiency in a season with .403. Tuscherer is also number one in career kills, finishing with a total 1,647 kills. She has earned the number two title for most career blocks with 273. With 303 total career aces, it's no surprise Tuscherer is ranked number two with career aces, and number one in season aces with 118 in her senior season.

This season, Tuscherer finished

serving with an 87%. Leading in attacks, she successfully had 1,053 of 1161, a 40% kill efficiency.

Tuscherer had 237 digs, 76 blocks, and passed at a 1.90 level with 77% efficiency. Tuscherer was honored Ace Server, Kills Leader, Points Leader, Blocking and Kill Efficiency Leader. She received Northwestern Player of the Year, All-Lake Region Conference player, the Aberdeen American News Athlete of the Week and All-Area Team, First Team All-State player, Class B All-Tournament Team player, KDLT Athlete of the Week, Academic All-State player,



AVCA/MaxPreps Athlete of the Week (twice), and the AVCA Academic Achievement Award.

In her career, Tuscherer performed above and beyond. Serving 1,110/1,268, 88%, she successfully served 303 aces. Tuscherer has an attacking record of 3,264/3,607, 36%. In her career, Tuscherer has 804 digs, 273 blocks, and a passing record of 675/982, 68%. Junior year, Tuscherer was Kills Leader, Kill Efficiency Leader, Blocking Leader, Points Leader, Ace Server, in the First Team All-State, All-Lake Region Conference, Aberdeen American News player, Northwestern Player of the Year, and AVCA/MaxPreps

Player of the week (three times). She also received the AVCA Academic Achievement Award. In her sophomore year, Tuscherer was a member of the First-Team All-State, Northwestern Will-to-Win Athlete, Aberdeen American News Athlete of the week, All-Lake Region Conference player, Aberdeen American News All-Area Team player and recipient of the AVCA Academic Achievement Award. Freshman year, Tuscherer was Kills Leader, First Team All-State player, Class B All-Tournament Team player, All-Lake Region Conference player, Aberdeen American News All-Area Team player, recipient of the AVCA Academic Achievement Award, and Northwestern Rookie of the year.

"Jussy is very deserving of this reward. She was definitely the best hitter in Class B volleyball this year. She joins an elite group of Northwestern girls who have received this award, including Renae Sparling, Jodi Fischbach, Diedra Artz and Amy Clemensen," Coach Nora Groft said.

Hahler Wins Women in Science Design Contest

by Calli Peterson

Sophomore Maddie Hahler, an experienced art student, won the Women in Science T-shirt design for 2012. Her design will be worn by any females who attend the Women in Science seminar.

"Winning this competition meant a lot to me," Hahler said.

Every year a contest is held for the best design for the Women in Science T-shirt

design. The student selected for the best design is awarded a \$500 savings bond. Her design features a yellow rocket with black writing in design around the rocket. She designed the design on CorelDraw, a program used for NW Ink at Northwestern. "I worked very hard on my design, and I'm thankful Mrs. Schell was there to help me with it," Hahler



Hahler shows off her design.

said.

Toennies Advances to Region Wrestling

by Maddie Hahler

Senior Trevor Toennies qualified for wrestling regions on Saturday, Feb. 9 on Redfield. Toennies placed third at the Redfield District meet. In the 160 weight class, Toennies, Warner-Northwestern, defeated Lance Stephens, Redfield-Doland, 12 points to one. In the 145 weight class, Adam Ochsner defeated Parker Kroll from Groton. In the 182 weight class, Jeremy Smidt beat Lane Meyer, Ipswich. Ryan Fair fell short to Redfield-

Doland's Cody Friese, in 1:39. In the 195 weight class, Justine Obaniana, Warner-Northwestern, pinned Kyle Blume, Redfield-Doland, 1:17. In the



Toennies wrestles one of his opponents.

170 weight class, Zach Sumner, Aberdeen Roncalli, pinned Landon Seaman, Warner-Northwestern, 4:57.

"If you were to ask me if I thought I was going to Regions at the beginning of the year, I

would have said no, but now that I have made it, I was very excited and honored to wrestle there," Toennies said.

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Student of the Month:



Jeanna Duncan

by Maddie Hahler

Sophomore Jeanna Duncan received the student of the month award for January. Her parents are Doug and Amy Duncan. She has four siblings, Zachary, Darby, Moira and Ezekiel.

"I was surprised and scared because he (high school principal, Mr. Richard Osborn) called me into his office," Duncan said of discovering her honor.

Duncan's activities include volleyball, track, softball, band, chorus, youth group, FBLA and FCA. Her favorite athlete is Hannah Werth of the Nebraska Husker volleyball team. She spends her free time babysitting, hanging with family, watching movies and playing the piano. Duncan's favorite class is Algebra II.

"Jeanna is a great student and deserves to be Student of the Month. She is a purely wonderful person," sophomore Kristie Bade said.

Her favorite quote is "If anyone considers himself religious, and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God, our Father, accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world," James 1:26-27.

Duncan plans to attend college to become a physical therapist.

Duncan's most embarrassing moment was missing her first serve at district volleyball against Warner.

Hahler Uses Artistic Style to Paint Mural

By: Trevor Toennies

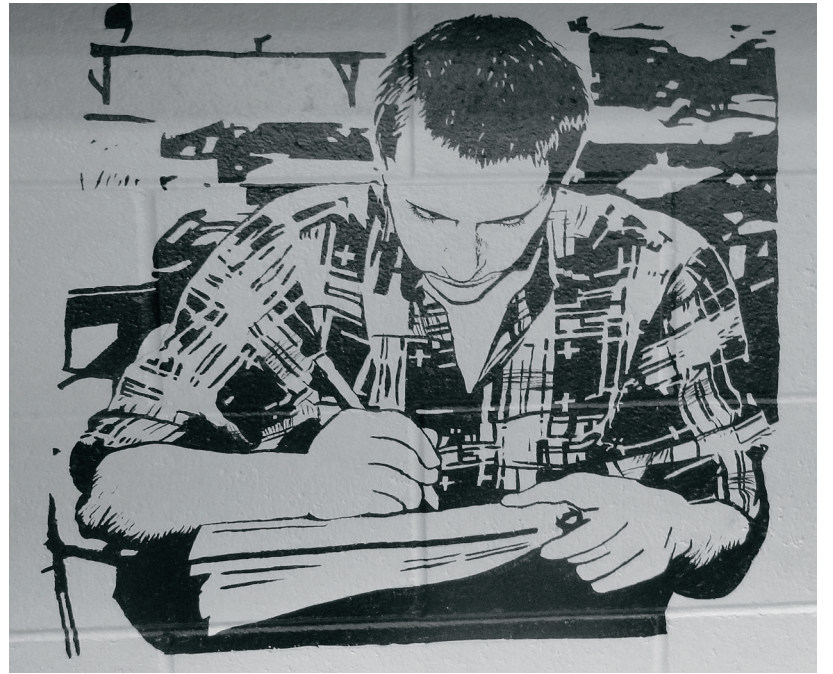
At Northwestern, many murals overtake the walls. These works of art have been created by art students throughout the years. This year, students continue this tradition. Sophomore Maddie Hahler has painted a mural of fellow sophomore Nathan Frericks on the wall of Mrs. Anne Frericks' classroom.

"I have worked very hard on the mural of Nathan. His shirt was probably the most difficult element of the piece, but I think it turned out pretty good," Hahler said.

This black and white mural shows Nathan working hard on an assign-

ment in one of his signature flannel shirts.

A mural of junior Katrina Frericks is on the opposite side of the same wall. Mrs.



Sophomore Nathan Frericks works on an assignment in front of the mural of him in almost the exact pose.

Hahler's project took around three weeks to accomplish. "I really enjoyed working on the mural. I especially enjoyed Kristie's way of making sure no body moved the projector," Hahler said.

Frericks also plans to have an artist at NW add her third child, fourth-grader Cassidy Frericks, to the collection, when Cassidy gets to high school.

"Maddie did an excellent job on the mural, although it seems like an unlikely pose for my son," Mrs. Frericks said.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

- ▣HATS received two bids on the house.
- ▣Parent/Teachers conferences were Thursday, February 9th. Middle school and high school are trying something new with invitation only conferences.
- ▣Teachers attending the second training for common core in the next few weeks will be Mrs. Fischbach, Mrs. Cardella, Mrs. Faonelua, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Battey.
- ▣Mrs. Groft, Mrs. Faonelua and Mrs. Clemens will each have a student teacher working with them.
- ▣The Student Council received a thank you from the Redfield Food Pantry for their food drive that helped to restock their shelves.
- ▣Character Counts Students of the Month for Responsibility are K - Nathan Melius, 1st - Brooklinn Halvorson, 2nd - Sam Groft, 3rd - Mitchell Vander Wal, 4th - Chrissy Stoltenberg, 5th - Moira Duncan.
- ▣Elementary Valentine's Day parties will be at 2:00 p.m. on February 14th.
- ▣NW is working on obtaining quotes for a new security system for the school.
- ▣Approved the amendment to the CIPA Policy as follows: Add: Northwestern School Staff is providing students with information regarding social networking sites, chat rooms, and cyber bullying during appropriate class times. Parents will also be invited to informational meetings held once a year for the purpose of educating parents on current information regarding technology.
- ▣Accepted the resignation of Michelle Stuck and wanted to thank her for the work she has done at Northwestern.
- ▣Congratulations to Student of the Month Jeanna Duncan.
- ▣Congratulations to Madison Hahler For winning the Women In Science logo design competition.
- ▣Congratulations to Madison Smith for her 3rd runner up place at the SD Snow Queen Contest.
- ▣Congratulations to Jussy Tuscherer for being named Class B Miss Volleyball.
- ▣Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- ▣The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of February 12th, 2012.

2012 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND TRIMESTER

Names appear alphabetically.

Straight A Honor Roll

6th grade:

Peyton Groft & Sadie VanderWal

7th grade:

Derek Boekelheide & Josephyne Clemens

8th grade:

Cameron Bohl, Allison Braun, Kate Finley, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Andrea Rausch & Madison Styles

A Honor Roll

6th grade:

none

7th grade:

Darby Duncan

8th grade:

Rachael Boekelheide, Kirstin Borge, Darienne Frericks, Isaac Groft, Rachel Rausch & Codi Sparling

B Honor Roll

6th grade:

Tyler Braun, Mackenzie Engels, Megan Heidenreich, Jaidyn Kramp, Evy Peterson, Addison Sparling & Darien Watson

7th grade:

Kyler Johnson & Matt Metzinger

8th grade:

Ethan Bauer, Kendra Bohlen, Abigail Fischbach, Kaylee Hoellein, Cody Lefforge & Logan Schentzel

Did You Know: All parents of a Northwestern student are a member of booster club!!!!

What Does Booster Club Do? We raise money for all grades in the school. Our annual meeting is at the beginning of each school year. There are only two positions; president and treasurer. The grades are grouped together in order to work on fundraising projects, suggestions come from staff and parents alike. Each group usually has one chairperson and one vice chair. Usually the chair person is in the older of the grades and vice chair the other grade. This is so two people can work on organizing the fundraiser and the next year someone is already to go. Each year the chair people find a new vice chair. They organize the project by getting workers, supplies, foods or money donations for the following fundraisers.

Our Grades Are Divided Into These Classes:

Kindergarten- Fourth Grade: Book Fair (new next year)!!!

Fifth and Sixth Grade: None right now

Seventh and Eighth Grade: None right now

Ninth and Tenth Grade: Supper during basketball game

Eleventh and Twelfth Grade: Supper during a basketball game.

We have dropped the junior high football jamboree because of low profits over the last couple years.

Parents do you have ideas for fundraisers for grades 5/6 and 7/8? We are looking for chairmen to chair the Book Fair next year!

Contact Roylene Heidenreich or Michelle Stuck if you have any ideas!!!!

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Students Partake in Local Science Fair

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern junior high and high school local science fair held on Friday, Feb. 24 featured projects set up in the little gym. The award ceremony was held in the big gym. Many students were awarded for their projects.

"It was enjoyable seeing the research done by students who enjoy what they're doing and the knowledge they are learning," science teacher Mrs. Denise Clemens said.

The junior high awards were split into six categories: biochemistry, life, biology, physics, environmental and chemistry. High school awards were divided into five categories: life, biology, physics, environmental and chemistry.

JH Awards are as follows:

JH Biochemistry

Honorable Mention: sixth-grader Evy Peterson, seventh-grader Darby Duncan and eighth-grader Abby Fischbach
 Second Place: eighth graders Rachel Boekelheide and Kate Finley
 First Place: eighth-grader Madison Syles with "Five Star Hotel... Maybe Not"

JH Life

Honorable Mention: eighth-grader Hope Bowar
 Second Place: sixth-grader Darien Watson

First Place: eighth-grader Andrea Rausch with "Color Coordinated"

JH Biology

Honorable Mention: sixth-grader Mackenzie Engels and eighth-grader Cameron Bohl
 Second Place: sixth-grader Addison Sparling

First Place: seventh-grader "A Cricket's Appetite Phase II"

JH Physics

Honorable Mention: seventh-grader Kyler Johnson and eighth-grader Cody Lefforge
 Third Place: sixth-grader Peyton Groft

Second Place: eighth-grader Allison Braun

First-grader: sixth-grader Derek Boekelheide with "Battery Life"

JH Environmental

Second Place- seventh-grader Klaryssa Schnoor
 First Place- eighth-grader Logan Schentzel with "Seed Treatment—does it really work?"

JH Chemistry

Honorable Mention: sixth-grader

Tucker Bohl

Third Place: eighth-grader Nolan Peterson

Second Place: eighth-grader Codi Sparling

First Place: Sadie VanderWal with "Burn Baby Burn"

HS Awards are as follows:

HS Life

Honorable Mention: freshman Halle Sieve and junior Calli Peterson and Kaitlyn Sparling
 Third Place: sophomore Kristie Bade

Second Place: junior Lane Myer
 First Place: Paige Metzinger with "The Analysis of the Factors Affecting Human Pain Threshold and Tolerance Phase II"

HS Biology

Honorable Mention: freshman Haley Grandpre
 Third Place: the team of sophomore Nathan Frericks and senior Katrina Frericks and the team of sophomores Delbert Leonhardt and Matt Fischbach

Second Place: the team of sophomore KO Frericks and Jeanna Duncan

First Place: sophomore Nik Wood

with "Antibacterial Properties of Honey"

HS Physics

Honorable Mention: sophomore Jesse Lutter
 Second Place: freshman Julia Sparling
 First Place: sophomore Alyssa Steward with "The Physics of a Pirouette"

HS Environmental

Honorable Mention: junior Courtlen Lechner and sophomore Tyler Carda
 Second Place: freshman Corbin Smith
 First Place: freshman Christine Morgan with "The Analysis of Aedes Vaxens Larva Transforming into Pupa That Contain the West Nile Virus Phase I: Culturing Egg Rafts"

HS Chemistry

Third Place: juniors Shekota Myer and Ashley Clemens
 Second Place: junior Landon Fischbach
 First Place: freshman Hannah Palmer with "Comparison of the Affects of Inorganic Catalysts and Enzymes on Peroxide Decomposition"

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Junior High First and Second Place Winners.
Back Row: Andrea Rausch, Sadie VanderWal, Madison Styles, Josie Clemens, Derek Boekelheide and Logan Schentzel. Front Row: Darien Watson, Rachael Boekelheide, Codi Sparling, Klaryssa Schnoor, Addison Sparling, Rachel Finley and Allison Braun.



High School First and Second Place Winners.
Back Row: Nik Wood, Alyssa Steward, Paige Metzinger, Hannah Palmer and Christine Morgan. Front Row: Julia Sparling, Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks, Landon Fischbach, Corbin Smith and Lane Myer.



This year, the high school first place winners told about their project in front of the crowd. Sophomore Nik Wood furthers the discussion on his project.



Sixth-grader Sadie VanderWal placed first in her category with her project "Burn Baby Burn." "It is super exciting getting first in my category!" VanderWal said.



Sophomore Paige Metzinger did a phase II of her project this year. She continued her project from last year.



Sophomores Kalen Frericks and Jeanna Duncan continued their project from last year and placed second this year. "We were happy that we didn't have to give a speech, but we hope to do better at the Northern science fair," Frericks and Duncan said.



Eighth-grader Nolan Peterson received third place in his category, and junior high science teacher Mrs. Tamera Haven presents Peterson's award.



Seventh-grader Derek Boekelheide placed first in his category. Mrs. Tamera Haven presents Boekelheide with his trophy and free pass to a pop and popcorn at that night's basketball game.

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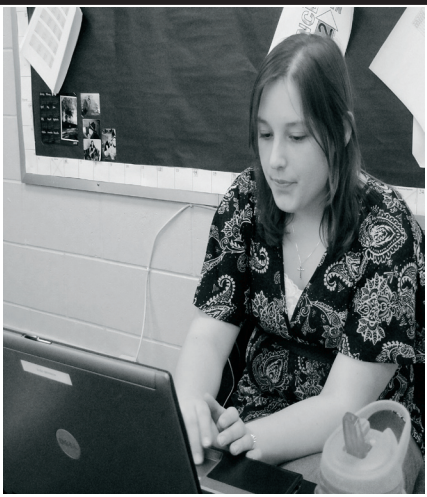
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Northwestern Welcomes Student Teachers

by Maddie Hahler

Beginning Feb. 13, Northwestern welcomed three student teachers from Northern State University. These student teachers range from math class to science to English.

Name:
Sandra
Liechti
**Which
teacher
are you
student
teaching
with?**
Mrs. Cle-
mens
**What
degree
are you**



attending school for right now?
chemistry education major, biology minor
and coaching endorsement
What do you plan to do in the future?
Why?

I plan to teach, get married and have kids
and travel. I love working with kids and
have always wanted to be a teacher. I've al-
ways wanted to travel, so that's definitely a
life goal of mine.

**What is your favorite thing about stu-
dent-teaching?**

Getting to work with students! I also like
lesson planning because I challenge myself
to find new ways to present information and
to find interactive activities.

**What is the most important lesson you
have learned so far?**

I have learned to be organized and to have a
plan B in case your first plan doesn't work.

Additional thoughts:

Favorite Quote: "Be the change you wish to
see in the world."

Name:
Lisa
Biegler
**Which
teacher
are you
student
teaching
with?**
Mrs.
Groft
**What
degree
are you**



attending school for right now?

BSED in English education

What do you plan to do in the future?
Why?

So far, the only plans I have are to teach at
Northwestern until May and look for a job in
the meantime. Where I go and what I do in
the future is very mysterious right now!

**What is your favorite thing about student-
teaching?**

I really enjoy the interactions with students.
Every day I am impressed by students' abili-
ties and attitudes.

**What is the most important lesson you
have learned so far?**

I have learned to explain and give instruc-
tions for everything.

Additional thoughts:

So far, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at
Northwestern and am enthused to continue
my experience through May.

Name:
Naomi
Paulson
**Which
teacher
are you
student
teaching
with?**
Mrs.
Fa'onelua
**What
degree
are you**



attending school for right now?

math education

What do you plan to do in the future?
Why?

I want to be a high school math teacher!
There are so many interesting aspects and
applications in math and every student
should see math in the real world.

**What is your favorite thing about student-
teaching?**

My favorite thing about student teaching
is the students. It's so interesting to get to
know the students and their perspectives.

**What is the most important lesson you
have learned so far?**

Working with Mrs. Fa has been great! She
knows every individual student so well and
stresses the importance of getting to know
students.

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What You Think Are vacations during the school year a good idea?



Senior
Laken Frericks

"Well, vacation is always nice if you can make up all your classes."



Junior
Mellissa Thompson

"Yes, it is a good idea to get away for a while."



Sophomore
Nathan Frericks

"It's so good. I wish I was one of the fortunate people like Shay C. to go on cruises every other year. I'm lucky to even go to school."



Freshman
Halle Sieve

"I wish I had the time and money to do so. It's fine as long as you get your homework done."



Eighth-Grader
Brayden Genzler

"Yes, 'cause then you don't have to be in school."

Are vacations during the school year a good idea?

Pro...

by Maddie Hahler

Vacations can be good for students. A little relaxation could be just the trick to getting a student to calm down and be less stressed. Sometimes vacations are used for rewards or bribery to encourage students to obtain better grades and work harder. Parents who work can't always adjust to the school schedule and vacations are often an annual thing for families.

Taking vacations during school can give teens a much-needed break. With sports, homework, jobs, band, clubs and everything else they have to worry about, teenagers are often stressed out and need time to just relax. Taking a few days off from school could help a student to do much better after returning. Everyone needs a break once in a while.

Teenagers often do not work to the best of their abilities unless there is something in it for them. Bribery is a great strategy for parents. Rewards for being on the honor roll and other achievements could be the perfect bribe for students. A vacation from school is the perfect bribe.

Adjusting to the school schedule can be difficult. Vacations are nearly impossible to schedule without missing something in your absence. A few days from school will not hurt anyone, and it gives the students time to bond with their family. Missing a few days of school to vacation with the family is a good idea.

Vacationing during the school year is a fine idea. Vacations should be scheduled around the parents' work schedule, not the students' schedule. Students get a break from the stress of school and great bonding time with their family. Using vacations as rewards for a student's achievements is fair game, and a good way to get teens to try harder. Vacations are always fun no matter what time of the year but getting out of school for one is way better.

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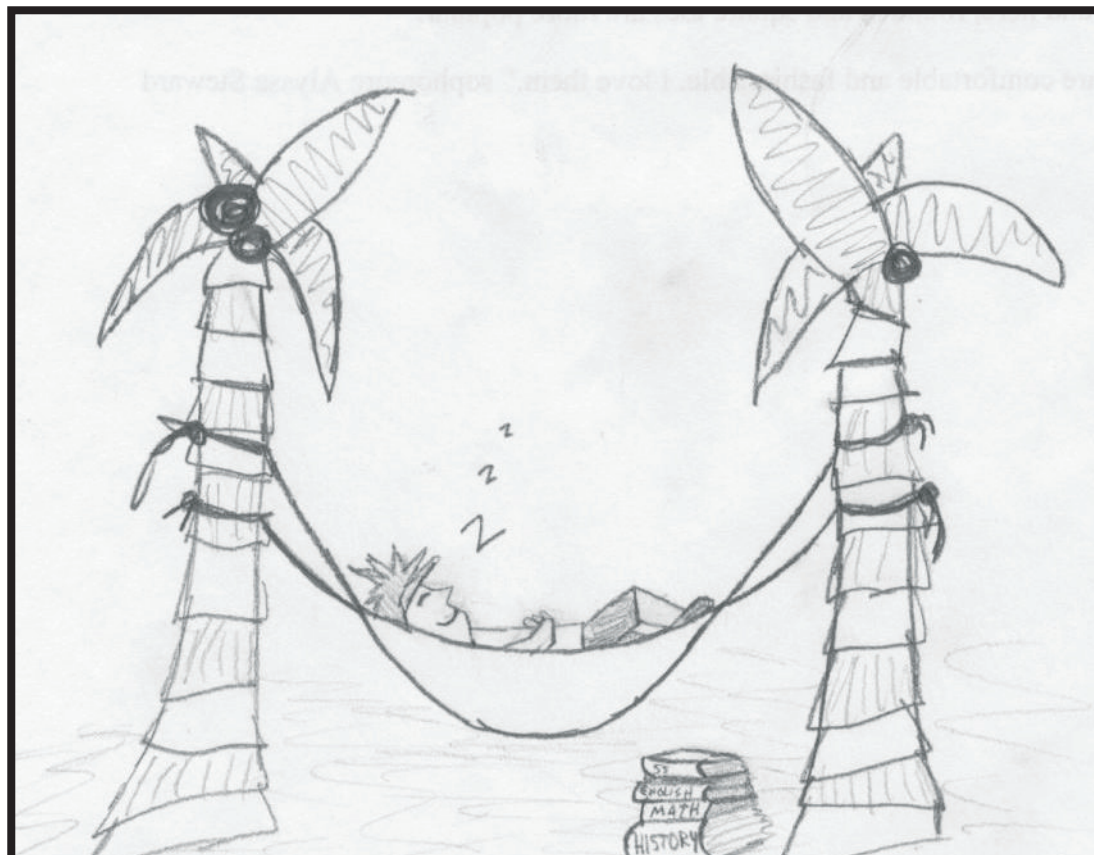
by Calli Peterson

With around 175 days in a school year, about 22 of those days, not including summer vacation, can be used as "vacation days." With 365 days in a year, that leaves 190 days for students to "vacation." Even though students are allowed several days off of school, some families plan vacations during the school year not on the "vacation days." Some trips may last to one to two full school weeks. How many days of school should students miss?

Missing one day of school is hard enough to recover from, but missing a full week of school is even worse. If a student plans a vacation during school days, that student is responsible for attaining their school work that they will miss along with handing in the assignments due on the days they will miss. This makes extra work for the teachers. The problem is what if the teacher decides to assign the class a new assignment or plan a test during the time the student is on vacation? The student on vacation will miss the review, the lesson plan and the assignment due. By missing school, the student may become behind in his or her school work and have stressful nights trying to come back to school.

Even though going on vacation is exciting and relaxing, the shock of coming back to early morning school and late night homework could put the "relaxing student" into "stressed student." While on vacation, the student does not need to worry about pretty much anything. All they need to do is lie back and relax. However, returning to a strict sleep schedule may put a shock on the student.

If days are put aside during the school year for students, why do they need extra time? Extra vacations are taking away the students education and attention for a short period of time. Although the vacation may only be a week long, it is still difficult to return to the regular routine of school. Instead of going through the stressful time of making sure all the assignments are turned in and tests are taken, why don't students use the time they have off to go on vacations?



**Comic
Designed
by Maddie
Hahler**



**Hunter Lerew #40
Wildcats**

Vs.

Waubay

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats boys' team beat the Waubay Dragons 65 to 50 on Dec. 28. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team with 15 total rebounds; he had five offensive rebounds and 10 defensive rebounds. Junior Landon Fischbach had 12 total rebounds. The team scored a total of 65 points. Palmer led the team with 16 points, and Fischbach followed with 15 points. The team had a total of four assists. Junior Silas Franco led the team with two assists. Junior Evan Finley and Palmer followed with one assist. The Wildcats had a total of 24 rebounds. Palmer led the team in turnovers with six, and Fischbach followed with five. The Wildcats had a total of six steals. Junior Ray Lerew led the team with three steals. The Wildcats are now 2-4.



**Dylan Miles #2
Wildcats**

Vs.

**Aberdeen
Christian**

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats boys' varsity team lost to Aberdeen Christian 45 to 52 on Jan. 9. Junior Landon Fischbach led in points with 19. Sophomore Nathan Palmer followed with 12 points. The team attained a total of 43 rebounds: 18 offensive and 25 defensive. Fischbach led in rebounds with 19. Palmer achieved 15. NW obtained a total of four assists. Juniors Lane Myer and Silas Franco led assists with two assists each. With Myer and Palmer both leading in steals with two, the wildcats achieved a total of seven steals. The Wildcats committed 23 total turnovers. NW is now 2-5.



**Evan Finley #12
NW**

Vs.

Ipswich

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Ipswich 57 to 62 on Jan. 13. Junior Landon Fischbach led the team in scoring with 15 points. Junior Lane Myer followed close behind with 14 points. The team acquired a total of 52 rebounds: 14 offensive and 38 defensive. Fischbach led the team in rebounds with a total of 12. With seven total team steals, Myer led the team with two steals. NW attained 16 assists and committed 32 turnovers. Junior Ray Lerew led the team in assists with six. NW is now 2-6 on the season.



**Nathan Palmer #3
Northwestern**

Vs.

Miller

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was defeated by Miller 45 to 88 on Jan. 14. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team in scoring with 16 total points. Junior Landon Fischbach attained 12 points. The team acquired a total of 38 rebounds: nine offensive and 29 defensive. Palmer led rebounds with a total of six. NW had a total of four team steals. With seven assists, junior Lane Myer led with three assists. Fischbach achieved two assists. The team committed 27 turnovers. NW is now 2-7 on the season.



**Ray Lerew #1
Wildcats**

Vs.

Monarchs

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was overpowered by Warner 35 to 72 on Jan. 17. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team in scoring with 16 total points. The team acquired a total of 52 rebounds: 14 offensive and 38 defensive. Palmer led rebounds with 10. Junior Landon Fischbach leading the team in steals with two, NW acquired a total of six steals. Northwestern attained a total of three assists. The team committed 33 total turnovers. NW is now 2-8 on the season.



**Tyler Carda #41
NW
Vs.
Leola-
Frederick**

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was conquered by Leola-Frederick 29 to 63 on Jan. 20. Junior Landon Fischbach led the team in scoring with eleven total points. The team acquired a total of 29 rebounds: seven offensive and 22 defensive. Junior Lane Myer and Fischbach led rebounds with six total each. NW had a total of four team steals. Junior Ray Lerew led with three steals. With three assists, junior Evan Finley obtained two assists. The team committed a total of 19 turnovers. NW is now 2-9 on the season.



**Silas Franco #10
Wildcats
Vs.
Fauktion**

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team was defeated by Faulktion 37 to 42 on Jan. 24. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team in scoring with 15 total points. Junior Silas Franco achieved 10 points. The team acquired a total of 36 rebounds: 14 offensive and 22 defensive. Palmer led rebounds with eleven. Junior Landon Fischbach obtained nine rebounds. NW had a total of 14 team steals. Palmer led steals with four, and Fischbach followed close behind with three steals. With three total team assists, Fischbach led the team with two assists. The team committed a total of 15 turnovers. NW is now 2-10 on the season.



**Nathan Palmer #3
Northwestern
Vs.
Wolsey
Wessington**

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern boys' basketball team lost to Wolsey-Wessington 73 to 31 on Jan. 31. Sophomore Nathan Palmer led the team in scoring with 12 total points. The team acquired a total of 50 rebounds: 11 offensive and 39 defensive. Junior Landon Fischbach led with nine rebounds. Palmer followed close behind with eight rebounds. NW had a total of six team steals. Junior Evan Finley and Fischbach both led with steals with two each. With five total team assists, freshman Corbin Smith led the team with two assists. The team committed a total of 35 turnovers. NW is now 2-11 on the season.



**Landon Fischbach
#23
Wildcats
Vs.
Florence/
Henry**

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats lost to Henry 48-61 on the night of February 2. The team had 41 total rebounds. Junior Ray Lerew led the team with seven total rebounds, six defensive and one offensive. Sophomore Nathan Palmer and Junior Landon Fischbach both had six total rebounds. 8th grader Dylan Miles led the team in points with 13. Fischbach followed with 11 points. The Wildcats had six total assists. Fischbach led the team with two assists. Northwestern had 23 turnovers. Lerew led with six turnovers, and Palmer followed with five. The team had 14 total steals. Lerew led with five and Junior Silas Franco followed with four. NW is now 2-12 on the season.



**Ray Lerew #1
NW
Vs.
Hoven
Edmunds
Central**

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Hoven Edmunds Central 68-37, on Dec. 13. The Wildcats had 54 total rebounds. Junior Landon Fischbach led the team with 18 rebounds. Sophomore Nathan Palmer followed with nine, three defensive and six offensive rebounds. Junior Lane Meyer 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. NW is now 2-13.

SPORTS

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Courtlen Lechner
#24-25
Wildcats
Vs.
Sanborn
Central/
Woonsocket

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team overcame Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 60 to 36 on Jan. 7 in Redfield. Junior Ashley Clemens led the team in scoring with 17 points. Senior Jussy Tuscherer followed close behind with 14 points. The Wildcats had a total of 40 rebounds; eight offensive and 32 defensive. NW had a total of 12 steals. NW committed 19 turnovers and obtained 12 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor led in assists with four. The Wildcats are 7-3 on the season.



Mariah Taylor #4-5
NW
Vs.
Sisseton

By Trevor Toennies

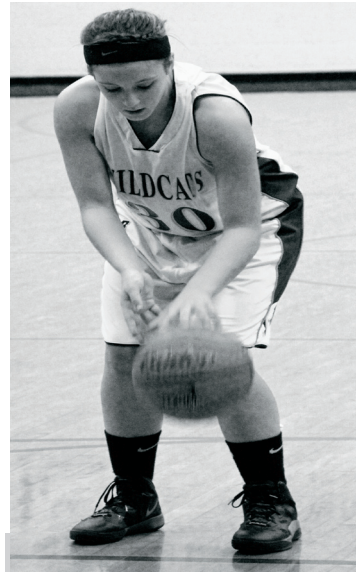
The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team overpowered Sisseton 54 to 46 at Sisseton on Jan. 10. Seniors Mariah Taylor and Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 16 points. The Wildcats had a total of 34 rebounds; four offensive and 30 defensive. Taylor acquired a total of eight rebounds. Junior Shekota Myer followed close behind with seven rebounds. NW had a total of 15 steals. Taylor led in steals with four. NW committed 17 turnovers and obtained 9 assists. Taylor led in assists with four. The Wildcats are now 8-3 on the season



Ashley Clemens
#20-21
Northwestern
Vs.
Ipswich

by Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team crushed Ipswich 75 to 36 on Jan. 12. Seniors Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 23 points. The Wildcats had a total of 40 rebounds; 16 offensive and 24 defensive. Tuscherer and Junior Shekota Myer led in rebounds with both obtaining 6. NW had a total of 19 steals. Senior Haley Wetzler led in steals with five. Taylor followed close behind with four. NW committed 11 turnovers and obtained 18 assists. Taylor led in assists with seven. The Wildcats are now 9-3 on the season.



Kennedi Sparling
#30-31
Wildcats
Vs.
Langford

By Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team conquered Langford 49 to 37 on Jan. 27. Seniors Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 21 points. The Wildcats had a total of 31 rebounds; five offensive and 26 defensive. Junior Shekota Myer led in rebounds with six. NW had a total of nine steals. Junior Ashley Clemens led the team with three steals. NW committed 11 turnovers and attained 15 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor led in assists with five. Clemens followed with four assists. The Wildcats are now 10-4 for the season.



Kimberly Miles
#32-33
Wildcats
Vs.
Hoven-
Edmunds
Central

By Trevor Toennies

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team annihilated Hoven-Edmunds Central 58 to 16 on Feb. 6. Seniors Jussy Tuscherer led the team in scoring with 16 points. The Wildcats had a total of 41 rebounds; 18 offensive and 23 defensive. Junior Shekota Myer led in rebounds with eight. NW had a total of 18 steals. Tuscherer led with seven steals. NW committed 15 turnovers and attained 18 assists. Senior Haley Wetzler led assists with eight. The Wildcats are now 11-4 for the season.

STUDENT LIFE

MARCH 2012

In the Hallway...

If you could go on a vacation anywhere, where would you go?



"I have always wanted to go to Australia, 'The Land Down Under,'" senior Mariah Taylor said.

"Venice, Italy," senior Laken Frericks said.



"Canada," junior Kimberly Miles said.



"Greece," junior Calli Peterson said.

In the Elementary...

If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go?



Kindergartner Nathan Melius

"Black Hills."



First-Grader Ella Haven

"Austin, Texas."



Second-Grader Maddie Williams

"Hawaii."



Third-Grader Bailey Heim

"Hawaii."



Fourth-Grader Joe Viento

"Hawaii."



Fifth-Grader Brandon Ashalintubbi

"Hawaii."

Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay

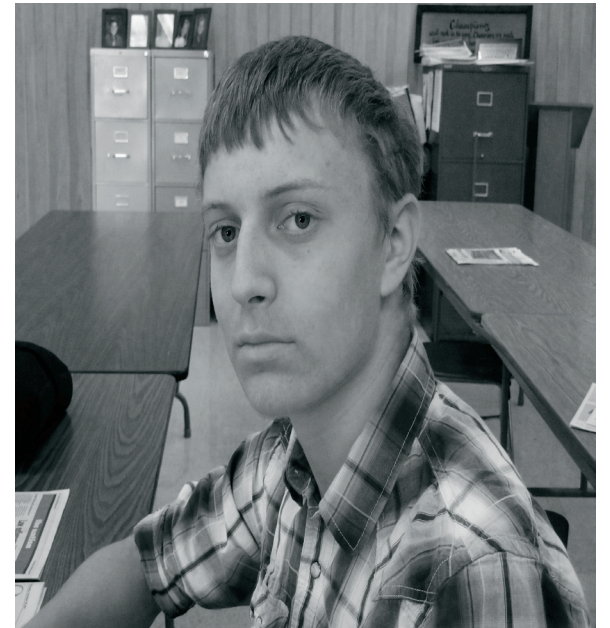
Q-Is it OK to ditch your friends to spend time with your girl?



Logan- When it comes to the hard decision of hanging out with your friends or girlfriend, this could cause a problem. My opinion on this whole deal is that if you have plans with your friends first, then you should go with your friends. I can say that I have ditched my friends before, and I know this was wrong, but guys will never understand what it's like until they are in the same position. It is very hard to make the decision because you know you will have fun with your friends, but you will miss your girlfriend. I think that the friends need to understand sometimes because if it was them in that situation, they wouldn't know what to do either. It's not the right thing to ditch on your friends, but nobody is perfect, and everyone makes mistakes. For all the guys out there who have been ditched, just remember in the back of your head that it might be you sometime ditching your friends. Always remember this...



Trevor- It is wrong to make plans with your friends, and then you ditch them to hang out with your girlfriend. I fully believe that I will never do that. It is wrong, and it shows you are not a loyal friend, and that you are not very trustworthy either. I believe whoever you make plans with first is the one you hang out with. There are exceptions though, like if it is your anniversary with your girlfriend, and you forgot. You have to be with your girlfriend on your anniversary. Also, if it is a long-distance relationship, and she is coming home for a short amount of time, you should be with her. But you should ONLY have a long-distance relationship. If she is "HOT"; otherwise, it is not worth it. If it is Valentine's Day or her birthday, it would be wise to spend it with her. The least exception is if she is not your girlfriend yet, and she wants to hang out, because if you turn her down, and if she is hot, she will come to her senses and find someone better looking than you.



Shay- Personally, I would allow to be ditched on a few times--it's ok, but when it gets to the point where every time your friends want to do something, and you say you have plans with your girlfriend, that is where you have problems. After a while, you will start to lose your friends. If your girlfriend breaks up with you, and you try to go back to your friends, they might reject you. Sometimes if you don't get too "deep" into the situation, they might accept you back.

Top 10 Cereals

by Trevor Toennies

10. Coco Puffs
9. Lucky Charms
8. Froot Loops
7. Cap'n Crunch's Crunch Berries
6. Apple Jacks
5. Golden Crisp
4. Frosted Flakes
3. Cinnamon Toast Crunch
2. Honey Nut Cheerios
1. Cap'n Crunch Peanut Butter Crunch

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In the Middle School... Where do you want to go on vacation?



"Jamaica," eighth-grader Sean Hauck said.



"Alaska to chill with Sandra Bull-ock," eighth-grader Nolan Peterson said.



"Hunter Wood's house because I want to frolic in his house," sixth-grader Isaac Bauer said.

"Hawaii," sixth-grader Addison Sparling said.




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Senior Profiles



Jenny Lefforge

Parents: Tammy Forrest and Jerry Lefforge

College/Major: Lake Area Tech-Photography

What are you looking forward to after high school? Meeting new people and learning responsibility on my own.

What advice would you give to younger students? Be yourself and do well in school because it flies by.



Laine Mielke

Parents: Lannie and Mary Mielke; Trudi Bain

College/Major: Mitchell Technical Institute; Radiologic Technology

What are you looking forward to after high school? Getting all of my Christmas shopping done at one place: hello, Cabelas!

What advice would you give to younger students? Buy cookie dough and pizza kits from the journalism kids! Your New Year's resolution can be put on hold!



Haley Wetzler

Parents: Keith and Barb Wetzler

College/Major: SDSU/Nursing

What are you looking forward to after high school? Naps, naps, more naps, and meeting new people, of course. Oh... and did I mention naps?

What advice would you give to younger students? Cherish your memories because before you know it, high school will be over. Oh, and get to your line and get your hips below the ball!

Shelby Peterson

Parents: Dave and Sheri Peterson

College/Major: Northern State University/ Elementary and Special Ed and Early Childhood

What are you looking forward to after high school? Staying here!

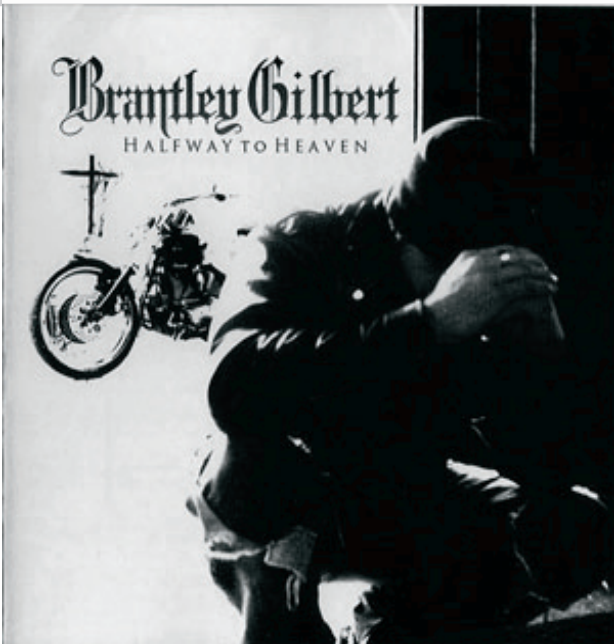
What advice would you give to younger students? Memories last a lifetime, so make great ones! Live your life at full throttle!



REVIEWS

MARCH 2012

What Artist "Kicks It in the Sticks?"



by Trevor Toennies

Brantley Gilbert, a known country artist, came out with a new album that has plenty of songs that will keep you rocking to the beat or soothing to the soft tracks.

The album's first single, "Kick It in the Sticks," is a song that tells a city slicker how country folks have fun. The song has a hard rock edge and is made to blast from your vehicle with the windows rolled down. Another song, "Country Must Be Country Wide," is co-written by Gilbert, Mike Dekle.

This album also has a soft side oppose to the wild edge. "My Kind of Crazy" is a ballad about a girl who likes to steal her boyfriend's guitar and the covers and begs to drive his truck. "Fall into

Me" is about taking the chance to fall in love.

"Halfway to Heaven" is an autobiographical track about Gilbert's own halfway to heaven experience. After an accident nearly claimed his life, Gilbert turned his life around and this track is a personal testament of faith and finding God.

"Saving Amy" is the other standout track.

This time, Gilbert sings about a friend who lost his life the night he proposed to his girlfriend, Amy. The song takes the point of view of the friend, watching Amy from Heaven as she grieves.

Gilbert has co-writer credit on all twelve tracks on Halfway to Heaven and has worked with an impressive assortment of songwriters for this album, including Ford, Dekle, Rhett Akins, and Jeremy Spillman. The album is an assortment of mainstream country tracks.

Brantley Gilbert is a soon to be household name; his music has a rock edge and he has a one of a kind unforgettable voice.

What Car Has Definite Muscle Power?

by Shay Clemensen

The Chevy has had a long history with making sports and muscle cars.

This year now comes out the new 2012 Corvette 427.



This year the Corvette has its usual line up with the Corvette grand sport, which has 6.2 liter 430 horsepower. The MSRP for this car is \$49,600. The convertible costs \$54,600. The Z06 has a 7.0 liter, 506 horsepower motor, and has a MSRP of \$74,600. The largest Corvette and the most expensive is

the legendary ZR1. It has a 6.2 liter 638 horsepower motor. It is the fastest car to come out of GM. The

problems that the cars have are that they are made

of a plastic body. It makes them really light, but they are easy to wreck. Since people have complained about it, they have decided to come out with the Corvette 427. It has a carbon fiber and fiber glass body. It has the same motor as the Z06. The new generation of Corvette is coming out next year.

What You Don't Know Will Surprise You? How is the iPhone Really?

by Logan Brown

There is only one good thing

about the iPhone, and that is iTunes is already on it. Other than that the iPhone is worthless. The worst thing about the iPhone is that when you

are typing the autocorrect corrects everything the wrong way. Once in five times the autocorrect will correct it the right way. Another bad feature is that it is very slippery, so when you are holding it to text, it slips out of your hand very easily. Maybe if you buy a cover it won't make the phone so slippery, but the phone should have a nice

grip anyway. I made the mistake of switching from a Droid to the

iPhone. Do not ever do this! The Android market is way better then the app. store on the iPhone. If you are thinking about getting an iPhone, think twice. Buying a Droid



would be the best choice for a Smartphone. Some people may think the iPhone is great, but really it is not that great at all. Who cares if the iPhone has iTunes on it. There are way more bad things about the phone then good things. There are way better phones out there than the iPhone.

What Pizza is the Best?

by Courtlen Lechner

Aberdeen has opened a new fast-food restaurant, Little Caesars Pizza. It opened up on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The pizza is so amazingly good, that it has become a very popular restaurant. If you have yet to check it out, you need to get up and go now.

"Little Caesars Pizza is AMAZING! I thought the pizza kits we sell are good, but the real deal is awesome, too! The crazy bread is so awesome I could not settle for just five! They can finally use me as a real life volleyball in the next state championship match!" junior Calli Peterson said.

When Little Caesars Pizza opened up, there were so many people waiting and waiting in long lines to try the famous pizza, and when I say famous I mean, FAMOUS!



Little Caesars
pizza! pizza!

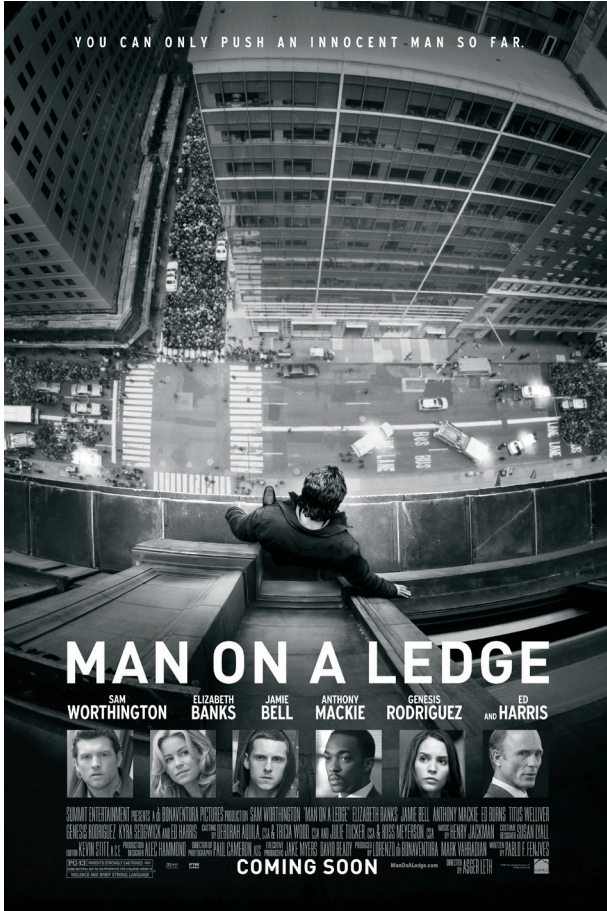
This restaurant should be named "The Famous Little Caesars Pizza!" Pizza is good, but this pizza is great. I have had Little Caesars Pizza before, but this cannot compare to what I ate from the actual restaurant. That tells me that it is not all the pizza, it is also the employees. Once again if you have not been to Little Caesars Pizza you need to get up off the couch and quit eating those other old name brand pizzas with the hard pancake crust and get over to Little Caesars Pizza to have the nice and fluffed soft cheesy pizza and amazing bread sticks!

REVIEWS

What's New in Movies?

by Calli Peterson

Man on a Ledge rated a 6.6 on imdb.com premiered at the Carmike Cinemas in Aberdeen. This crime thriller movie keeps suspense holding till the very end. If height is a phobia of yours, I suggest you brace yourself for an intense movie.



Englander. Throughout the movie Lydia Mercer tries to figure out the reason for the set up. She finds out Englander was in money debt, so he framed Cassidy of stealing the diamond to be reimbursed millions of dollars. By Cassidy creating a diversion by pulling the people of New York's attention to the "Man on a Ledge," Joey Cassidy and his girlfriend

broke into the building across the street where various jewels from the owner of the Monarch Diamond were at. The plan was to actually steal the diamond and confirm the innocence on Nick Cassidy. This movie stars a cast of Sam Worthington as Nick Cassidy, Elizabeth Banks as Lydia Mercer, Jamie Bell as Joey Cassidy, Genesis Rodriguez and Ed Harris as David Englander.

This suspenseful movie will leave you hanging on the ledge of your seat.

What Kind of Shoes Can You Find Walking into NW? Cowboy Boots!

by Maddie Hahler

One of the most abundant types of shoes around Northwestern, by far, is the common cowboy boots. Many stores in Aberdeen sell cowboy boots, but Runnings and the Hitch'n'Post are the most popular places to purchase them at. Colors selected by the NW students include black, brown, and sometimes they even get some more exciting colored pairs. Shades of green, blue, purple, orange, and many others are seen throughout the hallways. "These are the best hunting

boots there are," freshman Jordan Ashalintubbi said.

Cowboy boots are built for work and play. They are thick and warm for winter farm work, and comfortable enough to wear on a daily basis. Cowboy boots toes are traditionally pointed toes, but around here, rounded and square toes are more popular. "My cowboy boots are comfortable and fashionable. I love them," sophomore Alyssa Stewart said.

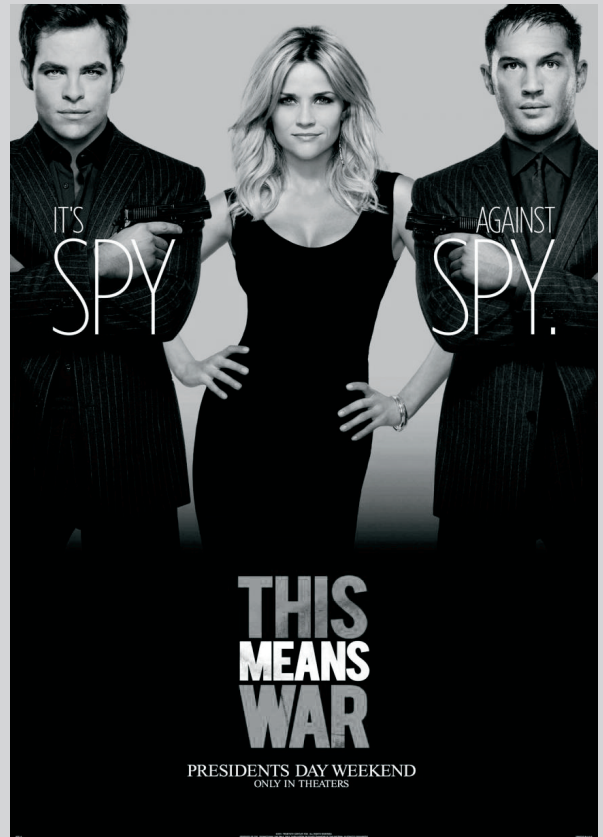
by Calli Peterson

In the month of Feb., many movies made their Valentine's Day premiere. One of those movies included This Means War. Starring Chris Pine, Tom Hardy and Reese Witherspoon, this romantic comedy will leave you laughing from the beginning to the very end.

After two best friend CIA spies, F.D.R (Pine) and Tuck (Hardy), are told to keep a low profile, the men decide to take up an activity they both enjoy: finding women. Lauren (Witherspoon), a desperate career woman, is in need of finding a man who can treat her right. The three end up entwining in a love triangle. Tuck and F.D.R. think they've each found the per-

fect woman soon do they find out they're dating the same woman!

On the other hand, Lauren discovers she is dating two amazing guys with whom she could be happy with either. Since neither guys want to give up the woman, they embark on an epic battle against



each other to see who wins Lauren's heart. Who will Lauren choose as her soul mate?

This movie will keep you giggling throughout the whole film with hilarious choices the spies end up taking to try to win the woman and the very funny aspect of Lauren knowing nothing of any battle.

What Snowmobile Should You Buy?

by Trevor Toennies

The Polaris 800 SWITCHBACK ASSAULT is simply the perfect 50/50 Sled. Trail gearing with added flotation.

It has a blend of RMK heritage and trail-proven RUSH technology. The Switchback Assault can run the logging roads or head for the trees on the mountain.

The switchback assault features a

144" inch track, an aluminum bumper for added strength and lighter weight. The sled also comes with standard PROTAPER handlebars, which is a favorite in the motocross industry.

If you live in the plains and you travel to the hills a couple times a year the Polaris 800 SWITCHBACK ASSAULT it the perfect snowmobile for you.

