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Hahler Awarded Best Photographer

by Calli Peterson

Sophomore Maddie Hahler attended the journalism institute at South Dakota State University in Brookings this summer. Hahler as well as other students from the state stayed for three days and lived in the dorms. At the institute, journalism students learned how to use InDesign, the program used for making the newspaper. They also learn how to write stories and even put together a newspaper of their

own with stories about news happening at SDSU.

"I really enjoyed going to this. I met a lot of really cool people, and I learned more about putting together a newspaper. This institute was really fun, and I liked getting to



Hahler

experience being on a newspaper staff before coming to school," Hahler said.

Hahler received Best Photographer at the institute. She received a plaque for earning the award. The students who attended went around campus taking

pictures of events they needed for the newspaper. Hahler's pictures were awarded the best pictures, and a few of them were put into the newspaper that the class put together.

"Maddie Hahler is amazing! She is a very talented writer and photographer whose artistic skills will greatly enhance the newspaper this year. Maddie rocks!" journalism teacher and newspaper adviser Mrs. Nora Groft said.

Newspaper, Yearbook Earn All-State Awards

by Trevor Toennies

The South Dakota High School Press Association (SDHSPA) & the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) awarded the Superior Work Award for All-State Newspaper to Nora Groft, Adviser, senior Laine Mielke and junior Calli Peterson, editors for their efforts in the school newspaper.

"We rock!" Mielke said.

The SDHSPA and the SDHSAA also awarded Groft and Kara Fishbach and senior Haley Wetzler, editors for the yearbook, the Superior Work Award for All-State Yearbook.

"It's really fun putting together the newspaper. It gets a little hectic sometimes, but it always turns



Calli Peterson, Laine Mielke and Haley Wetzler show off their hard-earned all-state awards.

out really well! I love working with Laine, Haley and the rest of the journalism staff; we have some pretty good times," Peterson said.

The All-State Award is the highest ranking award a yearbook or newspaper can receive.

"Kara and her cohorts did a really nice job on the yearbook. The color fonts and graphics make it visually appealing. The newspaper editors and staff rose to the challenge of making their newspaper something people talked about. That is the goal of all good journalists," said Groft. "I am very proud of them."

Juniors Put on Water Festival for Elementary

by Maddie Hahler

The junior chemistry class at Northwestern put on a Water Festival for the fourth-grade class.

The fourth-grade class had missed the usual water festival, so the chemistry students used this to help the fourth-graders learn a little and have fun.

For this festival, the chemistry class was divided into pairs, and each pair had their own station.

"It was very fun and a great learning experience," junior Courtlen Lechner said.

The stations at the water festival included an edible aquifer run by Kimberly Miles and Calli Peterson; trivia and water games run by Courtlen Lechner and Kaitlyn Sparling; the human bubble run by Ashley Clemens and Catarina Oliveria; how many drops of water can get on a penny run by Kelsey Hoellein and Shekota Myer; cold and hot temperatures run by Lane Myer; water erosion run by Landon Fischbach and Alex Hawley and water filter run by Evan Finley and

Oliver Kragelund.

The edible aquifer was created out of soda pop, crushed ice, whipped cream and Oreos.

The fourth-graders learned four new terms about water, built a water molecule and figured out a different way to transport water without spilling it.

For the human bubble experiment, there was a children's pool filled with bubbles and a tote in the middle for the children to stand on. They were standing on the tote with a hula-hoop around them

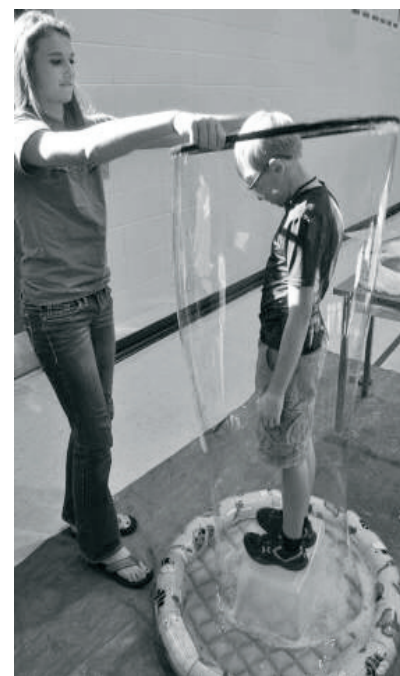
and the hoop would go over them so it seemed like they were in a giant bubble.

Each station taught the children a different lesson about chemistry.

"It was fun!" fourth-grader Dalton Peterson said.

The water festival was a great learning experience. Each child had the chance to learn something new in a fun, unique way.

"It was really cool," fourth-grader Dylan Rush said.



Ashley Clemens experiments with human bubbles.

NEWS

Juniors Explore College Options

by Logan Brown

The junior class attended a college fair at Aberdeen Central High School on Thursday, Sept. 29. The college fair was an opportunity for students to go and talk to different colleges or tech schools, so they can get an idea of where they should attend after high school. The colleges and tech schools had booths set up in the gym, and students could walk around and visit different

schools.

"I highly enjoyed the University of Mary! That was a very interesting school, and I cannot wait to go and tour that school. Also this school has a same university in a different county! That would be a great experience for any student," junior Courtlen Lechner said.

When the students were at the booths, the schools had information they could fill out, and they would later receive

information about the school in the mail. It was a great opportunity for each student to go and walk around and visit all the different schools.

"I really liked attending this college fair. I learned a lot about some universities that I never really thought about before. I still do not know where I want to attend, but I now know what colleges are out there," junior Calli Peterson said.



Student of the Month

by Maddie Hahler

Senior Haley Wetzler received the student of the month award for September. Her parents are Keith and Barb Wetzler. She has four siblings, Lance, Ross, Wade and Holly.

Haley's activities include Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, band, journalism, volleyball, track and basketball. She spends her free time hanging out with friends and family. Her favorite class is AP English. Her inspiration comes from her mom and Laken, of course!

"Haley works really hard, and she deserves being student of the month. She's remarkable," junior Calli Peterson said.

Haley has not decided what she wants to do after high school.

Her favorite quote is "Where there is no struggle, there is no strength" by Oprah Winfrey.

Haley's most embarrassing moment was falling in Wal-Mart, twice.

"I was very honored to get student of the month," Wetzler said.

Sixth-Graders Rock Math Counts



Front row: Judah Aderhold (Temple Builders Academy) 1st place, Peyton Groft (Northwestern) 2nd place, Madison Sippel (Groton) 3rd place.

Back row: Lucas Goetz (Roncalli) 4th place, Lexi Gustafson (Groton) 5th place, Jackson Oliver (Groton) 6th place

by Trevor Toennies

The sixth-grade Math Counts team of Tyler Braun, Peyton Groft, Ashley Kragelund, Evy Peterson, Sadie Vander Wal

and Darien Watson attended the Warner Math Counts competition Oct. 19 with superintendent Mr. Ray Sauerwein.

Groft placed second out of 80 students.

"It seemed very easy, but it turned out to be very hard," Groft said.

The seventh- and eighth-grade Math Counts team of Kirstin Borge, Trey Bierman, Rachel Boekelheide, Andrea Rausch, Matt Metzinger and Hunter Lerew attended the Oct. 5 Math Counts competition in Groton with math teacher Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua.

Each of the students took an individual test. After the test, they divided up into groups and took a test together as a team.

"Even though no one placed, they showed good effort," Fa'onelua said. "Math Counts is a competitive, fun, and exciting new way to learn math."

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 2011

- 8 Students from NW attend Hub Area Technical School this year. The total enrollment for HATS is 199.
 - PSAT testing was scheduled for October 12th. 5 juniors signed up to take this test.
 - Congratulations to September Student of the Month Haley Wetzler!
 - Elementary conference times are being sent out this week. Conferences are scheduled for October 21st.
 - The book fair will be held on Thursday, October 20 and during the conferences.
 - Fall conferences will be held as usual, but spring conferences may be changed to invitation only meetings. This is to try to increase the attendance for the spring conferences and to focus more on the students who may need more assistance with their classes.
 - Title I review is scheduled for November 2 in Aberdeen.
 - Eide Bailly will be here working on an audit during the week of October 17th.
 - Approved the bids for the suburban and mini bus. Only one bid was received for each of these.
 - Approved quit claim deed for Conde property.
 - Approved purchasing a bus from Ipswich.
 - Approved the resolution for Moving South Dakota Forward.
- WHEREAS, K-12 ongoing education funding experienced cuts of over \$50 million during the 2011 Legislative Session; and,
- WHEREAS, since the inception of the current K-12 funding formula in 1998, the share in the amount of the State's general fund budget dedicated toward State Aid to schools has fallen from 39 percent of the State budget to 29 percent; and,
- WHEREAS, a newly formed organization known as Moving South Dakota Forward is dedicated to ensuring quality educational opportunity and healthcare service in South Dakota; and,
- WHEREAS, Moving South Dakota Forward submitted an initiated measure to the appropriate state agencies to begin the process for placement of the measure on the 2012 ballot; and,
- WHEREAS, if approved, the initiative would generate approximately \$180 million annually through a one penny sales tax; and,
- WHEREAS, if approved, the initiative would split evenly the increased revenue between K-12 education and Medicaid; and,
- WHEREAS, if approved, the initiative would distribute K-12 education's share of the revenue each year on a per-student basis to K-12 schools outside the school funding formula.

Middle Schoolers Toot Their Horns and Carry a Tune

by Bryahna Hartford

Recently, Northwestern was full of not only Wildcats, but Pheasants and Tigers and Monarchs, too. Mellette held its third

school band director Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.

John F. Cassens, a freshman at Faulkton High School, composed his own piece called



annual music festival on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The grand concert that night at 7 p.m. was directed by Dr. Terry Beckler and Mrs. Lisa Zahn.

Beckler is currently the Assistant Director at Northern State University. He worked as a public school teacher for 10

“Fight of the Wildcats.” The students who were chosen to be in the music festival were the very first to play the piece.

“It was pretty awesome!” eighth-grader Hunter Lerew said.

Zahn has been teaching music for 18 years. She has worked



in many different South Dakota schools. Mrs. Zahn is the president elector of the South Dakota Music Education Association, and

years, prior to his college profession.

“The festival is a great opportunity for middle school students to get to know other musicians from other schools and have fun making music. I think that they all worked very hard and had a very successful concert! I was very impressed with the song written by the Faulkton freshman,” middle

will assume the role of president on July, 1.

The Northwestern School will be holding yet another music festival around this time next year. With all of the talented young people in this world, the Northwestern Music Festival is a perfect opportunity for students to be heard and to help build stronger inter-school relationships.

NEWS



by Bryahna Hartford

The beginning of a new homecoming for the Northwestern Wildcats started on Sept. 26 this year. On Monday, students and staff came to school dressed in either animal print or as a sports player.

Eighth-grader Darienne Frericks and sophomore Maddie Hahler outfits won best dressed that day. Senior Kathy Stuck decided to make her last year an un-forgetful one by dressing in a full gorilla suit.

"It's my last homecoming here. I wanted to make a good memory," Stuck said.

Tuesday was pirate or mismatch day. Believe it or not, more than half of the students chose to mismatch, instead of dressing as a pirate. There were students dressed in leggings with shorts, students in shorts with boots and a long sleeved shirt and a few with two completely different shirts sown in half. Sophomore Kalen Frericks won best dressed for mismatch day.

Wednesday was Fruity Pebbles day or class color day. For high school the freshmen wore red; the sophomores, pink; the juniors wore black and the seniors wore blue. Most of the school showed their fun personalities on this day and really exaggerated their class color. The sophomore class went all out by a few of the girls tie-dyed pink shirts for their entire class to wear. These girls included Paige Metzinger, Maddie Hahler, Torey Beardemphl and Kalen Frericks. A couple of the juniors, Shay

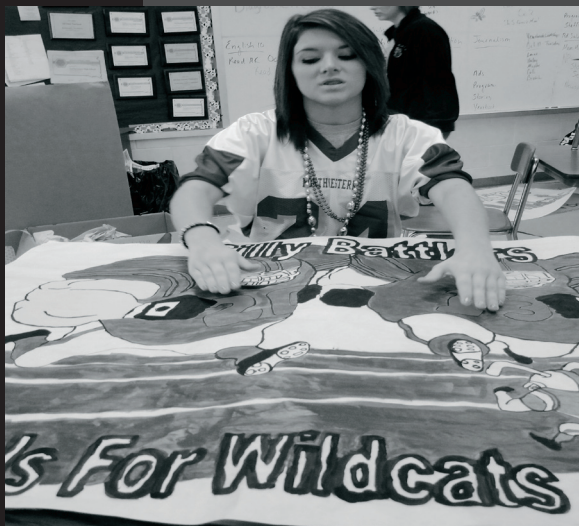
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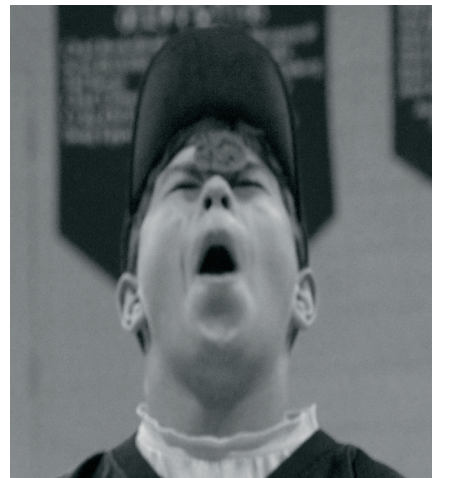
the spirit. The best dressed winner for the high school went to freshman Kennedy Sparling.

Thursday was a favorite for everyone, except the freshmen. Not only was this day pajama day, but it was also buddy day. The seniors got to dress up a freshman of their choice as whatever and however they wanted for the whole day. While sophomores, juniors, seniors and the rest of the school walked around

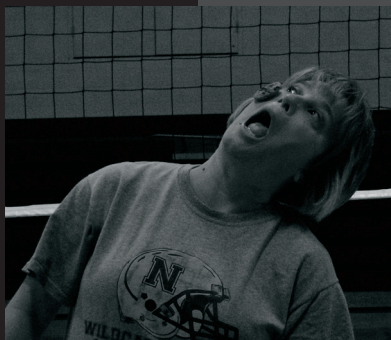
"I think Calli and I are the bomb at making posters," junior Kimberly Miles said.



in their comfiest pair of pajamas. The freshmen were dressed as opposite genders, animals and many other disturbing things. Also, on Thursday, was the powderpuff football game where the girls play football. The green team was coached by senior Trevor Toennies and junior Lane Myer, and the white team was coached by senior Hunter Wood and junior Jake Groft. In the end, the white team ended up winning. Coronation was also held on Thursday. The homecoming royalty consisted of Laine Mielke, Madison Smith, Kathy Stuck, Hunter Wood, Alex Boekelheide and Logan Brown. First-graders Fatafehi Fa'onelua and Ella Haven were the prince and princess.



Seventh-grader Andrew Leforge tries to get the cookie from his forehead to his mouth.



"I was suprised I could do it [moving the cookie from the forehead to mouth without touching it]," Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

Former homecoming king and queen, Alex Bauer and Hilary Frericks, awarded the new king and queen, Alex Boekelheide and Madison Smith, the honor of being homecoming king and queen.

Friday was spirit day. All the classes got a nice day to have fun and work on their class float. The parade was at 1 p.m. and ended around 2 p.m. The winner of the homecoming float was the eighth graders. The Wildcats lost the homecoming football game played that night at 7 p.m. before the dance.

NEWS



Back Row: Queen Madison Smith, King Alex Boekelheide, Laine Mielke, Hunter Wood, Kathy Stuck and Logan Brown.

Front Row: First-Graders Prince Fatafehi Fa'onelua and Ella Haven.



Senior Class showing off their senior car: Laken Frericks, Ruth Phillips, Laine Mielke, Mariah Taylor, Gabby Morgan, Jussy Tuscherer, Jenny Lefforge, Alex Boekelheide, Maddy Smith, Katrina Frericks, Hunter Wood, Logan Brown and Shelby Peterson. Inside the car: Jared Fischer, Haley Wetzler and Trevor Toennies.

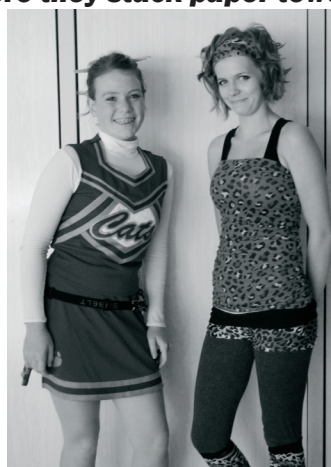


Junior Class Dressed in Black : Trevor Rush, Alex Hawley, Evan Finley, Lane Myer, Shay Clemensen, Landon Fischbach, Kimberly Miles, Silas Franco, Ray Lerew, Nathan Hawley, Aaron Schultz, Sarah Franco, Warren Walter, Shekota Myer and Oliver Kragelund.

Front Row: Melissa Thompson, Calli Peterson, Ashley Clemens, Courtlen Lechner, Catarina Oliveira, Kelsey Hoellein and Kaitlyn Sparling.



Freshman Hannah Palmer, junior Landon Fischbach, sophomore Tyler Carda and senior Kathy Stuck work on a Minute to Win It game where they stack paper towel rolls with only eggs to hold it up.



Darienne Frericks and Mad-die Hahler show off their unique outfits.



Tucker Bohl and Jedd Groff create their float.



Junior High dodgeball champions celebrate their overall win. Winners are eighth-graders Hunter Wood, Dylan Miles, Ethan Bauer, Kirstin Borge, Abby Fischbach and Cameron Bohl.



Fifth-graders Jarret Haven, Caleb Schentzel and Gavin Bohl wear their Northville baseball shirts on sports day.



Senior Laine Mielke presents her crazy mismatch outfit on mismatch day.

OPINION

Should Northwestern allow open-campus for students?

Pro...

by Calli Peterson

Students at Northwestern are only given three choices for lunch: eat the school lunch, bring your own lunch or do not eat at all. Although there are three choices, there are still debates on which choice a student should choose. Problems may arise in one of the three choices leaving the student hungry. This may call for having an open campus to all students.

Open campus is when a student can leave the school at lunch to eat somewhere else. The somewhere else would most likely include the Mellette Travel Plaza or the student's own home. When seniors gain their senior privileges, they are allowed to leave the school at lunch time to eat wherever they like as long as they are back for their next class. Having an open campus for the whole school would grant all students with this luxury.

The problem with eating school lunch is what if the student does not like what is being made. There is no other alternative, so the student would need to either have to scarf the food down fast enough to not obtain the full taste or go hungry. Of course

students are allowed to bring their own lunch, but let's face it, most students are too busy or even too lazy to put together a lunch. The school lunch may also be un-proportioned or too proportioned. Students may not have enough food to eat, or the student may not eat as much, which leads to most of the food going to waste. Having an open campus would allow the students to enjoy their specific tasty meal and have a good amount of food.

Some students would rather go home and eat lunch than have to stay at the school. Eating lunch at home may be a cheaper route for the student if he or she is concerned with money problems. Also, like was said before, the student would be allowed to eat the food that is most desirable to him or her.

Having an open campus could lead to some problems, but having an open campus would be much more enjoyable for students. The student is able to choose what he or she is able to eat and not have to eat food that may be less desirable for him or her.

Con...

by Maddie Hahler

We have gotten this far without it, why change it? I, for one, believe that eating at the Mellette Travel Plaza for lunch every day would be a massive waste of money in comparison to eating school lunch. The personal pizzas alone are nearly five dollars. When you compare the two in parallel, a lunch at the MTP would cost likely around \$7, while school lunch only costs \$2.25. That's an increase of \$4.75! That's more than tripling the cost for a daily lunch.

Not only is it not financially smart, but odds are teenagers are going to misuse it. There have been many reports of students from other schools getting out on an open-campus and causing trouble. Some students can't be trusted, even if some can. The authorities cannot give it to some students, but not others without reason. Being as you cannot prove they are going to mess it up before you let them, it's not worth the risk.

With all these teenagers on the road, odds are there's going to be some kind of accident. South Dakota is ranked the worst for teen driving out of the entire United States! Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens, accounting for more than one in three deaths in this age group. Honestly, we are awful drivers. I can't speak for all of the teenage students, but I know I can't drive very well. The more we let

teens drive, the higher the odds of more accidents.

Students are late for class enough the way it is, and open campus would not help that situation at all. Walking to class seems to be time-consuming enough for students, could you imagine how long driving to the MTP and back would take? Tardiness would be a major problem.

The Mellette Travel Plaza is extremely busy the way it is. As of right now, it is harvest season! During lunch hour, they are packed. Coincidentally, our lunch period is right during their busiest hour. By the time the students got their food, they would not have enough time to eat it.

How many calories are in a small order of French fries alone? 230 calories! Think about cheese balls, chicken strips, onion rings, and pizza! It is all grease, grease and salt. Unless students are buying subs and vegetables, they are not eating healthily. Honestly, what kind of student would choose a salad over cheese balls? I am sure most students would grab a candy bar or something to go to. That is not a healthy meal whatsoever.

If students say they will not eat school lunch because they do not like it, that is completely avoidable. You should know ahead of time what is for lunch. We have a school website with a lunch menu. Read the list, plan ahead, and pack a lunch from home.

What You Think

"I am for it for the older kids, like juniors and seniors, because they should be responsible enough to handle it. I'm against it for the lower classmen because they are not mature enough," cafeteria worker Rita Walter said.



"Yes, because sometimes the school lunch isn't that good, and I don't want to have to bring a lunch. I'd much rather eat at the MTP, not to mention we could take a break from school," sophomore Donna Harmon said.



Designed by Maddie Hahler



"I don't see how it's practical in this area. In a big city it's a good idea, but here, there's really no reason for it," junior Oliver Kragelund said.

SPORTS

Leola-Frederick Overcomes

Northwestern

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern Wildcats (0-3) were defeated by the Leola-Frederick Titans (3-0) 6-44 in a conference game Sept. 9 in Mellette.

Junior Silas Franco led in rushing with three attempts for 42 yards.

Junior Evan Finley led in passing with 15 attempts, six completions for a total of 43 yards gained. Finley threw one interception.

For receiving, sophomore Na-

than Palmer led with one reception for 23 yards. Junior Lane Myer had three receptions for 19 yards.

Senior Hunter Wood led the defense with a total of 16 tackles. Junior Landon Fischbach had a total of eight tackles and one sack. Junior Jake Groft had seven tackles and one interception.

Northwestern takes on the Warner Monarchs Sept. 16 in Warner.

Northwestern Dominates Ipswich

by Calli Peterson

Northwestern Wildcats (0-6) defeated the Ipswich Tigers (0-6) 46 to 24 in a conference game Oct. 14 in Mellette.

Junior Lane Myer led in rushing with 33 attempts for 165 yards and five touchdowns. Sophomore Nathan Palmer had three attempts for 26 yards.

Myer led in passing with 40 attempts and 19 completions for a total of 294 yards gained.

For receiving, freshman Corbin

Smith led with six catches for 71 yards and one touchdown. Senior Hunter Wood had three catches for 61 yards and. Junior Jake Groft had two catches for 58 yards.

Wood led the defense with seven tackles. Junior Landon Fischbach had six tackles and one sack.

Northwestern next plays Wolsey Wessington Oct. 20 in Mellette.

Northwestern Falls to Warner

by Calli Peterson

Northwestern Wildcats (0-4) were defeated by the Warner Monarchs (2-1) 6 to 40 in a conference game Sept. 16 in Warner.

Junior Lane Meyer had 31 carries for 140 yards.

Meyer led in passing with 12 attempts, eight completions for a total of 90 yards gained.

For receiving, junior Silas

Franco led with five catches for 69 yards. Senior Hunter Wood also had two receptions for 14 yards.

Wood led the defense with a total of 12 tackles. Junior Landon Fischbach had eight tackles.

Northwestern takes on the Gettysburg Sept. 30 in Mellette.



Sophomore Nathan Palmer takes down an Ipswich player in Mellette Oct. 14. The Wildcats won 46-24.

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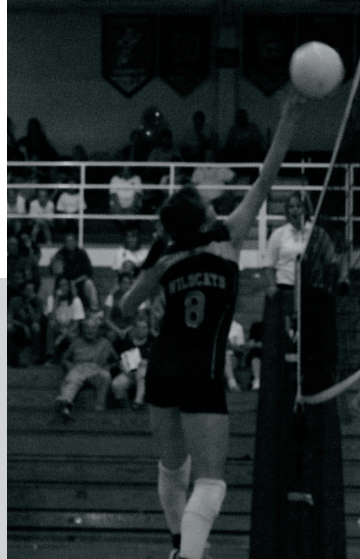
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Northwestern Volleyball Continues to Dominate



Wildcats Defeat Britton-Hecla

The Northwestern Wildcats topped Britton-Hecla on Sept. 6 in three matches: 25-7, 25-11, 25-8. NW served a total of 76 of 81 with 21 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 12 of 13 serves with seven aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had 14 for 15 serves with four aces. Haley Wetzler had 18 of 19 serves with four aces. The team attacked 58 of 65 times with 29 kills. Tuscherer had 18 of 20 attacks with 12 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 15 of 17 attacks with eight kills. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had 11 of 13 attacks with five kills. The Wildcats set a total of 60 for 62 with 29 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 51 for 53 sets with 27 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan was six for six with two assists. NW had a total of 37 digs, Wetzler had nine, Taylor had eight, and Freshman Kennedi Sparling had seven digs. The team had a total of three solo and four assisted blocks. Clemens had two assisted blocks. Metzinger and Senior Shelby Peterson had one solo block. The Wildcats are now 10-1.



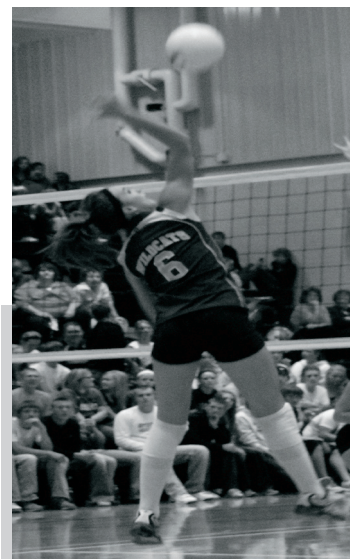
Warner Overcomes Northwestern

The Northwestern Wildcats were defeated by Warner on Sept. 8 in three matches: 23-25, 21-25, 25-22, 16-25. NW served a total of 73 of 83 times with 12 aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 15 of 16 serves with three aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 12 of 14 serves with three aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 13 of 14 serves with three aces. The Wildcats attacked a total of 126 of 140 times with 50 kills. Tuscherer had 59 of 65 attacks with 28 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 37 of 41 attacks with 17 kills. Senior Mariah Taylor had 14 of 14 attacks with three kills. The team set a total of 133 of 135 times with 45 assists. Taylor had a total of 113 of 115 sets with 38 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 13 of 13 sets with four assists. NW had 62 total digs, Wetzler had 19, Taylor had 16, and Tuscherer had 12. The Wildcats had a total of two blocks. Tuscherer and Sophomore Paige Metzinger had one block. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 10-2.



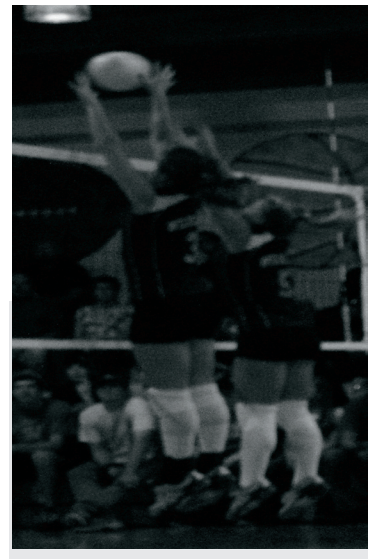
Northwestern Annihilates Iroquois

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Iroquois on Sept. 10 in the first game of the Arlington Tournament, with two matches: 25-5, 25-4. The Wildcats served a total of 44 of 47 times with 14 aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 14 of 15 serves with six aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 14 of 14 serves with five aces. NW attacked a total of 36 of 38 with 22 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had nine of nine attacks with nine kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 11 of 12 attacks with eight kills. Duncan had four of four attacks and two kills. The Wildcats had 34 of 36 sets. Senior Mariah Taylor had 31 of 33 sets with 15 assists. The team had a total of 14 digs, Senior Haley Wetzler had six, Duncan had four, and Tuscherer had two. NW had a four blocks, Tuscherer and Sophomore Paige Metzinger had two assisted blocks. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 11-2.



Wildcats Fall to the Monarchs

On Sept. 10 in the second game of the Arlington Tournament, the Northwestern Wildcats lost to the Warner Monarchs in two matches: 18-25, 18-25. The Wildcats served 30 of 33 times with one ace. Senior Mariah Taylor had five of five serves with one ace. Freshman Christine Morgan had ten of ten serves. Senior Haley Wetzler had four of four serves. The Wildcats attacked 49 of 61 with 22 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 30 of 35 with 12 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 11 of 13 attacks with six kills. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had six of six attacks with three kills. Northwestern had a total of 31 digs, Wetzler had seven digs, and Taylor had six digs. The Wildcats had five total blocks, Clemens had one solo and two assisted, Duncan had two assisted. Northwestern Wildcats is now 11-3.



Cats Attacks Deubrook

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Deubrook at the Arlington Tournament in two matches: 25-13, 25-12. The Wildcats had 40 of 44 serves with 12 aces. Freshman Kennedi Sparling had six of eight serves with five aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had six of six serves with three aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 12 of 12 serves with two. The team attacked 48 of 55 with 25 kills. Tuscherer led the team with 21 of 23 attacks and 16 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 15 of 15 with six kills. Senior Laken Frericks had five of six attacks with two kills. NW had 47 of 49 sets with 23 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 43 of 45 sets with 22 assists. Duncan had two of two sets with one. The Wildcats had 22 total digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had nine digs, Tuscherer had five digs, and Sparling had four digs. The team had a total of four blocks. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 12-3.

Northwestern Falls to Gettysburg

by Calli Peterson

Northwestern Wildcats (0-5) were defeated by the Gettysburg Battlers (3-2) 6-25 in a non-conference game Sept. 30 in Mellette.

Sophomore Nathan Palmer led in rushing with eight attempts for 53 yards.

Junior Lane Myer led in passing with 14 attempts, eight completions for a total of 95 yards gained. Finley threw two interceptions.

For receiving, junior Silas Franco led with four receptions for 84 yards and one touchdown. Junior Jake Groft had one reception for 11 yards.

Sophomore Jacob Heidenreich led the defense with a total of 10 tackles and one interception. Junior Landon Fischbach had a total of nine tackles. Myer had seven tackles.

Northwestern takes on the Faulkton Oct. 7 in Faulkton.



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SPORTS

by Shay Clemensen



Wildcats Defeats Hamlin

During the Arlington Tournament on Sept. 10, the Northwestern Wildcats defeated Hamlin in two sets: 25-9, 25-9. Northwestern served 41 of 45 with 11 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had eight of nine serves with five aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had eight of eight serves with three aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had nine of nine serves with one ace. The Wildcats had 39 of 46 with 22 kills. Tuscherer had 17 of 19 attacks with 12 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 10 of 13 attacks with three kills. Senior Laken Frericks had two of two attacks with two kills. NW set a total of 38 of 38 times with 19 assists. Taylor set 34 of 34 times with 17 assists. Duncan had three of three sets with one assist. The team had 14 digs, Senior Haley Wetzler, Tuscherer, and Freshman Kennedy Sparling had three digs. The Wildcats had a total of two assisted blocks. Tuscherer had one assist, and Senior Shelby Peterson had one assist. Northwestern is now 13-3



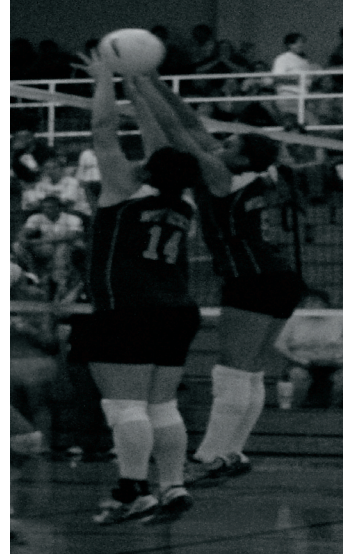
Northwestern Eliminates Arlington

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Arlington in their own tournament in two matches: 25-12, 25-11. The team served a total of 45 of 48 with five aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 18 of 18 serves with four aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had five of six serves with one ace. The Wildcats attacked 53 of 59 with 23 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 21 of 21 attacks with 13 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 21 of 24 attacks with seven kills. Northwestern had 51 of 52 sets with 21 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 50 of 51 with 21 assists. They had 44 total digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 11, Duncan had eight, and Tuscherer had seven. The Wildcats have a total of five blocks. Tuscherer had four, Duncan had two, and Sophomore Paige Metzinger had one. Northwestern is now 14-3.



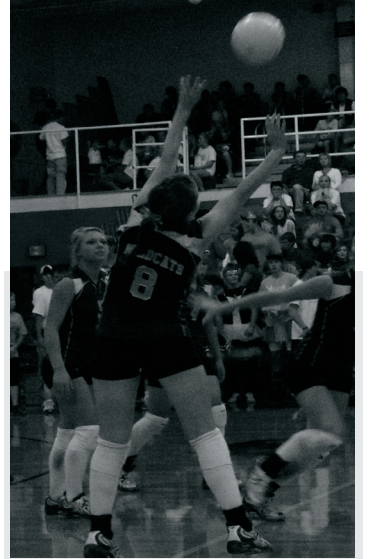
Miller Falls to Northwestern

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Miller on Sept. 13, in three sets: 25-10, 25-13, 25-17. The team served 63 of 67 times with ten aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 22 of 22 serves with five aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had eight of ten serves with two aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had nine of nine serves with one ace. NW had a total of 80 of 89 attacks with 33 kills. Tuscherer had 31 of 33 attacks with 16 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 17 of 19 attacks with six kills. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had 14 of 15 attacks with four kills. The Wildcats set a total of 80 for 81 sets with 29 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 62 of 68 sets with 24 assists. Duncan had 12 of 12 sets with four assists. The team had a total of 41 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 14, Tuscherer had 12, and Freshman Kennedy Sparling had nine digs. NW blocked a total of eight times. Haley Wetzler broke the Northwestern career digs record. She now has 1,180 career digs. Tuscherer had three blocks. Northwestern is now 15-3.



Cats Destroy Ipswich

On Sept. 15 the Northwestern Wildcats beat Ipswich in three matches: 25-3, 25-6, 25-11. The Wildcats served a total of 63 of 72 times with 12 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 25 of 27 serves with four aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had six of eight serves with two aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had seven of nine serves with two aces. NW attacked a total of 76 of 79 times. Junior Ashley Clemens was 25 for 25 attacks and had four kills. Tuscherer had 21 of 21 attacks with 12 kills. Junior Shehota Myer had 15 of 16 attacks with nine kills. The team set a total of 79 of 79 times with 28 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 66 of 66 sets with 29 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had eight of eight sets with six assists. The Wildcats had a total of 38 digs. Duncan had 11, Wetzler had nine, and Tuscherer had five. NW had seven total blocks. Clemens had two blocks. Duncan and Tuscherer had one. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 16-3



Northwestern Dominates Roncalli

On the night of Sept. 20, the Northwestern Wildcats beat Aberdeen Roncalli in three sets: 25-20, 25-11, 25, 16. Northwestern served a total of 63 of 70 times with nine aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 10 of 12 serves with four aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had nine of 11 serves with three aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan was 16 for 16 and had two aces. The team attacked 78 of 93 times with 46 kills. Tuscherer had 35 of 40 attacks with 26 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 25 of 27 attacks with 17 kills. The Wildcats set a total 90 of 90 times with 44 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 69 of 69 sets with 40 assists. Duncan had 15 of 15 sets with four assists. The team had a total of 41 digs. Wetzler and Duncan had eight digs, and Freshman Kennedy Sparling had six digs. NW had six total blocks. Clemens and Tuscherer had two blocks. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 17-3.

Wolsey-Wessington Defeats Northwestern

by Calli Peterson

Northwestern Wildcats (1-7) were defeated by Wolsey-Wessington (5-2) 26 to 66 in a non-conference game Oct. 20 in Mellette.

Junior Lane Myer led in rushing with 11 attempts for 23 yards.

Myer led in passing with 46 attempts, 16 completions for a total of 236 yards gained.

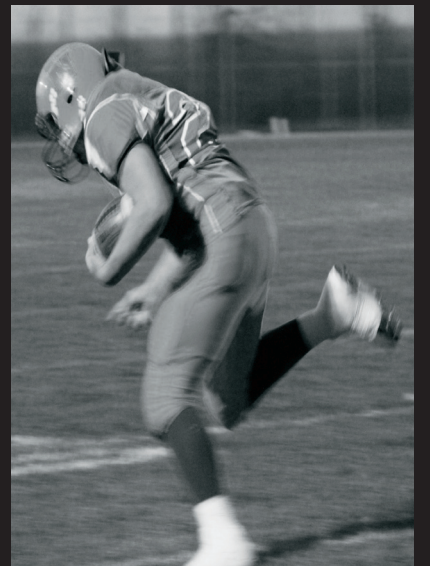
For receiving, senior Hunter Wood led with nine catches for

136 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore Nathan Palmer had five catches for 70 yards and one touchdown.

Wood led the defense with nine tackles and one interception for a touchdown. Myer had a total of nine tackles.

Northwestern finishes the season with a record of (1-8).

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SPORTS

Four Runners Advance to State Cross Country Meet

by Maddie Hahler

In the Faulkton cross country meet on Sept. 21, the junior varsity lit up the course. Running in the 3,000-meter race, Kaylee Hoellein placed second



Darby Duncan

in 12:40, followed by Josie Clemens placing third in 13:01. Not far behind, Darby Duncan placed sixth with a time of 13:17. In the boys 3,000-meter race, Isaac Groft placed 11th in 12:34.

At Hoven, Sept. 24, athletes placed. In the boys varsity 5,000-meter race, Silas Franco placed sixth with a time of 20:09. For the girls' junior varsity, running 3,000 meters, Josie Clemens placed second in 13:16. Just strides behind, Peyton Groft placed fourth in 13:47. Kaylee Hoellein placed fifth in 13:55 and Darby Duncan placed seventh in 15:14. In the boys junior varsity 3,000-meter race, Isaac Groft placed sixth in 13:06, followed by Derek Boekelheide with a time of

13:15, placing seventh.

The Annual FBLA 5k was held



Delbert Leonhardt

at Northwestern High School Oct. 1. The students at NW participated vigorously, with great results. Coming in first, Derek Boekelheide finished in 21:25, followed by Kaylee Hoellein in 24:23. Josie Clemens was not far behind; she finished third with a time of 25:12. Peyton Groft received fourth with a time of 25:18, followed by fifth-place recipient, Hans Leonhardt, finishing in 25:29. Darby Duncan placed sixth with a time of 27:40, and Isaac Groft finished in 28:51, placing seventh.

On Oct. 5 at Ipswich in the Lake Region Conference, Peyton Groft placed first in a time of 8:55 in the junior high girls 2,000-meter race. In the junior varsity girls 3,000-meter race, Kaylee Hoellein placed first in

13:17; Darby Duncan placed second in 13:40 and Josie Clemens placed third in 14:04. The varsity boys team placed third in the conference in the 5,000-meter race. Silas Franco placed second in 19:04, and Delbert Leonhardt placed third in 19:40. Derek Boekelheide placed 16th in 23:49, followed

by Isaac Groft placing



Isaac Groft

seventh in 23:54.

For regions, the cross country crew met in Webster on Oct. 12. In the varsity boys 5,000-meter race, Silas Franco placed fourth in 18:40, qualifying him for the state cross country meet. Delbert Leonhardt placed 21st in 19:56. Derek Boekelheide placed 32nd in 21:53, Isaac Groft placed 37th

in 24:01 and Hans Leonhardt placed 41st in 27:14. In the varsity girls 4,000-meter race, Kaylee Hoellein placed 13th in 18:11, Josie Clemens placed 18th in 18:28 and Darby Duncan placed 20th in 18:47. All three girls qualified for the state cross country meet.

The state cross country meet was held in Sioux Falls Oct. 22. Participating in boys Class B, Silas Franco placed 42nd, 19:12.22. Placing in the girls Class B, Kaylee Hoellein received 51st in 17:06.27. Re-



Kaylee Hoellein

ceiving 81st, Josie Clemens ran in 17:44.47, and Darby Duncan placed 94th in 18:06.22.

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Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay

Q: There are two girls who like me, and they are both from separate schools. They don't know each other in anyway. How do I pick one?

Logan: If I was that situation, I would know exactly what to do. I would take both of them out on a date at the same time. They might think this is a little weird at first, but they will soon find out what they are in for. All three of us would go to a restaurant and have ourselves a nice meal. After you are done eating, take them to the mall to go shopping and see what types of stores they are into. You don't want someone that is really high-maintenance, so you have to keep an eye on that. During the date make sure you pay attention to what girl is trying to make the moves. If one girl is all over you and won't let you talk to anyone else, then you might not want that girl. So after you date with the ladies, wait a few days and make your decision. When your deciding on which girl you want to pick, just remember which one fought for you the most.

Trevor: Well if it was me in that situation, I would take both of them out on a date; take both of them out for supper so that way you can eat less at each meal. This way you do not appear to be a pig. On your first date, tell her you have to be home early because you have something important to do in the morning. Then do the exact same thing with the second girl. When you're done eating with her, take the second girl to a movie or something. After your dates, take a legal pad and make a pro and con list on the two dates. The thing that I look for is not personality, not looks, but if she reached for the check or not when it came time to pay for your meal.

Shay: Well, I would simply just "try" to date both of them, but knowing my luck, I would get caught, and I would loose both of them unless one of them didn't care. Do what you feel and try to do the right thing.



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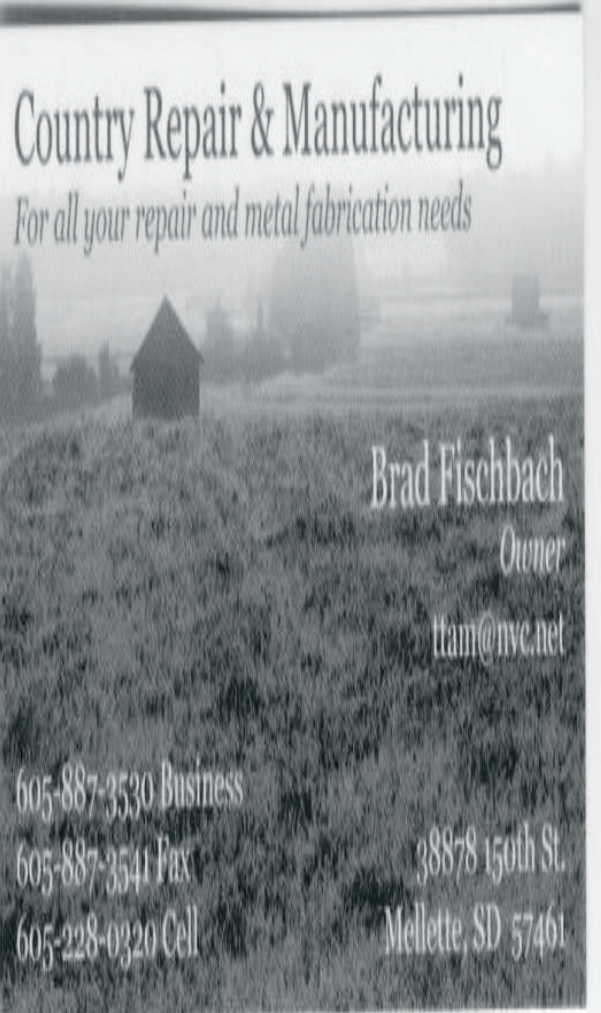


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STUDENT LIFE

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Who is the scariest senior and why?



"Trevor because it's... Trevor," senior Laine Mielke said.

"Hunter, because of his mullet," freshman Christine Morgan said.



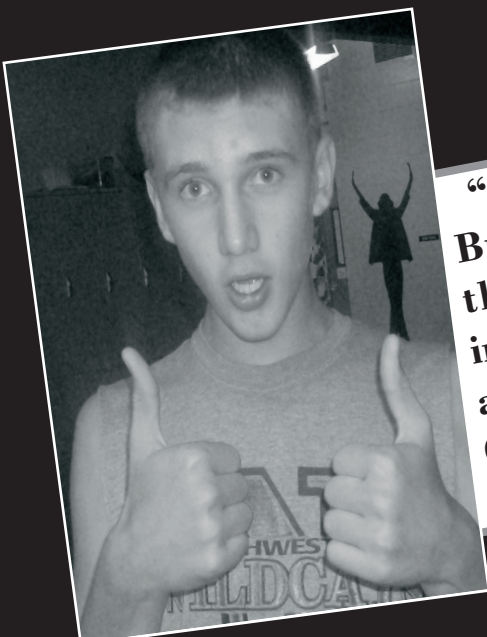
"I'm not afraid of any seniors," sophomore Bryahna Hartford said.



"Haley, she just is," sophomore Jacob Heidenreich said.



"Logan Brown, scary things come in small packages," freshman Corbin Smith said.

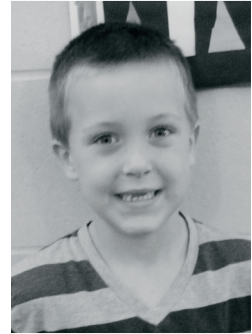


"Katrina, because she's crazy wild, and you never know what her next move will be," junior Courtlen Lechner said.



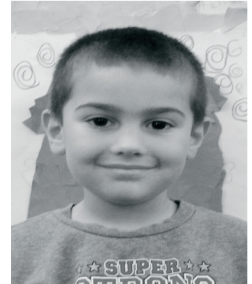
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What are you going to be when you get older?



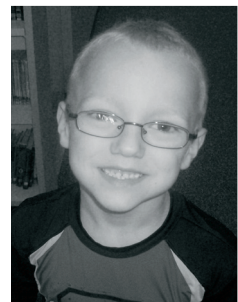
"An astronaut."

Kindergartner
Elijah Lich



"A fireman, because I like fire."

Kindergartner
Jacob Leinen



"A construction worker, because I like building with Legos a lot."

First-Grader
Ethan
Boekelheide



"A farmer, because I want to ride bulls."

Third-Grader
Kyle Peterson



"A veterinarian for pets, because I love pets."

Third-Grader
Hayden Bohl



"A farmer, because my dad is a farmer."

Fifth-Grader
Zack Toennies