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## Former Graduates Return From Marines

by Calli Peterson

2011 senior graduates Jerry Serfling and Casey Bade spoke to social studies classes on Friday, Sept. 9 after being at Marine boot camp for the summer. The two men also presented the flags at the home football game that night.

The boot camp they attended was in San Diego, Calif., and was not the easiest to overcome. Both men talked about the struggles of going through the camp and what conditions they lived under. The boot camp was a basic training for military recruits and gave the impression of "once in, can't leave."

The men were in separate platoons, so they did not see each other often. During the training, cell phones were not allowed, which meant they could make no phone calls. Letters were accepted. There was no free time except for the one hour the men received at night to gather all their stuff together. In training, the men should have received eight



**Jeramiah Serfling and Casey Bade return from Marine boot camp.**

hours of sleep. Sometimes this did not happen due to other things they needed to finish.

The first night they were there was the day for shots, medical examinations and paperwork. The men were kept up all night to feel the lack of sleep and the struggle military per-

sonnel need to overcome.

Serfling and Bade both agree that "the Crucible" was the worst part of training. In the "Crucible" training, the men survive three days with one meal of food and three hours of sleep per day. They had a lot of hiking, and at the end were told to

climb "The Reaper," a very steep hill that they needed to hike with a pack on their back.

"You could practically touch the hill ["The Reaper"]; it was so steep," Serfling said.

During training, the men only had three minutes to eat. When they walked into the meal room, people were eating very fast; it did not matter what they were eating.

"[It was a] massacre in the chow hall. Once you're in there, you're like 'what is this nonsense?'" Bade said.

Bade and Serfling are signed to be in the Marines for five years then are free to choose whatever road to take. Their name will still be down for four years on a kind of "reserve" where if they are needed, they will be called to volunteer to help. After the five years, Serfling plans to attend college for four years, then go into the officer program and become an officer and pilot. Bade plans to come back and work at the farm after his five years are finished.

## Students Canoe through Boundary Waters



**Happy Campers: Kathy Stuck, Laken Frericks, Jussy Tuscherer, Jared Fischer, Hunter Wood, Katrina Frericks, Trevor Toennies, Haley Wetzler and Laine Mielke**

by Courtlen Lechner

Every summer science teacher Mrs. Denise Clemens takes interested juniors on a trip to Boundary Waters in her home state of Minnesota.

Last summer, 11 people attended the annual event, including two chaperones: Laken Frericks,

Haley Wetzler, Justine Tuscherer, Katrina Frericks, Laine Mielke, Kathy Stuck, Hunter Wood, Trevor Toennies and Jared Fischer.

In addition to Clemens, former Northwestern graduates Austin Fischbach and Zach Wood served as the chaperones. These two men had experienced the Boundary



**Seniors Laine Mielke, Kathy Stuck and Haley Wetzler canoe across the lake.**

Waters trip when they were juniors in high school and came back for more. The group stayed a total of five days.

"It was a really cool experience to see what it is like to live without all of our technology," senior L. Frericks said.

Some of the activities the students did at Boundary Waters were fish,

hike, swim, etc. Also when they needed to get across the lake, they would canoe. They canoed almost everywhere. The students each cooked and did dishes when they were finished.

"I thought it was relaxing and a good experience. I think everybody should do it at least five times in their life," Toennies said.



# NEWS

## Evan Finley Attends Leadership Seminar

by Calli Peterson

Junior Evan Finley attended a leadership seminar in Madison, S.D., this past summer as part of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, otherwise known as HOBY. At the seminar, students from around the state attend to learn more about leadership and enjoy a few activities helping with charity. Finley was the only sophomore who attended the seminar.

The first day, the students attending took part in a few group activities. Such activities were "getting to know you" activities. The next day, in the morning, the students went through a few things about setting a SMART goal, which referred to charity organizing. That afternoon the attendees performed Alex's Lemonade Stand on the streets in Madison.

Alex's Lemonade Stand is for a little girl that lives in Pennsylvania diagnosed with cancer. She started Alex's Lemonade Stand by giving people lemonade and receiving a free will donations to childhood cancer.

Following the lemonade stand, Finley and the other teenagers participated in a dance and had some more group activities. Finley's favorite part about the seminar was



Finley

meeting and befriending a lot of new people.

"This was a life-changing experience and hard to pass up. Whoever goes will understand how outstanding it is! It can be a little tiring if you don't try to have fun, but for the guys: the ratio of girls to guys there is 4 to 1, so I encourage all males to attend and meet some new girls," Finley said.

In order for Finley to attend the seminar, he needed to compete against the fellow students in his class who volunteered to attend. Each student wanting to attend needed to write a 100-word essay and have a small interview.

## 22 New Students, 4 Staff Members Join Wildcat Community

by Courtlen Lechner

Northwestern Area School District has approximately 22 new students throughout the whole school, with 11 new high school students, four junior high and seven new elementary students.

Some of the new students already knew some students in the school, which made the move a little easier for some students. There are three new first-graders, two second-graders, two fifth-graders, two sixth-graders, two seventh-graders, four freshmen, two sophomores and five juniors.

"I guess it is not too bad being a new student. I move a lot, so I am used to it. I am always the new kid," sophomore Bryahna Harford said.

The new students brought to NW include first-graders Rian Gehring, Preston Martin and Gretchen Severance; second-grader Morgan Gehring; fifth-graders Meza Myer and Dominic Hagebock; sixth-graders Addison Sparling and Ashley Kragelund; seventh-graders Dawson Smith and Samantha Hagebock;

freshmen Julia Sparling, Tanner Dvorak, Sage Binger and Don' Shay Dillard; sophomores Terrance Circle Bear and Bryahna Harford; and juniors Shekota Meyer, Lane Meyer, Oliver Kragelund, Aaron Schultz and foreign-exchange student Catarina Oliveira.

The school also gained many new staff members. The staff members include: high school music director, Jody Roseland; custodian, Charles Palmer; bus driver, Cindy Van Hatten; and counseling intern, Stephanie Nygaard.

Every year, Northwestern obtains new students, but this is a large number of new students. With this many new faces, students are making new friends every day.

"I love this school! I obviously miss my old school and friends, but this is a good school to come to. I knew a lot of people from Northwestern because I attended many sporting camps throughout the summer, so I met a lot of my classmates there," junior S. Myer said.

Welcome to all new students and staff members!

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# NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

- ▣ HATS house has been sold.
- ▣ Homecoming is scheduled for the week of September 25th. The biggest change is having coronation on Thursday, September 29th, with the powder puff & burning of the N to follow.
- ▣ The first Dibles testing was completed in the elementary with most results comparable to last year.
- ▣ Numbers in the headstart program are down from last year.
- ▣ NW had 14 juniors and seniors purchase their own computers through the school to use for their classes at school and at home.
- ▣ Hot breakfast is being served 3 times a week. Cold breakfast is served the other days.
- ▣ Approved the surplus of bus 4 (Conde mini-bus). If you are interested submit a sealed bid to the business office by Friday, September 16th, 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Supt, Ray Sauerwein at 605-887-3467 x110.
- ▣ Approved the surplus of the 1994 Chevy Suburban (damaged). If you are interested submit a sealed bid to the business office by Friday, September 16th, 4:00 p.m. For more information call Supt, Ray Sauerwein at 605-887-3467 x110.
- ▣ Approved reshaping ditch west of football field.
- ▣ Approved participation in the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund.
- ▣ Congratulations to AP Scholars Kara Fischbach, Amanda Finley and Elizabeth Leonhardt.
- ▣ Congratulations to Haley Wetzler for being selected Aberdeen American News athlete of the week and to Jussy Tuscherer for being named the AVCA/MaxPreps Athlete of the Week for South Dakota.
- ▣ Congratulations to Declan Osborne who won best Poppy Poster and Kara Fischbach who won best Americanism Essay in the NW Division at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
- ▣ Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 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 September 18, 2011.

## Wildcat Juniors and Seniors Go Cyber

by Bryahna Harford

Students are on a roll this year with updating technology. The school is now offering laptops for juniors and seniors to actually purchase and to keep as their own.

"Yes, I absolutely support the new laptops. Why not? The kids get them after school to take to college, and it's a whole lot cheaper," the art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

The small, carry-on computers were each worth about \$896. The school purchased around 25 individual laptops, spending more than \$22,400 on new technology for the school. The juniors can buy an HP Elite Book for \$325 this year and are expected to bring them back to use as seniors and pay another \$325, a total costing of \$650. Seniors can purchase their laptops at \$750.

"I bought one because it's just like the one I will need when I go



to tech school in Watertown," senior Casey Kulm said.

The new HP Elite Book laptop is easily accessible in the school's library. To purchase or use school laptops, contact the school's technology coordinator Mrs. Shelly Fischbach.

"They [the laptops] are just marvelous," junior Shay Clemensen said.

Not all students purchased a laptop because they already owned one.

"I don't think it's necessary to get one from the school when I have one at home," senior Alex Boekelheide said.

## Fischbach Wins American Legion Contest



**Fischbach won Best Americanism Essay in the NW Division.**

by Courtlen Lechner

Each year Northwestern School participates in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay and Poem contests along with the Poppy Poster contest. At State level this year, the school had four

winners. They include: Kara Fischbach, Americanism Essay contest winner, Christine Stoltenberg and Derek Boekelheide, Americanism Poem contest winners and Declan Osborne, Poppy Poster contest winner. They each will receive money for their award.

At the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention last week, two of these students received National awards. Since there is only one winner in each division, this is a tremendous honor.

Declan Osborne won Best Poppy Poster in the NW Division. She receives certificates signed by American Legion Auxiliary's National President.

Kara Fischbach won Best Americanism Essay in the NW Division. She receives 50 dollar and a certificate from the American Legion Auxiliary National President.

Thank you to all the teachers and students who support the contests!



## New score board a fan favorite

by Bryahna Harford

Since 1985, Northwestern High School has been keeping scores for volleyball and basketball on the same scoreboard. The scoreboard's age not only affected its usage by the school, but also how much money the school had to use on other activities, besides repairing the outdated scoreboard.

"...couldn't get any more parts, because of how old it [the scoreboard] was," athletic director Mr. Ray Sauerwein said.

Just this year, Sauerwein, high school principal, Mr. Rich Osborn, business teacher Mrs. Anne Frericks, technology coordinator Shelly Fischbach and other staff members at Northwestern High School have been putting in extra time and effort to get the school's brand-new scoreboard ready for sports usage in the school's gymnasium.

Several businesses stepped forward to back up the Wildcats in getting a new set of scoreboards for the gym. Ten community and nearby business owners helped to purchase the new, and greatly needed, merchandise. Wheat Growers, Stahl Insurance Agency, Farmers Union Oil, Peterson Meats, Peterson Seeds, Kramp Construction inc., Crop Production Services, Northwestern Community Founda-



**One of the new scoreboards displayed in the gym has a large display that can show player pictures, real-time statistics, advertisements, and much more.**

tion, American Bank and Trust, James Valley Telecommunications and Wilbur-Ellis all attributed to the school's new scoreboard.

"Being a small business owner, I felt it is important to support the small town schools in our community," the manager of Peterson Meats, David Peterson said.

The businesses purchased the boards with a five-year warranty, meaning all changes and fixes for the next five years are covered by

the businesses. The school staff members, the students and especially the sports spectators greatly appreciate the new boards and could hardly wait to use them on Sept. 1, the school's first volleyball game, the first day the boards were revealed to the public.

"I thought it [the scoreboard] was really neat. I liked how it shows the players faces so they get more recognition," Kim Peterson of Peterson Seeds said.

## Students Recieve AP Scholar Awards: Leonhardt, Fischbach and Finley Top Performers

Three students from the Northwestern Area High School graduating class of 2011 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.9 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

At Northwestern Area High School, one student qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. This student

is Elizabeth Leonhardt who had an average of 4.75 on a 5 point scale on the four exams taken. Elizabeth received a perfect score of 5 on three of the four exams taken with the other receiving a 4. This has never before been accomplished by any student at Northwestern!

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Amanda Finley and Kara Fischbach.

Northwestern Area is very excited to have three students out of a class of 23 receive these honors. These types of achievements are attributed to the quality teachers at Northwestern and the hard work and commitment of the students.

"I am just so proud of our students, not only these three, but all of the AP English students and their scores this year," English teacher Mrs. Nora Groft said.

Eight of the 10 students in Groft's AP English class passed

one or both of the AP English exams given in May.

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and have higher college graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

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# NEWS

## Students Participate in Trap Shooting

by Maddie Hahler

This previous summer, many Northwestern students participated in trap shooting. Many students find this sport fun, and a good consumption of summer time.

Students who participated include: seventh-grader Kyler Johnson; eighth-graders Wyatt Hahler, Hunter Lerew, Dylan Miles and Darienne Frericks; freshman DonShay Dillard and junior Ray Lerew.

"It was a good way to get ready for hunting," Dillard said.

Trap shooting gives students something to do during the summer; something they can participate in and maybe even make some new friends.

The teams were often made up of students from different schools, giving the boys and girls a chance to meet new friends or to reconnect with students they do not see during the school year.

Some students who participate in trap shooting do not do any other sport. This is the one sport where students do not have to be tall or run fast. They simply have to aim.

There are trap shooting tournaments for competing teams. Win or lose, trap shooting is a good experience.

"I learned how to aim," Johnson said.

Some people are not familiar with trap shooting. In this sport, there are teams that consist of five participants. Each participant stands at the end of a side walk, lined up with the others. When he or she is ready to shoot, he or she shouts "pull" and a clay pigeon (disk) is shot out in front of them in any given direction.

The idea of the game is to shatter this disk or at least chip it. They either hit or miss.

Each round consists of five disks per player, after the round they slide to the second of five positions.

After each participant has gone through and shot his or her five rounds, twenty-five shots per player, that person is done with the first half.

By adding up and averaging out the teams scores, the coach decides how far back the students need to move. Then, at that given spot, they begin again, with another five rounds of five shots.

"I can't wait to do it again next year!" Miles said.

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The Northwestern Community Foundation would like to thank all 63 participants who participated in the 2nd annual golf tournament that took place on Saturday, Sept. 17 in Faulkton.

1st place: Chris Styles, Kirby Goetsch, Tom Rieker & Eric Rieker

2nd place: Kevin Sparling, Chuck Sparling, Kris Sparling & Chad Fischbach

3rd place: Brian Bauer, Alex Bauer, Jesse Weideman & Terry Hawkins

Closest to the pin: Chad Fischbach

Longest Putt: Chris Styles

Closest to Center Line: Carol Wiedebush & Jerry Steger

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We hope to see you all back next fall!



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# OPINION

## Should Northwestern obtain air-conditioning in all parts of the school?

### Pro...

by Calli Peterson

School at Northwestern has started, and the students have entered some new changes. The Northwestern staff thinks of ideas to make the school improve. One idea has been whether the school should splurge on the luxury of air-conditioning. Some rooms and offices in the school have this luxury, but the rest are still lacking the nice, cool atmosphere.

Since school starts in the middle of August, the heat of the summer still leaks in the school. Students have to survive the heat of a classroom while still trying to pay attention in class. When days become 80 to 90 degrees outside, the school becomes almost unbearably hot. With sweaty students in the non air-conditioned classrooms, the rooms become hotter, stickier and smellier. Air-conditioning would provide the school with a more comfortable ambiance.

During class, many rooms need to have fans in order to keep the room cool. The fans make noise and become a distraction in class. Teachers have to talk over the fans in order to make sure the students

hear them correctly.

The stifling classrooms also cause dress-code violations as students attempt to keep cool by wearing skimpier clothing.

While the computer labs are air-conditioned because of the need to keep the computers cool, couldn't this argument be made for every classroom now that students carry their own laptops with them from class to class? Many teachers use laptop carts in their rooms every day--are those computers not needing to be cool, too?

The gym is lacking air-conditioning as well. With athletes practicing sports, the gym becomes sweaty and muggy. When students sweat, the sweat has to go somewhere, dripping on the floor and creating dangerous conditions. If air-conditioning were installed, the athletes would still sweat, but not so much where it is needed to stop practice. Also, if air-conditioning is added, sports' games will be much more enjoyable for the fans to not have to go through the exhaustion of the heat along with the athletes.

Many other schools our size have air-conditioning throughout their building, why not us?

### Con...

by Maddie Hahler

Many students and faculty do believe air-conditioning is a necessity, but is it worth it? Installing air-conditioning in this school building would be extremely costly. Administrators believe it is simply not a "financially smart" choice. School funding has decreased the last two years and should not be spent on something we would only use for a couple weeks of the entire school year. Students may complain about the heat, but it only lasts a short period of time. Teachers have fans and open doors for air, which majorly helps. Really, the school has gone this long without it, so it cannot be a necessity. On-going maintenance may cost a lot of money, which school funding would have to cover, probably annually. The gym alone would cost a massive amount of money to cool, and the students do not even spend that much time there. Cooling the gym is only

*"Students may complain about the heat, but it only lasts a short period of time."*

necessary for games, practices, and one-a-week physical education classes, which is not that often. As of right now, we have air-conditioning in the computer labs, to keep the computers cool. Another possible issue is the fact that it could become too cold, possibly uncomfortably cold. Some drafts can be just as distracting as the slight heat issue. Each student has a different perspective on temperature. Many students think it is too cold in the mornings, while other students complain about the heat. Really, air-conditioning would only make half the students content, and the other half chilly.

## What You Think



"We would only use it half a dozen days a year, for the money it costs to install it, it is not financially smart, simply not a good use of public funding," superintendent Mr. Ray Sauerwein said.

"Yes, it would help me focus on school," junior Nathan Hawley said.



"Not exactly, I would rather public funding be spent on better quality toilet paper," senior Kathy Stuck said.



"Yes, because it would help us concentrate," sophomore Alyssa Steward said.



"Yes, if we had air conditioning, it would create a better learning environment," junior high English teacher Mrs. Christy Cardella.



Designed by Maddie Hahler

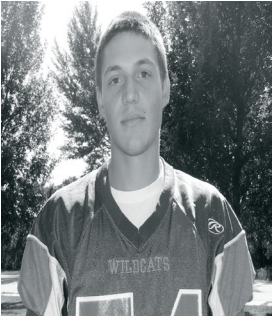




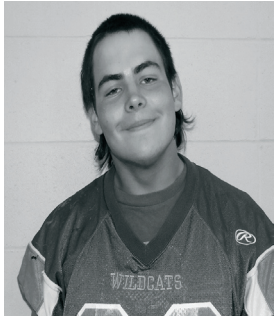
# SPORTS

## Meet the Football Players...

by Shay Clemensen



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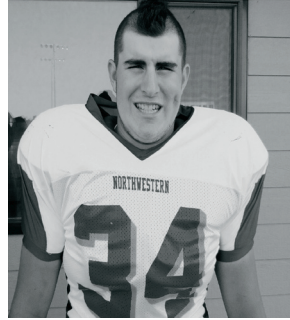
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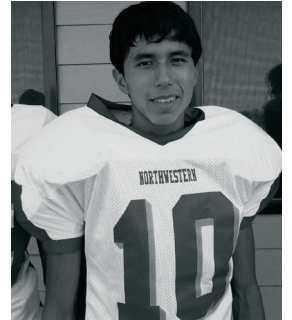
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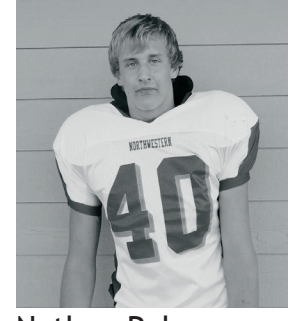
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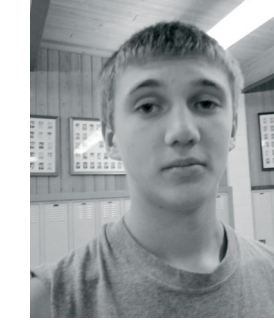
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Friday August 26,





## Northwestern Volleyball Starts Off a Great Season



### Wildcats Defeat Wagner

by Shay Clemensen

Northwestern defeated Wagner in two sets, 25-21, 25-15. The Wildcats served 44 of 47 with six aces. Senior Haley Wetzler served 14 of 15 with two aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan served 13 of 14 with two aces. Senior Mariah Taylor served five of five with one ace. NW attacked 51 of 60 with 22 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer was 25 for 27 with 15 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens was 12 for 14 with six kills. The Wildcats had a total 55 of 56 sets with 21 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 46 of 47 sets with 18 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan was 4 for 4 sets and two assists. NW had a total of 24 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had seven digs. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had six digs. Senior Mariah Taylor also had six digs. The Wildcats had one solo block and two assisted. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had one block and one assist. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had the other assist. In this game Senior Jussy Tuscherer broke Northwestern's all-time career kills record with 1,085 kills. The previous record was held by Tara Smith with 1,083. Their record is 1-0.



### Northwestern Overcomes Parkston

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats won against Parkston in their own tournament on Saturday, Aug. 27 in two sets, 25-12, 25-11. The Cats served 37 of 46 and had 14 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer served five of eight with four aces. Senior Mariah Taylor served 10 of 10 with three aces. Senior Haley Wetzler served seven of nine with two aces. The Wildcats attacked 36 of 41 and had 16 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 18 of 20 attacks with seven kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had eight of nine attacks with four kills. Senior Mariah Taylor had three of three attacks with two kills. NW had 38 of 38 sets and 19 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 29 of 29 sets with 11 assists. The team had 15 digs. Taylor had seven digs. Wetzler had five digs. Tuscherer had three digs. The Wildcats had three blocks: two assisted and one solo. Tuscherer had one solo and one assisted blocks. Taylor had one assisted blocks. Wetzler scooped up her 1,000th career dig. The Wildcats no2 proceed to be 2-0.



### Northwestern Slides Past McCook

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern volleyball team won against McCook Central-Montrose in two sets, 25-22 and 25-19 on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Parkston Tournament. The team had 36 of 41 serves with five aces. Senior Mariah Taylor led the team with 10 for 10 serves with two aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had seven for seven serves with one ace. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had four for five serves with one ace. The Wildcats attacked a total of 60 for 65 and had 27 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 27 for 29 attacks with 14 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 16 for 18 attacks with 10 kills. Northwestern had a total of 61 for 63 sets with 27 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 57 of 59 sets with 24 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had two for two sets with two assists. The Wildcats had a total of 32 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 12 digs. Freshman Kennedy Sparling had seven digs. Senior Mariah Taylor had four digs. There was a total of six blocks in the game and all of them were assisted. Jussy Tuscherer had two assisted. The Wildcat record is now 3-0.



### Wildcats Triumph Over Arlington

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Arlington in two sets, 25-22 and 25-18 to win the Parkston Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 27. The team served 42 for 48 with two aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan served seven for seven and had one ace. Senior Haley Wetzler served nine for 10 with one ace. The Wildcats attacked 62 for 73 and had a total of 27 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer led the team with 24 out of 26 attacks with 13 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 20 of 23 total attacks and had 11 kills. The Cats had 66 of 67 sets with 27 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 59 of 59 sets and 23 assists. Duncan had three for four sets and three assists. The team had a total of 34 digs. Wetzler had 19 digs, Taylor had six digs, and Tuscherer had five digs. The Cats had one solo block and four assisted blocks. Tuscherer led with one solo and one assisted block. Now, the Northwestern Wildcats are 4-0.



### Cats Attacks Aberdeen Christian

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats topped Aberdeen Christian Aug. 30 in three sets, 25-7, 25-7, and 25-6. They served 72 for 73 and with 19 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 21 for 22 serves with 10 aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had 14 for 14 serves with three aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 11 for 11 serves and had two aces. The Wildcats had 59 for 64 attacks and a total of 28 kills. Tuscherer had 23 for 27 attacks with 13 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens attacked eight for 10 and had five kills. Senior Shelby Peterson with six of six attacks with three kills. The Cats set 59 for 62 and had a total of 26 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 53 of 55 sets with 23 assists. The team had a total of 34 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 18 digs, Taylor had five digs and freshman Kennedy Sparling had four digs. The Cats had a total of five blocks. Tuscherer had two blocks. Now the team's record is 5-0.

## Northwestern Football Falls to Hitchcock-Tulare

by Calli Peterson

The Northwestern Wildcats (0-1) were defeated by the Hitchcock Tulare Patriots (1-0) 0 to 40 in a Non-Conference game Aug. 26 in Tulare.

Junior Lane Myer led in rushing with five attempts with a total of 23 yards gained. For a long, Meyer had 17 yards with an average of 4.6 yards per carry.

Junior Evan Finley led in passing with 15 attempts, five completions for a total of 67 yards gained. Finley threw four interceptions. His longest pass was 31 yards.

For receiving, Meyer led with two catches for 30 yards. Sophomore Nathan Palmer also had two catches

for 26 yards.

Sophomore Jacob Heidenreich punted five times for 158 yards with an average of 31.6 yards and a long of 34.

For kick return, sophomore Nathan Frericks led with four returns for 48 yards and a long of 15. Heidenreich had two returns for 23 yards and a long of 17.

Senior Hunter Wood led the defense with a total of 13 tackles, two for a loss and half a sack. Myer had a total of nine tackles. The team acquired a total of 63 tackles, nine for a loss and two sacks.

Northwestern, 0-1, takes on the Langford Lions Sept. 2 in Langford.





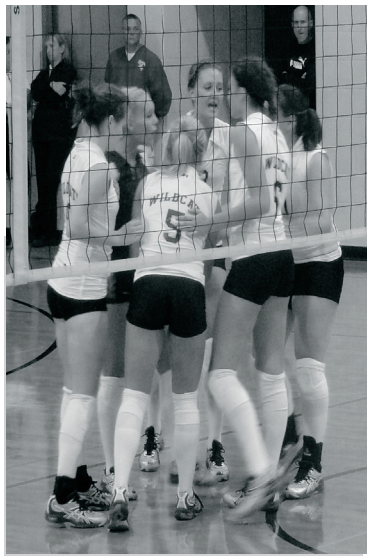
# SPORTS



## Wildcats Defeats Langford

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats defeated Langford Sept. 1 in three sets 25-9, 25-1, and 25-17. The Wildcats served 64 for 72 with 20 aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan served 33 for 25 and had 12 aces. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had six of seven serves and had three aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had seven of eight serves and had a total of two aces. Northwestern had a total of 44 for 50 attacks and had 28 kills. Tuscherer attacked 40 of 41 times with 19 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had seven of nine attacks with five kills. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had seven of eight attacks with two kills. The team set 49 of 50 and had a total of 19 assists. Senior Mariah Taylor had 40 of 41 sets with 19 assists. Duncan had four of four with three assists. NW had a total of 21 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had six digs, freshman Kennedy Sparling had five digs and Duncan had five. The team had a total of one solo and two assisted blocks. Taylor had the one solo and one assisted block. Tuscherer had one assisted block. The Wildcats are now 6-0.



## Northwestern Eliminates Milbank

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats beat Milbank on Sept. 3 in two sets 25-13, 25-9 at the Sioux Falls Christian Tournament. The team served a total of 40 for 42 and had 11 aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 13 of 13 and four aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 10 of 10 with four aces. Freshman Kennedy Sparling had four of four serves with one ace. The Wildcats attacked 31 for 36 times with 17 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 15 of 16 attacks with eight kills. Junior Ashley Clemens attacked six of six times with four kills. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had five of five times with three kills. Northwestern set a total of 35 for 36 times with 17 assists. Taylor had 32 of 32 sets with 15 assists. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had two of three sets with one assist. The team had a total of 22 digs. Wetzler had seven digs, freshman Kennedy Sparling had five digs and sophomore Jeanna Duncan had four digs. Now the Northwestern Wildcats' record is now 7-0.



## Wildcat Destroy Warner

by Shay Clemensen

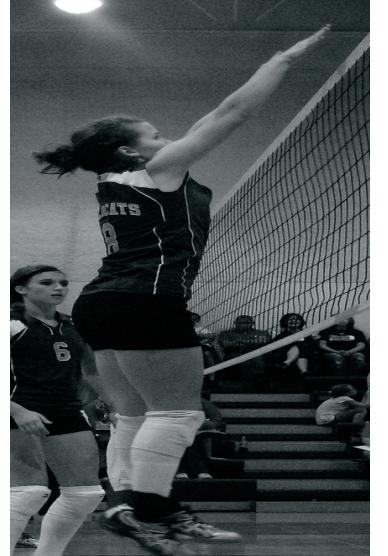
On Sept 3rd at the Sioux Falls Christian Tournament the Northwestern Wildcats won against Warner in three sets 25-15, 21-25, and 25-22. The Wildcats served a total of 61 of 69 with six aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan served 15 for 17 with two aces. Senior Mariah Taylor served 12 for 12 with two aces. Freshman Christine Morgan had 10 for 10 serves with one ace. The team attacked a total of 80 of 87 times with 21 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had 30 for 34 attacks with seven kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 21 for 22 attacks with seven kills. Taylor had 12 for 13 attacks with three kills. The Wildcats set a total of 77 of 77 times with 19 assists. Taylor led the team with 64 of 64 sets and 16 assists. Duncan had nine of nine sets with two assists. Northwestern had a total of 46 digs. Senior Haley Wetzler had 14 digs, Duncan had nine digs, and Freshman Kennedy Sparling had six digs. NW had 25 solo and 10 assisted blocks. Clemens had five assisted blocks, Tuscherer had 15 solo and two assisted. Senior Shelby Peterson had 15 solo and one assisted blocks. The Wildcats are now 8-0.



## Cats Falls to Sioux Falls Christian

by Shay Clemensen

On Sep. 3 in the Sioux Falls Christian tournament the Northwestern Wildcats were defeated by Sioux Falls Christian in three sets: 19-25, 28-26, 25-27. The Wildcats served 55 of 66 and had six aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan led the team with 15 of 16 serves with four aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 10 of 12 serves with one ace. Senior Jussy Tuscherer had two of seven serves with one ace. NW attacked a total of 77 of 93 times with 34 kills. Tuscherer had 26 of 30 attacks with 18 kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 29 of 34 attacks with 10 kills. Sophomore Paige Metzinger had eight of 11 attacks with two kills. The team set a perfect 90 of 90 times. Taylor had 74 of 74 with 26 assists. Duncan had 12 for 12 sets with two assists. NW had a total of 43 digs, Taylor with 13 digs, Senior Haley Wetzler with 12, and Freshman Kennedy Sparling with eight. The Wildcats had one solo block and four assisted blocks. Tuscherer had one solo and two assisted. Clemens and Metzinger had one assisted block. Northwestern is now 8-1.



## Northwestern Dominates Elk-Point Jefferson

by Shay Clemensen

The Northwestern Wildcats won the Sioux Falls Christian Tournament by beating Elk Point-Jefferson in two matches: 25-14, 25-20. The team served 38 of 42 with seven aces. Senior Mariah Taylor had 11 of 12 serves with six aces. Senior Haley Wetzler had 10 of 10 serves with no aces. Sophomore Jeanna Duncan had seven of eight serves with one ace. The Wildcats attacked 47 for 52 with 19 kills. Senior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 16 of 18 times with eight kills. Junior Ashley Clemens had 12 of 14 attacks with five kills. Laken Frericks had three of three attacks with two kills. NW set a total of 56 for 56 with 19 assists. Taylor had 51 of 51 sets with 16 assists. Duncan had four of four sets with two assists. They had a total of 24 digs, Wetzler led with 11, Freshman Kennedy Sparling had four, and Mariah Taylor had three digs. The Wildcats blocked a total of four times. Tuscherer had one solo and one assisted. Clemens had one solo block, and sophomore Paige Metzinger had one assisted block. The Northwestern Wildcats are now 9-1.

## Langford Defeats Northwestern



by Calli Peterson

Northwestern Wildcats (0-2) were defeated by the Langford Lions (2-0) 6-49 in a conference game Sept. 2 in Langford.

Junior Silas Franco led in rushing with four attempts with an average of 15.3 yard

per carry. He gained a total of 61 yards and scored one touchdown with a long of 55 yards. Sophomore Jacob Heidenreich had seven attempts in rushing for seventeen yards.

Junior Evan Finley led in passing with nine attempts, three completions for a total of 37 yards gained. Finley threw one interception. His longest pass was 21 yards.

For receiving, sophomore Nathan Palmer led with two receptions for 23 yards. Junior Jake Groft had one reception for 14 yards.

Sophomore Jacob Heidenreich punted six times for 97 yards with an average of 16.2 yards and a long of 35.

For kick return, sophomore Nathan Frericks led

with three returns for 40 yards and a long of 17. Freshman Zach Duncan had one return for 18 yards.

Junior Lane Meyer led the defense with a total of 13 tackles with two tackles for a loss. Palmer had a total of 10 tackles. Senior Hunter Wood had 10 tackles with three for a loss. The team acquired a total of 69 tackles, six for a loss.

Northwestern takes on the Leola-Frederick Titans Sept. 9 in Mellette.



# SPORTS

## Meet the Volleyball Players...

by Logan Brown



Haley Wetzler  
Senior  
Libero



Jussy Tuscherer  
Senior  
Middle Hitter



Laken Frericks  
Senior  
Outside Hitter



Mariah Taylor  
Senior  
Setter



Shelby Peterson  
Senior  
Outside Hitter



Ashley Clemens  
Junior  
Middle Hitter



Kaitlyn Sparling  
Junior  
Defensive Specialist



Shekota Myer  
Junior  
Outside Hitter



Catarina Oliveria  
Junior  
Middle Hitter



Jeanna Duncan  
Sophomore  
Setter



Kalen Frericks  
Sophomore  
Outside Hitter



Paige Metzinger  
Sophomore  
Middle Hitter



Kennedi Sparling  
Freshman  
Outside Hitter



Jordon Peterson  
Freshman  
Middle Hitter



Christine Morgan  
Freshman  
Defensive Specialist



Julia Sparling  
Freshman  
Outside Hitter



Halle Sieve  
Freshman  
Middle Hitter



Hannah Palmer  
Freshman  
Right Side



Haley Grandpre  
Freshman  
Setter



Carolina Spielman  
Freshman  
Defensive Specialist

## Northwestern Begins First Cross Country Season!

by Maddie Hahler

For the first time in school history, Northwestern has a cross country team. Coached by Kris Boekelheide and Mr. Scott Boone, nine athletes practice at 7 a.m. at school to prepare for their long-distance runs.

Boys include junior Silas Franco, sophomore Delbert Leonhardt, freshman Hans Leonhardt, eighth-grader Isaac Groft and seventh-grader Derek Boekelheide.

Girls include eighth-grader Kaylee Hoellein, seventh-graders Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan and sixth-grader Peyton Groft.

"It's fun because we get to run!" Duncan said.

In the first meet of the season in Britton on Aug. 31, Duncan placed first in the junior varsity girls 3,000-meter,

followed by Hoellein with second and Clemens in fourth. In the junior varsity boys 3,000-meter, Boekelheide placed 10th and Groft placed 20th.

"It was exciting because we compete against older competition," Clemens said.

At the second meet of the season, Franco placed 17th out of 51 runners with a time of 19:58 in the 5,000-meter run at the 51st Annual High School Roe Granger at Aberdeen Sept. 3. D. Leonhardt followed him shortly with a time of 20:12, placing 19th.

In the girls 2,000-meter run, Groft placed 10th with a time of 9:06, followed by Hoellein in 13th with a time of 9:13, Clemens in 14th with a time of 9:14 and Duncan with a time of 9:28, receiving 18th. In the boys 2,000-meter run,

Boekelheide placed seventh with a time of 8.17 and Groft had a time of 8.55, receiving 17th.

"Kris Boekelheide had been having 7 a.m. practice to accommodate kids' schedules. It works out well cause it's cold in the mornings. They ran well at the Roe Ranger. Every student placed except Hans, but that was because he lost his shoe, so he has an excuse," Boone said.

In the Webster meet Sept. 12, Franco placed 14th with a time of 19.33 in the boys 5,000-meter run. D. Leonhardt finished with a time of 19:44, placing 18th. In the junior varsity, H. Leonhardt received 36th place with a time of 14.10.7.

"Cross country is pretty awesome!" Franco said.

At the Roncalli meet Sept.

15, Groft placed 18th in the junior varsity boys 3,000-meter run with a time of 14:00. H. Leonhardt placed 16th in a time of 14:05.

The Wildcats will compete at the Faulkton cross country meet Sept. 21 before heading to the Hoven meet on Sept. 24.

The Wildcats will also run in the SDHSAA-sanctioned FLBA 5K held Oct. 1 in Mellette.

As a member of the Lake Region Conference, the Wildcats will compete at its first-ever conference cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 5 in Ipswich at 1 p.m.

The regional meet is Oct. 12 in Webster with qualifying athletes participating in the state cross country meet Saturday, Oct. 22 in Sioux Falls, S.D.



# STUDENT LIFE

## Top 10 Haircuts

by Trevor Toennies

10. Mullet
9. Reverse Mohawk
8. Corn Rows
7. High N' Tight
6. Rat tail
5. Afro
4. Dread Locks
3. Mohawk
2. Comb over
1. Logan Brown's Mr. Clean summer hair cut



Junior Lane Myer shows off his mohawk.

The Northwestern Community Foundation would like to thank the following businesses & individuals for their contributions to another successful skybox auction. Peterson Meats, Mellette Bar & Grill, Stahl Insurance, American Bank & Trust, Roger & Michelle Clemensen, Adam & Jennifer Hahler, Steve & Kristi Smith, Laurie Halvorson, Karla Borge, Dan Peterson, Tom Boekelheide, Craig Oberle, Arden Taylor & the many others that donated their time & service. Good luck to the Wildcat Football team & thank you to all of those who purchased a skybox!

## Logan and Trevor With a Little Bit of Shay

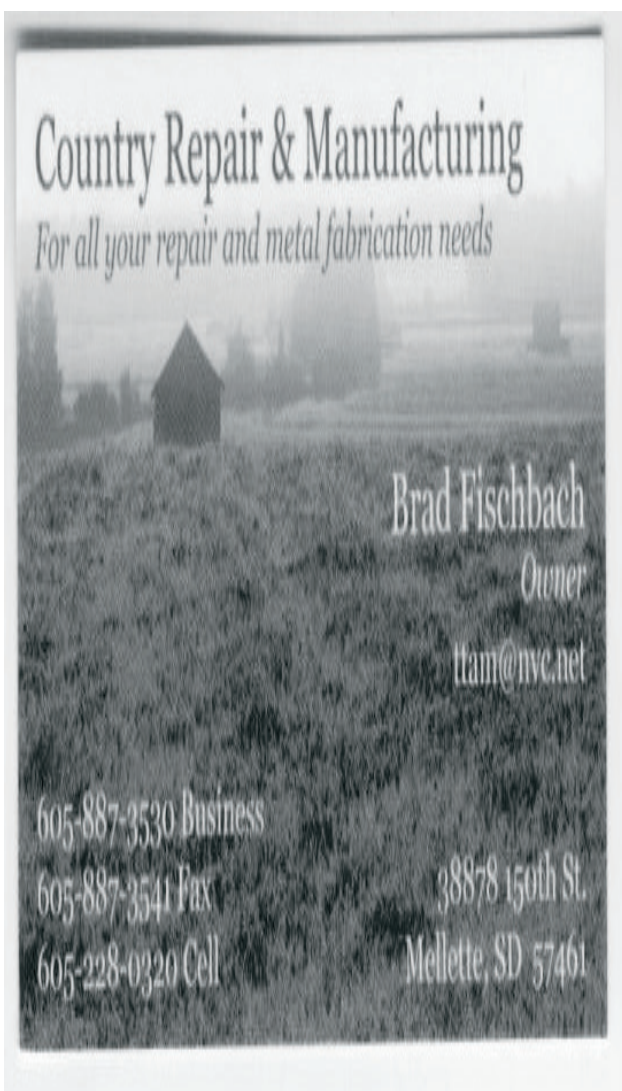
**Q:** There's this guy that I really like, and he likes me, too. The problem is my parents won't exactly approve of the guy. I still don't find that a reason to stop seeing him. I need help coming up with ways I can still date him without my parents finding out. HELP ME!!

**A: Logan:** When your parents are gone, have him sneak over. You have to be careful when doing this. Before your parents leave, take the house key off of both your parents' sets of keys and hide the spare key if you have one. Tell your parents to call you when they are leaving town and say you want food because they will get that last, so it can stay warm. Don't have your guy drive to your house because your parents will see the vehicle. Have him park somewhere where your parents won't be able to see it and go and pick him up. If your parents don't call you when they leave town because they think something is suspicious, they won't be able to get in because you have the spare keys. When they are trying to get in, you will have

time to hide him or sneak him out the back. If they ask why their keys were gone, say you lost yours, and you needed one because you were going to a friend's house, and you needed to lock the door.

**Trevor:** If your parents don't like your boyfriend, all you need to do is disguise him. It is very simple: just change his look up a little. Remember, your parents are getting old, and as they get older, their eye sight starts to go. So all you should have to do is dye his hair, throw some different shoes on him and a sweatshirt and maybe some glasses, too. Then all you have to do is tell them a fake name when you re-introduce him to your parents.

**Shay:** Well first of all, I would put my ghillie suit on, and I would crawl through one of the windows to the house. I would be all ninja-like, and I would make my way to the kitchen to slip a sleeping drug into their drink so then they would go sleepy for the rest of the night. I love it when a plan comes together!





# STUDENT LIFE

## In the Hallway...

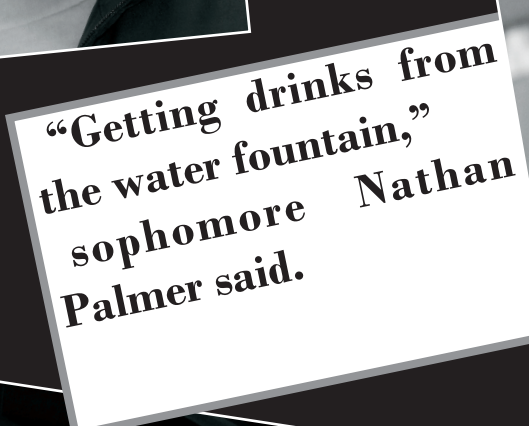
What is your favorite thing about school?



**"It's a toss up between sports and Mr. Boone's classes," senior Jussy Tuscherer said.**



**"Long walks on the beach during class while a lecture is going on," junior Lane Myer said.**



**"Getting drinks from the water fountain," sophomore Nathan Palmer said.**



**"All the girls," sophomore Nik Wood said.**



**"Getting it over with," freshman Zach Duncan said.**



**"Getting to see all my friends," junior Courtlen Lechner said.**

## In the Elementary...

Who is your favorite teacher and what do you like best about him or her?



Kindergartner Dawson Ward

**"Mrs. Mitchell because she lets us color stuff."**



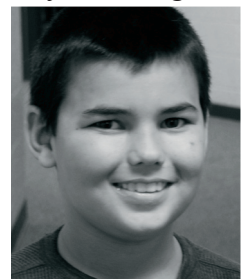
First-Grader Emmylea Robeson

**"Mrs. Taylor because he teaches us lots of stuff. I really like drawing."**



Second-Grader Kyanne Anglin

**"Mr. Duncan because he is funny."**



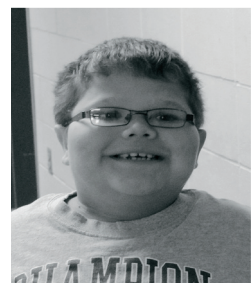
Third-Grader Joe Groft

**"Mrs. Battey, [because she is] fun."**



Fourth-Grader Hailey Boekelheide

**"Mrs. Heidenreich because she gives out candy."**



Fifth-Grader Triten Heber

**"Mr. Rozell because he lets us chew gum."**