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Community and Students Give Blood for FBLA Drive

by: Sophie Kranhold

The Future Business Leaders of America sponsored the blood drive at school Nov. 21. About 4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion each year. The blood donation is carried out when a person voluntarily agrees for blood to be drawn with the intention of donating it.

Sophomore Jordon Peterson donated blood because she wants to be able to help other people. The donated blood may be used for transfusions, or it may be separated into individual components to be used as required.

"After I give blood I feel great!" Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

Donation of 'whole blood' is the most common type of blood donation, but there are a few other types of blood donation. Donation types include:



Junior Kalen Frericks turns away as she begins donating blood at the blood drive.

Whole blood is the type of blood donation usually takes about an hour, though the actual do-

nation takes about eight to 10 minutes.

During platelet donation, an aphaeresis machine collects the platelets and some plasma and returns the red cells and most of the plasma back to the donor. During a plasma aphaeresis donation, the blood is collected by a machine, which separates the plasma, red cells and platelets and returns the red cells and/or platelets back to the donor. Double red cell donation is done with the help of an aphaeresis machine which collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor.

This year, 44 people volunteered to donate blood. Forty people were able to give blood, 15 people donated on the two RBC machines and 13 people donated for the first time.

HS Band and Choir Perform in Concert

by: Haley Grandpre

This year's high school Christmas concert held Dec 3 featured a variety of songs. Many different students had their fair share of singing or instrument playing. The chorus started off first, then both boys and girls, singing the "Bethlehem Procession," followed by "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen."

"It was very entertaining, and I thought the boys did a great job singing. Plus, the cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate

made by Amy Duncan were amazing!" junior Maddie Hahler said.

The boys then led the chorus by themselves, followed by the girls. The concert also included a duet sung by juniors Alyssa Stewart and Kalen Frericks and accompanied by junior Jeanna Duncan. Frericks also sang "All I Want for

Christmas is a Real Good Tan," by Kenny Chesney as a solo.

"It was scary at first. I wanted everything to go just the right way, but by the end of the concert, it was fun, and I had a great time," first-time director Mr. Doug Duncan said.

The next highlight of the night

featured the high school band. Overall, the band played five different Christmas-themed songs. Most spectators favored the final song of the night, which featured Duncan's son, Ezekiel, as the guest percussionist.

All the students had fun and were very happy to get a treat after their

hard work, thanks to Amy Duncan and her helpers.

First-year director Mr. Doug Duncan leads the choir during the high school Christmas program Dec. 3.



Daugaard Reads to Elementary Students

by: *Julia Sparling*



Linda Daugaard is married to Dennis Daugaard, the governor of South Dakota. Linda Daugaard came to Northwestern on Wednesday, Nov. 28 to speak to the el-

ementary students third-grade through fifth-grade.

Daugaard stressed to the children that it was very important to read and to keep reading. Her main project as the First Lady is to do a giant South Dakota book exchange. She has taken books from another town and brought them to the young students at NW. The children from Northwestern brought as many

chapter books that they could to give to Daugaard to be brought to Warner.



Mrs. Linda Daugaard speaks to the fourth-grade students.

“What I came here to tell all of you is that it is very important to read, just keep reading,” Daugaard said.


Daugaard brought her family’s favorite chapter books and even read a book to every class. Students learned a lot about Daugaard. They learned that she has 11 siblings, and she has about 24 rooms in her house. Daugaard has three children, and they learned many other interesting facts about her life.

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Sixth-graders Compete at MathCounts

by: Hannah Palmer

Sixth-graders Gavin Bohl, Caleb Schentzel, Jarret Haven, Moria Duncan, Zach Toennies and Seth wood attended MathCounts on Nov. 28 in Aberdeen. Toennies was in the top 15 overall.

"It was pretty good. I had a fun time going to Aberdeen with Mrs. Fischbach," Bohl said.

About 117 students competed in this competition overall, totaling eight schools that participated. Despite their efforts, the students did not place. The highest placing student from Northwestern was Toennies. Mrs. Shelly Fischbach took the students to Aberdeen for the competition.

"It was fun. Most people there I knew," Duncan said.

The journalism students would like to thank everyone who purchased Pizza Kits for this year's fundraiser.
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FBLA Officers Attend Conference

by: *Sophie Kranhold*

The FBLA conference, better known as the Officer Leadership Institute, hosted on Friday, Nov. 30 at the Redfield School, improved students' skills in leadership.

"I want to improve leadership skills with other members" junior Kalen Frericks said.

FBLA officers this year include juniors Jacob Heiden-

reich, Kalen Frericks, Alyssa Steward and Nathan Frericks, and seniors Landon Fischbach, Calli Peterson and Kimberly Miles. Fischbach, Miles, Peterson, and K. Frericks along with Mrs. Anne Frericks attended the conference. (The other officers were busy with other activities.)

"I attend it last year and learned a lot. I thought going another would be a great ex-

perience once again, which it was," Fischbach said.

To the conference in Redfield went other officers around the state South Dakota. They had different workshops.

"I enjoyed the conference because I was able to learn how other FBLA chapters organize activities and communicate with others to come up with ideas on how to improve

FBLA," Peterson said.



The FBLA officers sit at the conference.

Wood Competes at State Oral Interpretation

by: *Maddie Hahler*

Junior Nicholas Wood competed at the State Oral Interpretation Contest in Yankton, as the only Northwestern student to advance into the state category, despite the strongest efforts of the other stu-

dents. Wood performed a humorous piece titled "Seinlanguage."

After a five-hour van ride to Yankton, Wood and Coach Mrs. Michelle Stuck arrived. The state contest began at 2:30 p.m. Wood competed against 15 other students

in the humorous category. Each participant was required to listen to all other piece performances. Wood was the 10th competitor in line to perform.

"It was a spectacular experience. My only regret is that other

people did not make it along with me," Wood said.

Unfortunately, Wood did not place at state. Making it to state and being within the top 15 humorous performers in South Dakota is quite an achievement.

State Trooper Visits High School Students



by: *Jordon Peterson*

State Trooper Brian Korbelt came to school on Tuesday, Dec. 11 to visit with the freshman and junior classes about the dangers of drinking and driving and texting and driving.

Korbelt showed some humorous videos and serious emotional videos to the students.

"Is texting and driving worth a lifetime of regret?" Korbelt asked.

Korbelt spoke to these classes about how they should be responsible drivers and not only take responsibility for their own life, but also be aware of others lives are also in danger. Volunteer students, junior Donna Harmon and freshman Cody Lefforge, took a sobriety test

with the highway patrolman, wearing vision impairment goggles. The students said they learned much from Korbelt and will try to



Sieve Wins VOD Speech Contest



by: *Hannah Palmer*

The sophomore students participated in a speech contest called the Voice of Democracy.

The contest focused on the viability of the Constitution. This contest was voice only. Students had to make a speech and transfer it onto a CD. Then judges listened to the students and made their

decision on whom they thought deserved the prize. The prize this year was \$100. After being awarded the money, the speech continued on to the next level.

Sophomore Halle Sieve won the 2012 Voice of Democracy speech contest. Sieve had a well written and thought out speech. After entering it in, she received

the \$100 to do what she wanted with it.

While the Voice of Democracy contest was open to all high school students, only the sophomores did the contest for class.

"I'm glad I have the money for gas and Christmas presents," Sieve said.

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Fall Banquet Awards:

Cross Country Awards: Most Valuable Male Runner: Derek Boekelheide; Most Valuable Female Runner: Peyton Groft. Most Improved Male Runner: Isaac Groft; Most Improved Female Runner: Josie Clemens. Letter receivers: Isaac Groft, Logan Schentzel, Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan & Peyton Groft. Team Academic Achievement Award recipients: Isaac Groft, Logan Schentzel & Derek Boekelheide, 3.73 GPA; Girls: Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan & Peyton Groft, 3.91 GPA. Rookie of Season: Caleb Schentzel

Cheerleading Awards: Miss Spirit 2012: Kristie Bade; bar receivers: Maddie Hahler, Kristie Bade, Kalen Frericks, Christine Morgan & Darienne Frericks. Letter, cheer pin, and bar receivers: Rachael Boekelheide, Codi Sparling & Lizzie Heidenreich.

Volleyball Awards: The 2012 Volleyball Team received AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award 3.70 GPA and SDHSAA Team Academic Achievement Award 3.70 GPA. Varsity Record: 23-8. Ashley Clemens received Kills Leader, Points Leader, Kill Efficiency Leader, Digs Leader, Serving Percentage Leader, and Blocking Leader. Clemens also received First Team All-State, All-Lake Region Conference, Northwestern Player of the Year, AVCA/MaxPreps Athlete of the Week, Chester Challenge MVP, South Dakota All-Star Volleyball Team, Aberdeen American News All-Area Team, AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her bar. Kelsey Hoellein received Academic All-State, AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her bar. Kaitlyn Sparling received the AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her bar. Kimberly Miles received the AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her pin and bar. Manager Calli Peterson received the Aca-

ademic All-State award and her bar. Jeanna Duncan was this year's Captain, Assists Leader and Northwestern Will-to-Win Athlete. Duncan also received All-State Honorable Mention, All-Lake Region Conference, Aberdeen American News All-Area Team, AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her bar. Paige Metzinger received the AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her bar. Kennedi Sparling was the Serve Receive Passing Level Leader and Serve Receive Passing Percentage Leader. Sparling also received the AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her bar. Jordon Peterson received AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award, All-Lake Region Conference and her bar. Christine Morgan was Ace Server and received her AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and bar. Julia Sparling received the AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her pin and bar. Haley Grandpre was the Northwestern Team Bench Player of the Year and received her AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and pin and bar. Kirstin Borge was the Northwestern Rookie of the Year and received her AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award, letter, pin, and bar. Kaylee Hoellein received the AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award and her pin and bar.

Football Awards: This year's Mr. Football and Team MVP was Jake Groft. The Offensive MVP was Jacob Heidenreich and the Defensive MVP was Nathan Frericks. For All-Conference, Tyler Carda received honorable mention and Landon Fischbach was first team. Academic All-state was Fischbach and Evan Finely. Heidenreich also was Special Teams MVP. Most Improved Freshman Offensive Player was Dylan Miles and Most Improved and Freshman Defensive Player was Ethan Bauer. The MVP Lineman was Nick Wood.

Elementary and Junior High Students Host Concert

by: *Haley Grandpre*

The Northwestern elementary and middle school concert Dec. 12 began in what they called "The Big Chill" Christmas. The concert started off with "Hear His Bells" and "Five Little Christmas Trees" by the preschool group directed by Mrs. Judy Lindhorst. The next group of singers was the kindergartners. They were a very excited and energetic group of students.

First and second grade were up next singing "Candy Cane Lane" and "Christmas Tree What Will You Be." For the final portion on the elementary concert, the third, fourth, and fifth-grade performed "The Big Chill." This group of students gave the crowd a great laugh. "The Big Chill" was about the "NW Staff" and students wanting seven feet of snow, so they could have a snow day. In the end, they ended up getting

what they wanted. The elementary was directed by Mrs. Wendy Thorson.

"I felt pretty good about it, and thought I did well," sixth-grader Caleb Schentzel said.

For the second portion of the concert, the middle school students sang a variety of songs. In the beginning the girls' chorus sang "Infant Holy." Then, they were joined by the boys. The middle school chorus was di-

rected by Mr. Doug Duncan.

"It was fun and an enjoyable experience," eighth-grader Darby Duncan said.

For the end of the concert, in the last song, the band "messed up" just to get the crowd on last laugh. Overall, the concert was a fun and enjoyable time to watch.

The students' next concert will be in the spring.

Highlights from the School Board Meeting:

Bids for the house built by HATS will be accepted until December 12th. The reserve bid limit is \$67,500. If you are interested in submitting a bid you may call Scott Pudwill at 605-725-7800 for more information.

Elementary & Middle School Christmas concert is Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

Semester tests are scheduled for Dec 20 & 21.

Sheltered Reality will be performing on Jan. 18, 2013. They are a drum-line assembly for at-risk students.

November's character counts (trust) had 61% participation. Our goal is to have 80% participation.

The elementary is having a "reading is sweet" contest. They need to accumulate 500 more points to exceed their last reading challenge of 923 points.

Dibels testing is scheduled for Dec. 13 & 14.

Elementary Christmas parties are scheduled for Dec. 21st at 12:00 or 12:30 p.m.

Northwestern may need to purchase additional computers to meet the 2014 requirements for the Dakota Step test. All testing will be computerized and the computers need to meet certain specifications.

Reviewed the audited financial statements. The Legislative Audit Department of SD has approved these.

Amended the 403(b) plan to meet the requirements of Heroes Earnings Assistance and Tax Relief Act of 2008.

Approved denial of credits to students who did not meet the attendance requirements as set forth in Northwestern's attendance policy.

Congratulations to Student of the Month, Jeanna Duncan.

Congratulations to Nik Wood for advancing to the State Oral Interp.

Congratulations to Maddie Hahler for receiving Honorable Mention at the NSU Art Workshop.

Congratulations to Ezekiel Duncan, Miranda Thorson, Ashlyn Warcken, and Jackson Mielke for being selected to the South Dakota Elementary Honors Choir.

Congratulations to the Journalism Staff of The Scratchin' Post, Advisor Nora Groft for Second Place in the 2012 SDHSPA FIRST EDITION Contest.

- Congratulations to Jeanna Duncan who received honorable mention for her business plan for her business, Tiny Tots Daycare, in the BIG Idea Competition. Also, congratulations to Kristie Bade for receiving honorable mention for her marketing design for her business, With Sugar on Top, in the BIG Idea Competition.

Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14 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 Dec. 16, 2012.

The Wildcat Basketball Season Begins

by: Cara Spielman

Roncalli Dominates Over Northwestern:

The Northwestern Wildcats girls' basketball team fell to Roncalli 66-43 on Dec. 4 in Aberdeen. Senior Ashley Clemens led the team in scoring with 15 points. The Wildcats had a total of 49 rebounds. Sophomore Jordon Peterson had nine rebounds. Sophomore Kennedy Sparling, Peterson and Clemens all had five steals. NW committed 30 turnovers and had six assists. The Wildcats next game is on Dec. 6 against Aberdeen Christian at the Civic Arena.

Northwestern Defeats Aberdeen Christian

Northwestern Wildcats won over Aberdeen Christian 66-8 on Dec. 6 in Aberdeen. Sophomore Jordon Peterson led the team in scoring with 21 points. The Wildcats had a total of 39 rebounds. Senior Ashley Clemens had seven rebounds. Sophomore Kennedy Sparling had six steals. NW committed eight turnovers and had 22 assists. The girls' basketball team will have a game against Warner at NW on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Northwestern Falls to Warner

The Northwestern girls' basketball team fell to Warner 48-27 on Dec. 13 in Mellette. Senior Ashley Clemens led the team's scoring with 19 points. The Wildcats had a total of 37 rebounds. Sophomore Jordon Peterson, Christine Morgan and senior Ashley Clemens tied with four rebounds each. Clemens had four assists out of seven total assists.

Sully Buttes Defeats Northwestern

Northwestern girls' basketball fell to Sully Buttes 82-35 on Dec. 8 in Onida. Sophomore Julia Sparling led the team's scoring with 12 points. The Wildcats had a total of 48 rebounds. Sparling had eight rebounds. Sophomore Christine Morgan had a total of three assists out of nine assists.

by: Shay Clemensen

Northwestern Falls to Sully Buttes:

The Northwestern Wildcats fell 34-57 to Sully Buttes on the night of Dec. 8. The Wildcats had a total of 49 rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team with eight total rebounds. He had five offensive and three defensive rebounds. Senior Ray Lerew followed with six total rebounds. Freshman Hunter Lerew had five total rebounds. Northwestern had a total of 34 points. Fischbach led with a total of 14 points. H. Lerew followed with six points. R. Lerew fell behind his brother with five points. The boys had a total of four assists. Senior Silas Franco led with two assists. Freshman Dylan Miles and Fischbach had one assist. The Wildcats had ten total steals. Franco led with four steals, and Lerew followed with two. Northwestern, now 0-1, face the Monarchs Dec. 13.

Northwestern Defeats Edmunds Central:

The Northwestern Wildcats slaughtered Edmunds Central Raiders 79-33 on Dec. 11. The Wildcats had a total of 47 rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team with 13, six offensive and seven defensive rebounds. Freshman Hunter Lerew followed with six total, two offensive, and four defensive. Senior Ray Lerew and junior Tyler Carda both had five. Fischbach led the team with 23 total points. Senior Silas Franco followed with 12 points. R. Lerew, and senior Evan Finley had 11 points. The Wildcats had 18 total assists. R. Lerew led with six assists. Sophomore Corbin Smith had three assists. The team had 28 total steals. Franco had seven total steals. The Wildcats, now 1-1, next face Warner.

Warner Dominates over Northwestern:

The Northwestern Wildcats were dominated by the Warner Monarchs 79-38 on the night of Dec. 13. The Wildcats had a total of 35 rebounds. Senior Landon Fischbach led the team with 15 rebounds. He had six offensive and nine defensive rebounds. Senior Ray Lerew and senior Evan Finley both had three total rebounds. Out of the 38 total points scored by the Wildcats, Fischbach and Freshman Dylan Miles led with eight points. Northwestern had a total of five assists. Finley led the team with two. Sophomore Corbin Smith, Fischbach and Miles followed with one. The team had five total steals. Fischbach led the team with two. Smith, Miles and senior Ray Lerew followed with one. The Wildcats, now 1-2, face Potter County Dec. 17.



Meet the Boys' Basketball Players...

by: Julia Sparling



Silas Franco
Guard



Evan Finley
Guard



Landon Fischbach
Forward/Center



Ray Lerew
Forward



Matt Fischbach
Forward



Tyler Carda
Center



Nate Palmer
Forward/Center



Corbin Smith
Guard



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Forward



Derek Boekelheide
Guard



Con

by: Jordon Peterson

It is easy to see why many people do not like high school relationships. They are useless, and they may even distract students from their much-needed studies. High school relationships cause students unneeded stress. Many students must balance their family, friends, schoolwork, health, sports and other extracurricular activities. A relationship would just cause more stress for a student than needed.

Many people say that they are in what they call "love," but many students are too young and not quite mature enough to know how they really feel. They may also think that they will be together "forever," which most of the time, is not the case. There are very few relationships that last through high school and into college; it is almost impossible. Chances are that boyfriends and girlfriends have different plans on what they want to do later in life, so college would be

difficult. They either end up going to different colleges, meeting new people, or realizing that they need to move on. They may end up going to the same college, and most likely are not pursuing what they really want to do for a career.

Having a relationship in high school could possibly help students look for the type of person they would want to marry. This is somewhat hard to believe. While we are in high school, we are immature and do not necessarily know what we want. It is basically pointless to have a relationship in high school. They almost never last, and they could waste valuable time that students wish they could have spent doing something else.

Overall, have fun during the high school years, spend time playing, get good grades, and have fun with your friends. High school relationships can be a waste of time, energy and attention.

Trust me.

High school relationships: what's the point?

Pro

by: Maddie Hahler

High school relationships are frowned upon by many, many parents, but really, they are not a bad thing. Dating in high school should give a student some insight on what they are looking for in a future mate. High school relationships also give students higher confidence levels in school.

Boyfriends or girlfriends should not be denied by parents to students. I think it's wrong to tell high school students who they can hang out with, or in the long run, date. Under certain circumstances, it is definitely necessary for parents to ask their child not to hang around with certain people, like if the said person had a record or was considered a "bad kid."

Making future relationship decisions would be very hard for col-

lege students and other young adults if they had no idea what they were looking for in a boy or girl. High school relationships, whether they fail or continue into adulthood, will give a person some ideas of good and bad qualities in a future spouse. This is a good way to figure out what one is looking for.

Students feel the need to be liked. This has been true since the beginning of time. Having a boyfriend or girlfriend around to talk to and to keep one company will genuinely make people feel better about themselves.

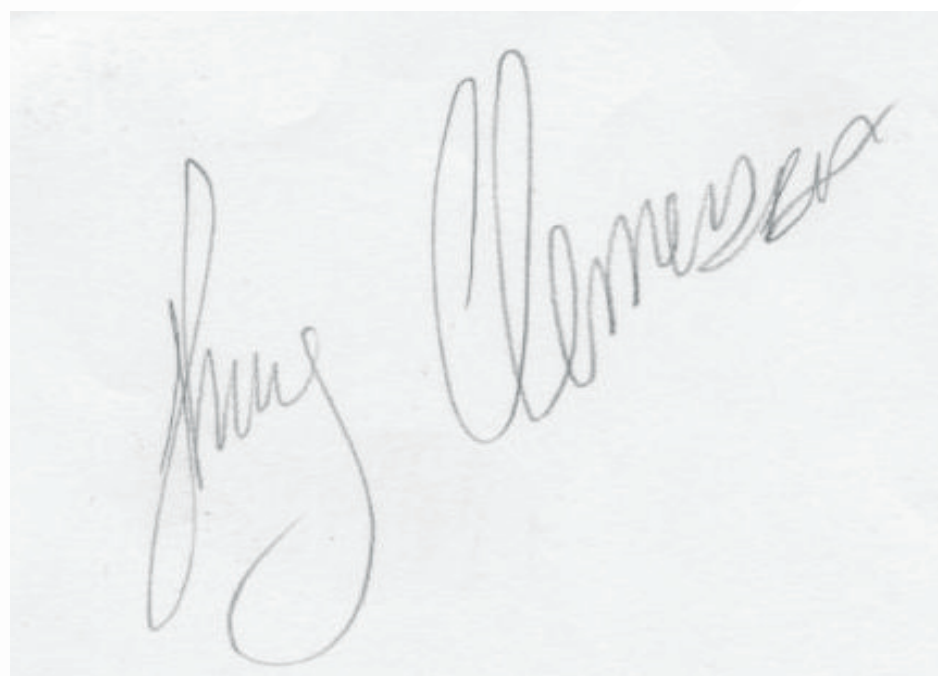
High school relationships are not a bad thing. Parents have every right to state their opinion, but I think it should be a personal choice, and students should make their own decisions.




Shay's Words of Advice to the Freshmen

by: Shay Clemensen

Well this month, I am going to mention that driving like an insane hillbilly on illegal narcotics is not recommended. I witnessed three students who were pulled over in one night, all from the same class, all for the same thing. I also saw one spin around without any ice. I noticed that the state trooper came to our school and talked to you about safe driving. Don't just sit there and ignore it, because he is trying to help you. One of the best things about when he comes is at the end when you can ask questions. Take advantage of it by asking about laws that you are questioning like the law on concealed weapons in your vehicle. It is very useful information and can save you from a hefty fine.



Christmas Letters from the First- Graders !

<p>Dear Santa, How are the elves doing with those toys? You know what I want for Christmas is a spy camera. How is Mrs. Claus doing?</p> <p>Your friend, Jacob Leinen</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would like a helicopter and a car and a flag. I help my mom and my dad and I help Dylan and Dawson. I keep my room clean. Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Jevon Berry</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I like your elves. How are you? I like Christmas. I am going to give you cookies. Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Henry Williams</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Can I have a Barbie? I have been a good girl. Can I have a ball? Can I have a doll?</p> <p>Your friend, Rjkkalyn Gisi</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would like an iPod and Two D.S, and legos. I am nice. What day would you be coming? I love you. Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Dawson Ward</p>
<p>Dear Santa, I would like a toy gun for Christmas. I will give you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Zachary Fischbach</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would like a big remote control monster truck, a new D.S. game, and a rubber band air plane. I will set out milk and cookies. How are you doing?</p> <p>Your friend, Dylan Hahler</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo 3ds and a Super Mario 3d land and Mario party galaxy nine. I like you Santa. Santa, how are you doing this year? Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Elijah Lich</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you doing, Santa? I would like a computer and a D.S game. I would like Monster High dolls. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I am good. How are the elves doing? Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Courtney Decker</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Hi, Santa! I would like a big monster truck toy please and a fire truck. Santa, how are you doing this year? Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Lincoln Woodring</p>
<p>Dear Santa, Am I on the nice list? How are your reindeer doing? I would like a D.S. and a mini dirt bike, and a Kindle. I will give you cookies and a glass of chocolate milk. Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Nathan Melius</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I am nice. I would like a soccer ball. I would like a phone. I would like a fan. I would like a four wheeler. I would like a bike. I will give you milk. Merry Christmas!</p> <p>You friend, James Bergalowski</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I am good at school. Did you have a good winter? I would like a 3 D.S and a remote control helicopter. I will give you cookies and milk. How is Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Your friend, Gregory Nelson</p>		

Christmas Letters from the Journalism Staff!

<p>Dear Santa, For Christmas I want an iPhone 5. I REALLY REALLY want one!!! So if you could make that possible that would be great!</p> <p>Love, Haley Grandpre</p>	<p>Dear Santa, For Christmas I want the real live Justin Bieber. You would be my favorite. I will have the best life ever and won't ever ask for anything more.</p> <p>Love, Julia Sparling</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would like to have a Motorola Droid phone for Christmas. That is my only request.</p> <p>Sincerely, Carolina Spielman</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would love to have a Dunham's gift card for Christmas! I would buy tons of awesome basketball and hunting supplies!</p> <p>Your friend, Hannah Palmer</p>	<p>Dear Santa, This is Sophie. I think in this year I was a nice and thankful student and helped my family (both Germany and America). For Christmas, I want that my family and friends have awesome holidays and enjoy the time together and stay healthy.</p> <p>Love, Sophie Kranhold</p>
<p>Dear ol' Nick, I want to obtain a killer whale submarine to attack people.</p> <p>Your favorite human being in the world, Shay Clemensen</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Santy Claus, This year, I have been a very good girl. I would like for you to bring my basketball team a state basketball championship, that would be pretty ok. :)</p> <p>Love, Ms. Jordon Peterson P.s. XOXOXOXOXOXO</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Santa Claus, What I really want for Christmas is an acceptance letter to BYU. This would sincerely be the ultimate gift this year! If this does not work out, a gift card to Target would suffice. P.S. Could you possibly buy all the presents that I have to buy for my family so that I won't have to purchase them? Gifts can become a bit pricey! Thanks Santa!</p> <p>Love, Calli Peterson</p>	<p>Dearest Santa Claus, This year for Christmas, I would really appreciate it if the remaining school year's newspapers to be magically completed. Please grant me this Christmas miracle.</p> <p>With my strongest gratitude, Ms. Maddie Hahler</p>	

TOP TEN: Snowmobiling Desinations

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| 1. West Yellowstone | 6. Northern Maine |
| 2. Stanley, Idaho | 7. Petersville, Alaska |
| 3. Eagle River, Wis. | 8. Mammoth Lakes, Calif. |
| 4. Jackson Hole, Wyo. | 9. Steeley Lake, Mont. |
| 5. Newberry, Mich. | 10. Deadwood, S.D. |

Dear Santa,

Please get my journalism students whatever they want because they have been especially good this year, and they are always at the top of the nice list!

For Christmas this year, I would really like the "real good" (which should be "really good" but who are we kidding, it's country music) tan that KO sang about at the Christmas concert, or a synergy green Camero so that I can be more awesome Shay.

Lots of Love, Mrs. Groft

STUDENT LIFE

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What do you think about high school relationships?



"Boys tend to be jerks in high school because they aren't mature enough to handle a relationship...long story short: Boys are stupid, and high school relationships never last," sophomore Christine Morgan said.



"Throughout high school, people change, and when you go to get out of high school, you may meet people that are better suited for you," freshman Madison Styles said.



"High school relationships can be a good thing. You don't want to miss out on the right guy or girl when or if he or she comes around... even at our ages," junior Maddie Hahler said.

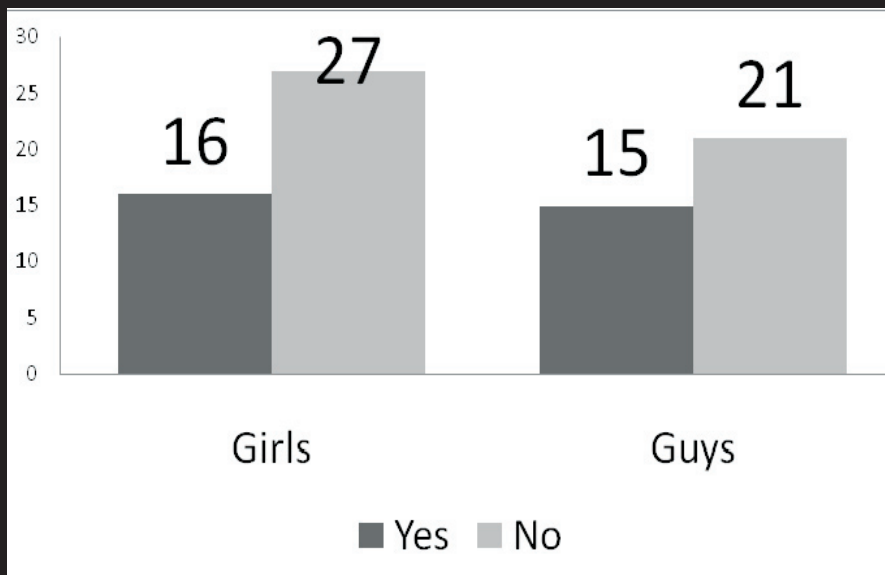


"High school relationships are expensive, filled with drama. (They) take time away from friends, distract from schoolwork, cause severe psychological effects. You are needy; (there) could be jealousy. It's hard to last till college, and girls have cooties," junior Nik Wood said.

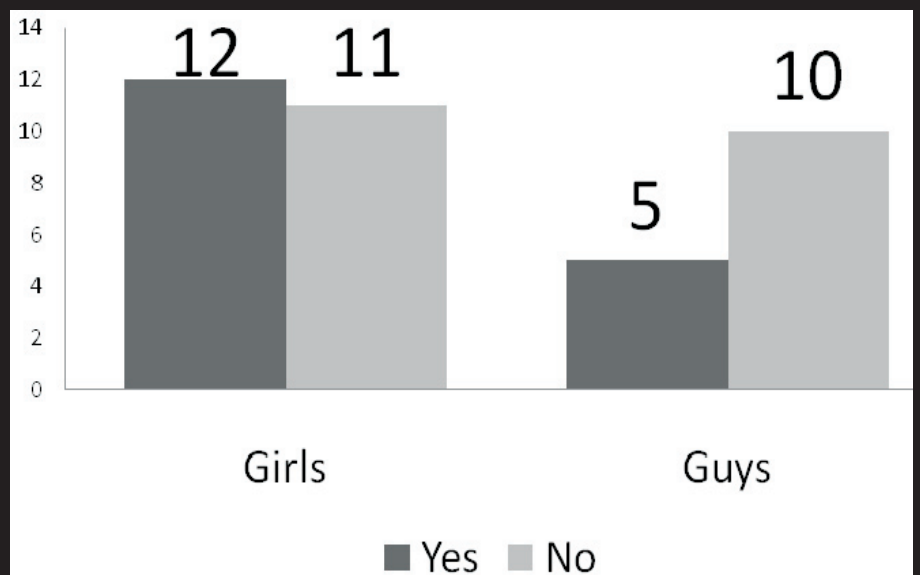


"They are a waste of time and usually end badly... like most marriages," Mr. Scott Boone said.

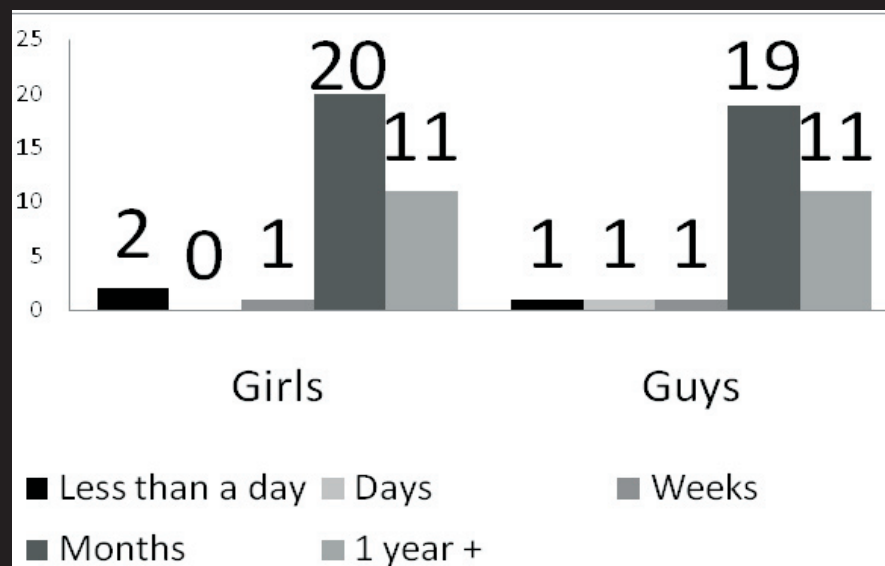
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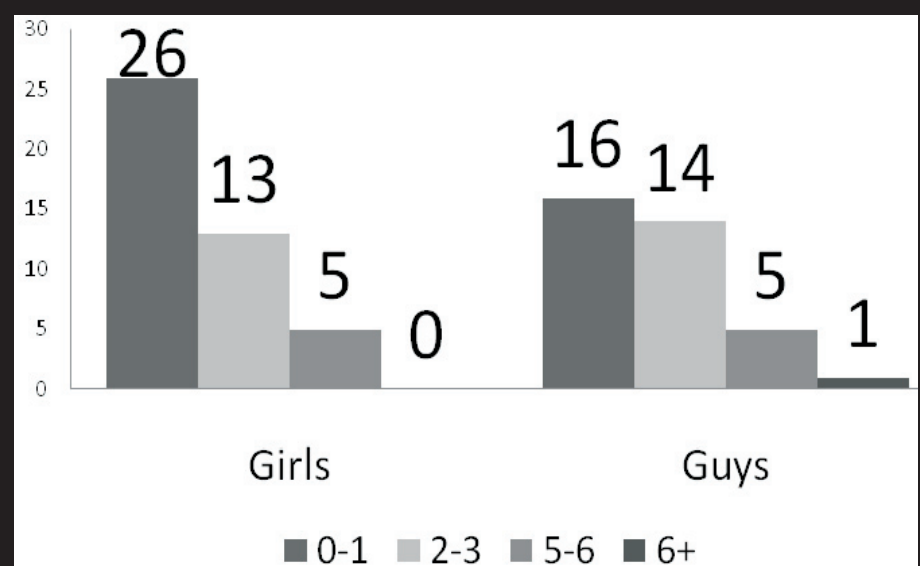
If yes, does he/she go to Northwestern?



How long was your longest high school relationship?



How many girlfriends or boyfriends have you had since freshman year?



Student of the Month



Jeanna Duncan

by: *Sophie Kranhold*

The student of the month for December is Jeanna Duncan. Her parents are Doug and Amy Duncan. She has four siblings, Zach, Darby, Moira and Zeke.

Duncan's activities include volleyball, track, softball, Future Business Leaders of America, FCA, youth group, band and chorus. Her hobbies are playing piano, babysitting, hanging out with family, watching movies and listening to music.

After high school, Duncan plans to become a physical therapist. Her favorite athlete is Jussy Tuscherer. Her favorite class is Pre-Calculus.

Duncan's favorite quote is: "Give me a challenge, and I'll meet it with joy!" - Ronald Reagan

Comic drawn by:
Kate Finley



January Horoscopes



Capricorn - Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Keep lines of communication open between you and colleagues. Make sure that everyone knows what your expectations are and what they can expect from you.



Aquarius - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your kind heart offers great comfort to those who need it this month. Take the time to get to know someone you may not know so well. Keep smiling, it is contagious.



Pisces - Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Watch how you use your words. It may be easy for you to insult people unintentionally. The good news is that those bruised egos will heal quickly.



Aries - Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

Things are starting to look good for you professionally. Stay diligent in your work and be rewarded. Take the time to get to know your acquaintances better.



Taurus - Apr. 20 - May 20

Make good use of your spare time. Avoid being lazy. Check in with an old friend that you haven't seen in a while. Take some time to catch up.



Gemini - May 21 - June 20

When approached for your opinion on a controversial topic, don't be too quick to corner yourself into taking a hard position before you have all the facts. Look at all angles.



Cancer - June 21 - July 22

New paths open before you. Don't be afraid to start off in a new direction. Transform yourself into a more well-rounded person by branching out!



Leo - July 23 - Aug. 22

Don't let your flighty ways confuse a love interest. Make sure that you are communicating well. Take the time to look at it from their perspective.



Virgo - Aug. 23- Sept. 22

Your skills as a leader shine through toward the end of the month. Although you may be good at it, shake things up a little by letting someone else take the helm for a while.



Libra - Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Don't let the mistakes of the past hinder you from doing what you feel is right. Learn from your previous mistakes but don't be scared to make a decision today.



Scorpio - Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

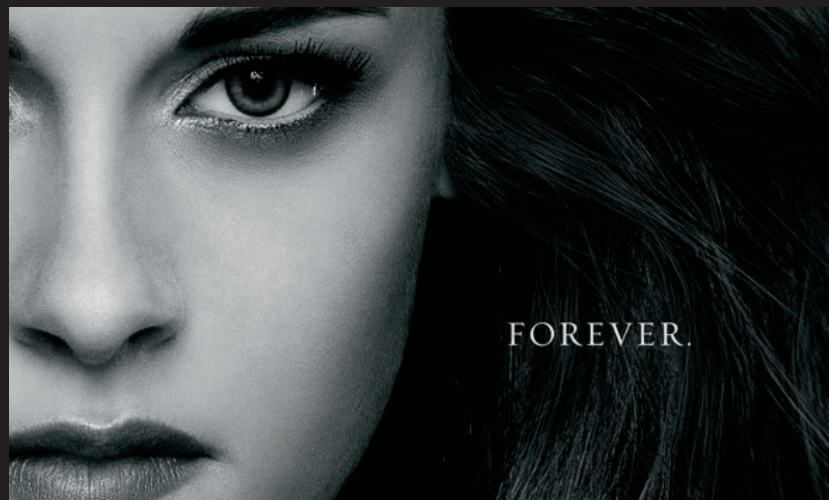
Tackle that big project that you have been putting off. Meet unexpected challenges head-on and receive praise from an unlikely source.



Sagittarius - Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't make big financial decisions. Take the time to look at all of the angles. Make an informed decision... just don't make it too quickly!

Breaking Dawn Part 2



By: Sophie Kranhold

Breaking Dawn Part 2 was in the theaters in Aberdeen at the Carmike Cinema Theatre.

The movie is really good. You have to watch the last part of an amazing vampire saga that had a great finish. The movie is a fantasy story and includes an audience from all counties worldwide.

In this part, Bella is enjoying her new life and new powers, after the birth of their daughter, Renesmee. Soon, however, their family bliss is threatened again by a new menace. Vampire Irina believes that the Cullens have created an immortal child and a threat to revealing the vampires' existence to humans. As Irina rallies the Volturi to destroy this 'immortal child,' Bella and the Cullens--together with any allies they can assemble--are preparing to fight a crucial, ultimate battle to protect their family.

Luke Bryan



By: Julia Sparling

Thomas Luther Bryan is married to Caroline Boyer and has two children. Luke Bryan began to pursue his career ten years ago and has recently proved himself very successful. He has had several great songs in the past couple years including "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," "Drunk on You," "I Don't Want This Night to End," and several more! His latest album, Tailgates & Tanlines, was released in August of 2011. "Country Girl" was the first song on the album and quickly shot to the top of the charts and made it in the top five and sold over one million downloads on iTunes.

"When I was writing and recording this project, I wanted to make an album which made people forget about all the other things in their lives that might stress them out and just have fun! And to have this kind of response from my fans makes me feel like that goal was accomplished," said Bryan after releasing his latest album.

He is not only a phenomenal singer, but he is very laid back and just likes to have fun!

XKR-S COUPE

By: Shay Clemensen

The XKR-S Coupe is one of those cars that does not get the recognition that it should deserve. The brand Jaguar has been a very quiet company that is known for its performance cars. The Jaguar XKR-S has the motor that makes a cat purr. It is equipped with a supercharged 5.0 V8 that pushes out 550 horsepower. The Jaguar has the paint options of French racing blue, Stratus Grey Metallic, Ultimate Black Metallic, British Racing Green Metallic and Italian racing Red Metallic. This car shares many features of the new Nissan GT-R. The style of the car has the classic Jaguar look by keeping the slick, oval grill. It is available in both coupe and in convertible trims. The starting price is what makes the car not very popular around these parts. The price tag of \$132,000 will make your head almost spin.



By: Hannah Palmer

Max and Erma's is a great place to eat out. It is a quick and easy place to stop. The food is amazing, and it doesn't take that long to get your food. It is a family restaurant that makes you feel at home with their menus and welcoming atmosphere. If you come in on Wednesday, you will receive a free cookie.

"They have great burgers, but not very good steak," senior Shay Clemensen said.

I believe if you want some great food, but maybe don't want to wait forever, that Max and Erma's is a great choice for you. It is a sit down restaurant, but they also have a bar. This is a great place to get together with family and enjoy a great meal.

"Max and Erma's is a great place to sit down and eat with the family and have a great time. I recommend the chicken alfredo," sophomore Haley Grandpre said.

Overall I believe that Max and Erma's is a great place to eat, but most people enjoy the pasta and burgers. They have a wide variety of food on the menu. It's also a great place to sit down and eat, but your food won't take that long. It's a great family restaurant, so I suggest trying it out.



Max and Erma's