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Sauerwein Set to Retire

"I have been here a long time, so leaving the school will be a big change for me," superintendent Ray Sauerwein said.

By: Haley Grandpre

After 33 years at Northwestern, superintendent Mr. Ray Sauerwein will retire from Northwestern School effective July 1.

Originally from Pierpoint, S.D., and a Grant-Duel High School graduate, Sauerwein went on to receive a degree in teaching from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

In 1981, shortly after finishing college, he first took a teaching position at Northwestern as a full-time industrial technology teacher. That same job is now occupied by Mr. Jerry Sauer.

Over the years, Sauerwein held various coaching positions, including football coach, track coach, wrestling coach (for a year) and junior high boys' basketball coach for a year, too.

After 20 years of teaching shop, he then went on to be the high school principal for three years and has been the superintendent for the last 10 years. Also along with being the superintendent, he is also the athletic director for the school, as well as supervisor of buildings and grounds and bus transportation.

"I have been here a long time, so leaving the school will be a big change for me. On the

other hand, I think it will be a positive outcome for both the school and for me. Change is a good thing, and I see this being a good change for the school and communities," Sauerwein said.

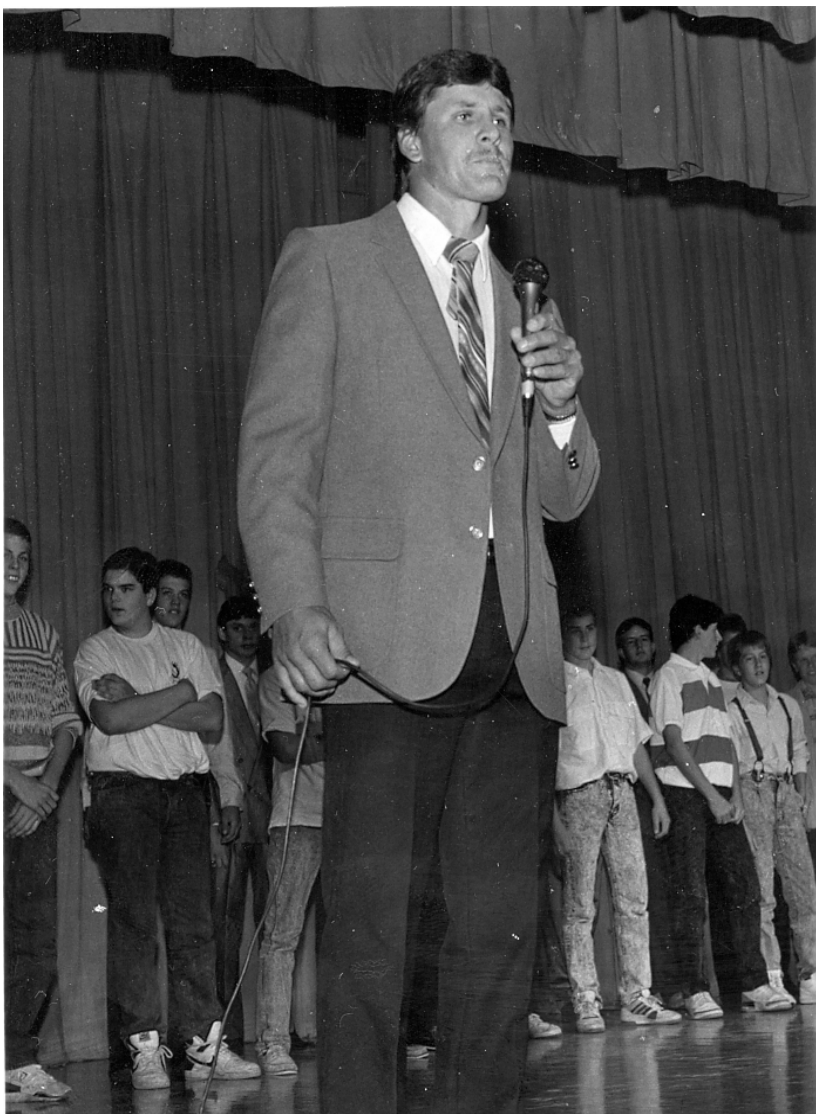
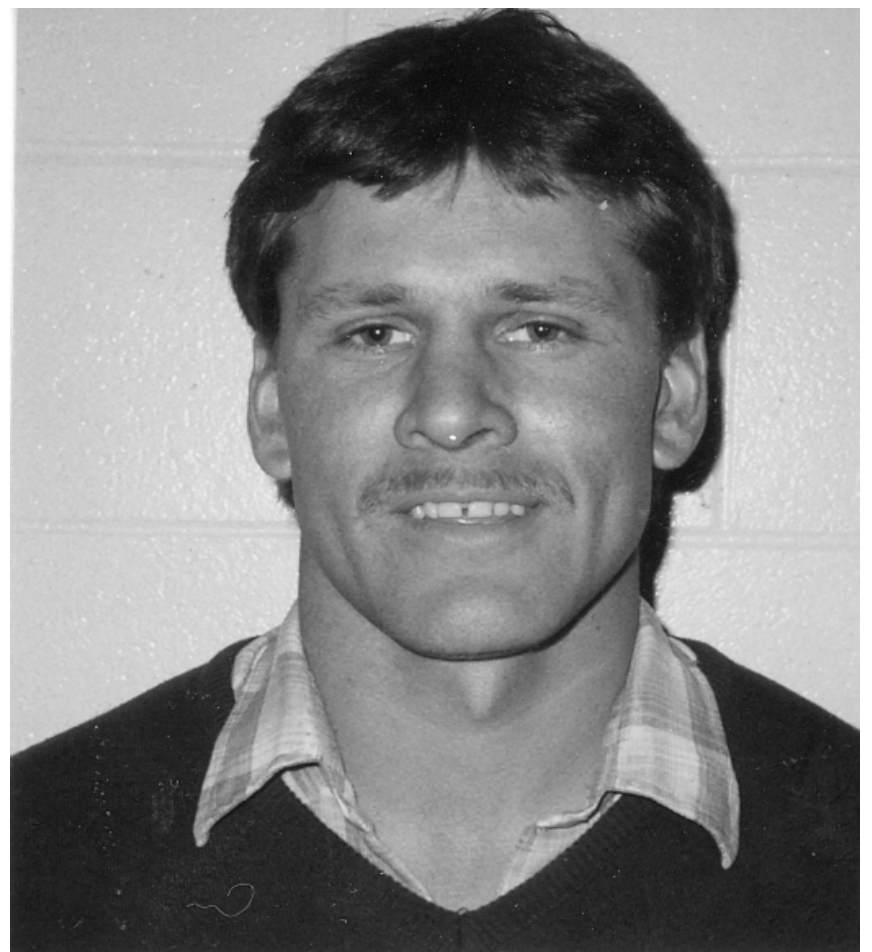
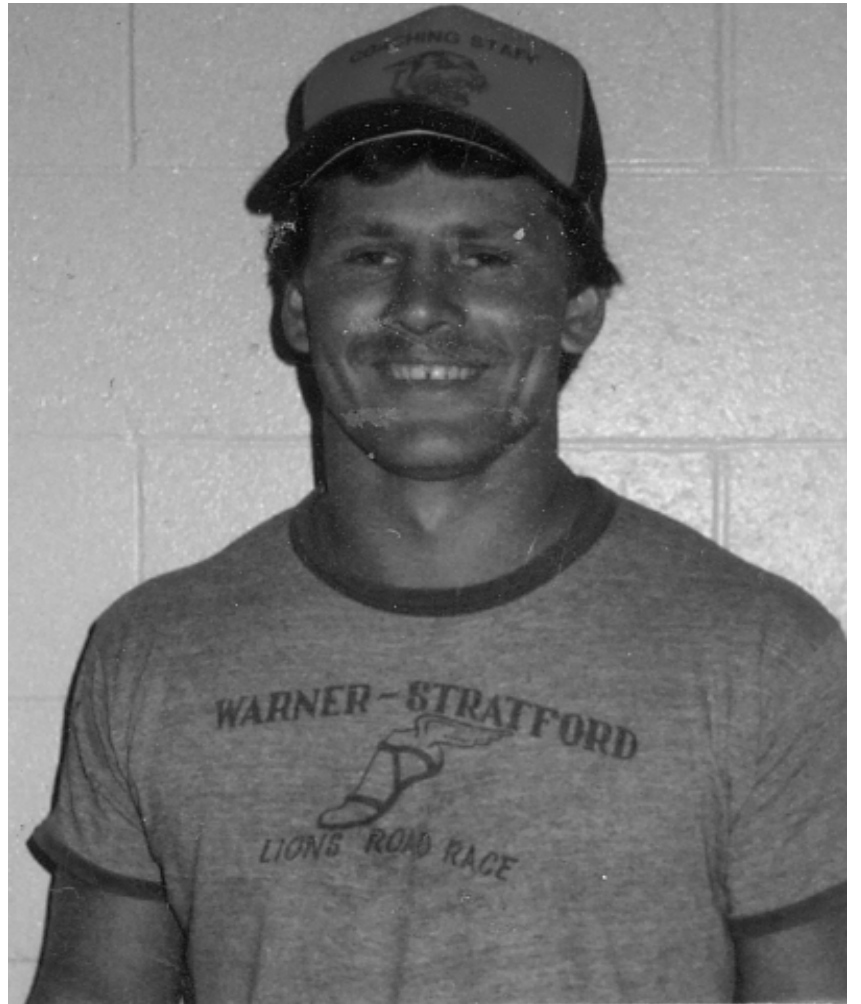
Sauerwein has made a huge impact on everyone in the Northwestern School for over the past 33 years. He has left a massive mark on this school and community and will be remembered in the school district for a long time.

This year will come to an end in another month, and NW will start off the new school year with a new superintendent.

The school board had the wonderful opportunity to hire a new superintendent, Mr. Ryan Bruns. Bruns is currently the middle school and high school principal at Scotland High School in Scotland, S.D.

He will be the elementary principal and special education director, while Osborn will take over as athletic director.

"I'm looking forward to meeting the students, staff, parents, and community members of NW. In education if we all work together, the sky's limit, and I look forward to new opportunities and challenges that we'll face," Bruns



Mr. Ray Sauerwein's position in the school has changed drastically over the years. The pictures above show Sauerwein at different stages of his profession over the past 33 years at Northwestern High School. From young football coach to experienced shop teacher to high school school principal speaking at the homecoming coronation, Sauerwein has done it all.

Multiple Teachers Will Not Be Returning to NW the Following School Year



Mr. Chris Osborn is resigning this year from the school to accept an elementary principal job in Aberdeen. He taught at NW for five years. He served as the elementary principal and boys' basketball head coach.



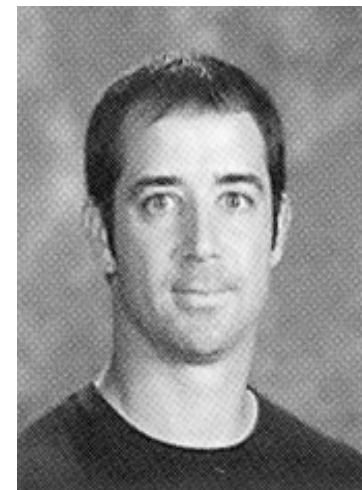
Mrs. Sandy Bierman this year is retiring from the NW school. She has been here at NW for seven years. She is currently the elementary librarian and the elementary computer teacher.



Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich is retiring this year from the school. She is currently the fourth-grade teacher. Heidenreich has been teaching at NW for 27 years.



Mrs. Nancy Taylor is resigning this year from NW. She is currently the second-grade teacher. Taylor has been teaching here at NW for 11 years.



Mr. Eric Borge is resigning from being the head football coach this year. He has been the the football coach and the P.E. teacher. He has been at the school for nine years.

Plains Lions Club Carnival

By: Kate Finley

As March began, the Plains Lions Carnival fired up again. Northwestern has been hosting the Plains Lions Carnival now for more than 30 years, and it has made quite the impression on its community. Many families, teachers and community members turn out for the carnival every year. Its become more so like a tradition in the eyes of every family. Especially the Bingo! While the children and younger students play fun traditional carnival games like ski-ball, ring toss and the cake walk, their parents and other adults try their luck at Bingo, hoping to win some amazing door prizes. As always, the

PLC asks the elementary to help raise money by selling door prize tickets. The elementary, as always, does an amazing job getting involved with the fundraiser. To the class who sells the most tickets, a pizza party is given. This year the fourth-grade class came out on top.

A thanks also goes out to the Northwestern high school and middle school students who participated in helping make the carnival a success. Thanks as well to the sponsors who supplied prizes and the Plains Lion members who helped.

The PLC generously supports NW activities.

NW Girls Attend Women in Science Conference

By: Maddie Styles

On Tuesday, March 11, 17 girls from Northwestern took a trip to Aberdeen for the annual Women in Science Conference at the Barnett Center. Grades seven through 10 participated in the event. They left promptly at 8:30 a.m. and returned back to NW around 3:30 p.m.

Upon arrival, the girls picked four speakers of their choice to listen to through-

out the day. Women In Science is aimed to inform girls in the surrounding area about science-related career choices.

"I really enjoyed going to learn about the different kinds of jobs, and it helps me be able to plan for my future," sophomore Cameron Bohl said.

They could pick to listen to a doctor, care flight nurse, seed specialist or

a cosmetology make-up designer. After lunch, they listened to a pharmacist from Aberdeen Sanford as the last speaker.

"I liked listening to all of the speakers talk about their careers and what it involves. My favorite keynote speaker was the pharmacist," eighth-grader Mackenzie Engels said.

Fifth-Graders Attend Redfield Play

By: Cameron Bohl

Northwestern's fifth-grade class made a trip to Redfield on Feb. 27 to watch a play at the Redfield School, a matinee of "Honk." Fifth-grader Hailie Stuck portrayed a duckling in the play.

"I really enjoyed being part of this play because it was really fun. I liked in the

end when Ugly became a swan," Stuck said.


The matinee told the story about an ugly duckling named Ugly who gets treated poorly because of the way he looks and he was different than the rest.

At the end of the play, Ugly eventually turns into a

beautiful swan.

"I learned that you should never judge someone by what is on the outside, you should try your best to get to know them," fifth grader Hayden Bohl said.

Congratulations to Hailie on a fine performance!

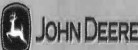



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NHS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING March 10, 2014

- The Tec Academy must be in place by June 30, 2015, under the provisions of the grant Aberdeen received. As such, Hub Area Tech will only be operating one more year.
- The minimum bid for the HATS house is set at \$68,500.
- Character trait of the month is care.
- The "March Madness" reading goal for grades 1 through 5 is 600 points in 16 days.
- Report cards will be out Thursday.
- Pre-registration has begun for high school students for the 14-15 school year. Mr. Osborn will be going into the classroom to explain the graduation requirements and about the dual credit option.
- Thank you to the NW Foundation for the new drama spotlight.
- Thank you to the following sponsors of the electric car: SS & H, S&A Frericks, Farmers Union of Chelsea and Country Repair and Mfg.
- Thank you to the Northville Book Club for their donation that will be used for the library.
- Approved a two-year contract for Ryan Bruns, new superintendent starting July 1, 2014.
- Approved the facility use for Relay for Life for their vendor fair on April 5, 2014.
- Re-announce board vacancy. NW will have one position open for election/re-election for the three year term beginning July 1, 2014. Petitions may begin to be circulated on April 8, 2014 and must be filed at the business office no later than May 9 at 4 p.m.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month – Tyler Carda
- Congratulations all the science fair winners.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 14, 2014, at 7 p.m.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of March 16, 2014.

Student of the Month

By: Haley Grandpre



Senior Tyler Carda received the March student of the month. His parents are Robert and Diane Carda. Carda's siblings are Joe, Brady, Sharla and Cole.

"Tyler is a very deserving recipient. He is extremely involved in our school and community," senior Maddie Hahler said.

Carda's activities include football, basketball, track, FBLA, FCA, youth group and science bowl. His hobbies include weight lifting and hunting. Tyler's favorite class is U.S. history. Tyler's future plans are to attend SDSU for an agronomy degree.

Carda's favorite quote is "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, other make it happen," by Michael Jordan. Carda's role models are his siblings, family and God. He says they have helped him to become who he is today.

Carda's most embarrassing moment was when he had to wear a dress for the fashion show during homecoming coronation this year.

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NW Local Science Fair Results

Junior High LIFE

Honorable Mention: Hailey Boekelheide, Christine Stoltenberg

Third Place: Tya Weideman

Second Place: Miranda Thorson, Darien Watson

First Place: Peyton Groft "Sports Drinks vs. Water"

High School LIFE

Honorable Mention: Donna Harmon, Carolina Speilman, Kirstin Borge

Second Place: Halle Sieve

First Place: Madison Styles/Julia Sparling "Visual Effects on Mood"

Junior High PHYSICS

Honorable Mention: Kyle Stahl

Third Place: Tyler Braun

Second Place: Gavin Bohl

First Place: Caleb Schentzel "What do you pay at the pump?" phase II

High School PHYSICS

Honorable Mention: Wyatt Hahler, Samantha Hagabock

Second Place: Elizabeth Heidenreich/Rachael

Boekelheide

First Place: Cory Walter "Where Arrows Fly"

Junior High BIOCHEM

Third Place: Talley Sparling

Second Place: Evy Peterson

First Place: Zechariah Clemens "How does freezing affect plant fossilization?"

High School CHEM

Honorable Mention: Hans Leonhardt

Third Place: Hannah Palmer

Second Place: Mark Phillips, Haley Grandpre

First Place: Darby Duncan "Unnecessary products going down our toilets."

Junior High PLANTS

Third Place: Austin Peterson

Second Place: Dani Jo Watson

First Place: Jarret Haven "Optimal Corn Population"

Junior High BACTERIA

Honorable Mention: Cassidy Frericks

Third Place: Caitlyn Fischbach

Second Place: Riley Grandpre

First Place: Addison Sparling - "Bacteria

Bites" phase II

High School BIOLOGY

Third Place: Darienne Frericks

Second Place: Allison Braun/Hope Bowar

First Place: Christine Morgan "The complete analysis of using Trametes Versicolor as a preventative treatment for WNV" phase III

Junior High ANIMALS

Honorable Mention: Madalyn Groft, Ezekial Duncan

First Place: Sadie Vander Wal "Viability of Bovine Semen"

High School ENVIRONMENTAL

Honorable Mention: Corbin Smith

Third Place: Logan Schentzel

First Place: Josephyne Clemens

First Place: Maddie Hahler "Survey of nitrate effect on freshwater samples" phase II

The Northern State University science fair is March 27.



The sophomore team of Cameron Bohl and Abby Fischbach presents their project to the judges at the local science fair at school.



Eighth-grader Evy Peterson presents her project to her set of judges at local science fair.



Freshman Kyler Johnson presents his project to the judges at local science fair.

Science Bowl Team Competes

By: Maddie Styles

The statewide science bowl competition held Sat., March 1 in Huron, featured two Wildcat teams.

Northwestern sent two teams this year with a total of nine students.

The first team consisted of junior Hans Leonhardt and seniors Nicholas Wood, Kalen Frericks and Kristie Bade.

The second team consisted of freshman Derek Boekelheide, sophomores

Quinn Girdeen and Chance Sale and seniors Tyler Car-da and Jacob Heidenreich.

Both teams practiced a few times a week up until the time of competition.

In order to simulate the real competition, they used a device called Eggspert, which is similar to buzzers, but is shaped like eggs instead.

This year's teams could be considered extremely ambitious and motivated.

They studied areas of: chemistry, geology, physiology and astrology.

A total of 20 different teams competed at the contest. NW's first team sat number two after the morning of the contest and finished up in sixth place. They lost to Aberdeen Central and Rapid City Stevens.

The second team did well also, placing 14th of 20.

The top team will compete again March 27.

Students Write Essay for Competition

By: Logan Schentzel

The Veterans of Foreign Wars recently sponsored the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Competition. Students were able to write and submit a patriotic essay describing their thoughts and feelings on patriotism. These essays gave students a chance to show patriotism for our country and offered a chance to win a cash prize. This year Northwestern had two winning essays. Congratulations to Sadie VanderWal and Jarret Haven for placing in the

essay competition. Sadie placed first in her division and Jarret placed second in his division, and each was awarded a check for \$50.

Sadie VanderWal also placed fourth in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriots Pen essay contest at the state level. This was quite an accomplishment since the Veterans of Foreign Wars received 1,836 entries in the whole state. Sadie was awarded an additional \$50 for her achievement.

Freshmen Attend Equity Days

By: Logan Schentzel

The freshman class took a trip to Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown to experience Equity Days.

The bus departed around 9:30 a.m., and the students arrived back at the school at 3:30. Pop and pizza awaited the students for lunch.

"I only did one thing and that was Law Enforcement. The best part was getting to pet the drug dog," freshman Klaryssa Schnoor said.

After everyone finished eating, students participated in their nontraditional and traditional career choices.

Every student from Northwestern participated in a different career. Some nontraditional career choices for the girls and tradi-

tional career choices for the boys included Agriculture, Custom Paint and Fabrication, Law Enforcement, Welding Technology, and Environmental Technology. Many of the girls enjoyed taking a part in the traditional careers, which were also the boys' nontraditional careers including Physical Therapist Assistant, Human Services Technician and Nursing.

At each career, the students learned about what the job entails and were able to try some of the tasks involved in a day to day basis for their job.

"My favorite part was being in the shop with everybody and watching them work on vehicles," freshman Andrew Lefforge said.

Groft and Boekelheide Place at Lake Region Conference Math Contest

By: Nolan Peterson

Two Northwestern students placed at the high school Lake Region math contest held March 17 in Aberdeen.

Eighth-grader Peyton Groft placed third in freshman algebra, and freshman Derek Boekelheide placed

second in sophomore geometry.

"I love math!" Groft said. The team finished fourth out of the eight conference schools.

Other students who competed included senior Luther Johnson, senior Alyssa

Stewart, junior Halle Sieve, sophomore Andrea Rausch, freshman Josie Clemens and eighth grader Sadie VanderWal.

Mrs. Amanda Fa'Onelua teaches the high school math classes.

NW CTE Robotics Team Participates in State Competition

By: Nolan Peterson

The two Northwestern CTE Robotics teams, taught by Mr. Jerry Sauer, participated in the State Robotics Contest, held at the CTE Educational Center in Sioux Falls on March 8.

Thirty-one teams participated. The team had to arrive early the next morning for inspections of wiring

and their robots checked over. The team then had time to make adjustments. Once adjustments were done, they were paired up with six other teams that they were going to compete against. The NHS teams placed fourth and eighth in the qualification contest.

They each lost one of

six matches. The teams were combined with each other and Sisseton for the final contest. Only two teams could participate in a match. NHS and Sisseton won the first round, second round had both NHS teams and lost that round by seven points, 28 to 21.



Senior Brice Roe competes with his robot against a team he was paired up with.

News Briefs

*Congratulations to the following AAU wrestlers who advanced to the Regional tournament on March 15 in Mobridge: Dawson Ward, Preston Martin and Tyler Braun

*Congratulations to junior Christine Morgan on placing fifth at the State Powerlifting Competition on Sat. March 8 in Madison, SD.

* Congratulations to sophomore Isaac Groft for placing seventh in the Veterans of Foreign Wars speech contest. He received an additional \$10. Groft placed third in the Redfield contest in November and received a check for \$100 for his speech on democracy.

2014 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND TRIMESTER

Names appear alphabetically

6th Grade: Straight A: Hailey Boekelheide, Zechariah Clemens, Cassidy Frericks, Talley Sparling, Christine Stoltenberg, Miranda Thorson; A: Ezekiel Duncan, Madalyn Groft, Danielle Watson, Tya Weideman; B: Tristan Dvorak, Dalton Peterson, Danille Seymour.

7th Grade: Straight A: Gavin Bohl, Moira Duncan, Caitlyn Fischbach, Jarret Haven, Caleb Schentzel; A: Riley Grandpre, Seth Wood; B: Zachary Toennies.

8th Grade: Straight A: Peyton Groft, Jaidyn Kramp, Evy Peterson, Sadie VanderWal, Darien Watson; A: Megan Heidenreich, Addison Sparling; B: Tyler Braun, Hunter Neiber.

Girls' Basketball Team Finishes Season at Districts

By: Isaac Groft

District 2B Tournament

NW Defeats Langford

Northwestern defeated Langford 58-23 on Feb. 24 in the first round of the District 2B Tournament. Freshman Josie Clemens led in scoring with 14 points. Junior Julia Sparling led in rebounds with 12 of the team's 56.

Eighth-grader Addison Sparling led in assists with four of the team's 13. J. Sparling also led in steals with four of the team's 17. With the win, the Wildcats advanced to the semifinal game against the Warner Monarchs.



Junior Jordon Peterson take the ball to the hoop.



Junior Julia Sparling inbounds the ball to her teammates.



Freshman Darby Duncan brings the ball up the court.

NW Falls to Warner

Northwestern fell to Warner 33-59 on Feb. 25 in the semifinals of the District 2B Tournament. Junior Jordon Peterson led in scoring with 11 points. Freshman Josie Clemens and junior Julia Sparling led in rebounds with three apiece.

Eighth-grader Addison Sparling led in assists with four of the team's nine. A. Sparling also led in steals with two of the team's four. The loss ended the Wildcats' season at 5-17. Warner advanced to the district championship game against Waubay.



Coach Jason Sparling talks to his team during a timeout.



Juniors Jordon Peterson and Julia Sparling and freshman Darby Duncan fight for the ball against a Langford opponent.

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Boys' Basketball Team Fights to the End

By: Julia Sparling

District 2B Tourney

The Northwestern Wildcats' season came to a close when they faced the Leola/Frederick Titans in first round of districts at the Aberdeen Civic Arena on March 3 with a 75-31 loss.

Freshman Derek Boekelheide led the team in scoring with 16 points. Sophomore Logan Schentzel followed with six.

Sophomore Ethan

Bauer led the team in rebounds with seven, and sophomores Trey Bierman and Isaac Groft pulled down six apiece.

Junior Corbin Smith led the team in assists with three that night, and Boekelheide contributed four steals.

The Wildcats finish the season with a 1-20 record. Senior Tyler Carda will be greatly missed next season.

Recap of the Season

The Northwestern Wildcat basketball fans said goodbye to senior Tyler Carda as he ended the season with 107 points, 35.3 percent total field goal average, 50 percent free throw average and 113 rebounds on the season.

Junior Corbin Smith led the team in scoring with 146 points. He also contributed a 29.9 percent total field goal average, 31.6 percent free throw

average, 96 rebounds, 45 assists and 30 steals.

Freshman Derek Boekelheide led the team in steals and assists with 34 steals and 56 assists on the year along with 138 points, 25.3 percent total field goal average, 41.4 percent free throw average and 50 rebounds.

The young Wildcat squad had only one senior and one junior and look forward to next season.



Junior Corbin Smith pulls up a jumper in front of the defense.

MEET THE TRACKSTERS

By: Julia Sparling



Nathan Frericks
Senior



Jeanna Duncan
Senior



Jacob Heidenreich
Senior



Tyler Carda
Senior



Nathan Palmer
Senior



Schyler Sattler
Senior



Skylar Sorenson
Senior



Julia Sparling
Junior



Kennedi Sparling
Junior



Jordon Peterson
Junior

MEET THE TRACKSTERS

By: Julia Sparling



Hannah Palmer
Junior



Zach Duncan
Junior



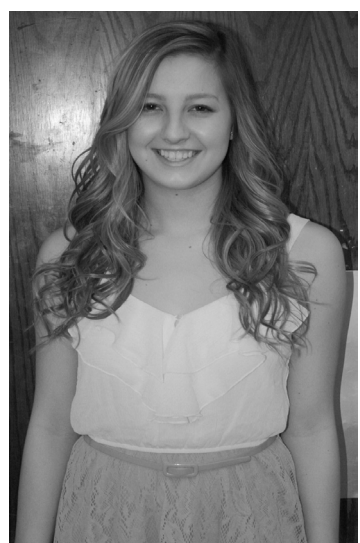
Cody Lefforge
Sophomore



Abby Fischbach
Sophomore



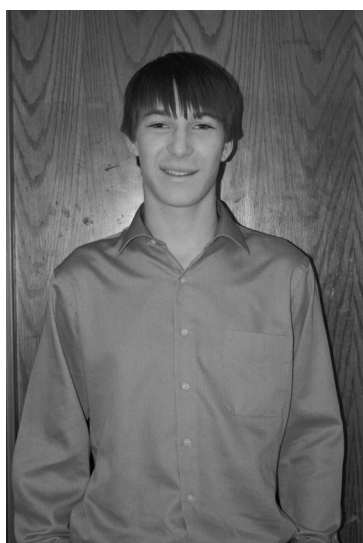
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Sophomore



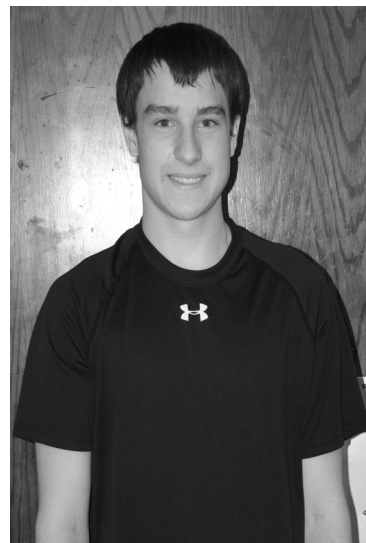
Elizabeth Heidenreich
Sophomore



Kirstin Borge
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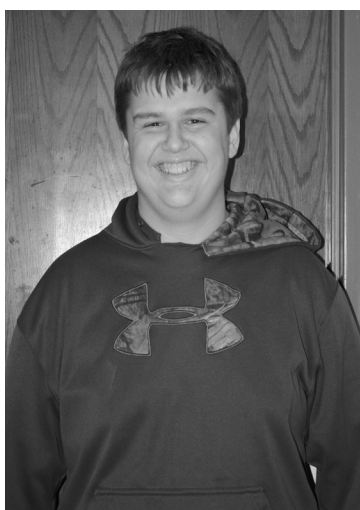
Logan Schenzel
Sophomore



Isaac Groft
Sophomore



Kate Finley
Sophomore



Trey Bierman
Sophomore



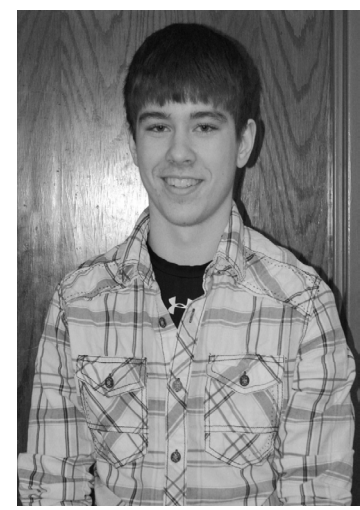
Derek Boekelheide
Freshman



Josie Clemens
Freshman



Darby Duncan
Freshman



Andrew Lefforge
Freshman



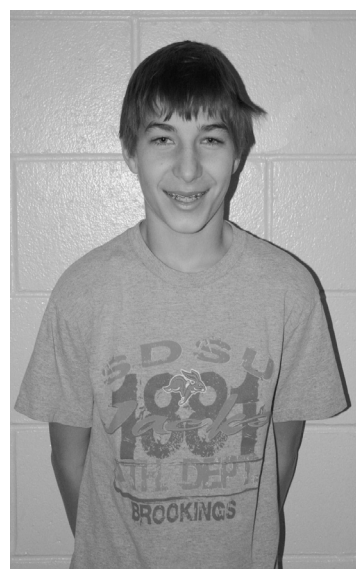
Addison Sparling
Eighth-grader



Peyton Groft
Eighth-grader



Darien Watson
Eighth-grader



Caleb Schenzel
Seventh-grader

Track Coaches:

Scott Boone

Wade Rozell

Jennifer Schell

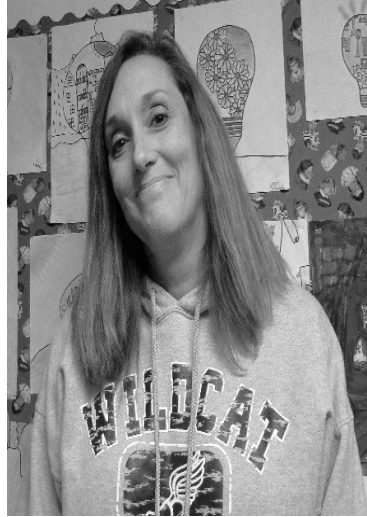
Real or Not?

Students Distractions During School Becoming an Issue

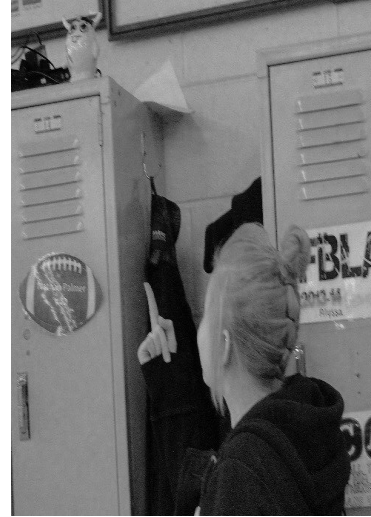
By: Rachel Rausch and Kate Finley

We, as journalists, believe that students become very distracted way too easily. There are many variables to consider when deciding what the cause of this is. Most students do not seem focused on their endeavors like they used to be. Even when students try to pay attention, their attention span just does not

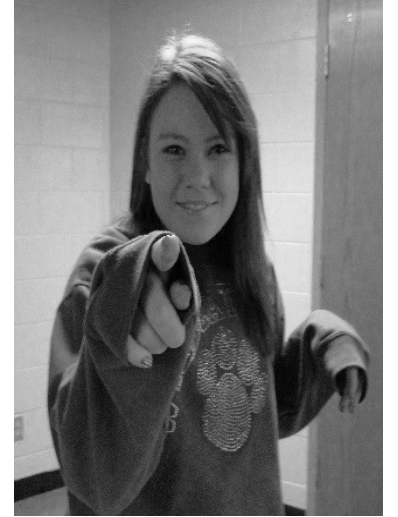
allow it. Anything and everything can become a distraction. Nowadays, students become too distracted by meaningless things like homework, grades and what college they will attend. We asked around to see what others had to say about it. What do you think is the cause of all the distractions?



"Video games!" Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.



"I don't think students are distracted any more than they used to be. In fact, I... WHAT'S THAT?!" senior Maddie Hahler said.



"I always pay attention. Some people even say I pay too much attention. What's that on the lens?" sophomore Darienne Frericks said.

Northwestern Journalists recognize the importance of school, grades, etc.

GUY CODE

By: Logan, Isaac and Nolan

Pranking is in a man's nature. You are not a man if you do not prank. The best pranks come from the best minds. Pranking can either be for fun or to get back at somebody. Just remember who you are pranking! Always prank respectfully. If you are going to prank a girl, make sure she doesn't feel hurt, sad or disrespected. If you prank another guy, make sure you get them good the first time. Make them regret anything they ever did to you. You can make it hurt, but remember not to go too far or to make them end up in the hospital. Stay as safe as possible. Here are a few traditional pranks for you to try:

- Flour in your sister's blow dryer
- Shrink wrap over the toilet seat
- Coffee beans in the shower head
- Tennis ball in a band instrument
- Firecrackers in the garbage can
- Mayonnaise in a shampoo bottle
- Scary mask
- Smoke balls under the door
- Sugar in a salt shaker or vice versa
- Chocolate pudding in a diaper and throw at a friend
- Fake poop
- Changing phone contacts to different names
- Writing a scary message in red paint under the carpet for the next people who buy the house
- Fake Chewbacca roar contest and leaving the roar in a voicemail under your girlfriend's number
- Mouse traps around the bed during the night
- Put balloons under frosting and pretend it to be a cake
- Air horn under teacher's chair
- Snappers under the toilet seat

These are pranks that are designed for fun. Some may end in a little amount of pain but that's minor. Remember to stay semi-lenient and most of all, get a good laugh out of it. April Fools' Day should be celebrated!



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Pro/Con

PRO: ONLINE TEXTBOOKS

By: Logan Schentzel

Utilizing laptops can be very positive for students, especially when the textbook is online.

Using online textbooks allows students to carry fewer books back home. Having fewer books in students' backpacks prevents back problems in the future.

Even though the school had to pay

a large amount of money for the laptops, it was money well spent because online textbooks can easily be updated with new information. Outdated information in hardcover textbooks can't be updated as easily.

When students are required to do homework on their laptops, it helps the students to

learn more responsibility for college and out on their own. This is probably the best benefit of using laptops in high school.

Computer skills are a fundamental part of education. Students who learn to type efficiently and use basic computer functions such as word processing, email and web

browsing have a significant advantage over students who have no knowledge of computers. Allowing laptops in the classroom reinforces computer skills and can allow students to have contact with computers without having them take a class geared specifically toward learning computer skills.

Using laptops for the purpose of note taking can be very beneficial, since a strong typist can record notes much faster than writing by hand, which can force students to learn to type quickly and accurately.

Online books are the future, and the future is here. Northwestern students will be prepared for the 21st century.

CON: ONLINE TEXTBOOKS

By: Nolan Peterson

Technology can be great, but it's not a perfect or fool-proof method of learning. Northwestern High School has every student in the high school with their own personal laptop.

Laptops sound great, but they sometimes have flaws. Many times the computer glitches and shuts down or doesn't work when students need it to. This makes it very frustrating for both the student and the teacher during class.

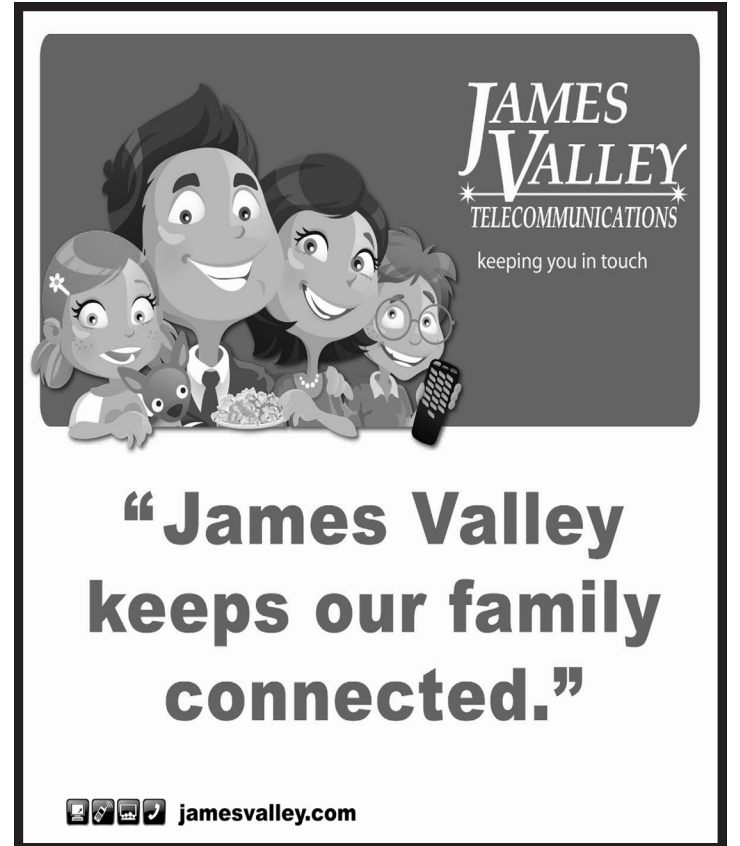
All the online books there require a username and password, and students are always forgetting or losing their log in entries.

When the students go on a bus for a game or a different extracurricular activity, they usually will do some homework on the bus so they do not have to do it at home. This makes it hard though because there is no Wi-Fi on the bus so the student is not able to get onto their online textbook.

Another problem

that comes with computers is the battery life. The battery can last a long time, but when students are using it all day during school, it can die down very fast, and no student wants to be lugging their computer charger from class to class.

Technology supposedly speeds up the learning process, but logging into a computer, then into an online textbook, then getting to the right page takes a lot longer than flipping to the correct page of a book.



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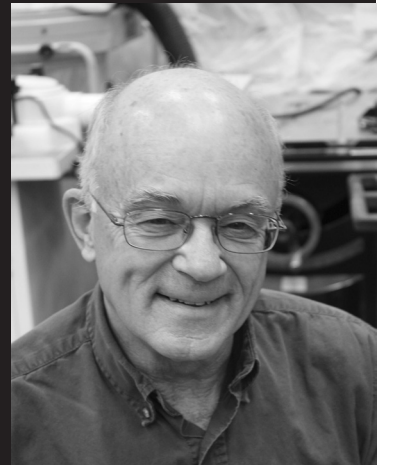


ONLINE TEXTBOOKS COMIC BY: KATE FINLEY

In the Hallway...

By: Cameron Bohl

What is the best April Fools' Prank you have ever done?



"A few years ago, I told my friend that I was moving and after getting him worried, I told him a few hours later that I was kidding," freshman Andrew Lefforge said.

"In sixth grade, I came to school with my arm in a sling saying that I fell down the stairs, and all of the teachers believed me," sophomore Nolan Peterson said.

"In a hotel room early in the morning, my friends put a coffee table on top of the bed I was in and blew an air horn in my ear, which made me sit up and smack my head on the table," junior Colton Zens said.

"I switched my two neighbors' house keys with each other so neither one could get into their house. After watching them struggle for a while, I went and told them what I did," senior Matt Fischbach said.

"I was in Burger King with my daughter and told the owner that there were worms in the strawberry jam. After he started to panic and started to take the jam out of the box, I told him April Fools!" Mr. Jerry Sauer said.

In the Elementary...

By: Maddie Styles

"What is the best book in the elementary library?"



"Crocodiles, because they're so green," kindergartner Rylynn Berry said.

"Tonka Trucks, because they have tractors in them, and I really like tractors," first-grader Aaron Blanchard said.

"Henry and Mudge, because they're really short, and I get to take AR tests faster," second-grader Nathan Melius said.

"Julie of the Wolves, because it's about this girl who ran away from her family and gets part of a wolf pack, and they help her find food, but I haven't read all of it yet," third-grader Olivia Heidenreich said.

"The Indian in the Cupboard, because it tells a story of a person who had a cupboard and a magic key that they used to make plastic people alive," fourth-grader Samuel Groft said.

Starbucks

By: Kate Finley

What can I say about Starbucks that you don't already know? If you are a frequent customer of the establishment, then you understand the delicious sensation of quality coffee running down your throat. If you are an "Every once in a while" or "It's a treat" sort of customer, you also realize the deep longing for the drink. If you're like me, then you don't always enjoy spending the money on coffee and you're almost too scared to spend money on a coffee that you may not enjoy. Especially since you can run over to McDonalds and

grab a McCafe for about a dollar. Unfortunately, you're not paying for the atmosphere either because the little part of Target that the Aberdeen Starbucks occupies is a little on the small side. What you do pay for though is never really worth it until you finally get a chance to smell your cappuccino or taste your mocha. Now, I love Starbucks. If I could, I would make a day trip out of going to Starbucks. To me, it's a perfect way to end your week or begin it. In fact, it might even be a good middle-of-the-week treat too. Perhaps even be

a grand Tuesday escape... You know, I think every day is a perfect day to Starbucks. To be honest, even if I don't have the money to buy anything, walking into Target is just that much better than walking into Wal-mart. The coffee is fantastic. The fragrance of the coffee is wonderful. And to top things off, rumor has it that Aberdeen will be adding a drive-thru Starbucks in front of the Holiday Inn Express. How amazing is that?



Kip Moore

By: Julia Sparling

As summer approaches, although the Brown County Fair is at the end of the summer, excitement is obvious for the summer concerts. This upcoming BCF will include country singer Kip Moore. Moore sings multiple songs that you may know such as "Hey Pretty Girl," "Somethin' Bout a Truck" and his most recent, "Young Love." I absolutely love

the song "Young Love," and this makes me even more excited about the summer concert. Moore is very relatable to youth in general by the lyrics to his songs, especially "Young Love." The more able you are to relate to all ages, the better success you are going to have, and he knows exactly what he is doing. Make plans now to attend his concert at the BCF!!

Mr. Peabody and Sherman

By: Kate Finley

Some of you may remember the original Mr. Peabody and Sherman cartoon shows that were created way back into the "prehistoric" ages, around 1960. The new Mr. Peabody and Sherman is a DreamWorks reconstructed version that is bound to tickle your funny bone. A term to describe the heart-felt movie would be "punny" which a combination of the words funny and pun is. Let me tell you, there were a lot of puns. Good ones, too, if you'll believe that! The delightful children's story takes place in

the present, but you find yourself traveling all through history is Mr. Peabody's WABAC time machine, which is an acronym for Wavelength Acceleration Bidirectional Asynchronous Controller, WABAC for short. Mr. Peabody, the most accomplished dog in the world, and his mischievous boy Sherman, use their time machine - the WABAC - to go on the most outrageous adventures known to man or dog. But when Sherman takes the WABAC out for a joyride to impress his friend Penny, they accidentally rip a hole

in the universe, wreaking havoc on the most important events in world history. Before they forever alter the past, present and future, Mr. Peabody must come to their rescue, ultimately facing the most dangerous game of all: letting your children grow up.

So I know what you must be thinking, pretty cheesy, Right? Well, yes it is. It is quite cheesy. If you enjoy cheesy cartoons, then you'll get your fill. Even so, the movie was pretty adorable and heart felt, and I liked it.



SHIVER

By: Rachel Rausch

Grace is a normal teenage girl with a fascination for the pack of wolves that live in the woods behind her house that only come out in the winter. One wolf in particular catches her attention. She has been watching the yellow-eyed wolf, her wolf, for years, and he watches her back. One day she meets a boy around her age. He is just like any other boy except for one thing. His eyes. They're her wolf's eyes. Meanwhile, Sam has been living two lives. In the winter, the frozen woods,

the safety of the pack and the silent company of a fearless girl. He spends his summer enjoying the warmth and his job at a bookstore, waiting for the cold to return and shift him.

Maggie Stiefvater's book *Shiver* is the first book in the *Shiver* trilogy. Stiefvater rotates the view-points between Grace and Sam, which helps the reader get a better feel for each of the characters. If you enjoy fantasy, romance and wolves, then you should check *Shiver*!

