

# Scratchin' Post

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## Murals Going Up in NW High School

By: Kate Finley

Over the past couple of months, Northwestern students have been feeling the creative buzz. Several new murals will or have been put up on school walls. Each mural has a unique and inspired feel to it designed by the students.

Senior art students Maddie Hahler, Nathan Palmer, Luther Johnson and Schyler Sattler are all contributing to the awesome artwork in the halls and classrooms.

Hahler is in the process of painting a mural of the front entrance of Northwestern in the student hallways. Hahler is an astounding four-year art student whose talent with art will not go unnoticed.

Senior Nathan Palmer has also decided to add his flare to the school walls with an excitingly unique design going up in the art room.

Senior Luther Johnson has shown his talents for art design by creating a math room masterpiece of the word "math" spelled only in math symbols.

Senior Schyler Sattler has painted a trio of beautiful galloping stallions in front of the middle school lockers.

Juniors Kennedi Sparling and Jordon Peterson have also put their talents to good use by painting a Middle Eastern map up in the his-

tory room.

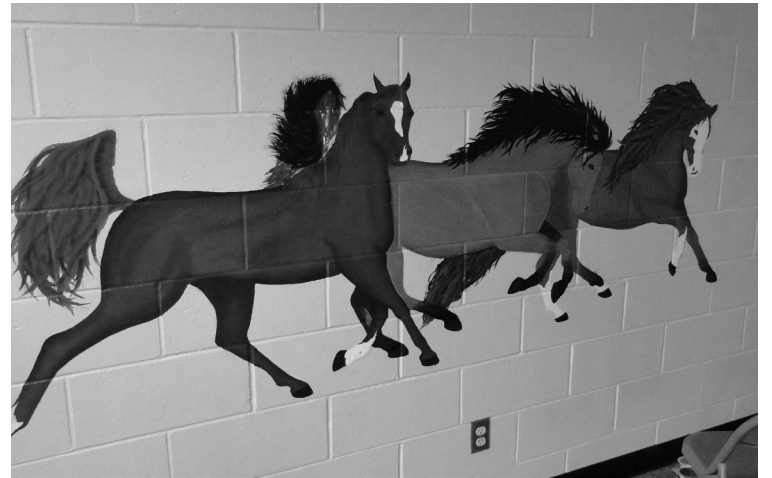
Junior Carolina Spielman, sophomore Mark Phillips and freshman Klaryssa Schnoor have also added a couple of smaller paintings in Mrs. Natasha Jorgenson's office, one being a Students Against Destructive Decisions mural and the other against tobacco use.



Nathan Palmer's Mural in the Art room.



Map Mural going up in Mr. Scoot Boone's room.



Schyler Sattler's mural of horse in the middle school hallway.



SADD mural

## Four Students Selected to Sing in Brookings at Elementary Honor Choir

Elementary Honor Choir held Thursday, Feb. 13 in Brookings, will feature boys and girls grades four through six. Around 800 to 900 students tried out but only 170 were accepted. Out of those 170 students, four Northwestern students were included.

Fifth-grader Jocelyn Haven and sixth-graders Miranda Thorson, Madelyn Groft and Ezekial Duncan were selected to attend and have already begun practicing the seven songs they will be performing. "I'm excited to see my friends from last year, and I love the experience of just getting to be there," Thorson said.

Prior to tryouts, the students are required to practice the music on

their own time. Tryouts required the students to sing "My Country Tis of Thee" and to sing back a selection of music played to them on the piano. The tryouts were recorded and sent in.

"It's my first time, and I'm really excited to go and be there with everyone," Haven said.

"I'm excited to stay in a hotel with Miranda the night before!" Groft said.

The choir is split into two groups: the altos and sopranos. Haven will be the only soprano, while Thorson, Groft and Duncan will be altos.

"I am excited to be there for the sec-



Maddie Groft, Ekequal Duncan, Miranda Thorson, and Jocelyn Haven await to sing at Elementary Honor Choir.

ond time in a row. I like that you get to sing all day long and meet new friends," Duncan said.

The concert is open to the public to attend.

## High School Students Present Christmas Concert

By: Katie Myers

Mr. Doug Duncan directed the high school Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert kicked off with the beautiful singing of the high school choir. The songs included “Ding Dong! Merrily on High,” “O Holy Night,” “Getting in the Mood (for Christmas)” and “Jingle Bells Rock!”

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High” had a percussionist accompany them, freshman

Josie Clemens.

“O Holy Night” had a soloist, senior Alyssa Steward.

“Getting in the Mood” also had a soloist, senior Skylar Sorenson.

“Jingle Bells Rock!” however, did not have a soloist.

Shortly after the choir sang their songs, the girls’ choir sang their song of “The Coventry Carol,” with soloist senior Kalen

Frericks and flute soloist sophomore Andrea Rausch.

Frericks also sang a vocal solo of “Christmas.”

After Frericks’ solo, junior Tessa Rush and sophomore Andrea Rausch played a flute duet of “What Child is This?”

Shortly after the choirs, solos, and duet, the jazz band played its two songs; “Doctor No-el,” and “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

“Doctor No-el” was

played swiftly with soloists senior Kalen Frericks on the trumpet and sophomore Kate Finley on tenor sax.

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” surely smoothed things out with soloists, Frericks on trumpet and junior Halle Sieve and sophomore Rachael Boekelheide on alto sax.

After the jazz band played, senior Alyssa Steward had a vocal solo with accompanist Jeanna Duncan, “Be

Born in Me.”

The high school band had a nice selection of songs; “Feliz Navidad,” “Winter Holiday,” “Greensleeves,” “Baby, It’s Cold Outside,” and “Christmas Can-Can.”

“Baby, It’s Cold Outside” had a trumpet duet of seniors Jeanna Duncan and Kalen Frericks. “Greensleeves” had a soloist, Jeanna Duncan, on the Flugelhorn borrowed from Groton High School.

## SADD Student of the Semester Announced

By: Nolan Peterson



Congratulations to Klarysa Schnoor and Donna Harmon for receiving student of the semester.

## Wood Earns Superior at State Oral Interp

The Regional Oral Interpretation was held at Northern State University in Aberdeen this year. Northwestern had seven different students who participated in seven different categories. This contest determined who would make it to the State Oral Interpretation.


The seven students who participated to try to get to state oral interp were senior Nick Wood with humor, junior Halle Sieve

with serious prose, sophomore Sophie Kelley with poetry, sophomore Codi Sparling with serious plays and sophomore Kate Finley and junior Blake Toennis, with humorous duet. The Reader’s Theatre, which is also like a small one-act play, featured Kate Finley, Codi Sparling, Maddie Hahler, Blake Toennis, Allison Braun and Halle Sieve.

Senior Nick Wood placed second in the regional inter-

pretation and was honored going to Watertown to compete with his piece.

The State Oral Interpretation was held Dec. 6. Wood practiced his piece very hard and did very well in state, receiving superior in his category. Wood was one of only six superiors given at the state contest.



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Dec. 9, 2013

- \* HATS is considering a girls only welding class for next year.
- \* 130 students at HATS will be taking the NCR test.
- \* The Star Reading Assessment shows 86 percent of students in grades 2 thru 5 are at grade level.
- \* The elementary Christmas program is scheduled for Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.
- \* The elementary Christmas parties will be held on Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. This will include a visit from Santa and his reindeer sleigh.
- \* The Brentford Legion Auxiliary will be purchasing a new flag and stand for the superintendent's office.
- \* The Math Counts team will go Roncalli on Wednesday, Dec. 11 for a competition.
- \* The spirit card money, from American Bank & Trust, will be used to purchase updated library furniture.
- \* The ICU program will be having a "countdown to Christmas" to encourage the students to finish any outstanding assignments by Christmas break.
- \* The NW Foundation will be purchasing a custom built band stand, 20 white banquet tables, a freezer to store ice in for the athletic teams and new mats for the cheer team.
- \* Amy & Roger Palmer, Michelle Metzinger and Kary & Pat Bowar addressed the board with concerns on attendance absences due to extenuating circumstances.
- \* Approved Dakota Education Consulting (DEC) to assist in a superintendent search.
- \* Approved the surplus of shop equipment consisting of AEM 24" drum sander, 10" contractor's table saw, wood lathe, and a drill press. NW will have a silent auction for these pieces at a basketball game – TBD.
- \* Accepted the resignation from Eric Borge, football coach.
- \* Congratulations to Nick Wood and Halle Sieve for their great job at the Regional Oral Interp! Nick Wood also received a Superior rating at the State Oral Interp contest. He was one of 6 winners.
- \* Congratulations to Sr. Snow Queen Kalen Frericks, Jr. Snow Queen Klaryssa Schnoor and talent winners Christine Morgan and Madison Styles.
- \* Congratulations to Student of the Month – Madison Hahler
- \* Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, at 7:30 a.m.

## Student of the Month

By: Haley Grandpre



Senior Madison Hahler received the November student of the month. Her parents are Donald and Kelly Hahler. She has two siblings, Tyler Brist and Wyatt Hahler.

"I have gotten to know Maddie so well over the past couple of years through journalism. She is always very organized and on top of everything she does. She is a wonderful role model for the younger students. Maddie is definitely a person I look up to as I learn the ropes of yearbook. She will be missed very much next year," junior Haley Grandpre said.

Maddie's activities include art, journalism, Drama, FCA, FBLA, SADD, National Honors Society and Trinity Youth Group. Her hobbies include working at the Cheslsea Bar, painting, spending time with her boyfriend, Favian, and designing T-shirts and yearbook pages. Her biggest role model and inspiration is actor Leonardo DeCaprio. Hahler's favorite classes are art and journalism.

Maddie's future plans are to attend NSU and pursue a degree in advertising and design or teaching.

Her favorite quotes is "In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back," - Charlie Brown

Her most embarrassing moment was while taking stats at a track meet, her papers blew across the field, and out of fear of disappointing Mr. Boone, she chased after them very ungracefully and nearly tripped over her future boyfriend.

"I believe that Maddie is a very hard-working student and is a very good role model that deserved being the student of the month," junior Jordon Peterson said.

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## First-Grade Letters to Santa

By: Rachel Rausch

Dear Santa,

May I have an ipad and a tractor? I love you and I like Christmas. Christmas is my favorite.

Love,  
Aaron James Blachford

Dear Santa,

Can I please have Disney Infinity, a mega nerf gun, \$100 gift card, kindle fire, and a fake lite saver? Merry Christmas!

Love,  
From Joshua Thorson

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! May I please have some Calico Critters and some stuffed animals?

Love,  
Rhianna Troske

Dear Santa,

Are your elves doing well? Are you doing well? May I have a car please, and may I have a dino please, and a human please. I love you. You are the best.

Love,  
Landon Storly

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an orbeez-relaxer! I want a pair of stompeez! How are your elves doing? How are your reindeer doing? My birthday is on December 18th.

Love,  
Annie Dvorak

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa! May I please have a new scooter, a Nintendo 2 Ds, a remote control monster truck, and a rubber snake.

Love,  
Jake Hansen

Dear Santa,

May I please have a big, big, big stuffed animal? I love what you do for 100s of kids. How are your elves?

Love from Dallas Stoltenberg

Dear Santa,

Can I have a cup of money? I will empty it when it gets full.

Love,  
Jessica Christ

Dear Santa,

Please can I have a football and some legos? I love you. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Gavin Conta

Dear Santa,

May I have a farm set with a combine and a semi and a graincart? May I have a remote control car?

Love,  
Dusty Osterkamp

Dear Santa,

I want a real clean puppy Santa. Can you give me one little jingle?

Can I have a drum please, and a bone for my dog?  
Love,  
Natalia

Dear Santa,

I like you very much! I always will leave you cookies. I would like a baby doll bunk bed.

Love,  
Rylen Kramp

Dear Santa,

I want a Kindle and I want a doll. I think that you are nice. How are your elves? Your reindeer are very nice.

Love,  
from Payton Grandpre

## Letters to Santa from the Journalism Class

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like a tour bus so I can travel the world and sing for people all the time. I'm sure you know how much I love cats, so if you could get me a basket full of kittens I would really like that too! I would also like some bows and sweaters to put on them so they don't get cold in the winter!

Love,  
Maddie Styles

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is Justin.

Love,  
Julia Sparling

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like Julia to try and persuade me to be a JB fan. She has tried but it doesn't work the best. What I really want for Christmas is another Under Armour sweatshirt to add to my collection. Any Under Armour clothing will make me the happiest person ever.

Love,  
Haley Grandpre

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like a new tractor and hunting clothes.

Love,  
Isaac Groft

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas this year is the love of my family and friends.

Love,  
Kate Finley

Ps: I also wouldn't mind a couple sports cars.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like one million dollars to buy anything that I want or need. I would also like to have a vacation to go somewhere warm with a beach. I would also like to invite my wonderful friend Haley Grandpre along on the trip!!!!!!

Love,  
Cameron Bohl

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like to go on a trip to Europe. I think it would be a neat experience and really want to go there.

Love,  
Maddie Hahler

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a white tiger stuffed animal with blue eyes, a friend for my horse, and candy!

Love,  
Rachel Rausch

Dear Santa,

What I would really like to receive for Christmas would be some new hunting clothes and a ground duck blind. I would also like to receive new gear for ice fishing and stuff that I can use for my pickup.

Love,  
Nolan Peterson

Dear Santa,

What I would like to receive for Christmas is more hunting and fishing supplies. I would like a new goose call and more fishing tackle. I would also like another snowmobile.

Love,  
Logan Schenztel

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I would like a puppy, a kitty, and huge stuffed animal that I can cuddle with when I am upset, and skittles.

Love,  
Katie Myers

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I am with Jessica Christ--I would like to have a cup of money, too!

If that is not possible, please send me a metallic green 2015 Ford Mustang so that I can at least be as cool as my parents.

Please send my journalism students everything they want. They have been especially good this year!

Please give the Wildcats the passion, work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to excellence that they will need to excel in the last 90 days of school that we call the second semester.

And please keep the snow at the North Pole!

Lots of Love,  
Mrs. Groft

## Journalism Thank You!

The Journalism class sold Little Caesar Pizza Kits this quarter for the class. The money raised for the pizza kits is put toward paying for the newspaper to be printed. We would like to thank everybody who bought pizza kits and also made donations to the

Journalism class. We really appreciate the community in helping out with school fundraisers. So from all of the NW Journalism staff, we would like to thank everybody that bought pizza kits to help fund the school's newspaper!

## Real? Or Not? Stop and Kiss Program

By: Kate Finley and Rachel Rausch

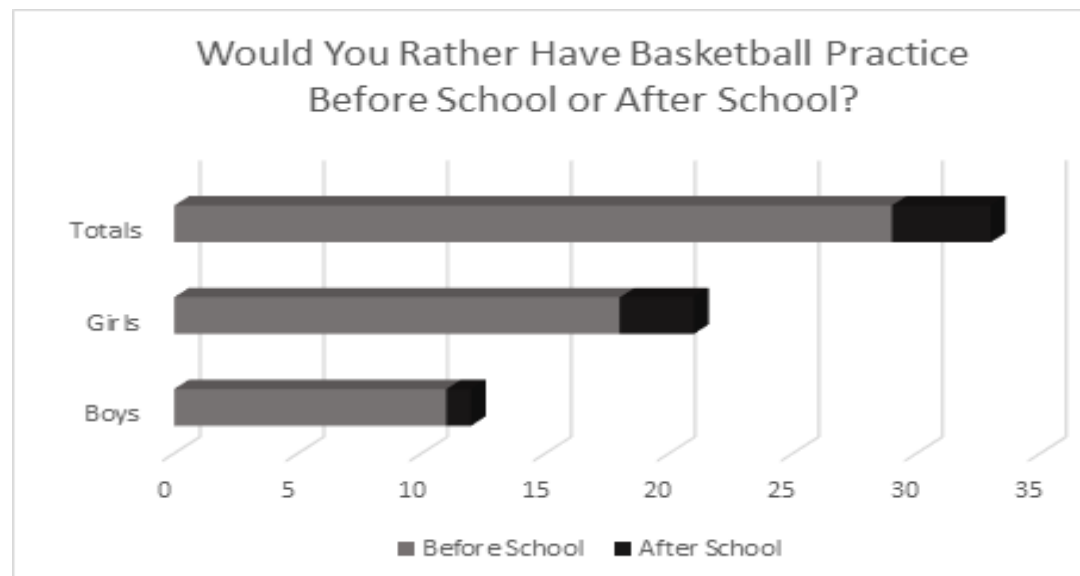
Controversy storms in New York as the NYPD continues to practice the new Stop and Kiss Program. The Stop and Kiss Program allows police officers to stop and kiss anyone who seems suspicious or shows any suspicious behavior. The outgoing mayor continues to stand by the police's routine kissing of New York citizens. A number of New York citizens continue to see the program as "a violation of privacy" and "extremely intrusive". The NYPD says the kisses can range from gentle to assertive. Unfortunately, some say the kiss-

es were blatant profiling, addressing only citizens of the black community.

"Every time I go out and see a cop I'm ready for him to come ask me questions and give me a little kiss," said Evan Vincent, a New Yorker.

We believe that this program is a good idea and police should continue to practice it. If people are worried about being kissed by the police, they won't do anything that would require the kiss in the first place.

## Practice Time Poll



Since the basketball teams have been taking turns in doing morning practice, we decided to ask the basketball players on how well they liked having morning practice over practice after school. Most of the play-

ers said they like having it before school. They liked getting the practice over and done with and going home after school and having the night to rest and do homework.

By: Maddie Styles

## Study Shows Student Behavioral Problems due to Lack of Sleep

By: Julia Sparling

Irregular bedtimes are more of a problem than one may think. Serena Gordon of KSFY news reported that a child with a regular bedtime can make for a better-behaved child. The study also stated that the longer a child is able to determine his or her bedtime, it led to more and more behavioral issues. Yvonne Kelly who is a professor of lifecourse epidemiology at University of College London did a study on

children and collected the information when they were 3, 5, and 7 years old. When the sleep amount was collected at those ages, there was also a 25-question questionnaire that was given to the teachers and parents to rate the behavior of the child compared to the amount of sleep the child was getting. Kelly found out that there was indeed a direct correlation of sleep deprivation and bad behavior. "Getting regular

routines around bedtimes appears to be important for children's behavioral development. But, there are lots of other influential factors, too. So we shouldn't get too hung up about children having the same bedtime every single night," said Kelly.

## Spirit Card Distribution



Audrey Ewalt, Sandy Bierman, Shelley Fischbach and Chris Osborn pose with a really large check!



The Northwestern School was given a \$284.34 dollar check from the American Bank and Trust in Mellette. It was a check of the Spirit Card Distribution.

## Sports Awards

### Volleyball Awards

**Team Awards**  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 SDHSAA Team Academic Achievement Award GPA: 3.77  
 Redfield Tournament Champions  
 Varsity Record: 24-7

**Jeanna Duncan**  
 Captain  
 Assists Leader  
 Northwestern Will-to-Win Athlete  
 All-Lake Region Conference  
 Academic All-State  
 Aberdeen American News All-Area Team  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Paige Metzinger**  
 The Wall-Blocking Leader  
 Academic All-State  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Jordon Peterson**  
 Kills Leader  
 Points Leader  
 Kill Efficiency Leader  
 First Team All-State  
 Redfield Tournament All-Tourney Team  
 Northwestern Player of the Year  
 All-Lake Region Conference  
 Aberdeen American News All-Area Team  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Kennedi Sparling**  
 Digs Leader  
 Serving Percentage Leader  
 Serve Receive Passing Level Leader  
 District 2B Tournament Player of the Game  
 Redfield Tournament All-Tourney Team MVP  
 All-Lake Region Conference  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Julia Sparling**  
 All-Lake Region Conference  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Christine Morgan**  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Haley Grandpre**  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Kirstin Borge**  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Kaylee Hoellein**  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Bar

**Darby Duncan**  
 Redfield Tournament All-Tourney Team  
 Northwestern Rookie of the Year  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Pin and Bar

**Josie Clemens**  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Pin and Bar

**Peyton Groft**  
 Ace Server  
 Serving Percentage Leader  
 Cauldron Leader  
 AVCA Team Academic Achievement Award  
 Pin and Bar

### Cheer Awards

### Football Awards

**Kristie Bade**  
 Dance Pin and Bar  
 Academic All-State Award  
 Miss Spirit Award

**Hope Bowar**  
 Letter, Cheer Pin, Dance Pin and Bar

**Letter Winners**  
 Seniors Tyler Carda, Nathan Palmer, Nathan Frericks, Jacob Heidenreich, Nick Wood, Skylar Sorenson, Jesse Lutter, and Matthew Fischbach  
 Juniors Zach Duncan, Corbin Smith, and Colton Zens  
 Sophomores Nolan Peterson, Logan Schentzel, Trevor Bohl, Cody Lefforge, Ethan Bauer, Trey Bierman, Isaac Groft, Quinn Girdeen, and Chance Sale

**State Awards**  
 First Team All-State  
 Long Snapper Tyler Carda  
 Academic All-State  
 Tyler Carda, Jacob Heidenreich, and Nick Wood  
 Friend of Football NW Ink, Mrs. Anne Frericks Service Award Mr. Scott Boone, 30 years

**Kalen Frericks**  
 Dance Pin and Bar  
 Academic All-State Award

**Megan Heidenreich**  
 Letter, Cheer Pin, Dance Pin and Bar

**Team Awards**  
 Team Captains Jacob Heidenreich, Tyler Carda, and Nick Wood  
 Offensive MVP Jacob Heidenreich  
 Defensive MVP Nick Wood  
 Special Teams MVP Zach Duncan  
 MVP Lineman Nick Wood  
 Most Improved Ethan Bauer  
 Team MVP Nathan Palmer  
 Mr. Football Tyler Carda

**Conference Awards**  
 First Team All-Conference  
 Nathan Palmer  
 HM All-Conference  
 Tyler Carda

**Darrienne Frericks**  
 Dance Pin and Bar

**Elizabeth Heidenreich**  
 Dance Pin and Bar

**Kendra Bohlen**  
 Letter, Cheer Pin, Dance Pin and Bar

**Codi Sparling**  
 Dance Pin and Bar

**Rachael Boekelheide**  
 Dance Pin and Bar

**Sadie VanderWal**  
 Letter, Cheer Pin, Dance Pin and Bar

### Cross Country Awards

**Wildcat Pride**  
 Isaac Groft  
 Peyton Groft

**MVP**  
 Josie Clemens  
 Derek Boekelheide

**Most Improved**  
 Darby Duncan

**Gutting it Out**  
 Moira Duncan

**Letter Winners**  
 Isaac Groft  
 Derek Boekelheide  
 Josie Clemens  
 Darby Duncan  
 Peyton Groft  
 Caleb Schetzel

**Wildcat Spirit**  
 Caleb Schentzel

**Rookie of the Year**  
 Jarret Haven

**Academic Achievement Award**  
 Boys' Team GPA 3.86 Isaac Groft, Derek Boekelheide, and Caleb Schentzel  
 Girls' Team GPA 3.90 Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan, and Peyton Groft

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## Meet the Girls' Basketball Players...



Kennedi Sparling #4-5  
Junior  
Forward



Jordon Peterson #34-35  
Junior  
Center



Julia Sparling #30-31  
Junior  
Guard



Hannah Palmer #52-53  
Junior  
Center



Haley Grandpre #14-15  
Junior  
Forward



Josie Clemens #20-21  
Freshman  
Forward



Darby Duncan #24-25  
Freshman  
Guard



Madison Styles #10-11  
Sophomore  
Guard



Darienne Frericks #42-43  
Sophomore  
Forward



Kirstin Borge #22-23  
Sophomore  
Guard



Addison Sparling #32-33  
Eighth-grader  
Guard



Darien Watson #12-13  
Eighth-grader  
Forward



Peyton Graft #40-41  
Eighth-grader  
Guard



Kaylee Hoellien #44-45  
Sophomore  
Forward



Aubrey Johnson #21-22  
Junior  
Forward



Abby Fischbach #11-12  
Sophomore  
Forward



Kendra Bohlen #41-42  
Sophomore  
Guard



Codi Sparling #15-16  
Sophomore  
Forward



Evy Peterson #13-14  
Eighth-grader  
Forward

**Head Coach:**  
**Jason Sparling**  
**Assistant Coach:**  
**Denise Clemens**

## NFL Predictions

By: Logan, Nolan and Isaac

The month of December is a big month for the National Football League. It is the end of the regular season, which means that the best teams will square off to find out which teams are worthy of the playoffs and which teams are not. After this month, the most important part of the season begins; the playoffs. The league's best team will play for an opportunity to play in Super Bowl 48. After

week 14 in the league, AFC division leaders are the Denver Broncos (11-2), Indianapolis Colts (8-5), Baltimore Ravens (7-6), and the New England Patriots (10-3). Wildcard teams include the Kansas City Chiefs (10-3) and the Cincinnati Bengals (9-4). The NFC division leaders are the Dallas Cowboys (7-5), San Francisco 49ers (9-4), Detroit Lions (7-6), and the New Orleans Saints (10-3).

Wildcard teams include the Seattle Seahawks (11-2) and the Carolina Panthers (9-4). The last three weeks of the season hold some of the biggest matchups of the season.

### Week 15

San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos = Logan- Broncos, Nolan- Broncos, Isaac- Broncos  
 Buffalo Bills at Jacksonville Jaguars = Logan- Jaguars, Nolan- Jaguars, Isaac- Jaguars  
 Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts = Logan- Colts, Nolan- Colts, Isaac- Colts  
 Philadelphia Eagles at Minnesota Vikings = Logan- Eagles, Nolan- Eagles, Isaac- Eagles  
 San Francisco 49ers at Tampa Bay Buccaneers = Logan- 49ers, Nolan- 49ers, Isaac- 49ers  
 New York Jets at Carolina Panthers = Logan- Panthers, Nolan- Panthers, Isaac- Panthers  
 Green Bay Packers at Dallas Cowboys = Logan- Packers, Nolan- Packers, Isaac- Cowboys  
 Arizona Cardinals at Tennessee Titans = Logan- Cardinals, Nolan- Cardinals, Isaac- Titans  
 Baltimore Ravens at Detroit Lions = Logan- Ravens, Nolan- Ravens, Isaac- Lions  
 New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins = Logan- Patriots, Nolan- Patriots, Isaac- Patriots  
 Seattle Seahawks at New York Giants = Logan- Giants, Nolan- Seahawks, Isaac- Seahawks  
 Washington Redskins at Atlanta Falcons = Logan- Falcons, Nolan- Redskins, Isaac- Falcons  
 New Orleans Saints at St. Louis Rams = Logan- Saints, Nolan- Saints, Isaac- Saints  
 Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders = Logan- Chiefs, Nolan- Chiefs, Isaac- Chiefs  
 Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers = Logan- Steelers, Nolan- Steelers, Isaac- Bengals

### Week 16

Miami Dolphins at Buffalo Bills = Logan- Dolphins, Nolan- Dolphins, Isaac- Dolphins  
 New Orleans Saints at Carolina Panthers = Logan- Saints, Nolan- Panthers, Isaac- Panthers  
 Minnesota Vikings at Cincinnati Bengals = Logan- Vikings, Nolan- Bengals, Isaac- Bengals  
 Denver Broncos at Houston Texans = Logan- Broncos, Nolan- Broncos, Isaac- Broncos  
 Tennessee Titans at Jacksonville Jaguars = Logan- Titans, Nolan- Jaguars, Isaac- Jaguars  
 New York Giants at Detroit Lions = Logan- Giants, Nolan- Lions, Isaac- Lions  
 Pittsburgh Steelers at Green Bay Packers = Logan- Packers, Nolan- Packers, Isaac- Packers  
 New England Patriots at Baltimore Ravens = Logan- Ravens, Nolan- Patriots, Isaac- Patriots  
 Atlanta Falcons at San Francisco 49ers = Logan- 49ers, Nolan- 49ers, Isaac- 49ers  
 Cleveland Browns at New York Jets = Logan- Browns, Nolan- Browns, Isaac- Jets  
 Chicago Bears at Philadelphia Eagles = Logan- Bears, Nolan- Eagles, Isaac- Eagles  
 Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins = Logan- Redskins, Nolan- Redskins, Isaac- Redskins  
 Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City Chiefs = Logan- Chiefs, Nolan- Chiefs, Isaac- Chiefs  
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## Meet the Boys' Basketball Players...



Tyler Carda #41  
Senior  
Center



Corbin Smith #32  
Junior  
Guard



Hunter Lerew #23  
Sophomore  
Forward/Center



Ethan Bauer #2  
Sophomore  
Guard/Forward



Cody Lefforge #11  
Sophomore  
Guard/Forward



Isaac Groft #4  
Sophomore  
Guard



Logan Schentzel #1  
Sophomore  
Guard/Forward



Nolan Peterson #10  
Sophomore  
Guard



Trey Bierman #20  
Sophomore  
Forward/Center



Andrew Lefforge #3  
Freshman  
Forward



Derek Boekelheide #5  
Freshman  
Guard



Matt Metzinger #21  
Freshman  
Forward



Isaac Bauer #12  
Eighth-grader  
Forward/Guard

**Head Coach: Chris Osborn**  
**Assistant Coaches: Austin Fischbach and Nate Peterson**

**son**

The Northwestern Wildcats boys' basketball team will again be coached by Mr. Chris Osborn. Osborn has been coaching for seven years and has a record of 24-90. Last year's team went 3-16, including 1-5 in the Lake Region Conference.

The toughest opponent this year will be Langford, who returns a lot of expe-

rience from last year's state-qualifying team. Another opponent with state tournament experience will be Potter County, a very athletic, up-tempo team. Some conference teams that will be very good include Aberdeen Christian, Warner and Ipswich.

As for the Wildcats, the returning letter winners are senior Tyler Carda,

junior Corbin Smith, sophomores Isaac Groft, Hunter Lerew, and Nolan Peterson, and freshman Derek Boekelheide, with the only returning starter being Smith.

NW's strengths this year will be the youth of the team and the athleticism. The boys are excited to get on the floor and to work hard. The plans for improvement

will be realizing that it will be a team effort this season. The strength of the team is going to be the group, not the individual. Osborn's outlook for the team involves anticipating an exciting season of energy and learning. Leadership from the team's lone junior and senior will go a long way in determining success.

# PRO: TAKING VO-ED CLASS

By: Logan Schentzel

Northwestern High School students who are sophomores or older have a chance to get out of school every day for vo-ed. Vo-ed students get out of school to learn more about the automotive and manufacturing industries. Students are offered a choice at the beginning of the semester to take

a class on the automotive or manufacturing industry.

“It is fun to get out of school, and we get to stop and eat at the Mellette Travel Plaza,” sophomore Trevor Bohl said.

The students leave at 11:25 a.m. and get back at 2 p.m. The students usually just take

the school’s suburban or a small bus. This depends on how many people attend each day.

Trevor Bohl, Wyatt Hahler, Ethan Bauer, and Quinn Girdeen are the four boys in the sophomore class who take vo-ed. Usually the vo-ed students stop at the Mellette Travel Plaza one mile out of

Mellette, to get a snack and on game nights they stop and pick up the pizza for the game.

“It makes your day go by a lot faster,” Hahler said.

There are many good things about being in vo-ed. The students have the chance to learn about new technology and make new

friends from different schools. The new technology they learn about helps to prepare them for situations in the real world. Many students use their vo-ed time to help them decide if they have a future career doing something in the automotive or manufacturing industries.

# CON: TAKING VO-ED CLASS

By: Haley Grandpre

I do not think going to vo-ed is the best thing for students. If you are someone who cannot handle leaving classes and coming back to school late, this is something you should think about taking. Four of the sophomore boys are taking Vo-ed this year. They leave their second block class early and then don’t come back until 2 p.m. I would not be able to handle leaving class and missing

part of the class, and I think we do run into problems with the students being behind.

Now some students can handle that and keep up with the class, but others cannot. Teachers usually go on with the lesson they are teaching that day no matter who is leaving the class early.

Also, college-prep classes are offered at school during third block, so students inter-

ested in college cannot attend vo-ed and still meet the requirements.

However, we have many students who are not going to college, but they do not go to vo-ed, either. This program was designed for them, and they are choosing not to take advantage of it. The vo-ed program costs the school money, so we should encourage our students to take advantage of that opportunity.

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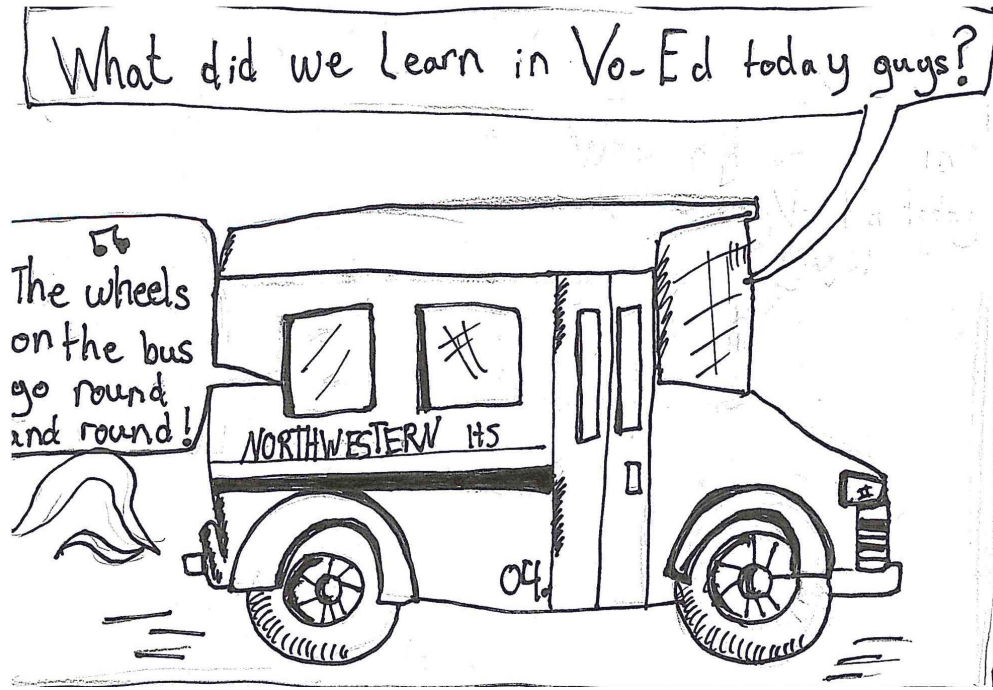
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Comic by sophomore Kate Finley.

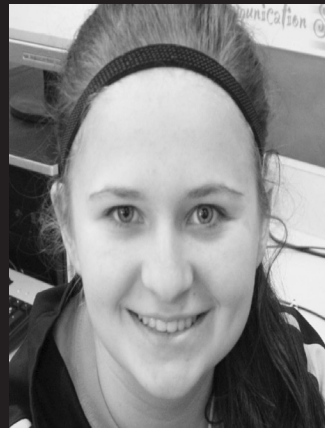


## In the Hallway

### What is your New Year's Resolution for 2014?



"My New Year's Resolution is to prepare to do well in track and cross country," freshman Derek Boekelheide said.



"I need to start eating healthier, but first I need to eat all the junk food in the house so it's not there to tempt me anymore, and that's my resolution," sophomore Codi Sparling said.



"My New Year's Resolution is to adopt all the homeless kitties in the world," junior Christine Morgan said.



"My New Year's Resolution for 2014 is to spend less money and save for college," senior Alyssa Steward said.



"My New Year's Resolution is to find more time to spend with my family," Mrs. Christy Cardella said.

## In the Elementary

### "What DON'T you want for Christmas?"



"A doll, because I have too much, and they talk too much," kindergartner Rain Anglin said.



"Coal, because I don't get to do anything with it, and it means you're naughty," first-grader Dallas Stoltenberg said.



"Barbies, because they're girly and have a lot of clothes," second-grader Nathan Melius said.



"An extra nose, because then there would be boogers everywhere and who wants that?" third-grader Ethan Boekelheide said.



"A soccer ball, because I don't know how to play soccer or an MP3 because I have too many," fifth-grader Bailey Heim said.

## GRACELING

By: Rachel Rausch

Katsa comes from a land where certain people are born with special gifts, or graces. These people are called Gracelings. Gracelings can be identified by their eyes, which are both different colors. These Graces provide them with extreme skill in a certain area. Graces can range from being able to hold your breath for a long time, to being extremely skilled with a sword, to being able to read minds. All Gracelings are taken by the king to be used to his benefit. Katsa is a Graceling. She has extreme skill in killing. She has been able to kill a man with her bare hands since she was eight. Her uncle, the king, uses her as a thug to scare people

who owe him money.

What happens when she finds another Graceling who is a challenge for her to defeat? Nobody has ever been a challenge for Katsa before, but Po, who comes from a different kingdom, is graced with hand-to-hand combat skills.

This unlikely pair teams up to find the captor of Po's grandfather. Along the way, they learn about a secret that could destroy all seven kingdoms, and Katsa learns the truth of her Grace. "Graceling", the young adult book by Kristin Cashore, is a fast-paced book that will keep you at the edge of your seat.

## Selena Gomez

By: Julia Sparling

Selena Gomez is definitely my favorite female artist. She releases music that is like nothing else out there. Her latest album "Stars Dance" was something very different from what she had released before. Gomez has most definitely grown up since her album that was released in June of 2011. Although she is 21 now, she still lives at home and is not in any hurry to leave. Her last album resulted in the "Stars Dance" tour and is on break right now, resuming in late January overseas. Many people do not know that she got her career start on Barney along with Demi Lovato who is still one of her best friends. She then moved into the Dis-

ney series "Wizards of Waverly Place" and eventually moved into making music with a band at first called "Selena Gomez and the Scene" and then back on her own to make her "Stars Dance" album. Gomez is definitely just getting started with her career and plans to continue both music and acting. She is phenomenal in everything she does and is a great role model. "I'm human, I'm not perfect. I make mistakes all the time, but I guess my job is to keep those mistakes to myself, which I'm already fine doing and just try to be the best I can be for those kids." said Gomez.



## RUBY TUESDAY

By: Logan Schentzel

Ruby Tuesday is one of the newest restaurants in Aberdeen. It is a great choice for any time of the day and any day of the week. They offer a huge variety of foods from burgers to steaks to soup and salads. They are most well-known for their famous salad bar. The service is very good with plenty of seating.

Ruby Tuesday has a fun restaurant with TVs tuned into a variety

of sports channels. The waitresses are good at their jobs, bringing drinks and menus promptly and offering drink refills the whole time you're there. The food tastes great and is appealing to the eye. The fantastic salad bar has a wide variety of foods ranging from typical lettuce and salad dressings as well as potato salad, coleslaw, cottage cheese, and a huge selection of salad toppings like toma-

toes, onions, peas, hard boiled eggs, numerous cheeses and their famous croutons.

If you're looking for a great place to eat, Ruby Tuesday is definitely a place to go!



# Catching Fire

By: Kate Finley

Finally! The next amazing installment of the Hunger Games films Catching Fire has hit theaters with a bang since the movie has already brought in a whopping \$336.7 million and counting. Catching Fire is of course the second book in the 3-part book series of Hunger Games. The first Hunger Games movie, directed by Gary Ross, did bring in a lot of money as well, but sure didn't seem to meet the expectations of the fans. Fortunately, if you're a hard-core Hunger Games fan like

me, you have nothing to worry about with this film. Catching Fire, directed by Francis Lawrence, was an extraordinary recovery for the films. If you saw the first movie you will know what I'm talking about when I say "recovery".

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire brings us back to the life of Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark as they both try to get their lives back on track after winning the 74th annual Hunger Games. Now they live in Victor's Village with their promised wealth and worry-free lives. Unfortunately, that is not the case with Katniss, because her life with Peeta

is being constantly filmed by the whole world, and if she does or says even the slightest thing wrong, her and her family's lives are in jeopardy. As the 75th annual Hunger Games approaches, President Snow decides to make an adjustment. The tributes to participate in the games will be reaped from the existing pool of victors, meaning Katniss will definitely be returning to the arena to once again fight to survive, but this time she will be fighting for Peeta's life.

