

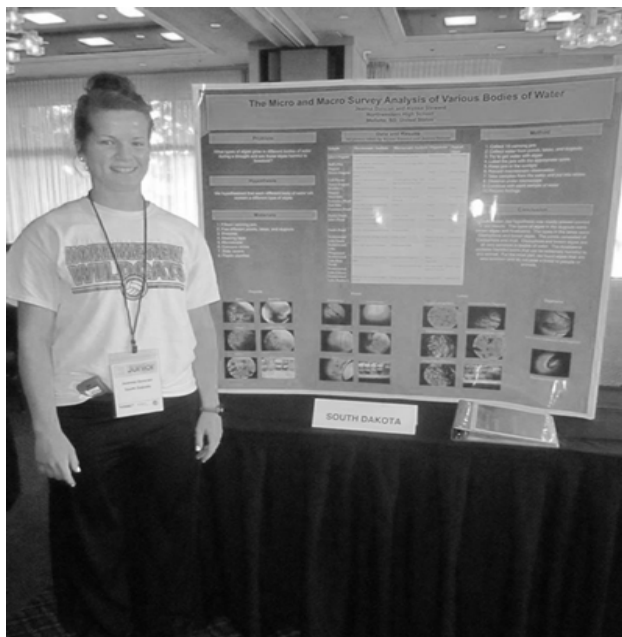
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Steward and Duncan Take on Portland

By: Katie Myers



Jeanna Duncan stands in front of her board in Portland!

Seniors Jeanna Duncan and Alyssa Steward went to Portland, Ore., for science fair in June. The experience provided a great opportunity for them to go on to be a part of the competition, to see all of the other experiments, and how hard everyone worked to get to go to Portland.

in Washington," Duncan said. Duncan and Steward flew out of Minneapolis very early in the morning that Friday. Once they got there, they had to set up their boards, and then they attended an opening ceremony. At the opening ceremony, they got visit with

"We flew out of Minneapolis on Friday, June 14, and stayed there through Sunday, June 16. We presented our project on Saturday and went on a field trip that morning to the Water Treatment Plant, which was actually

some of the people they would be spending the next couple of days with. The next morning they woke up early again and went to Washington and toured the Water Treatment Plant, which they said was very cool. They came back to the hotel that night for awards. They presented their science fair project in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize. They submitted their project into this competition and received an all-expense paid trip to present their project, to represent our state. 46 states were there, along with the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. "It was fun, and I met a lot of people. Experiencing a new city was also fun. The other projects and competition was pretty fierce!" Steward said.

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Alyssa Steward gets ready to go aboard the plane!



SENIORS SPEND TIME OUTDOORS TO COMMUNE WITH NATURE

Seniors Go to Boundary Waters in Minnesota

BY: CAMERON BOHL

Seniors Kristie Bade, Kalen Frericks, Nik Wood, Tyler Carda, Jesse Lutter, Nathan Frericks and Delbert Leonhardt made the trip to Boundary Waters last summer supervised by Kim and Rodney Bade for the experience to camp in the wilderness for a few days.

Along the Minnesota and Canada border, the seniors headed out to camp July 8-12. The students spent the time canoeing, fishing, hiking, exploring and playing cards on their free time. They canoed about four or five miles everyday and made day trips to different areas around the border.

"It was cold, but it was fun to sit under the trees and wait for bears. There was a lot of food, so we did not starve! I would go again, but I would be more prepared," senior Kalen Frericks said.

From Ely, Minn., the seniors made day trips to Canada and explored the area. They traveled about nine miles in a canoe to Canada, which took about five hours to paddle one way. The water was low this year, which made portages, and they had to carry the canoes, which was hard work.

"It was nice to know what it was like without cell phones and modern things! It was not as hard as I thought it would be. I would say that everyone should have to do this once in their lifetime because you really get to experience the wilderness without cell phones or plumbing," senior Kristie Bade said.

Everyone came away with a new appreciation for things.

"It was rough. I would go again when the fish are biting. The experience was fun," senior Nik Wood said.



SENIORS ENJOYED THEIR TIME AT BOUNDARY WATERS THIS PAST SUMMER.

Upgrades Improve School Atmosphere

By: Nolan Peterson

Many new improvements have gone into the Northwestern School over the summer that will help classrooms and help the students in the school learn more efficiently through the year.

The curtains separating rooms 105 and 110 and rooms 115 and 120 came down. In its place stand newly studded walls with insulation to cut down on noise.

New equipment also went into the tech room. A new Saw Stop table, new shaper with safety guards, and a new drill press.

The junior class received brand-new Fujitsu computers.

“They are pretty neat, fast, and work really well!” junior Jordan Peterson said.

Four new playground toys, chipmunk and a duck that rocks back and forth and two spinning rides to provide entertainment at recess.

“The spinning is more of a therapy for the kids because the spinning motion helps the kids concentrate more during class,” Mr. Chris Osborn said.

Northwestern’s First Robotic Team

By: Haley Grandpre

Led by Mrs. Denise Clemens, students involved in Northwestern’s first Robotic Team have been challenged to learn about programming, design, field work and public relations.

A group of 18 students have 42 days to build a robot and complete the challenge. Participating students have attended a conference in Brookings on the campus of South Dakota State University to explain rules, guidelines and the overall challenge. Northwestern’s theme for this year is “Bringing Geeky Back.”

Anyone who would like to mentor or help out the Robotics team in anyway is encouraged to contact Mrs. Clemens.

For more information, refer to www.bestinc.org.

Seniors Take in Last, First Day

By: Katie Myers

Northwestern seniors felt overwhelmed, excited and sad about their last, first day here at Northwestern High School. They seem overwhelmed, excited, and sad that it is their last year.

“I was overwhelmed because everyone looks up to the seniors. Although many people probably do not look up to me, I just feel like I am supposed to be a civilized person with my life planned out, and I am not,” Senior Donna Harmon said.

Harmon is probably one of the many seniors who felt overwhelmed about their last first day.

“It was not awkward. You expected to see seniors from last year, but

you realize quickly that they are gone. Every expectation for the year begins to dawn on you, and it is really exciting. However, I do not think the whole “last first day,” thing will hit any of us until we do not get it next year. It was just the first of all the last experiences that the class of 2014 will have,” senior Kalen Frericks said.

“I thought it was extremely hot, and I was just wondering where my summer went,” senior Nathan Palmer said.

“It was awkward, because you are the oldest, and it has not sunk in that I am a senior,” senior Luther Johnson disagreed.

“It was really hot!” senior Nathan Frericks said.

New Students Learn the Ways

By: Rachel Rausch

New students at Northwestern have been faced with the challenges of changing schools.

This year’s new students include first-grader Dusty Osterkamp; second-graders Ian Reinbold, Tyanne Franks and Presley Girdeen; fourth-grader Karla Clark; eighth-grader Tyrae Circle Bear; freshmen Reed Sattler and Lauren Kelley; sophomores Quinn Girdeen, Josephine Kelley, Socorro Young Bird and Chance Sale; juniors Don’Shay Dillard and Aubrey Johnson senior Schyler Sattler.

Osterkamp, who previously went to Lincoln Elementary school, said that he misses gym class in his old school. Osterkamp likes the writing assignments at Northwestern and says NW is bigger than his old school.

Presley Girdeen transferred to Northwestern after her family moved here from Wisconsin. She said she misses her best friend, but enjoys


the computer and art classes that are offered here. Northwestern is different because students have to work on what is assigned to them, and not whatever they feel like working on.

Clark transferred from Faulkton. She misses her friends from Faulkton and says that it is different here because the classes are not separated.

“Everyone was nice and welcoming,” Clark said.

Kelley also comes from Faulkton. Kelley does not miss anything about her old school. She loves the friends she has made here and says Northwestern is different because of the painted ceilings and the block schedules.

Sale, who moved to South Dakota from North Carolina, said that he does not miss his old school. Sale said that Northwestern is smaller, and the kids are nicer because everyone knows each other.





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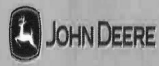

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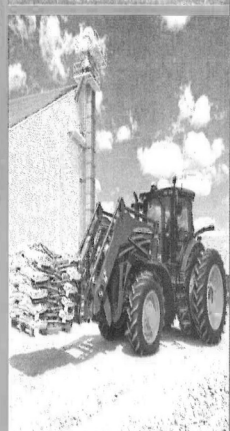
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, SEPT. 12

- HATS house bids were submitted. Low bid for materials was Menards, low bid for plumbing was Menards and low bid for electrical was Crescent Electric.
- Dibles testing in the elementary is complete. It shows some typical summer regression.
- A new math facts program is being implemented. It is part of the Accelerated Reading program.
- The Dakota Step report card is now available for viewing online. Go to <http://doe.sd.gov/reportcard/index.aspx> to view this.
- Safe Harbor is presenting a program on cyber bullying on Sept. 18.
- Derek Johnson, a former Aberdeen Central football player, is presenting an assembly on Less with More on September 19.
- Homecoming is the week of Sept. 23.
- The theme this year is board games.
- Coronation is Monday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
- NW Annual Report and Consolidated Application was approved.
- First reading of the Alcohol, Nicotine, and Other Drug Abuse Policy was heard after some revisions were made.
- Approved the 13-14 budget.
- Approved the Delegate Certification for Mary Mielke.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, at 7 p.m.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of Sept. 16, 2013.



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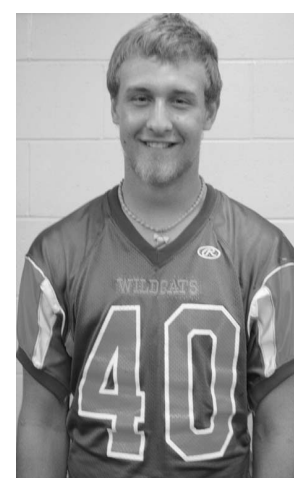
Jesse Lutter
Senior
OL/DL



Matt Fischbach
Senior
WR/DB



Nathan Frericks
Senior
RB/LB



Nathan Palmer
Senior
TE/LB



Nick Wood
Senior
OL/DL



Tyler Carda
Senior
OL/DL



Skyler Sorenson
Senior
WR/DB



Corbin Smith
Junior
WR/DB



Zach Duncan
Junior
OL/LB



Colton Zens
Junior
OL/DL



Don'shay Dillard
Junior
DB/LB



Ethan Bauer
Sophomore
RB/DB



Isaac Groft
Sophomore
QB/DB



Cody Lefforge
Sophomore
RB/DB



Logan Schentzel
Sophomore
WR/DB



Nolan Peterson
Sophomore
WR/DB



Trevor Bohl
Sophomore
OL/DL



Trey Bierman
Sophomore
OL/DL



Quinn Girdeen
Sophomore
OL/DL



Chance Sale
Sophomore
OL/DL



Andrew Lefforge
Freshman
RB/LB



Reed Sattler
Freshman
OL/DL

Meet the Volleyball Players...

By: Julia Sparling



Jeanna Duncan
Senior
Setter



Paige Metzinger
Senior
Middle Hitter



Julia Sparling
Junior
Outside Hitter



Jordon Peterson
Junior
Outside Hitter



Christine Morgan
Junior
Defensive Specialist



Kennedi Sparling
Junior
Right Hitter



Haley Grandpre
Junior
Middle Hitter



Kirtsin Borge
Sophomore
Outside Hitter



Kaylee Hoellein
Sophomore
Outside Hitter



Darby Duncan
Freshman
Setter



Josie Clemens
Freshman
Middle Hitter



Peyton Groft
Eighth-grader
Defensive Specialist



Carolina Spielman
Junior
Outside Hitter



Abby Fischbach
Sophomore
Middle Hitter



Cameron Bohl
Sophomore
Right Side



Addison Sparling
Eighth-grader
Outside Hitter



Darien Watson
Eighth-grader
Middle Hitter



Evy Peterson
Eighth-grader
Right Side

Northwestern Defeats Ipswich

By: Isaac Groft

Northwestern rolled past Ipswich in three sets, 25-20, 28-26, 25-19 on Sept. 19. The Wildcats served 69 of 73 with 11 aces. Junior Christine Morgan led with nine of nine and four aces. Northwestern attacked 85 of 101 with 34 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 24 of 30 with 15 kills. The team set 97 of 97 with 28 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 76 of 76 with 24 assists. Morgan led the team's 42 digs with 14. The Wildcats put down four solo blocks, led by senior Paige Metzinger with two.

Meet the Cross Country Team...

Varsity/JV Runners



Isaac Groft
Sophomore



Derrek Boekelheide
Freshman



Celab Schentzel
Seventh Grader



Hans Leanhardt
Junior



Jarret Haven
Seventh-grader



Moria Duncan
Seventh-grader



Darby Duncan
Freshman



Peyton Groft
Eighth-grader



Josie Clemens
Freshman

Cross Country Coach:
Kris Boekelheide

Cheerleading Adviser:
Holly Morgan

Football Coach:
Eric Borge

Volleyball Coach:
Nora Groft

Meet the Cheerleaders...



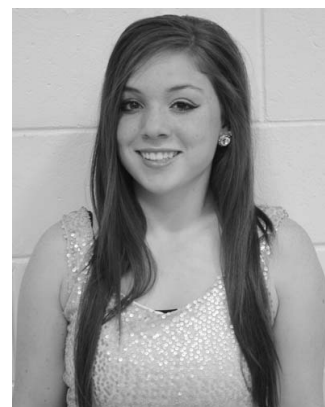
Codi Sparling
Sophomore



Darienne Frericks
Sophomore



Hope Bower
Sophomore



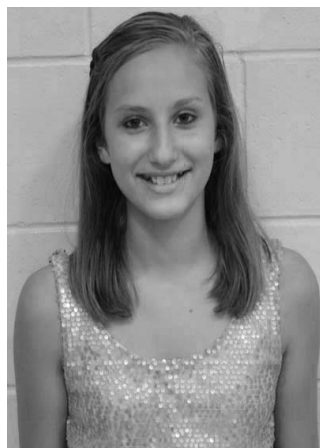
Kalen Frericks
Senior



Kendra Bohlen
Sophomore



Kristie Bade
Senior



Megan Heidenreich
Eighth-grader



Rachael Boekleheide
Sophomore



Sadie VanderWal
Eighth-grader

Wildcats off to a 9-5 Start to the 2013 Season

By: Isaac Groft



Northwestern Defeats Aberdeen Christian

Northwestern defeated Aberdeen Christian in three sets, 25-2, 25-5, 25-3 on September 3rd. The Wildcats served 65 of 72 with 40 aces. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 24 of 24 and 19 aces. Northwestern attacked 38 of 40 with 20 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 13 of 14 and 12 kills. The team set 39 of 39 with 21 assists. Duncan led with 33 of 33 and 20 assists. Duncan also had the team's only dig of the night.



Northwestern Defeats Langford

Northwestern annihilated Langford in three sets, 25-1, 25-4, 25-1 on September 5th. Northwestern served 69 of 73 with 31 aces. Eighth grader Peyton Groft led with 42 of 44 and 20 aces. The Wildcats attacked 37 of 38 with 29 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 24 of 25 and 20 kills. The team set 36 of 38 with 28 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 32 of 33 and 24 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led the team's 10 digs with three. Peterson came up with the team's only block of the match.



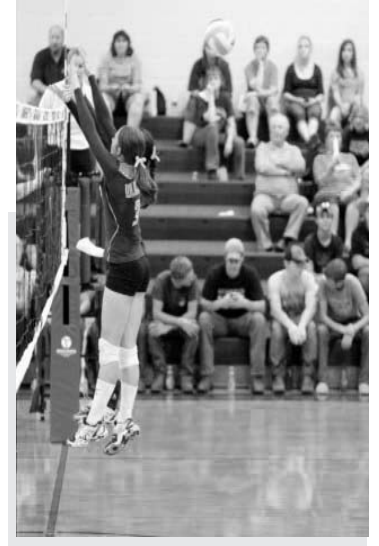
Northwestern Defeats Miller

Northwestern slipped past Miller in four sets, 22-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-18 on Sept. 17. The Wildcats served 81 of 93 with nine aces. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 19 of 20 with three aces. Northwestern attacked 110 of 133 with 60 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 39 of 47 and 34 kills. The team set 130 of 130 with 55 assists. Duncan led with 104 of 104 with 45 assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 62 digs with 15. The Wildcats put down one solo and 12 assisted blocks led by senior Paige Metzinger with one solo and three assisted blocks.



Wildcats Fall to Warner

Northwestern lost to Warner in three sets, 19-25, 20-25, 21-25 on Sept. 12. The Wildcats served 52 of 57 with six aces. Freshman Josie Clemens led with 13 of 14 and four aces. Northwestern attacked 67 of 79 with 25 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 27 of 31 and 10 kills. The team set 78 of 78 and 21 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 66 of 66 and 20 assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 40 digs with 15. Senior Paige Metzinger and junior Haley Grandpre each contributed to an assisted block.



Long Battle Leads to win

Northwestern defeated Sisseton in four sets, 25-15, 22-25, 25-21, 25-20 on Sept. 10. The Wildcats served 89 of 93 with 12 aces. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 30 of 30 and six aces. Northwestern attacked 161 of 180 with 58 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 73 of 83 with 34 kills. The team set 175 of 175 with 52 assists. Duncan led with 143 of 143 and 49 assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 114 digs with 37.

Wildcats go 2-2 at Parkston Tournament

BY: ISAAC GROFT

Northwestern Falls Short to Wagner

Wagner defeated Northwestern in three sets, 25-22, 11-25, 22-25 in the season opener at the Parkston tournament on August 31st. The Wildcats served 66 of 70 with nine aces. Eighth grader Peyton Groft led with 16 of 16 and three aces. Northwestern attacked 79 of 99 and had 29 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 27 of 31 and 12 kills. Senior Jeanna Duncan set 75 of 75 with 26 assists. Groft led the team's 31 digs with 11.

Northwestern Overthrows Parkston

Northwestern defeated Parkston in two sets, 25-14, 25-17. The Wildcats served 46 of 49 with 10 aces. Junior Kennedy Sparling led with nine of nine and four aces. Northwestern attacked 43 of 49 along with 21 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 18 of 20 and 9 kills. Senior Jeanna Duncan set 38 of 38 and 17 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led the team's 17 digs with five.



SENIOR JEANNA DUNCAN SETS THE BALL

Northwestern Defeats McCook Central/Montrose

Northwestern defeated McCook Central/Montrose in two sets, 25-10, 25-17. Northwestern served 44 of 48 with eight aces. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 9 of 10 and four aces. The Wildcats attacked 46 of 53 and 19 kills. Peterson led with 19 of 21 and 10 kills. The team set 47 of 47 and 17 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 39 of 39 and 14 assists. Eighth grader Peyton Groft led the team's 11 digs with five.

Northwestern Falls to Arlington

Arlington defeated Northwestern in two sets, 16-25, 23-25. The Wildcats served 29 of 38 with three aces. Eighth grader Peyton Groft led with five of five and one ace. Northwestern attacked 53 of 63 and 17 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 15 of 19 and nine kills. The team set 58 of 58 and 16 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 55 of 55 and 16 assists. Junior Kennedy Sparling led the team's 17 digs with four.

Wildcats Place 3rd at SFC

By: Isaac Groft

Northwestern Defeats Milbank

Northwestern defeated Milbank in two sets 25-15, 25-19. The Wildcats served 47 of 47 with 9 aces. Junior Christine Morgan led with 19 of 19 and 3 aces. Northwestern attacked 50 of 62 with 19 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 21 of 27 and 10 kills. The team set 59 of 59 with 17 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 44 of 44 and 11 assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 30 digs with 10. Senior Paige Metzinger led the team's six assisted blocks with two.

Northwestern Comes up Short Against Sioux Falls Christian

Sioux Falls Christian defeated Northwestern in three sets, 25-15, 23-25, 25-18. Northwestern served 49 of 52 with 3 aces. Eighth-grader Peyton Groft led with 12 of 12 and one ace. The Wildcats attacked 65 of 76 with 20 kills. Senior Paige Metzinger led with 24 of 26 and 10 kills. The team set 73 of 73 and 17 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 60 of 60 and 17 assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 35 digs with 11. Metzinger led the team's one solo and four assisted blocks with one of each.

Northwestern Falls to Warner

Warner defeated Northwestern in two sets, 25-13, 25-13. The Wildcats served 19 of 24 with one ace. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 5 of 6 and one ace. Northwestern attacked 35 of 46 with seven kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 14 of 19 and six kills. The team set 40 of 40 with seven assists. Duncan led with 38 of 38 and seven assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 15 digs with six.

Northwestern Defeats Elk Point Jefferson

Northwestern defeated Elk Point Jefferson in two sets, 25-15, 25-19. The Wildcats served 43 of 46 with five aces. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 11 of 11 and two aces. Northwestern attacked 59 of 67 with 22 kills. Junior Jordan Peterson led with 19 of 21 and nine kills. The team set 69 of 69 and 21 assists. Duncan led with 55 of 55 and 16 assists. Duncan also led the team's 35 digs with eight. Peterson led the team's two solo and two assisted blocks with two solo and one assisted block.

Cross Country Teams Heat Up the Golf Courses

By: Cameron Bohl

Northwestern's cross country team participated in the Roe Granger Meet at the Moccasin Soccer Complex in Aberdeen for the first meet of the season on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Representing Northwestern's boys' varsity team, Freshman Derek Boekeheide came in third with a time of 14:08.00. Sophomore Isaac Groft came in 35th with a time of 17:08.00. Senior Jacob Heidenreich came in 39th with a time of 18:51.00. Hans Leonhardt came in 41st with a time of 21:24.00.

"I am looking forward to conference and regions because of how well I have been placing in the past meets. I am excited to see how the JV boys will do in the varsity meets further in the season," Boekeheide said.

The cross country team ran in the meet in Redfield/ Doland Meet in Redfield on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Running the girls 4K, the Northwestern varsity team had a total of three girls participate. Eighth-grader Peyton Groft came in seventh with a time of 17:17.23. Freshman Josie Clemens came in 10th with a time of 17:37.50. Freshman Darby Duncan came in 23rd with a time of 18:48.40.

"I am looking forward to conference and regions because our varsity girls have been very successful this year, and I think we will be able to place well," Clemens said.

Running the boys 5K, the Northwestern varsity team had a total of two boys participate. Boekeheide came in eighth with a time of 18:58.29. Groft came in 45th with a time of 21:58.44.

"I am looking forward to see how much I improve from now until regions and I am excited to see how the JV runners adapt into varsity meets," I. Groft said.

Varsity boys and girls cross country team participates in the Ipswich Meet in Ipswich Saturday, Sept. 14.

The varsity girls ran Saturday morning in the 4K placing well. Freshman Josie Clemens came in sixth with a time of 16:23. Eighth-grader Peyton Groft came in eighth with a time of 16:31. Freshman Darby Duncan came in 26th with a time of 18:13.

The varsity boys ran the 5K at Ipswich on Saturday with two participants. Freshman Derek Boekeheide placed third with a time of 16:53. Sophomore Isaac Groft placed 41st with a time of 20:01.

The next cross country meet will take place on Saturday Sept. 28 at Hoven.



Isaac Groft runs at the Roe Ganger Meet.



Derek Boekeheide runs at the cross country meet in Redfield.

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NW Football Falls Short to Ipswich

By: Maddie Styles

The Northwestern Wildcats football team lost 20-42 to the Ipswich/Edmunds Central Tigers Friday, Sept. 20 in Roscoe. The Wildcats had a total of 242 rushing yards and 60 passing yards.

“We played pretty well the first half, but drug our feet the second half,” sophomore Isaac Groft said.

Groft had 14 passing attempts with six completed passes and two of them being touchdown passes to senior Nathan Palmer and junior Corbin Smith.

“I think when I scored my touchdown right before half-time, that was the turning point in the game,” Smith said.

Groft threw two interceptions with a fumble from senior Jacob Heidenreich and sophomore Ethan Bauer. The Tigers had no turnovers, 210 rushing yards and 143 passing yards.

“Nobody could wrap up,” junior Colton Zens said.

Northwestern Defeats Sunshine Bible

By: Maddie Styles

The Northwestern Wildcats football team won their season-opener Friday, Aug. 30 against Sunshine Bible Academy on their home field 36-28.

“We hadn’t won a game in 23 months, so winning a game was pretty awesome for us,” senior Jacob Heidenreich said.

The Wildcats had a total of 48 passing yards and 291 rushing yards. Heidenreich rushed for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

“I think the turning point in the game was when (their) quarterback got injured. It was to our advantage defensively. They got really tired by the end of the third quarter, which was great for us,” senior Tyler Carda said.

Sophomore Isaac Groft passed 4-6 and ran for a



touchdown in the second half. “We gave it our all, made some stupid mistakes, but we managed to pull out a win,” senior Nik Wood said.



Skylar Sorenson makes a tackle.



Sophomore Isaac Groft runs the ball.



Senior Nathan Palmer attempts to catch the ball.

NW Football Team Falls to Langford Lions

The Northwestern Wildcats football team took a 0-16 loss to the Langford Lions on their home field in Mellette, Friday, Sept. 6. The Wildcats had a total of eight first downs, 32 rushing attempts, 128 rushing yards, a 2-11 passing ratio, six passing yards, and 2-1 fumbles-lost.

“We needed our offense to execute better, and we need to work on our specialties,” junior Zach Duncan said.

Senior running back Jacob Heidenreich had 15 rushing attempts for 75 yards. Junior wide receiver Corbin Smith came out with three rushing attempts for 24 yards. Sophomore quarterback Isaac Groft ended up with two completed passes out of 11 attempts for six yards, with no interceptions.

“I thought we could have done better, and we could have played a lot harder,” Palmer said.

Senior Nathan Frericks finished the night with one receiving catch for four yards, and senior Nate Palmer led the team with eight tackles and Duncan trailing with seven tackles.

“It was a good game. We could have done better offensively, but we did pretty well defensively,” senior Jesse Lutter said.

Langford took home the win with 18 first downs, 50 rushing attempts, 290 rushing yards, 41 passing yards, and 5-1 fumbles-lost.



Sophomore Ethan Bauer makes a tackle.

Pro:Sports Rollback Year

By: Nolan Peterson

The last time the rollback on sports happened was in 2008 and happens every few years. The "rollback" was a later date for school practices before school. This pushes back all practice dates by a week. So we were starting practice the same time we were starting school. It seems like we are a week behind, but technically we are on schedule just like everyone else. All schools run on the same schedule, not just our school. The good thing about the rollback on the practice time of football, cross country and volleyball is that athletes get a little bit more time in summer.

Everyone loves summer--it's the time of no school and warm weather. There are many things to do in summer like playing baseball, or softball, going swimming, going to the lake, taking a vacation and just hanging out with friends. Summer is also a time to improve on things like sports or any other hobby students like to do. The rollback on practices mean fewer early practice times but also more summer. "It was nice because it was not as hot during practice at the later date," sophomore Ethan Bauer said.

The rollback gave athletes less time on practicing but more time

of freedom before summer close to an end. The rollback also gave baseball players a time to focus on baseball longer and to stay focused on trying to win.

The sports rollback had some good looks for the later date on practice time. Athletes had a longer summer, more baseball and softball time, and a cooler start to practice.

With having an extra week to get self-prepared for school and practices was helpful. Also the week practice usually starts always ends up being during the Brown County Fair. It helped having the rollback year, so if athletes were out late, they did

not have to worry about always getting up so early. I'm not saying athletes should have been staying out so late, but it gave them a chance to have some summer fun before they started the school year.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association dictates when each fall sport can begin. Cheerleading actually started in July, and football started the Thursday before volleyball and cross country, but all sports started later than usual. However, NW kept the school start date the same, hence the strange week of practice and school starting the same time.

Con:Sports Rollback Year

By: Haley Grandpre

This year, all schools had a sports rollback year. This meant that practice started a week late. It felt like when practice did get to finally start practice, we were so far behind on practice, but really we were just right on schedule.

Practices for football, volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading were pushed back by a week. Volleyball started the same day school started. All games were also pushed back. The last time this happened was in 2008. This happens every few years.

Not everybody likes the sports rollback. Teams felt pressured to get a lot of stuff

down in that first week of practice. When we had a week before school, teams had time, but with it seemed like a shortened schedule we had to do a lot of things, before our first game.

When we had a week before to practice we would only go until 6 p.m., but with the week behind practice we were going until 7 p.m. This did not help with having school starting the same week. Players were tired and worn out. Tons of the players were getting sick and injured.

I personally think that the sports rollback year is not the best idea. Having the week of practice helps athletes get into the routine of things, and we won't be

as tired when school does start. With practice and school starting the same week, so many people were tired and not wanting to put in the full effort during school. Luckily, this will not happen for another few years.



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GUY CODE

By: Logan , Isaac and Nolan

Many male athletes at Northwestern School tend to be in football, and on game day, the boys wear their jersey and give the other jersey they have to a girl to wear at the game.

Giving a jersey to a girl is a big responsibility. We may not think it is, but it is. Who do we give it to? How do we give it to her? What does it mean to have a girl wear my

jersey?

One way to give a girl your jersey is to wait and see if somebody asks to wear it.

Other ways that are good are to ask a girl whom you like and ask her if she would like to wear it or just give it to one of your best friends who is a girl because the chances are she will want to wear it.

Girls might be embarrassed to wear a football jersey

because none of her friends are wearing one, but that is why when one girl gets a jersey to wear, they all will want to wear one because they will be jealous.

Football players have to have an idea that week of whom they want to wear their jersey and may have to say no if the wrong girl asks to wear it.

When giving a jersey to girls, there are steps. Step

one, the most important step: always make sure the jersey is washed and smells good. Step two: pick out a girl you like. Step three: do not be nervous. Never give it to a girl after wearing it from the last game. Be prepared to have it back smelling all girly. Wash it again.

Guy Code: 15 minutes could save you 15% or more on car insurance.

In the Hallway

What do you think about the rollback year?



"I didn't like it because if teams want to be successful, they need the extra practice," freshman Andrew Lefforge said.



"I didn't mind being away from the school, but it did affect practice," sophomore Kaylee Hoellein said.



"I liked it because it gave us a break and made the summer feel longer," junior Kennedi Sparling said.



"It messed with my schedule. Our first volleyball tournament was in September when it is normally in August," senior Jeanna Duncan said.



"I think we rolled back the wrong way," Mr. Scott Boone said.

In the Elementary

What's your favorite sport?



"T-ball is my favorite sport because I get to hit the ball and try to catch it!" kindergartner Josie Sparling said.



"My favorite sport is football because I like to catch, and you get to kick hard!" first-grader Jessica Christ said.



"My favorite sport is football because I will be in tackle football next year, and I really want to tackle someone!" second-grader Dylan Hahler said.



"Basketball is my favorite sport because you get to spend time with friends while practicing!" fourth-grader Megan Nash said.



"Football is my favorite sport because you get to throw the ball and make a lot of touchdowns!" third-grader Tanner Ewalt said.

Tiger's Curse

By: Rachel Rausch

Tiger's Curse by Colleen Houck is the first book in a five-part series. This book tells the story of Kelsey Hayes, who works at a circus for the summer. During her time at the circus, she becomes very attached to a tiger named Ren, who turns out to be under a 300-year-old curse. Can Kelsey help this mysterious, white tiger break the curse? I highly recommend reading this book. It is part of one of, if not my favorite, series.

If you enjoy *Tiger's Curse*, then you can check out the next books in the series, *Tiger's Quest*; *Tiger's Voyage*; and *Tiger's Desti-*

ny. The last book, *Tiger's Dream*, is set to be released in 2014.



Cresbard Opens New Steakhouse

By: Kate Finley

The Cresbard Tavern located on Main Street in Cresbard, S.D., is under new management and is now known as Burger's Saloon and Steakhouse. Michelle Burger, new owner of Burger's Saloon and Steakhouse, is already showing great enthusiasm for the new position. The atmosphere sure makes you feel like you are back in the old west. It's great! So much food for not a lot of money is the greatest thing we Americans hope for in a restaurant. That is exactly what you will get at the Steakhouse. Patience of course may be a virtue if you sit down with an appetite, but I assure you the wait will not be in vein. With such large portions, and steaks larger than your appetite, you may be bringing leftovers home. It is a very good family restaurant, so do not be shy to take the family out sometime this weekend--you will not be disappointed!

THE WOLVERINE

By: KATE FINLEY

One of the many blockbusters that hit theaters this summer included *The Wolverine*. *The Wolverine* has everything any action movie needs. An impressive background story, chase scenes, and NINJAS. I will admit when I first saw the trailer for this movie, it seemed a little too far-fetched for the Wolverine we know and love, but I will also say it's definitely Marvelous.

The beginning started with a good, old-fashioned flash-back, set in a Japanese military camp on the day America drops the Atomic bomb. Wolverine appeared to be imprisoned by the Japanese, but when the Atomic bomb was visible to the camp, one man tried to release Wolverine, motioning him to run. Wolverine instead claimed he was safest where he was. When the Japanese man realized he could not save himself, he attempted to commit suicide. Wolverine had other plans. He grabbed the man and forced him into the prison cellar, saving his life. The saving of that man's life brings about the whole story. Where will it take you? You will have to find out for yourself. Warning: the ending may surprise you. It surely surprised me anyway, but do not worry, I shall not give it away.



Austin Mahone

By: Maddie Styles

The latest pop teen sensation Austin Mahone gives Justin Bieber a run for his money. Seventeen-year-old Mahone continues his rise to fame while some wonder what to expect from him in the years to come.

Mahone of San Antonio, Tex., became popular in 2011 when YouTube videos of him singing went viral. Some of his videos have reached up to 20 million viewers! Shortly after being discovered, Mahone released his debut single Feb. 14, 2012, called "11:11" which rose to the 19th spot on the Billboard Heatseekers Song

Chart. The growing pop star then signed to Chase/Universal Republic Records a few months later.

In 2013, Mahone accepted an offer made by Taylor Swift to be an opening act for her fourth international Red Tour. By opening up for Swift, Mahone gained many more dedicated fans called his "Mahomies." Losing his fans happens to be Mahone's biggest fear. He loves his fans from the earth to the moon he has said!

Mahone recently won the Artist to Watch honor at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards with his current single called "What About Love." The single

has climbed all the way to the nineteenth spot on the Mainstream Top 40 chart. The extremely catchy song makes for yet another hit for this young star!

Mahone has been compared to Bieber many times in his career so far because of his remarkably high-pitched falsetto voice.

Mahone has stated that his inspiration is Justin Bieber. He has made a great start in his career, and I have a feeling we will be hearing a lot from him throughout the next few years, especially on those McDonald's commercials!

