

Volley for the Cure 2014

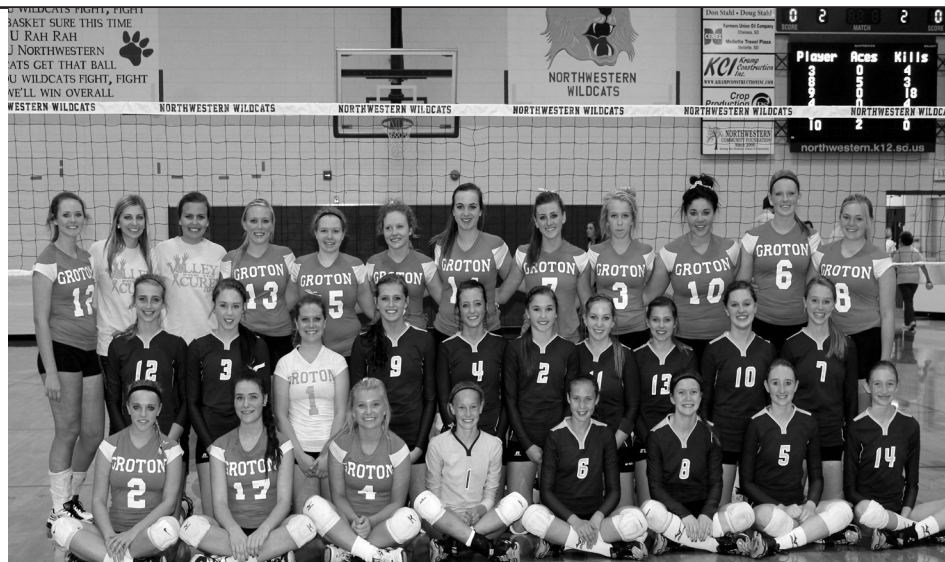
By: Kate Finley

The Northwestern and Groton volleyball teams participated in a Volley for the Cure event Tuesday, Oct. 21 in Mellette. The teams raised \$3,096.15 for the South Dakota Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Since Northwestern's first breast cancer awareness event in 2008, the volleyball program has raised \$17,626.15 for breast cancer research and education.

Fans from both teams took part in raffles, prizes, nail services, face painting and lots of goodies. Parents, community members and players all helped to make the night successful.

"I continue to be amazed at the community support of our volleyball program's service project," coach Nora Groft said.



Northwestern and Groton's volleyball teams participated in the 2014 Volley for the Cure event Oct. 21 in Mellette.

Thank you to all the amazing fans for donating food and baskets for the raffle. Cherry Berry sold tasty frozen yogurt for the cause. James Valley Telecommunications sponsored Texting for a Cure, as well as donated prizes and pink volleyballs. The smoothie and cappuccino station proved a big hit as well.

Parents decorated the lunchroom in pink and hosted many of the activities, especially the popular basket raffle.

Both NW and Groton fans wore pink Volley for the Cure shirts designed by Mrs. Jennifer Schell and screened by Mrs. Frericks' screen-printing class. Students screened about

500 pink shirts for the event.

To cap off the evening's festivities, Wildcat players honored Jill Bierman, a 15-year breast cancer survivor, and mother of junior Trey Bierman, at the event.

The Groton Tigers will host NW for next year's event.



Pictured above: Emma Grandpre, Mackenzie Stoltenberg and Jessica Boekelheide pump up for the volleyball match Oct. 21.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycalypso!

By: Abby Fischbach



Kindergarten through fifth-grade students attended an assembly about recycling on Thursday, Oct. 9.

"He did a great job of keeping the kids involved in his performance," Ms. Karla Borge said.

The assembly had the children up on their feet and moving the entire time. For most of the time, Mr. Recycalypso taught the children about the many cultures he endured and what he had learned. He showed many interesting instruments that were made out of recyclable material. The entire assembly filled with enormous amounts of energy.



Photos taken by: Abby Fischbach

Recycalypso pulls the students to their feet to join him in a song.

"I liked the gray drum that sounded like music from the *Little Mermaid*," third-grader Courtney Decker said.

Gypsy Days Marches On

By: Madison Styles

Many Northwestern students hold a valuable spot in the NW school marching band. On Tuesday Oct. 4, band director Mrs. Wendy Thorson and choir director Ms. Jamie Kessler took their 66 band students consisting of grades six through 12 to Aberdeen for the annual Gypsy Days.

"We finished and got a silver, so we did pretty well," junior Isaac Groft said.

Many bands from classes AA, B and C marched at their best ability that morning. The weather conditions did not cooperate as well as everyone hoped for due to the cold, but the students all showed up and put forth their best effort with a smile on their face.

"I thought the band played very well, and the audience seemed to enjoy our vocals and dance moves," Thorson said.

The judging scale put bands into three different categories: bronze, silver and gold. This year NW's band placed in the silver category, and cannot wait to go back next year and try for the gold.



The Northwestern marching band works its way down Main Street in Aberdeen during the Gypsy Days parade Oct. 4.



Seventh-grader Zech Clemens and eighth-grader Zach Toennies start to feel the weight of their sousaphones during their Gypsy Day marching experience Oct. 4 in Aberdeen.

"I was freezing under my heavy uniform," junior Rachel Rausch said.

While Rausch did not enjoy the colder temperatures, at least the band got to perform this year; last year, the NW band did not even get to participate in the parade due to the cold, icy conditions.

Groton Marching Parade

By: Kate Finley

The Northwestern marching band had a new change of pace this year. Aside from marching both the middle school and high school together, they also participated in another marching performance. Northwestern's marching band usually only participated in two marching performances a year. One performance included Northwestern's own homecoming parade and the other included the Gypsy Day parade held up in Aberdeen. This year, Northwestern's band took advantage of another marching competition held in Groton on Monday Oct. 10.

Approximately 20 schools from all over the state marched in this parade. After getting dressed and finding their place in line, Northwestern stayed confident. A majority of the bands consisted of just high school students, which meant most schools had more experience.

Following the marching competition, the University of South Dakota's marching band performed some of their favorite songs for the high school marching bands on Groton's football field.

"They played extremely well. They were all in sync, they knew what they were doing and they played old and modern songs. They were really good!" junior Cory Walter said.

Mrs. Wendy Thorson led the marching band this year. She now serves as the band director for grades five through 12. Mr. Doug Duncan, the previous music instructor, now teaches first grade.



Pictured Left: Northwestern marching band players keep their heads up for Groton's parade Oct. 10.

Middle-School Music Festival a Success

By: Kate Finley

The Northwestern School hosted another successful music festival this year for a total of 10 schools. Middle-School students from the area came together Oct. 14 for one day of school to participate in either playing in a conjoined band or singing in a large chorus group. After a long day of practicing new songs, both the band and the choir performed an evening recital. Much work goes into the music festival by both the students and the directors. The evening performance put on by the vast number of middle school students turned out to be a great success as always, and Northwestern would like to thank all the students for participating.



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All-State Chorus Practices Songs

By: Kate Finley

Six Northwestern students attended All-State chorus practice Oct. 8 in Aberdeen: freshman Peyton Groft as alto alternate, sophomore Darby Duncan as soprano, juniors Rachel Rausch as alto, Allison Braun as soprano alternate, Isaac Groft as bass and Cory Walter as tenor.

They have attended a choral workshop hosted by Northern State University but located in Aberdeen Central High School. The workshop focused on building the skills and abilities of high school vocalists across South Dakota.

Much of their work centered around learning the music for All-State Chorus. The talented singers from Northwestern participated in a large-group practice containing all the individuals selected to attend All-State Chorus. A few of the songs they practiced at the workshop included "Daa Naa Se," "Dry Your Tears Afrika" and "Lord of the Small."

"It was helpful. I strained my vocal chords. That was painful!" Rausch exclaimed.

The singers will participate in All-State Chorus Nov. 1 in Sioux Falls. Miss Jamie Kessler, NW vocal instructor, will accompany the students.



Darby Duncan, Allison Braun, Cory Walter, Isaac Groft, Rachel Rausch and Peyton Groft sang at Central Oct. 8.

Business Symposium

By: Abby Fischbach

Sophomores, juniors and seniors attended the Business Symposium at Northern State University Sept. 30.

"It opened more options on learning how to start your own business" junior Nolan Peterson said.

The students learned more about different types of business opportunities. Activities throughout the day included listening to a panel of human resource managers, a panel of college and tech school students and an entrepreneur who started his own bar in Webster.

Students asked many different questions to the guest panels who came. The two panels consisted of the human resource managers of several different business and also a panel of college and tech school students.

"It was good to hear about college students' opinions and what they do," sophomore Andrew Lefforge said.

The event encourages students to think about their future careers and educational goals.

Juniors Attend Career Fair

By: Nolan Peterson

The Northwestern juniors set out on a trip to Northern State University for a career fair Monday Oct. 3. NSU gathered all high schools to the upstairs of the Barnett Center and had a discussion about colleges and careers that students might pursue.

The fair started at nine in the morning and lasted until noon. The schools split up into two groups and moved downstairs on Don Myer Court. The court split in two; colleges on one side and careers on the other. Mrs. Kari Brenner, school counselor, took charge of the juniors at the fair and gave them a scavenger hunt to keep them engaged.

"I found an enormous amount of information from colleges in South Dakota," junior Abby Fischbach said.

The juniors perused a large variety of colleges, but only a few stood out in the students' minds. Most of the juniors plan to attend Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown or South Dakota State University in Brookings. A few students, however, looked past the obvious choices.

"I took home information from NSU, DSU, USD and Nebraska," junior Isaac Groft said.

The career fair seemed to open the eyes of the juniors as they prepare to make a decision for a college and a career.

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Three Attend FBLA Leadership Conference

By: Abby Fiscbach

Seniors Christine Morgan and Halle Sieve, along with junior Allison Braun, attended the annual Future Business Leaders of America leadership conference in Sioux Falls on Oct. 13 to learn more about the FBLA chapter. Mrs. Anne Frericks chaperoned the group as the FBLA adviser.

“It was very exciting to partake as a state officer. The conference took time and practice to coordinate. I especially enjoyed meeting members and seeing good work pay off!” Morgan said.

Chapters from all over the state came to this conference, which comprised about 200 teens. Students attended two important seminars. On Monday, the conference began by attending a teamwork tower and human machine seminar. The teamwork tower activity consisted of learning to use communication, vision, creativity and challenge management. During the human machine station, the team learned enthusiasm, teamwork, creativity and promotion.

“We participated in many activities teaching us how to network and teaching us important leadership skills,” Sieve said.

Junior Allison Braun and seniors Christine Morgan and Halle Sieve take in their fill of knowledge at the FBLA Leadership Conference held in Sioux Falls Oct. 13. Adviser Mrs. Anne Frericks supervised.



Daughters of the American Revolution Candidate

Congratulations to Haley Grandpre for being selected as the Northwestern DAR candidate. Haley’s name will be sent to the James River Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She will complete an essay in the following weeks that will be sent on to the state competition.



Oral Interp members pictured above, Allison Braun, Blake Toennies, Kate Finley, Tessa Rush, Codi Sparling, Sadie VanderWal and Andrea Rausch showcase their awards they received at the local competition. They will attend district and regional competition later this November.

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Student of the Month: Isaac Groft

By: Madison Styles

Junior Isaac Groft received student of the month for October. His parents are James and Nora Groft, and he has one younger brother, fifth-grader Samuel Groft, and three younger sisters, Bailey Groft, freshman Peyton Groft and seventh-grader Madalyn Groft.

Groft’s activities include football, cross country, basketball, track, band, chorus, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America and Tri-Parish youth group.

He loves playing sports, hanging out with friends, staying home and being outdoors.

His favorite class is U.S. history.

Marcus Mariota, the quarter-

back for the University of Oregon Ducks is his favorite athlete.

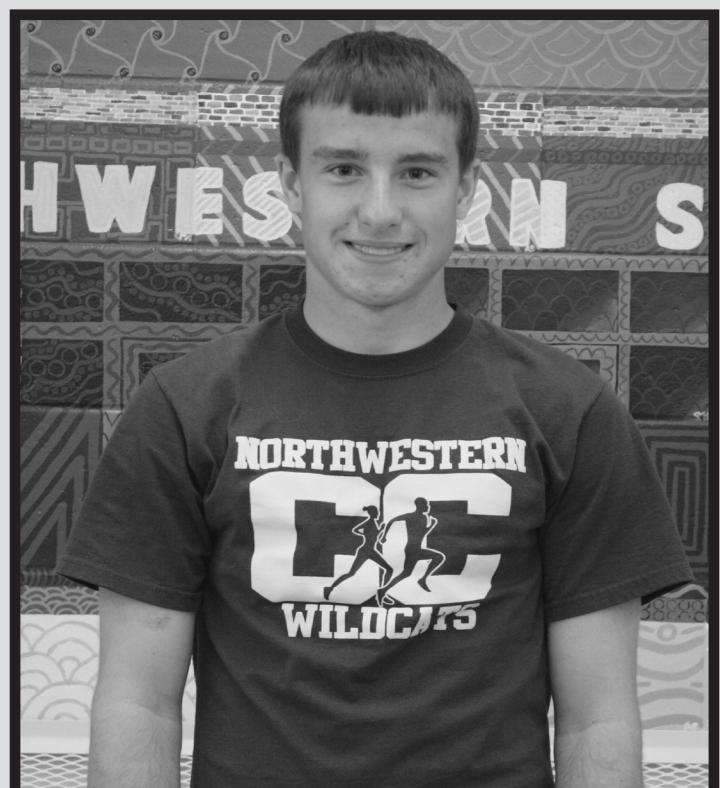
His future plans are to attend the University of South Dakota for a degree in history and/or kinesiology.

Groft plans to be a history teacher and/or strength and conditioning coach.

“I think Isaac is respectful of his teachers and his classmates and mindful of his obligations as a leader both on the field and in the classroom,” middle school and high school principal Mr. Richard Osborn said.

Groft’s favorite quote is “I move slowly, but I never move backward” by Abraham Lincoln said.

Congratulations to Isaac and all of the nominees!



Awarded for Being Dramatic?!

By: Rachel Rausch

The Northwestern Oral Interpretation performed well at the competition in Florence on Oct. 11. The oral interp team consists of seniors Tessa Rush and Blake Toennies, juniors Allison Braun, Codi Sparling, Andrea Rausch and Kate Finley and Coach Jolinda Finley.

Braun received a superior rating on her humorous piece. Sparling scored Excellent+ on her serious piece. The duets of Rush and Rausch and Toennies and Finley both took home superiors.

The reader's theatre, a group composed of all oral interp members, received a superior. The group wrote their own piece for this category and titled it "Starbucks Apocalypse," which tells the story of what happens to the "white girls" of society when Starbucks runs out of coffee and closes.

"Since a majority of the actors in our Reader's Theatre enjoy Starbucks, we decided it would be a funny topic for people who can relate to the story," Finley said.

Toennies said that his favorite part of the reader's theatre was "Kate's Minnesotan accent."

Touring the Radiology Department

By: Cameron Bohl

The physiology class took a field trip Oct. 7 to Aberdeen to the Avera St. Luke's Radiology Department.

"It was really cool to look at all the different careers in radiology," senior Jordon Peterson said.

Students took the day to learn about different ways of taking pictures of the human body, such as X-rays, MRIs and CT scans. The MRI was recently added to the department in 2012. The imaging center takes about 8,000 mammograms a year.


"It was a great experience to be able to show the students an actual imaging device and how it works," Mrs. Denise Clemens said.

"The tour of the radiology department was really interesting to me because I have always been looking at careers in the medical field. I got to use the ultra sound machine on Corbin Smith and that was pretty sweet!" junior Kirstin Borge said.

Not all students had such a perfect day.

"It was quite the trip. Didn't expect to stay at the hospital that long..." senior Julia Sparling said.

Sparling had a minor physical setback while viewing the ultra sound and had to be attended to herself. Field trips like these are tremendous learning and life experiences for students to explore what careers may be (or not be) for them.



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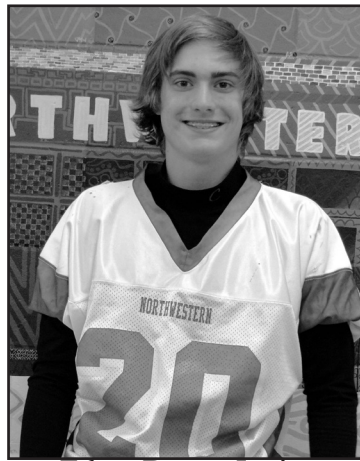
Zach Duncan, Senior Fullback, Linebacker



Corbin Smith, Senior Tight end, Safety



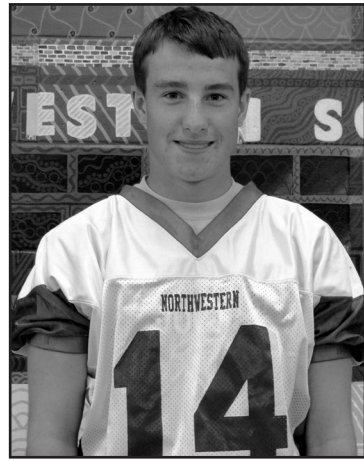
Colton Zens, Senior Offensive Gaurd, Defensive tackle



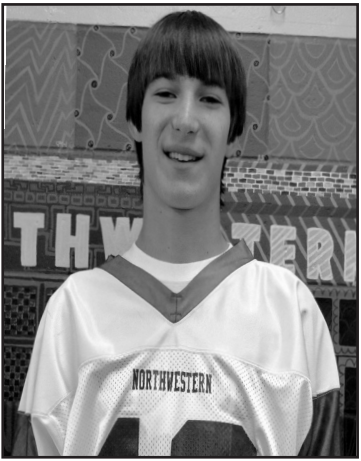
Ethan Bauer, Junior Running back, Safety



Cody Lefforge, Junior Running back, Linebacker



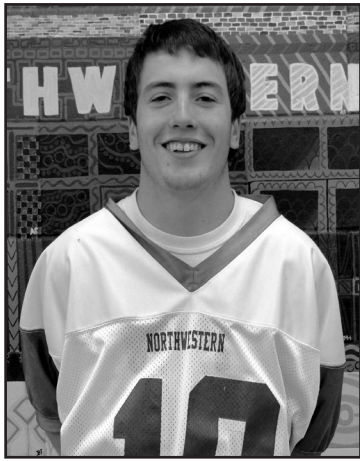
Isaac Groft, Junior Running back, Linebacker



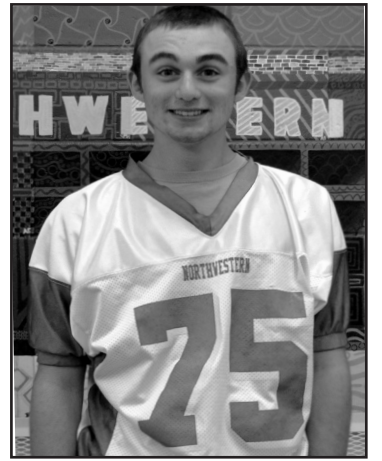
Logan Schentzel, Junior Tight end, Defensive End



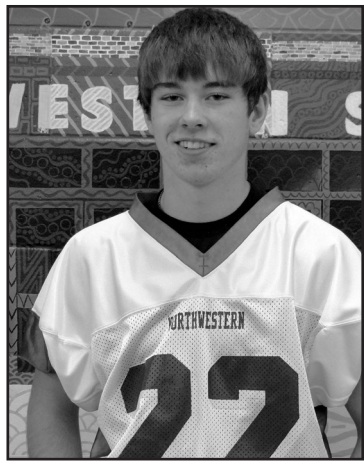
Cory Walter, Junior Center, Defensive Tackle



Nolan Peterson, Junior Quarterback, Safety



Trevor Bohl, Junior Offensive Gaurd, Defensive Tackle



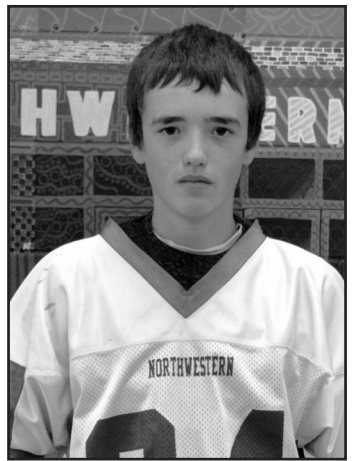
Andrew Lefforge, Sophomore Fullback, Linebacker



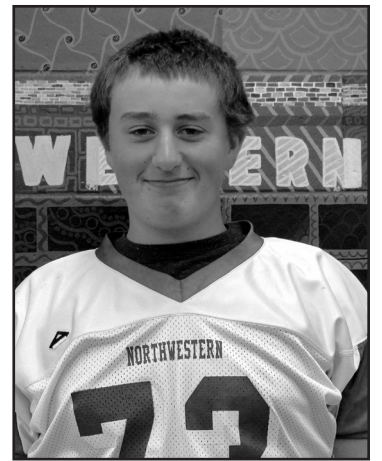
Austin Peterson, Freshman Tight end, Linebacker



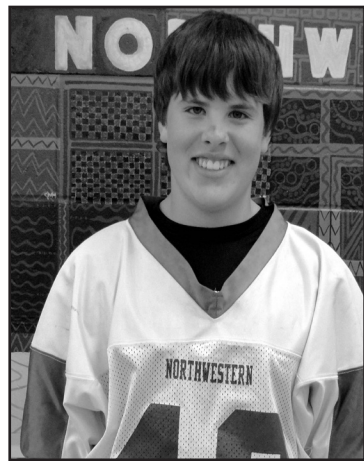
Isaac Bauer, Freshman Tight end, Linebacker



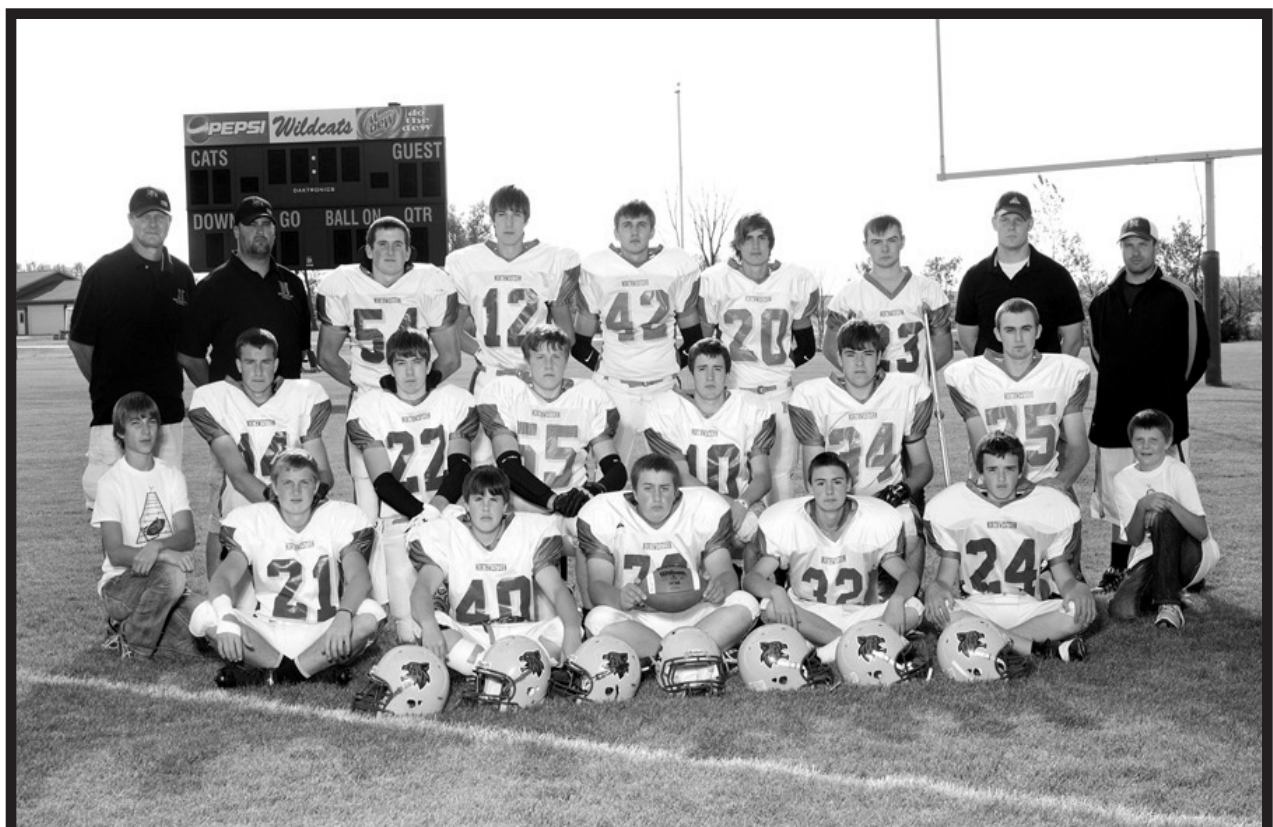
Jedd Groft, Freshman Runningback, Safety



Tucker Bohl, Freshman Offensive Gaurd, Defensive Tackle



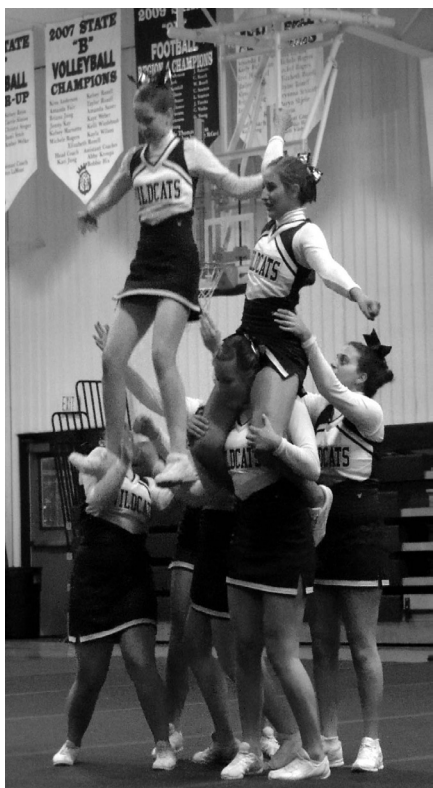
Tyler Braun, Freshman Runing back, Linebacker



2014 Wildcat Football Team: Coach Scott Boone, Coach Ben Buisker, Zach Duncan, Logan Schentzel, Corbin Smith, Ethan Bauer, Colton Zens, Coach Jordon Russell, Coach Nathan Peterson, Caleb Schentzel, Isaac Groft, Andrew Lefforge, Cory Walter, Nolan Peterson, Cody Lefforge, Trevor Bohl, Jackson Weideman, Isaac Bauer, Tyler Braun, Tucker Bohl, Austin Peterson and Jedd Groft.

Meet the Wildcat Competition Cheerleaders...

Photos taken by: Kate Finley



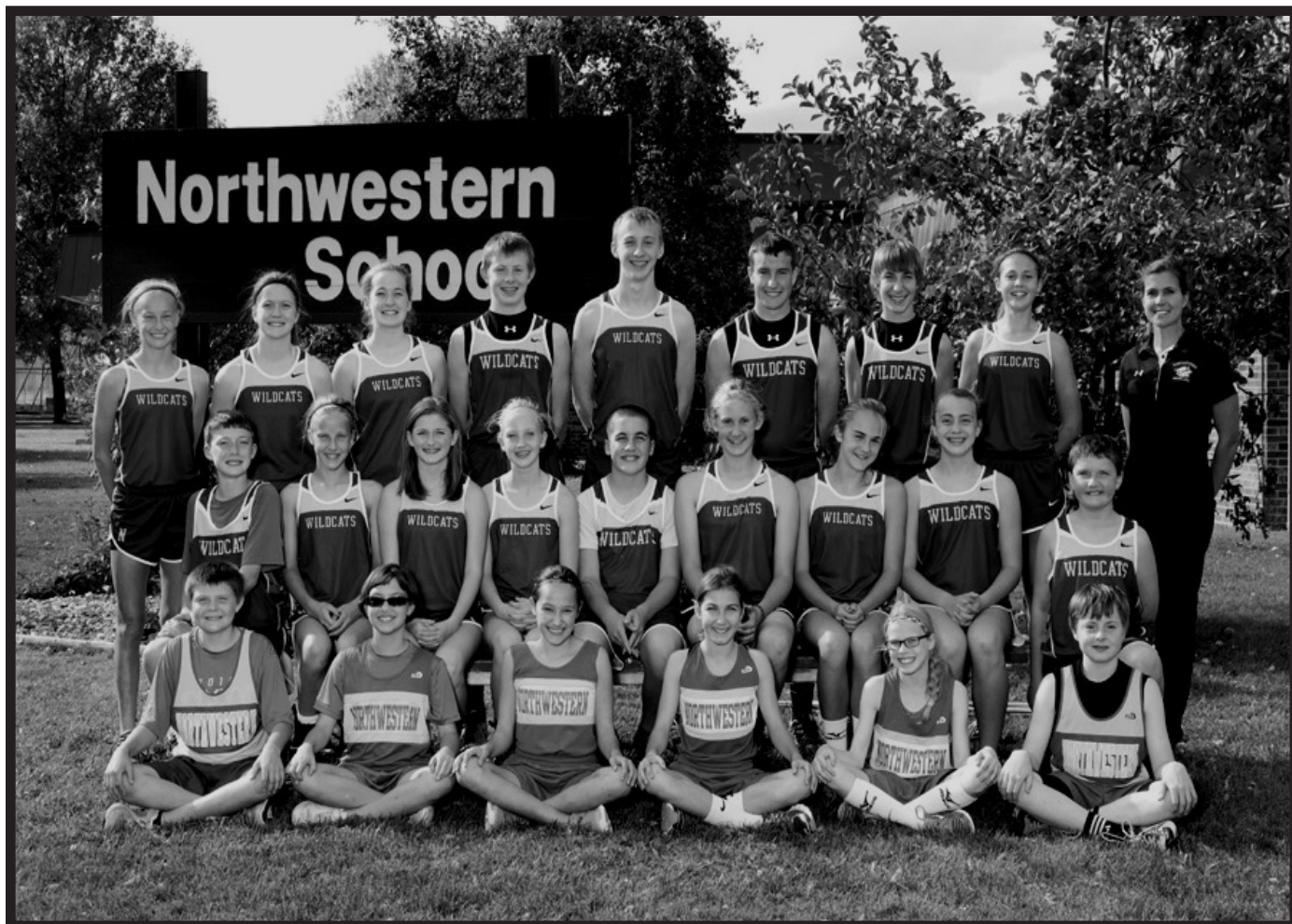
Freshman Sadie VanderWal and junior Rachael Boekelheide show a little spirit during their competitive cheer routine at Warner.



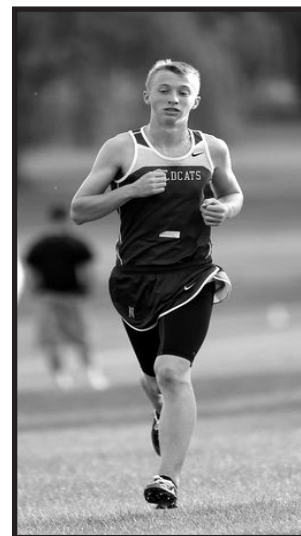
2014 Competition Cheer Team: Sadie VanderWal, Coach Holly Morgan, Megan Heidenreich, Rachael Boekelheide, Codi Sparling, Carolina Speilman, Elizabeth Heidenreich and Darienne Frericks.



Meet the Wildcat Cross Country Team...



2014 Cross Country Team: Peyton Groft, Darby Duncan, Moira Duncan, Jarret Haven, Derek Boekelheide, Isaac Groft, Caleb Schentzel, Josie Clemens, Coach Kris Boekelheide, Zech Clemens, Madalyn Groft, Tomlyn Toy, Miranda Thorson, Zeke Duncan, Christine Stoltenberg, Tya Weideman, Hailey Boekelheide, Tristen Devork, Jackson Weideman, Haillie Stuck, Kiarra Stuck, Hannah Schentzel, Joclyn Haven and Jace Haven.



Sophomore Derek Boekelheide keeps a cool head while running at Roncalli.



Junior Isaac Groft pushes his limits during regions.

Volleyball...

By: Isaac Groft

The Wildcats defeated Roncalli in four sets, 15-25, 25-11, 25-12, 25-17 on Sept. 23. The Wildcats served 81/86 with 13 aces led by freshman Peyton Groft who served 23/23 with three aces. The team attacked 111/132 with 47 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson, who attacked 38/44 with 19 kills. Northwestern set 141/142 with 46 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan, who set 112/113 with 39 assists. The Wildcats' 64 digs were led by Groft, who had 17 digs. The team had one solo and two assisted blocks led by Peterson, who had one solo block.

Northwestern fell to Warner in their third meeting this season in four sets, 25-21, 15-25, 15-25, 18-25 on Sept. 25. The Wildcats served 64/71 with five aces led by senior Christine Morgan, who served 14/14 with one ace. The team attacked 105/134 with 42 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson, who attacked 45/54 with 23 kills. The team set 133/133 with 40 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan, who set 112/112 with 32 assists. The team's 66 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 14. The Wildcats had one solo and four assisted blocks led by senior Haley Grandpre, who had two assisted blocks.

Northwestern defeated Redfield/Doland in three sets, 25-18, 25-9, 25-10 on Sept. 30. The Wildcats served 69/72 with 11 aces led by sophomore Josie Clemens, who served 19/19 with four aces. The team attacked 70/83 with 38 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson, who attacked 24/30 with 15 kills. The Wildcats set 82/82 with 36 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan, who set 76/76 with 33 assists. The team's 41 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had nine digs. The Wildcats had four assisted blocks led by senior Kennedi Sparling, who had two assisted blocks.

Cross Country ...

By: Cameron Bohl

The cross country team participated in the Ipswich Invite on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The varsity boys had sophomore Derek Boekelheide place second with a time of 16:40. Junior Isaac Groft also placed 30th with a time of 19:27.

The varsity girls had sophomore Josie Clemens place eighth with a time of 16:23. Seventh-grader Miranda Thorson placed ninth with a time of 16:28. Freshman Peyton Groft placed tenth with a time of 16:32. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 18th with a time of 17:16.

Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Lee Park Golf Course in Aberdeen, the cross country team gained success. For the varsity boys, sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed third with a time of 18:10. Junior Isaac Groft placed 42nd with a time of 21:27.

For the varsity girls, freshman Peyton Groft placed 12th with a time of 17:57. Sophomore Josie Clemens placed 15th with a time of 18:15. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 27th with a time of 19:08.

The Faulkton invite took place on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

For the varsity boys, sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed fifth with a time of 18:21. Junior Isaac Groft placed 45th with a time of 21:46. For the varsity girls, eighth-grader Miranda Thorson placed eighth with a time of 17:07. Freshman Peyton Groft placed 13th with a time of 17:41. Sophomore Josie Clemens placed 19th with a time of 18:16. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 24th with a time of 18:32.

The cross country team placed well in the Faulkton Lake Region Conference meet on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed first with a time of 17:37. Junior Isaac Groft placed 14th with a time of 20:19. Eighth-grader Miranda Thorson placed seventh with a time of 16:45. Freshman Peyton Groft placed eighth with a time of 16:51. Sophomore Josie Clemens placed tenth with a time of 17:16. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 13th with a time of 18:06.

The meet on Saturday, Sept. 27 took place at the Hoven Country Club Course.

Eighth-grader Miranda Thorson placed fifth with a time of 16:22. Sophomore Josie Clemens placed sixth with a time of 16:25. Freshman Peyton Groft placed seventh with a time of 16:26. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 21st with a time of 19:07.

Sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed first with a time of 18:08. Junior Isaac Groft placed 16th with a time of 21:14.

Cross Country Members Run to State

By: Cameron Bohl

The Region 1B cross country meet took place on Wednesday, Oct. 15 in De Smet.

Eighth-grader Miranda Thorson placed fourth with a time of 16:36.8. Freshman Peyton Groft placed sixth with a time of 16:45.2. Sophomore Josie Clemens placed seventh with a time of 16:52.6. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 18th with a time of 17:25.7. Seventh-grader Tya Weideman placed 20th with a time of 17:27.8. The varsity girls placed first as a team overall for the meet.

Sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed fifth with a time of 18:30.4.

Junior Isaac Groft placed 19th with a time of 19:38.5.

"It felt great to cross the finish line knowing that I still have one more race to compete in. It was also great hearing Northwestern's name called for first place in the varsity girls division. I can't wait to see how our team does at state," sophomore Josie Clemens said.

"It feels pretty amazing that I am able to complete in the state meet because there are so many other girl athletes that could have made it instead of me," sophomore Darby Duncan said.

"It was a great feeling knowing that I made it to state this year," junior Isaac Groft said.

"I didn't have my best race at regions, but I'm glad I have another chance at state," sophomore Derek Boekelheide said.



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Clemens Inducted into NSU Hall of Fame



Daughters Ashley Clemens (far left) and Josie Clemens (far right) take a memorable picture with mother Denise Clemens (middle).

Northwestern science teacher and assistant girls' basketball coach Denise Clemens was recently inducted into Northern State University's Hall of Fame. Aside from being an inspiring science teacher, a wonderful mother and caring wife, Clemens continues to push herself further as a basketball coach. Northwestern students and teachers would like to congratulate Clemens on her monumental honor!

Journalism Students Attend Yearbook Workshop

By: Nolan Peterson

Seven out of the nine journalism students left school on Oct. 11 for a journalism workshop at the Ramada Hotel in Aberdeen. The seven students who participated in the journalism workshop included seniors Julia Sparling and Haley Grandpre and juniors Isaac Groft, Madison Styles, Kate Finley, Cameron Bohl and Rachel Rausch.

"The students did an outstanding job of gathering new ideas for our own school publications," adviser Mrs. Nora Groft said.

The journalism students participated in writing and listening to a speaker about how to make the yearbook and newspaper better. The speaker went over yearbook styles and how to improve the look of the yearbook.

"I learned more about what I will have to do next year for the newspaper and yearbook to try to make it look professional. There are many "do's" and "don'ts" that helped me learn what to put into the journalism class's work," said junior Cameron Bohl.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, OCT. 6, 2014

- * Enrollment is up at HATS by 44 students this year with most of the increase coming from Aberdeen Central.
- * Junior High Music Festival will be October 14th at Northwestern.
- * 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 15.
- * October 17th is the end of the first quarter.
- * Football & Cross Country Parents Night will be at the next home football game vs. Britton-Hecla on Friday, Oct. 17.
- * Student flu shots are scheduled for Oct. 29.
- * The professional development day for the certified staff went well. Elementary teachers received training in Mellette, and secondary staff received training in Tulare.
- * A Character Counts program kick-off for the year is being planned for Friday, October 10th. Each month the elementary will focus on one of the six pillars of character in the program.
- * Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Oct. 24 from 2:30-7:30 p.m.
- * All students K-12 will attend the rescheduled event, Rachel's Challenge, in Redfield on October 29th. Separate presentations will be given to elementary and middle school/high school students. An evening session will be offered for parents as well.
- * Thank you to everyone who uses the Target Red Card! We received \$887 from Target for the Red Card.
- * Thank you to the Northwestern Foundation for the donation for the elementary pe equipment.
- * Approved the contract amendment for Jolinda Finley adding oral interp coaching, one act play coaching and spring play coaching.
- * Approved the participation in the 14-15 Emergency School Bus Pact.
- * Congratulations to September Student of the Month, Haley Grandpre!
- * Congratulations to Corbin Smith & Halle Sieve on being crowned Homecoming Royalty.
- * Congratulations to Haley Grandpre for being selected as the Northwestern DAR Good Citizen.
- * Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for All-State Chorus.
Soprano – Darby Duncan; Alto – Rachel Rausch; Tenor – Cory Walter; Bass - Isaac Groft; Soprano Alternate - Allison Braun; Alto Alternate – Peyton Groft.
- * Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week Oct. 12, 2014.

School Spirit: Let's Keep the Homecoming Spirit All School Year!

Journalism Students Editorial

Homecoming week this year found itself packed with school pride, everyone dressing in school colors and enjoying the spirited atmosphere, but now that homecoming is over, what about the next eight months of school? That enthusiastic spirit does not need to disappear! No law states that students may only be supporters of their school during homecoming week. Nobody said that people cannot scream and yell in support of their teams. On the contrary, this kind of support is exactly what keeps a team going. Students, parents, and community members should be proud of their school and cheer for their teams at every game, whether they win or lose.

We should not show school spirit only during Homecoming week, but year round. Students, parents and community members should be proud to wear their Wildcat green and gold at every sporting event. We are fortunate to have our own screen-printing business right here at school, so obtaining green and gold shirts, hoodies, jackets, etc., with the school logo on them is convenient and easy for everyone.

School spirit is a very important part of every athletic contest, whether it be football, basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, dance, volleyball, cross country or track and field. What reason does a team have for winning if there is no cheering and support to back it up? Why do they work so hard, play their best at every game and proudly put on the jersey if the

crowd is not excited to watch them play? Players will not play as well if there is no one cheering them on. A vital part of the game for players is the energy they receive from the crowd. School spirit is a very good way to boost enthusiasm and help our athletes stay confident during games.

The phrase "home court advantage" rings true. Most teams play their best games on their home court. Typically, the reason for this is that the players a large fan base rooting for them all night long. When a team has fans behind them, they typically play better, proudly representing the name on their jerseys.

School spirit is what makes or breaks a school. The amount of spirit that a school has is what sets it apart from the others. We always want our school to do great, whether it be in sports, drama, clubs or any other activities.

We would like to see the entire student body show this much enthusiasm for sporting events, along with all of the other activities students participate in, not just at home, but away as well. Students have been dressing up for games and cheering like crazy at sporting events, and this really brings our school together.

We hope the support continues for all students and athletes in their activities throughout the rest of the year and many more to come.

So, grab your green and gold (or your shark costume) and show your school spirit!



Northwestern seniors cheer their hearts out during the homecoming pep rally.

Guest Editorial: Mr. Sauer

Yes, I am from the old school, and I love to see enthusiastic students cheering on their classmates at sporting events. In the last few years, I have attended many of the "warm" sporting events for Northwestern. By "warm" events, I mean where I can be warm watching them, not outside, sitting in the cold, brisk wind (sorry football fans) but I am an inside sports fan. As many can testify, I have been cheering on our volleyball teams. At first, it seemed like it was only the parents were cheering on our players, but lately it has been exciting hearing our student body come alive and actually start cheering for the girls. I realize we are a small school with a small high school student body and most of them are on the bench cheering for our players.

For quite a while, I was quite upset, because when I compared the student support/cheering of the NW students against our opponents student body...WOW...we were put to shame for lack of student support. Actually it was embarrassing. I just decided that I don't care what I sound like, I was going to let our teams know someone was there cheering them on, other than their parents. So, I started cheering loudly for them and basically challenging the NW student body by my antics. Guess what? It appeared to have worked. I even tried to put a spark into our volleyball team by challenging them with my "Redi to Whip You Up" campaign by offering to get hit in the face with cream pies, providing they beat Warner and take districts. Still working on that..."let's go girls."

So, to make a long story short, I expressed my displeasure for the lack of student body support of the NW teams to some of my students and threatened to write a letter to the student newspaper expressing my observations. Low and behold, the word must have spread, because the students starting showing some spirit and were actually cheering and coming in costumes...challenging ME in the cheering!

Northwestern has a proud history of champions; champion players, champion teams. I am very happy to see the student body getting more boisterous in their cheering, showing the players that they are behind them and are proud of being part of a champion team. Just remember, you can't be part of a winning team if you don't support them. The team players need to know you are behind them 100 percent, not just when they are winning, but also when they are not winning...it takes a team to play and you, the student body, are part of that team!

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In the Hallway...

Photos and story by: Cameron Bohl

What is your Thanksgiving family tradition?



“We go to my grandma’s house and eat. Later, we all go Black Friday shopping,” freshman Mackenzie Engels said.



“We have a table cloth that our whole family signs saying what we are thankful for,” sophomore Josie Clemens said.



“We go to my grandma and grandpa’s house, eat a lot of food and watch the football game,” junior Abby Fischbach said.



“I go deer or pheasant hunting in the morning, eat a big feast, take a nap and watch the football game,” senior Corbin Smith said.



“We eat lots of food and look at all the store ads,” Mrs. Amanda Fa’Onelua said.

In the Middle School...

Photos and story by: Madison Styles

“If you could be any superhero, which would you be and why?”



“I would be Mrs. Incredible because I could see the top of the world and the Eiffel Tower, too,” sixth-grader Hayden Bohl said.



“Spiderman, because I love the way he can shoot webs and climb up walls; he’s so cool,” sixth-grader Cody Rausch said.



“I would be Flash, because he’s really fast and saves people,” seventh-grader Hunter Williams said.



“Batman, because he flies and does awesome stuff in his awesome cars,” eighth-grader Seth Wood said.



“I already am a superhero,” art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

In the Elementary...



“Wonder Woman, because she is really strong and pretty,” kindergartner Sophia Troske said.



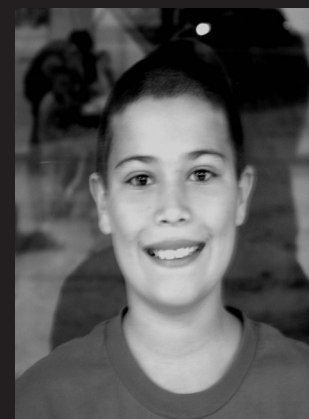
“Super Woman, because she always saves the day,” first-grader Layla Ortmeier said.



“Spiderman, because he’s strong, can shoot webs, and has spider sense,” second-grader Josh Thorson said.



“Iron Man, because I could fly, and I want to fly. That would be pretty cool,” third-grader Zachary Fischbach said.

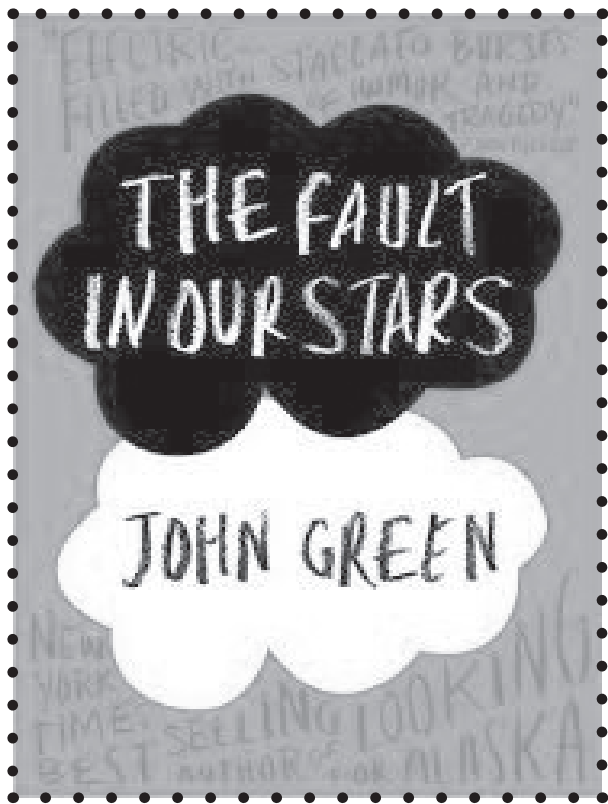


“Batman, because he’s dark and brooding,” fourth-grader Tanner Ewalt said.

Rachel's Book Shelf

The Fault in Our Stars

By: Rachel Rausch



The Fault in our Stars by John Green, like most tragic romances, is a very popular book. In this book, Green tells the fictional story of two teens with cancer who fall in love. Hazel Grace and Augustus Waters meet at a group therapy session for teens with cancer. As goes with most romance stories, it is love at first sight.

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

This book was the winner of the 2013 Children's Choice Teen Book of the Year Award and was Number one on the New York Times Bestseller List.

If you're a fan of mushy teen romances with a sad ending, this book is definitely for you!

Pass the Popcorn

Maze Runner

By: Kate Finley



As it goes, another novel-based movie for young adults has recently been released in theaters. This particular new movie titled *Maze Runner* happens to be a movie you DO NOT want to forget to buy. You need to know that the *Maze Runner* is based on the first novel in James Dashner's best-selling young adult trilogy. You also need to know how incredible this movie is! Cleverly, the film opens with Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) arriving in the Glade at the center of the Maze just like every other teen boy before him: on a freight elevator that unloads him and some meager cargo in a vast open area covered by meadows and woods that's surrounded by massive concrete walls. Unable to remember any details from his past, he's quickly assimilated into the makeshift society that the population of several dozen teens has created, even though all of them suffer from a similar state of trauma-induced amnesia. Alby (Aml Ameen), the first arrival, and Newt (Thomas Brodie-Sangster) form the leadership team, and enforcer Gally (Will Poulter) provides any physical persuasion required to keep everyone in line performing their assigned tasks. Gardeners and goat herders provision the camp, craftsmen fashion shelters and tools, but the Runners get the most respect.

Every night, the Maze that surrounds the Glade shifts configuration, and every day, the Runners enter the labyrinth guided by Minho (Ki Hong Lee) to map each iteration in an ongoing quest to find a way out, but they must return to the Glade before nightfall and the emergence of the terrifying Grievers, giant spider-like biomechanical predators that patrol the Maze.

Without revealing too much, I will inform you that I reluctantly have not read the book from which the movie is based. Therefore, I cannot speak for the fans who have read the book and have seen the movie. Although from this spectator's perspective, the movie was a wonderful, action-packed, nail-biting experience. I highly recommend finding this movie as it is released on DVD. I guarantee you will not regret it!

Maddie's Music Review

By: Madison Styles

Fifty-two-year-old legend Garth Brooks grew up in Tulsa, Okla., and later on attended Oklahoma State University for a degree in advertising. He began singing in bars, clubs and anywhere people would let him, in an attempt to make a name for himself and become a country music singer. His first album titled Garth Brooks peaked at No. 13 on the Billboard 200, as well as No. 2 on the Top Country Albums in no time. "The Dance," "Friends in Low Places," "The Thunder Rolls," "What She's Doing Now" and "Ain't Goin' Down (Till the Sun Comes Up)"

make up just a few of his biggest No. 1 hits, all adding up to be 18 total No. 1 hits. Brooks produced ten studio albums and when it comes to record sales, he ranks second in the world to Elvis Presley. His third release called "Ropin' the Wind" took in a record-shattering 4 million orders prior to its release. On Nov. 11, Brooks's new album titled "Man Against Machine" will be released.

"I think my gift truly is I'm an average guy. What I like, an average guy likes. It's that simple. The music I love, I find that most guys around me love too," Brooks said.

After selling over 70 million albums in the U.S. alone since his debut in 1998, on Nov. 14, Brooks will be coming back on tour after 13 years of retirement. His tour will be based mostly on his old songs, because Brooks believes that "people want to hear the old stuff, what made him famous." Brooks definitely knows what people love to hear and will have much success with his new album and tour.

Many students are excited to find out what the Garth Brooks tour will mean for them and their listening pleasure.

