

Bringin' in the Big Bruns

By: Abby Fischbach

One of the major changes for students and staff members at Northwestern High School this year is our new superintendent, Mr. Ryan Bruns. Bruns was a former principal at Scotland High School. Bruns attended high school in Burke, S.D. During his high school career, Bruns was involved in basketball, football, cross country and track. After finishing high school, he attended Dakota Wesleyan University where he received his bachelor's degree and ran track and cross country. After attending DWU, he received his master's and specialist degrees at the University of South Dakota.

Brun's family members include his wife, Alicia, and his three children: Rennan, who is

in second grade, Regan, who is in kindergarten and Ryker, who is 2 years old. During his time of being a superintendent, Bruns is also filling the job of elementary principal and special ed director. One of his activities outside of school include being in the Army Reserves. Bruns has been in the Army Reserves for the past 16 years and also went overseas in 2003 to Iraq. In the reserves, Bruns is a chemical operation specialist in Troop 323.

When asked what some of his goals for our school were this year, Bruns said his goals were to "make our school the best place to learn and achieve high academic levels." With the many new improvements he has made, many students and staff members seem to be adjusting well.



Photo taken by Abby Fischbach

Mr. Ryan Bruns enters his first school year as a Northwestern Wildcat. Bruns takes over for Ray Sauerwein, who retired last year.



Seniors Hans Leonhardt, Tessa Rush, Blake Toennies, Carolina Spielman, Corbin Smith and Halle Slevé look forward to a great senior year.

Photo taken by Nolan Peterson

Seniors' Last First Day

By: Nolan Peterson

The senior class is comprised of seventeen Northwestern High School students; some are new and some have been at Northwestern since kindergarten. Each one of them is different in their own unique and special way. The class is made up of finely-tuned athletes, drama and art lovers and even a few musicians.

"It is cool to be a senior, but it does not feel too different," senior Zach Duncan said.

The seniors have been in school for fourteen years now, waiting for their senior year. This is the last year of their high school career and the last year before they are released on their own as adults. Each senior has his or her own choice to either go to college or to not; or to stay in-state or to go out of state for college.

"It is pretty neat I guess," senior Colton Zens said.

The seniors are still wrapping up their achievements by making it to the last year of high school and coming one step closer to being on their own.

"It is kind of lame. I thought it would be cooler to be a senior," senior Hans Leonhardt said.

After spending the first 12 years at the bottom, this year's seniors look forward to spending their final year of high school at the top by providing excellent leadership to all students in the school building.

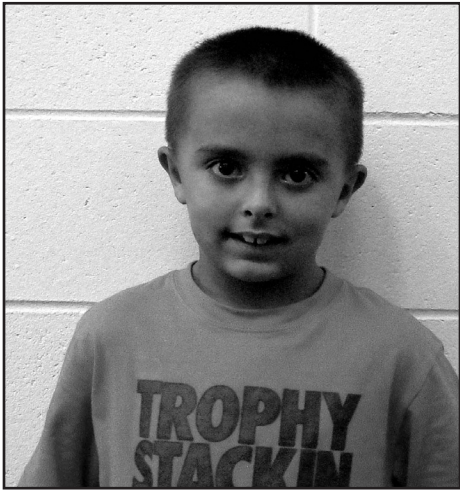


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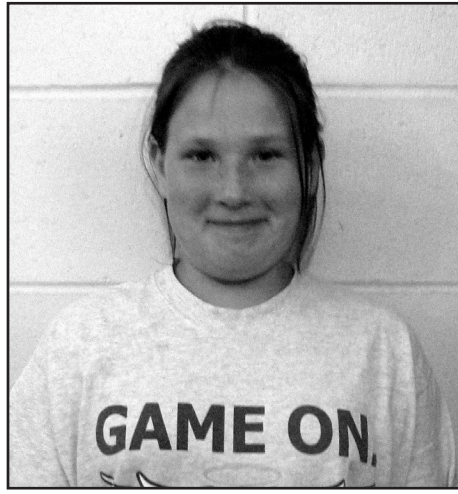
Seniors Christine Morgan and Jordon Peterson take a fierce approach to their last first day of school while senior Carolina Spielman opts for a difference approach.

New Students, Staff Welcomed

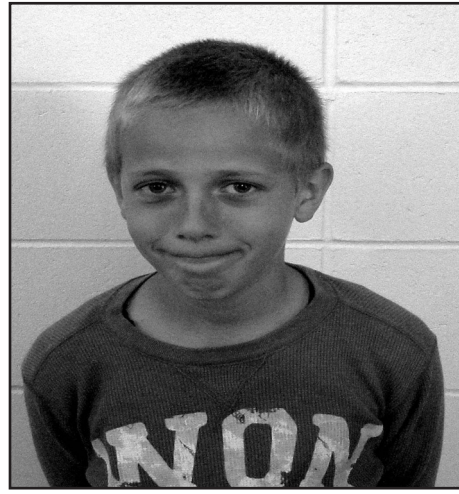
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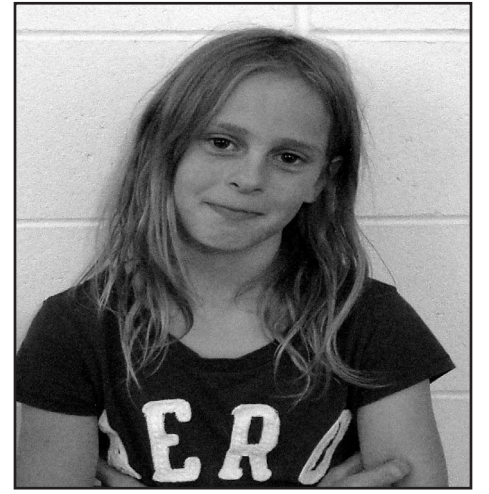
Rennan Bruns, second grade



Ariona Collins, fifth grade



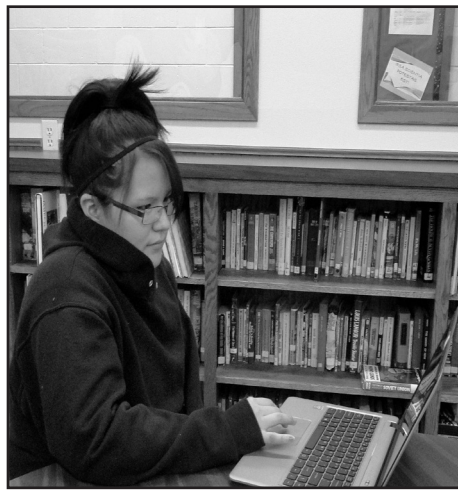
Kaysie Bauman, fifth grade



Kaylei Bauman, fifth grade



Christopher Johnson, sophomore



Misty Bad Warrior, senior

The Northwestern Wildcats would like to welcome this year's new students. Senior Misty Bad Warrior, sophomore Christopher Johnson, 5th-graders Kaysie Bauman, Kaylei Bauman, Ariona Collins and 2nd-grader Rennan Bruns, along with the preschoolers and kindergarteners have added to Northwestern's population.

Bad Warrior comes from Eagle Butte. Her favorite thing about Northwestern is being on the volleyball team and her favorite classes are her online classes.

Johnson transferred from Aberdeen Central. Shop class is both his favorite thing about Northwestern and his favorite class.

Twins Kaysie and Kaylie Bauman come from Redfield. Kaysie Bauman's favorite class is PE and Kaylei Bauman's is math.

Collins previously attended Hot Springs Elementary. Her favorite class is math.

Bruns went to Scotland before switching to Northwestern. His favorite class is PE.

The Northwestern School would like to welcome this year's new staff: Miss Jamie Kessler (K-12 music), Miss Amanda Morgan (4th-grade), Miss Marissa Harms (preschool and 6th-grade math), Mrs. Tonya Harmon (paraprofessional), Mrs. Rachel Ortmeier (custodian) and Mr. Collin Lindhorst (paraprofessional).

When asked about her goals for the year, Kessler responded, "I want to have great sounding choirs that love to sing and to have fun in choir. I want to teach K-5 to love music." Kessler just graduated from college and says she loves it at Northwestern.

Morgan said that she "wants to end the year on a good note, make an impact on students and prepare them for the rest of their academic career." She student taught for an entire school year before joining the Northwestern staff. Morgan says she loves it here. She feels connected and welcome.

Goals for the year for Harms include, "getting the kids into a school routine and teaching them basic skills." Harms said she loves it at Northwestern and just graduated from college.

Harmon also wants to get the kids into a school routine and teach basic skills. She really likes it at Northwestern. Harmon was previously a stay-at-home mom for five years before joining us for her first year of teaching.

Ortmeier's goals for the year are to "keep the school really clean." She said that Northwestern is great, and she loves it because her kids are here. She previously worked at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

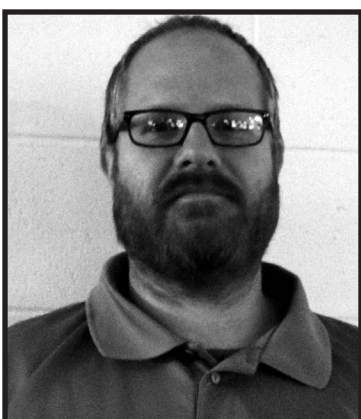
Lindhorst's goal for the year is to be more organized. He "loves the small school atmosphere" and previously worked at Moorhead School in Minnesota.



Amanda Morgan
Fourth Grade Teacher



Jamie Kessler
Choir Teacher



Collin Lindhorst
Paraprofessional



Tonya Harmon
Paraprofessional



Rachel Ortmeier
Custodian



Marissa Harms
Preschool Teacher

Scales N' Tales

By: Madison Styles

Henry Michaloski, also known as Nature Boy, never would have guessed he would be accomplishing all he has today, many years ago. In high school, everyone kept asking him what he wanted to do when he grew up and every single time he answered with the same old "I don't know" response. Everyone continued telling him to find out what he loved the most and make a career out of it. When his parents underwent a divorce, his family split up, causing an emotional strain on him. He needed something to be able to do on a bad day that would make it instantly better, so he turned to his bug collection consisting of roughly 4,000 different types of bugs. This bug collection then escalated into him putting on humorous yet informative shows for elementary students all across the nation adding up to 23 years and 6,400 audiences.

"My favorite part was the turtles; I could care less about the snakes," fifth-grader Mackenzie Stoltenberg said.

Throughout his shows, students sing along to his poetry and songs about the survival skills, adaptations and safety of reptiles. A variety of live reptiles showed their personalities to the elementary students here at Northwestern, grades kindergarten through fifth-grade on Wednesday, Sept. 10, such as an iguana named Richie, Noah the boa, a yellow-bellied slider turtle by the name of Thomas, an Eastern box tortoise named Theresa, and Ozzie and Harriet the bearded dragons.

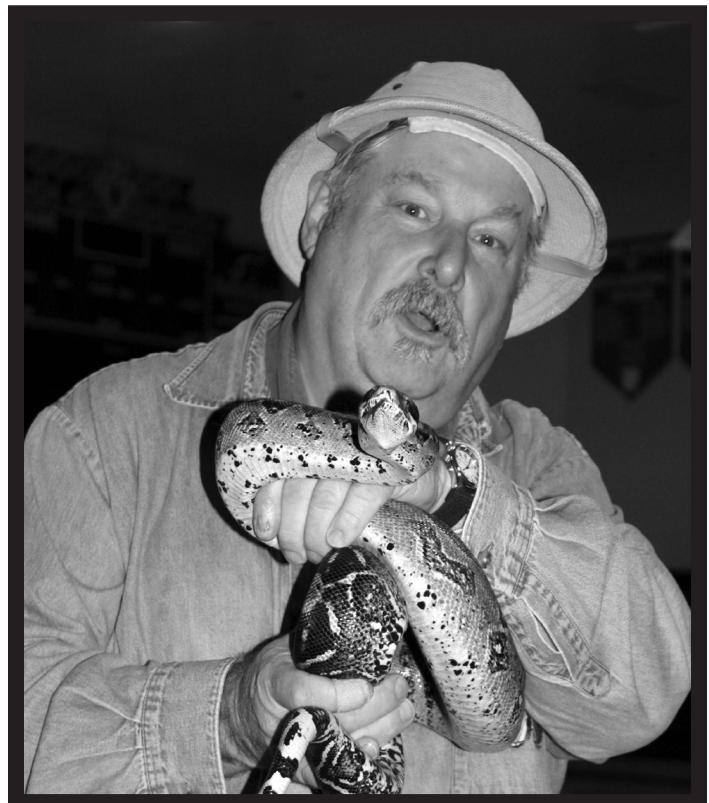
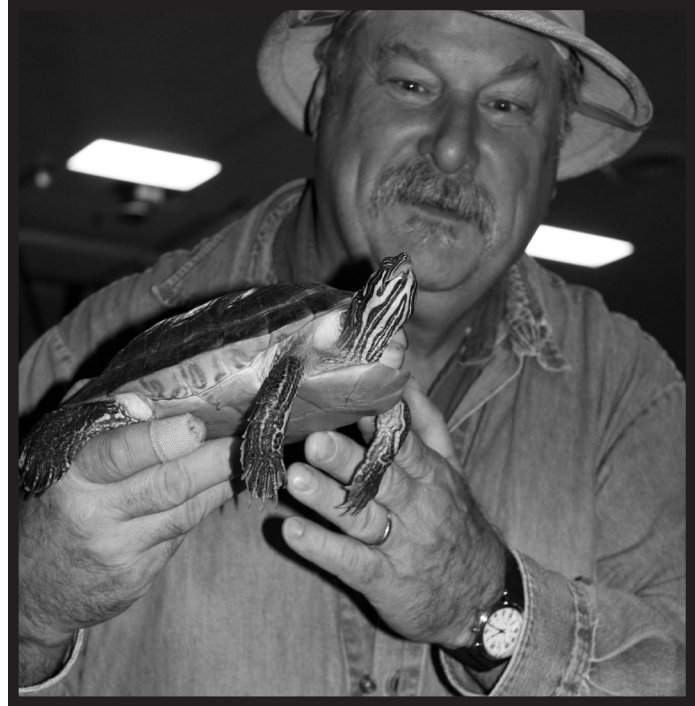
"My favorite part was the snake because when he brought it out, it started slithering and coiling around his arm and everyone jumped back when he first shook it," fourth-grader Hunter Johnson said.

Students learned so much about these reptiles while having a blast singing and dancing along that they did not want the show to end.

"It was neat when he took the maraca out of the bag and shook it since I didn't know what it was, and I almost jumped out of my skin. The young turtle was cute," fourth-grader Emmy Robeson said.

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Henry Michalowski gives students an up-close and personal look at two of his many creatures: the yellow-bellied slider turtle named Thomas and the boa constrictor named Noah. Elementary students loved learning about the reptiles



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Four Earn AP Scholar Awards

By: Kate Finley

Northwestern had the privilege of teaching a vastly intelligent group of students within the senior class last school year. This particular class enrolled in an unusually large amount of Advanced Placement classes, most of which occurred online. Mrs. Nora Groft taught AP English Language & Composition and AP English Literature & Composition while students took everything from AP Calculus to AP Biology online. Due to the intimidating amount of Advanced Placement courses the students had been taking, their schedules would usually revolve around their classes. Their dedication to these courses was absolutely outstanding. A few extraordinary students were rightfully given the AP Scholar award for receiving a 3 or higher on three or more of their AP exams. Northwestern School and staff is very proud of the achievements these students have received and the hard work they put into their courses.

AP Scholar: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

Three students from Northwestern received this award:

- Kristie Bade**
- Kalen Frericks**
- Jacob Heidenreich**

AP Scholar with Honor: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

One student from Northwestern received this award:

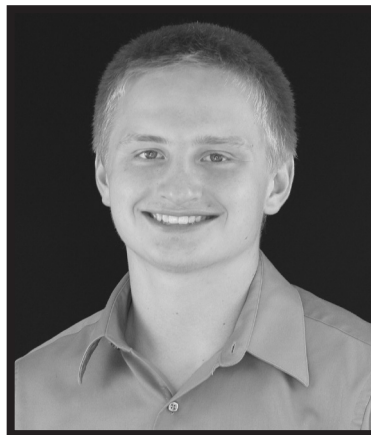
- Nicholas Wood**



Kristie Bade



Kalen Frericks



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Hometown Heroes Selected

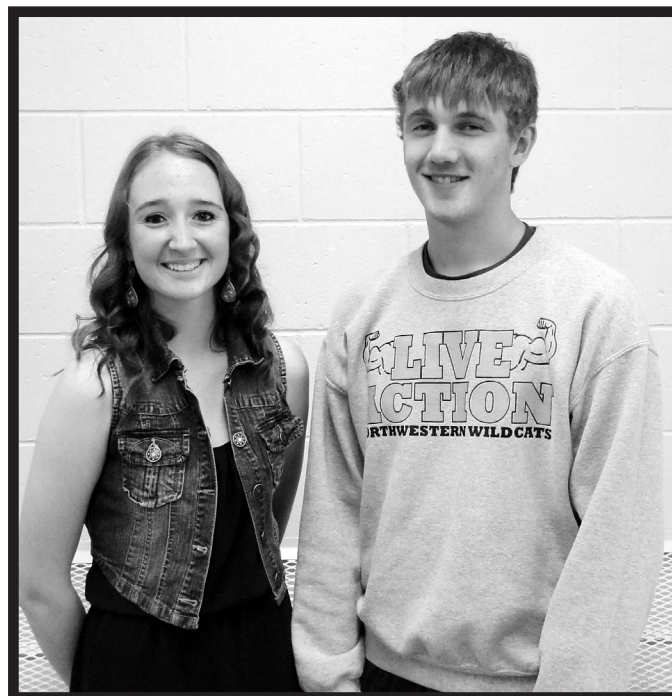
By: Nolan Peterson

The Northwestern teaching staff selected seniors Haley Grandpre and Corbin Smith to represent Northwestern High School as HomeTown Heroes as a part of the Character Counts program. Grandpre and Smith represent the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and caring.

Each recipient had to pick Character Counts topics to write about. Grandpre picked attitude, passion, and responsibility.

The heroes had to drive down to Sioux Falls to take a picture and also had to make a video. The video can be seen on the South Dakota Hometown Hero website.

“Being selected for the 4-H Hometown Heroes was an honor for me. To be able to be that leader that little kids look up to is quite an achievement. Corbin and I had a lot of fun and look forward to talking to students about Polishing Your Character,” Grandpre said.



Student of the Month: Haley Grandpre

By: Madison Styles

Senior Haley Grandpre received student of the month for September. Her parents are Troy and Heather Grandpre, and she has two younger sisters, eighth-grader Riley Grandpre and fifth-grader Emma Grandpre.

Grandpre’s activities include basketball, volleyball, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, track manager and student council president.

As student council president, Haley took charge of organizing the homecoming festivities for the Northwestern school and community to enjoy. Her hard work and effort paid off tremendously with a terrific week had by all.

Haley loves being with friends and family and playing sports. Her favorite class is journalism. Maya Moore, a player for the Minnesota Lynx basketball team is her favorite athlete. Her future plans are to attend USD for a degree in human sciences.

“I think Haley is a hard-worker, humble student athlete that has worked to her highest potential, and I believe that the sky is the limit for her and her future,” middle school and high school principal Mr. Richard Osborn said.

Her favorite quote is “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched--they must be felt with the heart,” Helen Keller said.




Top 10 of Mr. Brunns

By: Nolan Peterson

As the new superintendent at Northwestern Area School District, Mr. Ryan Brunns has made a few changes that students really like. Here are ones that top the charts:

1. Athletic shorts can be worn by students during school hours!
2. Mr. Brunns is quiet, does not yell and does not talk a lot.
3. Thirsty students can get a free second milk at lunch.
4. Students can enjoy tasty school lunches on picnic tables outside the lunch room.
5. Mr. Brunns is strict.
6. Mr. Brunns is all about the students.
7. Air conditioning in the elementary keeps students cool.
8. A microwave in the lunch room allows students to bring their own lunches for heating and re-heating.
9. Mr. Brunns really likes to read.
10. Mr. Brunns lives in the school district, and his children go to school here.



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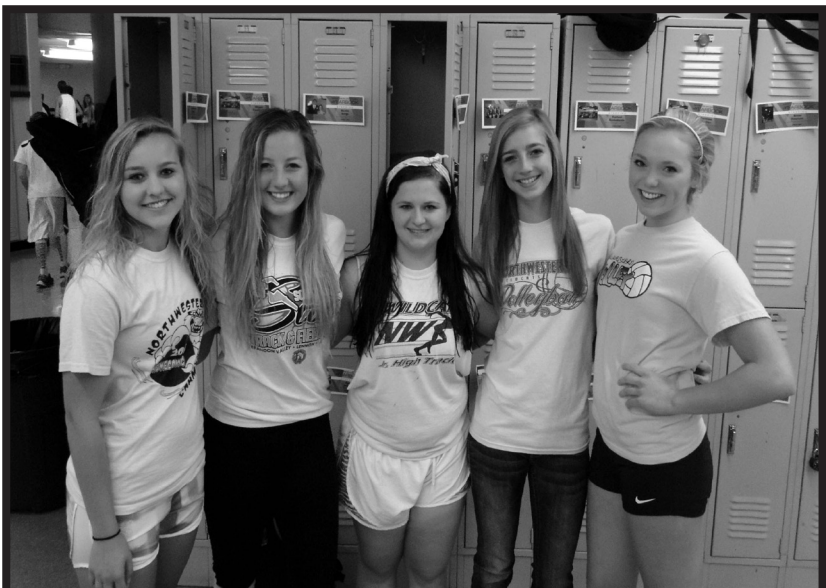
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HOMECOMING



By: Kate Finley

Another successful homecoming has come and gone. Prior preparation and planning has rightfully paid off while students and staff rallied behind their Northwestern teams. True dedication and Wildcat spirit had been seen all through the Northwestern halls during homecoming week. New and old festivities and traditions were brought to students as everyone geared up for the week.

This year's homecoming theme was "Dr. Seuss." Anything and everything students loved about the Dr. Seuss children's books and movies inspired playfully themed days for the week as well. Students, as well as some staff, loved participating in the homecoming festivities. It is a wonderful opportunity to create fun and peppy attitudes for the students during homecoming.

Monday's theme for homecoming was "Sleep Book" day, otherwise known as the traditional "Pajama Day." Every homecoming Monday, students are found wearing their pajamas to school to signify everyone's distaste for waking up on Mondays. The Northwestern freshmen participated in their "rite of passage" day, also known as "Buddy Day." On Buddy Day, each senior picks one freshman as their "Buddy." The seniors get to take their buddy and dress them up in rather humiliating outfits. The seniors and sometimes the freshmen get a laugh out of Buddy Day.

Coronation took place as well on Monday evening, along with other activities like Powder Puff Football. Coronation brought together the nominated royalty of the senior class in order to present the Homecoming king and queen. The king and queen are decided on a vote between students in sixth grade to seniors. The nominees for queen were Carolina Speilman, Halle Sieve and Tessa Rush. The nominees for king were Hans Leonhardt, Corbin Smith and Blake Toennies. All the candidates this year were amazing and wonderful hard-working students who rightfully deserved their nominations. With the votes tallied, the elected king and queen of homecoming were the humble Corbin Smith and the beautiful Halle Sieve.

Tuesday brought upon new activities for the whole school to participate in. The elementary celebrated "Cat in the Hat Day" or "Crazy Hat Day" and the high school celebrated "Star Belly Sneetches Day."

Wednesday, or Wacky Wednesday, was also, "Mismatch/Crazy Day." Everyone in grades K-12 were encouraged to dress as crazily as they wanted to. Classes were dismissed at 2 for middle school and high school so that everyone could watch and participate in the annual dodgeball games.

Thursday consisted of "Twin Day," "Favorite Dr. Seuss Character Day" and float building. Students planned to wear similar outfits to look like twins, or dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. Classes were over at two once again so that students in middle and high school could work on building their floats for the parade.

Friday was "Spirit Day." The whole school wore the homecoming shirts made for them by the screen printing business. Friday was dedicated mostly to putting finishing touches on floats. At 10:45 a.m., the middle school, high school and even the teachers got involved in a game of Power Buff Volleyball followed by a pep fest. At 1 p.m., the homecoming parade began. The homecoming game against Ipswich-Edmunds Central began at 7 p.m. and ended at halftime with a dance to follow and finish off the week. While the football did not win, everyone enjoyed the week filled with school spirit that will last throughout the year.

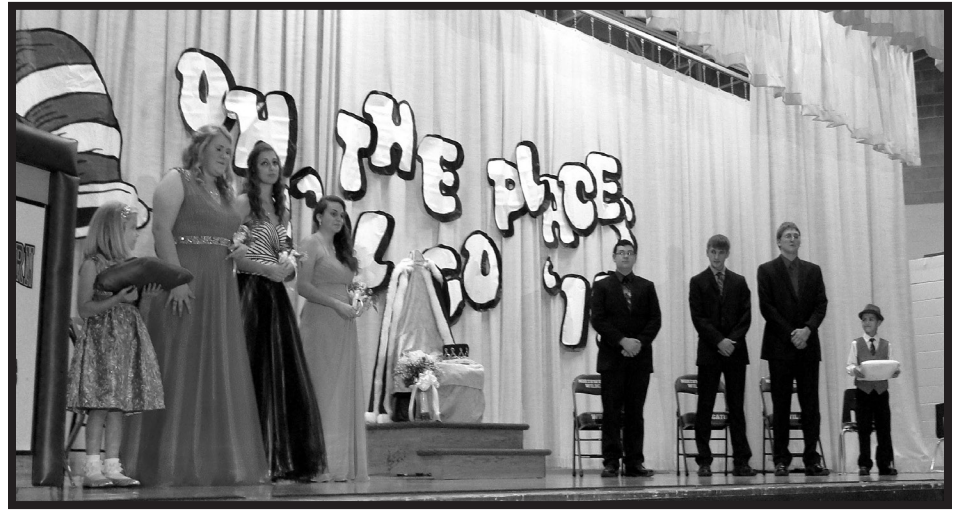


Picture order, far left (pg. 6), top to bottom: Seniors Halle Sieve and Carolina Speilman dress up their freshmen buddies Sadie VanderWal and Mackenzie Engels on "Buddy Day." Fourth-graders pose for their "Crazy Hat Day" pictures. Junior class enjoys dress up days for "Pajama Day" and "Star-bellied Sneetches Day." Eighth-grade boys stroll the hallway in their "Mismatch Day" outfits.

Picture order down left to right (pg.7): The Northwestern Football team lines up during coronation. Homecoming Royalty Court takes their seat on stage. The senior athletes' parents perform a "super" skit in honor of their students. Competition cheerleaders perform fluently during coronation. Senior Corbin Smith leads his Powder-Puff football team with Wildcat spirit.



Northwestern Homecoming Royalty Court: Seniors Carolina Speilman, Tessa Rush, Halle Sieve, Corbin Smith, Hans Leonhardt and Blake Toennies. Prince and Princess Carson Ewalt and Josie Sparling.



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Meet the Wildcat Volleyball Players...

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Julia Sparling, Senior
Outside Hitter



Haley Grandpre, Senior
Middle Hitter



Kennedi Sparling, Senior
Opposite Hitter



Christine Morgan, Senior
Defensive Specialist



Jordon Peterson, Senior
Outside Hitter



Darvella Dotson, Senior
Defensive Specialist



Misty Badwarrior, Senior
Right Side Hitter



Abby Fischbach, Junior
Middle Hitter



Kaylee Hoellein, Junior
Middle Hitter



Madison Styles, Junior
Defensive Specialist



Kirstin Borge, Junior
Defensive Specialist



Kendra Bohlen, Junior
Middle Hitter



Darby Duncan, Sophomore
Setter



Josie Clemens, Sophomore
Middle Hitter



Peyton Groft, Freshman
Libero



Addison Sparling, Freshman
Outside Hitter



Darien Watson, Freshman
Middle Hitter



Evy Peterson, Freshman
Right Side Hitter



Riley Grandpre,
Eighth-grader



Caitlyn Fischbach,
Eighth-grader



Moira Duncan,
Eighth-grader
Outside Hitter

Parkston Volleyball Tournament Champions. Back Row: Coach Nora Groft, Haley Grandpre, Kirstin Borge, Abby Fischbach, Julia Sparling, Jordon Peterson, Kaylee Hoellein and Kennedy Sparling. Front Row: Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan, Addison Sparling, Peyton Groft, Christine Morgan and Madison Styles.



Volleyball...

Northwestern Defeats Leola/Frederick

Northwestern Wildcats came away with its first victory over Leola/Frederick in three sets, 25-6, 25-17 and 25-10 on Aug. 28. The Wildcats served 65/72 with 17 aces led by senior Christine Morgan serving 18/19 with eight aces. The team attacked 54/66 with 29 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson attacking 26/34 with 15 kills. The team set 66/66 with 28 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan with 58/58 and 26 assists. The Wildcats had 37 digs led by Morgan, who had eight. Northwestern had one solo and two assisted blocks led by junior Kaylee Hoellein, who had one solo and one assisted block.

Parkston Tournament

Northwestern Wins ParkstonTourney

Northwestern defeated Parkston in two sets, 25-11 and 25-23 on Aug. 30. The Wildcats served 44/46 with four aces led by senior Christine Morgan who served 12/12 with one ace. The team attacked 48/57 with 22 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 27/31 with 15 kills. The team set 59/59 with 22 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 51/51 with 21 assists. The Wildcats had 32 digs led by sophomore Kirstin Borge, who had eight. Northwestern had four assisted blocks led by Peterson, who had two.

Northwestern triumphed over Wagner in two sets, 25-17 and 25-18 on Aug. 30. The Wildcats served 48/53 with seven aces led by sophomore Josie Clemens serving 10/10 with three aces. The team attacked 50/61 with 21 kills led by junior Jordon Peterson who attacked 19/22 with 10 kills. The team set 57/57 with 20 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 53/53 with 20 assists. The Wildcats had 34 digs led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 10 digs. Northwestern had one solo and six assisted blocks led by Hoellein who had one solo and two assisted blocks.

Northwestern finished off Arlington in two sets, 26-24 and 26-24 on Aug. 30. The Wildcats served 44/50 with five aces led by freshman Peyton Groft who served 12/14 with four aces. The team attacked 79/91 with 29 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 37/42 with 15 kills. The team set 96/96 with 29 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 83/83 with 26 assists. Northwestern had 48 digs led by Groft who had 17. The Wildcats had one solo block by junior Kaylee Hoellein.

Northwestern defeated McCook Central/Montrose in two sets, 25-13 and 25-6 on Aug. 30. The Wildcats served 33/39 and eight aces led by freshman Peyton Groft who served 14/15 with two aces. The team attacked 50/55 with 25 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 16/16 with nine kills. The team set 49/49 with 21 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 40/40 with 20 assists. Northwestern had 32 digs led by Duncan, who had seven.

By: Isaac Groft

Sioux Falls Christian Tournament

Wildcats Place Third at SFC Tourney

Northwestern defeated Milbank in two sets, 25-17 and 25-16 on Sept. 6. The Wildcats served 45/49 with nine aces led by junior Kirstin Borge, who served 7/7 with two aces. The team attacked 51/55 with 20 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 27/29 with 12 kills. The Wildcats set 52/52 with 17 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 46/46 with 17 assists. The Wildcats' 27 digs

Northwestern fell to Sioux Falls Christian in three sets, 23-25, 25-13, and 27-29 on Sept. 6. The Wildcats served 72/75 with five aces led by freshman Addison Sparling who served 12/12 with two aces. The team attacked 83/97 with 31 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 32/37 with 20 kills. Northwestern set 93/94 with 30 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 78/79 with 30 assists. The team's 55 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 16. The Wildcats had one solo and eight assisted blocks led by senior Julia Sparling, who had one solo and two assisted blocks.

Northwestern lost to Warner in two sets, 20-25 and 15-25 on Sept. 6. The Wildcats served 28/30 with two aces led by freshman Peyton Groft who served 11/11 with two aces. The team attacked 61/73 with 14 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson, who attacked 24/25 with eight kills. The Wildcats set 73/74 with 14 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 57/58 with 11 assists. The team's 39 digs were led by Groft, who had nine digs.

Northwestern defeated Sioux Falls Washington in two sets, 25-20 and 25-14 on Sept. 6 to take third place in the Sioux Falls Christian Tournament. The Wildcats served 40/49 with five aces led by freshman Peyton Groft, who served 15/15 with two aces. The team attacked 51/61 with 27 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 22/24 with 15 kills. Northwestern set 59/59 with 24 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 54/54 with 24 assists. The Wildcats' 26 digs were led by Groft, who had 10. The Wildcats had six assisted blocks led by senior Haley Grandpre, who had two assisted blocks.

Northwestern defeated Sisseton in three sets, 25-10, 25-12, and 25-17 on Sept. 9. The Wildcats served 57/63 with 18 aces led by sophomore Kirstin Borge, who served 14/16 with seven aces. The team attacked 66/72 with 30 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 20/24 with 12 kills. The Wildcats set 65/68 with 29 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 55/58 with 25 assists. The team's 48 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 13. Junior Kaylee Hoellein led the team's one solo and two assisted blocks with one solo and one assisted blocks.

Northwestern rolled over Langford in three sets, 25-12, 25-6, and 25-8 on Sept. 4. The Wildcats served 63/72 with 26 aces led by senior Christine Morgan who served 13/14 with nine aces. The team attacked 49/52 with 31 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 20/22 with 15 kills. The team set 48/48 with 28 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan 43/43 with 26 assists. The Wildcats' 16 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had four.

Cross- Country ...

By: Cameron Bohl

The varsity boys ran their first meet in Aberdeen at the Moccasin Creek Soccer Complex on Saturday, Aug. 30 at the 54th Roe Granger meet.

Sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed first with a time of 17:53.00. Junior Isaac Groft placed 15th with a time of 21:26.00.

The Northwestern varsity girls and boys cross country team ran in their first meet together in Webster at the golf course on Monday, Sept. 8.

Sophomore Derek Boekelheide placed third with a time of 18:32.12. Junior Isaac Groft placed 43rd with a time of 21:39.89.

Freshman Peyton Groft placed ninth with a time of 16:44.03. Sophomore Josie Clemens placed 20th 18:00.02. Sophomore Darby Duncan placed 37th with a time of 18:51.45.

Northwestern held on against Miller in five sets, 18-25, 26-28, 25-12, 25-18, 15-11 on Sept. 16. The Wildcats served 99/109 with 12 aces led by sophomore Darby Duncan, who served 23/25 with three aces. The team attacked 135/157 with 62 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 55/63 with 32 kills. Northwestern set 156/157 with 61 assists led by Duncan who set 131/132 with 53 assists. The Wildcats' 85 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 22. The team had one solo and two assisted blocks led by Peterson, who had one solo and one assisted block.

Northwestern defeated Ipswich in three sets, 25-8, 25-11, 25-17 on Sept. 18. The Wildcats served 66/74 with 13 aces led by sophomore Darby Duncan who served 13/14 with four aces. The team attacked 73/82 with 37 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 30/34 with 21 kills. Northwestern set 75/75 with 35 assists led by Duncan, who set 66/66 with 31 assists. The Wildcats' 45 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 12. The team had one solo and two assisted blocks led by Peterson, who had one solo block.

Northwestern fell to Warner in three sets, 20-25, 13-25, and 21-25 on Sept. 11. The Wildcats served 50/56 with two aces led by senior Christine Morgan who served 15/15 with one ace. The team attacked 86/102 with 32 kills led by senior Jordon Peterson who attacked 33/42 with 17 kills. The Wildcats set 100/101 with 29 assists led by sophomore Darby Duncan who set 84/85 with 29 assists. The team's 44 digs were led by freshman Peyton Groft, who had 16 digs. The Wildcats had four assisted blocks led by senior Haley Grandpre, who had one assisted block.

Football...

Sunshine Bible 52

Northwestern 0

Non-conference at Miller

Northwestern (0-1) 0 0 0 — 0

Sunshine Bible (1-0) 14 32 6 — 52

SBA — Cole Buer 60 run.

SBA — Sam Clark 1 run (Joey Lane run).

SBA — Clark 11 run (Lane run).

SBA — Connor Beeman 68 run (Clark pass from Lane).

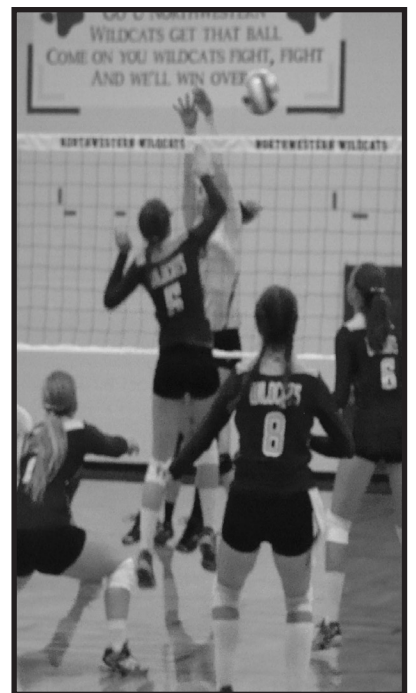
SBA — Buer 29 pass from Lane (Lane run).

SBA — Buer 81 pass interception return (Beeman run).

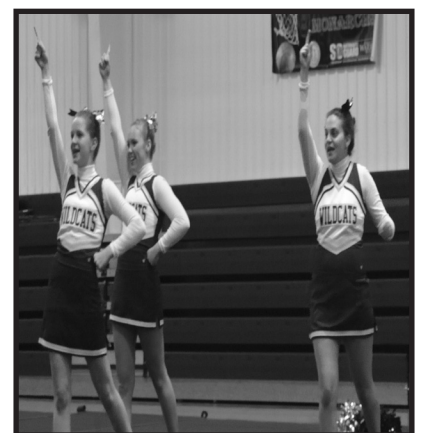
SBA — Clark 56 run.

OFFENSE: Northwestern rushing 31-12 (Ethan Bauer 7-33, Cody Lefforge 11-22), passing 5-12-1 for 49 (Nolan Peterson 5-12-1 for 49), receiving (Corbin Smith 3-37, Lefforge 1-11), first downs 10; Sunshine Bible rushing 17-235 (Beeman 5-86, Clark 6-78, Buer 2-65), passing 1-2-0 for 29 (Lane 1-2-0 for 29), receiving (Buer 1-29), first downs 7.

DEFENSE: Sunshine Bible, Cahden Howrey 11 tackles, Malachi Clark 8 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.



Senior Haley Grandpre attacks the ball as senior Christine Morgan and sophomores Darby Duncan and Josie Clemens provide coverage.



Wildcat competition cheerleaders perform.

Photos taken by: Kate Finley

“The Pledge of Allegiance”... Mandatory?!

Journalism Students Editorial

The reciting of the “Pledge of Allegiance” has recently been ruled as mandatory for schools across South Dakota. Should students need to recite the pledge in the morning, or does it take too much time to repetitively pledge their alligience to the flag?

Reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance” every morning in school is definitely something new. We feel it is respectful to take 30 seconds out of the morning to say the pledge. As everyone looks to the flag while we recite the pledge, we have time to recall, remember, and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. This small expression of patriotism can be extremely beneficial.

Although at times, the pledge can be a little repetitive, the idea of reciting it is a great one. People tend to take their freedom for granted, and reciting the pledge every day helps remind them what they have and what the soldiers went through to get it for them. Saying these words gives students a daily reminder of how much we have. A few minutes a week to recite the pledge is a small sacrifice.

However, as a class, every morning we blindly repeat the words we are required to say whether or not we understand the meaning behind them. The reciting of the pledge every morning can make it seem less valuable. Students begin seeing the pledge as a routine requirement rather than a privilege. The state requiring all classrooms to recite the pledge every morning without fail is less than a privilege. It’s a forcible way of making students recite blindly once again, the respectable words of our country. Ironically, it wasn’t our freedom of choice when it came to making this final decision.

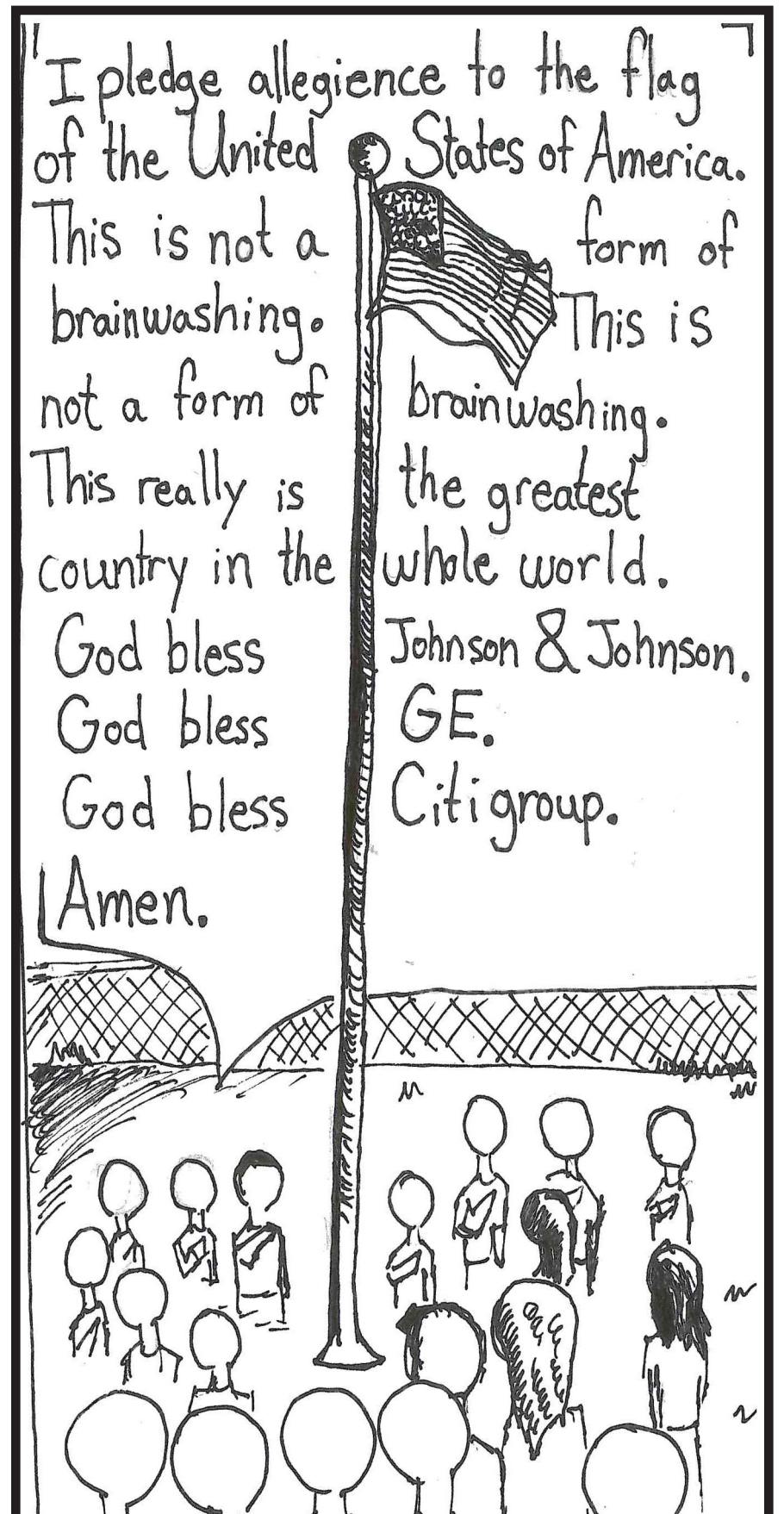
Even though saying the pledge is a sign of respect to our country, it may not be that way for some people. Being an American citizen does not force one to have to say the pledge. We think in some way this could be a con, because some people may not believe in God, and we say “With liberty, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all” during the pledge. Saying these words could offend people who may not believe in God.

Therefore, we believe the pledge should be something of more value to our school. Forcing students to say it everyday does not express patriotism, nor is it looked at as a priviledge. Students will see the pledge as more of a routine requirement and show it much less respect than it rightfully deserves. A solution to this problem may be to lessen the needs for reciting everyday to possibly once a week or once a month.



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High school girls prepare to take each other on the line of scrimmage during the powder puff football game during homecoming week.

Junior Trey Bierman shows his prowess during the boys' volleyball match..



Senior Zach Duncan picks out his target in the annual homecoming dodge ball tournament.

Photos taken by: Cameron Bohl

In the Hallway...

What is your favorite homecoming activity?

Photos and story by: Madison Styles



"My favorite activity is playing dodge ball," freshman Isaac Bauer said.



"My favorite activity is playing in the Friday night football game," sophomore Andrew Lefforge said.



"My favorite activity is playing powder-puff volleyball," junior Trey Bierman said.



"Our favorite activity is buddy day and powder-puff volleyball," seniors Hannah Palmer and Christine Morgan said.



"My favorite activity is serving the food during the BBQ and drinking Mountain Dew from the fountain," Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

In the Elementary...

"Why should the elementary students get air conditioning before the high school students?"



"Because the kindergartner kids usually stay in their class all day long and they (high school kids) stay in their class not so long," kindergartner Ty Boekelheide said.



"Because in summertime, it gets more hotter because sometimes the air from outside goes through the windows and the sun is going into our classroom," first-grader Ella Boekelheide said.



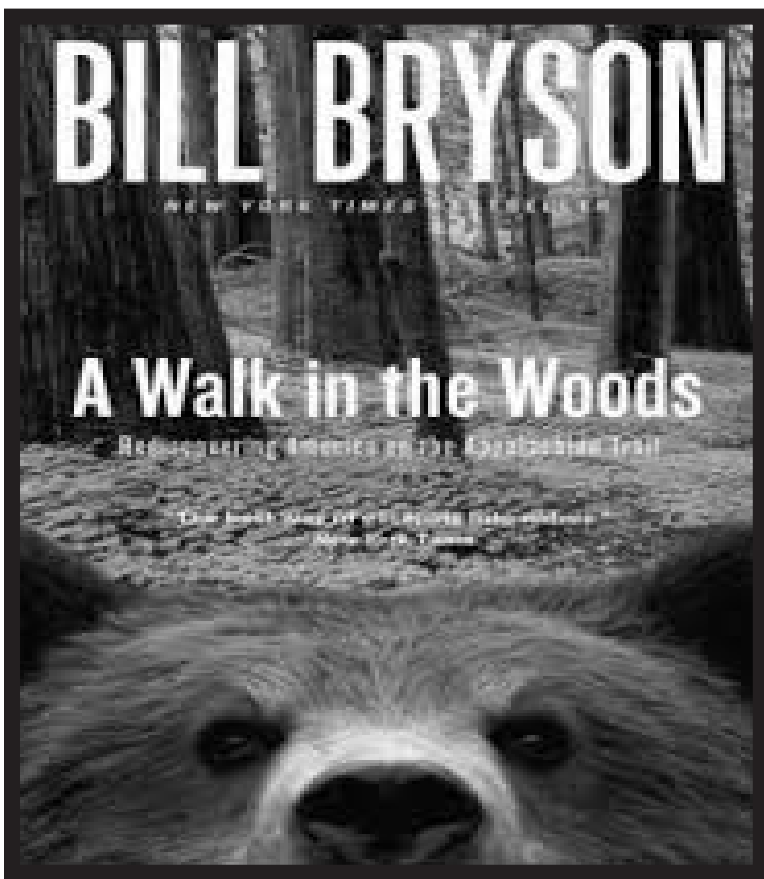
"Because it's really hot because we're younger, and they're older," second-grader Rylen Kramp said.



"Because it's always freezing down there, sometimes I think I should have brought my sweater," third-grader Dylan Hahler said.



"It's better than a bunch of fans for the younger kids. We can't have like a million!" fourth-grader Brooke Heim said.



Rachel's Book Shelf

A Walk in the Woods

By: Rachel Rausch

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson provides an interesting description of Bryson's trek across the Appalachian Trail with his friend, Stephen Katz. Bryson and Katz had not seen each other in years, but in the search for a companion on the hiking trail, the two meet up again. Upon meeting, Bryson realizes how terribly out of shape Katz is and questions whether or not he should politely turn down Katz's offer after all, but decides his need for a trail buddy is more important.

Bryson uses lots of description to help describe not only the woods around him, but the people he meets along the way. Katz's struggle up the mountain and constant mood swings add humor to the book. At one point, he goes so far as to throw items out of his heavy pack off of a cliff to lighten his load.

My only complaint about this book would be that a lot of the time I feel like I am reading a science or history book. Bryson explains the history of the various places he hikes through, the type of plants and wildlife that live there, the species that have gone extinct and tells stories of hikers who have died from various situations while hiking, among other things. If this kind of information is something that you enjoy, I highly recommend this book. It is packed full of information of the sort and comes with an interesting story.

Pass the Popcorn

If I Stay

By: Kate Finley

Teenagers and parents need to know that *If I Stay* is a romantic teen tearjerker based on Gayle Forman's best-selling 2009 novel. This movie will appeal to the same audience as *The Fault in Our Stars*, i.e., teens and adults familiar with the book or interested in coming-of-age romances. Because the story follows a young cellist (Chloe Moretz) who's comatose and must choose between life and death, there are understandably some upsetting and devastating sequences, including a fatal car crash that revisits throughout the movie. Mia and her on-again off-again boyfriend Adam (Jamie Blackley) face what most teenagers appear to be facing these days: "falling in love" too soon. With that comes the "shocking" unveiling of inner conflict in a young teen girl's life. Choosing between the love of her life and the love for following her dreams would appear to be the only real conflict in her life. If that weren't enough, throughout the movie she ponders if life is even worth living. There's one gently rousing moment near the end: a campfire sing-along that finds Mia and Adam joining in an impromptu rendition of the Smashing Pumpkins' "Today." Another cheesy moment in a movie full of them, but it also feels like life. The ending will either leave you satisfied, unsatisfied, or with tear-stained cheeks. The best thing to do, I suggest, is borrow this movie from a friend, or wait for it to appear in the \$5 dollar bin at Wal-Mart. Unless you are a teenage girl, going through or having gone through similar problems, you might just be napping through this one.



Maddie's Music Review

By: Madison Styles

Twenty-four-year-old bombshell Amethyst Amelia Kelly grew up in rural Australia in the country of New South Wales. She combined Iggy (the name of her childhood dog) and Azalea (the street she grew up on), and produced one of the most popular names known all around the world, Iggy Azalea. Growing up in a town of Mullumbimby with a population of roughly 3000, Azalea's love for the United States formed when her grandparents took her on a road trip in 2011, beginning their journey in Los Angeles. She later on moved to America and resided in Miami, Fla. In 2012 she became "The New Face of Levi Jeans"

after she took up high profile modeling with Wilhelming Models International. After people caught a glance at her first magazine cover, they started researching her and discovered her phenomenal rapping skills from YouTube videos she posted. Azalea decided to drop out of high school to pursue her singing ability. After releasing her number one hit "Fancy feat. Charlie XCX" and her number two hit "Problem," a collaboration with Ariana Grande, all in the same week, she then became the only other artist besides the Beatles to hold number one and two spots on the Hot 100 Hits Charts. This young woman has already made a huge leap in the music business, and she has many more years of success to come.

