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Robotics Team is "Lit"

By Madalyn Groft

The robotics club placed first in notebook, third in BEST competition and 12th in robotics at the South Dakota State University competition in Brookings.

The group qualified for the regional competition in Fargo in December at North Dakota State University.

"For robotics, the engineers are responsible for building the robot. This year, we designed a robot with two front claws and a ping pong ball launcher to move 'toxic waste' and put out 'fires,'" junior Danny Orr said.

They do this from Solo cups. The two claws pick up the chemical bins.

The gun shoots water to take out the fire in the cups. The fire is on three levels. To shoot the fire, they need to be in a safe location.

Robotics comprises 43 students this year: five seniors, 10 juniors, 13 sophomores and 15 freshmen make up the team. Many younger students are very interested in participating in robotics in the coming years.

Engineer, programmer, exhibitors, marketing, and graphic design are the main jobs of the club.

Junior Danny Orr is the CEO of the engineering group, sophomore Eric Nelson is in charge of the programmer group, senior Sadie Vander Wal is the CEO of the marketing group, senior Evy

Peterson works with the spirit, and senior Peyton Groft is in charge of the graphic design, or mak-

ing the T-shirts.

These groups are all part of the board of directors.

Mrs. Denise Clemens, science teacher, is in charge of the robotics club.



The robotics team, in front of a Mellette fire truck, placed third in the BEST competition in Brookings, S.D., Oct. 28.

Photo by Caitlyn Fischbach

Engels Joins National Guard

By Torri Bourelle

Senior Mackenzie Engels attended basic training this summer for three months for the National Guard.

Engels became a better and stronger person through basic training. Basic training was very physically and mentally demanding for Engels.

"They break you down to build you up to be stronger than how you came into basic your first day," Engels said.

The trainings that Engels did consists of obstacle courses, 12-mile ruck marches, me qualifying, throwing live

grenades, long days on ranges and having PT every morning.

Here, she had tons of fun meeting new people and loved to challenge herself.

"I thought it would be a good experience and be something fun for me to do. Serving my country gives me a great honor to see the world and to be a hero for people, to be looked up by the little ones to show them that they can do and be anything they want to be when they grow up. I enjoy going to the 235th Military Police one

weekend a month. You get the opportunity to do things you could not do in a regular life. I meet new people from all over the world with the same kind of interests that I have also," Engels said.

The Northwestern School continues to support Engels as she enters this next chapter in her life.

"I have great respect for Mackenzie completing basic training this summer. I am very impressed!" Engels' English teacher Mrs. Nora Groft said.



Engels shakes hands after signing with the National Guard.

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Student of the Month: Samantha Olson



By Riley Grandpre

Junior Samantha Olson won the November student of the month. Olson's parents are Darrin and Michelle Olson; her siblings consist of Ashley (29), Cassandra (26), Brooke (22), Michaela (18), Jacob (14), Patrick (11) and Kyle (6). Her activities include volleyball, basketball, track, Future Farmers of America, Future Business Leaders of America, robotics, softball, one-act play and spring play. Olson's hobbies are sports, hunting and fishing, spending time with her family and showing cattle. Her future plans are to attend South Dakota State University for agronomy and have a farm in the future. "Don't underestimate me: I know more than I say, think more than I speak, and notice more than you realize," is Olson's favorite quote. Her role model is her mother, and her favorite class is Pre-Calculus and any agriculture class. Olson's most embarrassing moment is when she first started driving, and she got lost going to her own house.

Band marches through the Fall

Ana Rivetti

The Northwestern marching band performed three times: the Northwestern Homecoming parade, the Gypsy Day Parade and the Groton Marching Festival.

"We performed well in the Gypsy Day parade, and the flag team is doing really great," sophomore Hailey Boekelheide said.

The Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen featured more than 15 schools marching, and Northwestern received a silver award. It is during Northern State University's homecoming week as a tradition, and after the contest, the NSU marching band performed.

"The Gypsy Day Parade was a lot of fun, even getting the silver award. I think we did wonderful," sophomore Miranda

Thorson said.

The last performance of the fall occurred at the Groton Marching Band Festival, Oct. 13, where

the group marched the same song they marched at the Gypsy Day parade, called "Uma Thurman." With that, they received a participation award.

"Marching this year has been great so far. Although we did not do our best in the Groton Festival, it was a fun experience. It is only my second year of marching band, but I like it very much", seventh grader Brooklinn Halvorson said.

Next up for the music program is the concert band, which will be

working on its Christmas

music!

Courtesy Photo



The band marches in the Groton Marching Band Festival.

Preschool Screening

By Riley Grandpre

The Northwestern Area School District will be doing something a little different this year for our screening process.

Northwestern will be screening 3-year-olds and any other children who may have developmental concerns on Wednesday, Nov. 15. This will include any child who will be three years old on or before Nov. 15, 2017. Any 4-year-olds who were not screened last year are also encouraged to be screened at this time. Screenings will take

place in the elementary office area. Please stop at the pre-registration table in the elementary teachers' lounge when you arrive.

Enter through the main entrance of the school.

All children who will be in the 2018-2019 kindergarten class will be screened for kindergarten readiness during our spring screening on Feb. 27, 2018.

Children will be screened in gross and fine motor skills, general concepts and communi-

cation skills. Early identification of difficulties can help alleviate health or educational problems, which may develop during a child's education.

This is a FREE service provided by the school district. The screenings take approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Jessica Halvorson at 887-3467 x110 or e-mail jessica.halvorson@k12.sd.us between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at least 14 days

before the screening) to make an appointment. After appointments have been received, letters will be sent to each family of who has called and made an appointment to verify their time slot.

If you know of a family who is unaware of the date for this screening, please share this information or contact the office at the number given above.

Thank you!

FFA Team Goes to State Land Judging

By Ana Rivetti

Future Farmers of America is already showing fetch this year. The full team went to state land judging in Wessington Springs Oct. 4, where they took the seventh place with 1,382 points, making an improvement from last year's competition.

"I am very honored to have received a high ranking at a state competition, especially after only having done this for two years. I am proud of all of the FFA members who

competed and put in the effort to learn complicated concepts in such little time and excelling at it," senior Sadie Vander Wal said.

Vander Wal received a gold award, placing sixth. Northwestern received two more bronze awards in the names of junior Samantha Olson, who placed 32nd, and freshman Bailey Heim with 36th place.

"It was something new for me and a lot of fun. I did not expect to get

32nd place. I mean, I did not expect to get placed at all, so it was very surprising. I liked it," Olson said.

With a lot of people joining the group, the theme for this year is "On a mission to grow tradition." On Oct. 7, students served grab-and-go burger meals at Wheat Growers. They did this as a way to "Thank A Farmer."



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Senior Sadie Vander Wal, freshman Bailey Heim and junior Samantha Olson place at the FFA state land judging competition in Wessington Springs on Oct. 4.

FBLA Members Attend Leadership Conference

By Ana Rivetti

Northwestern's Future Business Leaders of America chapter went to a leadership conference in Sioux Falls, on Oct. 23. The group's officers represented the school included seniors Sadie Vander Wal, Addison Sparling, Darien Watson, Megan Heidenreich, Evy Peterson and sophomore Chrissy Stoltenberg.

"We go to this program every year, and I think is great way to learn because the kids are out of their comfort zone, and they have to deal with others FBLA

officers," FBLA adviser Mrs. Anne Frericks said.

The conference in Sioux Falls is a focused training group, where they learn new, useful skills. It proved to be efficient working the students' creativity, professionalism, stage presence, individual responsibility, problem solving, trust and ethics with a lot of fun group activities, like brain-teasers, challenges, public speech, etc.

"It was really fun, I had a great experience with my first time being there. I learned a lot and met a

lot of cool, new people. I cannot wait until next year," Stoltenberg said.

The meeting was at the Holiday Inn - City Centre, where they provide all the activities, including a delicious lunch: a boxed sandwich with turkey and ham. The registration fee of \$25 included the meal, chaperone, adviser and bus driver.

"It was an amazing first experience, with my friends and my lovely teacher (Mrs. Frericks)," Peterson said.

Music Festival in Ninth Year

By Dalton Peterson

This year was the ninth annual middle school music festival. The festival was held on Oct. 10. The students practiced for seven hours. The band and choir consisted of multiple schools around the area.

Every year, for nine years running, Northwestern has held a middle school festival for band and chorus. This year saw record attendance with 15 schools in attendance, and the number of students participating at 297. Mr. Reid Johnson directed the band, and Mr. Cody Swanson directed the chorus. Both men are accomplished musicians and have a track record of success within the middle and high school levels. The day was full of rehearsals, sprinkled with breaks. Students

met new people, learned something new, had their learning supported, and shared their talent at the culminating concert held at Northwestern at 7 p.m. that evening.

"I was filled with joy as I watched all the students interact and learn while deepening their understanding and enjoyment of a lifelong

skill. It was a great day!" chorus teacher Mrs. Amy Heinz said.

"I thought that it went very well! We added almost 100 more students this year than what we have had in the past. We had 15 different schools represented this year. It is growing every year!" band teacher Mrs. Wendy Thorson said.



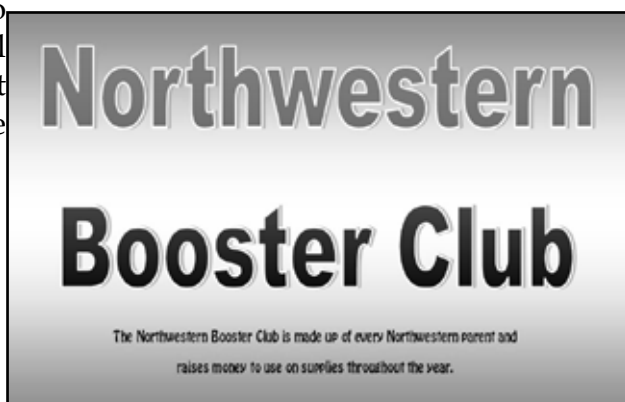
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Students from many schools prepare to sing a song at the middle school band and chorus festival Oct. 10.

Financial Aid Night

By Madalyn Groft

Mr. Anthony Parents FAFSA with priority dead- Red man, learned how the new Oct. 1 line. Northwestern to guidance fill counselor, out the held a financial aid night Oct. 2 to help seniors apply for assistance to attend college or technical schools.



Pawsome Awards

By Caitlyn Fischbach

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NEWS BRIEF

NSU Choral Workshop

By Dalton Peterson

On Oct. 4, students attended a choral workshop at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. The students who attended the workshop consisted of junior Moria Duncan, sophomore Ezekiel Duncan, and junior McKay Pettigrew and senior Peyton Groft.

Students attended a choral workshop on Oct.

Groft receives Wendy's Award

By Riley Grandpre

Senior Peyton Groft competed and placed as one of the Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalists.

Groft received a patch and a \$25 Wendy's gift

12 at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. The students who attended the SDSU workshop included Groft, freshman Mitchell Vander Wal, freshman Bailey Heim, freshman Ethan Walter, sophomore Kira Pelton and seventh-grader Jordyn Barrus.

The Wendy's High School Heisman award honors top student-athletes in the United States.

Congratulations, Peyton!

All-State Choir Members

By Caitlyn Fischbach

Four Northwestern students attended All-State Chorus Oct. 28 in Sioux Falls. The students attending include senior alto Peyton Groft, junior soprano Moira Duncan, sophomore bass Ezekiel Duncan and freshman tenor Mitchell Vander Wal. Mrs. Amy Hienz, Northwestern vocal instructor, will accompany the students.

The students have attended a coral workshop at Northern State University and South Dakota State University. These workshops help the singers improve their songs and get them ready for the all state chorus event. The songs that the students have practiced include: "Tree of Peace," "Landscape," "Famine Song," "America the Beautiful", "Truly Brave" and "Hallelujah."

Football Team Advances to Playoffs

By Madalyn Groft

The Wildcat football team concluded the regular season with a 3-5 record. The Wildcats lost to Langford 18-34 on Sept. 22. They won the homecoming game 43-14 against Sunshine Bible Academy Crusaders on Sept. 29, keeping their homecoming win streak! They lost to Hitchcock-Tulare, a nail-biting comeback for Hitchcock Tulare, on Friday Sept. 6. The game ended 7-8. They easily toppled over Iroquios 41-8 on Oct. 13. This win helped them get into the first round of playoffs

The team attended the playoffs for the first time in 10 years! They played Colman-Egan on Thursday, Oct. 19, for

their first round, losing 6-52.

"I'm excited to finish the season hard, to have a lot of fun, and to be successful in playoffs,"

junior Caleb Schentzel said.

The team will be losing the following seniors next season: Tyler Braun, Isaac Bauer, Tucker

Bohl, Jedd Groft, Austin Peterson and Daniel Tonga.

The team will also gain multiple upcoming freshmen to help the

Wildcats next year. There is always the next year to come, and the team will continue to improve for next year.



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Junior Caleb Schentzel breaks through the North Border defense.



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Sophomore Zechariah Clemens runs the ball against Langford.

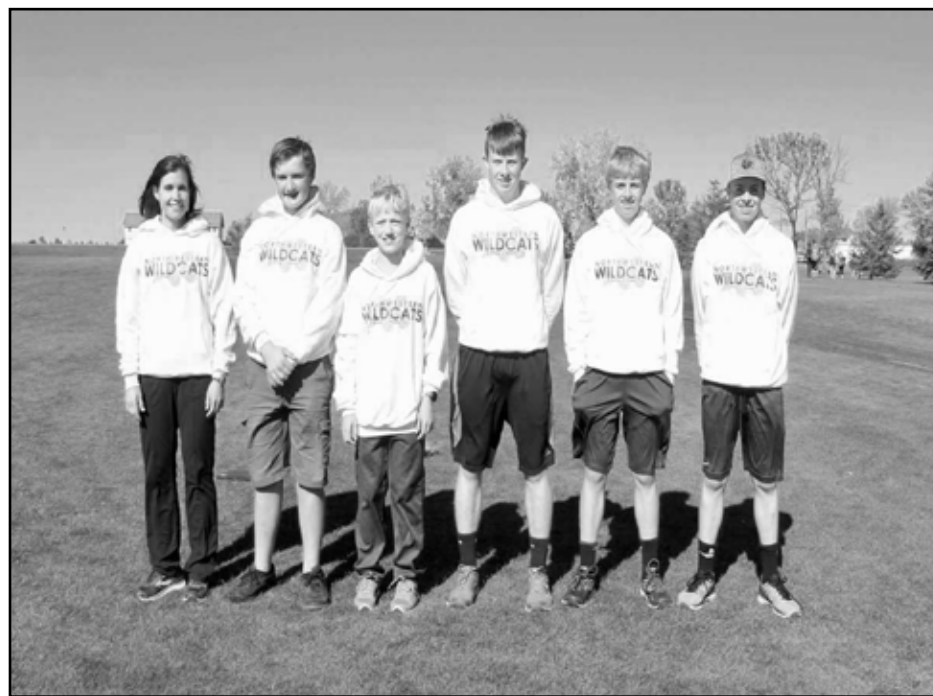
Cross Country Runners Advance to State

By Dalton Peterson

On Sept. 25 at the Miller cross country meet, junior Jarret Haven placed first with a time of 17:45; eighth-grader Justin Haven followed behind placing 23rd in 20:02. For the girls, senior Peyton Groft placed fourth with a time of 21:08, while sophomore Madalyn Groft placed 27th with a time of 23:49.

On Wednesday Oct. 4 at the Lake Region Conference cross country meet, senior P. Groft placed fourth with a time of 20:46, sophomore M. Groft placed 10th with a time of 22:53 and seventh-grader Ella Haven placed 11th with a time of 23:44. Jarret Haven led the boys, placing 5th with a time of 17:12, eighth-grader Justin Haven got 14th in 19:16 and freshman Jace Haven placed 15th with a time of 19:35. Both got third for team points.

At the Region 1B cross country meet, Jarret Haven placed third with a time of 17:52, Jace Haven placed 15th with a time of 18:48 and Justin Haven placed 18th with



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Northwestern boys' cross country team poses for a picture with coach Kris Boekelheide.

a time of 19:10. The boys' team placed fourth. For the girls, senior P. Groft placed fifth, eighth-grader Jessica Boekelheide placed eighth, M. Groft placed 19th and E. Haven placed 21. The girls' team placed second.

At the state cross country meet in Rapid City, the girls' team placed 8th and the boys' team placed 15th. For the girls, Boekelheide placed 17th and P. Groft 24th. For the boys Jarret Haven placed 16th.



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Eighth-grader Jessica Boekelheide strides out during the race.



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Northwestern girls' cross country team placed second as a team at the Region 1B meet.

Volleyball Team Finishes Season 29-1

By Caitlyn Fischbach

The Northwestern volleyball team continued on a strong winning streak. The Wildcats now have a 29-1 season record. Taking Leola-Fredrick down and then coming and taking a huge win over Warner, the Wildcats carried their momentum into the Redfield-Doland Tournament, taking the win for the fourth year in a row. Senior Peyton Groft, junior Caitlyn Fischbach and sophomore Madalyn Groft made the all-tournament team with Madalyn Groft receiving Tournament MVP. The Wildcats took on Groton for the Volley for the Cure match. The Northwestern team has raised \$23,000 for the Komen Foundation in the past 10 years. Northwestern finished their final home game against Hitchcock-Tulare and took a three-set win.

"I am very proud of my team and how we have finished the regular season. Everyone on the team is individually tal-

ented, and when you put those talents together, we are unstoppable. I am excited to see what the new Sweet 16 is like. I feel like its given us even more of a chance to make it to state," junior middle blocker Riley Grandpre said.

The stat leaders for Northwestern include P. Groft with a 98 percent serving, 315 digs and a 74 percent serve receive, M. Groft leads with 838 assists. Senior Addison Sparling leads the Wildcats with 59 aces. Grandpre leads the team with 51 total blocks. Fischbach leads the Wildcats with 269 kills and a 44 percent kill efficiency. Fischbach was awarded the *Aberdeen American News* Athlete of the Week after going 51-52 attacks and accumulating 22 kills for the Wildcats in their second game against Warner.

"It was fun," Fischbach, a junior, said of the Warner game. "It was really intense in the game and I just wanted every

ball to put it down. It was fun with the crowd. Everybody was yelling. It was good." Calling for ball after ball, Fischbach was as aggressive as a player can be when attacking the net. "I usually try to do that," she said. "But when I want to win, I want the ball. In big games, I really try to call for it as much as I can."

Northwestern will continue onto to the Region 1B Tournament in Webster on Tuesday, Oct. 31, playing the winner of the Florence-Henry vs. Waubay-Summit match. The Wildcats sit as the No. 1, so they have a bye the first round. The final round of the region tournament is Nov. 2. The Sweet 16 will be Nov. 7 at a location to be announced once the teams are set, and the state tournament will be Nov. 16, 17 and 18 in Rapid City, featuring all three classes playing together at the Rushmore Civic Arena.



Courtesy Photo
Senior Peyton Groft jump serves at a home game.



Courtesy Photo
Senior Addison Sparling reacts to hit a ball.

Cheer and Dance Makes Its Way to State

By Riley Grandpre

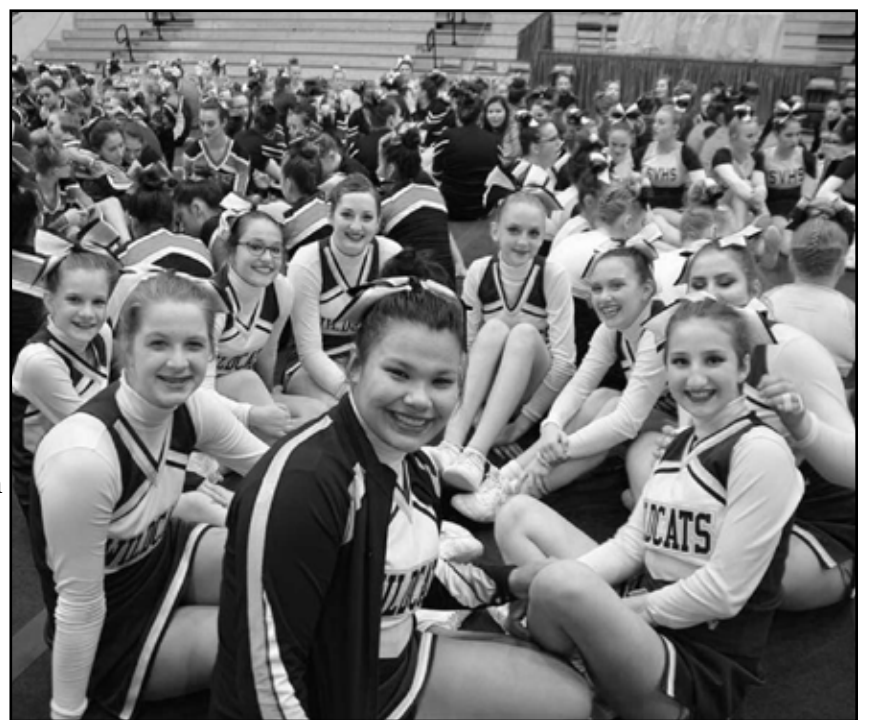
The Northwestern cheer and dance team completed their season at the state competition on Friday, Oct. 20 in Rapid City.

"Since the state competition is out in Rapid City, the athletes will get to spend a lot of time together driving out and spending the night. I think that this will help us get into the competition mindset and build a strong team dynamic. Our goals going into state is to clean up our movements and gain consistency with our routines. We are focusing on the small details to get our dances as clean and sharp as possible. For cheer, we are putting a lot of effort into stunting to ensure that our stunts stick every time they go up," Head Coach Alyssa Serfling said.

Here, the cheer and dance team

placed fifth overall. Before they left for state, the team showcased their talents for the whole school, performing all of their routines, and the seniors gave a few last words before they were sent off.

"This season has definitely been one of the best we have ever had. We have improved immensely throughout the season and that definitely showed at state. Coming from the second smallest school at the state competition, we outperformed many larger teams, which is a difficult feat. We never let our small size stand in our way, and we proved that through dedication, we could rise to the top. I am so proud of how far we came this season and could not be more thrilled with our state performance and placing," senior Sadie Vander Wal said.



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The cheer team prepares at the state cheer meet.

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Sophomores relax in their pajamas on the first day of homecoming.



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Sophomore Christine Stoltenberg holds her "twin," eighth-grader Samuel Groft.



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The high school boys pose in their western get up on hillbilly day

By Riley Grandpre

Northwestern's homecoming was held over the week of the Sept. 25. This year's homecoming theme was "No Place like Homecoming," based off of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Monday morning kicked off the first day of homecoming week with the seniors dressing up the freshmen for buddy day, and everyone else dressed in their cozy pajamas and slippers. The freshman wore anything from a face paint, hair dye, crazy clothing, etc. The cross country team also had a meet in Miller, and the competition cheer held a meet at home

The following day, Twister Tuesday, the students could dress up wacky. Wednesday did not fail in making people laugh at the outfits

the students and teachers were wearing. The outfits varied from different shoes and socks to any outfit of miscellaneous garments. That night, the volleyball team had yet another win over Redfield/Doland.

Which Witch was Which was the dress up theme for Wednesday. On this day, the students picked another student or a group to dress the same as. At the end of the day, the whole middle school and high school participated in a friendly game of dodgeball

Thursday was Kansas day. For some students, they had the chance to wear their regular garments, boots, jeans, and a plaid shirt. Coronation was held that night; the volleyball, football, cross country, and cheer team

introduced themselves on the stage and answered a question their coaches asked them. The senior dads put on a small yet hilarious quiz, where the children of the fathers had to answer questions about their fathers. Our candidates for homecoming queen and king consisted of seniors Isaac Bauer, Tyler Bruan and Daniel Tonga for king and Addison Sparling, Evy Peterson and Peyton Groft for queen. The students in the middle school and high school voted for their queen and king throughout the week. Tonga and Groft won the votes and were announced homecoming royalty. After coronation, the girls had the chance to pad up and play powder puff football.

Friday was spirit day!



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Senior Peyton Groft looks to throw while sophomore Chrissy Stoltenberg blocks.

The whole day had school spirit and good vibes throughout the school. The day started off right with power puff volleyball. The boys get the chance to play each other in some friendly, but mostly competitive game of volleyball coached by the senior girls. After a lunch, break the parade started. Juniors through sixth-grade built their own floats throughout the week to ride during the parade. The homecoming royalty spiced it up and rode through the parade in golf carts. Each float had a theme that tied to the homecoming theme. The band also marched in the parade.

Friday night lights did not disappoint at the football game versus Sunshine Bible either.

The Wildcats started the night off strong! The atmosphere radiated perfectly with Wildcat pride. The crowd chanted and sang with wild support for the boys' football team. The homecoming week ended without a witch!

The 2017 homecoming was one to remember, because there is "No Place Like Homecoming."



Photo By Riley Grandpre
Homecoming Queen Peyton Groft and King Daniel Tonga with kindergartners princess Eva Troske and prince Rustin Mass.



Photo By Riley Grandpre

Seniors Daniel Tonga, Evy Peterson, Isaac Bauer, Addison Sparling, Tyler Braun and Peyton Groft make up the 2017 royal court.



Courtesy Photo
Senior Sadie Vander Wal with freshmen Hailie Stuck and Samantha Rush for buddy day.



Phot by Madalyn Groft

Back Row: Sophomores Dalton Peterson and Zechariah Clemens and junior Danny Orr. Front Row: juniors Moira Duncan, Caitlyn Fischbach and Riley Grandpre win the high school dodgeball tournament.



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Doug Stahl fills in for senior Tucker Bohl's dad.



Photo by Madalyn Groft

Seventh-graders Ella Haven, Brooklyn Halvorson, Brooke Heim, Quintin Fischbach and Chase Neiber win the junior high dodgeball tournament .

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Class B Changes to Sweet Sixteen

Staff Editorial

The Sweet 16 is something new the Class B division for both volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball.

Many coaches have been fighting to get this passed through the South Dakota Activities Association, and by the end of last season, it finally passed.

As volleyball players, we are extremely excited to try something new. How the Sweet 16 works is there will be no more districts, so we will skip right to regions. We will play out regions just like districts, but we will not have a championship game. The two teams that would play the championship game will go to the Sweet 16, the rest of the regions

in Class B will play the same, and at the end of all the region games, there will be 16 teams that will be placed into a new bracket--the Sweet 16 bracket. The points will be refigured and each team will be placed between the No. 1 seed to the No. 16 seed.

So what does this mean for Northwestern? Well, our district game will not be the state championship game anymore. Because let us be honest, the Northwestern vs. Warner game is always one of the best to watch.

This also means that both Northwestern and Warner have a high chance of making it into state.

Changing from districts to the Sweet 16 has

a positive change for many Class B schools. Northwestern and Warner have been the number one and two teams in the state most of the year. Every year, the two teams battle it out to see who will continue on to regions. Bringing in the Sweet 16 will allow the top teams in the state to go to Rapid City and battle it out, rather than in districts. Having the top teams at the state tournament will also make sure the best competition is participating in the state tournament. This year the state tournament will be held out in Rapid City Nov. 16, 17 and 18.

Go Wildcats!

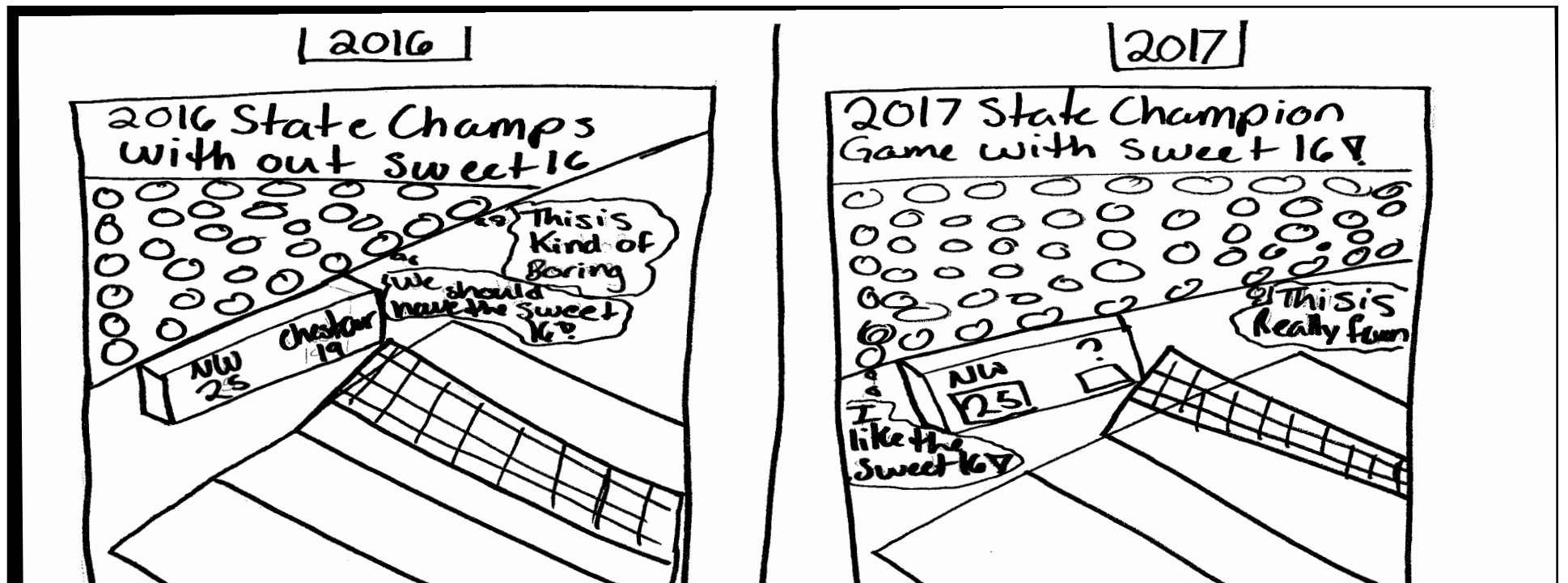


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What do you want to be for Halloween and why?

By Torri Bourelle



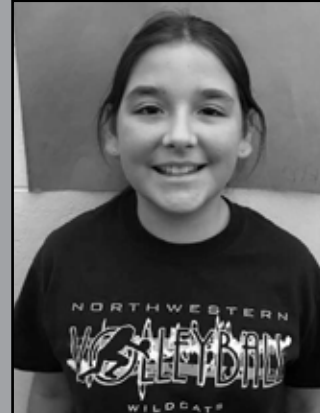
“A ghost because it is scary,” first-grader Eva Troske said.



“An owl because they are so cute,” second-grader Isabelle Woodring said.



“A little bitty crab because they are cute, and they can snap peoples fingers,” third-grader Tabitha Kaderabek said.



“Wonder Woman because it’s my favorite movie,” fourth-grader Layla Ortmeier said.



“Me, Dusty, because I am beautiful and handsome,” fifth-grader Dusty Osterkamp said.

In the Middle School

“Of what are you most afraid on Halloween and why?”

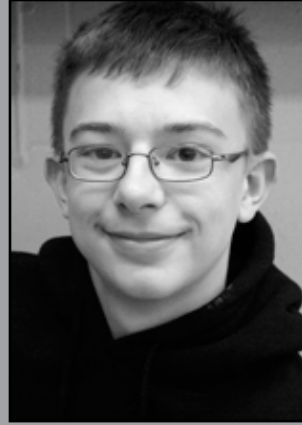
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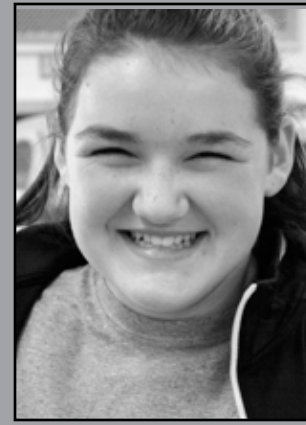
“Spiders because they have eight giant eyes,” sixth-grader Courtney Decker said.



“The dark because when you are trick-or-treating, you can’t see where you are,” seventh-grader Trey Bourelle said.



“Nothing because I can’t think of anything,” eighth-grader Chris Toennies said.



“Someone jumping out at me because I might break my ankle,” sixth-grader RikkaLyn Wiman-Gisi said.



“Clowns because they are scary,” seventh-grader Cole Wilkie said.

In the High School

“Of what are you most scared on Halloween and why?”

By Riley Grandpre



“I hate Halloween, but I love my birthday, and I’m thankful it’s on Halloween,” junior Moira Duncan said.



“Nothing because I like scary stuff,” sophomore Trinity Feickert said.



“I don’t get scared easily,” senior Dominic Beckwith said.



“The day after when the children come back not on a sugar high,” art teacher Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.



“Of the people trick-or-treating because they are strangers,” senior Daniel Tonga said.

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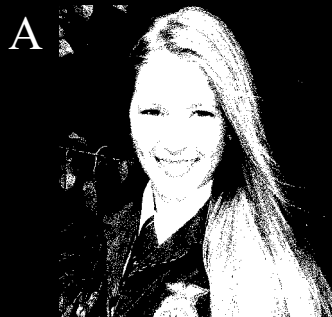
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Can you match the teacher to her high school self?



Answers: 1B, 2D, 3A, 4C

Ana's American Adventure

By Ana Rivetti

It is been three months since I arrived here in South Dakota, so I think I am pretty much used to the cultural and other differences. I mean, not all of them, of course. There is one that I have not gotten used yet, and I do not think I ever will. The winter. It barely started and I already think is freezing.

It seems that is all everybody is talking to me about, and guess what? Now, I am scared. In my country, we do not have snow at all, and in Brasil, basically, the coldest that it gets is 50

degrees. Some Americans tell me that would be like the best dream ever. Some tell me they are sorry for me because I do not have snow. I do not know what I prefer actually. Maybe I will like the snow, maybe I will not.

Not saying I am not excited about the snow, but I am a little bit scared, just hoping to be fine. I hope not freeze to death.

Another thing that I am most excited about is Thanksgiving! I have never experienced this holiday before; I only have seen it on movies

and TV shows, and what they show just looks very yummy, and also super fun, a good time to spend with the people that are important to you. I am looking forward to have this experience!

Torri's Trailers

By Torri Bourelle

On Nov. 30, The Jungle Book is going on Netflix. The Jungle Book is about a young boy named Mowgli (Neel Sethi) and was raised by a family of wolves since he was born. He had to leave the only place he knew that was called home to him because of a fearsome tiger Shere Khah (Idris Elba). The reason he had to leave the only place he knew was because the fearsome tiger finds out he is not an animal and that he is a human instead and the tiger thought he was going to kill all of the animals in his home since that's what all of the other humans did so the tiger wanted him to leave or he will kill him. Guided by a no-nonsense panther (Ben Kingsley) and a free-spirited bear

(Bill Murray), Mowgli meets many jungle animals including a slithery python and a smooth-talking ape. Along the way, Mowgli learns valuable life lessons as his epic journey of self-discovery leads to fun and adventure.



Madalyn's Munchies

By Madalyn Groft

I have discovered more tasty snacks for you this month! The first one is a very healthy, hydrating drink called Body Armour; Body Armour comes in eighteen different flavors: Fruit Punch, Orange Mango, Strawberry Banana, Lemon Lime, Tropical Punch, Mixed Berry, Grape, Blackout Berry, Watermelon Strawberry, Lemonade, Blueberry Pomegranate, Cherry Citrus, Tropical Mandarin, Raspberry Blueberry Goji, Pomegranate Acai Green Tea, Peach Mango, Cherry Berry, and Electrolyte Water. My personal favorite is the grape. The next snack is a Quest Bar; Quest Bars are great for

pre/post workout snack. The last one I discovered is Palmer's Chocolate Covered Peanuts. If you like chocolate and peanuts, you are going to love this snack!



Peterson's Puzzles

By Dalton Peterson

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