

Emanuel DelGato Visits Northwestern



Emanuel DelGato visited Northwestern on Mar. 10.

by Haley Wetzler

Grades kindergarten through 12th grade gathered in the gym on Mar. 10 to watch Emanuel DelGato perform.

The assembly kicked off with an introduction by senior Evan Morgan. Emanuel DelGato started with an American song, “Pretty Women” by Ray Orbison. Next, DelGato gave the students a challenge. He sang part of four songs in Spanish and the challenge was to name the songs in English. The songs were “Jingle Bells,” “Sweet Caroline,” “Proud Mary,” and “La Bamba.” The whole crowd sang along to “La Bamba.”

“I really liked the song contest. I got everyone right except for “Proud Mary,” sophomore Katrina Frericks said.

The Mexican hat dance is very popular in the Mexican culture. DelGato asked

for volunteers to learn the dance. Morgan along with his fellow seniors Carly Peterson, Zack Wood, sixth-graders Isaac Groft, Cody Lefforge, Sean Blachtford, Cory Walter, Logan Schentzel, fifth-graders Dary Duncan, and Josie Clemens, and first-graders Hannah Schentzel, Bailey Heim, and Alexis Rahm learned the dance. He then performed a piece from the Mariachi Band.

After that, half of the students joined in front of the crowd and sang and danced to the Macarena dance. For DelGato’s last song he sang “On The Road Again” by Willie Nelson.

“ My favorite part was the song “La Bamba” and Stetson and I jamming out to it,” senior Grasen Lechner said.

Plains Lions Host Pancake Feed

by Cory Oberfoell

The Plains Lions’ Club put on a benefit pancake feed for Triten Heber in the Northwestern cafeteria on Feb. 21. The benefit started at 9 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m.

Triten Heber is a third-grader at Northwestern. His mom is Jessica Sheridan. He is in need of a kidney transplant and cannot afford all of the medical costs. He is still on the waiting list to find an organ donor match.

Many people showed up to the benefit. The feed made over \$2,400. Thrivent Insurance Company gave \$700 towards the benefit. Free will donations were also given. There is an ongoing raffle for two prizes. The first place prize is a Terry Redlin print. The second place prize is for a gun.

“There were a lot of a people that donated money and it turned out pretty well,” Plains Lions Club member Bob Oberfoell said.

Mauvais Sort Puts On Assembly For Elementary

by Ruth Phillips

Grades K-5 attended a musical festival assembly on Mar. 2. The group that performed, Mauvais Sort, was from Quebec, Canada. They shared traditional folk music with a modern twist.

The group combined talent and enthusiasm with a love for music to capture the hearts of the audience.

All the music they shared with the kids was. There were six members of this group; five of them were musicians and one of

them was the sound person. He made controlled the volume and made them sound good.

Along with performing in our school, they performed in Aberdeen on Mar. 6 with a large group at the Capitol Theatre. The instruments they play consist of accordion, violin, guitar, bass, mandolin, drums percussion, feet, and voice.

“It was good and they played awesome music!” first-grader Jackson Mielke said.



Senior Hope Stappler, a tech English student, won \$1000 in a drawing at school. The money was presented to her on Mar. 30.

Stappler Wins Money In Drawing

by Ashly Wise

This year has been full of many great surprises; one of these was reserved especially for one of the seniors of Northwestern. Hope Stappler was lucky enough to snag a check for \$1000, which was presented to her Mar. 30.

“Never thought the day would come that I would be lucky enough to win a thousand dollars.” Hope said.

In February, personal finance held the opportunity to offer this drawing for the students to participate in. The tech English class, who were present when the drawing was taking place, all had high hopes of winning the money but, only one check was available.

NEWS

In the middle school

What would be the best April Fools joke?

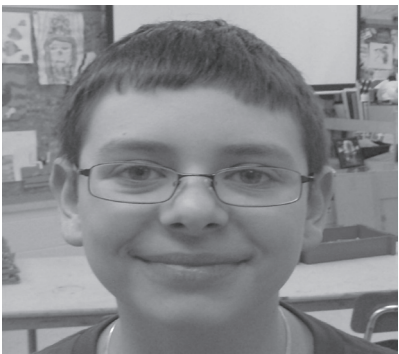
by Logan Clemensen

“Telling someone there is no school that day,” sixth-grader Rachael Boekelheide said.



“Whoopi cushion,” sixth-grader Sean Hauck said.

“Putting fake blood in your parent’s bed,” seventh-grader Doris Wise said.



“Putting spiders in the girl’s locker room,” seventh-grader Blake Toennies said.

“Putting hot sauce on someone’s tooth brush,” eighth-grader Skylar Sorenson said.



“Axing someone’s vehicle,” eighth-grader Nathan Frericks said.



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6th Grade: Straight A: Rachael Boekelheide, Allison Braun, Isaac Groft, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Andrea Rausch, Madison Styles; “A”: Cameron Bohl, Kirstin Borge, Kate Finley, Kaylee Hoellein, Logan Schentzel; “B”: Ethan Bauer, Trevor Bohl, Kendra Bohlen, Hope Bowar, Abigail Fischbach, Darienne Frericks, Cody Lefforge, Hunter Lerew, Nolan Peterson, Rachel Rausch, Codi Sparling, Cory Walter.

7th Grade: Straight A: Christine Morgan, Halle Sieve, Corbin Smith; “A”: Zachary Duncan, Haley Grandpre; “B”: Hans Leonhardt, Hannah Palmer, Jordon Peterson, Tessa Rush, Kennedy Sparling, Blake Toennies.

8th Grade: Straight A: Kristie Bade, Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks, Alyssa Steward, Nicholas Wood; “A”: Madison Hahler, Paige Metzinger; “B”: Torey Beardemphl, Tyler Carda, Donna Harmon, Jacob Heidenreich, Delbert Leonhardt, Skylar Sorenson.

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News

Girls/Boys State Attendees Selected

by Zack Wood and Laine Mielke

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary hold Girls and Boys State every year. This year, it is happening during the week of May 31-Jun. 5.

Girls State is an event where girls from all around the state, who will be entering their senior year of high school, meet in Vermillion on the campus of the University of South Dakota, to discuss government and politics. The event lasts one week.

The girls that were chosen from Northwestern this year include Elizabeth Leonhardt, sponsored by the Mansfield American Legion Auxiliary; Shaina Jensen, sponsored by the Brentford American Legion Auxiliary and Hilary Frericks, sponsored by the Mellette American Legion Auxiliary. Kara Fischbach is also attending; she will be part of Journalism City and is sponsored by the Mellette American Legion Auxiliary.

“I think it should be a fun and interesting time,” Junior Hilary Frericks said.

The Boys State, also made up of boys who will be entering their senior year of high school, will be held in Aberdeen, during the same week.

The boys chosen to attend from Northwestern include Josh Clemens, sponsored by the Northville Legion Post; Dalton Franck, sponsored by the Cresbard Legion Post; Ethan Steward, sponsored by the Brentford Legion Post and Alex Bauer, Sponsored by the Mellette Legion Post.

“I think it is going to be a very beneficial experience for me to learn about the government,” Bauer said.



Students who will be entering their senior year of high school in the fall are eligible to attend Girls and Boys State.

Photo by Laine Mielke

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Student of the Month

by Joni Boekelheide

Senior Carly Peterson was selected to be the February Student of the Month. Carly’s parents are David and Sheri Peterson. Her siblings are Melany, Shelby and Evy. Her favorite athlete is Diedra Artz.

Carly’s hobbies include playing with her puppy, Mo. Her activities include volleyball, Future Business Leaders of American, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her favorite class is AP English.

Carly’s favorite quote is “Do you not know that in a race all runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.” From 1 Corinthians 9:24

Carly’s future plans are to attend Dakota State University for Elementary and special education.



In the Elementary

by Evan Morgan

What is your favorite part of spring?



“Playing catch and swinging,” kindergartener Landen Melius said.



“Planting stuff in the garden,” first-grader Jackson Mielke said.



“Riding my horses,” second-grader Danille Seymour said.



“Going out to the fields and plant,” third-grader Gavin Bohl said.



“My birthday,” fourth-grader Megan Heidenreich said.



“Playing baseball,” fifth-grader Matt Metzinger said.

The Adventures of Brock and Evan

By the time we were about to Europe we remembered that it was the day before Saint Patrick’s Day so we set course to Dublin, Ireland so we could have the privilege of celebrating Saint Patrick’s Day with all the awesome Irish folks in the area. We traveled from place to place most of the night when we came across a stumbling Irishman. Earlier that day we were discussing how we wanted to go to Iraq and cover our good friend’s and brother-in-law’s back. The stumbling Irishman that we came across happened to be a secret weapons dealer. He let us see his stash of weapons and we were amazed. We purchased a few M-4 carbines with the latest grenade launchers and trijicon scopes. We both also purchased dual silenced M9 pistols. Means we were going to have to be at a distance, we decided that we were going to need two Barrett .50 caliber sniper rifle. We also loaded up on C4 and hand grenades. The weapons dealer gave us a nice discount because we purchased so many supplies. The next morning we set off for Iraq at 4:00a.m. to watch Jaycee Seaman’s back.

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Dear Parents,

Within the next few weeks, your child will be taking the South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (Dakota STEP). The Dakota STEP is the assessment system for accountability in South Dakota schools that assesses basic curricular objectives in reading, mathematics, and science.

Test questions are used to assess the South Dakota State Content Standards in reading and mathematics at grades 3–8 and 11. In addition, science will be tested at grades 5, 8, and 11 as required by the No Child Left Behind Act. The Dakota STEP provides updated content that reflects national and state standards, curriculum, and educational trends for the beginning of the twenty-first century.

The Dakota STEP will be given to students in the spring of the school year (March 29–April 23, 2010). The test provides information on your child’s performance in various content areas. The results help teachers to plan lessons that build upon what your child already knows and to encourage progress in areas your child has not yet mastered.

This type of test can only give certain kinds of information about how your child is doing in school. To get a more complete picture, you also need to know how your child performs on other tests the teacher gives, daily classwork, homework, and other activities. The attached chart lists some suggestions that both you and your child can do to help prepare him or her to take the Dakota STEP and other tests.

Ways to Prepare for the test:

Here are some things your child can do:	Here are some things you can do:
REST Get a good night of sleep before the test.	DISCUSS Help your child understand that the Dakota STEP gives him or her the chance to show what he or she knows about a subject.
EAT Eat a good breakfast.	SUPPORT Ask your child to maintain regular study habits. Do not ask your child to give extra study time for the Dakota STEP. The test covers more schoolwork than your child can learn in a few extra hours.
LISTEN Listen carefully to the directions given for the test and follow them exactly. If the directions are not clear, ask the teacher to repeat them or to explain them.	RELAX Students who are calm and sure of themselves do better on tests.
TRY Do your best and do not give up.	

Two More Additions In Baby Boom

by Zack Wood

There have been two other babies born since the last paper was written.

Makenna Lauren Krause was born on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 at 2:39 a.m. She was seven pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Pat and Kayla Krause.

Drew Michael Sparling was born on Tuesday, Mar. 2, 2010 at 3:05 p.m.. He was exactly seven pounds and 19 ¼ inches long. His parents are Kris and Kayla Sparling.



Drew Michael Sparling



Makenna Lauren Krause

OPINION

Block Scheduling Vs. Carnegie Scheduling

Block

by **Laine Mielke**

Block scheduling provides 90 minute classes, and three classes a day, plus band and chorus, or study hall if a student chooses not to participate in those classes. This means that the students have each class every other day; this is not including AP/tech English courses and DDN classes. It gives the teachers enough time to properly teach and explain each lesson, and allows the students to get a jump start on homework in class. This way, if a student has questions pertaining to the lesson, they can choose to easily ask the teacher.

The students of Northwestern have grown accustomed to this way of scheduling. With the upper level classes, it gives the students enough time to finish and do well on their homework. The downfall of this type of scheduling is that students can forget what was taught in the day that they do not have class. Also, it may be harder for the teachers to keep the students' attention with longer class periods. However, the teachers can plan longer lessons and cover more work with 90 minute classes. It also helps so that the teachers can plan more hands-on activities to go more

indepth with their lessons. The block scheduling also benefits the junior high. With this scheduling, they can have their sports practices during school, rather than having their parents drive them to and/or from practice. The junior high has an activity period every other day, with the activities changing with the sports seasons. Block scheduling has it's positives and negatives, but students have been graduating from our school with this schedule for years, and it has not seemed to affect them negatively. Why fix something that isn't broken?

Carnegie

by **Haley Wetzler**

Could students benefit better in academics if Northwestern switched from block scheduling to traditional scheduling also known as Carnegie scheduling? Traditional scheduling allows students to see the teachers every day. There is contact between teachers and students everyday compared to every other day on block scheduling. Carnegie scheduling lets teachers monitor the progress of students every day in class. Teachers will have an easier time addressing special need students. Traditional scheduling reaches a stu-

dents' attention span better. The class would take as long as forty-five to fifty minutes contrasted to ninety minutes. Also, students are less likely for forget a homework assignment in a one night span than a two day span. Absence in the classroom is not heavily weighed in traditional scheduling. Unlike the block scheduling, when a student misses a class they have a one-day break unlike a three to six day break between classes. Also, when a teacher is absent for the day, traditional schedule will allow students to continue from their previous class other then wasting

an hour and a half with a substitute. Students will have less homework at night since they have class every-day and not every other day. Teachers will have just enough time for their lecture and to give the assignment out. Which, the students will have to learn to depend on finishing their homework assignment outside of class. Students will learn the information through daily repetition and retention. A traditional schedule should help students going into junior high adjust better to switching class because elementary has a traditional schedule.

What you think



"I like block scheduling," sophomore Laken Frericks said.



"I think we should switch so the teachers get contact with the students on a daily basis," Jessica Halvorson said.



"I like carnegie because you have classes everyday and its easier to remember what you learned," senior Jordan Breeding said.



"There are pros and cons to both schedules, so perhaps a modified block schedule would best meet everyone's needs," Mrs. Nora Goft said.



"Carnegie," Mr. Scott Boone said.



"We should stick with block scheduling because the kids stay more organized," senior Nona Hawley said.

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2010 Track Preview

by Trevor Toennies

With the weather getting warmer, the tracksters are becoming more anxious for the track season to start.

The girls are expected to have a great track season this year. There are plenty planning to participate in the throwing and in the running events.

“They’re going to have a good season this year; they have good shot put and discus throwers. Also they have a strong, experienced relay and sprint runners,” said Coach Scott Boone.

Although the numbers for the guys are down, they are expected to have a great season as well.

“We don’t have a lot of runners out but the ones that are out will do well. We have a good group out for the field events this year and we will be a strong team this year,” said Coach Wade Rozell.



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THUR, APRIL 1	H/T PATRIOT EARLY BIRD	REDFIELD	9:30
TUES, APRIL 6	EUREKA EARLY BIRD	EUREKA	2:30
SAT, APRIL 10	BRITTON	BRITTON	10:00
SAT, APRIL 17	IPSWICH EARLY BIRD	IPSWICH	TBA
TUES, APRIL 20	WARNER INVITE	WARNER	4:00
THURS, APRIL 22	REDFIELD RELAYS	REDFIELD	10:00
SAT, APRIL 24	IPSWICH RELAYS	IPSWICH	10:00
TUES, APRIL 27	GROTON KIWANIS	GROTON	12:00
SAT, MAY 1	IPSWICH INVITE	IPSWICH	10:00
TUES, MAY 4	LRC	IPSWICH	1:00
SAT, MAY 8	4-STAR/HUB CITY INVITE	SWISHER FIELD	10:30
TUES, MAY 11	MILLER INVITE	MILLER	TBA
FRI, MAY 14	HAMLIN LAST CHANCE	HAYTI	4:00
THUR, MAY 20	REGION 1B	BRITTON	10:00
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Northwestern Tops Redfield-Doland

by Laine Mielke
Northwestern beat Redfield/Doland 44-26 on Feb. 15. Senior Megan Peterson and junior Joni Boekelheide each had 12 points. The team made 17 of 48 field goals; Peterson made six of 10. The Wildcats made six of 12 free throws; Boekelheide made two of two. NW had 10 offensive rebounds and 21 defensive rebounds, for a total of 31. The team had 16 total fouls. Northwestern had seven assists and 11 blocks. The Wildcats committed 13 turnovers and made 12 steals.

Wildcats Fall To Titans

by Laine Mielke
The Lady Wildcats lost to Leola-Fredrick 48-56 on Feb. 1 in Frederick. Senior Megan Peterson and sophomore Haley Wetzler each had 11 points. NW made 18 of 66 attempted field goals; Wetzler made four of nine. The team made eight of 11 free throws, led by sophomore Mariah Taylor, who made six of six. The Wildcats had 21 offensive rebounds and 8 defensive rebounds, for a total of 29. The team had a total of 19 fouls; Taylor and freshman Ashley Clemens fouled out. NW had ten assists and six total blocks. The Wildcats committed six turnovers and made 12 steals.

Northwestern Overwhelms Hitchcock-Tulare

by Laine Mielke
Northwestern beat Hitchcock-Tulare 50-43 on Jan. 30. The team made 15 of 62 field goals, led by sophomore Mariah Taylor who made four of nine. NW made 18 of 29 free throws, led by junior Joni Boekelheide who made two of two. The Wildcats made 20 offensive rebounds and 24 defensive rebounds, for a total of 44. The team had a total of 13 fouls. Senior Megan Peterson had two blocks. NW committed nine turnovers and made three steals.

NW Dominates Selby

by Laine Mielke
Northwestern defeated Selby 46-19 on Feb. 10. The lead scorer was senior Megan Peterson, with 18 points. The team made 17 of 52 attempted field goals, led by freshman Ashley Clemens who made five of seven. Led by two players, the team made 11 of 23 free throws. NW made 16 offensive rebounds and 24 defensive rebounds, for a total of 40. NW had nine assists and nine blocks; Peterson had seven clocks. Northwestern committed 15 turnovers and made 13 steals.

Girls’ Basketball Wrap-Up

by Laine Mielke
The Lady Wildcats had a successful season and one that is surely to be remembered by all. They ended the season with a 15-5 record. The season got cut a little shorter than planned, but they are definitely proud of their accomplishments throughout the season. The games were exciting to watch, as the stands were full of proud Wildcat supporters. The team went through many experiences as a team this year and everyone is ready to grow and come back with an even more successful season next year.
“It may not have ended the way that we wanted it to, but it made us a much closer team,” sophomore Haley Wetzler said.

Sports

by “the” Landon Gab
College basketball has finished up the regular season. My four teams to earn number 1 seeds were almost perfect. Only Villanova did not play up to expectations. With March Madness heating up, some cinderella teams to look out for: Sienna, Xavier, Georgia Tech, and Louisville. Georgetown could challenge Kansas in the Midwest Region and make a Final Four Appearance. Kansas St. could also make a run to the Final Four and knock out Syracuse. All the North Carolina fans can cry all they want after missing out on the tournament, but they can go and cheer on their team during the NIT. It is not every year they are horrible at basketball, but when they are, I take the liberty to enjoy every bit of it.
MLB is in the midst of Spring Training and has a month to go before opening day games. Top teams for the upcoming year: defending champions New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Red Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, and Tampa Bay Rays. Fans are worried about whether favorite Joe Mauer will resign with the club after the year, I expect him to walk away and sign with the Yankees.

Wildcats Defeat Bearcats

by Laine Mielke
Northwestern beat Webster 63-20 on Feb. 9. The lead scorer was senior Megan Peterson, with 18 points. The team made 23 of 63 attempted field goals, led by Peterson who made eight of 14. NW made 14 of 18 free throws, led by sophomore Mariah Taylor who made six of seven. The Wildcats had 14 offensive rebounds and 16 defensive rebounds, for a total of 30. NW had a total of 11 fouls. The team had 15 assists and nine blocks. NW committed 15 turnovers and made 15 steals.

Boys’ Basketball Wrap-Up

by Joni Boekelheide
The boys’ basketball team had a very successful season and ended with a 5-15 record. They learned from the experiences and the team still has experience to continue to grow and build from it in the following years.
“It was a great experience and I had fun. I am looking forward to next year,” said junior Dalton Franck.
Although the season ended in the second round of districts, they still had a pretty good season and were fairly happy with the outcome of season.

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Wildcats Defeat Knights

by Joni Boeckelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats (5-14) defeated the Aberdeen Christian Knights (4-15) 63-50 in a Lake Region Conference boys' basketball game in Mellette on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010.

After the first quarter, the score was 18-5, with Northwestern leading. At half-time, the score was 29-17. After the third quarter, the score was 49-30.

For the Wildcats, Grasen Lechner led scoring with a game-high 20 points. Michael Smith contributed 17 points to the win. Josh Clemens added nine points.

Northwestern had 16 rebounds, Josh Clemens with six rebounds, and Aberdeen Christian had 27 rebounds. Aberdeen Christian had 14 turnovers and Northwestern had 13 turnovers.

Eagles Top Wildcats

by Joni Boeckelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats (4-12) lost to the Summit Eagles (7-8) 50-53 in a non-conference boys' basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 in Mellette.

After the first quarter, the score was 2-15 with the Eagles leading. At half-time, the score was 19-26. After the third quarter, the score was 31-43.

For the Wildcats, Grasen Lechner and Michael Smith lead scoring with 16 points each. Ty Brown added nine points.

The Wildcats had 25 rebounds, Smith had six rebounds and the Eagles had 32 rebounds. Northwestern had 15 turnovers and Summit had nine turnovers.

NW Loses to Webster

by Joni Boeckelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats (4-11) lost to the Webster Bearcats (3-12) 45-54 in a non-conference boys' basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 in Mellette.

After the first quarter, the score was 4-14 with the Bearcats leading. At half-time, the score was 12-25. After the third quarter, the score was 18-39.

For the Wildcats, Josh Clemens led scoring with 17 points. Grasen Lechner added 11 points. Michael Smith had nine points.

The Wildcats had 18 rebounds and the Bearcats had 19 rebounds. Northwestern had 19 turnovers and Webster had six turnovers. Northwestern had three steals and Webster had 10 steals.

NW Falls to

Hitchcock/Tulare

by Joni Boeckelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats (4-14) lost to the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots (17-1) 46-77 in a non-conference boys' basketball game on Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 in Mellette.

After the first quarter, the score was 7-21 with the Patriots leading. At half-time, the score was 16-42. After the third quarter, the score was 27-66.

For the Wildcats, Grasen Lechner led scoring with 13 points. Michael Smith added 11 points. Josh Clemens and Landon Fischbach each contributed six points.

The Wildcats had 23 rebounds, Clemens led the team with nine rebounds and the Patriots had 20 rebounds. Northwestern had 12 turnovers and Hitchcock-Tulare had four turnovers. Hitchcock-Tulare had eight assists and Northwestern had nine

Northwestern Loses to Redfield/Doland

by Joni Boeckelheide

The Northwestern Wildcats (4-13) lost to the Redfield/Doland Pheasants (10-6) 39-52 in a non-conference boys' basketball game on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010 in Mellette.

After the first quarter, the score was 10-11 with the Pheasants leading. At half-time, the score was 21-29. After the third quarter, the score was 27-39.

For the Wildcats, Grasen Lechner led scoring with 12 points. Alex Bauer added nine points. Ty Brown had six points.

The Wildcats had 23 rebounds, Michael Smith led the team with seven rebounds and the Pheasants had 27 rebounds. Northwestern had 18 turnovers and Redfield/Doland had six turnovers.

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Alyssa Fischbach
What: Basketball
Where: Wayne State University
in Wayne, Nebraska
Year Graduated: 2007



Mitch Reed
What: Basketball
Where: Dakota Wesleyan
University
Year Graduated: 2008



Kelli Boekelheide
What: Basketball
Where: Mayville State
University in Mayville
Year Graduated: 2008



College Player Update

by Joni Boekelheide

by Joni Boekelheide

Kelli Boekelheide plays basketball for the Mayville State University Comets in Mayville, North Dakota. The Comets struggled this season and their season ended in the first round of the DAC tournament. “Playing college basketball is very challenging, but it has provided me with experiences and relationships that I would not have encountered with facing the challenge. I am really enjoying my time at Mayville State as a student-athlete,” Boekelheide said.

Alyssa Fischbach plays basketball for the Wayne State University Wildcats in Wayne, Nebraska. The Wildcats season is going great and their record is 26-4. The Wildcats play in the NCAA Division II Central Regional Tournament in Durango, Colorado on March 12, 2010.

Mitch Reed is playing basketball at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. Although he did not make the varsity team, he played a lot of JV. The varsity team won their first ever Great Plains Athletic Conference championship. They also won the post-season tournament. They won their first national tournament game since 1947 and advanced to its first NAIA division II Sweet 16. They won 28 games this season.



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Native Soul

Native Americans star in many movies that others are unaware of, such as *Dances with Wolves*, *Thunder Heart*, *Smoke Signals*, and *Skins*. There are many other movies that are out there, but I have not seen them. Most people have seen *Dances with Wolves*, but not many have seen *Thunder Heart* or the other two. *Thunder Heart* and *Skins* are both about Pine Ridge, but *Smoke Signals* is just a simple comedy. Pine Ridge, rampant with alcoholism, was portrayed in both movies, but the unreliability of fresh resources had been brought up in *Thunder Heart*. For three months of my life, I lived on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Watching *Skins* and *Thunder Heart*, it only makes my Lakota/ Oglala Sioux culture stronger. Also, it has my favorite Native American actor in both of them, Graham Greene. *Thunder Heart*, based on the 1970's up rise of the American Indian Movement, mostly centers on a murder in the community. An FBI agent from Washington, D.C. assigned to his case, goes to Pine Ridge as an American Indian. When he comes, he feels superior to everyone else. But as he spends more time there, he realizes his true heritage and discovers more about himself. *Skins*, which is mostly focused on two brothers and their struggles, features the rough terrain of Pine Ridge, and Whiteclay in Nebraska. A tribal policeman deals with his alcoholic brother, and one night, unknowingly injures his brother. As he goes down this trail with his brother, he realizes who he is and what he could be. *Smoke Signals*, for any race, is a very funny movie. If you know Native Americans, or are a Native American, watching these movies will make you think, laugh, and learn to respect or be more trusting toward Native Americans. Sympathy is a good emotion for these movies, but one emotion that Native Americans as a nation does not need; judgment. Watch these movies with an open mind and an open heart.

- ## Ag Column

We are now into the calving season. By the looks of things, this calving season is going to be a messy one. All of the snow, accompanied by the rain in March, has made everything a complete sloppy mess. When calves are born, they could be stomped into the mud, or they could die from being too cold, because of all of the water around. It is best to put your cattle somewhere dry for them to calve. This year is going to be considerably wet because of all the snow.

In the hallway

What do you wish you could have done with your spring break?

POLITICS WITH ZACK

We cannot agree, so we will do nothing. That should have been the motto of South Dakota's legislature during this past legislative session. The legislature was supposed to come up with an education spending bill, but they didn't. There was so much arguing that they didn't even come up with any ideas. They decided to freeze funding for education in our state. They are supposed to at least raise the budget by

the inflation for the year. The inflation was 1.2 percent this year. Our legislature increased it by nothing. The legislature is currently in recess, but they will be back in session on March 29.

"The economic downturn necessitates everyone tighten their belt. However, it seems like the education budget has been tightened more than other areas. I feel this trend needs to be reversed this budget session," Mrs. Jeannine Jilek.

“Partying with Miley Cyrus in the USA,” senior Grasen Lechner said.



"Somewhere other than school," junior Chelsea Fischbach said.



“Not in school,” sophomore Jenny Lefforge said.



“Hanging out with friends” freshman Kelsey Hoel-lein said.

SENIOR PROFILES

By Logan Brown

Carly Peterson

Parents: Dave and Sherri

College/Major: Dakota State
University/Elementary and special
education

What will you miss most about high school: Volleyball



Megan Peterson

Parents: Dan and Sara

College/Major: South Dakota
State University/Early childhood
development

What will you miss most about high school: Friends and sports



School Board Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, March 8, 2010

- The blood drive sponsored by the Health Occupations class was very successful. 66 people registered for the drive and 48 units of blood were collected.
- HATS has been contacted by the Aberdeen Parks and Rec about building a small cabin for the Wylie Park campgrounds.
- The date for the annual house sale has been set for May 17th.
- The Odysseeyware program will be used as an alternative school format, summer school or credit recovery program for next year. Mr. Osborn attended a training session on this last week.
- The Dakota STEP testing window is March 29 to April 23.
- Hot breakfast will be served on the days that there will be Dakota STEP testing. We are also going to try to serve fresh fruit to the students during their testing breaks on these days.
- The 3rd round of DIBLES testing will begin this week in the elementary.
- Fairness was the Character Counts trait for February. Students selected as fairness students of the month were Derek Boekelheide - 5th, Peyton Groft - 4th, Riley Grandpre - 3rd, Zecheriah Clemens - 2nd, Alexis Rahm - 1st and Sam Groft - K.
- More school districts such as Doland and Tulare-Hitchcock are moving to a four-day school week

next year. Is there any interest in looking into this?

- Capital Outlay project being considered for next year is paving the back parking lot.
- Teacher's were invited to negotiate 2010-11 contracts.
- The calendar was amended to make up snow days. There will be school on March 12, March 19, and April 5. If no further snow days need to be made up the last day of school is tentatively scheduled for May 26.
- Two school board positions will be up for election/re-election this year with a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2010. Nominating petitions may begin to be circulated on April 6, 2010. They must be filed with Lisa Frericks by May 7, 2010.
- CONGRATULATIONS to the following:
Caroline Hansen and Rachel Finley for their superior acting awards at the State One-Act Play competition. The One-Act Contest Play for their performance at the state competition.
- To all of the piggy-bank contest winners.
- Carly Peterson for being selected February Student of the Month.

□ Next regular meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled for the Monday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m.

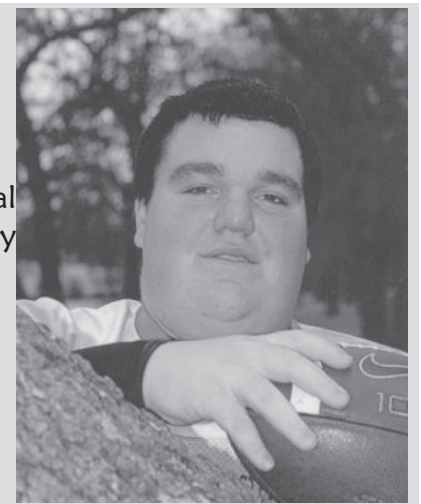
□ The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of March 21, 2010.

Gary Phillips

Parents: Ed and Marilyn

College/Major: Mitchell Technical
Institute/Power sports technology

What will you miss most about high school: Messing around

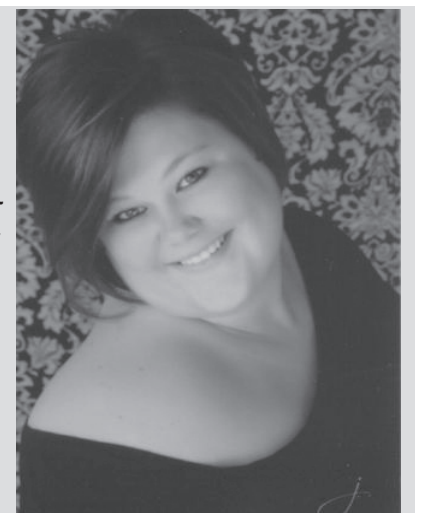


Anysia Reed

Parents: Rob and Marcia

College/Major: Southeast Technical Institute/Surgical Technologist

What will you miss most about high school: Probably nothing



Jessie Sitter

Parents: Andrew and Ramona

College/Major: Unknown/Unknown

What will you miss most about high school: Still thinking about it



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