

# THE SCRATCHIN' POST

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## Newspaper and Yearbook Win All-State Awards

by **Kelsey Hoellein**

The Northwestern journalism staff received all-state awards for both newspaper and yearbook for 2010.

*The Scratchin' Post* was the only newspaper in its class to receive this award. For the yearbook, Wilmot and NW were the only schools to receive the all-state award.

NW journalism has won many awards throughout the years, including All-State Literary Magazine (2005, 2006, 2007), Most Improved Newspaper (2008), All-State Yearbook (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008,

2009, 2010) and also First-Class Newspaper (2009).

"I am thrilled for the journalism students, especially editor Laine Mielke, for receiving the all-state award because people are quick to criticize their work. This award shows that the students really are doing an awesome job," Mrs. Nora Groft said.

"The newspaper justly won the all-state award; it was a venerable publication and was recognized as such. I am very pleased with the results last year and am ebullient about our prospects this year. We continue

to improve with each publishing, and I enthusiastically look forward to working with Calli (Peterson) this year and assisting her with the paper; hopefully, we can prevail with another award this year," Mielke said.

The journalism class is open to all students in grades 10-12. Editors Mielke, Peterson and senior Kara Fischbach have all attended the Summer Journalism Institute at South Dakota State University.



Newspaper editor Laine Mielke and yearbook staffer Haley Wetzler show off their all-state journalism awards.

## Plains Lions Club Crowns Snow Queens

by **Haley Wetzler**

The Plains Lion Club crowned senior Kara Fischbach and freshman Kristi Bade for the senior and junior snow queen Nov. 6.

The contestants for junior snow queen included freshmen Bade, Kalen Frericks, Madison Hahler, Paige Metzinger and Alyssa Steward. The contestants for senior snow queen were seniors Fischbach, Hilary Frericks, Alyssa Morgan and Ashly Wise.

Seventh-grader Madison Styles won the junior talent contest by signing "Change" by Taylor Swift. Styles was the only contestant in the junior talent division. Senior Dalton Franck won the senior talent division by playing "All Of Me" by John Schmidt on the piano. The other senior contestant was



Left to right: First runner-up Kalen Frericks, Jr. Miss Northwestern Kristie Bade, Sr. Miss Northwestern, First runner-up Alyssa Morgan.

sophomore Calli Peterson's vocal performance of "Something Special" by Colbie Callait.

The kindergarten perfor-

mance, consisting of three musical numbers, followed the talent contest along with the farewell of the 2010 Northwestern junior snow queen, Peterson.

"I really enjoyed being snow queen, and it was sad giving up my crown, but I know it was for the best, and Kristi will be an excellent junior snow queen and will represent Northwestern very well," Peterson said.

Frericks received first runner-up for the junior snow queen contest.

After crowning the junior snow queen, the reigning 2010 Northwestern Sr. snow queen, Jenna Larson, unveiled Frosty: Donnie Stahl.

Kristi Smith won the Frosty guessing contest and received a ham.

Fischbach was then crowned the 2011 Northwestern senior snow queen; Morgan received first runner-up.

"I was completely flabbergasted by the results. I didn't think I would win, but I'm honored to have been chosen. I know how to represent Northwestern in such a way that exemplifies the high standards we hold," Fischbach said.

The South Dakota State Junior Snow Queen is Jan. 7-8, 2011, in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Senior Snow Queen is Jan. 13-15, 2011. This event is also held in Aberdeen.

Both honor students, Bade and Fischbach will represent the school and community well.

## Smith Wins First Place At Art Workshop

by **Calli Peterson**

Northwestern art students participated in the Northern State University Art Department 17th Annual High School Workshop on Friday, Nov. 5.

Students who attended included seniors Amanda Finley, Rachel Finley, Chelsea Fischbach, Ashly Wise, Alyssa Morgan and junior Maddy Smith with NW's art teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Schell.

"NSU is a great opportunity for high school students to meet college professors and see what a college art studio looks like," Schell said.

These students chose two of the following workshops to attend: experimental watercolor

techniques and approaches, dynamic value in drawing, fun with 2D motion graphics, fold, rip, crease, cut: paper sculpture, and mixed media trading cards. Each workshop lasted 50 minutes.

"I participated in the watercolor and trading card workshops, and the techniques and mediums we used really opened my eyes to new things. This competition was a great experience because I have now found a new area of art that I enjoy," Morgan said.

After all of the workshops, the students had an awards ceremony. Each student who came had the opportunity of creating

an art piece to be displayed for the exhibition. Students from different schools competed for awards on their artwork. Out of 165 students who participated in the art competition, Smith took first place for her photography artwork. She received \$100 for her award.

"I was very surprised on Friday when they called my name for first place. Throughout the day, I saw many amazing projects done by other people from other schools. It was a huge honor to be chosen for such a high award! After this competition I am hoping to someday be a photographer for national geographic!" Smith said.



Maddy Smith displays her project that one first place.

# NEWS

## Elizabeth Leonhardt Becomes a Member of DAR

by Ashley  
Clemens

This year at Northwestern, Elizabeth Leonhardt was voted by her classmates to be a member in Daughters of American Revolution.

DAR was founded in 1890 and Head Quarters in Washington, D.C. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. To volunteer



you can be 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background. Members of DAR volunteer more than 60,000 annually to veteran patients. Also being a member of DAR you get financially helped. There are 3,000 chapters across the United States

DAR is a good experience. It helps you with your leadership skills. It also helps the young children get a better education then they are now. You also receive a lot of scholarships for being a member of DAR.

"It is cool," Elizabeth Leonhardt said. "It is a good experience for me to be in."

Northwestern Community Foundation would like to thank all of those individuals who helped with the half-time kicks during our football season. We would also like to thank all of those who kicked. We had 293 attempts this season of which 95 made field goals & won a pop. We look forward to sponsoring half-time free throw shots during the varsity basketball games when the basketball season begins. All proceeds go toward scholarships and school/community projects. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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# NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING November 9, 2010

- Hub Area will be opening the classes up to students in non-member schools for a per student tuition fee.
  - Hub Area is planning on offering classes on a semester basis to try to get more students. There is a class listing available for any student that is interested.
  - A Veteran's Day program is scheduled for November 11th at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.
  - An assembly on night creatures will be held Friday for K-12 starting at 8:35 a.m.
  - FLBA's blood drive will be November 30, 2010.
  - On December 1, 2010 Camfel Productions will be giving a presentation on bullying for 5th – 12th grades.
  - The state safety council will do a 4 hour presentation dealing on the dangers of drinking, texting and cell phone use while driving in January.
  - A safety fair went very well for the elementary. They learned about fire safety, bus safety and farm safety.
  - 1st grade through 5th grade had a strong turnout for singing the National Anthem at the Volley for the Cure game.
  - A Return to Competition Form has been developed for any student that has demonstrated symptoms of a concussion. The form must be completed and signed off by a medical doctor prior to the student being reinstated to competition.
  - Lisa Franck will be attending the ASBSD Delegate Assembly on November 19, 2010.
  - Approved the One Act Play coaching fee
  - Approved bus driver contract for Shelly Borge and teacher's aide contract for Jessica Strong.
  - Reviewed the first reading of the amended CIPA Policy. Please see Attached.
  - Approved budget amendment to increase educational programs.
  - Brentford Legion Auxiliary will be holding their 3rd Annual Scrapbook & Craft Day in the small gym on March 4th & 5th, 2011.
- Thank you to the Plains Lion Club, Northwestern Booster Club and the Northwestern foundation for their donation to Northwestern School for the championship sign.
- Congratulations to Student of the Month Dalton Franck.
- Congratulations to the 6th Grade Math Counts team for placing 3rd at the Warner competition and for Derek Boekelheide's 1st Place finish at the competition.
- Congratulations to junior setter Mariah Taylor and outside hitter Jussy Tuscherer for being selected as the AVCA/Max Preps Player of the Week for South Dakota.
- Congratulations to the Region Oral Interp Contest Qualifiers! Elizabeth Leonhardt--Serious Drama; Rachel Finley—Poetry; Dalton Franck—Humorous; Calli Peterson--Serious Prose—Alternate; Reader's Theatre (Elizabeth, Rachel, Dalton, Calli, Annie & Kathy)
- Congratulations to sophomore Ashley Clemens for winning the Voice of Democracy Speech contest.

## Junior High Excels In MathCounts

by Laine Mielke

The sixth-grade MathCounts team, led by math teacher Mrs. Amanda Fa'Onelua, placed at a meet held at Holgate Middle School in Aberdeen on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The team received second place. Derek Boekelheide took first place in the individual

competition.

"It was awesome! I really enjoy MathCounts; it's challenging," Boekelheide said.

"I am very pleased with the job that the junior high MathCounts teams are doing. They are definitely well representing Northwestern," Fa'Onelua said.



The sixth-grade team placed second in the team competition: Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens, Darby Duncan and Matthew Metzinger.



Sixth-grader Derek Boekelheide placed first in the individual MathCounts competition held Nov. 17 at Holgate Middle School in Aberdeen, S.D.

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# NEWS

## Northwestern FBLA Has Many Activities Planned

**by Courtlen Lechner**

Future Business Leaders of America is a good experience for high school students.

"I like all the fun activities we attend," sophomore Kelsey Hoellein said.

Future Business Leaders of America is not required; it is just for students who enjoy participating in different activities.

For instance, some of the activities include making cards for holidays to send to some of the nursing homes, doing the blood drive, which means giving blood to people who need it. In order to do the blood drive, students must be 16 years of age. Another activity they do in which everybody likes is going to Sioux Falls for the state conference.

"I like to have fun at the state Future Business Leaders of America," sophomore Kimberly Miles said.

Being in FBLA is a great way for teen to interact and get to know and meet new people. That will help for college experiences. There was a recent activity where the FBLA members helped out the elementary while the elementary students painted different things on

pumpkins. Being in FBLA and helping younger children makes the younger children look up to the members.

Students in grades kindergarten, first and second all painted pumpkins. They all had a fun time painting different things on the pumpkins and making messes.

"I liked painting cats, bats, and ghosts on the pumpkins," kindergarten Trey Bourelle said.

Painting pumpkins is a great way for the children to interact with the other children.

"I liked just painting pumpkins," first-grader Maddie Williams said.

Having children interact makes them get along better with other children.

"I liked to use all the different colors," second-grader Bailey Heim said.

Children like to have fun and making messes, so this was a great thing for the children to do. Painting pumpkins has become an annual event for the FBLA and the elementary. Members enjoy having another activity for the children to participate in.

## 2011 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST TRIMESTER

Names appear alphabetically

Sixth Grade: Straight A: Derek Boekelheide, Josie Clemens; A: Darby Duncan; B: Alexandria Johnson, Kyler Johnson, Matthew Metzinger.

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

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

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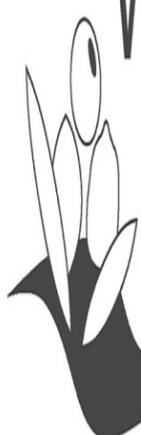
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# NEWS

## Competition Cheer Places Fourth at State

by **Kelsey Hoellein**

Northwestern competition cheerleaders placed fourth out of five teams at the state competition in Yankton Nov. 13.

“Competition cheer is very fun!” freshman Alyssa Steward said.

Cheerleaders included seniors Hilary Frericks and Alyssa Morgan, juniors Laken Frericks, Madison Smith and Jenny Leforge and freshmen Kalen Frericks, Kristie Bade, Steward and Maddie Hahler. The girls started practice in early August and continued to practice in the morn-

ings before school. The squad is coached by Holly Morgan.

“Morning practice felt really long sometimes, but it was worth it and was fun!” K. Frericks said.

The competition cheer team has been to three other competitions this year: Faulkton on Oct. 11, Lake Preston on Oct. 18 and Aberdeen Central on Oct. 23. The competition cheer team received third place in Lake Pres-

## Student of the Month: Dalton Franck

by **Katrina Frericks**

Senior Dalton Franck received the student of the month award for November. His parents are Lisa and Peter Franck. He has one brother, Matt, a 2007 graduate.

Dalton’s activities include Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Drama Club, youth group and basketball. His hobbies are running, playing piano and watching scary movies. His favorite class is AP Calculus. His inspiration comes from his parents.

“Dalton works very hard in his many activities. He does a very good job in balancing his work and numerous responsibilities outside of school,” senior Kara Fischbach said.

His future plan is to at-

tend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, major in mathematics and find a job with the Space Administration or become a math professor.

Dalton’s favorite quote is “Today is your day; your mountain is waiting, so get on your way,” Dr. Seuss.

His most embarrassing moment was spilling milk on himself twice last year.

“I feel very honored to be student of the month not only this year but last year also,” Franck said.

New this year, students who receive the student of the month award also receive a new perk: a prime parking spot located near the back door of the newly paved parking lot. As winter weather approaches, this will be considered a luxury for student of the month recipients.



# NEWS

## 2010 Election Results

by **Shay Clemensen**

This year's election came with some unexpected twists. For our new state senator it was a very close race John Thune won with 100% of the votes. For South Dakota's state representative in our school Kristi Noem received 43 votes in Northwestern compared to the states 48% she won in the state, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin won in our school with 83 votes compared to the states 46%, B. Thomas Marking lost in both the state and school with only 13 votes in the school and 6% in the state. For our new Governor Dennis Daugaard won in the state and our school with 91 votes in the school and 61% in the state. His competitor Scott Heidepriem only received 50 votes in the school. For the South Dakota's new secretary of state Lori Stacey received 23 votes in our school but had only 6% in the state. Jason Gant won in the state and in the school. In the school he had 59 votes and in the state 54%. Ben Nesselhuf in our school received 50 votes and in the state got 40%. The new attorney general for our state is Marty Jackley. In the school he got 95 votes in the school and 67% in the state.

His competitor Ron Volesky lost with 31 votes in our school and 33% in our state. South Dakota's new state auditor is Steve Barnett; he received 61% for the state and got 75 votes in the school. State treasurer was won by Rich Sattgast with 92 votes in the school and 65%. The Commissioner of school and public lands was won by Jarrod Johnson with 88 votes in the school and 66% of the votes. Bob Pille lost with 26 votes in the school and 33% in the state. Dustin Johnson won in our state's public utilities commissioner with 93 votes in the school and 73% in the state. Doyle Karpen lost with 35 votes in the school and 27% of votes in the state. For some of the Amendments like amendment K which is giving the right to vote a secret ballot. The school and state voted yes. Amendment L, which was changing the annual distributions of road care from \$12 million to \$8 million, passed in our school but the state thought otherwise, it failed. Measure 13 which legalized medical marijuana, lost in the state and school. Referred law 12, which was the State's ban on smoking, in our school and the state voted yes.

### 2011 NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL FIRST QUARTER

Names appear alphabetically

9th Grade: Straight A: Kristie Bade, Jeanna Duncan, Kalen Frericks, Madison Hahler, Jacob Heidenreich, Nicholas Wood; "A": Alyssa Steward; "B": Torey Beardemphl, Tyler Carda, Matthew Fischbach, Nathan Frericks, Delbert Leonhardt, Jesse Lutter, Paige Metzinger, Skylar Sorenson.

10th Grade: Straight A: NONE; "A": Calli Peterson; "B": Ashley Clemens, Evan Finley, Landon Fischbach, Kelsey Hoellein, Ray Lerew, Kimberly Miles, Trevor Rush, Kaitlyn Sparling, Gulsum Useinova.

11th Grade: Straight A: Mariah Taylor, Justine Tuscherer; "A": Alex Boekelheide, Laken Frericks; "B": Jared Fischer, Katrina Frericks, Ulbolsyn Kuanova, Annie Lutter, Laine Mielke, Gabrielle Morgan, Shelby Peterson, Ruth Phillips, Madison Smith, Kathleen Stuck, Trevor Toennies, Haley Wetzler, Hunter Wood.

12th Grade: Straight A: Josh Clemens, Amanda Finley, Kara Fischbach, Dalton Franck; "A": Hilary Frericks; "B": April Alumbaugh, Casey Bade, Alex Bauer, Taylor Beardemphl, Joni Boekelheide, Jalen Diede, Rachel Finley, Michael Hinnners, Shaina Jensen, Logan Lechner, Elizabeth Leonhardt, Alyssa Morgan, Michael Smith, Ethan Steward, Ashly Wise.

## The following are the results from the Kids Voting for grades 6-12:

US Representative – Stephanie Herseth Sandlin 83 / Kristi Noem 43 / Thomas Marking 13  
Governor/Lieutenant Gov – Dennis Daugaard & Matt Michels 91 / Scott Heidepriem & Ben Arndt 50  
Secretary of State – Jason Gant 59 / Ben Nesselhuf 50 / Lori Stacey 23  
Attorney General – Marty Jackley 95 / Ron Volesky 31  
State Auditor – Steve Barnett 75 / Julie Bartling 47  
State Treasurer – Rich Sattgast 92 / Tom Katus 33  
Commissioner of School and Public Lands – Jarrod Johnson 88 / Bob Pille 26  
Public Utilities Commissioner – Dusty Johnson 93 / Doyle Karpen 35  
Constitutional Amendment K – Yes 86 / No 19  
Constitutional Amendment L – Yes 54 / No 45  
Initiated Measure 13 – No 52 / Yes 47  
Referred Law 12 – Yes 61 / No 37

## Ashley Clemens Wins VOD Speech Contest

by **Katrina Frericks**

The Voice of Democracy Speech is a contest the sophomore class participates in each year.

This year was "My Generation's Role in America's Future." The students had to write a three- to

five-minute speech and record it either on a cassette tape or CD. The speeches were then sent into the Redfield VFW to be judged.



Sophomore Ashley Clemens won \$100 for first place within her class. Clemens' tape will now be sent on to the next round of competition.

"I didn't even think I'd win, I was very surprised," Clemens said.

"Ashley winning the VOD is super awesome!" speech

teacher Mrs. Nora Groft said. "She worked very hard on her speech and will represent Northwestern well at the next level of competition."

## Conde's Haunted House Sent Chills Down Observers' Spine

by **Shay Clemensen**

This year, Conde hosted a haunted house for the public. The haunted house was in the old Conde Theater. It was held on Saturday, October 30. The people would start out in the garage of the theater and go up a few steps to the main floor. Then they started to walk down stairs into the basement. In the basement there was an old jail cell. The basement had a very creepy atmosphere to it. Then you would make your way

up to the stage of the theater. Along the way there were things that jumped out at you. After that people would go up to the second floor on the balcony over-looking the stage. I talked to some people that went to the haunted house.

"It was different; I thought it was a fun time," sophomore Kelsey Hoellein said.

"It was nice that I was close to home, and I knew the people in it," sophomore Kimberly Miles said.

# OPINION

## Should Northwestern Students Have to Pay to Print?

### Pro

by: Calli Peterson

A new rule has been instated at Northwestern. Each paper a student prints costs money. A color copy is 15 cents, and a black copy costs 10 cents. Every student starts out with \$10 in his or her account. The \$10 is not real money, but each student is allotted that amount as a start. When students exceed the \$10, they cannot print until they ask Mrs. Shelley Fischbach to put more fake money into their account.

By establishing this rule, the school is hoping to save more money on printing and to teach the students to print wisely. This new rule teaches the students responsibility. All students are responsible for their own printing, and they will learn to print only what is necessary. When they don't, they will have to ask permission to print more. Students at NW may have abused their free printing access and are now realizing that paper and ink do cost money. This rule

"I think it will give us a good insight into how much paper our students are actually using. And give us a better idea of when to and when not to print. A lot of people are going green, and it is one step further for us," Mr. Rich Osborn said.



"It's a good idea for those who abuse the privileges, but many children need more than the allotted amount," Mrs. Jessica Halvorson said.



will help the school keep track of how much paper and ink is being used so that budgets can be prepared in advance.

Some schools and colleges already have this rule. This system can help students get ready for college. In college, many students will probably not have enough money for wasteful printing. By learning how to print wisely in high school, the students can carry their knowledge on to college.

Students now need to make sure what they are printing is correct, so they do not need to print more than they need. This rule is teaching the students to use print preview and to review their document before they print it. Also, students had trouble printing to the wrong computer, which led to the students printing over again until their document showed up where they were expecting it to be printed. Now, if students do that, they will need to face the consequence of using their ten dollars to pay for how many times they printed.



"I think it's effective for kids who print random hoopla that they don't need. However, people taking AP classes need to print all the time," senior Hilary Frericks said.



"I think it is ridiculous! The school is called a public school with a FREE education for a reason. My parents pay lots of taxes for this stuff," sophomore Landon Fischbach said.

### Con

by Laine Mielke

A new "rule" introduced by the administration in October has brought up some mixed emotions among the students and some of the teachers, as well.

The students are now only being given the opportunity to print two hundred items throughout the school year free of charge. For every thing they print that exceeds their two hundred limit, they will be charged five cents for a black and white copy and fifteen cents for a color copy. There is also something technologically placed on each students' file that will not allow them to print anything more until seeking permission from certain school administrators.

The new rule, although the students know it may teach responsibility and more careful printing, has not gone over well. Many students feel as though paper and ink are necessary supplies that the school should provide. At what point will students have to pay for paper and ink?

Students have grown aware over the years that the school needs to cut corners in certain areas, but it is a mutual feeling in the hallway that paper and ink should not be something that gets cut; there are obviously other things that should

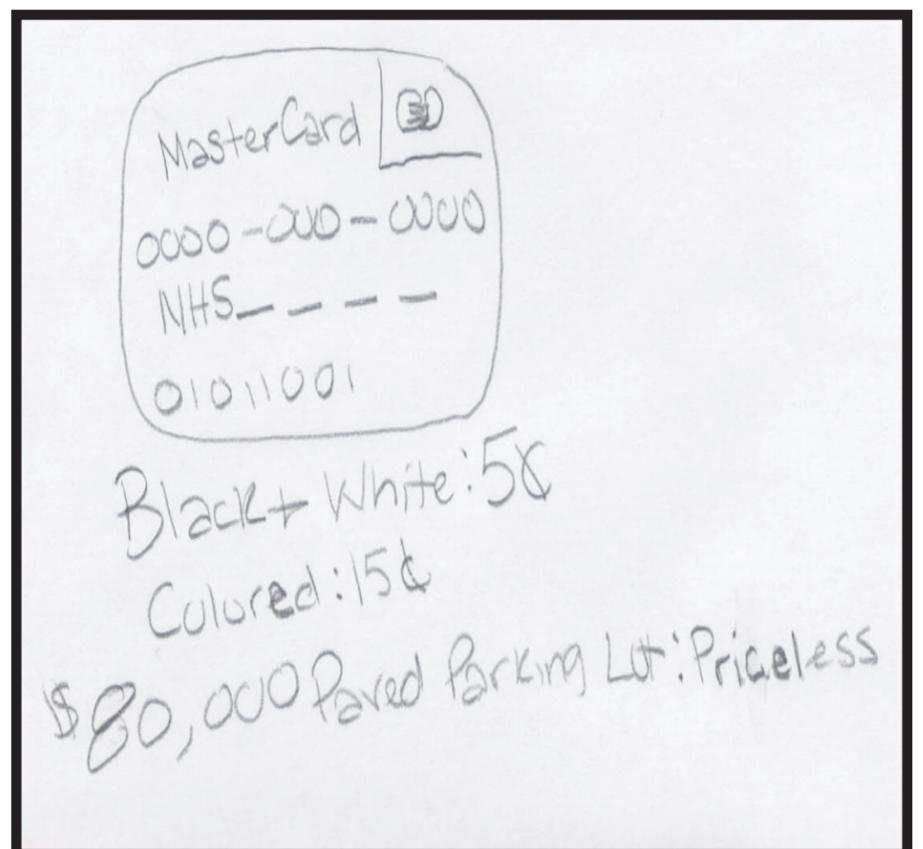
come first. One major example includes the newly paved high school parking lot; although everyone agrees it is a nice addition to the school, everyone also agrees that if something in the budget needed to be cut, it should have been that.

If students print a paper that has no color on it, but prints it to a color printer, they are still charged the fifteen cents.

This is also causing turmoil among the teachers. Students have begun to print to printers that are not located in the classroom, just to avoid the higher fee. This causes disruptions in class. And nearly every class period, a student needs to track down the tech coordinator because he or she has exceeded the allotment and cannot print assignments. This is very disruptive.

The teachers are also now being tracked for how much they print. This just simply is not plausible. Why are the teachers being tracked? Is it a trust issue? A budget issue? Will teachers be charged to do their jobs?

Overall, the new rule may need to be thought out better; many students cannot go the whole school year only printing two hundred times. If cuts need to be made in the budget, maybe they should be made elsewhere.



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# SPORTS

## Meet the Boys' Basketball Players

by Ashley Clemens



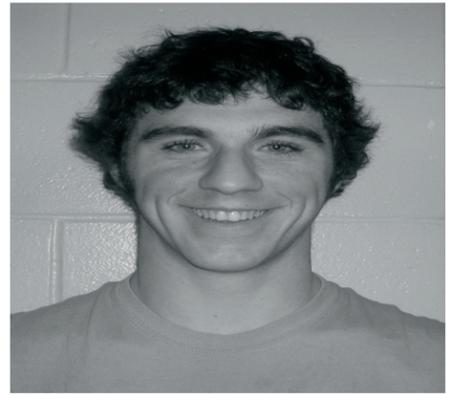
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Senior*



*Josh Clemens  
Senior*



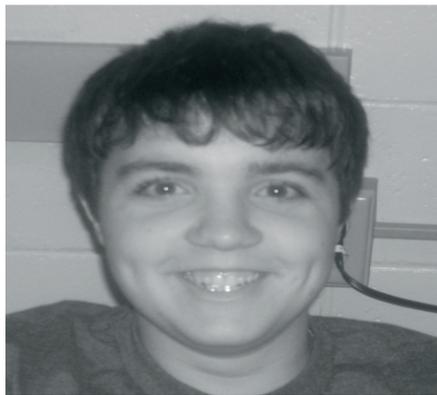
*Justin Dirksen  
Senior*



*Mike Smith  
Senior*



*Alex Bauer  
Senior*



*Dalton Frank  
Senior*



*Logen Lecher  
Senior*



*Landon Fischbach  
Sophomore*



*Ray Lerew  
Sophomore*



*Evan Finley  
Sophomore*



*Delbert Leonhardt  
Freshman*



*Jacob Heidenreich  
Freshman*



*Nathan Palmer  
Freshman*



*Tyler Carda  
Freshman*



*Skylar Sorenson  
Freshman*



*Zach Duncan  
8th Grade*



*Corbin Smith  
8th Grade*



*Hans Leohnardt  
8th Grade*

Northwestern Boys' Basketball  
Practice Begins Monday, Nov. 29.

Good luck this season!

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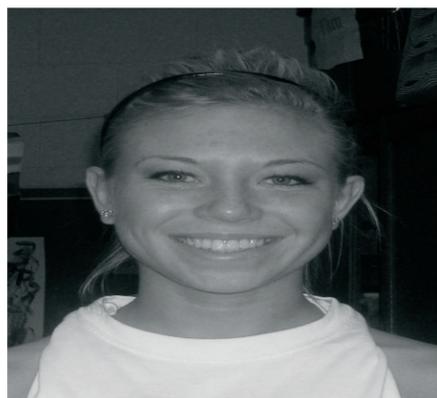
by Calli Peterson



*Joni Boekelheide  
Senior*



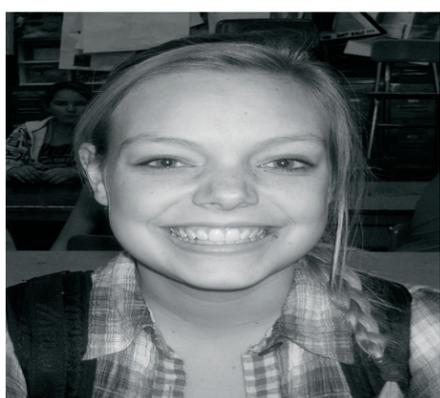
*Jussy Tuscherer  
Junior*



*Mariah Taylor  
Junior*



*Haley Wetzler  
Junior*



*Laken Frericks  
Junior*



*Gabby Morgan  
Junior*



*Shelby Peterson  
Junior*



*Ashley Clemens  
Sophomore*



*Kimberly Miles  
Sophomore*



*Courtlen Lechner  
Sophomore*



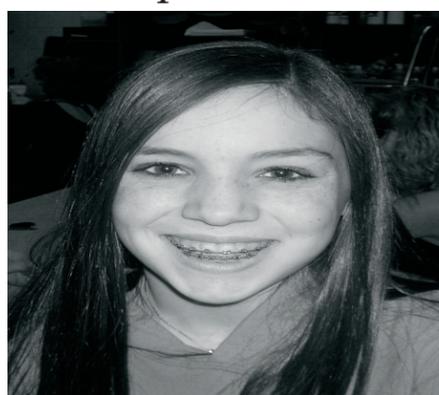
*Jeanna Duncan  
Freshman*



*Kristie Bade  
Freshman*



*Paige Metzinger  
Freshman*



*Kalen Frericks  
Freshman*



*Torey Beardemphl  
Freshman*

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## 2010-11 Northwestern Junior High Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mon, Nov 22	Warner	NW	6:00/7:00
Mon, Nov 29	Roncalli	NW	6:00/7:00
Thur, Dec 2	Redfield	Redfield	6:00/7:00
Sat, Dec 4	Groton Jamboree (7-8)	Groton	10:00
Tue, Dec 7	Roncalli	Roncalli Elem.	4:00/5:00
Sat, Dec 18	Warner Tournament (7-8)	Warner	9:00
Tue, Dec 21	Gettysburg	NW	5:15/6:30
Thur, Jan 6 (one game)	Hitchcock/Tulare	NW	5:15
Sat, Jan 8	NW Tournament (7-8)	NW	9:00
Fri, Jan 14	Ipswich	Ipswich	3:45/4:30
Sat, Jan 29 (2 teams)	Hitchcock/Tulare Tournament	Tulare	TBA

## Monarchs Defeat Wildcats in District 2B Championship

by Alex Boeckelheide

The Monarchs defeated the Wildcats in the District 2B Championship in four sets, 25-22, 18-25, 15-25, 14-25 in Aberdeen. The Wildcats served 58 of 68 with five aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 12 of 13 with two aces. Northwestern attacked 100 of 121 with 40 kills.

Junior Jussy Tuscherer attacked 35 of 44 with 23 kills. Taylor set 106 of 111 with 40 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler had 32 digs. Sophomore Ashley Clemens had three blocks. The Wildcats finished their volleyball season with a record of 25-6.

## Northwestern Defeats Hitchcock-Tulare at Districts

by Alex Boeckelheide

Northwestern defeated Hitchcock-Tulare in three sets, 25-13, 25-16, 25-9, on Nov. 4 during the semi-final round of District 2B in Aberdeen. The Wildcats served 59 of 65 with 22 aces. Junior Mariah Taylor served 16 of 17 with seven aces. NW attacked 60 of 75 with 32 kills. Tuscherer attacked 31 of 38 with

18 kills. Junior Mariah Taylor set 56 of 57 with 25 assists. Junior Haley Wetzler and Taylor each had 14 digs. Senior Kara Fischbach had three blocks. The Wildcats, 25-5 on the season, next play Warner during the district championship of District 2B volleyball at the Strode Center in Aberdeen Nov. 5.



*Good Luck  
Northwestern  
Wildcats*

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Top 10 Things for Which We are Thankful

1. Ink
2. Paper
3. Homework
4. Teachers
5. Detention
6. Lunch
7. Literature class
8. AP style quizzes
9. Sun-butter
10. Winter weather

## Politics with Hunter

by Hunter Wood

As fall is slowly coming to an end, and winter is getting nearer, politics have slowed down quite a bit. Maybe this is for the better. With the constant fighting between left and right winged nut-jobs, who truly know what to believe anymore. Why must there be a constant bickering between the two. Oh I know now. We get SO much stuff done when we are fighting all the time!

With midterms over and done with, the South Dakota race was

not surprising to any. Daugaard won the governor race in a land-slide. The race between Noem and Herseeth-Sandlin was within 7,000 votes, and 2.5 percentage points. Thune, who ran unopposed, also got elected. Someone could have at least run against him so he would have to spend his money campaigning. Then, at least, he wouldn't have the money to run for president like he has talked about. We don't need a repeat of George McGovern, who ran against the only president to ever resign office because he was ashamed, and only won one state. Feedback is greatly appreciated. Please e-mail me at hw3053@k12.sd.us

*Through the eyes of a foreign exchange student*

by Alisa Grabau

- You know you are in South Dakota when...
- ... you call sodas "pop"
  - ... there are smartboards instead of chalkboards in school
  - ... you say "like" in almost every sentence
  - ... you eat nearly everything with peanut butter
  - ... all stores have a drive-through
  - ... you always use pencils
  - ... you drive your car everywhere
  - ... there is a cupboard full of cereals in your kitchen
  - ... you never turn off your television
  - ... You drive to school for nearly 20 minutes
  - ... you wear flip flops when it is freezing outside
  - ... you think 30°F is pretty warm and you wear a T-shirt
  - ... there is no public transportation
  - ... there is a box of tissues in every room of your house
  - ... your school classes have been canceled because of the cold weather
  - ... you own at least one gun
  - ... you want to go to Europe (especially Italy) for vacation
  - ... most of the girls straighten their hair everyday
  - ... everyone has his or her own car or pickup
  - ... there are at least two vehicles in your family

## Hunter, Logan & A Little Bit Of Shay

Q: Your advice to get the girl was great guys. But now I can't keep her happy. Is it possible to keep a woman happy, and if so, how in the heck do you do it?

A: Well to start off, congratulations on getting that girl of your dreams. We are very happy for you. Now about your question. I'm sorry, sir, but we regret to inform you that it truly is impossible to keep a woman happy. Man has never cracked the code to a woman's mind. A woman's mind is a complicated labyrinth with constant struggles and dead ends; a game of pac-man with ghosts that are not able to be eaten. However, there are some ways to advance in this labyrinth or to get to the next level, but you will NEVER beat

the game! For starters, you must show her kindness. Kindness is very important in keeping your woman happy. Always surprise her with gifts and take her out to eat. While the gifts don't need to be expensive, make them at least show you care. Another way to keep her happy is to listen. You NEED to listen! Looking at her lips and nodding occasionally will NOT work. We promise you. We have tried and failed. And when she says she wants to go eat at McDonald's, she really does want to go eat at McDonald's. She isn't just saying it to say it! Listen to her words, grant her requests and shower her with kindness. Those are some of the pieces to the complicated puzzle of a woman that man has discovered. Good luck! And write back again soon!



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# STUDENT LIFE

## In the elementary...

by Haley Wetzler

“Have you ever seen Santa Claus?”



“I have never seen Santa,” second-grader Hayden Bohl said.

“I saw him at the mall and told him what I wanted for Christmas,” first-grader Justin Haven said.



“I saw him at the mall a long time ago,” kindergartner Fatafehi Fa'onelua said

“Yes, on my roof with the sleigh and reindeer,” third-grader Talley Sparling said.



## In the middle school...

by Shay Clemensen

“Where do you see yourself in 15 years?”



“I will still be in school,” eighth-grader Andrew Myers said.



“I really want to be a farmer,” seventh-grader Isaac Groft said.



“I will own a pet store,” eighth-grader Hannah Palmer said.

## In the hallway...

by Kathleen Stuck

“Who would be a good person to be the mascot?”



“Luther Johnson, because he has star potential,” junior Gabby Morgan said.



“Dalton Franck, because he is awesome,” sophomore Ray Lerew said.



“Dalton Franck, because he is good at it,” senior Justin Dirksen said.

## Trends



Can you guess whose jeans these are?

## Inspiration Corner

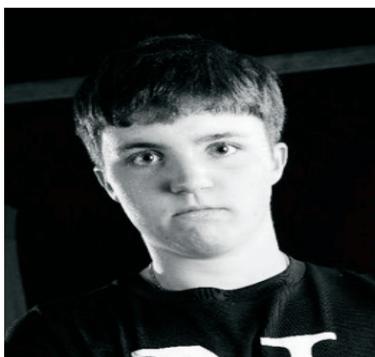
Journalism Quote of the Month:

**Lack of forethought on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine.**

## Senior Profiles

by Logan Brown

**Alyssa Morgan**  
Parents: Robyn and Brad Morgan  
College/Major: Attend Black Hills University and major in elementary and special education  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Roaming the the halls and being in the art room everyday  
What are you looking forward to after high school?  
Getting a new start and making new friends



**Dalton Franck**  
Parents: Peter and Lisa Franck  
College/Major: Attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, major in mathematics  
What will you miss most about high school?  
Friends  
What are you looking forward to after high school?  
College Life