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Northwestern Students Experience ISEF

By: Kate Finley

Seniors Kalen Frericks and Kristie Bade attended the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Phoenix, Ariz., May, 12-17.

The International Science and Engineering Fair is a program of Society for Science and the Public, the world's largest international pre-college science competition.

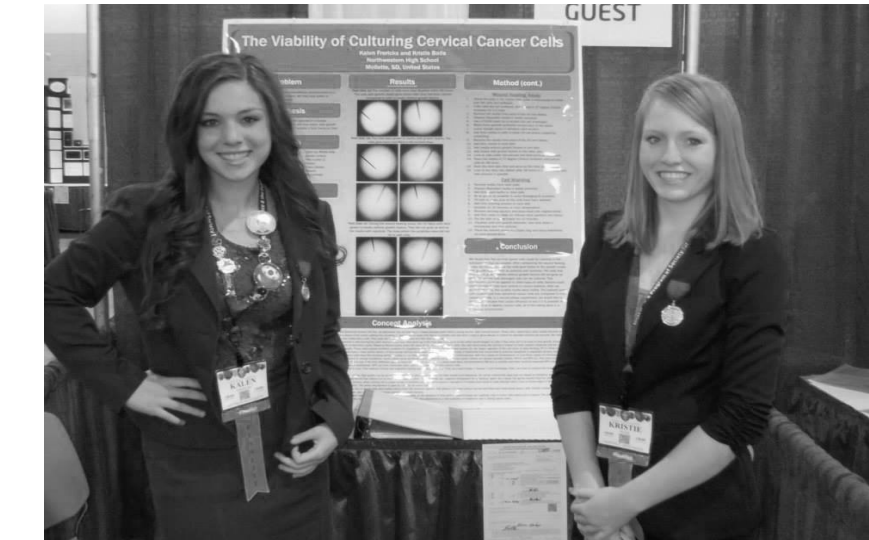
"Out of this world!" Gigantic! Frericks said, when asked about what the fair looked like.

Frericks and Bade entered as a team, presenting their project on Cervical Cancer cells. ISEF welcomes students from around the globe to participate in such an enormous event. Many scientists have also been known to attend this event every year in search of aspiring, young scientists.

"Nobel Prize winners are everywhere!" Frericks said.

"Kind of crazy," Bade said.

"It was kind of weird seeing that I worked just as hard to get here as most of these kids, but they are all super geniuses," Bade



said.

Initially the team was very nervous about presenting. There was definitely a lot to take in at the time. Frericks and Bade were especially interested in the winner of ISEF who was able to engineer a battery that charged in five seconds. No doubt that the students who attend this fair have vast potential in the science and engineering field. As a school, we congratulate our local win-

ners for once again being the pioneers for our school's future engineers.

SENIORS KALEN FRERICKS AND KRISTIE BADE PRESENT THEIR PROJECT ON CERVICAL CANCER CELLS AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.



SENIORS KALEN FRERICKS AND KRISTIE BADE ATTEND EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS THAT INCREASED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE DURING THEIR TIME AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR ON MAY 12, 2013.

Northwestern Students Spoofed by Mitchell Students

By: KATIE MYERS

Students in grades kindergarten through 12 found themselves "spoofed" by Mitchell students during a September assembly.

Spoofed is a group of Mitchell students who do many skits without using words; instead, they use their actions and props. They performed skits about alcohol abuse, family abuse and sexting that many many Northwestern students found inspirational.

"I thought they did a pretty good job, and they made some pretty good points," eighth-grader Tyrae Circle Bear said.

Spoofed has been to many different schools to present their skits. They do these skits to prove points about different subjects that should be talked about more. They had many students from their school, Mitchell High School, come out to Mellette to show off what they could do!

"I enjoyed the Spoofed group. They had good key points in their skits," junior Carolina Spielman said.

"I thought it was very...blunt, but they did a very good job getting the point across," sophomore Kate Finley said.



THE SPOOFED CAST FROM MITCHELL PRESENTS A SKIT TO ALL STUDENTS.

Middle School Music Festival Successful

By: Rachel Rausch

Northwestern held its fifth annual Middle School Music Festival Oct. 15.

Students from Aberdeen Christian, Bowdle, Doland, Edmunds Central, Eureka, Faulkton, Holgate, Hoven, Ipswich, Northwestern, Redfield, Roncalli and Warner performed in either the band or chorus. Students and their music teachers come to Northwestern for a day of practicing with everyone. Dr. Wendy VanGent directed the chorus, and Mr. Bob Goheen directed the band.

VanGent and the choir worked on a total of six songs to perform which

included, "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts," "The Ash Grove," "Joshua-Jericho," "Angel's Carol," "Corner of the Sky" and "Sing, Sing, Sing." Camille Fischer accompanied them on the piano. The band performed "Hoorooosh!" "A Song of Hope," "Fire Dance" and "Project March."

After all of the hard work, community members attended the concert held in the Mellette gym at 7 p.m. that night.

To finish off the concert, the band and chorus joined together in performing "God Bless America."

Many enjoyed Cherry Berry after the concert.

Derek Johnson Inspires Students to Stay Positive

By: Julia Sparling

A motivational speaker worked to inspire students Sept. 19.

Derek Johnson graduated from Aberdeen Central physically with less than he had planned but emotionally more.

Johnson had been very successful with sports up until the game that changed his life forever. Playing football, he got tackled and tore about every tendon and broke many bones in his leg. Immediately, he went to the hospital and eventually to Rochester, Minn. He didn't get his leg amputated right away but within the next year, he had come to

the realization that he had to live the rest of his life without his leg.

The Aberdeen community helped him out a ton and raised money to buy him a prosthetic leg so he could learn to walk, run and play sports again.

He is still attending college at SDSU and has become an amazing motivational speaker. His goal in his speaking is to give people hope to get through the tough times to get to the best. He is now happily married and has a wonderful life after overcoming all of the obstacles that came his way.

Fourth-Graders Learn about Animals at Waterfest

By: Maddie Styles

Mrs. Roylene Heidenreich took her class of fourth-graders to the NSU Barnett Center Sept. 26 for the 2013 Waterfest.

Northwestern's fourth-grade students took part in the morning session with several other schools from surrounding Aberdeen areas. Students could adventure through five stations.

At the station called "Beaver Crate," students learned about the parts of a beaver by dressing up fourth-grader Justin Haven as one to simulate the actual parts of a beaver.

In the next station, called "Backyard Wetlands," students created a wetland while showing the plants and animals of a typical backyard.

At "Investigation of Bird Adaptations" students saw pictures of birds from South Dakota and had to figure out the name of the birds.

The "Fishing Bureau of Investigation" station included different fish from lakes all around South Dakota.

The last station "Exhibit Hall," had gummy worms in Oreo crumbs designed to teach about worms.

They saw a variety of animals, including a snapping turtle at the age of 57 the size of a school desk. Crawling through a replica of a tunnel, students experienced what it is like for worms to be in their homes underground.

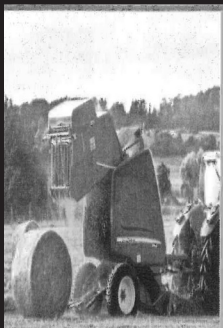
"The Exhibit Hall was my favorite, because we got to learn about a bunch of animals and organisms, and we got to eat gummy worms," fourth-grader Sawyer Styles said.

Finally, students received color changing pencils by answering questions about water from the water witch. This was a great experience for the fourth-graders. They learned all about water and organisms of South Dakota. It was a great way for them to learn, while having fun!

"The exhibit hall was my favorite part, because we got to roam around and look at all the cool animals and how they lived," fourth-grader Samuel Groft said.

News Briefs

- * NW FBLA officers attended a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Sioux Falls.
- * NW FBLA painted pumpkins Oct. 24
- * Students grades 10-12 attended the Second Annual Business Symposium Sept. 30
- * Journalism students senior Maddie Hahler, juniors Haley Grandpre and Julia Sparling and sophomores Isaac Groft, Cameron Bohl and Madison Styles attended a yearbook workshop in Aberdeen Oct. 1.
- * Competition Cheer competed at the state competition in Rapid City on Friday, Oct. 25.
- * Cross Country runners Derek Boekelheide, Darby Duncan, Josie Clemens and Peyton Groft competed at the state meet in Rapid City Oct. 26.
- * Juniors attended the college fair Oct. 3



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NWA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OCT. 12, 2013

- HATS house sale will be done in March or April.
- Enrollment at HATS is down from last year.
- Elementary students like the 20 minutes of PE every day.
- Willson & McKee, a Celtic music group, will be presenting a program October 16 to October 18.
- The book fair will be Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. The book fair will be opened during conferences.
- Conferences will be held Nov. 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The elementary will be encouraging nonfiction reading by having a “nonfiction November” next month. Nonfiction reading is part of the Common Core requirements.
- The juniors will be taking the PSAT Oct. 16, the sophomores will be taking the Planest Oct. 23. ASVAB testing will be Oct. 31 for the juniors.
- The end of the quarter is Oct. 18, 2013.
- NW received \$997 from Target Take Charge of Education program! This is from the community members who have used the Target Red Card. Thank you!
- Auditors from Eide Bailly will be here the week of Oct. 28.
- Approved the Alcohol, Nicotine, and other drug abuse policy after the second reading.
- Approved the request from Web Water to move the water meter pit.
- Recognized volunteers for property and insurance purposes. This includes Kris Boekelheide, Don Stahl, Doug Stahl, Michael Jilek, Richard Halvorson, Cody Bullock, Brian Bauer and all other extra-curricular and classroom volunteers.
- Next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Nov 11, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. or after the Veterans Day Program.
- The minutes of these proceedings will be published in their entirety in the Aberdeen American News during the week of Oct. 20, 2013.

Student of the Month

By: Haley Grandpre



Senior Jeanna Duncan received the September student of the month. Her parents are Doug and Amy Duncan. She has four siblings: Zachary, Darby, Moira and Ezekiel.

“Jeanna is a wonderful person to receive such a great award. She is always kind and helping to other people,” junior Jordon Peterson said. “She is very deserving of this award.”

Jeanna’s activities include volleyball, track, softball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Youth Group, band and chorus. She spends her free time working out, playing piano, babysitting, spending time with her family, baking, watching movies and jumping in puddles. Her favorite class is Calculus. Jeanna’s favorite athlete is Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs.

“Jeanna is a very kind person, always fun to be with on and off the volleyball court and derserved all rights to be awarded student of the month,” junior Kennedy Sparling said.

Jeanna’s future plans are to attend college to major in kinesiology to become a physical therapist.

Her favorite quote is “The world and its desires pass away but the man who does the will of God lives forever” from 1 John 2:17.

“Jeanna quietly and positively sets the example and provides the senior leadership our younger students deserve,” Mrs. Nora Groft said.

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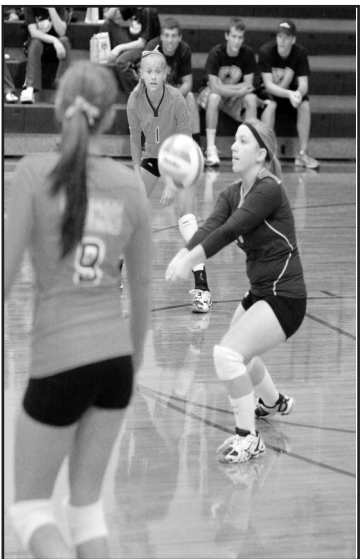


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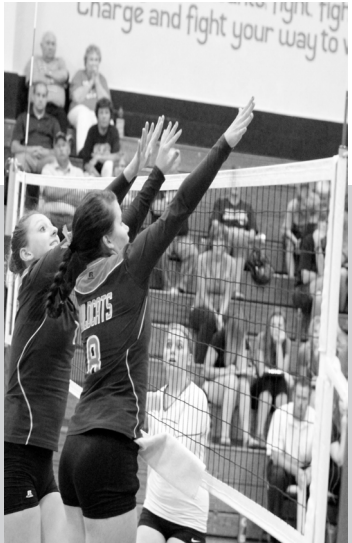
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Injured Sparling Returns to Wildcat Lineup as Libero

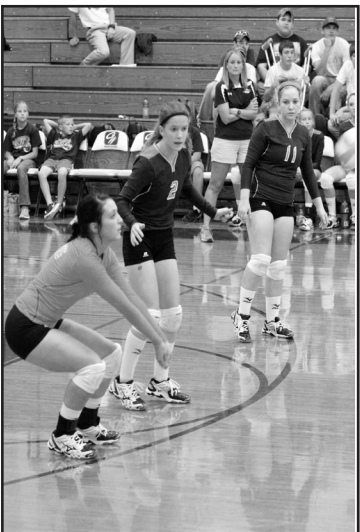
By: Isaac Groft



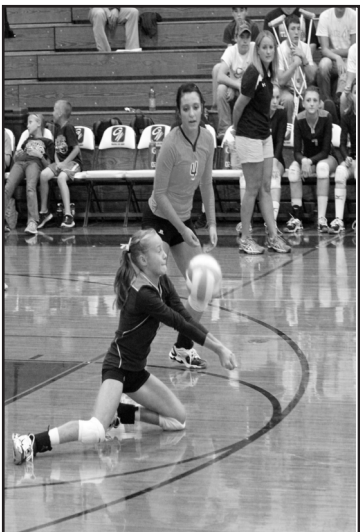
Junior defensive specialist Christine Morgan passes the ball.



Seniors Paige Metzinger and Jeanna Duncan block against Redfield/Doland.



Junior Kennedy Sparling returns to the lineup as the libero.



Eighth-grader Peyton Groft digs up a ball against Redfield/Doland.



Junior Julia Sparling attacks the ball on the right side of the court.

Northwestern Defeats Roncalli

Northwestern defeated Roncalli in three sets, 25-15, 25-20, 25-15 on Sept. 24. The Wildcats served 65 of 73 with 14 aces. Eighth grader Peyton Groft led with 13 of 13 with four aces. Northwestern attacked 74 of 92 with 34 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 35 of 44 with 16 kills. The team set 83 of 83 with 32 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 69 of 69 with 27 assists. Junior Christine Morgan led the team's 34 digs with nine.

Northwestern Falls to Warner

Northwestern fell to Warner in three sets, 25-14, 25-14, 25-14 on Sept. 26. The Wildcats served 36 of 42 with no aces. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with nine of nine. Northwestern attacked 71 of 87 with 22 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 31 of 34 with 12 kills. The team set 86 of 86 with 20 assists. Duncan led with 72 of 72 with 20 assists. Freshman Josie Clemens led the team's 35 digs with nine. The Wildcats had one solo and six assisted blocks. Clemens led with three assisted blocks.

Northwestern Beats Webster

Northwestern defeated Webster in three sets, 25-3, 25-10, 25-10 on Oct. 8. The Wildcats served 69 of 73 with 17 aces. Freshman Josie Clemens led with 12 of 13 with eight aces. Northwestern attacked 79 of 82 with 38 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 39 of 41 with 22 kills. The team set 76 of 76 with 35 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 59 of 59 with 31 assists. Junior Kennedy Sparling led the team's 40 digs with 13. The Wildcats had eight assisted blocks. Junior Haley Grandpre led with three assisted blocks.

Northwestern Slips Past Redfield

Northwestern slipped past Redfield/Doland in four sets, 25-16, 25-18, 22-25, 25-18 on Oct. 1. The Wildcats served 83 of 94 with eight aces. Junior Christine Morgan led with 16 of 19 with four aces. Northwestern attacked 134 of 146 with 49 kills. Junior Julia Sparling led with 49 of 53 with 20 kills. The team set 142 of 143 with 49 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 117 of 118 with 36 assists. Junior Kennedy Sparling led the team's 67 digs with 13. The Wildcats had two solo and four assisted blocks. J. Sparling led with one solo and two assisted blocks.

Northwestern defeats Leola/Frederick

Northwestern overthrew Leola/Frederick in three sets, 25-5, 25-13, 25-21 on Sept. 28. The Wildcats served 72 of 74 with 12 aces. Eighth-grader Peyton Groft led with 17 of 17 with five aces. Northwestern attacked 84 of 97 with 36 kills. Junior Julia Sparling led with 39 of 44 with 18 kills. The team set 93 of 94 with 35 assists. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with 75 of 76 with 30 assists. Freshman Josie Clemens led the team's 53 digs with 15. The Wildcats had one solo and four assisted blocks. Sparling led with one solo block.

Wildcats Win Redfield/Doland Tourney

Northwestern defeated Leola/Frederick in two sets, 25-6, 25-15 on Oct. 12. The Wildcats served 45 of 47 with 12 aces. Junior Christine Morgan led with 11 of 11 with three aces. Northwestern attacked 48 of 55 with 21 kills. Junior Julia Sparling led with 17 of 21 with nine kills. The team set 50 of 50 with 20 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led 36 of 36 with 12 assists. Junior Kennedy Sparling led the team's 25 digs with 14. The Wildcats had six assisted blocks. J. Sparling led with two assisted blocks.

Northwestern defeated Britton/Hecla in two sets, 25-9, 25-12 on Oct. 12. The Wildcats served 44 of 48 with 13 aces. Junior Kennedy Sparling led with

12 of 14 with seven aces. Northwestern attacked 49 of 53 with 25 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 21 of 24 with 14 kills. The team set 54 of 54 with 24 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 44 of 44 with 21 assists. Sparling led the team's 20 digs with eight. The Wildcats had one solo and two assisted blocks. Senior Paige Metzinger led with one solo and one assisted block.

Northwestern defeated Waverly/South Shore in two sets, 25-14, 25-16 on Oct. 12. The Wildcats served 45 of 48 with 11 aces. Junior Kennedy Sparling led with nine of ten with four aces. Northwestern attacked 61 of 73 with 30 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with

27 of 33 with 16 kills. The team set 72 of 74 with 29 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 59 of 61 with 25 assists. Sparling led the team's 31 digs with 14. The Wildcats had four assisted blocks. Senior Paige Metzinger led with two assisted blocks.

Northwestern defeated Belle Fourche in two sets, 25-16, 25-16 on Oct. 12. The Wildcats served 34 of 40 with six aces. Freshman Darby Duncan led with eight of eight with two aces. Northwestern attacked 60 of 66 with 28 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 24 of 28 with 14 kills. The team set 65 of 65 with 27 assists. Duncan led with 46 of 46 with 21 assists. Junior Kennedy Sparling

led he team's 37 digs with ten. The Wildcats had two assisted blocks. Senior Jeanna Duncan led with one assisted block.

Northwestern defeated Redfield/Doland in three sets, 25-13, 21-25, 25-23. The Wildcats served 65 of 70 with eight aces. Junior Kennedy Sparling led with 16 of 19 with three aces. Northwestern attacked 102 of 126 with 34 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 29 of 37 with 15 kills. The team set 123 of 124 with 29 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 90 of 91 with 18 assists. Sparling led the team's 66 digs with 16. The Wildcats had four assisted blocks. Junior Haley Grandpre led with two assisted blocks.

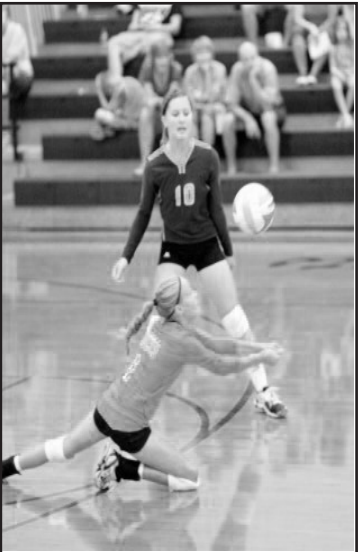
With this victory, the Wildcats won all five games to win the Redfield/Doland tournament to claim their first tournament win of the season. The Wildcats did not win any tournaments last season.

Junior Kennedy Sparling received the tournament MVP. Freshman Darby Duncan, junior Jordon Peterson and junior Kennedy Sparling made the All-Tournament Team.

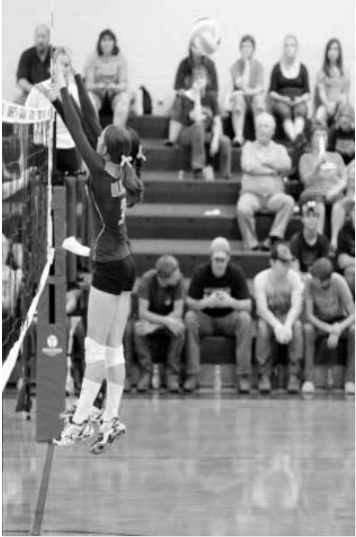
With the team's win over Leola/Frederick, head coach Nora Groft surpassed former Wildcat head volleyball coach Kathy Graves with the most career victories at Northwestern. Graves won 338 matches in her 17 years at NW and is a member of the SDVBCA Hall of Fame.

Lineup Change Sends Wildcats on a 12-0 Run

By: Isaac Groft



Eighth-grader Peyton Groft digs up a ball as sophomore Kirstin Borge offers encouragement.



Junior Julia Sparling double blocks a ball at the net.



Junior Haley Grandpre passes up a free ball to the setter.



Freshman Darby Duncan sets freshman Josie Clemens for the kill during the volleyball match in Mellette.

Northwestern Defeats Faulkton

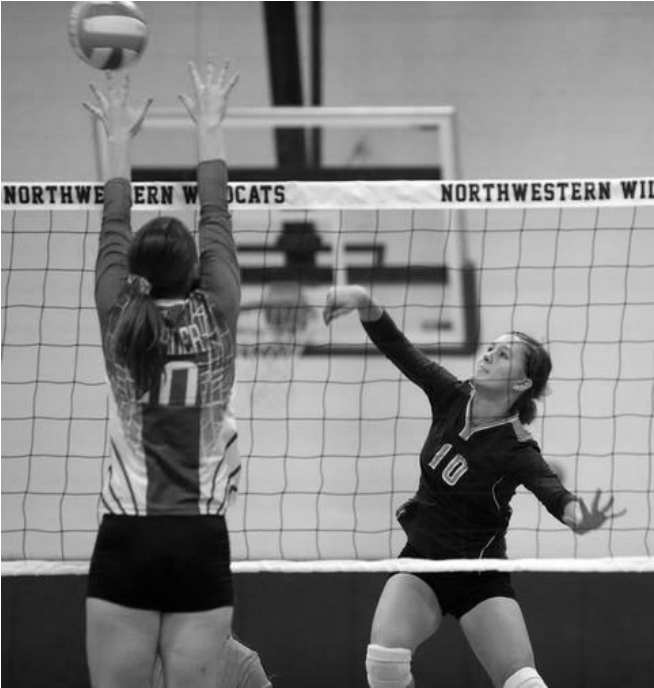
Northwestern defeated Faulkton in three sets, 25-21, 25-14, 25-18 on Oct. 10. The Wildcats served 60 of 69 with 16 aces. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 13 of 15 with five aces. Northwestern attacked 94 of 106 with 37 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 35 of 41 with 15 kills. The team set 105 of 105 with 37 assists. Duncan led with 81 of 81 with 28 assists. Junior Kennedi Sparling led the team's 51 digs with 19. The Wildcats joined the Trojans in a Pink Out night with money raised for breast cancer awareness and research.

Northwestern beats Potter County

Northwestern defeated Potter County in three sets, 25-11, 25-19, 25-15 on Oct. 17. The Wildcats served 67 of 72 with nine aces. Eighth grader Peyton Groft led with 22 of 23 with two aces. Northwestern attacked 104 of 120 with 34 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 37 of 46 with 15 kills. The team set 110 of 110 with 33 assists. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 80 of 80 with 27 assists. Junior Kennedi Sparling led the team's 71 digs with 21. The Wildcats had one solo and ten assisted blocks. Junior Haley Grandpre led with four assisted blocks.

Northwestern Steamrolls Milbank

Northwestern rolled over Milbank in three sets, 25-4, 25-8, 25-18 on Oct. 18. The Wildcats served 69 of 72 with 18 aces. Freshman Darby Duncan led with 29 of 29 with seven aces. Northwestern attacked 72 of 81 with 31 kills. Junior Jordon Peterson led with 23 of 29 with 13 kills. The team set 74 of 75 with 30 assists. Duncan led with 63 of 64 with 28 assists. Junior Kennedi Sparling led the team's 41 digs with 15. The Wildcats had four assisted blocks. Duncan led with one assisted block.



Sophomore Kirstin Borge attacks a much taller Warner blocker at the conference match in Mellette.



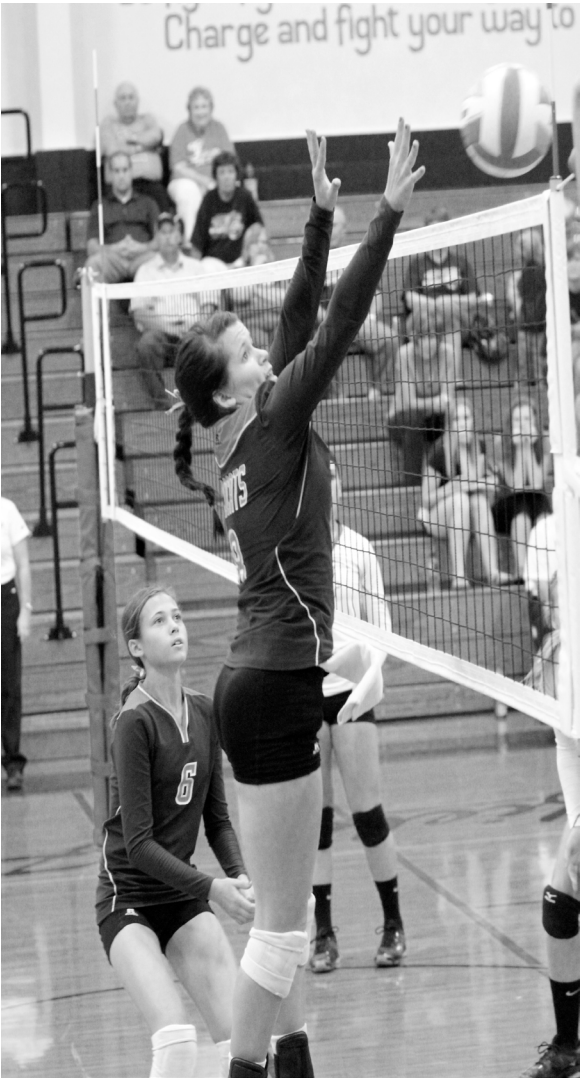
The Wildcats celebrate after a rare block!



Freshman Darby Duncan pass the ball on serve receive.



The Wildcats celebrates after a hard-earned point.



Senior Jeanna Duncan attempts to block.

Homecoming Week

By: Maddie Styles

The Northwestern Wildcats kicked off their 2013 homecoming week Monday, Sept. 26 with great enthusiasm towards the games, activities, dress up days and fun planned throughout the week. The board games theme proved entertaining.

On Monday, the elementary dressed up as their “dream job” for dream day. Some kids dressed as professional football players, cowgirls, and even doctors.

In the middle school and high school, staff and students wore their best pair of pajamas except for the freshman who took in everything “buddy day” involved. The seniors dressed the youngsters however they wanted for the day, including opposite genders, animals, and more.

Later that evening, everyone came together for coronation where the football, volleyball, cross-country, and cheer/dance teams introduced themselves. The homecoming royalty candidates for queen included: Kristie Bade, Madison Hahler and Alyssa Steward. King candidates were: Jacob Heidenreich, Tyler Carda and Nicholas Wood. Former queen Kimberly Miles and king Jake Groft crowned Alyssa Steward and Nicholas Wood as royalty.

“It’s really an honor to be picked for homecoming queen, because all of the royalty was very worthy of winning,” senior Alyssa Steward said.

Following coronation, the student council burned the N.

Tuesday featured NEON day for the elementary where they dressed in the brightest colors from head to toe. The middle school and high school dressed for color day. Each class had an assigned color to wear.

Later that afternoon, the boys participated in power buff volleyball. Four teams of enthusiastic boys tried to rally the volleyball for a good game. Junior Jordon Peterson’s team won the tournament undefeated.

Wednesday let the elementary dress up for color day, while the middle school and high school dressed up as their favorite board piece or their own idea for decades day.

Everyone also participated in Olympics that afternoon: tug of war contests, a blindfolded

40-yard dash, sack races, a three-legged race, and a balloon toss.

“Homecoming was super, ultra-duper fabulous. Seniors dominated in tug of war, and watching sophomore Cody Lefforge win the blindfolded 40-yard dash was freaking hilarious,” Wood said.

Thursday featured Wacky Day for the elementary, where they dressed with mis-match, crazy hair, backward, or anything a little abnormal! The high school either dressed up for switcheroo day, hat day, or athletic shorts day.

Everyone participated in float building to try to construct the best float possible that would be judged Friday in the parade.

Several people even made their way to the Mellette senior center for a little pie and ice cream before the hectic parade crowds got there.

Friday featured Spirit Day for everyone wearing green and gold. Students, parents, teachers, and fans showed an overwhelming amount of spirit.

That morning, the high school girls suited up in football jerseys and made their way out to the football field for powder puff football.

The green team, coached by seniors Nicholas Wood and Jacob Heidenreich, beat the very determined white team, coached by seniors Tyler Carda and Skylar Sorenson, whose team failed to score. They put up a great fight but struggled to do anything with the ball.

Later that afternoon a pork feed in the small gym fed students and the public.

At 1 p.m., Wildcats waited anxiously for the parade to begin. The classes had great floats, the marching band did a great job, and everyone had a great time.

The Faulkton Trojans defeated the Wildcats 8-50 in the homecoming football game.

A homecoming dance after the game entertained many students and guests in grades six through 12.

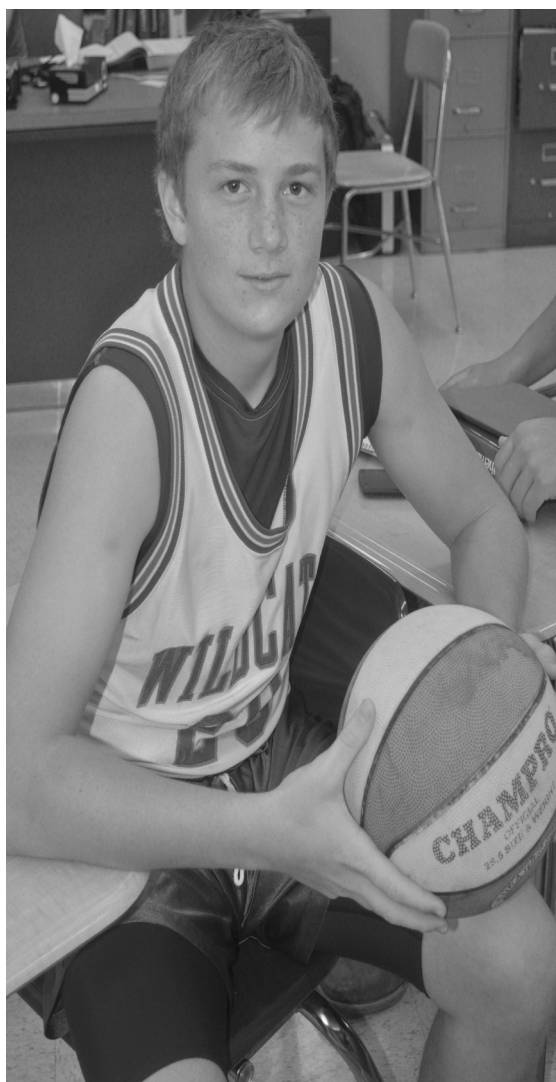
On Saturday morning, the cross country team ran in the Hoven Invitational, and the volleyball team played in Frederick.



Homecoming Royalty: Princess Rylen Kramp, Maddie Hahler, Kristie Bade, Queen Alyssa Steward, King Nick Wood, Tyler Carda, Jacob Heidenreich and Prince Aaron Blachford.



Senior Torey Beardemphl and freshman Darby Duncan enjoy Buddy Day.



Eighth-grader Isaac Bauer dresses up as a Wildcat basketball player with an old Wildcat jersey.



Kindergartner Ella Boekleheide dresses in all neon



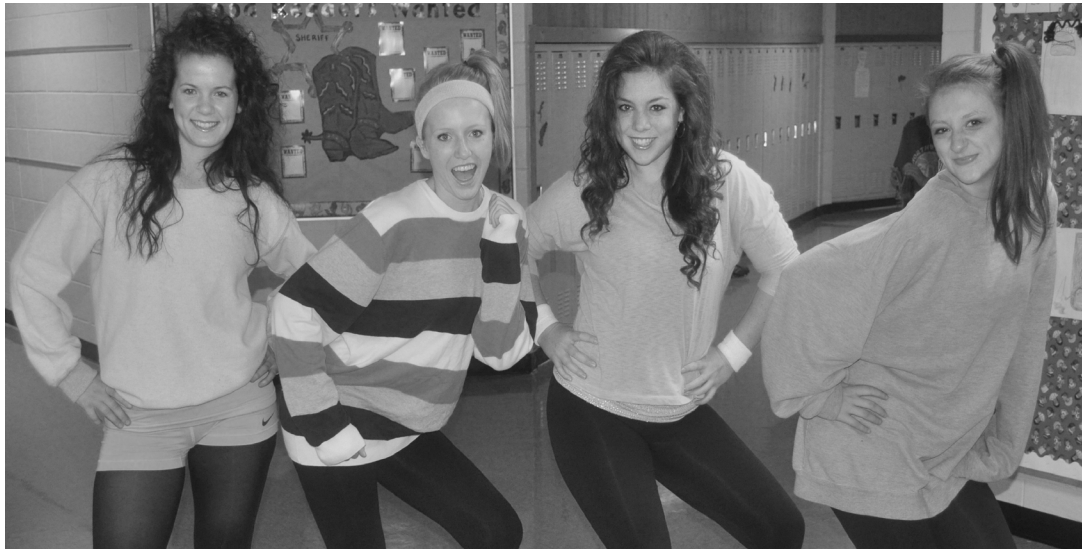
The high school boys and girls took part in Switcharoo Day, dressing in the opposite gender.



Kindergarten girls dress up for Mismatch Day.



Sophomores Logan Schentzel and Trevor Bohl dress up for Decade Day.



Senior Jeanna Duncan, Kristie Bade, Kalen Frericks, and Paige Metzinger dress for decade days



Juniors Halle Sieve and Tessa Rush dress as the Operation game on Favorite Board Game Day.



Seniors ride and throw out candy during the parade from the senior float.

Northwestern Runs to the Top

By: Cameron Bohl

Varsity boys and girls ran in the Roncalli Invitational cross country meet in Aberdeen on Thursday, Sept. 19. Freshman Derek Boekelheide placed third with a time of 17:42. Freshman Josie Clemens placed fifth with a time of 17:10. Eighth-grader Peyton Groft placed 11th with a time of 17:27. Freshman Darby Duncan placed 26th with a time of 18:08.

“I like to run in cooler weather over hot weather. I like to run in meets with more hills instead of no hills,” freshman Darby Duncan said. The varsity cross country team participated in the Lakeside Country Club Invitation meet in Faulkton on Wednesday, Sept. 25. For the boys’ varsity team, freshman Derek Boekelheide placed first with a time of 17:56. Sophomore Isaac Groft came in 33rd with a time of 21:15. For the girls’ varsity team, eighth-grader Peyton Groft came in fourth with a time of 17:26. Freshman Josie Clemens came in eighth with a time of 17:51. Freshman Darby Duncan came in ninth with a time of 17:59.

“I enjoy running in cooler weather instead of hot weather. I like running in meets that have hills because it is easier to pass people on hills. We work on it in practice it helps prepare us for the actual meets,” freshman Josie Clemens said.

Varsity boys and girls ran in the Lake Region Conference meet in Ipswich on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Running the 5k, Freshman Derek Boekelheide came in first with a time of 17:36. Sophomore Isaac Groft came in 13th with a time of 19:54. Running the 4k, Eighth-grader Peyton Groft came in seventh with a time of 16:39. Freshman Josie Clemens came in eighth with a time of 16:49. Freshman Darby Duncan came in ninth with a time of 16:58. The girls’ team finished second behind Ipswich.

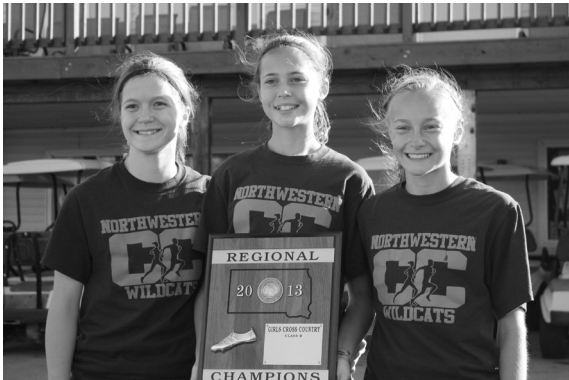
The cross country team participated in the Region 1 meet in Webster on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Freshman Derek Boekelheide placed second with a time of 18:05:25. Sophomore Isaac Groft placed 22nd with a time of 20:10:00. Freshman Josie Clemens placed second with a time of 16:32:00. Eighth-grader Peyton Groft placed fourth with a time of 16:35:00. Freshman Darby Duncan placed tenth with a time of 17:06:00. The girls won the Region 1 championship. The boys placed fourth. Winners from the Region 1B meet advance to the state meet in Rapid City on Oct. 26.

Competition Cheer

By: Kate Finley

Competition cheer and dance features an outstanding bunch of girls. Coach Holly Morgan has definitely found a dedicated group. All schools are allowed to compete in up to three of four categories, so the max number of categories a school can compete in for dance is three. In dance, Northwestern competes in the Jazz division and the Pom division, although there are also Kick and Hip Hop divisions. The four dance divisions are broken into Small and Large Group with the same number of members as cheer for Class A. For Class AA, there is no breakdown of Large or Small group. Northwestern has participated in three types of cheer competitions this year: Cheer, Jazz, and Pom. Each competition is scored and judged very carefully.

Participants are judged through a point system and an extremely particular criteria. Each score sheet per performance judge are worth 100 points. This is definitely a sport that requires hard work and dedication but also has its rewards. These girls are extremely fired up for the season!



Freshmen Josie Clemens and Darby Duncan and eighth-grader Peyton Groft run in the cross country meet in Webster for regions on Oct. 16.

Eighth-grader Peyton Groft places fourth at the Region 1B cross country meet in Webster.

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Football Team Faces Multiple Injuries this Season

By: Julia Sparling

The Northwestern football team has been working hard through all of the unexpected injuries that they have had to work around. Senior Nathan Frericks tore his ACL and damaged his MCL and had to have surgery. During the same game, he also tore a tendon and chipped a bone in his finger. Junior Colton Zens dislocated his shoulder soon after. Next, freshman Andrew Lefforge tore a tendon in his foot during practice. After that, junior Corbin Smith broke a bone in his foot during the Homecoming game against Faulkton. Zens, Lefforge and Smith came back to play against Warner for the last game of the season. Senior Nathan Palmer then broke his toenail and was

out for a game. Sophomore Trey Bierman received news that he had a concussion and is out for the rest of high school. Also, freshman Reed Sattler hurt his ankle but is back on the field. The boys matched up against the Faulkton Trojans during Homecoming week and lost 8-50. Wolsey/Wessington forced an 8-42 loss. Next, Leola/Fredrick came out strong with a 66-0 win over the Wildcats. Then the Wildcats traveled to Britton/Hecla and were defeated 34-6. In the final game of the season, the Cross County Bowl, the Wildcats lost to the Warner Monarchs 2-44 to end the season with a 1-7 record.



Senior Jacob Heidenreich runs the ball against Faulkton in the homecoming game Sept. 17.



Sophomore quarterback Isaac Groft passes the ball.



Wildcats make a tackle during the game.



Senior Jacob Heidenreich punts the ball.



Senior Nathan Palmer runs the ball as junior Zach Duncan and Corbin Smith block.



Sophomore quarterback Isaac Groft runs the ball.



Sophomore Isaac Groft hands the ball off to sophomore Ethan Bauer.

PRO: GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

By: Nolan Peterson


When picking a pro and con idea we picked the government shut down. You cannot think of many pro things about the government shutting down, although I think it did help us try to figure out what we need to do. It gave the government an idea on what needs to be done to help our country out. Plus, it really did not hurt us here with any with jobs being laid off. Jobs were not really being laid off. They were still getting paid for just sitting at home. People thought that it was hurting people who were getting laid off of their jobs, but it really was not. The government has shut down for the 17th time. The most recent one has been this month and started October first. This shutdown can be a good thing as to have them realize they need to work together in Congress. Because we are a democracy, it did not affect our community as much as it could have, as we carried on through it and kept working. Also having the government being shut down, we got to learn about it in government class. Mr. Scott Boone had a lot of opinions on what he thought about the whole thing. We finally got to learn about how bad the government really was. So it helped us to study the government.

None of us students had really paid attention to the government being in so much debt before, but when we went to government class, there was always something new to talk about with Boone. Having the government being shut down, I think, finally made us realize that things need to be done, and that it is really hurting us right now with all of our government problems.

Con: Government ShutDown


By: Haley Grandpre

Many of you know that our government has been going through a lot of rough patches lately. A 16-day period happened when they government was shut down. It was bound to happen sooner or later. I know that is bad to say, but with our government being in so much debt, something was going to be done about it. This is not something that we wanted to happen. With the government being shut down, many people were without jobs for 16-days. Funding was also shut down to national monument, such as Mount Rushmore. After having a 16-day long argument over the debt of the U.S government, the Congress finally came to a conclusion just to raise the national debt again. Wouldn't it just have been easier if they would have done that right in the beginning? We all knew that they would just end up raising it, because they cannot figure out a solution to get us out of the huge hole we have created for our country. The government shut down did not help us out any. It just hurt us more because we keep raising the debt and not finding a way to fix it.



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GUY CODE

By: Logan , Isaac and Nolan

The bachelor pad is a man’s home away from home. The bachelor pad is made up of all of a man’s treasure; video games, big game hunting, and trophies. The best part of having a bachelor pad is that it’s a place where you and your best friends can just be relaxed and have

fun, even if it’s just watching a sports game or just or just sitting around and hanging with your bros. A bachelor pad is where the guy allows his friends to come in and like to have fun and be crazy and can also be somewhere to hang out with a girl. There are a few bache-

lor pad rules; it has to be clean. The cleaner it is the more the girls will come and enjoy and want hang out with you. Girls don’t like to hang out in filthy places. The proper items to have in a bachelor pad are a pool table, foose ball table, TV, X-box or PlayStation, and

a fridge of some sort in which all of your refreshments can be stored. The bachelor pad is a great way to get away from everyday life. It is the best place to hang out before any activity.

In the Hallway

What do you think about the government shut down?



“I think it is disappointing that the government can’t agree even though it doesn’t affect me right now. I think it will get worse if it starts to affect the farmers,” freshman Dawson Smith said.



“Financially, I think it is ridiculous that the government can’t cooperate with each other, because this affects more aspects than just their decision. Many people are being laid off, while the government is continually being paid for their ‘break’,” sophomore Madison Styles said.



“It doesn’t affect me personally, but I know some people that want to visit a national landmark, but they can’t because the government is shut down,” junior Blake Toennies said.



“I think it is a waste of time for our government to ‘take a break.’ It causes many perfectly avoidable issues,” senior Maddie Hahler said.



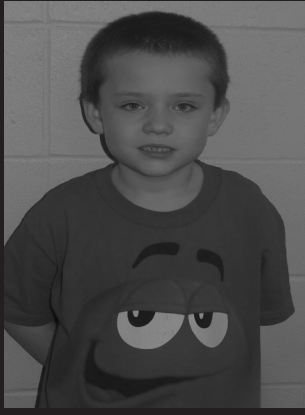
“I think our government is filled with a bunch of two-year-olds, or at least they are acting like it. I think a government shutdown makes our government look weak and disorganized to all the other countries of the world,” Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

In the Elementary

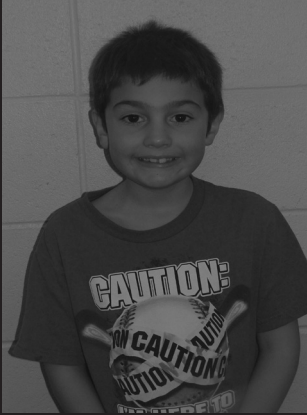
What are you being for Halloween?



“The princess from the movie Tangled, because I like the movie a lot, and she has long hair. Nobody can have longer hair than that,” kindergartner Brenna Storly said.



“I want to be Mario, because I’ve never been him before, and he’s in a lot of games, like 10,” first-grader Phoenix Bloomhall said.



“The black spider-man because I think he’s really cool because he can shoot webs,” second-grader Jacob Leinen said.



“I want to be a fisherman, because I really love to fish,” third-grader Hunter Johnson said.



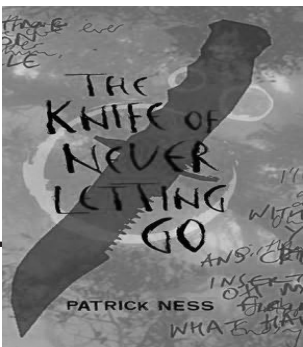
“A knight because my favorite time period is the medieval times, so that’s why I want to be a knight,” fifth-grader Cody Rausch said.

The Knife of Never Letting Go

By: Rachel Rausch

“Prentisstown isn’t like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else’s thoughts in an overwhelming, never-ending stream of Noise. Just a month away from the birthday that will make him a man, Todd and his dog, Manchee -- whose thoughts Todd can hear too, whether he wants to or not -- stumble upon an area of complete silence. They find that in a town where privacy is impossible, something terrible has been hidden -- a secret so awful that Todd and Manchee must run for their lives. But how do you escape

when your pursuers can hear your every thought?” *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness is the first book in the young-adult trilogy *Chaos Walking*. I read this book every chance I had. I just couldn’t put it down. I highly recommend reading this book and the



by: Logan Schentzel

Many people are wondering where to eat in Aberdeen. Max and Erma’s is a restaurant that is very popular for people of all ages. It offers a great variety of food that ranges from burgers and fries to soups and salads. It has the best ice cream and cookies. The chocolate chip cookies are the best, and they have an entire area where customers can go to get a scoop of ice cream and add an assortment of toppings. Portion sizes are just right. You get filled up but not so full that you need to buy a larger size pair of pants after you’ve eaten there. The price is just right also. Everything is very reasonably priced.

The theme is a sports bar type atmosphere so if you plan to be out on a date, it’s a great place to go without having to worry about not getting to watch your favorite team play. There are usually a couple different televisions that have the games for customers to watch. If you don’t want to watch television or talk to the people you’re eating with, you can read the backs of the T-shirts. The waiters and waitresses all have some catchy phrase on their T-shirts.

Max and Erma’s is a great supporter of the Aberdeen Wings hockey team, and there are many times that the players will hang out in the restaurant after a practice or game. They’re always happy to sign autographs for supportive fans. So next time when you are in Aberdeen and want somewhere to eat, pick Max and Erma’s.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2

By: Kate Finley

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 picks up where Sony Pictures Animation’s hit comedy left off. Inventor Flint Lockwood’s genius is finally being recognized as he’s invited by his idol Chester V to join The Live Corp Company, where the best and brightest inventors in the world create technologies for the betterment of mankind. It’s always been Flint’s dream to be recognized as a great inventor, but everything changes when he discovers that his most infamous machine (which turns water into food) is still operating and is now creating food animal hybrids, “foodimals!” With the fate of humanity in his hands, Chester sends Flint and his friends on a dangerously delicious mission, battling hungry tacodiles, shrimpanzees, apple pie-thons, double bacon cheespiders and other food creatures to save the world again! Maybe it was not as clever as the first movie but it was still good. I liked it! It was still funny even though most of the jokes were particularly childish. It was good-natured, sweet, and had a happy ending, what more could you want.



Mike Posner

By: Maddie Styles

As a sophomore, Michael Posner sat in his Advanced Placement course in American History as his teacher taught about people who had impacted U.S. history. At that very moment, he decided he wanted to make a mark on our world. Terrified that after he left this earth no one would remember him, he decided music was his ticket.

After graduating from high school, Posner attended Duke University where he studied sociology and business and graduated early with a

3.59 GPA. He interned at the Detroit hip-hop radio station where he tried to sell his tracks to major record labels, but he did not sell a single one. Two years later, one of the tracks, “Cooler Than Me,” sold more than a million copies and climbed the charts, becoming a major hit. The neat part about all of this was the fact that the track was recorded in his college dorm with a \$200 microphone!

Becoming more and more successful, in 2010 Posner signed with J Records the summer after his junior year at Duke. He has composed many songs of his

own and for other artists.

“The second I stop using what happens to me in my real life and start making things up in my songs, is the second I lose everything,” Posner says.

I have a feeling we will be seeing nothing but good things from this young, ambitious man in the years to come. He is off to a great start and has already accomplished so many great things in a short amount of time. He has definitely worked hard for everything he has received, and I cannot wait to see what he does next!