

Wild Beyond Words



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1. Senior Kimberly Miles works efficiently during her study hall.
2. Sophomore Blake Toennies gives a quizzical expression during lunch.
3. Eighth-grader Alexandria Johnson throws up her hands.

Fall 18

Table



Ashley Clemens



Kristie Bade

of

People 4

Northwestern offers a little something for every student whether that student excels in academics, music, art, or sports. All students possess the opportunity to exceed expectations, challenge themselves, and become slightly crazy in the process. This year, Northwestern students did nonetheless, which led them to become a little Wild Beyond Words!

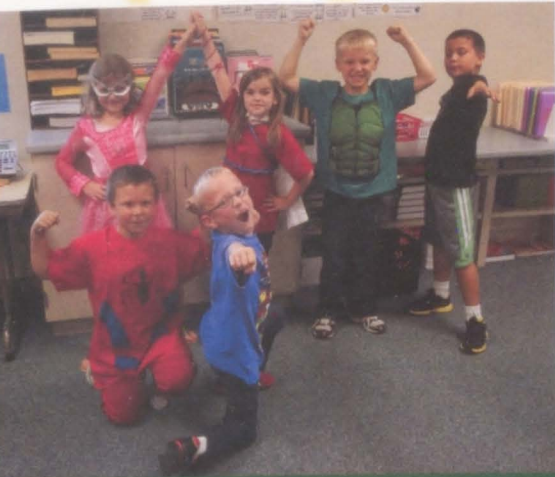
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Students enjoy an average
day in the advanced
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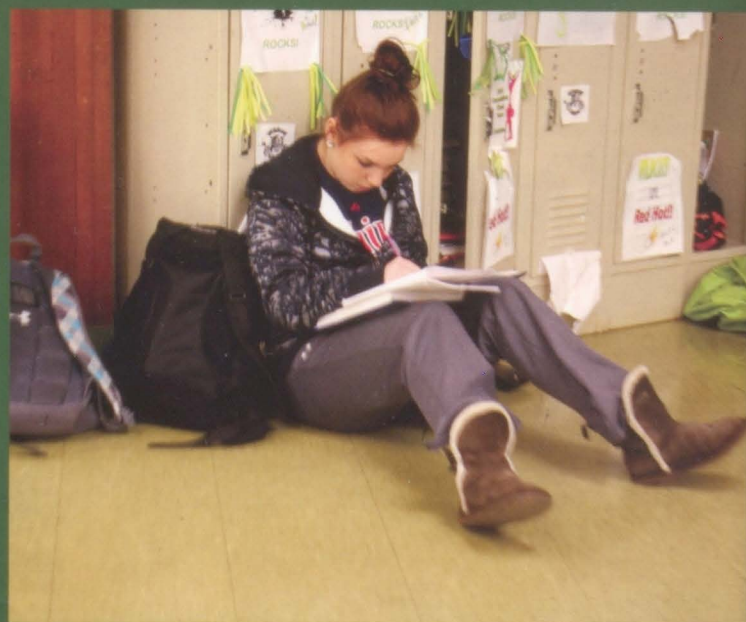


All Smiles
Fifth-grader Talley
Sparling shows off
her infectious smile to
the crowd.

Waiting to Play
Freshman Cory Walter
waits his turn to play his
timpani part during
band.

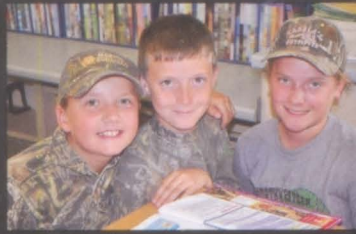


Studying Hard
Junior Kalen Frericks
works diligently on her
pre-calculus
homework.





Just Chillin'
Seniors Shay Clemensen and Ray Lerew bring their homemade "hot tub" to a home football game.



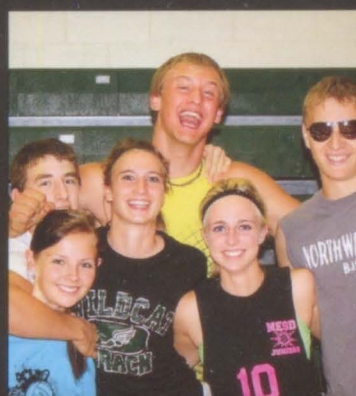
Ready to Hunt!
Fifth-graders Tristan Dvorak, Zechariah Clemens, and Cassidy Frericks dress up for camo day during homecoming.



Two Thumbs Up!
Freshman girls celebrate a job well done on their homecoming float.



I'm Here to Save You!
Fourth-grader Hannah Schentzel dresses up as Captain America for "Superhero" day during homecoming.



Blow That Horn!
The trombone section proudly accents their instruments in band.

Champions!
The high school dodgeball champions commemorate their win.

Seniors

Class of 2014



Ashley Clemens: Most likely to have seven kids

Shay Clemensen: Most likely to become president

Evan Finley: Most likely to become a teacher at Northwestern

Landon Fischbach: Most likely to succeed in business

Sarah Franco: Most likely to become a chef

Silas Franco: Most likely to win an Olympic medal

Jake Groft: Most likely to become a farmer

Kelsey Hoellein: Most likely to become famous

Courtlen Lechner: Most likely to adopt a child

Ray Lerew: Most likely to become a comedian

Kimberly Miles: Most likely to design a line of clothing

Calli Peterson: Most likely to write a novel

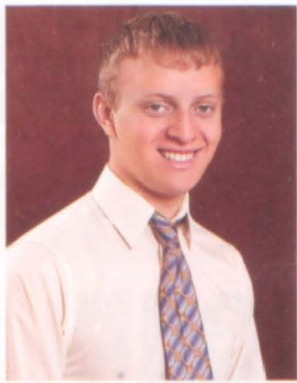
Stanton Roach: Most likely to become a sports broadcaster

Trevor Rush: Most likely to win the lottery but lose the ticket

Kaitlyn Sparling: Most likely to get married first

Melissa Thompson: Most likely to be on TV

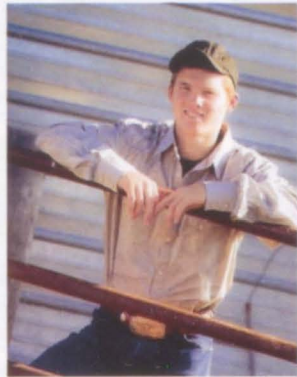
Warren Walter: Most likely to travel the world



Ashley Clemens
Shay Clemensen
 *STUDENT COUNCIL
 REPRESENTATIVE



Evan Finley
 *CLASS
 PRESIDENT
Landon Fischbach
 *STUDENT BODY
 SECRETARY/TREASURER
Sarah Franco



Silas Franco
Jake Groft
Kelsey Hoellein
 *CLASS SECRETARY-
 TREASURER
Courtlen Lechner



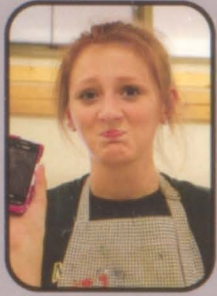
Ray Lerew
Kimberly Miles
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 VICE-PRESIDENT
Calli Peterson
 *STUDENT BODY
 PRESIDENT
Stanton Roach
 *CLASS VICE-
 PRESIDENT



Trevor Rush
Kaitlyn Sparling
Melissa Thompson
Warren Walter

Juniors

Class of 2014



"I wouldn't..." junior Paige Metzinger said.



"I would telepathically use my mind to reach Turtle Man. He would tell me the words of wisdom with the feathers of hope and faith," junior Nathan Frericks said.

If all electronics died tomorrow, how would you survive?

Kristie Bade
Torey Beardemphl



Tyler Carda
Jeanna Duncan
Matthew Fischbach
Kalen Frericks



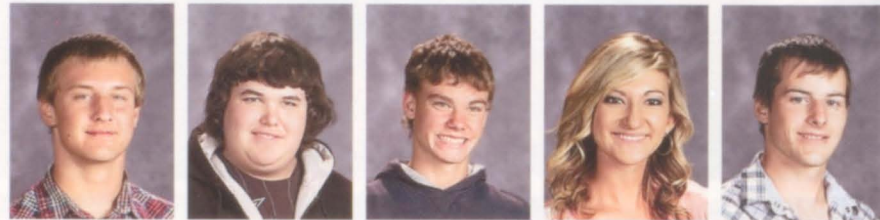
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Jacob Heidenreich
Madison Hahler
Stephanie Hansen
Donna Harmon



Luther Johnson
Sophie Kranhold
Delbert Leonhardt
Jesse Lutter
Paige Metzinger



Nathan Palmer
Bryce Roe
Skylar Sorenson
Alyssa Steward
Nicholas Wood



Sophomores

Class of 2015



Jordan Ashalintubbi
Terrance Circle Bear



Zachary Duncan
Haley Grandpre
Hans Leonhardt
Christine Morgan

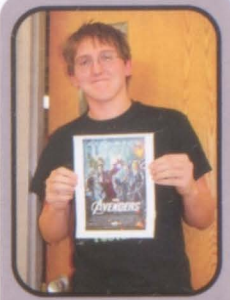


Hannah Palmer
Jordon Peterson
Tessa Rush
Halle Sieve
Corbin Smith



Julia Sparling
Kennedi Sparling
Carolina Spielman
Blake Toennies
Colton Zens

What was your favorite 2012 movie?



"*The Avengers*,"
sophomore
Hans
Leonhardt
said.

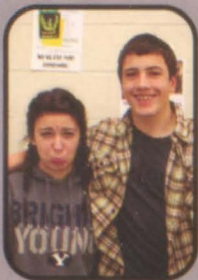


"*The Hunger Games*,"
sophomore
Carolina
Spielman
said.



"*Dark Shadows*,"
sophomore
Halle Sieve
said.

Freshmen Class of 2016



"Putting everything that was in the basement in front of my sister, Calli's, bedroom door," freshman Nolan Peterson said.



"I told my dad that our barn was on fire and pretended to call 911," freshman Madison Styles said.

What is the best prank you have ever played on someone?

Ethan Bauer
Trey Bierman
Rachael Boekelheide



Cameron Bohl
Trevor Bohl
Kendra Bohlen



Kirstin Borge
Hope Bowar
Allison Braun
Brittany Bublitz
Kate Finley



Abigail Fischbach
Darien Frericks
Brayden Genzler
Isaac Groft
Wyatt Hahler



Sean Hauck
Elizabeth Heidenreich
Kaylee Hoellein
Cody Lefforge
Hunter Lerew



Dylan Miles
Esther Moler
Katie Myers
Nolan Peterson
Mark Phillips
Andrea Rausch



Rachel Rausch
Logan Schentzel
Codi Sparling
Madison Styles
Cory Walter
Destinee Zens



8th Grade Class of 2017



Derek Boekelheide
Josephyne Clemens
Darby Duncan
Samantha Hagebock



Alexandria Johnson
Kyler Johnson
Andrew Lefforge
Matthew Metzinger
Alex Moler



Klaryssa Schnoor
Dawson Smith
Chelsea Sorenson
Christian Warcken
Austen Wiman

7th Grade Class of 2018



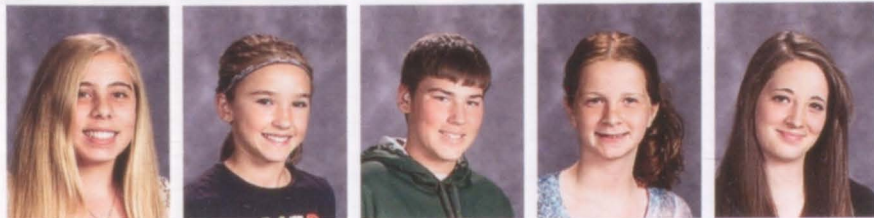
Isaac Bauer
Tucker Bohl
Tyler Braun
Mackenzie Engels



Jedd Groft
Peyton Groft
Megan Heidenreich
Jaidyn Kramp



Joseph Lutter
Hunter Neiber
Declan Osborne
Austin Peterson



Evy Peterson
Addison Sparling
Kane Stuck
Sadie Vander Wal
Darien Watson

What has been your best excuse for being late?



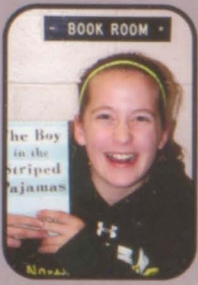
"The shower was too cold, so I had to wait for it to warm up," eighth-grader Derek Boekelheide said.

What is the strangest advice your parents have ever given you?



"In tech, don't cut your fingers off because you can't play volleyball if you do!" seventh-grader Peyton Groft said.

6th Grade Class of 2019



"More books," sixth-grader Moira Duncan said.



"Recess because it give us more time outside," sixth-grader Sean Sheperd said.

What do you wish middle school had that elementary has?

Brandon Ashalintubbi
Gavin Bohl
Moira Duncan
Caitlyn Fischbach
Riley Grandpre

Dominic Hagebock
Jonathar Harmon
Jarret Haven
Triten Heber
Payton Osborne

Halee Paulson
Caleb Schentzel
Sean Sheperd
Talin Sorenson
Zach Toennies
Seth Wood



5th Grade Class of 2020

Hailey Boekelheide
Torrence Bourelle
Jerad Burge
Zechariah Clemens
Ezekiel Duncan
Tristan Dvorak

Cassidy Frericks
Madalyn Groft
Hunter Jeschke
Kaitlyn Lefforge
Jaiden Lewison
Eric Nelson

Pike Osborne
Kira Pelton
Dalton Peterson
Dylan Rush
Danille Seymour
Talley Sparling
Kyle Stahl
Christine Stoltenberg
Miranda Thorson
Tomlyn Toy
Ashlyn Warcken
Danielle Watson
Tya Wideman
Jerrin Wiman



4th Grade Class of 2021



Danika Berry
Hayden Bohl
Jackson Christ
Joe Groft
Jace Haven



Joclyn Haven
Seth Heidenreich
Bailey Heim
Jackson Mielke
Breanna Moler
Zachariah Mzala



Kyle Peterson
Alexis Rahm
Cody Rausch
Samantha Rush
Sydney Schell
Hannah Schentzel



Hunter Schipke
Hailie Stuck
Kiarra Stuck
Mitchell Vander Wal
Ethan Walter
Jackson Weideman

Who is your role model?



"Jacob Heidenreich because he is cool, and he is my brother," fourth-grader Seth Heidenreich said.



"Cameron Bohl because when I'm in my room, and it's storming outside, I go into her bed, and she calms me," fourth-grader Hayden Bohl said.

3rd Grade Class of 2022



Kyanne Anglin
Tyler Ashalintubbi
Jessica Boekelheide
Morgan Gehring
Emma Grandpre



Haiden Grandpre
Samuel Groft
Justin Haven
Landen Melius
Chandler Miles



Meadow Monroe-Remily
Megan Nash
Reagan Nelson
Logan Rausch
Teryn Sparling
Kade Stahl



Mackenzie Stoltenberg
Sawyer Styles
Brandon Toennies
Christopher Toennies
Nicholas Troske
Maddie Williams

2nd Grade Class of 2023



"A Kit-Kat!"
second-grader
Jayden Mielke
said.

What is your favorite candy bar?



"Football,"
first-grader
Dawson Smtih
said.

What is your favorite sport?

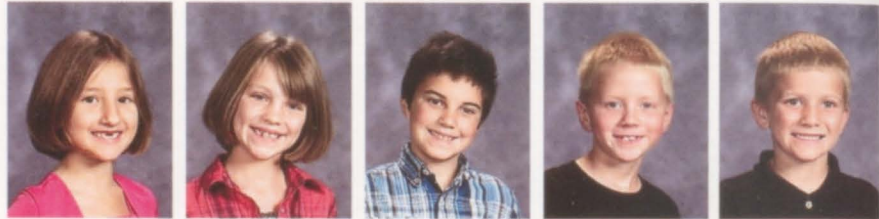
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Trey Bouelle
Gabrielle Engels
Tanner Ewalt
Fatafehi Fa'onelua



Quintin Fischbach
Rian Gehring
Brooklenn Halvorson
Maren Hansen
Ella Haven



Olivia Heidenreich
Brooke Heim
Steven Hogg
Hunter Johnson
Preston Martin



Jayden Mielke
Kelly Miles
Chase Neiber
Jude Ortmeier
Emmylea Robeson



1st Grade Class of 2024

James Bergalowski
Jevon Berry
Courtney Decker
Zachary Fischbach



Dylan Hahler
Jacob Leinen
Elijah Lich
Nathan Melius



Gregory Nelson
Dawson Ward
Henry Williams
Rikkalyn Wiman-Gisi
Lincoln Woodring



Kindergarten Class of 2025



Aaron Blachford
Jessica Christ
Annie Dvorak



Payton Grandpre
Jack Hansen
Rylen Kramp
Natalia Schipke



Dallas Stoltenberg
Landon Storly
Joshua Thorson
Rhianna Troske
Mya Warcken

Preschool Class of 2026



Rain Anglin
Jacklyn Bergalowski
Taylor Bergalowski
Ty Boekelheide
Alyssa Brick



Shelbey Fortin
Chayse Freese
Zayden Freese
Dylan Harmon
Steven Harmon
Ashley Haven



Issabella Kramp
Sophia Kramp
Mareya Maas
Wyatt Rahm
Abigail Schnell
Madeline Schnell



Josie Sparling
Brenna Storly
Koltin Swearingen
Sophia Troske
Meadow Westlund
Stetson Zens

What do you want to be when you grow up?



"A doctor, to help them have their babies," kindergartner Payton Grandpre said.



"A pirate because they get to use telescopes," kindergartner Mya Warcken said.

Faculty

Marilyn Battey: THIRD GRADE

Sandy Bierman: ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN, COMPUTERS

Scott Boone: HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES, GEOGRAPHY, HEALTH & WELLNESS, ASST. FOOTBALL COACH, TRACK & FIELD COACH

Eric Borge: ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Karla Borge: TITLE I

Shelley Borge: BUS DRIVER

Bob Braasch: BUS DRIVER

Kari Brenner: GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Mary Bullock: PARAPROFESSIONAL

Christy Cardella: MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS, MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL INTERP. COACH

Bill Clemens: CUSTODIAN, MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Denise Clemens: HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ASST. HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH

Doug Duncan: HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR, ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH, MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COACH

Amanda Fa'onelua: 8-12 MATH

Shelley Fischbach: LIBRARIAN, TECH COORDINATOR

Marie Fix: PARAPROFESSIONAL

Lisa Franck: BOARD MEMBER

Anne Frericks: BUSINESS, FB/LA ADVISER, SCREEN PRINTING

Lisa Frericks: BUSINESS MANAGER

Troy Grandpre: BOARD MEMBER

John Groft: BUS DRIVER

Nora Groft: HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH AND JOURNALISM, HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH, MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COACH

Jessica Halvorson: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Tamra Haven: MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Roylene Heidenreich: FOURTH GRADE

Rose Hoellein: KITCHEN STAFF

Jeannine Jilek: DDN ADVISER

Natasha Jorgenson: PROJECT SUCCESS COUNSELOR

Michaela Kotz: KITCHEN STAFF

Doreen Leinen: SECOND GRADE



"Pinned jeans and AND layered polos with collars up!" Mrs. Jennifer Schell said.

"I didn't buy a leisure suit in '77, '78. I didn't buy parachute pants. I missed that. In 1973, I bought a pair of lime green striped pants and a polka dot shirt. I did jump on that. I was a 'wannabe' hippie," Mr. Scott Boone said.



What is the worst trend you ever followed when you were in school?



Bobbie Lerew: BOARD MEMBER
Judy Lindhorst: PRESCHOOL
Linda Lutter: KITCHEN STAFF
Mary Mielke: BOARD MEMBER
Vicki Mitchell: KINDERGARTEN



Holly Morgan: CHEER COACH
Crystal Nash: SPECIAL EDUCATION
Kevin Nash: BUS DRIVER
Sue Neiger: SPEECH THERAPY
Christopher Osborn: ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, SIXTH-GRADE LITERATURE, HEAD BOYS' BASKETBALL



Richard Osborn: HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, SIXTH-GRADE MATH
Charles Palmer: CUSTODIAN
Robin Paulson: PARAPROFESSIONAL
Tamara Rahm: PARAPROFESSIONAL
Lyndsay Rasmussen: EARLY CHILDHOOD



Jackie Remily: SPECIAL CHILDHOOD
Wade Rozell: FIFTH-GRADE, TRACK & FIELD COACH, MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH
Dina Rush: FIRST-GRADE AIDE
Jerry Sauer: INDUSTRIAL TECH
Ray Sauerwein: SUPERINTENDENT, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Jennifer Schell: K-12 ART, PSYCH/SOC., GEOGRAPHY, TRACK & FIELD COACH
Kayla Sparling: READING & MATH SPECIALIST
Doug Stahl: BUS DRIVER
Jessica Strong: PARAPROFESSIONAL
Michelle Stuck: ORAL INTERP COACH, PLAY DIRECTOR



Nancy Taylor: FIRST-GRADE
Wendy Thorson: K-8 MUSIC
Camille Tuscherer: BUS DRIVER
Cindy VanHatten: BUS DRIVER
Rita Walter: KITCHEN STAFF



"Pinned jeans, our basketball shorts were shorter, layered polo shirts, and collar up," Mr. Richard Osborn said.



"Mini skirts and platform shoes...with big hair," Mrs. Jeannine Jilek said.

"The worst fashion trend I have ever followed would be the tight pant rolling of the late '80s, early '90s. It was atrocious! [This] cut off circulation and tore off leg hair, and if you had untied high-tops, you were awesome!" Mr. Doug Duncan said.



What's Next?
Fifth-grader Jerad Burge questions what activity is next during his physical education class.



Fall

Put Your Hands In

The football team puts its helmets in to prepare for a game.



Don't Worry!

Junior Jesse Lutter participates in his class's skit during homecoming.

Pay Attention

Freshman Brittany Bublitz listens intently during health and wellness class.



Region Runner-Up!

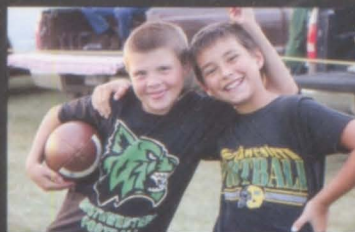
The cross country team consisting of Derek Boekelheide, Isaac Groft, Logan Schentzel, Darby Duncan, Josephyne Clemens and Peyton Groft celebrate after receiving runner-up at the regional meet.





Anticipating the Next Move

The competition cheer team performs its routine during the pep fest on homecoming.



We Love Football!

Waterboys Jackson Weideman and Kyle Stahl show their enthusiasm for football.



Working Hard

The first-grade class works on a project during art class.



Ohhh Mom!

Senior Shay Clemensen enjoys a big hug from his mother at coronation during homecoming week.

Ready to Hit

Junior setter Jeanna Duncan back sets the ball for the hitter.



Last Homecoming Parade

The senior class enjoys its last homecoming parade as a class.

What do you enjoy most about cross country?

"It was fun competing with my two best friends. They made me a lot better. I really liked the Hoven meet because it is flat," seventh-grader Peyton Groft said.



"Cross country was fun. I enjoyed riding in the suburban on the way to meets," eighth-grader Derek Boekelheide said.

"The feeling of crossing the finish line after running 2.5 miles is awesome!" eighth-grader Josephyne Clemens said.



Eighth-grader Darby Duncan runs at regions.



Cross Country Team
Back Row: Caleb Schentzel, Derek Boekelheide, Isaac Groft, Logan Schentzel and coach Kris Boekelheide. Front Row: Peyton Groft, Darby Duncan, Josephyne Clemens and Moira Duncan.

Cross Country

No breaks, no timeouts, no substitutions. Welcome to cross country.

In its second year, the cross country team qualified three girls for the state meet: seventh-grader Peyton Groft and eighth-graders Josephyne Clemens and Darby Duncan. Groft placed 22nd and Clemens 23rd at the state meet to get a chance to be on the medal stand.

"Cross country is very fun and exciting," Clemens said.

The girls' team placed second at the region meet in Webster, losing to champion Estelline, who broke the tie with its fourth runner. Northwestern only had three varsity runners.

"Cross country is such an experience for me. I have had lots of fun and enjoyable memories. We could use more people though!" eighth-grader Darby Duncan said.

Second-year coach Kris Boekelheide received Area 3 Cross Country Coach of the Year from the coaches association for her team's success.



Logan Schentzel, Derek Boekelheide, Isaac Groft



Caleb Schentzel



Isaac Groft

Schedule

Aug. 28 Britton

Sept. 1 Roe Granger

Sept. 13 Roncalli

Sept. 19 Faulkton

Sept. 22 Hoven

Oct. 3 LRC at Ipswich

Oct. 10 Regions at Webster

Oct. 20 State at Huron

1, 2, 3, 4



The girls ready themselves for the next move. Their routine this year consisted of a lot of tight group dancing.

Competition cheerleading provides students with another sport in which to compete. Eight girls participated in competition cheer this year.

"We had a good year. Half our team was freshmen, but they stepped it up and got it done. I'm excited for next year when we will be tumbling," junior Kristie Bade said.

Competition cheerleading is a mixture between cheer and dance. The team competed in four competitions this year. These competitions were held in Mellette, Redfield, Faulkton and Lake Preston.



Kalen Frericks



Madison Hahler



Rachael Boekelheide

Competition Cheer

Here We Go
The team performs at the Mellette competition.



Up, Up, Up
Elizabeth Heidenreich is thrown into the air by her teammates.



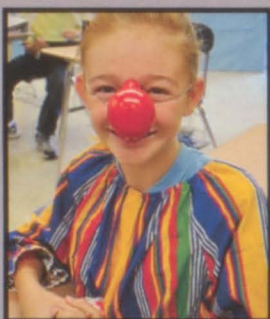
Freshman Elizabeth Heidenreich is one of the flyers for the team.



Competition Cheer
Back Row: Christine Morgan, Kalen Frericks, Kristie Bade, Darienne Frericks and coach Holly Morgan. Front Row: Codi Sparling, Madison Hahler, Elizabeth Heidenreich and Rachael Boekelheide.

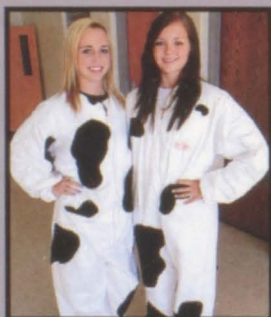
What did you enjoy most about homecoming?

"Homecoming was very fun! The theme was very interesting and fun at the same time," eighth-grader Darby Duncan said.



"I like homecoming because we get to decorate the float. My favorite day was PJ Day," sixth-grader Riley Grandpre said.

"I really had fun at homecoming this year. My favorite day was Master of Disguise Day because Kaitlyn and I dressed as cows," senior Kelsey Hoellein said.



"I liked the pajama party because Pajama Day was my favorite," first-grader Courtney Decker said.

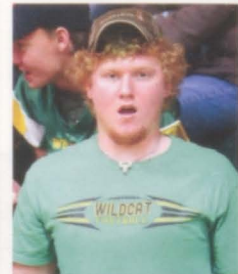


Students cheer exuberantly at the homecoming pep fest.

Homecoming

The homecoming theme this year frightened the opponents. For the high school and middle school, the theme was Scary Movies, and the elementary theme was Superhero. "Our Northwestern Zombie Apocalypse was awesome! Mrs. Schell was definitely best dressed!" junior Madison Hahler said.

The high school dress-up days consisted of PJ/Buddy Day, Vampire, Camo Day, Zombie Day, Master of Disguise Day and Spirit Day. For the elementary, the dress-up days were PJ Day, GI Joe Day, Superhero/Villain Day, Costume Day and Spirit Day.



Warren Walter



Haley Grandpre



Alyssa Steward
Kristie Bade
Kalen Frericks

Smile for the Camera

King and Queen



Seniors Kimberly Miles and Jake Groft were crowned homecoming king and queen.



2012 Jr. Miss Northwestern, Kennedi Sparling, waves to the crowd during the homecoming parade.

Ohh Those Seniors



Freshman Kirstin Borge smiles after being picked on by her buddy on Buddy Day.



Talin Sorenson

1. Senior Silas Franco takes part in a race made for the football players at the pep fest.



2. Calli Peterson, Kimberly Miles, Landon Fischbach and Mrs. Jennifer Schell pose for Zombie Day.



3. Freshman Nolan Peterson gives Mr. Scott Boone a hug during coronation.

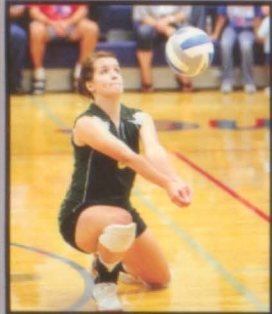
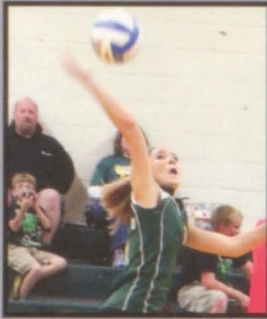


4. Cody Lefforge, Logan Schentzel, Tyler Carda and Madison Hahler play during the pep fest.



Darien Watson, Sadie Vander Wal, Addison Sparling, Jaidyn Kramp, Mackenzie Engels and Tucker Bohl show their disquises.

"My most memorable experience this season would be listening to Jordan's Big Mac raps before every game," sophomore Julia Sparling said.



"This season I really liked listening to music and dancing in the locker room before games," junior Jeanna Duncan said.



Kelsey Hoellein



Ashley Clemens

Volleyball

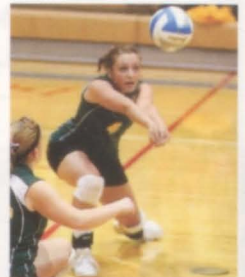
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Parkston	(25-17) (25-24)
Wagner	(10-25) (25-27)
McCook Central	(25-22) (25-11)
Arlington	(25-11) (25-16)
Aberdeen Christian	(25-2) (25-4) (25-4)
Langford Area	(25-13) (25-16) (25-7)
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Warner	(17-25) (14-25)
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Warner	(10-25) (15-25) (10-25)
Arlington	(18-25) (12-25)
Warner	(22-25) (25-14) (25-6)
Hamlin	(25-22) (25-21)
Deubrook Area	(25-10) (25-11)
Iroquois	(25-14) (25-20) (25-16)
Miller	(25-17) (25-0) (25-12)
Ipswich	(25-18) (25-21) (25-17)
Aberdeen Roncalli	(11-25) (10-25) (15-25)
Warner	(25-3) (25-0) (25-11)
Leola/Frederick	(25-20) (25-23) (25-18)
Redfield/Doland	(25-13) (25-12) (25-8)
Webster Area	(25-8) (25-15) (25-13)
Faulkton Area	(20-25) (32-30) (25-18) (25-20)
Chester Area	(25-0) (25-22) (25-7)
Potter County	(25-22) (25-17) (25-7)
Milbank	(25-12) (25-15) (25-13)
Groton Area	(25-10) (25-11) (25-16)
Hitchcock-Tulare	
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Warner (districts)	(18-25) (21-25) (0-25)

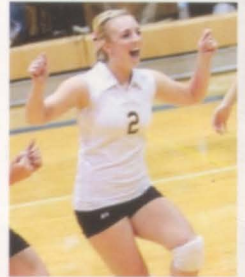
The 2012 volleyball team came back with another winning season with a record of 23-8.

"Being on the Northwestern volleyball team is the best thing that ever happened to me throughout the years of high school. I was very happy with how my last year went. I love my teammates, and I am glad I was able to play with a talented group of girls," senior Ashley Clemens said.

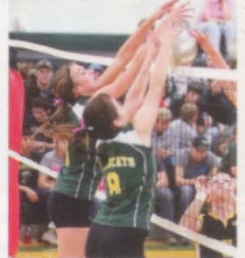
The volleyball season ended in the District 2B Championship with a loss to Warner, but the players fought hard like honey badgers.



Kennedi Sparling



Kelsey Hoellein



Ashley Clemens
Jeanna Duncan

The Team

Jump Float!



Ahh Snap!



Varsity Volleyball Team
Back Row: Coach Doug Duncan, Kaitlyn Sparling, Coach Elissa Reppe, Ashley Clemens and Coach Nora Groft. **Third Row:** Haley Grandpre, Kimberly Miles, Christine Morgan, Kelsey Hoellein and Julia Sparling. **Second Row:** Kennedi Sparling, Kalen Frericks, Paige Metzinger, Jeanna Duncan and Jordon Peterson. **Front Row:** Kaylee Hoellein and Kirstin Borge.

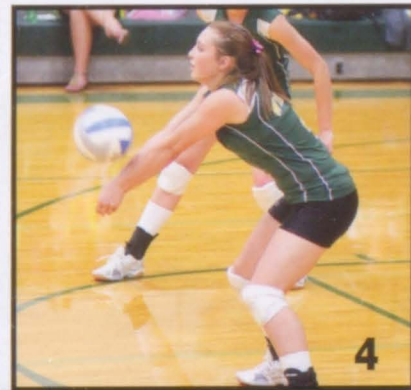
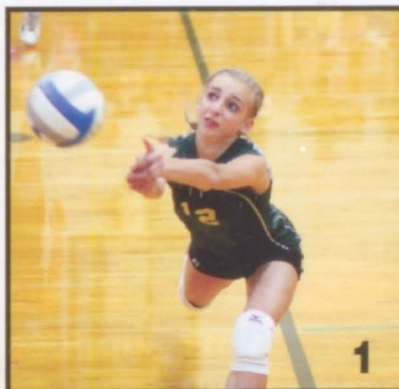
"I had an irregular season due to all the injuries on the team this year, but I was always ready to go in whenever I was needed," sophomore Haley Grandpre said.

"My favorite part about volleyball this year was comparing bruises in the defensive specialist class," sophomore Christine Morgan said.



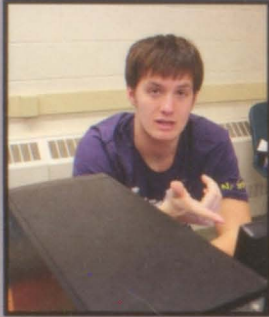
Jordon Peterson

1. Freshman Kaylee Hoellein races to pass the ball.
2. Senior Kimberly Miles dives for a ball during warm-ups.
3. The volleyball team runs out to the court ready to play.
4. Sophomore Kennedi Sparling bumps the ball to the setter.



How can distance learning be a benefactor for your future?

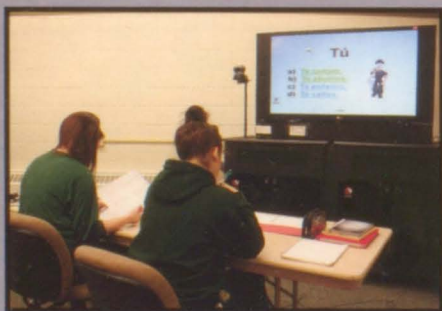
"Distance learning gives you a different aspect about learning. I like it because you can work at your own pace," senior Landon Fischbach said.



"Distance learning teaches responsibility and independence because you don't always have someone reminding you about assignments," senior Calli Peterson said.



"I have more options for classes than at school, and I need Spanish to go to an out of state school," junior Kristie Bade said.



Kalen Frericks and Jeanna Duncan



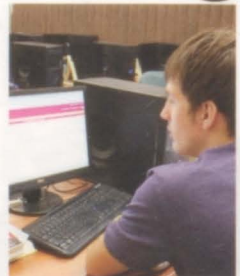
Jeanna Duncan and Kalen Frericks take Spanish II through DDN.

Distance Learning

At Northwestern, students are privileged with the opportunity of taking classes through a form of distance learning.

"You can take classes that aren't available to you. A whole array of cool classes reside online! Also, it is a challenge to prepare you. Life isn't supposed to be easy," junior Kalen Frericks said.

While some students are taking a Spanish class through Northern State University, either by DDN or online, other students are able to take AP classes online through different providers.



Landon Fischbach



Madison Hahler



Halle Sieve

Finishing a Project



First-graders Dylan Hahler and Jevon Berry spend time drawing during art class.

While some students excel in academics, others surpass in the hands-on prospects of art.

"I like doing art projects. I love doing hands-on projects. My favorite project this year was the fairy house project. I am also Mrs. Schell's student aid, and that is really fun," junior Alyssa Steward said.

In art class, students are able to display their artistic side by creating masterpieces and participating in mural projects. By having an art class, students can have a broader range of skills and abilities to achieve.



Sarah Franco



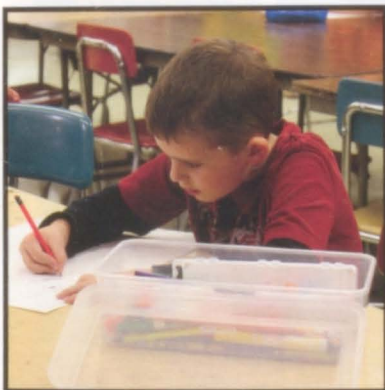
Rachel Rausch



Matthew Fischbach

Art

Steady...
First-grader Zachary Fischbach works hard on his art project.



Esther Moler

Cut It!
Freshman Allison Braun cuts out snow flakes during her art class.



Rikkalyn Wiman-Gisi



Junior Alyssa Steward works on a die cut-out project.

What advice would you give to younger football players?

"Always put in the extra effort. I wish I would have when I was a freshman during the off-season like I do now," junior Jacob Heidenreich said.



"Be quiet and listen to the seniors or just do what you're told, and try to impress the coaches whenever you can," sophomore Corbin Smith said.

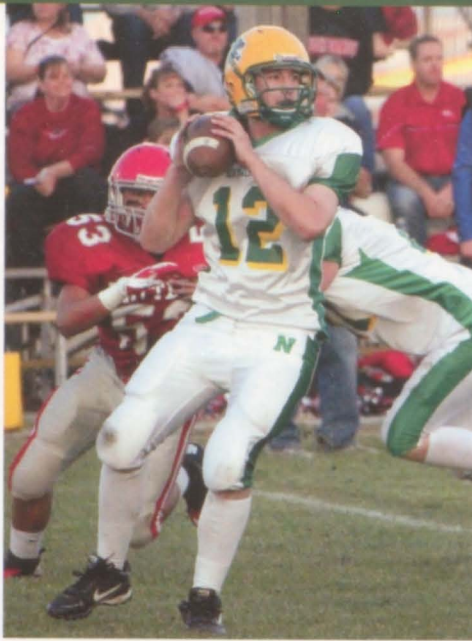
"Be a leader, not a follower," senior Silas Franco said.



Record

Hitchcock-Tulare	0	42
Langford Area	28	66
Leola/Frederick	6	60
Warner	6	48
Potter County	8	62
Faulkton Area	0	44
Ipswich	40	64
Wolsey-Wessington	14	54

Record: 0-8



Evan Finley



Landon Fischbach

Football

This year, the football team met tough competition and had the opportunity to introduce younger players to varsity competition.

"I really enjoyed having the opportunity to represent Northwestern football this year and previous years, and I wish the incoming players best of luck. Hopefully, you will be successful. I will be watching," senior Landon Fischbach said.

Though the team ended with a winless record, the support of fans continued to uphold the Wildcat spirit.



Nathan Frericks



Jacob Heidenreich



Nicholas Wood

The Team

Ready, Set, Hut



The offense prepares for the play as the players line up ready for the pass.



Football Team

Back Row: Jake Groft, Jesse Weideman, Eric Borge, Scott Boone, Ben Buisker, Nathan Peterson and Zachary Duncan. Third Row: Evan Finley, Corbin Smith, Tyler Carda, Hunter Lerew, Landon Fischbach, Mark Phillips, Nathan Frericks and Nicholas Wood. Second Row: Isaac Groft, Trevor Bohl, Jesse Lutter, Delbert Leonhardt, Jacob Heidenreich, Brayden Genzler, Dylan Miles, Silas Franco, Skylar Sorenson and Nolan Peterson. Front Row: Issac Bauer, Ethan Bauer, Logan Schentzel, Jackson Weideman, Cody Lefforge, Cory Walter and Andrew Lefforge.

ATTACK!



Sophomore Zachary Duncan and junior Tyler Carda come flying in to stop the runner from scoring a touchdown.



Jake Groft

1. Juniors Skylar Sorenson and Jacob Heidenreich tackle the opponent.

2. Sophomore Zachary Duncan attempts to take down the other team.

3. Junior Skylar Sorenson chases for a touchdown.

4. Junior Nathan Frericks sprints after he catches the ball.



What social studies class are you in, and what is your favorite part about that class?

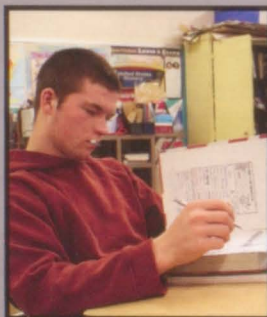
"I am in American history. Social studies is a very interesting subject. Also, it is cool and weird all at the same time because of Mr. Boone!" senior Courtlen Lechner said.



"I am in psychology. I like it because we learn about personality disorders. If you would like to be a therapist, then you would be able to pinpoint what's wrong and try to help them," sophomore Carolina Spielman said.



"I am in American history. My favorite part about history is seeing Mr. Boone walk into the classroom looking all fly. He has some sweet turtle necks," senior Jake Groft said.



Social Studies

Social studies is a required class where students learn about government, history, geography and psychology.

"I enjoy social studies. It is very important to developing young students minds. Mr. Boone makes it even better, especially when he barks randomly because that is just hilarious," junior Jacob Heidenreich said.

Social studies classes allow students to gain more knowledge on past and current events and even participate in healthy debates. Psychology/Sociology, taught by Mrs. Jennifer Schell, broadens the student's knowledge about the mind.



Cory Walter



Trevor Rush



Mr. Scott Boone

Go Joe!



Fifth-grader Joe Groft rushes towards the ball while playing a game during PE.

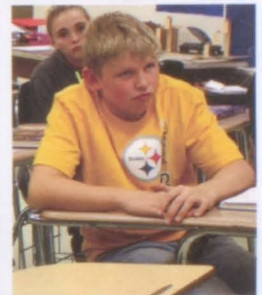
With the use of exercising the mind, the use of physical exercise is just as important. Physical education provides students with the chance to release themselves from a desk and move around a little.

"Health and wellness is a fabulous class, and everyone should have the opportunity to be in it," junior Nicholas Wood said.

Health and wellness, taught by Mr. Scott Boone, teaches about physical movement. Physical Education, taught by Mr. Eric Borge, allows elementary students to leave their classrooms to partake in physical activities.



Dalton Peterson



Wyatt Hahler

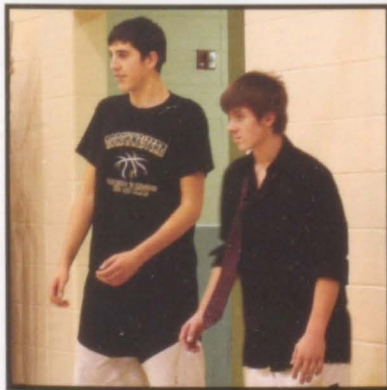


Silas Franco

Physical Education



Jump! Danielle Watson and Ashlyn Warcken jump on a box during a PE activity.



Is It Your Turn or Mine? Freshmen Hunter Lerew and Dylan Miles anticipate the ball during dodge ball.



Hailie Stuck and Mitchell Vander Wal



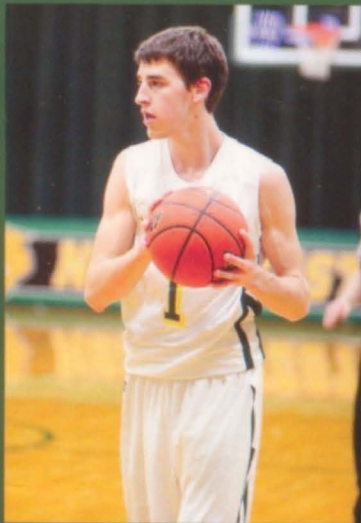
Destinee Zens

Yummy, Yummy, in My Tummy
Preschooler Rhianna Troske eats pancakes at the Coach's Huddle pancake breakfast.



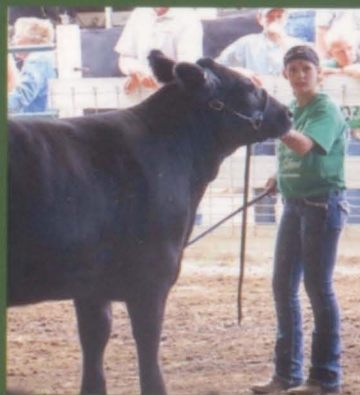
Winter

Working on Business
Freshmen Cameron Bohl and Abigail Fischbach complete an assignment during business class.



Make the Play
Senior Ray Lerew anticipates making a pass to one of his teammates.

Competeing in 4-H
Freshman Madison Styles shows her cow during a 4-H competition.



Am I Doing This Right?
Sophomore Jordan Ashalintubbi works on his project during advanced computers.





I Have to Line This Up
Junior Nathan Frericks lines up a shirt during screen printing taught by Mrs. Anne Frericks.



Ready to Cheer!
Water girls Emma Grandpre, Hannah Schentzel, Hayden Bohl and Mackenzie Stoltenberg prepare for the girls' basketball game.



Chatting with Friends
Chelsea Sorenson, Melissa Thompson and Esther Moler converse before school.



Making Popcorn
Sixth-grader Moira Duncan makes popcorn while working in the concession stand.



So Close!
Sophomore Kennedi Sparling inches away from making a basket.

Just Eating Breakfast
Third-grader Tyler Ashalintubbi enjoys his pancakes during breakfast.



Sophomore Jordon Peterson goes up for a jump shot.



Darby Duncan

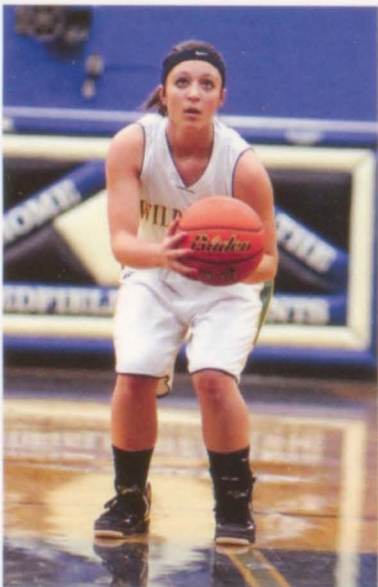


Haley Grandpre

Girls' Basketball



Freshman Cameron Bohl fights to post up against her Langford defender.



Sophomore Kennedy Sparling concentrates as she shoots a free throw.



The Varsity Girls' Basketball Team
Back Row: Kimberly Miles, Cameron Bohl, Courtlen Lechner, Ashley Clemens, Jordon Peterson, Julia Sparling, Haley Grandpre and Kennedi Sparling. **Middle Row:** Darby Duncan, Kirstin Borge, Coach Jason Sparling, Asst. Coach Denise Clemens, Christine Morgan and Josephyne Clemens. **Front Row:** Student Managers Halle Sieve, Carolina Spielman and Calli Peterson.

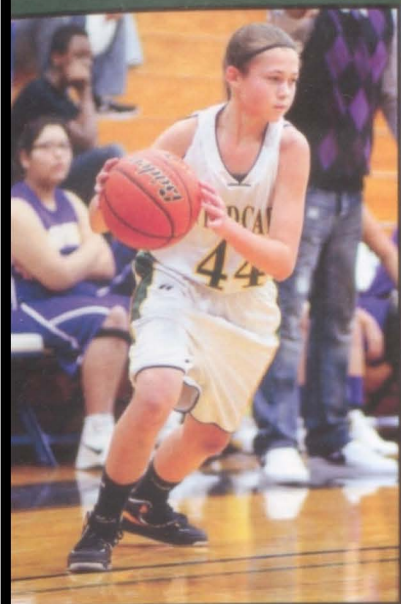


Senior Courtlen Lechner drives in to make a layup.

The Northwestern girls' basketball team started the season with determination while welcoming a new coach: Jason Sparling.

"I had a fun season. I learned a lot this year. I cannot wait to come back and play next year. I had a great time with the seniors, and I am looking forward to playing with the underclassmen in the future," sophomore Jordon Peterson said.

The Wildcats concluded the season at the district championship with a record of 9-12.



Eighth-grader Josephyne Clemens dribbles past the opponent.



Kaylee Hoellein



Julia Sparling, Josephyne and Ashley Clemens



Sophomore Hannah Palmer muscles the ball past her Miller defender during a game in Mellette.



Kirstin Borge



Christine Morgan

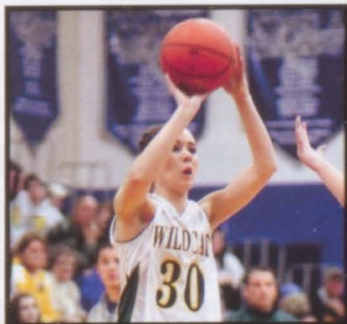


"It was an eventful season. It was fun. I had a great team, and I wish the best of luck to next year's team," senior Kimberly Miles said.

"It was a great opportunity to play with the younger girls. I had a blast playing with my younger sister. Memories were made that I will never forget. I will miss my teammates next year," senior Ashley Clemens said.



"It was very different to have my dad coach me in varsity ball. It was difficult to try not talking back, and that was probably the hardest part. This year was so much fun! We are going to miss the seniors!" sophomore Julia Sparling said.

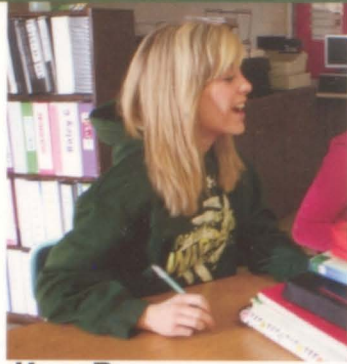


Scoreboard

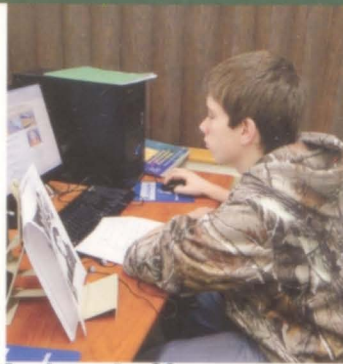
Aberdeen Roncalli	43-66
Aberdeen Christian	66-8
Sully Buttes	35-82
Warner	27-48
Potter County	59-61
Faulkton	56-27
Hitchcock-Tulare	56-39
Lower Brule	54-35
Sisseton	42-66
Miller	68-58
Ipswich	41-52
Warner	23-56
Leola/Frederick	61-30
Langford	60-49
Edmunds Central	65-30
Webster	40-63
Summit	32-74
Redfield/Doland	30-43
Herreid/Selby	32-59
Langford	49-46
Warner	36-57
Record: 9-12	



Business teacher Mrs. Anne Frericks explains how sophomore Colton Zens is to complete his assignment



Hope Bowar



Andrew Lefforge

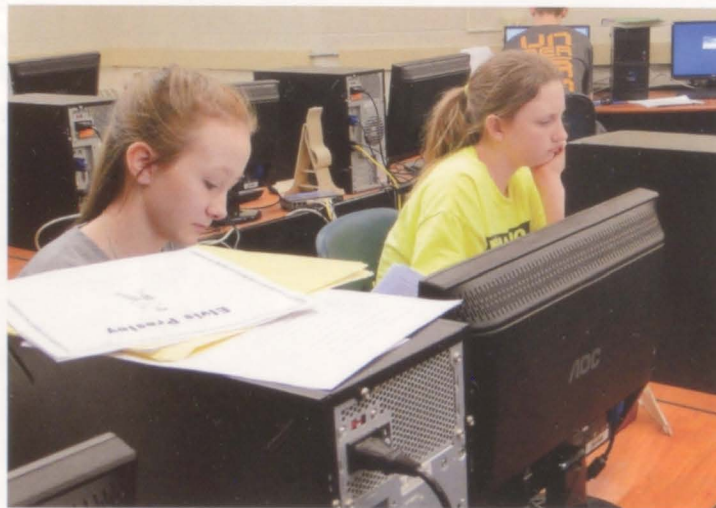
Business & Computers



Freshman Brayden Genzler participates in a conversation during class.



Senior Sarah Franco prepares herself for class to begin.



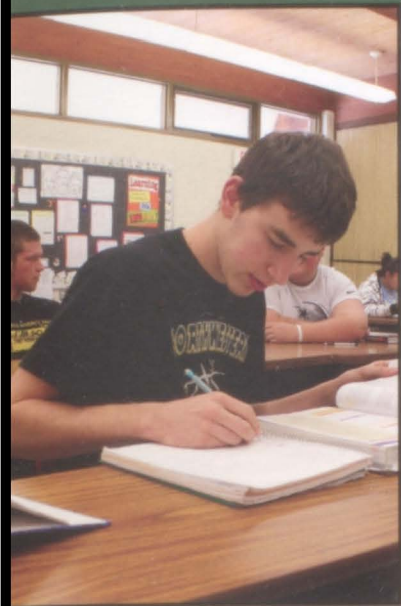
Eighth-graders Alexandria Johnson and Samantha Hagebock work deliberately on their assignment in middle school computers taught by Mrs. Shelley Fischbach.



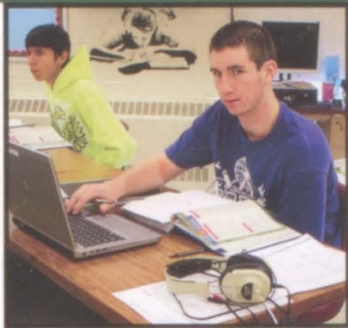
Senior Landon Fischbach screen prints shirts for an activity at school.

Northwestern offers a wide variety of classes ranging from general courses to classes, such as business and computers, devoted to making it in the "real world."

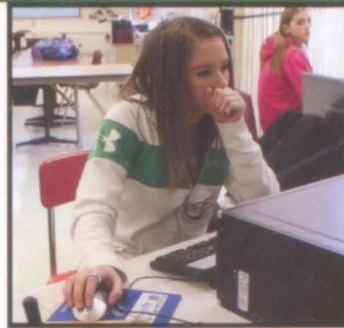
"Business is a very important aspect of our lives. We each need to become knowledgeable with popular business decisions, so we may make the the right choices in our lives. We need these classes to attain business knowledge and become responsible citizens," senior Landon Fischbach said.



Senior Ray Lerew works on an assignment during business law.



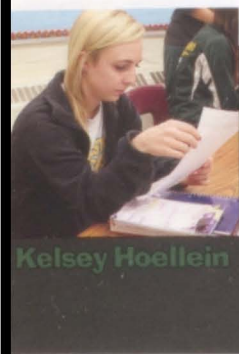
Evan Finley



Julia Sparling



Freshman Kate Finley works diligently on her business work.



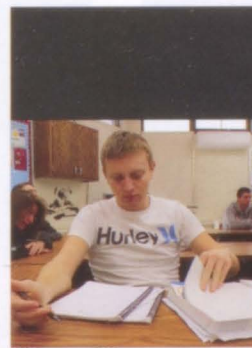
Kelsey Hoellein



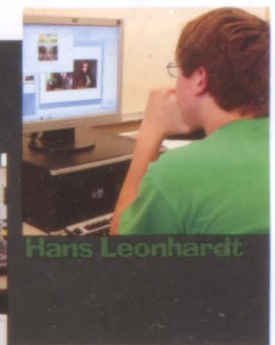
Hannah Palmer



"I like business class because my dad owns a business, and it is nice learning how to run a business," freshman Nolan Peterson said.

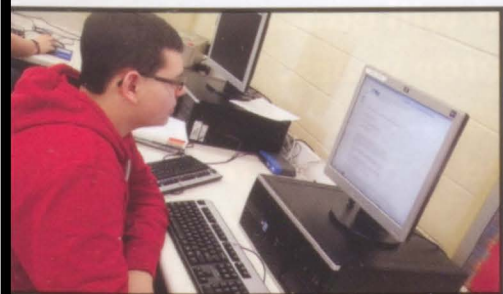


Shay Clemensen

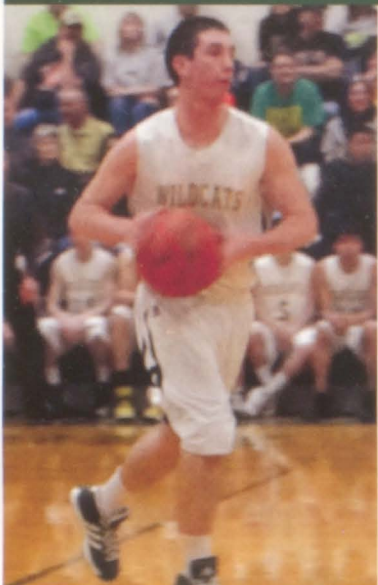


Hans Leonhardt

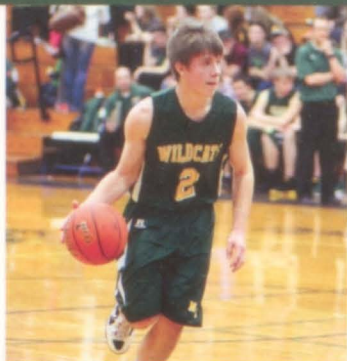
"I like business class because I want to go into business for a career someday, and this class will help me get there," freshman Isaac Groft said.



"I like advanced computers because we get to do cool different projects and programs," sophomore Blake Toennies said.



Senior Evan Finley goes to make a quick pass, finalizing the play called by the coach.



Dylan Miles



Derek Boekelheide

Boys' Basketball



Senior Ray Lerew attempts a jump shot while being guarded by many defenders.



Senior Landon Fischbach anticipates an open look to pass the ball.



The Varsity Boys' Basketball Team
 Back Row: Asst. Coach Nathan Peterson, Isaac Groft, Corbin Smith, Tyler Carda, Hunter Lerew, Nathan Palmer, Matthew Fischbach, Dylan Miles and Coach Christopher Osborn.
 Middle Row: Asst. Coach Austin Fischbach.
 Front Row: Madison Hahler, Evan Finley, Ray Lerew, Landon Fischbach, Silas Franco and Kalen Frericks.

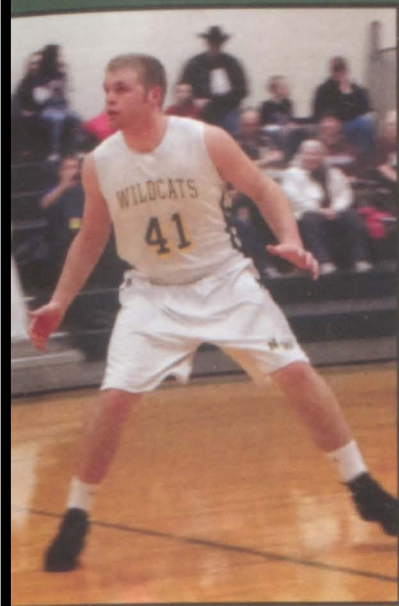


Sophomore Corbin Smith dribbles down the court to set up a play.

The Northwestern boys' basketball team struggled to reach a desired record. However, the boys experienced hardships that will educate them and leave them with positive aspirations and energy for later years.

"It was kind of sad that we lost a lot of games and that we are going to lose all the seniors. We'll come back next year, though, and hopefully do better," junior Tyler Carda said.

The season ended with a record of 3-15.



Sophomore Tyler Carda controls the speed of the game by pressuring the opponent.



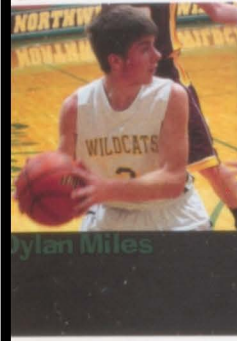
Corbin Smith



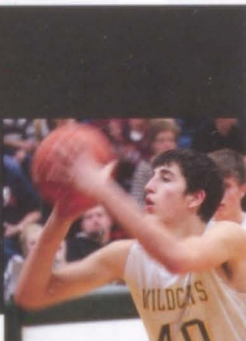
Isaac Groft



Senior Nathan Palmer puts up a fight as he inches to score a basket.



Dylan Miles



Hunter Lerew



"This season wasn't the best, but we never gave up. We kept trying, and that's what counts," senior Silas Franco said.



"I think our team was able to learn about hard work, determination, and will-power, so they know you have to earn what you receive, not just what comes from skill. I wish the best of luck for next year," senior Landon Fischbach.

"The basketball season had its ups and downs. We all had fun with the season. I hope the best for the upcoming players," senior Evan Finley said.



Scoreboard

Sully Buttes	35-57
Edmunds Central	79-33
Warner	38-79
Potter County	45-62
Eureka/Bowdle	66-72
Aberdeen Christian	61-60
Miller	54-67
Ipswich	63-69
Leola/Frederick	49-56
Faulkton	46-43
Langford	30-56
Wolsey-Wessington	33-93
Webster	51-64
Summit	44-62
Redfield/Doland	45-57
Hitchcock-Tulare	42-71
Aberdeen Christian	53-66
Leola/Frederick	18-37

Record: 3-15



Freshman Logan Schentzel works on a gun cabinet during tech.



Abigail Fischbach



Dawson Smith

Industrial Tech & Vocational Education



Junior Skylar Sorenson tests a part from the electric car.



Junior Bryce Roe explains his project to a fellow student.



Juniors Jesse Lutter, Nicholas Wood and Nathan Frericks work on their electric car in industrial tech.

"I just love that industrial tech is hands-on work. It makes me feel manly. I was really excited to build the electric car for the race this year. We made it go fast!" Wood said.



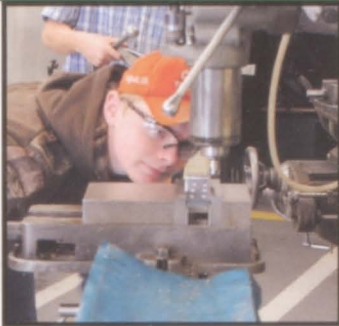
Eighth-graders Josephyne Clemens and Darby Duncan finish their wood carvings.

Straying from the textbooks, industrial tech and vocational education supply students with the chance to enlarge their education on manual work. Students travel to the Hub Area Technical School in Aberdeen to attend vocational education. Here, students enroll in classes such as building trades, automotive technology, machine tool and mass communication.

"At vo-ed, I am in machine tool. I enjoy this class because I get to make awesome stuff," sophomore Colton Zens said.



Junior Matthew Fiscbach drills a hole to elaborate his project in machine tool.



Colton Zens



Bryce Roe



Sophomore Jordan Ashlintubbi works on machines during machine tool.



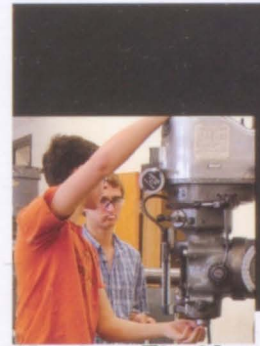
Zachary Duncan



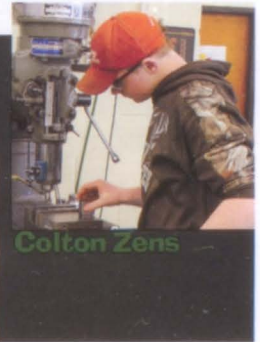
Colton Zens



"I like vo-ed because it is all hands-on work, not in a textbook," sophomore Zachary Duncan said.



Matthew Fiscbach
Delbert Leonhardt



Colton Zens

"I liked building the gun rack with Andrew and Dawson. I like tech because it's more fun than computers since it's more hands-on work," eighth-grader Austin Wiman said.



"I like industrial tech because it is a nice to show up the boys once in a while," freshman Cameron Bohl said.





Sophomore Christine Morgan won first place at the state snow queen junior talent show.

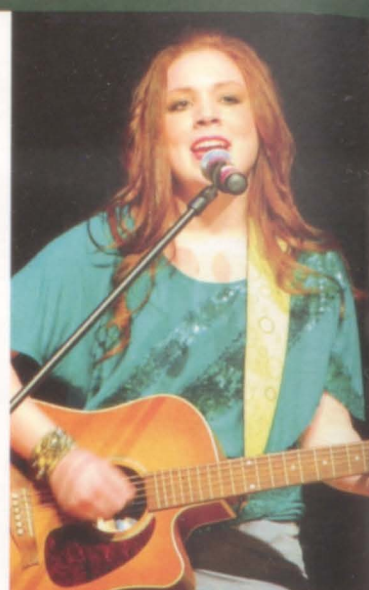


Mitchell Vander Wal



Sawyer Styles

Out of School Activities



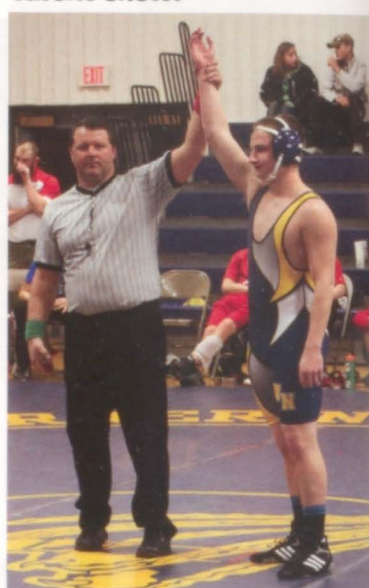
Junior Kalen Frericks won second place at the state snow queen senior talent show.



Kindergartner Dallas Stoltenberg plays T-ball during the summer.



Freshman Logan Schentzel, sixth-grader Caleb Schentzel and freshman Nolan Peterson traveled to Deadwood, S.D., to snowmobile.



Junior Jacob Heidenreich has his arm raised after winning a wrestling match.

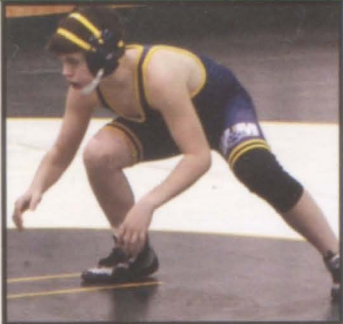
In addition to homework and school activities, students still manage to find other exhilarating activities to occupy their time.

"I love going snowmobiling and playing baseball! I really enjoy out of school activities because they are my break away from school," sixth-grader Caleb Schentzel said.

Students participate in 4-H, wrestling, baseball, snowmobiling, dance, American Legion Auxiliary, snow queen and YMCA sports.



Senior Shay Clemensen snowmobiles as soon as snow hits the ground.



Tyler Braun



Kiarra and Hailie Stuck, Sadie Vander Wal



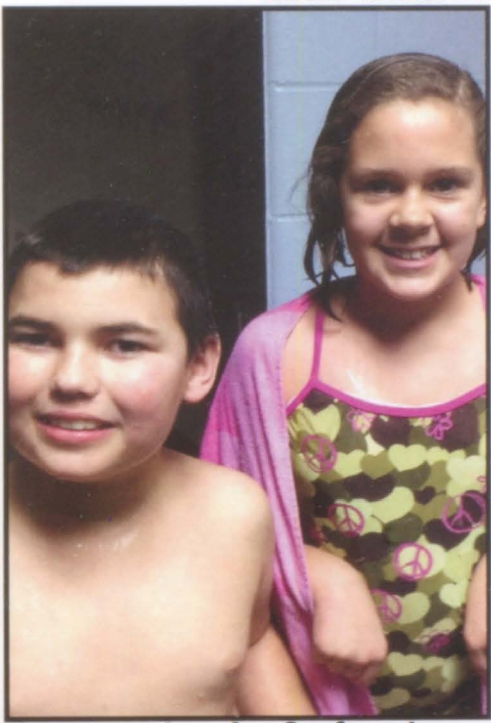
Freshman Brayden Genzler celebrates with his team after a grand slam.



Christine Stoltenberg



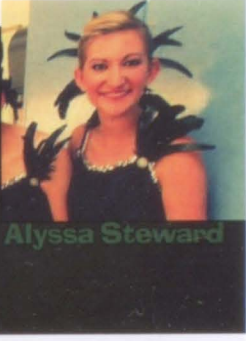
Caleb Schentzel
Hannah Schentzel



Fourth-graders Joe Groft and Alexis Rahm like to go swimming as an out of school activity.



Madison Styles



Alyssa Steward

Fourth-Grade YMCA Basketball Team

Back Row: Alexis Rahm, Kiarra Stuck, Sydney Schell and Bailey Heim.
Front Row: Hannah Schentzel, Hayden Bohl, Coach Jennifer Schell and Joclyn Haven.

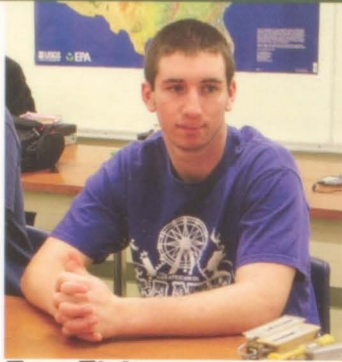


The Northville Teeners Baseball Team

Back Row: Asst. Coach Austin Fischbach, Trey Villhauer, Evan Finley, Chance Karlen, Nathan Palmer, Brayden Genzler, Coach Kim Peterson and Corbin Smith. Front Row: Jacob Heidenreich, Frank Todaro, Zach Heidenreich, Ethan Bauer, Nolan Peterson, Logan Schentzel, Andrew Lefforge and Isaac Bauer.



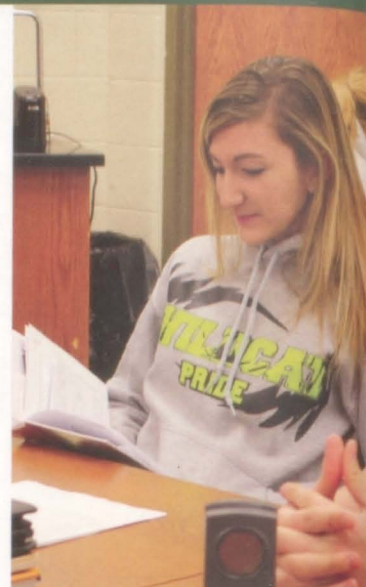
Sophomore Hans Leonhardt listens intently as Alyssa Steward gives the lesson.



Evan Finley



Mrs. Denise Clemens



Junior Alyssa Morgan reads information about the FCA meeting topic.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Youth Groups



Junior Kalen Frericks enjoys a topic discussed.



Juniors Jeanna Duncan and Alyssa Steward and senior Evan Finley enjoy a scrumptious pancake breakfast held by the FCA Coach's Huddle.



Junior Madison Hahler dives in during the coach's pancake breakfast.

Students share and practice their faith in Fellowship of Christian Athletes on Wednesday mornings and youth groups on Wednesday evenings.

"I like seeing all the various kids that come in during the week. I like leading FCA meetings because it has brought me closer to God. My relationship with God has grown stronger through FCA," junior Jeanna Duncan said.

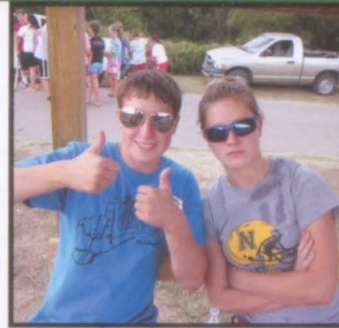
This year, the FCA word was "Challenge." The leaders, juniors Alyssa Steward and Duncan, offered a lesson each meeting that had something to do with challenges that students face.



Seventh-grader Evy Peterson participates in community service with her youth group.



Jeanna Duncan



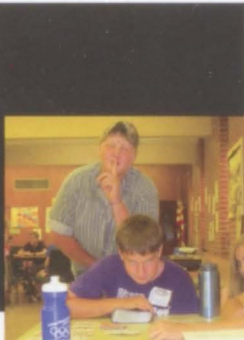
Isaac Groft
Kirstin Borge



Freshman Isaac Groft cleans chairs to help with his youth group.



Klaryssa Schnoor



Kyler Johnson
Isaac Groft



Seventh-grader Austin Peterson, freshman Isaac Groft and Mr. Doug Duncan paint a bridge with their youth group.



Jeanna Duncan
Darby Duncan



Melissa Thompson

Youth Group

Back Row: Isaac Groft, Mr. Doug Duncan, Jeanna Duncan, Cody Bullock, Shelby Peterson, Kyler Johnson, Zachary Duncan, Evy Peterson, Amy Duncan and Austin Peterson. Front Row: Melissa Thompson, Cody Lefforge, Peyton Groft, Darby Duncan and Klaryssa Schnoor.



Eighth-grader Klaryssa Schnoor and seventh-graders Peyton Groft and Evy Peterson smile after a long day of community service in Pawhuska, Okla., with their youth group. Temperatures soared over 100 degrees every day, but that only lit their fire to serve.

You're Going Down!
 Sophomore Colten Zens and
 junior Nathan Frericks battle
 with the entertainment used at
 post prom.

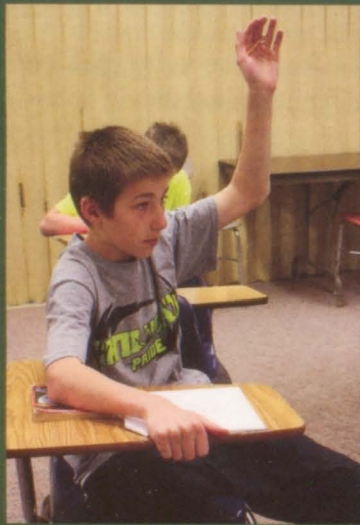


Spring

Sing Ahhhh!

The high school chorus
 dazzles the audience with a
 song during the spring
 concert.

- Eschard Comets
- Esfield Elementary
- Ellettsville Torriers
- Ellettsville Panthers

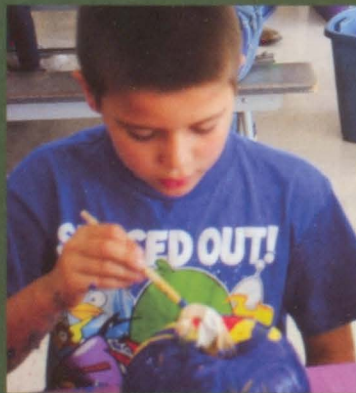


I Have a Question

Sixth-grader Caleb
 Schentzel awaits his
 literature teacher to
 answer his question.

Get This Just Right

Second-grader Tanner
 Ewalt paints a pumpkin
 during an FBLA activity.



Utilizing the iPad
 Fourth-grader Ethan
 Walter uses his iPad to
 quiz his math skills.





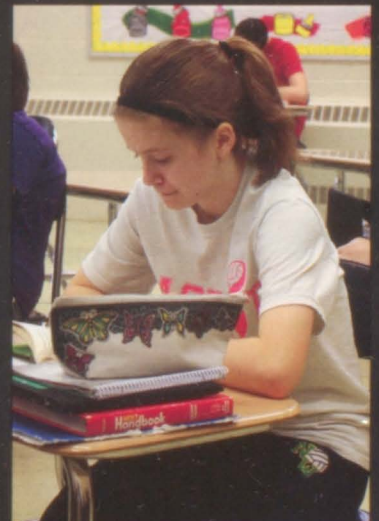
Record My Results
Freshmen Rachael Boekelheide, Darienne Frericks and Kate Finley document their results from an experiment in physical science.



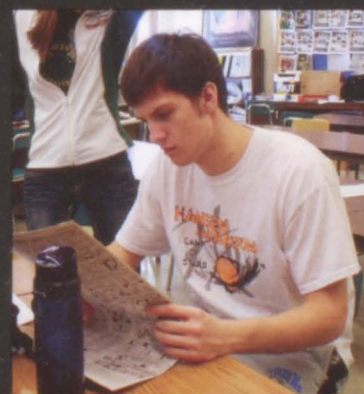
I'll Need to Know This
Fourth-grader Sydney Schell practices her math skills using her iPad as a reference.



Do the Cupid Shuffle
Prom-goers dance the night away at the dance following grand march.



This is a Good Book
In literature class, eighth-grader Darby Duncan dives into a book to discuss.



What's the News?
Senior Landon Fischbach catches up on the latest news during English class.

Come With Me, Rapunzel
Kalen Frericks, Christine Morgan and Halle Sieve act out a scene from the fairy tale spring play.

Future Business Leaders of America

Future Business Leaders of America ameliorates students in the knowledge of the business enterprise. Students help with fundraising activities as well as compete in written and speaking events at the state level held in Pierre, S.D., this year.

"FBLA has definitely been one of my favorite clubs I have been involved in through high school. I have learned more about the business enterprise by attending the spring conference and competing in events that deal with situations I could run into if I were in a business occupation," senior Calli Peterson said.



During the Christmas season, FBLA held a blanket toss to raise money for families in the community. Madison Hahler donates change into the blanket held by Calli Peterson and Kaitlyn Sparling.



Landon Fischbach
President



Calli Peterson
Vice President



Kimberly Miles
Secretary



Nathan Frericks
Treasurer



Kalen Frericks
Reporter



Jacob Heidenreich
Parliamentarian



Alyssa Steward
Historian



Mrs. Anne
Frericks
Adviser

Oh Christmas Tree...

Every year, freshmen FBLA members decorate the Christmas tree in the cafeteria. The freshmen members this year proudly show off their great decorating skills.



Happy Thanksgiving!

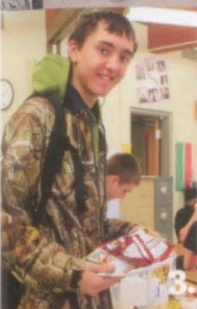
Seniors Kelsey Hoellein and Ashley Clemens make Thanksgiving cards for people in the nursing home.



Let Me Help You

Sophomore Corbin Smith helps second-grader Ella Haven paint her pumpkin for Halloween.

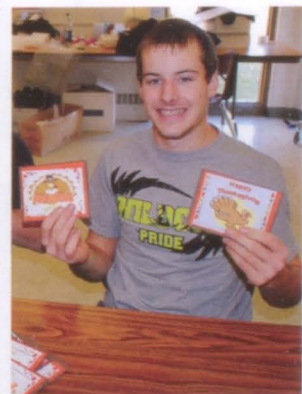




1. Junior Madison Hahler communicates with her friends at the end of the year FBLA party.
2. Sophomore Christine Morgan won a shirt for a white elephant gift.
3. Junior Matthew Fischbach gathers snacks for an FBLA meeting.
4. Junior Kalen Frericks gives blood for the first time at the FBLA blood drive.
5. Junior Skylar Sorenson enjoys a tasty snack after giving blood at the FBLA blood drive.
6. Senior Kaitlyn Sparling separates Valentine's Day suckers.
7. Freshman Abigail Fischbach works on a sign for the FBLA Christmas tree.



FBLA members encourage elementary students to expand their creativity and decorate pumpkins for Halloween. Freshman Kirstin Borge and sophomore Hannah Palmer help kindergartner Rhianna Troske paint her pumpkin for her home.



Ray Lerew handles money in the concession stand run by FBLA.

Paige Metzinger entertains elementary students after pumpkin painting.

Kristie Bade makes popcorn for the concession stand.

Cameron Bohl designs a poster for an FBLA event.

Nicholas Wood helps make Thanksgiving cards for the nursing home.

Math and Science

From addition to subtraction, multiplication to division, students at Northwestern continue to stress the constant use of math in everyday life.

"Math challenges my mind. The feeling I get when I figure out a tough equation is satisfying," junior Nicholas Wood said.

Science ranges from lab experiments to chemical formulas. Students dive into elaborate dissections and fascinating chemical equations to expand their knowledge of science.

"I like science because I like experimenting and testing new things," junior Kristie Bade said.



High school math teacher Mrs. Amanda Fa'onelua teaches the geometry class new formulas and a method to help with their homework.



Kendra Bohlen



Julia Sparling



Esther Moler



Tiffany Schwartz



Ethan Bauer



Dawson Smith



Hannah Schentzel



Tomlyn Toy

Going to Phoenix!

Juniors Kalen Frericks and Kristie Bade competed in the Northern State University science fair and qualified for the International Science Fair in Phoenix, Ariz.



What Color Is It Again?

Fifth-graders Cassidy Frericks and Ezekiel Duncan work on their solar system project.

Math Counts!

Derek Boekelheide, Josephyne Clemens, Peyton Groft, Darby Duncan and Christian Warcken proudly show off their MathCounts awards.





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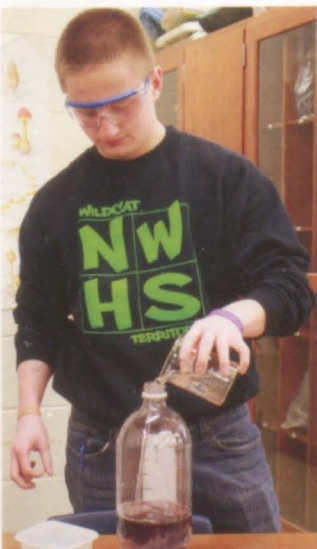
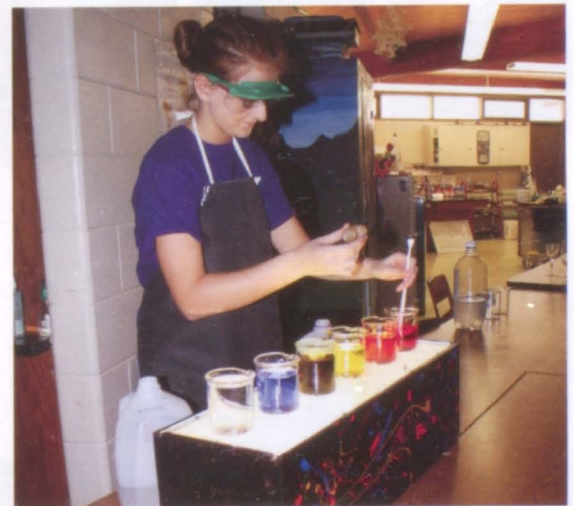
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1. Fourth-grader Jace Haven figures out math problems on his iPad.
2. Freshmen Cody Lefforge and Nolan Peterson conduct a flame experiment in physical science.
3. Freshman Elizabeth Heidenreich listens closely to the instructions given by her math teacher.
4. Freshman Kaylee Hoellein solves an Algebra I problem using her calculator.
5. Sophomore Kennedi Sparling takes notes while the math teacher gives a lecture in geometry.
6. Fourth-grader Kiarra Stuck works on her math assignment.
7. Eighth-grader Alexandria Johnson studies her science homework.

Junior Paige Metzinger conducts a chemistry experiment for her class in which she demonstrates how she can turn clear liquid into an array of colors.



Jacob Heidenreich performs an experiment for his chemistry class.



Sophie Kranhold takes notes of the geometry formulas.



Haley Grandpre listens to her teacher during geometry class.



Fifth-grader Kyle Stahl finishes his sun for his solar system project.



Jeanna Duncan accepts the Dr. Rehfeld award at the NSU science fair.

Prom 2013: "A Night in Heaven"

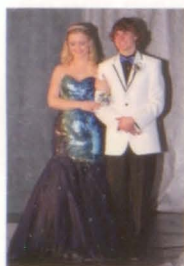
The Northwestern gym dazzled with sparkles and a fairytale castle at the prom, "A Night in Heaven."

"The hypnotist was pretty awesome. Even though it didn't work on me, it was still fun to watch. It was a good event to have with my friends before graduation," senior Kaitlyn Sparling said.

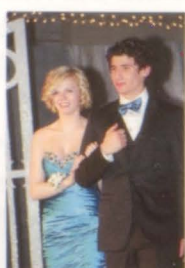
Twenty couples attended this grand event. A dance was held right after grand march, followed by post prom, which consisted of a hypnotist, inflatables and card games.



Senior Trevor Rush escorts senior Sarah Franco.



Aubrey Johnson
Skylar Sorenson



Madison Hahler
Favian Aguirre



Evan Finley



Sarah Parkin
Nicholas Wood



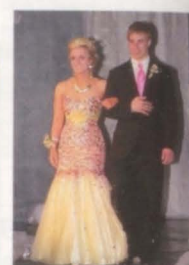
Torey Beardemphl
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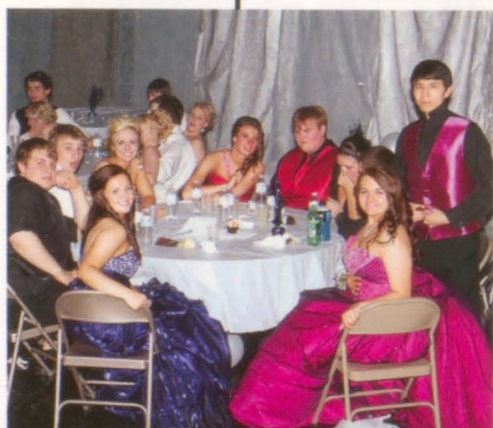
Kristie Bade
Michael Duch



Kelsey Hoellein
Logen Arthurs

Take Five, Everybody

Prom-goers take a quick break from dancing before hitting the dance floor again. They enjoyed refreshments and pleasant company while they waited.



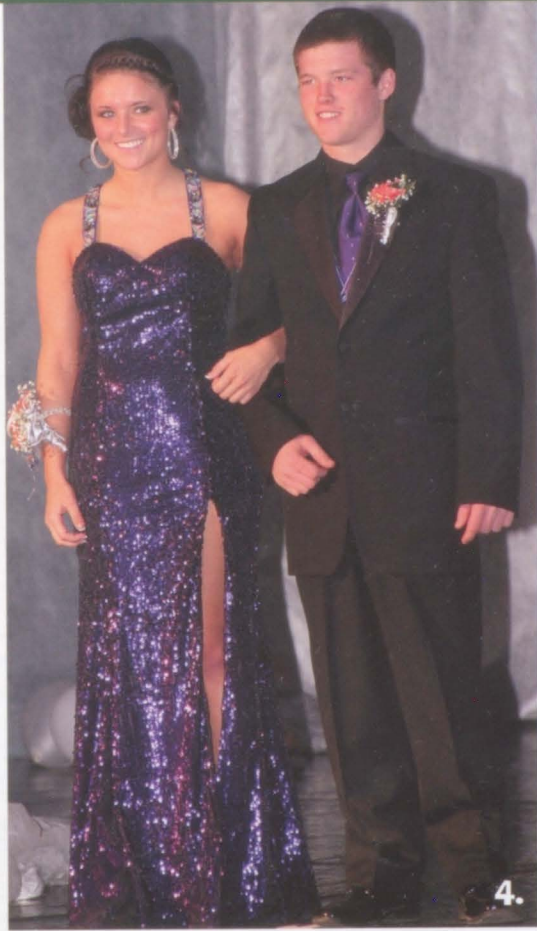
Dance the Night Away

Prom attendees participate in a line dance during the dance at prom which followed grand march.

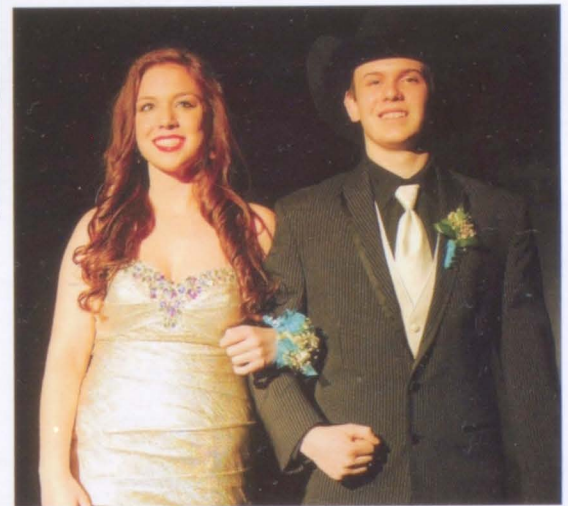


We're Here to Serve

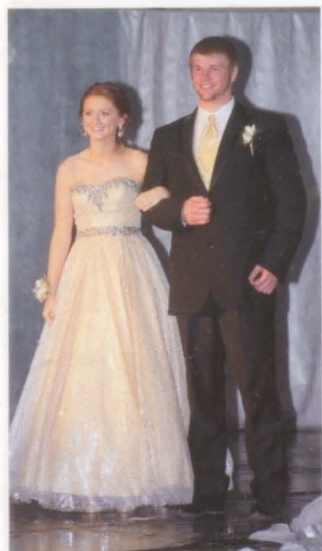
Sophomores Corbin Smith, Colton Zens, Haley Grandpre, Julia Sparling, Halle Sieve and Blake Toennies served as the waiters and waitresses of the event.



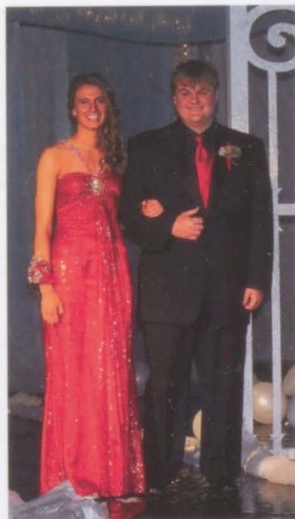
1. Junior Nathan Frericks escorts his date, Heather Roe.
2. Senior Silas Franco escorts his date, senior Courtlen Lechner.
3. Cody Friese escorts senior Kaitlyn Sparling.
4. Senior Jake Groft escorts senior Kimberly Miles.
5. Junior Luther Johnson escorts his date, Sage Binger.
6. Senior Evan Finley escorts senior Calli Peterson.
7. Senior Warren Walter escorts his date, Samantha Schilling.



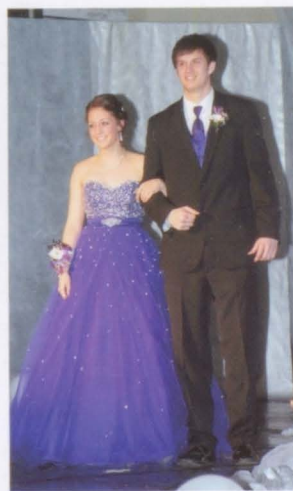
Junior Jesse Lutter escorts class president Kalen Frericks. The class president, takes the leadership role in the junior class to put together the prom.



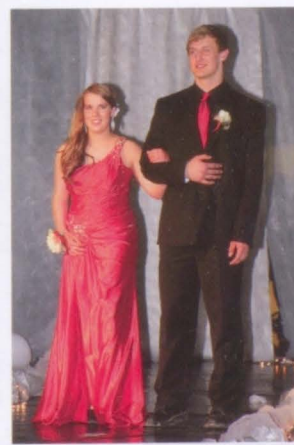
Junior Tyler Cards escorts junior Paige Metzinger.



Senior Stanton Roach escorts senior Ashley Clemens.



Senior Landon Fischbach escorts sophomore Kennedy Sparling.



Junior Nathan Palmer escorts junior Sophie Kranhold.



Levi Dinger escorts junior Alyssa Steward.

Music

Band and chorus serve as Northwestern students' way of expressing themselves through music.

"Music is a healthy escape for the brain. While it may not be math or science, it increases the brain's surface area, so it does truly make you smarter. Oh, and it's fun, too," junior Kalen Frericks said.

The elementary and junior high students put on two concerts, and the high school held three concerts. Each student had the opportunity of competing in music competitions throughout the year.



Kaylee Hoellein



Rachael Boekelheide



Cody Leffoge



Torey Beardemphl



Madalyn Groft



Junior Donna Harmon, freshman Andrea Rausch and junior Alyssa Steward perform a flute trio during the spring concert.



Danille Seymour



Jeanna Duncan

Follow the Director

Freshmen Kirstin Borge, Allison Braun and Cameron Bohl make sure they are on the right beat by glancing at their director, Mr. Doug Duncan.

Carolina Spielman

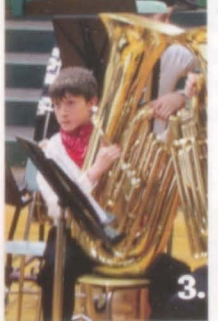
Starting Young

The fifth-grade band performs songs at the elementary spring concert, which featured songs from the 1970s.

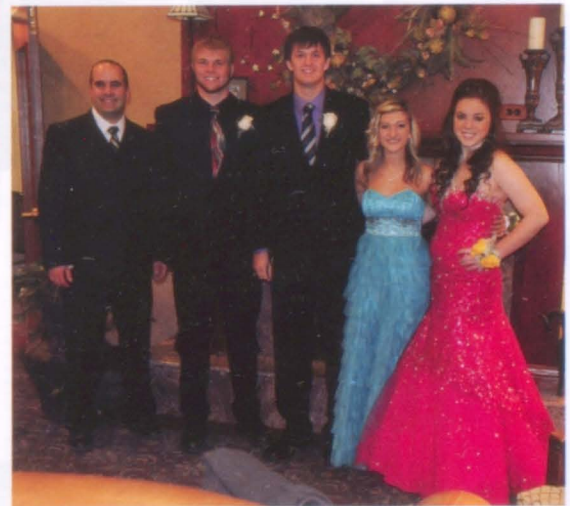


Playing the French Horn
Junior Luther Johnson plays the french horn during the spring concert.





1. First-graders Lincoln Woodring and Dawson Ward sing loudly during a spring concert.
2. The high school alto section sings magnificently during the spring concert.
3. Fifth-grader Zechariah Clemens waits his turn to play the tuba.
4. Freshman Codi Sparling performs a musical number on the baritone saxophone.
5. Freshman Ethan Bauer shakes the tamborine during band practice.
6. First-grader Jevon Berry waits for his turn to sing.
7. Freshman Abigail Fischbach plays her clarinet during the spring concert.



Juniors Tyler Carda, Alyssa Steward and Kalen Frericks and senior Landon Fischbach sang at All-State Chorus, accompanied by high school music teacher, Mr. Doug Duncan. For the last 11 years, Duncan taught second grade. This year, Duncan changed his tune and stepped up to take the leadership role in the music department.



Donna Harmon practices her flute during band class.



Percussionist Evan Finley tests his drum skills on the trap set.



Madison Styles practices her trumpet while waiting for class to start.



Kaitlyn Lefforge plays her french horn in a '70s outfit for the spring concert.



Halle Sieve plays her alto saxophone in a quartet at the spring concert.

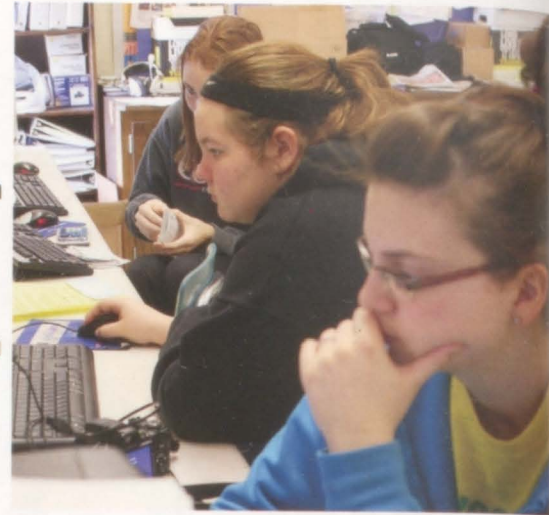
Journalism and English

This year, the journalism staff continued to wow readers with the informative school newspaper, *The Scratchin' Post*.

"Journalism is always a blast! I never thought I would learn so much during this class!" sophomore Haley Grandpre said.

English teaches students to write papers, to speak in front of an audience and to interpret various literary works.

"English, this year, helped me learn how to speak in front of people because I had to take speech class. Even though I am still really bad, I learned to have more confidence," sophomore Jordon Peterson.



Sophomores Hannah Palmer and Carolina Spielman work on stories for the school newspaper, *The Scratchin' Post*.



Halle Seive

Evy Peterson



Jaidyn Kramp



Blake Toennies



Allison Braun



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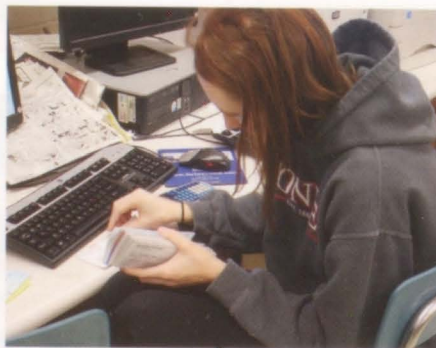
Logan Schentzel



Seth Wood

What Happened Again?

Sixth-graders Sean Shepherd, Talin Sorenson and Riley Grandpre study the novel, *Number the Stars*, in literature class taught by Mr. Christopher Osborn.



Adding the Totals

Sophomore journalism business manager Haley Grandpre takes care of advertisements bought from people in the community.

Understanding Literature

Eighth-graders Matthew Metzinger, Darby Duncan and Derek Boekelheide read passages of literature on their iPads.





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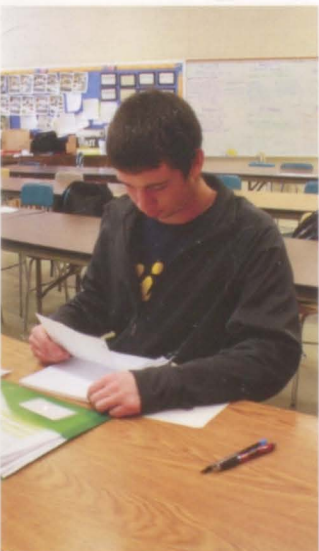
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- 1. Senior Ashley Clemens organizes her information during AP English.
- 2. Seventh-grader Addison Sparling poses a question during literature.
- 3. Sophomore Jordon Peterson takes an AP style quiz in journalism.
- 4. Eighth-grader Samantha Hagebock takes time to read through an assignment during English.
- 5. Senior Kelsey Hoellein participates in a conversation during AP English.
- 6. Freshman Kate Finley finishes an English assignment.
- 7. Eighth-grader Derek Boekelheide uses his iPad to look through English material.

Eighth-graders Klaryssa Schnoor, Josephyne Clemens and Kyler Johnson work on a project on the iPad in their English class taught by Mrs. Christy Cardella.



Evan Finley studies information needed for his AP English research paper.



Andrew Lefforge utilizes his iPad for research needed in English class.



Tyler Braun studies his literature textbook.



Madison Styles searches for her assignment to turn in.



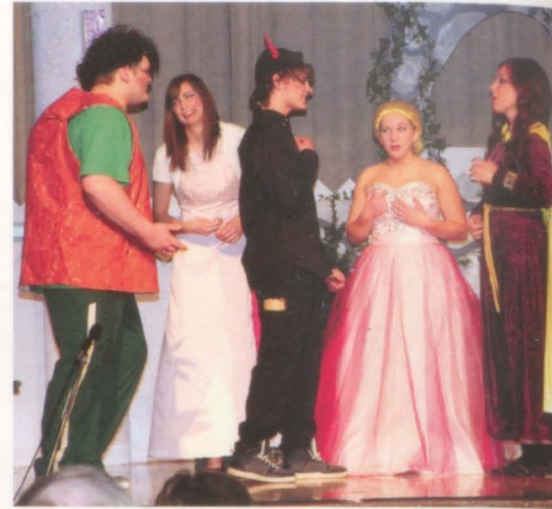
Triten Heber participates in a class discussion over a novel.

Drama Club

The drama club brings members out of their comfort zone and on to stages.

"Being in the drama club has boosted my confidence. It gets more fun every year. I can't wait to lead it next year," junior Madison Hahler said.

This year, the drama club consisted of oral interpretation, one-act play and spring play. Junior Nicholas Wood qualified for the state oral interpretation competition. The one-act play placed third at the one-act contest in Aberdeen.



Junior Luther Johnson, sophomore Halle Sieve, junior Skylar Sorenson, sophomore Christine Morgan and junior Kalen Frericks argue on stage during a Rapunzel scene.



Blake Toennies
Jesse Lutter



Codi Sparling



Skylar Sorenson



Halle Sieve



Sadie Vander Wal



Kalen Frericks



Luther Johnson

Why, Cinderella!

Junior Madison Hahler and senior Calli Peterson perform a Cinderella scene during the spring play, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*.



Stop! You're Wrecking It!

Junior Jesse Lutter attacks sophomore Halle Sieve during the spring play.

Christine Morgan

The Final Solution

The play cast begins the one-act play by addressing the horrors during the Holocaust.





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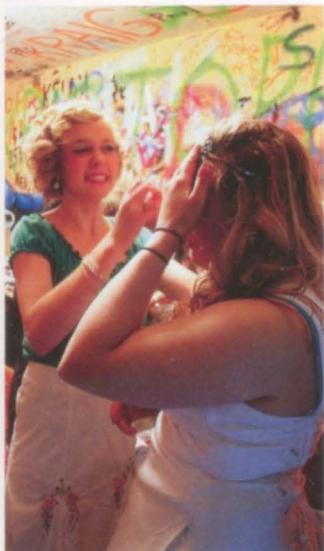
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1. Junior Torey Beardemphl awaits her frog prince.
2. Junior Tyler Carda recites his line during a play.
3. Junior Kalen Frericks plays her guitar for background music.
4. Junior Nicholas Wood tries to frighten Senior Calli Peterson with Mickey Mouse ears.
5. Seventh-grader Sadie Vander Wal waits patiently as her witch makeup is applied.
6. Junior Madison Hahler and sophomore Blake Toennies play Hansel and Gretel in a play.
7. Juniors Jesse Lutter and Luther Johnson act out a scene during the spring play.

Freshman Codi Sparling and sophomore Blake Toennies perform a Little Red Riding Hood scene during the spring play, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*.



Madison Hahler and Torey Beardemphl prepare for a night performance.



Evan Finley reacts to a scene on stage.



Nicholas Wood narrates a story taking place.



Evan Finley attempts to kiss Torey Beardemphl during "The Frog Prince."



Skylar Sorenson pleads with the crowd to understand his pain during a play.

Track and Field

Although the weather prohibited the students from attending most of the meets early on in the year, the athletes did nothing less than impress.

"Running track this year was fun. I love working hard and getting better. Everyone should be in track," freshman Kirstin Borge said.

Thirteen athletes qualified for the state track meet. For the girls, the qualifiers were in the 100-meter hurdles, the 400-meter dash, the 1,600-meter run, the 3,200-meter run, the high jump, the 400-meter relay, the 800-meter relay, the 1,600-meter relay, the sprint medley relay and the 3,200-meter relay. The girls' team won the region track meet with 126 points. For the boys, the qualifiers were in the 3,200-meter run, shot put and discus. At the state track meet, junior Nathan Palmer placed first in discus, and the girls' sprint medley relay consisting of senior Ashley Clemens, sophomore Kennedy Sparling and eighth-graders Darby Duncan and Josephyne Clemens placed seventh. Also this year, seventh-grader Peyton Groft broke the school record in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:44.



Back Row: Coach Scott Boone, Skylar Sorenson, Derek Boekelheide, Delbert Leonhardt, Tyler Carda, Landon Fischbach, Nathan Palmer, Jacob Heidenreich, Logan Schentzel, Isaac Groft, Zachary Duncan and Coach Wade Rozell. Middle Row: Kennedy Sparling, Ashley Clemens, Jordon Peterson, Abigail Fischbach, Kirstin Borge, Hannah Palmer and Jeanna Duncan. Front Row: Kate Finley, Julia Sparling, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Josephyne Clemens, Peyton Groft, Darby Duncan and Coach Jennifer Schell.



Peyton Groft



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Skylar Sorenson

- Schedule
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Fly High!
Freshman Elizabeth Heidenreich competes in the 100-meter hurdles.



Jump Over the Bar
Sophomore Jordon Peterson wins the high jump at the region track meet in Groton.

Ready for the Win
Junior Jeanna Duncan places second in the 100-meter hurdles at the region track meet.





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1. Eighth-grader Darby Duncan and freshman Elizabeth Heidenreich place second in the 3,200-meter relay at the region track meet.

2. Eighth-grader Derek Boekelheide places second in the 3,200-meter run at the region track meet.

3. Senior Landon Fischbach competes in the shot put event.

4. Junior Jeanna Duncan hands off to sophomore Kennedi Sparling in a relay race at the Miller track meet.

5. Junior Tyler Carda launches the shot put at the Ipswich Tiger Relays.

6. Senior Ashley Clemens and eighth-Grader Josephyne Clemens place first in the sprint medley relay at the region track meet.

7. Seventh-grader Peyton Groft hands off to freshman Elizabeth Heidenreich during the 3,200-meter relay at the region track meet.

Junior Nathan Palmer placed first in discus at the state track meet in Sioux Falls.



Kirstin Borge jumps into the long jump pit.



Abigail Fischbach comes out of the blocks for the 100-meter dash.



Jacob Heidenreich runs in the 4x160-meter relay indoors.



Julia Sparling long jumps into the pit.



Nathan Palmer places first in shot put at the region track meet.

Graduation

The Class of 2013 said farewell to Northwestern on Saturday, May 11.

The 17 graduates wore black and silver and handed out the class flower, a red rose, to their parents, while adhering to the class motto: "We may not be perfect. We may not be the best, but listen when we say, there is no one like us."

"Graduation came way faster than I thought. It was weird that it was our class graduating," senior Kelsey Hoellein said.

Northwestern also congratulated Marie Waldner, a member of the Hutterite Colony, who joined the class in its ceremony.



The senior girls prepare to receive their diplomas. Back to Front: Melissa Thompson, Kimberly Miles, Courtlen Lechner, Kaitlyn Sparling, Ashley Clemens, Kelsey Hoellein, Calli Peterson and Sarah Franco.



Ray and Bobbie Lerew



Ashley Clemens



Jake Groft



Courtlen Lechner



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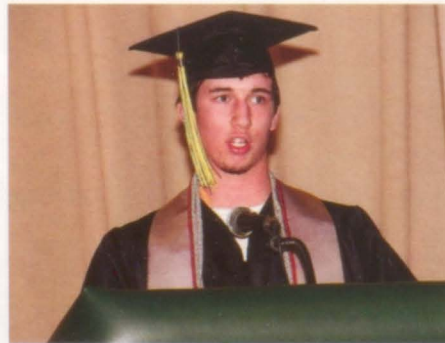
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The Big Moment...

Senior Trevor Rush accepts his diploma with a handshake from School Board President Mrs. Bobbie Lerew.



Welcome

Senior class president Evan Finley welcomes everyone to the graduation ceremony.

We're Done!

The senior class smiles for one of its final pictures together.





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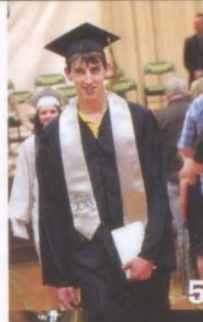
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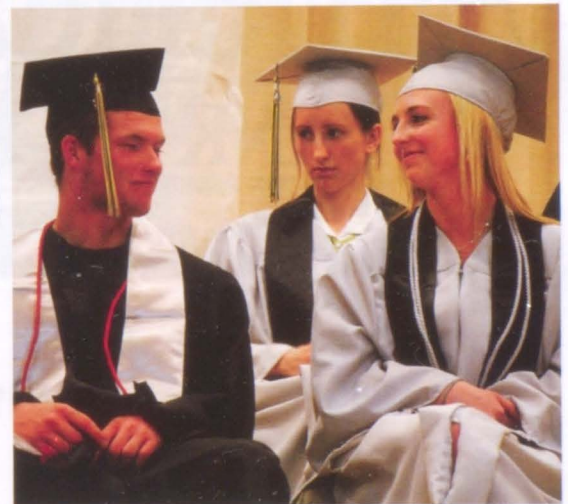


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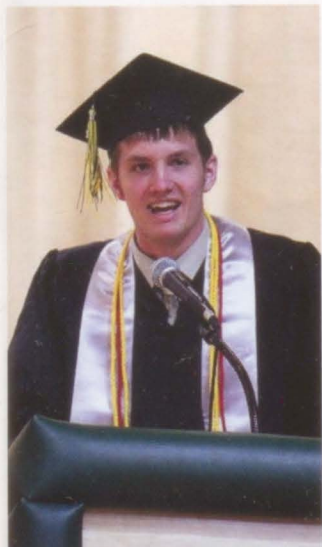


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1. Senior Calli Peterson sings "At the Beginning" by Richard Marx at graduation.
2. Juniors Kristie Bade and Kalen Frericks serve as honor guards.
3. Senior Warren Walter accepts his diploma.
4. Senior Kaitlyn Sparling smiles as she receives her diploma.
5. Senior Ray Lerew walks off with his diploma.
6. Senior Melissa Thompson plays in the band at graduation for the last time.
7. Senior Kimberly Miles smiles as she gives her speech with Calli Peterson.



Seniors Jake Groft and Kelsey Hoellein reminisce about past memories that are shared through senior Landon Fischbach's speech.



Senior Landon Fischbach gives his speech.



Senior Melissa Thompson accepts her diploma.



Senior Sarah Franco laughs during the commencement.



Senior Ashley Clemens hugs her mom at graduation.



Senior Shay Clemensen smiles as he receives his diploma.

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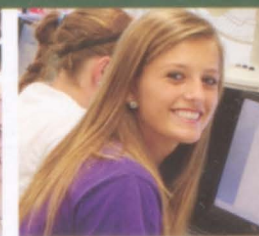


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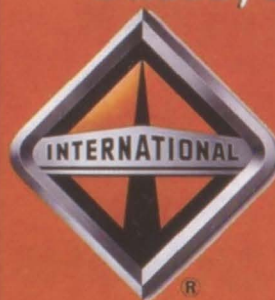
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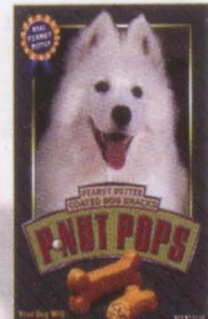
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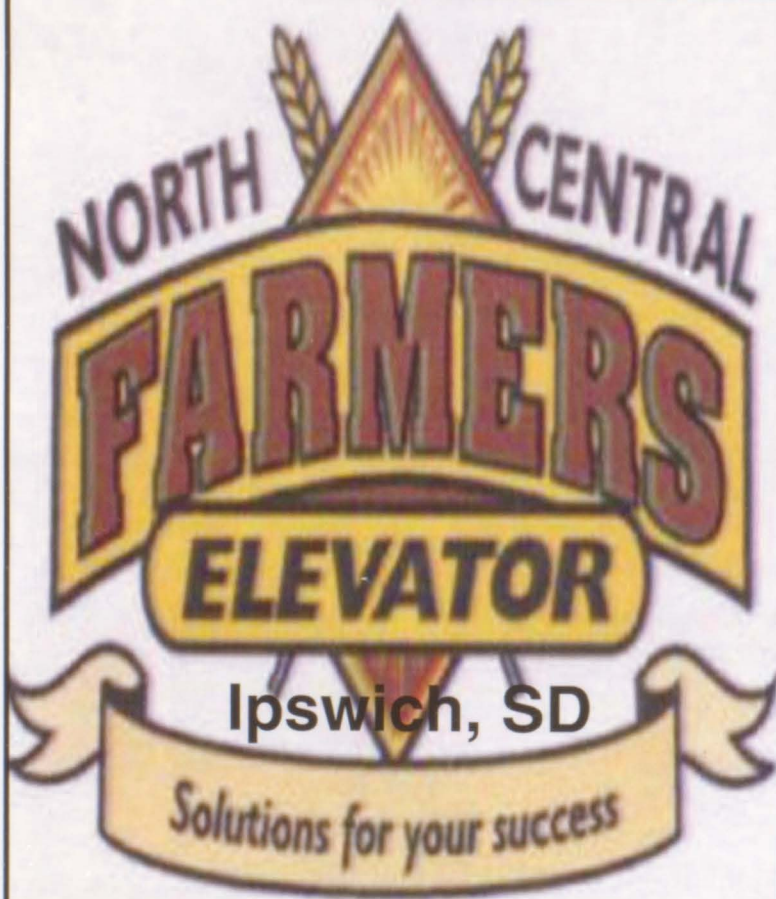
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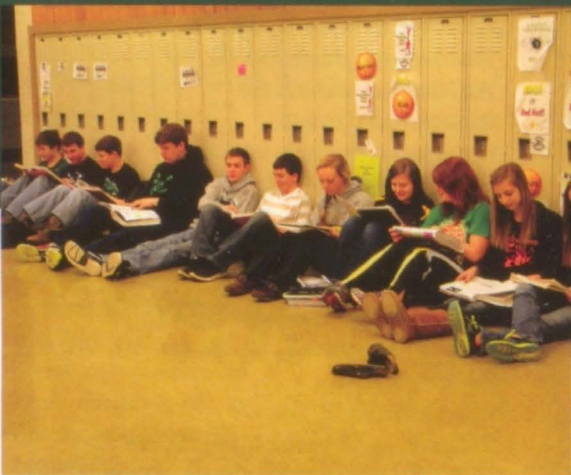


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Seventh Place Girls' Track Sprint Relay Team

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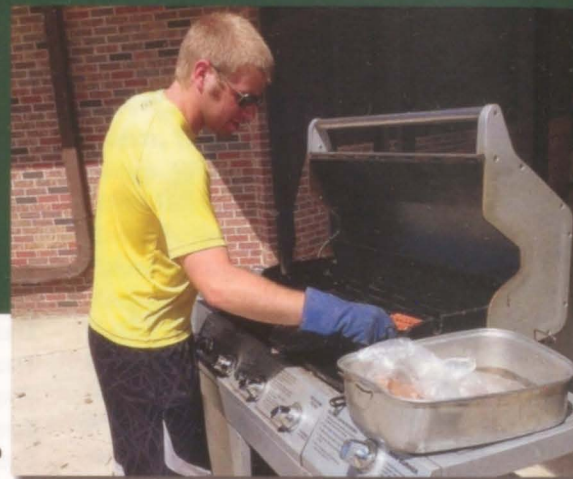


Freshman Class



Fourth-Graders

Off



Tyler Carda

The time comes when the school year must end, seniors must say their final goodbyes and students prepare for the summer. Students enjoyed their year by participating in entertaining concerts, nail-biting athletic events, stimulating academic competitions and moving plays. The year brought memorable moments that students will share as they continue to be Wild Beyond Words.



Peyton Groft



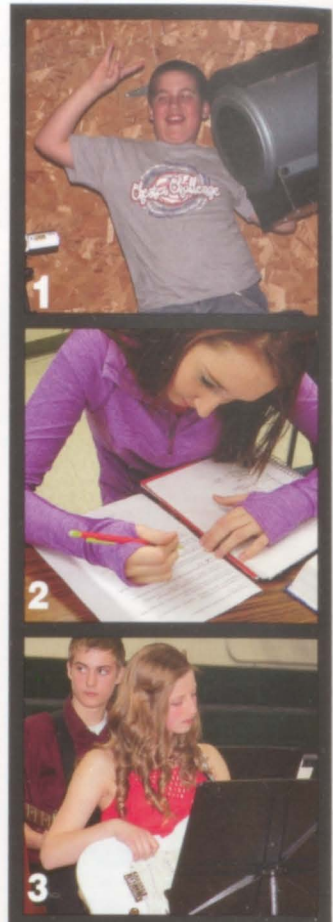
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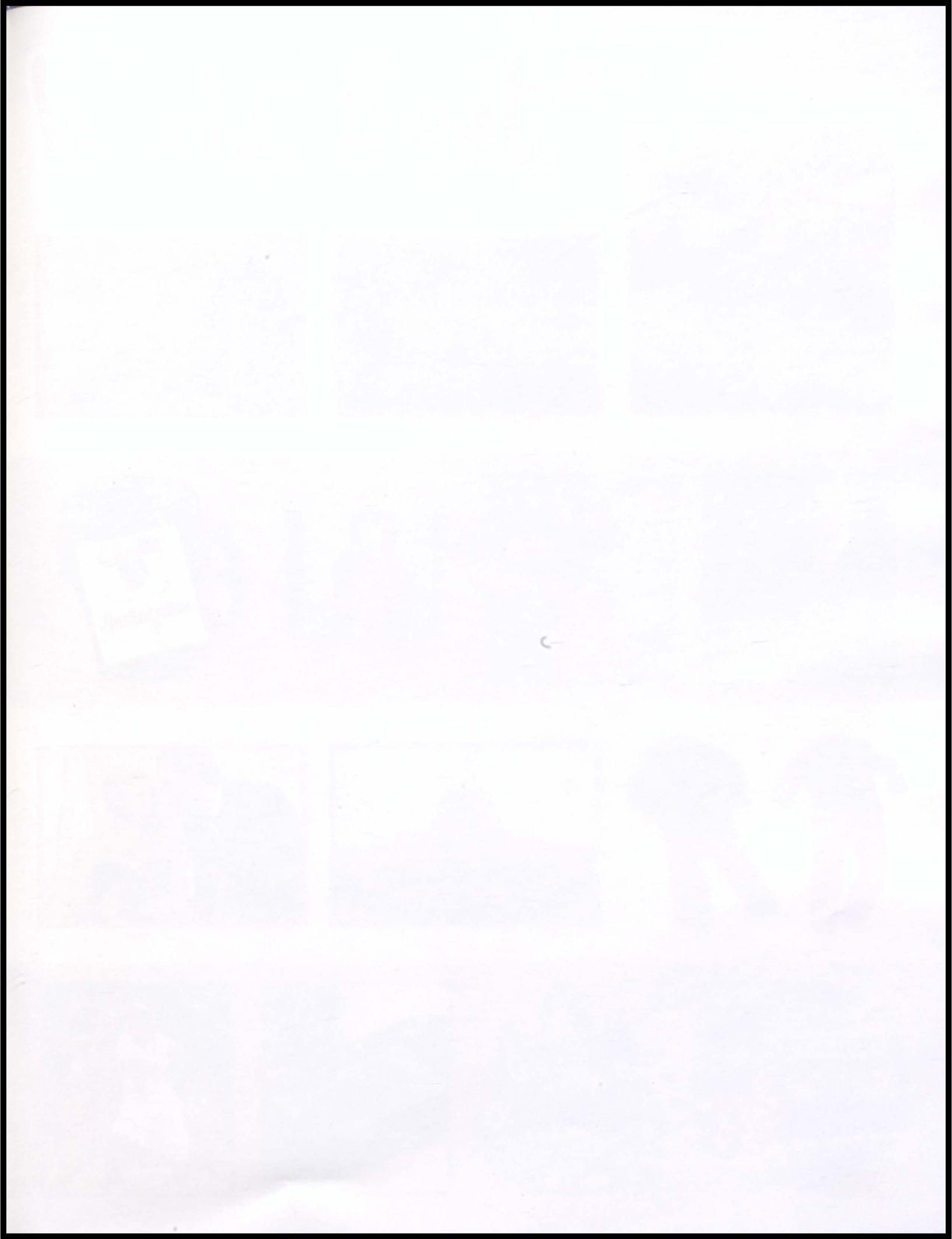
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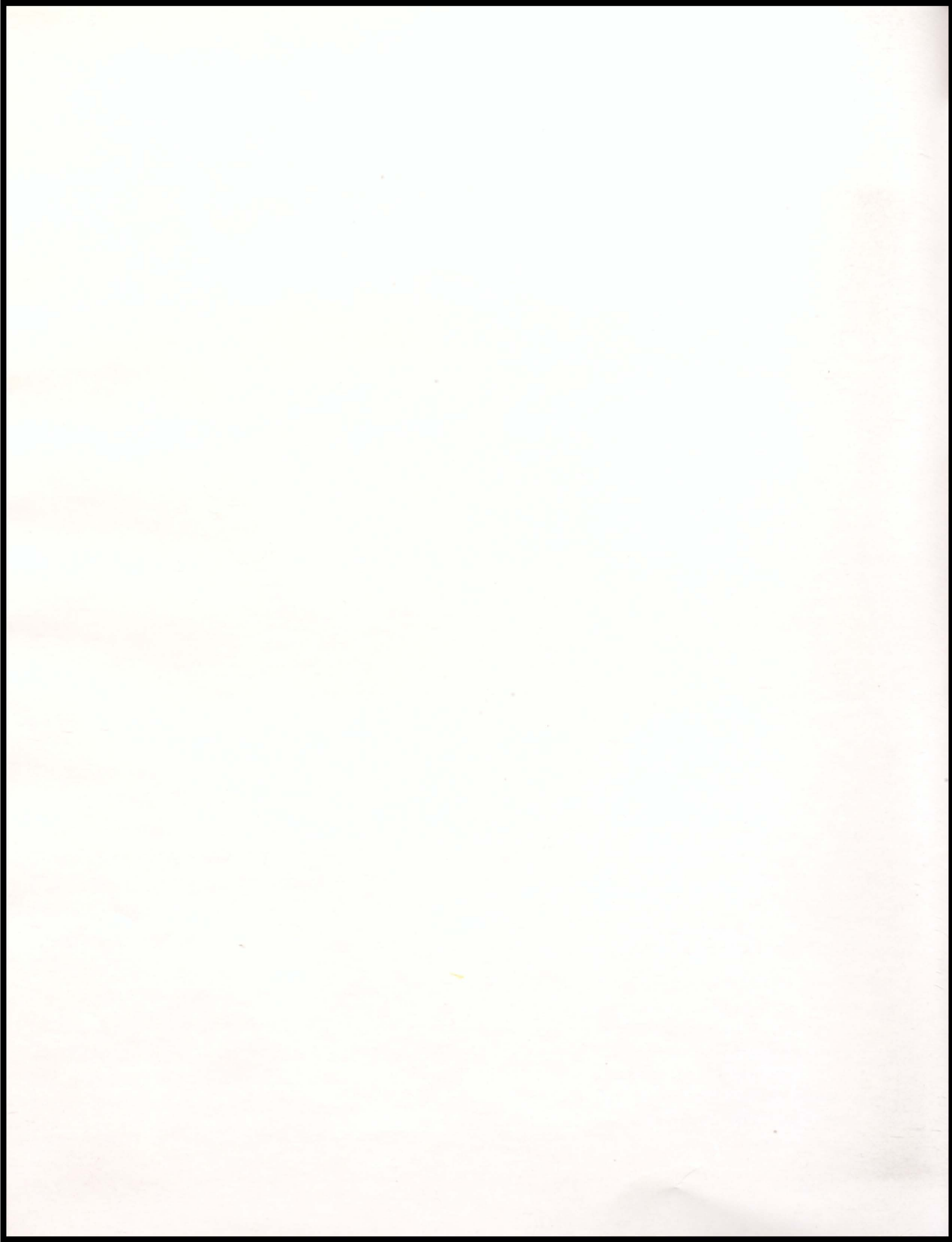
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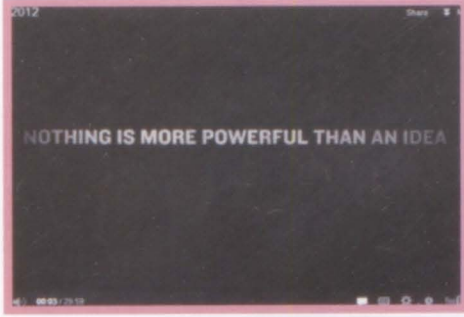


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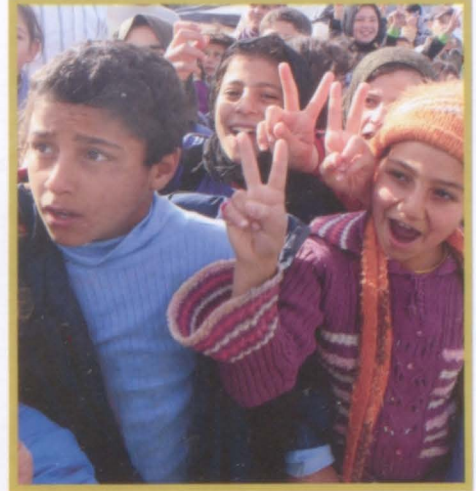
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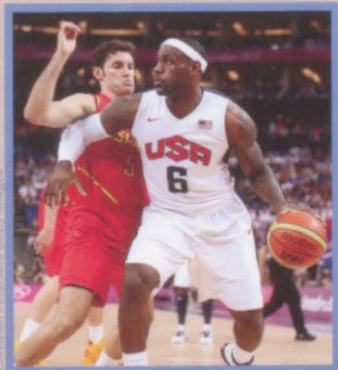


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News

North Korea Launches Rocket ▶

The world is uneasy as North Korea launches a rocket that may have put a satellite into orbit around the Earth.



Women Senators Now Number 20

The U.S. Senate achieves a new record: 20 female senators in office, 16 Democrats and four Republicans. The new total beats the previous record by four.



BP Agrees to Settlement

Shortly before the second anniversary of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP reaches a settlement with thousands of businesses and individuals hurt by the spill.



Terrified Theatergoers

In Aurora, CO, actor Christian Bale and his wife Sandra Blazic visit the memorial that was created for the victims of the mass shooting that occurred during a midnight screening of *The Dark Knight Rises*.



Felix Baumgartner Takes a Leap

Skydiver Felix Baumgartner breaks a world record by jumping from a space capsule almost 24 miles above ground.



Hurricane Sandy Hits New York

Hurricane Sandy hits New York, flooding transit tunnels and prompting President Obama to sign an emergency declaration for the entire state.



New Jersey Battles Hurricane Sandy

The Jersey Shore copes with widespread flooding, power outages and property damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy.



Malala Is Teenager of the Year

Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban because she campaigned for the education of girls, is named Teenager of the Year by *The Muslim Times*.



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Mortgage Sweet Mortgage

Homebuyers benefit from favorable lending rates as the slow economy keeps home mortgage interest rates as low as 2.94 percent.



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Benghazi Attack Kills Ambassador

Armed attackers kill Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and six other Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.



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Chicago Teachers Strike

After the Chicago Teachers Union fails to reach an agreement with the city, more than 26,000 teachers and staff walk off the job.



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Congress Teeters on Fiscal Cliff

To postpone \$109 billion in federal budget cuts, Congress passes a compromise bill that raises taxes on the nation's wealthiest.



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Morsi Becomes Egypt's President

Egypt holds a democratic presidential election, and conservative Muslim candidate Mohamed Morsi is declared the winner.



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Dragon Capsule Concludes Mission

With the safe return of the SpaceX Dragon capsule, NASA successfully completes its first commercial supply mission to the International Space Station.



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Sandy Hook Elementary Students Return to Class

Three weeks after the Sandy Hook tragedy, classes are relocated to the former Chalk Hill Middle School in nearby Monroe, CT. "Our collective strength and resilience will serve as an example to the rest of the world," tweeted the principal from Newtown High School.



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Junk Food Junkies Mourn Twinkies

The troubled Hostess Brands, Inc. shuts down operations, signaling a probable end for the once-popular Twinkies snack cake.



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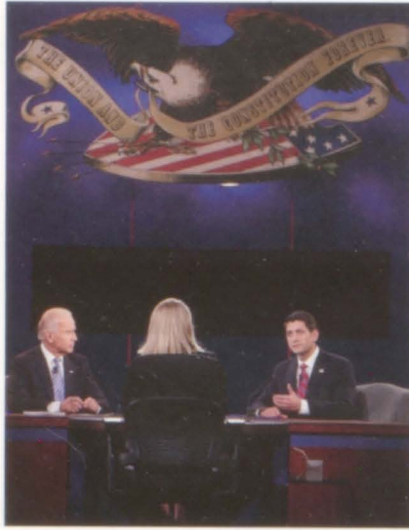
UN Aid for Syrian Refugees

The United Nations launches a \$1.5 billion aid effort to bring food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies to Syrians fleeing more than two years of war.

Election

Vice Presidential Candidates Debate

Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan debate a wide range of issues in Danville, KY.



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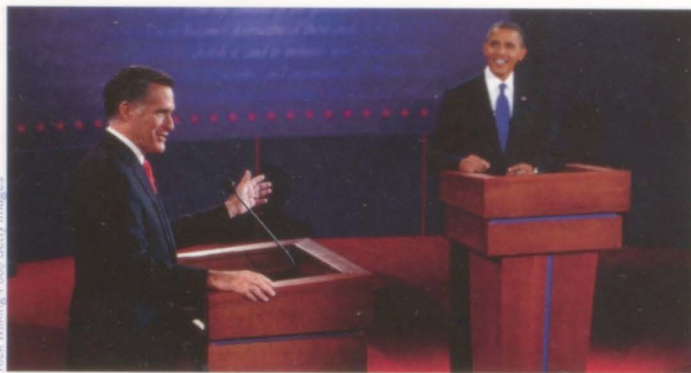
First Family Appears at DNC

President Barack Obama accepts his party's nomination and addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.



Election Map Shows Key State Wins

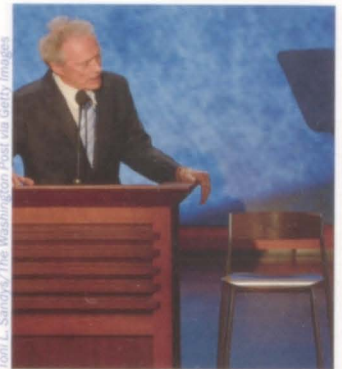
With a total of 332 electoral votes, Barack Obama easily exceeds the 270 electoral votes he needs to win the 2012 presidential election.



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Obama and Romney Debate

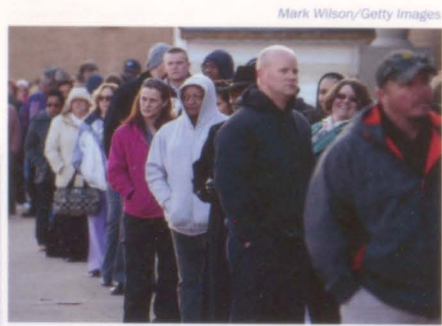
President Obama faces his challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, in a debate about domestic policy at the University of Denver in Denver, CO.



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Clint Eastwood Acts at RNC

Onstage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, Clint Eastwood pretends that the empty chair beside him is President Obama.



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Voters Face Lines at Polls

Voters in the 2012 election faced long lines at the polls across the country, especially in key battleground states such as Virginia, Ohio and Florida.



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Obama Claims Victory

Despite high unemployment and a slow economic recovery, President Barack Obama wins a second term in the White House.



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Nation's Capital Celebrates Inauguration

In Washington, D.C., President Obama is sworn in for his second term at a public ceremony marking the nation's 57th presidential inauguration.

Olympics

U.S. Women Win Soccer Gold

Thanks to two goals by midfielder Carli Lloyd and a critical save by goalie Hope Solo, the U.S. women's soccer team defeats Japan for the gold.



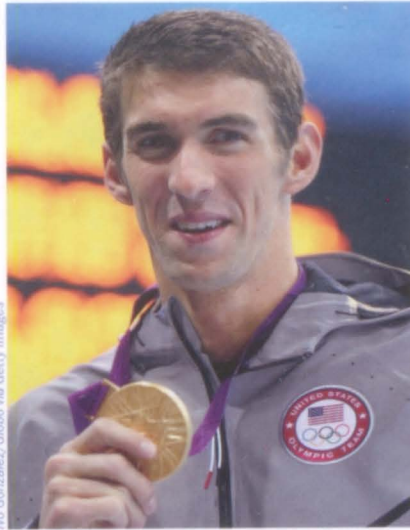
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Missy Franklin Swims to Victory

After winning four gold medals and one bronze at the Summer Games, swimmer Missy Franklin still plans to swim for her high school in Aurora, CO.

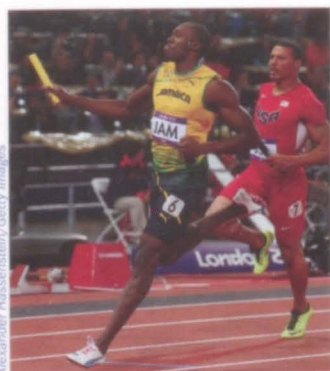


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Michael Phelps Pools His Winnings

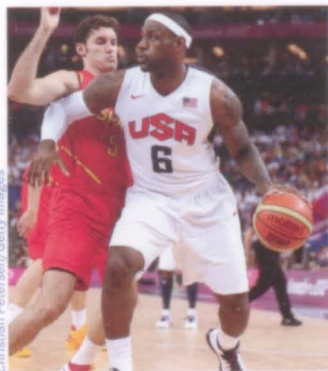
Michael Phelps swims to his 18th gold medal and his 22nd medal in total, making him the most decorated Olympic athlete in history.



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Usain Bolt Sets Record

Jamaican Usain Bolt wins the 100-meter event in 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record and cementing his reputation as the fastest man on Earth.



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U.S. Defends Men's Basketball Title

The U.S. men's basketball team, led by NBA star LeBron James, defends their Olympic gold title by defeating Spain 107-100.



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Allyson Felix Runs for Gold

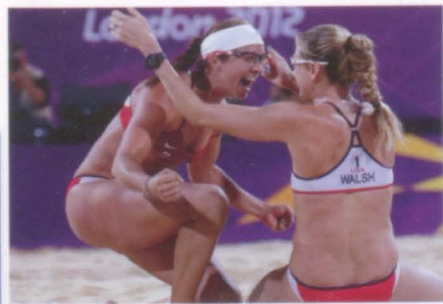
Sprinter Allyson Felix wins the Women's 200-meter final. It is one of three gold medals she takes home from the Summer Games.



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Oscar Pistorius Wins on Artificial Legs

South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius is the first double-leg amputee to compete in the Olympics. He took home two gold medals and a silver.



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Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings Are Golden

The U.S. beach volleyball team of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings win their third consecutive gold medal.



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Paralympic Games Welcome More Athletes

For the first time in 12 years, people with intellectual challenges are invited to compete at the Paralympic Games for physical and intellectual disabilities.



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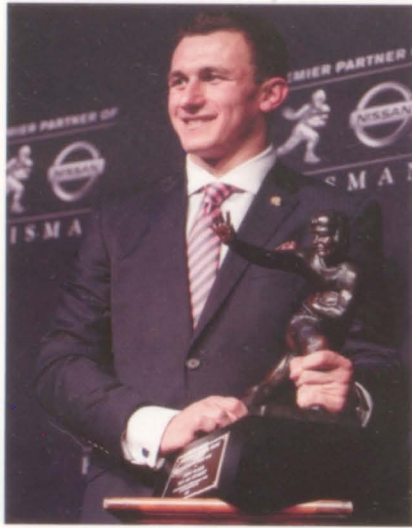
Fab Five Grab Gymnastics Gold

The "Fab Five" (also known as the "Fierce Five") of the U.S. women's gymnastics team win the gold for the women's team competition.

Sports

Freshman Wins Heisman ▶

On the 40-year anniversary of freshman eligibility, the Heisman Trophy goes to the first freshman in its history, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.



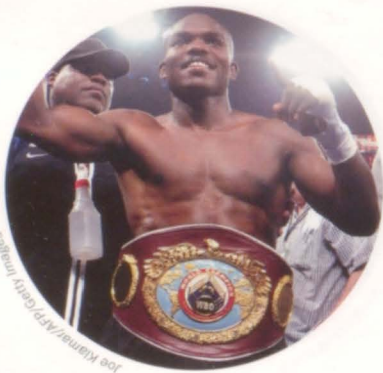
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NHL Lockout Shortens Season

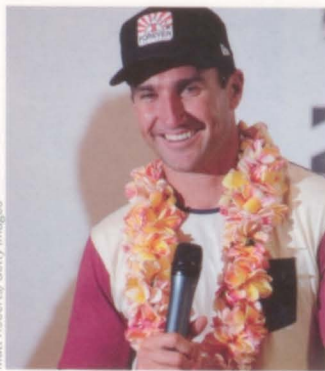
After a 113-day lockout, the National Hockey League reaches an agreement with the players' association, resulting in a compressed season.



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▲ Timothy Bradley Unseats Pacquiao

A hotly debated, split-decision victory for U.S. welterweight Timothy Bradley ends the 15-fight winning streak of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.



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▲ Australian Surfs to Victory

Joel "Parko" Parkinson wins his first Association of Surfing Professionals world championship title and the Pipeline Masters on the same day.



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▲ Williams Is Named ITF World Champion

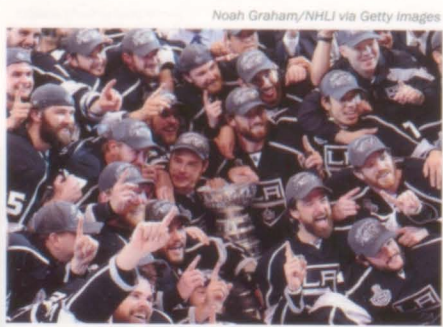
For the third time, Serena Williams earns the World Champion women's prize from the International Tennis Federation.



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▲ Golfer Rory McIlroy Wins World Title

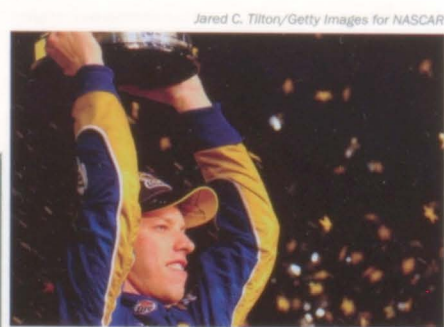
Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy is the world's No. 1 golfer after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.



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▲ L.A. Kings Play It Cool

In game six of the 2012 Stanley Cup Finals, the Los Angeles Kings skate to victory, defeating the New Jersey Devils 6-1.



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▲ Keselowski Wins NASCAR Championship

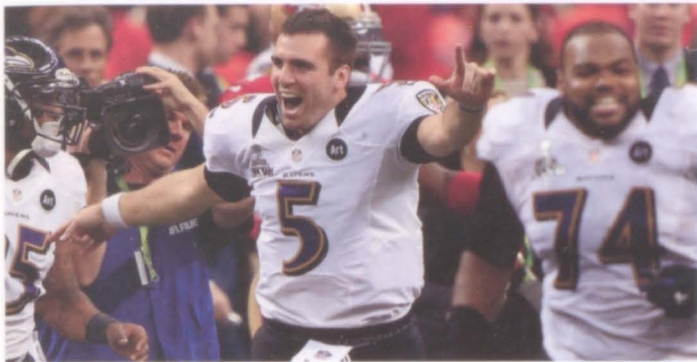
Despite finishing in 15th place in the Ford EcoBoost 400, Brad Keselowski claims the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.



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▲ The Miami Heat Burn Up the Court

In game five of the 2012 NBA Finals, LeBron James and the Miami Heat defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106.



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▲ Baltimore Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

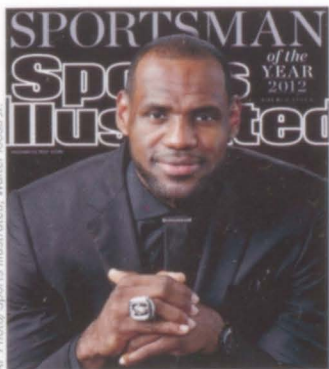
In a dramatic game interrupted by a power outage at the Superdome in New Orleans, the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.



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◀ Indiana Fever Jinx the Lynx

The Indiana Fever defeat the defending champion Minnesota Lynx 87-78 in game four of the 2012 WNBA Finals.



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▲ LeBron Scores Another Award

Sports Illustrated names basketball superstar LeBron James of the Miami Heat their Sportsman of the Year for 2012.



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▲ Garrett Reynolds Rolls to Rule

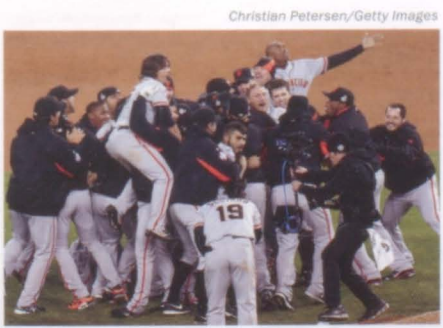
In San Francisco, cyclist Garrett Reynolds takes home two Dew Cup championships for the BMX Street Cycle finals and the BMX Streetstyle competition.



AP Photo/Justin Sullivan

▲ Stacy Lewis Is Queen of the Greens

U.S. professional golfer Stacy Lewis wins four LPGA titles, the most on the year's tour, and is named the LPGA Player of the Year.



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▲ World Series

The San Francisco Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in the 10th inning of game four to win the World Series in a sweep.



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▲ Paul Rodriguez Beats the Street

Paul Rodriguez (aka P-Rod) captures the gold in the Men's Skateboard Street final at X Games 18 in Los Angeles.



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▲ Andy Murray Serves Up a Winner

After losing four major finals, Scotland's Andy Murray wins the U.S. Open Men's Singles Championship by defeating defending champion Novak Djokovic.

Music

Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Win Awards ▶

At the 46th annual CMA awards, married couple Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert take home the year's highest honors in country music.



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fun. Releases Second Single

After the success of last year's "We Are Young," fun. has high hopes for its latest single, "Some Nights."



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AMA Calls Carly

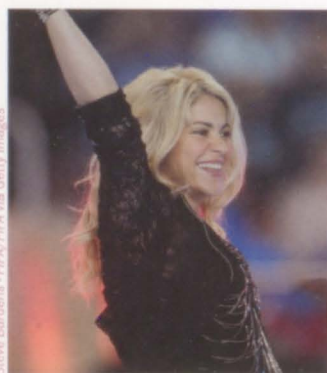
Carly Rae, whose song "Call Me Maybe" is a surprise hit, is named New Artist of the Year by the American Music Awards.



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Ocean Considers Fiction

Breakout music star Frank Ocean tells an interviewer that he might write a novel because he enjoys the storytelling aspect of music.



Steve Bardenis - FIFA/FIFA via Getty Images

Shakira Wins AMA Award

Colombia's global pop star Shakira wins her fourth AMA statuette, bringing home the award for Favorite Latin Artist.



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PSY Is Most Watched

With more than 854 million hits, the viral video of "Gangnam Style" by Korean pop star PSY becomes the most-watched YouTube video of all time.



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Two Grammy Nominations Go to Newcomers

The Lumineers, a folk-rock band from Denver, receive Grammy nominations for Best New Artist and Best Americana Album.



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Pop Fans Love One Direction

After appearing at the Summer Olympics, the popular English-Irish boy band One Direction releases its second album, *Take Me Home*.



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Bryan Emerges as Rising Country Star

Singer-songwriter Luke Bryan's singles, like "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," are climbing the pop and country charts.



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◀ Taylor Swift Achieves a Record

With the release of *Red*, her fourth studio album, Taylor Swift is the first female artist to release two albums with sales of \$1 million.

▲ It's Nicki Versus Mariah in "Idol" Feud

Dueling American Idol judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey swap insults and threats on camera and via Twitter.



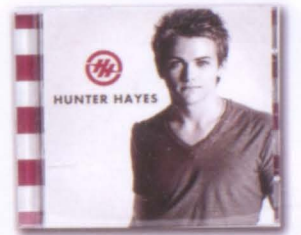
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▲ TobyMac Inspires AMA

The American Music Awards choose TobyMac as the year's Favorite Contemporary/Inspirational Artist.

▲ Pink Enjoys a Career First

After 12 years in the music business, Pink finally achieves a No. 1 album with the success of her newest release, *The Truth About Love*.

▲ Rapper Supports Veterans

Flo Rida contributes his talents to the "Got Your Six" campaign, which helps combat veterans return to civilian life.

▲ CMA Celebrates Hayes

At age 21, Louisiana native and multi-instrumentalist country star Hunter Hayes is named Best New Artist at the CMA Awards.



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▲ Bieber Makes Headlines at AMA

Justin Bieber duets with Nicki Minaj, brings his mom up on stage and gets a kiss from Jenny McCarthy at the American Music Awards.

▲ NEEDTOBREATHE Wins Dove Award

The South Carolina Christian music band NEEDTOBREATHE wins the Dove Award for Group of the Year.

▲ Viewers Sing Cassadee's Praises

Los Angeles-based solo artist Cassadee Pope garners the most viewer votes and becomes the first female winner of *The Voice*.

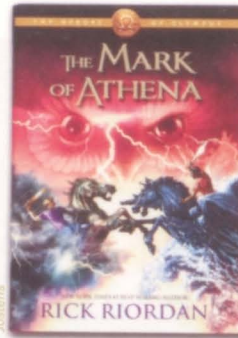
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▲ iPad Mini™ Debuts ▶

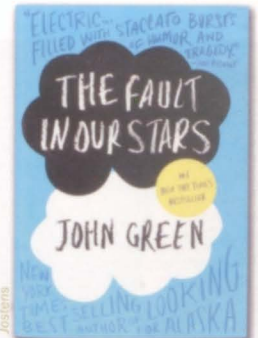
Shortly before the holiday shopping season begins, Apple launches the iPad mini, a small tablet computer.



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▲ Readers Hail Return of Teen Demigods

Novelist Rick Riordan publishes *The Mark of Athena*, the third book in his popular series, *The Heroes of Olympus*.



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▲ Teen with Cancer Narrates Novel

The Fault in Our Stars is a fiction bestseller about a romance between teens who meet in a cancer support group.



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▲ Electronic Gamers Cheer FIFA Soccer 13

The latest version of the popular game allows players to analyze plays and create new offensive opportunities.



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▲ Nintendo Opens Virtual Theme Park

Gamers and their Mii™ characters explore NintendoLand, a virtual theme park featuring attractions based on Nintendo game worlds.



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▲ Boom Cube Turns Up the Volume

The powerful, miniature Boom Cube™ speaker hangs from a keychain and sets your MP3 tunes free from your earbuds.



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▲ Jump Up and Just Dance 4

Just Dance® 4 is the latest version of the chart-topping dance game, featuring new songs, new workouts and six rounds of dance-off battles.



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▲ Gamers Welcome Wii U™

Nintendo releases its new Wii U game console, which features high-definition graphics, an embedded touchscreen and up to 32 GB of Flash storage.



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▲ Consumers Consider New High-Resolution MacBook®

Apple's 13-inch MacBook Pro® with Retina display features a stunning, high-resolution screen and an equally stunning \$1,700 price tag.



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▲ Furby™ Talks Back

The fuzzy Furby toy returns, with sophisticated technology that allows this chatty, lovable toy to learn to tell jokes and play games.

Television



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Teens Discover Their True Identities

Switched at Birth is a popular television drama on ABC Family about two girls, one rich and one poor, who learn they were switched as infants.



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Viewers Flock to Rags-to-Riches Reality Show

Duck Dynasty on A&E introduces the eccentric Robertson clan, which made its millions by making and selling duck calls.



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Beastly Drama Is People's Choice

Beauty & The Beast, a drama about a homicide detective with a puzzling and tragic past, wins the People's Choice award for Best New TV Drama.



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New Girl Comes Back for More

Jess (Zoey Deschanel), Nick, Schmidt, Winston and Cece return for a second season of *New Girl* on FOX.



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Learning Step by Step

A former ballerina turned Las Vegas showgirl must start a new life as a small town dance teacher in *Bunheads* on ABC Family.



AP Photo/Chris Wedel

Honey Boo Boo Makes the Most Fascinating List

Seven-year-old reality star Alana Thompson, better known as "Honey Boo Boo," makes Barbara Walters' list of the year's most fascinating people.



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Bigfoot Remains at Large

Finding Bigfoot is a reality program that follows investigators as they search the wilderness for evidence that Bigfoot is real.



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An Eccentric English Sleuth Comes to New York

Jonny Lee Miller's Sherlock solves cases in New York, with help from Lucy Liu's Dr. Joan Watson in *Elementary*, a new CBS drama.



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American Audiences Love English Costume Drama

The eagerly awaited third season of *Downton Abbey* on PBS features a guest appearance by Shirley MacLaine as a wealthy American mother-in-law.

Movies

The People Choose Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence, star of *The Hunger Games* series and *Silver Linings Playbook*, wins the Favorite Movie Actress award in the People's Choice Awards.



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James Stars in Here Comes the Boom

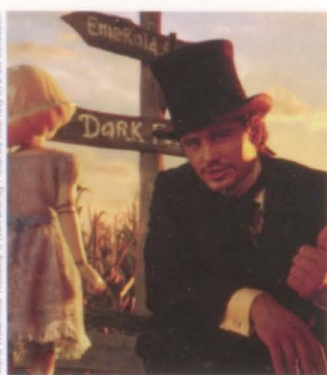
Kevin James stars as a burned-out biology teacher turned mixed martial arts hero in the feature film *Here Comes the Boom*.



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Downey Dons Hero Suit a Third Time

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark to face new enemies and overcome new challenges in *Iron Man 3*.



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A Wizard Finds His Way

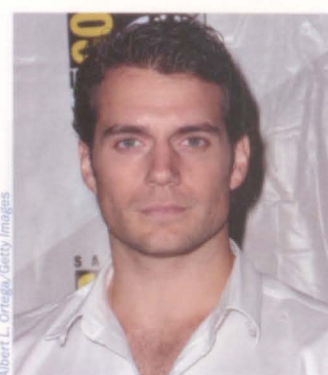
In *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, James Franco stars as a small-time magician who is transported to the Land of Oz.



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Caveman Family Discovers the World

Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone lend their voices to *The Croods*, a 3D computer-animated comedy adventure about the world's first family.



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How Superman Began

Henry Cavill stars as Clark Kent, a journalist who is baffled by his superhuman powers. He finds his life's purpose when evil invaders attack the world in *Man of Steel*.

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Bond Breaks a Record

Skyfall, starring Daniel Craig as Agent 007, makes \$87.8 million in its first weekend, the most successful opening of any Bond film.

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Heroes Unite in Rise of the Guardians

Fans of fantasy flicks head to the theaters for *Rise of the Guardians*, a 3D animated film from DreamWorks Animation based on the popular book series.

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Grandparents Need Guidance

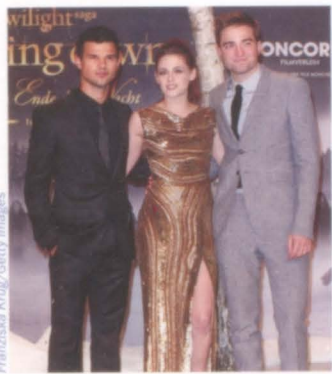
Bette Midler and Billy Crystal star as traditional grandparents who are baffled by their grandkids in *Parental Guidance*.



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Wallflower Blooms on Big Screen

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, adapted from the book of the same title, tells the story of a shy high school freshman and his quirky friends.



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Breaking Dawn Breaks Box Office Records

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2, the finale to the vampire romance series, is No. 1 at the box office for three weeks in a row.



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Downey Is a Fan Favorite

Voters for the People's Choice Awards choose *Iron Man* star Robert Downey, Jr. as the year's Favorite Movie Actor.



Jeff Kravitz/FilmMagic

Fans Root for Wreck-It Ralph

In the animated feature film *Wreck-It Ralph*, an arcade game character wants to be a hero instead of a bad guy, but his well-intentioned plans go haywire.



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It's a Wonderful Life of Pi

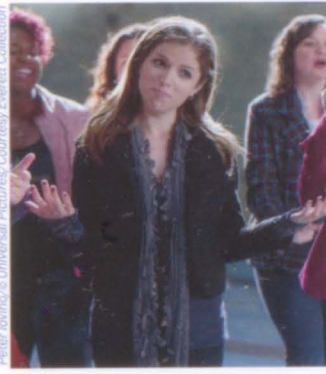
Nineteen-year-old Suraj Sharma stars in the movie adaptation of *Life of Pi*, about a teenager and a Bengal tiger who survive a shipwreck.



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A President Earns His Place in History

Lincoln, a historical drama based on an award-winning biography, depicts the last four months of the legendary president's life.



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College Singers Perfect Their Pitch

In *Pitch Perfect*, Anna Kendrick stars as a college student who inspires a mismatched a cappella singing group to achieve hilarity and harmony.



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Soundtrack Album Tops Charts

The movie soundtrack for *Les Misérables*, featuring performances by Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried, reaches the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 chart.



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Bilbo Baggins Journeys to Theaters

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the first of three films adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's novel about a reluctant adventurer in Middle Earth.

Trends



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Minis Are Major ▶

Little dresses and short skirts go over jeans and leggings by day. At night, they go solo for dances and dates.



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LED Headlights Turn Heads ▶

Drivers who love making their cars stand out on the street add LED headlight strips to create colorful, futuristic effects.

YOLO

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“YOLO” Is Favorite Catchphrase ▶

Rapper Drake and actor Zac Efron popularize YOLO, an acronym standing for “you only live once.” *Time* magazine names it one of the year’s top buzzwords.



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Cowboy Boots Are Cool Again ▶

Western style makes a comeback on runways and campuses. Classic cowboy boots are paired with short skirts or cropped pants.



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Trends Point to Nail Art ▶

Adhesive nail-art kits make outrageous manicures easy and affordable. Options include animal patterns, stripes, polka dots, images and more.



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Color Sneaks onto Sneakers ▶

Basic footwear takes a back seat as brightly colored and patterned high-tops and athletic shoes emerge as must-have accessories for school and weekend style.



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Tees Get the Message Out ▶

The graphic tee trend becomes a personal expression obsession. Shirts feature favorite lyrics, internet memes, irreverent graphics and witty jokes.



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Taco Bell Considers More Doritos® Dishes ▶

After the success of Taco Bell’s Doritos Locos Taco, the fast food chain drops hints that a new Cool Ranch version is coming next.



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Infinity Scarf Is Endless Trend ▶

The must-have neckwear accessory is the circular infinity scarf, which loops around the neck to add color, texture and warmth.



▲ Baseball Caps Are Tops with Girls

The flat-brim baseball cap trend is popularized by celebrities like Rihanna. The casual style is perfect for hiding from the paparazzi.



▲ Backpacks Are Global Chic

Boring backpacks take a back seat to colorful patterns inspired by traditional graphic motifs from around the world.



▲ Hoodies Are Hot

For every guy, there's a hoodie: athletic hoodies for jocks, rock band hoodies for fans and humorous hoodies for class clowns.



▲ It's a Plaid, Plaid World

Fashionistas go mad for plaid. The trend starts on designer runways and quickly makes its way to fashion outlets in malls and online.



▲ Duct Tape Inspires Creative Types

Crafty tweens and teens use tough, colorful duct tape to make purses, wallets, decorations, jewelry, fashion accessories and even formal wear.

JUST SAYIN'

▲ Adults Find Expression Annoying

Teens use "Just sayin'" to minimize an expression of criticism or sarcasm. The phrase ranks highly on a Marist Poll surveying the most irritating words and phrases.



▲ Footwear Moonlights as Basketball Coach

Sensors in the soles of Nike+ Basketball shoes track the wearer's every move and sync stats to the player's iPhone.



▲ Jeans Are Anything but Blue

Traditional blues are timeless classics but the newest skinny denims feature bold colors, feminine prints and modern patterns.



▲ Glitter Gets a Foot in Fashion's Door

The trend for "glitter shoes," featuring sequins and sparkles, includes glue-it-yourself sneakers, sky-high designer platforms and everything in between.

Lifestyle



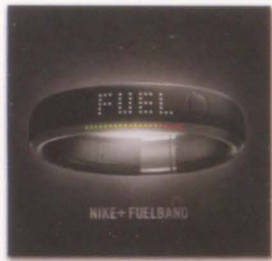
Instagram Is Tops with Teens ▶

Facebook snaps up Instagram and its 80 million users. The social media site clicks with teens, ranking as the top photography destination among ages 12 to 17.



MoviePass™ Sends Fans Back to Theaters

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▲ Nike Motivates with Fuelband

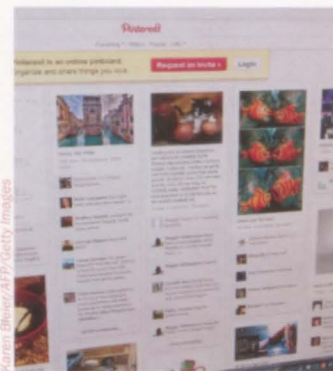
Nike has launched a new tool called Nike+ Fuelband™. This technology tool lets users know how active they are and reminds them to achieve their fitness goals.



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▲ Pop Is Personal with New Coke Machine

The Freestyle Coke machine lets customers mix their own flavor combinations from more than 100 choices.



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▲ Pinterest Attracts Interest

Pinterest is a social media phenomenon. Users "pin" images and share virtual bulletin boards about fashion, food, travel and sports.



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▲ Apple iPhone 5 Sees Record-breaking Sales

The Apple® iPhone® 5 sells more than five million units in its first three days, setting a new record for opening weekend sales.

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▲ Zumba® Is the Trendy Fitness Class

The Latin-inspired dance-fitness classes known as Zumba deliver hot music, cool moves, serious fitness and tons of fun.

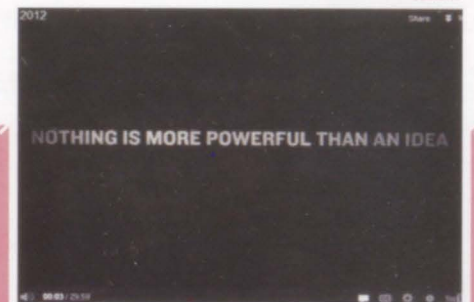
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▲ Classrooms Connect via Smartphone

Teachers use QR Codes, which can be scanned by smartphones, to deliver class information and assignments to students.

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▲ Uganda Documentary Is Most Viral Video

Justin Bieber and Oprah help to make Kony 2012, a documentary about child soldiers, attract more than 100 million views in its first six days online.





