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## O'Gorman connects to community through Advent project

Sydney Anel  
Page Editor

Every December, O'Gorman organizes a school wide service project with the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. This year is no different as O'Gorman plans on sending dozens of giant presents and stockings to help those in need in the community.

In advisories, all of the students coordinate with each other and determine what items they will donate. Items are provided to the adults and children who reside at the Bishop Dudley House, which will help fulfill their basic necessities, such as shampoo, razors and toothbrushes. To give the children an enjoyable Christmas present, the students personalize all of the stockings by decorating them.

By helping the needy in Sioux Falls, O'Gorman strengthens the value of promoting a Catholic way of life. The students are able to do something festive for the Christmas season and they learn the importance of helping others.

"Getting together as a home-room and not only doing something creative and uplifting but also beneficial to the community just brings everyone together in a way that you don't really see at any other time of the school year," senior Aiden Geiver said.

The Bishop Dudley House served over 1,750 people last year including 52 families and 101 children. O'Gorman's goal for the advent project this year was to provide assistance to as many people at the Bishop Dudley House as possible.



Sophomores Catlyn Craig, Mirtalem Czarnecki and Alexa Boehmer decorate their advisory's project box.

## Knights volleyball concludes successful era of collegiate talent

Colby Holtz  
Editor-in-Chief

O'Gorman's volleyball team concluded an era of great talent over the last several years during the state tournament at the Denny Sanford Premier Center Nov. 17-19. The second-seeded Knights placed fourth after a four-set battle in the semifinal round with the third-seeded Harrisburg Tigers who went on to become state champions.

Saying goodbye to a total of eight seniors will result in the team looking much different next year. This senior class played a huge role in the team's prior success, showing why five of the eight are already committed to playing volleyball at the collegiate level.

Although the loss was heart-breaking, most of the senior girls were able to experience the bliss of completing a championship run over the last couple years.

When asking a well-tenured player about lessons they've learned from playing, senior setter Brooke Harvison referred to the relationships she's built over the years. "Cherish the people and the memories because they are more important than any win or loss," Harvison profoundly said.

Being so talented and accomplished in the past, the Knights had great pressure on their shoulders coming into the tournament. The team surely still made the fans proud while this era wrapped up.



Brooke Harvison setting the ball for Brogan Beck to spike over the Harrisburg Tigers for a point.

## 'James and the Giant Peach' debuts in the PAC

Gretthel Escalante Portillo  
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O'Gorman's children's show, which performed Nov. 18-21, showcased "James and the Giant Peach." The story was that of a boy who sails away on a giant peach with a crew of giant bugs to New York City.

"James and the Giant Peach" starred Olivia Duncan, Dominic Johnson, Rayna Schoenfelder, Macee Bortnem, Carson Tschetter, Peter Wegleitner, Auburn Dexter, Amaya Reddy, George Patrinos, Dru Collins, and Molly Johnson, featuring Owen Watson as the lead. This was Jordan Heisler and Charlie Solomon's

directorial debut.

The overall story was easy to follow, under an hour long and a nice casual watch. The most notable performance was Duncan as one of the narrators, as the way her character explained the story of James made the audience feel invested and provided much-needed structure to the loose storytelling.

A personal favorite character was the worm, played by Patrinos as his dry and dramatic lines emphasized the show's humor. The worm carried the show on his spineless body and was an absolute delight to watch. Another character that I enjoyed watching was Tschet-

ter's grasshopper, as his overly polite character also added some humor to the play.

The play also provided some pretty unexpected turns, such as the random musical numbers that felt out of place. Although the film adaptation directed by Henry Selick contained musical numbers, the play was a condensed version of the book which worked more effectively without musical numbers.

The pacing was too fast, as the play only lasted an hour. Due to the rushed pacing of the play, the ending felt forced; however, it was a casual watch for children.

The directors' creativity and



Peter Wegleitner, the centipede, leads the cast in a song and dance. I am excited to see future plays directed by Heisler and Solomon as their debut concluded in a sweet show for children.



# Christian service class returns

Lauren Meyer  
Staff Writer

O’Gorman High School has re-introduced the Christian service class, which was removed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As stated in the O’Gorman course description book, this course offers “the opportunity for practical application of Christian values through service experience in the Sioux Falls community.” Since the course involves leaving the school in order to help the vulnerable, it was compromised when the pandemic hit.

Weekly, the class spends four days in the community getting hands-on experience helping the vulnerable. The fifth day of the school week is spent in a classroom setting.



Hannah Bultena outside of the Junior High working with students.

With many establishments allowing more visitors and volunteers, O’Gorman has taken advantage of the pandemic lull and reintegrated the class. The course is available to seniors. Students who take the course block out two periods in their schedule to accommodate for the hour of service and travel time.

Students have a choice of areas in which to volunteer including helping at the elementary schools in the school system, LifeScape, Compassion Childcare and more.

Brian Stai, the course director, strongly encourages students to join the course to not only help the vulnerable in the Sioux Falls area, but to fulfill Christian values.

# Season of Advent

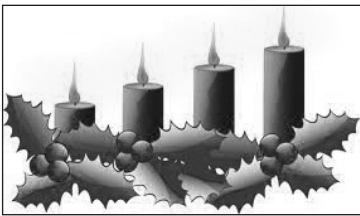
Lauren Meyer  
Staff Writer

Nov. 27 marked the first Sunday of Advent which extends through Christmas Eve. Advent offers Catholics an opportunity to look further into the meaning of Christmas as the remembrance of and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

“Advent means a time of joyful anticipation and expectation for Christ to be born into my life in a new way,” theology teacher Patricia Irvine said.

The word Advent comes from Latin and means “coming.” That is why this period of waiting for Jesus’ coming is called Advent.

Advent lasts four weeks, and the Catholic Church uses colored candles to represent



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the four Sundays in the Advent season. Three of the candles are purple while one is pink. The candles signify hope, peace, love and joy. The pink candle, symbolizing joy, is traditionally lit on the third Sunday of Advent.

The preparation for Jesus’ first coming can be spent in many ways, including spreading a little more love than usual, displaying a nativity, listening to holiday hymns, attending Sunday Masses and doing acts with intention.

## Weekly Prayer Opportunities

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Morning Prayer

**Tuesday**  
Morning Prayer  
Mass 5C  
Confession 5D

**Wednesday**  
Morning Prayer  
Large Group Mass  
Open 4&5

**Thursday**  
Morning Prayer  
Mass 4A  
Confession 4B  
Open 5

**Friday**  
Mass 7:25  
Rosary 4A  
Open 4B  
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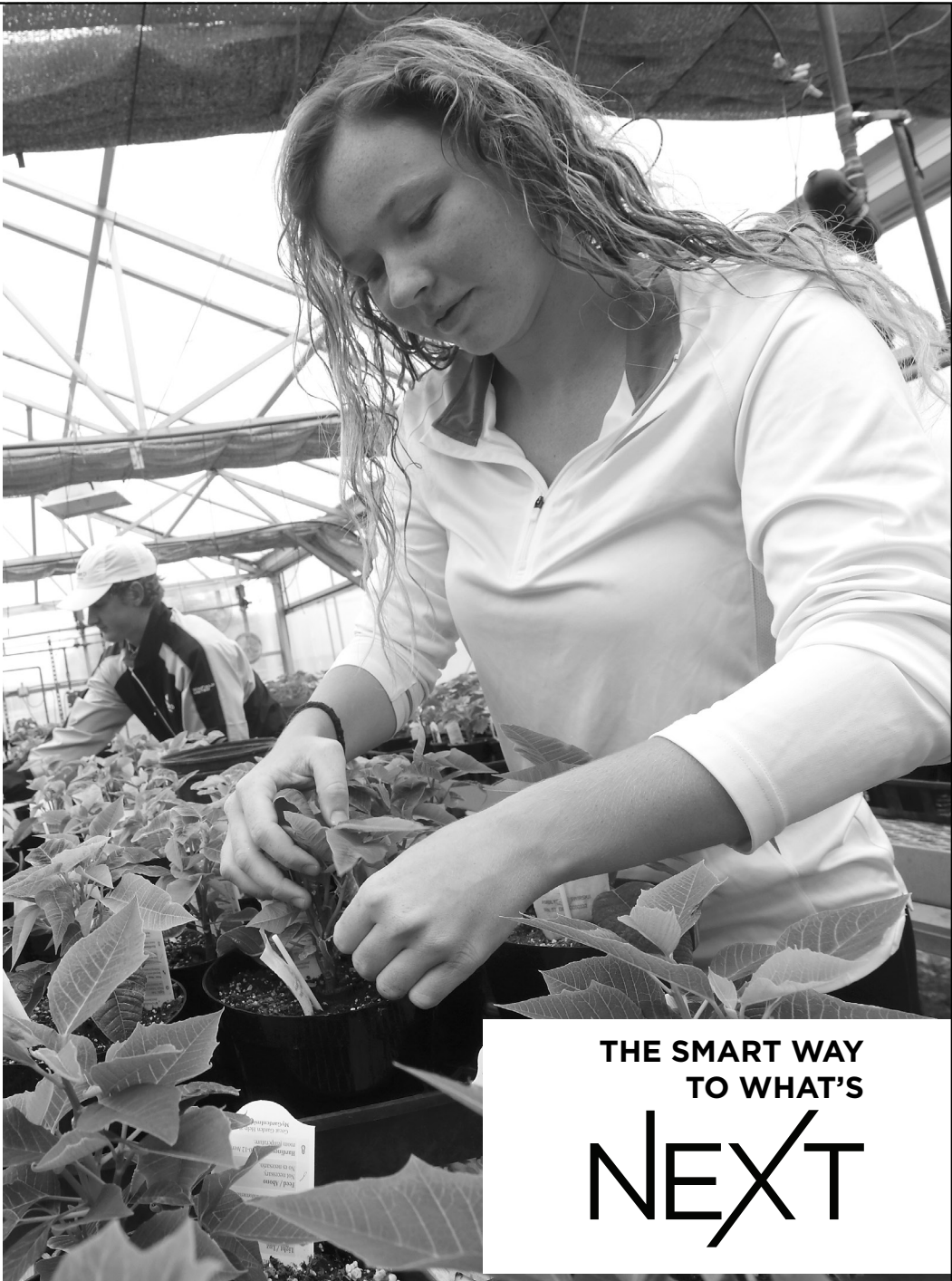
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## Show choir channeling the ‘Old West’

Anna Lent  
Staff Writer

The O’Gorman Knights show choir has been working hard since August to prepare for their upcoming state and regional competitions. This year’s theme is “On the Run” in which the show choir team incorporates a western outlaw theme.

There are two main characters; Bonnie, who is played by senior Anisah LaPlante, and Clyde, who is played by senior Aiden Geiver. These two really bring the show to life. The choreography, music and costumes also reflect the western atmosphere and running away from trouble.

The upcoming competitive season is always something to look forward to. “I am very excited about the competition season and becoming connected to the

people around me,” junior Macee Bortnem said. “I love the family aspect that evolves throughout the seasons. It truly is an environment where I feel most at home.” Many of the students who participate in the show choir agree on the loving family aspect and the connections that they’ve made with members of the team.

Ovation! requires all students to participate in choir, attend two weekend retreats to learn choreography, as well as having a three hour practice once a week from August through March. During fourth period lunch, Ovation! also meets to prepare for competitions.

Show choir is available for all four grade levels, whether you have experience with singing and dancing or not. The only requirement is for all students participating must be in choir class with



NICK ENGBERS

Show choir students practicing their set using the risers in the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

director Nick Engbers. “Show choir is something unique; I feel everyone deserves the type of love show choir gives you,” Bortnem said.

When the competing season rolls around, Bortnem also hopes

to give full effort when competing and to get to know all of the underclassmen on a personal level.

She also hopes that everyone in the group is committed and for the whole team to place at

competitions. Even though being a part of a show choir is a big commitment, the memories, lessons and friendships are elements that make the time commitment worth the effort.

## Esports club makes push for playoffs

Will Hurd  
Page Editor

The O’Gorman esports teams play League of Legends and Overwatch 2 on the platform PlayVS. The League of Legends team competes on Tuesdays after school and the Overwatch team plays on Wednesdays after school.

Advisor and coach Jacki Wang said she helps the team to prepare to compete. “I don’t know much about Overwatch 2, League of Legends, or even Smash Ultimate, so I leave the strategic planning to the teams. However, I’m there to keep everything organized and running on schedule, cheering on everyone on game day and keeping spirits high when things get tough,” Wang

said.

Captain Mrnal Param heads the League of Legends team. He is the only player with prior experience which gives him room to help the other players.

“My experiences from last year have helped me to understand what it takes to keep a team together under pressure and keep everyone’s mindset positive, even at the expense of my own,” Param said. “I believe that last year was just a stepping stone that will lead to many great victories this year.”

After a rocky start to the season, the team finds themselves sitting at 2-2. “To improve our school record and [get] us to the playoffs, I’ll carry my team,” junior Josh Brower said.



JACKI WANG

Param competing at school.

nior Josh Brower said.

On PlayVS, 64-team leagues get whittled down to a 32-team playoff. The regular season ended in November with the playoffs reaching into December.

## Lehn serving as new ultimate frisbee advisor

Will Hurd  
Page Editor

The Ultimate Frisbee Club meets right after school every other week. They typically meet out on the front lawn, as long as the weather is nice, for about an hour to an hour and a half. However, with winter fast approaching, the club has shut down until the warmer weather comes in spring.

New school counselor Corbin Lehn has leaped into the O’Gorman community by becoming the replacement for the former advisor. “Ultimate frisbee is a great way to make connections,

enjoy the outdoors, and be active all at once!” Lehn said about why people should join. “Also, there is no pressure or obligation to do anything but show up when you are able to. All are welcome!”

The club is led by junior Matthew Schulte. “I wanted to join because I like to play frisbee and I was intrigued by what ultimate frisbee was,” Schulte said. “My favorite part of ultimate frisbee is making new friends and winning.”

The meeting days of the ultimate frisbee club are announced in the afternoon bulletin on the day of each meeting.

## Spikeball returns for second year

Kendra Brunz  
Staff Writer

Last year O’Gorman welcomed a new club to the high school, the Spikeball Club. During meetings, the members participate in this newly popularized game played among teenagers today.

This game is played with two teams of two players each. The teams stand around the round spikeball net and spike the ball onto the net to start the game. Once the play has started, all members playing are free to shuffle around the net in any way they want. As it bounces back up, a member of the other team

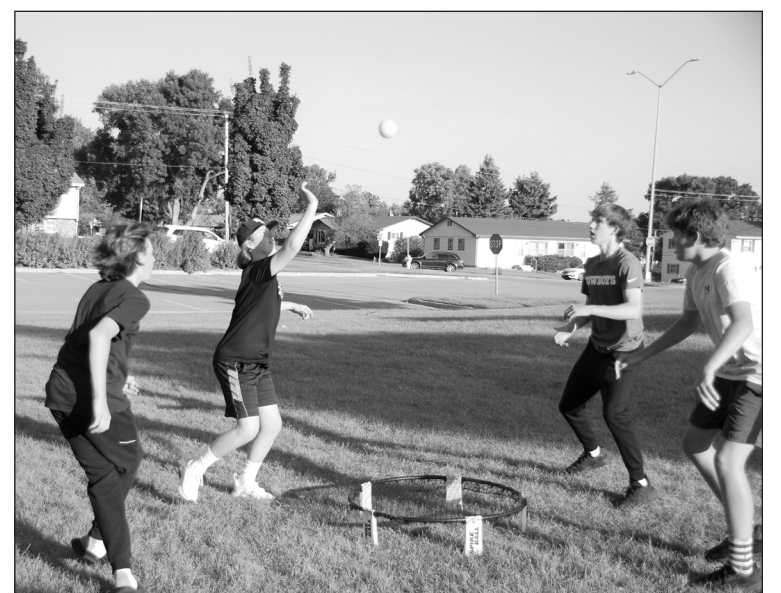
hits the ball back down onto the net. This is repeated until a team causes the ball to fall to ground, hit the rim of the net or bounce twice on the net. A point is then given to the opposing team. Each game is played until one team reaches 21 points.

Although the objective of the game is to beat the opposing team, the purpose of this club is to welcome students to create new relationships with their peers. “Others should come to Spikeball Club because it is an open community and there are players of all skill levels” freshman Barron Jones said. This club encourages new students to get involved with the school, regard-

less of their prior knowledge or skill. It also allows them to get to know students that they may not get the chance to meet regularly from other classes, activities or grades.

“I find it enjoyable that we are able to put our stress aside and have fun with friends,” co-President Jesse Loving said. This club offers a worry-free environment for the students where they can participate in a social and physical activity with their peers.

The club’s next meeting welcomes students to come join them to play spikeball with their peers. The date of the upcoming meetings will be in the daily bulletins on the class pages.



LOGAN CARTER

Spikeball club members playing in front of the school in September.



## Wrestling team welcomes Coach Ryan O'Connor

Trenton Fischer  
Staff Writer

The O'Gorman Knights wrestling season is underway as practices began in late November. Last year, the Knights finished the season with an 8-8 record. The team looks to begin the season on a positive note and improve from last year.

About forty students participate on the team, with thirty-five boys and five girls. The team also welcomed a new coach this past offseason, Ryan O'Connor. The team is excited about what the season will bring and what they will accomplish. "I'm looking forward to getting to know our new coach, Ryan O'Connor, and all of the new athletes on the team," senior Avalon Brenner said.

After graduating four seniors last year, new leadership and underclassmen have to step up and play a significant role. "I feel that I have a great weight of responsibility on my shoulders and one I must carry for the team," senior David Vazquez said. "The underclassmen have to step up by being able to come to practice on time with an open mind and working hard constantly, staying focused, and building confidence."

Coach O'Connor was born

in Sioux Falls and attended Huron High School. Along with O'Gorman Junior High Principal Mr. Charron, O'Connor won the 1994 state wrestling championship for Huron High School. O'Connor was a four-time state placer and two-time state champion. He attended South Dakota State University where he would become a collegiate All-American and earn his degree in mechanical engineering.

For the past five years, O'Connor has coached the youth wrestling program in the area. Today, he is married to his wife, Katie, has five children, and owns a commercial HVAC company. O'Connor believes he can bring much of his experience as a wrestler to the O'Gorman wrestling program.

"I wasn't the most talented wrestler, but I found a lot of success because I worked hard," O'Connor said. "If we can all understand that hard work leads to success, put in the time and do the work, we can accomplish almost anything."

Wrestling team members compete in different weight categories. Individuals compete in matches and earn points for the team's score. Coach O'Connor has a strong game plan heading into the season with keys to



KATHERINE SOWDEN

Sophomore Keenan Sheridan waits for the whistle after gaining a point on a Madison wrestler last year.

success. "We had [a] coaches meeting a few weeks ago and discussed our values: hard work, discipline, positive attitude, believing in yourself [and] family,"

O'Connor said. "These are all things we can control. If we keep the right perspective, it will lead to success on and off the mat."

The first varsity match took

place on Dec. 3 at Roosevelt High School. The season comes to a close at the state tournament on Feb. 24 at the Summit Arena in Rapid City, SD.

## Powerlifting team hopes for a competitive season

Trenton Fischer  
Staff Writer

The 2022-2023 powerlifting season officially kicked off with practices after Thanksgiving break. After a successful season last year, the Knights look to repeat the trend this year.

Powerlifting competitions and events consist of three main lifts: back squat, bench press and deadlift. Students compete against each other and opposing teams.

Each lifter attempts each lift three times for one repetition, with the heaviest successful lift becoming their score. "My favorite lift is probably my deadlift but my squat is my best overall lift," junior Will Heineman said.

Many athletes train year-round, but intensity increases as the season rolls right around the corner. The team is extremely excited about the season and cannot wait for practices and competition to officially start. "I am most looking forward to the



MICHELLE BRUNZ

Coach Olson gives a high five to a powerlifter during state last year.

powerlifting meets and cheering everyone on," senior Julianna Peters said.

Coach Vinnie Olson is extremely excited and looks forward to the upcoming season. "There has been a good tradition

built in the O'Gorman powerlifting program and that tradition is built by the OG athletes that continue to come out," Olson said. "They want to work hard and have fun being part of something special."

## Sideline cheer adds new squad members



KAREN DUMDIE

Sideline cheerleaders take a break from practice to snap a photo.

Raena Manning  
Staff Writer

This year the sideline basketball cheerleaders are ready to cheer louder than ever. The team has grown immensely. This year the team consists of 16 girls, almost doubling what they had on the team last year. They also got a new coach, Karen Dumdie.

There are a variety of newcomers and those who are coming back after being on the team last year. For junior Claire Arends, this is her first year on the team. "I wanted to join the team

because a couple of my friends did it last year and they said it was super fun," Arends said.

Sophomore Josephine Peery is coming back for another year. "Getting to know the new team and working with the new coach," Peery said when asked what she is looking forward to this season. "I can't wait to see how far we get in the playoffs." Peery also expressed her hopes of growing into a strong team who is very involved with their crowd.

With all of the changes, the team is going into this season stronger than ever.



# Football team falls to Harrisburg in the semifinals

Colby Holtz  
Editor-in-Chief

The second-seeded Knights football team was defeated by the third-seeded Harrisburg Tigers in the semifinal round of the state tournament with the end score being 42-21. The team was coming off of a 29-20 win against the Rapid City Stevens Raiders, but their momentum could not propel them to the championship game.

With a regular season record of 7-2, the team had everything to be proud of this season. For example, in the first game of the season, junior fullback Ryland Satter completed the incredible feat of tying O’Gorman’s single-game receiving touchdown record with five and continued on to be selected to the all-state roster. Also selected to the all-state roster from offense was senior quarterback Bennett Dannenbring with 30 passing touchdowns, junior running back Maverick Jones after breaking O’Gorman’s single-game rushing record and senior offensive lineman Aden

Scott after his three-year tenure starting on the offensive line. On the defensive end there were two more selections; senior line-backer Nate Ratzlaff for being a versatile nightmare for offenses and junior defensive back Henry Theobald while obtaining the school record for blocked field goals or points after touchdowns with four. Senior Peyton Hage was also selected for his reliability while playing special teams.

As mentioned before, Scott had been one of the players with the most prior experience for the Knights this year and was undeniably a leader on the field and in the locker room. When asked what the biggest takeaway was from playing football, Scott could not help but mention his appreciation for his teammates. “I enjoyed bonding with my teammates on the long bus trips and celebrating with them after games,” Scott said.

The team surely had success this year and can hold their heads high knowing that the performances they gave were memorable.



MICHELLE BRUNZ  
Junior Maverick Jones breaks a tackle from a Harrisburg Tiger defender during their semifinal match-up.

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‘Black Adam’ is a must watch in cinemas for best experience



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Gillian Brennan  
Staff Writer

Hollywood’s newest DC film, “Black Adam,” was released Oct. 21 and is being shown in cinemas across the nation.

The film begins in ancient Kahndaq, a fictional city in Southwest Asia, where a small enslaved boy challenges the authority of the tyrannical king, receives superpowers from a powerful mineral, and frees the enslaved people from the king while trapping himself in time.

The movie then continues with the awakening of the boy Black Adam, who gained superhuman abilities to access a crown made of alien minerals. The film depicts the struggle for evil villains to steal the crown, as the Justice Society of America protects Kahndaq and attempts to put Black Adam back into dor-

mancy.

The film explores fascinating aspects of ancient civilizations and hieroglyphics, all while packing the action and suspense of a superhero film into the plot. The star of the movie, Dwayne Johnson, commonly known as “The Rock,” has attracted a variety of audiences to the movie and significance to Black Adam’s character in the DC universe.

Overall, the film was well-produced and had dynamic and complex plot developments. The film provides fascinating cultural insight, all while expanding the DC universe’s characters in cinematic production.

“Black Adam” is a must-watch for DC fans or those who like action movies, and I recommend watching the film at the cinema, as the action-packed scenes are otherworldly on the big screen.

‘Midnights’ highlights emotions and thoughts

Sydney Anel  
Page Editor

After seeing Taylor Swift’s easter eggs for her tenth album, “Midnights,” Swifties went sleepless as they ironically waited until midnight on Oct. 21 to be the first to listen.

“Midnights” conveyed the feeling of being surrounded by darkness at night and staring up at the stars, and it showed the challenge of accepting reality or regretting everything. Swift described this album to be about the stories of her 13 sleepless nights throughout her life, and each of her songs portrays one of those nights. With her producer, Jack Antonoff, Swift returned in full force towards her more commonly known pop sound.

This album was a combination of Swift’s “1989,” “reputation” and “Lover” albums. Although it was a pop album, it also possessed some of the calmness shown in “folklore” and “evermore.” In the album, there was a constant war between victory and vengeance, highlighting human emotions. It depicted the thoughts that people experience before sleeping: lost romance, shadows, anxiety from memories and intimacy.



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Even though many Swifties expected the album to be better, I enjoyed “Midnights.” I would not say that it is her best album, but her sound created an experience for the listeners. However, some of her songs had a very similar makeup, so they sounded repetitive. “Midnights” was upbeat yet mature, which was something new for Swift.

After showing off her style and lyricism “folklore” and “evermore,” this album was a hard left turn. Most people disliked the pop genre of this album and the odd lyrics. Despite the flaws of her lyricism, “Midnights” produced an excellent story about hopes and fears that was complemented by Swift’s lively, yet emotional sound.



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“Making gingerbread houses.”  
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“Watching Christmas movies with my family.”  
- Latham Skibinski



“Eating pizza and watching Christmas movies with my family!”  
- Tiegen Crow



“Oyster soup and pheasant.”  
- Mr. Frankman

Scroll Poll:

204 students were surveyed about what they’re most looking forward to this winter.

Christmas Break - 64%  
Basketball - 11%

Holidays - 10%  
Winter Formal - 8%  
Snow days - 7%

Holiday shopping begins early this year

Hailey Jones  
Staff Writer

Annual Christmas sales continue as the holiday season grows nearer. Large business corporations, such as Target, are having holiday sales longer than ever before. Target’s holiday sales began as early as Oct. 6 and will end on Dec. 24. The store’s sale items can be marked anywhere from 30% to 70% off.

Insider predicted that Anthropologie, William Sonoma and Nordstrom will be some of the nation’s top places to shop for Christmas decorations this holiday season. Nordstrom’s After Christmas Sale offers up to 50% off certain brands and items.

According to the “Today” show, popular Christmas gifts for children this year may include toys such as mini food brands, L.O.L. Surprise Dolls and Disney “Encanto” bluetooth karaoke machines. New to the shelves are the AirTitans Jurassic World Massive

Attack Inflatable T-Rex, Addison Rae Deluxe Music Fashion Doll and a VTech Level Up gaming chair for kids. Another popular Christmas gift may be the Squishmallows from Jazwares, which won both the parent and teacher’s choice award at the most recent Toy Of The Year (TOTY) ceremony. Most of these gifts can be found at Target, Walmart, Amazon or Kohl’s.

Recently climbing the market for teenagers and adults are the AirPods Max. These headphones feature an over the ear design, and come in silver, space gray, sky blue, pink, and green. Best Buy and Amazon both carry these headphones as well as other newer gadgets that may be popular this holiday season.

Overall, the National Retail Federation expects the US to purchase 6% to 8% more than last year during the holiday season. This statistic puts the US at spending approximately 950 billion dollars on Christmas this year.



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## Mueller: A Broadway protégé

Hailey Jones  
Staff Writer

O’Gorman High School student, Garvey Mueller, is a current freshman who showcases his talents in the activities that he is involved in both inside and outside of school. Mueller is a part of O’Gorman’s mixed choir, Ovation!, oral interpretation and theater. Most recently, Mueller was in O’Gorman’s production of “James and the Giant Peach.” “My sister was in “Aladdin”...I wanted to do it as well, so that’s how I got into theater,” Mueller said.

His first appearance in a show was in a production of the Little Mermaid, and he played the role of a fish. Ironically, Mueller is afraid of fish. “They are my worst fear in life,” Mueller said.

Outside of school, Mueller travels to New York twice a year to work with Broadway actors in a week-long intensive showcase and further his interest in theater. After spending seven non-consecutive weeks in New York, Mueller has been given the opportunity to work with Broadway actors and actresses: Taylor Louderman, Alex Brightman, Derek Klena, Will Roland, etc. These stars have worked in large Broadway productions such as “Dear Evan Hansen,” “Beetle-juice,” “School of Rock,” “Matilda” and “Mean Girls.”



JEANNIE JOHNSON

Young Mueller in the high school’s “Newsies” musical production.

Other activities Mueller grew up involved in are clogging and tap dancing. Leading up to high school, Mueller took four years of tap dance and only recently centered his focus around other activities, such as oral interpretation. Mueller competed at his

first oral interpretation competition in the fall and placed in the final round. As he continues pursuing these activities in high school, Mueller looks forward to the doors that the fine arts and oral interpretation will open for him in the future.

## Sanchez: From Spain to America



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Macie Markuson and Sanchez trying on cowboy hats in Custer during a sightseeing trip to the Black Hills.

Gretthel Escalante Portillo  
Staff Writer

Freshman Anna Sanchez Exposito voyaged from across the world to study at O’Gorman for a year. Her love of traveling and learning new things helped with the transition.

“I ended up at O’Gorman because I really wanted to go study in the USA for a year,” Sanchez said. “I chose to go to O’Gorman because of the education here and the variety of activities and

sports, especially gymnastics.” School activities will be integrated into her life as she will be involved in basketball’s sideline cheer as well as track and field. She is also on the O’Gorman gymnastics team.

“The city is very green and beautiful, the people are very kind- they help you, and feel interested in you when they know that you are from another continent,” Sanchez said about what she enjoys in Sioux Falls.

While she likes these aspects

of the city, she expressed some concerns. “Something that I don’t really like is the weather that changes very often and that the distance from one place to another is pretty big compared to Spain,” Sanchez said.

Despite these differences, her experience has overall been a positive one so far. “All the help that I receive from O’Gorman and all the staff makes it all easier for me,” Sanchez said about the assistance that has been provided to her during this transition.

## Le: Unique love for an intimidating instrument



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Le showcasing her talents while practicing her harp.

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Jennifer Le is a freshman at O’Gorman High School who first displayed her talent of playing the harp to the school at the variety show during homecoming. Le began playing the harp four years ago when a family friend suggested playing the harp. From there, she fell in love with the harp. She thought the harp was very intimidating at first because it isn’t an overly common instrument to play, but she wanted to take on the challenge.

The harp is widely known as

one of the more difficult instruments to learn and is a very large in size. It holds the power of a distinctive sound and it cannot be replaced easily with another instrument. “My favorite thing about playing the harp would be the sound and structure patterns,” Le said.

Learning something new takes time and practice, so Le tries to practice often. “For me, playing the harp is fairly easy now, but when you get into the complicated music, that’s when the harp’s real title of being the hardest instrument comes into play,” Le said.

## Antonen: Paso Llano equestrian riding

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Freshman Jayden Antonen has a love for horses. Ever since he was three years old he has had an interest in them. His family owns three horses. They are named Tornado, Adorno and Excelante.

His family got all of their Peruvian Paso horses from Peru. This breed of horse is known for having the smoothest ride and being the easiest to train. Their three horses are shown by Antonen and his family in Peruvian horse shows. His horse is Tornado; whom he shows in these various competitions.

Antonen and Tornado compete against other horses and equestrians. All of the horses compete and are judged on their Paso Llano.

A Paso Llano is a natural, four-beat, lateral gait, identifying the way the horses walk. Antonen rides Tornado around the



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stadium while judges critique Tornado’s Paso Llano.

“My favorite part about showing my horse is winning!” Antonen said. If he and Tornado win these events they receive a ribbon. The ribbons are called rosette ribbons, they are given out for first through sixth place with different colors signifying different places.