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SDSU wins first FCS National Title

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Staff Writer

The biggest win in the South Dakota State Jackrabbits' football history was defeating the powerhouse that is the North Dakota State Bison in the Football Championship Subdivision on Jan. 8. The FCS is the second-highest division for college football among Division I schools. SDSU defeated NDSU convincingly with a score of 45-21.

Although initially tied in the first quarter, SDSU outscored NDSU in the second quarter 24-7. Four of the players were former O'Gorman alumni: Canyon Bauer ('19), Brady Beck ('19), Hayden

Muirhead ('21), and David Alpers III ('22).

"It honestly feels amazing that all the hard work paid off! It was such a great moment to be able to celebrate it with all of my teammates and coaches," Bauer said.

The defeat was painful for NDSU as it broke their nine-year-long championship-winning streak. For the Jackrabbits though, this win has achieved hopes and dreams for the team.

"One of the biggest things I would tell my younger self is don't be afraid to fail. If you work hard and surround yourself with people that have similar goals, you can achieve anything," Bauer concluded.



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South Dakota State head coach John Stiegelmeier, center, celebrates with quarterback Mark Gronowski, left, and offensive lineman Mason McCormick with the trophy after their team defeated North Dakota State to win the Football Championship Subdivision title in Frisco, Texas.

Gymnasts break records at state, see 10s on vault

Staff Writers

The 2023 gymnastics season came to a close February 10-11 in Aberdeen with the Lady Knights taking second at the state meet with a 148.25.

Heading into the state meet, the team was ranked third behind Mitchell and Harrisburg. The O'Gorman team had been ahead of Harrisburg all year; however, they'd only beaten Mitchell head-to-head one time. Going into the state tournament, the team knew it would be a fight to the finish. "Mitchell is a strong team and we were tenths behind them in the rankings going into state," head coach Skye Bork said. "Our performance at state was admirable, and we came out just 0.3 behind Mitchell in the end."

The team had a hard bout with injuries throughout the season. "It was one of those years that no coach ever wants, but we've all had," Bork said. "I'm incredibly proud of the team for finishing so strong and almost coming out on top considering the loss of junior Raena Manning and sophomore Shannon Heiman due to injury before the state meet."

For individual day on Saturday, the gymnasts were ready to come back and prove themselves. Seniors Maeve Boetel and Audrey Meyer would go one and two in the All-Around and both claim individual titles and new state records.

The team started on vault on Saturday where Boetel had her best ever vault. She would receive perfect 10.0s from two of

the three judges; the last would give her a 9.9. This average would break the O'Gorman school record and state meet record set by O'Gorman's Alex Hughes in 2004. Both records now sit at 9.967.

"It was surreal seeing the score come up after my vault," Boetel said. "At the beginning of the season I set a goal to get a 10 on vault and to see two 10s come up after my last vault in competition was crazy. It was a feeling I can not really put into words."

The last competitor on the final event was Meyer on the floor. Meyer had a nearly flawless routine, hitting every skill with ease. She would receive a 9.9. This not only won her the event title, but also set a new state record and tied the current school record



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O'Gorman Lady Knights gymnasts with their state runner-up trophy.

which Meyer already holds. Previously, the state record was held by Boetel with 9.867 (2022) and prior to that O'Gorman's Mallory Peck with 9.85 in 2005.

"Setting a state meet record was a crazy experience because I could feel all the support from my

teammates around me, and it felt like all my hard work had finally paid off," Meyer said.

The underclassmen are looking forward to the next season, but will miss the four graduating seniors Boetel, Meyer, Grace Miller and Macy Brewster.

Ukraine's fight for freedom from Russia rages on

Isabella Savage
Staff Writer

As 2023 begins and the new year brings in a fresh start, Eastern Europe still rages with war as Ukraine fights for its freedom against Russia, who is still moving in on the small country.

Germany has recently been seen on the war headlines, as German-made tanks being sent to Ukraine to help their war effort is a disputed topic in Europe. Poland planned on building an alliance of European countries that would send tanks and other warfare to Ukraine, even if Germany doesn't get on board.

However, Germany recently agreed to send 14 battle tanks

to the country along with the United States who will be sending 31. For Ukraine, this is a historic marker in the war, as it gives them more power against Russia.

Besides the advancement in the Ukrainian Army with the addition of tanks from numerous different countries, Russia is facing other losing battles. According to the BBC, Ukraine has taken control of the western Kherson region from Russia, which is a major victory for the country and a setback for the opposition. This victory gives Ukraine a leg up in the war.

Prior to Ukraine's victory at Kherson, they had been successful in attacking Russian supply lines and bases. Back in Decem-

ber, Ukraine's surprise attack on a Russian air base via drones made headlines worldwide. According to the New York Times, due to recent successes, Ukraine has said they are willing to take the fight to Russia.

Meanwhile, the war still takes its toll on the everyday lives of Ukraine's citizens. As of January 15, there have been more than 18,000 civilian casualties in Ukraine. While the country has a new advantage in the war, it is still greatly affecting the nation and its people, who are struggling immensely due to the toll the war puts on them.

Russian war crimes have caused extreme violations of human rights and humanitarian law



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Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky addresses the US Congress at the US Capitol in Washington, DC on December 21, 2022.

to Ukrainians according to Human Rights Watch. These citizens can only hope that the war

will come to an end soon, and the military weapons will certainly aid the end of the war.

Campus Ministry hosts The Well for first time in 2023

Alexis Lemon
Staff Writer

O’Gorman’s Campus Ministry held their monthly event, The Well, for the first time this year in January.

The Well is a community-based experience where students have the opportunity to grow in their faith and connect with others. Prior to The Well, students involved in Campus Ministry gathered and had dinner while Mr. Cleary discussed how the different times of the year relate with God. “It was really eye opening because it made me realize how the seasons are connected with God,” junior Clare Benson said.

The rest of the students arrived and played games where

each grade competed against each other. They tied balloons around their ankles and tried to pop their opponents. One representative from each grade participated in a ping pong ball skipping competition. Each opponent had to blow a ping pong ball across a line of cups.

The seniors excitedly won the games and earned themselves a dress-down day. Everyone sang praise and worship songs while Mr. Stai played the guitar.

“My favorite part of The Well is praise and worship because it is a time where all your friends and peers come together to grow in their faith and thank God for all that he gives us!” junior Maddy Friedman said. Everyone ended the night with many snacks, games and laughter.



Students participating in games during The Well in January.

ALEXIS LEMON

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‘Pirates of Penzance’ awarded Superior Show at State One Act Festival

Hailey Jones
Staff Writer

O’Gorman High School’s theater department recently competed in the 2023 One Act State Festival. This year, the festival took place in Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School Performing Arts Center. Dozens of schools from across the state came to compete

from Feb. 2-4. The festival showcased talent in fine arts, and concluded with an awards ceremony to acknowledge the competitors. O’Gorman competed with a production of “The Pirates of Penzance.” It is a musical comedy, and was director Teresa Fester’s second time displaying this show at O’Gorman.

The entire cast went home

with either a superior acting or ensemble award in addition to the show’s superior rating. “Playing the modern major general was fun and it was really cool to get a superior acting award,” sophomore Jacob Thomas said. O’Gorman’s theater department was thrilled to keep their streak of winning superior ratings at the festival.



LILY ROSA DE SHARON

Pirates kidnapping the daughters of the Prince.

HOSA promotes healthcare fields

Will Hurd
Page Editor

The Health Occupational Students of America Club at O’Gorman provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge in the healthcare field. HOSA is a national organization that aims to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and enhance the delivery of quality healthcare to all people. The club is open to all students interested in pursuing a career in healthcare.

The club’s activities include guest speakers from various healthcare fields and participation in HOSA competitions. These events allow students to learn about healthcare professions and gain valuable skills from relevant sources. One of the club’s main goals is to prepare students for the HOSA State Leadership Conference, where they compete against other students from across the country in healthcare-related events. This conference provides students with the opportunity

to showcase their skills and knowledge while learning more about the industry. If students place in the top three in the state, they qualify for the International Leadership Conference which is held in Dallas this summer. By providing students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, learn from professionals in the field, and compete against their peers, the club helps students to learn more about their future occupations. The club meets every other Monday at 6 p.m. in room K-207 or G-100.

Knitting club prospers

Maggie Sweetman
Page Editor

Among the various clubs and sports offered at O’Gorman High School, knitting club is a great choice for those who want to be creative and social. Knitting club meets every Tuesday morning before school and does not have a set number of members which means anyone can join at any time. “You can come as a beginner,” advisor Jane Bradfield said. “Most of the students that come into knit have no prior experience.” The advanced members of

knitting club are always teaching beginners how to knit. Noah Puetz, a men’s basketball player at USF, joins the club a few times a month. He is an advanced knitter who helps many students get started with their knitting project. “All aspects of knitting club are rewarding! It is fun to watch the progression of the projects-- from the beginning to the final product,” Bradfield said. Knitting club also presents the items they make to charitable organizations including the Banquet and Bishop Dudley House.

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Baseball looking to return to state tournament

Trenton Fischer
Staff Writer

With spring right around the corner, the high school baseball season is set to begin. With many seniors graduating, the O’Gorman baseball team looks to fill the void and add depth to the roster. The team will be led by seniors Joe Niedringhaus and Bennett Dannenbring. With a small senior class, the team will look for juniors to step up and play a big role. “Even though we have a few guys with varsity experience we have a lot of underclassmen that have had success on our sub-varsity teams that will play big roles for us this season. I’m looking forward to watching these guys grow into

their roles,” Head Coach Dan Hughes said when asked about the projected roster depth. Coming off of a 9-17 record from last year, the team looks to build off of that to reach the state tournament. “We have to be able to limit our errors defensively and find ways to avoid giving up the big innings. Offensively we have to be able to put pressure on the pitching and defense by having good at-bats,” Hughes said when asked about the keys to getting back to the state tournament. The O’Gorman baseball team begins early practices at the end of February with games beginning in the middle of March. The state tournament takes place at the end of May.



MICHELLE BRUNZ

Junior Jacob Wheeler pitching at a game during the 2022 season.

Bowling teams compete in their respective state tournaments

Anna Lent
Staff Writer

The O’Gorman Knights bowling team has been hard at work during this intense season. The team consists of eight girls and 15 boys who have been dedicated to improving their abilities since the end of October. Throughout the season, the team has 13 regular season meets before the state tournament that will occur at the end of February. Many of the bowlers, including senior Lindsey Junker, have had enjoyable experiences on the bowling team during their high school career. “My most memorable moments for bowling were probably the state match last year and the pizza parties where

we bowled against the coach,” Junker said. “My only goal [for this year] was to have fun and do my best.” The bowling team continued to bring tons of energy and excitement to each practice and meet. They looked forward to continuing their pursuit of perfection over the last few weeks of the season. Both junior varsity and varsity both have state tournaments at Eastway and Sport Bowl in Sioux Falls during the third week of February. Junior varsity boys bowled Feb. 17 at Eastway Bowl, while the varsity girls competed on Feb. 23 at Eastway. The varsity boys will bowl on Feb. 24 at Sport Bowl.

Wrestling team preparing for state

Sydney Anel
Page Editor

With the winter wrestling season almost over, the O’Gorman wrestling team is ready for the state tournament. This year, there are 14 students on the men’s team and three girls on the women’s team, and the athletes hoped to have most, if not all, of the team qualify for the state tournament. In addition, many of the wrestlers have worked extremely hard to better their skills and to perform well at competitions. “I’m hoping to win a state title and wrestle at my best every time I compete” Keenan Sheridan said. “I watch a lot of films so that I am able to continuously improve each day.” As this year is head coach Ryan O’Conner’s first year with the O’Gorman wrestling team, his new position has left a positive impression on the wrestlers.



MICHELLE BRUNZ

Sophomore Keenan Sheridan pinning a Tea wrestler to the mat.

O’Conner has helped the team bond strengthen, and he has created a powerful relationship with each of the students. “I trust his technique and his ability to coach us as a team and to lead us individually to various successes,” senior David Vazquez said. With O’Conner’s leadership, the wrestling program has improved, and many wrestlers have been placed on the podium

at tournaments. The team has developed a familial bond, creating an environment that is still competitive yet supportive. “The season has been a nice progression and the team is building up well,” Riley Buus said. The O’Gorman wrestling team will compete in Rapid City at the 2023 state championships from Feb. 23-25.

Softball gears up for first sanctioned season

Sydney Anel
Page Editor

In 2021, the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) approved the sanctioning of girls’ softball for the 2022-2023 school year. This year, O’Gorman’s girls softball team is excited to start their first season of the newly sanctioned sport. By joining the SDHSAA, softball gained more recognition in the state. In addition, the team received more support from the schools, such as funding for travel buses, which contrasts their previous experience when the team was more independent

from the school. Because of the sanction, this year’s softball season will look different from previous years. Instead of playing in the fall, they will start their season in the spring. However, this creates a conflict with the girls who are involved in other spring activities. “It is a little difficult to work around the new practice rules that come with the sport being sanctioned. Because softball is in the spring instead of the fall, it overlaps with a lot of the girls’ summer club softball teams’ practices, games, and tournaments as well,” junior Ava Tobin said. Despite these difficul-

ties, O’Gorman’s new softball coach, Ryan Soukup, is well experienced and has helped the team accommodate to the new changes. “He’s helped a lot with getting practices in with the new rules, and he’s helped the varsity and JV practice and play well together,” junior Olivia Tobin said. Soukup’s new influence on the team has helped the girls develop strong offensive and defensive strategies for the games in the upcoming season. This year, many new players are joining the team. Alongside Soukup, the team will look towards the upperclassmen for guidance, especially with the changes from the sanction. “I



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Junior Hailey Jones slides to base during a game in the 2022 season.

am going to help the younger girls out and show them what to expect with each and every team. I want to help them grow and build the program,” senior Karsten Schlimgen said.

O’Gorman’s girls softball team will begin practicing three days before their first game, which will be against Yankton on March 25.

Girls basketball on a roll Boys basketball coming together

Kendra Brunz
Staff Writer

The Girls Varsity Basketball team returned this season with hopes of defending their state championship from last season. The Lady Knights started off the season strong with a win against the Brandon Valley Lynx ending with a final score of 54-41. The Knights followed this victory up with a convincing win against the Roosevelt Rough Riders ending with a score of 50-22. The season continues and after many intense games, the Lady Knights are sitting at an overall 12-4 record as of Feb. 14, only losing to Washington twice, St-Michael Albertville and Pierre. The Knights have ambitions to carry on the success they have achieved so far. "I think we are improving from game to game," Head Coach Kent Kolsrud said. "We are gaining valuable varsity experience and figuring out our strengths and areas we can continue to work on." Kolsrud expresses confidence in his team and staff for the remainder of the season while also remembering



KATHERINE SOWDEN

Senior Kira Mentele dribbles around a Brandon Valley defender.

the importance of each player's role and their chemistry as a team on the court. Excitement accumulates throughout the basketball program as Kolsrud celebrated 400 career wins on Jan. 14 after the Knights defeated Yankton. He appreciates the recognition while also acknowledging that it could not have been done without the program as a whole. "400 career wins is truly a reflection on all our players, coaches, support staff and everyone in-

involved in our program over the past 25 years," Kolsrud said. "It is exciting to see the success and achievements of so many people working together." This achievement was commemorated with a photo collage of his current and past coaching seasons, a cake and balloons after the Yankton game. This season's state championship game is on March 9 at Brookings High School where the Lady Knights plan on adding to the dynasty that is being built.

Trenton Fischer
Staff Writer

As of Feb. 14, the varsity boys basketball team is 6-10 thus far in the season, with four of their losses being single-digit deficits. With few games left, the team has little time to turn the season around before heading into the playoffs. "I think the biggest thing right now is that we need a signature win just to gain our confidence. Who knows if we can stay injury-free down the stretch? We only need to win the last four games!" Head Coach Derek Robey said when asked about the keys to turning the season around. The team is led by captains Matthew Eng and Bennett Dannenbring. Eng averages 17.5 points per game as of Jan. 23, leading the team in that category. "I think my success this season has come from my team-

mates," Eng said. "They are the ones that get me open and pass me the ball. All I have to do is put the ball through the hoop." The team seems to have the most success on the court when the team plays as one unit together. "Sometimes I do think we play selfishly...always looking for a highlight. With that said, that doesn't mean we are a bad basketball team...it just means at times we are making bad decisions," Robey said. "We need [...] to be committed to the whole process! Buying in on the traits that have made this program stand out over the years." Robey has concerns, but he is certain this year's group still has high potential. The varsity boys' basketball team's regular season ends Feb. 24 against Mitchell at the Corn Palace. The SD 16 games begin in early March with the state tournament March 16-18 at the Summit Arena in Rapid City.



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Catholic Schools Week brings students together

Gretthel Escalante Portillo
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This year, Catholic Schools Week ran from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3. This is the second year since the pandemic that O’Gorman has been able to celebrate. Catholic Schools Week celebrates the excellence of Catholic education, which allows students to pursue rigorous academics while being active in their faith.

“I’m grateful for my Catholic

education because of the friends I made along the way and the helpful and kind staff members that make my day,” senior Mad-die Barnett said.

O’Gorman celebrated Catho-lic Schools Week by having themed dress-downs sponsored by the student council that aligned with the overarching message of Catholic Schools Week. On Wednesday, the staff served donuts and juice to the

student body to help with the festivities and interact with the students. On Thursday, the student body was able to give back to the less fortunate by bringing in various items for the Journey of Hope organization in exchange for a dress-down day.

The week crescendoed to the All-Schools Mass on Friday. “Catholic schools week offers an opportunity for all eight of our schools in our system to be-

come united and celebrate Mass together,” Vice Principal Alex Anderson said.

The service was held at Au-gustana University’s Elmen Cen-ter to host students ranging from kindergarten-age to high school seniors in the Bishop O’Gorman Catholic schools System and schools throughout the Diocese of Sioux Falls as well as their teachers and some parents. The Mass service also included many

priests from the diocese, being led by Bishop Donald DeGrood.

Catholic Schools week has had a positive impact on the O’Gorman community, as it brings students together to commune in their faith. Bringing students together in a way that celebrates their faith and aca-demic excellence was an overall theme during the week that everyone was able to enjoy.



What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



"Sitting on my couch and watching a movie probably."
- Sophie DeMore



"Go to school and go to practice. Just another day."
- Keenan Sheridan



"Well it's on a Tuesday so I have soccer, but I might skip."
- Natalie Dougherty



"Valentine's party. 5th period. Upper Foyer. Gonna be lit."
- Jade Anstine

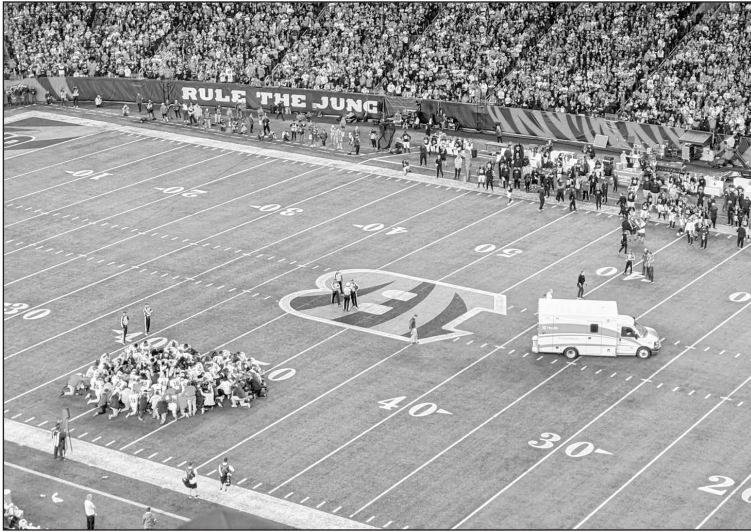


"Stay at home with my family."
- Ms. Carpenter

Damar Hamlin's tragic injury

Colby Holtz
Editor-in-Chief

The National Football League has seen a plethora of unusual and unprecedented injuries this season, but none of those could compare to the tragic incident that took place on the Jan. 2 Monday Night Football game. In the first quarter, the Cincinnati Bengals were driving down the field, already ahead of the Buffalo Bills by one touchdown. After what seemed like a routine tackle by Bills safety Damar Hamlin on Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins after a catch, Hamlin got up, took two steps and collapsed. Hamlin went into cardiac arrest, was administered CPR on the field, had his heartbeat restored and was then transferred to the University of Cincinnati's Medical Center. The game was postponed shortly after his injury. Hamlin required a breathing tube placed until Jan. 6 and was considered to be in critical condition until Jan. 9. Being released on Jan. 11, doctors were certain of Hamlin's neurological recovery, but are still reluctant to encourage a full return to his previous lifestyle due to the uncertainty behind the reason for this incident. The cause of the cardiac arrest



Damar Hamlin, safety with the Buffalo Bills is taken off the field by an ambulance after collapsing on the field due to a cardiac arrest from a tackle to the chest during a game against the Cincinnati Bengals at Paycor Stadium on January 2, 2023.

is yet to be proven, but experts say the hit to his chest may have sent his heart into arrhythmia, a very rare injury. To have the heart be sent into arrhythmia due to a blow to the chest, the hit must occur within a 20-millisecond window while the heart is at rest. This accentuates how unforgettable this tragedy is and rehumanizes the players for the fans, who often forget the people on their screen are fathers, sons, and brothers that are risking their lives for entertainment purposes. Essentially the entire world

was in shock when Hamlin went down. Resulting from this, many players are advocating for a higher degree of guaranteed safety and some are also questioning whether the risk-reward relationship of being a professional football player is worth it. Going forward, the NFL aims to avoid incidents like these by staying prepared for the worst case scenario at all times, and hopefully they can prevent an event like this from occurring again.

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Class of 2025 displaying major involvement in local hockey

Lauren K. Meyer
Staff Writer

Quite a few O’Gorman sophomore boys have talent on the ice; whether they are a part of Sioux Falls Power or the Sioux Falls Flyers, they all share a love for the sport. James Shea, Gabe Neypes, and Beth Beckard are all a part of Sioux Falls Power 15U. Sam Esposito is also involved with Sioux Falls Power at the 16U level.

Alex Carlson, Hayden Gorra, Connor Watson, Zander Howe and Marc Rykman are all with a different organization called the Sioux Falls Flyers.

Hockey is a major commitment in high school. The boys are all student-athletes, so they must balance schoolwork and sports. Many practice and watch film daily with additional workouts twice a week.

This intense training is in preparation for their in-season and national tournaments. Due to the amount of tournaments they attend, they have accommodations with their team to help consolidate the school they have missed. They can participate in team study halls where most of

the boys prefer to get their work done.

Shea gave his perspective on why there is more sophomore involvement than in other grades. “It’s a unique but very fast and intense sport. I think the number of sophomores who play hockey speaks to how far the game has grown,” Shea said. He brings up a good point, considering the importance of hockey has grown primarily in Sioux Falls. This is seen through the plethora of exchange students that move to Sioux Falls specifically seeking opportunities within hockey organizations.

Carlson gave a similar response emphasizing the sport’s development in our region. “This is only the beginning of many O’Gorman students participating in hockey,” Carlson said. He believes that younger generations will also partake in the sport as it becomes even more relevant in Sioux Falls.

This year, Tier I nationals will most likely be from late March to early April, so watch out for the boys’ Instagram posts if they end up winning.



James Shea playing during a Sioux Falls Power hockey game. SUBMITTED PHOTO

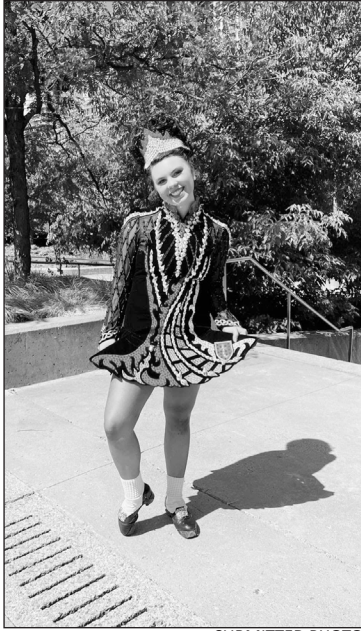
Dorn in Irish dancing

Peery and Scholten: Competitive ballet

Maggie Sweetman
Page Editor

Tessa Dorn is a sophomore at O’Gorman High School who found a love for Irish dancing at a young age. Irish dance is a unique style of dance that originated in Ireland. Dorn practices at her studio about four times a week, but she practices at home the other days. “I also do additional training every week with a trainer to get stronger and help set goals that my trainer can help me work towards,” says Dorn. Irish dance is a year round sport, so Dorn always has goals to work toward. She is currently working towards qualifying for the World Championships in Ireland.

When Dorn is not competing or practicing at her studio, she teaches younger aspiring Irish dancers. “I have loved being able to teach because Irish dance is something that I am really passionate about, so I hope to make



Dorn before a competition. SUBMITTED PHOTO

it something that other people can enjoy,” says Dorn. Irish dance allows Dorn to positively impact others within a sport that she is immensely passionate about.

Kendra Brunz
Staff Writer

O’Gorman High School Sophomores Landry Scholten and Josephine Peery both have a love for dancing. They practice many different styles including the unique style of ballet. Peery practices ballet at Balleraena Dance Studio and Scholten practices at Champion Legacy.

Scholten has been dancing for years, but has since started practicing ballet. “Ballet is very complex and simple at the same time,” Scholten said. “I started ballet because my dance coach felt it would overall improve our routines.” Perry has experience in ballet as well, but was influenced to start for a different reason. “I started ballet when I was little because my sister did it, and I wanted to be like her,” Peery said. “I continued taking classes and joined competitive dance.”

These dancers put a sig-



SCHERLING PHOTOGRAPHY
Josephine Peery

nificant amount of time and effort into performances. “I usually dance for around 20 hours a week,” Perry said. “I practice up to 10 hours a week,” Scholten said. These hours spent practicing are not easy when preparing for fierce competition. “You have to be better than perfect,” Peery



SCHERLING PHOTOGRAPHY
Landry Scholten

said. Despite the difficulty, Peery and Scholten enjoy the art and performance of ballet. “It can be one of the most amazing experiences ever,” Perry said when asked to describe how performing a ballet routine feels.

Scherbring competes in trap shooting with Olympic hopes

Will Hurd
Page Editor

Isaac Scherbring, a sophomore at O’Gorman High School, has found a passion for trap shooting. Trap shooting is a type of clay pigeon shooting sport

where targets are launched away from the shooter in patterns to simulate the flight of a bird. Many participate as a way of improving their aim, however, Scherbring likes to compete.

Scherbring first discovered

this interest when he began practicing on Thursday nights after working at a local gun range. Soon after picking up the sport, his boss told him about a trap shooting team. Eventually he offered Scherbring a spot on

his own team.

“The thing I most like about trap shooting is that I get to go all over and meet different people,” Scherbring said.

In addition to practicing at Crooks Gun Club, Scherbring

goes all around the surrounding area to compete in events.

Scherbring is determined to continue pursuing his passion. “I hope to eventually get a chance to try out for the USA team for the Olympics,” Scherbring said.