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PHEASANT FOCUS

### Showing School Spirit with HoCo Dress-up Days

by Brooklyn Rische

Students dug through their closets, went to Good Will or ordered items from Amazon to find the perfect outfits for the Homecoming Dress-up Days.

Monday was "Sleeping Beauty" day and students of all ages showed up in their PJs. Tuesday was "Inside Out" day, and they dressed in the colors of the movie emotions. Wednesday was "Minion" day and students worked around town doing community service projects, painted windows, and built floats. Thursday was "Good vs. Evil" day, and Friday was "Monster's Inc." day and students dressed in Redfield gear.

Students showed their Homecoming spirit throughout the week.



Feeling the Emotions.

Seniors Jadie Turner and Brooklyn Rische re-enact a scene from the *Inside Out* movie.

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### A Magical Homecoming Coronation

by Kinley Smith

On Sept. 9, student body, staff and community members filled the Ken Greeno building waiting to hear the results for the Homecoming King and Queen.

King Collin Dean and Queen Jadie Turner were chosen by the student bodyto reign over the 2024 Homecoming festivities.

"Homecoming is the one time of every year where our small town comes together to show the true pride and tradition of Redfield. The weeklong celebrations not only let us students get out and show our appreciation for the community, but also show us just how supportive and proud of us they are! Lots of people are involved with helping prepare and support this event every year and I and excited that I got to be a part of it one last time," Queen Jadie Turner said.

The whole student body had the opportunity to vote for the seniors who would become the five king and five queen candidates. Oueen candidates included Addisyn Evans, Brooklyn Rische, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner and Brynnley Neuharth. King candidates included Collin Dean, Creighton Bower, Dylan Camden Murray, Murray and Jacob Buranen.

Juniors Karlie Brabant and Kinley Smith were the emcees for the ceremony.

Mr. Dominic Evans, the 25-year-Homecoming King,

was chosen to speak at the ceremony. Mr. Evans spoke about "the good days" of his high school experience and the current school year theme of "All in: Whatever It Takes."

The Burning of the "R" took place after the ceremony where King Collin and Queen Jadie lit the "R" on fire as many coronation attendees watched. The Redfield cheerleaders chanted different cheers to get the crowd involved in the annual tradition.



**Homecoming Court.** 

Members of the 2024 Homecoming Coronation Court include Brooklyn Rische, Brynnley Neuharth, Addisyn Evans, Adalyn Stoner, Queen Jadie Turner, King Collin Dean, Dylan Murray, Camden Murray, Creighton Bowar and Jacob Burgner





### Students Participate in **Annual Pride Day**

Each year on the Wednesday during Homecoming, students spend the day helping around town and doing community service activities. This is also the day that each class gets time to build their floats that will be judged before the parade on Friday.

During the day, students completed activities around town. Some of the places students could be seen was at the fairgrounds, the city park, the fairgrounds, the baseball field, the cemetary, at local businesses, or just on the many streets of Redfield.

"Pride day is important because it helps bring the people you may not talk or interact with together. It also helps make the community look better and show the students appreciation for what the community gives up," Brynn Giblin said.

According to the stats reported by the Park and Rec office. the following was done during Pride Day by students: 208 holes marked and filled, 24 picnic tables painted, garbage holders painted, 1 backstop net taken down for the season, 36 outfield ad signs removed for the season, 19 fire pits removed of their ashes, 13 garbage cans and 1 garbage bag of leaves removed, countless branches picked up, 5 playgrounds weeded and raked clean, 2 Welcome to Redfield signs weeded and cleaned, 1 picnic shelter painted. 64 posts painted around the tennis courts, 2 tencourts shoveled

around for drainage purposes, 6 picnic shelters swept clean, 1 rainbow bridge path edged and cleaned, 1 armory sidewalk edged and cleaned, 1 main street weeded and swept clean, 1 city park walking path swept clean, 1 city park softball infield weeded, 2 portable baseball mounds removed, and 1 fastpitch pitching circle

# redone.



Building a New Mound. Mr. Gregg, Noah Johnson, Maddon Odland, and Derrick Bogart dig in the dirt to build a new mound at the softball field for the fastpitch

### The Best Time of the Year

Homecoming is a magical time of year, with so many different activities students can be involved in. My favorite Homecoming traditions are float building and the pep rally. Float building is an effective way for my classmates to be creative and have fun competing against other grades while



Kendyl Siebrecht, journalism staff

collaborating with each other. It is a fun group project for students to get together and use different ideas and creativity to build a float by themselves.

The pep rally is also an exciting time for all students and staff and gives off good energy for all. The good en-

ergy turns into school spirit for the football game on Friday night. The pep rally games, class floats and their results and yelling for the jug is a wonderful way to end off homecoming week. Then after the pep rally is the Homecoming parade where everyone in the community gets to be involved and show school spirit.

These traditions give students and the community pride and make people proud to be a Redfield Pheasant.



Painting the Flag. Matthew Carr paints the red shrips for the flag on Main Street. Every year the senior class paints a flag somewhere in the community to show

### How did you contribute to the Community?

by Hayden Gall



Connor Gruenwald, sophomore

"I was in a group that went to the Methodist church and cleaned."



Tucker Nelson, junior

"I went to the Legion and we took metal and wood from the basement, and brought it to the dump."



Jessie Ratigan, sophomore

"I picked up sticks and pulled weeds at Hav-a-Rest, and then filled holes in the park."



Mr. Gregg, teacher

"I took a group to the baseball field, and we took advertising signs down, we painted, built a new mound and weedeated."



Jaxon Sandoz. senior

"I helped my classmates repaint the flag on the corner of Main Street."



Jaycee Appel, freshman

"I went to the 4-H building and we cleaned the walls, mopped the floors, and pulled weeds in the arena."

### Redfield Welcomes Ruben Alvarez, Exchange Student

by Hannah Schlechter

RHS students noticed a new face in hallways and classrooms during second week school; Ruben exchange Alvarez, student from Spain, the junior joined class.

His family includes parents, his 24-year-old brother and his grandparents , whom he is with often.

Kyle and Angela Falk and their son Ethan welcomed Alvarez into their home in August, and he will be staying with

them throughout the school year.

When asked why he became a foreign student, exchange Alvarez said, wanted to come to see the U.S and practice my English."

To get here, Alvarez traveled about 4.500 miles. He stated that he had to fill out many documents and even make a presentation about himself and his family to become an exchange student.

Alvarez's hometown is a small town next to Valladolid,

and although he lives in Spain, he has been all over the U.S. He has traveled to Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. His favorite state is Florida because of the beaches. He also said he enjoyed Atlanta while in Georgia.

A few other favorites of his include ice cream, his favorite dessert. His favorite color is blue and he likes dogs. His favorite class is Alge-

A few things Alvarez does in his free time back in Spain

is go to the movie theater, play board games, and watch sports with his family. The sports he watches often inbasketball. clude soccer and tennis. Alvarez also participates in a few sports; he plays basketball, football, and possibly track starting this year. He also likes playing soccer with his friends.

After finishing his year at Redfield, Alvarez plans to go back to Spain and possibly attend a university in his



Ruben Alvarez, exchange student

hometown.

If you see Alvarez in school or around town, welcome him to our community and wish him a great year with many positive experiences.

### Judges' Decision Results in Chili Cook-off Tie

by Ainsee Sattler

The temp was hot, but the chili was even hotter at the annual chili cook-off.

The event was held prior to the Homecoming football

The Post Prom committee hosts this traditional competition for the community, and proceeds are used to fund the events following Prom in the spring.

Twelve participants took part in creating a variety of chili to taste-test.

The Judges' Choice award was a tie between Nuhsbaumer

& Co. and Community Memorial Hospital, and the People's Choice winner was Chrystal's Bar.

"It's great to see our community participate in events for the school," Amanda Schnabel, who entered with the Dakotaland team, said.



Chili Champions. Karen Sjurseth accepts the coveted award as the chili cook-off champions for Community Memorial Hospital; they tied with Nuhsbaumer & Co. with the Judges' Choice; Becca Nelson accepts the People's Choice award on behalf of Chrystal's Bar.

#### FBLA's 2nd Parking Lot Party Starts Off Homecoming Week by Hayden Gall

On Sept. 9, FBLA

hosted their second annual Parking Lot Party before the coronation ceremony.

The party had free food, games, music, and a dunk tank. The appeal of the dunk tank was to knock teachers into the wa-

The teachers who volunteered to be in the dunk tank and raise money for FBLA were Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Cihak.

FBLA members provided the chips and pop, Dr. Mortensen supplied cotton candy, Mr. Falk and Mr. Cihak prepared the burgers and brats, and Ms. Becker played the music.

"I thought the turn out was very solid in relation to last year. The block party has turned into an event for students and faculty to have some fellowship and to enjoy coronation. Fun was had by all," FBLA adviser Mr. Gregg stated.



Get the Party Started. Superintendent Dr. Mortensen serves students Conner Zens, Alex Shottenkirk, Payton Moore, Noah Johnson and Ethan Falk free burgers that were served at the Parking Lot Party.

### Eleven New People Join Redfield Public School

by Charli Jungwirth

Redfield Public School welcomed many new faces to the teaching staff.

Justin Desens is the new 6-12th grade band teacher. Mr. Desens has two classes throughout the day. First period he teaches high school band class. His second class of the day is fifth period, where he has middle school band students. He also holds lessons throughout the day.

The new music teacher is Mrs. Abbigayle Desens. She teaches elementary, middle, and high school vocal classes.

New to the SPED department are Ms. Brooke Niederbaumer in the elementary, Mrs. Michelle Binger in the MS/HS, and Ms. Evelyn Salingay in the high school.

Mrs. Amanda Evans joined the staff as the new educational evaluator, and Mrs. Dana Siebrecht joined as the behavioral interventionist.

Kindergarten brought in two new teachers: Mrs. Briana Haven and Mrs. Kalyn Ede. Other elementary teachers include Mr. Richie Dela Cruz, third grade; Ms. Shelby Hendrikson, fourth grade; and Mr. Vinnie Kenitzer came into the custodial staff.



New to the Crew. Mr. and Mrs. Desens lead the middle school band during the Homecoming parade on Sept. 13. Mrs. Abigayle Desens is the new choir teacher, while her husband, Mr. Justin Desens, is the new band director.

### Qualifying FCCLA Students Attend Nationals

by Kayleigh Disbrow

On June 26, Ms. McCarthy and her students left for Seattle, Washington, to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference.

The students spent their first two days visiting Pikes Market, going on a sunset cruise, visiting the Museum of Pop Culture, and attending the Seattle Mariners vs. Twins game.

The conference started on June 29 and lasted until July 3. On the first day of the conference, there was an opening session, along with South Dakota's first state meeting.

Kayleigh Disbrow represented South Dakota as the State Jr. High Representative; she attended state officer networking's, workshops, and helped run state meetings. Emeri Hofeman, who did Event Management, and Zoe Zastrow, who did Focus on Children, presented their projects that day as well.

On the second day of the conference, Hannah Lemmer presented her project in Digital Stories for Change.

Members attended conferences all day. Toward the end of the day, a state meeting and a general session were held.

Disbrow and the other state officers and advisers attended a Harbor Tour Cruise to conclude the day.

On the third day of the conference, the top ten finalists were revealed for each STAR EVENT. Hofeman made Top 10 for Event Management, and Zastrow made Top 10



**Representing Redfield.** Members of FCCLA who attended Nationals in Seattle, Washington, included Kayleigh Disbrow, Zoe Zastrow, Emeri Hofeman, Hannah Lemmer, and Adalyn Stoner. Others who also attended were Mrs. Melissa Zastrow, Kari Lemmer, and advisor Ms. Aliesha McCarthy.

for Focus on Children. Throughout the day there were more general sessions and workshops. To end the day they went to the Great Wheel and Cheesecake Factory.

On the final day, the top ten finalists found out if they made it to the top 3. Hofeman received a silver and top 10 in the nation. Lemmer received silver, and Zastrow received a gold and top 10 in the nation as well.

"This National Conference was one of the most memorable that I have been able to attend. I was able to take great kids with me, get the experience of being an advisor to a state officer, meet more people, and experience the city alongside my students," advisor Ms. Aliesha McCarthy said.

Adalyn Stoner added, "Going to Seattle

was such a good experience, we learned so many valuable lessons and had such a good time touring the city. It was truly an unforgettable experience that I would love to experience again sometime with friends."

### Pheasants Claim Victories

by Alv Gruenwald

With a record of 3-9, the Lady Pheasants are working their way through the new season with different teammates.

According to head volleyball coach Mr. Joel Osborn, communication is key to any good relationship.

"Overall, we are still a very young team and are working to find leadership when we have opportunities to put other teams away. We have a lot of potential, and when we get it, we will see the wins come a lot easier for us," Coach Joel Osborn stated. "We must keep our heads up and still strive to be better all the time for every ball, at every practice, at every match and trust in each other so that we can do the job or the task in front of us," he added.

The Pheasants traveled to the annual Clark Tournament on Sept 14. where they battled DeSmet

(25-22, 18-25, 17-25). The Pheasants went on to play Britton/Hecla, but were defeated (25-22, 20-25, 13-25) in pool play.

They won against Waverly/South Shore (25-17, 25-20) in the bronze division, and lost to Deuel as their final game (18-25, 20-25).

Even through the the Lady losses, found Pheasants ways to improve, not only in themselves, but also as a whole

team.

Their first victory was against Deuel at home on Aug. 27 with the scores of (25-12, 25-12, 25-22).

Leading the victory against the Cardinals, Charli Jungwirth had 8 kills and 12 digs.

#### Aces All Around!

After sophomore Brynn Giblin serves an ace against the Deuel Cardinals, the Pheasant players meet together to celebrate. Giblin leads the team in aces for the season with a total of 12.



### Sideline Cheer Promotes Spirit by Iadie Turner started off the week the cheerleaders put

With the responsibilities of promoting school spirit, the sideline cheer team has made their presence known during football games and Homecoming.

By leading the pep rally and throwing out footballs, candy, necklaces and bandanas during the football games, the girls continue to show their spirit.

During Homecoming, the girls with the annual tradition of crowning the RHS Homecoming king and queen on Monday. They led the school song and danced to the pep band as people found their seats. The following Friday, they danced at the pep rally and led the students in the yelling for the jug. The juniors came out on top with the win. Before the homecoming game,



Taking it Step by Step. Freshman Willow Ronneberg and senior Jadie Turner race to the end line at the Redfield Invite. Both ran the varsity race, a 5k course.

spirt tattoos on people during the chili cookoff.

On Sep. 6, the girls held their annual little Pheasant cheer camp. The cheerleaders had an hour and a half to teach the girls four cheers and an age-appropriate stunt. The little girls got to perform during halftime of the game against Britton. There were 41 girls in grades K-5 that attended and performed.

Sophomore Amelia Sjurseth said, "This is my first year being a football cheerleader and it has been absolutely incredible! I've got the chance to form friendships with all the girls on the squad and getting the chance to show school spirit has been one of the highlights of my school year!"

### **Cross-Country Members** Race to the Finish Line

by Willow Ronneberg

The cross-country team has attended two meets this season under the leadership of the new head coach from Aberdeen, Kearra Elkins.

The varsity team includes Jadie Turner, Peyton Moore, Maddon Oldland, Willow Ronneberg, Aly Gruenwald and Carson Peterson. JV includes Emma Fugman, Lydia Jungwirth and Saige Jungwirth. Middle school runners include DJ Bucholz, Tory Betten, Ava McMahan, Harper Schade, Aniston Whitley, Marcus Fugman, Will McPhee and Scylas Schulz.

The most recent invite was held in Milbank. Varsity times came up to Peyton Moore with a time of (19:10), Maddon Oldland (22:16),Willow Ronneberg (24:36), Aly Gruenwald (24:16), Jadie Turner (26:02), and Carson Peterson with a time of (22:10). JV came in with times of Saige Jungwirth (18:42) coming in 3rd place, Lydia Jungwirth (20:00), and lastly Emma Fugman (24:15).

The season began on Aug 15. The runners have worked daily to push to get the best times possible. They run hills, distance and at fast-moving paces to prepare for the upcoming meets and courses they will run.

The Redfield Invite was the first meet at Fishers Grove on Sept. 5. Runners paced themselves to

persevere through the race to finish. Varsity runs a 5k, JV runs a 3k, and middle schoolers run a 2k.

"Cross country keeps me in shape and makes me feel healthy. My teammates are kind, and they push me to my limits. I feel like I improved a lot from our last meet. At meets, I encounter new people and I get to hang out with my teammates. Cross country is difficult; we don't get many days off and we're always practicing hard, but you should join cross-country. It's a mental game and it's great for your body. We have more meets to come so come and cheer us on," Carson Peterson said.

#### Senior Spotlight

Creighton Bowar is the son of Preston and Debbie



Bowar. He has two siblings: Kinsey and Chaley. Creighton has been involved in golf (2) and FFA (4). He says he has enjoyed golf the most because you can always improve. His favorite

class while at RHS has been forensics because he gets to learn many new ways to investigate. After high school, he plans to attend Lake Area Tech and pursue a degree in diesel tech.

Brooklyn Rische is the daughter of Heath & Andi



Morrison and Dustin Rische. She has two siblings: Hudson (14) and Bristol (10). During her time in school she has been involved in basketball (7), track (2), volleyball (10), FCCLA (2),

FBLA (4), FFA (4), NHS (2), NJHS (2), softball manager (2), journalism (4), student council (8) and church youth group (12). Her advice to others is to never take time for granted. Brooklyn plans to attend SDSU. She is unsure of a major, but is leaning toward ag-related.

Jaxon Ethridge is the son of Felicia and James



Ethridge. He has two siblings: Haven and Natalie. While in high school, he has been involved in: football (2), track (3), baseball (5), band (6), and basketball (3). His favorite activities

have been football, basketball and band because he has always had an interest in sports and music. Jaxon's favorite quote is "Keep moving forward" - Walt Disney. Ethridge is unsure of his plans after high school.

Jadie Turner is the daughter of Amy and Bobby



Turner. During her time in high school, she has been involved in: competiton cheer (3), football cheer (4), cross country (3), track (4), dance (13), softball (4), FBLA (4), FCCLA (2),

Student Council (8), NJHS (2), NHS (2) and Journalism (4). One things Jadie is proud of is being involved and having a high GPA. After graduation, she plans to attend USD to study pre-med and then later become a general surgeon.

### Keeping a Positive Attitude This Season

by Brynnley Neuharth

The season has looked a little different for boys' football as they made the switch from 11-man to 9-man football. The team is now in the 9AA class.

"The change from 11 to 9-man has challenging, but it is also exciting that we get to play different teams that we have never played before," Coach Hank Brassilio said.

The boys last played the Waubay-Summit Mustangs on Sept. 20. The final score stood at 38-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

Pheasants hosted the Stanley

County **Buffaloes** for Homecoming Sept. 13. After 4 quarters, with a touchdown and 2-point conversion scored by Dylan Murray, the Pheasants lost 8-44.

For their first game on Aug. 24, the boys traveled to Leola to play the Leola/Fredrick Titans. There, they were defeated 7-60, with Dylan Murray scoring a touchdown for the Pheasants.

On Aug. 30, the team lost 0-52 against Kimball-White Lake. They took on the Britton-Hecla Braves on Sept. 6 and lost 0-48.

"Truthfully, it is overwhelming. We are not measuring up to our expectations. We are not performing to our best capabilities, but there is a lot of potential for us to have success in the second half of the season," Coach Brassilio said.

The Pheasants will travel to Hamlin to take on the Chargers on Sept. 27.



Hyping Each Other Up. Seniors Camden Murray and Collin Dean hit shoulders before the game against the Stanley County Buffaloes.

### Golf Competes in Six Meets Thus Far

by Addisyn Evans

The golf season started Aug. 12, just seven days before the first meet.

The team welcomed seventeen members. Eight of the seventeen interchangeably compete at the varsity level; some also compete in JV meets.

Varsity members include Collin Dean. Creighton Bowar, Conner Zens, Micah Zastrow, Jacksan Rude, Gavin Frericks, Grady Hulscher and Hudson Rische.

On Aug.19, the traveled boys Sioux Valley where Zastrow led the team with 88 strokes. Zens shot shooting an 89. a 94, Bowar a 101, Dean with a 103, Rude with a 112, and Hulscher with a 129.

On Aug. 22, three of the varsity golfers participated in the Milbank Invite. Rude led the team with 104 strokes, Bowar with 112, and Hulscher a 126.

NECs was held at Dakota Winds, where five of the boys competed. Zens led the team with 86 strokes. Zastrow a 102, Dean with a 112, Rude a 114, and Bowar with a 122.

The Hub City Invite was on Sept. 3 where Zens led the team once again,

Following, Zastrow shot a 101, Rude a 104, Dean a 110, Bowar with a 114, and Hulscher ending with a 132.

With an eleven-dav break between meets, the boys continued to practice preparing for the Groton Invite on Sept. 12.

Zastrow led the team with 100 strokes, with Dean only 1 behind for 101. Bowar finished with a 105, Hulscher a 110, and Hudson Rische a

On Sept. 17, the boys held a home meet at Fisher Grove. Rude and Zastrow

team in strokes, both shooting an 88. Bowar shot a 94, Dean a 100, Hulscher a 109, Rische a 115, and Gavin Frericks finished with a 143.

"The golf season this year started on a major upside for the boys' program, with a lot of uncertainty coming in being young and having only one varsity player returning. After that we have gone through a bit of a struggle but seem to be re-gathering our success that we started the year with just in time for regions," head coach Mr. Bradley Cihak said.



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### Students Earn Awards at Press Convention

by Hayden Gall

#### Journalism Newswriting Excellent:

Category of General: Brynnley Neuharth

Category of Sports: Kinley Smith

Category of Editorial: Jadie Turner Hayden Gall

### Journalistic Photography Excellent:

Category of Sports: Brynnley Neuharth Kinley Smith

Category of School Activity:

Brnnley Neuharth
Charli Jungwirth
Brooklyn Rische

Category of Non-School Activity:
Kendyl Siebrecht
Charli Jungwirth

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#### **Journalism attends Press Convention**

by Brynnley Neharth

Journalism students and their adviser, Mrs. Kaylin Frost, traveled to SDSU for the annual South Dakota High School State Press Convention on Oct. 21.

The staff was awarded an Excellent on both the year-book and newspaper from the 2023-2024 school year.

Some of the students received Excellent individual awards as well in newswriting and photography. Those students who received an excellent in photography include Brooklyn Rische, Brynnley Neuharth, Kinley Smith, Charli Jungwirth, and

Kendyl Siebrecht. Those who received an excellent in newswriting include Jadie Turner, Brynnley Neuharth, Kinley Smith, and Hayden Gall.

Leaving school at 6am, they arrived on the SDSU campus around 8am for registration. The convention offered a free coffee bar for all students and advisors that attended throughout the day. Just before breakout sessions started. journalists were able to listen to a keynote address from former Miss South Dakota and broadcast journalist for news center in Rapid City, Miranda O'Bryan.

Students also listened to speeches from President of SDSU, Barry Dunn, of Dean **SDSU** School of Communication Journalism. Joshua Westwick, as well as Marina Hendricks, Director of South Dakota High School Press Association.

While the girls attended the different workshops provided by this year's convention, adviser Mrs. Kaylin Frost and soon-to-be adviser Ms. Cassandra Bottum attended a meeting/conversation among all the other advisers and schools.

Some of the most popular workshops

attended this year included Designs in 2025, all about designing a yearbook, Photography, which helped give point tips of when to photograph and when not to, and lastly, Social Media. All the journalists attended the social media workshop as it has become brand new in Redfield for the journalism staff to have an Instagram page.

Some of the other workshops that were included in the press convention were Video, Is AI Ok, and Student Media at SDSU. In total, there were 6 workshops that offered advice on how to better skills as a writer, photographer, videographer, and influencer.

Students ended the day with a panel discussion from SDSU alumni and the presentation of awards.

"It was a lot of fun! I learned new skills and met new people. I can't wait to apply the skills I learned in my future years in journalism!"freshman Aly Gruenwald said.



**Journlism Staff.** The Journalism staff attended the State Press Convention in Brookings on Oct. 21. Staff include (front) Hannah Schlechter, Aly Gruenwald, Willow Ronneberg, Kayleigh Disbrow, (middle) Brynnley Neuharth, Brooklyn Rische, Jadie Turner, Kendyl Siebrecht, (back) Emily McPhee, Kinley Smith, Hayden Gall, Addisyn Evans and Charli Jungwirth.

# Nine Members Inducted into National Honor Society

by Kayleigh Disbrow

On Oct. 21, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held in the auditorium at 7 PM. There were 9 new NHS inductees. They include Karlie Brabant, Brynnley Neuharth, Makayla Schulz, Ella Rude-Petersen, Connor Zens, Jade Englund, Kinley Smith and Cecilia Suchor.

Second year members who directed the ceremony included Jadie Turner, NHS president; Adalyn Stoner, NHS vice president; Brooklyn Rische, NHS secretary and Addisyn Evans, NHS member. Jaci Hofeman was not present. Mrs. Mara Frederick advises the local chapter.

Mrs. Rita Masat spoke at the ceremony about the honor of being in the society and how successful these students have been during their high school years.

NHS is an organization that recognizes high schoolers who demonstrate good character, leadership, service, and scholarship. Students must have a 3.5 or higher GPA to be eligible for NHS.

"National Honor Society is a good way to show your generosity to the community not only through activities we attend as a group but also as an individual. Although service hours are required for the organization the experiences that you gain from this are some that may not be open to other students," second year member Jadie

Turner said.

### Always Be Prepared

Hurricanes Milton and Helene have hit the communities in the southern states causing citizens to need to prepare for the hardest of times. In our area, we have only had to deal with thunderstorms and tornadoes, but some hur-



Kendyl Siebrecht, journalism staff

ricane preparation ideas can be used before *any* storm to make sure you are always safe.

Making sure you have nonperishable food and filling up water bottles will ensure that you will have food and water when things get bad. Some strategies on making

sure your home is safe could be sandbagging around your house to help with flooding and boarding up windows so they don't break. Power outages can last long periods of time depending on the damage done by a tornado or by high winds during a severe thunderstorm. Having a generator in case power goes out could be very beneficial during inclement weather. Some of these preparations for weather concerns may be used for people in areas of hurricanes, but they could also be used during storms in our area.



Warm Welcome. (above) Second-year member and vice president of NHS, Adalyn Stoner shakes Hayden Gall's hand, a new member, and gives her the certificate of NHS. Each member is given a pin and a certificate then must sign the book of past NHS members to seal their induction into National Honor Society.





National Honor Society Members.

New and old members of NHS include (front) Karlie Brabant, Brynnley Neuharth, MaKayla Schulz, Cecilia Suchor, (middle) Conner Zens, Hayden Gall, Ella Rude-Peterson, Jayde Englund, (back) Kinley Smith, Addisyn Evans, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner and Brooklyn Rische.

Forever in the Archives. Junior Hayden Gall signs the book of past National Honor Society members. All members sign the book at the induction ceremony to show their involvement in the group. "National Honor Society is a huge privilege to be a part of. The book was just one way to prove that I was in this group. I am excited for the new opportunities that will open up for me in this organization," junior Hayden Gall stated.

### High School Band Particpates in Three Marching Competitions

by Charli Jungwirth

The high school band members performed at the Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Festival on Oct. 2.

The band received a total of 330 points out of 400 on Music Execution. The Marching Execution score was 233 out of 300 possible points.

The band's Overall General Effect score was 207 out of 300.

The Gypsy-Day Parade was held on Oct. 5, where the band traveled to Aberdeen.

The band received a score of 213 of 300 on the Marching Ex-

ecution, and a 325 out of 400 on Music Execution.

The band had a score of 221 out of 300 on Overall General Effect.

The band traveled to Groton on Oct. 11 for the Groton Lake Region Marching Festival.

The band received a total of 200 points out of 300 in Marching Execution. In Music Execution, the band scored 293 out of 400.

The Overall General Effect score was 202 out of 300.

"It is fun to perform what we practice. I like competing against other schools when it comes to playing music. I enjoy hearing other bands as well as watching them to take tips on how we can improve," Micah Zastrow said.

Band instructor Mr. Justin Desens added, "We had lots of success at our parades this year, improving on scores from past years. We did wonderfully at Roncalli's festival. The scores rank from Weak, Fair, Good, Excellent, and Superior. At Roncalli, our general effect scores were

all Excellents, our Excellent and one our music score were marching saw two Superior score, and all Superiors.



**Doing Our Part.** Junior Darien Dey and sophomores Brannigan Mortensen and Micah Zastrow play their instruments in sync to replicate the "Barbie Girl" song during the Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Festival.

### FBLA Hosts Fall Blood Drive for Over Twenty Years in a Row

by Hayden Gall

Wednesday, Oct. 23, FBLA held their first blood drive of the year. The second blood drive is held in the spring.

Although 41 people volunteered to donate blood, only 30 were able to give ,and of those 30 people, 13 of them were first time donors. Altogether 108 lives were saved.

"I like to give blood because I know it is saving someone's life. It is always such a good feeling knowing that I am helping someone become healthier," senior Brynnley Neuharth said.

The option to donate blood was available to students, teachers and community members.

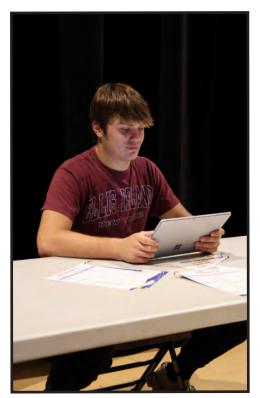
Before giving blood the participate has to fill out a survey about their medical history.

Then, the giver gets their blood pressure and heart rate tested.

After all the testing is done, the participate is ready to donate blood.

While giving blood most students go on their phones and talk to the workers and other blood donors.

"We had another record setting blood drive from our student body and school staff. This community and school has a big heart for donating every year," FBLA adviser Mr. Gregg said.



**Double Checking it is Right.** Senior Dylan Murray reviews his medical information on a tablet provided by the LifeServe organization. LifeServe is a medical organization based out of Iowa with a branch in Aberdeen.



**Donating Blood and Time.** Junior Terielee Bonin donates blood over her third hour class period. This was Bonin's first time donating through the FBLA Bloodrive, and she plans to continue with her donation next year.

### Seniors Travel to Northern State for Future Career Planning

by Addisyn Evans

On Oct. 9, the senior class traveled to Aberdeen to the Northern State University Wachs Arena for the annual career planning day. Each year, NSU welcomes colleges and businesses to campus to talk with senior and junior students.

22 college booths were present, along with 30 career field booths. Colleges that are present range from big campuses to small with locations in Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Additionally, several branches of the military were present.

"It is a very good opportunity for you to interact with college representatives and meet people in certain careers that you might be interested in. It is a great time to ask questions and hear real life

experiences," Mr. Brassilio said.

Career fields ranged between medical, law, entertainment and Ag related industries. Students were welcome to ask questions and interact.

"I thought it was good. It was nice to see all the career opportunities as well as see all the possible colleges I could attend," Jacksan Sandoz said.



**Figuring out the Future.** Seniors Taijsa Puok, Jaci Hofeman and Brooklyn Rische make their way around the college booths to help them make a decision toward their education next year.

### Students Attend FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference

On Oct. 6 and 7, thirteen students attended the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the Crossroads Hotel and Event Center in Huron, SD.

Members who attended include Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner, Brooklyn Rische, Ashley Stroud, MaKayla Schulz, Lily Parisian, Lorena Evans, Hofeman. Emeri Kayleigh Disbrow, Jessie Ratigan, Amelia Sjurseth, Summit Sjurseth and Zoe Zastrow.

During the conference, S. Sjurseth and Zastrow attended the Rookie Training, which was led by the 2024 – 2025 state officer team.

Disbrow is part of the state officer team, as she was elected as the State Jr. High Representative at the 2024 State Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls last year. She and her fellow officers complete many tasks throughout the year and run many workshops at multiple trainings.

"I think our officer team works really well together, which has led to many successful conferences and meetings. At Rookie Training during the Fall Leadership Conference, our workshops all went really well, and I think we all had a lot of fun," Disbrow said.

Stroud, Evans, Parisian, Schulz, Stoner, Rische and Turner all attended Power Training. In power training, they learned many things, one of those being the many types of leaders and how to be a successful leader. Throughout the training they had lessons and Power-

Points and completed many activities.

"FCCLA this year has been going steady, we took 13 kids to Fall Leadership. Kayleigh is our State Jr. Representative so she put on the Rookie Training for younger students beginning their journey in FC-CLA. We currently have 3 members part of Leadership Teams and they've been planning their year out for community service," FCCLA advisor Mrs. McCarthy

Additionally, three Redfield FCCLA members are on State Leadership Teams who also completed their training at the conference. Hofeman and Ratigan are on the Current Trends Team and A. Sjurseth is on the Advocacy Team.

"We held a booth at Harvest Festival where we had caramel popcorn and apple cider. That was a lot of fun and hopefully a tradition we can keep going in our community! We helped with Pink Night along side FFA and FBLA. We made cotton candy and sold ice cream and socks this year again! Proceeds will be donated to someone in our community battling breast cancer. It's off to a very good start this year," Mrs. McCarthy said.



**Bringing in the Style.** Seniors Jadie Turner, Adalyn Stoner and Brooklyn Rische took some time after their first night of training to dress in props provided by the FCCLA State Officers for a picture.

### Students Attend the Annual Career Here Event

by Kendyl Siebrecht

Different local jobs and nearby schooling programs set up in booths in the armory for the Redfield High School students to stop by to help get a better understanding on what they may be interested in doing in the future.

Students rode busses down by grades and had an hour to walk around the armory to visit any booth they might

be interested in seeing more about. Redfield's Simply Charming owner,-Cinnamyn Pudwill, gave a speech to students about the steps of starting a business in the Redfield area. Booths gave out merchandise, information on different programs, and job shadow options for different jobs.

Nursing booths brought in simulation dolls and babies for students to check heart beats, pulses, and hear the digestion in a human body.

Agriculture booths brought in soil samples for students to look at and some booths provided robotic machines to show what they would be working with if they were interested in that field of work.

"It offers a variety of different fields

that kids can look into that are in the local community. It's a good way for students to interact with adults that work in the field and know the process needed when getting schooling and entering different programs. Then kids have options for home town jobs if they are interested in coming back to the Redfield area." student advocate Mr. Brassilio said.



**Testing Different Careers**, Junior Ella Rude-Peterson intubates a medical mannequin at the medical booth.

### Two Local Students Participate in Emergency Drill

by Jadie Turner

Imagine the detrimental effects of a plane coming down for an emergency landing and crashing into a truck on the runway causing a chemical spill.

What protocol would a rural community hospital be required to follow in an event of such improbability?

On Oct. 8, the Redfield Airport, the Community Memorial Hospital and Emergency Management worked together to hold a mock decontamination drill in case of a chemical contamination event.

During the drill the eight actors including students Miley Fey and Lily Parisian had name tags stating what their condition was after the crash. When everything was set and ready in place, the drill started with the truck driver making a call to dispatch. The first to respond was the local officer as he did a basic check on all of the passengers.

Soon after, the firetrucks and ambulances arrived at the airport and the fully suited firefighters and healthcare workers were in



**Representing Redfield.** Sophomores Miley Fey, Lily Parisian and community members are putting trash bags over their bodies so they could put gowns on underneath.

full hazmat suits to prevent themselves from directly encountering the chemical spill.

The responders worked together to move the victims and get them into plastic bags and take off their clothes to dress in gowns. Once dressed.

they had to make their way over to the decontamination site to take a shower. The actors that were still mobile were allowed to wash themselves while others in critical more conditions were strapped onto backboards.

After all decon-

tamination was complete, they were loaded onto the ambulances to be taken to the hospital to be fully assessed.

When victims arrived at the hospital, a full intake center was set up to address the patients in the ER.

Once all pa-

tients were attended to, the responders had to have their own vitals checked at the hospital.

"I think the experience was worth trying at least once. You got to feel like what it would be like to be in a real accident," Fey said.

### Lady Pheasants Battle Through Losses and Find Victories

With one game left in the regular season, the Lady Pheasants' volleyball record stands at 5 wins and 19 losses.

The team traveled Wolsey to tackle the Warbirds on Oct. 28. The Pheasants were defeated in three matches (14-25, 14-25, 15-25).

The Lady Pheasants traveled to Groton on Oct. 25 to take on the Tigers; the Tigers came out on top (18-25, 13-25, 16-25).

The annual Pheasant Volleyball Classic was hosted on Oct. 19. The tournament started with the Pheasants playing the Aberdeen Christian Knights. The Pheasants beat the Knights (21-25, 25-11, 25-19). Later In pool play, the team took on the Battlers from Potter County but lost (25-17, 22-25, 25-27).

While playing for

the third-place title, the Pheasants rematched against the Florence-Henry Falcons earlier in the season. The Lady Pheasants swept the Falcons (25-22, 25-20, 25-19). The team claimed the thirdplace finish.

The Lady Pheasants hosted the Webster Bearcats on Oct. 18 as the final home game for the Pheasants. The game ended (19-25, 23-25, 19-25).

On Oct. 15 the Pheasants took on the Warner Monarchs. The game ended in favor of the Monarchs (18-25,9-25, 7-25).

On the annual Pink Night on Oct. 10 the Pheasants hosted Clark-Willow the Lake Cyclones. The Pheasants were defeated (19-25, 9-25, 19-25).

The girls battled Northwestern Wildcats on Oct. 1, ending in a loss in three sets (12-25, 9-25, 12-25).

On Sept. 26, the Pheasants hosted the Milbank Bulldogs in a conference match. The game resulted in a loss for the Pheasants (18-25, 20-25, 25-15, 25-17). Contributing to the battle against the Bulldogs was Gracie Boothe with nine kills, Kinley Smith with one solo and two assisted blocks, and Hayden Gall contributing 18 assists.

"I believe that the team is improving and battling through these tough games by picking each other up after every single point, holding each other accountable when we make mistakes, and staying mentally tough. It is important to stay positive and play as a team when we face these hard opponents," sophomore Layla Hardie said

about the season so

The match against the Miller Rustlers on the Pheasants' home court led to a loss for the Pheasants (20-25, 22-25, 13-25).

The Lady Pheasants traveled to play Britton-Hecla Braves on Sept. 19, the game ended in favor of the Braves (23-25, 14-25, 16-25). Charli Jungwirth led the team with 15 digs and Gall with 12 digs, close behind Jungwirth's defensive effort.

On their home court, the Pheasants took on the Mount-Vernon-Plankinton Titians, but ended up with a loss in three sets (19-25, 21-25, 11-25). Sophomores Kendyl Siebrecht and Layla Hardie accounted for two serving aces each.

The Pheasants will travel to Tiospa Zina on Oct. 29.



Setting Over.

Sophomore Kendyl Siebrecht serves the ball against the Webster Bearcats. Siebrecht has 22 serving aces for the



Going for the Kill.

Junior Ceci Suchor shoots up for the ball in hopes of a kill as her teammates watch to see what happens.

### Football Team Ends Challenging Season with a Record of 0-8

by Charli Jungwirth

On Oct. 11 the Redfield Pheasants hosted the last football game of the season. They played against the Florence-Henry Falcons. This game was also parents' and senior night for the Redfield Pheasants.

Before the game started, the team ran out onto the field behind the motorcycle and the senior football players lined up in the endzone while their parents went down to meet them there.

Before their names were announced, the senior football players and cheerleaders were each given a pheasant donated by Colin Klebsch to release as an annual tradition for the seniors. After they and the parents' names got called, the announcer of the game, Bob Tiff, counted down from 3 and they let the pheasants fly.

The game ended as a loss for the Pheasants against the Falcons with a score of 7-42 at the end of the 4th quarter.

"We upperclassmen had some games when it was hard to stay positive, and we tried throughout the whole season along with motivating the younger kids to keep their heads up as well. This season was a hard one because it didn't go as we wanted it to, but we all had fun and kept our heads up the whole way," senior Camden Murray



Running the Ball.

Quarterback Ethan Falk hands the ball to Jackson Sandoz to gain a few yards while the linemen block to clear a path for Sandoz to sneak through.

#### Senior Spotlight

Logan Siebrecht is the son of Kelly and Amber



Siebrecht. He has two siblings, Kendyl (16) and Braylee (13). His hobbies include fishing, hunting, napping, going to the gym, and watching UFC fights. The class that Logan has

enjoyed the most during high school is the math classes because he is good at it. One of his favorite memories is when he was tackled by Camden Murray which resulted in a concusion. After high school, Logan plans to attend South Dakota State University for Civil Engineering. Two things that he wants to do in his life is visit a small island and jump from a plane to go skydiving.

Adalyn Stoner is the daughter of Cody and Shelby



Stoner. She has three siblings, Owin (10), Emsley (8), and Aden (3). Throughout high school, Addy has been involved in Student Council (4), FBLA (4), FCCLA (2), NHS (2), and

cheer (2). The class that she enjoyed the most at RHS was chemistry because Mrs. Fredrick made it a really fun class and it sparked her interest in pharmacy. Some of her hobbies include hanging out with friends and family, kayaking, listening to music, and going to the lake. After high school, Addy plans to obtain a major in pharmaceuticals at SDSU. A motto that guides her through life is "Trust the timing".

Jackson Sandoz is the son of Saisha and Matt Sandoz.



He has six siblings, Maxson,
Bruno, Boomer, Terri, Lola, and
Luann. He has been involved
in track (6) and football (3).

Jackson enjoys track the most
because he is able to excel in it.

Some of his hobbies include playing video games and basketball. The class that he enjoyed the most at RHS was chemistry because it was fun for him to learn about new things in the class. After high school, Jackson plans on attending the School of Mines in Rapid City and get a degree in chemical engineering. Words of advice to underclassmen is, "Don't slack off". Three things that Jackson wants to do in his life is travel to every U.S. state, make a billion dollars, and go skydiving.

#### Cross Country Runners End Season at Regions

by Jadie Turner

As the end of the fall sports is near approaching, the cross country team finished their season on Oct.16 with Regions held in Webster.

Running in the girls varsity race with times was Jadie Turner (26:13.67), Lydia Jungwirth (24:41.97), Saige Jungwirth (24:26.42) and Aly Gruenwald (23:30.87).

To finish their season in the boys' varsity race Maddon Odland ran a time of 23:51.95 and Payton Moore finished in 20:56.11. Running in the JV race they combined girls

and boys and Emma Fugman was the only runner finishing in 20:35.74.

The previous week the team ran the same 5k course in Webster at the Northeastern Conference meet. Running for varsity girls were Turner (26:48.76),Ronneberg (26:16.86),Jungwirth (24:47.19), L. Jungwirth (24:22.17)Gruenwald (23:12.06).

In the varsity boys race, the Pheasant runners were Odland (24:35.21), Carson Peterson (23:49.63) and Moore (22:39.23).

On Oct. 5, the team

had an additional meet added onto their schedule held at the golf course in Highmore.

Running for the varsity girls were S. Jungwirth (23:27.30), L. Jungwirth (24:29.09), R o n n e b e r g (24:41.46) and Turner (26:08.10).

For varsity boys Moore ran a time of 21:02.65 with Odland following to finish with 23:41.25.

To wrap up their first season, the 6th graders competed in the 2,500 meter run. For the boys, William McPhee ran with a time of 13:32.28 and Scylas Schulz

finished in 14:53.94. The girls that ran in their last meet of the season were Bucholz Davynn (14:18.52),Tory Betten (14:12.26),Whitley Aniston (12:24.99), Ava Mc-(12:07.69)Mahan and Harper Schade (11:35.32).

Other meets the team competed in were the Miller, Deuel and Roncalli Invitationals. The athletes also sold yard signs to gain money for the upcoming years.

"I thought that the cross-country season went well. It was fun and the it went really fast," Moore said.

# Two Members of the Boys Golf Team Advance to State Meet in Mitchell

by Addisyn Evans

Zastrow and Zens traveled to Hartford on Sun, Oct. 6, to compete the next morning in the State tournament. The meet occurred over the course of two days where the boys golfed 18 holes each day. In total the boys played 36 holes.

On day one Zens shot a 95 and Zastrow a 98. Zens ended day two with a 103 and Zastrow a 114. Overall, Zens shot a 198 taking 77th place and Zastrow took 88th place with a 212. On Sept. 23, varsity golfers traveled to Mitchell to golf on the course before

the region meet. The five golfers were Micah Zastrow, Conner Zens, Creighton Bowar, Collin Dean and Jacksan Rude.

On Sept. 30, those five boys returned to Mitchell to compete to place in the top 55 percent of golfers. With 31 golfers competing, the top 17 would advance to the state tournament in Hartford on Oct. 7-8

Zastrow took 10th place, shooting an 87, with Zens one stroke behind shooting an 88. Both qualified for the state meet. Bowar landed two placings short, shooting a 96. Dean shot a 100, and Rude



**State Bound.** Sophomore Micah Zastrow and junior Conner Zens show off their medals they received after qualifying for the state golf tournament. The qualifying course was played at Mitchell where only 17 golfers would move on to the state tournament.

a 107, ending their season.

"I went into the tournament thinking I would shoot lower than what I did; however, I still qualified. It was a very satisfying feeling considering it was my first year on the team. I am very excited to attend the state meet with my fellow teammate," Conner Zens said.

# Aug./Sept. Students of the Month

#### Grade 12: Jackson Sandoz



Jackson Sandoz

Jackson Sandoz is the son of Saisha and Matt Sandoz. He has four siblings: Maxson (17), Boomer (10), Bruno (7), Luann (24) and Terri Akin (25). He also has two dogs (Rod and Conrad). Jackson works at Subway and likes working there because he says it's easy. Some of his hobbies include playing video games and basketball. Jackson's favorite class is dual credit chem 106 because he likes that it is a college class. Along with basketball, Jackson also plays football and track. His favorite movie is Stepbrothers, his favorite TV show is Breaking Bad, Some advice he gives to underclassmen is to "try hard your freshman

#### Grade 10: Layla Hardie



Layla Hardie

Layla Hardie is the daughter of Jaime and Matt Mogen and Shane Hardie. She has two siblings: Mason (12) and Leo (7). She has one dog (Harvey). Layla's hobbies are reading, shopping, hanging out with friends, and organizing/cleaning. Her favorite class is chemistry because, "I enjoy doing all of the fun labs, and experiments." Activities Layla is involved in are volleyball, basketball, fastpitch softball, FBLA, FFA, Matchbox volleyball, and church youth group. Layla's most challenging class is Spanish; to overcome this she looks through her vocab words often and studies for all the final tests.

#### Grade 11: Ian Jungwirth



Ian Jungwirth

Ian Jungwirth is the son of Michael and Tonja Jungwirth. He has two siblings: John (22) and Amelia (20). He has one dog (Viktoo) and two cats (Gemini and Thunder). Ian works at Dairy Queen and likes working in the kitchen. Ian's hobbies consist of drawing, music, comics, and games. His most challenging class is Algebra 11. He says, "it challenges me the most because of remembering the equations and formulas." He overcomes this by asking for help from other classmates. Ian's advice to underclassmen is to not take things head on, but to take them slow and at your own pace. Ian's favorite season is fall because he likes the cool air.

#### Grade 9: Aly Gruenwald



Aly Gruenwald

Aly Gruenwald is the daughter of Christopher and Jessica Gruenwald, and Katlyn and Jeff Shossow. She has four siblings: Connor Gruenwald (16), Nathan Hughs (13), Molly Peterson (15) and Mason Peterson (9). She has two cats (Chedder Biscuit and Binx) and some fish. Aly's activities she is involved in include cross-country, track, dance, drama, band, journalism, and oral interpretation. Advice she gives to underclassmen: "People say middle school doesn't matter, but it does. If you don't pay attention because you don't care it will only be harder for you in the future, so do your homework and listen to your teachers."

#### Grade 8: Ryker Bowles



Ryker Bowles

Ryker Bowles is the son of Amy Johnson. He has two siblings: Kaden (18) and Makayla (6). Ryker's favorite class is Social Studies because he enjoys learning about our country's history. His favorite season is spring because it is a good temperature and it's during is birthday.

#### Grade 7: Saige Jungwirth



Saige Jungwirth

Saige Jungwirth is the daughter of Keri and Anthony Jungwirth. She has two siblings: Charli (15) and Trey (6). Her favorite movie is The Fox and the Hound, and her favorite TV show Outer banks. Saige's hobbies include running and playing games and sports.

#### Grade 6: Cruz Kimlicka



Cruz Kimlicka

Cruz Kimlicka is the son of Jeremiah and Sara Kimlicka. He has one sibling: Curry (9). Cruz's hobbies consist of swimming, water sports, hunting, fishing, and building Legos. His most challenging is math, where he says, "if only the problems solved themselves."



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#### PHEASANT FOCUS

#### Team Competes at Region IV Interp Meet

by Jadie Turner

To determine if the oral interp performers would qualify for state, they competed at the DEC in Aberdeen at the Region IVA Contest on Nov. 19. Teams included Aberdeen Roncalli, Britton-Hecla, Great Plains Lutheran, Hamlin, Milbank, Mobridge-Pollock, Redfield, Sisseton and Webster Area, with Great Plains Lutheran accumulating 29 total points to win the team trophy.

Emeri Hofeman individually presented an oratory selection, "Teen, Social Media, and the Trouble with Self Diagnosis." Lorena Evans presented the poem, "I Know You & Please Hear What I'm Not Saying." Willow Ronnenberg performed a humorous piece, "George Carlin's Guide to Dining Out," and Alena Gruenwald performed a serious selection, "If I Stay." As a duet, Hannah Schlechter and Kayleigh Disbrow presented, "Birthday Candles."

The team attended the first ever Northeast Conference meet on Oct. 26 in Webster. Competing students traveled from Aberdeen Roncalli, Britton-Hecla, Clark, Deuel, Hamlin, Redfield, Sisseton and Webster. Winning the team NEC trophy, the Webster team accumulated 29 total points followed by a close runner-up with Britton-Hecla finishing with 28 points.

"This is the first year we have had an NEC meet, and it was a great experience for the kids as they get to see other students performing," adviser Mrs. Kaylin Frost said.

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#### **Disbrow and Stoner Crowned Snow Queens**

by Kayleigh Disbrow

Although the 58-degree temperature made it feel less than snowy or wintery, family and friends listened to Christmas melodies played by Mr. Justin Desens while they waited for the Redfield Area Snow Queen pageant to begin.

Freshmen and senior girls competed in the Redfield Area Snow Queen competition on Nov. 17 for the titles of Jr. Snow Queen and Senior Snow Queen.

Adalyn Stoner accepted the crown for Senior Snow Queen.
1st runner-up was

Jadie Turner, and Sr. Miss Congeniality was Rhiana Young. Kayleigh Disbrow was crowned Jr. Snow Queen, and Willow Ronneberg was 1st runner-up. Gracie Boothe was voted Miss Congeniality. Disbrow and Stoner will advance to compete in the South Dakota Snow Queen Festival in January.

Other freshmen girls competing for Jr. Snow Queen included Willow Ronneberg, Octavia Paulsen, Gracie Boothe, Hannah Schlechter, Aly Gruenwald, Kalli Spotanske and Victoria Herrera.

The other senior girls competing for the title of Snow Queen included Rhiana Young, Mady Siebrecht, Jadie Turner and Keely Hawkins.

On the day of the competition, both freshmen and senior girls had to do an interview with judges, walk on stage and answer an onstage question.

The MCs for the pageant included Collin Dean and Dylan Murray, while the escorts included Jacob Buranen, Noah Johnson, and

Frosty. The identity of Frosty was later revealed to be Brett Christman.

Before the Junior and Senior Snow Queens were announced, the Snow Prince and Princess were crowned. The 2024-2025 Snow Prince was Kashten Kise and the Snow Princess was Kennedi Kraft.

"I felt that it went well this year; we had a great turn out for senior and freshman girls. It was a great experienced for those in it, and we hope to keep it growing!" Miss Aliesha McCarthy said.



Redfield Area Snow Queen Court: Members of the Snow Queen Court include (front) Snow Prince Kashten Kise and Snow Princess Kennedi Kraft, (back) Jr. Miss Congeniality Gracie Boothe, Jr. 1st Runner-up Willow Ronneburg, Jr. Snow Queen Kayleigh Disbrow, Sr. Snow Queen Adalyn Stoner, Sr. 1st runner up Jadie Turner, Sr. 2nd Runner-up and Sr. Miss Congeniality Rhiana Young. Jadie Turner was the recipient of the scholarship.



by Addisyn Evans

Two members of the Top 20 Organization gave a motivational presentation to students grades 4-12 on Oct. 28.

To personalize the message, each grade was designated a 1.5hour time frame where students devoted their attention to learning how to "stay above the line."

Staying above the line is the idea that people are doing what is in the best interest of themselves and others.

The presenters take a common-sense approach to make their concepts easy to under-

Top 20's goal is to

help students develop potential to be more effective in dealing with everyday situations and problems. The team achieves their goal by going over three challenges.

For challenge one, the team members gave students ways to stay above the line so they can work in their best interest instead of being negative and working against themselves and others.

For challenge two, the students learned how to eliminate "tornadoes" by learning how to walk away from negative conversations and improve relation-

Challenge three taught students that it is okay to be confused and how to overcome that. This challenge allows students to learn how to overcome chal-

lenges and learn from

their mistakes.

"I liked the angle the guys took. I felt that I could understand their message as they directed it towards a high school audience. Sometimes it is hard to follow an hour and a half presentation; however, the way they presented the topic was easy for me to follow. I have used their suggestions to make sure I am above the line," Charli Jungwirth said.

# Students Stay Above the Line Celebrating Patriotism

Being a senior and a part of the government class, I had the opportunity to take part in the mock presidential election held at the school. In doing so, it got me to think about patriotism and our country, which led me to think about

Veterans Day.

It is important to honor veterans who have served and are currently serving. A veteran is anyone who served in the U.S. military during peace and/or war time. These men and women have fought for the equality and freedom of all individu-

Addisyn Evans, journalism staff

In my own

als in our country without the expectation of being praised for their duty.

On the political side of our government, being patriotic means continuously supporting the political parties in hopes they do what is best for our country and accepting the outcomes of each decision made; it is important to look forward and see the potential benefits.



Learning To Improve. (Top) Members of the senior and junior class listen as two Top 20 presenters explain what it means to be above the line and why it is important to be there. Students learned many techniques on how to react and handle certain situations that may invite them to go below the line.

Showing Patriotism. (Bottum) Sophomores Micah Zastrow and Jacksan Rude volunteer to be a part of the presentation of the flags during the annual Veterans Day Program where many local veterans and community members attend.

### Celebrating Veterans Day

by Aly Gruenwald

The student body, staff and retired veterans, along with active-duty veterans, gathered in the auditorium to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

This annual event was organized by the American Legion, VFW, Brad Englund and the MS/HS prin-

As students and visitors entered the auditorium, they were welcomed by Frank Schwartz, the Redfield city mayor.

Brad Englund and the American Legion Commanders began with the Presentation of Colors.

This was followed by the national anthem and "Armed Forces on Parade" played by the Redfield High School band and their director, Mr. Justin Desens.

The flags included Tate Neuharth – Navy;

Peyton O'Daniel -Army; Josie DeYoung Marines; Chace Odland - Air Force and Rilev Frewaldt - Coast Guard.

Other events included "Taps" played by Mario Hansen and "America, the Beautiful" sung by the Redfield MS/HS choir.

Willow Ronneberg talked about her grandpa's honor flight experience and recognized Redfield staff Heather Christman, Jodie Miles, Laura Hinders and Wade Schlotter for their service.

Mr. Tommy Gregg presented a video interviewing local veterans and thanking them for their services.

Following that, students Hannah Schlechter, Charlee Kotz, Ronneberg, Willow Kayleigh Disbrow, Micah Zastrow, Octavia Paulson, Ellie Rhodes,

Grady Hulscher, Jacksan Rude and Eli Englund performed a flag presentation to the song "Proud to be an American."

Student directors included Madysen Morrissette, Brynn Giblin and Weston Waldner.

Veterans were dismissed first to go to the lobby where NJHS students served them roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy and cookies for lunch.

"A Sunday school teacher that I had when I was 13 or 14 would tell us stories about Vietnam and would show us slides and videos. Doing this impacted my life and the way I thought about the topic and that is why I want to do Veterans Day programs. I respect what they do and what they stand for," Miss Kendra Becker said.

### Future Educators Prepare

by Hannah Schlechter

On Nov. 6, Miss McCarthy and students Ian Jungwirth, Kayleigh Disbrow, Hannah Schlechter, Jacob Buranen and Marybelle McPhee traveled to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell to the Educators Rising fall conference.

While there, they went to multiple breakaway sessions taught by a variety of teachers.

A few things taught in these sessions were learning how to incorporate music into a classroom, how to use AI safely while teaching and how to create movement in a class setting.

"I enjoyed talking to the seniors and getting an incite of the career I might have," Jacob Buranen said.

After the breakaway sessions finished, all the attendees listened to a speech by Kelly Pfeifer, a D1 referee in college basketball. He spoke about his experience at Dakota Wesleyan and how much he loved it when he attended as well as now. He also went over some highlights in his career and how he became a referee

in the first place. Once Pfeifer fin-

ished speaking, leaders from the Dakota Wesleyan Educators Rising program gave away multiple door prizes to students and teachers from all over the state.

On Nov. 20, Miss McCarthy took students involved with her class, Intro to Ed Training, to Sioux Falls for a second convention. Those attending included Ian Jungwirth, Terilee Bonin, Marybelle McPhee, Jacob Buranen, Makayla Shulz and Cora Krueger.

### Students Compete at LDE

by Brooklyn Rische

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Five students traveled to St. Lawrence to compete in the District VI LDE Competition on Nov. 19. Collin Dean, Brooklyn Rische, Karlie Brabant, Grace Lemmer and Hannah Lemmer competed at the event.

Dean and Rische both competed in Employment Skills, which is a job interview competition. Rische placed 1st in the competition and will compete at the State LDE Competition.

Grace Lemmer competed in Extem-

poraneous Speaking and placed 2nd in the competition. She will also compete at State LDE.

Hannah Lemmer took part in the Broadcast Journalism competition and placed 5th overall.

G. Lemmer and Brabant interviewed to be a part of the new District VI Officer Team. G. Lemmer was chosen as the new District Reporter and will serve on the team for the following year. She will complete many tasks throughout the year with her officer team, including

organizing many different events for the District.

"I am excited for this year and to be a part of something bigger than my chapter, and I look forward to working with my team," G. Lemmer said.

To compete at state, a person must place in the top 3 individually in their competition or must place top 2 as a team. Lemmer and Rische both qualified individually and will compete at State. State LDEs will take place in Rapid City on Dec. 1 & 2.

### FBLA Members Attend Annual Fall Leadership Conference

by Hayden Gall

FBLA members attended the Fall Leadership Conference which took place on Lake Area Tech campus in Watertown on Nov. 6. 36 out of 41 chapter members attended.

The leadership conference is held to bring all the chapters throughout the state together to learn communication and leadership skills.

Members went to four different workshops throughout the day. The first workshop consisted of making holiday cards for elementary students.

The next workshop was a team building project where groups of 6 worked together to try and build the highest tower. The tower was only able to be built out of paper and tape and the group with the highest tower won a prize.

The third workshop was about the projects and tests FBLA members can participate in at the state conference.

The last workshop was presented by a military representative to work on teamwork with other members. The activity consisted of 3 teams. Each team had 6 pvc pipes, a ping pong ball and a bucket.

The goal of the activity was to work with your team to get the ping pong ball into the bucket the most within the 15-minute time limit.

"I learned new leadership skills from our fall leadership conference by making a paper tower with my peers. I voiced my ideas and what I thought would make our tower grow the highest. I also enjoyed the military break out session because we

got to learn how to work with other kids besides my peers and it taught me to take initiative," Mady Morrissette said.

The conference ended with a trivia

contest, a Q&A with the state officers, and awards.

The RHS local chapter has two state officers, seniors Brooklyn Rische and Jadie Turner.



**FBLA Members at Fall Leadership Conference.** 36 out of 41 FBLA chapter members attended the Fall Leadership Conference on Nov. 6. The conference was held at Lake Area Technical College.

### Three Students Nominated for North Area Honor Band

by Kendyl Siebrecht

Redfield band students got the chance to be hand-selected into the 2024 North Area Honor Band. Redfield band director, Mr. Desens, nominated multiple Redfield students to have a chance at making the Honor Band.

Sophomore Micah Zastrow, junior Cora Kruger, and senior Jaxon Ethridge were selected to play with the band. The band selected 105 different students coming from 23 different area schools. This gives the students a chance to play with the best band students in the area.

"The North Area Honor Band is a big deal as students are nominated by their directors and selected based off criteria like their musicianship, skill level, and if they have been selected for the South Dakota All-State Band in the past. Cora, Micah, and Jaxon were selected among 102 other area high schoolers, many of whom have auditioned and were selected for last year's All-State Band, so it's a high honor to be a part of



Jaxon Ethridge

a large ensemble full of skill and talent," band director, Mr. Desen's stated.



Cora Kruger

The band rehearsals are on Dec 6 and 7, later in the evening on Dec. 7, they will



**Micah Zastrow** 

perform at 4pm in the NSU Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen.

### NHS Participates in Halloween Trick-or-Treating

by Willow Ronneberg

To help elementary students celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31, the members of National Honor Society accompanied them to the Eastern Star and Avantara nursing homes.

Those attending Trick-or-Treating event included Jadie Turner, Brooklyn Rische, Adalyn Stoner, Addisyn Evans, Jaci Hofeman, Brynnley Neuharth, Kinley Smith, Conner Zens, Hayden Gall, Jayde Englund, Makayla Schulz, Karlie Brabant, Ella Rude-Peterson and Cecilia Suchor.

"I really enjoyed going trick-or-treating with the kids. It was good to see them interacting with the elders and for both of them to enjoy it and it become a memory of theirs," Brooklyn Rische said.

The NHS members took the kindergarten

and 1st grade classes trick-or-treating. The NHS went door to door to each of the residents' rooms with the kids. Taking the initiative to speak to each elder as they walked with the children, the high school students had the opportunity to interact with people from a wide range of ages.

"Being interactive with the elementary students is something that I look forward to every year. Seeing them in all their Halloween costumes with their big dreams makes the fact that this is our last Halloween celebrations together sink in even more. Being a part of NHS does not only make us role models for our peers but also enables up to interact with the younger students as well," Turner said.





Trick-or-Treat.
(above) Senior
Brynnley Neuharth poses with a group of first-grade students while trick-ortreating at nursing homes.
(left) Senior
Brooklyn Rischehelps as students get bags from their teacher to hold their candy.

### Art Students Present Skills at NSU Art Workshop in Aberdeen

by Brynnley Neuharth

Ten art students attended the Northern State University art workshop that took place on Nov. 6.

Students who represented RHS at the workshop included Ella Rude-Peterson, Mady Siebrecht, Keely Hawkins, A'jay Rogers, Rhiana Young, Teige Lewis, Ian Jungwirth, Cully Jensen, Tyler Garrison and Zacree Shley.

"This is the fourth

year we have been able to attend the NSU workshop, and it doesn't disappoint. Students had a fun time checking out a bunch of new sessions as well as getting to tour the art department," Ms. Cassie Bottum said.

Students were offered the opportunity to attend the breakout sessions and learn about new approaches to art.

The workshops in-

cluded Cyanotypes: Printing with Sunlight, Drawing in Dynamic Value, In the Manner of Alberto Giacometti, Iconic Collage, Hollywood Visual Effect: Harry Potter and Dueling Wands and Creative Fiber Weaving.

"I really liked the Alberto Giacometti workshop where we made sculptures from wire and plaster. I think it was a very good experience watching everyone's sculptures come alive even though some of us had to redo our wire bases and start over with our projects," senior Keely Hawkins said.



**Adding Creativity.** Seniors Rhiana Young, A'Jay Rogers and Mady Siebrecht work together on an project at the Northern State University art workshop on Nov. 6.

### Students Perform at All State Choir in Sioux Falls

by Emily McPhee

Chorus students left the building at around 2:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 31, to get to Sioux Falls for the All-State Chorus event.

Mrs. Abbigayle
Desens drove Emily McPhee, Amelia
Sjurseth, Jonathan
Rowenhorst and
Zacree Schley to rehearsals, lunches and
dinners throughout
the entire weekend
of events.

Bright and early the next morning, Friday, Nov. 1, All-State students flooded into the Denny PREMIER Center for their first rehearsal.

Check-ins had only two requirements: For the first one, the whole quartet had to be present, and second, each student had to have their lanyard, which included their name, school, and vocal part. McPhee— Soprano

... Sjurseth– Alto ... Rowenhorst– Tenor ... Schley– Bass. On the first day their director also had to be present, but not any time after that.

Dr. Michael Hanawalt, a professor and director from Florida State University, was the choral conductor.

He worked with students, fixing pronunciation errors, getting enunciation just right on specific pieces of music, and overall, just practicing and perfecting each song.

Saturday, Nov. 2, the final day of All-State, included 2 sessions of rehearsals and then the performance to end the evening.

These sessions were 15-minute focused sessions. Students returned from lunch to find instruments in front of the chairs out in the mid-

dle of the floor. This rehearsal, called the dress rehearsal, focused on memorization and practicing with the orchestra. This session lasted for about 1 hour, and students were released once again.

The students invited their families to an early dinner

as a way to discuss the details of what would be happening after the concert. They returned to the hotel afterward to change, get pictures and then load the car. They then made their way back to the Denny PREMIER Center. All-State performers could check

in at 6:15pm, so they got to watch all the seats slowly fill with audience members. The clock struck seven, and the performance kicked off with a group picture of over 900 students, and the conductors.

"It was a lot of fun, but a lot of practice. I hope I can go back next year," Rowenhorst said.

Choir instructor Mrs. Desens added, "It was a successful weekend! We had a lot of fun and made some great music! I am very thankful to have some talented students to represent Redfield High School!"



**Using Their Voices.** Four RHS choir students participated at the All State Choir Festival in Sioux Falls on November 1-2. Pictured are Emily McPhee, Zacree Schley, Amelia Sjurseth and Jonathan Rowenhorst.

#### Senior Spotlight

Brynnley Neuharth is the daughter of Brandi and



Miles Neuharth. She has one brother, Tate, who is 14. While in high school, Brynnley has been involved in NJHS (2), NHS (1), student council (3), cheer (1) and dance (15). Her favorite

has been student council because she liked planning Homecoming. The class that Brynnley has enjoyed the most is journalism because it keeps her involved and up to date on school news and Mrs. Frost is the also the best! After high school, she plans to attend USD and major in medical biology (pre-med) and then go to medical school for anesthesiology.

A'Jay Rogers is the son of Dana Edson and his stepfa-



ther is Brent Derschide. He has three siblings: Amanda, Taylor and Zack. During high school, A'Jay has worked at the Eastern Star Nursing Home for 3 years. To fill his free time, a few of

his hobbies are reading books and spending time with friends and family. Three things he would like to do in his lifetime are visit Europe, buy a nice house and be able to buy his dream car. One motto that guides A'Jay is "Respect goes both ways and not everything will be handed to you." After high school, he plans to attend Lake Area Technical Institute and pursue a degree in Dental Assisting.

Taijsa Puok is the daughter of Steph Wilhelm and Matt



Nygaard. She has four siblings: Jadit, Remi, River and Hunter. During high school, she has been involved in track for 2 years. Three things she would like to accomplish are to get rich,

travel and to have kids. She has worked at the Redfield Public Pool for three years. A few of Taijsa's hobbies include shopping pretty much anywhere, cooking, baking and hanging out with friends. Her favorite high school memory was when they were Prom decorating and she cut her hand using an exacto knife. She then got to take a break from decorating at the hospital. After high school she plans to study cosmetology at Stewart Beauty School in Sioux Falls.

### Winter Sports Prepare to Begin Seasons

by Charli Jungwirth

The Pheasants boys' basketball team has started their season with optional open gyms every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Greeno gym. The first game of the season is Dec. 13 against Aberdeen Roncalli.

"I am excited for the upcoming season and I cannot wait to see what our team can do. We have a handful of new athletes joining the team and I hope that our team will be successful this year," junior Ethan Falk stated.

The Pheasants' wrestling season

also begins soon. high The school wrestling coach, Mr. Kelby Hawkins, has put on four open mats on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. This is optional for the wrestlers to go and practice with the others to help them prepare for the season ahead.

The team also got their height and weight recorded by a machine that tells them the possible weight they are allowed to go to. This shows the individual athletes a chart, depending on their measurements, showing them how many pounds they need to lose per week and a plan they need to follow. The athletes then tested to make sure they were staying hydrated.

"Although this is my last year of wrestling, I'm excited to be doing it with my friends for the last time. We all will have to work hard and stay focused and dedicated for the season. Everything will fall into place from there," senior Camden Murray said.

The Lady Pheasants basketball team has also started to prepare for their upcoming season.

The team has put on four open gyms before the first practice on Nov. 25. Ten more practices will follow before the first game against Aberdeen Roncalli on Dec. 12.

"I am very excited for this upcoming basketball season and eager to see what this year will bring. We have fewer athletes in basketball compared to most seasons, but I believe that we have a great group of girls that are willing to give what it takes," sophomore Kendyl Siebrecht stated.

### Lady Pheasants Finish Out Volleyball Season Against Roncalli Cavaliers

by Kinley Smith

The Lady Pheasants traveled to battle the Roncalli Cavaliers on Roncalli's home court for the first-round region game on Nov. 5.

The season came to a close for the Pheasants when the Cavaliers won in three sets (20-25, 17-25, 23-25). Brooklyn Rische contributed 7 digs, Hayden Gall had 11 assists, Ceci Suchor accounted for 6 kills, and Kinley Smith had 1 solo and 2 assisted blocks to lead the match against the Cava-

"Looking back after the season is over, I realized that we did a lot of great things as many obstacles. This season really made all of us girls closer as a team. It is sad that the season is over, but I had such a great time with all my teammates and learned a lot that will be beneficial in the future. I wouldn't have wanted to go through the season with anyone else, and I can't wait for next year," sophomore Brynn Giblin stated.

a team and overcame

The Pheasants ended their regular season matches victoriously by beating the Tiospa Zina Wambdi in straight sets on Oct. 29 (25-13, 25-16, 25-10).



**Making the Pass.** Sophomore Kendyl Siebrecht gets below the ball to get a good pass while in serve receive. Siebrecht ended the season with 225 serve receptions.

Charli Jungwirth accounted for 9 kills, Ceci Suchor and Kinley Smith followed close behind with 8 kills each. Jerica Ratigan also had 5 kills and Brynn Giblin had 4 kills. Hayden Gall assist-

ed 27 of the team's kills, while Layla Hardie contributed 4 serving aces to the Pheasants' victory.

The Lady Pheasants completed their season with the final record of 6 wins and 20 losses.

# October Students of the Month

#### Grade 12: Rhiana Young



Rhiana Young

Rhiana Young is the daughter of Lisa and Jeff Young. She has one sibling: Parker Young (24). She also has one dog and three cats. Young's hobbies are drawing, painting, cooking and talking with friends. She also participates in track and field. Young's favorite class is forensic science because of the different variety of labs. The class that challenges her the most is government because of the small details you have to remember. To overcome this, she pays attention to the lectures and studies for tests and quizzes. Her advice to underclassmen is, "always keep moving forward no matter what happens in life." Young's goal this year is to be more involved.

#### Grade 11: Karlie Brabant



Karlie Brabant

Karlie Brabant is the daughter of Matt and Jessica Muellenberg. She has two siblings: Riley (19) and Kevin (15). She has one dog, Blue. During the summer Brabant is a lifeguard and likes working there because she gets a good tan. Her hobbies are listening to music and reading. Brabant participates in volleyball, basketball, student council, NHS and FFA. Her most challenging class is dual credit chemistry because it can be hard to understand. To overcome this she studies and asks for help when needed. Brabant's favorite movie is My Fault, and her favorite TV show is Grey's Anatomy. One goal Brabant has is to maintain a 3.5 or above this year.

#### Grade 10: Mady Morrissette



Mady Morrissette

Mady Morrissette is the daughter of Joe and Lori Morrissette. She has one brother Elijah (19). She has two cats, one dog, and four fish. Morrissette works at Subway and says she likes making sandwiches with her friends. Her hobbies are shopping and going outside. School activities Morrissette is involved in consist of volleyball, basketball, softball, student council, church group and FBLA. Morrissette's advice to underclassmen is, "one bad grade does not affect your whole life." Her favorite season is winter because she likes the Christmas spirit. Morrissette's favorite singer is Lana Del Ray and her favorite color is purple.

#### Grade 9: Chace Odland



Chace Odland

Chace Odland is the son of Clayton and Alison Odland. He has two brothers: Aiden (9) and Maddon (16). He has two dogs and one cat. Odland's favorite class is multimedia because he finds it fun. His most challenging class is math because it is hard. To overcome this he takes notes and studies. The activities Odland is involved in are wrestling and football. His favorite season is summer because he gets to play baseball and make money. His favorite movie is Grown Ups and his favorite TV show is Sponge Bob. His one goal this year is to get good grades and be respectful to teachers and students.

#### Grade 8: Eli Englund



Eli Englund

Eli Englund is the son of Dawn and Brad Englund. He has two siblings: and Jayde (17) Devyn (9). Englund works on a farm and his favorite job is fencing. Englund is involved in 4-H, football, basketball, track, confirmation and shooting sports. His favorite movie is Space Jam.

#### Grade 7: Brantley Schwartz



**Brantley Schwartz** 

Brantley Schwartz is the son of Tasha Letsche and Jordan Schwartz. He has one sibling: Holden (4) and has two dogs. Schwartz favorite class is science because, "Mr. Falk is the best." His most challenging class is flex because the assignments are difficult, so he studies more.

#### Grade 6: Malachi Zastrow



Malachi Zastrow

Malachi Zastrow is the son of Austin and Melissa Zastrow. He has two siblings: Micah (16) and Zoe (14). His hobbies are reading and fishing. Zastrow participates in basketball, baseball. football and soccer. One goal he has is to make A honor role every quarter.



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#### PHEASANT FOCUS

#### FFA STATE LDE

by Charli Jungwirth

Two members of the Redfield FFA attended the state LDE convention in Rapid City on Dec. 2. To qualify for this state convention, they had to place in the top three individually.

Sophomore chapter treasurer and district reporter, Grace Lemmer, placed 2nd overall in exempt while senior chapter president Brooklyn Rische placed first in employment skills at districts. Rische and Lemmer traveled to Rapid with chapter advisor Mr. Cihak and competed in their events at the state LDE.

The two students made the district's mission statement: to encourage involvement and promote membership by growing personally and professionally through social events.

"I enjoyed competing at another level, meeting new people, and getting to know my district officer team more. State LDEs was definitely a different experience that I will remember," Lemmer said.



Brooklyn Rische



Grace Lemmer

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#### **Musicians Present Christmas Concert**

by Alv Gruenwald

Middle school and high school students in band and choir along with their family and friends, gathered in the auditorium for the Christmas concert on Dec. 17.

This event was organized by Mr. Justin Desens, Mrs. Abbigayle Desens and the middle school high school principal Miss Kendra Becker.

To start off the night, the high school band and their director Mr. Justin Desens played the songs "Bobsled Run" and "Fantasia on O'Holy Night."

This was followed by the middle school choir and their director Mrs. Abbigayle Desens singing the theme song from "Elf," "All I Want for Christmas is You" and "Winter Stars."

Other events included the 6th grade band playing a Band Warm-Up, "Hot-Cross Buns" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."

The middle school band played the songs "Fan Fair," "All is Not Calm," "Winter Winds" and "Festive Finale." The high school choir sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Ding Dong Merrily on High" and "White Winter Hymnal."

A special event directed by A. Desens included the middle school and high school choir singing Carol of the Bells.

After the choir ended their song, students in the high school band headed to the stage yet again to end the night playing Sleigh Ride.

After the concert, members in the high school band held a stand in the lunchroom for people exiting the concert to "sell" their baked goods.

Each member

brought one dozen treats. The money they raised went toward new marching uniforms.

"I'm excited to do my first concert in Redfield this year, and to share what the bands and choir have been working so hard on. Each band and choir have been working really hard to get where they are. It has been a lot of work, but I believe everyone is ready to perform to the best of their ability. I hope the community enjoys watching our performances," J. Desens said.



**Putting on a Show.** Freshman Willa Wurtz plays the clarinet as her eyes track the upcoming notes during the high school band performance.



**Singing with Holiday Spirit.** Sophomore Adrianna Willett and junior Emily McPhee sing the "White Winter Hyminal" where they tap their hearts two times during the chorus.



### How early is considered too early to decorate for Christmas?

by Hayden Gall

The big debate is whether to decorate for Christmas before or after Thanksgiving. Some say Christmas an entire season starting right after Halloween, but others can argue that each holiday needs to be celebrated before the next.

"I decorate before Christmas because I love the Christmas season and want it to last as long as possible. I think the longer I have my Christmas decorations up the happier I am. Also, I have a lot of Christmas decorations, and I want them up for longer than a month," art teacher Miss Bottum said.

But one could counter argue that Christmas is just during the month of December. With Thanksgiving being in November, some people want to save decorating for Christmas until Thanksgiving has passed.

Either way, whether someone decorates before or after Thanksgiving still shows holiday spirit during the months of November and December.



Placing the Finishing Touch. Senior Collin Dean, student council member, helps set up the tree at the start of the Christmas festivities.

#### Excited for the Christmas Season

Christmas season is what I look forward to the most. Good things happen around Christmas time. It is the time of year when family comes together and spends time with each other. The idea of staying home and relaxing to get away from the daily school routine gets everyone excited. Snow fall-



ing outside while curled up in a blanket is something that makes me ready for the holiday season. So many different things make the Christmas season one to look forward to every year.

There are so many different things around Christmas time that I love. My favorite

part is getting together with my family and spending time with them. Family traditions come back during this season and remind me of the Christmases when I was younger. Each family has a different holiday plan, but I hope that everyone has the time to take in all that joy from the Christmas season.

The festive decorations and holiday music playing everywhere you go gets me into the holiday spirit. One of my favorite activities to do around Christmas is going to look at the lights around town. Each house is decorated differently, but all for the same purpose. Holiday activities help get everyone in the festive spirit. I think that everyone should stop and try to find the true meaning of Christmas for them.



### When do you start decorating for Christmas?



Kevin Brabant. freshman "I start decorating the day after Thanksgiving since it is the last holiday before Christmas."



junior "I start decorating for Christmas on December 1st because it starts the month of Christmas."



staff "I usually start whenever I feel like it. Usually from December 5th to January 5th."



Madyson Siebrecht. senior "I start decorating after

Halloween because Christmas is a season and Thanksgiving is only two days."



Lily Parisien, sophomore

"After Thanksgiving is when I like to start decorating for Christmas since it's the next holiday to come."

### Hallway Decorating Takes Place during the Christmas Season

by Brooklyn Rische

To add Christmas spirit throughout the school, grades 6-12 were assigned a hallway to decorate based on the theme of Christmas songs.

Class meetings took place on Dec. 3, and students voted on what song they wanted to use for their hallway and chose who would decorate.

A representative from the class had to race to the main office to lock in their song as no duplicates were allowed.

Grade 6 chose the song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer", grade 7 chose "Frosty the Snowman", grade 8 chose "Jingle Bell Rock (Mean Girls)", freshmen chose "The Polar Express", sophomores chose "Jingle Bells", juniors chose "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", and seniors chose "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

The decorating

took place during the week of Dec. 9 and was to be completed by Dec. 17.

The judging took place on Dec. 17 by the elementary teachers, and the results were announced on Dec. 18 that the seniors won the best-decorated hallway contest.



**Decorating the Hall.** Eighth grade students Ainsley Appel, Braylee Siebrecht and Ellie Rhodes cut paper for their hallway decor.

#### FCCLA Members Qualify for Nationals and Obtain Leadership Positions

by Hayden Gall

The FCCLA students attended the Region IV meeting held at Lake Area Technical College on Dec. 11 in preparation for the State Leadership Conference this spring. Region IV is made up of 12 chapters.

Amelia Sjurseth currently holds the Region IV vice president position. During the meeting, she competed with intentions of holding the president position for the upcoming year. After her speech and three on-stage questions, the voting delegates from each chapter scored her the highest, honoring her the presidential position. A. Sjurseth is also a part of the advocacy team that helped to plan the breakout sessions of the region meeting.

Summit Sjurseth went head-to-head with a member of the Clark FCCLA chapter to see who would obtain the position of the Junior High Rep-

resentative of the upcoming year for Region IV. During the closing session, it was announced that S. Sjurseth will hold the Junior High Representative position. Currently, this position is held by another member of the RHS chapter. Kaleigh Disbrow, who also holds the Junior High Representative position for the state. Disbrow organized the minute-to-win-it games for the meeting.

RHS State Leader-ship team members,
Jessie Ratigan and
Emeri Hofeman,
hosted a workshop
representing the
Current Trends Team
while A. Sjurseth
hosted a workshop
representing the Advocacy Team.

Mrs. Cindy Brace was granted the Region IV Honorary Member Award for her continuing time in FCCLA.

Following the region meeting, the knowledge bowl team was recognized

as one of the 40 teams that are eligible to compete in the National Leadership Conference to be held this July in Orlando, Florida.

The knowledge bowl team consisting of Collin Dean, Brooklyn Rische, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner, and Conner Zens competed in their first in-person bracket at RegionVI.

The team was granted a bye in the first round, then competed against Webster and fell 20 points short of the win to advance into the championship round. The winner of each region meeting will advance to compete against the other regions at the State leadership con-

ference.

"Region meeting was so much fun. I loved getting to represent Redfield as not just the current region vice president but also as our high school officer candidate. When my name was called for the office of president I was beyond grateful. I'm glad other people saw the amount

of effort and work that went into this. I look forward to not just showing how strong our community is within our region, but also getting the chance to represent Redfield as the Region IV state officer elect this April and get to be part of the incredible state executive council," A. Sjurseth said.



**FCCLA Members Attending.** Members who attended were (front) Scylas Schulz, Kayleigh Disbrow, Jaedyn Banister, Zoe Zastrow, Emeri Hofeman, (middle) Ashley Stroud, Lorena Evans, Brooklyn Rische, Amelia Sjurseth, Summit Sjurseth, Ella Wren, Jessie Ratigan, (back) MaKayla Schulz, Adalyn Stoner, Noah Johnson, Collin Dean, Conner Zens and Jadie Turner.

### Football and Volleyball Athletes Receive End of Season Awards



**Honorable Mentions.** Juniors Ethan Falk and Conner Zens were named football Honorable Mentions NEC All-Conference.



**All-Conference.** Seniors Camden Murray and Dylan Murray were named football NEC All-Conference players.



**All-Conference.** Junior Hayden Gall was named volleyball NEC All-Conference player.

### Wrestlers Finish in 2nd Place at Gregory Tournament

by Brynnley Neuharth

To start out the season, wrestlers attended their first tournament in Gregory on Saturday, Dec. 14. The eighthour tournament began at 9:30am and finished around 5:30pm.

Starting the team off at 106, Jace Edgar took 2nd place in the 106-pound weight bracket accumulating 20 points for the team. At 113, Maddon Odland placed 1st earning sudden victory over Michael Branaugh, accumulating team points. Chace Odland earned 16 team points 2nd place in the 120-pound weight

Moving up in weight classes, Kasey Hermann placed 4th in the 132-pound weight class, earning the team 15 points. At 144, Conner Zens placed 2nd

in the tournament, accumulating 18 team points. In the 165-pound weight class, Collin Dean placed 1st, scoring 24 points for the team.

"I have never placed in the Burke-Gregory tournament before, so it was a huge accomplishment to place in first. Pinning my way through everyone and earning first was a major achievement for me," Dean said.

Dylan Murray placed 2nd in the tournament at 190 due to injury default, accumulating 17 team points. At 215, Camden Murray placed 1st earning 23.5 team points. Wrestling at heavyweight, Dalton Rathjen placed 3rd in the tournament scoring 16 team points.

Overall, the team accumulated 169.5

points earning 2nd place out of 13 teams that attended the tournament. Bon Homme/Avon placed first with 192.5 team points.

Wrestlers took to the mat for the first time on Tuesday, Dec. 10, in a triangular against Clark/Willow Lake and Britton-Hecla; 10 wrestlers were present during the matches.

To start off the evening, Dylan Murray received a forfeit against Britton-Hecla at the 190-pound weight class, but wrestled Josh Kannegieter from Clark, ending in defeat for D. Murray by decision 7-2. Next, Camden Murray caused an upset with a 2:45 fall against Tucker Hardy, the #2 wrestler ranked in the 215-pound weight class. C. Murray received a forfeit

against CWL. In the heavy weight class, Dalton Rathjen received a forfeit from both duals.

Jace Edgar lost

via major decision (15-4) against Lincoln Kilker of Britton-Hecla at 106pound weight class and lost against Benny Pommer of Clark/ Willow Lake by fall of 3:50. At 113. Maddon Odland received forfeit and lost by major decision (13against Cade Gaikowski of CWL. Next, at 120 pounds. Chace Odland earned a fall of 1:02 over Carter Grobe of Britton-Hecla but lost by fall of 3:04 against Cooper Pommer of CWL. Caleb Nelson then wrestled Jade Tisher at the 126-pound weight class and earned a fall of 3:14 against Britton-Hecla. Nelson then lost by maior decision (13-0)

to Mason Severson from CWL.

Another wrestler receiving a forfeit was Kasey Hermann at the 132-pound weight class during both matchups. Moving to the 144-pound weight class, Conner Zens earned a fall of 1:03 over Max Suther of Britton-Hecla and also won against Logan Foster by decision (10-5). Collin Dean earned a fall of 3:13 over Dashel Davidson and won against

Lincoln Reidburn from Clark/Willow Lake by decision (7-2) at the 165-pound weight class. Overall results of the Britton-Hecla matchup ended with 53-16, with Redfield winning, and 47-24 against Clark/Willow Lake ending in a loss for the Pheasants.

The next tournament for the Pheasants wrestlers will be the NECs in Groton on Thursday, Dec. 19.



**Planning a Move.** Junior Conner Zens plans his next move against his opponent.

#### Senior Spotlight

Camden Murray is the son of Jason Murray and Becca



Nelson. He has three siblings: Brielle, Dylan and Taylor. He is involved in FFA, track, football and wrestling. An accomplishment that he is proud of is being in the top five at State Wrestling.

Camden has worked at Odland Construction for 3 years. His hobbies are playing Xbox, sports and golf. One motto that guides Camden is "sometimes you win, sometimes you learn." Three things he would like to do in his lifetime are go bungee jumping, go to a different country and skydive.

Rhiana Young is daughter of Lisa and Jeff Young. She



has one sibling, Parker Young.
She is involved in track (4) and
FCCLA (1). A few of Rhiana's
hobbies include drawing,
painting, and spending time with
friends and family. Her favorite

elementary memory was when she played four square on the old playground. A class she enjoys is art class because she has her own creative freedom. Words of wisdom Rhiana believes underclassmen should know are "you cannot become what you want by remaining what you are." After high school she plans to attend Lake Area Tech to get an associate degree as a medical lab tech.

Madyson Siebrecht is the daughter of Brandee



Schmidt and Kevin Siebrecht. She has two siblings, Kaylin (28) and Brandon (24). She is involved in being a volleyball manager (4), dance (13), and softball (10). She has worked

at Eastern Star Home for three years. A favorite elementary memory of Madyson's is "When my 2nd grade teacher. Miss. Hull made us green eggs and ham for Dr. Suess Day." A class she loves is U.S. History, because "Mrs. Zastrow made it fun and interesting to learn about," Siebrecht said. Her plans after high school consist of either going to Lake Area Tech for physical therapy assistant or attending the University of Sioux Falls for radiology.

#### Girls Basketball Starts Season with Home Games

by Kendyl Siebrecht

The girls basketball team started their season on Nov. 25th. The Lady Pheasants held 11 total practices to prepare before starting off the season.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, the Pheasants hosted a home game against the Roncalli Cavaliers. The Pheasants took the loss with the final score of 10-64.

The Lady Pheasants took on the Faulkton Trojans on Monday, Dec. 16, for the second home game of the season. The Pheasants took the lead up until the fourth

quarter, where they were outscored with a final score of 32-38. Leading the team with the most points scored was Charli Jungwirth with 9 points, followed by Addy Evans with 6. The team ended with a total of 21 offensive and defensive rebounds.

"I think that we've made much improvement between the first two games we've had. We started out rough with a loss against Roncalli, but despite the loss, our team really showed up for the Faulkton game and proved everything we have been working on in

practice is paying off. I'm excited what this year is looking

like for our younger team," Charli Jungwirth said.



**Triple Threat.** Junior Hayden Gall holds the ball in a triple threat while also being ready to make her next move. She scans the court to see if any of her teammates are open to throw the ball to.

# Boys Basketball Kicks off the Season with the First Game against Roncalli

by Kayleigh Disbrow

The boys basketball season began on Dec. 13, with their first game at Roncalli. The score ended up being 63-34 in favor of Roncalli.

Hulscher was the leading scorer of the night with 12 points and Falk had the most rebounds with 6.

The head coach of the Pheasants is Lance Howe. The team has 14 players; they are Alexander Shottenkirk, Austin Snell, Emmanuel Alejandro, Ethan Falk, Grady Hulscher, Isaac Banister, Jackson Sandoz, Jaxon Ethridge, Jax

on Metzinger, Keagan Hansen, Micah Zastrow, Ruben Alvarez and Tate Neuharth.

"We will do better

than last year, showing that we have improved since the start of the season compared to last season. I think this year we will be better and have more fun as a team," Banister said. They play on Dec. 19 at Deuel and at Groton on Jan. 4.



Getting Past the Press. Freshman Issac Banister takes the ball out of bounds looking down the court for an open teammate while sophomore Jacksan Rude tries to get open to get the ball passed to him to take it down the court. The Pheasants fell to the Cavaliers. 34-64.

### November Students of The Month

#### Grade 12: Jadie Turner



Jadie Turner

Jadie Turner is the daughter of Amy and Bobby Turner. She has a dog named Dexter. Her hobbies include reading, walking,



Ella Rude-Peterson

Ella Rude-Peterson is the daughter of Chris and Heather Rude and Shawn Peterson. She has four siblings: Grady (6), Ivy (10), Brody (11), and Irelynn (12). Ella has two dogs (Trigger and Bud), four horses, and three cats. Her favorite class is anatomy because she enjoys learning about the human body, and it's in her interest to be in the medical field after high school. She is involved in NHS, student council, basketball, softball, and volleyball management. Ella's favorite food is steak, her favorite movie is Our Little Secret and her favorite color is blue. Her goal in school is to achieve a 4.0 GPA. Ella's advice to underclassmen is to "always be yourself and enjoy time in school."

#### Grade 10: Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon



Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon

Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon is the son of Araceli Jardon Rosas and Camerino Alejandro Montiel. He has three siblings: Belem (28), Karen (27), and Vanesa (21). English class challenges him the most because "Sometimes it's very confusing." He overcomes this by working harder and learning it in school or on his own. Emmanuel likes to play video games, watch shows, cook, play sports, and learn to program. His favorite food is enchiladas or chili, his favorite color is purple, TV show is Ben 10 and artist is AC/DC. Emmanuel's favorite season is fall because of the cool weather and 8:00pm sunsets.

and baking. Jadie's favorite class is calcu-

lus because she likes how she always has an answer and that there is always a pro-

cess. She is involved in NHS, FCCLA,

FBLA, student council, cross country,

cheer, dance, track, and softball. Her favorite food is ice cream, movie is Tangled,

TV show is *Outer Banks*, artist is Lana Del

Ray and color is yellow. Jadie's advice to

underclassmen is "school and life are not

always stuck in the same place. Even if you

are struggling, each day is new, so you de-

termine the way you would like to live."

#### Grade 9: Gemma Hansen

Grade 11: Ella Rude-Peterson



Gemma Hansen

Gemma Hansen is the daughter of Vannessa Hansen. She has one sibling, Bonnie Flansberg (7). Hansen's hobby includes writing. Outside of school, she is involved in youth events. Band class is her favorite because "It's fun, entertaining, and enjoyable." She likes fall because of the scenery. Her favorite food is ham, favorite movie is High School Musical and her favorite show is She-Ra, favorite artist is Alice in Chains and her favorite color is moonlight silver. Gemma's advice to underclassmen is to "Work hard, pay attention, and try to enjoy school."

#### Grade 8: Ainsley Appel



Ainsley Appel

Ainsley Appel is the daughter of Heidi and Simon Appel. She has four siblings: Braden (24), Kiara (21), Everly (11) and Ellyza (8). She also has one dog named Luna. Her most challenging class is ELA because it is difficult but overcomes this by studying more.

#### Grade 7: Addison Hulscher



Addison Hulscher

Addison Hulscher the daughter of Jim and Jenna Hulscher. She has two siblings: Kendra (3) and Grady (14) as well as a dog and 15 cats. Hulscher's hobbies include pin needling kits, crocheting and basketball. Her favorite color is sage green.

#### Grade 6: Whitney Wurtz



Whitney Wurtz

Whitney Wurtz is the daughter of Jennifer and Jason Wurtz. She has one sibling, Willa Wurtz (14). She also has 3 dogs and multiple bunnies. Whitney's favorite holiday is Christmas. She enjoys going to the Enrich room because she gets to learn new things.



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PHEASANT FOCUS

#### **February Calender**

February 1

Wrestling @ Lee Wolf Tournament @ Aberdeen

BBB @ NEC Dak-12 Clash @ Madison

February 4

GBB/BBB (DH) @ Gettysburg February 6

WR vs. Miller-HH/W-W-WS-SC/P-G (H)

**February 7** *NO SCHOOL* 

WR vs. Sisseton/Parkston (H)

February 8

WR @ Redfield Invite (H)

GBB @ NEC Dak-12 Clash @ Madison

February 11

GBB/BBB (DH) vs. Warner (H) ~ CTE Night ~ Post Prom Baked Potato Meal

February 14

WR @ Milbank

February 17

GBB/BBB (DH) @ Deuel

February 18

GBB/BBB (DH) @ Northwestern

February 21

NO SCHOOL

GBB/BBB (DH) vs. Tiospa Zina (H)

February 22

WR @ Region 1B - Hayti

February 24

BBB vs. Aberdeen Christian (H)

February 25

GBB Regions @ Higher Seed

February 27 & 28

NO SCHOOL

State Wrestling @ Rapid City

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### **Disbrow and Stoner Attend State**

by Brooklyn Rische

Kayleigh Disbrow competed at the South Dakota State Junior Snow Queen Pageant on Jan. 3 & 4. While there, she met with 24 other contestants from around the state, all in hopes of gaining a new title in the end.

The first day the contestants were there, they got all checked in and had some rehearsal, and that night attended a Wings hockey game. The next day, Saturday, the 25 contestants had interviews, followed by more rehearsals. While other contestants were doing their interviews, the others attended workshops and made a three-snowman art project.

The following weekend. Adalvn Stoner attended the State Senior Queen Competition on Jan. 9 - 11. The senior weekend is 3 days long, compared to the Junior weekend which is only 2 days. Stoner competed against 25 other girls for the crown of SD State Snow Queen.

"Snow Queen was truly an eye-opening experience. I've gained so many new friendships and met amazing people. I am so thankful that I got to be a part of this event as it is such an amazing tradition. Snow Queen definitely changed my life and perspective on the little things in life," Stoner said.

During her time at the competition, she completed many activities. On the first day, the girls had a welcoming ceremony, went to sponsor businesses to thank them for their support, had rehearsal, and then ended the day with roller skating at Skate Away with Frosty and kids from the community.

The next day, Friday, they had a craft workshop while they took turns doing interviews. That night, there was a banquet and dance, in which the families of the contestants could attend and see the girls.

On Saturday, the last day, the girls had more rehearsal in the morning, then did crafts with the "Snow Sisters" went to Snow Queen exhibit at the muse-

um, then had a self defense class, then more rehersal and then all of the girls got ready for coronation ceremony.

Snow Sisters is a program that is open to girls in grades 2-5 who attend elementary school in Aberdeen and the surrounding area. They get to spend time with the Snow Queen candidates by having lunch with them and doing a craft and then appearing on stage with the candidates during coronation.



Welcome.

Senior Adalyn Stoner poses for a picture before her State Snow Queen weekend began. She competed with 25 other girls for the title of South Dakota Snow Queen. The 3-day event was one week after the State Junior Snow Queen, where freshman Kayleigh Disbrow competed.



# Making Music a Part of Life: Joining Band and Choir

by Aly Gruenwald

Joining band and choir is something that people could carry throughout their whole life, or just something to be involved in.

When joining band, most students pick their instruments in 5th grade and play that until they graduate while some choose to join later.

As students get into

high school, they can choose to be in band or choir as an elective unlike middle school, when it only counts as a fun class to be involved in.

"I played in 6th grade and then made the difficult choice to quit. I realized when I got into high school that I made a mistake leaving band. When I

joined band again, it was difficult to learn all the notes again, but with the instructor's help, I was able to overcome my struggles," freshman Adrianna Bagola said.

Even if you choose to join band or choir later on, catching up isn't impossible; it will just take work, dedication and a lot of patience.



**Hitting the High Notes.** Sophomore Jessie Ratigan and freshman Kalli Spotanske practice their music during 1st hour band with Mr. Desens.

### The Art of Listening Not everyone is going to be able to find joy in music through an instrument.

Not everyone is going to be able to find joy in music through an instrument. Whether it's a trumpet, saxophone, or drums there really isn't something for everyone. This is exactly what happened to me. I played the piano for 5 years and although it was fun at first, I got way too busy to practice every night.



Hannah Schlechter, journalism staff

After piano, I moved on to clarinet through our school band. I quickly had too much on my plate to practice that as well. This is the same for many athletes who have sports practice after school as well as other activities. Redfield has many athletes who all live under the pres-

sure of their sport and their grades. Others and I, of course, still love music and need to find different ways to incorporate it in our lives.

A great solution is listening to music. Finding different artists whose music you love and is perfect to listen to helps me make it through the day. No matter if I am in the car, getting ready for school or going out, or feeling stressed out, music is a great outlet. Many people also find listening to music an efficient way to gain exposure to music. Of course, music is very necessary to life, but not everyone has the time or focus to dedicate themselves to an instrument.

In conclusion, never feel guilty for not playing an instrument and know that listening to music is just as valid as any other musical outlet.



#### Making Music.

Senior Jaxon Ethridge and sophomore Jessie Ratigan hold their instruments at the All State music auditions. The two traveled to Huron on Jan. 15 to join other students from across the state to compete for a spot in the South Dakota All State Band. Results have not yet been determined.

### Why did you want to be a part of the Redfield Music Program?

by Kinley Smith



Grady Hulscher, freshman

"I really like listening to music, so I wanted to be a part of the group that creates it."



Nicholas Becker, junior

"I enjoy being able to play pep band songs at the sporting events throughout the year."



Micah Zastrow, sophomore

"I get to be with my friends while also being able to play fun and interesting music."



Amelia Sjurseth, sophomore

"I like the connections and friends that I have made throughout my different experiences."



Jaxon Ethridge, senior

"I grew up listening and enjoying music and had been wanting to play music my whole life."

### CCLA Members Travel to State Meeting In Pierre

by Kayleigh Disbrow

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, Miss McCarthy took three leadership team members and one state officer to Pierre. Kayleigh Disbrow, the State Jr. High Representative, and Miss McCarthy met up with the rest of the State Executive Council when they got there. Emeri Hofeman, Jessie Ratigan and Amelia Siurseth had meetings with their leadership teams that day as well. Disbrow and the State Executive Council planned the rest of their year as officers, as their term is ending in April,

while the Leadership Teams discussed their workshops they will present at state and their social media platforms.

"Our members on the Outreach Leadership Team, Emeri Hofeman and Jessie Ratigan, planned their workshops for the State Leadership Conference in April. They plan to host an engagement workshop for self-help and positive changes for members to take home with them. Our member who serves on the Advocacy Leadership Team, Amelia Sjurseth,

planned and called colleges to attend our fair during the State Leadership Conference. They lined up vendors and booths to be at State for our members.

I serve on the board of Advisers in Action to help plan the State Leadership meeting with advisers. She met with the other advisers of state officers, and they planned activities and the agenda for advisers around the state to participate in. Kayleigh Disbrow serves as our State Jr. High Representative and was upholding her duties for the state adviser Miss McCastate officer planning meeting," **FCCLA** rthy said.



FCCLA State Officers. FCCLA State Officers include Oliva Wilkins, Emma Sonsteby, Avaya Carlson, Jordan Platt, Kayleigh Disbrow, Leia Rombough and Hannah Heiman. Disbrow is the State Jr. High Representative.

### CCLA Soup Supper Project Benefits Ronald McDonald House

by Kendyl Siebrecht

Senior Jack Mills was required to present a project for FC-CLA. The project he chose to do was host a soup supper and a 50/ 50 raffle during the varsity girls and varsity boys' home basketball games against the Milbank Bulldogs on Jan. 16.

Mills raised over one thousand dollars from his project and

#### Time for Sweets.

Basketball cheerleader Jessie Ratigan goes through the line to get a bowl of soup and a dessert during the FCCLA soup supper. Serving the food are Jaedyn Banister, Cora Krueger and Jerica Ratigan.

all proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald house.

Mills has received four Giving Tree Donor Leaves because he has raised over three hundred and sixty- five dollars since 2022.

"My favorite part of being involved in these FCCLA projects is having the chance to give back and help people," Mills stated.

"I felt that Jack's soup supper went well. We raise over a thousand dollars and will all go to a good cause. The homemade soup disappeared very fast along with the bars," Miss McCarthy, FC-CLA advisor said.





Made by Hand. Senior Jack Mills uses a pizza cutter to help him evenly cut the noodles while making his soup. Three soups were prepared the day of and the day before the event. Hamburger, Broccoli Cheese and Kneophla soup were all served at the event. The soups were made in FCCLA adviser Miss McCarthy's room during the Food Tech class. Every soup was created from scratch.

#### Senior Spotlight

Addisyn Evans is the daughter of Monte and Britt Ev-



ans. She has two siblings, Abby and Ellie. Throughout high school she has been involved in golf (5), basketball (9), softball (12), volleyball (6), NHS (2), NJHS (2), Student Council (1),

Church Group (12) and FCCLA (3). A class she enjoys is Mrs. Masat's calculus class because she is always willing to help ensure each student's success. Three things Evans wishes to accomplish in her lifetime are to find love, be successful and build a home. Following graduation, she plans to attend UNL for Criminal Justice while participating in the pre-law program.

**Dylan Murray** is the son of Becca Nelson and Jason



Murray. He has three siblings: Taylor, Camden and Brielle. Throughout high school he has been involved in wrestling (4), football (4), baseball (2), FBLA (2) and FCCLA (2). Accom-

plishments that he is proud of during his time in high school are placing at state wrestling and pouring more than 2,000 yards of concrete. A class he enjoys is any science class with Mrs. Fredrick because he really enjoys her teaching style. After graduation he will miss his sports and the bonding time he has with his friends. Murray plans to get his sports degree next fall with his college still undecided.

Teige Lewis is the daughter of Jenna and Jessi Lewis.



She has three siblings: Taelynn,
Randen and Renleigh. Throughout her time in high school,
she has been involved in dance
(15) and band (5). Following
graduation, she says that she will

miss all the teachers that have known her since she was little. Her hobbies and interests include art, horror movies, listening to music and working with kids. Advice that she would give to underclassmen would be to not procrastinate or leave assignments to the last minute. Her favorite high school memory was convincing teachers to skip class and get Simply Charming. Next fall Lewis plans to attend Mitchell Tech and enter their LPN program with plans to continue with an RN program.

### Wrestlers Continue to Travel Mid-Season

by Brynnley Neuharth

Over the weekend, the wrestlers participated in the Kingsbury County Invitational Tournament on Sat. Jan. 25. Maddon Odland (106) placed 1st with 28 team points. Chace Odland placed 2nd scoring 22 team points, Conner Zens (138) placed 1st with 28.5 points, Collin Dean (165) placed 3rd with 22 team points, Dylan Murray placed 2nd scoring 24 team points, Camden Murray placed 1st with 30 team points, and Dalton Rathjen placed 6th with 7 points. Overall, the team placed 4th out of 14 teams with 162.5 points.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the team traveled to White Lake to participate in a quadrangular. Against McCook Central/Montrose, 8 of the 11 wrestlers won their matches and scored 48 points for the team, winning the dual by 12 points.

During the matchup against Wagner, Connor Zens (144). Tavian Schwartz (175), Camden Murray (215), Dalton Rathjen (285), Maddon Odland (106), Chace Odland (113), and Kasey Hermann (132) all won their matches by pins or major decisions. The team lost to Wagner by one point (40-41). The team then met up with Kimball/White Lake/Plate-Geddes. who received the win against the Pheasants, (55-21).

On Thursday, Jan. 16, the wrestlers

traveled to Groton to compete in a triangular with Groton Area and Webster Area. Competing against Groton, each wrestler had an opponent, but just five of them claimed victory. The result of the Groton matchup was 39-41, ending in a loss for the team. The Pheasants beat the Bearcats with a score of 59-18.

On Jan. 11, the team spent their day at the Bob Lager Invitational in Miller. Maddon Odland (106)placed 3rd, Chace Odland (113) placed 4th, Caleb Nelson (120) placed 8th, Kasey Hermann (132) placed 6th, Conner Zens (144) placed 2nd, Collin Dean (165) placed 4th, Camden Murray (215) placed 1st and Dalton Rathjen (285) placed 5th. The team ended up placing 5th overall in the tournament with 135 points.

The first week back to school after Christmas break, the wrestlers hosted a quadrangular against Kingsbury County, Sioux Valley, and Deuel/Deubrook Area. Against Sioux Valley, the team won 54-17. Next, the Pheasants also beat Deuel/Deubrook Area 54-22. Lastly, the team was defeated by Kingsbury County 30-48.

The MCM Invita-

tional was held on Sat. Jan 4. in Salem, Final results of the tournament include Maddon Odland (106) placed 3rd scoring 18 points for the team, Chace Odland (113) placed 5th scoring 14 points, Kasey Hermann (132) placed 7th scoring 6 team points, Conner Zens (144) placed 2nd scoring 19 points, Collin Dean placed 2nd scoring 22 team points, Camden Murray (215) placed 2nd scoring 21.5 points, and Dalton Rathjen placed 7th scoring 8 team points. The team placed 7th overall out of 21 teams who participated and ended with 108.5 points.

Over Christmas break the wrestlers participated in a quadrangular that was held in Faulkton on Fri. Jan 3. During the matchup against Stanley County, the team lost 29-48. Against Faulkton Area, the team won 48-24. Lastly, by 37 points, the team claimed victory against Pottery County ending with a score of 46-9.

Finally, just before Christmas break, the team had NECs in Groton. Originally, NECs were supposed to take place on 12/19, but due to weather conditions, it was postponed to Dec. 20.

Results of the NEC Tournament include Maddon Odland (113) placed 3rd with 12 team points, Chace Odland (120) placed 4th scoring 12 team points, Kasey Hermann (132) placed 2nd with 15.5 team points, Conner Zens (144) placed 1st scoring 23.5 points, Dylan Murray placed 4th with 11 points, Camden Murray placed 1st with 22 points, and Dalton Rathjen placed 3rd with 9 team points. Overall, the team placed 3rd in the tournament with 121 total team points.



**Battle to Win.** Junior Conner Zens takes control of his opponent's arm during a home meet. Dakota Grappler had Zens ranked 4th in State B wrestling for week 7 in the 138 weight class.

### Lady Pheasants Battle Through a Long, Tough Schudule

Finishing a long stretch of 6 home games in a row, the Lady Pheasants traveled to face the Hamlin Chargers on Jan. 23. The Pheasants were defeated by the Chargers 11-61.

The Pheasants battled against Mount Vernon/Plankinton and fell to them with a score of 25-45. Jungwirth Charli led the team with 6 points, and Kinley Smith led the team with 5 rebounds.

On Jan. 16, the Lady Pheasants hosted the Milbank Bulldogs. The game ended in favor of the Bulldogs with a score of 15-57.

The Pheasants hosted the Miller

Rustlers on Jan. 14 and the game came to a close with a score of 19-44 favoring the Rustlers.

Jan. 11 was the annual Girls Basketball Classic and the Lady played Pheasants the Langford Lions. The Pheasants fell to the Lions 30-35. Jungwirth led the team with 13 points, Smith led the team with 5 rebounds, and Gall led the team with 3 assists.

The Pheasants hosted the Britton-Hecla Braves on Jan. 9 and the game ended in favor of the Braves with a score of 26-36. Jungwirth led the team with 8 points, Smith and Jungwirth led the team with 7 rebounds, and Gall led the team with 3 assists.

On Jan. 4, the Pheasants traveled to Groton to face the Tigers. The Pheasants fell to the Tigers 9-51.

"With averaging three games a week and facing challenging match ups, it has been a tough month for the team. However, we will continue to practice hard and focus on the next game. I am proud of the girls' continuous effort and improvement as the season progresses. We are hopeful for the games to come and are grateful for the support," ongoing senior captain Addisyn Evans said.

Dec. 21, the Pheas-

ants traveled to Aberdeen Roncalli's annual tournament to match up against Aberdeen Christian.

The Pheasants came out victorious with a score of 41-25. Jungwirth led the team with 11 points,

Smith and Jungwirth led the team with 6 rebounds, and Gall led the team with 4 assists.



an easier pass to her teammate. Jungwirth has been the leading scorer for 7 out of the 11 games the Lady Pheasants have played.

Being a Threat. Sophomore Charli Jungwith tries to juke out her defender to make

#### Fighting Through the Season by Charli Jungwirth The boys' team with 12 points. Al-

had a game at home on Jan. 21 against Mt. Vernon/Plankinton. The Titans led with a win with a score of 57-28. The two leading scorers were Ruben Alvarez with 12 points and Grady Hulscher with 8 points. The leading rebounder was Alvarez with 7 rebounds.

The Pheasants held the annual Pheasant Shoot Out on Jan. 18. The Pheasants played the Faulkton Trojans. The game ended with a score of 44-68, in favor of the Trojans. The two leading scorers for this game were Hulscher with 14 points and Alvarez

varez was also the rebounder leading with 8 rebounds.

The boys' team had a home game against the Milbank Bulldogs on Jan. 16. The Pheasants fell to the Bulldogs, 24-63.

On Jan. 14 the boys faced the Miller Rustlers at home. The game ended with a final score of 45-74 in favor of the Rustlers.

The Pheasants had a home game on Jan. 9 against the Britton-Hecla Braves. The Pheasants fell to the Braves, 49-74.

On Jan. 7 the Pheasants traveled to play against the Langford Lions. The Pheasants came up short losing to the Lions with a final score of 47-67.

The boys' basketball team traveled to Groton and took on the Tigers on Jan. 4. The Pheasants fell to the Tigers with a score of 11-86.

"Throughout the season so far we have faced some challeneges. But we are working every day in practice to improve as individual players and as a whole team all together. We want to start getting better at the little things. Overall, we are focused on playing our best," sophomore Jacksan Rude said.



Charging through Defenders. Junior Ruben Alverez charges through the opposing team and tries to make a layup. Alverez runs the point for the Pheasants most of the time.

## Dec./Jan. Students of the Month

by Addisyn Evan

#### Grade 12: Brooklyn Rische



Brooklyn Rische

Brooklyn Rische is the daughter of Dustin Rische and Andi Rische. She has two siblings: Hudson (14) and Bristol (10). Brooklyn has one dog (Sage). Brooklyn works at Randall Pharmacy and likes working there because of the people and what she does. Some of her hobbies include playing volleyball, spending time with friends, working on the farm, and helping others. Brooklyn's favorite class is calculus because there is always an answer and she is always learning something new. Activities Brooklyn is involved in are student council, NHS, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, church youth group, volleyball and managing for the fast-pitch softball team.

#### Grade 11: Ruben Alvarez Lencina



Ruben Alvarez Lencina

Ruben Alvarez Lencina is the son of Miguel Alvarez and Maria Lencina. He has an older brother, Adrian Alvarez Lencina (24). Ruben's hobbies consist of basketball, playing video games and watching sports and movies. His most challenging class is English. He says, "it challenges me the most because it is not my first language." He overcomes this by focusing more on the lessons. Ruben's favorite class is weightlifting. He enjoys the class because he likes staying active. Ruben's favorites include BBO ribs, Guardians of the Galaxy, The Simpsons, and the band, Imagine Dragons. Ruben's advice to underclassmen is to do everything the best you can.

#### Grade 10: Tia Esser



Tia Esser

Tia Esser is the daughter of Jeff Esser and Autumn Williams. She has two siblings: Tobin (21) and Tyler (19). She has five dogs. Tia's hobby is participating in rodeo. Her favorite class is geography because, "I like the projects that we do and I like what we are learning about." Activities Tia is involved in are FFA, FBLA, church youth group, and 4-H. Tia's most challenging class is Spanish II; to overcome this she spends time studying and asking questions. Tia's advice to underclassmen is to not rush and take your time because everything will work out. Also, study and get all your work done on time.

#### Grade 9: Grady Hulscher



Grady Hulscher

Braelon Marlow is

Grady Hulscher is the son of Jake and Jenna Dawson and Jeff Hulsher. He has two siblings: Addi Hulscher (12) and Kendra Dawson (3). He has a dog (Duke). Grady's activities are playing basketball, hunting, and fishing. Advice he gives to underclassmen: "It is best to give one hundred percent right away rather than doing things again." Grady's favorite class is P.E. because he gets to do athletics in class. Some of Grady's favorites include ribs, watching *Uncle Drew* and *Fire Country*, and listening to Trenty Oak Revival. His favorite season is winter because he likes ice fishing and playing basketball.

#### Grade 8: Tatum Zens



Tatum Zens

Tatum Zens is the daughter of Eric and Ashley Zens. She has two siblings: Sadie (11) and Lane (7). Tatum's favorite class is computer science because she enjoys coding. Her favorite season is summer because likes she going camping, playing sport, and her birthday is in July.

#### Grade 7: Braelon Marlow



Braelon Marlow

the son of Nathan Marlow and Tynan Anderson. He has two siblings: Dawson (16) and Tenlev (9). His favorite movie is Home Alone, and his favorite TVshow Sponge Bob.Braelon's hobbies include football. baseball and wrestling.

#### Grade 6: DJ Bucholz



DJ Bucholz is the daughter of Justin and Kathleen Bucholz. She has 3 siblings: Brianna (29), Tasha (23), and Katrina (18). She has one dog (Oreo). DJ is involved in cross country and SADD. Her hobby is drawing. DJ's favorite color is blue and she likes the movie *Sonic*.



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#### PHEASANT FOCUS

#### "I Hate Winter" Week Fun and Dress-up

by Kendyl Siebrecht

To brighten up the long winter mood, students took advantage of the "I Hate Winter Week" dress up days and went all out in having fun with their own outfit ideas.

During the week of Feb. 17- 20, students had the opportunity to express their creative minds by planning ahead and wearing fun costumes. Students were encouraged to dress up by being rewarded with a Pheasant Buck each day they dressed up.

Monday was pajama day, where students showed up in their comfiest outfits. Root Beer floats provided by Student Council were also given out.

"I dressed up for pajama day because I like to be comfy and cozy during the school day, and I enjoy having the opportunity to be involved in things around the school," junior Kyleigh Akin said.

Tuesday was CIA day where students were their all-black outfits while some even accessorized with glasses and hats.

Wednesday was anything but a backpack day where students used suitcases, wagons, strollers, and even shopping carts to carry their belongings.

Thursday was elementary dream job day where students were to show up to school in an outfit of what they wanted to be when they were younger.

"I dressed up NICU nurse because I have always wanted to be able to save little babies," freshman Victoria Herrera stated.

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# **Students Develop Real-Life Skills at Educators Rising Event in Madison**

by Hannah Schlechter

On Monday February 24, students Kayleigh Disbrow and Hannah Schlechter traveled to DSU in Madison with Ms. McCarthy for the state Educators Rising convention.

Disbrow and Schlechter competed in the Interactive Bulletin Board where they made a bulletin board that students could use on their own. They scored gold out of the possible gold, silver and bronze rankings. While at DSU, they also went to breakout sessions where professional advisers, teachers and principals shared their insights on different topics in the teaching world.

"The Educators rising state experience was a new opportunity for me to further develop my leadership skills and step outside my comfort zone. I have never done anything like this before so

this was a good start to finding my career. "-Disbrow said.

Educators Rising is a club as well as a class. SD Educators for Tomorrow guides students in the teaching world. It shows how to make lesson plans, teach classes, and become better

teachers.

"SD educators for Tomorrow has helped me understand different teaching styles and different ways students learn. It has also helped me find what type of student I am," Mady Morrissette said.



**Putting on a Show.** Freshmen Hannah Schlechter and Kayleigh Disbrow display their interactive bulletin board, which won a gold rating, that they created for the event in Madison.



#### Root Beer Floats for Everyone!

Student Council members Mady Morrissette, Brynn Giblin, Kinley Smith and Ella Rude-Peterson scoop out ice cream and deliver it to the high school students.

Student Body President Brooklyn Rische stated, "Root Beer floats was something new this year during "I Hate Winter Week," and it was fun to see all the student dress up and be involved throughout the week."

#### Music StudentsTravel to Aberdeen

by Aly Gruenwald

Band and choir members traveled to Aberdeen on Feb. 12 to compete for the small group competition.

Students had specific times that they performed. In their free time, students supported their classmates by listening to them.

"I played in the small group competition because I wanted to compete against other schools and see my skills outside of the band that I currently play in. Being there, I got to learn new rhythms and different pitches. I had a great experience playing," Grady Hulscher said

Members played solos, duets, trios, quartets and group ensembles.

The lowest score you could get is an "unacceptable" and "below average" and the highest is a "superior" and "above average."

Students came home with nothing lower

than an "below average."

"I enjoyed doing the competition because I wanted to compete against other schools and watch how others played individually. I enjoyed watching my friends compete. Being there allowed me to express my emotions through music and learn new things. I had a great experience making new friends and watching others and myself improve," Adriana Bagola said.

#### Staying Healthy Through Winter

The yearly influenza illness has taken over many people's health. With sickness spreading rapidly and frigid cold temperatures, it can be difficult to stay focused on school. Kids from every grade, as well as the staff, are home sick each day. With all kinds of illness going around school, it is hard to stay

In my own WORDS

Kinley Smith, journalism staff

Given all the sickness that is around, students and staff can do little things to help protect themselves from the fast-spreading and contagious illnesses. Washing your hands is a simple, but effective way to stop the spread of germs. Getting rid

of the germs before they can affect you will protect you from feeling "under the weather."

If you do get sick, staying home can help protect others from getting sick as well. Take time to heal and get better before you return to school. Slowing the spread of germs can help keep other students healthy.

Everyone, sick or healthy, should give a little extra time to take care of themselves. Sleep is a major factor in selfcare. Your body will use rest to repair itself when you are sleeping. Throughout the next couple winter weeks, give more of a priority to drinking liquids. Staying hydrated will help those who are sick get better faster, and those who are healthy stay healthy.

Symptoms	COVID-19	Influenza	Cold
Length of symptoms	7-25 Days	7-14 Days	Less than 14 Days
Body aches Chills	Sometimes Sometimes	Yes Yes	Yes Uncommon
Cough	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fatigue/Weakness	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fever	Yes	Yes	Uncommon
Headaches Loss of Taste of Smell Nasal Congestion	Sometimes Yes Uncommon	Yes Sometimes Yes	Uncommon Sometimes Yes
Runny Nose	Uncommon	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Yes	Yes
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Yes	Yes
Shortness of Breath Vomiting/Diamhea	Yes Sometimes	Yes Sometimes	Uncommon Sometimes



**Practicing for the Solo/Ensemble Contest.** Sophomore Jessie Ratigan and Freshman Kalli Spotanske practice playing notes on their flutes in preparation for the upcoming contest.



**Making Sweet Treats.** SADD members Chloe Rupar and Nina Sanchez decorate cupcakes to enjoy on Valentine's Day.



**Spreading Love.** Sophomore Brynn Giblin makes a candy bouquet in Horticulture on Valentine's Day to give to a loved one.

### CTE Committee Holds Annual Fundraising Night on Feb. 11

by Brooklyn Rische

The Redfield CTE Committee held their annual CTE Night at the basketball double header against Warner on Feb. 11.

At the CTE night, there was a silent auction with many items up to bid on. Some of the items were baked goods, wooden signs, gift baskets, drills, candy assortments, and many other items. There was also SDSU ice cream for people to buy. At half time, the committee hosted a chance to win a dilly bar card if a person made a free throw.

"CTE night was a great night of silent

auction items, and SDSU ice cream! This is a night where we can showcase our local Career and Technical education programs within our school and give back to our students. The funds from this night go toward our local CTE scholarship available to se-

niors that have been involved in our CTE courses," FCCLA adviser, Aleisha Mc-Carthy said.

Before expenses, the total amount raised was around \$2100. The money raised will go to the local CTE scholarship, which is available to seniors.



Scooping Ice Cream for CTE Night.
Students involved in local CTEs scoop SDSU ice cream for fellow students.

### FCCLA State Officer Kayleigh Disbrow Heads to Pierre Meeting

by Kayleigh Disbrow

From Feb. 3-5, FC-CLA South Dakota State Jr. High Representative Kayleigh Disbrow traveled to Pierre along with adviser Ms. McCarthy for the CTSO Capital City Experience.

They left Monday morning and went to lunch with the other state officers and advisers; they had a meeting the rest of the day to discuss the rest of their state officer term.

The next day started bright and early for everyone. The state officers each got to shadow a legislator from their district. Disbrow shadowed Senator David Wheeler that morning and attended a committee meeting led by him. After that, each CTSO got to take a picture with the governor and walked to lunch afterward.

Following lunch, the state officers and advisers got to watch the chamber session where they were recognized.

Later that night, they attended an etiquette dinner with all the CTSOs where they heard speakers who are the directors of different departments and discussed what the officers are going to do with the rest of their term and the impact they want to leave.

On the last day, they attended a committee meeting, and afterwards they attended a meeting to discuss how they think the CTSO Capital City Experience went and write thank you cards to the people they shadowed.

"It was a fun experience to watch our students not only represent our CTSOs but also represent our school. The students and I all learned a lot about our government and saw firsthand how bills go to the floor," adviser Ms. McCarthy said.



FCCLA State Officers in Pierre. State FCCLA officers who attended the meeting included Emma Sonsteby, Jordan Platt, Kayleigh Disbrow, Leia Rombough, Avaya Carlson, Hannah Heiman and Olivia Wilkins. They attended an etiquette dinner and visited the Capitol.

#### Students and Staff Celebrate National FFA and FBLA Week

by Charli Jungwirth

To celebrate FBLA week on Feb. 10- 14, students sold Valentine's Day suckers for \$1 throughout the week to be delivered by FBLA members on Valentine's Day.

FBLA adviser Mr. Gregg gave out treats to students involved in FBLA to show appreciation of everything they do each year.

"I think that giving out Valentine's Day suckers is a great way to represent FBLA and all the members involved. This shows that FBLA is appreciative for all the support that they have by the community," Kendyl Siebrecht said.

RHS members that are involved in ffa used the week of Feb. 17 - 20 to celebrate with different activities planned throughout the week.

To start the week off, there was a coloring contest for the elementary students with the prize of candy and Gatorade. The members involved in FFA

had caramel rolls Wednesday morning. On Thursday, Mr. Chihak's plant science class planted aloe plants and delivered them to teachers for appreciation to the teachers and administration who support FFA.

At the pep assembly, the FFA chapter then combined with student counsel to

put on ag olympics for the high school and middle school. This consisted of an obstacle course where teams of five competed in multiple different ag activities.

"I think FFA is an important week to celebrate because it gets members involved and it shows the appreciation all

FFA members have. It educates younger students about FFA and what it involves so they can potentially become a member in the future. Students involved in FFA are very grateful to celebrate this week and show the community their thankfulness for the support," Karlie Brabant said.

### Five Wrestlers Advance to the State Tournament Held in Rapid

by Brynnley Neuharth

The wrestling team traveled to Hamlin on Feb. 22 to participate in the Region 1B tournament.

Five of the nine wrestlers who wrestled at the tournament punched their ticket to the state tournament that will be held in Rapid City Feb. 27 - Mar. 1.

Maddon Odland (106) placed 2nd earning 21 team points, Conner Zens (138) placed 2nd scoring team points, Collin Dean (165) placed 3rd and scored 18 points, Dylan Murray (190) placed 2nd and scored 22 team points, Camden Murray (215) placed 1st and scored 27.5 points. To advance to state, the wrestlers had to place in the top 4 in their bracket at regions.

"I hope that state goes well for me this year. State wrestling is a very tough challenge for all wrestlers. I have to wrestle the best I can to get a positive outcome," Maddon Odland said.

Other wrestlers who participated in the region tournament were Chace Odland (113) who placed 5th and scored 11 team points, Ayden Understock who wrestled at 144, Kevin Brabant wrestling at the 150-pound weight class, and Dalton Rathjen (285) who placed 5th, scoring 10 team points.

Overall, the team placed 6th in the tournament out of 16 teams with a total of 131.5 points scored throughout the day.

Over 400 wrestlers were present at the Redfield Invite, AAU tournament, and two triangulars that were hosted by the Pheasant wrestlers during the weekend of Feb. 6-9.

On Feb. 8, 16 teams participated in the tournament. Results show Axel DeYoung (106B) placed 5th, Chace Odland (113) placed 2nd with 20

team points, Collin Dean (165) placed 6th with 8 points, Dylan Murray placed 2nd with 22 team points, Camden Murray placed 1st with 24.5 points, and the team placed 8th overall in the Redfield tournament with 81.5 points.

On Feb. 7, wrestlers hosted a triangular on their home turf against Parkston and Sisseton. Against Parkston, 5 wrestlers won their matches including Chace Odland, Caleb Nelson, Kasev Hermann, Camden Murray and Rollie Betten. The ending score of the matchup against Parkston was 26-51, ending in defeat for the Pheas-

Against Sisseton, just the three seniors, Collin Dean, Dylan Murray and Camden Murray won their matches ending in a loss for the team with a score of 24-47

On Feb. 6, the team

triangular against Miller/Highmore/
Harrold and Wolsey/
Wessington/Woonsocket. Against WS/
W/W, eight wrestlers won matches including Kasey Hermann, Conner Zens,
Collin Dean, Tavian
Schwartz, Dylan
Murray, Jace Edgar,

hosted yet another

Chace Odland and Caleb Nelson, all by forfeits, major decisions, or pins. The result of the matchup was 46-33, favoring

the Pheasants.

During the matchup against MHH, nine wrestlers won by many forfeits, one decision, and one tech fall. The ending score resulting in a win for the wrestlers was 44-35.

The team also participated in the Lee Wolf Tournament in Aberdeen that combined the Class A and Class B wrestlers. On Feb. 1, Maddon Odland (106) placed 7th

with 5 points, Chace Odland (113) placed 8th with 6 team points, Kasey Hermann (126) placed 5th with 14 points, Conner Zens (138) placed 4th with 15.5 team points, Collin Dean (165) placed 5th with 14 points, Camden Murray (215) placed 2nd with 24 points, Dalton Rathjen placed 6th with 3 team points, and the team placed 10th overall with 81.5 points.



Working His Way Up. During the Region 1B Tournament, Chace Odland scrambles to get out from under his opponent during the start of the second period against Tatyen Kurkowski (Webster Area).

## "Meet the Pheasants" Night

by Hayden Gall

For the second vear in a row, the girls' and boys' basketball teams held a "Meet the Pheasants Night." The girls' "Meet the Pheasants Night" was held on Jan. 30 after their game against Clark/ Willow Lake. The boys' "Meet the Pheasants Night" was held on Feb.

21 after their game against Tiospa Zina.

"Meet the Pheasants Night" is for elementary students to receive autographs from the JV and varsity basketball players.

"I think "Meet the Pheasants Night" is important because it allows the younger kids to really get to know the players instead of knowing them as random people on the court. It's also fun for the players to get to come out and talk to the kids after the game. Both the players and kids enjoy it, and it also brings more fans to the game," sophomore Brynn Giblin said.





One Sign at a Time. (Left) Junior Hayden Gall signs a fan's shirt during the annual Meet the Pheasants Night. (Right) Ethan Falk hands a signed sheet back over to some fans following the game.

#### Senior Spotlight

Collin Dean is the son of Erin and John Betten and



Travis Monson. He has three siblings: Rollie, Tory and Jhet. Throughout high school he has been involved in wrestling (12), football (8), track (2), golf (1), FFA (4), FBLA (3) and FCCLA

(2). Some of his hobbies and interests include watching UFC and helping with AAU wrestling. Advice that he would give to underclassmen is to get a high GPA. The motto that he says guides him is, "Obsession beats talent every time." Following graduation he plans on joining the Air National Guard and enrolling at SDSU and its AF ROTC program.

Jack Mills is the son of Jerrod and Leauna Peterson.



He has three siblings: Derrick, Christian and Carson. Throughout high school, he has been involved in FCCLA (6), golf (2), and football manager (4). Accomplishments that he is proud

of during his time in high school is donating over 365 dollars in pop tabs over four years. A class he enjoyed was Mr. Olson's science classes because "he always knew how Jill was and where she was." Advice that he would give to underclassmen is that people say your four years will go fast in high school and they were right, so don't take it for granted. Mills plans to attend Lake Area Technical College following graduation.

Tommy Jacobs is the son of Karen and Jon Jacobs and



Mary Schreier. He has five siblings: Justine, Serenity, Clayton and Tobin. Throughout his time in high school he has been involved in football (1). Following graduation, he says that he will

miss his classmates and using the free weight room. Some of his hobbies and interests include reading and driving to new places. Advice that he would give to underclassmen would be to not procrastinate or leave assignments until the last minute. Three things Jacobs wishes to accomplish in his lifetime is to live, explore and be free. Following graduation, Jacobs plans to go into the workforce.

#### Boys Basketball Claims Their First Two Wins

by Addisyn Evans

The last regular season game was held on Mon. 24, which was also senior and parents' night. There are two senior boys on the team: Jaxon Ethridge and Jacks0n Sandoz.

"I am grateful for the memories I have made with the guys, and I will miss the game next season," Sandoz said.

The team battled the Aberdeen Christian Knights, with a final score of 48-64.

The boys traveled to Webster to face the Bearcats on Sat. 22. This game was scheduled earlier this month, but rescheduled due to illness. The Bearcats defeated the team 71-41.

The team took on the Tiospa Zina Wambdi on Feb. 21 and fought for the win. The boys came out on top with a score of 74-66.

The boys battled the Northwestern Wildcats on Tues. 18, losing 52-86.

The team traveled to Clear Lake on Mon. 17, for the make-up game against the Deuel Cardinals. The game was originally scheduled for Dec. 19 but due to weather conditions, it was

rescheduled. The boys fell to the Cardinals 26-56.

The team battled the Warner Monarchs at home on Feb. 11, ending the game with a score of 41-70.

The boys played the Potter County Battlers on Feb. 4. The Battlers pulled ahead and ended the game with a score of 72-38.

To start off the month of Feb., the boys traveled to Madison to compete against the Canton C-Hawks. The team achieved their first win of the season, finishing the game with a score of 56-41.

To end the month

of Jan., the boys faced the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones in Willow-Lake on Jan. 21. The Cyclones took the win, 82-30.

The team battled the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots on Jan. 28. The game stayed close up until the end, when the Patriots pulled ahead by 15. The game ended with a score of 50-65.

The boys competed against the Sisseton Redmen on Jan. 25, falling short 11 points. The game finished with a score of 45-56.

On Jan. 23, the boys fell to Hamlin with a score of 24-87.

### Lady Pheasants End Losing Streak

by Kayleigh Disbrow

With only the regional games to play, the Lady Pheasants' record now stands at 3 wins and 18 losses.

As the final regular season game and senior/parents' night, the Lady Pheasants hosted the Tiospa Zina Wambdi. The Pheasants ended victoriously with the score of 56-25. Charli Jungwirth contributed 8 steals and Addisyn Evans scored 9 points to lead the Pheasants to victory.

On Feb. 18, the Lady Pheasants battled the Northwestern Wildcats. The Pheasants lost 29-39.

The Lady Pheasants traveled to take on the Deuel Cardinals. The game ended in favor of the Cardinals, 39-31. Kinley Smith contributed 8 points to the battle against the Cardinals and Hayden

Gall ended with 4 steals.

On Feb. 11, the Pheasants hosted the Warner Monarchs on CTE night. The Pheasants fell short to the Monarchs, 33-35. Charli Jungwirth had 8 points and Hayden Gall had 9 steals.

The Pheasants traveled to the annual NEC vs. Dak XII conference clash hosted in Madison on Feb. 8. The Pheasants took on the Madison Bulldogs and ended victoriously, with the score of 38-26. Sophomore Charli Jungwirth received Player of the Game as she led the team to victory. Jungwirth scored 13 points and had 9 rebounds.

The Lady Pheasants traveled to compete against Webster Area. The Pheasants lost against the Bearcats with the score of 36-58.

On Feb. 4, the Pheasants took on Potter County. They fell short with the score of 27-44. Kinley Smith led the team in rebounding, collecting 8 rebounds, as Ella Rude-Peterson and Hayden Gall both scored 6 points.

The second annual "Meet the Pheasants Night" was hosted on Jan. 30 as the Pheasants took on the Clark/ Willow Lake Cyclones. The Lady

Pheasants were defeated, 17-56.

The Pheasants hosted Hitchcock/ Tulare on Jan. 28. The game ended in favor of the Patriots, 42-19.

On Jan. 25, the Pheasants traveled to take on the Sisseton Redmen. The Pheasants lost against the Redmen with the score of 25-61. Addisyn Evans had 9 points and Brynn Giblin assisted 4 baskets.



**Drive To the Basket.** Charli Jungwirth drives to the basket for a layup as junior Hayden Gall follows behind for another option.



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#### PHEASANT FOCUS

#### **Members Qualify for FCCLA Nationals**

by Kayleigh Disbrow

As it draws nearer to the South Dakota FCCLA State Conference, students have already qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. As of March 25, the RHS chapter has had 10 students qualify through online STAR Events and Knowledge Bowl.

Through online STAR Events, Amelia Sjurseth, Emeri Hofeman and Kayleigh Disbrow qualified for nationals with their FCCLA Chapter Website, Hannah Lemmer qualified with her Instructional Video Design and Makayla Schultz also qualified with her Digital Stories for Change.

The Sr. Knowledge Bowl team also qualified for nationals with a test that they took earlier this year. The Sr. Knowledge Bowl Team consists of Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner, Brooklyn Rische, Collin Dean and Conner Zens. They were one of the top 41 teams in the country and will be heading to Orlando to compete against other top teams.

Although many students have already qualified for nationals, many other members are taking their projects to the State Leadership Conference on April 27 where they would find out if they qualified with their STAR Event.

"Being in knowledge bowl with a group of smart individuals is always a fun and rewarding time. It isn't just about answering questions and getting them right, it's also about working with others and gaining skills for the future," Rische said.

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## **Dodgeball Tournament Raises Money** To Help a Local Community Member

by Hannah Schlechter
On March 20, high school Student Counsil hosted its annual dodgeball tournament. The dodgeball tournament consists tournament play itself as well as a bake sale.

All money made from team registry and free will donations from the bake sale went to Parker Yost, who just had open heart surgery. Over \$900 in donations was raised.

The teams involved were the Untouchaballs, Kendyl's Klan, Hula Hustlers, Dirty Dodgers, Thug

Shakers, Night Charming, Hawks, Flying Hawaiians, Ballas and Hawaiian Hustlers.

"I though we had a fantastic number of teams. It was good to see other communities involved. The night was fun and we raised money for a good cause. The dodgeball tournament is a wonderful opportunity for the high school student council and student body to give back to the community," Mrs. Schutte said. Mrs. Schutte is the high school Student Council adviser and was the coordinator

of the tournament.

The winning team was the Untouchaballs. The Untouchaballs team consisted of Chace Odland, Micah Zastrow, Grady Hulscher, Jacksan Rude, Austin Snell and Tate Neuharth. The second place team was the Night Hawks.

Students who participated in this team included Jace Edgar, Axel DeYoung, Carson Peterson, Braxton Maher, Weston Waldner and Brantley Schwartz.

"Winning the

ment was a fun experience because my team won and took the trophy. Even if we hadn't won, I would've still enjoyed the experience because dodgeball is such a blast, and my team and I have a great connection. I have been on this team since 6th grade and we finally all pulled through together to secure the bag. My squad and I pulled up in Micah's van dressed in our best Hawaiian swag," Odland said.



On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! Jacksan Rude, Chace Odland and Austin Snell wait patiently for the whistle to start the championship game. The Untouchaballs went undefeated throughout the tournament.



Ready to Launch. Sophomore Layla Hardie winds up to throw the ball at her set target. Hardie was a part of the team, Kendyl's Klan. The team won their first game against Simply Charming but was later eliminated.

## Students Celebrate National Ag Day with a Petting Zoo and Meal

by Charli Jungwirth

National Ag Day was on Mar. 10. It is a very important day to honor and thank people that work in any kind of ag industry. For ag day, the school has a special lunch and put on a petting zoo for the whole school to visit in their free time.

For lunch, a lot of volunteer workers that work at an ag industry came and served food to all the students in elementary, middle and high school. They served burgers, tatertots, chips, water, and ice cream was optional.

The petting zoo had lots of different animals. The animals were brought by different students in the school that offered to bring them. There were a couple goats, baby goats, a dog, a horse, a miniature pony, and two alpacas. These

animals were visited by high school and middle school students throughout the day.

Elementary students were brought into a classroom by grades to plant watermelon, musk melon, or squash plants to take home and watch them grow. Mr. Cihak's classes would then go to the classroom and volunteer to help the younger kids plant the plants.



**Look and See.** Ayden Understock, Layne Moore, Connor Gruenwald, Gavin Frericks and JD Lee look at the goat during the FFA Petting Zoo.

#### Ending the School Year off Strong

As the end of the school year approaches, many students find it hard to stay consistent and finish out the year strong. Although it may be hard, it is extremely important that students don't slack off and put the same amount of effort in that they would any other part of the school year. With summer and



warm weather approaching fast, sports are starting, many club events are happening, and a lot of people have plans after school to hang out with friends.

When students are this busy, they prioritize other things over homework and grades. As a student, I personally

understand the stress that the fourth quarter of the school year brings, but I believe that it's important that you find time for your schoolwork. Spring is the busiest time of the year for school sports because softball, baseball, golf, and track are all starting, and many students at our school are involved in these, which is great, but it comes to be very time-consuming for students. Although there is plenty of time after practice to do homework, sometimes school and sports practice afterwards just makes you so exhausted that you really don't feel like going home and doing homework. I find it effective to try and get most of my work done in school so that I have less to do after practice when I get home. In conclusion, make sure that you or your student keep up with work and end the school year on a good note!



**Stay in for Lunch.** Seniors Logan Siebrecht, Creighton Bowar and Camden Murray talk to Ms. Becker as they stay for ag day lunch instead of leaving.

## Why do you think taking a CTE class is important?



Ashlee Stroud, junior "I think taking Casses is importa

"I think taking CTE classes is important because it helps in your day to day life, especially outside of school and after graduation."



Adalyn Stoner, senior

"Taking CTE classes is important because you learn the fundamental skills of life and you get to hang out with Ms. Mc-Carthy and have fun."



Collin Dean, senior

"CTE classes are important because they help you be involved in school activites and those are very important."



Lily Parisien, sophomore

"I think CTE classes are important because they give you skills that you can use longer term in life."



Ms. McCarthy, adviser

"Taking CTE classes is important because you learn life skills that can be applied inside and outside of the classroom."

### Physiology and Med-Major Students Attend Scrubs Camp

by Jadie Turner

Students in physiology and interested in the medical field had the opportunity to attend Scrubs Camp on March 26, held in Aberdeen.

Throughout the day, the students participated in 12 sessions, learning from health professionals and other fields that support the medical industry. In the Fire and EMS, Nursing

and Community Health sessions, they practiced hands-on scenarios they might encounter in the medical field. The professionals taught them how to properly perform CPR, remove stitches, conduct an ultrasound, and identify a heart murmur.

"Scrubs Camp is a great opportunity for students to explore different health related careers. We were able to learn about the following areas of healthcare: human performance science, emergency medicine, behavioral medicine, radiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, telehealth, community health, respiratory therapy, and surgical tech," said Mrs. Mara Fredrick.



**Watch and Learn.** Junior Cecilia Suchor and Chloe Appel watch a health care professional teach them to properly place a bandage.

#### FFA Members Compete and Qualify for State CDE in Brookings April 3-5

by Brooklyn Rische

On March 26, 20 members traveled to Miller for the Miller District VI qualifying.

The Ag Business team included Creighton Bowar (26th indiv.) and Camden Murray (22nd indiv.).

Keely Hawkins (11th indiv.) and Ashlee Stroud (23rd indiv.) competed in Floriculture.

The Food Science team at the Miller CDE included Collin Dean (8th indiv.), Layla Hardie (12th indiv.), Brooklyn Rische (13th indiv.), and Karlie Brabant (17th indiv.). The team placed 3rd overall.

The Horse Team, placing 5th overall, was made up of Grace Lemmer (11th indiv.), Aleah Bebo (15th indiv.), Tia Esser (18th indiv.) and Addyson Rice (21st indiv.).

Hannah Lemmer (17th indiv.), Rollie Betten (21st indiv.),

Jayde Englund (30th indiv.) and Kevin Brabant (42nd indiv.) competed in Natural Resources.

The last team that attended the Miller CDE was the Nursery Landscape team. The team was made up of Ella Rude-Peterson (7th indiv.), Kendyl Siebrecht (15th indiv.), Charli Jungwirth (19th indiv.) and Willow Ronneberg (21st indiv.).

The week prior, students attended Northwestern CDE on March 18. Members that attended were Creighton Bowar, Camden Murray, Tia Esser, Aleah Bebo, Keely Hawkins. MaKayla Schulz, Ashlee Stroud, Yokselin Garcia, Willow Ronneberg, Brooklyn Rische, Collin Dean, Karlie Brabant. Layla Hardie, Ella Rude-Peterson, Kendyl Siebrecht, Charli Jungwirth, Hannah Lemmer, Jayde Englund and Kevin Brabant.

Placing top 10 individually at the Northwestern CDE was Brooklyn Rische, placing 2nd individually in Food Science, Karlie Brabant, placing 4th individually in Food Science, and Ella Rude-Peterson, who placed 6th individually in Nursery Landscape.

At the Northwestern CDE, the top 2 placing teams in the district from each contest were then qualified for the State CDE in Brookings on April 3 – 5.

Placing as a team was the food science, who placed 1st overall.

At the Miller CDE, the next top 2 teams from the district and the top 5 individuals, not on a qualifying team, qualifed to compete at State as well. Qualifying individually at the Miller CDE were Keely Hawkins (Flo-

riculture), Camden Murray (Ag Business), Rollie Betten (Natural Resources) and Hannah Lemmer (Natural Resources).

(Natural Resources). Qualifying as a team in Miller were the nursery landscape team, including Ella Rude-Peterson, Kendyl Siebrecht, Charli Jungwirth and Willow Ronneberg, and the Horse Evaluation, which included Grace Lemmer, Aleah Bebo, Tia Esser and Addyson Rice.

On March 7, the FFA Chapter hosted the annual Redfield CDE. At the CDE there were around 700 students who competed. Members of FFA who competed at the Northwestern and Miller CDEs also participated in the Redfield one as well.

Many community members and business assisted in running the CDE, by hosting and running each event.

Members who

placed Top 10 individually at the CDE were: Brooklvn Rische (2nd in Food Science), Karlie Brabant (3rd in Food Science), Collin Dean (4th in Food Science), Grace Lemmer (10th in Horse Evaluation) and Ella Rude-Peterson (8th in Nursery Landscape).

The Food Science team also placed 2nd overall. The team was made up of Rische, K. Brabant, Dean, and Hardie. "I look forward to State and seeing how they challenge us with the flowers and the arrangements. I feel like the best part about Floriculture is figuring out how to make the arrangement and be in the price range," said Keely Hawkins.

FFA CDE students who qualified for state, along with the State Degree recipients, will attend the State Convention in Brookings on April 3-5.



Write it Down. Sophomore Tia Esser competes in horse evaluation; she writes down her notes and class ranking to prepare for oral reasonings on the specific class of horses.

## CTE Groups Sponsor and Deliver Community Lunches

by Kinley Smith

On March 12, the Food Technology and Education Rising FACS prepared classes individual lunches to give to the Redfield community. This annual lunch was open to anyone in the community who filled out the form. involved Those in FBLA and FFA helped deliver the free meals around town.

The lunch consisted of home-made million-dollar spaghetti, a breadstick and a chocolate chip cookie bar. 16 pans of million-dollar spaghetti were

prepared as well as 160 breadsticks and 180 bars. The extra bars were given to those students who volunteered their time to deliver the meals.

"We give out the CTE meals to thank and give recognition to local businesses and individuals that give their time and money to our CTE programs. It is a reward to those who have invested in our school and programs," FBLA adviser Mr. Tommy Gregg said.

160 lunches were given to local community members to show appreciation for their help throughout the school year.

#### **CTE NUMBERS**

160 meals delivered
16 pans of pasta made
10 pans of brownies made
180 breadsticks made



**Preparation.** (above) Seniors Addy Stoner and Jadie Nelson prep and bake breadsticks to be delivered to businesses in the community. FFA, and FBLA delivered the lunches.

## Boys & Girls Basketball Teams Compete at Regions

by Hayden Gall

Both the boys and girls basketball seasons came to an end after the first round of regions.

The boys basket-ball team played Aberdeen Roncalli on March 3 and fell to the Cavaliers 34-79. The boys basketball team ended their season with 2 wins and 19 losses.

"The season could have gone better, but we all improved as players and it gave us more experience to be better next year," freshman Grady Hulscher said.

On Feb. 25, the girls team faced off against the Groton Tigers and the game ended with a score of 9-44 in favor of the Tigers. Addisyn Evans led the team with 5 rebounds and Charli Jungwirth led the

team with 5 points and 3 steals. The Lady Pheasants ended their season with a record of 3 wins and 18 losses.

"It's sad to see the season end but we all saw a lot of improvement from the beginning of the season. Hopefully next year we can build on that improvement and grow as a team," junior Kinley Smith said.



**Looking For an Open Pass.** Junior Ruben Alvarez Lencina looks to pass the ball to one of his teammates during the game against the Roncalli Cavaliers in the first round of regions.

#### Senior Spotlight

**Jaci Hofeman** is the daughter of David and Denise <u>Hofeman</u>. She has three siblings: Jade, Kaden and



Emeri. Throughout high school she has been involved in band (5), NJHS (2), NHS (2), FC-CLA (1), student council (4) and FBLA (2). One of her hobbies and interests includes listening to music. Advice that she would give to underclassmen is to enjoy it while you can. Her favor-

ite high school memory is when Jacob Buranen swept the floor too fast and made the broom break, almost hitting Miss McCarthy. Following graduation she plans to attend SDSU to become a Lab Technician.

**Colton Olsen** is the son of Tristan and Jackie Olsen. He has two siblings: Autumn and Vincent. Through-



out high school he has been involved in baseball (6), soccer (4), Boys Scout (5), football (1), track (3), and FFA (4). A class he enjoys is weightlifting because there is no homework and you get to build your muscles. His hobbies include hiking, climbing, biking, running, playing piano and building things.

Advice that he would give to underclassmen is to not fail high school. He lives by the Golden Rule, to treat others the way you want to be treated. Colton plans to work at Agtegra out of high school and then attend Mitchell Tech later on.

**Keely Hawkins** is the daughter of Heather and Ashley Bell and Brandon and Danielle Hawkins. She has four



siblings: Frakeithus, Zivaha, Abby, and Edwin. Throughout her time in high school she has been involved in FBLA (2), FCCLA (2), FFA (2), and track (5). Some of her hobbies and interests include gardening and crocheting. Advice that she would give to underclassmen would be to try hard and have

fun with friends and family, and to look back at this time with fond memories. A motto she lives by was said by Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around ounce in a while, you could miss it." Following graduation Keely is thinking about joining the military.

**Jacob Buranen** is the son of Steve and Mindy Buranen. He has one brother, Spencer Buranen. Through-



out school he has been involved in football (4) and track (5). He enjoys football the most because he enjoys running the ball and the physicality of the sport. Some of his hobbies and interests include being active by playing sports and weightlifting. Advice that he would give to underclassmen would be to try

to learn anything and everything. and to look back at this time with fond memories. For the past 3.5 years, Jacob has worked for Watson Construction. Something Jacob is proud of is everything he has accomplished so far. He plans on attending Lake Area Tech for heavy equipment operator.

#### Softball Season Begins

by Kinley Smith

Mar. 17 marked the first day of the fast-pitch softball season.

This is the second year Redfield has allowed fastpitch softball as an available sport for high school girls.

22 girls from grades 9-12 decided to be a part of the team, 12 are returning players.

Mr. Bradley Cihak is returning as the head coach for both the JV and varsity teams.

Volunteer assistant coaches Rhonda Stroh and Barb Boomsma will be returning to the field to help Mr. Cihak and the players.

"I am looking forward to the season, and I feel that we will be sitting very well to be competitive and advance to state this year. We lost 2 seniors who gave us varsity time last year, but we replaced that with a full year of experience for the rest of the team. I feel that our experience will be able to take us to the next level," head coach Mr. Cihak said.

The first game will be at 4 pm on Apr. 10 against the Sioux Valley Cossacks at home with both JV and varsity games.

#### Track Numbers Increase

by Kendyl Siebrecht

The track team started off the season on Mar. 12 with a meeting to sign up for events, talk about the practice schedule, and show the scheduled meets for the year.

53 athletes attended this meeting from the grades of 6 -12.

There is estimated to be 22 participating in field events and 31 in running events.

"It was a great meeting turnout and it shows that there is a large interest in track and field for this year," Assistant Coach Hank Brassilio said.

With the good

weather conditions, practice started on the 18th outside.

On the day of practice, the coaches decide if the weather is suitable to have practice inside or outside.

Mar. 31 the team plans to attend the NSU track meet.

"I am excited for the upcoming track season because I like going to track meets with my friends. My personal goal for this season is to make it to state and jump 42 feet in high jump and place at state," Ethan Falk said.

#### Four Wrestlers Place at State Tournament

by Brynnley Neuharth

Over the weekend of Feb. 27 through Mar. 1, the pheasant wrestling team traveled to Rapid City and participated in the High School Wrestling State Tournament.

Maddon Odland, wrestling at 106-pounds, won his first match on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinal matches later that evening.

Odland was defeated in the quarterfinal match by Cade Gaikowski of CWL.

Moving on to the next day, Maddon wrestled in the second round, third round and fourth round consolation matches to end with a 5th place finish in the state tournament.

Next in weight class, Conner Zens (138) also won his first match of the tournament by fall (1:28).

Advancing to quarterfinals Zens was defeated by Holzbauer of Parkston. Also wrestling in the second round, third round and fourth round consolation matches, Conner ended his season with a 6th place finish in the tournament.

Collin Dean, wrestling at the 165-pound weight class, lost his first match to the number one seed in his bracket, Lucas Lenz of KWLP.

Dean then wrestled in the first-round consolation matches and was defeated, ending his time at the state tournament.

In the 190-pound weight class, Dylan

Murray won his first match by fall (1:12). Murray then wrestled in the quarterfinal matches, ending in a loss.

Wrestling throughout all of the consolation matches, Dylan ended his last season of wrestling with a 7th place finish in the state tournament.

Lastly, Camden Murray (215) won by fall (1:58) in his first match, advancing him to quarterfinals.

During the match

in the quarterfinals, Murray lost in overtime to Burma of SBA. Pushing through and winning all of his consolation matches, Murray ended with a 4th place finish in the tournament.

"I think that the team performed well. We enjoyed being a team and cheering each other on. Four of us placed and did better than we did last year which shows improvement." Camden Murray said.



Going for the Pin. Maddon Odland attempts to roll his opponent over onto his back in his first match at State.

## February Students of The Month

#### Grade 12: Keely Hawkins



Keely Hawkins

Keely Hawkins is the daughter of Heather and Ashley Bell and Brandon and Danielle Hawkins. She has 4 siblings: Edwin (3 months), Abby, Zivaha (14) and Frakeithus (21). She also has 5 pets, 2 Huskies and 3 cats. Some of her hobbies include gardening, crocheting and hanging out with family and friends. In her free time, she works at an after-school program for kids. She enjoys the friendships and relationships made with the children there. Advice she would give to underclassmen is "try not to take everything so seriously. Having fun isn't a crime." The class that challenges her the most is Government because it doesn't "stick" no matter how much she studies.

#### Grade 11: Maddon Odland



Maddon Odland

Maddon Odland is the son of Alison and Clayton Odland. He has two brothers Aiden (10) and Chase (15). He has three pets, one cat and two dogs. He is involved in wrestling, cross country and FBLA. His favorite class is Environmental Science because it's easy and he gets to joke around. His favorite season is summer because he enjoys the warm weather, the lake, the food and the fireworks on the 4th of July. One goal he has made for himself while in school is maintaining good grades and to not slack off too much. Advice he would give to underclassmen is "life is tough, but you can't let it keep you down. You have to push past it and overcome."

#### Grade 10: Micah Zastrow



Micah Zastrow

Micah Zastrow is the son of Melissa and Austin Zastrow. He has two siblings Malachi (12) and Zoe (14). Micah is involved in Church, FBLA, track, basketball and golf. In his free time, he works at Dairy Queen. He enjoys working there because it's easy, and he likes that his boss schedules around his activities. His favorite season is summer because he gets to golf. The class that challenges him the most is Spanish because it is a whole new language. He overcomes this by paying attention in class and getting his homework done. A goal he has made for himself is getting a 4.0 GPA all four years of high school.

#### Grade 9: Katryn Evans



Katryn Evans

Katryn Evans is the daughter of Dominic and Amanda Evans. She has three younger siblings, Ryker (6), Kyler (8) and Spencer (12). She has one cat named Kozmo. Her favorite class is PE because it's fun and she gets to exercise. Her hobbies include sports and hanging out with family and friends. Some of her favorites include chicken alfredo with garlic bread, the TV show Outer Banks and the color blue. She spends her free time playing sports and hanging out with her family and friends. Her favorite season is summer because she gets to go to the lake, get a tan, and she gets to play softball.

#### Grade 8: Hudson Binger



**Hudson Binger** 

Hudson Binger is the son of Michelle and Jason Binger. He has one brother Hunter (17) and 4 dogs. His hobbies include fishing and hunting. The class that challenges him the most is math because the assignments and questions asked are confusing.

#### Grade 7: Avery Van Wagner



Avery Van Wagner

Avery Van Wagner is the daughter of Eric and Makenzie Van Wagner. She has one sibling Briggs (7). She also has two cats and two dogs. Her favorites include any kind of pasta, the movie Trolls, the singer Tyler the Creator and the color light blue.

#### Grade 6: Paisley Huizenga



Paisley Huizenga

Huizen-Paisley ga is the daughter of Brad and Jeana Huizenga. She has 4 siblings Lane (9), Westin (7), Piper (6) and Tate (3). She also has two pets, Nellie the cow and Newt the dog. She enjoys walking, working cattle, feeding cows andplaying sports.



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#### PHEASANT FOCUS

#### Anatomy Students Attend Cadaver Lab at NSU

by Brooklyn Rische

On April 11, the anatomy class traveled to Northern State University in Aberdeen to attend a tour of the science building and observe the cadavers. High school science teacher Mara Fredrick took her 11 students to NSU to enhance their learning of the body while taking the anatomy class.

"It was a great opportunity for students to see the structures we have been talking about all year on a real body. This is an eye-opening experience for students every year, and we are thankful that NSU allows us to visit their anatomy lab," Mrs. Mara Fredrick said.

While there, the students also had the opportunity to talk with NSU professor Dr. Amy Dolan. Dr. Dolan teaches science classes at NSU like biology, anatomy, bioethics, hematology and histology. The tour of the cadavers was directed by the NSU students who are on the "team" that dissects the cadavers.



**Precision is Key.** Yokslein Garcia works with her group partners to disect the heart in anatomy class.

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# Prom Attendees Take a Night to Dance All Around the World

by Brynnley Neuharth

On Friday, April 25, high school students attended Prom with the theme of "Around the World."

The students started out their evening with professional pictures done by Catie K Photography from 4:30-5:30pm.

Family and friends were able to come take pictures with the Prom attendees just before Grand March at 6:30. Jodie Miles announced the 42 couples who attended Grand March.

After the Grand

March, students had dinner in the bird feeder.

On the menu, Leo's Good Food catered chicken alfredo, lasagna, breadsticks, green beans and salad for the couples. For dessert, Debbie Bowar provided cupcakes with the flavors of vanilla, chocolate truffle, strawberry and peanut butter.

During the dinner, students also watched a slideshow designated for the graduating seniors that was created by senior Brooklyn Rische.

After dinner, the students danced from 8:30-10:30 with DJ Doctor providing the music. Students then changed into comfy clothes and got ready for Post Prom.

Post Prom events and activities that were provided for the students were car simulation, ring toss, bouncy house obstacle course racing, mug painting, blackjack, poker, volleyball, bean bags, and nine square. Students played these games

Brooklyn until 2am when prizes were announced.

"My favorite time about Prom was getting ready with all my friends before the day and taking pictures with everyone," sophomore Kendyl Siebrecht said.

Prizes for students included mini fridges, printers, air fryers, instant pots, 32-inch TVs, microwaves, futons and cash prizes. Door prizes included gift cards from local businesses, along with other items.



Smile and Pose. Madysen Morrissette, Layla Hardie, Brynn Giblin, Nels Baukol, Hayden Gall and Kinley Smith pose for a picture near the grand entrance of the walk during the Fun Run. This was the third walk the couples did around the gym where they got to dress up in fun outfits to walk around the path again.

### **FCCLA Members Practice Projects at Presentation Night**

On April 8, the FC-CLA chapter held its Presentation Night. Presentation Night entails members presenting their projects to local judges to get feedback before the State Conference, members getting recognition for their achievements over the past year, and new local chapter officers getting installed.

At the beginning of Presentation Night, members went to their different rooms to take turns presenting their STAR Event projects to local judges for feedback. Once every member presented, everyone headed back to the auditorium for awards. There were several different awards for members to attain, varying from Outstanding Member from each grade or a Lettering award.

As the awards concluded, local officers began to prepare to

pass on their positions to the newly elected officers. The President, Adalyn Stoner, passed her position down to Amelia Sjurseth. The Vice President, Emeri remained Hofeman, in the same position. The Vice President of Media, A. Sjurseth, passed her position on to Kayleigh Disbrow. The Vice President of

Membership, Jessie Ratigan, passed on her position to Summit Sjurseth. The Vice President of Finance. Disbrow, passed her position on to Ratigan. Lastly, S. Sjurseth, the Jr. High President, moved on to a high school position, and no one fulfilled his position since nobody from middle school ran.



Presenting the Project. Junior Ashley Stroud presents her project to her judge and audience at FCCLA Awards Night in preparation for State.

## Ending the School Year Great With the school year ending soon, I think it's very important for students

to stay focused and up to date with finishing schoolwork through end of the year. It may be exciting with the year coming close to an end; however, finishing the year strong is very important, too. With students' busy schedule



Kendyl Siebrecht, journalism staff

sand shorter school weeks considering; Easter, prom, spring sports and enrichment days, students may have trouble staying on task. Ways to work around this problem could be to make sure you are studying and doing your homework with any spare time you have.

Students should make sure they are staying steady with their grades and studies so they can end the school year off on a good mark!



Representing FCCLA Well. Seniors Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner and Brooklyn Rische announce award winners at the FCCLA Awards Night.

#### What are your plans for this upcoming summer? by Hayden Gall



Bradley Cihak, staff

"I plan to get a summer Redfield fastpitch league started, to ump softball and to spend time with my kids."



Jackson Sandoz. senior

"I plan to prepare myself for college."



Kinley Smith, junior

"I plan to work as a lifeguard and hang out with my friends."



Grace Lemmer. sophomore

"I plan to fly planes and raise pigs all summer long."



Victoria Herrera. freshman

"I plan to travel to California to visit family."

## FFA Members Excel at State Convention in Brookings

by Charli Jungwirth

The state FFA Convention was held in Brookings on April 3 - 5. The 18 students who went had to qualify in at least one of the two CDEs that were in Northwestern or Miller.

The group left at 7:30 on Thursday morning to get to Brookings in time for the food science team to compete at 10:00am.

The first and second days, they competed in their events and sat through sessions listening to differnt speeches. The last day was awards day, if they placed they went on stage to accept their awards.

The individual placers were Camden Murray with a bronze in ag business. On the food science team. Karlie Brabant won silver, while Brooklyn Rische, Layla Hardie and Collin Dean received bronze. On the horse judging team, Aleah Bebo received bronze and Tia Esser got silver. On the nursery landscape team, Ella Rude-Peterson won bronze.

The team placers

were the food science team that received silver and the nursery landscape team won bronze.

FFA State Placers. (below) FFA members Brooklyn Rische, Creighton Bower, Logan Siebrect and Colin Dean placed in their events at State.



FFA State Qualifiers. (above) FFA members who attented the state convention in Brookings included (front) Kendyl Siebrecht, Aleah Bebo, Brooklyn Rische, Karlie Brabant, Ella Rude-Peterson, (middle) Charli Jungwirth, Willow Ronneberg, Layla Hardie, Hannah Lemmer, Keely Hawkins, (back) Tia Esser, Creighton Bower, Logan Siebrecht, Camden Murray, Collin Dean and Rollie Betten.

FFA State Qualifiers. (above) FFA members who attented the state convention in Brookings included (front) Kendyl Siebrecht, Aleah Procedure Proced

#### 40 FBLA Members Attend State Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls

by Hayden Gall

FBLA members attended the State Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls on April 13-15.

The conference started on Monday and members attended a keynote speech and welcome hosted by the state officers. Monday was also the day for students to compete in their events. FBLA members took tests prior to the State Leadership Conference and then they finished their events by presenting to a judge.

M o n d a y also consisted of many other activities. For example, FBLA members attended workshops, helped with community service projects and talked

to colleges that set up booths. There was also a dance on Monday night that members could attend.

Tuesday was the last day of the conference and was when the awards were announced. Seven people placed in individual competitions and five groups placed in group competitions.

Alex Shottenkirk placed first in Ac-2 and counting Grace Lemmer placed third. Keely Hawkins placed fifth in Business Law. Emmanual Alejandro Jardon placed fourth in Computer Problem Solving and Hannah Lemmer placed fifth. Micah Zastrow placed

third in Introduction to Business Procedures. Jackson Sandoz placed third in Securities and Investments.

Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner and Brooklyn Rische placed first in Business Management and Micah Zastrow, Grace Lemmer and Jaci Hofeman placed fifth. Adalyn Stoner, Hayden Gall and Kinley Smith placed fourth in Entrepre-Adalyn neurship. Stoner, Collin Dean and Jadie Turner placed third in Hospitality and Event Management. Layla Hardie, Brynn Giblin and Charli Jungwirth placed fifth in Marketing. Out of 20 schools, Redfield placed 13th overall.

"I thought State FBLA went very well this year. Lots of students placed in the top five of their events and even a few got first, which was nice to see. We all had a good time at the other parts of state such as hanging out with friends, going to workshops and of course going to the dance, which is the best," senior Adalyn Stoner said.



National Qualifiers. Junior Alex Shottenkirk and seniors Jadie Turner and Brooklyn Rische placed first in their events at State FBLA and qualified for Nationals. (Not pictured: Adalyn Stoner also qualified for Nationals.)



**State Attendees.** Members of FBLA gather to take a photo before the closing ceremony where those who placed were announced.

## Lady Pheasants Softball Team Collects Early-Season Wins

by Kinley Smith

With seven games completed, the Lady Pheasants' varsity record stands at four wins and three losses.

On April 22, the Pheasants battled both the Mobridge-Pollock **Tigers** and Deuel Cardinals in a home triangular. The Pheasants lost to the Tigers, 7-17. Morris-Madysen sette had influence in the game with over-the-fence home run and two RBIs. Hayden Gall also had two stolen bases and one RBI. The second game for the Pheasants ended 14-2, in favor of the Cardinals. Layla Hardie battled for the Pheasants, with a double and one RBI.

On April 17, the Pheasants hosted the Mount Vernon-Plankinton Titans. The matchup resulted in the Pheasants' first loss of the season, 15-10. Ella Rude-Peterson led the battle with a triple and a stolen base as well as Kinley Smith who had 2 RBIs and scored three times.

To start a long home-game stretch, the Pheasants took on the Milbank Bulldogs on April 15. The Pheasants conquered the Bulldogs with the score of 16-1. Kylie Hermann accounted for a triple while Layla Hardie contributed three stolen bases.

The Lady Pheasants traveled to Sisseton to compete in a varsity double header on April 12. The Pheasants soared past the Redmen in both competitions. They won 22-5 in the first game and

24-2 in the second game. Jadie Turner accomplished an inthe-park homerun in the first game while MaKayla Schulz stole four bases and scored three runs.

In the home opener on April 10, the Pheasants defeated the Sioux Valley Cossacks 4-3. Pitcher Addisyn Evans allowed only eight hits throughout the matchup. Layla Hardie was also necessary in the victory. Hardie contributed two stolen bases and scored once.

"I'm really proud of how we've played so far and we need to keep working together as a team so we continue to improve," junior Hayden Gall said.

The Pheasants will play next on May 3 at the home tournament.



**Locked In.** Junior Makayla Schulz waits patiently in the batter's box for the perfect pitch. Schulz plays as a pitcher and catcher for the Redfield girls fastpitch softball team.

**Squeezing the Nerves Away.** Sophomore Madysen Morrissette squeezes her stress ball as the doctor preps her arm for the blood donation. Morrissette was a first time donor in the FBLA blood drive.

## FBLA Hosts Spring Blood Drive; 30 Sign Up to Donate

by Kendyl Siebrecht

The annual FBLA blood drive took place on Thursday, March 27.

All together, there were 30 donors from the school and community. Out of those 30, 10 were first time donors and 87 lives were saved.

The FBLA chapter has hosted two blood drives every year for over 20 years.

Redfield FBLA adviser Mr. Tommy Gregg said, "Being involved in this blood drive is a great way to give back with minimal effort. There is always a need for blood and it's a great way to save a life."

To give blood, students must be at least 16 years of age and a certain weight. It

is important to eat a big breakfast and drink lots of water the morning of giving blood to prevent passing out from the blood loss.

During the blood donation, students are given a stress ball and lots of snacks and beverages to ensure everyone's blood pressure is high enough.

#### Senior Spotlight

Roger Lloyd Watson III is the son of Roger



Watson II and Jennifer Martin. He has one sibling: Michelle Watson. Some of his hobbies and interests include playing the piano, bass and guitar. A class he enjoys is any English or business class because he has always

enjoyed reading and writing, and he excels at business. The motto that he says guides him is, "The end is never the end; it's the beginning of anew." Following graduation, he plans to go to college for business and move to either Indianapolis or Cincinnati.

Riley Colclazier is the son of Sara Colclazier.



He has two siblings: Addison and Bentley. Following graduation, he says he will miss the carefree high school life, especially not having bills or kids. Some of his hobbies and interests include welding, driving, watching

TV, going on walks with his dog and working. The advice he would give to underclassmen is to not be lazy and to do your work even when you don't feel like showing up. After graduation, he plans to attend Lake Area Technical College for the welding program and potentially work on pipelines.

Maxson Sandoz is the son of Saisha Sandoz. He



has six siblings: Boomer, Bruno, Jackson, Terri, Luann and Lola. Throughout high school, he has been involved in football (1 year) and track and field (3 years). His favorite activity is football because it's like a brother-

hood, and you work as a team to accomplish the same goal. Some of his hobbies and interests include lifting and playing video games. Following graduation, he plans to attend Lake Area Technical College for welding and then return to study diesel technology.

Markus Whitley is the son of Helen Whitley and



Gary Whitley. He has four siblings: Joseph, Dustin, Lori and Elizabeth. After graduation, he says he will miss the dress-up days and teasing Miss Bottum in her art classes. His advice to underclassmen is to keep your head up

and keep working hard. One accomplishment he is proud of during his time in high school is helping his grandpa work on the Pontiac Star Chief. Three things Whitley wants to do in his lifetime are work on cars, make money and help people in need. Following graduation, he plans to move to Aberdeen, work on a farm, and work on cars.

#### Track Travels to Northern State and Groton

by Aly Gruenwald

The track team traveled to Groton on Tuesday, April 29. For the men, Micah Zastrow placed 6th in the 400-meter race and Jackson Sandoz, Payton Moore. **Nicholas** Becker and Jacob Buranen placed 4th in the 4x100-meter run with a time of 46.94. Jackson Sandoz, Payton Moore. **Nicholas** Becker and Micah Zastrow placed 9th in the 4x200-meter run with a time of 1:40.38. Ruben Alvarez placed 8th in the high jump with a height of 5'3", and Ethan Falk placed 10th in the high jump with a height of 5'3" and first in the triple jump with a distance of 37'6".

For the women, Adriana Bagola placed 8th in the 200-meter race (29.62) and Ellie Rhodes placed 9th in the 200-meter race (29.63). Rhiana Young, Grace Lemmer, Ellie Rhodes and Addyson Rice placed 10th

in the 4x100-meter run with a time of 1:00.53. Miley Fey, Ellie Rhodes, Adriana Bagola and Addyson Rice placed 10th in the 4x200-meter run with a time of 2:01.55.

Starting out the season on March 17th, the varsity track athletes held their first practice indoors due to the weather.

Though being stuck indoors for practice, 10 of the 24 athletes took top ten places at their first meet on March 31, when they competed at NSU at an indoor meet. Each athlete PR'd (personal record) and all improved their times from the previous year. They also competed at Huron, outdoors, on April 11.

At the NSU meet ,Jackson Sandoz took 6th place in the final 55-meter race with a time of 7.21, Jacob Buranen placed 2nd in the 200-meter race with a time of (25.64), Micah Zastrow placed 8th in the 400-meter race with

a time of (58.93), Ethan Falk placed 8th in the high jump with a height of (5'5") along with placing 1st in the triple jump with a distance of (38'2") and Ruben Alvarez Lencina placed 10th in the high jump with a height of (5'1").

At the Huron meet, Jackson Sandoz, Payton Moore, Nicholas Becker and Jacob Buranen took 6th for the 4x100 meter run with a time of 46.67 and took 7th for the 4x200 meter run. Ethan Falk placed 7th in the triple-jump with a distance of 38 feet.

At the NSU meet, Adriana Bagola placed 7th in the girls 55-meter race with a time of 8.21 and placed 2nd in the 400-meter race with a time of 1:09.06. Ellie Rhodes took 7th place in the girls 200-meter race with a time of 30.74. Aly Gruenwald placed 4th in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:48.38 and took 1st in the 1600-meter race with a time of 6:47.50. Addyson Rice placed 10th in the 200-meter race with a time of 31.12 and Willow Ronneberg placed 4th in the girls 1600-meter race with a time of 7:26.43. At the Huron meet, Miley Fey, Grace Lemmer, Ellie Rhodes and Addyson Rice took 10th place for the 4x100 meter run.

"The varsity track team has been doing extremely well at both running and throwing events. Several runners and throwers have PR'd at the first two meets with a lot of potential left of the season. The track team can better improve their time by taking practice time seriously, doing the drills and trying to perfect their technique. The team support each other by cheering during their events; this leads to great team chemistry that can be built upon for future teams," assistant coach, Mr. Henry Brassilio said.

## Girls Golf Participates in First Meet

by Addisyn Evans

Golf began March
31 in the auxiliary
gym due to cold and
snowy weather. Golf
members include
Addisyn Evans,
Cora Krueger, Grace
Lemmer, Willow
Ronneberg and Kalli
Spotanske.

As a majority of

the golfers participate in two spring sports, practices often take place on the weekends, where the girls meet up to golf a round or two.

On April 17, four of the girls traveled to Miller to compete. Ronneberg ended the

day shooting a 134, with Lemmer one stroke behind with a 135. Spotanske finished the rounds with a total of 143 strokes and Krueger with a 155.

The next meet the team will participate in is the home invite

at Fisher Grove on Thursday, May 2.

"In golf you always look to get a low score, but for me I look to win with the highest. In Miller it was cold, but I am looking forward to our home meet," Lemmer said.

## March Students of The Month

by Hannah Schlechte

#### Grade 12: Adalyn Stoner



Adalyn Stoner

Adalyn Stoner is the daughter of Cody and Shelby Stoner. She has three siblings: Owin (11), Emsley (9) and Aden (4). Adalyn has a dog, River, and a cat, Goose. She works at Simply Charming and likes it there because it gives her many opportunities to talk with community members. Adalyn's most challenging and favorite class is Chem-106. She finds this class challenging because it is a college level class, meaning it's harder than her other classes. She overcomes this by studying and paying attention in class. Although challenging, Adalyn still likes this class the most because it gives her a better understanding of what her college classes will be like.

#### Grade 11: Noah Johnson



Noah Johnson

Noah Johnson is the son of Sarah and Thomas Gregg. He has one sibling: Alex (8). Noah has two dogs: Hermon and Ivy. He has multiple jobs all over town and likes it this way because he gets to be outside often. Noah is involved in FBLA, FC-CLA, football and baseball. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and sports. His favorite class is individual sports because he doesn't have to sit in a classroom. Noah's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is steak. A goal that Noah set for himself is to not fail any of his classes. Advice he would give to underclassmen is to have fun and not take things too seriously.

#### Grade 10: Addyson Rice



Addyson Rice

Addyson Rice is the daughter of Angela and Travis Rice. She has one sibling: Olivia Rice (21). Addyson has one dog named Skeeter. Her hobbies include pickleball, golfing, frisbee golf and hanging out with friends. Addyson partakes in multiple activities as well such as volleyball, track, Church youth group, FFA and FBLA. Her most challenging class is Algebra II because of probability. To overcome this, she studies often and asks for help when needed. Her favorite class is world geography because they are always learning and staying productive. Addyson's favorite band is *Coldplay*.

#### Grade 9: Zach Bonin



Zach Bonin

Zach Bonin is the son of Christopher and LeAnne Bonin. He has one sibling: Terielee. Zach has two cats: Princess and Spike. The class that challenges him the most is biology because when you miss a day you get very far behind. He overcomes this by trying not to miss any school. Zach participates in many activities such as football, baseball, wrestling, and track. His favorite season is fall because that's when football season is. One goal Zach has made for himself is to pass all his classes. His favorite movie is *Norbit* and his favorite television show is *Impractical Jokers*.

#### Grade 8: Priya Hansen



Priya Hansen

Priya Hansen is the daughter of Tiffany and Derek Hansen. She has two siblings: Bexley (11) and Keagan (16). Her hobbies consist of partaking in choir and playing softball. Priya's favorite color is mint green and her favorite singer is Taylor Swift.

#### Grade 7: Mason Mogen



Mason Mogen

Mason Mogen is the son of Jaime and Matthew Mogen. He has two siblings: Layla (15) and Leo (8). Mason's advice to underclassmen is that middle school isn't as hard as it seems. His favorite season is summer because you can have fun in the water.

#### Grade 6: Spencer Evans



Spencer Evans is the son of Amanda and Dominic Evans. He has three siblings: Kyler (7), Ryker (5) and Katryn (15). Spencer is involved in baseball, basketball and W.O.W. His most challenging class is ELA. He overcomes this by trying his best.



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#### PHEASANT FOCUS

#### 2025-2026 Student Council Election Results

by Charli Jungwirth

Executive president will be Kinley Smith, vice president will be Karlie Brabant and secretary/treasurer will be Ella Rude-Peterson.

The upcoming freshman president will be Tatum Zens, vice president will be Raena Rude, sec/treasurer will be Ainsley Appel and representatives will be Braylee Siebrecht and Breanna Larson.

The upcoming sophomore president will be Hannah Schlechter, vice president will be Victoria Herrera, sec/treasurer will be Adriana Bagola and representatives will be Aly Gruenwald and Kayleigh Disbrow.

The upcoming junior president will be Miley Fey, vice president will be Mady Morrissette, sec/treasurer will be Emeri Hofeman and representatives will be Kendyl Siebrecht and Layla Hardie.

The upcoming senior president will be Conner Zens, the vice-president will be MaKayla Schulz, sec/treasurer will be Kylie Hermann and representatives will be Alex Shottenkirk and Hayden Gall.

"I am so excited to help lead Student Council next year. Being a part of it helps me gain leadership and teamwork skills. Student Council allows me to stay involved in school and help out in any way I can. All of us work together to help plan the fun activities that go on throughout the school year. I am excited to see what we can come up with for activities next year!" Kinley Smith said.

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#### **Musicians Receive Awards & Honors**

by Aly Gruenwald

On May 6, the Redfield music department, under the direction of Mr. Justin Desens (instrumental) and Mrs. Abbigayle Desens (vocal) held a MS/HS band/choir concert and music awards.

To begin the night, the MS choir performed "This is Me," "Take Me Home, Country Roads" and "I Want You Back" followed by the combined choir singing "Soldier Poet King."

After the combined choir, the high school choir sang "Let it Be, Wellerman" and "Fly Away Home."

The 6th grade band "Variations played on a Theme" by Mozart and "Rock this Band." Once the 6th grade band left the stage, the 7/8th grade band began the song "Theme" from Game of Thrones and "Defying Gravity" followed by the high school band playing "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "25 or 6 to 4." The combined 7/8th grade and high school band played the highlights from "How to Train You Dragon."

To end the night, 6-12 grade choir students and Redfield School Staff performed "From Now On." Joy Schweitzer played the piano, Hannah Edgar played percussion, and Justin Desens played the guitar while many other staff members showed their support by singing with the choir.

Awards for the most improved include Spencer Evans (6th grade band), Brantley Schwartz (MS) and Addison Hulscher (MS Choir). The MVP was awarded to Malachi Zastrow, Breanna Larson and Zoe Zastrow.

A special recognition for All-State Choir members include Emily McPhee, Amelia Sjurseth, Jon Rowenhorst and Zacree Schley while the North Area Honor Band members include Cora Krueger, Jaxon Ethridge, Mi-Zastrow and Lorena Evans, Superior Solos went to Micah Zastrow, Jaxon Ethridge and Adrianna Willett.

Ensembles for a clarinet quartet included Jerica Ratigan, Aly Gruenwald, Cora Krueger and Jazlynne Lechner. The percussion ensemble included Jaedyn Banister, Grady Hulscher, Micah Zastrow, Connor Gruenwald, Beckett Fountain and Bran-

nigan Mortensen. The high school choir ensemble included Amelia Sjurseth, Amiya White, Jazlvnne Lechner. Mikayla Schaeffer. Silven Hardin, Jon Rowenhorst, Brannigan Mortensen, Luke Rowenhorst, Zacree Schley, Gemma Hansen, JaLia Miles, Adrianna Willett and Emily McPhee.

The outstanding musician awards went to two band and choir members in high school. The Outstanding Choir Freshman award went to Jon Rowenhorst and the Outstanding Band Freshman (tied) went to Kalli Spotanske and Aly Gruenwald. The Outstanding Choir

Sophomore went to Amelia Sjurseth and the Outstanding Band Sophomore went to Luke Rowenhorst. The Outstanding Choir Junior went to Emily McPhee and the Outstanding Band Junior went to Cora Krueger. The Outstanding Band Award went to Jaxon Ethridge (4-year band participant).

"I loved the idea of including staff in the final song. I haven't played the drums for a long time, and it was fun being able to play with the whole choir. I hope it is a tradition we can continue. The choir sounded amazing, and I'm glad I got to be a part of it," Mrs. Hannah Edgar



**Share Your Voice.** Middle school students, high school students and staff join together at the spring awards concert to perform "From Now On." A standing ovation followed the performance.



## Members Excel at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference

by Kayleigh Disbrow

From April 27- 29, the local FCCLA chapter traveled to Sioux Falls for the South Dakota State Leadership Conference.

Multiple students competed in STAR Events, Amelia Sjurseth and Summit Sjurseth ran for a state office position and Kayleigh Disbrow served the last few days of her term as the State Jr. High Representative.

During the conference, members could attend workshops, visit college booths or attend any events going on. Monday night, students attended cookie decorating, karaoke, games, canvas painting, laser tag, a movie and a dance.

Out of the students who presented their STAR Events, the following students qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, this summer: Addisyn Evans with Event Management, Noah Johnson in Nutrition and Wellness, Jerica Ratigan with Job Interview, S. Sjurseth with Career Investigation and Zoe Zastrow in Food Innovations.

Other students who also qualified for Nationals are the Knowledge Bowl Team. Members include Brooklyn Rische, Jadie Turner, Adalyn Stoner, Collin Dean and Conner Zens.

Other students who qualified through online events are Disbrow, Emeri Hofeman, and A. Sjurseth who did FCCLA Chapter Website, MaKayla Shulz in Digital Stories for Change and Hannah Lemmer who competed in Instructional Video Design.

Disbrow led the State Conference along with the rest of the State Executive Council. They ensured it ran smoothly. She also presented a workshop on how to increase leadership skills as a junior high member. Disbrow is also the newest addition to the Advocacy team.

A. Sjurseth completed the process of running for a state office position and was installed as the 2025-2026 State First Vice President. S. Sjurseth ran for State Jr. High Representative and got a gold for his Outstanding Jr. High Member Award.

Jerica Ratigan held a workshop about living with ADHD, Stoner got awarded the Presidential Award and members ran for leadership teams.

The Redfield chapter, as a whole, received multiple awards such as a Gold in Merit Chapter, Public Relations, Membership, Leadership Teams and Jessie Ratigan received a Gold for her Families First National Program project

## Creating the Best Vibes This Summer Summer is right around the corner. What's the worst part of summer you

Summer is right around the corner. What's the worst part of summer you may ask? Boredom. The main reason summer gets boring is because halfway through, you run out of things to do. Here are multiple things you can do to stay busy during the summer.



Hannah Schlechter, journalism staff

If you are an athlete, you can easily stay busy during the summer by preparing for your sport. During the summer, RHS offers summer workouts/agility every weekday morning. Workouts are open to anyone and are run by Hank Brassilio. These exercises are very

helpful when trying to stay in shape during the off season. If you don't want to work out through the school, you could also get a gym membership or do work-outs at home. Anything to stay active can help you with your sport during school as well as keep you busy.

Another thing anyone can do this summer is start a new hobby. Your chosen hobby can vary from learning a new instrument, reading a book, drawing, baking or cooking, swimming and many more. Majority of these activities can be done with little supplies and can keep you busy for hours. A different type of hobby you can do once you turn 14 is get a summer job. There are many summer jobs that open to highschoolers in Redfield such as The Drive-In and the Redfield pool.



**State FCCLA Atendees.** Members of FCCLA who competed at the State Leadership Conference. 15 members qualified for the National Convention.

## What was your best memory from this school year?

by Kinley Smith



Karlie Brabant, junior

"The whole week of Homecoming was my favorite. It brought the school together and helped create school pride."



Octavia Paulson, freshman

"I liked when my class went on a college visit to Mitchell Tech. It was a learning experience, and I gained knowledge for my future."



Jacksan Rude, sophomore

"My favorite memory was when the boys' basketball team beat Tiospa Zina at home. The gym was so loud, and it was a great win."



Ajay Rogers, senior

"Homecoming week was fun. I liked being with my friends at the pep rally. We all had a great time, and it was a good senior year Homecoming."



Mrs. Masat, staff

"My favorite memory was singing with the choir and other staff at the music program. It was something different compared to past years."

## Staff Team Claims Victory over Seniors

The seniors and staff faced off in a game of volleyball on May 1 during the annual Senior vs. Staff Games.

This tradition is organized through an effort by both members and advisers of National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Soci-

The event promotes friendly competition between students and faculty while also raising money for a community member in need.

Members contributed by signing up to bring individually wrapped bars to sell, with any extras sold the following day during homeroom. Members also provided plates, beverages, and napkins. A generous donation of nine pizzas was made by Mrs. Mara Fredrick and her husband, Issac Fredrick. Altogether, the event raised over \$487 for Teresa Barrie.

On the court, 12 seniors took on 7 staff members in a competitive match. Despite their efforts, the seniors fell short, with the staff team winning all three

"I thought we played well as a team and had some great cheerleaders in the stands. Although we took the loss, it was a fun time. I enjoyed getting to be with all of my classmates taking part in the tradition that happens every year that we have looked forward to for so long," senior Adalyn Stoner



Over the Top. School employee Peyton Osborn sends the ball over the net while senior Addisyn Evans prepares to block. The staff won the game 3-0.

#### Track Team Looks to Finish out the Season Strong by Kendyl Siebrecht

With the track season coming to an end, athletes have been working to finish the season strong. On Thursday, May 1, the Redfield HS

javelin thrower, Jaxen Ethridge, traveled to Warner to compete. Ethridge placed 20th with a PR of 99 feet.

On Tuesday, May 6, the track team traveled to Miller. The track meet was on a rolling schedule with field events starting at 10:00 and running events starting at 12:00; the meet ended at 4:45.

In the boys 100-meter dash, Jacob Buranen placed 8th with the time of 12.14, as well placing 6th in the open 200-meter dash with the time of 24.80. Following short after, Payton Moore placed 7th with the time of 24.88 in the 200- meter dash.

In the 400-meter dash, Micah Zastrow

took 7th place with the time of 56.86. In the 300- meter hurdles, Isaac Banister took the place of 7th with the time of 48.13.

For the boys 4 x 100-meter relay Redfield placed 2nd with the time of 46.57; the boys on the relay team were Payton Moore, Jackson Sandoz, Nicholas Becker and Jacob Buranen. This same relay team also went on to place 1st in the 4 x 200-meter relay with a time of 1:38.42.

For boy's high jump, Ruben Alvarez placed 3rd with a height of 5-07.00. In boys long jump, Nicholas Becker placed 4th with the distance of 18-02.25. For triple jump, Ethan Falk took the 3rd place with a distance of 37-08.00.

In the girls 100meter dash, Addyson Rice took 7th place with the time of 14.07.

In the girls 200-meter dash, Adriana Bagola placed 8th with the time of 29.26, placed 6th in the 400- meter dash with a time of 1:07.17, and also placed 7th in the 300m hurdles with a time of 1:01.46. Following shortly after in 300m hurdles, Aleah Bebo took 8th with a time of 1:06.59.

In the 1600- meter run, Aly Gruenwald took 3rd place with a time of 6:07.33.

For the girls 4 x 100meter relay Redfield placed 5th with the time of 58.90 the included girls the relay team were Rhiana Young, Ellie Rhodes, Grace Lemmer and Addyson Rice. The girls 4 x 200 - meter relay placed 7th with the time of 1:59.37; the

girls running were Miley Fey, Adriana Bagola, Ellie Rhodes and Addyson Rice.

"My main focus when finishing off

the season is just being confident and doing my best in any event my coach puts me in," sophomore Miley Fey said.



#### Precision is Key.

Senior Maxon Sandoz competes in shot put at the Miller Invite track meet. He takes aim as he begins to make his throw with the shot put to make his goal distance.

#### Take the Leap.

Sophomore Aleah Bebo participates in the 100m hurdles at the Groton Invite meet. Bebo jumps in the air and clears the hurdle while trying to keep good form.



## Girls Golf Completes Season in the Month of May

by Addisyn Evans

The golf team traveled to Fisher Grove for the Redfield Invite on May 1. Three of the five golfers were able to attend.

The course was damp due to heavy rain the night before, but the girls persevered through and finished their rounds.

Addisyn Evans placed 3rd and Kalli Spotanske finished in 10th. Willow Ronnenberg also competed but fell short of placing.

Following the team's home invite, Evans, Spotanske, and Grace Lemmer competed at the Roncalli Invite on May 8.

Lemmer and Spotanske both finished with a 130 and Evans with a 92, placing 10th.

"I wish I could

have broke 90 but it was improvement from the last meet so I was excited about that. Hopefully I shoot well at regions and make it to the State Tournament, as that is always the end goal," Evans said.

On Mon. May 12, four of the five golfers attended the Groton Invite. Ronneberg shot a 109 taking 12th place. Kora Krueger shot a 123, Spotanske finished with a 129 and Lemmer shot a 131.

"I made sure to not think too much on my shots and enjoy the day filled with golfing," Ronnenberg said.

The girls will travel to Milbank on May 19, and attend the region meet the following day on the 20



Watching the Ball. Willow Ronneberg watches the ball as she pulls her club back.

## Softball Girls Play Their Last Home Game on May 12

by Hayden Gall

The Pheasants faced off against the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones on May 12.

The game ended in 5 innings with the Pheasants ten-runruling the Cyclones 17-7.

One opposing player hit an out-of-thepark homerun, but Addisyn Evans came back and struck the batter out the following two at bats. Evans had 3 strike outs in total, Ella Rude-Peterson had 3 RBIs and Charli Jungwirth scored 3 times.

On May 9 the Pheasants traveled to Florence to compete against the Falcons. The Pheasants lost to the Falcons 0-15.

The Pheasants also traveled to Castle-wood to play in a triangular for the second year in a row against the Avon Pirates and the Castle-wood Warriors.

The Pheasants first faced off against the Pirates and lost 6-10.

Mady Morrisette contributed to the game by completing a triple play, and Jadie Turner had a triple and a stolen base.

The Pheasants also fell to the Warriors with a score of 0-13.

On May 3 the Pheasants hosted their first home tournament.

The tournament started at 10am where the Pheasants competed against the Kingsbury County Knights. The game ended in 4 innings with a score of 21-6.

Jadie Turner contributed to the win with 3 stolen bases and Morrisette, MaKayla Schulz, and Jungwirth all hit doubles.

The Pheasants then faced off against the Howard Tigers. The game ended in favor of the Pheasants with a score of 9-1.

Kinley Smith and Kylie Hermann both contributed to the game with an overthe-fence homerun.

After the Pheasants dominated their side of the bracket they got to compete in the championship game against the Deuel Cardinals. The Pheasants fell to

the Cardinals with a score of 2-6.

"I thought the Redfield Tournament was a great first year success. Our team showed up and played extremely well. We had a lot of high points about our season during those three games," Coach Cihak said.



**Aim for the Zone.** Senior Addisyn Evans aims for the strike zone as she winds up for the pitch.



**Put it Down.** Junior Kinley Smith attempts to lay down a bunt to get her teammate home.

#### **Upcoming Games**

May 19
at Milbank DH
May 23
at Stanley Co.
May 27: SoDak 16
TBD
June 5-7: State
Aberdeen

#### STUDENTS HONORED AT SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS PROGRAM

#### REDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM MAY 7, 2025 - - - 1:30 P.M.

Welcome Brooklyn Rische, 2024-25 Student Council President VFW Post No. 2755 Award: Jadie Turner - \$500; Collin Dean - \$500 40 et 8 Voiture 1556 Scholarship: Teige Lewis - \$250

American Legion Citizenship Scholarships: Jadie Turner - \$300; Collin Dean - \$300

Middle School American Legion Citizenship Award: Tatum Zens & Eli Englund

Leland and Lucille Strahl Educational Trust (\$3,700 each): Collin Dean, Addisyn Evans, Jaci Hofeman, Teige Lewis, Jack Mills, Dylan Murray, Jadie Nelson, Brynnley Neuharth, Brooklyn Rische, Jackson Sandoz, Logan Siebrecht, Madyson Siebrecht, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner

Dave & Marion Moeller Scholarship: Jaci Hofeman - \$250 Laurens Moeller Memorial Scholarship: Jaxon Ethridge - \$250 The Willard & Doris Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Award: Collin Dean - \$250; Jadie Turner - \$250

Steven Wright Memorial Scholarship: Jadie Turner - \$1,000; Brooklyn Rische - \$750; Jadie Nelson - \$500; Camden Murray - \$500; Logan Siebrecht - \$400; Dylan Murray - \$400; Jack Mills - \$400; Brynnley Neuharth - \$400

Lions Scholarship: Addisyn Evans - \$300; Jadie Turner - \$300

Joe & Norma Rahn Memorial Scholarship: Brynnley Neuharth - \$2,500

Heartland State Bank: (\$200 each) Jack Mills, Brynnley Neuharth, Madyson Siebrecht, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner

Ed & Crystal Appel Scholarship: Teige Lewis - \$1,000

Redfield Area Arts Council (\$250 each): Brynnley Neuharth & Jadie Turner Dr. Owens Memorial Healthcare Scholarship: Madyson Siebrecht - \$1,000

Catholic Daughters Scholarship: Brooklyn Rische - \$250

Girls State: Cecilia Suchor

Knights of Columbus Scholarship (\$250 each): Addisyn Evans & Colton Olsen

Autumn Jungwirth Memorial Award: Brooklyn Rische - \$1,000 Ty Eschenbaum Foundation Scholarship: Jack Mills - \$2,500

Redfield Area Right to Life Tressie Esser Scholarship: Addisyn Evans - \$100; Brooklyn Rische - \$100

Glen Allen and Carol Johnson Hassebroek Honor Scholarship: Jadie Nelson - \$500

Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship: Teige Lewis - \$250

The Joann Fallon Memorial Scholarship: Brooklyn Rische - \$250 and Colton Olsen - \$250

Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship (\$300 each): Jadie Nelson, Brynnley Neuharth, Madyson Siebrecht, Adalyn Stoner, and Jadie Turner

Mary Lynn & Darrel Jensen Scholarship (\$1000 each): Camden Murray, Dylan Murray & Jadie Nelson

Ashton Community Hall Scholarship: Jadie Turner - \$500

The Pheasant Scholarship (\$250 each): Addisyn Evans, Brynnley Neuharth, Brooklyn Rische & Jadie Turner

Journalism Awards:

Certificate of Achievement and pin for editors: Addisyn Evans, Brynnley Neuharth, Brooklyn Rische & Jadie Turner

Certificate of Achievement and pin for staff members: Charli Jungwirth, Kendyl Siebrecht, Hayden Gall, Kinley Smith, Kayleigh Disbrow, Alena Gruenwald & Hannah Schlechter

Certificate of Achievement for staff members: Willow Ronneberg & Emily McPhee

Dennis Masat Memorial Scholarship: Brooklyn Rische - \$400

Sons of the American Legion Scholarship (\$200 each): Collin Dean, Jadie Nelson & Adalyn Stoner

Redfield FBLA Chapter Scholarship (\$100 each): Brooklyn Rische, Adalyn Stoner & Jadie Turner

The Brace CTE Scholarship (\$500 each): Jack Mills, Brooklyn Rische & Jadie Turner

Literary Guild Scholarship: Jadie Turner - \$200

SADD Scholarship: Jack Mills - \$200

PEO Scholarship: Brooklyn Rische - \$250

Parent Teacher Student Association Scholarship (\$200 each): Jaxon Ethridge, Addisyn Evans & Jack Mills

Henry Baker Scholarship: Jackson Sandoz - \$2,000

Richard Martsfield Scholarship: Jadie Turner - \$2,000

Don & Shirley Hansen in memory of Milton and Violet Hansen Memorial Scholarship: Jadie Turner - \$1,000

Darla Wenzel Memorial Scholarship: Jadie Turner - \$2,000

Bruce & Sally Keller Memorial Scholarship: Madyson Siebrecht - \$1,000 Clarence & Lois B (Miller) Tobin Memorial Scholarship:Teige Lewis - \$1,000

H. I. Harrington Scholarship: Dylan Murray - \$500

Frank and Edith Packard Scholarship (\$500 each): Collin Dean & Logan Siebrecht

MJ & Anita Hancock Scholarships (\$500 each) : Jaci Hofeman & Adalyn Stoner

Clinton Dykstra Memorial Scholarship: Jackson Sandoz - \$500

Darlene Dykstra Memorial Scholarship: Teige Lewis - \$500 Don & Lillian Strivens Scholarship: Jacob Buranen - \$500

Annabel Gill Scholarship: Madyson Siebrecht - \$500

Jerry Schlueter Memorial Scholarship: Faith Becker - \$100

Mary Ann Heber Roth Memorial Scholarship: Teige Lewis - \$100

Royce & Ila Mae Bush Family Scholarship: Jaci Hofeman - \$500 Arlene Lovold Haug Scholarship: Adalyn Stoner - \$1,500

South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship: Jackson Sandoz - \$7,500; Brooklyn Rische - \$7,500; Jadie Turner - \$7,500

Addisyn Evans – Eligible

Senior Scholarship Awards

**Brynnley Neuharth** – Will receive from the University of South Dakota ~ Health Heroes Scholarship \$2,500, Coyote Beginnings Scholarship - \$1,000 (total of \$4,000), USD Freedom Scholarship - \$5,000 (total of \$20,000), Dual Credit Award - \$400 (total of \$1,600)

**Brooklyn Rische** – Will receive RDO Conneley Kreps Scholarship - \$2,500, SDSU; Academic Award - \$3,000 (total of \$12,000), SD Solid Waste Management Association – \$750, CHS Foundation Scholarship - \$500

**Addisyn Evans** – Will receive New Nebraska Tuition Grand - \$16,000 (total of \$64,000), UNL Tuition Assistant Grant - \$2,500 (total of \$10,000), Hagan Scholarship – \$15,000 (total of \$60,000).

**Logan Siebrecht** – Will receive Lohr Scholarship - \$2,000, Stratford Community Theatre - \$1,500, SDSU - \$1,500 (total of \$6,000)

Adalyn Stoner – Will receive SDSU - \$1,500 (total of \$6,000).

**Jackson Sandoz** – Will receive the Miner Scholarship - \$2,000 (total of \$8,000).

**Jadie Turner** – Coyote Beginnings - \$2,000 (total of \$8,000), USD Valedictorian Scholarship - \$500

#### Build Dakota Scholarship – Mitchell Tech

Build Dakota is a highly-competitive full-ride scholarship offered to the best and the brightest students attending one of South Dakota's four technical colleges. It is made possible by a generous donation from T. Denny Sanford, a commitment from the State of South Dakota, and support from our outstanding industry partners. The scholarship was originally established in 2015 by T. Denny Sanford and Governor Dennis Daugaard.

The program pays for all of the expenses required to complete a program in one of Build Dakota's approved high-need workforce areas. It includes tuition, fees, books, laptop, tools, and any other requirements of the program. In return for the full-ride scholarship, this student has agreed to share her talents with South Dakota by working here for at least three years following graduation. The value of this award, depending on the program and length, is up to \$38,000! It is with great honor that we present this full-ride scholarship to attend Mitchell Technical College to:

Teige Lewis - LPN ~ Licensed Practical Nursing

## Students Awarded Athletic Honors on May 8

Auditorium ~ Thursday, May 8, 2025 ~ 6:30 p.m.	Football Hank Brassilio, Head Coach
Welcome: Bob Tiff - Master of Ceremonies	Kyle Falk & Jason Banister, Assistant Coaches Co-Most Valuable Player
Michael Remilliard Memorial Wrestling Award Camden Murray - \$100	Co-Most Valuable Player
Adolph Rohrbach Memorial Wrestling Scholarship Dylan Murray - \$100	Newcomer of the Year
Richard "Dick" Munce Memorial Fan Appreciation Award	Weightlifting Henry Brassilio, Coach
Pat Terry Cheer Award	Boys Iron Pheasant Award Jacob Buranen
	Girls Iron Pheasant Award Addyson Rice
Flo Hyman Outstanding Female Athlete Award Jadie Turner	Boys' Golf Bradley Cihak, Head Coach
Three-Season Award Winners:  Charli Jungwirth, Ethan Falk, Grace Lemmer, Hannah Schlechter, Hayden Gall, Isaac Banister, Jackson Sandoz, Jadie Turner, Jaxon Ethridge, Katryn Evans, Kendyl Siebrecht, Kinley Smith, Layla Hardie, Mady Morrissette, Micah Zastrow, Peyton O'Daniel, Ruben Alvarez, Victoria Herrera, Zachery Bonin	Most Valuable Team Member
record Herrerd, Edentry Bonn	Cross Country Kearra Elkins, Head Coach
Girls' Softball Bradley Cihak, Head Coach	Most Valuable Runner
Barb Boomsma & Rhonda Stroh, Assistant Coaches Junior Varsity Most Valuable Team Member Layla Hardie	Most Improved Runner Saige Jungwirth Hardest Worker
Most Valuable Team Member	Hardest Worker Willow Ronneberg
Most Improved Team Member	Rookie of the Year
Pheasant Award Jadie Turner Miss Versatility MaKayla Schulz	Girls' Basketball Tommy Gregg, Head Coach
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Girls' Track (2024) Kyle Falk & Hank Brassilio, Co-Head Coaches	Most Valuable Player
Most Valuable Team Member	Miss Defense
Rising Pheasant	Miss Hustle Layla Hardie Team Captain
Boys' Track (2024) Kyle Falk & Hank Brassilio, Co-Head Coaches	Team Captain Kinley Smith
Most Valuable Team Member Elijah Morrissette	Team Captain
Breakout Athlete Micah Zastrow Rising Pheasant Payton Moore	Junior Varsity Most Valuable Player Ella Rude-Peterson Junior Varsity Most Improved PlayerMadysen Morrissette
Rising Pheasant Ethan Falk	Junior Varsity Most Improved Player
Girls' Golf (2024) Tonja Jungwirth, Head Coach	Boys' Basketball Lance Howe, Head Coach
Most Valuable Team Member	Dalton Howe, Assitant Coach
Most Improved Team Member	Most Valuable Player
Commitment to Practice & Training Willow Ronneberg Outstanding Sportsmanship	Junior Varsity Most Valuable Player Grady Hulscher
State A Participant	Most Improved Player
	Pheasant Award Jaxon Ethridge
Sideline Cheer Angela Falk, Head Coach Pheasant Spirit Award – Football Cheer Addy Stoner	Pheasant Award Jackson Sandoz  NEC All-Conference Honorable Mention Ruben Alvarez
Pheasant Spirit Award – Poolbad Cheer	Team Captain
•	Team Captain
Wrestling Kelby Hawkins, Head Coach Doug Wright & Brady Edgar, Assistant Coaches	Volleyball Joel Osborn, Head Coach
Varsity Most Improved	Morgan Schultz, Assistant Coach
Rookie of the Year	Jess Levtzow, Volunteer Coach
Hardest Worker Conner Zens	Pheasant Award Brooklyn Rische
Coaches Award	Most Valuable Player
Outstanding Wrestler	Coaches Award Kinley Smith
106 lbs State - 5th Place Maddon Odland	Most Valuable "JV" Player Layla Hardie
138 lbs. – State – 6th Place Conner Zens	Most Valuable "C-Team" Player Peyton O'Daniel
190 lbs. – State – 7th Place Dylan Murray 215 lbs. – State – 4th Place Camden Murray	Most Improved "C-Team" Player Miley Fountain Outstanding Teammate
213 tos. – State – 4th 1 tace Camach Mullay	Outstanding Teammate
	NEC All-Conference Team

## April/May Students of The Month

#### Grade 12: Madyson Siebrecht



Madyson Siebrecht

Madyson Siebrecht is the daughter of Kevin Siebrecht and Brandee Schmidt. Her siblings are Kaylin (30) and Brandon (26). Mady has been involved in dance and softball, and she works at the Eastern Star Home in Redfield. She enjoys working there because she "enjoys making a difference." Mady's hobbies include shopping and hanging out with friends. Her favorite class is art because "Miss Bottum makes everything fun." The class that challenges her most is government because there is a lot to learn. Mady would give the following advice to underclassmen: "Life is short, so make every second count."

#### Grade 11: Jayde Englund



Jayde Englund

Jayde Englund is the daughter of Dawn and Brad Englund. She has two siblings: Eli (14) and Devyn (10). Her favorite class is Employability because she gets to learn a lot of key things and advice about getting a job. Activities that Jayde has been involved in at RHS include: FFA, 4-H, NJHS, and NHS. Her favorite season is summer because there is no school and she gets to go on trips with her family. One goal that Jayde has made for herself while in school is to try her best and get good grades. A class that has challenged her the most is English because she struggles to read out loud in front of everyone and spelling things correctly.

#### Grade 10: Layne Moore



Layne Moore

Layne Moore is the son of Krissy Schmitt and Chad Moore. He has four siblings: Payton Moore, Eayston Moore, Sydney Moore, and Kynslee Schmitt. His hobbies include fishing and hunting. Layne's favorite season is summer because he gets to hang out with his friends and work. A class that he has enjoyed is individual sports because he gets to hang out with his friends. A goal that he has set for himself is to try to make it onto the A Honor Roll. A class that challenges him is Chemistry because it is a lot to learn. Advice that he would give to underclassmen is to "Life goes by fast enjoy it while it lasts."

#### Grade 9: Riley Frewaldt



Riley Frewaldt

Riley Frewaldt is the son of Robert and Kristen Frewaldt. He has two siblings: Emma (17) and Isabel (11). His hobbies include figure collecting, playing Xbox, and working. He works at the Redfield Food Center, which he likes because he can socialize more than he used to. Riley enjoys math class because he succeeds at it. A class that challenges him the most is biology because there is so much information to take in, but he usually overcomes this by studying more and trying not to miss any school. His advice to underclassmen is that "times will get tough, but your friends and family will help you get through them."

#### Grade 8: Breanna Larson



Breanna Larson

Breanna Larson is the daughter of Lynail and Douglas Larson. Activities she is involved in include volleyball, basketball and softball. Her hobbies include sports. Her "don't advice is worry about your grades so much an just pay attention, and you will be fine."

#### Grade 7: Allie Boothe



Allie Boothe

Allie is the daughter of Shelley Young and Stacy Boothe. Her hobbies include volleyball track, and those are the activities that she participates in at school. Her favorite class is social studies. Her advice to others is "take school seriously and study."

#### Grade 6: Violette Solheim



Violette Solheim

Violette Solheim is the daughter of Solheim, Casey Morgan Bachmann and her stepdad Jordan Bachmann. She has one sibling, Eli (13). Her hobbies include art, playing drums and listening to music. Violette is involved in band and SADD. She enjoys history class.

# RHS Class of 2025

Class Motto: "Today is where your book begins; the rest is still unwritten." (Natasha Bedingfield)

Class Colors: Blue & White

Class Flower: White Lillies Dipped in Gold Glitter



Faith Becker



Creighton Bowar



Jacob Buranen



Ríley Colclazíer



Collin Dean



Jaxon Ethridge



Addísyn Evans



Keely Hawkins



Jací Hofeman



Thomas Jacobs



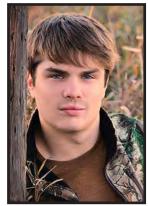
Teige Lewis



Jack Mílls



Camden Murray



Dylan Murray



Jadíe Nelson

## Redfield High School Commencement

May 17, 2025 2:00 PM



Brynnley Neuharth



Colton Olsen



Taíjsa Puok



Brooklyn Rísche



Andre' Rogers



Jackson Sandoz



Maxson Sandoz



Logan Síebrecht



Madyson Síebrecht



Adalyn Stoner



Jadíe Turner



Roger Watson, III



Markus Whitley



Rhiana Young

#### Class Speakers:

Brooklyn Rische & Collin Dean

Invocation:
Jadie Turner