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PHEASANT FOCUS

Anatomy Students Attend Lab at NSU

by Charli Jungwirth

On Apr. 15, Mrs. Fredrick’s anatomy class traveled to NSU in Aberdeen to tour the nursing building and visit other things inside of the medical building, such as lab rooms. They also did nursing simulation labs.

The tour started at 12 and went until 2. They split the class into two even groups. One went to the cadaver lab and the other toured the medical building, which had classrooms and labs, along with many study spaces for the students. Once both groups finished touring and seeing the cadaver lab, they met up and walked over to the brand-new nursing building. Newly built, it has a lot of updated equipment to help the nursing students get a better understanding of what their career will look like after college.

Once walking to the nursing building, students were split again into two groups. One to see the “mother and son” patient simulations to figure out what is wrong with them as the other group got a tour of the nursing building. Before seeing the simulations, students took a fake test which then put them into room A or room B. Room A was a young boy simulation. They got to test his glucose levels. In room B, his mother was having an allergic reaction. The group then got to use an EpiPen on the simulation. The tour gave a thorough look into what nursing school on Northern’s campus would look like and gave insight to a career in nursing post education.

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A Night in The Enchanted Garden

by Kayleigh Disbrow

On April 24, Redfield High School held Prom, an annual end of the year tradition. The theme was Enchanted Garden.

The night started at 5 PM with pictures of the couples and class photos. Grand March was at 6:30 PM. There were three walks; traditional grand march, the “Grandma march”, and the “Fun Run.”

After this, spectators were asked to leave, and the banquet began. The food (lasagna, chicken alfredo, breadsticks, green beans) was catered by Leo’s Good Food. Cupcakes were made by Debbie Bowar. NJHS served the meal.

There were several speakers; Layla Hardie gave the welcome, Madysen Morrissette gave the toast, and Grace

Lemmer said the prayer. Kinley Smith spoke on behalf of the senior class. Aleah Bebo gave the farewell message.

Once the banquet concluded, the dance began and lasted until 11:30. Students could then attend post-prom, which included a hypnotist performance, lasting until about 1:30 AM. Games were available until the conclusion of post-prom

at 3 AM. At the end of post prom, prizes were given out to seniors and juniors who were present. The prizes consisted of futons, microwaves, mini fridges, tvs, and money.

“We feel that prom was a success as we had more students participating in the activities this year than we have ever had in years prior” said prom coordinator, Nancy Blume.



Dancing the Night Away. (above) Students dance to the Cupid Shuffle at the prom dance following the banquet. The music was played by DJ Doctor for the duration of the dance. There was a variety of music including interactive dances, slow songs, and up beat music.



Fun Run! (left) Seniors Keaton Scalf, Nic Becker, Ceci Suchor, juniors Grace Lemmer, Miley Fey, and sophomore Eli Englund walk through the “fun run” with their costumes and props. Many prom attendees used bubble guns, money guns, boas, sunglasses, and other creative props to enjoy their experience. The “fun run” was the last walk of the grand march.

Balance Point

by Hannah Schlechter



Hannah Schlechter, journalism staff

Now that winter has been. Fourth quarter is leaving and the weather starts getting warmer, students are the busiest they have ever

rently, whether it's softball, baseball, track, or state conference for popular clubs like FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA. I feel this leads to the question, are students too busy? Personally, I believe that the answer is dependent on balance. I believe that high school involve-

ment all depends on this point of being too busy. If you can only be in one sport and one club while maintaining a comfortable life, then you have found the perfect balance point if you ask me. Never feel the need to stretch past the balance point either; all of

us are still young and should allow ourselves to have fun. I feel it's very common at RHS for students to overwork themselves, be in all the sports you can, and join every club possible. Which is totally fine if it doesn't break your balance point. But if it does, and you

feel overwhelmed, don't ever feel guilty for quitting something or even just taking a break. School is stressful enough just with the workload, let alone adding more work on top of that. In the end, participation at school is all about how you, and only you, want to

Large Group Band At NSU

By Aly Gruenwald

The high school band was dismissed from school at 8:20 on April 1 to head to NSU for a musical competition. When the students arrived in Aberdeen, they were taken to the Walmart parking lot and allowed to eat where they wanted as long as they got back in time to get dressed for the contest. After getting dressed and their putting instruments together, they were sent to the choir room to warm up before they took to the stage to play for judges.

The three tunes the band performed were: A

Percy Grainger Portrait, Climbing Quadry and First Suite in Eb. They also performed these songs at their annual spring concert on March 23 for extra practice in front of people.

Starting the contest off, students played the tune Climbing Quadry and received a two as their score. Following, they played A Percy Grainger Portrait and also received a two. The last song they performed was A First Suite in Eb and which was also scored as a two. The scores can range from 1-5, 5 being the worst, 1 being

the best.

"I think we had a good day, and we improved a lot from the last year. We got some good comments from each of the judges and explaining how we could improve. I'm glad we got to play this year for the competition because last year it got cancelled due to weather and we had to perform in Redfield during the students first hour," said Mr. Justin Desens, band director.

Looking Good In Red.

The Redfield FCCLA students pose for a picture in traditional attire, advisors Aliessa McCarthy and Cindy Brace stand beside them.

FCCLA Prepares For State

By Kayleigh Disbrow

On April 7, the FCCLA chapter held their annual Presentation Night. This is where members going to the State Leadership Conference present their projects to volunteer judges to get input of changes they need to make before the conference. This is also when they install new officers for the coming year and present awards to members for their achievements this past year. Amelia Sjurseth and Emeri

Hofeman are running to potentially become National Officer Candidates and were recognized at this event.

At the end of the night, the installation of officers took place. The outgoing officers were Summit Sjurseth (VP of Membership), Kayleigh Disbrow (VP of Media), Jessie Ratigan (Secretary), Hofeman (Vice President), and A. Sjurseth, (President). The incoming officers for this next year are Zoe Zastrow (VP of

Membership), Jaedyn Banister (VP of Media), Lydia Jungwirth (VP of Historian/Treasurer), S. Sjurseth (Vice President), and Disbrow (President).

"It was great to see all of the Redfield FCCLA member's projects and the effort they have put in all year. One of my favorite parts about FCCLA is recognizing our dedicated members, and that's what Parent's Night is all about." Said President, A. Sjurseth.



State Qualifiers Attend State FFA Convention

by Kendyl Siebrecht

On Monday, April 20, twenty state FFA qualifiers, two of which will be receiving a state degree, and two more state degree recipients traveled to the state FFA convention in Brookings. The group left Redfield at 7:45 a.m. for the Horse Evaluation team to start their individual portion at 11:00 a.m.

For the next two days, the qualifiers competed in their competitions and attended different sessions and workshops. After competition events ended on Tuesday, qualifi-

ers that were also on the softball team and FFA advisor/ head softball coach, Bradley Cihak, drove back to Redfield to play in their softball game against Deuel and Mobridge. Following the softball game, Mr. Cihak drove with the qualifiers back to the convention for the events the following day.

The last day was award day, and if members placed they went on stage to accept their award, including four seniors guaranteed to receive their state degree award. Karlie Bra-

bant also received the SD Corn Utilization Council Scholarship for \$500.

The Horse Evaluation team placed 3rd overall with Aleah Bebo being an individual placer, taking 5th.

“As a senior and having this be my last year of FFA, I’m very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the state convention, receive my state degree, and be awarded a scholarship along with competing with my friends.” stated Brabant.



State FFA Members. Advisor, Bradley Cihak, freshman Rylen Frericks, juniors Tia Esser and Aleah Bebo, and senior Karlie Brabant stand up and take a picture to represent Redfield’s FFA chapter.

FFA Prom Picture.

Addyson Rice, Karlie Brabant, Tia Esser, Grace Lemmer and Aleah Bebo taking a picture at prom with their FFA friends to end the year off and to say goodbye to the seniors.



FBLA Members Attend State Leadership Conference

by Kinley Smith

On Monday, the conference started with the 2024-2025 state officers welcoming all members. Members then heard a keynote speaker describing how leadership can help create connections. On Monday, members were also able to compete in events. All members took objective tests prior to attending the conference. In addition to tests, multiple members either came with a prepared speech or had a prompt and created a presentation to be judged and scored by a judge.

While not competing, members were able to travel around the center and attend

a variety of workshops. They were also able to visit officer candidate booths as the candidates campaigned. Junior Micah Zastrow ran for Secretary. Sophomore Kayleigh Disbrow ran for Historian. Both were unsuccessful in obtaining the position. Monday night, the annual FBLA dance was hosted by the current state officers.

Tuesday, April 14 was the final day of the convention and was when awards were given. Seven members placed in the top five. In the category of Real Estate, Micah Zastrow placed 2nd. In Advanced Account-

ing, Alex Shottenkirk placed 2nd and Grace Lemmer placed 5th. Hayden Gall earned 3rd place in Customer Service while Kinley Smith was awarded 3rd place in the Journalism category. In Agribusiness, Aleah Bebo earned 4th place. MaKayla Schulz placed 5th in Healthcare and Administration.

Three groups placed in the top five in their category. Grace Lemmer and Alex Shottenkirk were awarded 2nd place in the category of Business Management. In Hospitality and Event Management, Hayden Gall, Cecilia Suchor, and Kinley Smith placed 2nd.

Gall and Smith also placed 2nd for the chapter scrapbook.

“It was a wonderful experience to

make connections and learn lifelong skills. FBLA teaches you to put yourself out there. It was fun

to be a voting delegate and to place and go on stage,” senior Ceci Suchor said.



FBLA Members. Front Row (L to R): Ashlee Stroud, Kayleigh Disbrow, Addy Rice, Kyleigh Akin, Victoria Herrera, Willow Ronneberg, Brynn Gibling. Middle Row (L to R): Hannah Schlechter, MaKayla Schulz, Aleah Bebo, Cecilia Suchor, Octavia Paulsen, Mady Morrisette, Layla Hardie, Miley Fey, Hannah Lemmer, Savannah Risetter, Adriana Bagola, Payton Moore. Back Row (L to R): Zander Parisien, Charli Jungwirth, Kinley Smith, Hayden Gall. Tia Esser, Alex Shottenkirk, Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon, Ayden Understock-Jessen, Nicholas Becker, Noah Johnson, Micah Zastrow, Justin DeYoung

Senior Spotlight

by Kinley Smith



Kadin Todd is the son of Mark and Kendra Todd. His siblings are Kelsey and Kassie. He has been involved in FFA(3). Three things he has to do in his life are graduate from college, get a job, and get married.



Terielee Bonin is the daughter of Chris and LeAnne Bonin. Her siblings are Maddison, Delaney, and Zach. She has been involved in FFA (3). Her biggest accomplishment is getting accepted into Lake Area for cosmetology.

Softball Starts Off Their Season 4-0

by Hayden Gall

The Softball season started on Mar. 31 as the team hosted Kingsbury County at home. The game ended in 3 innings with the Pheasants run ruling Kingsbury County with a score of 16-1. Senior MaKayla Schulz pitched a no hitter and only allowed 3 walks. Charli Jungwirth had 2 hits going 2-3, Ella Rude-Peterson had 2 hits going 2-2 and had 2 RBI.

On April 11, the Pheasants hosted the Sisseton Redman and dominated in 3 innings, the score ended 26-

0. Octavia Paulsen pitched a no hitter and only allowed 3 walks. Schultz and Jungwirth both totaled 3 hits each and Jungwirth also had 5 RBI.

On April 14, the Pheasants traveled to Milbank to take on the Bulldogs. The final score was 27-3 in favor of the Pheasants, 19 of those runs coming in the 6th inning. Schulz, Hayden Gall, Layla Hardie, and Kylie Hermann each had 3 hits.

On April 16, the Lady Pheasants traveled to Plankinton to face

off against the MVP Titians. The Pheasants defeated the Titans with a final score of 11-4. Paulsen pitched a total of 7 innings and had 12 strikeouts. Schulz had 2 hits, one including an in-the-fence homerun and Mady Morrisette had 2 RBI.

“This season has been a good start for our team so far. With the four games we have had, I think we have all improved from last year’s season on both batting and fielding and we will all continue to keep improving,” said junior Charli Jungwirth.



Batter Up. (above) Senior Kinley Smith is up to bat at the home game against Deuel.



Head in the Game. (above) Sophomore Octavia Paulsen is focused on the game, and ready to defend the Pheasants and help them maintain their victory march through the season.

Rooster Roast Rocks Redfield High

By: Braylee Siebrecht

This year, the Redfield Pheasants added another fun experience for the students. It’s called the Rooster Roast. It is a pop up booth that sells coffee and other drinks to students and staff members of Redfield High School

on select mornings. Throughout this school year, we have had the Rooster Roast twice and we are looking forward to having many more going forward. Ms. Becker was asked what gave her this idea and how she thought it

was going so far, to which she responded, “I had heard that other schools had a coffee shop set-up in their high schools. I wondered how well it would go over in our school, so I asked students during high school lunch. Students liked the idea, so I sent out a “who would be interested in helping email” to high school students. Based on the feedback I received, four students talked to me about setting it up. We discussed flavors, what we thought students would want, time of day to host the pop up shop, the process, and then divided up tasks. Our first “pop-up” took place,

and we felt that it was successful. We covered all but \$2 of our costs. I talked to the accounting class and shared my income and expense form. They analyzed it and made suggestions. The next time we had a “pop-up” we made about \$75 after all of our costs were covered. I met with the accounting class again. On our final Rooster Roast Pop-Up Shop we would like to give profits to a project we’re talking about-a new Pheasant mascot uniform. I really enjoyed working with Addy, Brynn, Aleah and Mady... they are great workers and had super ideas!”



Will That Be Coffee or Tea, Mr. Gregg? (above) Mr. Gregg stands in line and orders from baristas Mady Morrisette and Brynn Giblin.

Senior Spotlight

by Raena Rude

Kaydence Baumann is the daughter of Emily Baumann. She has one sibling: Oriana Perea. During high school, Kaydence has been in SADD (4). Her plans after college are to go to school to be a midwife labor and delivery nurse. Her



favorite memory from elementary is getting to do the parachute game and taking naps.

Tyler Garrison is the son of Samantha and Mike Garrison. His siblings are: Piper and Thomas. He has



been involved in art (3). His favorite junior high memory was listening to people reason with the teachers to attempt to go outside. Three things he must do in his lifetime are live to 93,

be able to create amazing works of art, and create a video game.

Jerica Ratigan is the daughter of Getta and Rick Ratigan. Her siblings are: Geneva, Justin, and Jessie. She is in band (7), cheer (4), dance (15), volleyball (11), and FCCLA (6). Some of her hobbies and interests include choreographing



dances, sleeping, listening to music, putting puzzles together and building Legos.

Nicholas Becker is the son of John and Melissa Becker. His siblings are: Joseph, Christopher, and Myah.



He has been involved in track (4), football (2), and wrestling (2). He enjoys track the most because he can fully focus on what he can do and show people his best ability; running. One

quote he lives by is: "You'll never stand in the same spot twice; so before you leave, make sure you enjoyed your time there."

Pheasants Blow Away the Competition

by Tatum Zens

On April 17, the team traveled to Aberdeen to compete in the Roncalli Geffdog Relays. Micah Zastrow got 6th place in the 100 M and Eloi Carnicero placed 7th. Payton Moore placed 7th in the 200 M and Nic Becker placed 9th. Derrick Bogart placed 8th in 400M and Logan Jessen placed 9th. Malachi Zastrow placed 8th in the 800 M. Ryker Bowles placed 8th in the 110 M hurdles and 7th in the 300 M hurdles. For boys relays, the 4 x 100 relay including Becker, Grady Hulscher, Moore, and Carnicero placed 4th with a time of 46.41, the 4 x 400 relay consisted of Noah Carr, Isaac Banister, Carson Peterson and Micah Zastrow and they placed 2nd with a time of 3:47.42. Hulscher placed 3rd in high jump with a

height of 5'6" and Isaac Banister placed 6th with a height of 5'4". Becker placed 1st in long jump with a distance of 18' 4.75". Banister placed 3rd with 17' 6", and Will McPhee placed 6th in triple jump with 31'0". For the girls Addy Rice placed 3rd in the 100M and Lydia Jungwirth placed 5th in the 3200 M. Harper Schade, Rice, Addi Hulcher, and Ellie Rhodes placed 3rd in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 54.70, and the same team placed 5th in the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:54:64.. Rice, Ellie Rhodes, Saige Jungwirth, and Ava McMahon placed 3rd in the medley relay with a time of 4:48:64. Addi Hulscher placed 4th in the high jump with a height of 4'10", and Aleah Bebo placed 7th with a height of 4'6".

The track team traveled to Aberdeen on March 30 to compete at NSU. The men's results consisted of Bowles placing 4th in the 110M hurdles and 6th in the 300M hurdles. Becker, G. Hulscher, Moore, and Carnicero placed 6th in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 47.55. Carnicero, Micah Zastrow, Moore, and Banister placed 5th in the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:40:28. G. Hulscher placed 5th in high jump with a height of 5'2". Becker placed 7th in long jump with a length of 19'2.5"

and Banister placed 10th with a length of 18'2". For the women, Rice placed 7th in the 100 M dash, Rhodes placed 11th in the 200 M, McMahon placed 8th in the 800 M, and L. Jungwirth placed 6th in the 3200 M. Adriana Bagola, Rice, Rhodes, and Katryn Evans placed 3rd in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 55.85. Shade, Rice, Rhodes, and A. Hulscher placed 5th in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 1:58:48. Rice, Rhodes, Evans, and S. Jungwirth placed 3rd in the medley relay with a time of 4:56:50.



Soar Over. (above) Sophomore Grady Hulscher stretches over the high jump bar during the Redfield Relays hosted on April 23.

Pheasants Tee Off Girls' Golf Season

by Ainsley Appel

On April 23, the girls' golf team traveled to Milbank to compete at the POET invite. Only two of the four competed at this invite, Kalli Spotanske who ended in 37th with a total of 137 and Jaedyn Banister who finished in 39th with a total of 148.

The girls golf season began on April 20 as they traveled to Sisseton to com-

pete at the Sisseton Invite, giving the four girls a chance to show the skills and improvements they've made since the previous season. Even though only three of the four attended, they still used it to their advantage. With the best score of the team was Cora Krugger she had a total score of 152. In a close second was Jaedyn Banister,

her ending score was 159. The third member Kalli Spotanske ended with a score of 173. The team didn't place at the meet as they didn't have enough for the whole team. The team's one senior, Cora Krueger is kicking off her last season, hoping to make it one to remember.

"I'm so excited the season has finally started and cannot wait to improve my

techniques! I'm also excited to see where this season takes us, I have high hopes for myself as well as the rest of the team. Our team may be small but we are growing and improving every practice and every meet," sophomore Jaedyn Banister said.

The next meet will be on April 30 as the Pheasants host the annual Pheasant Invite at Fishers Grove Country Club.

March Students of the Month

by Lorena Evans

Grade 12: Hayden Gall



Hayden Gall

Hayden is the daughter of Keith and Karen Gall. She has four siblings, Kole(33), Rylie(26), Morgan(24), and Nolan(21). She has two dogs Maggie and KC. In her free time she works as a lifeguard and teaches swim lessons for the city. She likes working here because she gets to work with her friends. Her favorite class is journalism because she likes working on the yearbook and Pheasant Call. Activities she's involved in are volleyball, basketball, softball, NHS, student council, school yearbook/newspaper, FBLA, FCCLA, church youth group. One goal she has made for herself is to stay on the A honor roll.

Grade 11: Micah Zastrow



Micha Zastrow

Micah is the son of Melissa and Austin Zastrow. He has two siblings Malachi(13), and Zoe(15). Some of the activities he's involved in are golf, basketball, baseball, track, NHS, FBLA, and LYO. The class that challenges him the most is Chem106 because it's a college class. To overcome this he pays attention in class and asks questions. Some of his favorites include, Food: burgers, Singer: The Killers. His favorite season is summer because he gets to gold. One goal he has set for himself is to get a 4.0 GPA.

Grade 10: Chace Odland



Chace Odland

Chase is the son of Clayton and Alison Odland. He has two siblings Maddon(18), and Aiden(11). In his free time he works at Odland Construction and Gravel, the city of Redfield, as well as pouring concrete. Some of his hobbies include fishing, sports, hunting, tubing, and boating. Activities he's involved in are baseball, football, and wrestling. His favorite season is summer because there is no school and he gets to play baseball. Some of his favorites include, Food: Filet mignon steak, Movie: Grown Ups, Singer: Drake, Tv show: Spongebob, Color: Blue.

Grade 9: Hudson Rische



Hudson Rische

Hudson is the son of Dustin and Andi Rische. He has two siblings Bristol(12), and Brooklyn(18). His hobbies include hunting and fishing. He's involved in NJHS, FFA, and golf. The class that challenges him the most is Algebra because it can be difficult, and the way he overcomes this is by studying. Some advice he would give to underclassmen would be to always check planbook. His favorite season is spring because he enjoys calving on his uncle's ranch.

Grade 8: Avery Van Wagner



Avery Van Wagner

Avery is the daughter of Eric and McKenzie VanWagner. She has one sibling, Briggs(8). She has two dogs Smokey and Toby, as well as two cats Dolly and Lefty. Her favorite class is Social Studies because she likes learning about history. She's involved in FCCLA and band.

Grade 7: Tory Betten



Tory Betten

Tory is the daughter of Jon and Erin Betten. She has three siblings Jhet(12), Rollie(16), and Collin(19). She has two dogs named Baits and Smalls. Her favorite class is FACS because she likes to cook. Activities she's involved in- basketball, volleyball, track, softball, and youth group.

Grade 6: Chloe Stroud



Chloe Stroud

Chloe is the daughter of Kelli and Kendall Stroud. She has two siblings, Mady(10) and Coyer(9). Her favorite class is math because she thinks Mr. Koplins teaches it very well. Some activities she's involved in are basketball, volleyball, and softball.