

Digger Boys Beat Phillip In Overtime

By Zariah Jones

On Feb. 13, 2020, the boys varsity basketball team played the Philip Scotties. Going into the game, the Diggers expected to win, but knew that they were going to have to work for it. During the first quarter, one of the starters, TK Rainey, was taken out of the game after he hurt his leg.

The score of the game was very close throughout. The Scotties kept up with the Diggers by making many three point shots. During the fourth quarter, tension between the two teams was high as the game went into overtime at a score of 56-56. Jordy Stulken made a layup, putting the Diggers ahead of the Scotties. There was an issue with the clock, which put pressure on the teams. The boys played excellent defense and kept the visiting team from scoring throughout overtime. The Diggers won the game in overtime with a score of 64-60. Jordy Stulken, senior, scored 38 points during the game.

Closing into the end of the season, the Diggers have a record of 6-13. On Feb. 20, 2020, the Diggers played the Custer Wildcats. This was the last home game of the season. The boys lost 40-65.



Payton Grodzin goes in for a lay-up.

Lady Diggers Enter Regions With Strong Record

By Kailee Bertrand

The LDHS Girls Basketball team has had an outstanding season so far. As of now, the team has a record of thirteen wins and six losses, with only one game left in the regular season. They still have Bison, Custer and Rapid City Christian on their schedule. These games are going to be very vital to the season to see where they will end up for their region competition.

“The team is hoping for a home region game,” said Head Coach Tim Hansen. When asked how he predicts the next few games to go he responded saying, “I think the big games are Custer and Rapid City Christian. Bison is a very young team, but we will still need to play our best. Custer is physical, and Rapid City Christian has Olivia Kieffer, who is a very good player.” He believes that the team can win all of these games. The team will just need to show up and play there hardest. Then asked how regions are looking for the team and possibly getting a home region game, he said “right now we are fighting for the 4th spot in the region, which would give the team a first-round home region game. In the region right now, there are five teams with double digit wins, no other regions has more than three teams with that.”

So far, the team has had a tough schedule, luckily, they have been able to push through and come out with a winning record. Lastly, Coach Hansen was asked how he felt about the seniors leaving, he answered by saying “it hasn’t sunk in, logically they will be gone. You never know how big of a hole there is until they aren’t at open gym or the first day of practice. Anna (Campbell) has been starting since she was a freshman, and her not being there will be weird.” He added how they all came into the program at a young age so young, and began with a record of four wins and seventeen losses. Four years later, they have eleven wins, only six losses, and have beaten two AA schools.



Hannah Campbell lines up for a free throw.



Anna Campbell celebrates 1000 points.



Tracks Earns Honors At State Competition

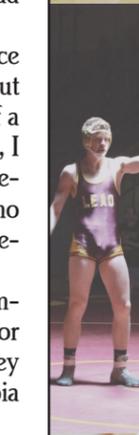
By Kiale Rose

This year was the first time that the LDHS Theater Department went to state in nearly ten years for the One Act play competition. State took place in Sioux Falls from Feb. 6-8. LDHS took first place in the region competition, against five other schools. The group performed *Tracks* by Peter Tarsi. The cast took home four individual acting awards from regions. Casey Briscoe, Quinn Ward, Anna Burmeister, and Daniel Egemo received the honors.

The week after regions the cast found out that they had lost two cast members and had to fill the spots quickly. They left early Thursday morning and arrived at Sioux Falls early enough to appreciate the craft that other schools had mastered as well.

Casey Briscoe said, “I had a lot of fun. It was a fantastic learning experience as well as a great bonding experience. I was over the moon when I found out that we were going to state.” Zoe Bourgo didn’t perform but was just as big of a part in the production as the actors were. Bourgo said, “This was my first year, I was overwhelmed with anxiety but also excitement. It was a huge learning experience. It helped me learn about difficulties and what it is like to lose people who play a large role. Overall, I am proud of what we got done, and it went well beside the circumstances.”

The cast couldn’t stay for awards the following day due to unforeseen circumstances. Later that evening the cast found out that six individuals had won superior individual awards at the South Dakota State One Act Festival. Those six were Casey Briscoe, Kiale Rose, Daniel Egemo, Quinn Ward, Anna Burmeister and Sequoia Sigdestad.



Key Club Plans For K-Family Dinner

By Kady Hopkins

Over the previous weeks, Key Club members have been planning for the annual K-Family Dinner set to take place at the Christian Ministry Center on Monday, March 30 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event has been hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Lead-Deadwood for the consecutive past eight years and is a night for all three branches of the club including Kiwanis Club, Key Club and Builder's Club, to come together and get to know each other a little better. All three clubs share the same values but include different age groups of the community covering those from adults all the way down to middle school students. In addition to club members being invited to attend the dinner, members of the public are also welcomed. Bob Phillips, a Kiwanis Club member, has been busy in preparation for the upcoming event.

After being asked what his favorite part of the event is, Phillips replied, "Getting to do something with the Key Club and Builders Club students! I enjoy the social aspect of such a gathering. In addition, members and guests who don't know those from other clubs have a chance to meet one another and if they are not Kiwanians, they have a chance to learn about our organization." When questioned why Kiwanis Club chooses to hold the event annually, Phillips replied, "For social and information aspects. It serves as an exchange of information through the formal and informal socialization that occurs as well as from the program that will be presented." In addition, he exclaimed, "It's also a chance to meet other town's clubs!"

There is an expected crowd of 30 to 50 attendees planning to enjoy the night together. This year, the event will include guest speaker Brent Gromer, a Supervisory Special Agent, who will present about internet safety.



Key Club Advisor Wendy Schamber discusses club plans with members Sequoia Sigdestad and Ray Ereth while working concessions.



Key Club members Bravery Davis and Jeremiah Fredericksen spend their time working at a club event.

NHS Students Serve At Cornerstone

By Zoe Bourgo

Throughout the school year, all students involved in National Honor Society get the opportunity to help serve food to people in need at Cornerstone. Cornerstone is located in Rapid City and is where volunteers can go to spend an hour serving food to those less fortunate. When completing this volunteering work, it's always a learning experience for every student. Some visitors waiting to get their meals were grateful verbally, saying "thank you" to everyone who served, and there were some who didn't say much, but nonetheless those people were grateful that there was someone who was generous enough to serve them food.

Cornerstone gets help from NHS three times a year. The most recent date was on Feb. 11. This was the second of three times for this school year. Each member of NHS is required to attend one Cornerstone opportunity for the year. It is a huge learning opportunity that many do not get to have. Though the group does not stay long, they are always able to serve food to a variety of people. Although the help is not difficult to do, it required focus because an assembly line is required. Each area on the tray is assigned to a specific food. When a food is placed in the wrong spot, it throws everyone off, so it was important to pay attention to where the food was placed in order to make it a quick and easy process.

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LDHS Wrestling Challenges Students

By Rebecca Groeger

Wanting something that challenges them both physically and mentally, many of the boys at Lead Deadwood High School have taken on the challenge of wrestling. For many, this sport needs unwavering determination and a good mindset. Senior Robbie Lester said, "I love how wrestling is an individual sport, but you still have a great team to support you."

In addition to being a sport that commands a great amount of physical exertion, wrestling also involves having a good mindset. Senior wrestler Max Johnson said, "One of the most difficult things about wrestling is not getting inside your own head, another difficulty is not overlooking your opponent." Both Lester and Johnson have said that their senior year of wrestling has been going well. Johnson is currently ranked 10th in the state for 138 weight class and Lester is currently ranked first in the state for the heavy weight class.

This year, the wrestling team got a new head coach. Both seniors have mentioned that it won't be hard for them to adjust to the new coach because they have already developed a way of doing things, however the underclassmen might have to adjust to a new way things are done.

When asked what they hope to achieve before the season ends Johnson said that his goal is to place at state, and Lester's goal is to be a state champion, saying, "I have accomplished a lot and this would be the cherry on the cake." Although neither have plans on continuing to wrestle, they encourage underclassmen to continue working hard because it will pay off in the end. With the season ending soon, the wrestlers have regions at Hill City in their sights.

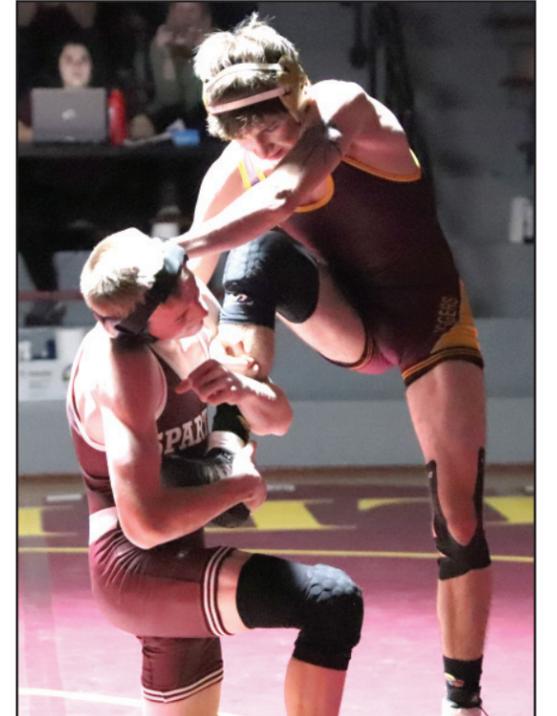
Valentine's Day Strikes Student Body

By Nicole Corkins

Love is in the air once again as Valentine's Day rolls around. The high school student council has been hosting an annual flower sale for Valentine's Day for nearly two decades. Each flower includes it's own cute valentine for the buyer to send to a valentine of their choosing for the low price of two dollars.

Daniel Egemo, President of the Senior Class, spoke about the event, "It's super adorable, and it was a lot of fun helping out with the sales last year." To participate, students paid two dollars to write their own personal note on a love themed piece of paper attached to flower that was to be sent to the person of their choosing anonymously. They were delivered on Valentine's Day to students in the cafeteria.

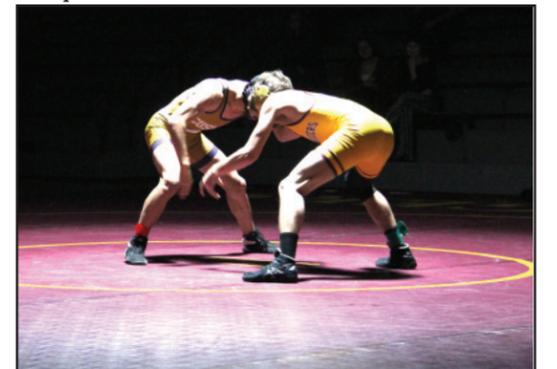
Mr. Linn, the supervisor of the LDHS Student Council thinks it is a great presents to get for your loved one's on the day celebrating love. He spoke about it by saying, "It's nice to see some freshness in the middle of winter." The flower sale will continue for years to come as it continues to be an enormous success for the student council along with being a success with the students. Make sure you continue to show your support to the student council by supporting this program which aims to spread love.



Kadden Dillman fiercely engages with his opponent in the wrestling match.



Max Johnson attempts a take down of his competitor.



Jacob Harris competes in the wrestling match.

Members Of The LDHS Choir Perform At Solo Contest

By Zariah Jones

On Feb. 12, 2020, members of the LDHS choir drove to Rapid City to perform at the Rapid City Civic Center.

There were eight students that performed a vocal solo at contest. One of those students was Junior, Delaney Johnston who has performed a total of three solos at the high school level.

She performed the French song *D'rait-on* by Morten Lauridsen. There were four first time high school soloists that performed. Those were Freshmen, Ivy Endres, Re-joyce Davis, Cameran

Stoflet, and Sophomore, Philip Sneesby. Sneesby also performed a duet with Sophomore, Brandin Baumgartner called *We Are the Men*. This was a crowd favorite among the audience.

Lead Deadwood also took four ensembles to the contest. The first group that performed sang *Parting Glass*, an arrangement of a famous Ed Sheeran song.

Junior, Lillie Wittmayer and Senior, Dominic Williams both were the featured soloists for the song. The judge, the choir profes-

sor from Chadron State College, gave the group feedback about giving their piece more dynamics. The other groups performed the songs *Soon Ah Will Be Done*, *Sweetheart of the Sun*, and *Spiritual*.

The choir also took their vocal jazz group to contest and the small group performed *Words* by the Real Group. The vocal jazz group is made of one soprano, Peyton Reller, one alto, Delaney Johnston, one tenor, Dominic Williams, and two bases, Philip Sneesby and Brandin Baumgartner.



Brandin Baumgartner and Philip Sneesby sing their duet.



Dominic Williams, Peyton Reller, Brandin Baumgartner, Philip Sneesby and Delaney Johnston wait for feedback from the judge.

The LDHS Robotics Team Puts Focus On Nationals

By Jeremiah Fredericksen

The robotics team won 3rd and 6th place at regions on Saturday, Feb. 8.

There were six different students from LDHS that participated in the robotics competitions. All of whom took time out of their school day and weekend to participate in this competition.

There were robots made by groups as small as a public school to as big as NASA. The team left for state on the 28 of

Feb. which will be held in Mitchell, SD and they will compete on the Feb. 29.

With there being 36 different teams at the contest, the stakes are high. When asked how he thinks the team will place, Duane Cunningham said, "We'll be in the top ten teams for sure."

One of the main things that they are trying to work on is their strategies.

When asked if they thought that they would be able

to get to nationals, Aaron Olinger said, "That's a big if because if we get ridiculously lucky which we have been doing this year we get really lucky yeah we can definitely do it."

The LDHS robotics team has gotten lucky many times this year with the other team's robots not starting or some other malfunction. Despite their luck, the team still works hard to perfect theirs!



Aaron Olinger, Jacob Harris, Dawson Janke, Eli Heisinger and Stryder Greenfield chat at the competition.

Bourgo Experiences The Foreign Exchange Program

By Zoe Bourgo



Maya Bourgo

Maya Bourgo has been in Australia for a little more than two weeks. Since being there, she has started school, re-acclimated to the weather and made friends.

Before Maya went to Cobar, Australia, it has been in a drought. But one day when Maya was walking home from school, she was caught in a

freak downpour and came home completely drenched. Since then, she says it has been muggy and hot. It does not help that the air conditioning in their house has stopped working.

Aside from the rain, Maya had a few days there before school started to check things out. She found out that she re-

ally likes diving from a board, so she spent a few days by the pool. Her time there so far has been well spent.

Her and one of her host siblings began writing little letters to one another, which she enjoys because she has never had little siblings. For the first time, she is the oldest sibling in the house.

Starting school in a foreign country can be difficult, however, Maya says her teachers have been really nice to her, as well as her peers. Maya also says that school has been easy thus far. It can be assumed that everyone is fascinated with her "American accent." Since school has started, she has made many friends.

LDHS Sophomore Students Explore Career Options

By Lilianna Reynolds

On Thursday February 20, sophomore students went to Sturgis Brown High for the annual career fair. The career fair offers a variety of colleges from around South Dakota all the way to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix Arizona. Students enjoyed their three hours out of school looking at different jobs and colleges. Job

fields that attended job fair were medical, hospitality, architecture, education, cosmetology, etc.

Students also got to interact with hands on activities that the fields supplied. Medical workers brought in manikins that show same movements and features as real humans do. Students got to listen to heart beats and determine if the

manikin's heart was at a steady, healthy rate or a high, unhealthy heart rate. Students also got to try and assemble a human body at the Sturgis Ambulance table.

The EMT table had a manikin head and students got to investigate their mouth and determine question the EMT asked them. Western Dakota Tech, WTD, had

many booths one of the ones that stood out the most and intrigued many students was their VR simulator. Students go to put the Virtual Reality headset on and play the simulator.

The simulator interacted with the student and did the movements and actions the student wanted to do. Students got to bring home souvenirs like

pens, bags and heating or cooling pads made in water beads. WDT's Medical field also brought in their own jeopardy game with a prize wheel.

Students could win anything from a black drawstring bag to a pocket size variety tool. A veterinary clinic owner brought in his dog and students couldn't keep their hands off of her.



Janie Fredericksen and Kiayah Clark check the heart rate of the manikin.



Lilianna Reynolds pets a dog.

Human Anatomy Students Dissect The Purr-fect Specimen

By Rebecca Groeger

In hopes to engage in a subject that will help their understanding of the human body, many students choose to take human anatomy and physiology with Mr. Thomas Tieszen. In Tieszen's class, students will learn about the human body through course work and hands on experiences by dissecting cats. Some students enjoy the hands-on experience and learning comes with the process of dissecting cats.

Junior Lillie Wittmayer said, "I want to be a nurse in the future, and this class will be beneficial. Sometimes it is hard to identify the organs but sometimes I can identify them clearly." Like many, Wittmayer took this class in order to pursue higher education in the medical field.

Despite this being a potentially beneficial class to many going into the medical field, this class is not without its ups and downs. Kailee Bertrand talked about her experience, saying, "The worst part is the smell," says Kailee Bertrand, "It's a lot more technical than I thought it would be, it is also very tedious.

However, I have a lot of fun, you learn a lot and it is very educational. I like the hands-on experience."

Tieszen explains why the class chooses to dissect cats, he says, "the cats are the closest that we can reasonably get to humans that we are budgeted for." When he discussed about the price of each cat he said, "around \$90 depending on the company." This does not come cheap when looking for cats for the whole class.

Previous student Anna Campbell said, "I really enjoyed taking anatomy, although it was a challenging class," Campbell continued talking about her experience saying, "I really enjoyed dissecting the cats, but in addition to the cats, we also dissected a kidney, cow eye, and a brain." Campbell wants students to take this course, saying, "Although it is challenging, you learn so much. It is an amazing opportunity."

Many students, like Campbell encourage others to get out of their comfort zone and take a challenging class like anatomy.



Meghan Wehner and Peyton Reller practice their dissection skills.



Taya Burlison intently studies the anatomy of the cat.

Students Participate In Congress At Stevens High School

By Daniel Egemo

The head coach of the LDHS Speech & Debate team, Bree Oatman, travelled with a group of four students to Steven's High School to participate in student congress. The group consisted of Senior Daniel Egemo, Sophomore Megan Bernal, Freshman Rejoice Davis, and Middle Schooler Mariana Pitlick.

Student Congress is an event geared towards educating young people and giving students the ability to be able to understand both sides of an issue. Students serve as representatives where they debate and vote on bills in a procedure similar to how our legislative body in the United States conducts their business. Coach Oatman spoke about the importance of participating in an event like Student Congress by saying, "Congress is important because it allows students a chance to immerse themselves in the legislative process," she continued, "Students write bills, sponsor bills, research the bills and prepare speeches for or against and then debate and vote on the bills using parliamentary procedures." Over time, students get better at doing each part of the process.

"This was Stevens first time hosting student congress. It was a smaller competition which was nice," Coach Oatman commenting on the event, "I think it went well. Daniel Egemo was ranked 1st by a judge in a round. Mariana is an eighth grader, but I had her sit in on varsity as it is a learning experience." Some times a push into varsity is what the students need to grow.

Looking to the upcoming years of student congress season, Oatman says, "Join Speech & Debate: We Legislate better than the real Congress." Speech & Debate is a magnificent extracurricular activity that one can join in middle and high school. It teaches young people many valuable life lessons that can be taken and applied to life outside and post high school.

Students Observe President's Day

Daniel Egemo

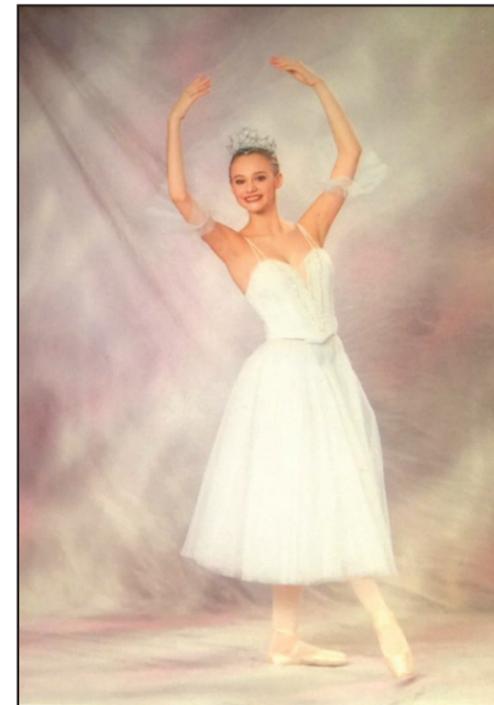
The United States of America observes President's Day as a national holiday on Feb. 17. The holiday is celebrated in remembrance of the dedication and service that the men and women who have served for and as president have given to this country.

Presidency has been an area where a great number of successes for Americans have been achieved. It is also where a great number of failures have been started. Each president in American history has done something good but also something bad.

Everyone has a favorite president, but everyone also has a least favorite president. Students at LDHS reported very different answers. President's Barack Obama, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and John F. Kennedy ranked at the top of the list as the favorite presidents of students. President Obama edged out Lincoln to take the top spot. However, the vote for least favorite was nearly unanimous. President Donald Trump received 46% of the vote for people's least favorite president, while the closest to Trump was only at 13% which went to Andrew Jackson. President Obama is the favorite president at the high school while President Trump is the least favorite.

It is certainly an interesting number to look at. The fact that President Obama and President Trump are the most talked about president's is no surprise considering the fact that these two presidents are two of the most influential (for good or for bad) president's in the history of this country. They are also the only two presidents that most high schoolers have memories of.

President's Day is a day of reflection for many Americans. Think about what our elected officials have given up to serve in the most stressful and powerful office in America. We will elect our next president on Nov. 3, 2020.



Cameron Stoflet played three roles in the 2019 production of the Nutcracker. Her roles included the Sugar Plum Assistant, which was a role she performed with Anabel Katsnelson from New York's American Ballet Theatre.

Stoflet Performs in Nutcracker Ballet

By Isabel Ward

Cameron Stoflet, freshman at LDHS, was recently a part of the Nutcracker production that had occurred this past Christmas season. Being a part of this production was an extremely involving commitment that Stoflet would find herself in rehearsals almost every night, which would last anywhere from one to two hours, and could range from four to five hours on the weekends. Stoflet also took on three roles in the production that included being the Sugar Plum Assistant, which meant she was able to work with a ballet dancer from the from New York's American Ballet Theatre. She had to compete for this role with six other girls. When asked about how rehearsals often went, Stoflet stated, "I had a mostly set schedule that rarely suddenly changed. Every day we would go to the room where we auditioned, did a quick warm-up and worked on learning and cleaning choreography."

This production put on shows during the holiday season, The Nutcracker is a classic ballet production that many enjoy watching the dancing portray the story. When asked about the opening night and how she felt, Stoflet said, "Opening night was absolutely amazing, and everyone felt strong and confident. You could feel the energy and excitement everywhere you went backstage. However, snow on Saturday forced us to reschedule and backstage that day felt very fast-paced and frantic. There is always the moment right as the music starts where everyone has the feeling of "I just forgot everything!" "But, the second the lights come up and you enter the stage it is all about the performance." Stoflet is a great example of how hard work can get you far as long as you put your mind to it!

Recycling At LDHS



The recycling program continues to be a massive success at the Lead Deadwood High School. Recycling reduces waste, conserves natural resources, increases economic security, prevents pollution and saves energy. Students are encouraged to continue to participate in the recycling program!