


NHS Members Back Row L-R: Jordy Stulken, Maxx Percy, Hunter Gudith, Kadyn Hopkins, Isabel Ward, Anna Campbell, Natalie Janssen, McKinly Kyte, and Tehya Winslow. Second Row L-R: Alana Young, Brianna Pfeiffer-Munoz, Angelica Jones, Casey Briscoe, Zariah Jones, Delaney Johnston, Rebecca Groeger, Zoe Keehn, Lexie Schroeder, Zoe Frauen, Lillie Wittmayer, and Madison Rystrom. Front Row L-R: Kaitlyn Meade, Emma Hess, Quinn Ward, Ray Ereth, Colin Kennedy-Hyman, and Zoe Buorgo.


Angelica Jones, Kadyn Hopkins, Hunter Gudith, Isabel Ward and Emma Hess light candles representing the characteristics of NHS.

## Juniors Take Smarter Balanoe Test By Raygan Mattson

Juniors started taking the smarter balance test on April 15 testing lasted until April 17. There was multiple test that they took. They took three Math, three Science, one English and one Language Arts. These tests test to see what the teachers have taught through the years and to see what juniors had learned. All juniors in the state had to take these tests. The juniors were split up to two rooms for the test. By the end the juniors were happy this type of testing was over for their high school career. Natalie Janssen stated when asked "I think that instead of taking the smarter balance the students should have to take the ACT to prepare them for that instead of doing this test." Most of the juniors were upset that it took so long because most of them had to be in class, so the teachers didn't teach something important. Anna Campbell stated, "It was long, I didn't like skipping the classes that I had to miss because then I came back and had to make up all the homework." When asked a group of juniors stated that it was kind of a waste because colleges don't really look at it they look more at the ACT and would way rather do a practice round of that instead of the smarter balance.

## NHS Inducts New Members

## By Zoe Bourgo

NHS has held its annual NHS banquet April 15 at The Deadwood Lodge. At this banquet, members of NHS are recognized for their positions and hard work.

Kadyn Hopkins gave a speech about the year, showing photos of events the NHS community took part in; including the coat drive, Halloween costume contest, the Christmas shopping trip, ugly sweater contest, STEAM Night, the Annual Dodgeball Tournament, and serving at Cornerstone Mission.

Isabelle Ward also gave a presentation showcasing the seniors NHS members. She discussed their accomplishments, likes, and dislikes. Hunter Gudith gave a speech about what it means to be in NHS, what skills are required for NHS, and about it isn't all about the grades. Its about taking part in the group and who you are as a person. At the end of the night, new inductees were introduced and presented with a certificate, then a group photo of the new inductees was taken. Followed, a group photo of every NHS member was taken, then seniors, followed by juniors, and lastly the sophomores taken into NHS.

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# LDHS Sophomores Take Interest In Attending HOBY 

LDHS is continuing the yearly HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) event this upcoming June 6-9 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ in Madison South Dakota. Over many years of attending this event LDHS will soon be sending off Delaney Johnston and Nathan Diers.

Each spring HOBY, has more than 10,000 high school sophomores across the country join one of HOBY's 70 State Leadership Seminar, you can have the chance to advance to nationals which is held in Washington, there you have a chance of winning scholarships! The HOBYs purpose statement:"To inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and
innovation." They help you achieve what you want too by attending them this summer.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership is dedicated to teaching and showing the young students how to be leaders. Their mission is to provide a life time of leadership development and opportunities that show them to achieve their highest potential and gain knowledge of leadership skills. Kialey Rose commented, "While at HOBY I met different students from across the state. It was very organized and the staff and past members were so happy to be there. I made many new friends and I even got a new "family" for the weekend. They put us in different
groups and called them our families. Each year there is a new theme, this year's theme was Disney. So my family group was Finding Dory. We wore "swas" and created chants based off of our movie. While I was there they taught us how to be fantastic leaders and how to listen to those around you by putting us in workshops which proved the impacts of listening to others. Some of the workshops were drawing a picture while blindfolded and relyins on the people around you to let you know what to draw. Trying to get a group of 10 over the bridge with only 5 large pieces of paper and not being able to touch the ground. On Saturday night they put us in a poverty simulation and
gave us a life where we had to "work, buy groceries and pay rent." It showed many of people how some might live and how hard it really is for our parents. Many of the family groups around me got evicted from their homes and lost their jobs.

On the last day HOBY is a great place where you make lifelong friends that you can trust and confide in. HOBY was a fantastic opportunity and I am so thankful to the Kiwanis Club for providing me this experience. I highly suggest other students to embark on this journey and see what it's about because, if I am being honest, I had no idea what I had gotten myself into but I am so glad that I went!"


At the Student Council blood drive, Blake Mehlberg donates blood.

Coach Beau Voegeli takes interest in a book while donating blood.


## Students Are Given the Opportunity To Donate Blood

By Dominic Williams

On April 15, 2019 students and staff were given the opportunity to donate blood when student council hosted the event. In the USA we use about 32,000 pint of blood a day. When you donate blood you can save up three lives. Less than one out of ten people donate blood. People don't donate because
of things like aichmophobia (or the fear of needles), feeling weak, or people believing that other people donate enough blood.

When Jasmine Riter, a junior, was asked why she donates blood, she said "when you donate blood you are saving lives," she went on to explain "The
donation process is pretty quick and easy, it is a pretty painless process, all you feel is a little poke." Jasmine also encouraged students to donate, she said "I encourase people to donate blood."

Pratt Williams, a junior, was asked why he donates blood and he said, "It is a cool thing to be apart
of," He also said "the process is simple, you go to the cafeteria and get a bas of Cheetos, answer some questions then you donate some blood." Williams said "It is a cool thing to be a part of, and you get to help people with little expense, when asked why he encouraged others to donate.


Royal Court included: Zak Mau, Kaali Allmendinger, Megan Snow, Angelica Jones, Maxx Percy, Alexis Morrison, Dylan Arehart, Abiah Morrison, and Trinity Brady.


Prom committee stand on stage while Mr. Linn present each member.


Students having fun at prom.


Students dancing the night away.


Daniel Egemo and Kadyn Hopkins dancing their nisht away at their junior year prom.


Students posing for the camera at prom.


Kenzi Wetz slides down the inflatables, racing against her opponent.


Robbie Lester tries to stay balanced against other opponents.


Abiah Morrison and Alexia Wright attempt to knock each other down to see who will survive the longest.


Alexis Morrison and Willow Morrison walk around the gyms to find games to play to win tickets.


Jasmine Lary showing her excitement about playing activities and winning tickets for prizes.

## Prizes, A ctivities Keep Students Engaged

## By Zoe Bourgo

Post Prom, the after party of prom, was held from 11 p.m. till 4 am at the Lead-Deadwood Highschool. This year there were a number of activities to take part in. Each event participated in, or if you seemed to be having fun, could award you tickets. These tickets could be used to enter in a number of raffles, and every 5 small tickets could be traded in for a big ticket for an entrée into the big-ticket prize raffles. At 12 a.m. an icebreaker was introduced, prom king, Maxx, and prom queen, Angelica, were "it" in a game of tag, catch is, when you got tagged, you had to link onto the person on the end. At the end of this activity, the people who got tagged were awarded with tickets.

Throughout the night there were many other activities taking place, there was a painting class, black light airsoft wars, a bouncy castle maze, Wii games, board games, large tennis ball target practice, bow target practice, and a bouncy castle where the goal was to knock people off of their stands by swinging a big ball at them. At 3AM, towards the end of the night, the raffle drawing took place. They started off by drawing blue-ticket winners, which were underclassmen or visitors. Next, they drew Juniors. Some large-prize Junior winners, both Casey Briscoe and Daniel Egemo won coats, and Emma Hess won the kayaks. Finally, the seniors were drawn. At the end, there was one last large-prize drawing for a T.V, which Maya Bourgo won.

## Spanish Students Perform Don Quixote

## By Abiah Morrison

The play Don Quixote play was performed, April 17 on Wednesday during SRB by the Spanish class. The play performance was about 45 minutes long and all students were welcome to watch. The play included two casts, which means everyone who performed had one big role to and one small role to play.

The play is about a man that goes crazy and imagines himself and his squire going on adventures. The Spanish play was performed in Spanish by students who were in Spanish III and Spanish IV class. It took the students less than a month to rehearse their roles and they were able to rehearse in class until the day they performed.

Hannah Campbell, one of the cast members said, "The play was hard at first to learn, but as soon as you knew what you were saying in English than it was easy to remember your lines." Mrs. Peggy Moreno has been presenting this annual play for many years now and says it has always been an exciting time for the students.

## Student Council Attends State Convention

## By Abiah Morrison

The State Student Council Convention was held in Sioux Falls April 7-8. There were ten high school students who attended and many middle school students from the Lead-Deadwood school district.

Students who wanted to attended this convention were required to pay $\$ 55$ each and bring extra money for snacks, and be on the bus at approximately 9:00 a.m.. This paid for the ride to Sioux Falls, and their hotel rooms. They rode on a charter bus. The students were also given each $\$ 21$ and got to use this money for dinner and breakfast the next morning.

The students were required to attend a meeting the first night which started at 5:30 p.m. for an introduction about what would be happening for the rest of the convention. After the meeting with all different schools around the South Dakota area, the students were able to go to the dance that was organized that night, or play many other games in the lobbies and/or meeting rooms.

Students were then told to return back to their hotel rooms and rest until the next morning activi-
ties were to begin at 8:30 am.
The next day, all students were told to meet in the convention room to listen to a speaker explaining the importance of teamwork, and finding the right path for you and your future. The students were then separated into different meeting rooms and learned different techniques about how to make their student body more successful.

The students went to lunch and were given a free meal. After, they were done, they had to listen to all speeches given by all candidates who were running for offices.

Each school district had to vote for who they wanted. After the speeches, the students were then sent back to their hotel rooms and had the rest of the time to get ready for the banquet dinner that evening.

The awards banquet dinner was for all of the hardworking students who did extra things for their schools. The students found out the election results and the banquet came to an end. All districts were welcomed and awarded for their hard work for the 2018-2019 school year.


Don Quixote played by Anna Campbell professes love to Dolce Nira, played by Alana Young.


Abiah Morrison and Olivia Rogers pose for a photo.


Casey Briscoe, Emma Hess, Sage Clemons, and Kialey Rose pose for a photo.


Players watch teammates during batting.


Domenic Lucero relaxes during the inning .

## Baseball Team Leads Off the New Season

## By Anna Campbell

The Golddigger's season opener against the Sturgis Scoopers was held April 4 in Sturgis. The game didn't go quite as the Diggers planned and they ended up losing 11-1. The team then traveled to Hot Springs for their second game. After a good game the Diggers couldn't quite close the gap and lost by a score of $18-8$. Weather hasn't been great so many of their games have been cancelled.

There are eight
seniors on the team this year including Carter Nelson, Wyatt VandeVelde, Maxx Percy, Zak Mau, CJ Murray, Dylan Janke, Carson Pinske, and Luke Fish.

Their first home game was April 25 against Hot Springs. Even though they were upset to lose 214, the Diggers were happy to see all the supportive fans in the stands.

The season has been short so far, but the team is planning on closing it strong.

## Girls Golf Drives off the New Season

## By Raygan Mattson

Members of the Girls Varsity Golf team consists of Madi Rystrom, Rebecca Groeser, Raygan Mattson, Hannah Campbell, and Emma Hess. Campbell, Groeger, and Mattson have not golfed previously and will be hitting on the green for the first time.

The first meet was at Meadow Brook in Rapid City where Campbell shot a 65 and Mattson shot a 69 , when asked Hannah Campbell stated "It was a fairly easy course just got into some trouble with the water, but it was a fun course to start off the season."

They have had two other meets so far, one in Belle Fourche where Madi Rystrom shot a 111, Hannah Campbell shot a 128, Raygan Mattson shot a 149 and Rebecca Groeger shot a 150 , Groeger stated " This was a fun course but if you shot to the right you were out a lot but it defiantly made me think about fixing my swing and making sure not to hit to the right when I'm not supposed to."

The meet in Douglas was on Tuesday April 23, Madi Rystrom shot a 101 placing in the top 10, Raygan Mattson shot a 149, Mattson stated "This was a fun course it was easy but had a lot of hills that you had to get up on, but other than that it was a fun day. It is a course that I'd like to go back to and get a better score. The next tournament will be in Spearfish on April 30.


Team members having a discussion, waiting to be put in the game!

## LDHS Digger Track Team Season Takes Off

## By Anna Campbell

The LDHS Track Team had their first meet on March 27 at the Sioux Park Track Stadium in Rapid City. Despite having only a few practices before and it being the first meet of the season, the track team still performed at a high level.

A few athletes qualified in the first meet and even more set personal records. Natalie Janssen qualified in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet and 3.75 inches. Jordy Stulken qualified in both the 100-meter dash and the lons jump, running a time of 11.39 and jumping a length of 21 feet and 2.25 inches. At the Spearfish Queen City Classic Meet on April 5, Trinity Brady qualified in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.85 seconds. New to pole vault, Kadden Dillman was able to qualify in just three meets. He vaulted a height of 11 feet and 3 inches in the Custer Invitational Meet, which was held at the Belle Fourche Track Field on April 18.

Sadly, the team's season has been cut short due to weather. Their next meet is April 27 at Sturgis. Still, the Golddiggers hope to qualify even more athletes in the coming meets and set more personal records.


Trinity Brady speeds around the corner.


Jordy Stulken flies towards the pit.


Kadden Dillman clears the bar with plenty of room to spare.


Rachel Janssen releases the shotput.


Taylor Arehart runs the 100.


Anna Campbell clears the first hurdle.

