

## Snapshot Production Features Mt. Rushmore

By Sage Clemons

The fall play "Snapshot," under the direction of Eli Corbett was held Dec. 14-15. There was also an SRB performance on Dec. 13.

The play is about fifteen different situations that all have to do with one picture of two people standing in front of Mount Rushmore. In each scene there's a different take to the story the picture is trying to tell from two brothers fighting about the statues to a tour guide who has some interesting takes on the presidents themselves. No two scenes are ever alike in this play, so it brings a whole new feel to each scene you watch.

Zoe Keehn while discussing the play said, "I think it's going well, and we've come a long way in how little time we've had to prepare and each time we practice it gets a little bit better. We have had a lot of cancelled rehearsals, so I think my biggest challenge has been memorization and partner work, because we don't get that much time together. The thing I'm most excited for is to finally have an audience in front of us."

Daniel Egemo said, "The play is going very well. It is a very well written and it relates to South Dakota because the play is based around a photo taken at Mount Rushmore that is interpreted in different ways. I think that it's challenging to have a cast the size of ours all together at once for rehearsals. It causes a little more problem when you have a large cast when people are not available for rehearsal. I am excited for people to see this play. It is unique, and it is based in South Dakota which is very interesting to see interpreted on the stage. I hope we have a large number of people to show up and see this production."



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# New eHallpass Causes Distress Among Student Body

By Zoe Keehn

A new hall pass system was implemented throughout LDHS on December 10. The electronic hall pass system requires students to digitally check in and out of their current location as well as provide the location of where he/she is going. The high school used a similar, yellow-paper system before the new program was implemented.

One big difference between the paper and digital systems is the fact that the E-Hall Pass program displays the amount of time a student was gone from a class and

their location status to not only their current teacher, but other teachers throughout the school. Although teachers and administration implemented the system for the students' "safety" according to Principal Tony Biesiot, the student body feels as if it is a punishment for the schools Juuling epidemic.

Juul is a popular e-cigarette product that was particularly targeted toward underaged individuals. The product has caused many issues regarding appearances on school campuses, not only in our dis-

trict, but nationwide. Regardless of why the system was truly implemented, there are many negative opinions surrounding the topic. "Doing this makes everyone a suspect for doing something wrong when that is not the case," states Quinn Ward. "It is too complicated for students that actually have to go to the bathroom." Several other students agreed with the statements made by Quinn and had similar opinions about the system.

Currently the system is running on a 60-day trial period but if implemented

officially, would cost the school between \$400 and \$500, or \$1.50 per student according to Principle Biesiot. Many students throughout the school think that the money should be spent elsewhere.

Alicia Roden said "We have a perfectly reliable check-out system for every teacher and that money could easily go to funding for the choir or another club." According to administration, the system is not consistent among every classroom because computers are not exclusively used. This means that students in

a class such as choir, don't need to use the E-Hall Pass. This poses a new problem regarding SRB passes and students that are not using the system.

There is currently a wave of opinions regarding the electronic pass, although the common opinion throughout the student body is negative. However, nothing is permanently being implemented yet and is subject to change. Biesiot leaves this as his final statement, "We are only trying it out and we will gather more opinions from students and staff as we move forward."

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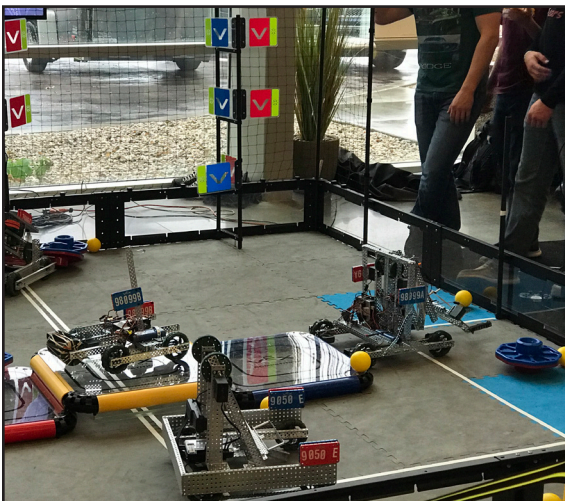
# Lead-Deadwood High School Takes First Place Award in The West River "Turning Point" VEX Robotics Competition

By Will Pearson

The Lead-Deadwood High School Robotics team competed in the "Turning Point" VEX robotics competition at Rapid City Central on December 8. There were a total of 19 teams in competition. Matches were done randomly. The competition itself consists of each school using two hand-crafted robots to flip bi-colored discs onto floor panels of a designated color or toward flags. Each robot must measure no more than 18" by 18" by 18". Aaron Olinger, a competitor for LDHS in the competition, explained the team's two robots. "One wasn't completed and

we were shocked it worked as well as it did. The other robot was very simplistic but extremely good. We had to make last-minute modifications to completely change its way of working, so we didn't have high expectations, but it placed first in the competition. We also had to contend with technical issues like batteries coming loose," Olinger said. "I thought everything went really good. I was really happy with the way things turned out," said Robotics supervisor Duane Cunningham. He finished by noting that the next competition isn't un-

til February 8 at Rapid City Douglas. When asked how the team could improve before the next competition, Robotics member Quinn Ward said, "We could've taken more time thinking out and planning the building of our robots, practicing the tournament, and getting ideas that could separate us from the other competitors." Cunningham noted that there are far more competitions East River than there are West River, and that LDHS might offer its own contests for people from West River to go to more than three contests per year.



*Robots compete at "Turning Point."*



*LDHS Robotics members listen to directions from an officiator.*



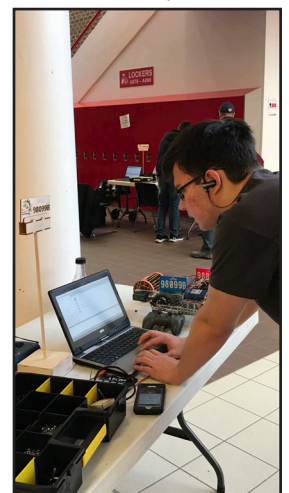
*Quinn Ward makes last-minute adjustments.*



*Robotics members observe their robots.*



*Aaron Olinger and Bravery Davis make calculations.*



*Olinger focuses intently.*

# National Honor Society Gears up for December Activities

By Angelica Jones

During the month of December, the National Honor Society has been busy planning and carrying out many activities. The first activity was a coat drive which took place on December 6 at the Boys and Girls Club. They placed boxes for the drive all over the town to collect coats. Unfortunately, when they went to the Boys and Girls Club to hand them out on the 6<sup>th</sup>, it wasn't as successful as they would have liked it to be. Since there is a free store in Lead, it is difficult to get people to go to the coat drive because they can just

pick it up at the free store. However, they were able to give away a lot of coats to little kids who needed coats.

Another event that they are putting on, is their annual shopping trip for an elementary kid who won't have the Christmas that most do. They shop for toys and clothes to make the chosen kid's Christmas great. After the shopping, the members will put on an ugly sweater contest on December 21. The contest will take place during lunch and the awards for the best homemade and store bought will be a stocking full

of candy. All staff members and students will be entered to win the contest.

When asked how these activities are affecting this community in his opinion, the president of NHS, Hunter Gudith, "The coat drive provided an opportunity for people that needed it to prepare for the winter and really helped them out." He added, "The Christmas shopping for a kid is an example of how we can all give a little more to people in need and we should all be a little more caring."

# LDHS Welcomes Another Foreign Exchange Student

By Sage Clemons

This year we have a new exchange student Alejandro Aguado Garcia from a small city twenty minutes from Madrid, the capital of Spain. Its name is Boadilla del Monte and he has been living there for 14 years. In Spain he used to play basketball, but when last year ended, he decided to quit from it. When with his friends he enjoys hangs out around the city or just chilling. Since he was in like 5th grade he always wanted to be an architect. He is now debating on whether or not to go into that field or a psychology field.

Alejandro stated "I chose America

for my exchange Just to come to the U.S.A and have an amazing year. Besides for studies, I know a lot of people that have been here before and they always say that it's the best year they've had. About the Black Hills, we don't really have the choice where do we want to go, but it's more exciting that way.

After being two months in Rapid City, when they told me that I had to come here my first answer was no. I wanted to stay in Rapid, because I had my friends and everything. And the first days here I didn't really want

to stay, but then I gave it a chance. I'm glad I decide to stay because it has been the best year of my life.

When asked what the strangest thing was about living in Lead he stated "It's not something strange or anything like that but coming here has made me see how the world really works. Where I used to live teenagers don't work so If we wanted something, we would just ask to our parents for everything. Here most of you work for earn your own money. I don't know is not something weird, it's just something different that has impressed me.

# New Beginnings Bring New Traditions for A Capella Choir

By Zoe Keehn

The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Kari Owens, took part in their second annual Deadwood Tree Lighting Christmas caroling trip on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Last year the choir took part in the event for the first time and continued the tradition this year with a new set of students and songs! There were about 30 singers in attendance this year in comparison to approximately 15 last year. "Our attendance doubled, but we invited middle school to sing with us this year," states Owens. The singers this year ranged from ages 13 to 18 and their voice types ranged from bari-

tone to soprano.

In addition to Christmas caroling, Owens has implemented a lot of other changes and new traditions for the choir to take part in!

A few of these new activities include both a High School and Middle School Vocal Jazz choir, singing national anthems at varsity games, and an upcoming Pop's concert that is set to be held in November. The concert will include solos, small group performances, and large group performances that are all easily recognizable tunes. A few of these familiar songs include Africa by Toto, Wake Me Up by Avicii,

and many more.

This is the first year that a Pops Concert will be held at the Lead Deadwood High School, but likely not the last. Many of the students, particularly middle schoolers are very excited about the pop music that they have been working on. Although more difficult, pop music is more recognizable and universally enjoyed than traditional choir music to many people. This type of concert not only gives students the chance to step away from their traditional choir music, but it also acts as an incentive for potential members in upcoming years.





Angelica Jones tries to complete her final sculpture.



The first steps of creating the final sculptures.

## Sculpture And Wheelthrow Class

By Angelica Jones

This semester, Lead Deadwood High School offered a sculpture class that has done many interesting projects. The students start by learning the basics of sculpting by making a sculpture out of a foam board. From there they sculpted and painted tiki heads which took a few weeks to complete. Then, the teacher, Oliver Burgoyne taught the class how to wheel throw a bowl. Once the class finished the bowls, they continued onto

making plates, which is more advanced.

Wheel throwing is the most time-consuming unit because some students need multiple tries to make a bowl and they must be fired multiple times. Then, it took weeks upon weeks to complete the wheel throwing unit of the class. At the end of that unit, they began their final. Their final consists of sculpting up a character/creature and making a comic to match up with the character.

To sculpt the character, they must make the shoulders out of newspaper, tape, and cardboard. From there, they use a foam mannequin head and tape it to the shoulders to get the base shape. Once all of that is assembled, they put multiple layers of casting on the shoulders. Then, using clay, they sculpt the face and the minor details of the character. This class is only offered once a year, so hopefully more people can take it next year.

## The Symphonic Band Kicks Off Their Music Season

By Michael Crawford

The High school Symphonic Band and Band Director Mick Dragoo recently put on a Christmas concert if you can call it that. They called it their "Creepy Christmas Concert" and the music ranged from

Christmas classics to spooky ballads. The band performed on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the high school. Will Pearson, a percussionist for the band, said that he thought they performed "surprisingly well." Pear-

son also said "[he] walked in to the concert nervous about how well [they] were going to perform, but by the end [he] was confident in the performance." Songs played included "Terracotta Warriors" by

Scott Watson, "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Modest Moussorgsky, "Dark Ride" by Randall D. Standridge, "Hedwig's Theme" by John Williams, and "Rudolph's Christmas Overture" by Johnny Marks. The

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands also performed the same night. All in all the Band concert was a success it was a great way to start off the Band's new year and we are all looking forward to more concerts to come!

## Lead Deadwood Student's New Year's Resolutions

By Jasmine Lary

What is a New Year's resolution? A New Year's resolution is a tradition in which a person wishes to change an undesired trait in order to improve oneself or to reach a goal.

The most common New Years Resolutions include the following: Exercise

more, lose weight, become more organized, learn a new skill or hobby, live life to the fullest, save money, quit smoking, spend more time with family and friends, travel more, and to read more. Most New Year's Resolutions aren't successful. There are tips to

help you succeed with these goals.

The first step is to mentally prepare for a serious change. A good way to do so is stay positive, build on small changes, and accept that you are going to mess up. Setting goals that are going to motivate you.

Set goals that you

can manage. Be specific as to what you want or else you could have a poor outcome. Make smaller goals. Write your goals down. Share your goals with others. Don't give up the first time you make a mistake. These are all very effective ways in order to work on

your goals and help improve yourself.

Some Lead Deadwood Students have New Year's Resolutions include: procrastinating less, to get better at extracurricular activities, gain motivation, and continue working on getting better. These are all great goals.



# Juuling Becomes New Favorite Activity Among Students

By Staff Members

The deceiving looking flash drive has been used by many students at LDHS, it isn't a flash drive but a Juul which is an e-cigarette. The portable device is easy to hide and easy to charge using an USB port. The favorite places to use this pod are the bathrooms and locker rooms.

Vaping has become an epidemic nation wide, with many teenagers not realizing there is nicotine in the product. Over 66% say there is just flavor-

ing.

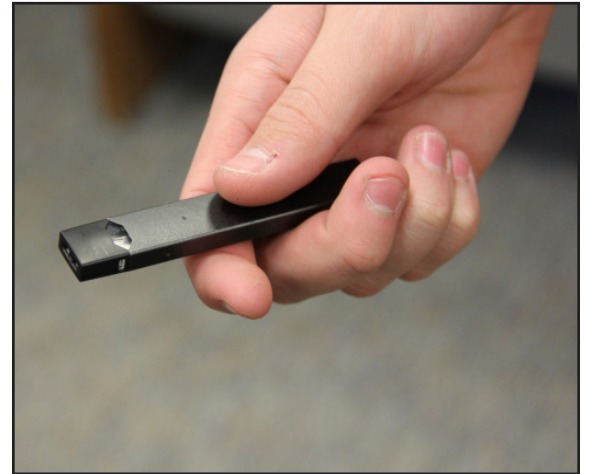
Teenagers have found Juul devices to be easy to hide and easy to use. The vapor is hard to detect and the flavors entice students who wouldn't touch a regular cigarette.

Many medical professionals are worried about the addiction factor of a Juul. A Juul pod has twice the concentration of nicotine of that of similar devices. One pod has the equivalent nicotine of one package of cig-

arettes.

According to the Juul website: All JUULpods include nicotine. The company offers eight different products, which include Virginia Tobacco, Classic Tobacco, Mint, Menthol, Fruit, Mango, Cucumber, and Crème with a 3% or 5% concentration of nicotine.

The Juul doesn't include diacetyl - a chemical in many other vaping liquids that is linked to popcorn lung disease.



*A Juul device is shown above.*

## Speech Team Heads To Pierre For State

By Daniel Egemo

On Dec. 7 - 8, five members of the Lead-Deadwood Speech & Debate team headed to the 109th Annual State Oral Interpretation Festival after qualifying at the regional competition.

Daniel Egemo competed in Non-Original Oratory with "Billie Sutton Concession Speech". Hunter Gudith competed in Serious Interpretation with "Red". Emma Hess competed in Duet Interpretation with "Around the World in a Bad Mood".

Zoe Frauen was the sole double entrant and competed in Duet Interpretation with "Around the World in a Bad Mood" and Storytelling with "Potato

Creek Johnny". Kialley Rose traveled to Pierre with the team as an alternate for Poetry with her piece "A Story Like Mine".

Zoe Frauen received a Superior in Storytelling to wrap up her fourth and final State event.

When talking about how speech competition can help improve oneself in life, Kialley Rose stated "Speech improves your acting and performances skills. Not to mention your communication skills as well. It allows you to get to know new people and interact with those who have similar interests".

During the competition, the team got time to spend in Pierre while not com-

peting. December 8 was the 20th Annual Attorney General Pie Day. The team went to the capital building and enjoyed the Christmas decorations and desserts. They got to meet and talk with South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley who was present to host and serve pie on pie day.

Daniel Egemo was able to record his performance in the House Chambers of the Capitol to send to Billie Sutton.

The team got to experience good times while meeting good competition. The event was a perfect ending to the speech season as the team moves towards the National Forensics League season.



*The team and coaches discuss the day's schedule and where everyone needs to be.*



*Speech members stands outside of the state capitol.*





*Brianna Pfeiffer-Munoz gives a tour of the Monument.*



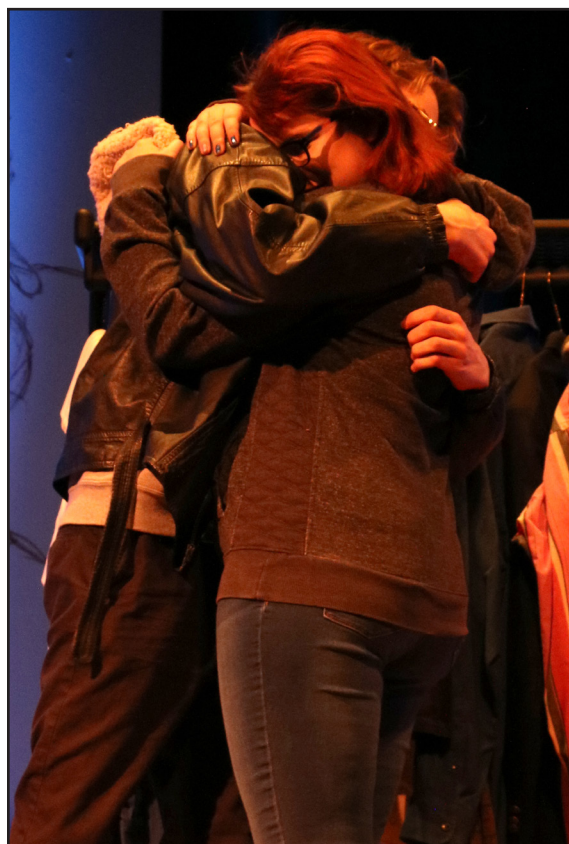
*Quinn Ward and Jackson Srstka head to Mount Rushmore.*



*Daniel Egemo recreates Presidents using Pez Dispensers.*



*Tourists gather as the Tour Guide starts the tour of the Monument.*

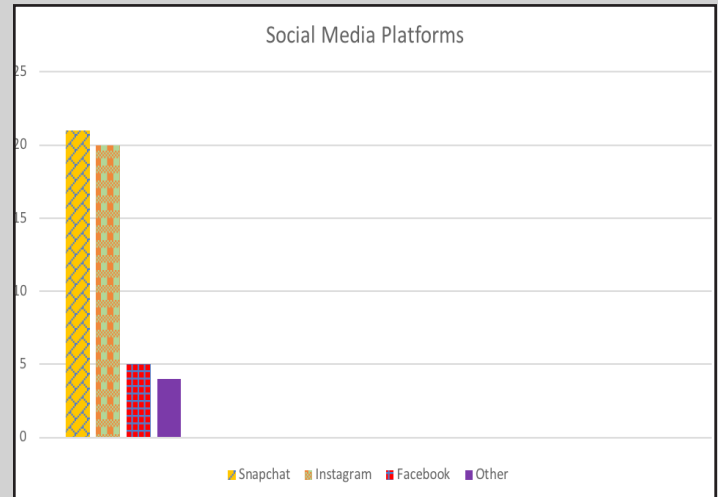
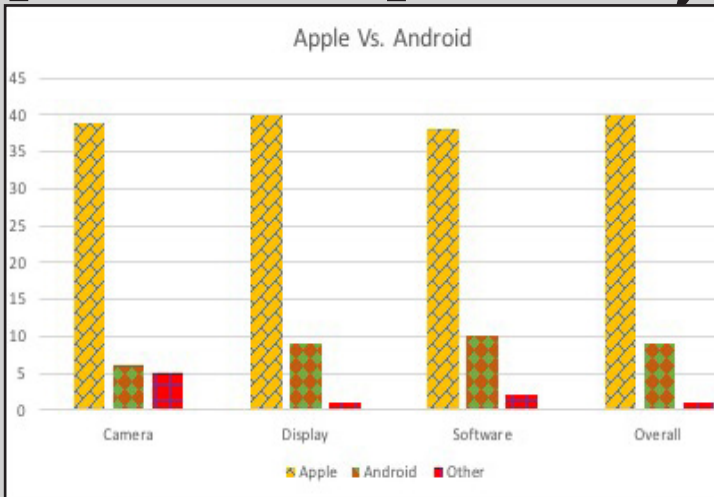


*A hug is shared between Casey Briscoe and Quinn Ward.*



## Phone/Social Media Survey

By Dominic Williams



This survey was conducted in the Lead-Deadwood High School, out of 50 people. People were asked the following:

- Which phone has the best mobile camera?
- Which phone has the best display?
- Which phone has the best software?
- Which phone is the best over all?

This survey was conducted in the Lead-Deadwood High School, out of 50 people. People were asked the following:

- What is your favorite Social Media Platform



## Student Council offers Hot Chocolate, Cookies

By Abiah Morrison

As the Student Council wraps up their year before Christmas break, they talk about how to bring in the Christmas spirit.

Student Council president Zoe Keehn talks about what they could do to bring in more Christmas spirit and money at the same time.

Student Council is still selling the Christmas ornaments from

Mr. Linn, and is still doing the ice cream socials during the last thirty minutes of SRB.

Members have wanted to bring something different to the table, by bringing in hot chocolate and cookies. These are no ordinary Christmas cookies though, the members wanted the students to create their own cookies with different kinds

of candies, sprinkles and frosting. Student Council thought this could be a creative way to bring in the joy of Christmas and have fun making and eating them.

The members thought cookies and hot chocolate would be the best combination to have during SRB before students go off to Christmas break.

## Could Washing Machines Help School Attendance Rise?

By Abiah Morrison

Could washing machines help school attendance rise? Well, as school attendance has always been a problem, schools in general are debating whether or not schools should have washing machines to help raise the school attendance rate.

Research shows that over seven million students miss nearly a month of school each year. Research also shows that if a student misses nearly 10 percent of school, which is equivalent to around eighteen days in most school districts, it can negatively affect a student's academic performance that whole year.

Washing machines are known to be a problem for students and families that are unable to afford them. Teachers and other citizens are wondering whether students just don't care about what they look like and smell like or if their families really cannot afford them. It has been a wonder if this will be able to help school attendance because if students had a chance to wash their clothes at school then they would not feel insecure about what they look like or feel disappointed not being able to afford to wash their clothing. It could give them a chance to relax and also help out their families with this struggle.



# Lady Diggers Start Season Strong

By Carly Mehlberg

The Lady Diggers started their 2018 season off strong 4-0 playing the teams, Harding County and beating them with the score of 58-21, beating Newell with a score of 49-43, Newcastle 54-37, and Sundance 52-14.

Upcoming games for the Golddiggers include, Bennett County, who the Lady Golddiggers beat last year with the score of 48-33, Sturgis Brown High School that the Lady Diggers fell to 21-51, and Douglas High School who the Lady Diggers beat last year with the score of 48-47.

The Golddiggers have three returning starters from last year's season: Senior Carly Mehlberg, Junior Anna Campbell, and Junior Natalie Janssen. There are four seniors, six juniors, seven sophomores, three freshmen, and one eighth grader making up the team this season. The Golddiggers also gained another coach for the C-Team: Brooke Kappen took that position. JV and Varsity coaches remain the same as last year, JV Coach Ms. Sam Grant and Varsity Coach Mr. Tim Hansen for the third year in a row. The Lady Golddiggers look to surpass the victory total from last year of 9-12.



*Natalie Janssen takes a shot to get a lead against Harding County.*



*Alexis Morrison focuses on making her shot during a free throw.*



*Anna Campbell dribbles down the court to make herself open for a shot.*



*Raygan Mattson grabs the ball to get a rebound.*



*Rebecca Groeger dribbles to get around her Harding County opponent.*



# Boys Basketball Season Tips Off With New Coach

Raygan Mattson

The basketball season started Friday Nov. 14. They played Oelrichs, and fell short of their first victory.

The score was 67-59. This was not the outcome the team was hoping for but they worked hard. This year, they have a new head coach: Travis Rogers. His son Jett Rogers coaches the JV team. Both teams have worked really hard to start off the season. They were ready for everything they were hoping to start off the season with a win, but they just fell short in the last couple minutes of the game.

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Kevin Primo goes to the line for two.



Wyatt Vande Velde goes up for the shot.



Carter Nelson goes up for the shot.



Eli Jordan drives to the basket.

## New Cheer Team For Basketball Takes The Floor

By Zariah Jones

Moving into basketball season, the LDHS cheerleading team has gained two members.

The Seniors on the team are Eric Schumacher, Kaitlyn Meade, Kaitlyn Zellers, and Annie Pearson. The only Junior is Kiyah Austin and the Sophomores are Peyton Reller and Zariah Jones. The freshman are Raven

Anderson, Neveah Foster, and Miranda Kearns. Two eighth graders also joined the team. They are Ally Zellers and Cameron Stoflet.

With only two new members, the cheer team is prepared for their first game and performed successfully.

Meanwhile, they are practicing for their first real performance. They also

hope to accomplish stunting.

New member Peyton Reller says, "I understand the difficulty of the sport but it is over-all really fun. Stunting is actually really difficult but fun."

This year is important for the seniors because it will be their last year on the team. Two of the seniors are also taking college classes.



# Lead-Deadwood Wrestling Team Takes The Mat

By Jasmine Lary

The wrestlers are working very hard and trying their best this season. It has been a very difficult season as a team but all of their hard work will soon pay off. There have been four different meets so far. In the last Belle Triangular, Miles Renner

won his very first varsity match in the 106-weight class. There was a Custer Invitational on November 30. Carson Pinske won all three of his matches and placed 1st with a score of 25 team points. Robbie Lester also did very well

in Custer. He won all 5 of his matches, and he placed first and scored 26 team points. On December 7 and 8, Domenic Lucero placed seventh in the 152-weight class and Cody Rakow placed eighth in the 182-weight class in the Rapid City Invitation-

al Tournament. These two individuals were the first placers in this Tournament since the team came back. The wrestling season started on November 12 and it is going to end in February. If the season goes well, they will end with the State Tournament

in February. In order to get to State, they need to place fourth or better at regions. Accomplishing this goal would be easier if there were more wrestlers to fill the weight divisions, but it is still possible with a little hard work and dedication.



Cody Rakow prepares to take on his opponent.

Robbie Lester continues to wrestle his hardest to win the match



Dominic Lucero takes seventh in the Rapid City Invitational Tournament.



Trinity Brady thinks of a way to win his match.



# 2018 "The Grinch" Fails To Live Up To Its Predecessor

By Daniel Egemo

Another installment of the story that has captivated children around Christmas time has hit the big screen. "The Grinch" came to theaters across the world to steal Christmas in Nov. 2018. It followed the 2000 live action version "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," which starred Jim Carrey as the Grinch and is be-

loved by most Christmas movie goers. This time around in the 2018 animated remake, Benedict Cumberbatch voiced the Grinch. The film follows The Grinch and his dog Max who dislike Christmas more than any other time of the year.

Whoville decides to make their festivities bigger and bright-

er, angering the Grinch to a point that he decides he must stop Christmas from coming.

"The Grinch" was met with mixed reviews including some that enjoyed the movie because of its cuteness and great visual graphics. Some, however, thought the movie did not quite live up to expectations including

Ms. Jasmine Lary who said "I like the one with Jim Carrey more but The Grinch wasn't horrible. It could have been better, but it's not the worst movie ever". She followed up by saying The Grinch just wasn't as good as it could have been because he was not crazy and was a cartoon. It did not feel real, was not entertaining

and was quite boring". "The Grinch" fails to live up to expectations placed on them by the 2000 version of the story. The movie does not add any new details or excitement to the story that is loved by so many. In the end, "The Grinch" falls flat bringing the question as to why the creators felt this story had to be told yet again.

# The One and Only Spongebob Creator Passes Away

By Cristian Fierro

On November 27, the creator of SpongeBob SquarePants Stephen Hillenburg passed away in southern California at the age of 57. Hillenburg, a former marine biology teacher, announced last year that he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the neurodegenerative condition known as "Lou Gehrig's disease".

Nickelodeon, the

channel that has been SpongeBob's home since its premiere in May 1999, announced his death.

During its run the show was aired in over 200 countries and translated into 50 different languages. In his life, he was a nine-time Emmy nominee for SpongeBob, but never a winner. At the Annie Awards in Los Angeles, Hillenburg was among

those given a Winsor McKay honor for his career contributions to animation. Tom Kenny, the one who voiced SpongeBob, accepted the award on Hillenburg's behalf as he remained seated to receive a standing ovation. Born in Lawton, Oklahoma Hillenburg graduated from Northern California's Humboldt State University in 1984 with a Bache-

lor's Degree in natural resource planning and interpretation. While working as a marine biology teacher at the Orange County Marine Institute Hillenburg noticed that "Animation started booming," so he enrolled in the Arts in Valencia as a graduate student in 1987.

He left five years later with a degree in experimental animation. Starting in 1993

he wrote and directed shows like Rockos Modern Life and the Rugrats, then went on to make SpongeBob in May of 1999 for children everywhere.

Nickelodeon said, "His utterly original characters and the world of the Bikini Bottom will long stand as a reminder of the value of optimism, friendship and the limitless power of imagination."

# Former President George H.W. Bush Passes Away at 94

By Michael Crawford

George H.W. Bush unfortunately passed on November 30th. Bush was a son of a senator, a World War II combat pilot, student athlete, Texas oilman, Republican congressman, national party chairman, pioneering diplomat, spy chief and much more.

After Bush's 1980 presidential campaign came up short, he served two terms as Ronald Reagan's vice president before reaching the peak of political power by winning the 1988 presidential election, by defeating Michael Dukakis, the democrat can-

didate. After losing the presidential election in 1992, Bush lost power of the white house. Parkinson's disease later mostly silenced Bush in public. But he still showed his sense of humor by doing things such as sporting colorful striped socks.

Bush's death

comes after his wife of 73 years, Barbara Bush, passed away on April 17 at age 92. On his final day, Bush was asked, whether he wanted to go to the hospital. The former president said no, and that he was ready to go and be with Barbara and Robin, who

died of leukemia as a child.

Bush spoke his final words to his son, George W. Bush, during a phone call. In the conversation, the son told the Bush that he had been a "wonderful father. "I love you, too," is what his father replied.