



*Freshman Princess Rachel Janssen, Sophomore Princess Zariah Jones, Junior Princess Casey Briscoe and Abiah Morrison.*

## Mau Crowns Snoball Princesses

**By Zariah Jones**

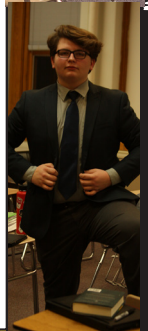
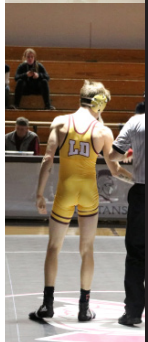
The annual Snoball dance hosted by the LDHS student council was held Feb. 1. Towards the middle of the dance, students gathered around the dance floor eagerly to hear who the Snoball Princesses will be.

First, the Freshman girls were called to the floor. Resource Officer Kip Mau announced Rachel Janssen as the first Princess of the night.

Next, Zariah Jones was crowned as the Sophomore Princess.

As the Juniors gathered in the middle of the floor, there was an outcry for Daniel Egemo to be Princess. Casey Briscoe was crowned instead much to the crowd's dismay. Finally, Abiah Morrison was crowned Senior Princess.

Sophomore, Sasha Staeckeler said, "The dance was very enjoyable, and I thought the music was interesting." Mr. Gary Linn and Mr. Beau Voegeli collected the money for admissions at the entrances to the dance in the foyer. The concession stand was run by Rob Lester.





# Cheerleaders Stunt Into The Basketball Season

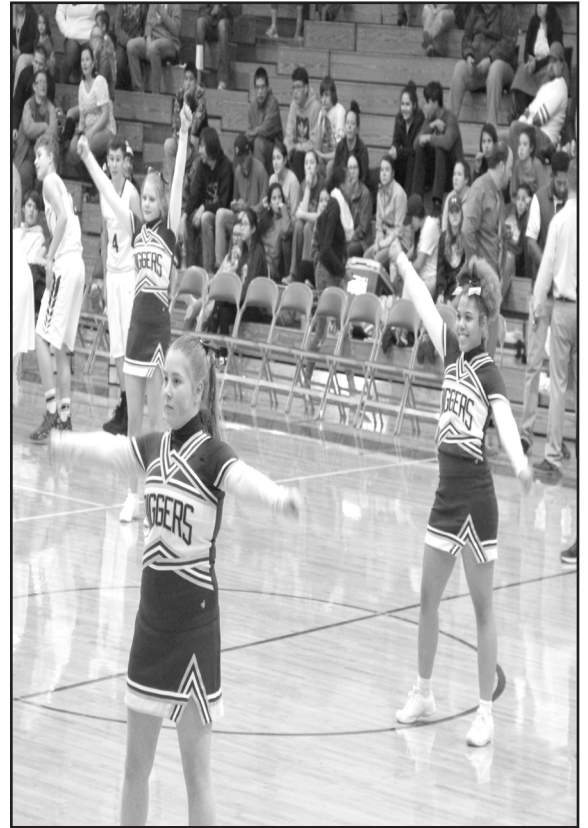
By Sage Clemons

It's been an exciting start to the cheerleading season this year. So far, they have cheered at 8 basketball games this season. They will also be cheering January 17<sup>th</sup> for the varsity boys' game. During basketball season the cheer team will be stunting unlike the football season which is mostly just cheers. So far this season there has been 12 members on the team with two coaches Samantha Rogers and Wendy Rogers. The coaches have stated that

there will be more stunting this year and they hope to have a great season filled with many memories that the team can carry on to other parts of their lives. The team will be cheering at all of the boys' varsity home games this season. When asked why they joined cheerleading Kaitlynn Zellers stated, "I loved the team aspect, the friendships made throughout the season and the family formed through it made me want to join." Eric Schum-

acher said, "My freshmen year Kaitlynn Zellers convinced me to join I've been apart every year other than junior year."

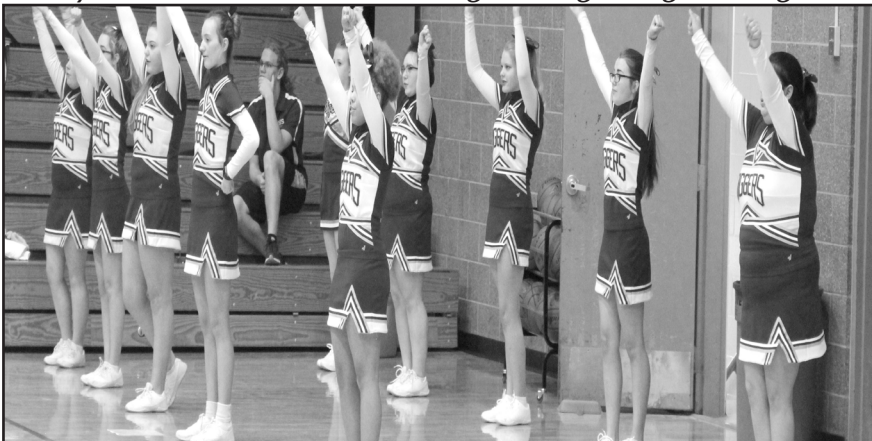
Both Schumacher and Zellers said that stunting was their favorite part of cheerleading and that they were very excited about all of the new stunts that are going to be presenting this year. Everyone should attend at least one of the boys' games just to see all of the hard work that the cheerleaders have put in this season.



*The cheerleaders perform the school song well the basketball players get ready for the game.*



*Kaitlyn Meade does a stunt during the beginning of the game.*



*The team cheers on the boys' basketball team as they score a point.*

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# Soloists Prepare for Solo Ensemble

By Jasmine Lary

Solo Ensemble took place on Wednesday, February 7, 2019 at the Rapid City Civic Center. The contest was an all-day thing for local qualifying high schoolers including schools such as Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Hill City, Douglas, and many more. Solo Ensemble has divisions for band, choir, and orchestra, but the Lead-Deadwood school district does not participate in the orchestra division.

The Lead-Deadwood Choir sent 8 soloists. There are also 12 members doing vocal jazz. All of the solos vary in languages, some are in English, Spanish, German, and

Italian. All of the soloists both instrumental and vocal, have to go in on their own time to practice. There can be a solo, duet, trio and there will be a large group division in May. Each soloist gets 6 minutes to perform and you get a mini voice lesson with a judge. Each choir soloist will be judged and scored on their tone, intonation, accuracy, interpretation/ musicianship, vocal technique, and any other factors for example: literature choice and professional approach. The scoring system on each goes like this: 5 is superior, 4 is excellent, 3 is good, 2 is

poor, and 1 is unacceptable. They add up each division for a total score, 30-26 being superior, 25-21 being above average, 20-16 is average/ good, 15-11 is poor or below average, and 10-0 is unacceptable.

When asked what she thought of Solo Ensemble Ms. Owens stated "I appreciate contest because it includes multiple voice lessons and coaching the human voice. Singers who prepare solos are stronger musicians within the choir". Each and every soloist has to put in a lot of extra time and effort, and it pays off.



*Zariah Jones demonstrates her lungs while singing.*



*Zariah Jones does her warm ups while practicing for Solo Ensemble.*



*Emily Brennan and Ms. Owens go through hand movements while practicing.*



# Recent Government Shutdown Was Longest in US History

By Zoe Keehn

A third partial government shutdown was recently implemented throughout the United States on December 22, 2018 and officially ended on January 25, 2019. President Donald Trump called for the shutdown after Congress refused to pay forward the \$5 billion demand that the president requested for the construction of a United States-Mexico border wall. Trump's shutdown is now the longest partial government shutdown known to US history, lasting 35 days.

Regardless of the motivation behind the partial shutdown, the effects that it had and continue to

have on federal workers are extremely destructive. More than 400,000 federal employees were without pay for upward of 4 weeks. Agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education, and NASA were at a standstill regarding their work. Aside from larger agencies, many local personnel were also affected by the shutdown.

Michael Crawford, an Airforce recruit from LDHS states "Every Thursday I am supposed to report to the base for workouts and DEP (Delayed Entry Program) calls, but since the government shut-

down I haven't even been to the base." Many new recruits have not heard anything about their duties for nearly three weeks. Aside from the problems that the shutdown has caused for government employees, the shutdown also caused alarm regarding National Parks.

Dozens of National Parks all over the United States suffered from vandalism and misconduct of unauthorized visitors. Trash cans were overfilling with waste, toilets and sewage systems were overflowing entirely, and trespassing was evident at various park sites. Although these

issues appear insignificant, a neglected environment can greatly affect the wildlife and ecosystem within a National Park. Small pieces of trash are damaging the ecosystem, raw sewage is extremely dangerous to inhale, and the diets of the animals within these parks were temporarily altered due to the overconsumption of "human food".

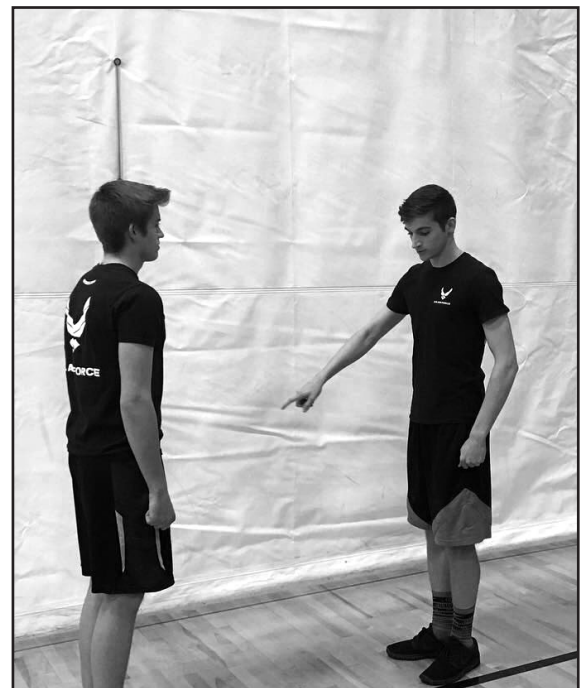
President Trump agreed to re-open the government in order for it to recuperate from the initial shutdown, however the agreement is only valid through February 15. There are multiple possibilities that could hap-

pen after this declaration date is reached. It is possible that compromise is reached, a state of emergency is declared throughout the United States, or a second government shutdown takes place.

Michael Crawford, future Airman states "I'm scared about what is going to happen in the future if this continues. Am I going to be paid? Am I even going to have a job next year? If this happens again then I might not have a job at all..." All fears aside, the only thing to do now is wait.



Mount Rushmore remains dark and locked amidst the government shutdown.

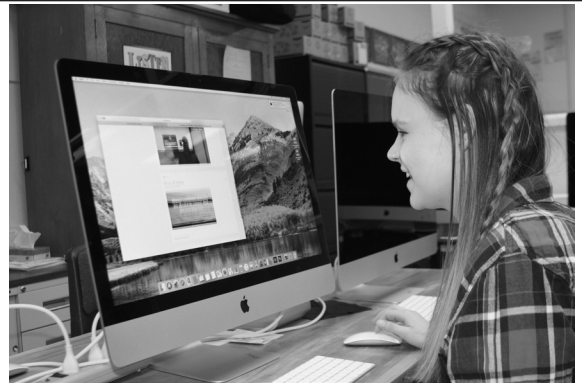


Future airman Michael Crawford trains with another recruit during their time away from the base.



## Dual Credit Could save you more than just money?

What is dual credit? Well, dual credit is for students in grades 11-12. It is an opportunity for high school students to enroll in college courses and earn credits toward their high school diploma while starting on a college degree. Students can choose from several on-campus and online classes, including general education, career, technical courses. Benefits of dual enrollment are you save money, you get a jump start and Build confidence by easing the transition to college. Time to accomplish high education goals and scholarship opportunities. Requirements for juniors are 1) 24 on your ACT reflective of the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile, 2) Rank in upper one third of graduating class or 3) Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale. But for seniors 1) An ACT of a 21 reflective of the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile 2) Rank in the upper one half of graduating class or 3) Earn a cumulative GPA of a least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. There are so many different types of Dual Credits to enroll in and different Colleges to enroll at, not just BHSU for those out there wanting to take a dual credit. Some classes may not be transferable to every college but still taking the class is great just for the knowledge. Classes will range from 50- 150 dollars instead of the huge price of 1000 dollars for a class. Know that taking dual credit will save you so much money and time. Some students like Will Pearson and Zoe Keehn have been taking them through there high school career. Will Pearson has taken 9 classes so far but will be graduating with 11 classes and a total of 33 credits. He Says he loved them because he got a free period and could stay home. Zoe has taken 8 but will be graduating with 10, she started when she was a sophomore, her biggest benefit is the cheapness and able to get the same education. Her favorite part was the flexibility and freedom to learn on your own time and do the work on your time instead of a teacher's schedule.



*Zoe Keehn figuring out her new class.*



*Will Pearson having fun with new class.*

## Ebola hasn't stopped, it is still affecting and searching for more.

Back in 2014 Ebola had a major outbreak which affected many people's lives and killed more than 11,000 people, according to the World Health Organization. Well its back has affected more the 600 people and killed 368 people. With an additional 29 who doctors think might be sick as well. The Ministry of health has reported that 207 people have recovered from the illness with the last out break having a case fatality rate of about 60%. On average Ebola causes fever, severe headache and in some cases hemorrhaging. The North Kivu province which includes the cities if Beni, Kalunguta and Mabalako is the main epicenter of the outbreak. Even though close by cities cases have been reported in Ituri province. This all started October 22 or 2014 a patient named Amber Vinson, was the first person diagnosed with Ebola on American soil. Don't worry though there haven't been any new cases of Ebola in America let alone around here, so this vicious virus won't be getting any of us anytime some hopefully.



*Ms. Britzman looking at a college packet while smiling for the photo.*





*Students dance to the music at Snoball.*



*Senior girls encourage other students to join the a conga line.*



*Kadyn Hopkins, Kiyah Austin, Daniel Egemo, Kiale Rose, and Cristian Fierro pose for a picture.*



*Michael Crawford, Cassandra Nelson, Zoe Keehn, Megan Snow, and Joey Ingham pose for a picture.*



*Eric Schumacher and Philip Sneesby dance to Cotton Eye Joe.*



# Kiwanis And Key Club Serve Food For The Homeless

By Zariah Jones

Christmas break ended and with it brought the desire to help others. On the Friday January 4<sup>th</sup>, Kiwanis and Key Club joined forces to support the Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

The foundation is located in Rapid City. It was created by Dave and Cheryl Adams in the early 1980s from their missionary work. Their work began with them providing shelter to

homeless in their own home but then created a place for them at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and St. Joseph. It became official on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1982. The basis of the operation is to provide assistance to the homeless and people living in poverty.

They are a privately funded, non-denominational, and non-profit organization. A lot of their support is granted from local

churches, businesses, and foundations. They assist more than 500 people each day.

At 10:45, Delaney Johnston and Zariah Jones were called out of class to join Jay Beagle, Middle School Principal, and other Kiwanis members to drive to Rapid City.

Downstairs in the mission building, they were shown how things work in the kitchen.

The main cook instructed them to wash their hands and put on hair nets and gloves. Next, they were assigned to a specific food group.

The food being served that day for lunch was soup, corn, mash potatoes with turkey, bread, salad, and even various desserts. Many people came in to enjoy the feast and a second portion was provided to those who wanted

them. As they gathered in, many of them with babies or children, they used metal trays and passed them along the delivery line.

Delaney has gone two times and when she was asked about if she would do it again, she said, "Yes I would do it again because it is a great experience that gives you an incredible feeling and everyone should get the opportunity to do it."



The meal schedule is posted outside the kitchen. The volunteers wait patiently for lunch time to serve food.



Delaney Johnston and Zariah Jones join Kiwanis members to serve food.



The volunteers wait for people to get a second serving.



# Zombies Storm The Stage During The One Act Play

By Daniel Egemo

The Lead-Dead-wood Drama Department performed “10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse” on January 18 and 19 in the LDHS auditorium.

Mr. Eli Corbett headed into his second One Act competition as the head of the LDHS Drama Department. The Region VI One Act competition took place on January 23 with all schools entered hop-

ing to make the State One Act Festival that took place January 31 through February 2.

In his first year as director, Corbett produced the play “The Seven” and came up short of punching a ticket to state. Corbett commented on his experience “I think that we tried to do too much last year.

The hard thing about One Acts, you have 45 minutes to make your impact on

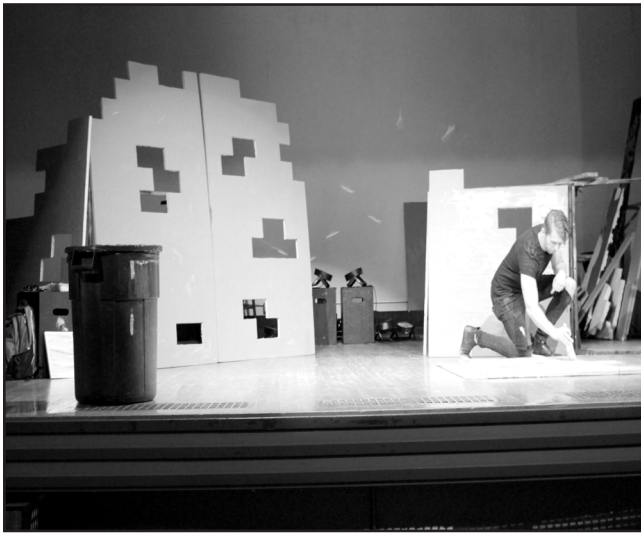
audiences and that is on all levels, presentation, set design, lighting, which all pose their challenges. I do not think I was exactly ready last year for all of those challenges.” He continued to talk about what challenges have come of this play by saying “Getting the actors to let go, it is hard as a young actor to be free on stage sometimes which poses a problem because when

you have to be a zombie on stage, you cannot have insecurities holding you back.

Once you become unsure of yourself on stage, your performance completely loses all of the authenticity.” Corbett hoped that all audiences enjoyed the production, Corbett said “I mean what’s not to like about bringing zombies to life on stage? This is a show where you are

guaranteed not to get bored. It does not hit the ground until the final blackout. There is a lot to enjoy about this show. I firmly believe that we have the potential to be one of the best departments in the region.”

The Drama Department headed out for regions on January 23 hoping to end a 10 year drought of our school not qualifying for the State One Act Festival.



*As competition awaits, Mr. Eli Corbett perfects the set for region competition.*



*Sage Clemons cleans the stage while others paint the set.*



*To survive the zombie apocalypse, Egemo prepares to take zombies down.*



*Mr. Eli Corbett finishes painting the backdrop of the set.*



# Lead Deadwood Wrestling Team Wrestles To Victory

By Angelica Jones

On Jan 8 2019, the Lead-Deadwood wrestling team hosted their home dual against the Stevens wrestling team.

At the beginning of the dual there were two exhibition matches and six matches after the initial varsity matches. Throughout the varsity dual the Lead-Deadwood wrestling team managed five pins. The wrestlers who got those

pins were Kadden Dillman, Domenic Lucero, Pratt Williams, Cody Rakow, and Rob Lester. After all these matches the Lead-Deadwood wrestling team came out on top with a team score of 34 points over the Stevens wrestling team at 30 points. When asked how they felt about the results of the home dual, Carson Pinske said "I was pretty nervous

going into it, but I was still sure we were going to win. After the dual ended, I was pretty happy with the performance."

Later that week the Lead-Deadwood wrestling team attended the Newcastle/Upton Invitational on Jan 11. They were able to come in first out of thirteen other schools that attended the invitational. There

were three wrestlers that came in first at the invitational: Max Johnson, Trinity Brady, and Rob Lester. In addition, the Lead-Deadwood wrestling team had two wrestlers that came in second at the invitational: Carson Pinske and Domenic Lucero. They were also able to gain third place spots which were achieved by Pratt Williams and Miles Renner.

The Diggers have an upcoming triangular in Hill City on Feb 7. Their opponents are Hill City and STM. Later that week on February 9th, the wrestling team has a tournament in Hill City.

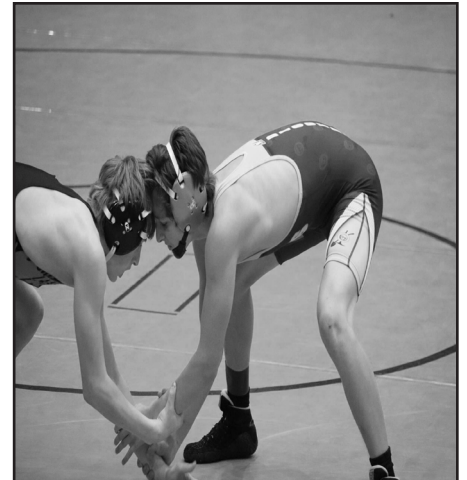
They will be facing five other teams: Hill City, Custer, Hot Springs, Red Cloud, and STM. The Diggers hope to improve their skills at these events.



Rob Lester wins his semi-finals match.



Trinity Brady gets his third win of the day.



Jacob Harris tries to take down his opponent.



Carson Pinske gets ready to wrestle his opponent in the second round.



After the first round, Pratt Williams gets ready to take on his opponent.



# Lead Deadwood Boy's Basketball Team Makes History

By Raygan Mattson

The Digger Boys team had a pretty eventful schedule on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> the diggers went to Douglas expecting to do pretty well. The Diggers fought hard through the whole game with the minutes counting down, they kept the Patriots to a very close game at the end of regulation time the teams were tied 62-62. With time running out the buzzer went off and into overtime the boys went. This is the first

overtime the Diggers had seen in a while. Overtime rules are you only get 4 minutes and each team only gets one more timeout. The score of the first overtime was 64-64, sending us into another nail-biting overtime. Into the third overtime we went only getting 4 minutes and one timeout again at the end of this overtime the score was 77-77. Everyone in the gym was on the edge of their seat waiting to

see who would come out with the win. Here we went into another overtime. The score of the final overtime was 89-85. The diggers had won it going into 4 overtimes it was amazing and no one had seen this in a high school basketball game in years.

Thursday the Diggers played Hill City, making it another close game the Diggers and Rangers went back and forth. The Diggers went into half time in the lead, they

were hoping to stick with that lead. The next half they went back and forth again. With only 15 seconds left the Rangers shot and made a basket to tie the game up with the Diggers. It's Diggers ball and were tied at 54-54 with 10 seconds left to go in the game. Coach Rogers calls the play for Jordy Stulken to bring the ball up, while times running out, Stulken dives into the elbow with 3 guys on him, 3,2,1 he shoots, he

scores. The Diggers win yet another close game. In the past couple of weeks the Diggers have played Hot Springs, losing with a score of 64-37, Belle Fourche, losing with a score of 74-48, Spearfish, losing with a score of 63-53, Philip, winning with a score of 67-59, St. Thomas More, losing with a score of 78-23 and Red Cloud, losing with a score of 67-39. The Diggers play Bison and Custer in the upcoming weeks.



*Carter Nelson goes to the freethrow line for two against Hill City*



*Mekieh Hon cuts to get open*



*Jordy Stulken goes in for a layup*



# Lady Diggers looking to improve Season win totals

By Carly Mehlberg

The Lady Digger basketball team is currently 10-8 on the season, with wins against Spearfish (42-37), Upton (50-32), and Bennett County (55-30). During the STM game the Diggers and Cav-

aliers played in "Throwback Jerseys", The Diggers were representing the Deadwood Bears, and the Cavaliers represented the Saint Martin Ravens. The Lady Diggers had another Throwback game

at home on Feb. 9, against Bison Cardinals. The final score of the game was 46-15. Feb. 5 was Senior night for the Lady Diggers. Four seniors were represented including, Carly Mehlberg, Abiah Morrison, Alex-

is Morrison, and Kaali Allmendinger. The Lady Diggers played and beat Hot Springs (42-12) for a second time on Senior night. The last few games on the Lady Diggers schedule include Custer, on Feb. 14 in Custer

and Rapid City Christian, on Feb. 19 at home. The lady Diggers look to continue to improve their overall wins from last season, and improve their play throughout the year says Junior Blake Mehlberg.



Lady Diggers wearing Throwback Bears jerseys.



Blake Mehlberg looks to set up a play.



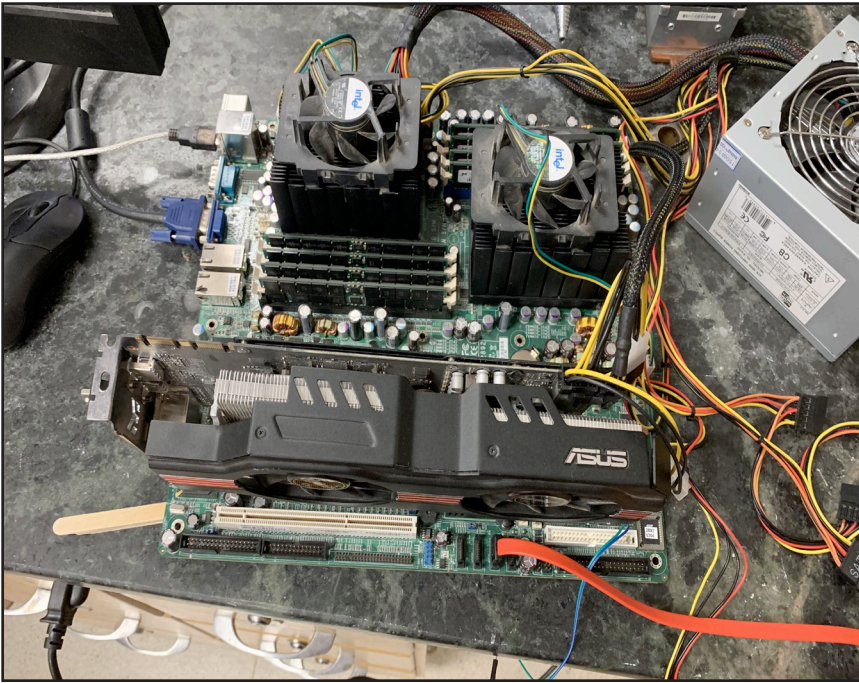
Anna Campbell jumps for the tip.



Carly Mehlberg plays defense on her opponent.



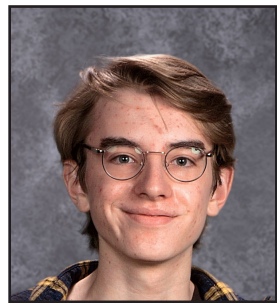
# Students Prepare Projects For Annual Science Fair



Students in Physics and Chemistry classes prepare for the 4th annual science fair, at Lead-Deadwood High School under the direction of Dr. Bree Oatman. Students in pairs or individuals choose their own interest based project, and work on it throughout the year. Students projects could be anything from building a password cracking computer to making their own bath bombs. In March everyone's projects will be presented in front of numerous judges. After participating in the local science fair, top placing students will have the option to continue on to a higher level competition in Rapid City.



Students Lillie Wittmayer and Tehya Winslow made two bath bombs for their science project they will be presenting in March. Their bath bombs had two different types of reactants. The first reactant used was citric acid, the second was vinegar, they will then put the bath bombs in water to measure the  $\text{CO}_2$  levels and see which bath bomb released more.



Lead-Deadwood High school students Sophomore Paige Knabel, Sophomore Quinn Ward and Junior Owen Wisser, have been collaborating on a special type of computer for their science project. They are hoping to be able to create and program computer that can crack any computer password. They have already started to assemble their computer, which they call "John."

