

Tridle Earns Four Medals At The 2019 Special Olympics World Games

By Carly Mehlberg

Lead-Deadwood alumni Trevor Tridle, graduate of 2008 recently returned home from the 2019 Special Olympic World Games held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Trevor competed in weight lifting events such as, bench press, dead lift, and squat. He earned a gold medal in the bench press, and bronze medals in dead lift and squat. Trevor was the only representative chosen from South Dakota, and represented the United States well.



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The Speech and Debate Ending Season

By Zoe Bourgo

National Qualifiers

National Qualifiers, or Nat Qualls, is a Speech and Debate National Forensics League event that lasts three days where kids compete for nationals. Most events rounds take place on Thursday and Friday, while finals take place on Saturday. This year, nationals is held in Austin, Texas. Students compete in various events such as Debate, Duet, Congress, POI, Humorous, Drama, among various other acting and debate events. The National Qualifiers event was held in North Platte, Nebraska, and more than five teams participated.

Zoe Bourgo, Satchel McGuire, Braevry Davis, and Megan Bernal participated in various events. Both Bourgo and McGuire competed in Senate (congress), while Davis and Bernal did duet, and Davis also participated in humorous. Because there was no Super Congress (final round for congress) Bourgo and McGuire only needed to participate the first two days. In the first two days, Davis and Bernal got two downs, so they didn't need to participate the third day, meaning the team was able to leave early on Saturday morning.

Speech and Debate has two seasons, the first being State season, which lasts from September through December, and the second season is NFL, or National Forensics League (which lasts December through late February).



West River Student Congress

Student Congress is where students debate bills and resolutions written by other students from different schools, and their own school. It runs like congress at the federal level, a bill or resolution is proposed and the first speech on the bill will be an affirmative speech. After the first speech, there's a questioning period, followed by a negation speech, and this process is repeated until a motion is made. West River Student Congress is an event that is held annually at Lead-Deadwood High school and is available for west river schools.

Zoe Bourgo, Daniel Egemo, Satchel McGuire, Alejandra Fredrickson, Alyssa Bernal, Kiale Rose, and Alana Young participated in the West River Student Congress. Thanks to Dr. Bree Oatman, Mrs. Gwen Hess, Bravery Davis, Megan Bernal, Emma Hess, and Zoe Frauen for helping the event ran smoothly. Teams from Spearfish and Rapid City Stevens also participated.

The beginning of the night, Oatman started with an icebreaker activity to create a welcoming, open environment. This helped lighten the mood for the rest of the night. The thirty debaters were split into two different rooms to debate. There were two rounds each lasting fifty minutes with a fifteen minute break period in the middle.

At the end of the night the debaters voted on top chair of each room. The chairs keep the congress running smoothly. At 8:00 p.m. the awards were announced. Daniel Egemo won both best chair, and First Place in varsity congress, Satchel McGuire won First Place in novice congress, and Alyssa Bernal won Fifth Place in novice congress.



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HS/MS Choirs Perform in the First Annual Pops Concert

By Anna Campbell



The High School Choir performs the song "Wake Me Up."

The first annual Pops Concert took place March 11. The Concert consisted of the MS and HS Vocal Jazz groups, the MS and HS Band, and the MS and HS Choir.

The concert began with the MS Vocal Jazz group performing three songs, finishing with *"Best Day of My Life"*. The HS Vocal Jazz then performed. *"Run to You"* was their best song according to junior choir member Hannah Campbell. Zoe Keehn also sang one of her own original songs during this portion of the concert.

The MS and HS Band performed af-

ter. There was a brief intermission after the Bands' performances. During the intermission, the HS Choir organized a silent auction for the audience. All of the baked goods were made by high school choir students and a few generous local donors.

Next, the MS Choir started their performance. They featured a few soloists. The HS Choir then performed modern pop songs such as *"Wake Me Up"* and *"Africa"*. Both choir groups then ended the concert with a memorable production of *"He lives in You"* from *The Lion King 2*.



Delaney Johnson singing a solo.



Girls of the Choir perform "True Colors."



High School Vocal Jazz group singing their last song of the night.

LDHS Students Present Their Science Fair Projects

By Colie Corkins

LDHS chemistry and physic classes put on a science fair on March 19, 2019.

It was held in the cafeteria of the Lead-Deadwood High School, where kids anxiously lined up against the walls with their projects behind

them as the judges all went around and asked each individual group questions about how, why, and what their projects were about.

Students patiently waited around for the judges to make their rounds, each

student needed three judges before they were finished presenting for the night. Students arrived around 5:30 p.m.

While judges lingered for quite some time before hand. The judges were wonderful and

ranged from scientists to teachers from LDHS.

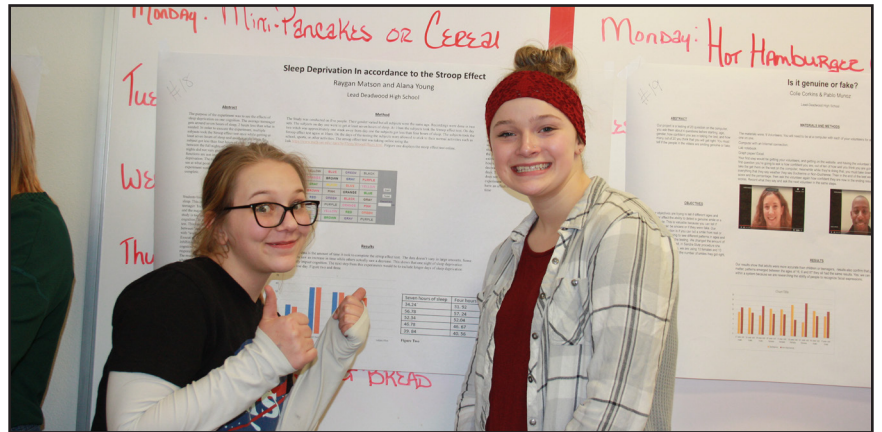
The students were exploding with creativity and knowledge about each piece.

The projects were astounding and went from "Love

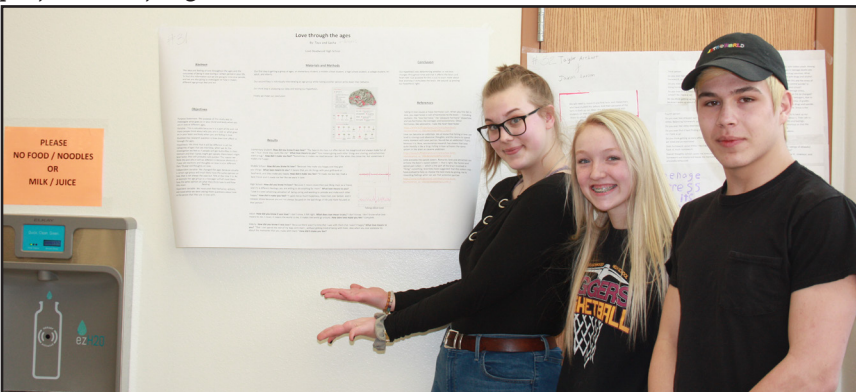
through the Ages" about how love affects the body and stimulates the brain to "How easy is it to detect a real smile from a fake smile" about how hard it is to detect another's true emotion through a faint smile.



Alicia Roden and Alex Pearson present their project to a judge.



Alana Young and Raygan Mattson are happy with their project.



Sasha Staeckeler, Taya Burleson, and Dominic Lucero show "love through the ages."



Nicole Losey and Jasmine Riter won first in their category.



Lane Sandidge and Payton Grodzin answer questions.



Zoe Frauen and Emma Hess explaining their project.

Lead-Deadwood Hosts 2nd Annual Culture Night

By Michael Crawford

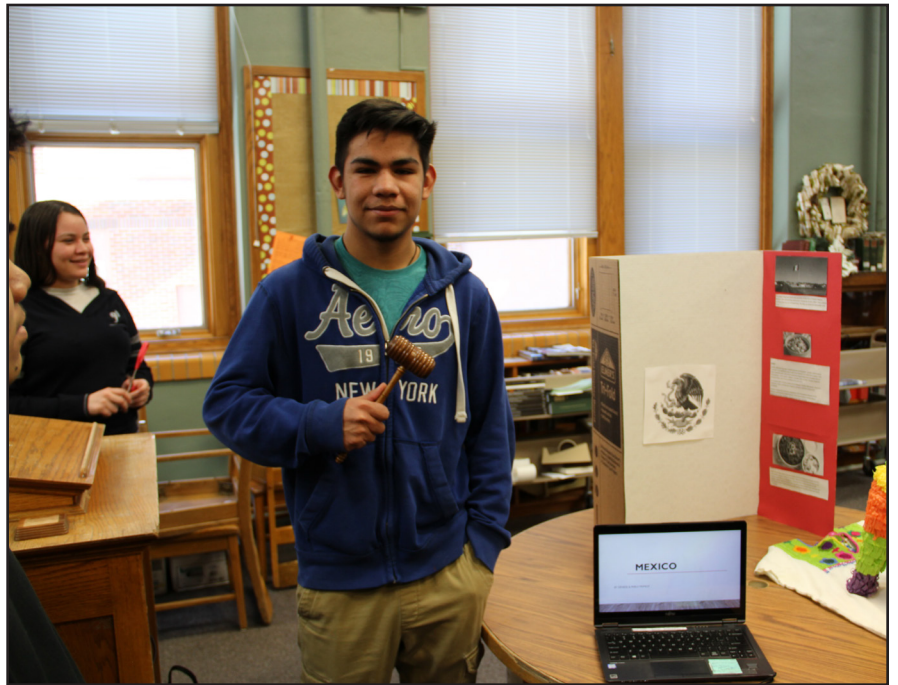
On Tuesday, March 5 during SRB the Lead-Deadwood High School hosted its second Culture Night. Peggy Moreno had organized a Culture Night for the past two years.

There were individuals from Germany, Russia, Congo, Liberia, Nepal, Philippines, Iraq, Mexico, Eritrea and Somalia. Mrs. Natalia Alsup had a table to represent Russia. She asked trivia questions, taught stu-

dents about Russia, and even served up a Russian dessert.

Sasha Staeckeler said that "It was interesting hearing about people's lives and how they differ from ours." She also said, "Being able to try the different foods was really fun."

Culture Night helps teach our students and staff more about other countries and their lifestyles. It also gives you a perspective of different ones as well.



Pablo Munoz represents Mexico.



Natalia Alsup teaches students about Russia.



A Job Corps student represents Iraq.



Natalia Alsup represents Russia.

The Boys and Girls Basketball Season Comes To An End

By Raygan Mattson

To end the basketball season, the boys and girls lost the first round of playoffs. The girls lost to Rapid City Christian at home. It was a tough loss for the girls and Coach Hansen but they worked hard and were impressed with their performance. The boys traveled to Hot Springs. Both teams were upset with the losses but they kept their heads up and looked forward to upcoming seasons. The girls record for this year was 12-9, with a win against Spearfish and Hot Springs twice and a

few competitive games against Sturgis, Phillip and Hill City. The boys record for the year was 7-13. This was the best record the girls have had since Coach Hansen has been here, with wins against Newell, Bennett County, and going into 4 overtimes with Douglas. The boys played hard their last game in Hot Springs but they were sad to have it come to an end.

Both Boys and Girls basketball programs haven't made it past first round of playoffs for the past two years

but both of the teams are willing to work hard and try to get to the next round in the following years. Player Natalie Janssen from the girls team stated "I'm willing next year to try hard and to try to motivate the girls to get where we want to be. My goal is for my senior year, to make it to State." Some of next years seniors agreed with her, and they are all willing to make next year successful and fun. The teams will try to end the streak of not making it past first round.



Lucas Fish jumps for the ball.



The girls huddle up for the time out.



Maxx Percy and T.K Rainey box out



Natalie Janssen looks for the open girl.

LDHS Athletes Sprint Into Track Season

By Zariah Jones

With the end of our successful winter sport season comes the new and improved track season! This season we have a remarkable team. We train harder, work harder, and win harder. From running to pole vaulting, we have such a great and competitive team. The first meet was supposed to be held on Saturday March 16th at Sioux Park, Rapid City, but due to weather circumstances, the meet was postponed until further notice. Therefore, the next meet will be held at Doug-

las on Saturday March 30th. Hopefully all of the student athletes will be attending.

The team this year is smaller in size than recent years. There is only a total of nine girls and one of them is seventh grader, Sara Jones, who will be running long distance. To add to the nine girls, there are less than twenty boys participating in the once popular spring sport. Although, there are many athletes that are doing track that haven't done it before. A few of these are Senior, Eric Schumach-

er and Junior, Dominic Williams.

Coach Will Malde has integrated a few activities into the sport to make it more enjoyable. That includes a game day on Wednesday every week for the warm up. The games they have played as of now are individual dodgeball and a version of kickball. There are many hopes for this track season to go well, many medals to be won, and a lot of personal records to be set. The team is looking forward to this season.



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Sophomores Attend 12th Annual Career Fair At SBH

By Carly Mehlberg

On February 20, 2019, the 12th Annual Career Fair was held at the Sturgis Brown High School in the school gym.

There were three schools in the area that attended the job fair. Those schools were Douglas High School, Lead High School, and Takini High School.

Only the sophomores from LDHS visited the fair. Before school started, they took attendance in the Resource

Center and then took two busses down to Sturgis.

There were many different careers that were present at the career fair. There was everything from robotics to fire departments to First Interstate Bank. There were 120 booths for the fair. When the students walked in, they were handed a worksheet to fill out that asked questions. They were asked to list up to three different careers and answer a few questions about

it. The worksheet also had a map of the gym, showing the layout of all of the booths.

When asked, Sasha Staeckeler said, "My favorite booth to visit was the SDSMT Geography Engineering because I thought their display was really cool. They had a glass box with fake sand particles, and they showed us how rivers and bodies of water are formed. It also showed us about erosion."

Student Council Raises Money for State Convention Trip

By Abiah Morrison

Student Council Committee has recently been talking about offering more ice cream socials for the school during SRB, to raise money for our State Student Council Convention.

The convention is being held April 6, the same week-end of prom. The students in student council have a choice to go to this event and must pay \$55 to at-

tend. The convention is in Sioux Falls, SD, and will only last two days. The students will get a charter bus, and will get a hotel room for one night in Sioux Falls.

At the convention, there will be dinner, meetings and a dance for all the students who do attend.

The committee hopes to have enough money for extra food and T-shirts for this

trip as well.

Also, Mr. Linn has been in charge with the prom committee and they have come up with a theme, called "Black Tie", which is known to be elegant and classy.

The student council committee has had a good year, and hope to come up with more great ideas to keep raising more money and creating memories.



Mr. Linn and students serve ice cream and cookies to students.



Kiayah Clark and Josh Mitchell socialize during SRB while enjoying ice cream.



Landon Williams laughing during the ice cream social.



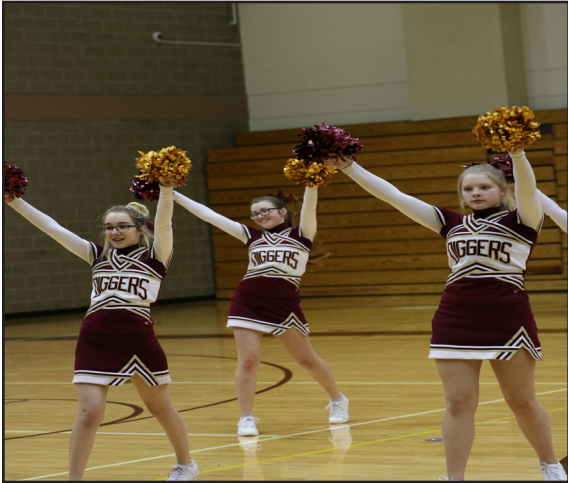
Students talking in the resource room enjoying each others company.



David Morris enjoying his ice cream.

Pep Assembly Held To Recognize The Winter Activity Achievements

By Abiah Morrison and Hannah Campbell



Cheerleaders performing cheers to get the students and staff members excited.



Basketball players stand in the middle of the gym to get recognized for their accomplishments of the season.



Mr. Biesiot was chosen to speak for the boys basketball team in place of Coach Rogers because he was unable to attend the pep assembly that day. Mr. Biesiot wished the boys' team good luck.



Mr. Hansen introduced the girls' basketball team. He wished them luck.

Carson Pinske yelled, "Who digs?" and waited for the response from the crowd.

During the pep assembly on February 21, the students were dismissed at the end of 3rd block, continued through 4th block. The purpose of the assembly was to support all winter activities ending their seasons. Coaches, teachers, and students were all represented to talk about all seasons and what they accomplished. Cheerleaders kicked off the assembly by getting students and teachers involved in their cheers and then they were all introduced by Wendy Rogers. Following the cheerleaders, the basketball boys were introduced by Mr. Biesiot. He described how the boys did during their season and wished them luck for their region game on February 26 playing against the Hot Springs, Bison. Next, Daniel Egemo was brought down to talk about the One Act play and Speech and Debate. Daniel introduced everyone on both teams and mentioned the new play coming this spring called "I Hate Shakespeare". He encouraged everyone to attend the auditions for the play on February 27. Some of the Debate members were not present because they were at National Qualifiers in North Platte.

Once again, the cheerleaders took the floor showing the audience their cheer routine for competitive cheer. The cheer included dancing, jumping, and shouting, along with flips by Eric Schumacher. Once the routine was over, Mr. Hansen introduced the girls' basketball team, explaining their season and invited everyone to attend the upcoming region game on February 25. Later, the Robotics team was introduced. Their robots for state were shown, along with a drone race. Finally, the wrestling team was introduced by Mr. Voegeli. He praised their accomplishments from the season and allowed the state qualifiers to get the crowd excited themselves. The assembly came to an end with the students and faculty members feeling excited for all the accomplishments.



The cast of the One Act play listens to Daniel.



The wrestling team listens to Voegeli speak.



Four members of the Robotics Team show off their robot that will be competing at the State competition in Harrisburg, SD.



Daniel Egemo said "Our play, '10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse' was a huge hit with the audiences and we did very well at regions, and many people showed up for the spring auditions!"

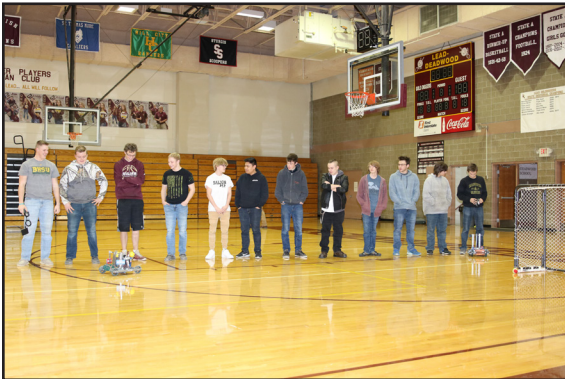


LDHS Robotics Team Takes Third in Vex Tournament

By Natalie Janssen and Anna Campbell



Students receive awards for accomplishments at Vex Robotics Competition.



Robotics class lines up for recognition at Pep Assembly before heading to Harrisburg for the Vex Robotic Tournament.



Zak Mau shows off competing robot before State at Pep Assembly.



Sophomore on robotics team, Mason Wechstein, attends Vex Robotics Competition.



Robotics instructor, Mr. Cunningham, accompanies team to Vex Robotics Competition.

On Friday February 22nd, the Lead-Deadwood robotics team left for the Vex Robotics Competition which took place at Harrisburg High School. The team members who went were Dylan Janke, CJ Murray, Mason Wechstein, and Aaron Olinger accompanied by Mr. Cunningham. This is the fourth time that the Lead-Deadwood robotics team has competed in the annual Vex Robotics Tournament. The team went into the competition ranked number one out of thirty-two teams. In a heart-breaking turn of events, the team lost in the semifinals of the competition due to a tie breaker. In the end the team placed third. When senior, Dylan Janke was asked about his experience at state robotics, he replied by saying "The experience was pretty fun because we got to stay in a hotel for a couple of nights and we also got to explore Sioux Falls when we were done with the competition." Dylan was happy with the results of the competition, keeping in mind that the team had only competed in a few tournaments prior to state.



C.J. Murray and other participants at Vex Robotics Tournament watch their robots compete against their opponents in a series of specific challenges.



Aaron Olinger said that he would be participating in robotics next year. He said "It is very enjoyable and you meet lots of new people and get to build whatever you want." He suggested that next year the team spend more time on their robots to better prepare.

Students at Lead-Deadwood High School Hit The Weights

By Raygan Mattson and Anna Campbell



Weightlifting is a fun and unique class that Lead-Deadwood offers to their students. It's a PE class that offers a more personalized way to work out. We have asked Mr. Malde and a few students taking the class about their experiences with it. These are the questions we asked Mr. Malde:

Q: How do you think your weightlifting class benefits your students?

A: It's good to have time during the day for students to get a work out in. Weightlifting can benefit your life, can help you in sports, and can prevent injuries. I also think that it's good because it is a different environment than the regular PE classes.

Q: Do you think your students make progress throughout the class?

A: I really think that they do. It's a really unique class because you can see the evidence of improvement throughout the semester. You can actually see the numbers of how much your weight went up throughout the year.



Alyssa shows how to work out to get abs with a half medicine ball.

*Anna Campbell does a box step up.
Raygan Mattson does a medicine ball throw.
Rebecca Groeger pulls up in the weight room.*



Rebecca Groeger:

Q: Do you think that this is a good class to have in your schedule and would you recommend it to other students?

A: I do think that this is a good class to take. I would recommend it to students because not only do they learn about proper techniques, but these techniques can help you maximize the weight you can lift.



Lexi Morrison:

Q: Do you think that this class personally benefits you and your physical health?

A: Yes. It improves your muscle strength and endurance. Also, it increases metabolism so you can maintain a healthy weight. It could also help your mental health by reducing anxiety.

Lead-Deadwood Sophomores Take on the ACT Prep Test



TK Raining focuses in on his pre-ACT test and finishes strong, above.



Sam Wehner thinks before answering another test question.



Tayha Burelson examines her final test answers before finishing.

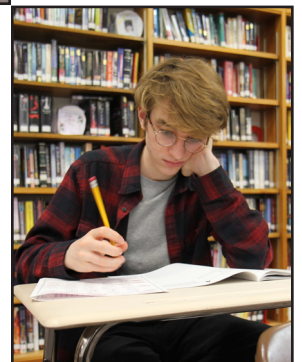
Lead Deadwood High School Sophomores took part in the ACT prep test on Friday February 22. Although the test has no influence on actual ACT scores or scholarship opportunity, it is conducted to prepare students for the actual ACT test. Many students have varying feelings pertaining to the test and many of them claim it to be a waste of time. Despite these feelings, many of the sophomore students have yet to take the official ACT meaning they do not know if the prep test was beneficial. If students don't feel motivated to perform their best in the prep test however, because it does not count towards or against them in any aspect, then the test is likely not doing its job in adequately preparing the students anyway. Keeping all of that in mind, the prep test is a state mandated test and will likely remain the same for years to come.



"My favorite part was the math. It was fast and easy" according to Tehya Winslow



"It was alright, but the science part was really difficult to understand." Quotes test taker Quinn Ward.



Pictured to the right, the Lead Deadwood Sophomores prepare to take the Pre-ACT Test in the high school resource center on February 22nd.

