



## Biesiot To Leave LDHS After 12 Years

By Sasha Staeckeler

Principal Tony Biesiot is leaving LDHS after 12 years. Biesiot wasn't always principal here though, he started as technical adviser, football coach, then moved to assistant principal and activities director before becoming principal. Biesiot is from Dickinson, North Dakota and has held jobs in various other cities and states, from North Dakota to California.

When asked, "What will you miss most at LDHS?" He responded, "The friendships I've built over the 12 years and the relationships I've built with the students." Biesiot is leaving to take a position in Hamilton, Montana. Hamilton, Montana is the county seat of Ravalli County and has a population of 4,348. Biesiot had only two small, but meaningful, words for the student body before he goes, "Thank you." He is currently looking forward to the new challenges at his new school and expects the same as here, "great students."

Biesiot said, "That's easy, everyone!" When asked who he will miss the most, and I'm positive he will be missed dearly as well. Biesiot has learned a lot here over the years but said "Dr. Dan Leikvold and the previous principal, Nick Gottlob, have taught me a lot throughout the years and I'm very grateful for that and it will be beneficial down the road."

Biesiot says he experience here has "Been great, I went from technical advisor to principal and the experience has been great and educational." He is proud of the relationships he's built and the friendships that grew strong over the past 12 years. But like all good things, his last year here and this interview had to come to an end, so we left Biesiot with one final question, "What has your favorite memory at LDHS been?" He said, "Oh boy, lot's of em'... from the first day of school, wandering around the halls with a cart full of tech stuff and trying to find the English wing, to being there for students through the ups and downs of high school."

Biesiot will be missed dearly and we all send him our best for his new school life. Ms. Kim Loeffen said, "I will miss Mr. Biesiot's kindness and caring toward all."



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## America Today: How We React to Hate and Abuse of Power

By Chayton Bower

Misogyny, Fake news, Lock her up, Build the wall, MAGA, Black face, Gaslighting, Kaepernick, Black lives matter, #MeToo. These terms have served as a catalyst for what we see in America today. We are smack dab in the middle of Trump era.

Our greatest threat continues to be Trump's assault on the Rule of Law and the US Constitution. Rule of Law is the principle understood as all persons, institutions, and entities are accountable to laws. The Rule of Law is what distinguishes democracies from dictatorships and is based on three fundamental principles. The first being that no per-

son is above the law, including our president. Mueller Investigation. The second principle is that a president cannot prosecute political opponents. Hillary. The third principle is comprised of having respect for judiciary independence. "Obama Judges."

All aspects involved with the Rule of Law are common sense. When a government veers from its own laws and is no longer bound by them, it becomes lawless. For a country as our own to claim to be democratic and establish human rights, we must abide by the Rule of Law. By breaking down the Rule of Law and negating its clear impor-

tance, we then start to see resemblances of a dictatorship. The foundation of a good democracy begins with adhering to the Rule of Law.

In conclusion, Trump's war against the Constitution and Rule of Law continues to harm our democracy.

As former Vice President Joe Biden said, "We are living through a battle for the soul of our nation. The giant forward steps we have taken in recent years on civil liberties and human rights are being met by a ferocious pushback from the oldest and darkest forces in America."

It is up to us to defeat this assault.

## Students Attend 69th Annual West River Math Contest at School of Mines & Technology

By Dominic Williams

On Monday, May 6 students from all grades went to the annual West River Math Contest. When the students get there they are split into two different groups, Group A and Group B.

Mrs. Emma Thomas was asked why she thinks it's important to take kids to the math contest. She said, "Because it is good to see how we compare with other schools are at with math, and it gives some of our students a chance to interact with other mathematically inclined students in the area and be introduced to professors and staff at engineering school, and maybe inspire them to go into a mathematical career."

She was also asked what does it take to go to the math contest? "We take the top six students in each math subject," she went on to say "It entails a 50 minute, and 20 minute testing block, you can eat on campus, go to and awards ceremony, and as a Lead-Deadwood tradition we go out for Armadillos Ice Cream."

Thomas also said, "We are really proud of our students who competed at the contest, the exams are extremely difficult, and are designed by professors."

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## Egemo Founds LDHS Democratic Party

By Sasha Staeckeler

On April 24, 2019, the first meeting for the LDHS Democratic Party took place at Central City's Pizza Lab. Junior Daniel Egemo arranged the first meeting and he is the founder of LDHS' Democratic Party. Lead High School isn't new to this idea; there was actually a Democratic Party back in 1962.

The meeting took place at 3:40 p.m. and ran until 4:45 p.m., Dr. Bree Oatman started off the meeting introducing Mr. Bob Welson and Ms. Sunny Gone. Welson is Chairman on the Democratic Party for Lawrence County and Gone is a BHSU student who arranges the parties for her Democratic Party. Welson's sister started the first Democratic Party at LHS in 1962 and then he followed in her footsteps in 1970, "You all are following in great footsteps and I see great things for you." Welson stated to the party.

After the introduction, there was a brief explanation of what the club is about. The club is not just for Democrats, it's for all political parties and whoever joins is open to any and all opinions that they have. The party will host fundraisers and help the Democratic Party. The fundraiser ideas are LDHS Democrats T-Shirt Fundraiser, Rock the Vote, which is encouraging the people to vote, doing a door-to-door talk, a Community Festival, which Egemo said would be a "bigger brainstorm."

After the explanation board members were elected, Egemo won chairman, Remi Detwiler won vice chairwoman, Zoe Bourgo won secretary, and Colie Corkins won treasurer. They went over the party constitution, which was very thorough and organized, you can go to the next meeting May 15 and bring friends! You can follow them on Facebook @ldhsdemocrats or contact Egemo for more information.



## Bower To Leave LDHS For Arizona

By Anna Campbell

Mrs. Kris Bower (Fuller), who started as a cabin supervisor, who is now a special education/alternative education teacher has decided to leave the Lead-Deadwood area and move to Arizona. To find out more information on this transition, she was asked a few questions.

Q: How long have you been working in the Lead-Deadwood School District?

A: I am finishing up my thirteenth year here. I started August of 2005.

Q: What is your reason for moving to Arizona?

A: I have many reasons but mostly to be close to fam-

ily. My son is also graduating.

Q: Will you be teaching in Arizona?

A: I will be. I'll be teaching in a high school there.

Q: Are you excited for the nice weather?

A: I am beyond excited for the nice weather. The switch from the cold of Lead-Deadwood to the heat of Arizona will be welcome.

Bower has devoted many hours to this school and the students in it.

Her students and fellow teachers will be sad to see her go. Lead-Deadwood School District wishes her the best of luck going forth!

## Choir Performs Spring Events

By Anna Campbell

The annual spring large group contest took place on May 1 in Central High School's auditorium. The Lead-Deadwood High School Choir took all eligible choir members to this event. The whole choir performed three songs; *The Old Mill*, *As Torrents in Summer*, and *When the Earth Stands Still*. The women of the choir then performed two songs later that day; *Shady Grove* and *Your Voice is the Wind*. Both groups received superior ratings from all the judges present at Central High School.

The next week on Monday, May 6, the choir had their spring concert. They performed all the same songs that they did at contest the week before. The Vocal Jazz Group also performed a song. The song, which was called *Vincent*, really got the crowd into the jazz spirit. Between two of the choir's songs, Ms. Kari Owens recognized participants in choir organizations like All State Choir and Men's Festival Choir. She also gave a few choir members awards that were voted on by the choir class.

The choir's last performance will be on graduation day. LDHS Choir hopes to continue improving and learning.



The LDHS Choir before leaving for Large Group Contest in Rapid City where they received superior ratings.

## Career Prep Students Attend Mock Interviews

By Colie Corkins.

Some may wonder what career prep. is and what are career mock interviews? According to Mrs. Lenessa Keehn, "It is an activity for the Career Prep and Employability Class members who are interested in going to work, college, tech school, or even the military after high school. These classes will benefit any student who wants to prepare themselves with resumés or proofs to their knowledge.

We do also build a portfolio; it can really help a student if you don't want to do the internship but want to go into the work force right after school. Basically, it will help with anyone going into the any of the four: college, military, advanced work professions, tech schools."

She also said, "It gives them real life experiences with businesses and industry professionals, it allows them to practice with a variety of questions so they can be prepared for anything in the future." When asked who should get involved in it? She answered with, "Anyone in my career prep classes or my seniors, the student internship is an option that you can do for the cap stone project."



Career Prep students attend mock interviews with business leaders in downtown Deadwood.



LDHS Band performs Spring Concert Monday, April 29.



Malde finalizes graduation speech.

## Seniors Choose Malde As Commencement Speaker

By Zoe Bourgo

The class of 2019 chose Mr. Will Malde to give the Commencement Address at graduation on May 19.

"I don't have the whole thing planned out yet, maybe address the seniors and thank them. Give them some words of wisdom too," Malde said when discussing what he will talk about in his speech.

"Ten Words? That's tough, I'd have to think about that... I don't know," said Malde when asked to describe the 2019 class in ten words. "With any class in high school the maturity gets better. First class I came to high school with. I've gotten to see them come into their own, what they enjoy, and how that continues to shape them and send them down their own road. I always look forward to hearing how they're doing and what they're going to accomplish," said Malde in response to the growth he has seen with the Class of 2019 and what he hopes to see from their future. Malde has been teaching at Lead-Deadwood High School since 2015, for four years.

## NHS, Key Club Hold 2019-20 Elections

Zoe Bourgo

### NHS Elections:

For the National Honor Society 2019-2020 elections Isabel Ward automatically won President, Zariah Jones won Vice President, Lexie Schroeder won Secretary, Hannah Campbell won Historian, Kadyn Hopkins won Treasurer, and Jordy Stulken won Parliamentarian. A goal that the NHS has is fundraising for local issues, and giving back to the community.

President: Isabel Ward  
Vice President: Zariah Jones  
Secretary: Lexie Schroeder  
Historian: Hannah Campbell  
Treasurer: Kadyn Hopkins  
Parliamentarian: Jordy Stulken

### Key Club Elections:

For the Key-Club 2019-2020 elections Kadyn Hopkins won President, Delaney Johnston won Vice President, Kiale Rose won Secretary, Zariah Jones won Treasurer, and both Emma Hess and Ray Ereth won Publicist. Key Club wants to do its part helping in community events, and help students obtain their community service hours.

President: Kadyn Hopkins  
Vice President: Delaney Johnston  
Secretary: Kiale Rose  
Treasurer: Zariah Jones  
Publicist: Emma Hess & Ray Ereth

# 2019

## Class of



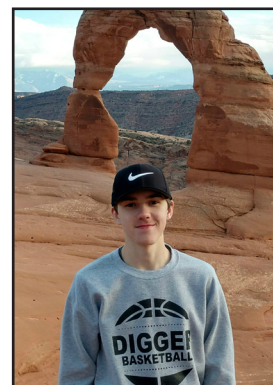
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*Chayton Bower*



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*Lucas Fish*



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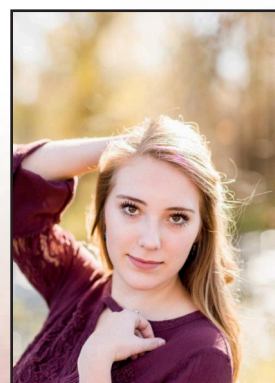
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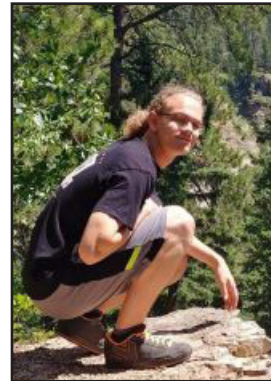
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*Eric Schumacher*



*Megan Snow*



*Everett Thomas*



*Wyatt Vande Velde*



*Zayne Widener*



Kaitlin Wilks



Kaitlynn Zellers



# 2019 Class of

## *Class Motto:*

*"You can fail at what you don't want, so you might as well take a chance on doing what you love."*

*- Jim Carrey-*

## *Class Song:*

*"I'll Be There for You"*

*-The Rembrandts-*

## *Class Colors:*

*Maroon & Gold*

## *Class Presenter:*

*Officer Kip Mau*

## *Commencement Address:*

*Mr. Will Malde*





*Maxx Percy and Olivia Rogers after receiving Kiwanis Student of the Year plaques.*

## Students Receive Recognition For Academic Achievement

By Colie Corkins

The Kiwanis Outstanding Student and Academic Awards ceremony was held April 30. Students received recognition for having a GPA of 3.66 or above. Four freshmen achieved 3.66: Jesse Enninga, Samantha Hamann, Rachel Janssen, and Chloe Wisser. Thirteen 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sara Ediger, Ray Ereth, Zariah Jones, McKinly Kyte, Delaney Johnston, Paige Knabel, Peyton Reller, Madison Rystrom, Lexie Schroeder, Quinn Ward, Megan Wehner, Tehya Winslow, and Lillie Wittmayer. There were eight juniors: Anna Campbell, Hannah Campbell, Daniel Egemo, Rebecca Groeger, Kady Hopkins, Natalie Janssen, Jordy Stulken and Alana Young. Six seniors made the cut: Hunter Gudith, Angelica Jones, Kaitlyn Meade, Brianna Pfeiffer-Munoz, Maxx Percy and Olivia Rogers. Pfeiffer-Munoz was the lone 4-year recipient.

Kiwanis Students of the Month were September -Trinity Brady, Kaitlyn Meade, October -Jared Harrison, Kiale Rose, November -Ray Greenfield, Ray Ereth, December -Logan Eisner, Rachel Janssen, January -Zak Mau, Alexis Morrison, February -Pratt Williams, Jasmine Riter, March -Quinn Ward, Delaney Johnston, and April -Eli Heisinger, Chloe Wisser. The Students of the Year are Maxx Percy and Olivia Rogers.

Principal Biesiot announced the students who would then be congratulated by School Board President Suzanne Rogers, Mr. John Keene representing Kiwanis, Mrs. Rhonda Britzman, counselor and Ms. Wendy Schamber, Key Club Advisor.

Schamber addressed the audience, saying, "Over the past eight months Key Club members have worked to make this community a better place." She asked them all to stand and be recognized.



*Kaitlyn Meade receives her Student of the Month certificate from Mr. John Keene.*



*Rachel Janssen is congratulated for her achievement by School Board President Mrs. Suzanne Rogers.*

## Key Club Sponsors Kiss A Senior Goodbye

By Dominic Williams

"Kiss a Senior Goodbye" has been going on since 2016. For one dollar you can send a note to your favorite senior or seniors, then Key Club delivers the notes with a bag of Hershey's kisses.

When Ms. Schamber, the Key Club Advisor, was asked why she finds it important to "kiss a senior goodbye?" She said, "I think it is a nice gesture to show our seniors that we care and love them, and it gives students a chance to thank seniors for the ways that they have affected them."

She was also asked how this has gone in years past and how she thinks this year went? She explained, "The first year that we did this it went great. Last year it was a little down, but I expect this year to go average."

Schamber also said that Key Club doesn't do this for a fundraiser, it is more of a community service.



*School Board Vice President Tera Mau presents Principal Tony Biesiot with a gift card and thanks for his service to the district.*

## Staff Receives Service Recognition

The annual LDEA-LDSD Retirement and Recognition Tea was held in the LDHS lunchroom on Tuesday, May 7. Superintendent Dr. Dan Leikvold and School Board Vice President Tera Mau presented staff members with certificates and gifts.

Many staff members were recognized for years of service to the district: Mrs. Larisa Bailey, 30-years; Mrs. Lisa Beagle, 30-years; Ms. Kim Loeffen, 30-years; Mrs. Laura Fravel, 20-years; Mr. Oliver Burgoyne, 10-years; Mr. Josh Morovits, 10-years; Mr. Tom Paulson, 10-years; Mrs. Joan Finn, 10-years; and Mr. Robert Farwell, 10-years.

Several staff members who are resigning at the end of the year were presented gift cards. They include Mrs. Suzanne Pearson, Mrs. Cindy Jarvis, Mrs. Donna Fish, Mr. Gary Herdt, Ms. Kris Bower (Fuller), and Principal Tony Biesiot.

The district, high school, middle school, and elementary Teachers and Employees of the Year were presented with gifts and plaques. They included Mr. Tom Tieszen, All District Teacher of the Year; Mrs. Cheryl Wilder, Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Ms. Wendy Schamber, Middle School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Jamie Hohn, All District Employee of the Year; Mrs. Deonne Tusha, Elementary Employee of the Year; Mrs. Susan Mollman, Middle School Employee of the Year; and Mrs. Lori Aberle, High School Employee of the Year.

The 2019 nominees for Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year were given certificates. Mrs. Lynette Wermager, Mrs. Lecia Stagner, Mrs. Becky Binder, Ms. Tammy Bischoff, Mrs. Laura Fravel, Mrs. Rhonda Britzman, Mr. Duanne Cunningham, Mr. Oliver Burgoyne, Mrs. Ellen Voegeli, Mr. Matt Campbell, Ms. Kris Fuller, Mrs. Lenessa Keehn, Ms. Bonnie LeCates, Mr. Rob Lester, Mrs. Dawn Madsen, and Mr. Bill Snow.



*Pictured from Top to Bottom: Board Vice President Tera Mau and Ms. Kris Fuller. Mau, Dr. Leikvold, and Mrs. Rhonda Britzman. Mau, Leikvold and Mr. Bob Farwell. Leikvold and Ms. Lori Aberle. Leikvold and Mr. Tom Tieszen. Mr. Matt Campbell and Mau. Mau, Leikvold and Mrs. Ellen Voegeli. Mau and Mrs. Jamie Hohn.*

## Baseball Experiences Rough Start

By Raygan Mattson

The baseball team has started their season and have had only five games due to the weather. They have had a rough start to their season they are 0-5. They have had multiple games away and only two games at home so far. They have played Hot Springs and Winner at home. They traveled to Chamberlain on Friday, May 3 and lost 12-2. They play Friday, May 10 at home

against Todd County they are hoping to get a win. They play again Sunday May 12 in Rapid City against STM and Gregory to make up some of the games that they have missed due to the weather. The weather has impacted the baseball season whether it be raining or snowing. They have lost to STM, Sturgis, Hot Springs, Chamberlain, and Winner.

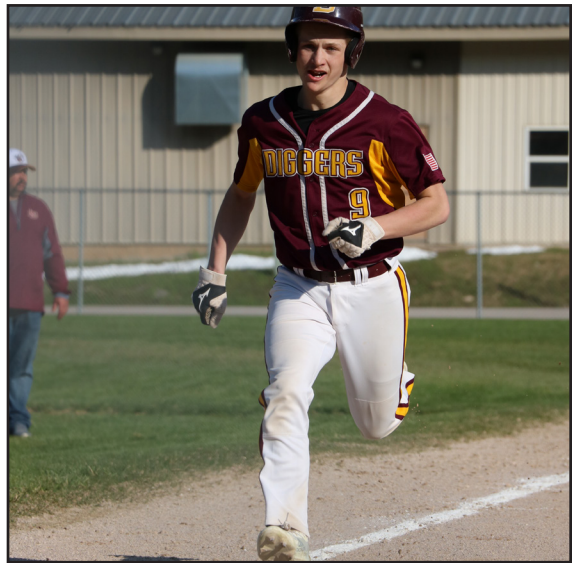
Zak Mau stated,

"The team chemistry is good this year and hopefully it stays that way for the rest of the season, we have good chemistry on and off the field."

TK Rainey also stated "It's been a pretty rough season so far but we're working to get better before playoffs and we have really good team chemistry that we pride ourselves on and we have the best manager in the state."



Cody Rakow sends in a pitch.



Wyatt Vande Velde heads for home plate.



CJ Murray reaches to connect with the ball.

## LDHS Booster Club Hosts End of the Year Sports Banquet

By Abiah

The Lead-Deadwood High School held the annual End of the Year Sports Banquet May 5, 2019. The banquet was held at the Masonic Lodge in Deadwood, across the from elementary school at approximately 5:00 p.m.

The Booster Club provided a taco bar for the parents, staff, and students who had attended the banquet.

The Booster Club

also wanted juniors to provide plates/cups/napkins, they wanted sophomores to provide beverages and freshmen had to provide the desserts.

There were about 150-200 people who attended the banquet and many excited parents and students who wanted to get together with their teams for the last time of the year.

The students,

staff and parents started eating at 5:00 p.m., and at 5:45 p.m. the awards presentation began.

During this time, the coaches from each team gave a short over-view of the season and discussed summer programs and plans.

All coaches gave great speeches and are all looking forward to the next school year.



Kaitlyn Meade, Trinity Brady, Olivia Rogers Carter Nelson, Luke Fish, Wyatt Vande Velde and Maxx Percy receiving awards.

## Track Members Work To Qualify For State

By Abiah Morrison

As track season is ending, student athletes are closing in on the state track meet.

All track students are working their hardest to make it to state in the last few regular season meets.

Many students have already qualified for state including, Natalie Janssen in long jump, Jordy Stulken in both the 100-meter dash and long jump. Senior, Trinity Brady, also qualified in the 400-meter dash while Kadden

Dillman was also able to qualify for state in pole vault.

Due to weather, the track season has been cut short but students are still thriving and always working towards their personal records.

Track students who have not qualified for state are hoping to qualify at the region meet on Thursday, May 16. At the region meet, you can qualify by getting a specific time, length or height, as well as

getting first or second in a event.

The Digger's hope the region meet will be successful and they can end their season well, and have as many students going to state as possible. Lead-Deadwood hopes to get more and more students out for the next year's track season.

Jordy Stulken is the Black Hills Conference Champion with a Long Jump of 20' 9.25 which he achieved, May 10.



Kadden Dillman, Trinity Brady, Jordy Stulken and Taylor Arehart qualify for state at the Dakota Relays.

Kadden Dillman runs full out.

## Weather Hinders Golf Season

By Raygan Mattson

The girls golf team is in the middle of the season and they haven't had very many practices outside because of the weather. They have had a couple meets get cancelled because it has snowed or rained.

They played at Hot Springs on May 2 and had Madison Rystrom medal in the top 10, shooting a 97.

They played conference in Belle Fourche on Thursday May 9 Madison Rystrom medalled once again, shooting a 103. Rystrom was followed by teammates Raygan Mattson shooting a 158 and Emma Hess shooting a 142.

The team is ready for Regions in Custer on May 23. They are hopeful the weather will cooperate and it will be nice and sunny. As the season is coming to a close, they are hoping some of the girls will qualify for state that takes place in Aberdeen on June 3.



Madison Rystrom confidently putts toward the hole.