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Frankenstein Flies Solo at Virtual State FFA Contest

by Kiara Terry

State FFA was held on Jan. 7, 2021, and took place via Zoom. This year the chapter had one participant at the State Competition, which was FFA Chapter President Jaxson Frankenstein. Prior to the competition, Frankenstein was tasked with sending in a resume, cover letter and application.

Frankenstein placed 12th in Employability Skills, where he did a job interview as a Farm Hand. Following his interview, he was allowed 30 minutes to type a follow up letter, which was then submitted for judging.

On Wednesday January 12, the chapter went to Faulkton for State Degree Review Day. After applying and interviewing, Jaxson Frankenstein, Ivan Blume, and Brandon Akin were approved on the state level for their state degree.

The remainder of the FFA Chapter participants will begin preparing for Spring Career Development Events. Frankenstein says "FFA has been a great experience as president. I have had a fun time competing against other students. I would recommend this club to any students considering working in the Agriculture Industry."



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Frankenstein Receives Third Runner-Up at State

by Justice Baloun

On Jan. 1-2, freshman Brooklyn Frankenstein represented Redfield Area in Aberdeen at the South Dakota State Junior Miss Snow Queen Festival. At state, she received third runner up overall. Frankenstein stated, "Snow Queen was so much fun, and I made so many life-long friends! I am so thankful for this opportunity and that I got to experience such a great weekend with some amazing girls."

Through the weekend of Jan. 7 - 9, se-

nior Tori Weinreis participated in the South Dakota Snow Queen festival in Aberdeen. This year marked the 75th anniversary of the event.

Weinreis was selected as Miss Redfield on Nov. 8 at the Redfield Area Snow Queen festival. At state, 25 girls from around South Dakota took three days to meet new girls, show off their true beauty, and feel confident in themselves.

On Saturday, the official Snow Queen competition was

held. Each of the girls came out to introduce themselves with their snow sister, then proceeded to go to the back and get changed into their dresses. Each year this event is held as girls from all around the state come and gather with other girls as they compete against each other and all take a big step out of their comfort zones.

When asked about the experience, Weinreis said, "Although it was hard to be without my phone for 3 days and a little

tempting to sneak it in with me, I really enjoyed being able to meet all of the girls that I had the privilege of meeting. It is a big step out of my comfort zone to get up and in front of that many people, but I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls for support and encouragement. The two years I made it to state (Weinreis was also the Redfield Area junior snow queen) I was surrounded by a great support system and couldn't have asked for much better."



Left: Senior Tori Weinreis walks across the stage as she introduces herself and gives the judges their final look before they are left to make a decision.



Right: Freshman Brooklyn Frankenstein received third runner up at the State Snow Queen competition overall.

Why Get Vaccinated?

by Abby Evans

Covid vaccinations have made their way across nations with nearly half a million doses being received a day. In America, the Pfizer was first authorized by the FDA for emergency use in anyone 16 years or older, then shortly after Moderna was authorized for people 18 and older. Both vaccines have been effective at preventing COVID-19 in clinical trial patients, Pfizer's proved to be 95% effective and Moderna's proved to be 94.5% effective.

Many people still question whether or not the vaccine is safe due to known side effects and symptoms people have experienced. Those that have received the Pfizer or

Moderna vaccines have experienced similar side effects after vaccination, including injection-site pain, fever, chills, headaches, muscle aches and joint pain. The symptoms, however, are temporary and can be experienced with any kind of vaccine like the flu shot. There have been documented cases of severe allergic reactions, which can be treated right away with medicines such as epinephrine. Because of this, the CDC has recommended to people who have severe allergies to not receive the vaccine. Other serious cases documented include patients who develop Bell's Palsy, a paralysis of the face. There have only

been seven reported cases and they are being monitored by health care experts.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has advised that everyone should accept the vaccine in order to get our country back to a normal way of living. Fauci and numerous other doctors received the vaccine on national television and their symptoms were documented for the world to see. Fauci said that he only ever had a sore arm the day after otherwise felt completely great. The vaccines are part of a historic global effort to combat the virus and help us return to a form of normality.

Receiving the Vaccination!

Many people in our community have started to receive the corona virus vaccine. The first few shots were given on Dec. 29 to healthcare personnel in



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Abby Evans, journalism staff

the hospital and local nursing home staffs, including me. I personally thought the experience was very similar to receiving the flu shot. We all were directed to a room to receive the vaccine from local nurses. I didn't even realize when I received the shot because it was pain free and the easiest shot I have ever gotten. I didn't experience any instant side effects or symptoms, but to be sure I was asked to wait 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine. The next day my arm was sore, and it hurt to lift it too high, but that was worst it ever got. I know a few coworkers who had noticeable red marks around their injection sights and some had headaches, but no one had anything too severe. Overall, I am glad I got the vaccination because it brings my workplace and this world one step closer to normal.



Up First.

Senior Tori Weinreis receives her first dose of the Pfizer vaccination. 21 days later she will have to receive her second dose to be considered fully vaccinated. Weinreis works at Roetell Assisted Living in Clark, where staff members were given the opportunity to receive the vaccination. Many Refield area clinical staff and nursing homes have also received their vaccination, including staff and residents.

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Have You Received the Coronavirus Vaccine?



Kinsey Bowar,
junior

"Yes, I have. It was an amazing opportunity and I'm thankful that I got the chance to get the vaccine. I was nervous at first, but it wasn't as bad as I thought."



Trae Turck,
sophomore

"No I have not. However, I would like to because it makes going to school, sportig events, and other activities safer for me and others."



Kyleigh O'Daniel,
senior

"Yes, I have. Receiving the vaccine was easy and didn't hurt. I didn't experience any side effects except a sore arm the day after, like you would with any vaccine."



Gracie Fast,
sophomore

"No, I have not received the vaccine and don't think I want to. The vaccine hasn't been around long enough to know what the long term effects are."



Olivia Owens,
junior

"I was nervous, but am glad I got the vaccine. I would rather have the side effects of getting the vaccine than having the serious effects that come along with Covid-19."



Damion Dey,
senior

"I haven't received the vaccine and I would not want to either. It is too new, and there hasn't been enough research on it to know how it will affect us in the future."

Boys' Basketball Team Defeats Mount Vernon/Plankinton

by Frakeithus Robinson

On Jan. 19, the Redfield varsity boys basketball team won the home game against Mount Vernon/Plankinton.

The first quarter started off strong for both teams and even though it was well matched, MVP ended the first quarter with 13 points and Redfield with 12 points.

During the second quarter both teams were close to the same score again, but by the end of the second quarter Redfield ended the quarter with 15 points and MVP with 17 points.

Redfield managed to get ahead of MVPHS during the third quarter which ended that quarter

with MVPHS with 16 points and Redfield with 25 points.

MVPHS was a little bit ahead of Redfield with the fourth quarter ending with MVPHS with 19 points and Redfield with 15 points.

Redfield ended the game with a two point win, 67-65.

On Jan. 16, the Pheasants lost their home game with Waverly/South Shore. The first quarter ended with 17 points for WSS and Redfield with 10 points; the second quarter ended the the score of 10 for WSS and 17 for Redfield. During the third quarter, WSS rallied, scoring 17 points to Redfield's 8. Fourth quarter ended with 18 pts.

for WSS and 23 pts. WSS took the win, 62-58.

On Jan. 12, the Pheasants won their home game against Miller, 81-59 points.

On Jan. 8 the team won their away game against Deuel, 59-50.

On Jan. 5 the boys won their home game against Langford, 68-44.

On Dec. 30 Redfield varsity basketball won their away game against Gayville-Volin, 44-10.

On Dec. 22 the Redfield varsity basketball team lost their home game against Groton, 61-59, and on Dec. 18, the team won their away game against Roncalli, 59-58.



Up for Two.

Senior Jaxson Frankenstein makes the jump shot for two points against the Groton Area Tigers. The Tigers edged out the Pheasants for the win, 59-58.

Pheasants Claim Mid-Season Victories

by Kiara O'Daniel

On Jan. 21, the Lady Pheasants hosted a non-conference game against the Britton/Hecla Braves. The Pheasants won with a score of 64-21.

On Jan. 19 the Pheasants took on Mt. Vernon/Plankinton. The ladies lost with a score of 59-50.

On Jan. 12 the Pheasants hosted the Miller Rustlers. They lost with a score of 46-39.

On Jan. 9 the

Pheasants hosted the GBB Holiday Classic. The ladies took on the Wolsey-Wessington Warbirds and defeated them with a score of 52-39.

On Jan. 8 the Pheasants traveled to Clear Lake to take on the Deuel Cardinals. The Pheasants won 54-18.

On Jan. 5 the Pheasants traveled to Tiospa Zina to take on the Lady Wambdi. The Pheasants defeated the Wambdi 43-30.



Take It In.

Senior Addie Rozell makes her move toward the basket in home court action against the Miller Rustlers. The Rustlers took the non-conference win, 46-39. The lady Pheasants will see home court action on Tuesday, Jan. 26 against Tulare/Hitchcock and again on Thursday, Jan. 29 when they host Milbank.

Senior Spotlight

Abigail Taylor is the daughter of Jeremy and Mellisa Taylor and has one sibling, Braiden. Throughout high school she has been involved in band, chorus, and SADD. She says that she enjoys band and SADD



the most because they have provided her with the most memories. After high school she plans to go to Lake Area to become a Lab Technician in a vet clinic or hospital.

Lester Beckler is the son of Dan Beckler and Stephanie Johnson. Beckler says, "The accomplishment I am most proud of is being a multiple time Character Counts winner in elementary!" Throughout high school he



has been an active member in FFA. After high school he plans to attend Lake Area to study Business. After graduating he will miss the social interaction amongst his peers the most.

Thomas Shantz is the son of Kandi Shantz. He has two siblings, Taylor and Olivia Shantz. Thomas is most proud of breaking the Redfield boys' basketball blocking record while at RHS. During his time at RHS he has been involved in golf and basketball.



After high school he plans to further his education at Lake Area and study Entrepreneurship. Thomas will miss his friends the most after he graduation.

Redfield Will Host NEC Tournament

by Tori Weinreis

The Redfield Pheasants wrestling team traveled to Philip on Friday, Jan. 15. The Pheasants defeated the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers with a score of 78-6 and the Lead-Deadwood Goldiggers with a score of 53-25.

106 wrestler

Brady Risetter lost his match to Lead-Deadwood's Luke Harris. Wrestlers Corbin Schwartz (182) and Bradyn Robbins (138) pinned both of their opponents.

The Pheasants also took on the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers. 195 wres-

ler Connor Appel (lost his match to the Tigers Cole Wellner). Dylan Whitley (160), Cullen McNeil (170), and Bradyn Robbins (138) pinned their opponents during their individual matches each receiving 6 points for their

team score.

The Pheasants wrestling team will travel to the Kingsbury County Tourney on Saturday, Jan. 23 and will host the Redfield NEC tourney on Thursday, Jan. 28 starting at 4:00 in the Ken Greeno building.



Working Hard. Junior Jacob Fehlman works on turning his opponent on his back during a home dual against the Sisseton Redmen.

New Teacher Feature: Mr. Kyle Faulk

by Abby Evans

Mr. Kyle Faulk teaches middle school science. He is also the assistant girls' basketball coach/co-head track coach/volunteer football coach.

Mr. Faulk started college at NDSU, graduated with his bachelor's from Mt. Marty College

and is currently attending Northern State University for his master's.

This is his 6th year teaching. For the last 5 years he taught 5th grade science and social studies at Buchanan Elementary in Pierre.

Mr. Faulk is orig-

inally from Watertown. He married 2nd grade teacher Ms. Lodmel in August. He has one son, Ethan, who is a 7th grader. They have a total of 3 dogs: 2 Chocolate labs and a puggle.

Some fun facts about Mr. Faulk are that he used

to work for United Airlines, used to race cars, and played college hockey.



Mr. Kyle Faulk

November/December Students of the Month

By: Tori Weinreis

Grade 12: Addison Rozell



Addie Rozell

Addie is the daughter of Mark and Julie Rozell. She has three siblings: Sarah (22), Drew (20), and Katie (14). Addie has two dogs named Chumlee and Harlee. She is involved in seven activities: basketball, volleyball, NHS, student council, FBLA, church group, and church usher. Her hobbies are playing sports, baking and hanging out with friends. Addie's favorite food is steak, and her favorite movie is *OVER THE HEDGE*. One thing that challenges Addie most is, Calculus. She says you do problems that you normally have never heard before. Addie's overall favorite class would be calculus or government.

Grade 11: Chelsea Smith



Chelsea Smith

Chelsea is the daughter of Jay and Sherri Smith. She has three siblings: Sydney (19), Annie (16), and Kinley (12). One goal Chelsea has made while in high school, is to maintain good grades and get a good score on her upcoming ACT. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, NHS, student council, and CCD. Chelsea's favorite food is chicken alfredo and her favorite movie is *THE INCREDIBLES*. Some advice Chelsea would give underclassmen would be to not worry about what other people think of you, it is a waste of time to worry about it. You need to be yourself while being happy, and everything will eventually work out.

Grade 10: Tori Wurtz



Tori Wurtz

Tori is the daughter of Heather Wurtz and Jeremy Dunstan. She has two sisters: Breanna (age 17) and GracieAnn (age 8). Tori works at the Dairy Queen in Redfield, and she likes being able to see the people who come in to eat there. Her favorite class is English because they get to read some pretty interesting books. One thing that Tori finds challenging is keeping up with academics. She states, "It is challenging because certain classes are more difficult and have more to grasp than others." Advice she would give underclassmen is to "pay attention and don't overwork yourself."

Grade 9: Katie Rozell



Katie Rozell

Katie is the daughter of Mark and Julie Rozell. She has three siblings: Sarah (22), Drew (20), and Addie (17). Katie has two dogs named: Chumlee and Harlee. Katie is involved in basketball, volleyball, FBLA, NJHS and student council. Katie states that the class that challenges her the most is Spanish, and she overcomes this by studying more. Her favorite season is fall because she likes the leaves changing colors and thinks the temperature is perfect. One goal that Katie has set for herself this school year is to get all her assignments completed on time.

Grade 8: Brooklyn Rische



Brooklyn Rische

Brooklyn is the daughter of Andi and Dustin Rische. She has two siblings: Bristol (7) and Hudson (10). Brooklyn's favorite food is steak and her favorite movie is *The Miracle Season*. Brooklyn's goal for school is to get all good grades and try her best on everything.

Grade 7: Jayde Englund



Jayde Englund

Jayde Englund is the daughter of Brad and Dawn Englund. She has two brothers: Devyn (5) and Eli (10). Jayde and her family have several pets including a dog, cat, goats, horse, chickens, a duck and a donkey. Jayde is involved in 4-H and FCCLA. Her favorite season is spring because of her birthday.

Grade 6: Adyson Rice



Adyson Rice

Adyson Rice is the daughter of Travis and Angela Rice. She and her family have a dog named Skeeter and lots of goats and cows. Her favorite class is math because it is a subject she has always liked. Adyson plays volleyball and her favorite season is winter because she gets to go sledding.