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FFA STATE LDE

by Charli Jungwirth

Two members of the Redfield FFA attended the state LDE convention in Rapid City on Dec. 2. To qualify for this state convention, they had to place in the top three individually.

Sophomore chapter treasurer and district reporter, Grace Lemmer, placed 2nd overall in exempt while senior chapter president Brooklyn Rische placed first in employment skills at districts. Rische and Lemmer traveled to Rapid with chapter advisor Mr. Cihak and competed in their events at the state LDE.

The two students made the district's mission statement: to encourage involvement and promote membership by growing personally and professionally through social events.

"I enjoyed competing at another level, meeting new people, and getting to know my district officer team more. State LDEs was definitely a different experience that I will remember," Lemmer said.



Brooklyn Rische



Grace Lemmer

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Musicians Present Christmas Concert

by Aly Gruenwald

Middle school and high school students in band and choir along with their family and friends, gathered in the auditorium for the Christmas concert on Dec. 17.

This event was organized by Mr. Justin Desens, Mrs. Abbigayle Desens and the middle school high school principal Miss Kendra Becker.

To start off the night, the high school band and their director Mr. Justin Desens played the songs "Bobsled Run" and "Fantasia on O' Holy Night."

This was followed by the middle school

choir and their director Mrs. Abbigayle Desens singing the theme song from "Elf," "All I Want for Christmas is You" and "Winter Stars."

Other events included the 6th grade band playing a Band Warm-Up, "Hot Cross Buns" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."

The middle school band played the songs "Fan Fair," "All is Not Calm," "Winter Winds" and "Festive Finale." The high school choir sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,"

"Ding Dong Merrily on High" and "White Winter Hymnal."

A special event directed by A. Desens included the middle school and high school choir singing Carol of the Bells.

After the choir ended their song, students in the high school band headed to the stage yet again to end the night playing Sleigh Ride.

After the concert, members in the high school band held a stand in the lunchroom for people exiting the concert to "sell" their baked goods.

Each member

brought one dozen treats. The money they raised went toward new marching uniforms.

"I'm excited to do my first concert in Redfield this year, and to share what the bands and choir have been working so hard on. Each band and choir have been working really hard to get where they are. It has been a lot of work, but I believe everyone is ready to perform to the best of their ability. I hope the community enjoys watching our performances," J. Desens said.



Putting on a Show. Freshman Willa Wurtz plays the clarinet as her eyes track the upcoming notes during the high school band performance.



Singing with Holiday Spirit. Sophomore Adriana Willett and junior Emily McPhee sing the "White Winter Hymnal" where they tap their hearts two times during the chorus.

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How early is considered too early to decorate for Christmas?

by Hayden Gall

The big debate is whether to decorate for Christmas before or after Thanksgiving. Some say Christmas is an entire season starting right after Halloween, but others can argue that each holiday needs to be celebrated before the next.

"I decorate before Christmas because I love the Christmas sea-

son and want it to last as long as possible. I think the longer I have my Christmas decorations up the happier I am. Also, I have a lot of Christmas decorations, and I want them up for longer than a month," art teacher Miss Bottom said.

But one could counter argue that Christmas is just during the month

of December. With Thanksgiving being in November, some people want to save decorating for Christmas until Thanksgiving has passed.

Either way, whether someone decorates before or after Thanksgiving still shows holiday spirit during the months of November and December.



Placing the Finishing Touch. Senior Collin Dean, student council member, helps set up the tree at the start of the Christmas festivities.

When do you start decorating for Christmas?

by Addisyn Evans



Kevin Brabant,
freshman

"I start decorating the day after Thanksgiving since it is the last holiday before Christmas."



Kyleigh Akin,
junior

"I start decorating for Christmas on December 1st because it starts the month of Christmas."



Mr. Joel Osborn,
staff

"I usually start whenever I feel like it. Usually from December 5th to January 5th."



Madysen Siebrecht,
senior

"I start decorating after Halloween because Christmas is a season and Thanksgiving is only two days."



Lily Parisien,
sophomore

"After Thanksgiving is when I like to start decorating for Christmas since it's the next holiday to come."

Excited for the Christmas Season

Christmas season is what I look forward to the most. Good things happen around Christmas time. It is the time of year when family comes together and spends time with each other. The idea of staying home and relaxing to get away from the daily school routine gets everyone excited. Snow fall-



Kinley Smith, journalism staff

ing outside while curled up in a blanket is something that makes me ready for the holiday season. So many different things make the Christmas season one to look forward to every year.

There are so many different things around Christmas time that I love. My favorite part is getting together with my family and spending time with them. Family traditions come back during this season and remind me of the Christmases when I was younger. Each family has a different holiday plan, but I hope that everyone has the time to take in all that joy from the Christmas season.

The festive decorations and holiday music playing everywhere you go gets me into the holiday spirit. One of my favorite activities to do around Christmas is going to look at the lights around town. Each house is decorated differently, but all for the same purpose. Holiday activities help get everyone in the festive spirit. I think that everyone should stop and try to find the true meaning of Christmas for them.



Hallway Decorating Takes Place during the Christmas Season

by Brooklyn Rische

To add Christmas spirit throughout the school, grades 6-12 were assigned a hallway to decorate based on the theme of Christmas songs.

Class meetings took place on Dec. 3, and students voted on what song they wanted to use for their hallway and

chose who would decorate.

A representative from the class had to race to the main office to lock in their song as no duplicates were allowed.

Grade 6 chose the song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer", grade 7 chose "Frosty the Snow-

man", grade 8 chose "Jingle Bell Rock (Mean Girls)", freshmen chose "The Polar Express", sophomores chose "Jingle Bells", juniors chose "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", and seniors chose "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

The decorating

took place during the week of Dec. 9 and was to be completed by Dec. 17.

The judging took place on Dec. 17 by the elementary teachers, and the results were announced on Dec. 18 that the seniors won the best-decorated hallway contest.



Decorating the Hall. Eighth grade students Ainsley Appel, Braylee Siebrecht and Ellie Rhodes cut paper for their hallway decor.

FCCLA Members Qualify for Nationals and Obtain Leadership Positions

by Hayden Gall

The FCCLA students attended the Region IV meeting held at Lake Area Technical College on Dec. 11 in preparation for the State Leadership Conference this spring. Region IV is made up of 12 chapters.

Amelia Sjurseth currently holds the Region IV vice president position. During the meeting, she competed with intentions of holding the president position for the upcoming year. After her speech and three on-stage questions, the voting delegates from each chapter scored her the highest, honoring her the presidential position. A. Sjurseth is also a part of the advocacy team that helped to plan the breakout sessions of the region meeting.

Summit Sjurseth went head-to-head with a member of the Clark FCCLA chapter to see who would obtain the position of the Junior High Rep-

resentative of the upcoming year for Region IV. During the closing session, it was announced that S. Sjurseth will hold the Junior High Representative position. Currently, this position is held by another member of the RHS chapter, Kaleigh Disbrow, who also holds the Junior High Representative position for the state. Disbrow organized the minute-to-win-it games for the meeting.

RHS State Leadership team members, Jessie Ratigan and Emeri Hofeman, hosted a workshop representing the Current Trends Team while A. Sjurseth hosted a workshop representing the Advocacy Team.

Mrs. Cindy Brace was granted the Region IV Honorary Member Award for her continuing time in FCCLA.

Following the region meeting, the knowledge bowl team was recognized

as one of the 40 teams that are eligible to compete in the National Leadership Conference to be held this July in Orlando, Florida.

The knowledge bowl team consisting of Collin Dean, Brooklyn Rische, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner, and Conner Zens competed in their first in-person

bracket at Region VI.

The team was granted a bye in the first round, then competed against Webster and fell 20 points short of the win to advance into the championship round. The winner of each region meeting will advance to compete against the other regions at the State leadership con-

ference.

"Region meeting was so much fun. I loved getting to represent Redfield as not just the current region vice president but also as our high school officer candidate. When my name was called for the office of president I was beyond grateful. I'm glad other people saw the amount

of effort and work that went into this. I look forward to not just showing how strong our community is within our region, but also getting the chance to represent Redfield as the Region IV state officer elect this April and get to be part of the incredible state executive council," A. Sjurseth said.



FCCLA Members Attending. Members who attended were (front) Scylas Schulz, Kaleigh Disbrow, Jaedyn Banister, Zoe Zastrow, Emeri Hofeman, (middle) Ashley Stroud, Lorena Evans, Brooklyn Rische, Amelia Sjurseth, Summit Sjurseth, Ella Wren, Jessie Ratigan, (back) MaKayla Schulz, Adalyn Stoner, Noah Johnson, Collin Dean, Conner Zens and Jadie Turner.

Football and Volleyball Athletes Receive End of Season Awards



Honorable Mentions. Juniors Ethan Falk and Conner Zens were named football Honorable Mentions NEC All-Conference.



All-Conference. Seniors Camden Murray and Dylan Murray were named football NEC All-Conference players.



All-Conference. Junior Hayden Gall was named volleyball NEC All-Conference player.

Wrestlers Finish in 2nd Place at Gregory Tournament

by Brynnley Neuharth

To start out the season, wrestlers attended their first tournament in Gregory on Saturday, Dec. 14. The eight-hour tournament began at 9:30am and finished around 5:30pm.

Starting the team off at 106, Jace Edgar took 2nd place in the 106-pound weight bracket accumulating 20 points for the team. At 113, Maddon Odland placed 1st earning sudden victory over Michael Branaugh, accumulating 20 team points. Chace Odland earned 16 team points and 2nd place in the 120-pound weight class.

Moving up in weight classes, Kasey Hermann placed 4th in the 132-pound weight class, earning the team 15 points. At 144, Conner Zens placed 2nd

in the tournament, accumulating 18 team points. In the 165-pound weight class, Collin Dean placed 1st, scoring 24 points for the team.

"I have never placed in the Burke-Gregory tournament before, so it was a huge accomplishment to place in first. Pinning my way through everyone and earning first was a major achievement for me," Dean said.

Dylan Murray placed 2nd in the tournament at 190 due to injury default, accumulating 17 team points. At 215, Camden Murray placed 1st earning 23.5 team points. Wrestling at heavy-weight, Dalton Rathjen placed 3rd in the tournament scoring 16 team points.

Overall, the team accumulated 169.5

points earning 2nd place out of 13 teams that attended the tournament. Bon Homme/Avon placed first with 192.5 team points.

Wrestlers took to the mat for the first time on Tuesday, Dec. 10, in a triangular against Clark/Willow Lake and Britton-Hecla; 10 wrestlers were present during the matches.

To start off the evening, Dylan Murray received a forfeit against Britton-Hecla at the 190-pound weight class, but wrestled Josh Kanegietter from Clark, ending in defeat for D. Murray by decision 7-2. Next, Camden Murray caused an upset with a 2:45 fall against Tucker Hardy, the #2 wrestler ranked in the 215-pound weight class. C. Murray received a forfeit

against CWL. In the heavy weight class, Dalton Rathjen received a forfeit from both duals.

Jace Edgar lost via major decision (15-4) against Lincoln Kilker of Britton-Hecla at 106-pound weight class and lost against Benny Pommer of Clark/Willow Lake by fall of 3:50. At 113, Maddon Odland received forfeit and lost by major decision (13-3) against Cade Gaikowski of CWL. Next, at 120 pounds, Chace Odland earned a fall of 1:02 over Carter Grobe of Britton-Hecla but lost by fall of 3:04 against Cooper Pommer of CWL. Caleb Nelson then wrestled Jade Tisher at the 126-pound weight class and earned a fall of 3:14 against Britton-Hecla. Nelson then lost by major decision (13-0)

to Mason Severson from CWL.

Another wrestler receiving a forfeit was Kasey Hermann at the 132-pound weight class during both matchups. Moving to the 144-pound weight class, Conner Zens earned a fall of 1:03 over Max Suther of Britton-Hecla and also won against Logan Foster by decision (10-5). Collin Dean earned a fall of 3:13 over Dashel Davidson and won against

Lincoln Reidburn from Clark/Willow Lake by decision (7-2) at the 165-pound weight class. Overall results of the Britton-Hecla matchup ended with 53-16, with Redfield winning, and 47-24 against Clark/Willow Lake ending in a loss for the Pheasants.

The next tournament for the Pheasants wrestlers will be the NECs in Groton on Thursday, Dec. 19.



Planning a Move. Junior Conner Zens plans his next move against his opponent.

Senior Spotlight

Camden Murray is the son of Jason Murray and Becca



Nelson. He has three siblings: Brielle, Dylan and Taylor. He is involved in FFA, track, football and wrestling. An accomplishment that he is proud of is being in the top five at State Wrestling.

Camden has worked at Odland Construction for 3 years. His hobbies are playing Xbox, sports and golf. One motto that guides Camden is "sometimes you win, sometimes you learn." Three things he would like to do in his lifetime are go bungee jumping, go to a different country and skydive.

Rhiana Young is daughter of Lisa and Jeff Young. She



has one sibling, Parker Young. She is involved in track (4) and FCCLA (1). A few of Rhiana's hobbies include drawing, painting, and spending time with friends and family. Her favorite

elementary memory was when she played four square on the old playground. A class she enjoys is art class because she has her own creative freedom. Words of wisdom Rhiana believes underclassmen should know are "you cannot become what you want by remaining what you are." After high school she plans to attend Lake Area Tech to get an associate degree as a medical lab tech.

Madyson Siebrecht is the daughter of Brandee



Schmidt and Kevin Siebrecht. She has two siblings, Kaylin (28) and Brandon (24). She is involved in being a volleyball manager (4), dance (13), and softball (10). She has worked

at Eastern Star Home for three years. A favorite elementary memory of Madyson's is "When my 2nd grade teacher, Miss. Hull made us green eggs and ham for Dr. Suess Day." A class she loves is U.S. History, because "Mrs. Zastrow made it fun and interesting to learn about," Siebrecht said. Her plans after high school consist of either going to Lake Area Tech for physical therapy assistant or attending the University of Sioux Falls for radiology.

Girls Basketball Starts Season with Home Games

by Kendyl Siebrecht

The girls basketball team started their season on Nov. 25th. The Lady Pheasants held 11 total practices to prepare before starting off the season.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, the Pheasants hosted a home game against the Roncalli Cavaliers. The Pheasants took the loss with the final score of 10-64.

The Lady Pheasants took on the Faulkton Trojans on Monday, Dec. 16, for the second home game of the season. The Pheasants took the lead up until the fourth

quarter, where they were outscored with a final score of 32-38. Leading the team with the most points scored was Charli Jungwirth with 9 points, followed by Addy Evans with 6. The team ended with a total of 21 offensive and defensive rebounds.

"I think that we've made much improvement between the first two games we've had. We started out rough with a loss against Roncalli, but despite the loss, our team really showed up for the Faulkton game and proved everything we have been working on in

practice is paying like for our younger off. I'm excited what team," Charli Jungwirth said.



Triple Threat. Junior Hayden Gall holds the ball in a triple threat while also being ready to make her next move. She scans the court to see if any of her teammates are open to throw the ball to.

Boys Basketball Kicks off the Season with the First Game against Roncalli

by Kayleigh Disbrow

The boys basketball season began on Dec. 13, with their first game at Roncalli. The score ended up being 63-34 in favor of Roncalli.

Hulscher was the leading scorer of the night with 12 points and Falk had the most rebounds with 6.

The head coach of the Pheasants is Lance Howe. The team has 14 players; they are Alexander Shottenkirk, Austin Snell, Emmanuel Alejandro, Ethan Falk, Grady Hulscher, Isaac Banister, Jackson Rude, Jaxon Ethridge, Jax-

on Metzinger, Keagan Hansen, Micah Zastrow, Ruben Alvarez and Tate Neuharth.

"We will do better

than last year, showing that we have improved since the start of the season compared to last season. I think this year

we will be better and have more fun as a team," Banister said. They play on Dec. 19 at Deuel and at Groton on Jan. 4.



Getting Past the Press. Freshman Issac Banister takes the ball out of bounds looking down the court for an open teammate while sophomore Jackson Rude tries to get open to get the ball passed to him to take it down the court. The Pheasants fell to the Cavaliers, 34-64.

November Students of The Month

by Hannah Schlechter and Emily McPhee

Grade 12: Jadie Turner



Jadie Turner

Jadie Turner is the daughter of Amy and Bobby Turner. She has a dog named Dexter. Her hobbies include reading, walking, and baking. Jadie's favorite class is calculus because she likes how she always has an answer and that there is always a process. She is involved in NHS, FCCLA, FBLA, student council, cross country, cheer, dance, track, and softball. Her favorite food is ice cream, movie is *Tangled*, TV show is *Outer Banks*, artist is Lana Del Ray and color is yellow. Jadie's advice to underclassmen is "school and life are not always stuck in the same place. Even if you are struggling, each day is new, so you determine the way you would like to live."

Grade 11: Ella Rude-Peterson



Ella Rude-Peterson

Ella Rude-Peterson is the daughter of Chris and Heather Rude and Shawn Peterson. She has four siblings: Grady (6), Ivy (10), Brody (11), and Irelynn (12). Ella has two dogs (Trigger and Bud), four horses, and three cats. Her favorite class is anatomy because she enjoys learning about the human body, and it's in her interest to be in the medical field after high school. She is involved in NHS, student council, basketball, softball, and volleyball management. Ella's favorite food is steak, her favorite movie is *Our Little Secret* and her favorite color is blue. Her goal in school is to achieve a 4.0 GPA. Ella's advice to underclassmen is to "always be yourself and enjoy time in school."

Grade 10: Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon



Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon

Emmanuel Alejandro Jardon is the son of Araceli Jardon Rosas and Camerino Alejandro Montiel. He has three siblings: Belem (28), Karen (27), and Vanesa (21). English class challenges him the most because "Sometimes it's very confusing." He overcomes this by working harder and learning it in school or on his own. Emmanuel likes to play video games, watch shows, cook, play sports, and learn to program. His favorite food is enchiladas or chili, his favorite color is purple, TV show is *Ben 10* and artist is AC/DC. Emmanuel's favorite season is fall because of the cool weather and 8:00pm sunsets.

Grade 9: Gemma Hansen



Gemma Hansen

Gemma Hansen is the daughter of Vanessa Hansen. She has one sibling, Bonnie Flansberg (7). Hansen's hobby includes writing. Outside of school, she is involved in youth events. Band class is her favorite because "It's fun, entertaining, and enjoyable." She likes fall because of the scenery. Her favorite food is ham, favorite movie is *High School Musical* and her favorite show is *She-Ra*, favorite artist is Alice in Chains and her favorite color is moonlight silver. Gemma's advice to underclassmen is to "Work hard, pay attention, and try to enjoy school."

Grade 8: Ainsley Appel



Ainsley Appel

Ainsley Appel is the daughter of Heidi and Simon Appel. She has four siblings: Braden (24), Kiara (21), Everly (11) and Ellyza (8). She also has one dog named Luna. Her most challenging class is ELA because it is difficult but overcomes this by studying more.

Grade 7: Addison Hulscher



Addison Hulscher

Addison Hulscher is the daughter of Jim and Jenna Hulscher. She has two siblings: Kendra (3) and Grady (14) as well as a dog and 15 cats. Hulscher's hobbies include pin needling kits, crocheting and basketball. Her favorite color is sage green.

Grade 6: Whitney Wurtz



Whitney Wurtz

Whitney Wurtz is the daughter of Jennifer and Jason Wurtz. She has one sibling, Willa Wurtz (14). She also has 3 dogs and multiple bunnies. Whitney's favorite holiday is Christmas. She enjoys going to the Enrich room because she gets to learn new things.