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## PHEASANT FOCUS

### Redfield Area Senior Snow Queen Harlee Nielson & Junior Snow Queen Amelia Sjurseth



**Snow Royalty:** Hitchcock-Tulare senior Harlee Nielson and Redfield freshman Amelia Sjurseth were crowned the 2004 Redfield Area Senior Snow Queen and Junior Snow Queen on Nov. 5 in the Redfield School auditorium.

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## Redfield Area Snow Queens Crowned

by Addisyn Evans

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 Jr. Snow Queen Makayla Schulz crowned Harlee Nielson and Amelia Sjurseth as the 2024 Redfield Area Senior and Junior Snow Queens. 2023 Sr. Snow Queen Malloory Smith, a student at USD, was unable to attend. Nielson attends school at Hitchcock-Tulare and Sjurseth is a freshman at Redfield High School.

The pageant took place in the Redfield High School auditorium at 3:00pm. Juniors Brooklyn Rische and Jadie Turner served as MCs, and Justin Ratigan, Noah

Johnson, Ethan Falk and Frosty served as ushers for the candidates.

Chosen by her peers, Jessie Ratigan received Jr. Miss Congeniality; she also received 2nd runner-up. Emeri Hofeman received 1st runner-up for the Jr. division. Other Jr. Snow Queen candidates included Lorena Evans, Emeri Hofeman and Adrianna Willett.

The panel of judges chose Mackenzie Groft as 1st runner-up in the Sr. division. Carmen Herrera was recognized as the 2nd runner-up; she also was chosen by her peers as Sr. Miss

Congeniality. Other Sr. Snow Queen participants included Lilly Blume, Ruthie Croeni, Jadit Puok, Emerie Binger and Lori Whitley.

On stage, each candidate was introduced by her name, parents' names, where she attends school, what she is active in, what she enjoys doing in her free time, and what she wants to study in her future. Following the introductions, candidates drew a piece of paper from a bag that contained a question for the participant to answer. These questions ranged from "Where is one place you would like to go

and why?" to "What is something you enjoy doing?"

After each Snow Queen participant was introduced, nineteen total prince and princess candidates were brought to the stage. Each contestant was introduced by name, parents' names, number of siblings, and their favorite colors, foods and movies. The 2024 Prince and Princess winners were Kyler Evans and Madelyn Winter. Following the announcement of Prince and Princess, Queen McKayla Shulz revealed Frosty: Redfield graduate Justin Haider.



**Redfield Area Snow Queen Court:** (front) Snow Prince Kyler Evans and Snow Princess Madelyn Winter, (back) Sr. 2nd runner-up and Sr. Miss Congeniality Carmen Herrera, Sr. 1st runner-up Mackenzie Groft, Sr. Snow Queen Harlee Nielson, Jr. Snow Queen Amelia Sjurseth, Jr. 1st runner-up Emeri Hofeman, and Jr. 2nd runner-up and Jr. Miss Congeniality Jessie Ratigan.

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## Students Travel to Compete in Region Oral Interp Contest

by Kendyl Siebrecht

On Nov. 14, the oral interpretation team traveled to the region IV-A tournament in Aberdeen at the Dakota Event Center.

Oral interpretation advisor Mrs. Kaylin Frost created a full team of sophomores including Hayden Gall, Kinley Smith, David Lopez, Alex Shottenkirk, Cecilia Suchor, Ethan Falk, Tucker Nelson, Ella Rude-Peterson, Chloe Appel, Conner Zens, Kylie Hermann, Savannah Risetter and JaLia Miles.

The contest consisted of three sessions

throughout the day. The first session had readers theatre competing. Appel, Hermann, Zens, Nelson, Risetter, and Falk presented the "Imperfect Proposal."

Session two was non-original oratory, serious reading, and humorous reading. Gall presented "The Complexity of Fear," Smith presenting "Tests," and Rude-Peterson presenting "French Fries from Talking With." After session one and two there was a forty-five-minute lunch break before continuing to the final ses-

sion.

The third session was duo, storytelling and poetry. Lopez and Shottenkirk performed "The Odd Couple." Miles presented "The Wife's Story." Suchor performed "No Matter the Wreckage."

"Getting to compete in oral interp was a valuable experience that I am glad I was able to have. With only two weeks to practice, I think our team did well. Even though none of us made it to State, it was still a fun experience," Gall said.

## Reflecting on Patriotism

What I consider to be patriotism is the willingness to represent our country with respect and pride. Serving the country is a big symbolic action that represents patriotism, or even waving the

American flag as a way of celebrating our country shows our devotion to this nation.

At Redfield High School, I think it is important to have a Veteran's Day program to

show that we are thankful for our Veterans and the sacrifices they have made in active service.

When attending the Veteran's Day program on Friday, Nov. 10, I learned the different service branches there are in the military, I learned what a veteran symbolizes, and I learned the different ways I can represent this country whether it means going into the military or finding volunteer opportunities to help our nation.

The video that Mr. Tommy Gregg recorded and edited as part of the program was great; I think asking local veterans questions on why they decided to go into the military or what they think is great about our nation helped students see why they decided to fight for our country and their passion in telling their stories.



Carmen Herrera, journalism staff

## RHS Students Honor Veterans at Annual Program

by Emerie Hofeman

The Veteran's Day Program was hosted in the auditorium at Redfield Public School on Nov. 10, 2023. Brad Englund, a past VFW Post Commander, gave the welcoming ceremony speech written by Mayor Frank Schwartz. The Presentation of Colors was introduced by the Veterans: Leonard Deibert (USA Flag), Bob Shutte (American Legion Flag), Wilfredo Justiniano (VFW Flag), Kelly Hyke (Sons of the American Legion Flag), and Perry Schmidt (40 et 8 flag). After the Presentation of Colors, the national anthem was performed by

the Redfield High School band under the direction of Mr. Dylan Unruh.

Ted Kimball, the VFW Chaplain, led the opening prayer. Following the prayer, "Our America" was sung by the Redfield Middle School/High School choir under the direction of Mrs. Tabitha Unruh. David Durfee presented the salute of POW/MIA, and taps was performed by Mario Hansen. This year's guest speaker was Allen Scott who talked about each branch of the military and how they work. Following the speaker, the Redfield High School band

performed "Armed Forces Parade."

The students holding the flags included Grace Lemmer (Navy), JaLia Miles (Army), Hunter Binger (Marines), Noah Johnson (Air Force) and Thomas Jacobs (Coast Guard). Mrs. Jodie Miles and Mr. Wade Schlotter were staff members who were recognized for having served in the military. Mrs. Bixler and Mr. Gregg showed a video they worked on with the 7th graders featuring interviews with local veterans.

Redfield middle and high school students, under the direction Brynn Giblin and Mady



**Showing Support.** Freshman Jackson Rude holds a flag during his part of the Veterans Day program of the flag presentation to the song "God Bless the USA".

Morrisette, presented a flag presentation while "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood was played. The flag presentation participants included Kalli Spotanske, Micah Zastrow, Kayleigh Disbrow, Jackson Rude, Grady Hulscher, Willa Wurtz, Willow Ronneberg, Octavia Paulsen, Ellie Rhodes, and Eli Englund.

Tedd Kimball, VFW Chaplain, said the closing prayer, and the veterans and their family members were invited to eat lunch at the school. Members of the Junior National Honor Society served the food to the veterans and stayed to help clean up afterwards.

# FBLA Hosts Fall Blood Drive; 37 Sign Up to Donate

by Kaitlyn Rozell

On Nov. 1, the FBLA chapter sponsored a local blood drive. A total of 27 units of blood were donated, helping save 81 lives. Last year 150 lives were saved from donations throughout the entire year.

"The best part of the blood drive is it is a relatively easy way to make an impact, a small school like ours can impact 150 lives a year. All you have to do is give blood and eat snacks," FBLA adviser Mr. Tommy Gregg said. FBLA hosts two blood drives per year, one in the fall and one in

the spring.

In order to give blood, the person has to be 16 years old, of a certain weight, and hemoglobin of 12 or higher. Before giving blood, it is important to eat a big breakfast and drink lots of water. While giving blood, those who donate are given a stress ball to relieve some tension and given many snacks to eat after they are done. "Signing up to give blood is a great way to give back to the community and get out of class for the day," said junior FBLA member Colin Dean.



**Donating Blood.** Senior Chase McGillivray donates blood for the FBLA blood drive. This is McGillivray's third time donating blood at the FBLA blood drive.

## FBLA Members Travel to Annual Fall Leadership Conference

by Kinley Smith

On Nov. 7, 2023, twenty-nine FBLA members traveled with advisor Mr. Tommy Gregg, to the annual Fall Leadership Conference in Watertown, at the Lake Area Technical College facility. Participating in breakout activities and improving leadership skills, the members spent the day traveling around the LATC campus and learning more about the State Convention taking place in April 2024.

The day started off with an opening speech given by Mitch Reed. Following the presen-

tation, students went to their first breakout session. While in the "Get your Game Face Ready" activity, members learned about the tests and groups available to participate in for the State FBLA Convention. "Polish those Interview Skills" gave the participants a way to improve their interviewing skills to be better prepared and finally the "Campus Scavenger Hunt" around the campus of Lake Area Technical College allowed the members to have fun and see the campus.

"The job interview breakout really pre-

pared me for my first interview and answered my questions about one perfectly. Getting McDonalds after an amazing day was a fantastic bonus," said sophomore Cecilia Suchor.

Once the activities and lunch had concluded, all members returned to listen to the state FBLA team give a presentation and learn the winners of the business tests. Senior Deven Fliehe placed 3rd in Computer Science and Information Technology category.

The State North Vice President, junior Jadie Turner



**FBLA Fall Leadership.** (front) Jadie Turner, Brooklyn Rische, Carmen Herrera, Kyleigh Akin, Kendyl Siebrect, Keely Hawkins, (row 2) Ashlee Stroud, Jaci Hofeman, Brynn Giblin, Madysen Morrisette, Layla Hardie, Cecilia Suchor, Grace Lemmer, Chase Harr, (row 3) Katie Rozell, Charli Jungwirth, Miley Fey, Hayden Gall, Kinley Smith, Adalyn Stoner, Savannah Risetter, Karlie Brabant, (back) Colin Dean, Dylan Murray, Kevin Weller, Ethan Falk, Noah Johnson, Micah Zastrow, Alex Shottenkirk, and Mr. Tommy Gregg.

said, "FBLA provides multiple opportunities for students even if they are not actively looking into obtaining a business degree. It allows them to become familiar with talking

to others and opens them up to meeting many new people around the state. For example, at the Fall Leadership Conference students attended a breakout session of interviews. We

brought in business figures from around the town of Watertown to help prepare the students for future situations they may come across in preparation for their future."

# Seven Students Attend NSU Art Workshop



by Brynnley Neuharth

On Oct. 31, seven art students, along with their teacher Ms. Cassandra Bottum, traveled to Aberdeen to attend the annual NSU art workshop which took place throughout the day.

Because it was Halloween, all the students and Ms. Bottum dressed up as Barbie and Ken from the movie *Barbie*.

**NSU Art Workshop.** Junior Teige Lewis and senior Adrian Whitley work on an art project at the NSU Art Workshop.

The students who attended the workshop included Tyler Garrison, Rhiana Young, Gauclyn Becker, Teige Lewis, Ruthie Croeni, Keely Hawkins, and Adrian Whitley. The workshop offered many different classes. Some of these included dynamic value, wall drawing, and exquisite corpse. The dynamic value class was all about using charcoal to draw and create value. The wall drawing class showed how to design murals.

Lastly, the exquisite corpse offered collaborative figure drawing.

"It was an awesome opportunity for our students to collaborate with other students from all over the state at this workshop," art teacher Ms. Bottum said.

A participant in this workshop, senior Ruthie Croeni said, "I really enjoyed going with my friends and Ms. Bottum to this workshop; it was a lot of fun."

## Four Participate in All State Choir in Rapid City

by Lorena Evans

On Thursday, Oct. 26, four RHS choir members and director Mrs. Tabitha Unruh traveled to Rapid City to participate in All-State.

The four students chosen to participate in this event after trying out included sophomore Zacree Schley and three freshmen: Amelia Sjurseth, Adrianna Willett and Amiya White.

When the group arrived in Rapid City, they had two days of rehearsal and then they got spot checked, which is when the individuals are put into different groups and are to sing different parts

of songs and are judged based on how well they do.

If a school doesn't do well, they are put on probation and are automatically put on spot check the following year.

"I am happy to report that they passed and were very excited about it and called their families right away to tell them. It's a nerve-wracking part of the process for students and the teacher!" director Mrs. Tabitha Unruh said.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, there was a final concert where all the groups from different schools performed.



**All State Choir.** Four members attended All State Choir in Rapid City; they include Zacree Schley, Adrianna Willett, Amelia Sjurseth and Amiya White. Mrs. Tabitha Unruh directs the choir.

## NHS Members Take Students Trick or Treating

by Carmen Herrera

On Oct. 31, NHS members dressed up in Halloween costumes to help the kindergarten and first grade students go trick or treating at the Eastern Star nursing home as well as the Aventara Nursing home.

At the first stop, which was the Eastern Star nursing home, the NHS members helped the elementary kids put on facemasks for health and safety precautions; they then led the elementary kids to the main dining hall where they got candy from several different buckets.

The next stop was

Aventara Nursing home; the NHS members stood by to observe the kids to make sure they went through the line smoothly, and so they knew where to go once they were finished receiving their candy.

Helping elementary students on Halloween is just one of the community service activities that NHS members complete during the school year. Second year NHS member Chloe Zens said, "I was happy to be a part of the younger kids' traditions, seeing their excitement for Halloween, and seeing their costumes."

## Senior Spotlight

**Jadit Puok** is the daughter of Steph Wilhelm and Matt Nygaard. She has three siblings Taijsa, Remi, and River. Activities Jadit has been involved in are basketball (4 years) and track (1 year). When asked what class she enjoyed most at RHS, Jadit said Algebra 2 with Mr. Schaffer was the class she enjoyed the most because it kept her on her toes. After she graduates, she is undecided on what she plans to do.

**Seth Domke** is the son of Scott and Shelli Domke. Seth has three siblings: Josh, Ashley and Sean. Activities that he has been involved in are golf, basketball, FBLA, NJHS, and student council. The activity he enjoys the most is golf because it is a fun and relaxing activity. Something that Seth will miss the most after he graduates is Homecoming week. Three things that he must do in his lifetime are deep sea fishing, see the world, and go bungee jumping. Seth plans to get a Masters in Business Administration.

**Elijah Morrisette** is the son of Joseph and Lori Morrisette. He has one sister, Madyson. An accomplishment that he is proud of is being accepted as a legislative page and having the opportunity to play college athletics. His hobbies include being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and playing sports. After graduation, Elijah plans to go to a 4-year school, potentially playing college football, and then attending law school.

**Gauclyn Becker** is the daughter of Alisa Lewis. She has three siblings: Shania Lewis, Coby Stoner, and Brooklyn Becker. When asked what class she has enjoyed the most at RHS, Gauclyn said she enjoyed all of Mrs. Fredrick's classes because they are all super interesting. Three things she must do in her lifetime are fly on a plane, visit another country, and become rich. After Gauclyn graduates, she plans on attending college in Mitchell.

## FCCLA Travels to Birmingham, Alabama

by Jadie Turner

On Nov. 9 – 11, FCCLA adviser Ms. Aliesha McCarse-nior Lilly Blume and freshman Amelia Sjurseth traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, for the National Fall Leadership Conference.

Upon their arrival, the girls took the afternoon to relax and attempt an escape room before their busy upcoming day.

They started their next day with the opening session and the FCCLA shop along with Amelia competing in Skills Demonstration for Impromptu Speak-

ing. Impromptu speaking is an individual event that a student can participate in. When arriving at the competition, the competitor is given a topic relating to FCCLA and they must address the topic during a speech in front of judges without prior knowledge of what the topic may be.

Prior to attending the convention, Blume competed in an online FCCLA knowledge bowl. Along with attending their breakout sessions, they got to experience Lynn Park and listen to

Monti Washington's motivation speech.

Wrapping up their trip, they experienced a viewing of *One Small Visit* movie and went and toured an art museum. Later they attend the closing session and will find out their results Nov. 17.

"I enjoy being able to relax now that I have completed mostly everything I wanted to for this organization. I love being able to see all of my friends that I have met at National meeting when I go to these events," Lilly Blume said.



**One Letter After Another.**

Amelia Sjurseth and Lilly Blume leave quotes and Bible verses at an interactive station when visiting an art museum during part of their trip to Birmingham, Alabama.

## Pheasants Volleyball Finish off Their Season

by Hayden Gall

The Lady Pheasants traveled to Groton on Oct. 31 to play the Sisseton Redmen for the first round of regions.

The Pheasants fell to the Redmen in the first set losing 17-25, but in the second the Pheasants came on top with the score of 32-30.

The Pheasants lost to the Redmen in the following sets (21-25, 16-25). This loss ended the season for the Pheasants.

The Pheasants played the Wolsey-Wessington Warbirds on Oct. 23 and lost in 3 sets (14-25, 9-25, 19-25).

Kaitlyn Rozell had 8 kills, Charli Jungwirth had 2 aces, and Chloe Zens had 16 digs.

Parents night was on Oct. 24. This was the last regular season game for the lady Pheasants.

The Pheasants took on Tiospa Zina and dominated in 3 sets (25-9, 25-23, 25-10).

The Pheasants had a total of twelve aces, three from Chloe Zens, two coming from Kendyl Siebrecht, Charlie Jungwirth, Jersey Morrison, and Kaitlyn Rozell, and one from Hayden Gall.

Rozell had 17 kills, and 10 digs, and Gall had 28 assists and 14 digs.

"I'm sad that the volleyball season is over. I enjoyed getting to play with my teammates and seeing how we improved throughout



**Block and Watch.**

Senior Katie Rozell and sophomore Hayden Gall block as Wolsey-Wessington's outside hitter attacks. Freshman Charlie Jungwirth watches to see where the ball goes.

the season. I will miss the seniors, but I am super excited for the upcoming years to play and improve even more,"

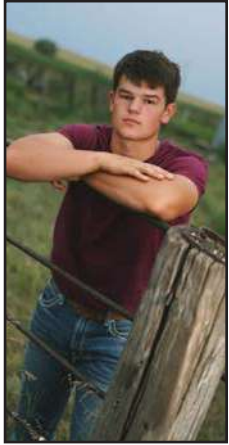
sophomore Kinley Smith said.

The volleyball team completed their season with a 10-17 record.

# October Students of the Month

by Brooklyn Rische

## Grade 12: Chase McGillivary



Chase McGillivary

Chase McGillivary is the son of Theresa and Greg Levtzow and Drew McGillivary. He has three siblings: Zane (8), Suttin (6), and Faith (3). He is involved in football, wrestling, and NHS. Chase works for Odland Construction & Gravel. His hobbies are hunting and sports. His favorite season is the fall because he enjoys playing football. A few of his favorites are steak/burgers, the movie *The Hangover*, the show *Friends*, and the color dark blue. His advice to underclassmen is to surround yourself with the people that will keep you out of trouble and do the things that you enjoy. Chase's favorite class is English because it is easy and he has friends in that

## Grade 11: Brooklyn Rische



Brooklyn Rische

Brooklyn Rische is the daughter of Andi Rische and Dustin Rische. She has two siblings: Hudson (13) and Bristol (9). She also has one pet: a dog named Sage. Brooklyn is involved in volleyball, track, student council, NHS, FFA, FBLA and church youth group. She says her favorite class is anatomy because she likes learning about the body and Mrs. Fredrick makes the class fun and easy to learn. Brooklyn's favorite season is summer because she gets to spend lots of time with her family as well as spend more time on the farm; she also enjoys helping with harvest. Some advice she would give to underclassmen is to go with the flow and just have fun.

## Grade 10: Payton Moore



Payton Moore

Payton Moore is the son of Chas Moore and Crissy Schmitte. He has three siblings: Layne (13) and Eayston Moore (8), and Kynsly Schmitte (2). He is involved in cross country and wrestling. Payton's favorite class is weight lifting because he gets to lift in class with his friends. His favorite season is fall, because he likes the weather and it is hunting season. A few of his hobbies are fishing, hunting, and weightlifting. Payton works for Haider Construction. He says his favorite thing about his job is "I like working with good friends and making money." One goal he has set for himself is to get good grades in school.

## Grade 9: Micah Zastrow



Micah Zastrow

Micah Zastrow is the son of Melissa and Austin Zastrow. He has two siblings: Zoe (13) and Malachi (11). He is involved in golf, basketball, track, baseball, church youth group, NJHS, and band. Micah's favorite season is the summer because he can golf outside, as golfing is one of his hobbies. His favorite class is Ag Mechanics because they do hands on things and not just sit in class and do lessons. Micah's favorite food is pizza, his favorite movie is *Ford vs. Ferrari*, and his favorite tv show is the golf channel. Some advice he has for other students is to pass your classes so you don't have to do them again.

## Grade 8: Willow Ronneberg



Willow Ronneberg

Willow Ronneberg is the daughter of Dennis and Traci Clemens. She has four siblings: Hazel (5), Violet (6), Brynlee (13), and Lilli (18). Her favorite class is flex class with Mrs. Edgar because Mrs. Edgar is kind and funny. Her favorite TV show is *Yellowstone*.

## Grade 7: Priya Hansen



Priya Hansen

Priya Hansen is the daughter of Tiffany Derek. She has two siblings: Keagan (15) and Betley (10). She also has one cat name Poppy. Priya's hobbies include playing the clarinet, basketball, volleyball, and softball. Her favorite season is fall because she likes all of the leaves.

## Grade 6: Korth McGee



Korth McGee

Korth McGee is the son of Sarah and Ken McGee. He has one sibling: Issac (20). He also has two guinea pigs: Blizzard and Ghost Rider. Korth's favorite class is social studies, because he likes learning about history. His favorite food is tacos and his favorite movie is *5 Nights at Freddy's*.