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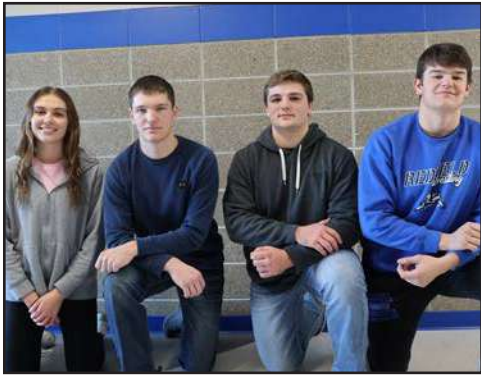
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PHEASANT FOCUS

Athletes Recognized for Fall Season Sports

by Hayden Gall



Fall Sports Recognition

(Pictured above: seniors Kaitlyn Rozell, Justin Ratigan, Grady Fey and Chase McGillivary.)

RHS athletes were recently recognized for honors for the volleyball and football seasons.

Volleyball player Kaitlyn Rozell received NEC all-conference team. "It's really exciting to be voted on by all the coaches. I'm I was able to represent Redfield well."

Varsity football player Justin Ratigan received all-conference honor 1st team. Grady Fey and Chase McGillivary received honorable mention.

"I'm grateful that I was chosen to be all conference. I wish we had won more games so that some of my other teammates who also deserved it, could have received this award with me," Ratigan said.

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Sounds of the Season Fill the Air

by Katie Rozell

The middle and high school band and choir concert was held on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The concert began at 7 p.m. with the sixth-grade band, followed by the middle/high school choir, the seventh and eighth grade band, and ending with the high school band.

The choir sang four songs consisting of: "Frozen (Vuelie)," "A Candle's Light," "Rock a Baby," and "December Nights, December Lights" featuring Kalli Spotanske on the flute.

"The Frozen piece was the hardest song that we prepared, and

it didn't even have any actual words in it, at some point we were singing five different parts, we worked really hard on that one," director Mrs. Tabatha Unruh said.

A common theme of Christmas songs filtered throughout the entire night. Director Mr. Dylan Unruh led every band through each of their songs throughout the night.

Principal Ms. Kendra Becker made an appearance as a narrator of a grumpy elf during the performance of "Diary of a Grumpy Elf" by the middle school band.

The high school band performed

four different holiday songs. The band played "Let the Holidays Begin," "Sleigh Ride," "All I want for Christmas is You," and "Celebrate the Season: Fanfare on 'Joy to the World.'" The song "Sleigh Ride" has a key part including slapstick; Unruh praised percussionist Kinley Smith on her ability to bring the slapstick to life.

Many different performers were rec-

ognized including the sole senior band member Deven Fliehe.

"I was very excited to be recognized as the only senior band member at the concert. My favorite concert every year is the holiday concert, and I am glad I was able to go out with a bang," Deven Fliehe said.

Fliehe has played the clarinet in the high school band for the last four years.



Redfield Middle School / High School Chorus:

(Above) The high school chorus, directed by Mrs. Tabatha Unruh, perform at the Christmas concert. **Redfield High School Band:** (Left) Flute players Amelia Sjurseth, Jessie Ratigan and Kenny Colbenson play with the high school band under the direction of Mr. Dylan Unruh at the Christmas program on Dec. 12.



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Classes Work to Bring Holiday Cheer to the Halls

by Kendyl Siebrecht

On Dec. 4, all high school and middle school classes competed against each other for the best Christmas-themed hallway.

The hallways were split into seven parts, one for each grade, and students had ten days to complete the task of

decorating and designing their hallways to the theme they chose.

All students could participate and use their free time in study halls and homerooms to work together and add to their own walls.

Once the deadline passed, elementary stu-

dents walked through the hallways and judged which one they thought was best.

"The winning class will win candy bars, bragging rights, and will have their class picture hung up in the commons." Mrs. Yost said.



Adding the Final Details. Senior Lilly Blume paints "The Polar Express" of the side of the paper train they created. The train consisted of funny pictures of the senior class as if they were riding along with golden tickets hanging from the ceiling.

Christmas Traditions & Decorations

Christmas is my personal favorite time of year. No one can convince me that fresh white snow falling while wearing Christmas pajamas, fuzzy socks, and sitting on the couch reading a book



Jadie Turner, journalism editor

is not one of the best ways to spend some of my days on Christmas break. Although this is my favorite time of year, everyone has their own opinions of the holiday season.

So what are the common holiday traditions and decorations in the U.S.? In my family, we always open our presents following church on Christmas Eve. On Christmas we get up to go to church then hang out with my grandparents at my house the rest of the afternoon and get into some heated rounds of dominos. My favorite time of the season is the preparation to the awaited day.

Gift-giving is one of my favorite things to do each year. I enjoy thinking of things that I think would bring a little joy into people's lives when they open it. Gift giving is not the true meaning of the season, but knowing that you can make someone feel extra loved during this time is always worth it. I also enjoy seeing my house filled with Christmas trees and all the extra décor that comes along. My favorite decorations are little trees and fairy lights on anything to add a little more Christmas cheer. The most popular holiday decorations are Christmas trees, garland, Christmas lights, and mistletoe. It is also shown to be more common for families to open up a couple gifts on Christmas Eve and then open the rest of their presents first thing on Christmas morning.

Although many families have varying Christmas traditions, I feel that we all in some way can experience the true magic of Christmas.

What Christmas traditions does your family have?

by Jadie Turner



Chase Frericks,
senior

"For my family traditions, we normally eat prime rib for dinner and then go to church."



Chloe Appel,
sophomore

"We go to church Christmas Eve and open presents on Christmas morning, play games, then go to my Grandma's house later on."



Creighton Bowar,
junior

"Some Christmas traditions that my family has is going to church in the morning and then we have lunch at our family farm."



Makyala Schultz,
sophomore

"For Christmas, we go to my great grandparents' house and eat a giant dinner; we then play games and lastly open presents"



Micah Zastrow,
freshman

"My favorite Christmas tradition that my family has is decorating the Christmas tree."



Mathilde Paulson,
sophomore

"We sing and walk around the Christmas tree, eat duck and exchange presents by playing a game called pakkeleg."

FCCLA Attends Watertown Region IV Meeting

by Carmen Herrera

On Dec. 8 the FCCLA chapter headed to Lake Area Tech in Watertown for their Region IV meeting.

The Redfield members won awards at this meeting; Summit Sjurseth presented a professional presentation about understanding albinism and got Top Superior; he got 98/100, which was the highest score in his level.

Amelia Sjurseth was elected Region IV Vice President and Kayleigh Disbrow was elected Region IV Junior High Representative. Jerica Ratigan handed down her Region IV Secretary

position.

While they were there, the members had different workshops to go to, Amelia Sjurseth, who is on current trends, hosted a themed bracelet workshop. Jerica Ratigan, who is on National Outreach, hosted a “guess how much candy is in the jar game,” and Lilly Blume, who is on Advocacy, hosted a succulent potting workshop.

FCCLA members have recently been helping elementary students with Letter to Santa and will soon be preparing for their state competition.



FCCLA Region IV Meeting. Attending the region IV FCCLA meeting in Watertown on Dec. 8 were (front) Summit Sjurseth, Derek Bogart, Zivaha Sanchez, Priya Hansen, Emeri Hofeman, Jaedyn Banister, Lorena Evans, Kayleigh Disbrow (back) Lilly Blume, Jerica Ratigan, Chace Haar, Jessie Ratigan, Adalyn Stoner, MaKayla Schulz, Keely Hawkins, Ashlee Stroud, Amelia Sjurseth.

Leaders. Amelia Sjurseth was elected the Region IV Vice President. Sophomore Jerica Ratigan handed down her Region IV secretary position, and Kayleigh Disbrow was elected the Region IV Junior High Representative. The three FCCLA members attended the Region IV meeting in Watertown on Dec. 8. Ms. Aliesha McCarthy advises the local FCCLA organization.

FCCLA Project Turns School into a Holiday “Santa’s Shop”

by Emeri Hofeman

Freshman Emeri Hofeman found a way to bring a little extra cheer to Spink County residents during the Christmas season.

Hofeman, an FCCLA member, chose to create a “Santa’s Shop” for local families who may not have the extra funds to purchase Christmas presents for their children or grandchildren.

Hofeman asked people to donate items for her project and drop those items off at the school as part of her project.

On Dec. 4 - 8 before and after school, people could donate

gently used and unused toys, as well as wrapping paper, big and small boxes, and clear tape.

Then, on Dec. 11 - 15, parents were welcome to come in and pick out Christmas gifts for their kids. The time for them to come look through the items and pick out the gifts was from 3:30 to 5:00.

Hofeman completed this project for her state Chapter Service Project Display for FCCLA.

Other FCCLA members and NHS members helped to wrap the gifts and put names on the

gifts so parents could take them home for the holidays.

The number of donated items far exceeded Hofeman’s expectations, and the gifts that were left over after her project were taken to the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield and donated there.

“Emeri’s Santa Shop went over well. Although we didn’t have many come in for the designated pickup times, there was so much donated to the Good Samaritan Center. We were very appreciative of it,” FCCLA adviser Ms. Aliesha McCarthy said.



Christmas at Santa’s Shop. Freshman Emeri Hofeman focused her FCCLA project around a Santa’s Shop that asked for donations of gifts from the community so that others in need could come and pick out Christmas presents.

Sophomore Students Attend DSU College Visit

by Addisyn Evans

On Nov. 28, the sophomore class traveled to Madison to tour Dakota State University's college campus.

Touring colleges while in high school presents an opportunity for students to

prepare for the future, and it may also help give students an idea of what college they would or would not like to attend after high school. Although juniors and seniors are able to take campus visits,

this activity allows students to check out a campus that they might otherwise not choose to visit.

Upon arriving on campus, the students were divided into groups to meet their tour guides for the

next hour.

Students viewed many buildings on campus, such as dorms, classrooms, bookstores, study areas and the dining hall.

At one of the campus presentations,

students were able to see how a simulator could help prepare those who are looking to achieve a degree in education by demonstrating the struggles and problems of a misbehaved student.

"It was fun to explore my options for my future career choice. If I become interested in computer science, Dakota State University is definitely a place I would like to go," Ashlee Stroud said.



DSU College Visit.

Members of the sophomore class stand outside on the Dakota State University campus in Madison. The group traveled to this college visit on Nov. 28; the group met at the school at 8:00am and returned back to Redfield by the end of the school day.

Band Members Perform in Northern Area Honor Band

by Lorena Evans

On Friday, Dec. 1, four members of the RHS band traveled to Aberdeen for the North Area Honor Band.

This year was the 32nd Annual South Dakota North Area Honor Band. The concert was held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University.

Dr. Terry Beckler, Professor of Percussion, Bands and Music Education at Northern State University, was the director for this year's band.

Out of twenty-two schools, approximately one hundred students were selected to participate in the Honor Band

based on director nomination with consideration of individual all-state band scores.

Out of all the people nominated, the four chosen to attend were freshman Luke Rowenhorst, sophomore Cora Krueger, junior Jaxon Ethridge, and senior Deven Fliehe.

The band then went back on Saturday, Dec. 2, this was the last day they had to practice before the final performance. The band performed six songs and the concert was approximately 1 hour in length.

This band encourages students to try out for all-state while providing an alternative for those

who don't make it into all-state. Due to this, the band is of high caliber and lets students take part in a more focused, experienced, and challenging environment and repertoire.

Director Mr. Unruh discussed the preparation students did for Honor Band: "One day in band, I asked all students who would be interested in being nominated for North Area Honor Band. Just because they are nominated by me doesn't mean that they make it in, but that is the beginning of the process and I nominate anyone who is interested. Once they are nominated, students are let in first based on their all-state

score. This year they had six songs to prepare for which was a welcomed challenge for them all. I love getting to have students in this band because they learn new notes, rhythms, and concepts that we don't have time to get to in our day-

to-day band. For example, senior Deven Fliehe has a very high all-state score, so he was guaranteed a spot and became first chair this year."

Other students without an all-state score are ranked, by director, from best to worst.

Every school that applies is allowed to have at least one student in the band.

About a month before the honor band took place, students received their pieces and began listening and practicing the music they were expected to know.



Members of the Northern Area Honor Band.

Four RHS band members made the Northern Area Honor Band; Luke Rowenhorst, Cora Krueger, Jaxon Ethridge and Deven Fliehe represented Redfield at the event.

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 during her high school years are basketball (4 years) and track (1

year). The class she enjoys most at RHS is Algebra II with Mr. Schaffer because it keeps 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 play college football, and then attend 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.

Wrestlers Take 3rd Place at NEC Tourney

by Brooklyn Rische

On Dec. 19, the Pheasants hosted Potter County, Faulkton Area, and Stanley County on their home mat.

Against the Faulkton Area Trojans, there were 7 wins for the Redfield team. Maddon Odland (106), Marken Cazeau (132), Camden Murray (190), and Grady Fey (285) won by fall over their Faulkton opponents. In addition to those 4 wins, Casey Hermann (126), Connor Zens (138) and Collin Dean (165) won by forfeit. Both teams had a score of 42 points, but Faulkton won by criteria.

As the team took on the Stanley County Buffaloes, 4 Pheasant wrestlers won by fall. They include: Connor Zens (132), Camden Murray (190), Chase McGillivary (215), and Grady Fey (285). Maddon Odland (106) and Collin Dean (157) won by points and Jake Wipf (120) won by forfeit. The team lost with a final score of 39 - 42.

For the third team, they faced the Potter County Battlers. Maddon Odland (106), Casey Hermann (126), Collin Dean (157), and Chase McGillivary (215) won by fall. 5 members of the Pheasants team won by forfeit. They were Marken Cazeau (138), Connor Zens

(132), Ayden Understock (144), Camden Murray (190), and Grady Fey (285). The team scored 60 points to Potter County's 12 to win the dual.

On Dec 16 the wrestling team traveled to Plankinton for the Mount Vernon-Plankinton tournament. Placing 1 at the tournament was Grady Fey (285) over A. Novak (MVP) by fall and Chase McGillivary (215) over K. Braun (BUGR). Maddon Odland (106), Connor Zens (138), and Camden Murray (190) placed 2 in their weight classes. Collin Dean placed 5 by fall over B. Bonte (GARR) in the 157 pound weight class. The team scored 149 points and placed 2 in the tournament.

The Pheasants participated in the NEC tournament in Milbank on Dec 14. The team had 4 NEC champions and each

won by fall. They include: Connor Zens (132), Collin Dean (157), Chase McGillivary (215), and Grady Fey (285). Maddon Odland (106) and Jake Wipf (120) also placed at NECs, finishing 3. The team overall placed 3 with 119 points.

On Dec. 9, the team traveled to Gregory for the Burke-Gregory Tournament. In the weight class of 285, Grady Fey placed 1st by fall over L. Thiry (Lyman). Connor Zens won the weight class of 132 over J. Schaffer. Maddon Odland placed 4 in his weight class of 106. Camden Murray won by fall over C. Harrel (MHH) to place 3 in his weight class of 190. The team placed 6 with a total of 91.5 points.

To start the season, Redfield wrestling headed to Britton to take on the Clark/Willow Lake Cy-

clones and the Britton-Hecla Braves.

Against Clark/Willow Lake, 6 wrestlers won: Maddon Odland (113), Casey Hermann (126), Connor Zens (138), Collin Dean (157), Chase McGillivary (215), and Grady Fey (285). Hermann, Zens, and McGillivary won by fall and Dean and Fey won by forfeit. The team lost against Clark - Willow Lake with a final score of 33 - 42.

When wrestling Britton - Hecla, 5 wrestlers won by fall. They include Casey Hermann (126), Connor Zens (132), Collin Dean (157), Camden Murray (190), and Grady Fey (285). Maddon Odland (113), Marken Cazeau (138), and Chase McGillivary (215) won by forfeit and added to the team points. The team won against Britton - Hecla with a score of 48 - 30.



In Control.

Sophomore Maddon Odland works his Stanley County opponent to the mat at the Redfield quadrangular against Faulkton, Stanley County and Potter County. Odland won this match by points; he added three wins to his record at this event.

Rozell Leads Scoring Attack against Deuel; Sets School Record

by Kinley Smith

The girls' basketball year started with practices on Nov. 20. With a total of 13 practices before the first game of the season, the Pheasants took time to prepare for the upcoming games.

On Monday, Dec. 16, the Pheasants defeated the Aberdeen Christian Knights by a score of 54-28 at the Aberdeen Roncalli Classic on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Lady Pheasants took on the Deuel Cardinals on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the first home double header of the season and defeated the Cardinals, 51-47.

Katie Rozell led the scoring attack with 41 points, setting a new school record. Darcy Levtzow has held the record since 1986 with 38 points in a single game.

On Monday Dec. 11, the Lady Pheasants traveled to battle the Faulkton Trojans. At half time, the Pheasants led the Trojans 18-17. The girls were outscored in the final two quarters, ending the game with the losing score of 33-41. Leading the team with scores was senior Katie Rozell with eight points. The team had a total of 26 offensive and defensive rebounds.

"I think as a team we really improved during the game against Faulkton. Being that we are a younger team this year, getting better every game is very important. It is good to see improvement traveling from practice into games. I am

very excited to see what we can accomplish this year," said senior Katie Rozell.

Kicking off the new season on Dec. 7, the Pheasants took on Roncalli. The game against the Cavaliers ended with the final score 9-42 in favor of the Cavaliers.



Get that Ball.

Senior Chloe Zens leaps to intercept a shot from a Roncalli player in the first game of the season. The team traveled to Aberdeen to take on the Cavaliers.

Eye on the Ball.

Senior Katie Rozell stands her ground on defense as the Deuel offense looks for an open teammate. The Pheasants outlasted the Cardinals, 51-47.

Boys' Basketball Hosts Season-Opener against Roncalli Cavaliers

by Charli Jungwirth

The boys' basketball varsity team is low on numbers this season with only eight varsity players after Seth Domke injured his knee during the first game of the season.

The boys took on the Deuel Cardinals on Friday, Dec. 14 in a home double-header and fell short, 29-79.

The boys' basketball team started their season by hosting the Aberdeen Roncalli Cavaliers. The boys fell to the Cavaliers (25-64).

The boys varsity basketball team competed in a jamboree competition on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Redfield hosted the jamboree and four teams took part at the event: Redfield, Warner, Hamlin, and Hitchcock-Tulare.

Not only do the officials practice at the jamboree, but the players also get court time in for practice.

The main purpose is for officials to familiarize themselves with the new rules and to practice their skills.

To keep their certification, officials must participate in a jamboree every three years. Fouls are recorded but no score is kept. In

addition, Jamboree can assist coaches in scouting for other teams and determining their

starting lineup for the season. It aids with the players' introduction to the upcoming season.



Coming Through.

Senior Elijah Morrisette makes his move toward the basket in home court action against the Roncalli Cavaliers. The Pheasants fell to the Cavaliers, 25-64.

In the Paint.

Senior Justin Ratigan eyes the basket through the outstretched arms of a Deuel Cardinal defender. The Cardinals claimed the win over the Pheasants, 29-79.

November Students of the Month

by Brooklyn Rische

Grade 12: Tyler Roberts



Tyler Roberts

Tyler Roberts is the son of Tracy and David Roberts. He has two siblings: Talyn (15) and Tevin (21). Tyler works at Dairy Queen and he likes working there because he likes to make people smile. A few of his hobbies are playing video games, driving, and sleeping. Tyler's favorite class is forensic science because he likes to learn about solving crimes and he likes Mrs. Fredrick as a teacher. Some advice he would give to underclassmen is to not be afraid to branch out and try new things because you will only regret the things you didn't do. His favorite season is "Summer because I have a lot more free time and more free time = more fun."

Grade 11: Jadie Turner



Jadie Turner

Jadie Turner is the daughter of Amy and Bobby Turner. She has one pet, a dog named Dexter. Jadie is involved in FBLA, NHS, Core Kinetics Dance, Student Council, cross-country, track, softball, Journalism & Newspaper. Her favorite class is pre-calc because she likes to learn new things and be challenged. Her favorite season is winter, because she likes snow and the weather. Some advice she would give to underclassmen would be "Get your work done on time, but have fun and not take everything so seriously." A few of Jadie's hobbies are hanging out with friends and reading. One goal she has set for herself is to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout high school.

Grade 10: JaLia Miles



JaLia Miles

JaLia Miles is the daughter of Becky Sanders and Corey Miles. She has one sibling: JaLisa (10). She also has two cats: Sunny and Midnight. JaLia is involved in SADD. One class that challenges her this most is "Spanish because learning a new language isn't easy, but I overcome it by paying close attention and taking notes." Her favorite food is Chinese food, her favorite movie is *Rush Hour*, her favorite singer is Olivia Rodrigo, her favorite tv show is *Modern Family*, and her favorite color is purple. Her favorite class is choir because she loves music. One goal she has for herself is to keep her geometry grade up.

Grade 9: Addyson Rice



Addyson Rice

Addyson Rice is the daughter of Travis and Angela Rice. She has one sibling: Olivia (19) and one dog: Skeeter. Addyson works at the vet and her favorite part is getting to learn and experience a lot of new things and it is all hands on. She is involved in volleyball, track, FFA, and NJHS. Addyson's favorite class is animal science because Mr. Cihak is a good teacher and they get to do fun projects in that class. A few of her hobbies are playing volleyball, reading, and running track. Addyson's favorite season is summer. Some advice she would give to any underclassmen is to try to get involved as much as possible.

Grade 8: Octavia Paulsen



Octavia Paulsen

Octavia Paulsen is the daughter of Bob and Marvelle Paulsen. She has 3 siblings: Denae (20), Nyakier (18), and Melakye (17). Octavia is involved in youth group, basketball, volleyball, track, and softball. Her favorite class and her most challenging class is math.

Grade 7: Ainsley Appel



Ainsley Appel

Ainsley Appel is the daughter of Heidi and Simon Appel. She has 4 siblings: Braden (23), Kiara (20), Everly (10), and Ellyza (7). She also has one dog named Luna. A few of Ainsley's hobbies are playing basketball, running track, playing volleyball, and hanging out with her friends.

Grade 6: Briar Mahar



Briar Mahar

Briar Mahar is the son of Bryce and Kayla Mahar. He has two siblings: Kolten (10) and Harlen (3). He has 6 cats and 1 dog. Briar's favorite season is spring because of the weather. A few more of his favorites are burgers, Morgan Wallen, and *Louder with Crowder*.