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## PHEASANT FOCUS

### Government Class Experiences Capitol

by Jadie Turner



On Monday, Feb. 5, the senior class traveled to the South Dakota State Capitol in Pierre. A requirement to graduate high school in South Dakota is to complete a full year of government class. The trip to the capitol is an annual experience that the students in government class, taught by Mr. Joel Osborn, have the opportunity to experience. The students had time to explore the capitol and got the chance to greet the senators and citizens shifting in and out of the capitol.

The students also got to visit the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation building. During their visit they got a tour of the call command center, gun range and dorms. Attorney General Marty Jackley was there to talk to the students and answer any questions they had.

"I thought it was a good trip. I like being back in the capitol and socializing with some senators that I know from paging. It's really cool to see how government really works and how nice of a capitol we really have," senior Elijah Morrisette said.

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## Morrisette Acts as Senate Page

by Jadie Turner

Senior Elijah Morrisette recently took some time off from his regular high school classes to stay in Pierre and work at the Capitol as a legislative page. He served as a page in Term 2. Morrisette also served in the legislature as a junior.

**Q: Why did you decide to do the legislative page and why did you choose the branch you did?**

*A: I chose to be a legislative page because government was always something that had interested me. I saw this as a great opportunity. I really enjoyed it last year when I went and so I decided to go back again this year. I chose the Senate side last year because David Wheeler was the easiest person I could get a hold of. I am really glad that I picked that side because there are less people that are on that side, so it is easier to get to know and have a personal connection with the Senators.*

**Q: What was your**

**favorite part about being a Pager?**

*A: My favorite part about paging was getting to know and form lots of personal connections with people that can help me when I get old enough in looking for a career path and maybe ending up being a legislator.*

**Q: What did the average day look like for you?**

*A: I would wake up around 6 am to get ready and be at the capitol before 7am. There were some early committee meetings that I sometimes attended, but if I wasn't doing that I would either answer some phone calls or do other tasks for senators. I'd stay pretty busy with committee meetings and tasks for senators until the session was ready to start at 2. I would sit in on sessions and get to listen to all of the readings and debates. I would sometimes have to run and grab vote counts for each bill or run messages to the House for Senators and such. By the end*

*of the session it was somewhere between 3:30 and 4:30 and it was about time to get out of the capital for the day.*

**Q: What were some tasks and duties you did while you were there?**

*A: A big thing was grabbing vote counts and other mail items for each senator while they were busy in their committee meetings or session. I would sometimes grab them coffee as well or some food*

*because they were too busy to leave what they were doing.*

**Q: Who was your sponsor?**

*A: My sponsor was a man by the name of David Wheeler. He is a lawyer out of Huron, South Dakota, whom I am very glad I got to meet because his career set-up of being a lawyer and a Senator is really what I am thinking I want to pursue after graduating from college.*



#### Time in Pierre.

Senior Elijah Morrisette spent two weeks in Pierre working as a legislative page.

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# Senior Deven Fliehe Makes All-State Band

by Brooklyn Rische

Senior Deven Fliehe's interest in music started seven years ago as a 6th grader when he decided to give music a try. He chose the clarinet and began lessons like many other middle school students.

Fliehe recently found out, after auditioning for All-State band in January, that he has been accepted and will participate with other musicians from across the state at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD, from March 21-23.

Auditions are typically held in person, but because winter weather made traveling dangerous, all of the musicians were asked to send in their auditions digitally.

According to band director Mr. Dylan Unruh, "Deven was incredibly particular as we recorded his



**Senior Deven Fliehe gets ready to play some music during first hour band. Fliehe recently found out that he was selected to attend All State band in March.**

audition. Auditions had to be a continuous recording with no cuts between sections, so we spent two hours and 25 takes trying to get it perfect. If he made a single mistake, the take was unusable in his eyes."

"Recording my audition and sending it in was much less

stressful than having a live audition; I did not mind auditioning that way," Fliehe said.

This isn't the first time that Fliehe has made All-State status. His first experience was in the 8th grade at middle school All-State, and he also made All-State as a junior in

# Please Don't Take My SUNSHINE Away!

Over these last few weeks, the weather has been suspiciously warm, and I have had to keep reminding myself that it is only the end of February.



**Carmen Herrera, journalism staff**

There have only been a few snow showers, but we have not been getting the South Dakota winter weather that usually occurs.

I feel we shouldn't get too comfortable with this nice weather, because I have a feeling a winter storm will surprise us in the spring. While we have this sunny weather, people should take advantage of it; they should go on walks, drink some coffee outside, or even have a picnic with the family. Who knows how long this nice weather will last? It might not be for very long because it is, after all, only February, so get out and enjoy it while you can before Mother Nature sends us back to our typical South Dakota weather.

high school.

Fliehe placed 7th chair overall in the state. Participants are split evenly between two bands: the Lewis Band and the Clark Band. They have separate conductors and separate concert selections; Fliehe will play 3rd chair in the Clark band.

"Deven is an incredibly strong musician in all areas. Due to the recorded auditions, the sight reading and terms test were excluded from the scoring. This means he was not able to test those strengths against the other auditionees, and I strongly believe that if those

other elements of the audition were left in, he would have placed higher. In the end, I don't care what chair he got; making it into All-State at all is an honor and I am excited that he gets to have this experience again," Unruh said.

# Students Dress Up for "I Hate Winter Week"

by Kendyl Siebrecht

The week of Feb. 5 - 9 was "I Hate Winter Week" for students and faculty to dress up and enjoy the events.

On Monday, students showed up to school in pajamas. Tuesday was Hawaiian day so students wore vacation and beach clothes as leis were handed out at the entrance of the school.

Wednesday was country vs. country club, while some kids were

dressed in their farm outfits, others wore golfing attire.

Thursday was twin day so students picked a partner and matched with their "twin."

Friday was jersey day and students wore their favorite sports jerseys.

To start off the week, on Monday the student council organized a pep rally. Students in middle school and high school were chosen to participate in the given

game made up by the student council.

After all the games were over, Mr. Gregg and Dalton Sattler had a 1v1 on the basketball court. Dalton scored the first point, but Mr. Greg won the match with the final score of 3-1.

To finish the pep rally, various coaches recognized their sport and thanked the athletes for the season they have had this year.



**Juniors Tommy Jacobs and Creighton Bowar do their best to collect the most balls while playing Hungry, Hungry Hippos at the pep assembly.**



## Students Attend *Stand For the Silent*

by Kinley Smith

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, an organization named "Stand for the Silent" gave a speech to students in grades 4-12.

Speaker Kirk Smalley discussed topics that included

bullying, the effects of bullying and suicide.

During the hour and a half program, he explained his personal stories with bullying and suicide. Kirk also

spoke about other young kids who have gone through mental health struggles and shared their stories.

Finally, he gave inspiration to those who want to step up and make a differ-

ence to try to help others who struggle with the problems he spoke about.

"I thought that the *Stand for the Silent* presentation spread a good message throughout the school. His stories were very emotional, but I think that they made an impact on all of those who attended the speech," junior Adalyn Stoner said.

The students and staff listening to the heavy topic learned new ways to get involved with the community and help others struggling with mental health issues.



**Listen to Their Stories.** A staff person from Stand for the Silent holds up a picture of a young man who committed suicide as Adalyn Stoner reads his story. Also helping were Jadit Puok and Jadie Turner.

## Band & Choir Attend Small Group Contest

by Lorena Evans

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the RHS band and choir members traveled to the Aberdeen Civic Arena to participate in the Small Ensemble Contest.

Each student had his or her own solo performances, and they were also able to participate in duos, trios, quartets, or quintets.

The students performed their pieces at various times throughout the day.

They were scored by points with a perfect score being a 30,

and then the scores students could get were converted to rankings of Superior, Excellent, Good, or Poor.

During the day students were able to go into other rooms and watch people from different schools perform.

Of Redfield's 32 entries, nine received a Superior rating, and senior clarinetist, Deven Fliehe received a perfect score on his solo.

Band director Mr. Dylan Unruh stated, "I enjoy going

to small ensemble contest every year because it allows me to push students beyond what they think they can do and feel the satisfaction of setting that goal and having to work for an extended rehearsal period to get it. Anyone can fake their way through a pep band tune, but no one can fake their way through solo."

Twelve area schools attended the small group contest this year, and judges included: Dale Fiedler, Jerry Letch-

er, and other local music educators.

Awards received from the contest will be given out at Redfield's May 6th concert.

"Going to small group ensemble was very enjoyable this year. I thought that the band practiced very hard to prepare and it payed off in the performances. I enjoyed playing in the groups I was apart of and this gave all of us the confidence to play by ourselves," sophomore Kinley Smith said.

## Art Students Declare War

by Brynnley Neuharth

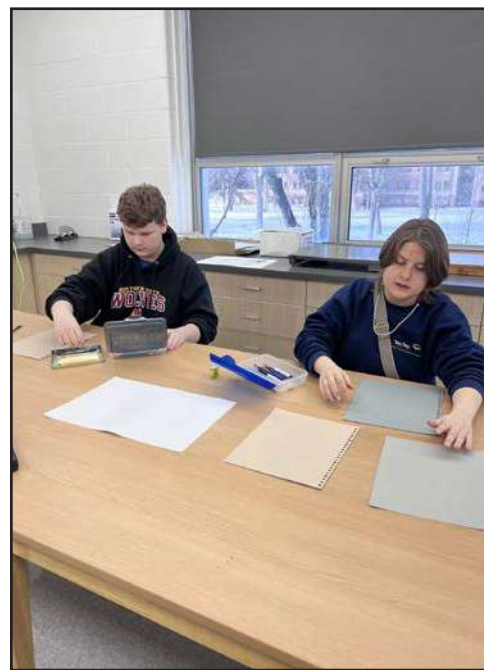
On Friday, Feb. 16, two RHS students attended the regional Art Wars. This was the 2nd annual Art Wars that took place across 4 different locations in the state.

Junior Keely Hawkins and sophomore Tyler Garrison were the two students among 80 others that participated at the Northern State University location.

Throughout the eventful day, Keely and Tyler were involved in the painting and drawing sessions. Each session took one hour and thirty minutes. Other categories Art Wars

offered were photography, digital design, and ceramics. The top three placers in each category were able to advance to the state level which will take place in March in Sioux Falls.

"Nobody placed this year from Redfield, but we have a much better idea of what the events look like and have a better idea of what to bring and do next year! Hopefully we also have more students who have the courage to try it out next year," art teacher Ms. Cassie Bottum said.



**Let the Battle Begin.** Art students Tyler Garrison, who is a sophomore, and junior Keely Hawkins traveled to Aberdeen to participate in Art Wars. Art instructor Ms. Cassie Bottum attended the event with them and hopes that more students will have the courage to compete in the future.

## Senior Spotlight

**Adrian Whitley** is the daughter of Chris and Trisha



Whitley. She has two siblings, Dylan (21) and Mason (18). The class at RHS that she has enjoyed the most is art because Ms. Bottum is a fun teacher. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends. A motto that Adrian goes by is "There is no such thing as mistakes just happy accidents." After graduating, she plans to attend Lake Area for dental assisting.

**Jakobe Hvam** is the son of Kirk and Virginia Hvam.



Jakobe has four siblings: Saun, Chayse, Alex and Kole. He played football during his sophomore and senior years and basketball during his senior year. One of Jakobe's favorite

memories from elementary was when "we figured out I was taller than Jadit, and then I was threatened to get beat up if I told anybody." Jakobe has worked at Dairy Queen since May of 2020, and he is undecided about his plans for the future.

**Hope Hartman** is the daughter of Dixie Jungwirth and Brent Hartman. She has five siblings: Bella, Lindsey,



Natalia, Chad and Hunter. Her hobbies include sleeping and spending time with her friends and family. Her favorite memory in school was when she

was chasing Jadit around the playground. Her favorite class at RHS was art. After Hope graduates, she plans on attending Lake Area but is unsure what she wants to major in.

**Jaxen Campbell** is the son of Jamie and TJ Camp-



bell. His siblings are Mallori, McKenzie and Sierra. He has been involved in golf for 5 years. An accomplishment he is proud of is making it to state golf. His favorite class has been

plant science with Mr. Cihak. Some words of wisdom that he would give to the underclassmen are, "Have fun during your 4 years of high school while it lasts." After graduation, Jaxen plans to become a power lineman but is unsure of where he is going to go to college.

## Fey Holds the Title of Class B 285lb State Champion

by Brynnley Neuarth

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, the boys' state wrestling qualifiers headed to Sioux Falls for the state wrestling tournament.

The qualifiers included Maddon Odland (106), Conner Zens (126), Collin Dean (157), Dylan Murray (175), Camden Murray (190), and Grady Fey (285). The wrestlers competed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

At the 157-pound weight class, Collin Dean made it to first round consolation after being defeated by #1 ranked 157-pounder, Jackson Remmers from Howard, and Charlie Dulany from Warner-Northwestern. Dean placed 3rd at the region tournament in Gettysburg.

At the 106-pound weight class, Maddon Odland made it

to the placing matches on Saturday where he defeated Ryvr Larson of Bon-Homme Avon, earning the 7th place title.

At the 126-pound weight class, Conner Zens made it past 4th round consolation matches in the state tournament, taking home 8th place after being defeated by Aiden Shrempp of Canton. Zens placed 2nd overall at the region tournament.

Dylan Murray at 175-pounds also placed 8th at state after a loss against Coby Kolda of Miller-Highmore-Harr-old. Murray placed 2nd at the region tournament.

At the 190-pound weight class, Camden Murray defeated Alex Pudwill of Warner-Northwestern in the placing matches on Saturday, earning the 5th place title. Murray placed 2nd

at regions.

At the 285-pound heavyweight class, Grady Fey took 1st place in the state tournament. Fey wrestled Traun Cook of Canton during his final match, which also was the Class B featured match.

At the end of his final season, Fey finished with a 49-0 record. Fey also placed 1st at the region tournament on Feb. 17.

Fey has signed to Northern State University to continue his wrestling career next year in college.

As a team, the wrestlers placed 11th overall with 57 total team points. At regions, the team placed 4th overall with a total of 133 points.

The wrestlers ended with a 6-2 criteria record. Wins were against Britton-Hec-la (48-30), Potter

County (60-12), Deuel/Deuebrook Area (39-36), Sioux Valley (49-24), Webster Area (49-30), and Groton (49-36). The two accounted losses were against Faulkton Area (42-42) and Parkston (42-42).

"This wrestling season was one I'll never forget. I had fun with my teammates at practice and matches. At Northern, I plan on getting a degree in business management while wrestling for the Wolves," Fey said.

Fey, along with Dylan and Camden Murray, also made it on to the first All-Area wrestling team.

## Coming Out on Top.

Senior Grady Fey (285) wins his final match against Traun Cook of Canton. He won by a fall of 2 minutes and 19 seconds. Fey was also the Class B featured match in the finals. He finished his senior season with an undefeated record of 49-0.





# Lady Pheasants Basketball Season Comes to an End

by Hayden Gall

On Feb. 20, the Pheasants played their first round of regions against the Roncalli Cavaliers. The Pheasants came out short with a score of 37-43 to end their season.

"Our season was filled with some ups and downs, growing pains, special moments, and some anomalies. We stressed from day one to get better. Sometimes it is hard to see because we are judged by wins and losses but I think tonight after our last game it is evident that we improved

tremendously. This is an outstanding group of young ladies to be around," coach Gregg said.

After the Pheasants endured a long losing streak, they came out on top to Tiospa Zina on Feb. 16 to finish off their regular season, 59-28. Helping the team win, Katie Rozell scored 33 points and had 10 rebounds.

On Feb. 13, the Pheasants played the Northwestern Wildcats and came out short with the score of 36-41. On Feb. 9, the Pheasants lost to the Groton Tigers,

37-61. Taking on the Warner Monarchs on Feb. 6, the Pheasants fell to the Monarchs 24-52.

On Saturday Feb. 3, the lady Pheasants traveled to Madison for the Dak XII/NEC conference clash to play against Tri-Valley. The final score was 26-49 in favor of Tri-Valley.

On Feb. 2, the Pheasants started off strong against the Webster Bearcats but ran out of gas toward the end of the game. The final score was 41-49 in favor of the Bearcats. Senior Night, held on Jan.

30, the Pheasants played Potter County and ended up losing with the score of 32-58.

On Jan. 23, the lady Pheasants battled the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots and came out on top, 31-30.

After the Hitchcock/Tulare game, coach Gregg said, "Our kids dug deep and played with a lot of heart and guts especially in the second half when things got hard. We grew up a little bit tonight."

The Pheasants traveled to Clark on Jan. 25, and fell to the Cyclones, 37-50.



**Trapped at the Half.**

Senior Katie Rozell attempts to dribble out of a half court trap set by the opposing team's players. The Pheasants battled through a press by the Cavaliers on all dead ball possessions.

## Boys' Basketball Continues Through the Month of February

by Charli Jungwirth

On Feb. 16, the boys basketball teams, JV and varsity, traveled to Tiospa Zina for a double header against the Wambdi. The boys JV team played at 5 while the boys' varsity followed after the girls' game. The varsity game ended with the score of 33-76. The JV lost 16-27.

The boys played Waverly/South Shore on Feb. 15. Redfield lost with a final score of 36-63. The JV lost 17-32.

On Feb. 13, the JV and varsity traveled to Northwestern along with the girls JV and varsity. The boys JV played at 5, and the boys varsity followed. The final score of the JV game

was 22-25; they lost. The varsity game was a fight but was lost with a final score of 37-63.

The boys traveled to Lead-Deadwood on Fri. Feb. 9, to compete against Belle Fourche. The final score ended at 41-61, Redfield lost. The JV lost 19-41. The team then played on Feb. 10. The boys lost to the Goldiggers with a score of 51-82.

The team played Groton on Feb. 8. The final score for the game was 22-66, and Redfield lost. The JV score was 11-31; Redfield lost.

Redfield traveled to Warner on Feb. 6. The final score was 24-59; Redfield lost.

The JV lost with a score of 12-31.

On Feb. 1, Redfield traveled to Webster to play the Bearcats. The final game score was 42-79; Redfield lost. The JV also lost 14-24.

Redfield traveled to Tri-Valley on Sat. Jan. 27 to compete. The game ended with a score of 42-87; Redfield lost.

Redfield played Clark/Willow Lake on Jan. 26. The final score was 27-57; Redfield lost. The JV lost 26-31.

The team traveled to Hitchcock-Tulare on Jan. 23. The final score of the game was 39-60. The JV team won over the Patriots with a final score of 22-20.



**Ratigan Achieves 500 Career Rebounds.**

At the varsity boys' basketball game on Jan. 23, against the Hitchcock-Tulare Patriots, senior Justin Ratigan accomplished 500-career rebounds. Ratigan has been on varsity since his sophomore year and starts as a forward for the team. Ratigan said "I was thrilled to have gotten my 500th career rebound. It had been my goal ever since I started as a sophomore. I knew rebounding was an area I was able to excel at and help the team with."