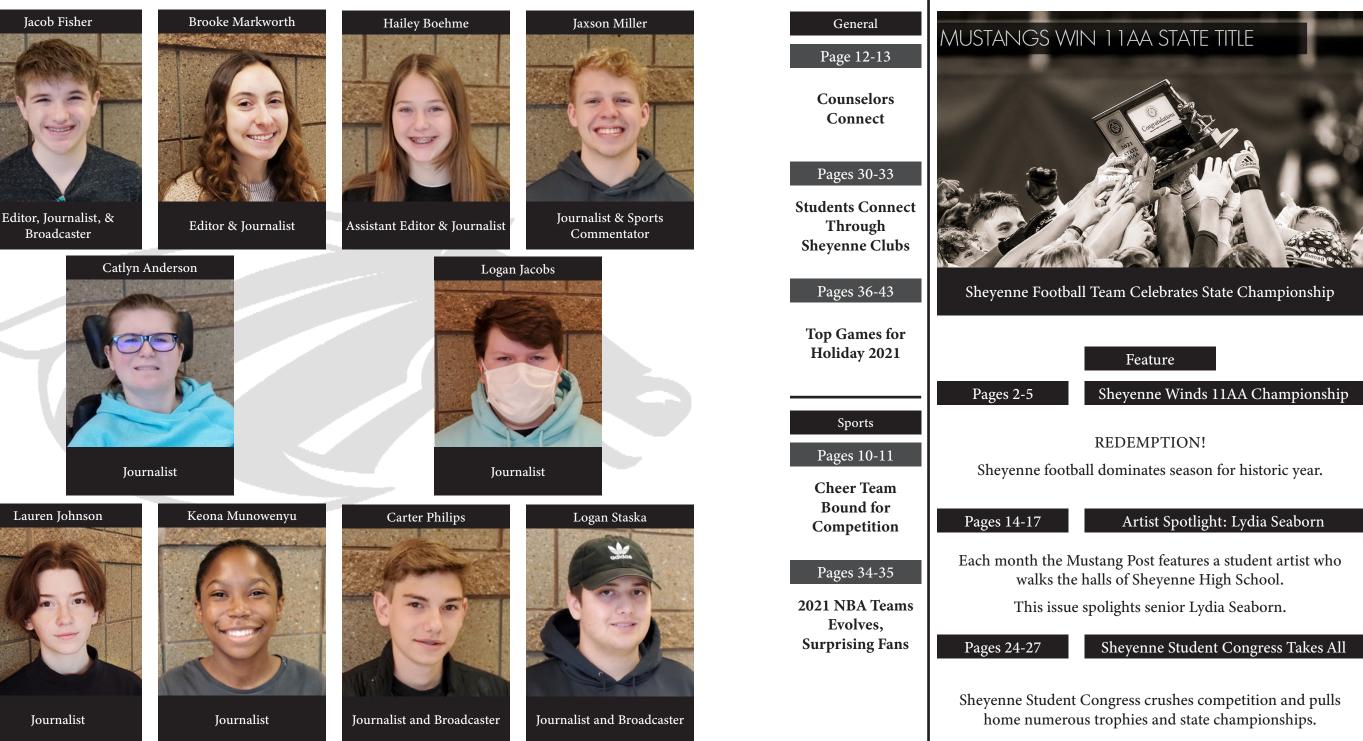
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SHEYENNE WINS 11AA CHAMPIONSHIP!



By Jaxson Miller The Mustaing Post

After coming up short in the Dakota Bowl two years in a row, West Fargo Sheyenne finally got over the hump in 2021.

It was an historic year for the Mustangs. They dominated all season long, scoring 364 points and only giving up 90 points. It was their first perfect season with a record of 12-0.

The 364 points the Mustangs put up this seaso is now the best mark in program history, while the 90 points they allowed is the fewest amount of points the Mustangs have ever given up.

West Fargo Sheyenne rolled to a 27-7 victory over their cross-town rival, the Packers, to capture their first state title in program history.

Josh Hendricks, who was one of the top rushers in the state all season, had a whopping 39 carries for 238 yards and three touchdowns in the final game of his high school career.

Hendricks was the main workhorse for the Mustangs this season and finished his senior year with 275 carries for 1,451 rushing yards, and an amazing 23 touchdowns.

Grant Warkenthien had the other rushing touchdown in the Dakota Bowl for the Mustangs as he was able to finish his glorious high school career on a high note.

Grant Warkenthien was a three-year starting quarterback for West Fargo Sheyenne and will continue his academic and football career at MSUM next year.

Warkenthien had four rushing touchdowns in the semifinal game against Shanley where the Mustangs won 36-21. He showed his leadership as a senior this year and was very hungry to bring this program a state title.

Full-back Josh Hendricks looks for an opening in West Fargo High's defensive line during the Dakota Bowl.

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West Fargo Sheyenne's defense made a statement this season and was a big factor all season long. Their 7.5 points given up per game average is the lowest in program history.

The Mustangs didn't allow a lot of big plays this season. Defensive backs coach Andrew Rott stated, "This year we asked the secondary to do some new things that required more communication and attention to detail. They did a good job of being focused and continuously improved. Even though we allowed a few touchdowns through the air, we did a pretty good job of limiting big plays this year."

The coaching staff put a lot of emphasis into the importance of a strong defense. "In practice, we typically focus on footwork, technique, and ball skills," coach Rott said. "As a defense, we focused on tackling, pursuit, and setting the tempo. We also focused on playing mistake free football."

West Fargo Sheyenne had five shutouts during their championship season which were against Grand Forks Central, Bismarck High, Minot High, Bismarck Century, and Fargo Davies. Shanley was the only team that could score at least three times against the Mustangs this year.

Shanley put up 29 points in their week three matchup against West Fargo Sheyenne and 21 points in the AA semifinal matchup.

The Deacons were also the only team to build a lead on the Mustangs. The Mustangs trailed the

Grant Warkenthien breaks free for a touchdown against Shanley in 11AA Semi-final on November 5th, 2021

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Deacons at halftime 21-14 in the AA semifinal game before the Mustangs scored 22 unanswered in the second half.

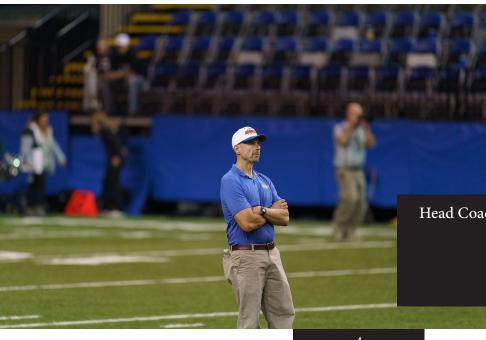
Other than the two games against Shanley this year, the Mustangs controlled the tempo in the other 10 games they played.

Dominance on both sides of the ball this year showed the Mustangs' desire for a state title this season. Jeremy Newton, head coach of the Mustangs stated, "I think the team did a great job this year and hopefully they will stay hungry moving forward. We all work hard to reach the same goals every season."

West Fargo Sheyenne is 64-21 under head coach Jeremy Newton and are 40-5 in the last four years.

"I think we played well as a team this year and worked hard in practice. We don't really think about that other stuff," coach Newton said. "I think that we just took it one week at a time."

West Fargo Sheyenne has reached the playoffs 7 times out of their 8 years as a varisty program.



Head Coach Jeremy Newton prepares before the Dakota Bowl against West Fargo High.

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Coming into the season, the Mustangs were looking to finish some unfinished business from the previous two years.

Bismarck Century knocked off West Fargo Sheyenne in the Dakota Bowl in 2019 and 2020.

Grant Warkenthien and most of the seniors knew it was their last chance at a state title this year so they wanted to make sure that they finish their high school football careers in dominant fashion.

The Mustangs were able to get revenge on Bismarck Century late in the regular season with a 14-0 victory at home in front of the Mustang faithful.

West Fargo Sheyenne snapped Bismarck Century's 29-game winning streak. The defense only allowed four yards of total offense in the third quarter.

Tharron Parson was an animal at defensive tackle and had three sacks against the Patriots. The Mustangs carried that momentum into the playoffs. The 2021 West Fargo Sheyenne football team will go down as one of the most dominant teams in North Dakota high school football history.

It was all about getting stops on defense and controlling the clock on offense for the Mustangs this year and that's the way they play.

This was a team that never gave up and pushed through adversity when they faced it.

After a slow start against West Fargo High in the Dakota Bowl, West Fargo Sheyenne was going to make sure that they didn't shut down.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 14-0 lead and held that lead for the rest of the game to win 27-7.

As the clock hit zero, the players rushed out onto the field and the fans and student section went wild.

For the first time in program history, the West Fargo Sheyenne Mustangs had the right to call themselves, state champs.

Return to **Classic Cinema**

By Carter Phillips

The Possessed (1965)

The Possessed is not a film in The Criterion Collection and not a film which is studied in film school, it is lost to obscurity, thankfully spotlighted by Blu-ray boutique label: Arrow Video.

Wrongfully forgotten, the film is an early Giallo (Italian crime thriller) about a writer who seeks a woman he used to know.

Upon discovering she's died under mysterious circumstances, the small town he used to use as a hideaway now becomes a deranged world where reality and dream mix.

Falling from life to slumber, imagination to possibility, he stumbles into evidence, coming closer and closer to the conclusion.

He is obsessed and he is grieving yet little is known about their relationship. They may have just been acquaintances.

Tokyo Twilight (1957)

Tokyo Twilight's director Yasijuro Ozu is most well known for Good Morning (a remake of his silent film: I Was Born But...) and the Noriko Trilogy: Late Spring, Early Autumn, and Tokyo Story.

All are films worth watching, however I think more attention should be payed to his 1957 masterpiece: Tokyo Twilight which shows the ongoing lives of a family, but mainly of a daughter going through a secret abortion.

All of Ozu's films were technically similar. His style was so precise that it becomes instantly recognizable when a film was made by him, yet also obvious when another was attempting to use his style.

He specialized in small-scale dramas about everyday people living in Japan. He never made the same film twice, even when reusing plot or remaking an older film, there were also vast differences. His worlds were one in the same yet miles apart.

His films are slow. The shots linger as to mimic real conversation and to spotlight the true nature of time. They were meditative. A person can get lost



Yasijuro Ozu, one of the major Japanese filmmakers, who worked on Tokyo Twilight



in an Ozu film, get to know the characters as if they were close friends, and then have they're emotions shattered by the turmoil.

The one I picked is his darkest and as the name would suggest, it takes place mostly during the nighttime. The subject matter is both controversial and emotionally devastating. All this is contrasted with the snow of the winter season. It is Ozu's only film that takes place during winter.

The film never picks any sides. All characters have deeply human viewpoints, they are nuanced. Specifically on abortion, the film still doesn't pick a side. The camera is a spectator.

The main character can't escape the shadow of her almost noble sister, the favorite. This perhaps unintentionally harkens back to James Dean in East of Eden.

She's bad. She's all messed up... Or is it just the world?

The film has many levels it can be viewed at, depending on your intelligence. In simplicity there is complexity. The depth does not come from what is spoken, but what is not.

The Third Man (1949)

A post-war Vienna is crime ridden. The police Lieutenant is doing the best that he can, but the film is not about him.

Holly Martins is an American pulp novelist who came in search for his friend.

His friend is dead, but the stories don't add up.

He decides to do his own amateur sleuthing but puts himself in danger.

Meanwhile, the friend's old lover is grieving for a man who may not have even cared for her.

Although made in 1949, it's a cinematic page turner. Having seen it multiple times, I'm always enthralled by the film as if it's a first watch.

The Third Man excels in every aspect, rightfully believed to be the best British film todate.

It's noir cinematography, breezy street-music style score, incredible characters, perfect acting, splendid plot twists, great direction by Carol Reed and somber world-weary endued tone make it one of the best accomplishments of cinema.



The original American Poster for The Third Man



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The Third Man from 1949





CHEER TEAM BOUND FOR COMPETITION!



By Brooke Markworth

The Shevenne Cheer Team has been a sport for many years. However, January 2022 will be the first year competing.

Throughout the years, the cheerleaders have prepared for the moment that they will compete to bring home the State title of North Dakota Cheer to Sheyenne High School.

However, the preparation for the event isn't all so easy. Before the State competition on March 19th, 2022, the members need to figure out a game plan.

With Jennifer Larrieu as a first-year head coach

for Sheyenne, they are determined to put everything they have into winning the event.

Since middle school, Jenn has dreamed of coaching a State cheer team of her own. During her senior year, she was on the winning state cheer team for the West Fargo Packers. Since then, Larrieu had coached at West Fargo Davies High school and an 18 plus cheer team in Moorhead, MN called the Invaders.

A typical practice session requires preparation. To begin, the cheer mats and tape must be set up in the Sheyenne Multipurpose Room before each practice.

For the members, practices start off with fifteen

"As much as I love Cheer, it gets hard to balance with life sometimes."

minutes of stretching. Continuing on, they start tumbling while encouraging each other to push themselves along the way.

Each practice also consists of reviewing cheers as well as playing the "hit game." The game helps the cheerleaders' motions become sharper and look cleaner.

One of the favorite things for the girls to do is stunting. Some examples of stunts are split pyramids, extensions, and shoulder sits. Each stunt requires the need of two or four members.

With winter tryouts over, the hard work has begun for the team that ranges from grades 8-12 who practice Monday through Friday from 3:45pm to 6:30pm in addition to weight training on Mondays and Wednesdays. Occasional team bonding is also important on their schedule.

Along with having practice at least four days a week, the members have their own school and outside responsibilities as well which also includes balancing school, cheer, family, relationships, and other extra curriculars.

One example is Abbie Chesser, an 8th grader who attends Liberty Middle School. Abbie is a firstyear cheerleader for Sheyenne High School. During the cheerleading season, Abbie is also a figure skater and dancer. Abbie hopes to get her driver's license soon. She's also a full time student and an inspiration to many members on the team.

No matter how much stress, the athletes' dedication means everything and nothing will get in their way of winning the State title.

Sheyenne cheerleaders and mascot at the North Dakota State Football game.

COUNSELORS

The Mustang Closet

The Mustang Closet is a free resource available to any student who needs any clothing or shoes.

The Mustang Closet is in the hallway leading to the theater. There are bathrooms located across from the Mustang Closet for ease of trying on any clothing before you bring it home.

The closet is accessible any time during the school day; the Mustang Closet is an honor-based system.

If there are any additional items that you need, such as personal hygiene items, please let your counselor know.

2022-2023 Sheyenne Registration

The 2022-2023 Registration Process will begin in mid to late January.

Start thinking about which classes you might want to take next school year and start talking to your teachers about their recommendations.

The counseling team provides a range of services and implements initiatives to meet the needs of an ever-broadening population at Sheyenne High School. Here's a look at their recent student-centered support and celebrations of success.



Backpack Program Fundraising

Lex Lunde of Thrivent Financial, who partnered with Bully Brew Coffee and the Sheyenne High School Counselors, raised \$1,541.00 on November 17th for our Backpack Program and families in need!

community.

The Counseling Team Back Row, Left to Right

Penny Aipperspach, Erin Beck, Jess Steiner, Christiana Steffen, Laura Stenerson, and Kim Ziemer

The Counseling Team Front Row, Left to Right Krystal Haugen and Jessi Raile

We are so thankful for the support from our school and

Free College Applications

On October 27th we held a Free College App Day event for seniors to apply to one North Dakota College of their choice for FREE.

The counselors, along with representatives from colleges in the state, went into all the senior English classes to help seniors apply to college, if they wanted to.

We asked our seniors to take a quick survey (only 176 students completed the survey) and here are the stats on what our seniors "did" during Free College App Day!

86 applied to a college

78 worked on scholarships

40 researched careers

3 explored military

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Clay Pottery

Lydia Seaborn

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All images courtesy Lydia Seaborn



Lydia Seaborn, a Sheyenne senior, can always be found in the art room. She's constantly asked if she goes to her other classes.

Throughout her school career, she has taken a wide variety of art classes and found a passion for Ceramics.

As a visual artist she focuses on ceramics and sculpture; she makes both utilitarian and representational sculptures that show her passion for cars and other vehicles.

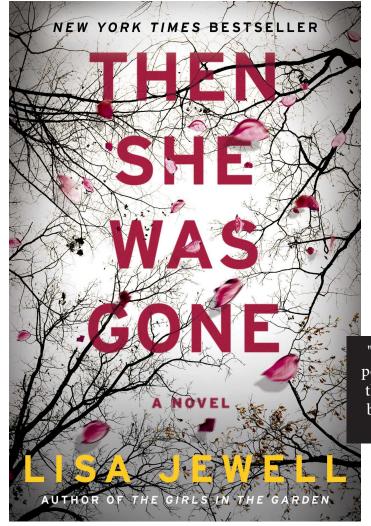
She plans to continue her work with ceramics after she graduates as she's found her own artistic style.

The series of bowls shown incorporates different parts of cars along with signs and other things utilized while driving, using additive and subtractive techniques to represent the different parts.

The two projects I'm currently working on are a model of my Harley Davidson motorcycle and then another model of my Honda Civic as a piggy bank.



Novels to Thrill During the Winter Chill



By Hailey Boehme

Dark turns, mystery, unsolved investigations, self-discovery, confusion, not being able to set the book down. Beware, these thriller novels will have you questioning everything.

"I remember being twenty-one and thinking that my personality was a solid thing, that me was set in stone, that I would always feel what I felt and believe what I believed. But now I know that me is fluid and shapechanging." -Then She Was Gone, Lisa Jewell

"There's something disturbing about recalling a warm memory and feeling utterly cold." -Gone Girl, Gillian Flynn

Lisa Jewell's Then She Was Gone novel is a fastpaced thriller and mystery. In the beginning, the plot is revealed like many other books of this genre.

A young girl has gone missing, her family is struck with grief, and the police are at a loss for what may have happened. After years of investigation, the main character, Laurel Mack, must come to terms with the fact that her daughter, Ellie, has run away.

Everyone in Laurel's life seems to move on, but she can't. The effects of this are seen in her failed marriage and distance from her remaining two children.

It seems Laurel will never be the same again when she finally meets a charming man named Floyd at a café. Floyd is a single father of a small child named Poppy.

Laurel is drawn to Poppy, and for a good reason. Poppy reminds her of Ellie, her blonde hair, the way she smells, and other physical features.

Dazed by these realizations, Laurel begins to start an investigation of her own. As she works to uncover facts about Ellie's disappearance, she is shocked by many chilling discoveries.

The ending was great, and the suspense led up perfectly right until the last page. This book was one that I could not put down and found myself thinking of the characters throughout my day as they seemed to become real people in my mind through the brilliant descriptions.

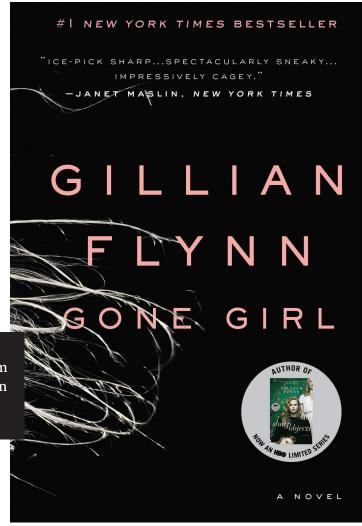
I would recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys dark turns.

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn had me questioning everything as my opinions of the characters constantly shifted. The book has an alternating perspective from charming Nick Dunne and his beautiful wife Amy Dunne.

Amy is a New York girl who had her life uprooted when Nick's mother was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. The couple moved to Nick's hometown in Missouri with no jobs, no friends, and for Amy, no family.

The scene is set on the Dunne's fifth anniversary, which also happens to be the day Amy goes missing. When Nick returns home he finds his house a mess, complete with a overturned coffee table.

In the process of the investigation, Nick be-



comes one of the main suspects. The story develops perfectly, leaving you guessing who was truly innocent.

As the narration shifts from Amy's diary entries and Nick's stoic reaction to his missing wife, Gillian Flynn picks apart relationship norms, feminism, misogyny, true love, and revenge.

Even after finishing this novel, my head spun for days - in the best way. I wished for the story to continue but was only left with my imagination to guess how the character's lives might advance with the dark discoveries that were made.

A NOVEL INTO HE WATER, he new novel by ULA HANKINS on sale MAY 2 ONTHE TRAIN #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER PAULA

HAWKINS

Paula Hawkins' psychological thriller The Girl on the Train was yet again another mind boggling read. As the title states, Rachel is the girl on the train. Every day she commutes from her apartment to the city, passing by tons of houses.

One house in particular always catches her eye though, there is a seemingly perfect couple, typically seen enjoying the morning on their deck.

Rachel feels as though she knows them so well that she names them Jess and Jason.

One day, Rachel witnesses something she is not supposed to - an affair. Shortly after, Jess goes missing.

Unsure what to do with the information she has, Rachel goes to the police. The police, however, have reasons not to trust Rachel's judgement.

From the movie "The Girl on the Train". Rachel commutes to the city.

This book will leave you stuck wondering who is reliable. From each perspective of the characters, you will be equally convinced that they are trustworthy, but not everyone can be right in this investigation.

So, who will it be? The drunk girl on the train, the shady husband, the suspicious therapist, the odd neighbor, or an outside job?



Fend Off the Freeze with a Foray into Fiction

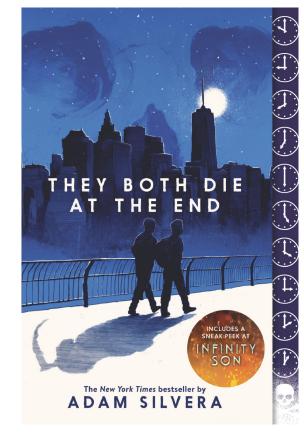
By Lauren Johnson

With the cold season comes the desire to stay inside, pour a hot drink, and cozy up with a novel. But what novel?

Below are some novels that might just draw you in.

With every book be sure to check the trigger warnings if that is something you might be worried about.



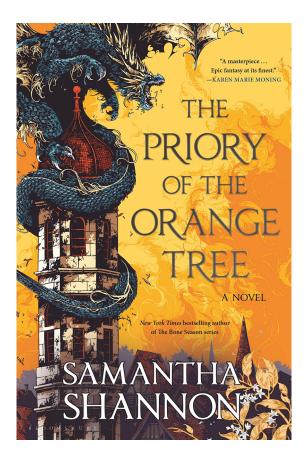


They Both Die At the End By Adam Silvera

If you are if search of a fast-paced, futuristic romance with LGBTQ+ representation, look no further. This book is guaranteed to pull people in until the very last line, leaving readers questioning their perspective on life.

The main characters of the story, Mateo and Rufus, are on death's doorstep and have the choice between letting fear control their last moments, or live carefree with the time they have left. Adam Silvera does an exquisite job at creating a story that is filled with so much joy, and heartbreak. All in all, this novel is and always will be a top read.

Readers who are sensitive to death, gang violence, homophobia, mental illness, panic attacks, suicide, and drowning may want to stay away from this novel.



Little Women By Louisa May Alcott

The story is set in Boston through the duration and after the Civil War and follows four sisters attempting to find their way in the world while struggling to overcome poverty and societal expectations.

If you are looking for a comforting read with a strong and independent female protagonist, this is the book for you. Louisa did a wonderful job at creating such an enticing story that brought light to many problems of the time. This classic from 1869 is a must read for everyone.

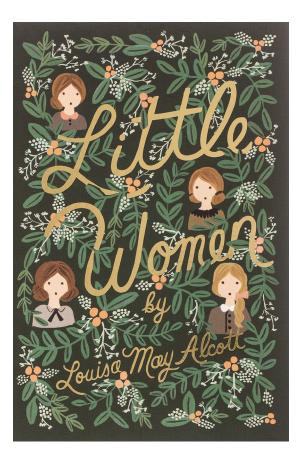
Readers who are sensitive to racism, sexism, and antisemitism may want to stay away from this novel.

The Priory of The Orange Tree By Samantha Shannon

This 848-page novel is the perfect blend of fantasy, modern ideology, and romance. Although intimidating, this standalone is a masterpiece that will not leave you unsatisfied.

The story is set in medieval times where men and women hold equal positions of power that is not limited to race, sexuality, or gender. The only barrier between people is, unfortunately, their economic status. Within the pages of this book is fantastic representation all around. The only complaint you might have in the end is that there was not more to the story.

Readers who are sensitive to death, childhood trauma, racism, implied domestic violence, and drug use may want to stay away from this novel.



SHEYENNE STUDENT CONGRESS TAKES ALL



State Student Congress members (Left to right)

Back: Elijah Nyberg, Reagan Koppelman, Asiya Gedi, Jona Follingstad Center: Abhiram Kotala, Leo Nyberg, Emma Jorda, Benjamin Kramer, Micah Ramsey, Fatouma Dileita Front: Keona Munowenyu, Sherry Yan, Sricharan Kotala, Grace Widjaja, Christine Nwaigwe

By Keona Munowenyu

Coached by both Kelsey Johnson and Krista Hulderman, the Student Congress team here at Sheyenne last month became back-to-back Student Congress Champions on November 6th. They have also reclaimed the North Dakota Roughrider District Congress Sweepstakes Award for the second consecutive year on November 7th.

The Student Congress team isn't unfamiliar with success as they were the first Championship Sheyenne High School has witnessed.

The road to success this year could have been predicted by

their strength this season.

After their first tournament at East Congress, Sheyenne came back with 10 awards out of 18 competitors securing four championship awards: Senate from Keona Munowenyu, House I from Sherry Yan, House II from Vidyaa Lav, and House IV from Reagan Koppelman. Regan Koppelman is a new member of Student Congress, in his freshman year who has remarked that he enjoys Student Congress because it helps him "improve on how he speaks for debate and also speech later in the year."

East Congress award recipients at Sheyenne High School

Accolades continued to roll in at the team's West Congress tournament to attain a total of 12 awards. Student Congress came back with five total championship awards in nearly every house.

In House I, senior Sherry Yan, a recurring champion this season, attained their second championship along with senior Christine Nwaigwe.

House II saw freshman Vidyaa Lav champion again for the second time this season.

In House III freshman Hosna Dawlaty championed.

Finally, in House IV Freshman Reagan Koppelman became a champion foreshadowing his future State Student Congress success.



West Congress team celebrates in Mandan, ND



West Congress **October 11 Results**

Senate: Runner-Up Grace Widjaja (senior)

House I: Presiding Officer Sherry Yan (senior)

House I: Champion Christine Nwaigwe (senior)

House I: Runner-Up Sri Kotala (senior)

House II: Presiding Officer Vidyaa Lav (freshman)

House II: 4th Place Ben Kramer (sophomore)

House II: 5th Place Asiya Gedi (junior) – she went straight 10s all day!

House III: Presiding Officer Hosna Dawlaty (freshman)

House III: Runner-Up Eli Nyberg (freshman)

House IV: Presiding Officer Reagan Koppelman (freshman)

House IV: Runner-Up Jonah Follingstad (freshman)

House IV: Runner-Up Abhi Kotala (7th grader)



The road to the State Student Congress Championship and Roughrider District Congress Sweepstakes Award was a promising one, and it proved in the very end to be so.

At the individual level, this team took three individual championship awards: Jonah Follingstad earned first place in House VI, Christine Nwaigwe earned first place in House II, and Reagan Koppelman was voted Presiding Officer for House V.

As a whole, nearly every

individual came from the State meet placing in their chambers.

After the State Student Congress tournament, the team competed competitively in National Qualifiers with Keona Munowenyu qualifying in the North Dakota Roughrider Senate and Grace Widjaja qualifying in the North Dakota Roughrider House for the National Speech & Debate Association's national tournament. Both individuals will attend the national tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, in June.

National Qualifiers heading to Louisville, Kentucky



State Student Congress champions in the state capital

State Student Congress team after receiving first place poses in the **Bismarck capital**



East Congress September 27th Results

Senate: Presiding Officer (champ) Keona Munowenyu

Senate: 2nd Place Grace Widjaja

House I: Champion Sherry Yan

House I: 2nd Place Christine Nwaigwe

House II: Champion Vidyaa Lav

House III: 2nd Place Asiya Gedi

House III: 3rd Place Hosna Dawlaty

House IV: Champion Reagan Koppelman

SUPERNATURAL SCARES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

By Catlyn Anderson

Supernatural is a 15 season CW show that is available to stream on Netflix about Sam and Dean Winchester who hunt and kill monsters.

Their family has been burdened with tragedy from the very beginning. Their mom, Mary was killed by a demon, which led to their dad, John to hunt her killer. The boys were young, but they grow to learn what hunting monsters was all about.

The show is a drama, mystery, funny, and a little

bit scary. If you can get past the gore and fights, it can be entertaining.

Sam, Dean and many characters come and go throughout the show. Some stories include God, angels, Lucifer, demons, hell, and heaven. Yes, even vampires, and werewolves.



All 15 seasons are addictive and you may even want to watch it all over again.

Jensen Ackles as Dean Winchester sits in the driver's seat of his '67 Chevy Impala.

> Supernatural first aired on the CW on September 13, 2005 to end with its finale on November 19, 2020.



What experience do you have with what your club does?

(Cinema) I have loved movies all my life. Who wouldn't want to have that opportunity to escape the wilds of the real world? Furthermore, I almost [have] a major in film studies from MSUM.

What would you like this club to be?

(Cinema) I would like this to be a place for people to come to the theater, shed the day's

troubles at the door, and sit back and watch cinema that's worth watching.

club meet?

(Pep) The pep band is an extracurricular use of the band program. It is a completely volunteer force. We sometimes have rehearsals during voice and choice time or after school.

What does your club do?

STUDENTS CONNECT THROUGH SHEYENNE CLUBS

By Logan Jacobs

More and more students are looking for clubs to join, but most don't know what clubs are available. Know that a list of clubs is available through the Activities Office and the Schools page; however, not all clubs are updated on that page. So, here's a look at five clubs, future issues will focus on additional clubs.

Where and when does your club meet?

(Cinema) The Cinema Club,



by <u>Kenneth Lu</u>

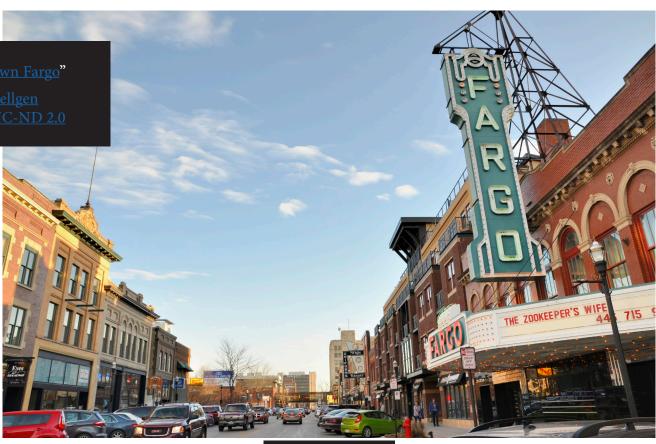
or "Movies Ya' Gotta See" meet every week during Voice and Choice I and II in the theater at Sheyenne High School.

> What movies do you plan to watch?

(Cinema) Films that the AFI (American Film Institute) has deemed as 100 best films of all time, but we are steering away from the R rating films, to make sure that all of

us can experience great cinema. So far, we have watched "City Lights" (with Charlie Chaplin), Double Indemnity, Wizard of Oz, and Rear Window (one of Hitchcock's best).

by <u>Jpellgen</u>



Where and when does your

(Pep)We typically perform at sporting events 8 to 10 times in

the fall season, [we] try to support the playoff games, and play another 8 to 10 times during the winter season.

What other places does your club play?

(Pep)We sometimes play at pep rallies and have been asked to perform at a few special events. Our Drumline also performs on its own at events.

What experience do you have with what your club does?

(Pep)I played in marching

band and pep band in college and was also a student leader for my last two years before becoming a band teacher. I have taught marching band and pep band for the last 11 years while a band teacher. I also lead the North Dakota Army band for the national guard.

What would you like this club to be?

(Pep)A significant contributor to the community of Sheyenne High School, focusing on the positive climate and atmosphere at the afterschool activities.

Where and when does your club meet?

(improv) We meet during voice and choice 1 on Wednesdays.

What does your club do?

(improv) We play different improv games in which dialogue, characters and plot are made up in the spur of the moment.

What experience do you have with your club?

(improv) I have a B.A. in theatre with an emphasis in acting and directing.

What do you want this club to be?

(improv) A fun and engaging group for students to learn improvisation skills and practice stage confidence in a safe and welcoming space.

Where and when does your club meet?

(music industry) During voice and choice times

What does your club do?

(music industry) We do some song writing and recording music

How has your turn out been so far?

(music industry) Turn out has been decent about 10 students a session on average

Do you have to be a part of a





music class to join?

(music industry) You don't have to be involved in a music class, just need an interest in writing/recording your own or others music

What experience do you have with your club?

(music industry) I have been in a band and recording music off and on for the last 12 years. I went to MSUM for the Music Industry program and toured nationally with a signed band on Victory Records. I'm currently in a cover band and play events and weddings when I'm not teaching. I play guitar bass and drums and also am a singer.

What do you want this club to be?

(music industry) Long story short. I want it to be a free recording studio for our students to explore and create music.

club meet?

(G-S-A) Our club meets in classroom 2617 on Wednesdays during Voice and Choice #1.

(G-S-A) Our club organizes fundraisers and events that help spread awareness for diversity, inclusion, and acceptance, especially for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Where and when does your

What does your club do?

How has your turn out been so far?

(G-S-A) Our club currently has between 40-50 attendees and club members.

What experience do you have with your club?

(G-S-A) This is my first year running the club with Mrs. Radle.

What do you want this club to be?

(G-S-A) I want this club to be a place where students feel safe, feel loved, and know they are not alone.

2021 NBA TEAMS EVOLVE, SURPRISING FANS

By Logan Staska

The NBA's 2021 season started on October 19th. Many new changes occurred with players being traded to other teams and teams playing better than they did the last season.

Before the season started, many players were transferred to different teams in hopes of being the diamond that will get them out of the rough. LeBron James, shooting guard/ small forward for the Los Angeles Lakers, gained two new star athletes as teammates.

With already having his center Anthony Davis to rely on, he also gained Russell Westbrook as a point guard and Carmelo Anthony as a power forward.

However, with all the star power on the team they haven't been playing the best and have been getting in each other's way.



The Chicago Bulls, however, are having a much better season than last year after picking up point guard Lonzo Ball, and power forward DeMar DeRozan to join small forward Zach LaVine. Along with those two Nikola Vucevic took place at center.

Not many believed that this team would thrive with these players but now they have been stationed in the top of the Eastern Conference.

Many are surprised the Golden State Warriors are doing so well. With the point guard Stephen Curry missing his shooting guard and "splash-brother" Klay Thompson due to injury.

He has been able to keep the warriors in the top of the Western Conference. With how well Stephen Curry has been playing many are now starting to believe that he is the best shooter in history.



Along with Klay Thompson being one of the players we haven't seen touch the court this season, we also haven't seen star point guard for the Brooklyn Nets Kyrie Irving.



Kyrie Irving hasn't played a game this season due to the city of New York's vaccine mandate for Covid-19. With Kyrie Irving refusing to get vaccinated due to his personal decisions; he hasn't been there for his teammates Kevin Durant and James Harden.

Another player not playing is point guard for the 76ers Ben Simmons who hasn't been there for his team due to mental health reasons. It's been noticed that his mental health started going down after the playoff game against the Atlanta Hawks. He folded the game with an illogical pass in which he had a perfect lay-up and



could have gotten the chance for a free throw with the foul.

If he went for the lay-up, he would have most likely been able to get the 76ers to the next round. After the game many 76ers fans were disappointed and put the blame on Ben Simmons making it hard to go back and play.

The 76ers are getting very annoyed about Ben Simmons refusing to play; on November 15th, 2021, they fined Ben Simmons for not traveling with the team on their 6-game road trip.

The 76ers have been floating around in the Eastern Conference from being in the lower bottom to upper top. The 76ers have been able to show that they're a good team with or without Ben Simmons. With power forward Joel Embiid, small forward Tobias Harris, and shooting guard Seth Curry, Stephen Curry's brother, the 76ers can stay in the playoff pictures. But who knows how good they will be once Ben Simmons comes back, if he comes back?

The Milwaukee Bucks, who won the 2020 national championship, is shockingly staying in the bottom portion of there confrence.



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However, the season is still a long way from ending and power forward Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks have time to get everything figured out and figure how to be a playoff contender and hopefully win another championship.

The current status of the NBA right now is sure to keep basketball fans interested but there is still a long season ahead where anything can happen. Will your team make it to the playoffs and finals? We'll have to wait and see.



TOP GAMES FOR OLIDAY 2021

(IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)

By Jacob Fisher

It has been over ten years since the trifecta of major shooters – Battlefield, Call of Duty, and Halo – were released on the same holiday. This rarity has now landed these industry giants in the same window for the biggest FPS season gaming has seen in an exceptionally long time.

These are not the only titles releasing this holiday, however. In fact, there are some contending Game of the Year titles that you will just have to pick up.

The global pandemic has undoubtedly affected many release windows for highly anticipated games. 2019 and 2020 have been rife with delays after delays. However, the industry is now rapidly picking up steam once again.

The bottom line? Gamers are eating good this holiday season.

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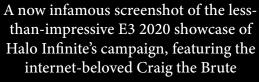
XBOX AND PC HALO INFINITE

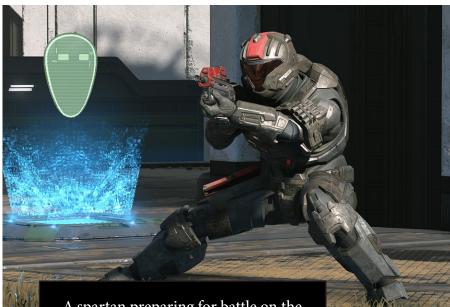
Halo Infinite is the most surprising release (and success!) this holiday season. This sci-fi FPS title was initially revealed all the way back in 2018, but after a disappointing gameplay showcase at E3 2020, the game was delayed a full year for further polish.

Then, after consistent rumors of an early multiplayer debut in November for Xbox's 20th anniversary, Halo's six-year hiatus ended as a "content complete" multiplayer – including all the maps and weapons – was released completely free to play.

The reception to the game's multiplayer beta has been enor-







A spartan preparing for battle on the map "Live Fire" within the free-to-play multiplayer mously positive. Fans love the tight gameplay, classic music, and general return to form that the series has struggled to achieve since the new developers, 343 Industries, took over after 2010. The biggest complaint currently is a lackluster progression system.

Reviews have also been positive for the campaign in early media reviews – one promised to be the biggest (and now open world) Halo campaign to date, with all new enemies and weapons, picking up after the disappointing Halo 5.

Halo Infinite came out for retail on December 8, 2021, but you can play the multiplayer beta for free today on Xbox and PC.



This return to the decidedly legendary sci-fi trilogy has been nothing short of fantastic. With full 4k remasters for both nextgen and last-gen consoles, you can now shoot (and talk!) your way through Commander Shepard's action RPG story in its best version possible.

Mass Effect is a series all about making your own choices. Some of them are small, like who to befriend or romance, to a bit bigger ones, like the fate of the universe.

This remaster touches up all three mainline entries, but the first one receives by far the most attention. The original 13-yearold Mass Effect was rough around the edges, now being remastered with updated UI and fixes to previously irritating missions.

If you are looking to experience gaming history in the best way possible (or just trying to forget about the lackluster Mass Effect Andromeda), picking up this trilogy should be an easy decision. Mass Effect Legendary Edition is available on PC, Xbox, and PlayStation.



Graphical improvements across the board for all three entries in one of the greatest sci-fi RPGs of all time



Aliens never looked better (for alien standarts, at least)



Forza Horizon 5 is the racing game to end all racing games. Now set in Mexico with a map twice as large as Forza Horizon 4's countryside England, this newest entry in one of the most consistently excellent series is one you should not ignore. The developers of Forza Horizon realize who their players are – and especially what they want to do. Although this newest title is not a massive reinvention of the series, the sheer amount of work put in to perfecting an already excellent gameplay



Photo or game? Certainly hard to tell, as Forza Horizon 5 is possibly the best looking game ever made



This Mexico is a tourist's dream and a racer's fantasy

structure is immediately noticeable.

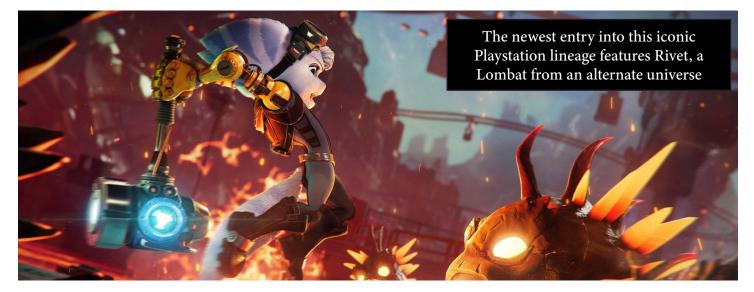
No matter what you do, whether that be street racing, competing in drift competitions, or winning in Forza's own Battle Royale, The Eliminator, you will always have an acute sense of forward progress that leaves you feeling rewarded - a rare feeling in modern multiplayer games.

Join the Horizon festival in 2020's highest rated game on Xbox and PC.



Insomniac Games strikes once again in another fantastic outing in this iconic (and now gorgeous) PS5 exclusive. Starring the cutting-edge DualSense controller and PS5 SSD, Rift Apart aims to immerse you in the journey of the titular Ratchet and Clank (and Rivet!) as they hop across the galaxy.

Rift Apart is a technical showcase from beginning to end. Using the PS5's ray tracing horse power, light is accurately drawn to reflect and bounce realistical-





Take flight against Dr. Nefarious once again - and maybe stay a bit too long in photo mode.

ly, giving a newfound sense of fidelity to console gaming.

Likewise, the next-gen DualSense controller uses its advanced haptics in both the triggers and controller to accurately simulate gameplay actions.

Further, the lightning-fast SSD, one even more advanced than some PC SSDs, allows you to hop between levels and areas with a button press and a short animation. It is something worth seeing to believe.

The gameplay is equally exciting, involving you grappling and shooting your way across various levels and worlds. Along with the basic platforming features that are expected to be a part of a Ratchet and Clank game - such as the famous rail grinding – this new entry introduces hopping across rifts to gain an advantage against your opponents.

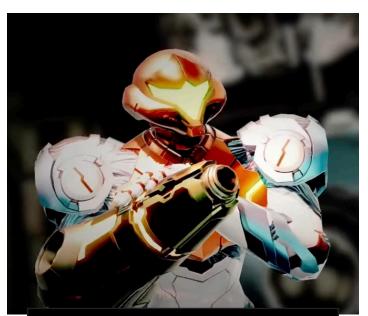
Ratchet and Clank: Rift Apart is out as a PS5 exclusive, and no doubt the one needed to show off just what this console can do.

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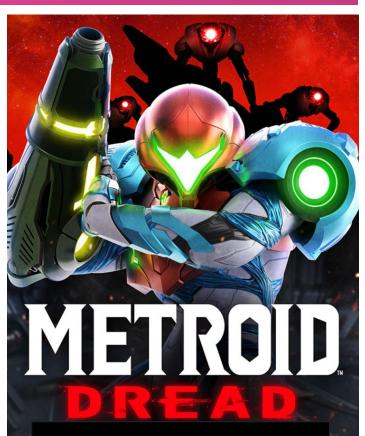
Metriod has never been the biggest franchise in Nintendo's decades of worldbuilding. However, as a partner piece to the new Nintendo Switch OLED, this monumental series aims to reinvent itself and go back to its roots - one of helping invent a whole genre, the "metroidvania".

Safe to say it has succeeded.

Metroidvanias typically have you playing through a larger world where many avenues of exploration are initially blocked off. Bosses might be unbeatable. Gates may be sealed shut. So, finding the powerups and abilities to move forward is essential to progress.



Metriod Dread was designed with the OLED model, and it shows. The blacks are deep and foreboding, aptly living up to this title's description



Truly a cover art more worthy of a Doom reboot than a Nintendo game - maybe that's why this game stands out!

Metriod Dread follows this pattern to make one of the best Switch games this year. You will explore an alien planet, fight an unknown threat, and discover a bit about your own history as the iconic Samus.

Likewise, as many unfortunate gamers have found out, the title is also hard as nails. Fans of Hollow Knight and other similar metroidvanias will feel right at home.

Metriod Dread is out on Switch - but even better on the OLED model.





It is hard to express just how fantastic of a deal Xbox Game Pass is. This landmark service offers hundreds of games - from AAA to Indie - for just an initial offering of \$1 for three months.

Xbox has had an amazing turnaround even compared to just a year ago, especially in the games department. Psychonauts 2, Microsoft Flight Simulator for Xbox, Deathloop, and Forza Horizon 5 are some of, if not, the highest rated games of this year. All but one of them are on Game Pass (Deathloop is currently a PlayStation console exclusive).

Along with some excellent third-party entries into the service, Microsoft does not make a hard sell for this "Netflix of Gaming," all for the price of a candy bar.

Xbox has truly delivered this 2021 for a premiere gaming lineup. Let's see if it continues.

6 OF THE TOP 25 CAMES OF 2021 ARE ON GAME PASS

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(Scores out of 100 from Metacritic)

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