



Tiger Tales

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MPHS

Winter
Concert
Tonight,
7:00 p.m.

Both the
band and
chorus
will be
performing

One-
Act Play
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Robotics Team Advances to NDSU Competition

This year's MOPO ROBO team was the first local team to place at the Jackrabbit BEST competition, at SDSU in Brookings, and qualify for the Regional Best Competition at NDSU, in Fargo, ND. The 8th place finish at SDSU led them to the NDSU competition.

The team's talented engineers built an entirely new and improved robot that was highly efficient and job specific. The team did a lot of research including, all the new and different awards they could win. They even built a website, made a YouTube video, Facebook and Twitter accounts, and designed their own t-shirts.

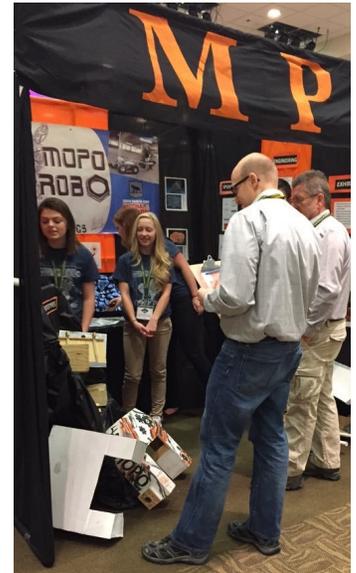
The team arrived in Fargo,

ND, on Thursday, Dec. 3, and set up to show off all of the new improvements they made to their robot. Friday they had a very busy day, consisting of three interviews and a marketing presentation. On Saturday, they put their new improved robot to the test.

At the competition in Brookings they got an overall score of 200 points and at NDSU they got 1200 points.

Although they didn't win any awards they still had so much fun. One team member mentioned that she believes this team will keep getting better and stronger every year.

-Alichea Apple



Robotics students complete the interview portion of the competition. Pictured are Grace Madison and Aryn Looyenga. Other team members interviewing were Lacy Steiger and Lucas Ulmer.

Springfield Wins Superior at State

Five young adults worked very hard to make it to the state meet and they all represented the school very well.

These people include, Senior Rachael Springfield who scored a Superior (the highest rating) at state on her humorous piece called, "The Bully Goat Grim," by Willy Claflin, Freshmen Gennie Krause, Calico Ducheneaux,

Jalen Hitland, and Rachel Goldsmith performed, "The Day the Crayons Quit," by Drew Daywalt, in the reader's theater category.

Rachael Springfield said, "Oral Interp is a really great way to improve your speaking skills. I'm glad I had the opportunity to make it to state, and represent my school in a positive manner."

-Kylee Wagner



Rachael Springfield received a Superior rating at the State Oral Interp meet at Sturgis Brown HS, Dec. 4-5.

“Although somewhat difficult, the online courses are pretty fun,” comments Lexi Borah of her online graphic design course.

Online Courses Provide a Variety of Options for Students

This 2015-2016 school year Mobridge-Pollock High School is now offering full online classes to mostly juniors and seniors. The opportunity is available through online networks like Edgenuity, Connect, Blackboard Learn, etc. These networks offers a wide variety of classes such as accounting, environmental science, graphic design, sociology, writing skills, etc. Classes are a standard one semester course, and include vocabulary, reviews, tests, and a direct instruction videos from the instructor. The teachers are from across the country, but for our classes many of

the teachers are from South Dakota colleges and universities.

With the school year already in full swing most of the courses will be finishing and some will be starting their new course for the second semester. The students are excited to be trying new ways to take classes and learn by using up-to-date technology.

Online Class First Semester Deadlines:

Accounting --Dec 18

Agribusiness Entrepreneurship--Dec 18

Algebra II--Jan 14

Anatomy & Physiology--Dec 18

Anthropology--Jan 14

Creative Writing --Dec 18

Environmental Science--Jan 14

Geometry --Jan 14

Graphic Design --Dec 18

International Business--Jan 14

Intro to Sports Medicine--Dec 18

Medical Terminology--Dec 18

Psychology--Jan 14

Social Problems--Jan 14

Sociology--Jan 14

Teaching & Training--Dec 18

Wildlife & Fisheries--Dec 18

Writing Skills & Strategies--Jan 29

All classes must be completed by the due date.

-Shayla Gasser

One Act Play Begins—Casts are Selected

With Oral Interp over, the season of One Act Plays begins. Two plays have been selected—one for the varsity which will be performed at the regional competition and hopefully the state competition, and one for the junior varsity group.

The category for this year's competition is serious, indicating the play must be serious in nature. The category is determined by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Under the SDHSAA, all participants must meet eligibility requirements in order to participate.

The varsity play selected is “Another Chance,” a serious One-Act that shows how teenagers deal with various pressures in high school. It proves how eas-

ily friends can build us up or tear us down. The cast selected for this play are Karlie Spiry as Sally, Taylor Brekke as Sarah, Kailey Jerome as Katie, Rachael Springfield as Alice, Robert Walther as Doug, Noah Fried as Ted, Allie Sauer as Beth, and Lacy Steiger as Paula.

The junior varsity play is “Match (dot) Comedy,” a hilarious One-Act that shows all of the interesting women a man meets when he decides to give online dating a try. This play will be performed for a local audience. Those chosen to perform the play include Jordan Zahn as Trevor, Calico Ducheneaux as Audrey, Autumn Schlomer as Natalie, Rachel Goldsmith as Rebecca, Gennie Krause as Sylvia, Jesse Roshau as

Vivian, and Haley Borah as Beth.

Stage managers are Madison Wahl and Logan Vojta.

Coaches Ms. Victoria Hyder and Ms. Marian Beck will be in charge of directing the plays. Ms. Beck commented, “We were really impressed with everyone who tried out for One-Act plays this year—we had a lot of great students from which to choose. We will be taking the varsity play to the Region contest in Pierre at the end of January. Both casts are really strong and we're excited to get to work!” Ms. Hyder commented, “We had a good group audition and I'm sure they'll do a fantastic job with the pieces Miss Beck and I selected.”

-Killian Warner

Tiger Wrestlers Visit Stanley County

The Mobridge-Pollock Tigers wrestling team traveled to Ft. Pierre for the first meet of the season on December 5, 2015. The Tigers had a few newcomers in their roster. An 8th grader Jacob Steiger wrestled 106 pounds, 8th grader Caden Lenz wrestled 113 pounds, Freshman Mason Schoenhard was at 132 pounds, Freshman Isaac Olson and 8th grader Tucker Holzer

wrestled for the Tigers at 138 pounds. Senior Jaden Madison was 145 pounds, Senior Bray Harrison wrestled 152 pounds, Sophomore Nathan Bauer wrestled 160 pounds, Sophomore Jason Gerry wrestled 170 pounds, and Senior Quinten Fish wrestled heavyweight.

Twelve teams made the trip to Ft. Pierre for the invite

and the Tigers placed 7th overall.

Steiger finished 7th. Harrison and Holzer finished 6th. Fish, Lenz, and Schoenhard finish 5th. Madison finished in 4th place. Bauer and Olson finished 3rd.



-Kennedy Pearson

Assistants are Dedicated MPHS Volunteers

Wade Keller and Jordan Baumann have been volunteering for the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers for many years, both in town and every game they can make it to.

Wade graduated from Mobridge High School in 1999 and has been working at Payless Foods since then.

Jordan also graduated from Mobridge High School, in 2006, and now works at Scherr-Howe Arena. In high school, Jordan was involved in sports as well as being the mascot. He was part of the cheerleading squad that won the Spirit of Six award at the Girls' State "A" Basketball Tournament in 2006.

Both have been water boys for MPHS football and basketball since before they graduated.

The Tiger fans enjoy seeing this dependable duo as much as they enjoy the athletes. There is never a dull moment with these guys and there are no better

men for the job.

Along with being on-the-ball, they are always cheering their hearts out for the Tigers. We can't thank them enough for their dedication to our teams. Tiger Football Coach Cody Stotz

says, "It's great having the same water boys when I played and now that I'm a coach. It's nice having guys that want to help out."

-Carson Keller



Jordan Baumann and Wade Keller, volunteers for MPHS sports.