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## STATE TITLES & BROKEN RECORDS



**LUCAS ANGLIN**  
BY MADDI KALLSEN

Lucas Anglin, a junior at Vermillion High School, became a state champion for the second time. Naturally, he's proud and ready for another season of wins. Lucas has been wrestling practically his entire life; starting at the age of five, he has dedicated a lot of time to the sport. He trains all year round and goes to various camps and tournaments during the summer. For him, even though wrestling is an individual sport, teamwork is vital to his performance and the dynamic of mutual support between him and his teammates is crucial.

State wrestling took place in Rapid City at the Rushmore Civic Center February 22 and 23rd. Lucas competed in four three-period

matches and won all of them. Once he realized he was the state champion, he felt a mix of emotions: shock, excitement and gratitude all sum up his feeling of winning once again.

Breaking records and winning seems to come natural for Lucas. This season, he broke the school record for career takedowns with 157. Lucas' goal is to win state for a third time his senior year. His future seems bright; he plans to continue wrestling throughout his college career. He would like to personally thank his coaches for everything they do and shout-out to all of his fans for their support.

The entire school is proud and wishes you, Lucas, the best of luck for the future, congrats!



**LEXI PLITZUWEIT**  
BY MYA DEJONG

With 44 points in one game, Lexi Plitzuweit, a sophomore, broke the Vermillion High Schools girls shooting record for one game. Lexi has been close to beating the record on more than one occasion this season. Finally on February 5th, she beat the record at 44 points with pure natural talent and fire.

The ending score was 75-70. After double overtime and a lot of hard work and vigor, we took the win. While asking Lexi if she realized she had broken the record during the game, she said, "I kinda realized it but it didn't really matter to me because all I wanted to do was win the game."

As you may know last year, her brother, AJ, broke the same record for boys, scoring 52

points. Lexi reflected on this, saying, "Breaking the same record is pretty cool. I always grew up watching him play basketball and I learned a lot from him." She also hopes she can break his record, "just to make fun of him; it's always a competition in our house." Both siblings have shown tremendous ability to shoot the basketball.

It's going to be interesting to see if she beats her brothers record in the next two year of her high school career. We are proud of our young athlete and look forward to the next seasons with her.

We are sure Lexi will go on to do great things in her future and hope she accomplishes all of her goals!

Left Photo courtesy of Mindy Whistler. Right Photo: Lexi gets ready for a free throw. Photo by Mya DeJong.

## Basketball Season Review

BY MYA DEJONG

Both girls and boys basketball this season did better and pushed harder than they were expected to. The girls finished the regular season with a record of 15-5. Our boys record was 12-8 when they finished.

The girls had their first regions game at home against Dakota Valley on February 25. Our girls won 46 to 28 leading them to the next game against Beresford on February 28. The girls lost in a intense game 53 to 56. The girls didn't make state, but we are proud of them and thankful for their

team and our seniors Rachel, and Kasey.

The boys first regions game was February 26 at home against Dakota Valley. We whipped them with a score of 67 to 54. We moved onto Tea on March 1. We played Tea and lost to them with a score of 86 to 60. Our boys basketball team held strong this year and became a whole team of good players. We are proud of both our girls and boys basketball teams this year.

The entire school looks forward to cheer them on next year!

## Wrestling Season Review

BY MYA DEJONG

Our Vermillion wrestling season ended on February 23rd, concluding with the state tournament. Our wrestling team brought seven wrestlers to state. To do this, they each had to compete at regions and place 4th or above. This year, regions was February 15 in Sioux Falls. Our wrestler in the 106 weight class was Nick Roob. Nick is a sophomore and made state, as he placed 3rd at regions. The next weight class is 126 and Jarrett Rueb, a senior, wrestles that weight class. Jarrett placed 2nd

at regions, making state. Our 138 wrestler Lucas Anglin, junior, placed 2nd at regions making state. Mason Schroeder, a senior, placed 3rd at regions in the 145 weight class. Jack Kratz, a freshman in the 152 weight class, placed 2nd at regions. Our next wrestler that made state was a junior, Kobe Culver, who wrestles in the 195 weight class and placed 3rd at regions. The last wrestler that made state was Zach Brady, a freshman in the 285 weight class.

State this year was a two day event in Rapid City. All of the wrestlers that made state competed with great effort. We are all very proud of them. We only had

one wrestler place at state, Lucas Anglin. Lucas won every match leading him to the championship against Isaac Klinkhamer, a sophomore from Brandon Valley, who was his "rival" this season. The match went into overtime and Lucas ended up winning state in the 138 weight class.

We look forward to supporting our wrestlers next season and cannot wait to watch each and every wrestler next year!

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**CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY**

11  
7:30 All School Band Extravaganza @VHS

22  
End of 3rd Quarter  
State All-State Band @Aberdeen  
5pm Baseball: Varsity Game @ Yankton  
23  
State All-State Band @Aberdeen  
25  
7pm School Board Meeting @VHS Library  
26  
6:30 and 7:30 3rd/4th Grade Concert @VHS  
11 am B Tennis: Yankton (T)  
27  
State Journalism @Brookings  
28  
5:30 Baseball: Varsity Game @ Prentiss Park  
7:30 Baseball: JV Game @Prentiss Park  
30  
9am B Tennis: Yankton(T)  
Baseball: Varsity Game @Sioux Falls

**MARCH**

1  
6pm Track and Field: Varsity Invitational @USD  
2  
3:30pm B/G Track: EPJ (T)  
3  
TBA - SDHSAA Regions 1 Large Group Contest @VHS  
4  
2:30pm B/G Track Booster Club Invite (H)  
4pm B Tennis: Luverne, MN (H)  
6pm Baseball: Varsity Game @ Prentiss Park  
8pm: Baseball: JV Game @Prentiss Park  
5  
4pm B/G 7th/8th Track Quad @ Beresford  
6  
State Show Choir @ SF O'Gorman  
1pm Baseball: Varsity Game @ Prentiss Park  
3pm Baseball: JV Game @Prentiss Park  
7  
State Student Council @ Sioux Falls  
8  
7pm School Board Meeting @ Al Neuharth Media Center: USD Campus  
State Student Council @ Sioux Falls  
5:30pm Baseball Varsity @Dakota Valley  
7:30pm Baseball: JV Game @ Dakota Valley  
9  
2pm G Golf: Madison (T)  
4pm B Tennis: Brandon Valley (H)  
4pm B/G Track Invite @Canton  
4pm B/G 7th/8th Grade Track: Dakota Valley (T)

11  
4pm G Golf: Canyon (H)  
4pm B/G Track: Lennox (T)  
13  
TBA - ACT Test @VHS  
7:45pm Grand March  
8:30 Prom  
14  
5:30pm Baseball Varsity @ Parkston  
7:30pm Baseball: JV Game @ Parkston  
15  
4pm B Tennis: Harrisburg (H)  
4pm B/G 7th/8th Track: Home  
5:00pm Baseball Varsity @Prentiss Park  
7:00pm Baseball: JV Game @ Prentiss Park  
16  
TBA - B Tennis TBA  
3:30pm B/G Track: Tea Area (T)  
6:30 pm Kindergarten Concert @ VHS  
18  
PIU Day- Early Dismissal- All Schools Dismissed @ 1:30pm  
4pm B/G Track: Lennox (T)  
9am G Golf: EPJ (T)  
5:00pm Baseball Varsity @ Parkston  
7:00pm Baseball: JV Game @ Parkston  
19  
No School- Good Friday  
20  
2:00pm Baseball Varsity @Wagner  
21-22  
No School- Easter  
23  
9am G Golf Invite @Dakota Valley  
4pm B/G Track: Dakota Valley (T)  
11am B Tennis Triangle: (H)  
7pm School Board Meeting @VHS Library  
25  
1pm B Tennis: SF Christian (T)  
2pm B/G Track: Yankton (T)  
State Jazz Band @Brandon Valley  
5:30pm Baseball Varsity @Prentiss Park  
7:30pm Baseball: JV Game @ Prentiss Park  
26  
4pm G Golf Quad: TBA  
12pm B/G 7th/8th Track: Yankton (T)  
State Jazz Band @Brandon Valley  
5:00pm Baseball Varsity @ Parkston  
7:30pm Baseball: JV Game @ Parkston  
27  
Booster Club VHS Hall of Fame  
State Jazz Band @Brandon Valley  
29  
10:30am B Tennis: Mitchell (T)  
5:00pm Baseball Varsity @ Beresford  
7:00pm Baseball: JV Game @ Beresford  
30  
9am G Golf Invite @Dell Rapids



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## March's **PAUSE** 4 Diversity

BY ZADYA ABBOTT

### A Month Dedicated to HERstory

As students getting ready to see the world from outside the walls of our high school, it is important to learn and understand the role of women in our world's history and the role of societal ideals that seek to silence them. History is no stranger to the art of silencing women and their accomplishments. Females have had to fight for rights from that of voting to equal pay.

It was August 4th, 1981, when Congress passed Public Law

97-28. That law made the week of March 7th, "Women's History Week." Then in 1987, following a petition from the National Women's History Project, Public Law 100-9 was passed. This act of Congress resulted in the entire month of March being dedicated to the known and unknown roles of women in history (womenshistorymonth.gov/about/).

In 2016, a digital media campaign known as #HERstory was launched. The goal of the campaign being is to highlight the revolutionary roles of women in history and current time. Since then social media has served as a platform for which to

learn about females in history and to listen to women as they share their personal stories of oppression from

a society built to honor a patriarchy. This celebration of female excellence, both historically and presently, allows young girls, like myself, to foster a concrete belief that their accomplishments could hold recognized historic clout. Talk about inspiring a generation!

In recognition of of social media, I took to asked if anyone had any t

this month's Pause For Diversity. The following were their responses:



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### OVERHEARDS

*"You built like Callow"*  
-Weight Room

*"I AM a transgender for gravity...suzell fell on the tree before everyone else"*  
-Back Gym

*"I don't know how to use this?"*  
-Chemistry Lab

## Building a Better House



BY STEPHANIE MAGANA & NATALIE KAUFMAN

Every year the Vermillion School District supports its community by building a more affordable house for the general public. Advanced Mechanical Systems (AMS) Building, specializes in providing commercial heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning services nationwide. Starting this year, AMS has teamed up with Mark Pier's Residential Construction class at Vermillion High School. The house that is being built this year is being funded by AMS instead of the district. Every two weeks, AMS visits the class to give instructions, offer training to the students, critique their progress, and help point them in the right direction.

This process usually takes an entire school year. Despite having a lower amount of students than previous years, Mr. Pier still splits the students into groups, getting the jobs done just as well. In these groups, they build the house from the ground up and they do the carpentry, the insulation, the electrical, and as much of the roofing and plumbing as they can. They leave the flooring and whatever didn't get completed to AMS. Afterwards, when they see the house going down the parking lot to its new owners, they come to the realization of what they've just accomplished.

Some would question if a house built by high schoolers is trustworthy, but rest assured these students are required to show up on time, wear appropriate clothing, and conduct themselves in a professional manner. Mark Pier encourages the community to come and check the progress of the students. After all, the house is being built with community impact in mind.

## Go Green Team!

BY MADDI KALLSEN

The Green Team of Vermillion High School is a club dedicated to making the school more environmentally conscious and friendly. The Green Team focuses their time and energy on volunteer work and helping the community. The club has recently volunteered at the recycling center and various local farms, as well as picking up trash around town.

Green Team's mission statement is quite simple: "We intend to make the school greener as part of an environmentally conscious community. Within the last month, The Green Team has teamed up with Greening Vermillion, a local organization dedicated to educating the community about humanity's impact on the physical world and reducing Vermillion's footprint. With spring and Earth Day coming, there are many new volunteer opportunities. Greening Vermillion is helping host and sponsor Earth Day events within the week of April 23rd through the 27th. Events will include tree plantings, Winona LaDuke and Annie Humphrey joint performance, a concert, hikes, movies and a gala along with many more fun ways to get involved in helping the environment. More information is provided on [greeningvermillion.org](http://greeningvermillion.org).

As the president of the club, I can formally say The Green Team has a strong cause and is working hard for that cause. Without the wellbeing of the Earth in mind, it can be difficult to live a healthy life. With that in mind, The Green Team is dedicated to the health of the planet on a local level and looks forward to the future!

## HOSA: Educating for Health

BY KEEGAN RETZLAFF

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a new club beginning this year at Vermillion High School. Students began working to have the HOSA club at VHS since last year. The club, of about 17 members, has monthly meetings to talk about how to fundraise forevents, and having speakers come and give presentations. Presentations are about various subjects such as what to do in case of a fire or emergency.

State HOSA is March 28th-29th at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls. Here they compete in six health related categories, each with subcategories. The main categories include Health Professions with ten subcategories, Emergency Preparedness with three subcategories, Leadership with seven subcategories, Teamwork with twelve subcategories, Health Science with six subcategories, and Recognition Events with five subcategories. The members of the club will participate in categories of their choosing.

The club is hoping for more members to join next year! Benefits of joining this club include the opportunity for a number of scholarships, career opportunities, and a HOSA certificate. For information on joining HOSA, please contact Mrs. Wallin.

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## DAYDREAM NATION

BY TYLER MANN

Here it is. My personal big one. My favorite piece of media of all time ever. Sonic Youth's 1988 double album, Daydream Nation. But why is it my favorite? Well, I like it more than anything else. Unfortunately, that isn't an interesting explanation. I instead will chronicle my love for Daydream Nation in a verbose and lengthy manner, with the paragraphs divided based on the instrumentals first, and vocals and lyrics second.

This is an extremely visceral album, and is best enjoyed while darting down the highway at 70 miles per hour. The pure speed and loud, noisy sonic scope of the opening tracks, "Teen Age Riot", and "Silver Rocket" lend themselves best to this. The former is 80's alt rock in its purest form, with the jangly opening giving way to a speedy riff, with its carefree attitude never leaving throughout its seven minute runtime. "Silver Rocket", along with "Cross The Breeze", show the crux of the album's sound. This album fuses punk aggression with noisy, avant-garde soundscapes in the most perfect way. "Eric's Trip" and "Hey Joni" are the most accessible songs on the album, because despite keeping with Thurston Moore and Lee Ranaldo's rabid guitar noise, they both have fairly typical pop structures, while the song they sandwich, "Total Trash", has no typical structure at all. It opens with a couple of verses, before launching into four minutes of thrashy guitars sounding like jackhammers and the painful cries of some alien species, before ending with another verse (this time slowed down). The song following this trio, "Providence", is a necessary calm moment for the album. It consists of three factors: a downtrodden piano track, a guitar amp hissing, and the recording of a voicemail from a friend of the band's. These factors combine

to make an ambient and quite beautiful piece of work. The beauty continues with the opening guitar arpeggios of the following song, "Candle". However, the chaos returns soon enough in a glorious way in the song's breakdown. "Rain King" is the bleakest moment on the album with the



heavy guitars sounding like the music for some nuclear wasteland, and the relentless drums never giving up their pace. To close out the album is "Trilogy" a 14 minute epic with three distinct sections, the first two being freewheeling and long winded, and the third being tense, short and the most clear homage to punk on the album.

Instrumentally, the album sounds uncalculated, despite being so. Vocally and lyrically, however, the album sounds uncalculated, most likely because it was. Moore and Ranaldo talk with the slightest hint of melody, although on some songs like "Candle", Moore adds a boyish strain to his voice which comes off well. Bassist Kim Gordon grunts and moans her way through her songs. She's at her most primal on "The Sprawl" and "Cross The Breeze", both of which she sounds furious on. These vocal styles, particu-

larly Gordon's, are off putting for some but I enjoy them as they fit the rawness of the music perfectly. Lyrically, it's clear their words are not the band's main focus. Gordon is the most authentic in this regard, with her best moment being "Kissability", a track about the problems women face in the entertainment industry. On the flip side, Moore and Ranaldo's tracks seem to lack a strong point, and instead aim to play with the English language and how words sound. If anyone can tell me the message or story in songs like "Total Trash" or "Rain King", it would be greatly appreciated. However, each have a couple songs with clarity. "Teen Age Riot", the Moore led opener, is about just that, and Ranaldo's "Eric's Trip" details a bad acid trip and borrows lyrics from an Andy Warhol film.

Daydream Nation can be quite a challenging album upon first listen, with its long runtime and noisy, suffocating demeanor; pushing through that initial challenge is wholly rewarding, and after that Daydream Nation can be unearthed as one of the greatest albums to be recorded in rock history.

### Report Card

**Composition:** A+  
**Performances:** A+  
**Production:** A+  
**Lyrics:** A+

Listen on YouTube!



Album Label: Enigma; October 18, 1988

### WORDFIND

BY LILLIAN MOCKLER

### March

D T L R B S X J P H D G W S N  
A N M E A C U O X P U D E X  
D B H V P L S O E O Z S E J L  
L M E X O R R K T M H R Y U O  
O A I V N Y E O E A G Y K P W  
G L E O D F F C M T U F C S S  
U R B J H G N R H H B M U R V  
Q L U Z O O O A S A O A Y Z F  
W E G L I C O I B P U A L F U  
O P D L K U W N A E R N W L O  
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POT OF GOLD  
GOLD  
LEPRECHAUN  
IRISH  
MARCHMADNESS  
BASKETBALL  
LION  
LAMB  
SPRING  
YELLOW

## Cards + Magic

WITH NATE BOHNSACK

The second card trick of this series is a prediction card trick. This trick only involves eight out of the fifty-two cards. The first step is to take out all the kings and all the queens. Separate the kings and queens, then place them in CHaSeD order. CHaSeD order is an acronym for Clubs, Hearts, Spades, and Diamonds. After putting the cards in CHaSeD order, you're going to put the cards face up and put the kings on top of the queens. Once you've done that, you're going to fan the cards out and have your spectator memorize any one card. After they have done this you are going to do what is called in-joggin n'

out-joggin (see QR code for a more in depth description of in-joggin n' out-joggin).

After jogging, take the four cards you have 'out jogged' and show them to the spectator. Ask them if their card is one of the four spectator's cards. If they say yes, put those four cards on top of the four cards in your opposite hand. If they say no put the four cards on the bottom of the ones in your opposite hand.

Step two is essentially repeating the beginning. If they say no, put the cards on TOP of the pile in your opposite hand. If they say yes, put them on the BOTTOM of the cards in your opposite hand.

Step three is, again, the same as step one. If you don't understand, use the QR code at the bottom of the article. Now after you have done those steps you're going to deal the cards from left to right into two piles. Now it's helpful to have three questions prepared so you can ask the person what their card is. The first question I typically use is, "Is your card a king or a queen?" Flip the right pile over and reveal if it was a king or a queen. Then ask for confirmation from your spectator. Now take the left pile and deal

it out from left to right into two more piles. Then ask your second question; my question usually is "Is your card black or red." After you have asked the question, flip the right pile over. Ask the spectator for confirmation on if the cards are right.

Now, you're going to take the left pile and move the top card to the left. Commence to ask your question. Depending on what the color is, I ask if their card is a heart or diamond, or if their card is a spade or club. After asking the question, turn over the pile on the right. There should be only one card face down. Ask them what their card was and after they tell you, flip the final card over and you're done.

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