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## FLETCHER HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE

By: Sabrina Ziebro

On Monday, January 22nd, senior Katelyn Fletcher held a Blood Drive for the school and community that was sponsored by LifeServe Blood Center. This blood drive was held in Spencer Gym from 9am to 3pm and opened to the community and all students and staff in the Spencer Campus. Each donor helps save 3 lives and also has the ability to find out their blood type! Katelyn also was eligible to receive a scholarship based on the amount of recipients that registered. Although the rescheduled basketball games didn't allow basketball players to donate, there was still an amazing turnout of 25 eligible donors throughout the day! This made Katelyn eligible for a \$250 scholarship from the LifeServe Blood Center. Participants then could help themselves to a variety of snacks and bottled water after their donation. Thank you to all community members, students, and staff that participated in this wonderful cause and gave her this opportunity!



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## PAIN PASSES, BEAUTY REMAINS

By Jacob Corrado

Starting in August, the Boyd County Student Senate members Sabrina Ziebro, Aurora Ziebro, and Katelyn Fletcher set out on a project to prevent suicide. The project, titled Pain Passes Beauty Remains, seeks to teach kids how to help their friends who may be struggling. As part of the project the 7th through 12th grade students of each school in the Niobrara Valley Conference will be receiving "care bags."

Each "care bag" contains a stress ball and locker magnet with the 988 suicide hotline number, along with a brochure on how to approach the topic with a friend who may be considering suicide. The brochure touches on some signs to look for, how to start a conversation about the subject, what to do during the conversation, and how to proceed after the conversation. The brochure also lists two sources, Seize the Awkward and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, that they can access with further information on the topic. The bags will be distributed on a date to be determined. Along with the care bags, on Feb 21, an assembly will be held with Donna Wolff speaking on suicide. This project was made possible thanks to the Holt/Boyd Coalition and their generous donation!





# SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT



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### SUMMERLAND SPEECH MEET

By Zoë Kaczor

Kicking off the speech season, the Boyd County Speech team attended the Summerland Speech Meet. This was a great opportunity for the speakers to get started and present in a competitive setting. This meet was successful with three competitors medaling in one of their events. Brookly Eckert and McKenzie Snyder placed in Entertainment with Brooklyn receiving 3rd and McKenzie receiving 6th. Elizabeth Kersch received 2nd place in Program of Oral Interpretation.

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### 5TH & 6TH GRADE BOOK BOXES

By Zoë Kaczor

The fifth and sixth grade classes made what are called dioramas, also called "a book in a box". This was a great opportunity for students to showcase their creativity. The students chose a book of their choice to read and created a box that illustrated a scene from that story. They used a variety of items to create their book boxes from legos to pictures to figurines. Some even used cotton balls, colored paper, and cardboard to add more to their scenes. Each student also wrote a summary as part of their project. Community members were invited to view the dioramas and listen to presentations from the students. It was a fun event for both the students and community members.



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### CERAMICS COMES TO BOYD COUNTY

By Jacob Corrado

For the first time Boyd County Public Schools have an actual ceramics program. Students in art classes taught by Rebecca Hyatt will be working with clay. Specifically in the advanced art classes students will get to use a pottery wheel. Projects have already begun but before anyone could work with clay they were taught some terms and rules for working with clay. Students in advanced art will be doing a variety of projects involving clay starting with a hand built vase. Following that they will be designing and building a cookie jar. Then they will be doing a wheel throwing a vase. After wheel throwing is done, students will write a small essay comparing and contrasting hand building and wheel throwing. The final planned project will be designing and building a chip and dip bowl.



## SPORTS >

### GIRLS SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

By Sabrina Ziebro

On Thursday, January 25th, the girls basketball team had their Senior Recognition/Parents Night. This year's seniors being highlighted were Paige Drueke, Lanie Lechtenberg, McKenzie Snyder and Sabrina Ziebro. These players were recognized with gifts from the coaches as well as a small writing telling about their time with the team and their future plans. The ladies then gave their parents a single rose and candy bar to show them their appreciation. After pictures were taken, and speeches were finished, the ladies continued on to battle the Burke Lady Cougars in one of their final home games.

