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COVID-19 vaccines arrive in South Dakota

BY NEVAEH STARR

Almost a year after the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in the U.S., vaccines for the virus are being distributed across the country. South Dakota received its first distribution of Pfizer vaccines on December 14, with Rapid City and Sioux Falls among the first in the state to get the vaccines.

With over 884,000 people living in the state, many residents have questions about who will receive the first doses. To address this concern, the South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH) has put into place a vaccination plan, which includes three phases. Those that have already been vaccinated include frontline healthcare and long long-term care facility workers, long-term care residents, law enforcement, and emergency medical service (EMS) workers.

As of January 18, South Dakota is now on the fourth subphase of phase one. This category includes people aged 65+, high-risk patients, teachers and college staff, and persons with two or more medical conditions- a diverse group with an estimated population of over 330,000 people. The next and final group in phase one includes critical infrastructure workers such as those in water, food service, agriculture, shelter and housing, transportation, manufacturing, and communications. The state hopes to begin vaccinating this group in April of 2021.

For more information on South Dakota's COVID-19 vaccination schedule, visit SDDOH's website (<https://doh.sd.gov/Covid/default.aspx>).

Attack on Capitol Hill

BY RUBEN BOWEN

Twenty-four hours after the Georgia election runoffs, Trump supporters stormed the United States Capitol Building. This was amid the joint session of the United States Congress to count the electoral votes two weeks before the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

Now being called an insurrection, the event began during a two-hour debate in the Senate and House chambers over an objection to Arizona's election results. Shortly after the recess of Congress, U.S. Capitol Police officers attempted to lock down the complex to no avail. The protesters shattered windows, occupied lawmakers' offices, and stormed empty chambers. Photos emerged showing Capitol Police with weapons drawn and aimed at the doors of the House Chambers because the windows had been smashed. Tear gas was also used in the Capitol Rotunda to help disperse the "protesters." This all happened after weeks of former President Trump denying the 2020 election results and encouraging his followers to fight the finalization of the votes.

The morning of the insurrection, President Trump had a rally on the White House ground. Only fifteen minutes after taking the stage, Trump encouraged his followers to walk across the National Mall and, "...show strength." Trump supporters steadily streamed toward Capitol Hill and were met by another group of supporters (among them was the extremist group The Proud Boys) and tension began to arise. Both groups shared a

common goal, to disrupt the counting of votes and the affirmation of Joe Biden as the next president. Around this time, two pipe bombs were found and carefully dealt with at the Republican and Democratic National Committee headquarters in D.C.

The crowd breached the east barrier of the Capitol (the last and only defense along that side of the building) and began to force entry into the building. The mob then broke through the last of the west wing barriers. Only one floor separated the lawmakers from the crowd. Inside the Senate Chambers, however, lawmakers were oblivious to the extent of the breach. Police continued to clash with rioters inside the Capitol for three hours until the U.S. Sergeant At Arms announced that the building was secure, and lawmakers could continue their deliberations.

The investigation into the event has exposed that several extremist groups- The Three Percenters, The Oath Keepers, Proud Boys, Texas Freedom Force, and other self-described Nazis- all took part in carefully organizing the insurrection. Strong evidence also suggests that these groups could have been in communication with each other over social media outlets like Facebook.

As of January 24, the insurrection has a death toll of five. Among them was a Capitol officer who suffered a severe blow to the head, allegedly by a fire extinguisher. *(Continued on page 2)*

(Continued from page 1) The first to be pronounced dead with a direct correlation of the violence was a woman who was fatally shot and wounded by an officer. Two men in their mid-to-late fifties suffered from a heart attack and a stroke amid the violence, and a woman, whose death is being cited as a “medical emergency” collapsed during the violence and later died. As the investigation is still ongoing, not much else is known about victims.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) quickly began their investigation and arrest of participants in the insurrection. On January 12, D.C. Attorney Michael Sherwin stated the FBI has over 170 subject files, and as of January 15, the FBI positively identified upwards of 270 participants, with over 100 taken into custody. It is predicted that there will be several hundred arrested at the end of the investigation.

In response to the violence, many lawmakers took to social media platforms such as Twitter and news stations to express their outrage. South Dakota’s Rep. Dusty Johnson, in an interview with Keloland News,

had this to say: “This is just a terrible situation[.] [T]oo many people have been sowing the seeds of anger and division and this is what we get because of that. This is the tragic harvest, and it needs to stop.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was also very vocal about the insurrection, stating this on the Senate floor: “The United States and the United States Congress have faced down much greater threats than the unhinged crowd we saw today. We have never been deterred before; we’ll be not deterred today. They tried to disrupt our democracy. They failed.”

U.S. political figures aren’t the only ones to comment on the violence. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, and several other prominent world leaders called the violence “attacks on democracy.” They call for a peaceful transition of power, not only for the sake of the U.S. but for the sake of the world.

COVID-19 vaccines will save millions of lives

BY NEVAEH STARR

When Sandra Lindsay, a critical care nurse in Queens, New York, was jabbed in the arm on December 14, she made history as the first American citizen to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. The two major vaccines, Moderna and Pfizer, are a wonder of science. The Center for Disease Control estimates that the vaccines have a 94.1% and 95.0% effectiveness rate respectively. These are potentially life-saving vaccines, and after the death of almost 425,000 Americans, why do so many people refuse to take it?

Even now, more than a year and 2 million deaths worldwide later, some Americans don’t believe the virus is dangerous. Early on in the pandemic, there were still many misconceptions about COVID-19. The mass outbreak left many people reeling, including scientists and healthcare workers who felt ill-prepared in the face of such a deadly disease. Every day, information about the virus such as symptoms and suitable prevention methods changed, leaving many frustrated and confused. The inconsistent response from the government lost many American’s respect for their authority.

Others believe the lies spread by social media, misinformed friends and family, and

popular news sites. The most widespread and acknowledged belief is that COVID-19 can be compared to ordinary afflictions like influenza and the common cold.

Former President of the United States Donald Trump contributed to those claims, oftentimes spreading misinformation to millions of Americans. He’s famously compared the virus to the common flu, remarking during a briefing in February of 2021, “This is a flu. This is like a flu. It’s a little like a regular flu that we have flu shots for.” Trump also took to social media sites like Twitter to share his thoughts. In March of 2020, he tweeted,

“...last year 37,000 Americans died from the common Flu. It averages between 27,000 and 70,000 per year. Nothing is shut down, life & the economy go on. At this moment there are 546 confirmed cases of CoronaVirus, with 22 deaths. Think about that!” In a now leaked interview, Trump admitted to knowing that COVID was “...more deadly than even your strenuous flu.” as early as February 2020.

Finally, the vaccines themselves scare people away. Vaccines have been subject to many conspiracy theories for decades, and Moderna and Pfizer are no exception. One theory claims

that the mRNA used in the vaccines can alter human DNA. Other theories state that COVID-19 vaccines contain microchips meant to track recipients. Another accuse them of causing autism and other chronic illnesses. All of these claims have since been proven false. Still, hundreds of thousands of people worldwide refuse to be vaccinated in fear of falling victim to the false ideology. The sad fact is that oftentimes, misinformation can overshadow the truth.

In reality, no COVID-19 vaccine trials have reported any serious safety concerns. The CDC has reported mild side-effects such as swelling at the injection site, headache, chills, and fever.

While a small number of people have experienced severe allergic reactions, medicines are available to successfully treat the reaction. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the CDC are constantly monitoring vaccine distribution and encouraging people to talk to their doctor before receiving the vaccine. Those that have had severe reactions to injectable medications in the past may still get vaccinated.

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(Continued from page 2) Getting vaccinated is not only in your best interest, but in the interest of others as well. When a large part of a population is immune to a disease, known as herd immunity, the spread of disease from person to person decreases drastically. Herd immunity is important to high-risk individuals like babies, cancer-patients, and those with chronic illnesses. With such a highly contagious disease like COVID-19, preventing the spread is critical to saving millions of lives.

The United States is the leading nation for both COVID-19 cases and deaths. If you are able to do so, getting vaccinated is crucial to ending the pandemic. It will prevent you from spreading the potentially fatal disease to coworkers, friends, and family. For more information, please visit the CDC's website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>).

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Biden's first steps make many cautiously optimistic for what's to come

BY RUBEN BOWEN

January 20, 2021 was President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s official Inauguration. A day that, to many, could not have arrived sooner; and for others, a day that should have never come. Tuning into the live stream of President Biden's Inaugural Address, a common concern for many watching was, "I hope something bad doesn't happen." Fortunately, no violence arose at the inauguration events.

The common theme for the inauguration called for a "America unified." The president did not waste time in addressing this core value, saying, "The American story depends not on any one of us, not on some of us, but on all of us."

In Biden's address to the American people, he said "Today, we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause, the cause of democracy." This statement was closely tied to his call for unity and was a clear response to the attempted Capital Insurrection on January 6.

On all sides of the political spectrum, viewers were, for the most part, pleased, and even inspired by the eloquent and powerful rhetoric that the speech held. The Biden administration made very clear that Inauguration Day should not be a celebration of Biden but a celebration of the American people.

Biden was not the only one who stole the show that day. Inaugural Poet Amanda Gorman caught the attention of America as the youngest inaugural poet at age 22. In very powerful, dynamic, and propulsive verses, Gorman reiterated many of the themes that President Biden addressed, including unity, healing, grief and hope, the painful history of the American experience, and the redemptive power of American ideals. Gorman also used a powerful line from the Broadway play *Hamilton*; "History has its eyes on us," a variation of the *Hamilton* song *History Has Its Eyes on You*.

President Biden is wasting no time getting down to business. Within the first twenty-four hours of his inauguration, he signed 15 executive orders, totalling more than each of the last four presidents in their first two weeks of holding office. Most of the executive actions address the COVID-19 pandemic and the undoing of some major legislation that took place during the Trump Presidency.

While many Americans consider this a positive turning point in American history, it is crucial we watch the Biden Administration with careful eyes over the next four years. We as Americans must hold this office with high esteem and be critical of actions taken because it is a blind devotion that led to the violence in the Capitol. I cautiously look forward to what is to come with this presidency, and I encourage you to do your own research throughout his term.

The Lows of 2020

BY STUDENT WRITERS

March 13- the fateful day that affected the rest of the year is well remembered by all. It began when the school board announced that school was cancelled for the rest of the week. Elated students celebrated their long weekend. Little did they know that this would be the end of the (in person) school year. Many students missed their friends and classmates. Because classes were conducted over Zoom meetings, some students felt like this prevented them from truly learning and understanding concepts. Other students enjoyed learning in the comfort of their homes.

Several dates were released for the return of in-person teaching, but they were repeatedly pushed further and further back. This led to an upset for many seniors as events like prom and graduation were canceled.

Many teachers also struggled with the abrupt change. They had to adapt to assigning homework online and communicating with their students via Zoom and email. They also had to manage uncompromising students and those with no motivation to learn.

Despite differing opinions, everyone can agree that last March was strange and unprecedented. Hopefully, 2021 will be kinder to teachers and students alike.

-Natia Mchedlidze

I had quite a few lows last year. First, I hated online school. Learning on a new platform was difficult for me. During the start of quarantine, I worked hard to make sure to get my homework done in a timely manner. But as we got closer toward the end of the year, I gave up on that. Staring at a screen all day makes it hard to stay focused and motivated. Another low for me was the SDS dance recital getting canceled. I have been in dance for around 13 years now, and 2020 was the first year we didn't have a recital. We worked so hard for about 5 months before quarantine just for the recital to get canceled. It was heartbreaking for everyone.

-RhyAnna Schoenhard

The year 2020 was full of lows, the most devastating being the pandemic. COVID-19 ruined this year for everyone around the world. It canceled school, ended sports seasons, and so much more. In America, police brutality inflicted on African Americans was widespread, and violent riots broke out across the nation. Tragedy wasn't just isolated in the United States, however. In Beirut, a devastating explosion destroyed large sections of the city. A fire along the Port of Beirut spread to a warehouse that was storing ammonium nitrate, a very reactive chemical. The explosion that followed killed 204 people and left 300,000 people homeless.

-Lincoln Kienholz

When the high school got hit hard with COVID-19 cases around September, I ended up getting it. I had to quarantine for two weeks without being able to see my family and friends. It was about the middle of the tennis season when I got COVID-19 so that made the situation even worse. I got COVID-19 in the middle of the tennis season, and I had to miss one of our biggest home matches and almost ESD. Fortunately, I ended up getting better before ESD. I didn't feel like my normal self playing, however, and I ended up seeding 3rd and getting 5th place.

-Kourtney Walti

Quick Quotes

"Widespread unemployment, job uncertainty, and financial problems." -Marlee Shorter

"The death of Kobe Bryant, one of the best basketball players of all time." -Caden Thompson

"The year started with disastrous fires in Australia and California. Then, in March, quarantine led to a toilet paper shortage. Finally, the United States presidential election tore the country apart." -Kendra Rounds

"As someone who constantly has cuts on his hands, having to reapply hand sanitizer multiple times a day was the absolute worst."

-Arthur Hodges

"The seniors were unable to play hockey at state."

-Colin Lee

"The deaths of George Floyd and Brianna Taylor."

-Ellie Noyes

The Highs of 2020

BY STUDENT WRITERS

Quick Quotes

"The election was a good time to reflect on our country and determine what needs to be changed. We also experienced a record voter turnout."

-Maya Shorter

"I used the time off from school to practice old hobbies and learn new ones, like knitting and crotcheting."

-Ellie Noyes

"For me, the highs of 2020 revolved around music. During 2020, I started creating music. I wrote rap songs and then began producing music. Now, it's one of my favorite things to do." -Nathan Carlson

"I tried out for the chamber choir and got in. As a result, I gained confidence and was happy with my success. I also met new people at my work and became comfortable talking to new people."

-Xzaylin Henderson

Twenty-twenty proved that humans can come together even in the worst of times. Scientists created a life-saving vaccine in less than a year and thousands of people volunteered to get tested for the vaccine. Space X made advancements in the space industry and successfully launched two people into space. The Congo discharged its last Ebola patient, and Polio was eradicated entirely on the African continent. 2020 also saw more coal plants close than new ones open, as more people are turning to clean energy. Fourteen nations came together to clean the oceans, and an area the size of Africa will be used to restore fish populations and reefs. Last year truly demonstrated how people can come together to make the world a better place. So, maybe 2020 was not as bad as it seemed. -Carter Gordon

One of the highs of 2020 was the attention that was brought to the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. Even though the movement has been around for several years, there was a surge in support for it this year. Although the events that caused the BLM movement are tragic, they have brought people together and informed Americans about major flaws in the system our country is built on. Racism has been and still is a big problem in our country, but it's good that it is being recognized and reformed. - Dani DeVaney

One highlight of last year was pottery class with Ms. Staskewitch. Among other projects, we made pinch pots, vases, cups, and bowls. We also learned how to wheel throw. Wheel throwing requires potters to shape-up and create pottery on a spinning disc. It's intimidating to many students at first, but by the time they make a few projects on the wheel, they learn to love it. (Albeit with some help from Ms.S. Thank you Ms.S!)

Most of the time pottery is made without using a wheel. Projects like coil pots use different methods of rolling clay and adding it to your project. Potters can add on little details, write messages on projects, and glaze them in any colors they wish. Each and every project is distinctly unique.

For many students, relaxation and enjoyment in pottery class has helped them during these stressful times. Creating and painting pottery has been an emotional outlet for students and has allowed them to express their creativity. Most of all, pottery is a fun activity that everyone can enjoy, regardless of the circumstances this year. -Natia Mchedlidze

Despite the lows of 2020, I believe the highs outnumber the lows. First, COVID-19 forced families to come together and realize how lucky they are to have a support system. It forced us to get along with each other and live with what we have. Next, for me, I had the chance to experience nature and wildlife. I hunted and fished with my friends and had a particularly good day catching pike. Finally, I got to play sports this summer and haven't missed a season. In baseball, my team placed fourth at State and played the entire season. My football team also did well, winning the South Dakota State Championship for the fourth year in a row. And so far, the high school basketball team is planning on playing the entire season and is hoping to make it State. -Lincoln Keinholz

Riggs Theatre Program to perform two plays

BY DANI DEVANEY AND NATHAN DEGREEF

Members of the T.F. Riggs Theatre Program have been working hard these past few weeks in preparation for their upcoming performances on January 29 and February 1. They'll be performing two plays, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Least Offensive Play in the Whole Darn World*.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, which will be directed by Ms. Hodges, is this year's competition play. In this play, the stakes are high and the deadlines even tighter for poor Jack Worthing, whose alter ego "Ernest" comes back to haunt him in the form of his rakish friend Algernon Montcrieff, who adopts the false identity to woo Jack's ward, Cecily. But Jack-as-Ernest has just proposed to Algernon's

cousin Gwendolen, to the great disapproval of her mother, the rigid Lady Bracknell. When the two ladies, both engaged to Ernest Worthing, meet up, chaos ensues.

This year there will also be a student-directed play, directed by William Hodges and Mesa Winder, *The Least Offensive Play in the Whole Darn World* by Jonathan Rand. This play is about a new product called the ScriptCleaner5000 that will remove any content from your play that is "too offensive" for your high school drama department to perform. No need to worry about any scenes containing violence, profanity, drugs, or anything else you wouldn't want your grandma to see you talking about on stage because Tom and Shelly are here

to sell you this revolutionary product.

The performances will be on January 29 and February 1, both at 7:00 pm in the theater. The Least Offensive Play in the Whole Darn World, with a run time of 30 minutes, will go first. There will be a brief intermission and then students will perform *The Importance of Being Earnest*, which has a run time of about 40 minutes.

Director Ms. Hodges is excited for the impending productions saying, "We're really excited to get to perform in front of an actual audience this time; we've missed the energy that a real audience provides." The cast and crew can't wait to perform, and they hope to see all of you there!

Students play *Among Us* with NASA flight controller Ryan Brown

BY NEVAEH STARR

STEM Savvy members had the opportunity to talk to flight controller Ryan Brown. In between rounds of the popular game *Among Us*, they shared interesting facts related to the tasks located on the map and discussed Brown's experience working at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Ryan Brown by no means had an easy childhood. He grew up in a single-parent home with a mom struggling with addiction. At the young age of 15, he began living with his 18-year-old cousin and started working long hours to afford rent. His financial situation forced him to drop out of high school with a General Education Diploma (GED) half-way through his senior year. He then went to serve in the military for the next eight years before attending South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Brown interned for NASA while there and upon graduating, he earned a job in Houston, Texas, working for NASA's mission control. At NASA his job was to maintain the communication link to the International Space Station's (ISS) satellites so astronauts could communicate with ground control.

Although happy with his job in Houston, Brown moved back to South Dakota to be closer to family and friends. He quickly earned a job at the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center in Sioux Falls distributing planetary data satellites collect to the scientific community for them to analyze. Brown loves all aspects of his job, but his favorite part is taking care of people. "When you work with people who are willing to bend over backward to get the job done, it's important to help them manage their jobs with their personal lives.



Riggs students Isaak Rombough (11), Devin Hemmelmén (12), Nevaeh Starr (11), and Jacob Roberts (11) join speaker Ryan Brown to play "Among Us"

My job as a manager is to make sure that the people who work for me have everything they need to be successful."

Ryan Brown's journey from high school dropout to NASA's International Space Station is an inspiring one. He left members with great advice: "Don't let yourself be the limiting factor of pursuing what you want to accomplish." Like Brown, those that truly believe in their potential will achieve great things.

Go Gobs! T.F Riggs creates new girls wrestling team

BY MADISON MURPHY

The year 2020 has been full of surprises; so, it’s no shock to learn that the Pierre School District has added the first ever girls wrestling team to its athletic program.

Newly sanctioned, the girls wrestling team is headed by boys wrestling coach Shawn Lewis. The team consists of twelve girls from the middle school and eight from the high school: Londyn Allen-Hunsaker, Sophia Aufdermauer-Wallberg, Hattie Baldwin, Kezrey Benning, Atana Bernie-Blue, Mary Chessmore, Abbigail Garrett, Emalee Larson, Ciara McFarling, Mary Mehlhaff, Marlee Shorter, GiannaMaria Stangeland, Mylie Taylor, Kaylee Tostenson, Kyanne Traversie-Johnson, Sydney Uhrig, Taylor Warriner, and Wylynn Wind.

This season is many of the athletes’ first-time wrestling and though they have had little time to practice, the team has entered the wrestling ring with excellence. Sophomore Mary Mehlhaff says, “We’ve had a good season so far. Each tournament Pierre usually gets either first or second place.”

During practice, the team does takedowns, six-minute matches between teammates, shots, fat man rolls, working bottom and top. As a result of this hard work, many of these first-time wrestlers hold winning records, such as sophomores Ciara McFarling, Marlee Shorter, and GiannaMaria Stangeland, with records 9-1, 12-1, and 12-6, respectively.

Girls wrestling is one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation. Before this season, girls participating in wrestling have had to wrestle boys as there was no team for them. Now, with a total of 48 high schools across South Dakota supporting women’s wrestling, the girls wrestle other girls.

Overall, the team has experienced great success and their hard-work in practice is demonstrated during their matches. The team looks forward to the rest of their season and cannot wait for ESD and State.



Mary Mehlhaff (10) puts Emalee Larson (10) in a cross-face during wrestle-offs. Both of the girls have enjoyed their wrestling season.

Lady Gobs basketball team breaks losing streak

BY KARA WEISS

Although they started the season with two tough losses against Harrisburg and Huron, losing 61-48 and 72-71 respectively, the Lady Gobs are doing well overall, holding a current record of 5-5 and seeding tenth in the state overall.

The girls traveled to the Black Hills to play Sturgis and Spearfish, breaking their losing streak and bringing home two wins. The team then hosted four games in a row; beating Watertown (56-47), losing to Sioux Falls O’Gorman (58-21) and Rapid City Stevens (59-40), and then defeating Rapid City Central (46-45). The Lady Gobs also celebrated

senior night with a win, honoring Caytee Williams, Kenzie Gronlund, and Jessica Lutmer.

The team then competed in Mitchell and faced a close loss against the Kernels but took a strong win in Douglas. Head Coach Kirk Beebout is quite happy with how the team has come along and hopes to keep the team improving and working hard in order to have a chance at the state tournament in March. The Lady Gobs next play at home on January 26 against Aberdeen Central, so make sure to come and show your support!

<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Girls' Basketball</u>	<u>Boys' Basketball</u>	<u>Swim Team</u>
Last match: 2nd place at Brookings Invitational	Last game: 51-22 win against Yankton	Last game: 61-52 loss against Yankton	Last meet: January 29-31 in Mitchell
Next match: February 5 vs. Yankton	Next game: February 2 vs. Mitchell	Next game: February 2 vs. Mitchell	Next meet: February 5-7 in Pierre

Sibling rivalry

COLLECTED BY OLIVIA SWENSON

Zach (12), Spencer (11), and Levi (9) Letellier

Q: Who's the favorite of the family?

L: Zach

S: Zach. He gets to do whatever he wants because he refuses to take no for an answer

Z: Me

Q: How would you describe your sibling?

L: Zach is a simp and Spencer is a food blackhole

S: Zach is a simp. Levi is talkative, loud, and bad at singing

Z: Spencer lacks common sense and thinks he can beat me in a fight. Levi is the funny guy and runs his mouth more than he should. He also lacks common sense

Q: What do you like most about your sibling?

L: Spencer helps me with my homework. Zach is never home, so I don't know

S: Zach helps me with my homework sometimes. Levi plays LEGO and Hotwheels with me

Z: Spencer must think I'm cool because he copies me sometimes (e.g dislocating his shoulder). Levi likes to go fishing with me

Q: What do you hate the most?

L: Zach is selfish and doesn't respond when you ask him a question.

Spencer likes to play his guitar very loud

S: Levi is always mad for no reason. Zach always responds to questions with one-word answers

Z: Spencer blames everything on me. Levi blames everything on me

Q: What's the dumbest thing your sibling has ever done?

L: Spencer almost bit off my finger and Zach hooked me in the nose while fishing

S: Levi spray painted his car and Zach almost killed me with a chicken nugget

Z: Too many to count. Spencer once threw a rock at my head and I made a blood trail all the way to the house. Levi stabbed me clean through the skin with a fork

Bachelorette of the month

COLLECTED BY OLIVIA SWENSON

How would you describe yourself in one word?

Caring

What do you look for in a significant other?

Someone with a good personality who is caring and respectful

What's your biggest pet peeve?

When people chew with their mouths open

What's your favorite pickup line?

I don't have one

How would you describe your perfect date?

Anything fun and outdoors

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I hope to be in vet school at Iowa State

If you could describe yourself with a song, what song would it be?

Redneck Woman by Grethen Wilson



Hannah Schochenmaier, 12

If you could travel somewhere, where would you go?

The Bahamas

What movie could you watch over and over again?

8 seconds or Remember the Titans

How would you describe yourself in one word?

Brave

What do you look for in a significant other?

Personality is key

What's your biggest pet peeve?

When people hurt innocent animals or people

What's your favorite pickup line?

"I would never play hide-and-seek with you because someone like you is impossible to find."

How would you describe your perfect date?

Anywhere, as long as she is happy and we are having a good time

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Either in school or making a living in Florida

If you could describe yourself with a song, what song would it be?

"Ice Cold" by Lil Tjay

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Christian LaDeaux, 12

If you could travel somewhere, where would you go?

I would go to heaven to see my relatives

What movie could you watch over and over again?

Transformers: The Last Knight