

# The Lions' Pride.



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## Winter activities: All good things must come to an end

by Mrs. Reade

### Lions' wrestlers go 3-for-3 in finals

Freshman Robert Avila started off the finals at the State wrestling tournament in Des Moines with a win at 126 pounds.

Following this upward tick toward a team title, 2019 Mr. Dan Gable Wrestler of the Year Cael Happel took home gold at 132. "This was my favorite title to win because I did it alongside my brothers: Robbie and Cobe," Happel said.

Sitting in fourth place as a team, senior Cobe Siebrecht catapulted the team to 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his win at 138.

"This was a big stepping stone for me, especially it being my senior year. It feels great to finally accomplish one of my goals that I've been working toward these past couple of years. I can't really describe what it feels like, but it felt good at the time. It's good to go out with a bang my senior year, but now I have to focus on what the future holds for me," Siebrecht said.

Ryne Mohrfeld and Cole Clark also stood on the podium Saturday night. Senior Mohrfeld took home 8<sup>th</sup> at 145 pounds and sophomore Clark walked away with 5<sup>th</sup> place at 182 pounds.

### All-State brings teams from all over

Despite weather delays and cancellations that plagued the large group season, Lisbon's All-Staters shined at last Saturday's All-State festival held at Iowa State University.



Making their way to the mat are contenders Cole Clark, Cobe Siebrecht, Cael Happel, Ryne Mohrfeld, and Robert Avila. (photo by Dawn Happel)



Members of the All-State honored short film "Ebony and Ivory" are (kneeling) Johnny

Mallie and Henry Streuber, (standing left) Mia Knapp, Grace Clark, Bailey Svatosch, Cassie-Kay Ross, Emma Bock, Grace Morningstar, Olivia Hasselmann, and Sam Schrantz. (photo by Mary Morningstar)



One of the first all-girls All-State improv troupes is (left) Sam Bennett, Emily Davis, Hannah Neymeyer, Madi Schnipkoweit, and Emily Schultz. (photo by Mrs. Reade)

## Boys' basketball makes short post-season burst; Girls fall in first round

Despite a game delay, the boys took down Cedar Valley Christian in the opening round of post-season play on Valentine's Day.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, the boys took on the Alburnett Pirates, who are now State bound, and were handed a season-ending loss in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of District play.



Over on the girls' side, Belle Plaine was too much for the Lions back on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The

Plainsmen ended the girls' season with a 46-35 win.



Lisbon senior ballers enjoy their moment at senior night. (left) Hagen Waters, Traysen Schafer, Sam Hendricks, Jacob Gienapp, and Evan Clausen (above) Sam Schrantz, Hannah Neymeyer, and Ingrid Hoff. (photo by @LisbonCSD)

## Life over the Atlantic

by Trent Welch

Over the years, Lisbon has welcomed a variety of cultures to our community and school system including students from Taiwan, Germany, Sweden, and most recently Norway. Many of these visits are short and sweet summer visits, but sometimes these students attend school for a whole year.

Andrea and Eric Hasselbusch are hosting Ingrid Hoff, a foreign exchange student, from Norway. Ingrid is not the first student they have hosted; they have also had students from Germany and Taiwan, including Hoff's sister.

Hoff came from a town 4,000 miles away called Trondheim, Norway.

Culture is a little different on the other side of the North Atlantic.

One way America is set apart from Norway is the food. Hoff said, "The food in Norway is similar to America, but we have a lot more fish and less fast food."



Hoff gets acquainted with the Hasselbusches at the airport upon arriving in the U.S.

Our school systems also vary. In Norway, they study a certain line of duty each week such as sports, electricians, skincare, construction, and general studies. These studies are determined by what the student enjoys and wants to pursue.

Over the years, Lisbon has been host to several foreign exchange students, and it doesn't look like it'll slow down any time soon.

## Brainteaser

by Jarrett Moehlman

**Question:** I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old what am I?

**Answer:** *a candle*





## Individual speech is off and...slipping and sliding

by Mrs. Reade



The Lions' individual speech team has persevered through snow storms, ice storms, bus malfunctions, contest delays, and school cancellations to earn 23 tickets to State.

The Lions' season kicked off with a trip to Edgewood on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> for their Conference contest. 24 events received I ratings while 13 earned II ratings. Renae Hasselbusch took home Best of Center honors for her Musical Theatre ("All for You") AND her After Dinner (Spy Time) performances.

Just this Saturday, despite limited practice time and a delay due to rain, making roads icy and slushy, 16 students will take 23 events to State at North Scott on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

After a long day at Cedar Valley Christian for Individual Event District Contest, this troop is full of smiles and ready to go. (sitting and kneeling) Sam Bennett, Abbie Larson, and Bri Jones. (First row, standing) Jackie Juett, Emily Schultz, Jenna Awbrey, Mercy Hicks, Cassie-Kay Ross, Emma Bock, Natalie Ott, Rachel Masters, Maria Alexander, and Allyssa Jubeck. (back row) Trevor Fernau, Zach Cooley, Johnny Mallie, Ben Larson, Sam Back, Cole Townsend, and Bryce Clausen. (photo by Mrs. Reade)



### Scooby's mystery spot – Can you find it?

by Trent Welch

First one to correctly identify where this spot, snap a selfie with it, and bring it to Mrs. Reade will receive a treat from her goodie bag.



## Athlete of the week: Lisbon's lockdown defender

by Ian Heck

The Lions' road to the 1st round of Districts was long and hard this season. The defensive presence of Emma Howard was one of the biggest forces in the Midland game on the 11th of January leading to the post season.

Howard has always liked defense and sees herself more of a defensive player than anything else. Howard focuses on her defense during practice because she knows she will have to guard the next team's best player week in and out.

"We run a zone defense, and when they have their best scorer on the court, I always guard her," explained Howard.

Howard scored 6 points at the Midland game. She had a strong offensive game, but her defense was even better. She kept the girl she

was guarding (SR Drew Jensen) to only half of the points she averaged coming into the game. Howard kept Jensen to 4 points lower than her PPG average ever since she has played varsity basketball.

"I had 4 steals that game; I don't think I got any blocks, but I held the girl I was guarding to 6 points."

Howard would like to be the defensive presence the Lisbon girls' basketball team needs to beat Belle Plaine in the 1st round of the post season since it has been so long since the girls' basketball team has been able to advance.

"We haven't won a first round game in so long; it'd be really cool if this year was different." Unfortunately, this was not the case as the Plainsmen ended the Lady Lions season.

## J.O.Y Club starts at Lisbon High School

by Jarrett Moehlman



A new group at school this year is called the J.O.Y Club. J.O.Y stands for "Joining Our Youth."

This is a new club for the gay-straight alliance (GSA). Currently, the group has six members headed by Miriam Maudsley.

"You don't have to be a member; you can come in whenever we have our meetings," said Maudsley. "It's open to everyone."

Maudsley says there is a need at our school. "There are a few problems that we have been covering; one of the problems is slurs. I have heard people say racial and sexual slurs toward others."

Maudsley and the group has high hopes. "I would like for the J.O.Y. Club to create friendships among students with differences in religions, sexualities, and genders and improve the sexual education at Lisbon."

The group meets bi-monthly on Wednesdays after school.

## Teacher Baby Boom: Mr. Meyer

by Jarrett Moehlman

Mr. Meyer and his wife are expecting their first child on April 14th. Meyer and his wife did find out if it was a boy or girl. "We do know the gender, but we are not telling anyone," said Meyer.

Meyer said he and his wife have been busy preparing their house for the new arrival. "We have converted the guest bedroom into a nursery. We have a crib, dresser, changing table, and a closet full of clothes all ready to go."

Once the baby arrives, Meyer said, "I'll be out of school for two weeks." He plans on helping his wife with the baby.

When asked how the baby will affect his life, Meyer said, "Our family will grow by one member. Other than that, it's difficult to say exactly how my life will change, perhaps less free time."

