

# Rodeo and birdies pay off

## Belfield & South Heart students earn athletic scholarships for golf, rodeo

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Numerous area students have earned the privilege of continuing their educations and athletic careers at the next level. South Heart golfer Megan Robb will be heading to Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD, while Belfield's Shane Stroh will stay close to home as he competes in saddle-bronc riding for Dickinson State University's rodeo team this fall.

Both students are multi-sport competitors—Robb also played key roles in volleyball and basketball, and Stroh participated in football, basketball, and track & field—but now each will be able to focus on one discipline as they move on to college.

"I want to be around my family, and to me it's just another four years of high school because I'm not leaving the state. But it's right outside my back door, and all my rodeo friends go to Dickinson State, so that was another big part," Stroh said, adding that the new DSU rodeo arena played a major role in his decision. "If they had the same arena as last year, I wouldn't have even thought about coming here. It's a great facility, and the coaches they brought in and the people they're recruiting show they've got a good deal going on."

Stroh is currently ranked 41st overall in North Dakota with 22 points in high-school rodeo. He will join area rodeo standouts Trey Bullinger, Trae Fisher, and Chase Kling, who will also be incoming freshmen on the Blue Hawks' team under new DSU head coach Joe Schmidt.

"Coach Schmidt is getting a lot of good rodeo athletes, and I'm excited for what we've got next year," Stroh said. "Last year he did an amazing job, too, and it was his first year. He

brought in some talent ... I'm beyond excited for that, and he's just doing a great job."

Robb earned the distinction of leading her Heart River Cougars to the North Dakota Class B State Golf title—her second championship in five years (2021)—and she turned in a top-five individual performance at the September 2025 tournament on her home course, Pheasant Country. She captained the team, coached by her father, Kirby, and shot a 79 on the first day of the tournament followed by a 75 on day two.

"I'm very excited. I like the coach (Randy Doran) and the team vibe they have down there, and I love the Spearfish area, so that made it an easy decision," Megan said. "I'll be about three hours from home, so it's far enough away to be on my own but close enough to Dad."

She finished second overall at state and was also the regional champion, earned Class B



Megan Robb

All-Region honors, was named Regional Senior Athlete of the Year and Class B Senior Athlete of the Year, and received All-State Team recognition in a senior season that included five individual wins.

According to a press release from Black Hills State, Robb "accomplished an 11th-place finish in her junior year at state and earned her first regional championship and was named All-Region in a year where she had six individual wins. Her sophomore year, she averaged

an 84 and was named All-State for a seventh-place finish at state and helped lead her team to a regional championship by finishing second at regions and earning an All-Region bid. During her freshman year, she finished third in the region and 13th at state while producing two individual wins. She also played as a seventh and eighth grader and earned All-Region in each of those two years as well.



Shane Stroh

Overall, she earned All-Region six times, All-State twice, helped her team win region six years in a row, played on two state-championship teams in 2021 and 2025 for her father Kirby Robb's squad, and earned 18 individual wins—the most in school history."

Robb will study exercise science with an emphasis on pre-occupational therapy. Stroh has not yet chosen an academic path.

For more information about Belfield Public School and South Heart Public School and their activities, please continue reading the Billings County Pioneer or visit their websites at [www.belfield.k12.nd.us](http://www.belfield.k12.nd.us) or [www.southheart.k12.nd.us](http://www.southheart.k12.nd.us). See the Billings County Pioneer Facebook page for additional photo galleries and videos throughout the baseball, softball, track, and golf seasons.

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In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov), by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at [soselect@nd.gov](mailto:soselect@nd.gov), or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

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