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# Once in a lifetime hunt

By TYSON SMEDSTAD

If you are really lucky, you may get one of these tags, but the odds are against you.

There were 15,334 applicants for a big horn sheep tag, and four were given out in North Dakota.

That's as lucky as winning the lottery. North Dakota Game and Fish says this is the hardest tag to draw in the country because of how many hunters put in and the limited tags given out.

So you can just about imagine how excited 26-year-old Ty Evenson of Garrison was when he was one of the four to get a tag this year.

Evenson has been hunting for as long as he can remember. He used to hunt geese and pheasant with his friends in high school.

Now he goes bow and rifle hunting for white tail deer with his father mostly. They also hunt pheasant and coyotes.

But he has always had his eye on the prize.

"I've been putting in for the sheep, elk and moose tags, the Big Three, since I was 15 years old," Evenson said. "So, 11 years."

He dropped his \$5 registration fee in the mail to enter the lottery without thinking too much about his name being drawn.

"So when I got the tag I was

## AT A GLANCE

This year the Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation auctioned off one sheep hunting tag for nearly \$70,000. (All proceeds from that auction are used to enhance big horn sheep management in North Dakota.)

super pumped," he said. "It didn't seem real!"

Evenson's tag cost \$30.

Sheep tags in other states run upwards for \$40,000.

His first call when he got the notice was to his father.

Evenson's dad, Jerry, also puts in every year for the tag. He has drawn an elk tag years ago, and brought home a cow.

Sheep season runs Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, and you are only able to take male sheep (rams).

That first weekend he headed out to his unit, about 10 miles south of Medora.

"Opening weekend I had my dad, brother-in-law, cousin and two friends from work with me," Evenson said. "We didn't get him opening weekend and ended up going back out Nov. 6 with my cousin, Travis Evenson."

With a tag that special, not



Photo Submitted

Ty Evenson with the trophy of a life time, his big horn sheep.

getting your sheep right away adds a bit of urgency to the next week's hunt.

A few days later he headed back to Medora.

"I did feel some pressure, especially after we had some missed opportunities with the one (sheep) I was going after," Evenson said. "But we just kept pushing and working for it."

He got his sheep that afternoon.

"We hunted (him) for four days," he said. "It was right around 45 miles of walking between pre-scouting and hunting."

The sheep was estimated to be about 12 and a half years old.

He wasn't sure on weight since he had walked two and a half miles in to the wilderness to get him. They field dressed and carried it out.

His biggest prize prior to this hunt was his first buck he shot with his bow. But, he said, this sheep shoulder mount will definitely top that since there have only been 249 rams taken in North Dakota since the state started giving out tags in 1975.

"It was truly something I'll never forget, it was really a once in a lifetime experience," Evenson said. "I would like to hopefully be one of the few to eventually get all of the Big Three."



A look through Evenson's scope.



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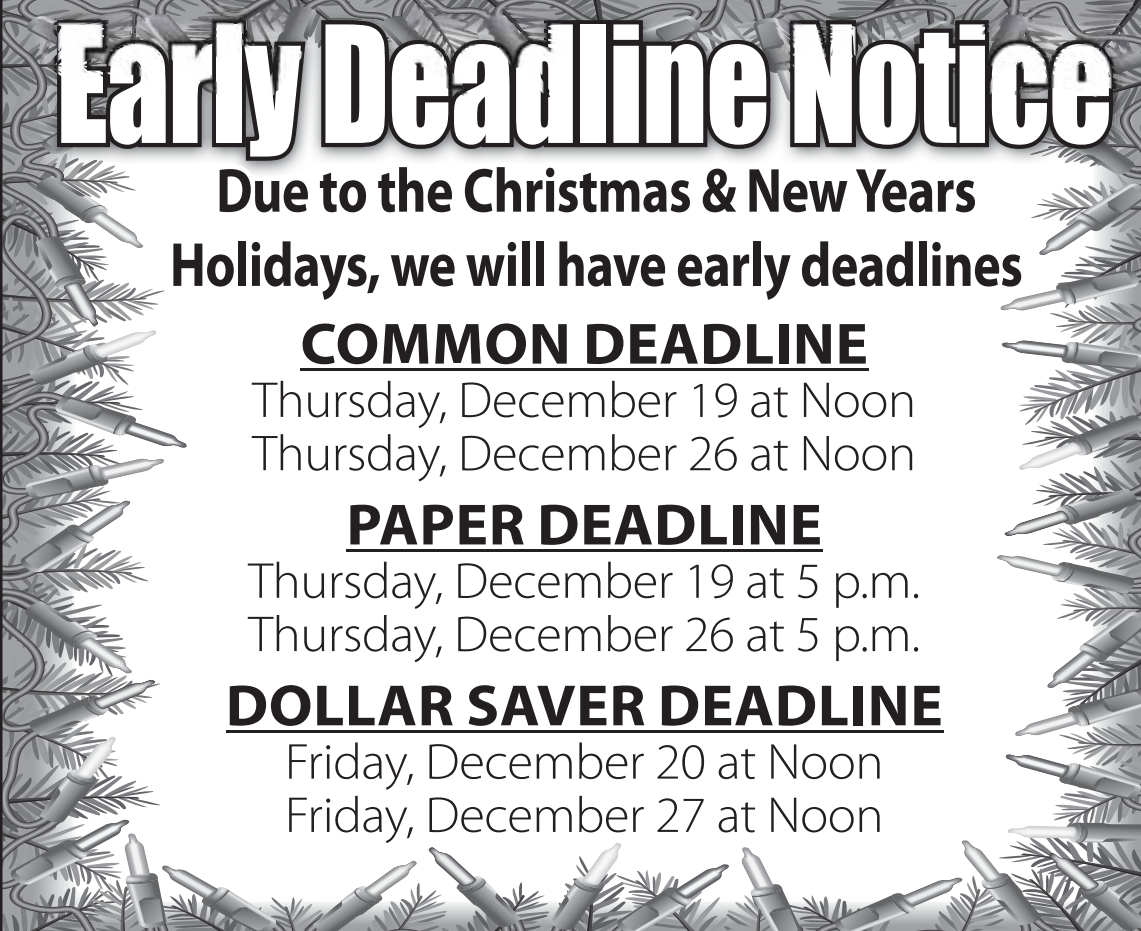
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# Into the world:

## A Hazen student's journey abroad

BY DANIEL ARENS

Every so often, you find yourself able to embark on the trip of a lifetime.

Sometimes it's for a day, sometimes a week. But sometimes it can be for longer, even several months. And such a trip is likely to leave a lasting impression.

That was the case for Aimee Wiedrich.

"I've been thinking about doing a foreign exchange program since my freshman year, but I didn't start actually acting on it until November of last year," Wiedrich recalled.

The process moved quickly from there. She turned in her application for participating in the program in January of this year, and was accepted in February, flying out July 10 for a new temporary home across the ocean, a home she would stay at until her return to America Nov. 24.

Her destination? Melbourne, Australia, where she would stay with a host family and experience a semester of education abroad.

Wiedrich actually lived in the suburbs of the sprawling city, in a town called Wantirna South. She lived in the upper levels of an apartment there with her host family: Deborah and Andrew Judkins and their 10 year old daughter Lacey. Andrew and Deborah own two different wedding venues, with Deborah handling the wedding planning and helping the bride while Andrew handled much of the business and financial side of the work.

Before she could get to know her new home, she first had to get there. A series of connecting flights from Bismarck to Minne-

apolis to San Francisco to Melbourne made up the trip, with a 15 hour flight between the last two destinations.

In addition to the length of the trip, there is also the time difference, magnified by crossing the International Date Line. Wiedrich said she wasn't able to sleep much on the plane ride, but despite arriving early in the morning, Melbourne time, her host family wouldn't let her sleep. They kept her awake until that evening, and Wiedrich credits this for her quick adjustment to the new time zone.

"I kind of like to say my very first impression was I was so full of confidence and very excited. Then, when I got to the airport [in Melbourne], before I even got through customs, I saw the toilets were set up differently than in America, and I didn't know what to do. And my confidence sort of disappeared, and that's when the nerves started hitting."

Only two days after her arrival, Wiedrich found herself entering the doors of The Knox School, a prep-thru-12 private school that Lacey Judkins was also attending. She found an education experience very similar and yet worlds apart from what she grew up knowing in Hazen.

"It's almost the same," she said. "It starts at 8:40 instead, and gets out at 3:40."

However, there were also significant differences, like alternating daily schedules. Because it is a private school, Wiedrich said they were able to make some of their own decisions, like getting out at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, and reducing the number of periods in a



Photo submitted by Aimee Wiedrich

Aimee Wiedrich and her host sister Lacey Judkins at the Harbor Bridge Climb in Sydney.

day from five on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays to three on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In total, Wiedrich attended six different classes that varied in their times among the three or five period days. These were English 11, Chemistry, Legal Studies, Theater Studies, Math

Methods and German.

"The German class was kind of fun," she said. "So we had a British teacher, Frau Beard, last name spelled like the facial hair. So there was a bunch of Australians and an American speaking German in British accents."

Other differences included a lack of actual assigned homework, with the only things counting towards her grade being school assessed coursework (or SACs) and the exams.

She also said the subjects were dealt with differently than in America. Whereas in the United States you might progress from algebra to trig, or from biology to chemistry, in Australia you take Year 9 English or Year 10 math, which includes all the different aspects of the subject area at higher levels.

While attending The Knox School, Wiedrich was also a part of the school senior concert band, symphonic orchestra and senior choir. She played clarinet with the band and orchestra and was a mezzo in the choir.

Wiedrich said her overall experience of Melbourne was one of culture shock. She hadn't been out of the United States before, and had never lived in a large city; Melbourne has an

estimated population of just shy of 5 million people. But she grew to love the experience.

"So Melbourne has a reputation for being the most livable city, and it was," she said. "It was very clean, and the people were very nice. It was also very modern."

Wiedrich said there was a large shopping mall across the street. She and the friends she made often visited many of the businesses around the streets, and Wiedrich noted there aren't a lot of chain stores, but mostly individual businesses she came across.

"It is more of an upscale area," Wiedrich said, speaking of Wantirna South. "There's a lot of vegetation, and the people that lived there are very proud of it and it was kept very maintained."

She said the apartment she lived in stuck out, being a unique building of many different squares of different colors. She added it was called the "Kubix Building", and noted it had a sort of resemblance to a Rubik's Cube.

Among her experiences in the Melbourne area included seeing local attractions like Flinders Street Station,



Photo submitted by Aimee Wiedrich

Aimee Wiedrich played with an Australian "Netball" team while staying in Melbourne.

See **WIEDRICH**  
on page 11





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## Songs for the season

By DANIEL ARENS

As Christmas approaches, it can be a busy and hectic time, with events and shopping and travel plans occupying everyone's attention.

While the Knife River Chorale's performance might seem like one more event in a month already chock full of them, there's a serenity and comfort that comes with this concert to many people each year.

That's because the purpose of the chorale is to tell the true

meaning of Christmas through both classic and new music that uplifts the spirits of those who have the chance to hear.

The chorale will have shows Dec. 14 and 15 at the Hazen High School Theater. The first performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, with a second show at 3 p.m. on Dec. 15.

This year's performance will feature some pieces familiar to those who have attended in the past, and some pieces that are completely new. Philip Voeller, Beulah High School Choir Director, will conduct the music and direct the chorale for his second year.

At the heart of the concert is the cantata, which features a medley of several Christmas songs put together, and with Tammie Vernon playing accompaniment. David Lundstrom and Stephanie Huber will narrate alongside the cantata performance.

There will be some other familiar pieces as well, such

as "Celtic Noel", an energetic piece with the necessary Celtic lilt to its style, and "Breath of Heaven", a beautiful depiction of Mary's thoughts as she approaches physically and spiritually her giving birth to the Savior. Many of these pieces also feature accompaniment by chorale member Deanna Knudson.

In addition, there is a new piece by Eric Whitacre, a composer who has risen to fame in the last few years with his unique approach to musical scores and interpretive choral performances. The chorale will perform "Glow", a winter-themed piece Whitacre wrote in 2013 for the Disney World of Color Winter Dreams show.

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**WIEDRICH**

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Photo submitted by Aimee Wiedrich

While staying in Australia, Aimee Wiedrich made many friends. From left to right: Charlotte Whittle, Lauren Sparrow, Anna Rabkina, Wiedrich, Catherine Gordon, Anna Solome and Sarita Neal.

attending Australian Rules Football games, and going to shows that featured talent like Hugh Jackman and Shawn Mendes.

"I made a bunch of friends," she said. "We would hang out during lunch and recess periods, and often get together on Saturdays."

Wiedrich's primary group of friends included two other girls who, like her, were in Year 11, and four girls from Year 10.

"They made a big impact on me, and I hope I did as well," she said. "They are a very special group of girls."

The friends managed to pull off a surprise farewell party to her on her last day in Melbourne, which she remembered as a very special and touching moment for her.

Beside her actual experiences of Melbourne, Wiedrich also had the chance to do a little additional exploring with the Judkins family. During the holiday in-between term, they took her to New Zealand, where she was able to explore much of the South Island, and on an extended weekend the family went to Australia's other largest city, Sydney.

Although she's now settled back into the normal routine of Hazen and her family and school life here, her four-and-a-half month stay in Australia left a lasting impression, and awakened a new passion in her life that wasn't there before.

"It was life-changing," Wiedrich said. "It opened my eyes and helped me realize there's so much more to the world than just Hazen, North Dakota."

Wiedrich said her experience of the unique and diverse culture of Melbourne helped make her more aware of the wide variety there is to see in the world.

"It kind of gave me a bit of a travel bug. I didn't realize there is so much out there to be explored."

Wiedrich said she is happy to be back with family and friends in Hazen, but is also ready to experience more new things.

"I'm ready to go out there again," she said.



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