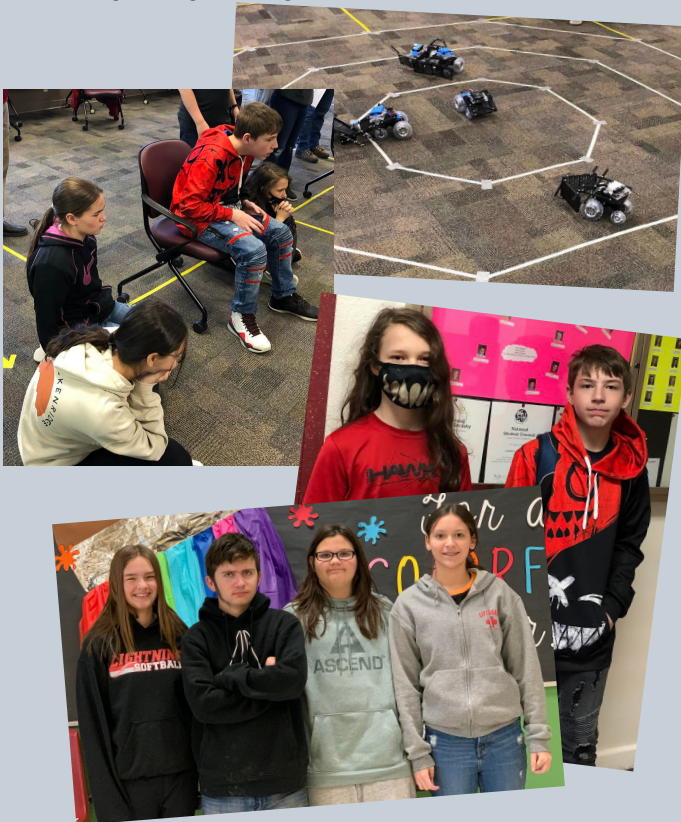


Southern Robotics Team

Every spring the ESU hosts a robotics competition for grades 6-8. Southern entered a team of 6th & 8th graders this year. This competition enables students to learn how to code and design robots for specific tasks. Starting in January, the team began preparing for the competition. They had to figure out how to code the robot to avoid going off a mat by using a sensor, design a robot to compete in "Battle Bots", and maneuver the robot around a race track. The team needed to record various things that they learned throughout the process in a notebook. The competition was held March 15 with 7 teams in attendance. Points were awarded for the notebook, how many times the robot turned to stay on a given mat, how quickly they could race around a track and battle bots. Southern placed 5th this year. Even though they were hoping for a better result, they learned how to work together and tackle the process of coding & engineering.



Southern Spotlight



Quarter 4

State Cheerleading



The 2021-2022 Southern Raider Cheerleaders have put a lot of time and hours of hard work in this school year. They are ending the season on a high note after competing at the State Cheerleading Competition in Grand Island on Friday, February 18th. They received State Runner-Up with their performance in the Non-Tumbling Category, missing first place by just one point! They also received 4th place for their performance in the Game Day Category. This was their first time competing in two categories and placing in both at the state competition!

From left to right: Coach Taylor Landenberger, Freshman Emma Spencer, Freshman Jessica Lopez, Sophomore Morgan Ward, Senior Carley Saathoff, Junior Adelaide Heard, Freshman Addison Young, and Junior Garret Retherford.

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Southern Choir & Show Choir

Southern's choral department has grown from roughly 40 students to about 60 under the direction of Miss Rahn. Each group chose a name to help give each group a sense of collective pride. The JH choir chose the name "Melodia". The high school varsity choir chose "Cantori" and has started to focus on more collegiate-level pieces of music in order to grow and challenge their talents. The Cantori chamber and select chamber choirs took a piece to the MUDECAS Music contest at the end of March for their big group performance and were excited to showcase all their new voices and talents. This year, Southern had the pleasure to produce and host the Pioneer Vocal Music Performance and it was a hit!

Show Choir - In 2019, Southern's show choir only had 9 members and very little competition experience. They now have 20 members and a competition season that includes 5 performances, not to mention the 4 additional performances they have throughout the year. They even changed the show choir's name to "Revolution!" to give them a competitive edge while competing. This season they have received 1st place and the People's Choice Award at the Glenwood Invite, 4th place and the People's Choice Award at the GISH invitational, and a few performers have won Outstanding Performer Awards! Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work and growth!

