

# T.F. Riggs High School Governor

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## Oral interpers to compete at state

By Casi Huizenga

Ten students have been chosen to represent Riggs at the State Oral Interpretation Festival the first weekend in December.

They won that right by competing all fall in oral interp festivals and by winning the regional competition held a week ago.

You've heard of oral interp, but what is it?

"Oral Interp is similar to drama but without costumes," said sophomore

Evan Livermore. Oral Interpers speak five to ten minutes in one of the seven categories.

Typically, contests have three rounds, which means that competitors say their piece(s) three times.

In each category, only one person can go to the state competition.

This year's state competitions include the following students: junior Matt Allison, serious prose; senior Nate White, serious play; senior

Lisa Bowman, poetry; sophomore Evan Livermore, humorous; sophomore Emily Couglin, oratory; seniors Mary Holm and Kenny Donahue, duet; and sophomores Matt Dosch, Evan Livermore and Jeremy Marsh, readers' theater.

English teacher Peggy Rose has been coaching Oral Interp for 19 years.

"My favorite thing about Interp is seeing young people become excited about performances," said Rose.



Senior Nate White practices his contest piece to prepare for the state oral interp contest.

## Sharpen those pencils: Contest deadline looms

By Lindsey Coit

One artistic student can be \$100 richer by submitting the winning design for the Pierre School District's new logo.

This contest is being held in order to replace the school district's outdated logo.

Interested students should obtain a letter-size paper and design an appropriate logo in a color scheme of no more

than three colors.

The logo should represent the Pierre community, schools, and students.

The deadline for this contest is next Wednesday with entries to be turned in to the office.

Judging will be by selected board members and administrators.

This logo will be used on all school district letterheads.

## Neiles receives BankWest's Investor in Education Award

By Lindsey Coit

Last Monday during the teacher inservice, when most of the students were sleeping in on their day off, Darlene Neiles was named BankWest Investor in Education.

"I had no idea I had won, and I was just taking my time that morning, I was almost late," Neiles laughed.

Neiles was awarded with the title based on her contributions to education and her involvement with the community.

"It's just so awesome. You can always tell if kids like what you're doing, but this meant even more be-



Darlene Neiles and her class poses with her trophy

cause not only was it just students' approval, but it was from the community too. It just validates what I do on a daily basis," Neiles said.

Several other teachers from around the district were also nominated for this BankWest award.

Along with the title, Neiles received a crys-

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—Darlene Neiles*

tal apple and a \$1000 grant for professional development that she can use for any educational purpose.

"Some of the previous winners have bought things such as cameras or laptops with their grant. I'm thinking I might look for a conference to attend somewhere nice, like Hawaii," Neiles said.

## Students remember veterans

By Sigrid Wald

Veterans Day is a time to remember the soldiers who fought to defend our country.

Last Thursday, Riggs held an assembly to honor these brave men and women.

"When I was the age of the students here, we did not respect the soldiers the way we should have," Latin teacher Jay Mickelson said.

Juniors and seniors from the girls choir sang a medley of patriotic tunes.

"For us, it was a small way to show our appreciation for the veterans," senior Michelle Monroe said.

Three speakers shared their experiences from the wars that they have fought in. Junior Devin Rounds



The band performed at the assembly last Thursday to show their respect for the soldiers.

introduced his grandfather, Don Rounds, who spoke to the students about the Korean War.

Student Senate Vice President Curtis Egan introduced welding teacher Pat Hoing, a Vietnam war veteran and Bronze Star winner, who talked about his experiences.

"We equated the soldiers with the inept politicians that led them, and we can not let that happen again," Mickel-

son said, "because the soldiers are just doing what we tell them to."

From past experiences Americans learned the importance of supporting the troops. Tracy Fuerst, a soldier who fought in Iraq, spoke to the students about how special his welcome home meant to him.

"Soldiers always need to be welcomed home," said Mickelson. "I want my students to respect all soldiers."



# Letter to the editor: Tech coordinator defends Sonic Wall

Dear editors:

As usual I read the Governor newspaper when it showed up on our counter at the office.

I usually consider it the best paper in town. The columnist opinion article on the Sonic Wall caught my attention, not so much because of the complaints, which I expect, but the fact that the writers asked for Mr. Venner's opinion but did not ask anything from the people that manage the firewall.

Maybe we need to train the teachers better,

***"To qualify for an federal funding (and maybe state funding), we have to have a well managed firewall in place."*—Jim Sampson, tech coordinator**

but here is how the process is supposed to work.

We have 55 subject categories that we can block, and we have a check mark in 18 of those. Many teachers have a week-long lesson that requires us to take out the block for the period of time that the lesson is being taught.

An example is Mrs. Neiles' drug and alcohol education

unit. When the unit is finished, the block goes back on.

Another issue is websites that seem to be blocked for no reason because they don't look like they would be in a blocked category.

If a teacher sends us those sites, we can look up how they are categorized and either have them changed or manually add them to the

'allowed' list in the firewall.

We deal with many games sites this way. We block games as a category, but many educational sites used by elementary students include games and we allow those.

We get complaints from the other side of the fence also.

A teacher or librarian will want a site blocked because students are using it to 'waste time' on computers somewhere. They want that site manually added to the 'blocked' list.

We usually resist doing that because 80% of the In-

ternet could be classified as a waste of time and the more sites that are entered into those special lists, the slower the firewall operates.

Taking the firewall out is not really an option.

To qualify for an federal funding (and maybe state funding), we have to have a well managed firewall in place.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Sampson  
district technology coordinator



## Thumbs Up

...to incredible volleyball players making it to state and the fan support traveling to cheer them on

...to cranberry sauce shaped liked a can  
...to exercising off pumpkin pie calories  
...to Mondays without school because of teacher inservices

...to over-indulging at Thanksgiving (you know what they say: it's better to be fat and happy! Diets kill the soul.)

...to Ulysses S. Grant—every teenager's role model

...to numerous naps over the long weekend



## Thumbs Down

...to techno music played in explore net  
...to ACT scores coming out (unless, of course you received a 36)

...to initiating a carrot stick diet in order to cut weight for wrestling

...to napping so much that you forget

to do your homework (sorry Mrs. Vogt—no Canterbury Tales essay!)

...to ab workouts cutting into our beauty sleep

...to holiday shopping already

...to handicapped spots filled with illegal parkers

***"Mainstreet Market since you can get different food than usual."*—Bre Costello**



***"The new Altell Wireless store because of its plans."*—Evan Fuller**

## Hall Talk:

What's your favorite new store in Pierre?

***"The bridge—its a hippie-licious store."*—Jayme Hipple**



***"I heard the book store is sweet! It's about time we got one!"*—Sara Word**

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## We're right: Cyber-cruelty offends

Breaking up can be hard to do, but getting the boot through cyberspace can be even more painful. Who would be so cruel? Well, the answer to that is simple—a teen with a machine.

Statistics show that roughly half the kids between the ages of 12 and 17 now own cell phones, and 9 out of ten use the Internet.

We think that the texting, e-mailing, and instant messaging 24/7 that kids do allow them to get lost in their own little world. It's almost as if they're wearing an invisible cape.

With this "invisible cape," teens can be as cruel as they want, to anyone they want.



Taya Norlander  
and  
Matt Blake

In *Family Circle* magazine, Internet privacy and security lawyer Parry Aftab said, "It would be comforting to think that these crude and crass teens are the ones that are one step shy of juvenile hall, but no; they are the same kids who say 'please' and 'thank you' and hold

the door open for you."

We've witnessed all of this cruelty firsthand among students in our own school. Whether it is a text message, a voicemail, or a simple message on Facebook, we see cruelty occurring almost everyday.

We know teens will often be cruel to each other, but when it is done through a text message on a cell phone or a message on the Internet, it is especially offensive. When something like this occurs, it is likely that the people doing it don't have the courage to say it to the person's face, or they're scared to hear what the person has to say back to them.

## Katie's Closet: What I'm lovin' this month!

### 1. Coats

Pea Coats are always a good bet, but cropped, boxy jackets are really cute—try one in cream.

### 2. Scarves

Guys look great in scarves, as do girls, of course. They are perfect for chilly days, and they can dress up a simple sweater.

### 3. Chap stick

My lips take a serious beating this



Katie Douglas

time of year, so I load on the Aquaphor. It is for super dry skin, but I like to use it as a chap stick.

### 4. Neutrals

Most people look best in muted shades during the winter. Small bits of color are usually good but do not go and buy a hot pink coat or anything along those lines.

### 5. Bangs

For a long time I actually contemplated getting them, but I chickened out. Perhaps someday I will get some Zoë Deschanel-esque fringe. That would be cool.



REVENGE

## Perspectives: Four students, four views on body art

People who have excessive tattoos and piercings, in my opinion, will regret it in the long run.

A few piercings in your ears, one in your nose, maybe the lip, and the belly button isn't enough to be looking for attention, but when you spend thousands of dollars on tattoos that will be nothing but simply something to look at for a



Kat Lindbloom

moment, why spend your money at all?

I can't help but make the connection with tattoos and pierc-

ings with diseases.

Why throw these viruses into your blood stream just to have something constant to look at?

I think that for the most part, our bodies should be natural.

A tattoo and a few piercings aren't going to hurt anyone, but it is good that most people know where to draw the line.

I do not believe a beautiful sight to behold on a person is that of a body piercing or a tattoo.

It does not look very neat that an individual's tongue or nose has a piece of metal sticking straight through it.

The only thing that should be pierced on the body should be the



Kristian Kongslien  
ear and nothing else. Tattoos are not very becoming either. If the tattoo or tat-

toos can be easily covered up, then I think a tattoo is perfectly fine.

After saying my opinions on this topic I have one more final thought of insight; when people get old, their skin will sag, and then those "cool" tattoos from their youth don't look so cool anymore.

If you think that excessive body piercing and getting so many tattoos that you look like a Picasso painting is cool, then I apologize in advance.

I personally think that tattoos and body piercing are okay if they are not done in an extreme amount.

For instance, people who have their



Matt Blake

ears pierced and maybe their nose and have a few tattoos is ok. The people that turn

their bodies into an art gallery bother me.

People who have large amounts of metal found on their body also trouble me.

If it takes an hour and a half to take all the metal off of you to go through security at an airport, then it is too much.

Doing things to your body is all right if it is done in moderation.

It seems that everyone is trying to "decorate" themselves in a new way.

Individuals usually try to do this with piercings and tattoos.

Sometimes piercings and tattoos are attractive, but they usually make people look tacky.

When it comes to piercings, I think that ear piercings look



Mary Holm

fine, both on males and females, but anywhere else on the body just grosses me out. As for tattoos, they

aren't worth the price you pay for them.

Most people get them on a spot like their back or somewhere where you can't see the tattoo, so what's the point in paying a fortune for something when no one's going to be able to see it?

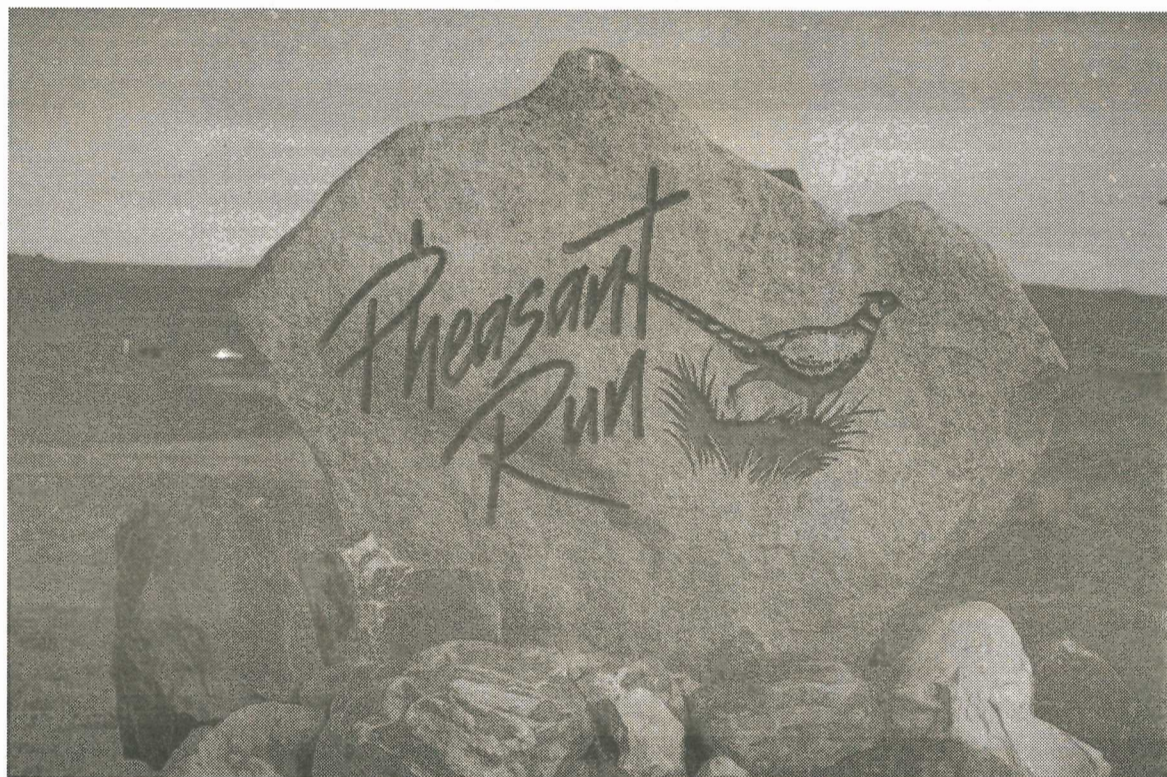
I guess it's just something I'll never understand!



## Ten ways to improve your lawn

1. Write secret messages in the lawn with your lawnmower.
2. Paint your lawn different colors, just because.
3. Let your grass grow until it's super tall, and then cut patterns to make a maze. You could even charge your friends admission!
4. Do the first part of number 3, but this time don't cut the grass—just import wild animals from Africa and have your own at-home safari.
5. Remove all grass and several feet of dirt from the perimeter of your home, fill with water, and now you've got a built in security system—a mote!
6. A nice garden gnome never hurt anyone!
7. If you find that gnomes are too much for your budget, you and some friends may fill in. Wear cool costumes and feel free to choose any pose you like!
8. Take a lesson from the Brady Bunch—it's all about artificial turf!
9. Irrigate your lawn and build the best worm farm the city of Pierre has ever seen!
10. And finally, we are in South Dakota, after all, so a nice plaid couch or toilet seat can create the perfect ambience.

by Deni Lohman and Brittany Guindon



Large engraved rocks like the one pictured above are a familiar sight around Pierre and often mark the entrance to a housing development. photo by Lindsey Coit

## Bring on the holiday spirit Families outdo each other with e

By Lisa Bowman

When the holidays come around, people show their spirit in different ways. As far as decorating goes, not all houses have the same ornaments. The amount of décor a family displays depends on a variety of factors, including the specific holiday itself.

The average degree of decorating is actually minimal. The cost of lights and amount of effort needed to put them up may influence what people buy. Some families have minimal decorations simply because they are procrastinators.

"My dad and I don't really get into the holiday seasons, so we don't put up very many decorations and we leave them up for the shortest period of time possible," senior Kenny Donahue said.

"My family decorates at the



photo by Emily Coughlin



Holiday decorations come in all shapes and sizes, and can be a good place for fall leaves to be stored.

last minute before Christmas and leaves them up until after New Year's Day," freshman Israel Kanz said.

There are enthusiastically spirited families as well. Many families spend well



# Pierre goes crazy for rocks, engraved or not

By Renee Rodgers and Lindsey Coit

Pretty much everywhere people look in Pierre, they can spot a rock. Most are ordinary old stones, but some have a little more to them than just mineral deposits.

A craze has caught on in Pierre and is still going strong—huge engraved rocks.

These artistic rocks can be as little as a paper weight or as massive as a tool shed.

"I keep trying to fill my lawn with the little ones—then I wouldn't have to mow," junior Cody Coppess said.

Most of the time these engraved rocks are used as a place marker, either to welcome someone to a certain subdivision of town or just as a decoration telling

unfamiliar visitors who lives at that particular house or what their interests are.

"I would put 'Soccer Rocks' on my rock," sophomore Yutzil Ayala said.

Besides showcasing humorous puns, many businesses also use these large rocks to attract customers.

"The rocks lure you in like a moth to a light bulb," senior Kelly Lingle said.

Even the school has a couple of special "memorial" rocks to sit on.

However festive these large engraved rocks

may be, they don't come cheaply. They sell for thousands.

A couple summers of lawn mowing and Christmas money saving, and these rocks may be within your reach.



Engraved rocks can be used as more than just decoration. This engraved stone bench outside of the school's entrance is not only decorative but useful. It honors students whose lives ended before they could realize their dreams.

## laborate yard art



photo by Lindsey Coit

and sizes. This pumpkin proved to be until their disposal.

over \$50 and more than two hours of work in the assembly of their holiday displays.

Some people go all-out during their favorite holidays; others just like to have a house that everyone takes a second look at.

"On Halloween, we have a 'witch-landing site' in our yard, complete with five witches and a lighted runway," senior Nate White says.

Every now and then, a blank house or a barren yard contrasts with its gaudy neighbor. The owners might not celebrate certain holidays, or maybe they just have a special reason for their lack of spirit.

"I live out in the country; though there are neighbors nearby, we don't decorate that much. The high winds would probably tear them down, plus, it's just too much work," senior Priscilla Williams said.

Whether you have a life-size Santa in your yard or just one lonely pumpkin, there's usually decorations up in every neighborhood come holiday season.

It's easy to understand the reasons for those who don't decorate, but those who do are very well-appreciated.

Lions, geese, gnomes:

## Yard art makes personal statement

By Savannah Ivey

A goose dressed up like a leprechaun, 750 pound lions and big blue lights hanging from an evergreen are common lawn decorations found around Pierre.

Some students don't understand the obsession with ornamenting a spread of grass.

"I wouldn't want them in my yard—I think they're tacky," junior Brittany Guindon said.

"I don't look—I don't care," freshman Andy Zarecky said.

Despite the few owners of barren lawns, most people are ga-ga over garden gnomes and other decorations.

"Flamingos are sweet!" junior Deni Lohman said.

Many unusual ornaments are what make the craze so contagious. It is not uncommon to run across an old couch, toilet seat, or

even a mannequin head sticking out of a sleeping bag.

Some people even take the extra step and clothe their ornaments.

Pierre resident Darleen Templeton likes to dress her goose by the season.

"I try to dress it up for every holiday, but I just sometimes forget about it," Templeton said.

Connie and Alan Tigner dress up their three 750 pound lions in the front of their house with Santa Claus hats and big bows.

"I fell in love with them," Tigner recalled about the first time she saw the lions.

She found one of the lions in Billings, Mont., ten years ago in a flower shop.

"I just had to have it!" she said.

When she brought it home, she decided she wanted more. After traveling by train and truck from Chicago, the other two lions joined the family.



It took four men to haul them up onto the pedestals they now sit on. They are also accompanied by 650 big blue lights on the evergreens for Christmas.

Sowhether it's Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, or even no reason at all, decorat-

ing houses will always be a fun hobby, pastime, or maybe a friendly competition with the neighbors.



## Varsity Scoreboard

### Football

**All Conference Tight End:** senior Lucas Solberg

**All Conference Defensive Line:** senior Brandt Payne

**All Conference Honorable Mention:** junior Devon Rounds

**Player Quotes:** "I felt really honored to win this among so many good athletes," Solberg said. "It was a great honor to make honorable mention because our team worked really hard, and hats off to Solberg and Payne for making All Conference," Rounds said.

### Boys Soccer

**1st team All-Staters:** senior Seth Parsons, senior Tom Boe and sophomore Austin Munyon

**2nd team All-Staters:** senior Andy Smith and junior Eric Christianson

**Honorable Mention:** Senior Austin Rounds

**Player Quotes:** "I was really glad to hear that all of my hard work through out the season actually paid off," senior Tom Boe said.

### Girls Soccer

**1st team All-Stater:** sophomore Yutzil Ayala

**2nd team All-Stater:** senior Kelly Lingle

**Honorable Mention:** senior Elizabeth

Dougherty, senior Renee Rodgers and sophomore Alexa Berg

### Volleyball

**Record:** 13-8

**Placed 3rd in ESD Conference**

**Last game:** Won against Sturgis last Friday night

**Next game:** State Tournament in Watertown.

Lost first game at state against number-one ranked Aberdeen central.

Lady Govs went into the tournament seeded eighth.

compiled by Laura Hofer

## Lady Govs volleyball: bound for state

By Lindsey Coit

The volleyball team beat Sturgis three games to one last Friday, giving the ladies the right to play at the AA state tournament being held in Watertown this weekend, the first time in many years.

"The whole team had a positive attitude going into the match with Sturgis last Friday; we all put our hearts in it during the game hoping for the best and came out with a well-deserved victory," senior Amy Griese said.

The school sent the team off and wished them luck on Wednesday after a short pep rally in the old gym.

The Govs went into the tournament seeded eighth.

Their first match was held yesterday at noon against number-one seeded team, Aberdeen Central. The ladies lost.

This year's volleyball team will be only the second Pierre

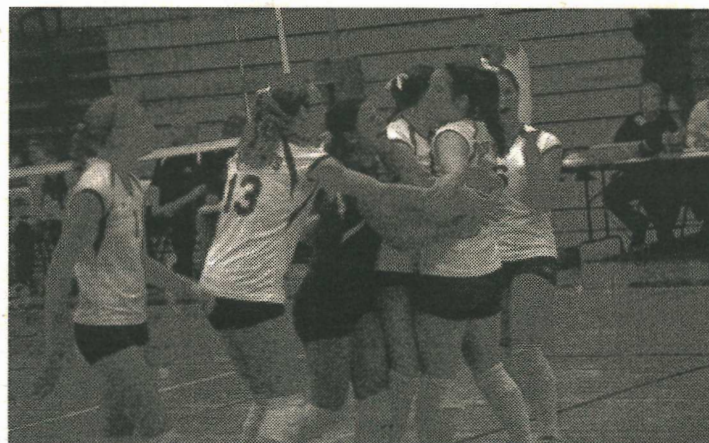


Photo by Lindsey Coit

Lady Gov's volleyball teammates junior Bethany Goeden, seniors Paige Corcoran and Amy Griese, juniors Ali Burchill and Polly Gill, and senior Miranda Tracy celebrate their win over Sturgis last Friday.

volleyball team ever to make it to the state tournament.

"As a senior I've wanted this opportunity for the last three years, and I know the other seniors agree. And being only the second team ever to make it means a lot to us, and it is really exciting," Griese said.

The fan support the Lady Govs have seen over

this past season has been a big improvement from their previous few seasons. Many fans will carry on their support through out the state tournament.

"If I had enough money, I would have been in Watertown since yesterday, cheering on my volleyball girls to a certain victory," senior Matt Blake said.

## Gymnastics: defying gravity one tumble at a time

If you like running full speed ahead at a stationary object, then the vault is for you.

If you enjoy ripping off skin the size of quarters from your hands, then the bars are for you.

If you like dancing in front of a crowd doing lame choreography with a huge wedgy, then the floor is for you.

Yes, we are talking about gymnastics.

This is not an easy sport, and if you have seen the movie "Stick It!", you know that gymnastics is no joke.

Like the movie stated, there are only about 200 elite gymnasts, and they spend hours in the gym doing things contrary to the thing

we like to call "gravity."

There are four events in women's gymnastics, and

each one is difficult in its own way.

On the vault gymnasts have to perform stunts such as a hand-spring front layout with one

and a half twists or a hand-spring double front on a horse-type apparatus.

In one of the crowd's favorite events, uneven bars, gymnasts must go

from the high bar to the low bar and do twisting and flipping dismounts.

The beam is an event in which the athletes must do a series of stunts on a four-inch wide beam.

Finally the floor gives the girls a chance to show their athleticism through dance and at least

three tumbling passes, a series of jumps, and of course, up-beat choreography.

Gymnasts who can execute all of these tricks usually place high in the elite gymnastic world.



Kelly Lingle, Loryn Schuetzle, and Emma Wylie



# Sports banquets offer food, fun

By Renee Rodgers

Throughout the grueling wind-sprints, tedious drills and nail-biting games, one thing resounds in the minds of athletes to keep them going—the end of the year banquet.

"The banquets are a great way to recognize a good year. Whether it was a good season or not, it is necessary to reward the athletes for playing the game," football coach Mike Busch said.

Usually, the night will start off with a potluck of dishes and desserts provided by the players' parents.

"I'm bringing chips and dip," junior Will Corcoran said.

After bellies are filled and a slide-

show is shown, all-state, all-conference, and other various team awards are distributed.

"I'm excited to get my MVP award," junior Matt Beckwith laughed.

Then finally to complete the evening, coaches will brag about their players, and players will thank their coaches. After a few tears and heartfelt hugs, everyone leaves with a renewed sense of closure.

Many feel that without the banquets, the season just wouldn't be complete.

"No matter what problems or drama existed throughout the season, it doesn't matter at the banquet. All you remember are the good times," senior Becky DeYonge said.

# Traditions lead teams to victory

by Steph Snow

Fall, winter, and spring sports are similar in that they have strong teams that attribute their wins to their impressive skill and the superstitions and traditions that they follow in the locker room.

The state-bound volleyball team jams to rap or hip-hop music to pump up their team before a game.

"We really get hyped about the game in the locker room. Our dance moves are pretty impressive, and our singing is even better!" senior Paige Corcoran said.

The pre-game traditions of the Lady Gavs basketball team are similar to that of the volleyball team's.

They belt out country and R&B

music in the locker room while dribbling and passing the ball around. Their main goal before a game is to focus and talk of what needs to be done for a winning game.

When it's time to start the game, each girl drags her hands across a sign and jumps to hit the top of the door.

To let the other team know they are in the Lady Gavs' court, they push the door open hard so it makes a loud noise.

Carrying on the customs of years before, the Capital hockey team also has a special good luck strategy.

According to senior captain Seth Parsons, there is an unmentioned object called T-DOC that every player must touch before taking the ice.

They also listen to music and have a chant to get riled up before the game. If the mood

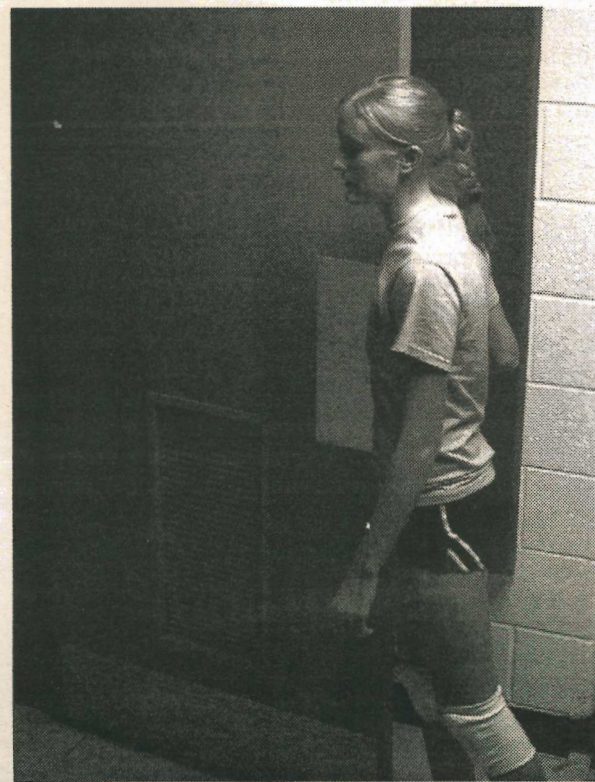


Photo by DeShayne Nye

Bethany Goeden enters the girls locker room after practice.

takes one of them, there is sometimes an inspired speech made and then a time of silence.

As routine has

shown, the traditions and superstitions of Pierre's athletic teams are crucial to the team's pre-game warm-up.

# Pool player works toward improving his skills

By Matt Blake

All the people who think they can play a game of pool—watch out.

If you don't know who the resident pool shark is, Tanner Pruess is the man to see.

You may not all know the man with the stick, but he is probably the best pool man in the school. Pruess has been in more than twenty tournaments in his life. Several of those are even national tournaments.

Some of the most significant tournaments, Pruess said, include his third place at Nationals and first place at State B

8 ball, at which he won \$1000 dollars.

Pruess has been playing pool for many years.

"I have been playing pool ever since I could see over the table," Pruess joked.

Pruess joined his first kid league at ten and his first adult league at twelve.

He plays one to two pool leagues yearround.

Both his father and his grandfather play, and he learned from many people along the way.

"I like pool because it is a challenge both physically and mentally. Not only do you have to know how to make

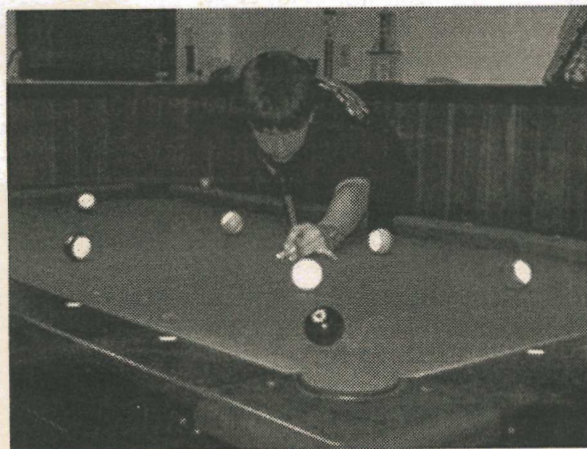


Photo by Zak Bishop

Tanner Pruess practices his corner shot.

the ball, you also have to plan your next shot."

Pruess can make pool balls do things that only magicians can match.

He can hit four balls in one shot while shooting behind his back. He can play one handed, do jump shots, and

*"I like pool because it is a challenge both physically and mentally."*  
—Tanner Pruess

play behind his back at all times. One of his proudest feats is that he can hit fifteen balls in sixty seconds.

All this skill doesn't come easily; he has practiced long and hard to get to his current level of pool ability.

Pruess plays daily for at least an hour. He normally shoots a few

balls to make sure his stroke is straight. Then he will practice 8 ball or 9 ball with someone.

He plans to get into the pool business someday and hopes to keep improving by practice. Pruess is going to be in more tournaments, practice more hours on the table, and gamble that he continues to improve.

Pruess also hopes to go to a few pro tournaments later in life and try to reach the status of pro or semi pro. But he really just wants to keep playing pool and teach younger kids



# New stores open, provide students with jobs

By Layne Duvall

A lot of new stores are opening around town, and they have everything from organic foods to photos to subs to singing Santas.

The **Prairie Pages bookstore**, 321 S. Pierre St., has been open since early September. The book store replaced the Pierre Street Emporium.

Freshmen Hilary Roth has been working there ever since the opening day.

On the average workday, Roth gets to meet a lot of different people who want different books.

"I like helping them find what they are looking for. If you can't find a certain book, we can have it special ordered," Roth said. "Seeing all the different people is fun."

The book store has a special room with books just for teens and shelves dedicated to sports, animals, religion and you name it.

Roth likes the store so much that she buys books there—a lot of books.

Her older sister, Kelly Roth, commented that almost all of Roth's paycheck goes back to the store.

**Walgreens**, the newest store in Pierre, opened Nov. 2.

Walgreens features a drive-through pharmacy, one-hour photo finishing, and just about everything else including Christmas gifts.



Freshman Hilary Roth stacks books during work at her new job at the bookstore, **Prairie Pages**.

Many students said that they haven't visited **Walgreens** yet, and those that had gone there said it was like a 'mini Walmart' or that it looked like another dollar store.

**Quizno's** also opened its doors recently. Quizno's is on Sioux Ave., where it replaced Darryl's Detailing, which moved farther down Wells Ave.

The inside and outside of the restaurant were redone for the opening. Even though the new store is known for its subs, it also serves breakfast, soups, bread bowls, and salads.

"Quiznos was really good! It was expensive, but you get what you pay for," freshman Abby Olfert said.

**Mainstreet Market** is yet another new store.

It sells organic and vegan foods, ranging from taco shells to spices to even ice cream. The store is found beneath the new furniture store on the truck bypass.

Freshman Miranda Bren works there. "I love my job," Bren says with a smile.

She's gotten a chance to try vegan ice cream and says, "It's actually pretty good."

She even got a t-shirt that says: temptation/vegan ice cream.

But her favorite thing is the natural chocolate.

If you're ever bored, grab some friends and take a trip around town and visit some of Pierre's new stores.

## Econofoods to close; students look for jobs

By Savannah Ivey

After years in Pierre, it's time to say goodbye to **Econofoods**, which is officially closing tomorrow.

Students who work at **Econofoods** are looking to find new jobs.

"It's hard to find a new job because it is a small town," sophomore Bethany Waldman said.

Waldman has worked at **Econofoods** as a cashier for three months.

Other employees are out to find new jobs as well.

Junior Brittney Whisenant is also having troubles finding a new job.

"I have been trying to find a new job, but it's hard," Whisenant said.

Whisenant is not just thinking of herself when **Econofoods** leaves.

"I am worried about all the people who work here for their only income," she said.

Speculation on the reason for closing varies from person to person; however, most say that competition from a national chain store is to blame.

Whatever the reason may be, come tomorrow Pierre will lose yet another store.



Tomorrow **Econofoods** will prepare to shut its doors after a long run in Pierre.

## 'Proof' debuts in December

By Katie Douglas

"Proof" is the play that the drama department will be putting on this fall.

It is based on a movie by the same name about an intelligent young woman living with her father who was a math genius before he lost his mind.

The movie came out in

2005 and starred Gwyneth Paltrow as the lead role.

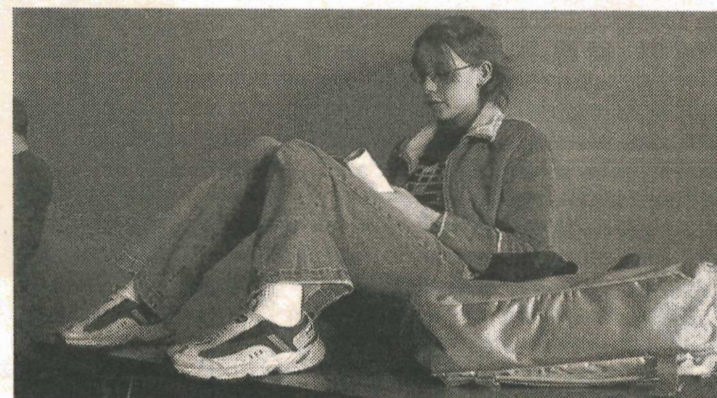
In the school play, senior Julie Marsh plays Katherine, the lead role, and Seth Hipple plays her love interest, another mathematician.

"The play has some of the same scenes as the movie version, but it also leaves some out," said senior Katie Larson, who plays Katherine's

controlling sister, Claire.

"We practice every day for about an hour to an hour and a half, but when it gets closer to performance time, we'll practice longer," Larson said.

The show dates and times are December 4, 5, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Riggs Theater. The cost to get in is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Activity tickets will be honored.



Senior Julie Marsh practices her lines for the drama department's upcoming play, "Proof."