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Laptops' first month brings mixed emotions

By Avery Askew, Kat Lindbloom and Anna Arch

The laptop initiative is only a month old, but so far it has produced a love/hate relationship as students, teachers, administrators and parents get adjusted to the new technology.

Despite knowing that some problems would crop up, the administration is pleased with the laptops so far.

"The uses of computers and technology are growing, and there is no reason for us to go back if the world is going forward," Principal Mike Fugitt said.

Students cite both positive and negative effects.

"It is 50/50 for me. It comes in handy for writing notes, and it is really fun to e-mail friends, but I am always worried about losing or forgetting to save an assignment," sophomore Miranda Bren stated.

"I love my computer. I use it all the time... for my homework, my music and everything else," freshman Carlee Sanders said.

Most students like the convenience of having their own laptops, but many are frustrated with the firewall restrictions.

"They're awesome, but the restrictions

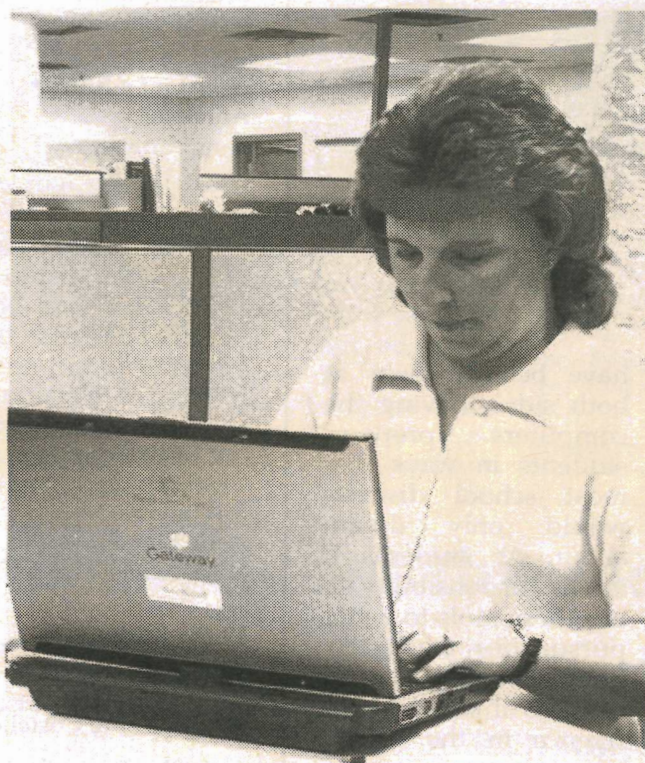


photo by Samantha Clark

Computer technician Minday Sargent works to find the problem with a student's tablet.

are a bummer," junior Adam Gallagher said.

According to Jackie Driscoll, district computer technician, these restrictions will only grow tighter.

"Every website that is blocked in school will soon be blocked wherever else you take your laptop," Driscoll said.

In addition to the students, teachers also have had a lot to learn and adjust to.

Science teacher Todd Palmer sees the benefits. "I enjoy having the ability to incorporate the computers into

my classroom when I choose to; however, learning how to implement all the new 'teaching programs' creates a challenge."

"I hate how long it takes to load! I probably only use them in class about once a week. I'm just not a techno-whiz," Denise Thompson, personal finance and food science teacher at Riggs, said.

"I think kids would rather be on them than listen to lectures," math teacher Marla Walz said. She plans to go back to the pa-

per-and-pen method of taking notes instead of trying to get computer notes organized. "It's distracting my students," Walz said.

Yet she says that she really likes the computers for other purposes, including using the geometry sketch pad and Fathom. Other teachers say that computers make assignments go smoother and that they really cut down on work time.

"I like being able to send all of my notes to my students," said Bruce Venner, history and psychology teacher.

"I use them constantly in my Spanish classes; they are great and make teaching and assignments go smoother for me," Spanish teacher Hyrma Zakahi said.

It's not just teachers and student that are talking. Parents have their own opinions about the tablets as well.

"I don't think the computers were a very good idea. They're just another distraction and plus, they're super heavy for you guys to be lugging around all day," Cynda Curtis, mother of sophomore Kelcy Curtis, said.

"They were originally adjustments that needed to be made for the kids, but I think now that they are getting more com-

fortable and used to them," Betty Lindbloom, mother of junior Kat Lindbloom said. The administration remains confident in their decision. They think that even though people are still having problems, our future is dependent on technology and they can't see the school returning to pen-and-paper.

They have been

keeping in touch and comparing Riggs' experiences to those at other laptop schools such as Spearfish, Huron and Watertown.

The administrators think this is a good investment.

Although students and teachers already have a month of school under their belts, most agree that it is still too early to judge the laptops.

Tech room facts

♦ **Most frequent problem:** stylus issues

♦ **Average number of students per day visiting the tech center:** 20

♦ **Number of computers per day with problems that require more work than a short student visit:** 4-5

♦ **Number of broken computers:**

4 with broken screens; 25-30 have been sent back to the manufacturer

♦ **Biggest problem for the tech staff:** Getting the whole project off the ground and the computers into the students' hands.

♦ **What the tech staff wants students to know:** We are watching students' Internet usage. In October a new software blocking program will block anything at a student's home that is currently blocked at school.

--compiled by Avery Askew and Timmi Lunsford

Patience, young grasshopper: Students urged to withhold opinions on tablets

Some people like them, others hate them, but everyone's wearing them. It's the hippest new fashion accessory of the month, and it has hit our school like a bombshell. It weighs more than a pencil but a little less than a car. What is it?

If you haven't figured it out yet, we'll give you another hint. It's silver, weighs about 10 pounds, and has a screen that twists 180 degrees. That's right—it's our new Gateway Tablets.

You can't walk down the halls in the school without running into them, but trust us, they aren't going anywhere. Yes, we understand that they do have their downfalls, but be patient and give the new program a chance to show that it's worth the time and trouble.

Pros:

Students involved in extracurricular activities are able to do homework on the road and keep up with deadlines.

Better organization of notes.

School has to buy less paper, resulting in fewer trees cut down.

Students without home computers are able to do homework assignments more easily.

The technology is a better preparation for students' futures.

Cons:

Due to the extra security measures, students are not able to use the CD's that contain their textbooks, making it more of a nuisance lugging around more books.

Several students have already gone through 2 or 3 styluses due to faulty mechanics, and it seems the more popular way to fix

the problem is to throw the pens to the ground.

Computers occasionally fail to synchronize to the network, resulting in lost notes and homework.

In October the district will purchase a new program that enforces the same firewall at home.

When all is weighed out and the punches

have been thrown at both sides, having the computers prepares students in ways that most school districts would only dream about. As students it is our responsibility to use these tools to better pursue our education, hoping that one day all of us will make a difference in the world.



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THUMBS

...to memories of the summer that will last a lifetime
...to intramural wiffleball
...to super good dancers in the freshman class during the olympics
...to seniors winning the powder puff game by multiple touchdowns
...to interesting speaker/dancer
...to new Gatorade machines
...to girls volleyball rocking the rest of the state
...to school spirit

...to unavenged deaths in Thebes
...to making all the teachers give semester tests
...to massive amounts of homework during homecoming
...to extra credit in only some classes
...to running in recreational activities
...to the end of summer
...to Internet restrictions (Facebook)
...to malfunctioning Gatorade machines
...to extra study time on the ACT

Hall Talk:

What do you think of the new firewall that will block the same websites at school and at home?



"I don't think that it is right. At home I should have the right to access websites I want; it is not on school time."

Chris Getty, 12



"At home you have more options for information and research. By blocking that, it would reduce availability."

Travis Till, 11



"The school shouldn't have the right to regulate the websites we go to at home."

Paige Undeberg, 10



"You are at home. They shouldn't be able to block what you do."

Kyle Rogers, 9

Feast your ears on new tunes

This month I chose two bands that I enjoyed over the summer. If you have an open mind and most importantly open ears, I think you'll enjoy them too.

WEEN

I typically steer clear of funny music. You know, the really juvenile lyrics that require you to listen to the entire song like there's a story being read. Ween is my one exception to the funny music rule.

They are by no means new to the music scene, yet with both members approaching 40, they sound like



Annie Beck

a couple of teenagers. Despite the often immature lyrics, the music behind them is much more complex. With obvious influences like the Beatles, Ween uses inspiration both new and old to create a sound that can be quite refreshing to anyone bored with the current music scene. Their sound can range anywhere from disco to tech-

no beats to pop rock to melodic ballads.

I admit you have to be a little strange to enjoy Ween, but everyone has a freak flag.

Download (legally of course): Muttilated Lips; Voodoo Lady; Ocean Man; seriously, just download them all.

JURASSIC 5

Jurassic 5 is straight-up, old school hip-hop. None of that thug rap on MTV garbage but real hip-hop with a seriously artistic edge. So turn off your TV and let your ears witness the hip-hop revolution

that is Jurassic 5.

The combination of choice beats and original lyrics that dare to exclude guns, bling-bling, and womanizing, reminds us of what hip-hop used to be. Inspired by the changing and increasingly superficial rap scene, Jurassic 5 maintains the original creativity and culture that created hip-hop.

Unfortunately, Jurassic 5 broke up earlier this year.

Download: High Fidelity; What's Golden; Swing Set; Radio. Once again, you can't go wrong, so download them all.

Movie Reviews

No Reservations

This chick-flick is about a talented, gourmet chef who is left to nurture her niece after her sister's sudden death. Catherine Zeta Jones isn't at her best, as the movie is rather dull and slow moving.

No need to make reservations to "No Reservations." One thumb up.

Superbad Is this movie Superbad or supergood? That is the question. The obvious answer for teens is supergood. This tale of two seniors in high school going on a quest to—we'll just say it—find alcohol and sex.

Superbad will be



Matty Beckwith, Katie Lingle

quoted for...well, at least a couple weeks. This film is definitely two thumbs up, but whoa, kids! This one's rated R. Make sure you don't get caught sneaking into this racy teen flick if you're under 17.

Balls of Fury This comedy is about a washed-up ping-pong prodigy who re-enters the irate world of

ping pong once again, tries to unmask a evil man who could have been behind his father's death 30 years ago.

With a whole slew of comedians you can't go wrong—or can you? Indeed, you can go wrong with too many comedians. The characters were the same except for their faces, ethnicities, and names.

If Christopher Walken is in a movie, it has to be good, but even good old Chris couldn't save these furious balls. A couple times we heard laughter in the audience, but it didn't come from us. One-half thumb (with a wart on the side).

Top things to check out this month

1. Johnson's Melt Away Stress body wash

Are the first few weeks of school already stressing you out? Then try this new body wash with chamomile and hints of lavender, and you will feel better in no time!



Kat Lindbloom, Kalee Miller, and Cassi Heuer

3. Neutrogena Mineral Sheers Illuminator Blush

Ready for a new look this season? This easy and new blush-and-brush-in-one will give you just the right glow for school or for a night out.

4. MTV drama

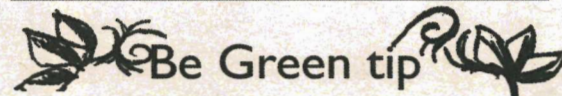
Tune in to all the new gossip and drama on *The Hills* (Monday nights at 9:00) and *Newport Harbor* (Wednesday nights at 9:30). These are the hottest shows of the season!

5. Sweater dresses

You see them in every magazine and will want one in every color! We'll see a lot of these this fall, paired with either a cute jacket or leggings.

6. Lady Gova Volleyball team

With an undefeated record of 9-0, this is the sport we recommend to watch this month!



By Bre Costello

Join the fight against bottled water. Go tap.

Bottled water may be the hottest, most trendy thing in the world today, but it is definitely not green. With

This hardworking team deserves some support!

7. MarieClaire.com/world/charity/feed-kids

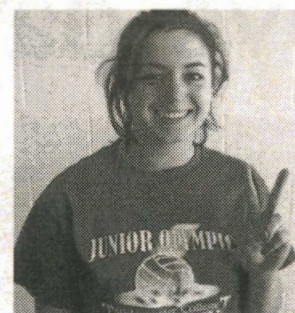
Visit this website and buy a t-shirt for \$34.95 to feed 100 children for a day! This is a great way to help the less fortunate in the world, and the t-shirt is a great perk!

How to go on a first date

I am definitely not saying I am a master of first dates. I don't even think I have been out on a real date, but everyone should, so here are some tips for a fun first date.

The most important thing is to keep it casual. It would be awkward if you were dressed as if you were going to the ball and your date showed up in jeans and a holey t-shirt.

If you are the one setting the date, try to be creative. Even if the date turns out wrong, a creative date will make a



Ali Burchill

good story, no matter the outcome.

If you are not comfortable being alone with your date, make it a group date and things will be less weird. Some ideas for a first date are boating, building a snowman, drawing with sidewalk chalk,

going to a concert, or the classic dinner and a movie.

Maybe the best date for you is going somewhere and getting to know your date better. Another good idea is taking your date out and meeting with friends later, a nice way of avoiding the awkward goodbye.

Always bring money. Your date may forget. Don't put too much pressure on yourself to make it great.

If it is meant to be, things will click. But if not, you may just have

Homecoming

By Morgan Finley, Timmi Lunsford, Brittany Guindon, and Drew Christensen

The anticipation of homecoming hit like the beat of a bass drum.

The week began with students dressed up in their class colors trying to see who would look most like big bird or Elmo.

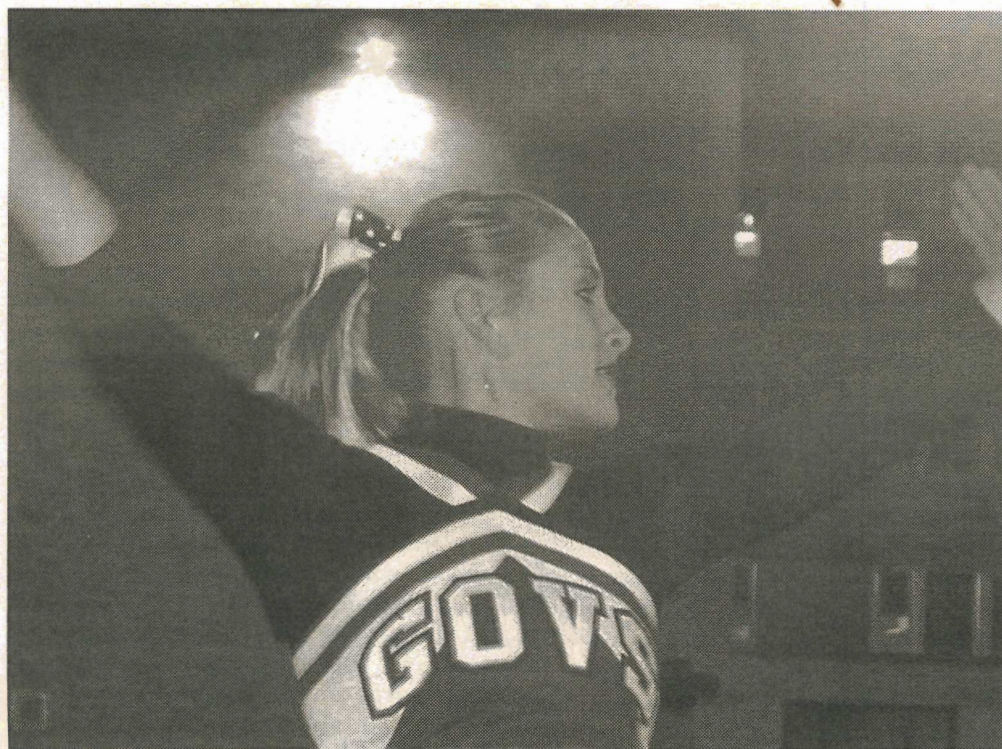
On Monday night the royalty--Ali Burchill, Travis Fitzke, Polly Gill, Jayson Herra, Cassi Heuer, Anthony Hunt, Deni Lohman, Casey Ortbahn, Abbie Mitchell, and Ben Young--looked nothing like a Sesame Street character. The candidates, dressed in elegant wear, were introduced with a great applause from the audience.

The Pierrette dance team rocked the theater with glowing pom-

poms that cheered the football team on. Head football coach Mike Busch also encouraged the football team to "not be one yard short."

Once the football team was ready to stomp the Bucks, it was time to announce the royalty. Travis Fitzke was named the 2007 Governor and Polly Gill was crowned the First Lady. Their first duty was lighting the burning PHS letters to complete the night.

Throughout the week students dressed up as Cher, Jack Sparrow, and other favorite movie heroes. Even if dressing up is not everybody's favorite part, it is still hilarious to watch a kid walk through the halls with half of his

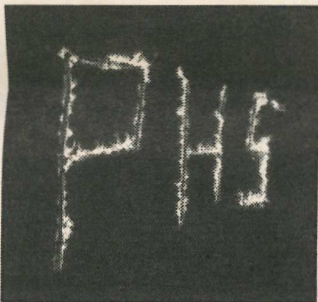


Above left--Cheerleader Brooke Sanders leads the crowd at the homecoming football game. Above--Quarterback Kyle Cichos runs to the sideline to get the next play.

Left--Senior football Devin Rounds, Tyler Coverdale and Jordan Shangreaux reflect on their experiences playing football at the coronation pep rally.

Far left--The traditional burning of the letters took place Monday night after coronation.

all photos by Samantha Clark



For five days of fury, the machine behi



Owners: Jenna Chalcraft, Sunni Cowan, Sam Dockter, Annie Beck, Alexa Pharis, Ali Burchill, Bre Costello

Cost: \$300

Favorite Part: Jumpstarting it

Owners: Jordan Forsch, Will Clark, Josh Dykstra, Jordan Heckenliable, Sean Melmer, Travis Fitzke, Alex Roberts.

Cost: \$600

Favorite Part: The Rocky Mountains

Owners: Taylor Kleinschmidt, Matt Keyser, Daris Kampfe, Dalton Blair, Jesse Baker, Zane Pries, Derrick Henniger

Cost: \$350

Favorite Part: Speaker system or antlers on the front

creates memories...

couch stuffed under his shirt and, in his pants.

Music Culture day seemed to be the favorite among most students. The week ended with Friday's green and white day and the homecoming Olympics where winners of the dress-up days were announced. This year Jenna Fieler took home the Sean Corcoran award for having the most ingenious costumes and school spirit. Other winners from each grade included Brittany Guindon, Steph Paluch, Jessalyn Baker, and Charles Gageby.

Shortly after the awards, the Olympics began. These are not your ordinary Olympics; they require unusual

skills, and the audience laughs until they cry.

Representatives for all four classes and teachers were drilled on how well they could hum a tune, "bust a move," puzzle together song lyrics, talk with food in their mouths, and push each other on scooters.

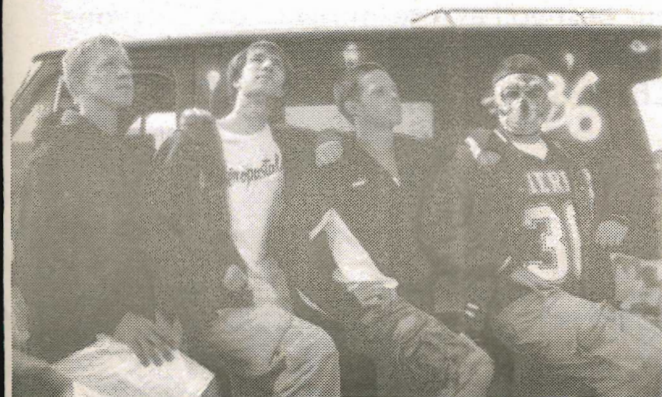
Senior Jenna Chalcraft's dance strategy was "Use Matt Beckwith and a little creativity." Jenna must have had the winning strategy because the seniors pounded the competition followed by the teachers. No matter how the Olympics turn out (even though everyone always knows), the early dismissal is time when the whole student body can get together and laugh.

Right--Senior Terra Burley dressed up as **Charlie Chaplin** on movie character day. **Far right--Freshmen girls Taylor Miller and Sara Lihs** dress up as superheroes. **Below--Seniors Polly Gill and Travis Fitzke** were crowned **First Lady and Governor** at Monday's coronation.

all photos by Samantha Clark



and the egg ravages the roads



Owners: Curry Kuehl, Dillon Gran, Tommy Fuchs, Austin Ambur

Cost: \$1500

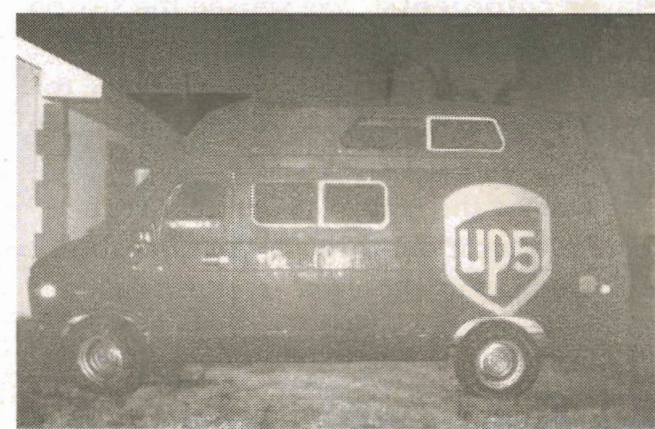
Favorite Part: Stereo system



Owners: Quinn Holden, Sam Koenecke, Jason Livermont, Michael Gardner, Jordan Shangreaux, Jake Imsland, Jordan Hull, Chance Frederick, Alex Lauseng

Cost: \$450

Favorite Part: Shag carpet



Owners: Drew Miller, Polly Gill, Katie Buhler, Cassie Palmer, Liz Fredrich, Anthony Hunt

Cost: \$200

Favorite Part: Paint job

NFL season draws early predictions

By Drew Christensen
and Taylor Becker

The NFL season has come upon us once again this September. Some teams to watch out for this year are the New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts and San Diego Chargers. The Patriots, with quarterback Tom Brady and the addition of wide receiver Randy Moss, are ripping apart the opposing defenses. The other teams just don't know how to stop the lethal combination.



Drew Christensen
and Taylor Becker

The quarterback for the Colts, Peyton Manning, is showing some of the best quarterback play we've seen in a long time. Their newest offensive weapon this year is rookie wide receiver Anthony Gonzalez, who is an-

other great option for Manning to throw to.

The third team, The San Diego Chargers, are the experts' pick to go to the Super Bowl. The Chargers will do well, but we don't feel they will make it as far as the experts say. Although they have LeDainian Tomlinson, Antonio Gates and Phillips Rivers, the defense is questionable.

Disappointments so far this year include the New Orleans Saints and New York Giants. The Saints have start-

ed off the season with three losses. Their star players aren't performing up to their potential, and now running-back Deuce McAllister is out with a torn ACL.

The New York Giants have lost two of three partly due to their iffy quarterback play. Eli Manning has not shown his potential and unless he steps it up, the team's season could be in jeopardy.

One team that will end up at the bottom of the barrel this season is the Oakland Raid-

ers. With the first pick of the 2007 NFL draft, the Raiders chose quarterback JaMarcus Russell. The rookie missed all of the preseason and some of the regular season in a hold-out over his contract.

Although we don't think he'll win any games this season, the future looks bright for this young quarterback. The Raiders will have a tough season because of their quarterback issues, but we feel this team is one to watch out for in upcoming years.

Season Predictions

Season MVP: Peyton Manning (QB-Indianapolis Colts)

Offensive Rookie of the Year: Calvin Johnson (WR-Detroit Lions)

NFC championship game: Dallas Cowboys vs San Francisco 49ers

AFC championship game: New England Patriots vs Indianapolis Colts

Superbowl: Patriots 31, Cowboys 10

Superbowl MVP: Randy Moss (Patriots)

Boys and Girls Soccer

Both Records: 6-1-3

Last games: 2-1 win over Yankton (boys); 3-2 win over Yankton (girls)

Next game for both: Tomorrow against Spearfish

Next home game for both: next Friday against Roosevelt

Player comments: "We started the season fast, then we seemed to slow, tied a couple games and lost a game. But we're starting to speed up again now that we're ranked in the top five." --junior Jarrett Klinger.

"We started the season strong and we're going to stick it out through state. Spearfish will be a fun game tonight."--senior defender Shaina Stover

Cross Country

Last meet: Yesterday in Watertown

Next meet: ESD here Saturday, Oct. 6

Player comment: "We are running well, so we have a shot at being the ESD champs. We're training hard, so I'm looking forward to it."--senior Tanner Steele



Volleyball

Record: 9-0

Last matches: wins against Sturgis and Spearfish

Next game: today against Watertown

Player comment: "We're playing through, and our team has good chemistry. Hopefully, we'll come out with a win against Watertown."--senior Polly Gill

Girls Tennis

Last match: Spearfish/Sturgis dual at Griffin Park. The Lady Govs took out Spearfish 9-0 and followed by beating Sturgis 8-1.

Next match: ESD today in Brookings

Player comment: "We're excited; the team is playing really well"--senior Katie Green

Boys Golf

Last meet: ESD in Brandon Valley.

Curry Kuehl placed 3rd with a 77, Jacob Greenhagen followed in 10th with an 81, Miles Shock and Drew Christensen followed close behind with 82 and 83.

Next meet: State tournament Monday and Tuesday in Yankton

Player comment: "We're starting to play our best golf as a team right now. Everyone is getting their scores down."--senior Drew Christensen

Football

Record: 1-4

Last game: 24-14 loss to Yankton

Next game: tonight against #3 ranked SF Washington

Player comment: "We aren't doing as well as we were expected to this season. We've been playing well the last few games against the better teams in our conference, but our record doesn't show it. It'll be a good game tonight." --junior quarterback Kyle Cichos

compiled by Ben Young and Jordan Hull

Despite exceptional season, Post 8 falls short

by Brian Chicoine

The school year has just begun, marking an end to seventh inning stretches and walk-off homeruns. The Pierre Post 8 legion baseball team started the season by winning 15 of its first 18 games.

In that stretch, they outscored opponents 153 to 84. At one point, the team won 20 out of 21 games including a 13-game winning streak. At the end of the regular season, Post 8 had a remarkable record of 44 wins and 13 losses. The team went into the state tournament in Pierre with high expectations.

Winning its opening game against Parkston, 4-1, in a pitcher's dual, senior starting pitcher Michael Gardner threw all nine innings. He



Senior Alex Lauseng dives back to first base in a game against Rapid City Post 22.

gave up nine hits and struck out four batters in a solid performance.

Leading the offense in the win was Riggs graduate Mike Fisher, who had three hits in three at-bats with two runs batted in and a walk. Senior Jordan Heckenliable also had an RBI and was two for four at the plate.

The second game didn't go as well as the first. Pierre lost to Rapid City Post 22 12-2.

Gardner's hit in the bottom of the second inning seemed to be the only bright spot for the Post 8 squad as pitcher junior Kyle Cichos was handed the loss.

The third and final game was against the Aberdeen Post 24 Smit-tys. Post 24 beat Pierre 14-2 in eight innings. The downfall for the home squad was undoubtedly the number of defensive errors.

"We went into the



Senior Jason Livermont tags out a runner at second base.

year with high expectations and were disappointed with our play throughout the state tournament," second baseman and senior Alex Lauseng said.

While the team's season didn't end as they hoped, the season statistics are impressive. Graves and Fisher lead the team in batting averages with .387 and .377

respectively. Graves and Heckenliable lead the team in RBI's with 55 and 54, and the homerun leader for the team was Fisher, with 9 balls hit over the fence.

McLain wins national swimming competition

by Brian Chicoine

While most kids are out swimming around in the Missouri River during the summer, others choose a different environment to swim in. Senior Morgan McLain is a competitive swimmer who won a major national competition over the summer.

In early August she competed in the Central Zone Championship Meet held in Topeka, Ks. In order to enter the competition, swimmers must have achieved a



Senior Morgan McLain won the 50 meter freestyle at Zones this summer.

National AAA time.

McLain competed on a team along with 50 other swimmers from South Dakota and swam in four different events. Her best finish was first place finish in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 27.88 seconds.

"I just enjoyed being

a part of the team and hanging out with everyone else there," she said.

Not only does the success of the race provide McLain with bragging rights, but it also opens the door to many different colleges as this type of meet lures scouts from countless schools.

Boys soccer wins prestigious summer tournament in MN

by Jessica Jones

One of the largest weekend soccer tournaments in the nation was won by the U17 team in Blaine, MN, this summer.

This tournament provides tough competition from around the world. Despite huge acclaim for this high-temperature international tournament weekend in Minnesota, that did not faze the U17 boys.

Before the quarterfinals, the team had a record of 1-1-1. The pressure of the quarterfinals seemed not to bother the team.

"I knew that once we made it out of our bracket, we had a chance to win it," said senior Eric Christianson.

But when the team reached the semifinals, the game became even more exhausting.

The team took on two-time champion Green Bay. After 90 minutes of play, the teams were tied 1-1, so 20 minutes of overtime was added to determine the victor.

When that was not enough, a head-to-head competition required 12 rounds of penalty kicks, which finally sealed the deal.

"I felt absolute terror during the shootout, but I didn't want to let the team down. Will Corcoran saved a goal, allowing for a victory," said senior Anthony Hunt. The championship game was not as much of a strain.

"None of us really expected to win, but as soon as we got to the quarterfinals, we figured we'd give it our all," said sophomore Jacob Parsons.

After a long, hard weekend of playing soccer, the U17 boys team brought home the championship trophy.

Club preview:

School activities for everyone

YIP

Adviser: Darlene Neiles

Students meet to plan projects and to respond to requests from community groups needing helpers. This program is designed to give students opportunities to enhance their skills as effective helpers to other students as well as the community.

FBLA

Adviser: Cheryl Ulmen

This organization encourage students to participate in business and prepare for their futures. Students have the opportunity to attend leadership development conferences and competitions as well as participate in several community projects.

Warriors of Light

Adviser: Anne Campbell

This organized group provides culture-related activities for the Native American youth within the district. The group provides a support network for Native American students while promoting excellence in academics and cultural pride.

Teen Court

Adviser: Noreen Plumage

This program allows teens to be judged by a jury of his/her peers rather than in "adult court." All of the participants in the courtroom are teens, except the judge.

Rodeo Club

Adviser: Don Bergeson.

Members compete in various rodeo events. They meet once a month.

Gumbo Yearbook

Adviser: Shana Davis

Students write stories and organize photographs documenting the year's events, organizations, sports and students at Riggs. The book is published in the summer.

Quiz Bowl

Adviser: Kelly Brandt

The program is the "Jeopardy" of our school. Students from different schools compete with their teams to answer trivia questions.

Debate

Adviser: Linda Aaker

This program provides students an opportunity to engage in organized arguments and public speaking. Each student researches and prepares for different topics throughout the year and travels to competitions at other schools.

Close Up

Adviser: Terry Becker

This organization brings students to the heart of Washington, D.C. to see their government in action.

Y2Y

Drug and Alcohol prevention program for students.

Oral Interp

Adviser: Peggy Rose

The activity allows students to compete against others in the art of communicating to an audience a work of literary art in its intellectual, emotional, and aesthetic entirety.

Intramural sports

Adviser: Dan Snyder

Depending on the season of the year, different recreational sports are organized within the school usually conducted between teams comprised of members from the same school.

Governor Newspaper

Adviser: Elizabeth Vogt

Hey, you're reading it all here--in the *Governor*. This extra-curricular activity puts out one issue of the paper per month and always need more writers!

In your face



Dr. Kelly Glodt

Meet the
new 'super'
Kelly Glodt
superintendent

- ♦ Dr. Kelly Glodt
- ♦ Married 22 years
- ♦ Wife is a kindergarten teacher
- ♦ Son is a freshman at Ft. Hayes State, KS
- ♦ Daughter is a high school senior in Oberlin, KS.
- ♦ His wife will join him in Pierre next year.
- ♦ Graduated from Gettysburg High School, SD
- ♦ SDSU: Bachelor's and Master's Degree
- ♦ Ft Hayes State (KS)-District Level Certification
- ♦ Kansas State-PhD

Q: What was your job before being hired as superintendent at Pierre?

A: I was a superintendent at Oberlin, KS, for 6 years. Before that I was a principal at Garden City, KS, for 8 years.

Q: What are your goals for Pierre District?

A: First, I need to evaluate what we're currently doing, then build an effective administrative team. The bottom line is to provide a system that supports teachers and gives teachers an opportunity to grow and improve and be the best teachers they can be.

Q: What do you think are the strengths/weaknesses of the district?

A: I think that Pierre District has many strengths. It has been a quality district for many years. Just the rigor of the academics is big. Also, there is a wide variety of extra curricular activities to be involved with. I'm happy to see there are intramural activities and that the students have an opportunity to be involved. Like many districts, it faces challenges. Some of the weaknesses are funding and making sure we are improving what we do for every student.

Q: What did you think of homecoming week?

A: I was very impressed. It was fun to see different traditions that high schools have. The coronation was wonderful more celebratory whereas in Kansas it was very formal.

Q: What is your favorite treat at Zestos?

A: Just a regular ice cream cone.

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