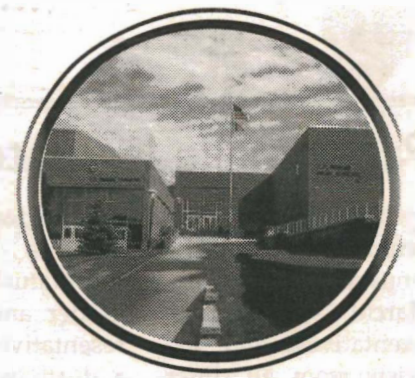


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## School resource officer takes Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics fundraising

Timmi Lunsford

Last week, chilling in the Missouri River raised a lot of money for a good cause. This year many prestigious persons of Pierre—including the attorney general and chief of police—plunged into the Missouri River to help raise money for the Special Olympics. This year it was the “kick-off” for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The event turned out to be a huge success. “The Polar Plunge” included School Resource Officer Samson Boutchee. Boutchee raised \$1,300 by the time of the plunge.

“It was a great cause to support,” said Boutchee, “I run in the Law Enforcement Torch Run every year,

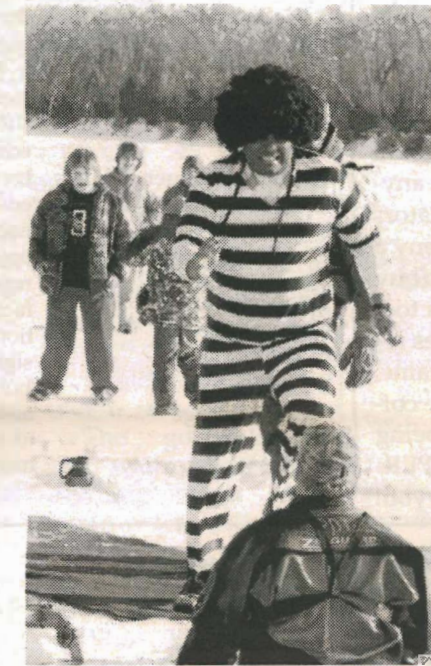


Photo by Josh Dutt

Boutchee takes a running leap into hole drilled through the ice.

but this was the first time I did the Polar Plunge.”

The Polar Plunge took place behind the Legion Cabin on Feb. 10. Boutchee jumped in the freezing water around 4 p.m. that day. The contestants had to dress up in a costume and take a chilling plunge into the Mis-

souri. After the jump, they were allowed to go into a warming house, take a hot shower, and put on dry clothes.

“I was in the water for about a total of 30 seconds,” said Boutchee.

The “Polar Plunge” brought many students, staff, community members,

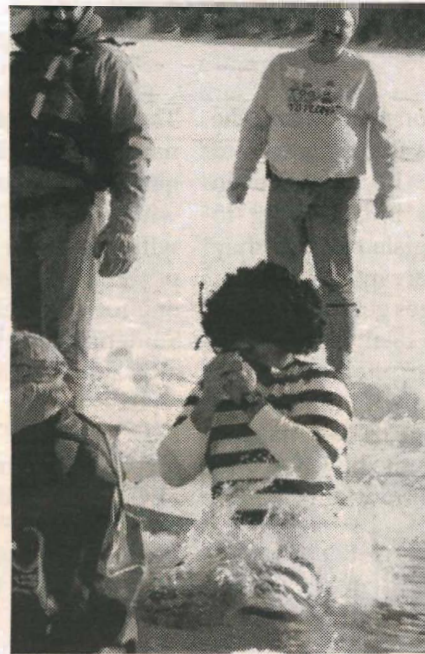


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After just a few days of fundraising, Officer Samson Boutchee raised enough money to be able to jump into the frigid Missouri.

*“I would like to thank the staff and students of Riggs High for the more than \$700 in donations.”*

*—Officer Samson Boutchee*

and friends out for an afternoon of freezing fun. Not only did the plunge support the Special Olympics, but it helped many people

become aware of the cause and is hopeful to bring a new group of jumpers next year. “I always admired the folks that participat-

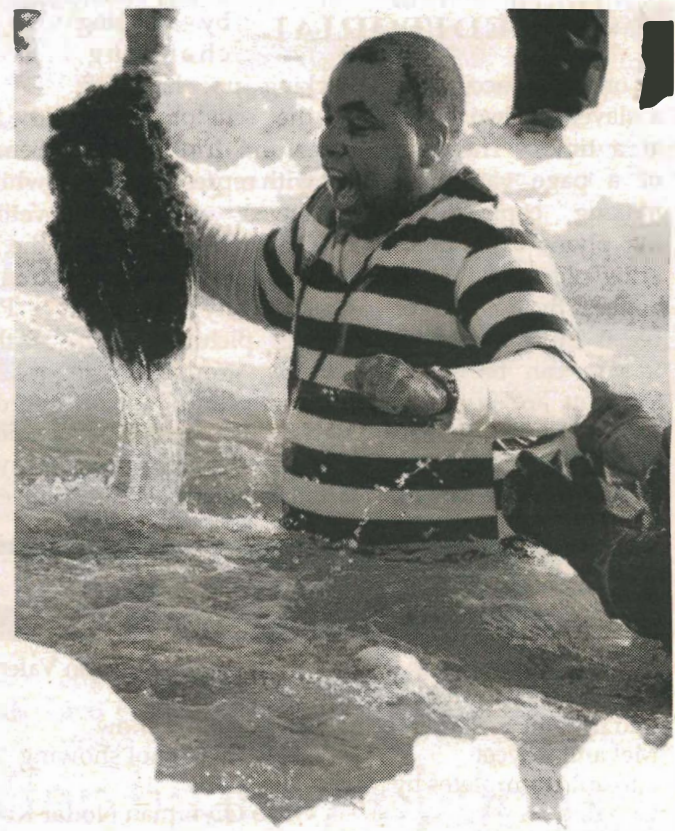


Photo by Josh Dutt

Boutchee emerges from the icy cold water after diving in to support the Special Olympics.

ed in the “polar plunge” for the Special Olympics. I heard about it on the Wednesday before and decided to jump on that Friday. On Tuesday morn-

ing, I had \$250. I sent out an e-mail and by the time I jumped, I had \$1300. I would like to thank the staff and students of Riggs High for the more than

\$700 in donations. I plan to do the Polar Plunge again next year, and hopefully I will be able to recruit some more jumpers,” Boutchee said.



## Pages make legislators happy one coffee at a time

Pierre is a happenin' place during January, February, and March! Senators, representatives, and lobbyists from all different parts of South Dakota gather together at the Capitol building to squabble, drink coffee, and make laws.

High school students get in on the action by becoming **EDITORIAL** by being a "page" charming,

-- or more accurately, sucking up, laughing at the senators' lame jokes, and drinking coffee with representatives whenever possible. The governor's role in the legislative process mostly involves taking pictures with various groups. In his spare time, he also signs bills that have passed through two committee meetings,

Of course, people skills will come in handy. Pages can expect to deal with some senators that have the maturity of a fifth grader and some representatives that have a death wish on their arch nemeses. Add lobbyists to the mix, and things get really crazy.

The job of a lobbyist is to convince the lawmakers how to vote. This is accomplished

by being charming,

sucking up, laughing at the senators' lame jokes, and drinking coffee with representatives whenever possible.

The governor's role in the legislative process mostly involves taking pictures with various groups. In his spare time, he also signs bills that have passed through two committee meetings,

the House floor, and the Senate floor. Once in a while, he might even veto a bill, proving to the legislators that they don't always get it right.

Pages get the best end of the deal at the Capitol. Despite being bombarded with random errands by the lawmakers, they get to have fun and meet important people.

The pages' nifty red nametag will let them get into almost anywhere. Many senators will send them to buy a pop and tell them to buy one for themselves too. Sometimes the jokes really aren't that lame.

If you're a coffee drinker, being a page is the PERFECT job for you!



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...to intramural volleyball  
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...to logging  
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...to epic dance crews like Poterotics rocking it out to T-Swizzle  
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...to yellow snow  
...to dudes not showing emotion  
...to Olympian Nodar Kumaritashvili's tragic death  
...to Nolan Merrill being sick for so long  
...to Tiger Woods...still  
...to the hottest man in the world (Channing Tatum) being engaged  
...to uber-packed schedules  
...to ridiculous amounts of projects lately  
...to tigers in the bathroom  
...to morons who step on perfectly good Skittles  
...to evil groundhogs declaring 6 more weeks of winter

## Hall Talk:

### What was your favorite part of King of Hearts?



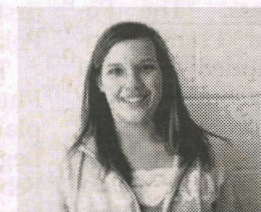
"The food everyone makes."  
—Shane Skaggs,  
senior



"The whole night was a strapping good time."  
—Tayler Owens,  
junior



"I liked it as a whole, truthfully."  
—Quinn Mortenson,  
junior



"I was excited to have a date!"  
—Kelbie Frederick,  
freshman



# Milk turns date sour | DeGeneres joins *Idol*, Valentine's Day debuts

Have you ever had one of those love and hate relationships, but it's mostly hate? Like when you hate each other but have no one better to date so you just stay together. Maybe it's more of a middle-school thing, but I had one not that long ago.

"Argus Filch," as we shall fondly refer to him, was generally a nice guy but sort of uptight. Anyway, we had a small argument (one of many), over the by-laws of Quidditch. (I was right.) So we decided to makeup by meeting for lunch the next day. All was going well until the poor waitress came to take our orders.

"I'll have a medium coke," said Argus. Then I requested milk but with ice. Apparently the ice threw it over the top. After our waitress left, Argus began whining, saying he couldn't take me to public places because I was so weird and NO ONE gets ice in their milk.

After calmly taking his views into consideration, a switch was flipped--low voltage to high. Seriously, how hard could it possibly be to add a few ice cubes to milk? He was over-reacting! I HAD TO TAKE ACTION. I knew what to do:

"What can I get you guysto eat?" the waitress asked, sort of nasally.

He ordered some chickenthingwithsalad.

ThenIordered.Hehe.

"I'll have a salad... with ranch dressing on half, Italian dressing on the other half,



Regan Duvall, Dacey Beck, Becky Plumage

## MY AWKWARD LIFE

croutons under the carrots. I would like a large fork and two spoons. Please remove all lettuce pieces that are darker than forest green.

Don't forgot to add finely chopped bacon and bring my another glass of ice-milk. That is all." Then I sweetly smiled and said a please and thank you.

The good news: the waitress got everything right and made a ten dollar tip.

The bad news: I had to walk home--but it was so worth it.

Who knew awkward could be so fun?

## MY LIFE IS AVERAGE

Today, my friends and I were hanging out in our dorm next to the elevators. The elevator doors opened, and we all looked up to see who would emerge. Instead, a cake slid out across the floor. The elevator doors closed. We ate the cake. MLIA.

The votes are in! Ellen DeGeneres has proven to be a natural at her new spot on the panel of American Idol. She delivers humor mixed with honesty--luckily, in a more constructive and effective way than co-judge Simon Cowell.

At first Idol fans were wondering what qualifications DeGeneres has to judge singing when she has no background in music. Her response was that she knows "what it's

like to stand on stage and try to please an entire roomful of people."

Pleasing an audience is her job, so she had better be good at it. If DeGeneres and the rest of the judges can find someone with the same talent, they will have done their job this season.

We have all seen movies overpopulated with big-name actors and actresses. Unfortu-

nately, *Valentine's Day* falls into this category. Just a few of the numerous actors include Anne Hathaway, Jennifer Garner, Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Taylor Lautner, Bradley Cooper, Jesse



Molly Burke and Alexi Gusso  
MUSIC, MEDIA AND MORE

Biel, and Patick Dempsey. As you can see, this movie clearly can't

claim a lack of talent.

According to *Eonline* movie reviews, "Director Garry Marshall (*Pretty Woman*) isn't really about the surprises in the chocolate box. He's more interested in reminding us about how sweet it all is."

If you enjoy Valentine's Day, you will likely appreciate this movie.

If you are looking for something with a new and exciting plot, however, this movie won't be your best bet.

## Fun ideas bust bad weather boredom

Sick of nasty weather keeping you cooped in your house all day? Yeah, well we hear

ya, sister (or brother). We're going to let you in on some ways to beat those winter blues and have a good time!

Have a sleepover with your friends, rent tons of movies and make popcorn: the whole shebang. This is

pretty traditional but will never get old!

Gather all your annoying little neighbor kids and have a snow angel-making contest--FACE DOWN. If

this sounds a little too lame, we have a couple of ideas for you dare-



Charles Gageby and Morgan Finley  
THE 411 ON EVERYTHING COOL

devils: fire up your dad's riding lawn mower and take it for some cookies on the icy streets.

If you enjoy writing letters and you're bored, try a prison penpal! Remember,

they're bored too!

If winter just isn't for you, find something new. To get that total summer feeling, go tanning or go to an indoor pool and just let it all hang out. If this winter wonderland is getting you down, go to a sad movie--there are a lot of good ones.

Just be creative and don't forget to have fun!

## Fast food places offer healthy options

Everyone loves eating out at their favorite restaurants. The question is: which types of foods are the healthiest?

Fast food has been labeled unhealthy, but this isn't always true. Most all fast food places have a variety of healthy choices on their menu.

The number one healthiest fast food restaurant is Panera Bread with over 1,230 locations nationwide.

Unfortunately, the closest Panera to Pierre is in Sioux Falls, but if you happen to be in the city, stop by because you're in for a treat. They offer many kinds of grain breads, half-size soups and salads, and organic cheeses. You have the option to get chips,



Michael Lindbloom and Laura Severyn  
HEALTH BEAT

an apple, or a baguette with each meal.

This may come as a shock to you, but McDonalds actually made the list of healthiest fast food places! It rolled it at number eight and offers sides of apples with low-fat caramel

and milk or fruit juice with a Happy Meal.

McDonalds' fries are fried with canola-blend oil, and the small size is only 230 calories.

Another healthy option is the Snack Wrap, which offers a boost in protein and few carbs.

Although McDonalds did make this list, beware of the many unhealthy items on the menu.



## Fear of clowns **Coulrophobia**



## **Ephebiphobia** Fear of teenagers

## **Scolionophobia**



Fear  
of  
school

# Weird phobias: not only hard to li

By Kelsey Oligmueller

**S**ure, everyone is afraid of something: spiders, the dark, snakes. However, some people are so afraid that their fear actually interferes with their daily lives.

Remember the movie "The Benchwarmers"? Well, in that movie a guy named Howie is so afraid of the sun that he lives in a closet and never goes outside.

People with phobias take every kind of precaution to stay out of the way of their fear. When a fear gets to this extreme, it's called a phobia.

There are some very normal phobias, and some can be really bizarre. Hippopotomon-

strosquippedaliophobia is the fear of big words; whoever has that phobia must hate his life. Nephophobia is the fear of clouds, which would be quite a bad deal for anyone living in South Dakota. About 60% of all people have been affected by a phobia at some time in their lives, and more that 1/3 of the human population has a phobia now.

The way a phobia works is kind of like a nervous habit that some people have, like biting their nails or tapping their feet when they are nervous. A phobia is the brain's way of telling a person that it is freaked out by a certain situation.

Ivan Pavlov, a famous psy-

chologist, performed an experiment on his dogs. He would ring a bell every time that he fed them for months; then after that, every time he rang the bell, the dogs would start drooling. Their brains had subconsciously tied the bell to being fed, which made their bodies react.

The same effect happens to a person with a phobia. Take those people afraid of clouds, for instance. Sometime in their lives, they could have been looking at clouds when something scared them or had an emotional effect on them. Well, their brains, without them knowing it, had tied being scared with the clouds. Thus, those people become afraid of clouds.

**Napoleon Bonaparte**  
ailurophobia: fear of cats



**Whoopi Goldberg**  
aviophobia: fear of flying



**Alfred Hitchcock**  
ovophobia: fear of eggs



# Hippopotomonstrosesqu



# ive with but hard to overcome

So someone could be looking at something random like a pop can when someone came up behind them and scared the "ba-jeepers" out of them! That person could then have a phobia about pop cans, which would be quite a drag at a Super Bowl party. Imagine offering someone a can of Mountain Dew, and he or she runs off screaming. It's a sad thought, but it could happen.

However, hope is not lost for these people; there are many ways to get help. Almost all phobias can be treated in many ways, some more intense than others. One treatment is just taking pills to calm the brain down during the time

a person sees or experiences the thing he or she is afraid of.

Another option would be a behavioral therapist. The downside to getting therapy is that, while very effective, it can run a person about \$30,000 a year! They could have bought a brand-spanking-new Ford Mustang for that much!

Another more harsh option is exposure therapy. This is when the person is exposed to his or her phobia over and over and over again until the brain gets used to it and isn't afraid anymore. Although this sounds very effective, it is very dangerous when the person is so terrified that he or she can literally scare themselves to death.

Phobias are actually very common. Many students even admit to having a phobia themselves.

"I have a phobia about missing school, just something about thinking about all the homework that piles up when I'm gone scares me!" senior Sarah Moreno said.

Junior Kelsey Hammond has a phobia about feet. "They are just so disgusting, and you never know what's on them!"

"I hate ticks and spiders! I'm deathly afraid of them!" senior Shelby Abels said.

Phobias are very common, sometimes funny but usually a scary deal for a lot of people.

## Anthrophobia Fear of flowers



## Barophobia Fear of gravity

**Madonna**  
brontophobia:  
fear of thunder or  
storms



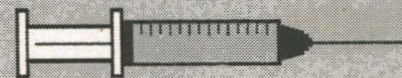
**Justin Timberlake**  
arachnophobia: fear  
of spiders



**Sheryl Crow**  
acrophobia: fear of  
heights



## Aichmophobia Fear of needles or pointed objects



**hippedaliophobia** Fear of long words



# Professional hockey takes break for Olympics

The NHL season is entering the home stretch of their season just as the 2010 Winter Olympics start in Vancouver. Many NHL stars will be representing their respective countries in the Olympics as they enter the Olympic break from the NHL season.

Going into the break, three teams stand above all others in the race for the best record of the regular season: Washington Capitals, San Jose Sharks, and Chicago Blackhawks.

The Washington Capitals lead both the NHL and the Eastern Conference for the best record at 41-13-8. They are led

by Russian superstar Alexander Ovechkin.

Ovechkin leads the league in points (goals and assists) and is tied with Sidney Crosby by of the Pittsburgh Penguins for league lead in goals. Ovechkin continues to dazzle crowds day in and day out with his crazy moves and uncanny knack for scoring goals.

It seems the key to stopping the Capitals lies in stopping Ovechkin as he is cornerstone of the Washington team.

Other key players in the Capitals' roster are forwards Alexander Semin and Nicklas Backstrom, as well as de-

fenseman Mike Green.

The San Jose Sharks are second in the NHL and first in the Western Conference with a record of 40-13-9. Contrary to many top teams in the league, the Sharks are led by a veteran group of players.

Of these, Joe Thornton, Dany Heatley, and Patrick Marleau stand above the rest.

Thornton leads the league in assists with 59. Heatley and Marleau lead the team in goals with 32 and 38 respectively.

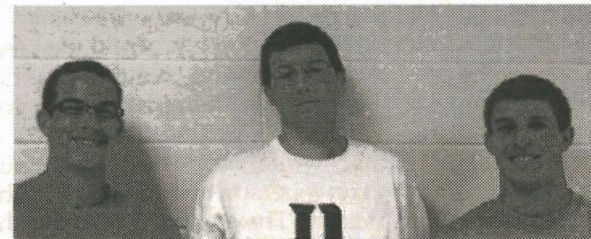
Another key part of the Sharks' lineup is their goaltender Evgeni Nabokov. Nabokov has plenty of NHL experi-

ence, which has helped him to become second in the league for both wins at 34 and save percentage of 93.8%. He is also fifth in the league for goals against average with a 2.26 GAA. This veteran leadership looks to be working well for the Sharks.

The Chicago Blackhawks are third in the NHL and second in the Western Conference with a record of 41-15-5.

The Blackhawks are one of the most balanced goal-scoring teams in the league. Leading the team in points and scoring is Patrick Kane who is in only his third NHL season.

He, along with Dun-



Taylor Becker, Kyle Brees, Stephen Bollinger

can Keith, Patrick Sharp, and Jonathan Toews, has contributed many of the assists for the Blackhawks.

Chicago has two quality goaltenders in Cristobal Huet and Antti Niemi. Niemi is third in the league for goals against average with a 2.16 GAA.

Other teams contending for top spots include the Ottawa Senators, New Jersey

Devils, Pittsburgh Penguins, Buffalo Sabres, Phoenix Coyotes, Los Angeles Kings, Vancouver Canucks, and Colorado Avalanche.

These among other teams will be fighting to get the top eight spots in their respective conferences going in the Stanley Cup Playoffs. It looks to be an exciting conclusion with plenty of scoring and plenty of hits.

## Boys basketball

**Record:** 2-15

**Last Game:** Tuesday against Aberdeen

**Next Game:** tomorrow in Brandon Valley

**Player Comments:** "The highlight of my year has been getting the new nickname of Coon. It has been fun playing with everyone this year, too."--junior Tanner Johnson

## Boys hockey

**Record:** 21-8-1

**Last games:** Last weekend in Sioux Falls

**Next games:** This weekend in Mitchell

**Player comment:** "If we win out the rest of the season, we have a good chance of being seeded first for state."- junior Brian Long

**Fan Comment:** "The highlight of this school year is going to be going to state to watch the Capitals."- senior Ryan Blake



## Girls hockey

**Record:** 5-8

**Last Game:** Sunday in Pierre

**Next Game:** tomorrow in Watertown

**Player comment:** "We have skated more ladders than Menards has ever sold. We are working hard for the rest of the season. The state tournament is getting close, and the team is excited."--senior Mallory Gordon

## Girls basketball

**Record:** 6-11

**Last Game:** Yesterday against Aberdeen

**Next Game:** Tomorrow here against Brandon Valley

**Player comments:** "We play better when we don't think about it; we just need to have fun and play Lady Govs basketball."--senior Paige Burkett

## Wrestling

**Record:** 10-4

**Last Match:** Last Saturday in Brandon

**Next Match:** Tomorrow in Mitchell

**Player comment:** "We had a few minor set backs, but we are looking pretty good now. I think we are going to tear it up at state. The team is really looking forward to going this year."--senior Tyler Sarringar

## Gymnastics

**Last match:** Regions last weekend

**Next match:** State this weekend

**Player comment:** "I think our team did really well this season. Everyone has really worked hard, and it is finally time for it to pay off!"- senior Sarah Ludemann



# Disappointing seasons won't stop hoopers

By Jenaleah Block and Kelcy Curtis

With just a few games left, both the Govs and Lady Govs are gearing up for upcoming tournaments, despite less-than-stellar seasons.

"Watching your



Gumbo photo

Varsity player and sophomore Katie Ludemann looks for a quick pass at a game against Watertown.

team working together and knowing that you're a part of it is the best part of playing basketball," said freshman Rhiannon Sears. Sears's attitude seems to reflect the entire Lady Govs' philosophy. The LG's have been working hard all season, despite some major setbacks.

"It's been good to see our young kids step up into the positions they need to fill and handle it so well," said varsity coach Lisa Kannegieter.

At this time, the Lady Govs latest win was on Jan. 30 against Sturgis, with a score of 60-45. Their last games played before the district tournament will be at home tomorrow night against Brandon Valley and Tuesday night against

Huron at Huron.

"We've been trying to refine our skills and work on things that separate the top from the bottom," Kannegieter said.

For the boys team, March 2 marks the start of the District 3AA Tournament for the guys. The team is working hard to prepare.

"We need to play consistently for the whole game to be successful in the upcoming tournament," said varsity player Zach Hanson.

Varsity coach Terry Becker agrees. "We play well in spurts, but we need to do that through the entire game, especially with running good offense and taking the right shots on offense."

Three more games will be played before the varsity boys' basketball team plays in the District 3AA tournament. The boys played this past weekend; on Friday they lost 45-68 to Watertown, and on Saturday they lost to Yankton, 47-57.

Despite the rough season, Becker keeps his head up.

"We are confident in our athletes as we head to the end of the season. Even though we haven't won very many games, the players are coming to practice each day with positive attitudes and a willingness to learn. There is still some life in this team, so don't count us out just yet!" Becker said.



Gumbo photo

Senior Taylor Becker blocks a Brookings player two weeks ago.

# Wrestlers go for 'redemption' at state meet

By Regan Duvall

Basing their season on the one, powerful word *redemption*, the Governors wrestling team has been working hard to improve their game and polish their skills in preparation for the state tournament.

Currently rated 10<sup>th</sup> in the state, the boys are working hard to rank in the top eight in Class A.

Last year the wrestlers finished sixth in the ESD Conference and 14<sup>th</sup> at the state tournament.

"The Pierre Governor wrestling team finished the dual season 11-5 and tied for third in the ESD Conference," head coach Ryan Noyes said. "I have been happy with the

*"I am ready! I'll be wrestling with a vengeance!"*

— Dusty Paulsen, junior

way our wrestlers have competed this year. We have wrestled very consistently all year long. We have a group of kids who work hard not only on the mat but in the classroom as well."

Wrestlers compete in the state championship in just one week; they have been preparing accordingly.

"Practices will get turned up a notch starting this week in preparation for ESD, Re-



Gumbo photo

Junior Jacob Wagener gets ready for redemption against his Huron opponent.

gions, and State," Noyes said.

Junior Dusty Paulsen is definitely looking forward to wrestling in state. "I am ready! I'll be wrestling with a vengeance!" Paulsen said.

"We've come a long way

over the past few years, and we're a pretty young team so hopefully it's just uphill from here...REDEMPTION!" junior Josh Stoltenburg said.

Senior Tyler Sarringar agrees. "Even though we've

had a few setbacks throughout the year, I think we are still coming on strong. We have a few guys who are really looking good out there, and it should be fun to watch them at State. We could have some very high placers."

Among those possible high placers are sophomore Chase Lettau and junior Terrance Maier, who took second in their weight classes at ESD, and both made all-conference as well.

Coming in third at ESD were freshman Caleb Stoltenburg, junior Dusty Paulsen, and senior Tyler Sarringar. Juniors Chance Scott, Jacob Wagener and Josh Stoltenburg earned fourth place as ESD.



## Bachelor of the month

### Josh Dutt '10

**Eye Color:** Hazel - NOT BROWN!  
**Height:** 5' 7"  
**Personality:** Fun and creative.  
**Favorite Movie:** I don't have one.



**What attracts you to the opposite sex?**  
 Umm.....nothing?

**What's the most important value in a relationship?**  
 That I never have to pay for a date. Just joshing...OHH!

**Who should get the check on**

**the first date?**  
 Not me!

**Do you believe in love at first sight?** I believe in Lady Gaga.

**What's your ideal first date?**  
 At some point he'd reveal to me that he's actually a werewolf.

**If you could go on a date with anyone, who would it be?**  
 Channing Tatum... take that Megan!

**What is your biggest pet peeve?**  
 My ex-boyfriend.

**Do you have an age preference?**  
 Not too young, not too old.

**Have you ever fallen in love?**  
 With Liz, yes.

**Pursue or be pursued?**  
 Pursued. I hate running.

## Bachelorette of the month

### Megan Meier '10

**Eye Color:** Blue  
**Height:** 5' 2 1/2"  
**Personality:** On a good day, happy and easy going  
**Favorite Movie:** How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days



**What attracts you to the opposite sex?**  
 When they blink at me a lot.

**What's the most important value in a relationship?** A lot of eye contact.

**Have you ever broken**

**someone's heart?**  
 ...BAHahahahaha!

**What is your biggest pet peeve?**  
 Dry eyes.

**Would you take your boyfriend back if he cheated on you?**  
 If it's Channing Tatum, I'll find a way to

understand.

**Do you think everyone deserves a second chance?**  
 Amen.

**Do you believe in love at first sight?**  
 If Channing Tatum counts, then YES.

**If you could go on a date with anyone, who would it be?**  
 Matthew McConaughey or Channing Tatum.

**Pursue or be pursued?**  
 Pursue! It's so much fun.

## KOH chaperones donate time

By Sarah Moreno

Students aren't the only ones who prepare for hours for the annual King of Hearts dance. Chaperones have to organize the event well in advance. They have to arrive at the middle school well before the dance starts to set everything up, and they don't leave the gym until well after the dance gets over.

"We get to the gym really early to set up, and then we're there cleaning up until about 2 or 3 a.m.," Nadene Thompson, a KOH chaperone, says. "Every year the chaperones go out to breakfast after cleaning up till about 4 a.m., so I get home about the same time as the kids do."

Dance-goers underestimate the time and dedication of the King of Hearts chaperones. "We don't get paid...it's all volunteer work,"

to move around and keep track of everything. Now I just wear slacks." Chaperoning isn't just all about setting up and

grade, so about eight or nine years."

She's supervised the dance at many different places over the years, and she's seen the ticket prices change, too. "This year, tickets are \$15 per person because it got too complicated with the couples' tickets—

dates would come late, or two girls would try to get in on one couple's ticket." Eliminating the doubles tickets for merely single tickets make things go much smoother at the entrance.

Chaperones usually work in two shifts for the long night of the KOH dance. Around fifty chaperones supervise the dance each year, so they pretty much see and hear everything.

*We get to the gym early...then we're there cleaning up until 2 or 3 a.m."*

Nadene Thompson

Thompson states.

Some rules apply in order to gain admittance to the dance. "Girls have to wear dresses, and guys have to wear a suit with a tie," Thompson says.

Students aren't the only ones who have to dress up for the dance. Chaperones have to dress up, too. After all, it is a formal dance. "I used to wear formal dresses," Thompson explains, "but it just got too hard

cleaning up. Sometimes things get out of hand. Thompson explains of some not-so-fun events: "I've had some kids come to the dance drunk, but I didn't deal with them. I've never dealt with that situation before, but my husband has."

Thompson and her husband are experienced chaperones. "I've been involved with chaperoning since my daughter Courtney was in the sixth

## Students to register Mar. 4

By Kelcy Curtis

The time has come: time to map out next year's classes and choose which graduation pathway to take. For the class of 2010, registration is no longer an issue. For the rest of Riggs High, however, students have just a few weeks to figure out desired class-

es for next year.

"Students need to think about the classes they're wanting because it's based upon their requests that the schedules are built," said guidance counselor Bobbi Brown.

"I think I'm going to have a really relaxed schedule compared to this year," junior Dylan Geuther said.

Juniors and seniors are required to take five classes each semester while underclassmen have to take six, for a grand total of 22 credits to graduate.

"After this year I'll already have 20 credits," Geuther said.

Per usual, students will register for classes online using course numbers specified in the

course handbook. There is, however, a bit of a change in the course options.

"FST is no longer going to be a class. There will now be integrated math," Brown said. "There are different pathways in the math department."

Despite just a few more minor changes, the rest of the registration process remains the same.