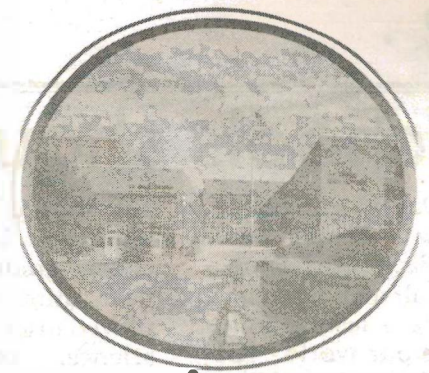


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Close-up trip proves memorable experience

By Allie Knofczynski

As a United States citizen, a visit to the nation's capital city should have a spot on everyone's bucket list. It is important that Americans are well educated in the workings of the United States government, but for many, the only way to learn about the democratic system is through classroom textbooks and lectures.

Nineteen Riggs students took advantage of the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. through the Close

Up program. The group spent a week with other schools from around the country visiting landmarks and participating in hands-on activities that truly illustrate the processes that take place in Washington.

"I thought getting involved with government and debates would be boring. I was completely wrong. It was actually a lot of fun to participate," Ryan Callahan, 12, said.

Riley Bren, 11, also had some predetermined ideas heading out to Washington, D.C., many of which were correct.



Photo courtesy Ryan Callahan
As part of their week-long tour of the nation's capital, Riggs students visited the White House.

Carly Nieman, 12, had plenty of fun during the week. "My favorite memories are

riding the metro with all the Pierre people and going to the four-story mall," she said.

One of the two advisors on the excursion was history teacher Terry Becker. Riggs has been participating in the Close Up program since 1989, but he has personally taken students four times, and each trip is a new set of memories and opportunities. "I enjoy watching our students learn things about our government that they didn't know before. The teacher program is also fantastic. I learn so much while on the trip as well. I also enjoy traveling with students. I like helping them adapt to a different environ-

ment, like an urban setting such as Washington, D.C.," Becker said.

It may seem like a weeklong vacation from school, but the trip is essentially educational. "I learned that I need to speak my opinion and start having my own thoughts instead of what my parents have always taught me," Nieman said.

"It gives you a good opportunity to ask these questions that you want to have answered without people just brushing you off or thinking that you're not important," Renae Kueter, 11, said.

Riggs students elected to statewide positions

By Samantha Beck

Both the Student Senate and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended state conferences in Pierre this month. At the conferences, Riggs student leaders had the chance to attend workshops and engage with other motivated students from around the state.

FBLA members also participated in competitive events at the conference, and the Riggs Chapter showed dominance in both tests and speaking events. Four-

teen members of the Riggs chapter qualified for National Leadership Conference in Nashville this summer.

Also taking place at the two conferences were elections for statewide positions. Macy Halverson, 10, and Austin Lentsch, 10, both ran for positions on the Capital Region Board for student senate.

"I've been secretary of my class for two years, and I decided that this year I wanted to step up because I've gained a lot of experience at my school and I figured

the next step would be to take some responsibility at the region level," Lentsch said. Lentsch was elected the region's secretary. Halverson was elected region president.

At FBLA Spring Leadership Conference, two students ran for state offices. Rachel Propst, 11, was elected reporter while Sam Smith, 11, was elected treasurer.

"It was a great experience because I learned better public speaking skills and how to present myself to a large audience," Propst said. "I wanted to run for a

state office to get the experience to help make myself into a better business professional."

As state officers, Propst and Smith will help organize next year's conferences, prepare reports, manage finances, and communicate with local FBLA chapters.

Propst said that her favorite part was getting to know other FBLA members from around the state.

"I liked meeting new people at my campaign booth. It was fun to talk to people and make new friends," Propst said.



Photo by Cheryl Ulmen
Junior Rachel Propst stands next to her campaign booth, where she talked to FBLA members from about her candidacy for state reporter earlier this month.

Schools should stress art, history

Da Vinci, Shakespeare, Dante, Giotto, Bach, Michelangelo—all men who have made a lasting influence our world. Artwork, music and literature have shaped our culture for thousands of years.

EDITORIAL STEM Classical art and literature offer a portal to the past for anyone who dares to dive in.

In the past few years, schools have focused increasingly on math and science courses. These classes prepare students for college and STEM careers. Nationwide public school programs like No Child Left Behind and, more recently, the Common Core standards, have reflected this math and science emphasis.

Math and science

are indeed extremely important classes. Most college graduates in the near future will be employed in jobs involving science, engineering, and technology. College or tech school graduates with degrees in a

field are more likely to find a job soon after graduation than those who have degrees in other areas. It's important that high schools continue to offer challenging math and science classes and push students to do their best in these subjects.

Riggs does an excellent job promoting math and science. For such a small school, there is an abundance of advanced math and science classes available for motivated students. We also

have excellent teachers who make the classes relevant and engaging.

Though an emphasis on math and science is necessary for schools in today's highly technological world, it's imperative that schools don't lose sight of the true importance of other subjects. History, art, music, and literature all play an enormous role in today's world, and it is important that high school students study these subjects as well.

Riggs also is outstanding at promoting the arts. Artwork by students from Riggs has been shown all around the state this spring, while band and choir members recently received excellent scores at contest.

In addition, our school offers courses in Western Civilization

and Mythology, allowing students to take interesting classes that will help them understand so much about the world around them.

By studying classical art, music and literature, students can come to understand the history of our world and how our culture became what it is today. While these subjects may not be strictly necessary in many of the jobs students will have after graduation, they are important in order for students to become open-minded, respectful, and well-informed citizens.

High schools need to emphasize not only math and science, but the arts, music, theater, and literature. Through studying art and its history, students gain a greater appreciation.

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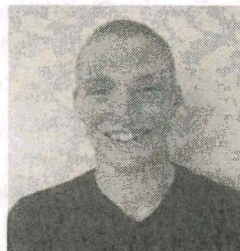
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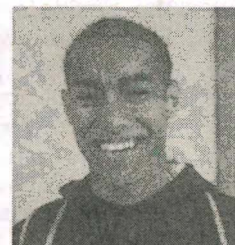
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April movie releases in no way foolish

The month of April is ending and that means graduation is mere weeks away. Everyone is busy and who really has time to watch movies, seriously? Nevertheless, it is a burden we must bear.

First off, there is "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." Captain America is the oldest Avenger. At 95, he probably makes his peers jealous with his ability to fight off literally squads of people without throwing out his back.

The "Winter Soldier" is yet another in a long line of Avengers movies that almost never disappoint. It has action, comedy, a good ol' Stan Lee



Lennixx Lee

MOVIES

cameo, and a glimpse of "Avengers: Age of Ultron." It also has Black Widow... that is all.

Who else was surprised with "Divergent?" It proved not to beanotheyoung-adult-book-series-turned-successful-movie-franchise wannabe. Success actually seems inevitable with this series.

While many may wonder what the big deal is with this faction-based world, the story is very engaging and, dare I say, interesting. Oh, and the third film will be split into two movies. Yup, called it.

How long has it been since Emma Stone graced the big screen? How long has it been since you even saw a movie with her undeniably spectacular presence? The answer you are looking for with both of these questions is TOO long.

"The Amazing Spider-Man 2" is on its way. Its arrival is very sudden (but welcomed). The movie looks like it will delve into the backstory of Spider-Man a bit more, something that surprisingly did not happen with the first one.

The film apparently has Jamie Foxx electrocuting people with HIMSELF, Paul Giamatti dressing up in a

weird rhinoceros suit, and Emma Stone showing off her (still somewhat odd) blonde hair. Oh, and a young Green Goblin shows up too?

This entry may suffer the problem of having too many villains. Honestly though, the real worry is that Emma Stone is Gwen Stacy, not Mary Jane, and we all know how that is going to work out.

Say bye to April and get ready to say hello to May. Before April ends, check out "Oculus" because a month without horror is just not a good month, you know?

Grad party hosts face big decisions

As graduation draws ever nearer and we count down the last days of school, seniors and underclassman alike begin to wrap up their year worrying about semester tests, last-minute scholarships, and how they are going to get that golden tan in time for beach season. Graduation season, however, also brings upon our favorite event of the year: Grad parties.

Of course, every senior hopes to make his or her party one to remember; therefore, in this edition of Good Eats, we will cover some simple food tips for your grad party and tips for you party-hopping underclassman.

The decisions for grub are numerous, but

when you get down to it, two basic categories are presented: dessert and the main dish.

The classic dessert of choice is generally cake. Consider buying cupcakes. Cupcakes not only offer a variety of flavors, but they are also less messy than the traditional sheet cake

when you've got a stop-and-go party schedule. The main dish is a little more tricky to choose. It is the most memorable thing that guests will remember

for your party and likely the most expensive.

You could always go for the classic pork and barbecue sandwiches, but if you are willing to spring for something unique, why not try a make-your-own pasta or baked

potato bar? Pottery teacher Christina Staskewich says, "The things you can find on Pinterest are amazing! Just look up pins including 'party ideas' or 'graduation party' and you have a library of unique and easy main courses

at your disposal."

If you plan your party hopping strategically, you could possibly be fed for an entire week for free. But before hopping in your car and struggling to find all the different venues, start your edible expedition by organizing.

Take all the graduation parties you've been invited to and make a flowchart to figure out when all the parties go on, which parties overlap, and whose party is worth the trek. Besides stuffing your face and being grateful for having a reason to get out of your house for a couple weeks, remember to cherish the memories you have and will make to carry on through your surely bright future.



Lydia Kanz and Justin Oakland
GOOD EATS

Continue to make a difference

Well, class of 2014, we made it. We're here right now with all we've ever known. This town, the people, and the places are all about to become different. Different is something we're going to have to learn to accept.

Accept the fact that everything is about to change for us, ready or not. This is where we grew up together, and that's something that can never be taken away from us. We will forever have staked our claim to this town. Whether it be under those stadium lights, out at West Shore in our Govmobiles, or late night bonfires from the tailgate of

a pickup, we were here.

Not only will things be different next year, but we have the opportunity to make a difference. From the second we receive our diploma, the entire world is in the palm of our hands. If I know

this class at all, I think it's safe to say some pretty incredible things will be done.

We've made our mark here at T.F. Riggs, and now it's our chance to make it on a larger scale. Things are about

to be different as we have the chance to make a difference, mostly because we are different.

Many times, I've been told that our class is different, or that we seem different, or something is different about us.

We have always been there for each other if someone needed a pick-me-up, or even backup.

Whatever it is that's special about us, is something I am so proud to be a part of. So, as things become

different, and we are given chances to make a difference, let us never forget that we are different. We are the class of 2014; the class that left a legacy. We cheered louder, played harder, and most importantly cared more for each other in the good times and the bad.

So here we are at the finish line and crossing together. Remember that growing up doesn't change the fact that for a long time we grew side by side. No matter what, our roots will always be tangled. So here's to us, the people we will remain forever young with, the class of 2014.



Tatum Richards
REFLECTIONS

Art students show off pieces at exhibit

By Marcella Lees

This year has been a busy one for the Riggs art students. One way for these budding artists to showcase all their hard work is art exhibitions. Today and the rest of the weekend, select students from Riggs will be participating in the Short Grass Arts Council's Gallery Art Show. It will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Community Room and is open to all. This is to be the last art show the Riggs art department will be involved in this year.

"Going to see an art show is a great way to encourage your classmates to keep do-

ing what they're doing, and maybe you'll get interested yourself while you're at it," Douglas Griese, 12, said. Griese is a student of pottery and sculpture teacher Christina Staskewich.

In addition to the art exhibition in Pierre this weekend, Riggs art students have been involved in several activities around the state this spring. In late March, over 30 students entered approximately 40 pieces of art in the 2014 Faulkton Area Arts Council 24th Annual "Hats Off to the Artists" show in Faulkton, SD. Twenty four of the students received first, second or third place honors at the competition.

Nine art students

and teacher Weslee Darby also travelled to the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings for the "creARTive" Expo. The Expo is the Brookings Premier Youth Art exhibition for high school students.

Students had the chance to view and critique art, photography, and sculptures by students from around the state. They also were able to attend workshops

about painting, collage, sculpture, and careers in art, among other subjects. The expo also featured an art competition in which students completed an individual or team challenge. Together and individually, the Riggs group created four pieces of art, representing the topic "Summer" in an hour.

Jonathan Newling, 12, entered a piece of artwork titled, "In Tribute to Van Gogh's Starry Night" in the Brookings expo.

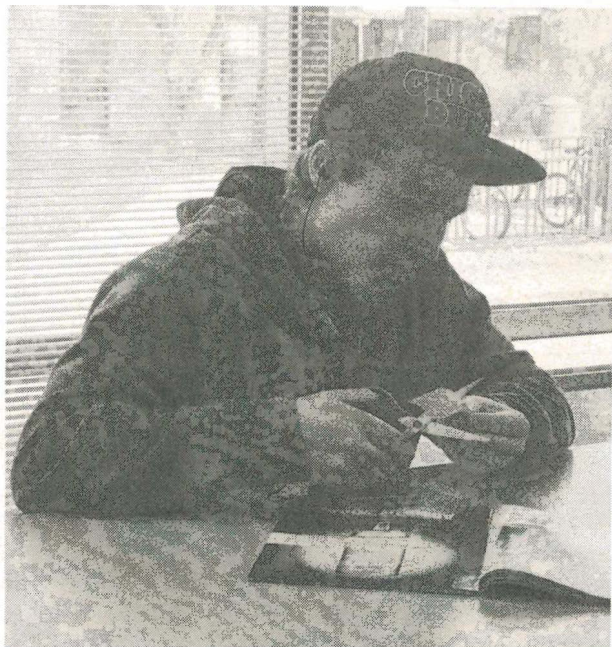


Photo courtesy Weslee Darby

Junior Tristin Tuffs makes a collage while attending a workshop at the "creARTive" Expo in Brookings on April 9.



Photo courtesy of Weslee Darby

Art teacher Weslee Darby helps students Kaitlyn Wulf, 10, Noah Rose, 9, and Morgan Higginbotham, 11, create a work of art based on the theme "Summer" at the "creARTive" Expo.



Students show off the artwork they made for the Central South Dakota part of a permanent exhibit at the Center. Top row, from left: Jocelyn Staskewich, Christina Staskewich. Bottom row: Lydia Kanz, Morgan Deis, Justin

"Although I did not win, it was still really awesome. I had a lot of fun. It helped me realize I still need to hone my skills," Newling said.

All the students who went on the trip agree that it was an excellent learning and bonding experience.

The Riggs Art Department also made its mark on our own community this month. Students created paintings depicting children, families and places from around

the world that were displayed on the walls of the Central South Dakota Child Assessment Center at St. Mary's Hospital in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Over thirty works by Riggs students were displayed there permanently as part of an art-viewing event entitled 30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice.

The artwork will help brighten the walls of the Center and give hope to children who have

tions around state



Photo courtesy Weslee Darby

Dakota Child Assessment Center. The artwork will become
 celyn Gray, Douglas Griese, Melissa Snow, Weslee Darby, and
 stin Oakland, and Jessica Hepper.

suffered. Riggs art students agree that art exhibitions are an excellent way for them to show off their hard work. "Art shows are really rewarding whether or not you win. It's really rewarding to know other people saw and appreciated your work," Morgan Deis, 12, said. "Those of us that do art, we don't learn to play basketball, but we still go to the games to support our athletes. In the same way, we work really hard

on our artwork, so they should go encourage us." Although art doesn't get the same recognition sports do, it is still alive and flourishing. Art is a valuable class for students to take and many who take it because it is required end up loving it. "I enjoy having a healthy environment to express myself. Art is really an expression of one's self to the world. The art community in Riggs is a warm, nurturing environment to

be in and experience life in," Lydia Kanz, 12, said. Kanz joined an art class this year for the first time since freshman year. "Everything came from art. The way people design cars, that's art. What you wear, what TV shows you watch, everything is in some way derived from art. Art is all about problem solving. It teaches people how to think creatively and abstractly. I think taking art makes a person more well rounded," art teacher Weslee Darby said.

"I took the class because I'm a senior and I needed classes to fill, but I'm really glad I did. It has definitely been a worthwhile experience. It's a great way to relax from your other classes," Griese said.

"I enjoy everything about art. I like that I have something I can do no matter how stressful the rest of my life is. I'll just sit down with one of my paintings and everything else goes away," Deis said.

"For the kids that aren't good at reading, writing and math, it gives us a purpose. It gives us somewhere we fit in," Melissa Snow, 12, said.

"I'm not a sit there and work and work in a desk person. I need to use my hands and be able to move. In art I get to do that. It's fun to create things and show people what you're capable of. Art can really wid-



Photo courtesy Weslee Darby

Senior Morgan Deis shows off the paintings she made for the Central South Dakota Child Assessment Center. Deis has also submitted pieces to art shows around the state this spring.

en your horizon," Jessica Hepper, 11, said. Art is something that can be enjoyed by everyone though, regardless of what you want to do with your life. It

has numerous relaxation, expression, and critical thinking benefits. "Art gives people control over their own life. They can express themselves, but they are also

expressing the world around them," said Darby. "Art is everywhere, and without it the world would just be blah," Staskewich said.

Short Grass Arts Council Gallery Art Show

Friday, April 25 (5-8 p.m.)
 Saturday, April 26 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
 Sunday, April 27 (1-4 p.m.)
Free Admission
 Chamber of Commerce
 Community Room

Govs to compete in Legion Relays today

By Chris Rumrill

The Governor and Lady Governor Track teams are back in action today just a couple of blocks away at Phil Trautner Stadium for the American Legion Relays.

The Govs and Lady Govs track teams will face tough competition from teams coming from both sides of the state.

This meet is coming on the heels of the Govs' and Lady Govs' excellent performance at Track-o-Rama in Rapid City, and today both teams will look to build on their previous performances on their way to peaking at the ESD and state track meets.

The Govs and Lady Govs track teams have had a solid start to the season, showing that they can compete with

any teams that they are put up against.

Coach Greg Starr is pleased with the current progress this season, especially following last year's season of cold weather and cancellations.

"The season has gone extremely well. We have had great weather to train and have had the opportunity to run in all of our meets," Starr said.

Today at the American Legion Relays, the Govs will be tested once again.

Two of the many upperclassmen athletes who will lead the Govs during today's meet are senior Riley Sears and junior Jamaal Covey. Both Riley Sears and Jamaal Covey are off to brilliant starts in the high jump, both qualifying automatically for

"I always feel that our athletes can perform at a high level on a consistent basis...the coaching staff knows that each athlete is willing to give one-hundred percent in everything they do."

-head coach Greg Starr

the State Track Meet.

Sears jumped 6'7" this year at the Huron Track Meet, tying his best jump from last year, and Covey jumped 6'4" to challenge Sears at the Al Sahli indoor track meet.

Covey also has had success in the hurdles this year, provisionally qualifying for the State Track Meet in the 110m high hurdles. Covey is not about to rest on his laurels though.

"My goals for the

Legion Relays are to qualify for the state track meet in a couple more events and help the team try to win the meet," Covey said.

Teammate Riley Sears also commented on his goals for the meet.

"I want to get as close to my goal of high jumping 7'0" as I can," Sears said.

The Lady Governors also will be facing stiff competition today, but they are definitely up to the challenge. Senior Ei-

leen Leong and sophomore Courtney Dowling lead the Lady Govs among others. This is Leong's fifth year running varsity track, and she has already qualified provisionally for the 200 and 400m dashes. Leong placed in the 400m dash at the State Track Meet the previous two years.

"So far I am liking the way this season is going. I am running faster than I have in previous years in terms of this early in the season. My goal is to cut time in all the events I am running in, whether it is in the open 400 or 800 or our 4x4 relay," Leong said.

Courtney Dowling is the number one runner in the state so far in the 100, 200, and 400m dashes. Even though Dowling has the number one times in those

paces she is nonetheless looking to improve.

"My goals for this meet are to keep improving on my times and always give one-hundred percent for my team.

Starr is starting to get a feel for how both teams perform at meet and despite his tendency not to make predictions, thinks that both teams can finish in the top three at ESD.

Starr is optimistic for the team's performance at the Legion Relays.

"I always feel that our athletes can perform at a high level on a consistent basis. We may be a little tired due to the Rapid meet on Tuesday, but the coaching staff knows that each athlete is willing to give one-hundred percent in everything they do," Starr said.

Girls Track

Last meet: Tuesday in Rapid City

Next meet: Today in Pierre

How do you like Mr. Starr being the new head coach?

Senior Eileen Leong: "I think he's very well suited for it because we jumped right into our hard workouts and even though we die during practice, the work pays off at meets."

Boys Track

Last meet: Tuesday in Rapid City

Next meet: Today in Pierre

What's your favorite part of the track season?

Junior Jace Jerome: "Gettin' a good tan"

Sophomore Max Reinke: "Doing it for the vine."



Baseball

Record: 8-4

Last game: Wednesday against Rapid City Stevens

Next game: Next Wednesday against Rapid City Central

How has the season gone for the team so far?

Senior Blake Dean: "We've had our high points, but we've also had our low points. I hope that our best baseball will be at the end of the season."

Boys Tennis

Last tournament: Thursday at Aberdeen

Next tournament: Next Tuesday in Pierre

Coach comment on Rapid City Invite: "It's nice to play in a tournament format, which gets our boys ready for the state tournament." -head coach Jeff Schlekeway

Girls Golf

Last tournament: Tuesday at Stanley County

Next tournament: Today in Mitchell

What are some of the strengths of the team this year?

Junior Paige Lonbaken: "We're really close and we pick each other up when one person isn't playing so well."

Young Govs tennis team looks to improve after rough start

By Samantha Beck

The Governor tennis team's season is in full swing, with ESD and State Tournaments approaching in May. While not off to the strongest start, the Governors are improving each match.

"We are very young this year, but we are learning week by week. We want to improve throughout the season and be at the top of our game by ESD," head

coach Jeff Schlekeway said.

The team certainly is inexperienced, with only around half of the team having previous varsity experience. The varsity squad is led by veteran Connor Shoop at flight one.

"Connor Shoop is the team leader and a competitor who doesn't like to lose. I always know I'll get 100 percent out of him every time he steps out onto the court," Schlekeway said.

The team is off to a shaky

start, with a record of 2-7. Despite the less-than-perfect record, Schlekeway says the team is still getting better each week. The Governors have faced many of the top-ranked teams in the state in the first few weeks of their season.

"We've played a really tough schedule and taken some tough losses, but for us to improve, we need to play the best in the state, and that is what we're doing," Schlekeway said. "As

long as we learn something each time we get on the court, the tough schedule we've played should help in the postseason."

Today the Governors are back in action in Rapid City. There they will face O'Gorman in a dual before playing in the Rapid City Invitational Tournament.

"We are looking forward to the Rapid City Invite, where we get to play some teams we've already

faced, as well as some new teams, and teams from Wyoming" Schlekeway said.

The team has a lot of learning to do this season, but still has high expectations for the postseason.

"We'd ideally like to place in the top half of ESD and the top half of State Tournament. To do that, we have to go out and compete every day and get better every day," Schlekeway said.

Lifeblood of the Govs: Adam fills new role

By Micah Howard

Despite never setting foot on the football field or the basketball court in his final year at Riggs, cancer survivor Conrad Adam has had just as great an impact as his teammates scoring the touchdowns and making the shots.

In his sophomore year, Adam was poised for a great basketball career, making the starting lineup on a team that won third place in the state. He dreamed of landing a scholarship to play college basketball. Adam also began lifting with the football team in the spring, hoping to be an impact player in the fall. That opportunity never came.

In the summer of 2011, Adam went from fighting to win games to fighting for his life as he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, bone cancer.

His athletic future hanging in the balance, Adam was eventually faced with the decision to amputate his left leg from just above the knee down. For him, it was a no-brainer.

"I didn't really think twice about it. I knew that having an amputation was

my best bet to return to full health," Adam said.

Motivated by the strength they witnessed in Conrad, the 2012-13 Governor Basketball squad brought home a championship. Adam cut down the net to a standing ovation.

After making a full recovery, Adam resumed the life of a normal student at Riggs. His athletic impact returned also, in a very different form.

Head football coach Jayson Poppinga made the decision to keep Adam a part of the team. Adam stood along the sidelines through every practice and game, not feeling sorry for himself and his lack of opportunity to play, but instead contributing to the success of the team.

Poppinga commented on Adam's role in the team's success last fall.

"Conrad was the epitome of the team. All of our players really focused on how hard they could work in the offseason, how hard they could work during practice, and the goal that they had set for themselves and the team," Poppinga said.

Adam's situation worked to put the team's

goals in perspective.

"Conrad was faced with not something that was trivial like winning games or winning a championship. His challenge that was in front of him really was his life. To see what he had to go through made everything that we went through together as a team seem pretty small," Poppinga said.

While being a motivator and a leader, Adam also kept things light-hearted and encouraged his teammates to not take things for granted and to have fun.

"I was able to keep them loose before games, joking around. I tried to keep the focus on the fun aspect of the game," Adam said.

Poppinga says that Adam has kept his positive, fun-loving attitude the entire time.

"He's just a light-hearted, good-natured, intelligent kid. The words used to describe just sound like the perfect student-athlete. But realistically that's kind of what he was. He did the right things and he was willing to have fun. And he's still that same guy," Poppinga said.

After celebrating foot-

ball a state championship alongside his teammates, Conrad headed into the basketball season looking to again make an impact.

Head basketball coach Terry Becker says that after offering motivation from afar during his fight with cancer, this year enabled Adam to help the team in a more tangible way.

"Conrad was able to communicate with his teammates and provide some of those leadership qualities that he has by being here and demonstrating them. Last year we all knew that he was putting those characteristics to use in an entirely different setting. I think that mindset and all those tremendous qualities that he has are a big reason why he is healthy today," Becker said.

Becker made the decision to reserve an official spot on the roster for Adam. After what Adam had done for the team, Becker said it just didn't feel right to give the jersey to anyone else.

"It meant a lot to me to keep me on the roster. It says a lot about the character of our coaching staff

here at Riggs," Adam said.

Adam tried to make the most of his final year in a Governor uniform.

"The best part about being on the football and basketball teams was that I was able to be with my friends each and every day and see them work hard and excel. It was just fun being around the guys and seeing them win," Adam said.

Becker says that Adam can serve as a lesson for all not just in athletics, but also in life in general.

"I think it's just a great lesson for us all on how to meet life's challenges head-on. I think we all learned a valuable lesson from him, not just in athletics but also in different phases of our lives," Becker said.

Adam's athletic potential, however, is far from gone, which is something that Poppinga believes.

"That athleticism isn't gone just because he doesn't have one leg. I think we're going to see Conrad's name again someplace again as far as competition at either the state or national level," Poppinga said.

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Bachelor of the Month



Lennixx Lee, 12

Eye color:

Brown... just brown

Personality:

My friends like to think of me as a funny grandpa: wise but often inappropriate.

Hair color: Dark

brown (as dark as my soul)

Height: Depends on whom you ask!

Favorite leisure ac-

tivity: Writing until the keyboard breaks or until people make me chill out.

What qualities do you look for in the opposite sex? Sense of humor and just a DECENT PERSON in general

What celebrity would you like to go out with? Gimme Emma Stone, Jennifer Lawrence, and a coin to flip.

Looks or personality?

Personality perseveres longer than looks.

Pursue or be pursued?

Probably be pursued (though I would be oblivious, seriously).

What is your ideal first date?

There would be lots of dancing and absolutely no food.

What would your ideal girl be like? Nice, funny, intelligent, understanding... and a little weird.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Living in Los Angeles as a struggling writer.

Bachelorette of the Month



Brenna Longman, 12

Eye color:

Glistening Green

Personality:

A little funky but mostly spunky

Hair color:

Purple and proud

Height: 5 foot 7 and 3/4 inches

Favorite leisure

activity: Napping or

interpretive dancing with Tatum.

What qualities do you look for in the opposite sex?

Tall, dark, and just as weird as me.

What celebrity would you like to go out with?

Miles Teller, or Chris Pine.

Looks or personality?

Both, total package!

Pursue or be pursued?

Be pursued, pursuing

is too much work.

What would your ideal boy be like?

The qualities are endless...

What is your ideal first date?

Netflixing
Would you ever date someone shorter than you?

Absolutely not.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Very successful and happy with what I am doing.



The Riggs Jazz I Band performs during the Big Band Dance, an annual evening of music and dancing enjoyed by students and community members alike.

Spring a busy season for band and choir

By Allie Knofczynski

Spring sports are now in full swing, but athletes are not the only students with busy schedules lately. Riggs' own jazz bands, Symphonic band, Concert Band, and choirs have also experienced an eventful month.

At the beginning of April, the Jazz I and Jazz II ensembles performed at the annual Big Band Dance, which is always a fun and enjoyable evening. The local jazz band Over Forte and the Jazz band from Northern State University performed at the Big Band Dance. Attendees enjoyed an evening of music and swing dancing, including a swing dancing con-

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*- choir teacher
Rodd Bauck*

test. Seniors Justin Oakland and Eileen Leong claimed victory in the contest. All funds raised benefitted the Riggs Fine Arts Booster Club.

Also, on April 16th, the both and choir students traveled to Moberg to participate in Large Group Contest. The Concert and Symphonic bands both performed and received Excellent and Superior ratings, the two highest scores a group can receive.

The Concert and Symphonic Choirs also prepared students for contest.

"Large group contest is a contest with ourselves rather than with other schools, and it's to see where we've come since the beginning of the year," choir director Rodd Bauck said. "All three choirs went in and had fantastic performances. For the treble choir it was their first time getting a superior rating since I've been here. All of our scores were very, very high. We had the highest choral scores of the day."

When you get the chance, congratulate a band or choir member you know on their hard work recently and recognize them for their achievements.