

# G.T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## Oral Interp impresses at state competition

By Austin Lentsch

State championships are kind of a big deal. These huge competitions usually have dramatic send-offs. Send-offs for fine arts competitions, however, aren't quite so dramatic.

Drama, however, is just what the oral interpretation team does best.

"In 'terp' students are deprived of the common tools of theater including costumes, props, and even physical contact. In a way, oral interp is acting in its purest and rawest form,"

senior Justin Oakland said.

The team travelled to Wattertown to compete at the state level on December 6 and 7. The team had an outstanding meet, winning a total of four superior medals. The oral interpers also brought home the Team of Excellence Award, which they have decided to have engraved in honor of coach Shane Cronin, who is battling cancer.

This year was the last season for Oakland and fellow senior Lydia Kanz. Kanz competed in three events and received a superior rank in all of them.

"Winning three state medals is the icing atop the cake for my senior year! And knowing how hard I worked to get to this point in my career has made winning all the sweeter," Kanz said.

Oakland also had an excellent senior showing and received superior medals in both of his categories.

"Oral interpretation, for me, was a way of expressing myself and meeting other people from around the state. It is a great acting experience and a way for incoming freshman to break out of their shells," he said.



Photo by Samantha Beck

Louis Mehlhaff, 11, Austin Lentsch, 10, Justin Oakland, 12, and Joni Willoughby, 11, perform their reader's theatre piece *The Newsies*.

## Administrators consider semester test move

By Allie Knofczynski

The joys of the holiday season: freshly baked goodies, time spent with family and friends, a nice long break from school ... and for most high school students, a hectic week of semester tests.

Since semester testing began in 2007, administrators have slated them after students return from their Christmas vacations.

In some ways, this schedule has worked; however, the administration is considering the option of moving them sooner, as many other schools throughout the state have done.

Principal Kevin Mutchelknaus likes the idea of arranging the school cal-

endar so the semester ends before Christmas.

"First, ending before Christmas is more aligned to what the majority of schools I have surveyed are doing. When students transfer from other districts, as they often do at semester break, we really have no way to enroll them until mid-January under our current calendar if they come from a school that has already ended their semester," Mutchelknaus said. "Ending at Christmas is a natural break in the semester rather than coming back after a ten-day break and then trying to review for semester tests."

"Also, we would gain a few days of instruction under a semester that ends at Christmas break, thus giving

statewide testing that generally takes place in April. This format would give us more of an opportunity to end the school year at the same time for all students rather than having seniors finish ahead of everyone else and having two semester test schedules at the end of the year—one for seniors and one for everyone else. Furthermore, we lose instructional time at the end of the year because of this set-up. Students are more ready to be in school in August than they are the end of May."

The majority of the student body also considers this proposition beneficial.

"I think we should have tests before Christmas so we don't have to study and wor-

when we should be relaxing," junior Alyssa Heyd said.

"I believe moving finals before Christmas break would possibly benefit students because many of us forget some of the information we learned earlier in the year," freshman Brittani Snow said.

Some individuals hesitate at putting this plan into action because there are negatives that must be evaluated.

"Obviously one con for some people would be starting a couple of days earlier in August and potentially as much as a week," Mutchelknaus said. "Some people argue that the weather is too hot in August to start earlier and that families are taking vacations, which would require families to look at their

personal calendars and plan summer vacations accordingly. An additional con might be that our semesters would not be completely balanced—we would likely have more days in one semester versus another, which would have instructional implications for semester courses especially."

Overall, the idea of ending first semester before Christmas is only a debate at the moment. The school board is planning to review the pros and cons and make a decision early in the second semester, taking into consideration opinions from the whole district, including the student body.

Fornow, all students can do is prepare for the anxiety that only semester tests can bring.



# Make a goal to give back

Each year around Christmas, people are encouraged to give back to their communities by donating money and time to local organizations. It's easy, though, between semester tests, Christmas shopping, and ugly sweater parties, to push community service to the side and simply throw a handful of change in the Salvation Army bucket.

No matter what one's faith, culture, or background, the holiday season is a time to remember everything that we have been blessed with over the course of the year. Part of appreciating these blessings is giv-

ing back to others—in the form of Christmas gifts to our loved ones but also in the form of service to others.

Whether that means volunteering at church, ringing bells at Wal-Mart with the family, or getting a group of friends together and buying a gift for a child in need, there are an infinite number of ways to give back this Christmas. There is no better way to spend the holiday season than with loved ones—so make a new tradition and get the family together for a couple hours of volunteering or have everyone chip in and donate the money to a special charity.

But helping others isn't something that should be reserved for a certain time of year. Everyone should constantly make an effort to give back in as many ways as possible. Putting a little good into the world—whether that means holding the door, talking to the new kid, or volunteering—is always the right thing to do.

Those who live in Pierre are lucky to be surrounded by a community full of incredible organizations that offer a wealth of opportunities for volunteer work. Make it a New Year's resolution to try a new type of service in 2014. Try volunteering with the Humane Society, leading an activity in an elementary school class, or helping to serve the

Community Banquet.

In addition to community organizations, school groups like FBLA and Student Senate hold school-wide events. Join in and help plan one or at least participate.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people or bond with old friends. In addition to looking great on college and scholarship applications, community service provides immense health benefits. Students who volunteer might even stumble upon passions and talents they never even knew they had. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

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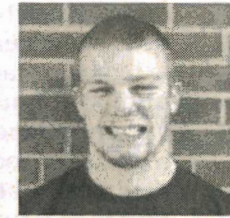
What do you want for Christmas?



"A soul."  
—Austin  
Christopherson,  
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"World peace,  
and a Subway  
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—Kade Brotsky,  
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"My two  
front teeth"  
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"A pony."  
—Tate Johnson,  
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## Set aside classics this holiday season

Cold weather is just the worst, but Christmas break somewhat redeems it. Semester tests are just around the corner, but let's not speak of such unpleasant things.

With Christmas comes a never-ending number of classic movies. That is all fine and good, but as our generation tends to think, newer is sometimes better.

A winter-set movie arriving on DVD just in time for the holidays is *Prisoners*. It is about a man whose daughter

is abducted along with his friend's daughter. He spends a great deal of the movie torturing the person he thinks is responsible. It's fun

for the whole family. Lots of other disturbing stuff happens, and it is actually quite a good thriller with an ending as fittingly ambiguous as many of the characters' morals. Then there is *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*. *Catching Fire* just may have, like many movies recently, surpassed its predecessor in terms of quality.

The second installment of this trilogy of four movies (it's hilarious when movies are split into two) has improved a number of

problems from the first film. It also has some surprisingly funny moments, and the ending will definitely leave audiences wanting more.

*The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* is just plain odd. *City of Bones* is just one of many movies unsuccessfully adapted from popular young adult books. It never quite takes off and...that is all. One thing is for sure: it is not the next *Twilight* or *Hunger Games*.

Speaking of splitting movies, another movie to grace the screens this holiday season is *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*. *Smaug* is a movie that everyone either

has seen or will see. Some will like it, some will be left wondering what dark magic conjured up such a film.

In addition, if you have not already, check out *Insidious: Chapter II*, the perfect Christmas present, obviously.

The selections this year seem like an odd bunch for the holiday season. It never hurts to branch out a bit, though.

Classics are something that many of us hold dear, but, like some movie producers seem to think, there is always room for more.



Lennix Lee

### MOVIES

## Red Rossa's dessert takes the cake

Christmas time is the best time of the year...to pig out on fancy desserts! Everyone has his or her favorite after-meal delicacy.

In this edition of Good Eats, we feature a few desserts from around town that will keep your taste buds feeling holly jolly all winter long.

We decided to choose three of the nicest restaurants in town and put their signature desserts in a throw-down match of pastries!

We begin with View 34's signature dessert, crème brulee. It consists of a boiled sweet cream custard topped with a burnt sugar coat. Crème brulee traditionally comes in flavors like vanilla, chocolate,

and strawberry; however, the View 34 mixes things up by serving flavors like coffee and peach.

The consistency of the custard is somewhere between ice cream and pudding. The View's crème brulee is delicious but relatively simple compared to the other desserts this week, which is why we ranked it last.

Though its flavor and consistency are good, it lacks that extra spark we at

Good Eats really crave.

La Minestra's ("The Stew" in Italian) signature dessert is the popular but never overdone tiramisu. Tiramisu is a popular coffee-flavored cake. The cake consists of layers of

sponge cake dipped in coffee, mascarpone cheese, and cocoa.

La Minestra's tiramisu is incredibly rich yet very light. This tiramisu is exotic and tastes quite different from most desserts. The tiramisu is

truly outstanding but not our top choice.

Finally, placing first in our dessert throw down is Red Rossa's chocolate torte. Red Rossa's chocolate torte is a thin German cake with chocolate mousse in between the sultry layers, served with cappuccino ice cream and a bit of added toffee crunch.

Mixed with the holiday cheer and overall atmosphere of Red Rossa, the chocolate torte will make any meal end with a bang.

It was a hard choice this week, but Red Rossa's chocolate torte takes the cake. Hopefully we have whet your appetite to go out and try some of these fine dines. Merry Christmas!

Lydia Kanz and Justin Oakland  
GOOD EATS

## New year brings new hope, mindset and outlook

"Some people swear there is no beauty or magic left in the world; then how do you explain the entire world coming together on one night to celebrate the hope of a new year?" -*New Years Eve*.

I whole-heartedly believe that quote. I think New Year's is the most incredible holiday of the year. When else do you have the chance to let go of all your previous problems and get an opportunity to do better and be more?

New Year's is a time to reflect upon where the previous year has brought you and be excited about where you're about to go.

It's unbelievable how much can change in 365 days. Where you are right now is so different from where you were last year. You've grown, you've learned, you've made mistakes, you've won some, and you've lost some.

New Year's is a chance to look back on the triumphs and the tribulations of the year. You've faced issues that have made you into a better person that you were a year ago. Every year has its bad moments, but look where

you are because of them.

The memories that were made in 2013 are priceless. Think of all the things you accomplished, all the places you've been, people you've met, and crazy things

you've done--all in a year's work.

The people you ring in the New Year with might be entirely different from who you spent it with last year. Change is an inevitable

part of a new year. Embrace it and accept it.

So this New Year's Eve, remind yourself to leave the 'what ifs' behind and focus on the all the amazing things yet to come. Also, remember to be thankful for everything 2013 has brought you and all the memories made.

We should view the New Year as an opportunity. Everyone gets the chance to start fresh. Yes, you have that choice every day, but the new year is large-scale reminder that the troubles of the previous year can be erased with the new-found hope, mindset, and outlook that the new year brings.

Tatum Richards  
REFLECTIONS



# Riggs students get involved in the com

By Lennix-Rodney Lee

Students tend to have a lot on their plates. School, homework, and work leave time for little else. Some students, however, take that one step further by helping out the community, even around the holidays. They stand out in the cold. They put on their best smiles against the stinging wind. They are bell ringers for the Salvation Army. The workers do this to make the town more aware of the Sal-

vation Army and promote the fact that it needs younger generations to get involved. One of these dedicated workers is senior Eileen Leong. Leong bell-rang this holiday season and has done so every year since she was a freshman. Leong volunteers because "people need to volunteer more, and they don't need to spend their time as much going to other activities," Bell ringing is a way for Leong not only to be involved in the community but also to pro-

*"People need to volunteer more, and they don't need to spend their time as much going to other activities,"*  
*—Eileen Leong, 12*

vide her with memorable experiences. "My first year bell ringing, it was so cold out and I was just going to town on my bell ringing. Some guy came up and said, 'You know you actually have to have a

bell for that.' And I was like, 'I do.' It was so cold out that I just flung the bell out somewhere and I didn't even know so I was just moving my hand. It was really embarrassing," she said. Community service

for several students extends outside the holiday season. One student who helps community members year-round is junior Megan Stulken. Stulken helped set up a student-mentoring program at Washington and McKinley elementary schools. Stulken got her inspiration through a teacher she knew at one of the schools and through Big Buddies, which the program is very similar to. The program involves tutoring, particularly in reading and math. Stulken tutors twice a week. She believes that the program is a good resource for elementary students.

Stulken also believes that it is important for young students to have role models. She sees the program as something for the students to look forward to every day. Stulken is always looking for new people to join the mentoring program. "It's cool when [students are] struggling and then all of a sudden they [have] that spark that they understand what you're trying to [teach] them," she said. In addition to mentoring younger children, Stulken is also president of Teens Getting Involved in the Community (TGIC) here at Riggs. TGIC organizes the Character of the Month program and selects the recipients of the monthly award. A school organization



Braving the elements, senior Jo Zander ring the bells for the S the organization's Christmas c

that is especially involved around the holidays is the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). One tradition that FBLA has had for the past three years is the food drive. FBLA members volunteer to wrap boxes, which are then placed in all the English classrooms. "[We] put them in all the English classrooms because all students have to take an English class, so it's a good way to hit all the students," junior Rachel Propst said. Propst, FBLA vice president, and senior Samantha Beck, FBLA president, are the main driving force-



Photo by Rachel Propst

Sophomore Zayn Snyder sorts food for FBLA's Holiday Food Drive. FBLA collects donations from students every year.



## Community to spread holiday cheer



Photo by Bob Gill

John Reiners and junior Marie  
 Salvation Army to help support  
 charities.

*"It's cool when [students are] struggling and then all of a sudden they [have] that spark that they understand what you're trying to [teach] them,"*  
**—Megan Stulken, 11,**



Megan Stulken

belonged to which teachers. The contest was a fun way to involve students in FBLA's fundraising efforts, and all the money raised went to the Pierre/Fort Pierre Food Pantry.

Another project that the FBLA has been involved in for several years is raising money and using that money to buy Christmas presents for a family in need in the Pierre/Fort Pierre Community.

The project first started when Cheryl Ulmen, FBLA advisor, had a student back who knew of a family that needed some extra help.

"They decided that they were going to raise money and buy presents for that family and also get some food for them that Christmas," Propst said.

That student has since graduated and is now working with a program that deals with families who are in need. Each year, Ul-

men gets in contact with her former student and asks if there is a family that FBLA could help.

"That's just the way it works. We find a family that is in need, and then we get donations from members... and we gather up all the money and we go shopping at stores around town and buy the gifts," Propst said.

In addition, FLBA always saves some money to get the family's Christmas meals. This year, senior Sedona Kintz is heading up the project.

Kintz, along with several other FBLA members, will help buy the presents and wrap them.

Propst's help to the community does not stop at student organizations. Propst, like Leong, is no stranger to bell-ringing. She and her family also promote the Salvation Army during the holidays.

Yet another organization that helps out the



Photo by Samantha Beck

Junior Rachel Propst collects food for the FBLA Food Drive. Propst has played an instrumental role in putting on the food drive for the last three years. FBLA donates all food to the Pierre/Fort Pierre Food Pantry.

community is the National Honor Society (NHS). NHS raised nearly \$400 that goes towards buying meals for families in the community.

Other organizations, like Teen Court and Student Senate, perform community service throughout the year.

Riggs students help out the community a great deal, even during the holidays. No matter how much they have on their plates, they make sure that everyone else has something on to put on theirs come dinner time. Students truly do spread holiday cheer.

### Student volunteer opportunities

- > Fill sacks of food for the Backpack Program
  - > Ring bells for the Salvation Army
  - > Volunteer at the Food Pantry
- Visit [www.pierreareareferral.org/](http://www.pierreareareferral.org/)  
 Volunteer Opportunities  
 or call the Pierre Area Referral Service at 224-8731 for more information or to sign up!



# Boys, girls hockey set goals for their seasons

By Chris Rumrill

Both the Capitals and Lady Capitals' hockey seasons are now in full swing.

The Lady Capitals began their campaign on November 23 and have since tallied zero wins, two losses and zero ties. This is not an ideal start for the Lady Capitals, but the team is relatively young, and they are learning fast.

Captains Gabby Vizcarra, 12; Emily Weber, 11; and Destiny Barry, 11, are leading the team and helping it grow together. They hope to motivate the team and lead the Lady Capitals to a strong remainder of the season. Vizcarra

still has faith in the team.

"We have a lot of potential, and I believe that we can work our way up in the standings. It'll be difficult because we lost some key players from last year, and a lot of newer and younger players have been forced to step up to the varsity level. But they are doing very well so far and are always improving."

The Lady Capitals are coached by head coach Tim Rahkola. In addition to having a strong postseason, Vizcarra has several other goals in mind.

"My goals for the team are to improve our skills, play better as a team, and hopefully show good sports-

manship to the other teams. Most of all, I hope that we can maintain a positive attitude and have fun during the season, no matter what happens."

The Capitals started their season when they first hit the ice on November 29, and they have tallied eight wins, two losses and zero ties. This record positions them nicely for the rest of the season. The captains include seniors Cash Anderson, Alec Norwick, and Bo Atkins although all of the seniors contribute to the team's leadership. Additionally, Rob Kittay and Ron Wagner help lead the team from the coaches' positions.

This year the team



courtesy photo

Senior Carly Niemann passes the puck against a Brookings defender in the season-opener in Ft. Pierre.

has high hopes, senior Cash Anderson says.

"Our goal is definitely to win the state championship. I know

all of our seniors have wanted a state championship since we started playing. With a large,

strong group of seniors leading the team, the Capitals have a good shot at claiming another state title.

## Boys Basketball

**Record:** 1-0

**Last game:** Last Friday against Mitchell

**Next Game:** Tomorrow at Brandon Valley

**Player Comment:** "I love the road trips and being a part of a state champion team." --senior Cody Somsen

## Girls Basketball

**Record:** 0-1

**Last game:** Last Friday at Mitchell

**Next game:** Tomorrow against Brandon Valley

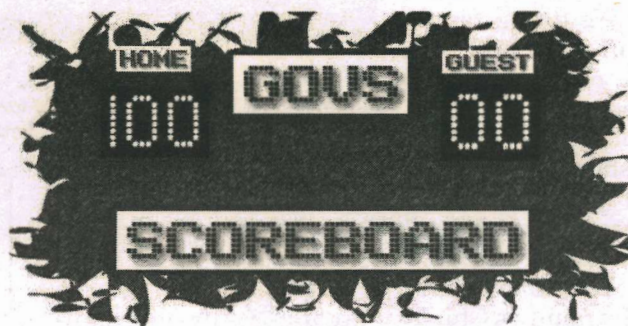
**Player comment:** "My favorite part of basketball is being one big team." --junior Chantal Lewis

## Wrestling

**Last meet:** Yesterday at Brookings

**Next meet:** Tomorrow at Valentine

**Athlete comment:** "What I enjoy most about wrestling would have to be flipping and pinning my opponents." -junior Luke Synder



## Swimming

**Last Meet:** Last weekend at Rapid City

**Next Meet:** January 4-5 at Aberdeen

**Athlete comment:** "Swimming is more than just a sport because it is a life skill. And by that I mean other sports will only take you so far in life, perhaps to the collegiate level, but swimming you can use the rest of your life." -senior Blake Dean

## Boys Hockey

**Record:** 9-2

**Last game:** Last Saturday against Mitchell

**Next game:** Next Thursday at Hazen-Beulah, N. D.

**Player comment:** "Right now, we're doing swell!"

--junior Riley Bren

## Girls Hockey

**Record:** 0-4

**Last game:** Last Sunday against Watertown

**Next game:** Tomorrow at Sioux Falls

**Player comment:** "If we worked as hard in practice as we would in a game, we'd be unstoppable." -senior Gabby Vizcarra

## Gymnastics

**Last meet:** Last Saturday at Aberdeen

**Next Game:** Today at Mitchell

**Athlete comment:** "The event I enjoy the most would definitely be the bars!" -sophomore Demeri Hanson

compiled by Wyatt Rumrill



# Defending champion Govs strive for repeated success

By Micah Howard

Despite losing its top two scorers, the Governor basketball team has set its expectations for this season at the same level as its championship season. Its basic philosophy will remain the same heading into this year, head coach Terry Becker commented.

"For us, it's really just about improving upon what we did last week," Becker said.

After the loss of their all-time leading scorer, Lane Severyn, and Gatorade Player of the Year Zach Hanson, the Governors will have some big shoes to fill. Becker commented that the points will likely come not from just one player

but from a whole group.

"We might not have a guy that scores 30 points a game, but we might have three or four guys that give us ten points each, and that can be very difficult for opponents because they don't know who to key on," Becker said.

In its opening win against Mitchell, the Governors showcased that depth. Before the end of the third quarter, thirteen different Governors had stepped onto the court. Every player on the score sheet played in that game.

Becker said that the Mitchell game served as a good indicator of the team's status, showing where it needs to improve.

"We need to work

on some details on the defensive end... On the offensive end, we need to take care of the easy stuff. Anyone who watched the game on Friday night saw that we missed layups and we missed free throws," Becker said.

The Govs' next contest will take place in Brandon Valley tomorrow night. Becker says that the team will have to cut down on defensive miscues in order to find success.

"We're going to have to play really solid defense to get a win, especially on the road," Becker said.

As for the remainder of the season, the goals are no different than in years' past.

"Our main focus is

*"Once you get into the state tournament, anything can happen."*

*—Terry Becker, head coach*

to improve every week and to be playing our best by tournament time. Once you get into the state tournament, anything can happen. We've got a lot of kids that played on the championship team last year, and I think they feel like there's no reason that we can't push toward that goal again this year," Becker said.

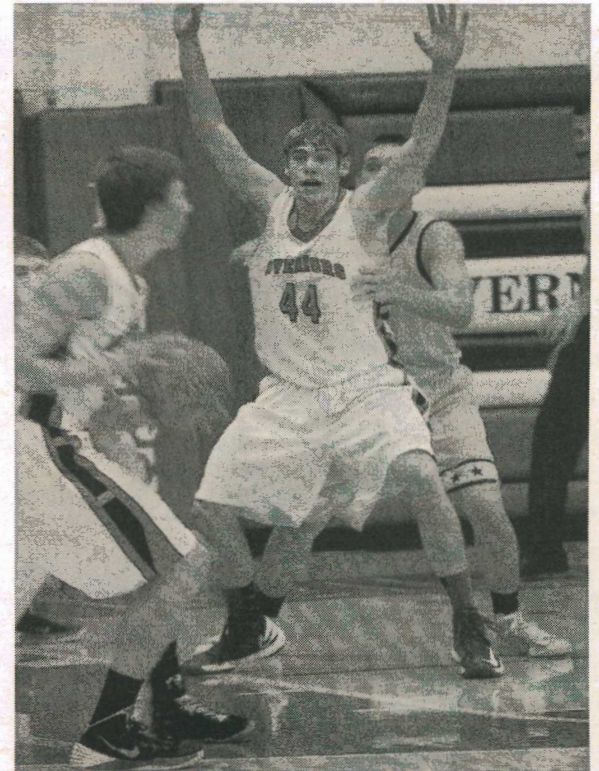


Photo by Haley Ketteler

Sophomore Brevin Kaiser calls for the ball as senior Travis Barton looks for an opening during the season opener against Mitchell.

## Gymnasts post season-high scores

By Samantha Beck

The Lady Governors' gymnastics team showed their potential last Saturday at the Aberdeen Invitational Meet. The Lady Govs took eighth place at the meet and finished with a score of 125.750, a season high for the young team.

Junior Melissa Bobby was the top finisher for the Lady Govs. Bobby placed 15th on the bars and 18th on the beam, giving her 12th place overall. Freshman Danni Ullmann finished 12th in the bars and 27th all around.

"This year has been good so far," Bob-

*"...the best is yet to come this season."*

*—Melissa Bobby, junior*

by says of the season. "We are a young team, but we all bring different parts to the meets. I would really like to see the team taking part in the state meet at the end of the year."

This year, the team has had a new coach, guidance counselor Deb Snyder.

"Our new coach has been great. In the beginning, her coaching style was different

than what everyone was used to, but now practice goes fast and smoothly," Bobby said.

As the oldest member of the team, Bobby makes an effort to work hard and provide an example for the younger girls.

"I have personally been doing the best I can. I have had some really good meets so far, but the best is yet to come this season. Since I am the oldest on my team, I try to be a leader. My goal for the team is to see us make it to state without any big injuries."

The gymnastics team will be back in action tomorrow in Mitchell.

## All fall sports teams receive Academic Achievement Award

By Samantha Beck

Riggs has a reputation for excellence—the three state titles the school currently holds are proof of that. That's not all, though: Riggs athletes excel in the classroom as well. This year, every fall sports team qualified for the Academic Achievement Team Award given by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA).

To receive the Academic Achievement Team Award, the entire varsity team must

have at cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The girls tennis, boys golf, girls and boys cross country, football, football cheerleaders, competitive cheer, competitive dance, and volleyball teams all qualified for the award.

This award is an enormous success for athletes, as well as teachers, coaches, and parents.

"We pride ourselves on academic and athletic excellence, so when all of our fall sports teams meet that standard, we are especially excited. Congratulations to the fall sports

team members at Riggs High; you certainly define the term "student athlete," and congratulations to the teaching staff and coaching staff for their part in the success of our students," athletic director Dan Whalen said in a press release Tuesday.

"I think it's the entire school atmosphere here in Pierre. High academic achievement is something that it is pretty common among our students. Therefore, it's not surprising that it would include our athletes as well," Whalen said.



## Bachelor of the Month



Rhett Bothwell, 12

**Eye color:**

Brown

**Personality:**

Very outgoing and outspoken

**Hair color:**

Dirty brown

**Height:**

5 feet 12 inches

**Favorite leisure activity:**

Hunting and fishing

**What qualities do you look for in the opposite sex?**

Outgoing and spontaneous

**What celebrity would you like to go out with?**

Carrie Underwood

**Looks or personality?**

Both

**Pursue or be pursued?**

Pursue then be pursued

**Do you have an age preference?**

Around my own

**What is your ideal first date?**

Fire on the beach as the sun is setting

**What would your ideal girl be like?**

Brown hair, brown eyes, and lots of fun.

**Would you ever date someone taller than you?**

Yes, I would.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

Hopefully not jail.

## Bachelorette of the Month



Jacey Jessop, 12

**Eye color:**

Brown

**Personality:**

I am always right.

**Hair color:**

Curly

**Height:**

5'4"

**Favorite leisure activity:**

Pinterest-ing

**What qualities do you look for in the opposite sex?**

They better know how to take me for a ride in their big green tractor.

**What celebrity would you like to go out with?**

Luke Bryan

**Looks or personality?**

Looks but personality is always nice.

**Pursue or be pursued?**

Run 'em down and hogtie 'em.

**What is your ideal first date?**

Riding horses into the sunset.

**What would your ideal boy be like?**

Tall, dark and looks good in Wranglers.

**Would you ever date someone shorter than you? Defs not.**

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

On the ranch riding horses with my cowboy.

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Governor Dennis Daugaard and Troy McQuillen of McQuillen Creative Group present seniors Miranda Panzer and Jenny Palmer with a \$500 check for their winning entry.

## Two seniors win cash award in Big Idea competition

By Marcella Lees

Last week, six students accompanied business teacher Cheryl Ulmen to Aberdeen for the Big Idea Competition. Seniors Jennie Palmer and Miranda Panzer won the Marketing Design event, and the teams of Hanna Tounsley and Morgan Merriman and Kaileigh Beug and Jordan Lutmer both received honorable mentions.

The contest, sponsored by Northern State University, challenges students to design their own business.

Ulmen's business classes participate in this competition. Students enter online, and winners and honorable mentions travel to Aberdeen, where awards

are given and the winners present their business proposals.

Palmer and Panzer received a \$500 check for their winning business logo and advertisement.

"Going to Aberdeen was fun, and we got to meet the governor. He gave us five hundred bucks," Panzer said.

"I think it's a great experience because it gives kids a good opportunity to see what goes into making a business. It takes a lot of research and hard work," Ulmen said about the contest.

"You don't always get the opportunity to do great things like this," Tounsley, a sophomore, said. "You learn more than you would have ever expected out of it. We learned the smallest things about

owning or making your own business."

"It shows you how to work independently," Palmer said. "Plus you can win money."

Freshmen Lutmer and Beug designed a pizza place, Pizzeria Plaza, while the team of Tounsley and Merriman planned a cupcake shop. Palmer and Panzer were the designers of The Basset, a dog spa, dog grooming and gourmet dog-treat-making business.

For people like Palmer and Panzer who plan to major in business, this is an invaluable experience.

"You learn to be creative and do your own thing," Panzer said.

"You get to learn about what's in the real world," Lutmer said.