

# G.T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## Students Remember Zuercher's Legacy

By Elizabeth Hopper

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." - Albert Einstein.

This quote rings true for all of the teaching staff at Riggs High School. We have a superior staff, some of which are retiring this year.

One of those great teachers is Mrs. Zuercher. From the time she was little, Zuercher has always had the idea of being a teacher. When she grew up, most women were either teachers, nurses,

or secretaries, so it would make sense that she would be influenced to do so. After getting her teaching degree later in life, she has taught for a praiseworthy total of 13 years, 12 of which have been spent at Riggs. She has taught mostly either Algebra I or Geometry.

When asked what her favorite thing about teaching was, she said, "I love watching students grow both academically and in maturity."

Zuercher doesn't really have plans after retiring from the school, but she

would like to devote some time to family and also do some substitute teaching. Although she is retiring, we may still see her around the hallways of Riggs. After asking her what advice she had for current teachers, she said,

"There are difficult things about being a teacher, but you have other excellent teachers, supportive staff, and administration around you that you can collaborate with, so take advantage of that."

The best thing about the staff at Riggs is clear to

Zuercher.

"The best thing about the teachers and staff at Riggs is that they always have the best interest of the students in mind."



On behalf of  
all the stu-  
dents and  
staff at Riggs,  
thank you for  
your years of  
service, Mrs.  
Zuercher!

## Counselors' Advice Eases Interview Anxiety

By Marcella Lees

Whether you are getting your first job or trying to get into a college, we all have to do interviews at some point. They can be scary, but after talking to two of Riggs' guidance counselors, Kelli Johnson and Bobbi Brown, I think I have a game plan you can follow to nail your next interview.

Step One: Prepare! "Doing your homework is important. I think knowing some things about the school, knowing some things about the scholarship,

and having some of that background information would help you be able to answer questions about what you think you can bring to the school, why you want to come to school here, or why you think you are deserving of this scholarship," Brown said.

Step Two: Practice! "Practice interviewing. Grab a friend and have them interview you; that will ease your nerves," said Johnson.

Step Three: Be Professional! "When you walk into an interview, make good eye contact and shake their hands

firmly," Johnson said. "When you're speaking, sound fluent: you don't want to fill your gaps with 'ums' and 'likes'. Sound like you know what you're talking about."

"People look for individuals who are genuine and honest and can look you in the eye. If you don't know the answer to one of their questions, say that. Engage them in some questioning; trying to get more information from them can be very helpful. It shows your interest and that you want to learn," Brown said.

"In a college or job interview, I think they want to see that you understand the content that they are looking for. Try to set yourself apart in some way, whether that's by experience or personality or your knowledge of the content," said Johnson.

"You need to listen to their questions carefully so that you're answering what they ask. Be prepared to think on your feet, but that's not to say that you shouldn't pause and think about their questions so you can get your thoughts together," Brown said.

So next time you have an important interview coming up, remember your three P's—Prepare, Practice, and Professional—and you will do fine.

"Get a good night's sleep and go prepared to the best of your ability. They're going to ask you things you're not prepared for, but just be yourself. If you don't get in, then that wasn't the place for you," said Brown.

"Just breathe. Interviewing, as scary as it sometimes might seem, is actually pretty fun!" Johnson said.

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# With Just a Little Luck...

A concept I have never seemed to fully grasp is luck. I understand and fully believe that everything happens for a reason, but the fact that some force is figuratively choosing names from a hat, randomly designating the eventual outcome of situations, baffles me. I

## EDITORIAL

can understand karma, but luck just happens no matter what kind of person you are. You can be a terrible human being and still win big: the definition of the classic phrase, "life is not fair."

Luck is an obsession. It has become engrained in our minds to rely on luck in all circumstances. We cross our fingers and wish each other good luck before hearing any weighty results.

We avoid walking under ladders and opening umbrellas indoors to prevent facing years of apparent torment and misfortune. Heck, we chop off rabbits' feet to carry around in hopes we land a big break. Do all of these silly superstitions seem

just a tad ridiculous yet, or is that just me?

I guess I am rather biased on this matter. I am someone that has never been considered lucky. I have a deep personal connection with characters like Eeyore and Charlie Brown—the ones who never seem to get a break. It can feel as if an ominous storm cloud is always raining on your parade. I know it can be difficult, but

it is important to stay positive. It might not feel like it, but eventually, your time will come, and when it does, it will be worth enduring all of those cloudy days. From one unlucky person to another, I can guarantee that.

To me, luck is the easy way out. Luck is not a reflection of your character: anybody can be lucky, but it takes hard work to truly achieve your goals. The attribute of simply being lucky is not an admirable one. People don't remember those whose only contribution to the world was one based off of chance. Spending your life betting on the possibility that something may happen is no way to live. Create your own possibility. Invest less money gambling

on lottery tickets and spend more time accomplishing your ambitions. Chances are (pun intended), a success attained through determination and perseverance will feel much more fulfilling than gaining a fortune solely through a fluke.

In this month personified by leprechauns and four leaf clovers, remember that although rainbows are beautiful, they disappear after a few moments. Your true pot of gold lies at the end of a long road full of highs and lows. A stroke of luck is temporary, but making a difference in the world prevails for a lifetime. While on your path to genuine satisfaction and in everything you do, may the odds be ever in your favor.

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### What's hot and what's not this month

...to the wrestlers being state champs  
...to the boys and girls basketball teams being district champs  
...to America Day  
...to cheering loud at basketball games  
...to winning Spirit of Six  
...to 4th quarter  
...to promposals  
...to March Madness  
...to hockey coming back and coming in 3rd place  
...to Zesto opening  
...to more food than you can eat  
...to school almost being out  
...to the band rocking at pre-game and halftime music

...to bipolar weather  
...to stressing out about graduation  
...to Mondays after state tournaments  
...to registering for college classes  
...to bad reffing  
...to crowded hotel rooms and elevators  
...to having homework over state basketball weekends  
...to losing your voice  
...to wifi not working  
...to AP exams  
...to long Snapchat stories  
...to not getting enough sleep  
...to physics

**POST PROM PARTY**  
*Lariat Lanes After the Prom*  
**Door Opens at Midnight**

Hypnotist - Richard Barker  
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Pool Games  
Door Prizes

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Midnight - 4:00 am

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## Band and Drumline Rock the Tournament

Another state basketball tournament has flown by, and the Emerald Regiment and Pierrecussion drumline made their annual, highly-anticipated appearances.

The Emerald Regiment was chosen as Band of the Day Friday at the tournament, where, as expected, they were nothing short of a m a z i n g . Turns out, they were the only pep band to even attend



Miranda Rockwood

### REFLECTIONS

the tournament, proving to the state that our band program is the best around. They played a ton of songs that ranged from old songs, like "Twist and Shout" by The Beatles and "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond, to new songs such as, "Bang Bang" by Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj, and Jessie J, and "Timber" by Pitbull. With tunes like those, there was a great mix of songs that made it very easy for everyone to enjoy!

The elite group of Pierrecussion drummers took the court during halftime with their renowned aviators and white bandanas. Senior drumline captain Dagne Ode led the group onto the

stage where they started off their routine in tip-top shape. "It can sometimes be hard to keep up with the steps when you're on the court" senior Joni Willoughby said. "But

it's also easy to get back in line." With loud banging and brilliant choreography, the group is always sure to get great reactions from the

crowd, and it really helps to add to the entire tournament experience. Not only does it get the adrenaline of the crowd and the players pumping, but it also pumps up the percussionists. For the few minutes they are on the court, they are not only trying to keep in step, in rhythm, and keep their nerves down, but they are also trying to keep their adrenaline in line to finish the routine strong. "Once we perform and realize that it's over, we all know that it was totally worth the long morning practices every week," Willoughby said. "It never gets old hitting that last note and knowing you did the best you could."

## Jone-Bear's Tips for Conquering the ACT

Dear Jone-Bear, I am taking the ACT in April and am really stressing about it. I know that this is really important for scholarships and getting into college and stuff like that, and it has made me really worried. What should I do to get ready for it? Should I study? Do I need to buy more practice materials? And I am really stressing, so what should I do to calm down?

Sincerely,  
Kinda Freaking Out  
Dear Freaking Out,  
There is no need to fear that much about the ACTs. If you are a good test taker, you will be fine, and even if you aren't, you can take the ACT multiple times to finally get comfort-

able with it so you can earn that score you've been working toward.

Many people that I talked to said that they took the ACT at least twice, if not three times. I only took it once, but that was because I was happy with the score that I got. Just know that if you don't receive the score you want, you will be able to try again and get

a better score the next time. It is all about practice. Imagine this test is preparing for the big game or concert: to do your very best, you need to become familiar with the material so you can be confident at the right moment. It is

suggested that the first time you take the ACT, you are becoming acquainted with the format of the test, and then you can take it again to focus on doing well.

I also know that it is really hard for some kids to take a test in a time limit. For those people, you just really need to not spend too much time on one question. If you are debating

between two answers, leave the question blank and come back to it at the end if you still have time. When in doubt, just guess; you won't be penalized for it.

Now, about the studying. I'm not saying that you have to

study for the ACT, but it is highly suggested. If you go down to the guidance office after you register and get a booklet from the secretaries, you can take the practice tests in there and it will help. You could also purchase study materials from the actual ACT website, but again, you don't have to. Everything is available to help you, and it is your choice if you want to utilize it.

Don't forget that you have your general test taking strategies, like I wrote about last month. Sleep before hand, don't over study, and stay calm. If you do all this stuff, you will be absolutely fine taking the ACT and getting a good score.

Joni Willoughby  
ADVICE

## End of the School Year Survival Guide

Now what? Gymnastics season is over. Hockey season is over. Wrestling season is over. Basketball season is over. What are we supposed to do in our free time? Sure, we still have boys tennis, girls golf, and track, but nothing quite beats a night in a crowded rink or gym. Even with the 4th quarter starting up, it will be over before we know it. In less than two months, the seniors will be gone, school will be out, and summer will be upon us. Unfortunately, we can't spring ahead quite that far. So what are we all supposed to

do from now until then? Here are a few ideas we came up with: Choose an outdoor hobby. With the weather getting nicer,



Macy and Maddie

everyone is antsy to get outside. Try something new such as disc golfing (frolfing), golfing, or fishing. Get your grades up. With only one quarter left,

finish strong. Make it your goal to get better grades in every class this quarter than you got last quarter. Go support school activities. Watch the spring play. Support the boys tennis team in their four home events.

Watch the girls golf team in their lone home tournament. See the track team at their two home meets. Lastly, have fun. For the seniors, these are

your last two months of high school. To some, that's super exciting. To others, not so much. For the rest of us, we still have a ways to go. Make sure to finish these last nine weeks strong and keep up the standard of excellence our teachers, parents, and peers expect of us. After all, there is no place like Riggs. Side note: Congrats to the girls basketball team on a 7th place finish, the boys basketball team on a 5th place finish, the cheerleaders on winning The Spirit of Six, and the wrestlers on winning state! Go Govs!



# Conflicted Opinions Over School Start Date

By Steph Nelson

The 2014-2015 school year hasn't even ended yet, and the 2015-2016 school calendar is already finalized, and people are already talking about it. Although there was a thought of moving up next year's start date, the Pierre School Board settled on Aug. 20, 2015, just one day later than the 2014 start date.

The Pierre School District school board, at one of their last meetings, voted to change the dates to equal out the length of each semester. This setup works, except there is just one problem: in order to equal out the semesters in days, the date each year will become earlier and earlier in August. "Riggs administration recommended that the start date be the third Tuesday in August in order to balance the number

of days in each semester and end the first semester before Christmas. The problem is that it moves the actual day in August up for the next two years, and there was concern by some people that this was too early in the summer," Assistant Principal Mrs. Boutchee said.

Despite the change in start dates, the semester will still end prior to Christmas break, which is a good thing in the minds of most students and teachers. "I would rather start early and end early so that we can take semester tests before Christmas break," junior Sara Bachand said.

"What we heard this year was that the teachers did not have to spend as many days in review because the students were not coming off of the two week Christmas break to try and take semester tests. While review time is certainly important,

the more time spent in review means less time for teachers to introduce new concepts. The feedback we got from students was extremely positive because they felt that their Christmas holiday was far more relaxing without the specter of semester tests looming over them when they returned to school," Assistant Principal, Mr. Coverdale said.

There is also discussion on completely changing the school calendar to move to a year round school with a very different vacation/break schedule. This is mainly just a topic of "what ifs," but many people have ideas. "Personally, I would like to see a schedule that would be set up to go 45-15-45-15-45-15-45-15 or something to this effect. In other words, 45 days of school on, 15 days of school off, all year round. That is my pipe dream," Principal

Mr. Mutchelknaus said.

"My nephew teaches at a school in California that is year round. I would love if we did that here in our school district," P.E. teacher Mr. Synder said. But if he had to pick between the early or late start date, he'd take the former. "I like starting school early and getting out early. I am all about the semester ending at Christmas. Especially for the high school students, this is the right schedule," Snyder added.

The discussion on start and end dates may not be over for good, but for this year, those Riggs students not graduating for a few years better plan on getting to bed early on Aug. 19 because at 8:15 am. on the 20th, the 2015-2106 school year will be underway, whether we like it or not.



Members of the Pierrecussion drumline during one of their two halftime performances at the state basketball tournament. Courtesy of Grandpre Photography

By Nathan Bader

Students have, for the last month, been greeted nearly every morning as they walk into school with a sound a little out of the ordinary. The typically dull and dreary mornings of March have been shattered by the sound of drums. In preparation for their two halftime performances at the boy's state basketball, the Pierrecussion Drumline has been drilling their own routine in the gym several mornings every week. The long hours of morning practice and multiple five-hour drumline clinics has brought the group together as a team. "Drumline is our own little family within

the larger band family. The bonding each year between the returning group and the new crew is amazing. Every year, we just receive new people that we get to teach," senior Dagne Ode said.

One of the hardest parts of being in the student-led drumline is learning the new routine and new cadences each year. "It's very time-consuming, but everyone on drumline is dedicated enough, so it's not too tough of a job. It is important that we always get together, help each other, and critique each other so we can be our best," junior Seth McKinley said.

Drumline is an elite group amongst the band. Nate Hill, a soph-

omore bass drum, describes the process of auditioning as, "Any percussionist can try out at any age in high school, but non-percussionists must be a band member in their junior or senior year. Drumline requires a lot of practice; you have to be on time to all of the practices and performances and be responsible to be a part of drumline." Ode says the places Pierrcussion

has been able to perform is extensive. "State basketball, multiple home Pierre basketball games, spirit breakfast during Homecoming, and South Dakota Education has had us perform. We've played at the Capitol and for the Governor. It's fun to be

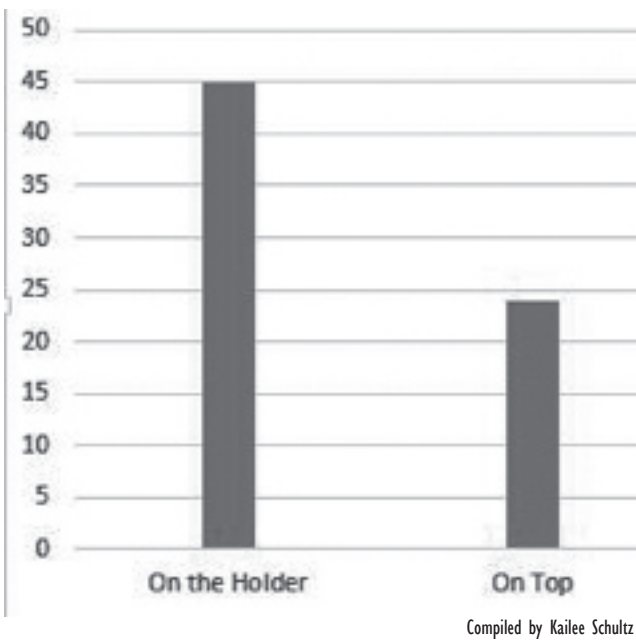
able to play all around Pierre and have the great support we do!"

The tradition associated with drumline is one of the best things about being a part of Pierrecussion says Seth McKinley. "We are recognized around school for the aviators and white bandanas. They are a part of who we are and having that recognition from the school is something we appreciate."

Pierrecussion has been a tradition at Riggs for many years, and it continues to be a beloved group known for their headbanging performances that will undoubtedly be around for many years to come.

## When you restock the toilet paper do you actually put the roll on the holder or do you just set it on top?

**"I am not an animal. Anyone who is too lazy to put it on the holder should not be allowed to live in a house."** – Austin Lentsch, 11



By Emily Kist

As you all well know, in the last few weeks, the 600 underclassmen students attending Riggs registered for classes the next school year. During your designated study hall or open period, or even before or after school, you probably found yourself in the commons area registering for the classes you want to take for the 2015-2016 school year. With every new school

year, new classes are offered to the student body, and the 2015-2016 school year is no different. Although German will no longer be offered, new classes such as Environmental Science and AP Physics are now available for upperclassmen interested in taking more science classes.

The opportunity to earn college credit through dual credit classes is becoming more accessible

each year. In classes such as College Biology and College Western Civilizations, you can earn college credits without having to take an AP test at the end of the year. You need to pay to earn the credits, but the prices are greatly reduced from a normal college tuition price.

When filling out your registration form, remember to stick to your personal learning plan that you have

prepared for yourself and get any teacher or counselor signatures you need to complete the form. Our guidance counselors have been very helpful with giving us resources to help us map out our future high school education course. Visit with your parents, teachers, and guidance counselors prior to making your course selections. They are all here to help.



Students show their American pride and school spirit at the basketball tournament. Courtesy of Grandpre Photography



## Quick questions: Karissa Guthrie

*Karissa Guthrie,  
varsity golfer*

**What made you interested in golf?**

I started out playing when I could walk. It's a game played by my whole family. I picked it up and played it every day in the summer for the last 14 years so that sparked my interest.

**Where will you be playing golf next fall?**

Northern Michigan University, I am playing there because I have wanted to play college golf for years now...I chose NMU because I want to be a dentist and they have a great pre-dental program, plus I have really enjoyed talking to the coach and I know he will be a great help to further my game.

**What are you looking forward to about golfing in college? Is there anything you**

**are worried about?**

I am looking forward to the tougher competition...I am worried about being so competitive even with my teammates. We are all competing to travel which is something I haven't had to do a lot since I have always been on the team, but I am ready for the challenge.

**What are your goals for this season?**

I really want to go out this season and conquer. I have been on the team since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and each year I have continued to improve and watch the older girls compete at higher levels. Now it's my time to prove I have worked for everything. I would like to win ESD individually again and I think I have a strong chance at that as well as at the state title.

**How does it feel that this is the last**

**year you will be playing for Riggs?**

It is bittersweet. I love playing for Riggs, and I love carrying that green Pierre bag on my shoulders, but I am ready to move on to the next level. Since state is after we graduate, it will be tough. Golf will be my last goodbye. I have so many great memories here especially with the golf team.

**What has been the hardest thing about golfing?**

I think managing your thoughts and just keeping your composure is the hardest thing. Golf can make you feel on top of the world or like you're mud on the ground. It's realizing that you are better than that and pulling through that is the hardest.

**How do you feel about your team this year? What are some**

**of your team's goals?**

All but one is returning this year so we will be good. Four of us are seniors so we really have chance to make something happen. Being a senior, I want to win ESD as a team because that will be the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive time and I will have been a part of all of them...I think we have another chance at the title as long as we all work hard throughout this season but it will all come down to those two days out in Rapid in May.

**What is your favorite memory of golfing?**

My favorite memory is the night before we won state. Coach Palmer took us go-karting and on a big field trip while "Boss" (aka Coach Knox) had a meeting. It really took our minds off everything and that allowed us to win the next day.

## Track and Field

**First meet:** Saturday at Brookings

**Athlete comment: How does running distance make you a better individual?** "Well, it's a good team bonding experience because we run hundreds of miles together throughout the winter off-season, summer, cross-country, and track. It's satisfying running distance because I'm staying in shape and not being lazy." -junior Seth McKinley

## Girls' Golf

**First tournament:** April 2 at Rapid City

**Player comment: What does the team need to do this season to make it as successful as possible?** "We need to get on the state course as much as possible and really focus to beat O'Gorman." -senior Joni Willoughby

Compiled by Wyatt Rumrill



## Girls' Basketball

**Record:** 19-6

**Last game:** 7th place game at state tournament

**State finish:** 7th place

**Athlete comment: With what mentality did the team approach the postseason?** "We had the mindset that we really needed to get there and winning the district games was one of our goals." -senior McKenna Halverson

## March Madness Sweet 16 Matchups: South and East

11  UCLA 6:15 PM


2  Gonzaga

8  N.C. St. 6:37 PM

4  Louisville

1  Duke 8:45 PM

5  Utah

3  Oklahoma 9:07 PM

7  Michigan St.

All game to be played tonight. All times listed are in Central time.

## Boy's Basketball

**Record:** 16-9

**Last game:** 5th place game at state tournament against Aberdeen

**State finish:** 5th place

**Player comment: How does it feel to make the game winning three to advance the team to state?** "Well, I didn't really feel anything. I was just floating. It was really exhilarating to be back in the state tournament." -sophomore Bradley Dean

## Boys' Tennis

**First meet:** April 7th Triangular in Pierre

**Athlete comment: How has this bout of warm weather affected your mentality of this upcoming tennis season?** "It's increased our mentality because it's allowed us to get more practice in before our first actual match." -senior Patrick Bollinger

# Track season kicks off tomorrow in Brookings

By Nathan Bader

March has been a big month for sports in Pierre, consisting of a thrilling boys' basketball district game, a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in state basketball, and an amazing run of pins and wins culminating with another state championship for the wrestling team. March also brings with it the beginning of another track season.

The unusually warm weather has allowed the team to get outside and start working on blocks. The block starts are an aspect of senior sprinter Grant Erwin's skills that he has looked forward to improving all offseason.

"Getting better in my starts off of the blocks this year could really help my own personal times,

and could really help our relays improve also," Erwin said.

The graduation of many top-level sprinters last year has the returning sprinters ready to improve and step up in order to fill the slots. Junior mid-distance (400m and 800m) runner Ryan Mikkelsen views the gaps as opportunities rather than detriments to the team.

"The sprinters were especially hurt by graduating, but new people will be able to step up into new roles and hopefully excel in those roles," Mikkelsen said.

The distance runners did not lose any runners this past year. Having an experienced team of high quality distance runners allows Pierre to go into the season with a high-

level of confidence and preparedness. The addition of new runners to the distance family makes for a large, very competitive squad.

The team, of course, is looking forward to doing much more than just running. Every field event has a good collection of returning and fresh talent to compete with this year. The pole-vaulters lost two state qualifiers, but senior vaulter Luke Schochenmaier says the team still has an opportunity to do well.

"We have many guys who are improving as the season goes on. We just need to keep improving our runway work and inversions in order to be very competitive this year," Schochenmaier said.

Hurdles, long jump, triple jump,

throwing, and high jump are all looking to improve as the season progresses.

Erwin summed up his feelings about the track team.

"We have so many people involved in so many events. The team is definitely more diverse this year. We have numerous athletes doing numerous things at each meet. There are some athletes we have whose days may consist of running an individual race or two, then going and competing in high jump, followed by long or triple jump, a relay, and maybe even a hurdle race," Erwin said.

With so much returning talent and fresh potential, this season looks bright for the Pierre track team. The Govs will see their first competition at Brookings tomorrow.

# Govs bring home consolation championship

By Micah Howard

After a tough loss to three-seed Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Thursday night, the Governor basketball squad was able to regroup and keep playing good basketball, picking up two wins and a consolation championship in the process.

Overall, head coach Terry Becker was pleased with effort the team put in during its first game.

"I thought that we played pretty well on Thursday night. We just had a bad third quarter. I think we had six points in the third quarter and then we gave up a few too. I thought that our effort was really good. I figured that if we could just turn the page on that first day and be ready to go the next day, that we'd perform well the rest of the weekend, and we did," Becker said.

The Govs went on to pick up wins from both Watertown and Aberdeen, win-



**Pierre's Brevin Kaiser puts up a layup. Kaiser was the only Governor to earn all-tournament honors.**

ning their third game by a fourteen-point margin. Although they did have a few offensive lapses, the

Govs maintained strong defensive play throughout the entirety of the three games.

"I think that we defended really well all weekend long. We had some guys against us that shot the ball very well. When you get to a state tournament, you never know what is going to happen. Guys get hot, and you have to deal with that kind of stuff," Becker said.

While other teams often featured stellar performances from one or two players, the Governor squad was characterized by its depth.

"With the type of team we had it was somebody different every night. Charlie Anderson was a guy that had a really good second game. Ethan Leif really rose to the occasion throughout the weekend. Matt Booth was another guy who played well in the last game of his career. It was really nice to see different guys all along the way contribute in that way. And that's kind of the

mark of what our team was all season long," Becker said.

The Govs are graduating six seniors this year, and Becker says he won't be quick to forget them.

"What I'll remember about these guys is that they made themselves into good basketball players. When they were freshman, they won hardly any games. Here they are at the end of their careers. They had a winning season, they won their district, which is only the third district that we've won in Pierre history, and they have a fifth place trophy to show for it," Becker said.

Next season will bring a similar situation, Becker says. New role players will have to step up. Top-scorers Erin Severyn and Brevin Kaiser, who combined for 104 points over the weekend, will both be returning to the lineup. If this senior duo can lead the team back to the tournament next season, only time will tell what could happen.

Bachelor of the Month



Ethan Leif, 12

**How do you think the ladies would describe you?**  
Big headed and sarcastic.

**If you could date anyone in the school, who would it be and why?**  
Kim Coats. She is the funniest person I have ever met!

**Who is your dream girl?**  
Have you ever heard of Julianne Hough?

**Why do you think you are a worthy Bachelor of the Month?**  
Because I am the

Leif of every situation!

**Do you have any signature lines or moves that you know the ladies can't resist?**  
My "Monster" move is what makes the ladies stay.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**  
Just doing me with all of my homies.

Bachelorette of the Month



Marie Zander, 12

**Personality:**  
Random and silly

**Looks or personality in the opposite sex?**  
Taller than me. Needs to be really random and enjoy frequent naps.

**What is your ideal first date?**  
Start out causing havoc at Wal-Mart. Then followed by a gourmet meal of spaghetti and steak.

**Favorite leisure activity:**  
Eating in bed and taking a nap (Netflix mixed in).

**Eye Color:**  
Brown. Like dirt.

**Hair Color:**  
UBER dark brown, but everyone thinks it's black. So, let's just say black.

**What is your favorite pick up line?**  
Are you asthma? Because you take my breath away ;)

**Who is your celebrity crush?**  
A hybrid of Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Pine, Gerard Butler, and the Hemsworth brothers.

**Do you have an age preference?**  
Within one year of me

**What is your pet peeve?**  
People who can't park and people who wear socks and sandals.

Festival Celebrates Identity

By Amanda Pugh and Moina Syed

Each year, the Choir department invites two Choir directors from around the state to be guest conductors for the annual Choir Festival. This year's Festival took place on March 16 and 17 with students rehearsing every other class period. The final concert took place at 7:30 on the night of the 17th. The theme was "See We One Another Clearly, Do We Know Who We Are," focusing on music from all around the world.

The guest conductors this year were Ms. Andrea Fischer from Rapid City Central, who conducted the Treble Choir, and Dr. Laura Diddle from SDSU, who conducted the Concert Choir. Mr. Bauck conducted the Chamber Choir. Riggs Treble choir

member Steph Nelson said, "I learned a lot from working with Mrs. Fischer. She helped us bring the music to life even more while having tons of fun. I think bringing in guest conductors is a genius idea and exposes choir students to new ways of singing."

Mr. Bauck also commented, "Festival is great for the students because they learn about music from someone other than me. They learn some new skills and new ideas about singing while hearing things that I have been telling them and teaching them. It is a great reinforcement of skills, and it is a great way for students to come alive through music, and I have seen that in these two days." Congrats to the choir program for an impressive concert!

"The theme of the concert was all about learning about ourselves through music."

- Choir director Rodd Bauck

March Sibling Rivalry  
Seth (11) & Judah (9) McKinley

**Q: Who starts more fights?**

A: "Probably me." -Seth "It's definitely Seth. We even got into a fight about whose towel was whose." -Judah

**Q: Who wins more fights?**

A: "Seth does. He uses more logic against me." -Judah "Yeah, I usually use some more common sense." -Seth

**Q: Who is better with the ladies?**

A: "I guess that I probably am." -Judah "Caleb and Judah got the good genes for hair. I was kind of cut short on those." -Seth

**Q. Who is the favorite child of you two and out of your other siblings?**

A. "Levi is probably the favorite." -Judah "I've been grounded less this year so maybe I am moving up on the favorite ladder." -Seth