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FBLA Sends Eight to Nationals in Tennessee

By Austin Lentsch

Each year, our various sports and fine arts groups strive to be the best of the best in the state. The first step is training and preparing with the goal of a state title hanging just out of reach. Once the final competition rolls around, everyone must be at the top of their game, ready for judgment among their peers. Regardless of whether they are satisfied with their performance or not, each competitor goes home to begin preparing for the next season. This is true for every activity at Riggs except one.

T.F. Riggs' Future Business

Leaders of America chapter has multiple members each year that are deemed ready to advance past the customary State competition to the National level. Each state can only send three competitors to Nationals in each event, so it is quite an achievement to make the cut. This summer, our local chapter sent eight members to the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee: Matthew Pugh, Wyatt Trapp, Alex Wester, Renee Gallagher, Haley Ketteler, Hannah Becker, Heidi Becker, and Austin Lentsch.

Several of the members are veterans of the National

Leadership Conference, first and foremost being the local FBLA adviser, Mrs. Ulmen.

"Traveling with our FBLA members to Nationals is always a great experience. They represent our school and community very well. I am so proud of them and I am fortunate to be able to share this adventure with them," Ulmen said.

Sophomore Matthew Pugh qualified for and attended his first National Conference his freshman year. "The National Leadership Conference was the highlight of my summer; it is a memory I will never forget."



Photo submitted by Austin Lentsch

Back row: Alex Wester, Wyatt Trapp, Austin Lentsch; Middle Row: Haley Ketteler, Renee Gallagher, Sam Smith; Front Row: Mrs. Ulmen, Matthew Pugh, Hannah Becker, Heidi Becker

Phone Caddy: Problem Solver or Nuisance?

By Marcella Lees

After increasing complaints of cheating and constantly distracted students last year, administration has added a new addition to every classroom. Along with the whiteboards, TVs and desks, classrooms now have plastic red caddies for students to put their phones in. It is now school policy for every student to stick his or her phone into the caddy at the beginning of every class and retrieve it as they leave for their next period. In exchange, stu-

dents are allowed to use their phones in the hallways between classes, not just in the lunchroom and lobby. Implementation of this new school policy, however, has not been without controversy.

"Kids need to learn and focus on school," sophomore Trey Dravland said. "It [phone caddies] has made learning easier for me because it keeps my phone away, and I'm not tempted to look at it."

The underlying question is whether or not it is even necessary. The school as a whole has never preemptively

taken students phones away before.

"People were cheating and taking pictures of tests and sending them to other students. They had to do something and this [mandatory phone caddies] is the easiest solution," senior Renae Keuter said.

"Last year, especially the second semester, it seemed like we had more and more complaints about kids being off-task in the classroom. Actually, taking the phones out of the kids' hands for 50 minutes seemed like the most effective approach to deal-

ing with the problem," head principal Kevin Mutchelknaus said.

Most teachers and students alike will agree that the purpose is notable, but its positive contributions are debatable.

"I think the new policy has cut down on the number of conflicts and incidents involving cell phones. It has created an easier relationship and trust between the teachers and the students, and you don't have to be policing all the time," history teacher Scott DeBoer said.

"Students are very conditioned to putting

their phones in the caddies," personal finance and food science teacher Denise Thompson commented. "Without their phones, there is less distraction during class time; I receive their full-on attention for the 50 minutes I have them."

Finally, there are now more serious consequences for being caught with your phone in class. The second offence results in your phone being taken away for a month, and at the third offence, students will have to turn their cell phones in to the front office during school hours for the re-

mainder of the year.

Is this fair, or simply too harsh?

"It's a choice the students make. If a student chooses not to stick their phone in the caddy, then they run the risk of facing the consequences if they are busted with it on them," Mutchelknaus said.

Overall the responses to the caddies have been primarily positive with both sides of the situation giving a little and coming out better than before. The true test will be the end of the semester to see if the little phone jails will help with the cheating problem.

Happy New Year, everybody!

When I realize summer is drawing to a close, I like to think of a new school year as a new year in general, and with the midnight tolls of January 1st comes the abundant streams of resolutions that no matter how much effort is made, never end up lasting past the first

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in a smart phone, instead of setting unrealistic expectations to lose weight or save money, try making some genuine and worthwhile resolutions for the New Year... school year, that is.

First off, connect with people and the world through more ways than a Wi-Fi signal. Technology is a two-edged sword. It's crazy to think about how much technology

has evolved in our lifetimes. I remember just a few short years ago sitting through minutes' worth of screeching dial-up to access a select few websites. The world is always changing, opportunities always arising, and trust me, if you have your face buried

in a smart phone, you will miss it all. Take the time to put your phone down, observe the environment around you, treasure the relationships you have, and appreciate the world through your own eyes, not just an Instagram picture.

I have gone to same summer camp every year for four years, and the advice I have learned that will forev-

er be engrained in my mind is that the best things in life happen just outside your comfort zone. High school is the time for experimentation and self-discovery. How do you expect to learn who you are if you spend these pivotal four years burrowed inside your own shell? Go ahead, if you admire someone, compliment them. If you want to try something new, go for it. If you wish something was different, change it.

It is also important to remember that high school is only four years of your life. The average life expectancy is about 80 years old. That means that high school is only five percent of your life. Whoever said that the high

school years are the best, honestly, did you even go to high school? Everybody faces disappointment, failure, and other hardships at some point. Bad days are inevitable, but tomorrow always offers the chance for something wonderful to happen. Don't sweat the small stuff. Take advantage of the moments that you share with your classmates in this school, but know that the future is right around the corner.

I hope you found my random thoughts somewhat inspiring and applicable to your own goals. Let's collectively as a student body try to make some resolutions for ourselves we can actually stick to.

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TWEETS OF THE MONTH

@AspenIverson: Lots of love to the school band. Keep doing what you're doing! #PHShomecoming2014

@Kathleenzick: taking a shower after govmobiling is so nice #PHShomecoming 2014

For a chance to get your tweet mentioned in next month's edition, simply send a tweet and mention

@_Gsquad_

The Top Hits from the Summer of 2014

One of the best things about summer, in my opinion, other than the countless beach days, bonfires, and shopping opportunities, is the music that accompanies you through the short months of summer. We listen for catchy lyrics and ear pounding bass because, after all, this is going to be your soundtrack for the next three months. It needs to be filled with songs that sound best when blasted on your car stereo with the windows rolled down.

I know it can be very easy to just turn on the radio and get lost in the Top 40 pop songs that you seem to hear repeated every hour on the hour, but don't be afraid to explore different genres and styles. Find out what your friends have stockpiled on their iPods. You might find a completely new album to obsess over that you never thought you would enjoy so much.

As yet another summer comes to an end, and we are trying to find ways to relive the memories of sum-

mer, why not pull out your summer playlist, listen to it one more time, and maybe even add a few more songs to it! When the weather begins to chill, and we need to pull out our sweaters and boots for another solid five months, our summerplaylists will be all we have left of those long summer days. Summer 2014 may

be gone, but its music will stay with us for a very long time.

Here are my top ten songs from this summer:

1. "Cheap Sunglasses"—RAC
2. "I Wanna Get Better"—Bleachers
3. "Mama Didn't Raise No Fool"—Magic
4. "Fool's Gold"—Fitz and The Tantrums
5. "Young Hearts"—Strange Talk
6. "Trojans"—Atlas Genius
7. "Young Volcanoes"—Fall Out Boy
8. "Tongues"—Joywave
9. "Like Satellites"—Manufactured Superstars
10. "Over It"—Crystal Method

Miranda Rockwood

REFLECTIONS

Wishing for Advice from the Jone-Bear

Dear Jone-Bear:
There is so much going on at this school, and I have no idea what I should do or avoid. What did you do in all your years here?

Sincerely,
Wishing there wasn't so many things to do.

Dear Wishing,
Well, it all depends on what you are interested in. If you like being in plays, playing music, creating arts, or performing in dramatic ways, you should join Fine Arts groups, such as choir, band, theater, Oral Interp, Art Club, activities like that.

You didn't say what grade you were in, so if you are a freshman, just remember to not become too busy with all the new extra-curricu-

lars available, but don't be afraid to try something new. I regret not getting involved earlier in high school, so I cannot stress enough to GET INVOLVED.

If you are a sophomore, the same rules apply to you, as well. If you have any interest in anything, now is your time to do it, because if you start next

year, you might not have time to reach the potential you have in you to become great.

Junior year will be the best year of your high school career. This is the year most people really start to excel and realize their talents. Remember, however,

that you only have two more years left here at Riggs. Make new friends and branch out into different groups. Make this year a year to remember.

As for the seniors, well, I'm still learning what I should do for this year. I do know that all of us should

reach out and get to know the classmates we have

never really talked to before; this could be the last chance we have to befriend them before we all go our separate ways at the end of next summer. Also, if you are looking for a change, or your friends are telling you that you should join this activi-

ty or that one, do it. It's never too late to fall in love with something new and change your whole outlook on life.

I hope this helps everyone come to more conclusions about what goals you should shoot for this school year and make high school a great experience for yourself. We are putting a box in Mr. Kippley's room so you can submit questions about anything, and you can use real names or fake names. Just, please, no questions about boy/girl drama. You can ask anyone about that; leave it to school related topics. Just remember: no question is a silly question when you "Ask the Jone-Bear!"

Joni Willoughby
ADVICE

Macy and Maddie WANT TO EAT

Thanks, Obama.
This popular meme has been taken to a whole new level. Not thanks to Mr. President himself, but his wife, Michelle, who has taken it upon herself to fix our nation's obesity problem by single-handedly taking over the school lunch program.

All schools are now required to follow her strict guidelines that are supposed to put our country on the road to being healthy. Right? Wrong. School lunches aren't exactly what we would call "appetizing." When someone doesn't like the particular

lunch options that day, previously they could opt for a soft pretzel or a bag of nachos with cheese. Now what are they supposed to do? We are giving such fewer choices, it can be struggle to find food worth eating.

More and more students are

skipping out on lunch due to the slim pickings for choices at school. If the student doesn't have an open campus for lunch, they don't have enough time to go home and make

something. They go to a fast food restaurant and order a meal that is even more greasy and calorific than the options offered in previous years at schools.

It's a good idea to focus more on consuming a

healthier diet, but Mrs. Obama should be teaching

students across the country that healthy eating doesn't have to be a task in itself. Instead of making us eat high sodium, processed food with small serving sizes, she should be

endorsing better-for-you meals that actually taste good, too.

For example, instead of giving us three puny chicken strips and a bread roll, give us a grilled chicken breast with some fresh fruits and vegetables. Sure, this would be more expensive and probably more work for the lunch ladies, but isn't that a price America should be willing to pay if obesity is as big of a problem that everyone says it is?

Sorry, Mrs. Obama, but making us eat cardboard for lunch won't put us on the fast track for healthy eating.

Macy and Maddie
PERSPECTIVES



Junior Jaid Freestone, senior Derick Burghardt, and took a step in the opposite genders' shoes for Switcharoo Day.

LET'S GET FIRED UP

Riggs lit up with school spirit during this year's Homecoming Week



Although the Gavs lost to the O'Gorman Knights at the homecoming game, the team played a close game.



Two juniors proudly showcase their colorful Gov Mobile.



Sophomore Brittani Snow experienced a blast from the past when she donned toddler attire for Life Cycle day. Freshmen dressed up as babies, sophomores as toddlers, juniors as middle-aged folks, and seniors as senior citizens. Other dress-up days included Class Color Day, Prep Day, Switcharoo Day, and Green and White Day.



Onlookers cheer on the junior team as they take on a baby food challenge at the Olympics Friday afternoon.



The seniors of the Gavs Fire Crew won first prize for their creative Gov Mobile design. The vehicle made an appearance during the parade Thursday evening.



Coronation candidates Grant Erwin, Brittni Faddoul, Ethan Leif, Dagne Ode, Jamaal Covey, Kim Coats, Connor Jallo, Payton Gall, Jace Jerome, and McKenna Halverson looked wonderful as they posed for a quick picture before the ceremony Monday night.



Members of the Riggs High Emerald Regiment led this year's parade with a peppy rendition of "Great Balls of Fire."

Soccer approaches final games

By Maddie Sutton

The Lady Governor's soccer team have nearly completed their season. So far, their record is five wins, three losses, and only a single tie. The season started out very strong.

The team won their first four games of the year, scoring twenty-four goals combined. They also only allowed one goal to be scored. They beat Mitchell 6-0, Brookings 5-0, Brandon Valley 8-0, and Groton Area 5-1. Junior goalkeeper Kayla Rounds had three consecutive shutouts.

Unfortunately, the winning streak ended after four games. The team had its first loss against Rapid City Stevens 2-1, and its only tie 1-1 with Rapid City Central.

In the games following, the team lost 3-4 to Aberdeen Central and 1-0 to Harrisburg, along with a 5-2 win over Tea Area and a 3-0 win over Watertown. The team is currently in tenth place. Only the top eight teams make the playoffs, so the Lady Governor's last



Courtesy Photo
Pierre's Caelie Williams, 12, avoids a defender and lines up a shot in a match against Rapid City Stevens earlier this season.

two games will be September 26 and 27 against Yankton and Huron, respectively.

Although there will not be a state tournament this year, there have been some very impressive individual statistics.

Junior Nikky Farnsworth is in second place for most goals scored during the season with a total of nine. She is not the sole

Lady Governor on this leaderboard. Senior Caelie Williams is tied for third with a total of eight goals, and junior Katie Nielson is tied for fifth with a total of six.

Junior Kayla Rounds is also the fifth best goalie in the state with three shut outs, one penalty kick save, and only 7 goals allowed this season.

Quick questions: volleyball and cross country

Chris Swiden,
volleyball head coach

Rachel Propst, cross
country team captain

How do you feel your team is doing so far this season?

Swiden: We are learning. We are very inexperienced in some key positions. We have shown the ability to play at a high level. We need to improve our consistency.

What can we expect from the team in upcoming games?

Swiden: We are still looking for the best combination of players. I just want them to go out and have fun.

What has made the team unique this year?

Swiden: Our diversity in age and experience are what make us a unique team.

What are your goals for this season? What is your plan of action?

Propst: I would like to place at the state meet.

How do you predict the team will do this season?

Propst: We have gotten a good start for this season so I really think we have a good chance of landing on the podium.

What has been different for you this year?

Propst: It has been an interesting season due to limited training from my injury. I am hoping for the best though, and I won't let it slow me down.

Girls' Soccer

Record: 6-3-1

Last competition: Saturday at Harrisburg

Next competition: Friday against Yankton

Player comment: What's your favorite part about being in soccer?

"Being able to work as a team and being a part of something special." Freshman Joana Zanin

Volleyball

Record: 4-6

Last match: Tuesday against Brookings

Next match: Tomorrow against Harrisburg

Player comment: Why do you enjoy being in volleyball? "It runs in our family and we all love it."

Freshman Erika Stout



Girls' Cross-Country

Last meet: Last Saturday at Huron

Next meet: Next Thursday at Watertown, followed by the ESD Meet in Huron on October 11

Girls' Tennis

Last competition: Last Saturday at Aberdeen

Next competition: Tomorrow in Pierre

Player comment: What's your favorite part of tennis? "My favorite part of tennis is definitely playing doubles with my great teammates. It's amazing how well we can play when we work as a team." Junior Demeri Hanson

Competitive Cheer and Dance

Last Competition: Tuesday at Huron

Next Competition: Next Thursday at Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Athlete comment: Why on earth are you in this sport? "I don't have a good reason. Because I'm not good at other sports." junior Kristi Maxfield

Boys' Soccer

Record: 7-3

Last match: Last Saturday at Harrisburg

Next match: Tomorrow against Yankton

Player comment: What's your favorite part of soccer? "I like to kick balls."

sophomore Kaden Hight

Boys' Cross-Country

Last meet: Last Saturday at Huron

Next meet: Next Thursday in Watertown

Player comment: "I enjoy watching the team develop both individually and as a whole and seeing us show up at meets."

Junior Austin Lentsch



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Wyatt Rumrill

Football

Record: 2-2

Last Game: Last Friday against O'Gorman

Next Game: Tomorrow vs. Huron

Player comment: "We don't play as a team, we play as a family." Sophomore Daniel Voita

Boys' Golf

Next tournament: ESD Tournament Saturday in Aberdeen

Player comment: "We have been far more successful than in past years, and with ESD and State coming up we are both physically and mentally prepared." Sophomore Andrew Van Gerpen

Quick questions: football



Courtesy Photo

*Jayson Poppinga,
football head coach*

What did you tell the team following the loss to O'Gorman?

Poppinga: We're not into moral victories, but we're always proud of how our kids perform when they put forth the effort that they did against O'Gorman. Every one of those guys gave their best effort, and as coaches, we can never fault them for doing that.

What can we expect in the game against Huron tomorrow?

Poppinga: We expect to see a really physical game. I think we're going to win the game at the line of scrimmage. And the guys we've depended on up front all year of Trace Scott, Max Reinke, Daly Beck, Mark Jay Gutierrez, and Austin Kelly are going to be the guys who are going to win this game for us. If they do their job, we're going to have a successful night.



Courtesy Photo

Running in a pack, Connor Campbell, 10, John Schueller, 11, and Zayn Synder, 11, fight to gain ground at the Spearish Invitational Meet earlier this month.

XC takes third at Huron

By Micah Howard

In a meet with a field of ninety-five runners and seven ESD teams, the Govs' varsity cross country team ran their way to a third place finish.

Jebben Keyes led the team, finishing the 5k race in 8th place with a time of 16:53. Seth McKinley finished in 19th, followed by Jack Wollman, 29th, Porter Jones, 38th, and Bennett Eisenbeisz, 43rd.

In the team standings, the Govs took third behind Rapid City Stevens and Sioux Falls Washington. All ESD schools with the exception of

Brandon Valley and Yankton competed at the invitational. Brandon Valley will likely be one of the Govs' toughest opponents at ESD.

In the JV division, Vicente Ramirez took the top spot, finishing the 4k race first in a field of 85 runners.

Only one meet remains before the team returns to Huron, where they'll have a chance to capture Pierre's first ESD cross country title since 1997.

The Governor runners hit the course again in Watertown on Thursday, October 2.

Pierre's Connor Shoop, 12, escapes a Rapid City Central defender in a contest at Hollister Field earlier this season.

Bachelor of the Month

Grant Erwin, 12

Q. What is your favorite pick up line?

A. I don't have a library card, but do you mind if I check you out?

Q. What is a "must have" for a potential girlfriend?

A. Patience. I get distracted very easily.

Q. Describe yourself in one word?

A. Indescribable.

Q. What is something that turns you off?

A. Extreme stupidity.

Bachelorette of the Month

Dagne Ode, 12



Q. What is your favorite pick up line?

A. Is your name Google? Because I've been searching for you my whole life.

Q. What is a "must have" for a potential boyfriend?

A. A rockin' bod.

Q. Describe yourself in one word?

A. Dagne.

Q. What is something that turns you off?

A. Saggin' pants.

(Sorry, she is actually off the market)

Grant and Dagne posed in front of the burning of the school letters after being crowned Governor and First Lady at the coronation ceremony Monday night.

Music "Plays" an Important Part in Homecoming Week

By Moina Syed

Homecoming is a time full of school spirit and fun, and the band and choir are at the center of all the action. On Monday morning, the band and choir led the school in honoring the 200th anniversary of National Anthem. At the coronation ceremony, the chamber choir sang a catchy a cappella version of "Be True to Your School" by The Beach Boys. Tuesday, at the volleyball game, the Emerald Regiment pumped up the crowd with a selection of pep tunes and later led the parade on Thurs-

day. Bright and early Friday morning, onlookers munched on their Spirit Breakfast as the Pierrecussion drumline marched through the halls. The band performed their annual marching show that evening, showcasing the songs "Great Balls of Fire," "Burn," and "Light 'Em Up."

This year, the fine arts shined more than ever when Grant Erwin and Dagne Ode were crowned Governor and First Lady. Both are highly involved in fine arts activities. Hopefully this a step in right direction for more fine arts recognition in the future.

September Sibling Rivalry

Macy (11) and McKenna (12) Halverson

Q: Who do you think is the favorite child?

-It took a while to come up with an answer, but in the end, Macy made the choice.

A: McKenna, because she can get away with not doing chores, and I can't.

Q: Who is better at sports?

-Both ladies are very athletically gifted, so they decided that it depended on the sport.

Track: Tie
Volleyball: Macy
Basketball: McKenna

Q: Who starts the fights, and who wins?

-This was an unanimous answer.

A: Macy. Definitely.