

# G.T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## Don't Nog it 'Till You Try it!

By Austin Lentsch

Before we kick this off, I have a confession to make; I have a problem. As I write this on Friday, December 18, I have already drunk 12 cartons of eggnog this holiday season. 12 cartons times one quart equals four gallons. At 220 calories and nine grams of fat per serving (of which, each carton has eight), if I'm looking a bit large lately you'll know why. But other than eggs and some "good old holiday cheer" (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O—ask Jeeves) to spice it up, what is in this

mysterious drink?

Eggnog has been around since blue collar workers would suit up and climb on horseback to lance each other in the name of chivalry. Though all of that is dead now, the holiday drink has survived. At the time, the beverage was known as "posset," a hot cocktail containing milk curdled with ale, wine, or some other alcohol, then sweetened and spiced. Wait, but what about the eggs? In order that the knights might hold up those swords and shields, 100% of Europe's egg produc-

tion went toward protein purposes, so the men could get swole.

When Columbus sailed the ocean blue, he brought the recipe along; it was somewhere around that time when eggs hopped on the bandwagon. Unfortunately, a disparity developed between the Americas and Europe. Not, however, the kind dealing with taxation or representation—that is actually a part of the tea discussion, a different beverage entirely. The issue was the fact that Europe did have a legitimate produce

problem; with eggs, milk, and that pesky "Christmas spirit" costing so much, only the wealthy could afford a round or two. Having no such issue across the sea, where basically all that we had were chickens, cows, and distillery, nog dominated the scene.

While I'm sure this has been enlightening, I have yet to answer the key question—what's with the title? Well, nobody actually knows. Perhaps it comes from the name for the wooden mugs called "noggin," which were used to serve the original concoction. It could also come partially from the slang term

"nog" given to the strong ales that were served in the mugs. One of the strongest arguments as to its most recent title is that colonial Americans would request "egg-and-grog" at the bars around the holidays, and as the night went on, it would slur into "eggnog."

Enjoy the holiday season, and feel free to grab a glass! Just don't do what I have done, because your body does not deserve that. Cheers everyone!

## What to Watch? Christmas Movie Countdown

By Joanna Hancock

'Tis the season for curling up in front of the fire under a mound of blankets, the warm glow of the Christmas tree softly illuminating the faces of family and friends as you all sip hot chocolate from decorative mugs. At least, that's the dream.

Very real, however, is the love of Christmas movies that every family seems to harbor all year long, waiting impatiently until it is socially acceptable to dust off that coveted corner of the DVD cabinet, and crack open the

plastic cases of those beloved classics that we all enjoy so much.

Just like your favorite team, every family seems to have their own starting line-up, and are often very consistent about it, bringing back the tradition year after year. This year, my family will no doubt delve into our collection of classics with the same fervor as is customary of every household during this holiday season. We will begin with *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, an oldie from 1964, as is traditional for us. While the puppet style

animation may seem a little outdated, there is no doubt that the movie has stood the test of time, and remains a staple in many households.

Second on the list is *The Santa Clause*, a popular heart-warming comedy starring Tim Allen. Whether it be the first, second, third, or fourth installment in the series, your heart will assuredly be warmed, and your spirit stuffed pleasantly full of Christmas.

Thirdly comes *National Lampoons Christmas Vacation*, a tried and true classic that my parents reference regu-

larly. It's a tale packed full of family misadventures, and hilarity galore. Need I say more?

The dark horse of the season, no doubt, is *Love Actually*, a Christmas story admittedly not fit for tikes, but a lovely tale nonetheless. If you're looking for a movie to watch while cuddled up with your sweetheart on a chilly December evening, search no further; you've found it.

Topping off the Hancock Christmas movie countdown is the undisputed favorite, *The Polar Express*. Released in 2004, this movie

quickly rose to the top of our family chart, taking its rightful place in all of our hearts. Christmas wouldn't be complete without at least three showings of this wonderful family film.

So whether you fancy a cheesy kids movie complete with puppet animation, or a more grown up love story that will make your heart melt, Christmas movies will seldom fail to disappoint. And yes, it is now socially acceptable to binge watch every one of your holiday favorites. No judgement.

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## 'Tis the Season...to Not Enjoy Christmas

I love Christmas. It is by far my favorite holiday and I would be hard pressed to find anything about it I didn't adore. I start planning what I'm going to get people months ahead of time and the Christmas playlist starts officially (I may or may not secretly listen the rest of the year) blasting the day after Thanksgiving. If you are what you eat, I would be a Christmas cookie right now, with hot chocolate flowing through my veins.

What I am trying to get across is that this should be, and always has been, the happiest time of the year for me. I should be bouncing out of bed every morning to check off one more day until the big one. I should be smiling and going to parties and cuddling with my besties while watching Christmas movies and chugging eggnog. What am I

doing instead, though? What do I go home every day and do? I cry, have a panic attack, and do five hours of homework—you know, the usual.

NO!!!! I am not okay with this! Now it's true, part of this dilemma is my own fault for overextending myself, but it's also the system. Semester tests, and couple-day-before the semester test tests (those are a thing, welcome to high school freshmen) and the flurry of assignments

teachers are giving at the last minute—with all this stress it seems impossible to enjoy anything. I have become snippy, reserved, and prone to sudden outbursts of anger. And yes, this will go away after Christmas until next finals season, but why does it have to be now? I'd be okay being an overwhelmed, ex-

hausted mess any other time of the year, just not now. I want to go caroling and watch *Elf* and spend time with my family instead of locking myself in my room to try to get all my assignments done. These last second finals don't give me any time to switch from stressful-test mode to happy-holiday mode. I end up wasting half of Christmas Eve just readjusting to being a hu-

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man. Now I'm not trying to attack anyone here. It's no one's fault; it just is. I don't know what to tell you; I wish I had some great advice for how to make the season slightly less miserable and more Christmassy, but I really don't. So, just try to enjoy the Christmas break you do have, and resign yourself to the fact that your life will be miserable un-

til Christmas Eve Eve. In the meanwhile, blast that Christmas music while you study and deck your feet out in fuzzy socks 24/7. Write that lab report while watching *Elf* and make time for a squad party, even if it's short. Get fat, you've earned it, and then join the legions of people trying to lose said weight in 2016. Happy Holidays from a slightly bitter but still excited for Christmas senior!

\*Note: I did not mean to offend anyone who doesn't celebrate Christmas but rather Hanukkah or something else. I hope everyone has Happy Holidays regardless of his or her beliefs, I was simply speaking from a personal standpoint, and I celebrate Christmas. Happy holidays to everyone; I hope you have a great time!

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# News Bites, local and worldwide

December is a time of teachers pushing to get the last chapters done, students cramming for semester tests, snow falling to the ground, and buying Christmas presents. The world outside the joys of Christmas and winter break has seemed filled with extremism and the thoughts of terror.

On December 2, the United States was horrified to hear of yet another mass shooting. San Bernardino, California, was shocked

that 14 people were gunned down while attending a company Christmas party. Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik are the suspected attackers. They were killed in a shootout with police following the attack. Syed and Tashfeen are suspected to have been radicalized while living legally in the United States. President Obama addressed the nation from the Oval Office advocating for peace, calm, and understanding with Muslims living in the United

States and abroad.

South Dakota and Pierre especially has had the pleasure of seeing the trees at Christmas at the Capitol. The main tree this year is twenty-nine feet tall and sponsored by Zonta International. On December 8, Governor Dennis Daugaard addressed a joint session of the State Congress at the Capitol.

December 12 brought cheers from around the world as 195 world leaders agreed a landmark deal on climate change. The

deal set agreements in an attempt to limit greenhouse gas emissions and limit a global temperature rise to below two degrees Celsius. China will have the most work to do in order to meet the new agreements, while the United States will just look more at using renewable energy resources.

The United States can agree, however, on one thing. The nation has been swept with a feeling of excitement for the December 18 release of *Star Wars*:

*The Force Awakens*. The State Theater in Pierre had a special advance showing of the seventh *Star Wars* movie on the 17th at 7:00 and 9:45pm.

The movie produced an estimated 517 million dollars in worldwide tickets sales last weekend.

Of that 517 million, 238 million came from the United States and Canada.

These sales resulted in the biggest opening weekend in Hollywood's history.

Star Wars has tak-

end the world by storm. This is evident by an Australian couple getting married, while waiting in line for the movie.

President Obama also illustrated the craze by ending a news conference by stating that he needed to head to a White House screening of the film.

Hillary Clinton, Democratic presidential candidate, ended the most recent debate by quoting the most famous line.

May the force be with you.



## Put down the phone, pick up a good book

With quarter one behind us, and second quarter in full swing it's pretty easy to feel like your world is a disaster.

You wake up and are expected to take on the world, when all you really want to take on is a new season of *Scandal* and six Doritos Locos tacos. Your homework is piled sky high, with little chance of getting done and there you are googling your name in study hall.

Oh, and let's not forget that you just remembered you have a math quiz that you are nowhere close to prepared for, but instead of studying you're thinking about which pair of sweatpants you want to wear tomorrow.

Each day goes by slower and slower than the one before and you just want a break. But then the weekend comes, you get a break and what are you doing? Staying up late watching TV, sleeping in past lunch, and doing what the tech people say never to do, leave your computer in your car.

Your alarm goes off Monday morning and you could swear it was just 11 o'clock. Another Monday is spent sleeping in class



Miranda Rockwood

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and now you're off to work where your hours are long, there's a school activity almost every day, and a full social calendar it's hard to find time for just yourself.

I love social interactions just as much as the next guy, but man do I love being in the comfort of my own room. We all do, don't we?

One thing that I've found can help me kick the "sky is falling" mantra is to read. Whether it's a short article from a magazine, or a series of books, reading always seems to clear my head.

So, instead of binge watching a Netflix series, or just lying in bed all day, grab a good book to read and who knows maybe all your problems will disappear.

## New Year's Resolutions Done Right

Christmas is just days away. It's so close we can almost taste it. Semester tests are almost over with and before we can blink this wonderful Christmas season will be too. We will then look ahead to the new year, and with the new year comes a new you, right? Well, that's not always the case. Many feel the need to create a never ending list of New Year's Resolutions that are really just overrated. Seriously! Being so focused on completely changing yourself can be exhausting and it never truly lasts. Resolutions are about becoming the best person you can be, not changing yourself completely. It's a shame to completely change the per-

son you are. Here are some suggestions on how to keep your resolutions true to you. First, don't be afraid to try new things. There are so many activities and hobbies to get involved in. Feel free to try a new sport, instrument, or fashion trend. But before you decide to go join every single team and club

*xoxo Carrie and Charlotte  
Your Common Counsel Couple  
ADVICE*

out there, make sure you are interested in them. The new things you try should reflect you and your true interests. If it's something you hate, why do it? Next off, your resolutions aren't something that should be taken lightly. If you

actually want to change and mold yourself into a better person, it is going to take some hard work and dedication. Nothing you actually want ever comes easy. Make sure to have people who hold you accountable. Tell your friends and family about it. They will help you stay on track and complete your goals. Another reason why people feel they

need to change is because they feel the outside pressure to. If this is your situation, don't let it be! Other people's opinions should not be your motive for changing. These new resolutions should be about

yourself and what you want. You should want to change for yourself, not for others. Always remember to be true to you. If your resolutions don't sound like something you would do or benefit from, you should avoid them. If too outrageous or odd, resolutions can sometimes lead to situations or characteristics that weren't part of your plan. Don't change yourself to live up to someone else's standards. New Years is not about becoming a different person who you think is better than yourself. It is about improving yourself as you are now and becoming the best you that you can be, inside and outside!

## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year (for some)

It's the holidays, people. That means Christmas music playing in every store you go into, the smell of baked goods flowing throughout homes, lights strung on houses, and extra cheery people. Usually. There are the people I like to dub Santa's elves. These people are totally and completely gung-ho about Christmas and everything that comes with it. These people put their Christmas trees up before Thanksgiving, they put lights on their houses as soon as it gets dark before six o'clock, and they start listening to Christmas music in like July.

You know you have an elf on your hands when you already have two feet of snow, but they're wishing you still get more because what's Christmas Eve without a few flurries? Then you have the typical scrooges. These people despise the holiday season and

*Macy Halverson  
PERSPECTIVES*

sometimes really put a damper on things. They rue this time of year for a variety of reasons. Some people might have had a traumatic experience that makes them hate the Christmas season, some might hate

the cold weather, others just hate it because they don't like other people being in particularly good moods. Lastly, you have the people like me. Sure, I like Christmas time. Who doesn't like the lights and cookies and presents? But I could

definitely do without the snow, eggnog, and yes,

the music. Don't worry though, "All I Want For Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey is my jam and I'll never get sick of that one. The rest all seem pretty similar and just eventually get repetitive. Judge me. Either

way, my favorite part about this time of year is the joy it brings everyone. In the usually cold, windy, and wet weather we South Dakotans have to deal with this time of year, the holidays bring some major happiness to people. What better pick-me-up after a long day than coming home, putting on some fuzzy socks, and drinking some hot chocolate by a fire. So, whether you're an elf, a scrooge, or indifferent, I wish you the best of times spent with loved ones this glorious Christmas break. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.



# Anywhere but Home for the Holidays: Riggs Band and Choir Concert

By Arden Koenecke and Amanda Pugh

We all know the standard American Christmas carols: “Holly Jolly Christmas”, “Jingle Bell Rock”, and everyone’s favorite, “All I Want for Christmas is You”, but what if you had the chance to experience the way that Christmas is celebrated in countries other than the USA?

The Riggs band and choir did just that at their holiday concert this past Thursday. Entitled, “Anywhere but Home for the Holidays,” this multi-cultural concert whisked audience members to countries such as Ireland, Mexico, and Russia, to celebrate the holidays around the world.

Band students performed classic pieces such as “We Three Kings” as well as lesser-known carols like “Suogan” and “The Seven Joys of Mary.”

Similarly, the choirs performed songs such as “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy,” a traditional Caribbean folk carol.

This concert was an opportunity for both the students and the audience to share in the Christmas traditions from different cultures.

Moina Syed, a junior band student, agrees.

“This concert is special because it lets you experi-

ence holiday songs from around the world without leaving Pierre,” Syed said.

In addition to a night full of songs from everywhere but home, one American carol was included. The holiday concert would not have been complete had the band not performed “Sleigh Ride,” which has become a Christmas tradition at Riggs.

In addition to the festive song being performed every year, the seniors of the percussion section attempt to alarm their director as they run up behind them and play an instrument called the whip right in their ear. The rest of the concert took you around the world as the musicians performed different songs, but this one was definitely a little taste of home for all of the spectators.

Taking into consideration the well thought out theme, the amazing musicians, and last but not least the beautiful music, this concert was without a doubt one for the books here at Riggs. This concert was an awesome way to get everyone into the holiday spirit and to help everyone experience something a little bit unfamiliar this holiday season.



Courtesy Photo- Todd Thompson

Choir director Rodd Bauck leads the Concert Choir in one of its great performances of the evening.



Courtesy Photo- Todd Thompson

A portion of the Concert Band performs last Thursday at the Anywhere but Home for the Holidays Concert at Riggs Theater.



Courtesy Photo- Mackenzie McKeithan

The Symphonic Band prepares to play at the capitol with the beautiful Christmas trees as their backdrop.



Courtesy Photo- Todd Thompson

Freshman and Sophomore members of the Treble Choir sing as one Thursday evening.

# Christmas Facts and Figures

By Marcella Lees

-Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph’s red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system [so maybe the other reindeer were wise to avoid him?]

-Most of Santa’s reindeer have male-sounding names, such as Blitzen, Comet, and Cupid. However, male reindeers shed their antlers around Christmas, so the reindeer pulling Santa’s sleigh are likely not male, but female or castrati.

-In Poland, spiders or spider webs are common Christmas trees

decorations because according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus. In fact, Polish people consider spiders to be symbols of goodness and prosperity at Christmas [it’s not happening mom].

-Mistletoe (Viscum album) is from the Anglo-Saxon word misteltan, which means “little dung twig” because the plant spreads through bird droppings. [How romantic :) <3]

-According to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), there are 2,106 million children under age 18 in the world. If there are on average 2.5 children per household, Santa

would have to make 842 million stops on Christmas Eve, traveling 221 million miles. To reach all 842 million stops, Santa would need to travel between houses in 2/10,000 second, which means he would need to accelerate 12.19 million miles (20.5 billion meters) per second on each stop. The force of this acceleration would reduce Santa to “chunky salsa.” [Charming]

-Christmas is a contraction of “Christ’s Mass,” which is derived from the Old English-Cristes mæsse (first recorded in 1038). The letter “X” in Greek is the first letter of Christ,

and “Xmas” has been used as an abbreviation for Christmas since the mid 1500s.[So chillax, it’s not taking “Christ” out of “Christmas”]

-Early illustrations of St. Nicholas depict him as stern, commanding, and holding a birch rod. He was more a symbol of discipline and punishment than the jolly, overweight elf children know today [Yeah, ours is better; bring on the presents!]

-Everything but [] courtesy of: <http://facts.randomhistory.com/christmas-facts.html>

## Teacher of the Month

Jay Mickelson has been selected as the T.F. Riggs teacher of the month for December. Mr. Mick, as students commonly call him, has taught at Riggs for over 40 years and also taught in Germany with his wife and two children, Drew and Allison, for one year. Mickelson has said that he knew he was going to be a teacher from a young age. Over his career, he has taught U.S. history, mythology and ancient drama, German, and college western civilization. He also takes students on a summer tour of Europe every few years. Mr. Mickelson, however, is

known for teaching Latin and hosting the annual Latin banquet. Mickelson has been a very strong supporter of all Riggs activities but has been very active in the fine arts. Mr. Mick also orchestrates the Veteran’s Day program each year. Students from the past 40 years can agree that Mr. Mick doesn’t just teach Latin, but he teaches life.



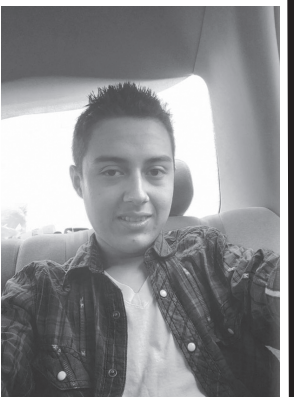
**Sophomores, next month is your pick so start thinking!**

## Student of the Month

This outstanding sophomore works hard to do his very best in all of his classes. His speech teacher, Ashley Boone, talks about how hard he works:

Many students dislike giving speeches; some choose to prepare little and simply “wing it.” These folks then complain about their scores and refuse to accept their role in the learning process. Ariel also doesn’t like speeches, but he uses great courage to rise to the occasion by preparing, practicing and giving his best performance. He also allows others to help him—a skill the “rugged individualism” of the past has devalued. Ariel has knowledge that others of my students lack. He feels the real importance of education as his ability to communicate in this country rests on his learning of the English language. Scholars come to school to learn, and many of our students would benefit from recognizing the gift of learning.

**Ariel Ruano**  
Sophomore





# Lady Govs Basketball Squad Looking for Strong Start in 2015

By Nathan Bader

December brings snow, family gatherings, semester tests, Christmas specials, and the beginning of the winter sports season at T.F. Riggs. Swimming, hockey, wrestling, gymnastics all start their respective seasons this time of year, but the main attraction for many Pierre fans is the draw of the basketball court.

The court seems promising for the Lady Govs this season. Head coach Scott Deboer returns for his second season as head coach after leading the Lady Govs to a state tournament appearance in his first season as head coach. Deboer had previously served as an assistant on the boys' basketball squad

under Terry Becker and was a graduate assistant at Northern State University in Aberdeen for one year after having a successful high school basketball career for the Huron Tigers.

The unquestioned leader of the girls' basketball team for the past few seasons has been current South Dakota State University freshman Sydney Palmer. This year's team, however, has no lack of leadership. The team is led by a collection of eight seniors: Kallie Stout, Jordyn Lemieux, Nikky Farnsworth, Cody Ryckman, Mariah Fuchs, Sam Claussen, Maddie Sutton, and Macy Halverson who returns to the team after missing her junior season.

Junior point guard Hallie Jerome also is a

force to reckon with on the court. The rest of the team is rounded out by juniors: Tori Thorpe, Peyton Pietz, Maddie Reinke; sophomore Erika Stout; and freshman Emily Mikkelsen.

The Lady Govs opened the season on December 12th in a home game against the Brookings Bobcats on a night that also featured the boys' team opener.

The girls' opened the game strong by outscoring the Bobcats 11-7 in the first quarter. The second quarter featured more scoring by both teams. The Lady Govs again outscored Brookings, this time 18-17 in order to send the teams to the break with Pierre leading 29-24.

The Lady Govs came out

of halftime a little slow as Brookings tightened the gap. The fourth quarter, however, ended up being Pierre's time to pull away and put the game in the bag. The Lady Govs finished the game with the scoreboard reading 57-48 in favor of the Lady Govs.

The Lady Govs lost in Aberdeen against the Golden Eagles on Friday (55-41). They bounced back Saturday against Harrisburg with a (46-45) victory over the Tigers. The Lady Govs will finish up the 2015 portion of the season on December 29 with a game in Watertown against the Arrows. *The Governor* wishes the Lady Govs luck on another great season!

## Upcoming Schedule:

**December 12:**  
Brookings (W 57-48)

**December 18:**  
@ Aberdeen Central (L 55-41)

**December 19:**  
Harrisburg (W 46-45)

**December 29:**  
@ Watertown

**January 2:**  
Yankton

**January 9:**  
@ Sioux Falls O'Gorman

**January 12:**  
@ Huron

**January 14:**  
Mitchell

## Girls Basketball

### Last game:

Saturday against Harrisburg (W 46-45)

### Next competition:

Tuesday, December 29 at Watertown



## Gymnastics

**Last competition:** Saturday at Mitchell (5th place)

**Next competition:** January 2 at Rapid City

## Girls Hockey

**Last competition:** Sunday at Aberdeen

**Next competition:** January 9 against Aberdeen

## Swimming

**Next Competition:** January 9-10 (Invitational)

## Boys Basketball

### **Last game:**

Saturday at Harrisburg (L 56-55)

### **Next game:**

December 29 against Watertown

## Boys Hockey

**Last game:** Sunday at Aberdeen

**Next game:** North Dakota Tournament  
(December 28-30)



**GO GOVS!**

Compiled by Nate Hill

## Wrestling

**Last competition:** Saturday at Elk Point  
Jefferson (1st place)

### **Next competition:**

January 2 against Ab. Central & Watertown

## Swimming

**Next event:** January 9-10 (Invitational)

# Wrestling Program in Pursuit of another Title in 2016

By Nathan Bader

Many athletes dream of winning a state title and in recent years, Pierre has been no stranger to athletes and teams winning those state titles. The most successful team over the past few years has no doubt been the Governor wrestling team, which has won three state titles in the past four years. Head coach Shawn Lewis has been careful not to use the word "dynasty" in his description of his team's success; he prefers to say that the Governors winning ways is just the continuation of a tradition. The tradition of success that the Governors have grown accustomed to over the past four years shows no signs of stopping any time soon.

The Governors lose 2014-2015 state runner-up Dawson Monfore (170), but they return many of their key wrestlers and state placers from last year's state championship team. Sophomore Austin Senger, the seventh place finisher at 120 pounds; senior Quinn Reimers (195), a second place finish-

er; sophomore Michael Lusk (113), a second place finisher; and junior Spencer Sarringar (182), a third place finisher; are all returning for another shot at a state title. The Governors also return two state champions. Sophomore Will Turman (106) and senior Jebben Keyes both lead the Governors into this season.

Jebben Keyes looks to his senior season with great anticipation. Keyes is already one of the most accomplished wrestlers in Pierre history and is looking to add to his accolades. Keyes has been wrestling on the varsity squad since his time at Georgia Morse Middle School and was the first athlete in Pierre history to win the Silver P.

The Silver P is awarded to the Pierre athletes that lettered in three sports in one academic year. Keyes holds the Pierre school record for wins with 181 and pins with 99.

He is also a two-time state champion wrestler. The first championship came in 2013 at 120 pounds. Keyes second title in as many years was critical to Pierre's team championship last season. The second

title was won at the 126 pound weight class.

Keyes's success on the mat led to scholarship offers from the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State, but Keyes, however, decided that home was the best place to be and committed to Augustana University last month. Keyes, though, is more than just a wrestler; he also is known as one of the best distance runners in the state. He has competed on the cross country and track teams since middle school.

The Governors look to remain strong on the mat as the season begins to pick up. With so many returning state placers and head coach Shawn Lewis at the helm of a team with many good, young wrestlers it is hard to imagine Pierre not finishing toward the top of South Dakota high school wrestling.

If Pierre can win another state title coach Lewis may have to start using "dynasty" to describe Pierre's overwhelming domination of wrestling.

## Quick Interview with Senior Jebben Keyes

**How has wrestling in Pierre made an impact on the wrestler you have become?**

It has been a huge impact. I feel that I wouldn't have become the wrestler I am today if I lived in any other town in South Dakota.

**What gives you the advantage on the mat to be as successful as you have in your career?**

Conditioning! I can in my thoughts outlast and out compete my opponents throughout the match.

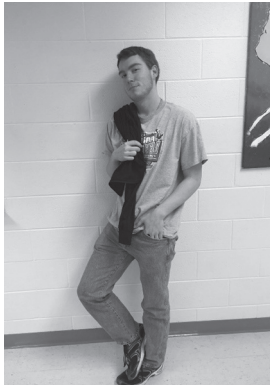
**What has been the greatest achievement in your athletic career thus far?**

To me they are all right up there. I am super proud of all my years in XC and track. I put in so much work and I am so honored to have all the honors I received.

**What made you choose Augustana?**

The education I will receive there will be unmatched; the coaches there are phenomenal and I know it is the right place for me.

## Bachelor of the Month



**Nathan Bader, 12**

**Personality:**  
Adorably quirky

**Eye Color:**  
Deep Chocolate Brown

**Hair Color:**  
Ginger?

**Favorite Pick up Line?**

Are you wearing space pants? Because your butt is out of this world.

**What do you look for in a significant other?**

Funny, smart, and able to hold an intelligent conversation

**Pursue or Be Pursued?**  
Be Pursued

**Final words?**

To infinity and beyond...

**Pet Peeve?**

People who don't think they're good enough

**Ideal date?**

A picnic dinner overlooking the Missouri River

**If you had to lose one of your five senses?**

Taste. My mom's cooking is that bad.

## Bachelorette of the Month



**Kaitlynn Kelly, 12**

**Personality:**  
Passive Aggressive

**Eye Color:**  
Blue

**Hair Color:**  
Orangish-Brown

**Biggest pet peeve?**

When someone doesn't wear deoderant or chews with his/her mouth open.

**Favorite Pick up Line?**

Are you drinking 1%? Because you could be drinking whole milk if you wanted to.

**Ideal first date?**

A hockey game or amusement park

**What do you look for in a significant other?**

Tall and funny

**Pursue or Be Pursued?**

Be Pursued

**Final words?**

Justin Bieber, I love you!

**If you had to lose one of your five senses?**

Smell, so I don't have to smell other people



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

...to the Christmas decorations in the school  
...to being half-way done with school  
...to the beautiful Christmas trees and pie day at the Capitol  
...to Christmas music and movies  
...to Justin Bieber's new album  
...to T.F. Riggs in general.  
BLEED GREEN  
...to late night sledding with the homies  
...to secret santas  
...to no homework over Christmas break  
...to snow days. We only hope

...to icy streets and not being able to drive  
...to the grinch who stole Christmas  
...to semester tests (may the Schwartz be with you)  
...to the gym being locked during lunch  
...to teachers cramming in test and homework  
...to not being able to eat because you're trying to cut weight  
...to getting coal for Christmas  
...to senioritis hitting you hard  
...to slipping on ice and falling on your butt

## December Sibling Rivalry Kylie, Kasey, Tiffany, & Tucker Light (11)

**Q: Is it easier or harder to get along because you're all the same age?**

*A: Tiffany: "Easier..."*

*Kylie: "Yeah, easier, because we have like, we kind of know what we're each going through."*

**Q: Are Birthdays and Christmases really crazy?**

*A: Kasey and Tucker: "Yes."*

*Kylie: "Now that we're older...birthdays were fun because we had one huge birthday party."*

*Tiffany: "Now they're just another day."*

**Q: What's the best thing about being quadruplets?**

*A: Kylie: "I guess when you're younger you always have someone to play with."*

*Tiffany: "You always have a friend that you can get homework from."*