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Falling Away from Black Friday?

By Austin Lentsch

The holiday of Thanksgiving may be one of the most paradoxical puzzles of all time.

On Thursday, everyone gathers around for a feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce (that is actually gelatin, I don't know how that works) to give thanks and express gratitude for the opportunities and experiences of the past year. Then, less than 24 hours later, more than half of the nation will wake from the collective post-binge

pass-out in order to rush to the nearest clothing or technology outlets.

I dare you to ask those store clerks how thankful they are for the weekend.

What is this mosh pit of mothers? It is the ultimate first-world knock-off holiday: Black Friday. (Is mosh pit really an appropriate way to refer to the event, you may ask? Absolutely! Look up the website blackfridaydeathcount.com. It's a thing, I promise.)

Now, what do I think of the idea of price slashes to get Christmas shopping

out of the way a month early? I am totally down, believe me. Is the classic traditional family weekend really the best time though? That is debatable. The last couple of years, however, have ushered in a new era of technology-facilitated introverted-version of this super-sale day.

The following week, on Cyber Monday, the other half of America will wake up early, and rush downstairs to their laptops to take part in the product hunting. The only issue is that often times the discounts are not

quite as numerous or as large as the in-store options—not until this year that is. Starting shortly after midnight on Thanksgiving morning, Walmart's deals are going up in their online store, and they will be identical to those offered in-house. Many other stores such as Best-Buy, Target, and of course Amazon, will be offering products for costs that are unreasonably low.

So, enjoy Thanksgiving y'all, and remember three important things:

1) Finish your homework on Wednesday so that you can just enjoy the weekend.

2) The most calories are

eaten between meals instead of during actual designated eating times through the holiday season.

3) Please do your shopping early in the morning so that your family doesn't hate you for wanting to go to an actual store.

So, as the clouds block out the sun and stockers block out zeros from the ends of price tags, just stay home and eat some pie. It's 2015 kids, so save the hassle and the gas.

“Terpers” Set to Impress at State Oral Interp

By Joanna Hancock

When someone mentions the fine arts, no doubt images of lavish stage productions, fine-tuned concerts, and beautiful paintings come to your mind. But at Riggs, a dark horse is emerging in the fine arts department that has successfully gathered a large number of students into its creative clutches. Oral Interpretation, or the art of preparing and performing published literature, is a popular after school activity for many students at Riggs.

So what is

terp all about?

“People obviously get to practice public speaking skills, but, more importantly, students truly get to experience the power of literature as they portray characters with real experiences and stories that we can all learn from,” English teacher and terp coach Ashley Boone said.

Oral Interpretation is a competitive event, and students put in hours of hard work getting their chosen pieces competition-ready. Students learn to hone their skills in blocking, voice inflection and

variation, gestures, and facial expressions to a fine point. “Terpers” have turned reading a story into an art form.

With the state Oral Interp meet in Sturgis just around the corner, performers are anxious to perfect their pieces and face up to the stiff competition. The state competition, in comparison to other meets, is festival-structured, with each contestant performing in front of a panel of three judges. Competitors are placed head to head against everyone else in their category, and superiors are scarce.

“Of the nine individuals attending state this year, only three have been to the state competition before. To some degree this means I'm just excited to be bringing new people the experience,” Boone said.

By no means, however, has the spirit of wanting to win been eliminated from the equation. Last year, the Riggs Oral Interp team brought home three superior awards from state, just one shy of winning an all-around superior award.

“In the end, it is just such an honor to be able to perform in such great

company. There is so much to learn from the competitors, but also from ourselves. These students have worked really hard, and I'm so proud of their dedication to sharing literature,” Boone said.

With that being said, Oral Interp truly is a creative, supportive way to learn more about literature and how to better communicate with peers. While competition can be a little intimidating, there is no doubt that Oral Interp is a great opportunity for many students here at Riggs.

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Stress, It's a Problem

Stress, aka, my life. Between endless assignments, time consuming activities, and attempting to have a social life, stress seems to be a constant state for many high schoolers.

I'm pretty sure at this point, stress has literally been ingrained into my personality along with sleep deprivation and a constant desire for food.

Now I know I'm not the only one with this problem, so let's see if we can come up with some ideas to at least marginally improve our stress levels.

Sleep. No, seriously, do it. This one is so obvious, but so hard to do. To be honest I feel kind of bad lecturing on it, because it is something I really struggle with. It is so vital, though, that I

really can't leave it out.

Try to make sleeping a priority. I understand that homework and activities are important, and the cold reality is that you are probably going to have to pull some all-nighters; but if it's between watching TV and going to bed, go to bed! Learn to manage your time so that you can get to bed at a decent hour.

When I'm tired, it exacerbates my stress levels and ends up making me more stressed out than I actually need to be. This is true for most people, so get sleep and it will help your stress levels.

The next one is also pretty obvious, but still very important: keep a to-do list. Whatever you need to do to keep your schedule together,

do it. For me, it helps to write everything down in a physical schedule book and cross things off as I finish them. Some of my friends, however, prefer to put things in their phones or on sticky notes on their computers.

Whatever works for you is great. It's not going to lessen the amount of things you have to

do, but it always helps my stress levels to be able to see exactly what I have to do and visually watch the list lessen.

Plus, I have a bad habit of letting the stress make everything seem bigger than it actually is. In my mind I see an endless list of things to do, but once I actually write them down, I realize that the

list is actually doable.

So basically, write stuff down. I know you think you will remember it, but you won't, trust me..

My final piece of advice is to keep things in perspective. I know it feels like that chem test is a life or death event, but it's actually not. Right now feels so important, and it is, but really our lives have barely started. In forty years, you aren't going to remember the times Lat-in made you cry with stress; you're going to remember all of Mick's unique little sayings.

So take high school seriously; it is important for your future, but don't make yourself sick stressing over things. It's just not worth it.

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News Bites, local and worldwide

November is often times a month filled with times of giving thanks and the slow retreat back into our own, normally snow-covered world of South Dakota. We, however, received a stark reminder that the world does not stop when the first flurries fly.

This month began with the news of the downing of Russian Airbus flight 321 over the Sinai Peninsula. On November 17, Russia's security minister, Al-

exander Bortnikov, announced that, "traces of foreign explosives," were found on the plane's wreckage. The Sinai Province, an affiliate of Islamic State, has claimed responsibility for the bombing which killed 224 people, 221 of which were Russian. In response, Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has vowed, "[F]ind them in every corner of the planet and punish them."

On November 6, the South Dakota community received some

much needed joy. State trooper Zachary Bader, 34, was released from a Rapid City hospital after a brutal assault on October 24 during a traffic stop. Four suspects are now facing charges for the assault on trooper Bader, a ten year veteran of the Highway Patrol. "We look forward to the day when he returns to duty," Col. Price of the Highway Patrol said.

November, one year away from next year's election, has been no stranger to political news. Both major parties

held debates this month. The latest poll from the McClatchy/Marist poll shows Ben Carson (24%) leading Donald Trump (23%), Marco Rubio (12%), Ted Cruz (11%), and Jeb Bush (5%). The McClatchy/Marist poll also shows Hilary Clinton (55%) leading Bernie Sanders (33%).

The biggest news of the month came from across the Atlantic Ocean. On November 13, terrorists associated with Islamic State executed a coordinated set of attacks through-

out Paris, France. The attacks, the most deadly of which was at the Bataclan concert hall, killed 129 people. The world responded with an outpouring of support for the western European country; buildings across the world were lit up with the colors of the flag of the French Republic and Facebook made an option to set your profile photo with the French flag as well. French president, François Hollande gave a historic speech in front the two hous-

es of Parliament declaring, "France is at war." The French military responded with a barrage of airstrikes in territory held by Islamic State.

The world this month was rocked by the ever-increasing threat of terrorism and those who want to harm the way of life we have grown so accustomed to in our great country. Let us remember that we are not supposed to act with hate or rage, but we must act with understanding and compassion even in the face of hatred.

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 and now you're off to work



Miranda Rockwood

REFLECTIONS

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.

Getting you Fashionably Warm this season

As the cold sets in, the anticipation in the air of the first real snowfall is palpable. The snow blankets the ground majestically every year, creating a magical holiday wonderland with endless photo opportunities for Instagram. With all this "holiday magic" in the air, it is easy to forget what goes hand in hand with snow: cold.

It is hard to put away our cute, light summer clothes for large, puffy winter gear, but it doesn't always have to be that way. Perhaps, being warm is possible, while also being fashionable.

We are here to tell you that it's possible! First things first, coats are an

obvious solution to the cold. Yes, a surprising amount of people seem to "forget" a coat and then seem to complain about the low temperatures. You are never too cool for a coat. Coats come in a host of sizes, colors, textures so finding a cute one has never been easier. Make sure that comfort is never sacrificed

for style and that the coat is robust enough

to keep out the ice and cold of South Dakota winters.

As well as coats, hats are a main necessity. Beanies, stocking caps, headbands, and even earmuffs are essential in order to keep from

freezing your head and rear end off. Not to mention, they are a great cover up for a bad hair day. They can also add a statement piece to an outfit and bring more attention to your face and eyes.

Gloves are also an absolute must. They prevent frostbitten fingers and swollen knuckles,

which are not in the slightest bit fun. When coordinated with a

hat, they help pull your winter outfit together and make it adorable.

Last but certainly not least, scarves. Scarves are the epitome of a stylish winter outfit. This is an inarguable fact. They assist in not

only keeping your neck warm, but also seem to glue together every part of your winter outfit. Scarves are exclusively the most prominent feature of a winter outfit and act as the cherry on top of a hot fudge sundae. Scarves come in tons of styles so find your perfect one...or two...or however many you want.

Whatever your style is, there is no reason to freeze this winter. With a multitude of coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to choose from, warmth is easily attainable without a sacrifice of style. So bring on the snow, cold, and ice that normally comes with the holiday season. We will be ready and fashionably warm.

xoxo Carrie and Charlotte
Your Common Counsel Couple
ADVICE

November providing mania to the music world

November has, so far, proved to be one of the biggest months of 2015 as far as music is concerned.

Adele, Justin Bieber, One Direction, Logic, Missy Elliott, G-Eazy, and so many other artists have released new tracks or albums this month.

I'm sort of a self-proclaimed "music guru." I have such a wide taste in music, and it's been pretty hard to keep up with all of the new tunes. Even though most of the music is *insert heart eye emoji here*, I have to pick a few favorites. "Hello" by Adele

is obviously a favorite amongst basically everyone I know. Who knew a song could give you a broken heart just by listening to it? Her entire album, 25, is expected to be released November 20.

JB's new album *Purpose* is straight fire. If you didn't like the 2010 JB, you're sure to like this one. His new

sound is modern, yet catchy. His lyrics are also great (thanks to his and Selena's break up???). My faves off JB's new album are "Sorry" and "Love Yourself." 1D released their album on the same day as JB released his.

I will admit I'm not a huge 1D fan, but "Perfect" is a banger. It could bring out the teenager in anybody. Coldplay is set to release their seventh

and final (tear) album around December 4.

Hopefully with T Swift wrapping up her 1989 tour, we'll be seeing some new Taylor jams in the distant future.

The real question is, where has Beyonce been? The Queen needs to come back.

Shout-out to artists like Niykee Heaton and Drake who released their tracks on SoundCloud so we can get them for free.

Luckily, all of the music madness is only going to continue.

After all, What a Time to Be Alive.



Macy and Maddie
PERSPECTIVES

Shrek Musical Displays Riggs’ Talent

By Arden Koenecke and Amanda Pugh

Last week, Riggs students performed “Shrek the Musical”. The main role of Shrek was played by Austin Lentsch, and Fiona was played by Joanna Hancock. Other main characters were played by Kristjan Nixon, Sarah Kanz, Tim Walsh, Judah McKinley, Claire Lentsch, and Murdoch Word. The cast, led by drama teacher Ms. Zakahi and choral director Mr. Bauck, has been working hard for much of the school year to prepare.

“I love the story and message of Shrek and knew I needed to bring it to Pierre,” Zakahi said.

Along with the cast and ensemble of the production, a pit orchestra comprised of band students and directed by Ms. McK-
Keithan accompanied the musical.

According to Zakahi, the hardest part about the preparation was trying to get everyone to rehearsal on time.

The musical always comes together and puts on a great show, but this couldn’t happen without the hard work put in by all of

the students that choose to participate in it. From pit practices at 7 a.m., after school rehearsals lasting until 7 p.m., and an entire Sunday spent making sure every last detail was close to perfection, everyone involved in the musical was working their tail off to make sure that they put on a fantastic performance for everyone who came to see them. The cast and pit put in multiple hours of hard work and dedication to this production. Though it can be hard to be involved in so much, these people truly do enjoy what they do.

Shrek the Musical brought everyone’s favorite movie characters to life. Everyone loved the movie as a child, and seeing it in musical form is phenomenal. It’s the same plot, but in more depth and with everyone singing and dancing.

“The cool part about the musical is that it puts the original Shrek in a different light. It makes him less of a one dimensional character and gives him some more depth through the musical pieces,” Lentsch said.

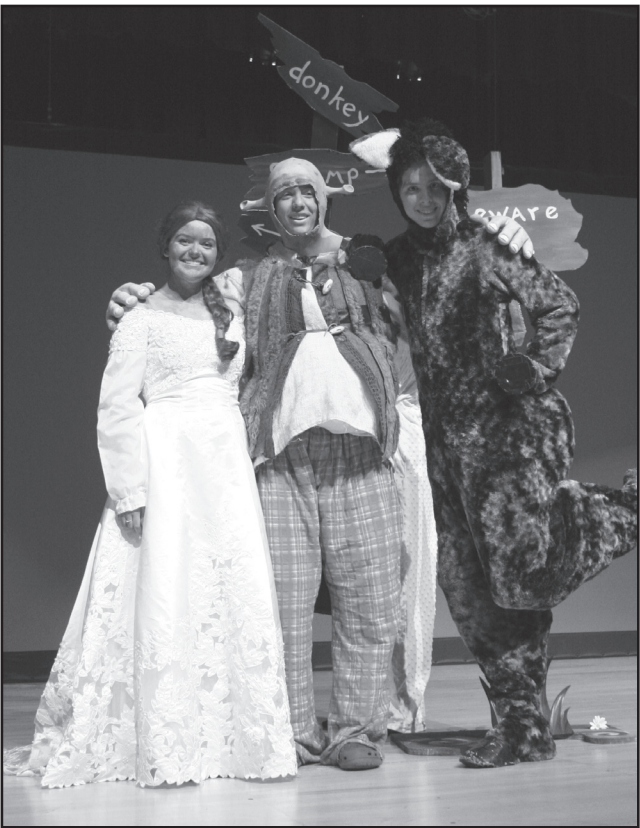
Being a large, green, bald ogre, you may not

think that Shrek is the type of character that people would relate to, but Lentsch told me just how much he actually got into the role of Shrek. “When he falls in love with Fiona, he sings a really cute and awkward love song, which is exactly what I would do. It really portrays the middle school Austin inside of me,” Lentsch said.

Despite being a story about a far away land, with royalty, ogres, and talking donkeys, everyone can connect to Shrek

in some way, whether it’s relating on an emotional level to Shrek as he struggles to tell Fiona how he really feels, or maybe just laughing along with the witty punchlines.

“It’s fun to portray the awkwardness that everyone has the first time that they’re trying to approach the person they really like and yelling at people in a mildly scottish accent is bizarrely satisfying,” Lentsch said.



Above: Leads Joanna Hancock (Fiona), Austin Lentsch (Shrek), and Kristjan Nixon (Donkey) pose together.



Top: The full cast get together for a final picture. From top left there is: Zayn Snyder, 12; Owen Bremser, 9; Seth Snyder, 12; Murdoch Word, 12; Nolan Ortbahn, 11; Roman Word, 9; Mikendra Lynn, 10; Samantha Gortmaker, 10; Kayla Peplinski, 9; Audrey Maunu, 10; Mariayna Lucas, 10; Hannah Booth, 11; Haley Ketteler, 12; Marcella Lees, 12; Spencer Lucas, 9; Claire Lentsch, 10; Sarah Kanz, 12; Kristjan Nixon, 12; Austin Lentsch, 12; Joanna Hancock, 12; Tim Walsh, 10; Judah McKinley, 10; Rebecca Lynn, 7; Shane Lentsch, 6; and Angeli Lange, 10. Not pictured are junior Natalie Hove, sophomore Hannah Gates, and freshman JC Byer. Bottom: Young Fiona, played by Rebecka Lynn; Adult Fiona, played by Joanna Hancock; and Teen Fiona, played by Claire Lentsch; sing a number together.



Veterans Honored at Riggs

By Marcella Lees

Every year, Riggs hosts a Veteran’s Day program to honor those who have fought. What started out as a simple school assembly to honor some on-staff veterans over 15 years ago, has turned into a huge event that fills the Riggs theatre and draws guests from around Pierre and beyond. Orchestrated by Latin, western civilization, and mythology teacher Jay Mickelson and the various veterans groups around town, the Veteran’s Day celebration truly is a unique and meaningful event.

The celebration is

extensive and so, naturally, it takes a lot of people and a lot of time to put together. Over 120 people helped with the assembly this year and that is a pretty standard number for this event. The hard work always pays off though.

Music is a large part of the celebration with a number of special songs sung as well as the Capital City Band playing throughout the proceedings. Riggs was also involved in the making of music with the Chamber Choir singing the national anthem and the Concert Choir singing “In Flanders Fields” with words by Lieutenant Colonel

John McCrae.

Ashley Boone’s Oral Interpretation class also helped out by reading and art teacher Jill Kokesch, along with a group of her students, made quilts for the theatre lobby.

Kids from the fine arts department weren’t the only Riggs students to get involved in the celebration though. Nathaniel Bader created a PowerPoint presentation with pictures to give visuals to the program and other students helped run sound and lights.

Pierre’s Veteran’s Day Program isn’t just a small local thing. It has been recognized in the

past as a regional center for the celebration of Veteran’s Day. An assembly at T. F. Riggs has been the place to go if you live in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wyoming. That’s an impressive feat and something Riggs should be proud of.

So next year, when you are about to complain about not getting Veteran’s Day off, think about how lucky Riggs is to host a program that isn’t just important well beyond Pierre, but is also meaningful to a very large group of people that have risked their lives defending our freedom.

Teacher of the Month

The T.F. Riggs Teacher of the Month for November is Jayson Poppinga who was selected by the senior class. Poppinga teaches both biology and college biology at the high school. Poppinga got his master’s degree at North Dakota State University while teaching at Shanley High School in Fargo, North Dakota. Poppinga, called simply “Pop” by many students, is also the head football coach for Pierre. He has

led the Governors to three playoff appearances in three years as head coach including two state-championship game appearances and a victory in the inaugural 11AA state championship football game. Poppinga’s brother, Shannon, teaches history at the high school.



Juniors, next month is your pick so start thinking!

Student of the Month

Conner Ulmen
Junior



Conner Ulmen is November’s student of the month. Besides being an excellent student, Ulmen enjoys video games and bowling. According to classmates, Ulmen is one of the nicest students at Riggs. Congratulations Conner!

Cortney Dowling takes her talents to Augustana University

By Nathan Bader

Sports such as basketball or football often get the reputation of having the most competitive recruiting seasons. With players filling out recruiting information as early as sophomore year, scouts coming to games, and big time programs waiting eagerly for the prospective student athlete to commit the pressure seems greater and greater every year.

The most sought after athlete over the past couple years, however, doesn't run over defenses, but instead runs past the competition on the track. Cortney Dowling had been pursued by numerous colleges such as University of Minnesota, Liberty University, and Cornell University over the past few years. On Wednes-

day, November 11, Cortney officially signed with Augustana University.

"All the schools I looked at were great in their academic standing, but what made me really choose Augustana was being able to be surrounded by the state of South Dakota and being able to actually feel their support around me still and not make them cheer me on from a distance," Dowling said.

Dowling's accomplishments in high school, even before her senior year, make her not only one of the most distinguished runners in Pierre High School history, but in South Dakota history. Dowling is a multiple-time state champion in many different events and holds five school records. She has the fastest time in the 100 meter dash, 200 me-

ter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter dash, and the 4x400 meter relay. Of her five school records, Dowling would not say that any of her individual titles are the ones she is most proud of.

"More of what I consider my greatest accomplishments are from when I got to win with the team. Winning the 4x400 state title or having our team get third at state are actually my biggest accomplishments. Just helping the team out just makes me want to run harder," Dowling said.

Dowling's coaches, past or present, describe her as not just a great athlete that is interested in being the best she can on the track, but as a young woman who strives to be a better person and to help others. One of Dowling's passions off

the track is doing mission work. Dowling is also interested in helping others, but she takes pride in being a scholar as well as an athlete. She has taken and succeeded with high honors in many AP and college level courses in her time at T.F. Riggs. Dowling's passion for helping others and intelligence are combining at the college level when she will major in chemistry or biology with an emphasis in pre-medicine. Dowling hopes to attend medical school after her time at Augustana University is completed.

Dowling recognizes that she wouldn't be attending Augustana next fall if not for her parents who were both successful runners in their own time. She is proud of following in her parents' example.

"Just being able to follow in their footsteps and do something my parents did makes it feel like a tradition in our family for every person to run. Their support of me has just been great," says Dowling. Dowling's younger brother, Justin, an 8th grader at GMMS, is also a competitor on the Pierre Track & Field team. Sharing the track with her sibling run makes Dowling brim with excitement even if she has to take a slight jab at their different running abilities.

"I am just proud of him. I am 100% behind him even if I am in front of him on the track," Dowling said.

The Governor wishes Courtney the best of luck at Augustana next year.

Girls Basketball

Next competition:

December 12 vs. Brookings (in Pierre)

Volleyball

Last match:

Loss vs. Huron (8th place finish at State)



Gymnastics

Next meet: December 3 at Huron Invite

Girls Hockey

Last competition: Victory over Huron

Next competition: December 4 at Sioux Falls

Swimming

Next Competition: December 7-8 at Pierre Invite

Boys Basketball

Next game:

December 12 vs. Brookings (in Pierre)

Boys Hockey

Last game: Tournament in Rapid City (3-1 record)

Next game: December 5 vs. Watertown (in Pierre)



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Nate Hill

Wrestling

Next Game:

December 4 vs. Mitchell (in Pierre)

Swimming

Next event: Pierre Invite (December 7-8)

Govs finish one play short of the title

By Nathan Bader

All of the Pierre Governors athletic teams have been extremely successful over the past few years. A basketball state title, multiple wrestling individual wrestling state champions to go along with a collection of state titles, top marks at ESD for golf, and the first ESD title for Pierre cross country in almost 20 years have been just some of the highlights. The Governor football team, however, is arguably the most successful of all. Over the past three years the Governors have made the playoffs three times, won the inaugural 11AA state football title, and developed multiple players into great athletes on the gridiron.

The 2015 football season was no exception to the great play that Pierre students and fans have come to expect from the Governors. Brevin Kaiser, who is in his second year starting at quarterback, led the Governor offense. Brevin's arm and legs were both essential to the Governor offense that averaged 28 points per game. Head coach Jayson Poppinga throughout the season gave high praise to his offensive line of Spencer Sarringar (11), Ty Paulsen (11), Levi Stoltenburg (11), Austin Kelly (12), Max Reinke (12), Mark Jay Gutierrez (12), and Caelan

Fergel (12).

The offense was not the only place the Governors excelled in this year. The defense allowed 18.5 points per game and shut out opponents, Douglas and Yankton, this year. The Governors were ball-hawks this year forcing turnovers in nearly every game.

The Governors great play on both offense and defense led them to an ESD title and a playoff appearance. After shutting out Douglas in the first round and putting up 49 points, the Governors played their final home game of the year in a 41-26 win over Mitchell to give the Governors a chance to play in the Dakota Dome against Yankton. After a slow start, the Governors roared back in the closing minutes to tie the game at 14 apiece. Yankton got the ball to start overtime and quickly pushed the ball down the field for a touchdown. The Governors got the ball with the season on the line. Pierre drove down the field for a score. Now coach Poppinga had a decision to make. Poppinga and the offense decided to take a chance and go for the two-point conversion and the win. After a series of timeouts, the Governors attempted the conversion for the win. A pass from Kaiser was broken up by the Yankton defense giving Yankton the victory. Yankton became the first repeat champions in 11AA football.

Ashley Theobald swims her way to South Dakota State

1) How long have you been swimming?

I have been swimming competitively since I was eight, I am 17, so nine years?

2) What events do you compete in?

I swim multiple events, pretty much whatever my coach signs me up for. My best events are the breaststroke, freestyle, and individual medley.

3) How has swimming affected you as a person?

I have been able to connect with so many people over the course of my swimming career; it's incredible. I have gotten to know people from all over the state as well as people from around the country.

4) Why did you choose SDSU?

It was a really difficult decision for me; I had several options. I really liked the idea of being closer to home, so that was a plus. It was also a plus for me to be with some people I know, and with four other Pierre swimmers there, it should be fun. SDSU is also such a good school, so that helps too.

Congratulations to Ashley and all her accomplishments!

Interview conducted by Shelby Guthrie

Bachelor of the Month



Ryan Sheldon, 12

Personality:
Pretty crazy, but outgoing and fun

Eye Color:
Green

Hair Color: Orange	Pursue or Be Pursued? Pursue
Favorite Pick Up Line? If I were a cat, I'd spend all nine lives with you.	Final words? K. Bye.
What do you look for in a significant other? Similar personalities, a love of music, and adventure.	Pet Peeve? People chewing with their mouths open.
	Ideal date? Going for a hike, and then dinner and a movie.

Bachelorette of the Month



Katy Honeywell, 12

Personality:
Blunt, open-minded, and punctual

Eye Color:
Green

Hair Color: Blonde	What do you look for in a significant other? Honesty and gratitude.
Biggest pet peeve? PDA	Pursue or Be Pursued? Pursue
Favorite pick-up line? Years ago, when I was backpacking across Western Europe...	Final words? Are you sure you didn't mean April Fools?
Ideal first date? October 13th	



What's hot and what's not this month

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| ...to mashed potatoes | ...to Mitchell kids being salty |
| ...to Thanksgiving food in general | ...to why not us |
| ...to because of us | ...to not knowing anything on test and quizzes |
| ...to tie day Friday day;) | ...to printers never working |
| ...to getting school off because of football! | ...to cutting in the lunch line |
| ...to Mr. Mick and the Veteran's Day Assembly | ...to Iphone batteries that never last a full day |
| ...to getting down to good music with besties | ...to flu shots |
| ...to pretty South Dakota sunsets | ...to the rough Monday mornings |
| ...to bomb concerts | ...to no more Friday night lights :(|
| ...to the snow that is soon to come | ...to sketchy weekends |
| ...to hanging with da squad | ...to terrorist attack on Paris |
| ...to dabbing | ...to people stealing other peoples things |
| ...to hot chocolate all day everyday | ...to senior research papers |

November Sibling Rivalry

Kallie (12) & Erika (10) Stout

Q: Who is the favorite?

A: Kallie: "Me."
Erika: "Out of us two? Definitely not me."

Q: Who works out more often?

A: Erika: "Kallie."
Kallie: "Yeah, me."
Erika: "I'd rather go home and sleep."

Q: Who has it worst between you two? The older or the younger?

A: Erika: "The younger, because you have to live in their shadows. Especially Kallie's, because she's a genius. I have two older sibling other than Kallie, so it's definitely the younger."