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Governor Wrestling: 4-time Champions

By Hattie Shaffer and Phil Adam

The Governor Wrestling team is once again victorious! The team claims their fourth straight state Class A championship. Coming into the 2017-2018 season Governor Wrestling team had high hopes and expectations for the season. The team has claimed six of the last seven titles, and has had a target on their back for several years now, as other schools hoped to knock off the Govs dominance through the years. Coming into the class A state tournament, the Govs had 12 of their 14 wrestlers advance to state and 10 of those 12 competing at the state tournament

Hayden Shaffer, 106, and Jace Bench-Bresher, 113, both had a tough bracket and failed to place at the tournament, losing their first matches of the tournament. Senior Lincoln Turman wrestled in the 120 bracket and made it to the championship. There, he lost to Isaac Klinkhammer 3-0, but still clinched second place. Lincoln plans to wrestle at the University of Mary in Bismarck next year. Jack Van Camp, 126, wrestled tough, winning his first match by pin. Then he lost a well-fought match to Aberdeen Central's Jacob Moore, but he fought his way back to the placing rounds, placing sixth. Next up on the roster was the

four-time state champ William Turman. Will beat Spencer Stockman of Rapid City Stevens 4-2. His victory over Stockman was one major part that propelled the Governors to beat Stevens in team score 159-157.5. Sophomore Cade Hinkle wrestled all the way to sixth place. Another senior and another champion, Michael Lusk won a state title as he defeated Trey Hage of Vermillion by decision of 3-2. Senior Barry Browning brawled his way to a seventh-place finish. Browning won during the place rounds, beating Gage Carr from Dell Rapids in a decision of 9-2. Senior Austin Senger wrestled at his last state tournament and placed

fifth. Senger dominated Alec Bien of Milbank and pinned him in 2:14. Freshman Maguire Raske also did well at the state tournament placing fourth. Raske lost in the placing rounds in a close match with Harrisburg's Nick Schirado 4-0. Junior Gage Gehring had a spectacular showing at the state tournament, wrestling his way into 3rd place. The Senior heavyweight Pryce Dyk wrestled his first and last state tournament and finished seventh place, defeating Caleb Dangel of Sioux Falls Roosevelt by decision 2-1.

From the long, tir-

ing practices to the hard work and dedication from all in the Governor wrestling program, the Govs defended their state title and stretched their winning streak to four straight! Congrats to all Governor Wrestlers!

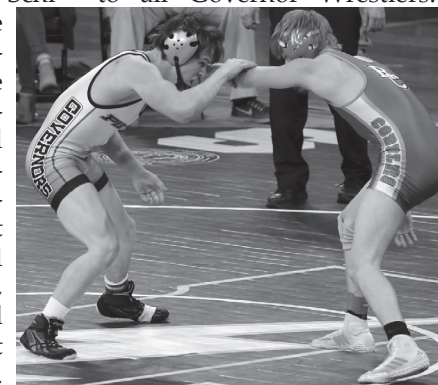


Photo by Paul Turman

Cade Hinkle faces RC Central's TJ Morrison

Red and Blue Summit League Showdown

By Phil Adam

Whether you bleed Coyote red or Jackrabbit blue, the 2018 Summit League Basketball Tournament was record-setting, exciting and one of the most competitive tournaments ever. Both the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University were the number one seed in both the men's and women's brackets. The Summit League tournament was held in Sioux Falls for the 10th year, with its fourth year at the Denny Sanford Premier Center.

The USD Coyotes women's basketball team opened the tournament with a dominating 83-32 win against Indiana Fort Wayne, and USD's instate rival SDSU rout the

Bison of NDSU with a 87-62 win. The Coyotes and Jackrabbits then set up to battle in the championship, with a trip to the WNCAA tournament on the line. USD swept the regular season matchups, but State got off to a hot start, opening the game with a 11-0 run. The Yotes fought back as they cut the lead to 15-9 after the first quarter. During the second, the Jacks increased their lead to 12. SDSU kept the momentum to lead 33-20 at halftime. The Coyotes responded with a run of their own, cutting the lead to 7 with a 11-2 run during the middle of the third. That is as close as the Yotes would come, as State kept their lead, and the Jacks went on

to win the game 65-50, winning their chance to appear in the WNCAA tournament.

The SDSU Men's Basketball Team looked to stretch their conference championships to three in a row. Both the SDSU and USD men's teams navigated their way through the quarterfinal and semifinal games. South Dakota and South Dakota State split in the regular season, with their championship game determining gets to take the trip to the NCAA tournament. The men's championship game set a Summit League record, as over 11,000 people attended the final game. The game was back and forth. Half way through the first half, the Jacks lead 35-25. Towards

the end of the half, the Jacks went on a 14-3 run to extend their lead for halftime. SDSU's hot shooting didn't stop at half, as they shot 52% behind the three-point line all game. The Yotes cut the lead 83-77 with 12-2 run of their own. The comeback was too little too late; South Dakota State went on to win 97-87 for a trip to the first round of the NCAA tournament.

For fans of all, whether you cheer for the Coyotes or Jackrabbits, the "U" or State, South Dakota has a lot to be proud of! The two biggest and only division one schools in South Dakota showed their dominance on one of the biggest stages of all college basketball tourna-

ments. As the Summit League Tournament concludes, and NCAA tournaments begin, all fans of college athletics await the much-hyped "Madness" that March brings.

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How to Calm your Chaos

In science, entropy is the disorder of the universe. All objects in nature have some sort of entropy, and because of the way the world works, objects increase in entropy throughout their natural lives. This principle of disorder can be applied to human life as well.

EDITORIAL

When you're a child, your entropy is low, because you typically don't have to make any decisions on your own and people do things for you. Your entropy increases when you go through life because of the things that are required of you. Your entropy increases when you first start going to school. Your entropy increases when you

have to apply for college. Your entropy increases when you start taking care of another person. Everything in life causes an increase in entropy, in the disorder of your own little world. How do we combat this entropy? How do we continue to be functional humans

despite the chaos constantly present in our lives? Many things can be done in an attempt to silence the chaos of our lives. Self-help books and therapy sessions help people to combat the things causing disorder in their lives and get them on the right track for a better self. The truth is, however, that you don't

need fancy degrees and published work to learn how to control and calm chaos in your life. Whether your chaos causes stress, depression, anxiety or any other combination of good and bad emotion, you can fight it on your own. Just as every cliché advice begins, you must first identify the source of the disorder. Is it school-work? Is it your job? Is it both? Once you determine what the chaos stems from, you can change it. Ask for fewer hours at work, or get yourself a tutor for math. Anything you think will decrease your chaos and have you feeling more stable and orderly will do.

As science also says, there cannot be a decrease in entropy with-

out an increase of entropy somewhere else in the universe. This means that if you are combating the thing you feel causes the most disorder in your life, and you get rid of it, something else in your life will become chaotic. This, however, isn't as bad. So what if your room is a little messier? Who cares if you binge-watch Netflix on the weekends? As long as you replace your bad chaos with good chaos (i.e. bringing up your C in physics in favor of Indiana Jones marathons on school nights), your life will feel more stable and you'll be happier overall.

So, get out there and seek out positive energy. Your stress levels will thank you.

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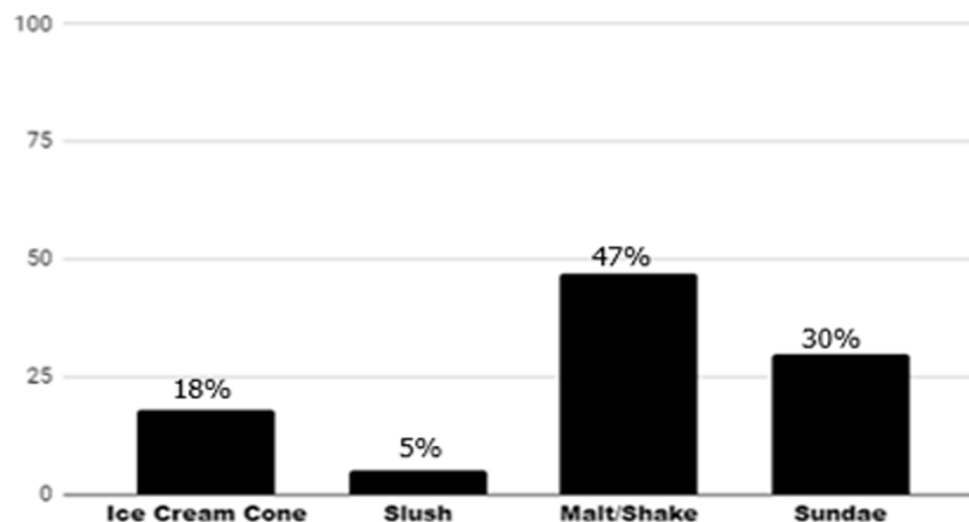
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Correction: Tyler Wilcox passed away in 2005

Favorite Treat to Order at Zesto



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Presidential Deadpool

By now, it's not surprising to hear the news of yet another staff member leaving the White House. From some of the president's top advisors to some of his biggest critics, Trump is losing people faster than the ice caps are melting. Let's look at brief review of those who have departed the White House during the Trump's era.

Sally Yates: Left January 30, 2017. If you think a break-up over text is bad, try one over a letter. Yates received a hand-delivered letter containing the statement of her dismissal as Attorney General. Yates did not wish to defend the travel ban of the president, which

would bar refugees from coming in to the country for 120 days and immigrants from primarily Muslim countries from entering for 3 months. Yates did not believe the travel ban was lawful or right for her to defend it. Classic as ever, her removal was confirmed with a tweet signifying the end of her time in the White House. Another shocker: her tenure lasted 11 days.

James Comey: Left May 9, 2017. The firing of Comey made Trump the second president to fire his FBI director. The White House states that Comey is no longer with them due to how he handle the investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails. Some think this is a cover-up for the real reason: Comey was investigating Russian meddling in the election. Democrats were rather shaken up about the whole incident, but Republicans were not as vocal about the happenings.

Of course, no political incident is complete without the input of various comedians. For a brief summary, be sure to check out our most reliable sources such as Tonight Show, Late Show and Late, Late Show.

Sean Spicer: Left July 21, 2017. Spicer is a stand-out guy. In this case, he's unique because he wasn't actually fired. Spicer was not too pleased about Trump appointing Anthony Scaramucci as the communications director. As Press Secretary, Spicer would have to answer to Scaramucci, which Spicer disagreed with because he believed it would cause confusion. Spicer had the

goal of lasting a full year as the Press Secretary but he lasted only 6 months. Spoiler alert, Scaramucci wouldn't last that long either.

Hope Hicks: Left January 20, 2018. Hicks announced her resignation after confessing to the House Intelligence Committee that she had told white lies on behalf of the President. Resignation had apparently been on her mind before this incident. Hicks served as the White House Communications Director, going from a model with little political knowledge to keen enough to convince the President to change his views.

Other key people that have departed the White House include surgeon general Vivek Murthy, national security adviser Mike Flynn, communications director Mike Dubke, chief of staff Reince Priebus, chief strategist Steve Bannon, secretary of state Rex Tillerson and approximately 17 others.

The Best Ways to be Trendy This Spring

Spring fever is hitting ladies and gents. This time of year is perfect for change after the first two "trial months" of the new year. So if your "new year, new you" isn't matching up to your expectations, it's never too late! The last of the snow from our miraculous two snow days has almost melted along with the rest of our feelings about winter. We are all anticipating the warmer weather in hopes it will raise our spirits and our motivation to finish the school year. Senioritis is hitting (even for non-seniors), and it is time to finish strong and "just send it".

With this last quar-

ter, stress can weigh students down. Remember to try to not let that stress consume you by practicing stress relief techniques! This looks different for every individual. Examples could be spring cleaning, exercising outside, watching movies, or listening to music.

Spring can also be the perfect time to re-organize your closet and bring all your spring clothes to the front. Springy vibes are leaning towards the lighter end of the spectrum with pastel yellows and oranges, stripes, checkers, and floral. Even if you don't enjoy wear-

ing bright colors, you can still embrace spring with small accents of color! Cute pins and fun socks are the perfect way to add a lil something extra to your outfit! You don't have to wear Supreme™ to have

a cute outfit! If you are looking for a new pair of shoes, Van slip-ons may be the way to go.

Be sure to watch for new movies like *Coco*, which just came out on DVD, or *Love, Simon* out in theaters. New music includes Logic's freshly dropped album, new Camila Cabello songs and, on popular request, Post Malone's "Psycho". Generally, spring means less new music releases,

so ask your friends for some recommendations! Embrace the new!

The motto of spring is "out with the old and in with the new". Weather is changing, but that is not all. The Olympics are finally over, and we're all going to miss Adam Rippon's hilarious interviews and gorgeous routines. A little closer to home, spring sports like track, boys' tennis, and girls' golf are starting up. Stephen Hawkings has passed away, Toys "R" Us is closing and Snapchat has undergone major changes, but don't fret!! Much good is coming your way! Y'all always have our support! Much love and luck coming from Jordan and Sab

Jordan and Sabrina
TRENDS

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Tips for Making the Most of Life

Dear Ava & Ally, This school year has gone by so fast. I can't believe we're already in the fourth quarter! I am interested in some of the camps advertised and am considering signing up for one of them. I have a summer job, and I'm not sure I want to take off work to go to camp. I am really interested, but it's not the end of the world if I don't go. I am struggling to decide if I should even consider going to camp, which is a week long. I'm saving money for college, but I don't want to spend my entire summer working. I'm scared of going through all the work to prepare for the camp but ending up being miserable for an en-

tire week. Is there any tips you can offer that will help me with my choice? My job isn't really flexible but I am able to take a week off. Any advice would be greatly appreciated!! Help, Stumped Senior

Dear Stumped Senior, It sounds to us like you are struggling with the decision of camp because

you fear of what may happen there. You don't seem hung up on taking off work, but you seem nervous that camp will be a waste of time. As a pair, we have experienced many camps and school trips in our high school careers. Even if the camp seems like it wouldn't be fun or you're worried about

wasting your time and not making any friends, we can guarantee that you will find something to enjoy while you're there. It's human nature to work our hardest not to be miserable. Many people putting together the camp have slaved away countless hours making a weeklong schedule that benefits anyone

who attends the camp. Over the many camps we have been to, we have not regretted a single one. Even if it seems like it was a waste of time, you will inevitably have new connections that will benefit you later in life. As for the work situation, we don't see any reason why you shouldn't go. You have all the means

necessary and one week isn't going to make much of a difference in your savings for college. The only thing stopping you is your fear. Like Michael Jordan once said, "Limits, like fear, [are] often illusions." In short, we would fully encourage you to take a hold of this opportunity. Carpe Diem, Seize the day, as one would say. Don't hold yourself back from a great experience. We hope to see that you enjoy your summer and take a hold of your life without fear to do something great. Don't waste your time overthinking or overanalyzing things. Set yourself free to live the life that you have always wanted. Quam bene vivas refert non quam diu, Ava and Ally

Ava and Ally
ADVICE

Tragedy Sparks Walkout, Pierre Joins Mr. Mick says “Vale” to Latin Banquet

By Eryn Louis and Kailee Schultz

On February 14th, 2018, a horrendous tragedy shook our nation. Yet another school shooting took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. 17 lives were taken--staff and student--and 15 were injured by shooter Nikolas Cruz. There have been 18 firearm incidents in schools since 2018 has begun, with at least 239 school shootings/school firearm incidents in the United States since the disastrous Sandy Hook shooting in 2012. The survivors of the Parkland shooting had had enough thoughts and prayers, as they believe those are not enough to make a change. Student survivor Emma Gonzalez presented a speech at a gun control rally, and this speech inspired other protests to begin. Protests of gun control started uprisings from South Florida to Texas to Washington D.C.



People gather outside the White House on National Walkout Day to pressure the president

The hashtags #NeverAgain and #NotOneMore soon went viral. Students marched out of their schools chanting “17”, “Never Again” and “No more violence!” These students carried posters saying, “Fear has no place in schools”, “We Will Not Be Next” and “Stop protecting guns, start protecting kids”. These students want the government to take action and pass gun control laws, which would make it more difficult for people with mental illnesses and criminal

histories to access and own guns. This is different from a gun ban because people would still be able to own guns, but the option wouldn’t be open to everyone. Gun control has been a highly debated topic for years, with supporters saying gun control could prevent mentally-ill people from owning guns which could lessen the number of mass shootings. Many critics exist, however, saying that gun control would be an infringement of their second amendment right to

bear arms. Gun control is also a hot topic in places like South Dakota, where guns are mostly used for hunting. No matter what side of the debate you are on, however, everyone is standing together to be with those who have passed, the survivors, and the families affected by this tragedy.

On March 14th, one month after the shooting, the nation participated in what they are calling a “Walk-Up” instead of a walk out. Students around the nation left their classrooms to either support the victims, protest for gun control, or simply encourage people in their community to be nicer to each other. T.F. Riggs participated in this Walk-Up at 10 am, where close to 80 students stood outside for 17 minutes, showing our respect for the 17 lives that were lost. Junior Alejandro Ramirez gave a touching speech on why the walkout was happening, and listed the names of those who passed. Ramirez also dis-

tributed orange ribbons throughout the day representing gun violence awareness, and students were asked to wear orange for the walk out. Senior Sami Gortmaker led an emotional prayer, asking those who believe in faith, and those who do not, to join in nonetheless. Gortmaker’s prayer started as one for the families, turning into a plea for legislators to take action, and finally as a wish for peace for our community and the world. “We desire world peace, but peace begins in the individual heart...I am grateful the student body was gracious enough to allow me to share my faith with them that day,”



Ramirez addresses the students during Riggs’ walkout

she says. Senior Leander Austin also gave a small speech on how we have to make change happen, and that this walk-up is just a small step to greater things. The walk-out was a symbolic movement to show that students feel safer outside of their schools than inside them. The walk-up had fellow students, staff and faculty members showing that their support for the victims of Parkland and all victims involved in school shooting that unfortunately occur throughout the country. We are lucky enough to live in a safe community, but Pierre will always stand with victims to help them make a change.

Choir Festival Celebrates Music

By Bailey Wagner

Music is inside of us all. For some, music brims and overflows out of our bodies. For others, it is deep within, but it is there. Still in others, it may be dormant, just lying and waiting to burst forth. Music is the universal language. The T.F. Riggs choir groups share this universal lan-

guage with the community multiple times a year. In the spring, they always call forth music experts throughout the state to help them share their musics with Riggs High School. Extremely talented is the first thing that comes to mind when Dr. Clinton Desmond and his wife Mrs. Erin Desmond are pictured. The Des-

mond duo blessed T.F. Riggs choir groups for this year’s choir festival, a two day practice period followed by a concert to show the hard work that was put forth. On March 12th and 13th, Mrs. Erin Desmond worked with the treble choir, or the all girls choir. Dr. Clinton Desmond polished the concert choir, the mixed choir, to near perfection.

Mr. Bauck remained with the chamber choir, showing the complete A cappella side of choir. Dr. Desmond received his Doctorate of Musical Arts from Michigan State University and is now an associate professor of music at Dakota Wesleyan. Dakota Wesleyan University is lucky enough to have both of the Desmonds, with Mrs. Des-

mond as the instructor of voice at the university. At the end of the choir’s journey with the Desmonds, there was a concert of beautiful music that was refined repeatedly over the preceding two days. The treble choir performed songs like, “awake the Trumpet’s Lofty Sound” and “al Shlosha D’Varim.” The chamber choir per-

formed the amazing “Rock My Soul” without the help of a pianist. The concert choir performed “My Love’s Like a Red, Red Rose” and “Ritmo.” The Desmonds really pulled the choirs together for a wonderful performance, although none of this would be possible without the pianist Karen Lindbloom and choir director Rodd Bauck.

By Abby Gunderson and Sydney Larson

The dreaded news is here: Mr. Mickelson’s annual Latin Banquet has commenced for the last year. For the past 45 years, the Latin Banquet has been a source of great entertainment for students, friends and families. The banquet provides authentic food from Roman times. Though courses like Medusa’s Shield, peacock brains and pheasant tongues seem unappealing, the always accommodating Mr. Mick has altered them to fit a more modern palette. Converting to lettuce leaves, licorice, mashed pineapple and shredded carrots respectively, the menu is un-

conventional but somehow works really well. The tradition doesn’t stop there. Mick has the evening filled to the brim with entertainment for all the guests. With over 40 minutes of music alone, the night was beautifully planned and executed. Other than rad bops played by the amazing bell choir, the students also participated in the tunes. Freshmen Levi McKinley, Jordan Morley and Keara Peplinski performed at the event, blessing everyone’s ears with a dazzling choral piece. On the band side of the musical sphere, Sophomore Isabelle Myren played an intricate and compelling music composition on the flute, enchanting everyone in the room. An-

other woodwind graced the stage when Freshman Blake Jones played the bass clarinet, bringing a more mysterious tone to the evening. Sophomore Will Kessler represented the brass instruments with a bright, catchy piece on the trombone. The evening also traditionally includes other student-led performances, including the maypole dance where students weave long, colored streamers together under the instruction of Mr. Mick and the rhythm of the music. Their goal is to cre-



Mr. Mickelson poses in togas with his son Drew and his grandson Taylor

ate a basket like design by the end of the song. In all the years that Mick has done the Latin banquet, he commented that this year’s maypole was the “best maypole we’ve ever done.” Near the conclusion of the banquet, students, teachers and parents have the chance to toast to the evening. Talk of the amazing

event only works to make people who never attended inherently jealous, so let’s talk about the man that makes it all possible: Mr. E. Jay Mickelson. He has sacrificed countless hours each year to organize an event that ensures we students have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the very subjects and topics that we study. Even if you have never had a Mickelson class, attending the banquet is a learning experience for all people. Although he is a man of tradition, this year Mr. Mick commented that he was abandoning all of that and “breaking all the traditions.” What better a year to be rebellious than your last. Mick has taught each and every one of his students

and colleagues to pay attention to the details. Over the many years he has been with us, Mr. Mickelson has influenced more than his students. With the multitude of events he has organized, including the latin banquets, the Veteran’s Day assemblies, and the baccalaureate ceremony, Mr. Mick is an essential asset to the function of our school and community. Mr. Mick has easily become a constant in many lives here in Pierre. Not many can possibly imagine a T.F. Riggs without Mr. Mick walking the halls. Though we will miss the traditions that he has brought us, we will never forget the love that he shares with everyone he meets.

2018 Olympic Overview

By Kailee Schultz

Starting in 1924, the Winter Olympics showcase some of the crazy things that happened when athletes take on snow and ice. Located in Pyeongchang, South Korea for its 23rd year, the winter games were filled with surprises, classics and groundbreaking action. The opening ceremonies for these games was complete with depictions of the past, present and future and combined traditional and futuristic techniques in order to make one of the most

tech-savvy opening ceremonies ever. The parade of athletes didn’t lack excitement, with highlights including the flag bearer from Tonga, the entire US team (of course) and the emergence of a joint Korea, under one flag and one name for these games. The fun never stopped, with performances from famous Korean artists, beautiful drone artwork and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron by none other than famous South Korean figure skater Yuna Kim. Americans dominated many of the events in these games. 17-year-old

Red Gerard took gold in snowboarding slopestyle early on, earning the USA’s first gold medal and becoming the youngest American to medal in snowboarding. Also 17, newcomer Chloe Kim took gold in halfpipe during her Olympic debut. Other new athletes included Nathan Chen, the figure skater who predicted his own Olympic debut, and Adam Rippon, the first openly gay figure skater. While neither of these men made the podium in the individual event, Chen managed to land 5 quads in his long program performance,

the most of any skater. The US had a lot of success among its returning athletes as well. Shaun White clinched gold in halfpipe and Lindsey Vonn made her Olympic return after many injuries and won bronze in downhill Alpine skiing. Mikaela Shiffrin won gold in giant slalom and silver in Alpine combined. There were many surprises this year, both for the US and other countries. Ester Ledecká of the Czech Republic became the first woman to win 2 golds with different disciplines (skis and a snowboard) at the same

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Norway (NOR)	14	14	11	39
2	Germany (GER)	14	10	7	31
3	Canada (CAN)	11	8	10	29
4	United States (USA)	9	8	6	23
5	Netherlands (NED)	8	6	6	20

winter games after winning gold in parallel giant slalom and women’s super-G. Other historic wins included the US men’s curling gold medal and the first US gold medal in the women’s cross country team sprint. The much-anticipated game between the women’s hockey teams from the US and Canada ended in a huge win for America. The US women pulled out their win during a 6-round shootout after both regulation and overtime

play, earning the gold in women’s hockey for the first time since 1998. Whether you enjoyed watching a 13-year-old blow everyone out the water with his guitar playing skills or witnessing Yun Sung-Bin win Korea’s first ever skeleton medal, the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, had something to offer to everyone watching. Now that the games have ended, the hype already building for Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022.

Capitals Become Consolation Champions

By Phil Adam

The Oahe Capitals bounced back to place fifth after a heartbreaking loss in the opening round at the 2018 South Dakota State Hockey Tournament in Pierre.

Coming into the state tournament, the number four seed Oahe Capitals were set to play Friday's first-round game against the fifth seed Huron All-Stars. The All-Stars held off the Capitals in dramatic fashion. In the first period, after tough defensive play from both teams, Huron breaks the scoring drought with the first goal of

the game. The All-Stars added another goal later in the first period to lead the Caps 2-0. In the second period, Cap's sophomore Spencer Wedin cuts the All-Star lead in half as he split the All-Star defense to score a very impressive goal of his own. The game came down to the wire, with the Capitals having several close shots on goal. The Caps offense tried to tie the game with one of their 40 total shots on goal, but the All-Star goalie had a dominating performance and only allowed one goal on the night.

The consolation semifinal game was against the num-

ber eight seed Sioux Center Storm. The Caps, who swept the Storm in the regular season, jumped out to a 3-0 lead halfway through the first period. The Storm responded by scoring on a power play towards the end of the first period. Spencer Wedin scored his second goal of the day to push the lead to 4-1 in the second period. In the third, senior Carsten Mueller stretched the lead to 5-1 with an unassisted goal. The Caps finished off the Storm with a final score 7-2.

In the consolation championship game, the Capitals faced the number six seed

Watertown Lakers. The Caps got off to a hot start with four unanswered

goals. Sophomores Spencer Wedin and Clay Ambach each had a goal and senior Carsten Mueller had two goals, one coming on a penalty shot. The Lakers responded to the four goals with two goals, cutting the Capitals' lead 4-2. Senior Riggs Sanchez extended this lead to 5-2, and the Caps weren't done. Spencer Wedin added

another goal to put the finishing touches on the game as the Capitals finished off the Lakers 6-2. The Capitals finished the season with a total record of 23-8. Sophomore Spencer Wedin was named to 1st team all-state, and junior Talon Griesse was named 2nd team all-state. Congrats to all Capital hockey players on a great season!



Varsity players pose with the fifth place trophy

Photo By Nicole Malseed

Lady Caps Take Seventh

By Julia Snoeijen

Girls State Hockey was in Huron this year, Friday March 2nd until Sunday the 4th. The girls played their first game Friday against Sioux Falls; they lost 9-1.

The game on Saturday against Rapid City was a rough game. After playing 3 periods (each 17 minutes), the score was still 3-3, so they had to play overtime, which nobody scored in. Finally, in the second overtime, Rapid scored, ending in a 4-3 loss

for the Lady Caps. On Sunday they played their last game against Omaha. Fortunately, they won with 7 to 1. So, a good ending of the season. The girls became 7th out of 8. The champion game later that Sunday was between Aberdeen and Brookings. Aberdeen won 11-6 and became state champions for the 4th time in a row. The girls didn't have one of their best seasons, but they had fun, and that's the most important thing. Good job girls! and Gooooo Lady Caps!

Lady Govs Finish Post-Season Strong

By Natalie Mohr

The Lady Govs basketball season came to an official end on March 2nd in post-season play against Sioux Falls Washington. The Lady Govs fell seven points short of advancing to the state tournament, where they have made an appearance twice in the past five years. The sweet 16 game was played in Sioux Falls against the number seven ranked Washington.

Pierre came into the game at the number 10 seed.

This year, a new rule was put into play for qualifying for the state AA basketball tournament. In the past, there have been region and district games. The SDHSAA changed that rule to a single-elimination Sweet 16 format. The seed point average from all of the games during the regular season determines the top 16 in class AA. Those top 16 teams are then

matched against each other, starting at 1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15 and so on. The winner of each game, played in the postseason, advance to the state tournament. This new rule has affected both boys and girls basketball and volleyball in the 2017-18 season. Although the Lady Govs fell short in their sweet 16 game this year, their overall season was played exceptionally well and will only keep improving for the 2018-19 season!

Girls' Hockey

Last Game: 7-3 win against Omaha; 7th place at state tournament

Next Game: End of Season

Record: 4-17



Girls' Golf

Last Meet: Start of Season

Next Meet: March 24th at SDSU

Last Meet: Start of Season

Next Meet: April 12th at Harrisburg

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Girls' Basketball

Last Game: 34-40 loss against SF Washington

Next Game: End of Season

Record: 9-11

Swimming

Last Meet: 4th place at state swim meet

Next Meet: End of Season

Track and Field

Boys' Basketball

Last game: 45-60 loss against RC Stevens
Next game: End of Season
Record: 6-14

Wrestling

Last match: 1st place at state tournament
Next match: End of Season



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Boys' Tennis

Last Meet: Start of Season
Next Meet: April 3rd in Pierre

Boys' Hockey

Last Game: 6-2 Win vs. Watertown; 5th place at state tournament
Next game: End of Season
Record: 23-8

Govs Season Ends at Stevens

By Phil Adam

Rewinding to the first round of the 2017 State AA Basketball Tournament in Rapid City, the Governor basketball team defeated the Rapid City Stevens Raiders 76-75 in double overtime. Not only did the Govs knock the Raiders out of the tournament in their hometown, but they spoiled what Stevens thought might be a championship contending season. Stevens, however, got their revenge in the Round of 16 on Saturday, March 3rd, defeating the Govs 60-45 in Rapid City.

Fast forward to the Round of 16, where both the Govs and Raiders battle for a birth in the 2018 State AA Basketball Tournament. The number 16 seed Govs and number one seed Raiders battled back and forth

in the first quarter as Stevens led 17-14. The Govs kept the game close, trailing 28-24 at halftime. Stevens kept their lead into the third quarter, increasing it to 43-35. The Raiders proved to be too much to handle for the Govs, as they outscored them 17-10 in the fourth quarter, and won the game 60-45. The Raiders were led by senior Cooper Bowman with a game-high 25 points. The Govs were led by senior forward Peyton Zabel, who ended his Governor career with 15 points.

With the win, Stevens advances to the 2018 AA State Basketball Tournament in Sioux Falls, where they will be the number one seed. The Govs end their season with a 6-14 regular season record, as the Raiders improve to 17-3 on the season.

Pierre Swim Team Hosts Short Course Championship

By Kailee Schultz

The Pierre Swim Team had the pleasure of hosting the 2018 SD Short Course State A Championship Meet in early March. With 521 swimmers present at the meet, the attendance has been one of the largest for a state swim meet. With nearly 3,000 events over three days and 16 teams fighting for the top sport. Many teens from Pierre and elsewhere found success at the meet, and competitors ranged from age five to age 18.

Swimmers earn different point values depending on their place in each event, and this points are added up to get a point value for the team as a whole. This year, Sioux Falls Swim Team took first place with a total of 4,635 points. The Pierre Swim Team took home a fourth place finish, earning a total of 3,355 points over the course of the weekend. Some of the top swimmers from Pierre for the weekend were 12-year olds Michelle Weiss, Ella Ward-Zeller, Spencer Skjonsberg, David Stagg, and

Mikah Moser Reflects on State

By Addy Smith

Q: What was the best part of participating in the state gymnastics meet?

A: The best part was placing on team day because we had all worked so hard and our coaches added up scores wrong, so everyone was down because we didn't think we had placed.

Q: How did you manage your nerves before competing?

A: I mainly just try to focus on my teammates competing before me and just try to stay calm and remember that I can do all my routines in practice and in previous meets so there is no reason to be nervous.

Q: What do you feel was your strongest performance and why?

A: I feel that my best meet was at state on individual day because it was such a relief getting through the season with no injuries and finally showing myself just how good I was.

Q: How do you feel your team executed at the state meet?

A: Overall, I think the team did very well at the state meet. We were all just having fun because this was the last meet of the season.

Q: What is one thing you want to focus on for next gymnastics season?

A: Next year I want to focus on improving the skills I already have and learning new skills that I would like to get. I also want to focus on not being so mental and scared of skills and just relaxing and having fun.



Photo by Kailee Schultz

Anna Haberman turns during the 200-yard breaststroke

14-year-old Isaak Rombough. Weiss got 3rd in her age group, while Ward-Zeller and Skjonsberg clinched fourth and Stagg and Rombough placed fifth.

Three seniors swam their last races in their home pool during the state meet. Evan Rumrill, who tore his ACL during the soccer season, made the state meet his first of the season, and successfully competed in the 100, 200, and 500-yard free. Anna Haberman finished off her 14 years of swimming with the 100

and 200-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard free. Maddy Hyde also swam her last races on state weekend, competing in six individual events and four relays throughout the weekend.

Bachelor of the Month

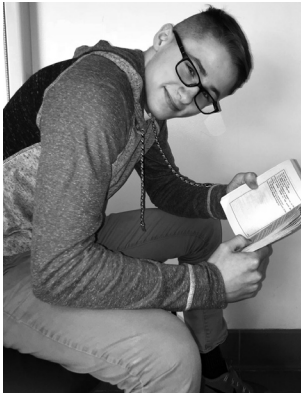


Photo By Tayler Larsen
Lincoln Turman, 12

Eye Color:
Ocean Blue

Hair Color:
Walnut Brown

Personality:
I care, but I do not care

Favorite thing about yourself?
Hair

Final words?
Sam Krohnke

Favorite Movie?
Blades of Glory

Ideal Date?
Cuddling and watching Netflix

Favorite Song?
"Tony Montana"
-Future

Pursue or be Pursued?
Be Pursued.

Favorite Pick-up line?
Are you a camera?
Because every time I look at you, I smile

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Tayler Larsen

Cayley Bush, 12

Personality:
Laidback and Outgoing

Hair Color:
Light Brown with a tish of red

Hair Color:
Same as Maddy Hyde's

Favorite thing about yourself?
Height lol

Favorite Movie?
The Last Song

Pursue or Be Pursued?
Be pursued.

Ideal date?
Stargazing

Favorite Pick-up line?
Is it hot in here or is it just you?

Favorite song?
"Figures"
-Jessie Reyes

Riggs Succeeds at Contest

By Eryn Louis

Both of the concert and treble choirs prepare all year long for the small-group contest, and later on, large-group contest. The same goes for the band. These two fine-arts group, however, traveled and performed on separate days. If you do not know what these contests are, think about it like this: Concerts could be considered "home games," and these contests would be considered "away games". Small Group Contest, their first "away" game, allowed soloists, duets, and small ensembles. The choirs traveled to Kimball on February 7th for this contest with many different pieces prepared. The treble choir took a soloist, a trio and a small ensemble of 16 students. The small ensemble, which included a little over half the regular treble choir, perfected a piece called "Firefly Darkness".

The concert choir had pieces galore! They had a guys' group, who performed "Jonah", and a girls' group, who performed "Sigh No

More, Ladies". The concert choir also brought soloists, duets, quintets and octets. Almost all the pieces the choirs took to small-group ended up receiving superiors, meaning they received high scores on their pieces. Small-group for the band was similar to the choir. The band had multiple pieces as well, and even brought home some superior titles as they traveled to Chamberlain on February 21st for their small group competition. Flutist Isabel Myren received superior for her beautiful piece, and the percussion group put together a very creative piece involving brooms! These superior groups all got to showcase their talents at an event called, "Night of the Superiors," where the students who received superiors in choir and band had the opportunity to perform for the community. Congratulations to the superiors, and all those who participated in small-group. Great job of making Riggs proud! Don't forget to keep cheering on Riggs Fine Arts as they attend Large Group Contest for Band and Choir on March 21st!



February/March Sibling Rivalry

Jack (10) and Will (10) VanCamp

Q: How would you describe each other in three words?

A: Jack: barker, short, and annoying.

Will: mangy, barker, and loud.

Q: If you could change something about each other, what would it be?

A: Jack: To be more like Coach Hesley.

Will: Change him back to the person he was before Eleah.

Q: What do you fight about most?

A: Jack: How greasy he is.

Will: How greasy he is.

Q: Who wins most of the fights?

A: Jack: Rico (the human)

Will: Harmie

Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?

A: Jack: Nothing at all. He never stops barking at me.

Will: Nothing!