

# T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## T.F. Riggs High School Goes International

By Kailee Schultz

This past summer was filled with international travel opportunities for the students at T.F. Riggs High School. Three different programs gave students the opportunity to gain knowledge while traveling the globe. The first trip of the summer, Midwest Ambassadors of Music, took students with outstanding musical achievements overseas to Europe for performances in some of the world's greatest

cathedrals. With a concert every other day, the trip was a mix of both work and play. The students got to travel to seven countries, learning about the language and the culture while sharing South Dakota culture with their audiences through song. They were accompanied by a local tour guide at each destination and codirectors Dr. Diddle of SDSU and Mrs. Deckert of Rapid City Stevens. Senior Carsten Mueller got the opportunity to go

on this trip along with other students from around the region. Next on the T.F. Riggs travel agenda was Ms. Kokesh's Peru trip through Education First (EF) tours. She took a small group of 8 around Peru to learn about the culture and art of the country. The group got the chance to explore the Amazon, Machu Picchu, and the capital of Lima. Because of their small numbers, the group was matched with 3

other groups from Georgia, Texas, and Pennsylvania. Senior Rilee Rowse's favorite site they visited was Machu Picchu. "It was something that can you never experience anywhere else," Rowse said. The teens also got the opportunity to meet a lot of locals. Rowse said they were very friendly because "they liked that we were Americans. The group also had a pleasant tour guide named Jorge,

who was from Cusco. Last, but not least, was Mr. Becker's European World War II Tour, also through EF tours. Mr. Becker and his wife Yutzil took a group of students and parents to five different countries to learn everything about World War II. With notable stops in Madrid, Paris, and Berlin, the group thoroughly enjoyed both the culture and the history of everywhere they went. Junior Sabrina Kintz

says that she enjoyed Europe because of all the different cities and countries the group got to travel to with their amazing tour guide Trevor. Trevor, who lives in England, was a brilliant history buff who knew just about everything there was to know about Europe during the war years. Meeting Trevor, as well as many local guides

## Hurricanes Destroy Northern Hemisphere

By Eryn Louis

If you haven't heard of the 3 hurricanes trailing after one another on the east coast, then keep your eye on the news! Hurricanes Irma, Jose, and Katia formed one after the other in the southern Atlantic, worrying governments and meteorologists alike. Hurricane Irma hit the peninsula of Florida, as well as the Florida Keys. Irma turned out to be a category 5 catastrophe, with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph. Irma was one of the strongest hurricanes to hit Florida, and one

of the most powerful the east coast has ever seen. This hurricane caused massive devastation across its path.

Trailing behind Irma was tropical cyclone Jose. Jose thankfully never hit land. Hurricane Katia, which came after Jose, transformed into a category 2 hurricane that hit eastern Mexico, even though it was predicted to remain at sea as well. It weakened before causing any major damage, but still held maximum sustained winds of 150 mph and caused flash flooding.

Less than a week

before Irma began to wreak havoc in the Caribbean. Hurricane Harvey hit the state of Texas and parts of Louisiana. With maximum sustained winds of 130 mph, Harvey was a category 4 storm that caused extreme flooding throughout eastern Texas that will likely cost billions of dollars to repair.

Just as we thought we were done with hurricanes, Hurricane Maria formed. Said to be an immediate category 5 hurricane, victims scrambled to prepare for the hit. Multiple news officials called Maria a

"monster hurricane," because of the catastrophic damage expected to be caused. The hurricane did end up weakening to a category 4 life-threatening storm, but still caused major damage. The path of destruction included many islands in the southern Caribbean, mainly the Lesser Antilles and Puerto Rico. Dominica, for example, was left virtually unable to communicate with other countries due to the disaster. Puerto Rico, which was still without power after a

hard hit by Irma, suffered a direct hit from Maria. Among other damages, it is reported that the Guajataca Dam has broken, threatening the island with deadly flooding.

News broadcasts have recently announced that two more tropical storms now have the potential to develop into catastrophic hurricanes. Tropical Storm Norma has already weakened, and will most likely stay in the Atlantic. Hurricane Otis, on the other hand, is a rebirth of Hurricane Katia and is

threatening the northeastern coast. It is already a category 2 hurricane, but it's moving at a very slow speed towards the coast, despite powerful winds.

Many meteorologists have concluded that climate change is the cause of the record number of hurricanes this year. Global warming has been said to affect a tropical storm's transition into a massive hurricane, raising it nearly 16%. Our hope is that despite this statistic, the hurricane season will end without another catastrophe.

## Teammates now, Friends Forever

Athletes are often depicted by Hollywood as cookie-cutter guys with blond hair and cocky attitudes or Barbie-like girls with perfect bodies and a lot of friends. The sports teams at T.F. Riggs, however, break the stereotypical athlete mold and are composed of some of the most rare and unique individuals. T.F. Riggs prides itself on giving all students as many opportunities as possible, hence the reason we have such diverse sports teams. Whether it is the new kid being accepted by the football team, or a group of band kids deciding to go out for track, everyone sports team at the high school has both tradition-

al and non-traditional members. The Lady Governor tennis team, which both of us have the honor to be a part of, is a prime example. We have a mix of teammates, including seven middle schoolers, one sophomore, one junior, and six seniors. Every-

thing special to offer, whether that is a mom who makes fantastic homemade bread, an amazing swimming pool, the cutest dogs in town, or a black belt in Taekwondo (just to name a few). We also have pretty amazing tennis skills, but our winning record has nothing to do with how much fun we have on and off the court.

From carb feeds once a week to two-hour practices every day after school, we spend a lot of time with each other during the season. Considering the fact that most of us started playing when we were in seventh grade, we have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours playing tennis together. Even as we transitioned from coach to coach over the years, we have stuck together as a team and worked hard to bring out the best versions of ourselves. None of us have ever forgotten the fact that we are the luckiest girls in the world because we get to play tennis together every day. Tennis may very well be the only thing we all have in common, but that does

not hinder our friendship in the slightest. All of us are able to completely be ourselves around each other, especially the six seniors (who have been together since day one, literally). The bond we have created will be one that will never disappear. We do not believe that any of us are ready to say farewell to one of the biggest and best pieces of ourselves. Nevertheless, all good things must come to an end, so to our fellow teammates and to our best friends, thank you. Thank you for some of the best and most memorable years of our lives. Here's to life-long friendships and irreplaceable relationships. We love you guys.

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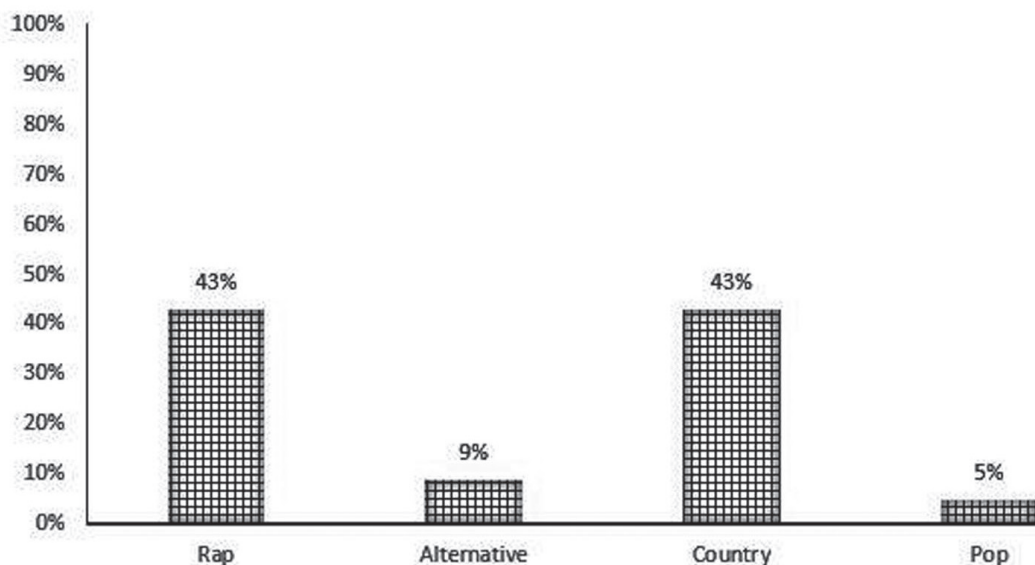


### What's hot and what's not this month

...to Friday night football.  
GO GOVS.  
...to HOMECOMING WEEK:)  
...to our bomb volleyball and football crowds  
...to the new 2018 seniors! 1-8, 1-8, 1-1-1-1-8!  
...to intermural wiffle ball games  
...to falling leaves  
...to Celebrity Mean Tweets  
...to the yogurt bar at Chops  
...to Halloween movies  
...to the zesto workers because not all heroes wear capes  
...to all the homecoming candidates

...to great pals leaving for college  
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...to the ACT  
...to college applications

## FAVORITE MUSIC GENRE





## Politics Become Comedy Once Again

September 17th was what many would call the biggest night in television. It was a night where many of the most binge-worthy shows were honored along with their respectable actors. I am, of course, referring to the 69th Emmy Awards, hosted by none other than Stephen Colbert. The comedian opened with a grand musical number encompassing every pop culture reference the VMAs missed (with a special regard to television, of course). Alongside these references to modern entertainment were many targeted at politics, a comedian's bread and butter in this day and age. When Sean Spicer shocked the audience with a guest appearance, it was probably the peak of the politics. If that's true, then Alec Baldwin's win was a close second. Baldwin took the award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for his spot-on portrayal of president Donald Trump. Everything was done to a T, from the raspy voice and wild hand gestures, to the youthful orange glow, and signature pout. The skits tended to poke fun at many of the President's...es-

Claire Mohr  
POLITICS

capades, like wire-tapping and Afghanistan. In one skit, which included Michael Che as Lester Holt, Baldwin makes fun of the phrase, "I ask the hard questions like...which one is Afghanistan?" Baldwin wasn't the only one whose political impersonations were recognized. Kate McKinnon also won Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her impressive of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Although I have not seen many skits featuring the blonde, I was thoroughly entertained by the material I saw. One skit featured Clinton herself at the very end, which, I must say, I laughed. Saturday Night Live took home seven other awards on September 17th, an ode to the shows running success. The variety show enjoys poking fun at the bad in the world while still making TV, well, TV. SNL allows a brief escape from all the natural disasters, distrust, anger and fear that exist in the world and are also present in the news. The actors are able to provide a sense of relief, even if the show is less than an hour long. It's like Colbert sings in the opening number at the Emmy's, "Everything is better on TV."

## The Best Fall Trends to Date

We would like to welcome you to our trends column! If you are looking to (pumpkin) spice up your music playlist or update your gadgets, you are in the right place! In this issue, we will be talking about the latest fall trends. First, we want to share with you some of the latest and greatest blockbusters. I think we can all agree that everyone enjoys a scary movie from time to time. With the cold weather rolling in, curling up and watching a movie is the perfect pastime. The biggest hype of this month so far has been the movie *It*, a recreation of the Stephen King's book, which centers on a town in Maine that experiences a high rate

Jordan and Sabrina  
TRENDS

of missing children. *It* follows the lives of a gang of "losers" who unite to try to discover the cause of the disappearances, which turns out to be a dancing clown named Pennywise. If you watch this movie, you'll float too! With Halloween just around the corner, be sure to watch out for other horror films, such as *Happy Death Day* and *Flatliners*. Along with the Halloween films arriving in theaters, this month has been the transition from overplayed summer bops, such as "Despacito", to new fall jams. This includes a controversial new single entitled "Look What You Made Me Do" from T-Swift. This comes alongside an announcement for her sixth album, "Reputation", which introduces a new sound and a new Taylor. Post Malone has also released a single called "Rockstar", which has reached a waterproof phone number one on iTunes. Lastly, we are excited to report some of the newest gadget updates. Fidget spinners, which are ALWAYS in season, have peaked at their popularity and have been given many exciting upgrades. Some of the best include the new shapes, designs and colors that won't clash with your cooler fall fashion. They are still affordable and can be found literally anywhere. Along with your spinner, your iPhone can get an upgrade as well! Apple has announced a new iPhone - the iPhone X. For a mere \$999, you can now purchase a waterproof phone with facial recognition and wireless charging features. If that's too fancy for you, Apple is also releasing the iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus. We hope this edition of September trends has been both informative and inspiring, and we wish you the best of luck on your trend endeavors! We wave our wavy eyebrows goodbye to you.

## A Senior's Guide to High School Survival

Dear Ava & Ally, I am a freshman this year and I have found it very hard to enjoy the perks of high school when the upperclassmen are constantly harassing the freshmen. It has never happened to me, but I continue to see it around the school. For example, at football and volleyball games, the underclassmen are bulldozed into the back of the crowd while upperclassmen get spots in the front. Is there any reason as to why they get special treatment (besides the fact that they're the oldest)? Is there anything underclassmen can do

to have good relations with upperclassmen? Sincerely, Unbreakable Underclassmen. Dear Unbreakable Underclassmen, First, we'd like to point out that all juniors and seniors have been freshmen and sophomores, so they understand what you're going through. They also remember they had to deal with the same (or worse) things. Some upperclassmen, however, feel the need to oppress the underclassmen to feel superior. We do not excuse this behavior, especially if the encounters you witness are rude or intimidating. You may not understand why the seniors are acting like this, so let us break it down for you. Senior year is the pinnacle of stress for young high school students (yes seniors are still young). They have a lot on their plate and may choose to take out their stress on freshmen. Most seniors, however, just want to play along with the tradition, intending for all the silly treatment to be a joke. Senior

year is the last year to enjoy the perks that come with being an upperclassman, and they want to make the best of it. One way for you to maintain good relations with the seniors is to participate in high school activities while respecting the hierarchy. Though it seems dumb now, you will appreciate the influence you have when you're finally an upperclassmen. All our upperclassmen love, Ava and Ally. P.S. If you see bullying around the school, please report it to administration.

Ava and Ally  
ADVICE



# Out of This World: A Synopsis of T.F. Riggs Homecoming 2017

By Caitlin Reimers and Mattie Jones

Ladies and gentlemen, the time for homecoming has unfortunately come and gone. A week filled with bittersweet lasts and some exciting firsts, homecoming 2017 lived up to some pretty high standards. Here's an overview of the best moments from the week.

Starting off the week by dressing up with the class colors, students were eager to show off their school spirit with crazy ideas and class t-shirts. Each class had their own special t-shirt for this day, all of which followed the space theme. On Monday night, the homecoming candidates

Alex Allison, Davis Anderson, Cayley Bush, Judah McKinley, Gracie Jones, Kade McTighe, Tayler Larsen, Carsten Mueller, Joana Zanin, and Peyton Zabel lined the stage, eager to find out who won the crown. After the introduction of the sports teams, an amazing performance by the dance team, and 30 tribute push-ups from the football boys, Peyton Zabel and Alex Allison were crowned 2018 Governor and Lady Governor, respectively. After being crowned, everyone celebrated homecoming with the school song before heading out to the parking lot for the burning of the letters, lit by the Governor and Lady Governor.

*Peyton Zabel and Alex Allison were crowned 2018 Governor and Lady Governor.*



Governor Peyton Zabel and Lady Governor Alex Allison

Student Senate hosted a bingo social afterwards to end the night.

Kicking off the school day on Tuesday, everyone was in their best beach attire. Ranging from boat dads to lifeguards, students looked ready for a day on the river. The hallways were filled with life jackets, bucket hats, towels, and even some shark onesies. On Tuesday evening, the homecoming parade commenced, containing a multitude of floats for different activities. The parade contained the classic elements, like horses and fire trucks. There were a few surprises, however. The biggest was most likely the camel that accompanied the Pierre Fastpitch Softball team. Tuesday also meant competition for the competitive cheer teams, who traveled the Huron to snatch a 12th place finish overall. The dance team also competed in Huron on Tuesday, ending their day with a 11th place finish.

Although Wednesday night was the first free night of the homecoming week, space day did not disappoint. Everyone was dressed to impress with space-themed makeup, Star Wars costumes, and galaxy-themed clothing that was out of this world. The most notable costumes



Student Senate members Kylie Thorpe, Nicole Sarringer, Hanna Jerome, Carson Tschetter, and Breann Sprinkle show off their parade float. Student Senate is in charge of all the dress-up days during homecoming week

included the Tune Squad from Space Jam, multiple solar systems, some very impressive Star Wars cosplay, and the infamous space bun.

What seemed to be everyone's favorite day for dressing up was on Thursday, which was country vs country club. This theme opened the door for preppy sweater-vests, visors, cowboy hats, and chaps. The spirit breakfast kicked off the start of the day with governor green cinnamon rolls, predicting the spirit everyone would have for the day as their flaunted their sporty skirts and flannels. The Governor and Lady Governor soccer teams both competed for an

ESD title later in the afternoon at Pierre's home fields. Although the Gov's game ended in a disappointing loss, the Lady Govs soccer

team won their very first ESD championship against the Brooking Bobcats. The Lady Governor Volleyball team also battled with

the Bobcats to win three straight sets in Thursday night's game.

Concluding the week with, of course, green and white day, Friday was full of shortened class period and evacuation drills. Friday was also the day for the Lady Governor's tennis team's last home match, where the girls rounded out their regular season with a loss to Rapid City Stevens and a win against St. Thomas Moore. The school Olympics survived for another year and for the very first time, it wasn't rigged (you're welcome juniors). The excitement increased as teachers and students were locked in an intense competition of racing, eating, and even a dance-off for the ultimate prize of



Homecoming candidates Kade McTighe and Gracie Jones smile for a picture in their formal attire during the burning of the letters

bragging rights. The staff blew everyone out of the water, coming away with an impressive Olympics win. As the day continued, the junior

and senior girls clashed for superiority during the annual Powder Puff "flag" football game. After hours of tough competition, the game came to a disappointing

end as it was called in a tie. The football game against the Bobcats later that night, however, ended in a thrilling 28-13 victory for our Pierre Governors. Thankfully the rain held off for the entirety of the game, and the student section couldn't be matched despite the noticeably chilly weather. To top it all off, an impressive fireworks show celebrated the end of the homecoming week and the Gov's impressive victory. Even though the outdoor movie after the game was canceled due to the rain (as was other activities during the weekend), Pierre's 2017 homecoming was one to remember.



The Emerald Regiment, led by Drum Major Josie Slaathaug, marches down Pierre Street during Tuesday's parade



Juniors Marlee Dravland, Morgan Magdanz, and Alec Miller pose with the planets in front of a space backdrop, showing off their space-themed clothing



Homecoming candidates Tayler Larsen and Carsten Mueller wave at the crowd during the homecoming parade



# Governor and Lady Governor Soccer Teams Battle for State

By Bailey Wagner

The T.F. Riggs Governor's and Lady Governor's soccer teams are shooting for the 2017 finals! The hard-working soccer teams are itching to win state for our school! With the playoffs already in full swing, you can bet these teens are working hard.

The Pierre Lady Gov's varsity team has had an impressive season so far, with a regular season record of 8-1-2. Between varsity, junior varsity, and the practice squad, there are 52 girls on the team. Seniors Joana Zanin, Alexandria Allison, and Molly Stulken are the three co-captains on the team.

Co-captain Joana Zanin says, "This season has been one of our most suc-

cessful years. Not only because we are playing well together, but we have so much depth on our bench. It's just been something we've never had before."

The team, however, knows there's still improvements to be made. "I would say we need to work on little things," Alex Allison commented, "like adding communication and positivity on the field when things aren't going the way we want to."

The girls worked hard together for the ESD title in Pierre during homecoming week, coming away with a win and a new plaque for the school. This win earned the Lady Gov's a bye for the first round of the playoffs.

The Governor's soccer team, on the other hand, has been struggling de-

spite their hard work. The boys also have three co-captains – seniors Evan Rumrill, Casey Williams, and junior Ethan Falcon – but their previous coaches have been replaced with Sean Blanchette and Eamin Entwisle. The boys completed their regular season with a record of 1-9-1.

Senior Casey Williams comments on the 2017 season, saying, "The team could improve on effort in practice and the season has been disappointing." Co-captain Evan Rumrill, who tore his ACL on September 5 in a Yankton game, also comments, "The team has been doing a pretty good job of transitioning from defense to offense and moving the ball up the midfield."

The boys had a final and

disappointing loss in a 2-5 game for ESD, meaning that they are finished for the season.

State AA girls' soccer championship playoffs commenced September 26th, with the finals being October 7th and 5pm and 7pm, respectively, at Swisher Field in Aberdeen. The girls won their second round game 5-0 against Roosevelt, getting them one step further



Emily Mikkelsen chases after the ball during the girls ESD Game against the Brookings Bobcats

in the tournament and one step closer to a state title!



The Lady Governor's soccer team sits together on the bench during the ESD tournament in Pierre on September 23rd

## Girls' Soccer

**Last competition:** 5-0 win against Roosevelt in the 2nd round of the playoffs

**Next competition:** Semifinals on October 3rd (published before scores were released)

**Record:** 10-1-2



## Volleyball

**Last match:** 2-3 loss against Huron

**Next match:** October 3rd against Harrisburg (published before scores were released)

**Record:** 5-9

## Girls' Tennis

**Last meet:** 3rd place finish at ESD in Aberdeen

**Next meet:** State Tournament in Sioux Falls

**Record:** 12-6

## Girls' Cross Country

**Last competition:** 5th place overall at Watertown Invitational

**Next competition:** ESD Meet at Watertown on October 7th

## Competitive Cheer and Dance

**Last Competition:** 13th in cheer, 8th in Pom, 9th in Hip Hop, and 6th in Kick at O'Gorman Invitational

**Next Competition:** Competiton at Brandon Valley October 3rd (published before scores were released)

Boys' Soccer**Last game:** 2-5 ESD loss to Brookings**Next game:** End of Season**Record:** 1-9-1Boys' Cross-Country**Last meet:** 7th place overall at Watertown Invitational**Next meet:** ESD at Watertown on October 7th

**GO GOVS!**

Compiled by Phil Adam

Football**Last Game:** Win against Sturgis 55-6**Next Game:** October 6th in Mitchell**Record:** 6-1Boys' Golf**Previous meet:** 4th place at ESD in Harrisburg**Next tournament:** State Tournament in Pierre October 2nd and 3rd

(Published before scores were released)

## Football Insight: Peyton Zabel Interview      Season Ender: Sydney Larson Interview

By Phil Adam and Hanna Jerome

The Governor Football team is off to a hot start on the season thus far. With an nearly undefeated record, the Governors have kept their momentum going winning their homecoming game 28-13 against the Brookings Bobcats and their game against Sturgis (despite a hard loss to Harrisburg). The Govs are not only 5-1 on the season, but they have also outscored their opponents 238-39. Pierre is currently gearing up to finish their regular season and jump into the playoffs, hoping to make it to the Dome in Vermillion this year. All the boys are pumped for every game they get to play together, but the newspaper staff sat down with Governor Quarterback Peyton Zabel specifically to get his perspective on football practices and big games like homecoming. Here are just a few questions from the meetup:

Q: What are some ways that the team has improved since the beginning of the season? Peyton: "We have improved in our communication skills, and just our overall experience. The young

guys are really starting to step up when they are called upon."

Q: What were some of the challenges preparing for the game? Peyton: "We tried to keep it like any other game, but it was hard with all the homecoming distractions. We had to stay focused on the game."

Q: How does the team prepare differently for a homecoming game rather than just a regular season game? Peyton: "Since the week can be so distracting, the coaches are definitely harder on the team. You all saw the pushups we had to do at coronation!"

Q: What is the best part of the season so far? Peyton: "The best part of the season so far has definitely been seeing us become a team. Winning is always awesome as well."

By Kailee Schultz

The Lady Governor Tennis team's season is finally coming to an end. They have played hard all year, finishing out their regular season with a record of 12-6, which was a step up from last year's record of 13-8. As six of them round out their final season, the girls are determined to beat out some of the best teams in the state at their final competition starting October 5th. Already having snatched a 3rd place finish at ESD, the team has turned to practicing hard for State, hoping for a spot in the top six this year in order to earn a plaque for the school. The newspaper talked to Sydney Larson, who is #3 on the team. Her and her doubles partner, Gracie Jones, scored a first place win at ESD for #2 doubles. Here's her thoughts on the tennis season and the upcoming competition:

Q: What's your strategy for preparing for competition? Sydney: "I have to not think about it. The more I think about my competition, the more time I spend building them up to be this amazing

player and I sike myself out."

Q: How does it feel to have your hard work payoff during a match? Sydney: "It's addicting because you feel so proud of yourself and you know that you can actually pull it off. There's a lot of shots I make that stress me out because there's always going to be the chance that it costs me a point. But when I do pull off those shots in matches, they're usually winners, so that outweighs the cons."

Q: How is ESD and State different from regular season matches? Will you play at State differently now that you have won an ESD title? Sydney: "There's a lot more added pressure at ESD and State because they are the last matches of the season, and no one wants to end a season losing. Senior year especially, because it's our last chance to prove to everyone how much we have improved over the years. When I make a mistake and my confidence recedes I can tell myself that I won doubles ESD. I will play with much more confidence."

## Bachelor of the Month

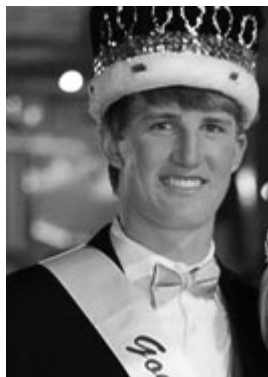


Photo By Bob Grandpre,  
given by Alex Allison

**Peyton Zabel, 12**

**Hair Color:**  
Brown

**Favorite Pick Up Line?**

Were you in girl scouts? Because you sure have my heart tied in a knot

**Personality:**  
Sauce master

**Eye Color:**  
Blue

**What would your final words be?**  
I've always loved you Easton

**Pursue or Be Pursued?**

Be pursued.

**Favorite thing about yourself?**

My punting skills

**Favorite Movie?**

Friday Night Lights

**Ideal date?**

Dinner at Jake's Good Times Place with a root beer

## Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Bob Grandpre,  
given by Alex Allison

**Alex Allison, 12**

**Personality:**  
kind and considerate

**Eye Color:**  
Green

**Hair Color:**  
Blonde

**Favorite thing about yourself?**

I'm always laughing

**Favorite pick-up line?**

I'm sorry I wasn't part of your past, can I make it up by being part of your future?

**Favorite Movie?**

The Blind Side

**Pursue or Be Pursued?**

Be pursued.

**What would your final words be?**

\*laughs\*

**Ideal first date?**

Eating taco salad in a parked car while listening to the rain

## Oral Interp Season Begins

By Eryn Louis and Claire Mohr

The Fine Arts Program at Riggs is working hard to achieve remarkable things! The Emerald Regiment will be attending a marching competition on October 6th, the chamber choir performed outstandingly at homecoming coronation, and oral interpretation is preparing for a big year ahead of them. Oral Interpretation, which is the expression and presentation of fixed literature for an audience, had their first competition on September 30th with a trip to Lead Deadwood. Everyone did amazing in their respective competitions, with ten pieces earning places for Pierre. Each member performed a piece from one of seven categories - humor, poetry, serious, storytelling (whose theme is mystery thriller), non-original oratory, duet, or readers' theatre. All of Oral Interp's member spend weeks preparing and perfecting their pieces to perform. Claire Mohr, who is a varsity mem-

ber, gave us a look into the preparation process. "It's a challenge, more than you think." Mohr said about her choice to do humor, "There's a lot that goes into making something funny and memorable."

When asked about the steps she takes to put together the perfect piece, Mohr said you first have to find one. "I'd say that children's books is probably where I find the best ones," She commented. Mohr said the next steps include cutting unnecessary parts out of your selected piece, "putting into a format that suits you," and then practicing until you're satisfied with the result.

As you can tell, oral interpretation members put a lot of time and effort into perfecting their pieces for competition. Everyone on the team is determined to bring home something from every meet. Make sure to wish the Oral Interpretation team luck for their upcoming meets and support them in Pierre on Saturday, November 4th for their home meet.

## September Sibling Rivalry

Joana (12) & Janaina (10) Haberman

**Q: Out of the two of you, who is the favorite child?**

**A: Joana:** Janaina is definitely the favorite child.

**Janaina:** Definitely me.

**Q: With Joana going off to college next year what is the one thing that you will miss about each other?**

**A: Joana:** I will probably just miss having a best friend that I can tell anything to.

**Janaina:** Her clothes for sure! But also, we grew in a household that you do everything with your family. So, she's my best friends and not many siblings can say that about each other so I find I'm very fortunate for that.

**Q: Who starts most of the fights and who usually wins?**

**A: Joana:** I can say I start most of the fights, and usually its about clothes, but I also end them with a roast or two; so, I win.

**Janaina:** Jo always starts the fights, but I win them because I'm always right.