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Safety Measures For All

By Natalie Mohr & Zoe Blumer

For most people, Thursday, February 14th was a day of celebrating and cherishing love in the world. But for some families in Parkland, Florida, it was a day of mourning the loved ones they lost in the third deadliest school shooting in the history of America one year ago. February 14th, 2019, marks the 1-year anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting where 14 young high schoolers and 3

staff members were murdered at school by their 19-year-old former classmate, Nikolas Cruz. This is just one of the many events of a school shooting that have taken place this last year. According to the research done by US Naval Postgraduate School, 2018 had the most school-related gun violence with a record of 94 occurrences, compared to the rest of the data dating back to 1970. At the time of this tragedy, there had already been 288 school shootings since 2009 in America alone.

Today, schools across the country are finally taking the necessary measures toward ensuring the safety of their students and staff. T.F. Riggs has recently installed locks on all the fire alarms around the school. The school shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas pulled the fire alarm to attract students to the hallways where they would be a more vulnerable target. The new system of fire alarms also includes a feature that delays all the alarms from ringing until the threat of fire is con-

firmed by an administrator in the office. This delay gives a principle enough time to investigate the area that triggered the alert and determine if the school should be evacuated.

Looking ahead, the school district is considering different options to aid in protecting staff and students in high school. With Riggs having 1 door that stays unlocked the entire school day and a separate office and entryway, visitors have little to no trouble getting inside the building. One op-

tion to add extra security to the entrance is to hire a full-time security person that would be stationed by the door to watch over people that visit the school. Another option is the remodeling of the front lobby so that any visitor would need to be buzzed in and go through the office before going inside the actual school building. While there is no specific date set for this project, it's an ongoing discussion that will most likely happen in a few years.

STEM Savvy: Food and Fun

By Sophia Stueven & Jordan Thompson

Students explored the ends of the world. They talked to a scientist who worked at an isolated experiment base. They shot lasers, and, of course, they ate a lot of food. How were these students able to accomplish these feats, never leaving Pierre? These students came to December's Teen Science Cafe.

Four times a year, the Teen Science Cafe called STEM Savvy plans a free event for students to explore various scientific topics. The last Cafe was held

on December 9th at the South Dakota Discovery Center. The students explored the Arctic and Antarctic in the event "Pole to Pole" led by the leadership team. At the event, the students listened to a presentation by local scientist Anne Lewis, who had recently traveled to the Arctic on a trip with National Geographic. After activities such as measuring temperature differences between dark and light colored surfaces, and playing with a goop glacier, the student were able to video chat with a scientist working with IceCube. IceCube is a large

experimental facility burrowed in the remote landscape of Antarctica that observes nearly massless subatomic particles called neutrinos. Through it all, the students were able to enjoy chili, salads, and cookies.

If you are bummed you did not make it to the last cafe, do not worry! The next cafe is coming up on March 28th at 6:00 PM at the Discovery Center. It is free to register, just look up STEM Savvy on Facebook. Next cafe's topic is about the Sanford Underground Research Facility, a monumental lab located in a mine

in Lead. The event will have free food and door prizes. The best part is it is completely free. STEM Savvy hopes to see you on March 28th. Be ready for a night of science, silliness, and snacks.

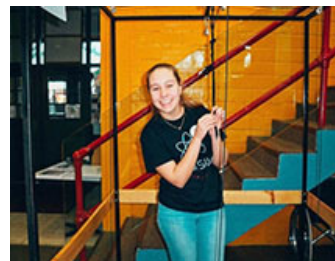


Photo by Jordan Thompson

Jade Evans (12) participates at Teen Science Cafe

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Your Guide to V-Day or G-Day

Ah, February. The month of relationships, dances, and Valentine's Day. Who wouldn't love getting chocolates, going out for dinner, and spending time with your significant other? But not everyone has a date for Valentine's Day or the entire month February, as it seems to stretch. The reality of being single through the month of February doesn't have to be a bleak nightmare, though. It's a cliché, but being single can be fun.

The best part of being single through this month is the opportunity to catch up with friends.

Schedule friend dates, buy each other chocolate, binge on some ice cream while watching the best horror movies on Netflix. Celebrate Galentine's Day or the "bro" equivalent

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to that. Treat your friends to the best February imaginable and take them to KOH if neither of you have dates, spend a mental health day together, or buy them a Caribou and go on a dam run. With Zesto opening soon, brave the cold and get the best ice cream in the whole 605. Photo-shoots by the dam

and other nature areas around town are also good places to spend an afternoon outdoors. If you are wanting to stay inside supporting your Governor and Lady Governor athletics are always a good idea. If you are wanting to show your love to your parents, bring them flowers, a simple card, or a cup of their favorite coffee to their work and remind them how much you love and appreciate them. The possibilities are pretty limited in Pierre but trust me, you can find something to do with your friends to take your mind off what time of the year it is.

Remember that you don't have to rely on others to have a good time, though. Treat yo'self. You can online shop with no remorse, order takeout from Tokyo, and take a nap at 4 pm if you feel like it. Make sure you remember who number one is because you have the ability to make your "romance" month boring or totally worth it.

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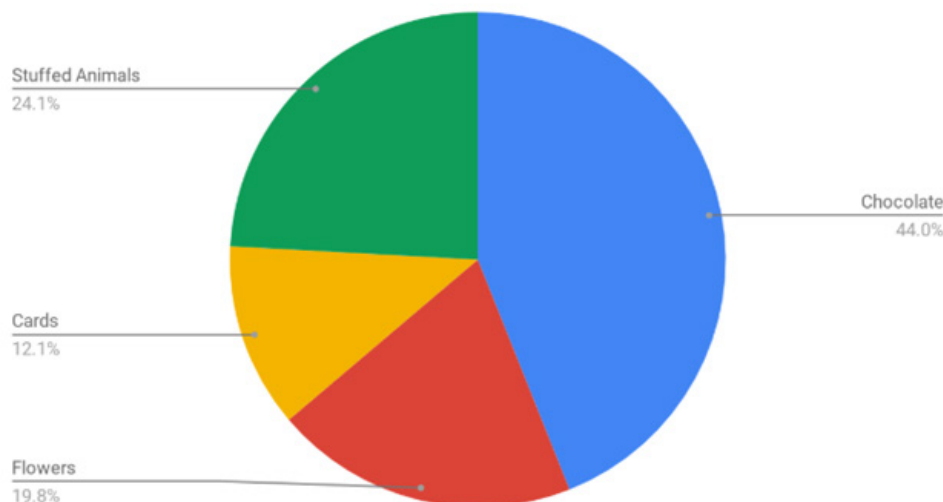
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...to shoveling snow
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Compiled by Hattie Shaffer

February Poll- What's your favorite Valentines Day gift?



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Political Survival Kit

Recently there has been a debate in the South Dakota State Senate regarding Industrial Hemp in South Dakota. South Dakota and many states in the Midwest are generally known to have strict laws when it comes to marijuana and marijuana-based products. Hemp is a variety of the Cannabis sativa plant species that is grown specifically for the industrial uses of its derived products. Hemp is typically found in the northern hemisphere and can be grown naturally. Some hemp-based products are lotions, soaps, clothes, and sunscreen.

Claire Mohr
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Many people believe that hemp has natural health benefits. The Industrial Hemp bill had support from the Republican majority in the Senate, contrary to the disapproval by Governor Kristi Noem and her administration. Governor Noem and her administration called for a delay on the measure. The measure is to allow the Industrial Hemp to be grown in South Dakota. Supporters of the bill say that there is an industry ready in South Dakota to allow the production of hemp products. Governor Noem has stated that South Dakota is not ready for industrial hemp. She believes that the state doesn't have the budget for inspectors and a licensing program. The 2018 farm bill that Noem voted for while in Congress legalized the cultivation for industrial hemp. The bill would require growers to pass federal background checks and acquire a license from the Department of Agriculture. Only time will tell for the fate of Industrial Hemp in South Dakota. South Dakota Legislative session ends on the 13th of March, with Veto Day on the 29th.

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Billie Eilish has become very popular this month because of the anticipation for her new album entitled WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP, WHERE DO WE GO? which will be released soon on March 29, 2019. Some of the songs were released early though, including "bury a friend," "when the party's over," and "you should see me in a crown,"; all of these have been gaining popularity. Also, Ariana Grande released a new album on February 8 called thank u, next, and almost all the songs on the album are currently featured on Billboard's Hot 100, some of them being "break up with your girlfriend, i'm bored," "needy," and "NASA." Another song that has

become popular is "Please Me" by both Cardi B and Bruno Mars. Pentatonix released their rendition of "The Sound of Silence" this month too, and it has been climbing the iTunes charts since it was released.

The 2019 Grammy Awards were held on February 10, 2019, so the winning songs are supposed to be the best of the past year. Kacey Musgraves had a very significant impact, taking home four awards. She won both Album of the Year and Best Country Album for Golden Hour, Best Country Solo Performance for "Butterflies," and Best Coun

try Song for "Space Cowboy." Childish Gambino (Donald Glover) also took home four awards by winning Song of the Year, Record of the Year, Best Rap/Sung Performance, and Best Music Video for his song "This Is America."

Lady Gaga also had a great night taking home three awards. Gaga and Bradley Cooper won Best Pop Duo/Group Performance and Best Song Written for Visual Media for "Shallow," and she won Best Pop Solo Performance for "Joanne." Khalid has continued to impress with his R & B/ Pop music. Khalid released "Talk" in February and has rose to one the top spot on Billboard. Other

er artist that are not as well known continue to make a name for themselves as they climb in the recent music polls. Stay tuned for the next edition to keep your playlist fire!

Top 5 Songs Of February

1. 7 Rings- Ariana Grande
2. Without Me- Halsey
3. Sunflower- Post Malone and Swae Lee
4. Thank U, Next- Ariana Grande
5. Please Me- Cardi B and Bruno Mars

February Trends

Punxsutawney Phil may have not have seen his shadow and thus predicted an early spring, but all we see here is white, wHiTe, WHITE with no signs of going away.

Rather than hating on the significant amount of snowfall, we recommend embracing it to make it as least miserable as possible #PowerOfPositive Thinking? Skiing and snowboarding, in particular, have gained popularity in recent years. If you are more of an indoors guy or gal, Shane Dawson's conspiracy theory vid

eos have been gaining a lot of popularity and attention. One of his last videos received more than 34 million views in less than a month, and theories range from now ex-best friend) Chuck E. Cheese pizza and Tristan Thompson (Khloé Kardashian's now ex). (Let's also ignore the fact that my name is a combination of both of theirs btw...)

With the first two months of the year complete already (That's 1/3 of the year already!), we recommend wasting no time settling for a life you don't want. For ex

ample, cut toxic people out of your life as soon as possible, which we really learned from the Kardashian controversy involving Jordyn Woods (Kylie Jenner's now ex-best friend) and Tristan Thompson (Khloé Kardashian's now ex). (Let's also ignore the fact that my name is a combination of both of theirs btw...)

With Valentine's Day being a major "highlight" of February, don't feel like you need a fancy date or significant other to

feel the love. You can spread and feel the love from friends, family, and don't forget yourself! Gen Z has done an amazing job at promoting a self-care and a self-love movement compared to previous generations, which makes it easier to practice without feeling selfish. So go out, feel the love, and enjoy the snow! (The last one is a stretch at this point in the year, but bear with me...) We wouldn't "snow" what to do without you guys! xoxo Jordan and Sab<3

By: Jordan Thompson

King Of Hearts

KOH. Dresses. Tuxedos. Dancing (if that’s what you call it) Music. Snow. Pictures at the capitol. A few of the staples that make up the King of Hearts dance. KOH, however, can look vastly different for different people, and every year my KOH experience has varied. Freshman year I went with a large group of girls and went out to the View (RIP…) for a nice buffet. Sophomore year my whole group had dates and had a potluck. Junior year my friend Carly and I last minute decided to get dressed up, take pictures, eat at Red Rosa, then proceeded to back to Carly’s house without going to the dance. Finally, senior year I went with a smaller group of girls and did all the classic KOH things. Each year was unique, and every experience was peachy. KOH can really be tailored to whatever fits your style best. Some people love pictures; others hate them. Some people love fancy dinners; others prefer home cooked meals. Some people love dancing; others would prefer to just hang out. Some people have dates; some fly solo; some go in groups. The options are really limitless to make your KOH experience yours, and everyone has a different favorite part. Whether you love getting ready with your friends and feeling confident in your dress, tux, makeup, or anything else or if you just love getting to let loose and have fun with friends or if you like making memories with a significant other; KOH is a remarkable way to make lasting high school memories. But if dances aren’t for you, that’s okay too! You do you :-)



A group of friends take a picture at the capitol. Photo provided by Jasri Kroll



Members of the Lady Gov Gymnastic team take a picture at the state capitol. Photo provided by Meg Erwin



A group of friends take a picture at the capitol. Michelle Maupin Barrett was taking professional pictures. Photo provided by Michelle Maupin Barrett



Carly Bowman and Jordan Thompson take a picture outside in the cold. Photo provided by Jordan Thompson



Lee Synder and Mack Rath drip on everyone with their state champion rings. Photo Provided by Mack Rath



Austyn Wiebe and Kenzie Gronlund take a picture at the capitol. Photo provided by Austyn Wiebe

Student Buzz

The class of 2019 reflects on their last KOH

Amy Gilkerson - Senior

“It was fun having one last KOH with my girls.”

Jenna Roberts - Senior

“The DJ seriously played like they were fresh out of their parent’s garage.”

Alejandro Ramirez - Senior

“Although I was banned from KOH this year, I was there spiritually. ”

Haylee Hauck - Senior

“Minus the chaperones being psycho it was a fun time.”

Tucker Berens - Senior

“The DJ’s songs sounded like my little sister’s playlist...and she is eight .”

Governor Wrestling Places 2nd

By Hattie Shaffer

This year's wrestling season has come to an end. The Pierre Governor Wrestling team has ended the year on an extremely high note. The team placed second at the state tournament with a score of 133.5. The Governor's had 13 out of the 14 varsity wrestlers make it through regions

and on to state. Although the Govs did not have anyone in the championship, 10 out of the 13 state wrestlers made it to the individual placing rounds and earned a medal. Hayden Shaffer (9) and Lee Snyder (12) placed 7th and 8th, respectively. James Lees (12) and Tyson Johnson (10) earned a 6th place finish in their weight classes.

Jack Van Camp completed the season with a 5th place finish. Maguire Raske (10), Garrett Leesman (12), and Jace Bench-Breser (11) received 4th place medals. Cade Hinkle (11) and Gage Gehring fought their way to a 3rd place finish. The teams claim to fame this year is that they went undefeated in duals this year.



Cade Hinkle hugs Coach Lewis after his match.

Photos By Capital Journal

LG Gymnastics Places 4th A State

By Addy Smith

After leaving a day early due to weather conditions, the Lady Govs arrived in Brookings to compete at the state gymnastics meet. On the first day of competition, Pierre took home fourth place in the class AA team standings with a score of 137.25, following Watertown in first, Mitchell in second, and Brookings in third.

The second day of the meet consisted of individual and all-around championships. In the

all-around event, Pierre had two athletes competing: Mikah Moser and Meg Erwin. Moser placed sixth and Erwin placed 18th. As for individual events, Moser placed in the top ten in vault, bars, and floor—her best being a second-place finish on vault. After her strong performances over the weekend, Moser was also added to the 2019 AA all-tournament team. Overall, the Pierre gymnastics team had a great showing at the state meet. Congratulations to the athletes and

coaches!



Lady Gov Gymnastic team holds their 4th place trophy

Photo By DRG News

Sweet 16 Ready

By Phil Adam

The Governor and Lady Gov Basketball teams look to punch their ticket to the SDHSAA State Basketball tournament in Rapid City this year. The SoDak 16 is how all teams in the state will punch their ticket to the tournament. The SoDak 16 has one very simple rule; win and you are in. By just winning one game the Govs and Lady Govs can be #state-bound. The Govs will travel to Yankton to take on the

Bucks. The Govs lost to the Bucks earlier in the season, but are optimistic to upset the #2 Bucks. The Lady Govs will travel to Sioux Falls where they will play O'Gorman. The Lady Govs played the Knights earlier in the season and lost by 9 points. Stay tuned for their basketball games and help them punch their ticket to the state tournament!

Boys Basketball

Last competition: 56-53 win @ Mitchell
Next competition: SoDak Sweet 16 @ Yankton



Girls Hockey

Last game: win VS Rapid City
Next game: State tournament @ Brookings

Gymnastics

Last competition: 4th place @ state
Next competition: End of season

Swimming

Last Competition: @ Watertown
Next Competition: State Short Course
 @ Sioux Falls

Boys' Hockey

Last Game: 9-0 win @ Yankton
Next Game: @ Sioux Falls



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Phil Adam

Wrestling

Last Math: 2nd place @ state tournament
Next Match: End of season

Girls' Basketball

Last Game: 58-44 win VS Watertown
Next Game: SoDak 16 @ O'Gorman

Swim Team Succeeding

By Natalie Mohr

The Pierre Swim Team recently hosted the Capital City Qualifier, PST's final home swim meet of the season, on February 9th and 10th. During the weekend the YMCA was transformed into a zoo filled with excited swimmers, enthusiastic parents, and dedicated fans. The warm aquatic center made for a nice break from the single-digit temperatures that Pierre experienced that weekend. 10 teams attended the meet with swimmers whose ages range from 6 to 19. 237 swimmers, 106 from PST, competed in a variety of distances of backstroke, breast-stroke, butterfly, and freestyle. Riggs sophomore Seneca Hertel competed in the mile swim which is a total of 33 laps or 66 lengths of the pool. Hertel swam a time of 21:08.03 placing 4th in her age division.

"I think about what people are thinking of me as I'm swimming, and some-

times I sing songs," said Hertel on what she does to pass the time while swimming, "when I'm done my arms normally hurt pretty bad, and I'm just thankful that I'm done with it." Hertel swims the mile at every meet that offers it as an event and has qualified for state.

Pierre had 11 high-achieving competitors who consistently showed up in the top 5 standings of their respective events. Seniors Caleb Huizenga, Adam Schocheinmeier, Caden Barry, Dmitri Mutchelknaus, Layne Uecker, Annabelle Simpson, and Marlee Dravland were recognized at their last home swim meet for their accomplishments throughout their entire swimming careers.

This meet was not only the last meet for the seniors but also the last chance for swimmers across the state to qualify for the state meet. This year's state swim meet will be held in Sioux Falls, March 1st-3rd. Following the state meet is the 2019 Speedo

Sectionals held in Rochester, Minnesota. Speedo Sectionals is a regional meet after state where swimmers from about 12 different states compete. Time qualifications for this meet are a lot faster than the state qualifying times, so the swimmers competing are quite speedy. Six high-school students from Pierre, Caleb Huizenga, Nick Loe, Thomas Kropp, Morgan Nelson, Canyon Jones, and Ella Ward-Zeller, have qualified for Sectionals this year. The Speedo Sectionals will take place on March 14-17.

Pierre's top senior swimmers of the weekend were Senior Caleb Huizenga who placed top 3 in all his events, Senior Dmitri Mutchelknaus who placed top 8 in all his events, Senior Marlee Dravland who placed top 6 in all her events, Senior Annabelle Simpson who placed top 9 in all her events

Caps Looking to CAPitalize

Capitals sit in second place of the varsity polls with a record of 13-3

The Oahe Capitals are coming down to their final regular season game of the 2018-2019 season. The Caps who are currently 13-3 on the season will play their final game against Sioux Falls. The matchup with the Flyers will greatly impact and determine what seed the Caps will receive when the state tournament begins. The Caps will host the state tournament at the Expo Center in Ft. Pierre March 15-17. Several impressive wins have shown how dangerous the Caps truly can be. A 7-3 win against Watertown and a 9-0 win versus Yankton are two of the most recent wins that the Caps have had. Make sure to stay tuned for

the state hockey tournament and support your Caps!



Bachelor of the Month



Photo By Jordan Thompson

Ryan Warne

Eye Color:
Green

Hair Color:
Brown

Personality:
Hands on

Favorite thing about yourself?
I'm average

Final words?
"What are you doing step bro?"

Favorite Movie?
Pineapple Express
Ideal Date?
Movie then a snack later ;)

Favorite Song?
any song by BTS

Pursue or be Pursued?
Be Pursued.

Favorite Pick-up line?
"I know you are busy today, but can you add me on your to-do list?"

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Sabrina Kintz

Annabelle Simpson

Personality:
Weird, but in a fun way

Hair Color:
Dirty blonde ;)

Eye Color:
Electric blue

Favorite thing about yourself?
My ability to forget absolutely everything

Favorite Movie?
Harry Potter

Pursue or Be Pursued?
Be pursued.

Ideal date?
Give me \$20 for pizza and leave me alone

Favorite Pick-up line?
"Are your legs tired? Because you have been running through my mind."

Favorite song?
"Uproar"

Compiled by Jordan and Sabrina

Small Group Choir Success

By Bailey Wagner

When you think about "choir" you think of a large group of people singing right? Well, that is not always the case; T.F. Riggs's choir student traveled to Kimball High School on Wednesday, February 6, for Small Group Contest to prove that choir is for small ensembles as well. Pierre had a range of solos, duets, octets, and small groups perform for and impress the crowd and judges.

The students were given a score of Superior, Excellent, Good, Average, or Poor. The T.F. Riggs's choir students brought home 20 Superior rankings and a number of perfect scores including the concert choir girls group, the octet (Eli Houdyshell, Levi McKinley, Meg Erwin, Tess Erwin, Sydney Morley, Jordan Morley, Will Kessler, Jacob Larson), and the duet of Anya Jones and Josie Munson. The choir director Mr. Rodd Bauck comments,

"I thought all students performed well, and their preparation paid off. I was especially proud of how the Riggs students supported each other." Meg Erwin commented on the contest "It is really fun to have such a good group who always tries their best and truly wants to succeed. Our hard work has truly paid off and we continue to grow and improve."

The groups that received Superiors at both choral small group contest and instrumental small group contest performed for their friends and family on Monday, February 25, at The Night of Superiors. It was an excellent chance for those in our community to see the talent blossoming in T.F. Riggs's musical programs. Congrats to all participants!

February Sibling Rivalry

Alec (12) and Jake (12) Miller

Q: Who is the favorite child?

A: Noah, but if it was between us two it would be me by a landslide.

Jake: Definitely Noah.

Q: What do you fight about most?

A: We don't fight often, but it is usually because he takes long showers in the morning.

Jake: Never being home

Q: Who wins most of the fights?

A: I win all the physical fights, but he wins the verbal ones because he has no filter.

Jake: Me because I just yell for my mom.

Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?

A: If I ever need help with the car troubles he can fix it.

Jake: Our snap streak

Compiled by Hanna Jerome