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65 Students Inducted Into NHS

By Bailey Wagner

Morality is a personal goal most students strive for throughout their educational careers. National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationally recognized program that holds high school students to a higher standard and requires them to take an oath. NHS memberships build character and look great on resumes and for colleges. NHS has four pillars; Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. These pillars are to be upheld by every individual member; however, they mean differ

ent things to every student. Mrs. Kelli Hettich has been T.F. Riggs's NHS advisor for the past five years. NHS, however, has been a part of the Pierre School District since 1956, with the first National Honor Society Teacher of the Year being rewarded to a teacher at Georgia Morris Middle School that year. Jay Mickelson earned National Honor Society's Teacher of the year award for the fourth time this year.

At T.F. Riggs students can join NHS as juniors and seniors; however, some schools allow sophomores to participate as well. 2019's induct

ing class for NHS included 65 students; the average at T.F. Riggs being 60 students.

For the 2018-2019 school year, Jordan Thompson acted as President of the National Honor Society. Carly Bowman was Vice president; Sophia Stueven, Secretary; Jade Evans, Treasurer. Hettich, however, announced this year's new winners on March 22. Ruth Howard is now President with Morgan Jones acting as her Vice president. Hattie Shaffer is the new secretary, and Cassidy Miller is Treasurer. The NHS student body also elected Nathan Shoup, Will Kessler, Hanna

Jerome, and Catie Natvig as Executive Council Members.

Overall, National Honor Society has been a part of the Pierre School District for many years. Membership shows a student's morality and prestige in a school. Congrats to all NHS inductees!



Photo provided by Todd Thompson

2019 Riggs NHS Inductees

Choir Festival

By Bailey Wagner & Eryn Louis

Students learn better with different teaching styles; this is the case for all subjects, including the musical side of the school. Throughout March 11 and 12, T.F. Riggs's choir had the pleasure to welcome two guest conductors into our familiar choir room and learn a new style of conducting. The choir students spent two school days rehearsing with their assigned conductor, preparing for the concert on Tuesday, March 12.

The concert choir welcomed (soon to be Doctor) Mr. Nathan Payant with open arms. Payant, originally from Redfield, SD,

traveled from Denver, CO, where he is earning his doctorate and teaching choir at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. This experience, however, was not Payant's first time meeting T.F. Riggs's choir director Mr. Rodd Bauck, for they went to college at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD.

Mr. Payant, commenting on the difficulty of teaching students unfamiliar with his style of conducting, says, "Well, you only have one day to try to get [the students] to buy into what I'm saying... It takes a lot of trust building within the ensemble

that I won't lead them astray or lead them off the wall."

On the more feminine side, the treble choir welcomed Dr. Melissa Bumbach from Rapid City, SD, where she teaches private voice lessons at the First Presbyterian Church. Bumbach grew up and earned her doctorate in Florida; her most recent schooling was completed in Miami, FL.

Bumbach says her favorite part of guest conducting is "getting to know the students personally throughout the experience and working together towards a goal."

T.F. Riggs was de

lighted to harbor these talented souls for the choir festival; their presence brought a spark of life to the choral experience, making the choir concert pop. we thank Dr.

Bumbach and Mr. Payant for taking the time to spread their wisdom to T.F. Riggs's choir.

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How To Park In Student Parking

The birds are chirping, the sun is out past 5:00 pm, and Zesto is open. Most importantly, we know it's spring because the snow is finally melting and that means the zoo that is the student parking lot is finally (somewhat) under control. For a while, EDITORIAL though, it seemed like it would never get better. The only way we could even find a place to park was to either show up at the crack of dawn or avoid the lot like the plague. It seemed like as soon as there was a tiny bit of snow, the lines disappeared and so did the order of the parking lot. New parking spots were created, lanes merged with

each other, and cars were boxed in two cars deep. It was insane.

Now that the snow has melted, we can cross our fingers that we go back to average parking abilities and being able to find a spot at 8:12 in the morning. Hopefully,

we can survive these next few

months without being buried in another blizzard and without the parking lot washing away in the melted drifts. But since we spent the past three months in a snow-induced parking coma, we wanted to help re-teach the skills of stopping your car between the lines, and other parking lot tips.

If you have any second guesses, don't park in that spot.

If you don't let the person backup out of a spot in front of you, rethink your morals.

If your car bumper falls off in the parking lot, please pick it up.

If you try picking a song after you've left your spot, there's a good chance you might end up re-ending someone.

If you have to crank your wheel harder than you crank that Soulja Boy, you went down the lane the wrong way.

If you hate the parking lot SO much, just park on the street.

If you live near some of your friends, CARPOOL!

If your parents leave at the same time as you, have them drop off.

If you have first period open and want a good spot, don't park in the middle of the road.

If you have a pick-up and think that you can park wherever, newsflash, you can't.

If you have 12 detentions from bad parking, serve them and learn.

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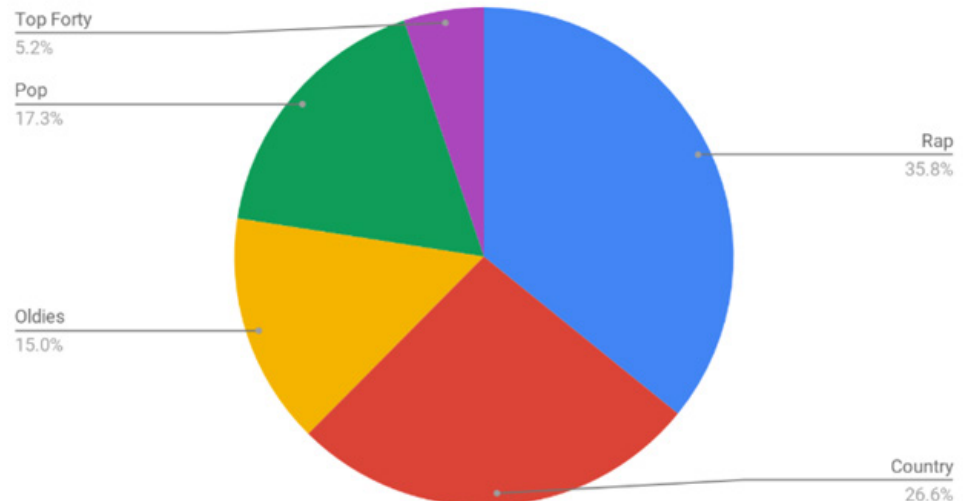
What's hot and what's not this month

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...to dead grass
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...to forgetting an assignment
...to working 24/7
...to toxic friendships #nothx
...to running out of your favorite snack
...to dead phones
...to March Madness bracket busters

Compiled by Hattie Shaffer

What's your favorite style of music?



COMPILED BY MAEGAN WALSH

Industrial Hemp Veto

As the final days of the legislative session come to an end, the South Dakota Lawmakers rushed to try to get industrial hemp passed and signed into law. During the last weeks of the South Dakota Legislature HB 1191 the industrial hemp bill hit the senate floor after passing overwhelmingly in the house. The bill would allow the growth and distribution of industrial hemp in the State of South Dakota. With known opposition from the Governor, the legislature still went onto to debate and vote on the bill in the house and senate chambers Senator Youngberg amended the bill to get rid of the requirement for a 2/3 majority vote in the senate.

The bill then went on to pass in the Senate with a 21-14 pass on Wednesday the 13th. Even though the bill passed onto the Governor's desk, Governor Noem still vetoed HB 1191. The next day the Senate tried to reverse the veto with 2/3 majority but failed to do so. President of the Senate and Lituneet Governor Larry Rhoden declared the bill lost. Even with no opposition from the governor senators were hoping for her to state her opposition and just not sign the bill but it would still become law. Noem ended up vetoing HB 1191. Governor Noem has stated her reasons for the veto. She has explained that the state is not ready to legalize industrial hemp. For many reasons, she thinks that South Dakota needs to wait for the federal government to

make these decisions and give the states instruction. Noem's other concerns are that the drug dogs, that the highway patrol would use, hit on industrial hemp the same way they hit on marijuana. She says that there is no way for the dogs to tell the difference and there isn't a way for a highway patrol to identify the difference between them either. Even though Governor Noem was a key component in passing the 2018 Farm bill in congress, she still has great concerns for industrial hemp. South Dakota lawmakers will re convince one last time on Friday the 29th for veto day. The hemp bill will not be on the calder since it was declared lost.

Claire Rydberg
POLITICS

Prime sponsor Senator Youngberg worked hard to try to override the veto, but still failed to do so. Lawmakers come back for veto day which is meant to vote to override vetoes but the Senate decided to try to override the veto the next day. Governor Noem has signed a total of thirty-eight bills into law so far this year. What can South Dakotans expect of the 2020 session? Will we see another attempt at industrial hemp in the 2020 legislative session? Lawmakers have plenty of time to try to get a bill that will work for South Dakota and Governor Noem's needs and standards.

Spring Trends

Spring fever is starting to hit ladies and gents. This time of year is perfect for change after the first few "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. (But also make time to go crazy and go stupid.)

With this last quarter, stress can weigh stu-

dents down. Try not to let it consume you by practicing stress relief techniques! This looks different for every individual. Examples range from spring cleaning, exercising outside, watching movies, or listening to music.

Jordan and Sabrina
TRENDS

Spring can also be the perfect time to reorganize 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 wearing 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! Unfortunately, you won't be able to hit up Charlotte Russe the next time you go to Sioux Falls because the company went bankrupt and all locations are in the process of closing :(

Be sure to watch for new movies like *Five Feet Apart* or *Tater Tot and Patton*, which was filmed in South Dakota, in theaters! If you'd rather curl up on the couch, *Incredibles 2* and *The Notebook* are now on Netflix! Also, be sure to check out all the new trailers that are surfacing from *Toy Story 4* to *Stranger Things*. Blowing up the music industry would

be the Jonas Brothers reunion and their new song "Sucker." Generally, spring means fewer 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. Much good is coming your way! Y'all always have our support! Much love and luck coming from Jordan and Sab! Xo

Jonas Brothers' Reunion & Much More

The most monumental music-related event this month was the Jonas Brothers' reunion after a six-year hiatus. Their new single "Sucker" earned them their first number one song on Billboard's Hot 100 Chart. "Sucker" is the first song by a group to debut at number 1 on the Hot 100 this century, and it's the second group to achieve this great feat at all. The first group to achieve it was Aerosmith with "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" in 1998. "Sucker" also had a music video featuring the boys' sig-

nificant others: Nick's wife Priyanka Chopra, Kevin's wife Danielle Jonas, and Joe's fiancée Sophie Turner.

As for other songs this month, P!nk released a new song in late February called "Walk Me Home" that has been gaining popularity in March. It is her first release since 2017 with her album *Beautiful Trauma*. Billie Eilish also released another song early from her album *WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP, WHERE DO*

WE GO? Entitled "wish you were gay," which has been gaining even more anticipation for her album's release on March 29. "Tempo" by Lizzo feat. Missy Elliott has also been gaining popularity this month. Maren Morris is holding up the country genre this month with her album *GIRL*, which was released in early March. Lastly, Logic just released a new single that is climbing the charts called "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind."

Carly B.
MUSIC

Billboard's Hot 100:

- "7 rings" by Ariana Grande
- "Sunflower (Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse)" by Post Malone & Swae Lee
- "Without Me" by Halsey
- "Please Me" by Cardi B & Bruno Mars
- "Wow." by Post Malone

Interview With Governor Noem

Governor Newspaper sits down with Governor Noem and discuss several topics.

The 2018 governor election was a close race, and whether the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate won, South Dakota would have made state history. In the end, we elected our first female governor of South Dakota Kristi Noem, which is a major turning point for our state regarding gender roles.

With Pierre being the capital, I think people tend to get desensitized to the incredible legislative process that is happening literally a few blocks away from our school. Jordan Thompson (senior), Phil Adam (junior), Hattie Shaffer (junior), Zoe Blumer (junior), and Maegan Walsh (freshman) (members of the Governor newspaper) decided to take advantage of this proximity by asking for an interview with Governor Noem. She took the time to answer questions regarding many topics that affect high school students and everyday South Dakotans such as substance abuse, gender roles in politics and life, her past, her vision for South Dakota's future, and more.

How does it feel to be the first female governor of South Dakota?

"I really didn't think much during the campaign about being the first female. I wanted people to support me for my values and vision for the state. I did notice after the election a lot of dads came up with their daughters and to take pictures with me and people were talking about it a lot. And that is when I realized that it was special.

Did you ever think when you were our age that you would run for public office?

"No, when I was a little younger than you guys I had really bad self-esteem. I didn't like talking to people or large crowds. But in high school, it changed a bit. I became involved and that really helped me break out of my shell."

Many kids and people around our state are affected by drugs. How are you going to try to lower these awful numbers?

"We need to educate our people about drugs. Also, we plan on doing a media campaign about drugs. I think it will be different from any other media campaign before. We also need to focus on treatment and intervention."

Many kids in South Dakota rely on public education. How do you look to improve the quality of public education?

"I want to make sure our kids in school are prepared for life outside of school. We have great teachers in South Dakota. We just need to make sure that our students have the skills to fill jobs today. We also need to attract businesses that our kids want to work for."

How will you try to attract educated people to live and work in South Dakota?

"We need to bring another industry to the state. Agriculture will always be the number one industry. We need to keep growing and trying to diversify to keep and attract young people to the state. Cybersecurity, other tech companies, and other innovative industries are some that we may look to attract." We thank Governor Noem for taking the time to sit down and talk with us! All Governor Newspaper staff members greatly appreciate it!



Inside the interview at the state capitol.

Photo provided by Mr. Bonhorst



Governor Noem gives answers to questions.

Photo provided by Mr. Bonhorst



Jordan Thompson, Phil Adam, Hattie Shaffer, Zoe Blumer, and Maegan Walsh take a picture with Gov. Noem

Photo provided by Phil Adam



Governor staff members take a picture on stairs at state capitol

Photo provided by Phil Adam

SENIORS Save the Date!

2019 Parent/Senior Party T.F. Riggs High School

April 6, 2019 6-10pm

Capitals Shocked At State

The 2018-2019 Oahe Capitals Hockey team had one of their most impressive seasons in the program's history with a regular season record of 13-4. The Caps had earned a third seed position in the SDAHA state tournament. As the regular season ended across the state the Brookings Rangers earned the sixth seed positions after a controversial ending to the Ranger's season and were set to play the Caps first round of the tournament. For the second year in a row, the Capitals were the host of the varsity tournament at the Expo Center in Fort Pierre. Due to the severe winter weather that occurred across the state, the tournament was delayed. As the snowstorm began to simmer down, snow removal began in

order to get the area and surrounding businesses in Pierre and Ft. Pierre ready for the tournament.

The opening game of the tournament between the Oahe Capitals and Brookings Rangers took place on Friday night in front of a huge crowd, mostly Caps fans. The Rangers got off to a hot start leading the game 2-0 after one period of play. The Caps responded in the second period when they scored 3 goals. The Rangers, however, also responded with three goals of their own leading 5-3 after two periods. The Caps scored a goal in the third to cut the Ranger lead to one goal.

That is as close as the Caps would come on the night as they lost 7-4 and moved to the consolation round the following day. As the other

games unfolded, the Caps were set to play Watertown Saturday morning. The game went back and forth as lead changes happened often. The Caps had a 5-4 lead with only a few minutes left in regulation until a late goal by Watertown sent the game into overtime. After a defensive battle for most of the overtime period Watertown won on an impressive goal to win the game. On the two losses of the tournament, Oahe was eliminated for the rest of the tournament as there is no 7th/8th place game. Congrats on the impressive season! #GoCaps!



Track Starts Season

The Pierre track and field season has finally started after practices were delayed due to weather conditions. The snow and cold temperatures have made it difficult for the team to practice on the track. Workouts have consisted of hills, running in Hilger's Gulch, swimming at the YMCA, and even shoveling the track.

The team traveled to Brookings for their first meet, the Ruth Marske Invite, on Saturday, March 23rd. Along with other South Dakota schools, a variety of out-of-state teams attended this meet including schools from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota. The Pierre field events had a good day with Paul Adam (junior) placing fourth in high jump, Cobey Carr (junior) placing fourth in triple jump, and Jack Maher (senior) placing first in shot put. For the girls Mack Rath (senior) placed second in shot put, Mikah Moser (junior) placed third in pole vault, and Emry Heiss (junior) and Abby Ferris (junior) placed fifth and eighth in triple jump, respectively.

Girls Basketball

Last game: Loss @ O'Gorman

Next game: End of season



Boys Hockey

Last game: Loss VS Watertown at state

Next game: End of season

Girls Hockey

Last game: 6th place at state

Next competition: End of season

Swimming

Last competition: Speedo Sectionals @ Rochester, MN

Next Competition: End of season

Boys Basketball

Last game: Loss @ Yankton
Next game: End of season



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Phil Adam

Swimming

Last Meet: Speedo Sectionals @ Rochester, Minnesota
Next Meet: End of season

Basketball Seasons End

By Phil Adam

The 2018-2019 Governor and Lady Gov Basketball season came to an end in the SoDak 16. The young and inexperienced Governors played the number one seed, Yankton in Yankton. The Govs started the game in a

deep hole as they were not able to control the Buck offense while not scoring until several minutes into the game. The Govs battled back and tried trimming the Buck lead. But it was too little too late as the Bucks advanced to the SDHSAA Basketball Tour-

namment in Rapid City. The Lady Govs earned a spot in the SoDak 16 after winning a crucial game against Watertown late into the season. The Lady Govs took on O'Gorman in Sioux Falls with a spot in the state tournament on the line. The Lady

Govs opened the game strong while hitting impressive shots. But the Lady Knights fought back and ended up winning and earning the number one seed in the AA bracket at state. Congrats to the Govs and Lady Govs on a great season!

Swim Team Continues Success

By Jordan Thompson

The last swim meet of the year for many of our school's swimmers recently concluded. You know what that means—there will be a significant drop in the number of people's hair who smell like chlorine...haha jk... but not really ;-). This month the Pierre Swim Team competed at the level A state swim meet in Sioux Falls and did quite swimmingly. It was an eventful weekend as they finished fourth overall.

The team even had five state champions including Caleb Huizenga (senior), Nick Loe (junior), Canyon Jones (freshman), Aiden Burke (freshman), and Ella Ward-Zeller (freshman). More impressively, two of our

very own students set new state records. Caleb Huizenga set the new state record in the 50-yard freestyle; Ella-Ward Zeller, in the 200-yard individual medley.

Despite these wins (plus many others), Pierre was still unable to finish above fourth due to the incredibly unfair point system, which HEAVILY biases the Sioux Falls team because of their high population and number of swimmers. Additionally, we had multiple PST members who competed in Rochester, Minnesota at the Speedo Sectionals Championship Series...we are so proud of all of our swimmers! Go PST, and we shall see you in the pool next year! #eatmybubbles



Photo provided by Jordan Thompson

Members of the swim team take a picture at Speedo Sectionals

Bachelor of the Month



Photo By Sabrina Kintz

Jacob Molseed, 12

Eye Color:
Green

Hair Color:
Brown

Personality:
Funny

Favorite thing about yourself?

I scored on the best goalie in the state

Favorite Movie?
Goonies

Ideal Date?
A nice dinner then Zesto

Favorite Song?
"Somewhere over the rainbow"

-Future

Pursue or be Pursued?
Be Pursued.

Favorite Pick-up line?
"I'm a streamer twitch."

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Jordan Thompson

Sophia Stueven, 12

Personality:
Combination of Katy Perry on American Idol and Spongebob

Hair Color:
Decent

Eye Color:
Also decent

Favorite thing about yourself?

I don't get embarrassed easily. It's fun wah hoo!

Favorite Movie?
Footloose
Pursue or Be

Pursued?
Be pursued.

Ideal date?
My 7th grade ex and going to prom in a party bus

Favorite Pick-up line?
"Are you Israeli? Because you Israeli hot!"

Music In Our School

By Claire Koenecke

! On any day in T.F Riggs you can hear music coming from the band and choir rooms. March is the month to celebrate it. During the week of March 25th to the 29th there will be daily activities to celebrate "Music in our Schools Month." On Monday, the Drumline and Jazz Bands will be going to the middle school to perform at their lunches and include them in the fun. For Tuesday you can look forward to having both Jazz Bands performing at lunch. On Wednesday the Drumline will be performing in the commons before school. Mr. Bauck will be conducting the Chamber Choir before school on Thursday. To top it all off, there will be "An Evening for the Arts Gala." The evening will include many small group acts, the Drumline and both Jazz Bands. Our very own Prostart Culinary Class will be providing a four course meal. So from the band and choir programs here at Riggs, we hope you enjoy celebrating with us!



Photo: Capital Journal

Chamber choir students sing at the state capitol

March Sibling Rivalry Juliana (11) and Eleah (10) Carda

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

J: Bool, balm, collective.

Eleah: Loud, ratchet, and kinda funny.

Q: Who is the favorite child?

J: Eleah because she's pretty much the house maid. She runs around and cleans everything.

Eleah: I am for sure.

Q: What do you fight about most?

J: How messy our room (used) to be, she lives on the couch now.

Eleah: How messy and loud she is.

Q: Who wins most of the fights?

J: We don't fight

Eleah: It is mutual...most of the time.

Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?

J: She is never too annoying

Eleah: Probs having more than one closet to choose from