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Farewell Mr. Mick

By Lauren Bland

Jay Mickelson, better known as Mr. Mick, is retiring after 49 years of teaching. Mick absolutely loves his job, just as much as he loves his students. There's only one way to describe Mr. Mick: passionate. Mr. Mickelson was born May 31st, 1948 in Mobridge, South Dakota. At the young age of 3, he told his aunt that he would be either a preacher or a teacher. When he was 10 years old, he traveled alone to New York City to sing in the Columbus Boys' Choir.

His wife, Beverly Allison, was his supervising German instructor when he was a practice teacher at Riggs. They have two children, Allison and Andrew, and have two grandchildren.

Inspiration has an important part in one's life. In Mr. Mickelson's case, his professors have meant a great deal to him. Hazel Grayce Johnson, Jay's Latin, Spanish, algebra, and music teacher, inspired him greatly. "She was a wonderful woman with many talents," he said as he smiled while picking up

a few paper shreds that his students left on the floor.

Mr. Mick has been teaching at Riggs for 47 years and has loved every second of it. This, however, hasn't been his only teaching position. From the years 1970-1971, Jay returned to the USD as a teaching assistant in Latin and Scientific and Technical Technology. After his children were born, he and his family left Mobridge to go to Germany where he worked as a Fulbright exchange teacher at Wolfgang Borchert Gymnasium.

At the end of his emails,

Mr. Mick always ends them with, "Forsan et haec olim meminisse," which translates to, "Perhaps one day we will remember these things with joy," by the poet Virgil, and "Das Beste ist gut genug," meaning, "The best is good enough," by the poet Goethe. When asked what his favorite one was, he simply responded with, "Whatever I'm teaching at the moment." He loves everything he teaches. From books on Mythology to the German language, he enjoys every second of it.

At the end of the day, Mr. Mickelson is a remarkable inspiration. He will be truly missed at Riggs. He has made so many students feel loved and appreciated as they've gone through their high school years. Mr. Mick will now retire and spend time with his wife traveling around the world. "I'm not leaving with anger—but with joy," he breathes out as he turns off his classroom lights. Thank you Mr. Mickelson for everything you have done for thousands of students and for our school!

Mr. PHS Raises \$1,103.95 For CMN

By Phil Adam

The 2019 Mr. PHS male pageant lived up to the hype that it was receiving in the weeks prior to the event. The junior student council members were in charge of hosting the event; with the ultimate goal of raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. Eight talented contestants battled for the prestigious crown of Mr. PHS at Riggs Theatre. The contestants were judged on several categories including talent, formal wear, teacher impersonation, and questioning. Before the show officially started, all of

the competing students performed a dance choreographed junior student council members. The dance included impressive moves from all of the contestants and acrobatic stunts from Alejandro Ramirez. The master of ceremonies for the event were juniors, Phil Adam and Kylee Thorpe. Four staff members from Riggs were the judges for the pageant.

The first category for the event were short answer questions. After the first round of questioning, the contestants left the stage to change and prepare for the talent portion of the show. Op-

era singing, rollerblading, saving inexperienced swimmers for the ocean, and solving a Rubik's cube while being color blind were some of the talents that were showcased. The next event in the show was impersonating a staff member at Riggs. Extra points were awarded if the crowd could correctly guess whom the contestant was impersonating. After the crowd was fired up after several hilarious and accurate impersonations it was time for formal wear. The contestants were able to choose a "walk out" song to show off their drip for the judges and all

attending the event. After the final question asked it was time for the judges to calculate their scores to crown a winner. The top three placing contestants were awarded cash prizes. Junior Kian Paul earned the third-place crown along with \$5 cash. Senior Caleb Huizenga was awarded \$10 with the second-place title. And finally, the moment of truth. Junior Spencer Wedin was crowned the 2019 Mr. PHS winner! With totals from entry fees, bucket run donations, and free will donations the Mr. PHS event raised \$1,103.95!

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It's Been Real, T.F. Riggs!

Let's just start off with saying, high school has been a ride. We can speak for many of the seniors that it's equal parts terrifying and relieving to say that we're on our way out of T.F. Riggs. In a lot of ways, we're losing the security blanket of what we've known for the past four year. Friday nights at Hollister Field huddled together in blankets and sweatshirts were as comfortable as any bed. Dressing up and making the trek to the Capitol for KOH pictures felt just as classy as a limo ride to a fancy party. Mrs. Vogt's tests were never that enjoyable, but at least

we knew what to expect. The things that have been constant in our lives for the last four years are never going to be the same as we remember them now. That doesn't have to be a bad thing though.

EDITORIAL

We're leaving; we're out. Some of us might never leave, some of us might never come back. Some peaked in high school, others dreaded it. But soon, that won't matter anymore. Because the rest of our lives are starting now. Whatever we decide to do is up to us, and the class of 2019 defi-

nitely does what we want. We're not going to stop doing what we want whether it's college or work or the military or any other path. Now is the time for us to go for our dream lives, whether you want to be a teacher, astrophysicist, or Zac Efron's wife.

We're about to be real adults which is terrifying, but we don't have to grow up quite yet. Go for bike rides, have Mario Kart marathons, spend time with your family. As for us? We want to thank you Riggs for all you've done for us. It's been a heck of a journey. (Don't talk to us about our middle school phas-

es.) And we would not have grown out of our phases into the people we are today without the people surrounding us. It's time to say goodbye to high school, but there's no doubt, we are who we are because of the T.F. Riggs Class of 2019. Thanks to all for making our senior year one to remember. It's been real Riggs, goodbye for now. From your editorial columnist Sophia Stueven, and Mattie Jones.

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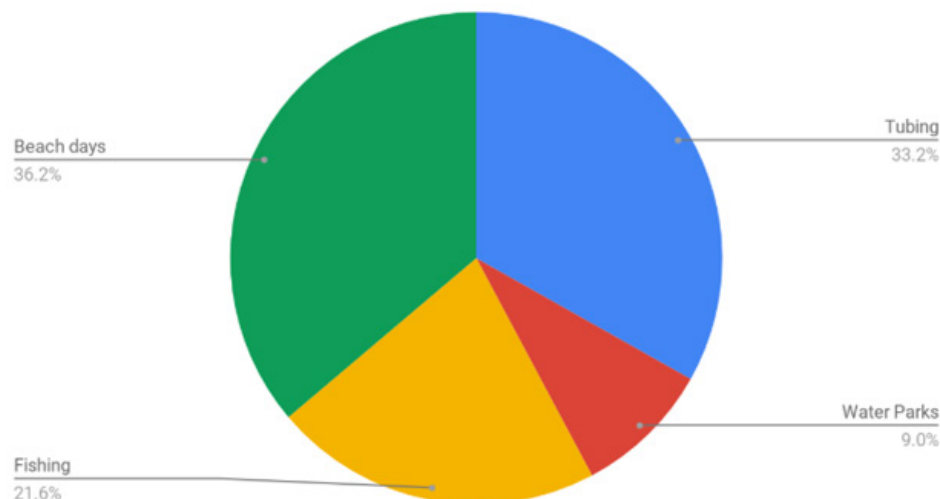


What's hot and what's not this month

...to Mr. PHS
...to getting down at prom
...to new beginnings
...to graduation parties
...to hammocking
...to three snowdays in a row
...to warm weather
...to post prom pizzas
...to sun setting at 9pm
...to sleeping in
...to pretty landscapes
...to Zesto
...to the class of 2019 graduating!
...to spending quality time with the ones you love
...to positive people
...to teacher rounding grades

...to friends graduating and leaving next year
...to toxic friendships
...to semester tests :(
...to standard testing
...to forgetting deadlines
...to working on several projects
...to eating too much food at grad parties
...to AP testing
...to snow in April
...to great teachers leaving next year
...to fake friends
...to getting stuck in mud
...to teachers not rounding up grades

What's your favorite summer water activity?



2020 Elections

The 2016 presidential election seems like it just happened yesterday. The 2020 election is coming up fast. President Trump has already started campaigning for reelection. Many Democratic candidates have announced their campaigns also. twenty-one in total. Some of the more well-known names in the arena are former vice president, Joe Biden, Massachusetts senator, Elizabeth Warren, and Vermont senator, Bernie Sanders. There are only two Republicans in the running as of now. Incumbent President Donald Trump and former Governor of Massachusetts, William F. Weld. Tuesday, November 3rd will be election day in 2020. The 2020 Democratic National Convention will be held in Massachusetts. The Democrats will select their nominee for the presidential election. The 2020 Republican National Convention will be held in North Carolina, where the Republicans will also select their nominee for 2020. The best party Election years are the debates. Pri-

Claire Rydberg
POLITICS

mary and General, you are able to watch the frontrunners debate and share their ideas and beliefs. The Census Bureau estimated that there were 245.5 million Americans ages 18 and older in November 2016, about 157.6 million of whom reported being registered to vote. Many people think that the electoral college should be abolished, but that is far from the truth. The electoral college is the system that America uses to elect the president. The electoral vote helps give smaller states like South Dakota a voice. South Dakota may only get 3 votes, but every vote counts. Bigger states like California gets 55 electoral votes. Without the Electoral College, the presidential elections would be determined by the bigger states and wouldn't give smaller states a voice. That is why it is very important to get out and register to vote. Even if you're not interested in politics. It is your responsibility to vote and elect people who represent your values and beliefs. Find out where you can go to register to vote. Register with the party that matches your beliefs the best. Get out and vote in 2020. Every vote matters!

'Tis your main girls Jordan and Sab, and we are sad to announce: this is our last issue of the Governor Newspaper for not only this school year but forever :(But that means school is almost out, which calls for hitting the woah. What, however, will you do without the trends for a whole summer? Don't you fret; we have taught you plenty, and we will give you some new outlets to search for your own trends.

Have you ever gotten out of school then boom! Your mom is taking you to Walmart for school supplies all over again? Summers pass fast, and you don't want to waste a second!! For starters, we will start with fun activities to brighten

Best Trends For Summer '19

your summer vacation. While traveling is super fun, you don't have to fly out of the country to have a good time. A simple road trip with friends could satisfy that wanderlust. You can go as close as the dam with lots of cozy blankets and pillows to go stargazing or sunset watching. Campfires with s'mores are a hit

no matter who you're with. Hammocking is also huuuuge! If you're looking for something a little more active, kayaking, paddleboarding, and hiking are A1. Make sure to make a summer bucket list to make sure you experience everything!

With all these

Jordan & Sabrina
TRENDS

fun activities, you want to feel good. And one of the best ways to feel good is to look good. Now that the summer thunderstorms have replaced the blizzard funk of Pierre, you can finally bust out your summer wardrobe! This can include jean skirts, bodysuits, shorts, tank

tops,
rompers,
and
bralettes.

If you really want to flex, airpods go with any outfit too haha. Since we are so fortunate to have the river here in Pierre, going to the beach or going boating is like a religious event. So, of course, you'll need a swimsuit, and you are in luck because almost anything is in style this

year if you wear it with confidence. Summer is your time to have fun and do what you want without toxic people messin wit yo vibe. You only get so many summers as a high schooler, and you want to enjoy yourself! One day these will be the good ol' days (thanks, Macklemore).

When we are away, you can use VSCO and Instagram to find the perfect inspiration for your summer. And remember, it is truly the little things that make life beautiful. (Also--it's always trendy to RECYCLE). So, for one last time, this has been Jordan and Sab on trends, and we love you guys xo.

Best Music For Summer

Both April and May have had a lot of great new songs! The Jonas Brothers released their second new song "Cool" in early April. This song gained a lot of popularity right away, but their first song "Sucker" still has the more overall popularity. Khalid also released a new album entitled Free Spirit with seventeen great songs on it, but his most popular song from this album has been "Talk." One song has been holding the number one spot on both the iTunes charts and the Billboard Hot 100 for quite some time, and that is "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X fea-

turing Billy Ray Cyrus. This song mixes country with hip hop, which may be the cause of its great popularity. Taylor Swift released her first new song in quite some time, featuring Brendon Urie, entitled "ME!" which has been gaining a lot of popularity since its release in late April. Another artist making a comeback is Madonna, as she plans to release a new album entitled Madame X in June, and she has released two songs from this album already. These songs are "Medellín" and "I Rise," and they have

Carly Bowman
MUSIC

both been gaining popularity in anticipation for the new album. Billie Eilish also released her album WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP, WHERE DO WE GO? since our last edition, and the song from this album with the most popularity now is "bad guy." Beyoncé also released a new album recently entitled HOMECOMING: THE LIVE ALBUM with the most popular song being "Before I Let Go." Lastly, Lil Dicky released a new song called "Earth" just before Earth Day as an environmental awareness

song. This song features over thirty popular artists such as Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande, Zac Brown, Brendon Urie, Wiz Khalifa, Kevin Hart, and so many more. The song is meant to symbolize people from many different backgrounds coming together to inform people about the issues of climate change.

1. "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus
2. "Wow." By Post Malone
3. "Sunflower" by Post Malone
4. "7 rings" by Ariana Grande
5. "Sucker" by Jonas Brothers

The votes are in...

Most likely to
FIND A CURE FOR CANCER
Carly Bowman

Most likely to
BE A PRO ATHLETE
Jack Maher

Most likely to
BE IN THE MILITARY
Claire Hussey

Class Clown
Caleb Huizenga

Most likely to
Win a Nobel Prize
Jordan Thompson

Most likely to
Be an superstar
Morgan Magdanz



Most likely to
NEVER LEAVE SOUTH DAKOTA
Jackson Miller

Most likely to be a
superstar
Tucker Berens

Most school spirit
Ellie Richards

Most likely to
BE PRESIDENT
Caleb Huizenga

Most likely to
marry their Tinder date
Abigail Foster

Most likely to
TRAVEL THE WORLD
Sophia Stueven

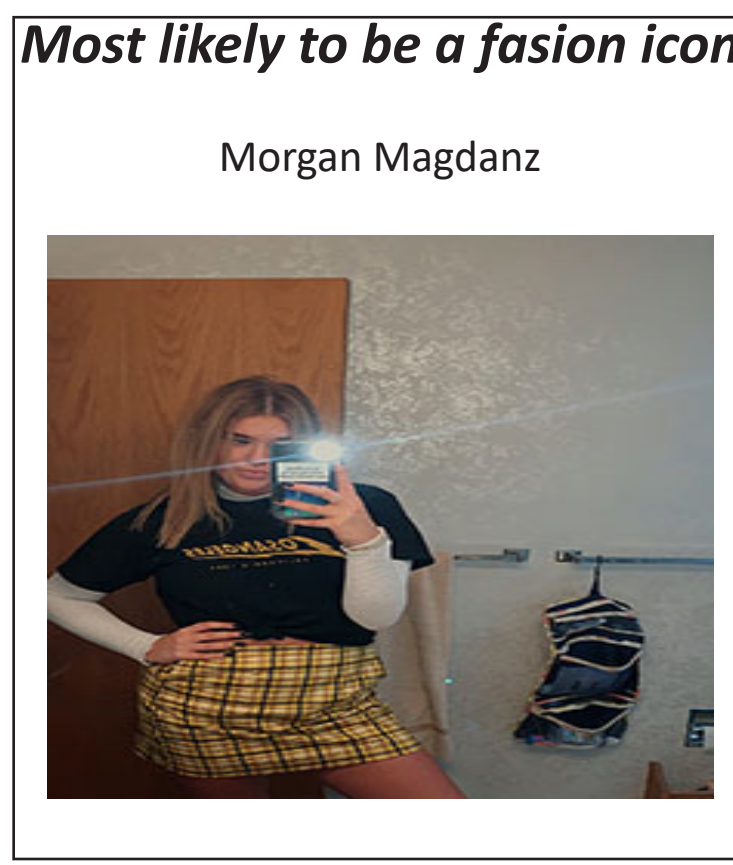
Most likely to
Become a millionaire
Carly Bowman &
Jackson Miller

Most likely to be a famous
YouTuber
Caleb Huizenga



Most likely to
Host a TV Show
Dusty Klave

Most likely to live on a farm
Garrett Leasman



O, The Places Our 2019 Graduates Will Go

In State

Black Hills State University

Anya Jones
Frank Becker
Haylee Hauck
James Lees
Kayla Peplinski
Micah Hallock
Miranda Cedillo
Sydney Theobald

Black Hills Beauty College

iAshlyn Briggs

Dakota State University

Nathan Schnabel
Jessiah Paul
Dustyn Klave

Dakota Wesleyan University

Kaitlyn Bruns

Lake Area Technical

Brenden Wheelhouse
Brenna Dimmitt
Caiden Jost
Jace Wernsmann
Jackson Lake
Jodi Klinger
Kelly Fetter
Lauden Taylor
Olivia Bertram
Sammantha Axtel
Adam Schochemaier

Mitchell Tech

Amy Gilkerson
Russell Hanson
Kody Rilling

Northern State University

Hailey Switzer
Layne Uecker
Michael Schueller
Tucker Berens
Alison Woodmasey

South Dakota School of Mines

Owen Bremser

South Dakota State University

Annabelle Simpson
Elise Carda
Emily Haberling
Halle Grounlund
Jordan Thompson
Kylie Kessler
Lisa Stein
Marlee Dravland
Maegan Pease
Ryan Warne
Sydney Zuber
Talon Griese
Tate Mueller

Southeast Technical School

Sarah Hemmelman
Spencer Lucas
Tehya Weyer
Trevor Rattling Leaf

University of Sioux Falls:

Brayanna Fernandez

University of South Dakota

Emily Mikkelsen
Ellie Richards
Jack Maher
Alec Miller
Jacob Molseed
KyLee Hindman
Lauren Sharkey
Mattie Jones
Morgan Magdanz
Ronni Walton

Western Dakota Tech

Ethan Falcon
Jackson Miller

Out of State

University of Mary

Abigail Foster

University of Jamestown

Jenna Roberts

Valley City State University

Zane Schuchard

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Sabrina Kintz
Adam Forman

Minnesota State University-Mankato

Mack Rath
Claire Hussey
Alejandro Ramirez

Minnesota State University-Moorhead

Hannah Lingle

University of Tampa

Tess Erwin

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Sophia Stueven
Ethan Hill
Austin Fawcett
Amber Sargent
Autumn Harris

Northeast Community College-Norfolk, NE

Berkley Hanson

Purdue University

Carly Bowman

Montana State University

Isaac Stillsmoking

University of Arizona

Isaac Vazquez
Lee Snyder

Morningside College

Kelsey Cass

Boulder Massage Therapy Institute

Morgan Olander

International

Tio Amsterdam- Amsterdam, Netherlands

Anna Otto

Kirkeparken Moss, Norway-

Elise Skjavestad

Military

Air Force

Elise Carda

Army

Hunter Jordan
Jessiah Paul

Marines

Matthew McCarty

Navy

Cayden Barry
Claire Hussey

National Guard

Adam Schochemaier
Dimitri Mutchelknaus

Employment

Aubrey Gruba
Damian Strutt
Gabiella Freestone
Garrett Leesman
Hannah Hanson
Jameson Rancour
Katie Owens
Kaylee Eckert
Kelly Fetter
Kinsey Riggle
KyLee Hoffman
Kyleen Schussler
Moriah Kiepkie
Natasha McAlpine
Taylor Hovis
Zach Zebroski
Blake Anderson
Dominic Berscheid
Mckenzie Gunderson

Girls' Golf

Last Meet ESD @ Huron

Next Meet: @ Brookings Invite

Baseball

Record: 10-4

Previous Game: 11-5 win @
Sioux Falls Washington

Next Game: VS Sioux Falls
Roosevelt @ Hyde Stadium



Halle Grounlund golfs at Hillsview

Photo By Capital Journal

Govs Baseball Seeks Top Spot

By Bailey Wagner

The Pierre T.F. Riggs High School Baseball team has knocked the start of the season out of the park! The Governors began practicing on March 28 to prepare for their first game on April 5 in Douglas against the Patriots.

Steve Gray, Derk Campe, and Ryan Kruger come together to coach the team. The team has, so far, managed an impressive 10 win and 4 loss record. The Govs had monstrous wins over Douglas, Stevens, Washington, and top ranked Brandon Valley. The Govs final game left in the regular sea-

son will be home at Hyde Stadium against Roosevelt and Harrisburg.

The team is working towards the Region Tournament and hopefully, the State Final Four Tournament. The Region Tournament is to be held at the site of the first seed team, which is yet to be determined, on Saturday, May 18. The State Tournament is the following Saturday in Sioux Falls. best of luck on the final end of the season, Govs!



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Phil Adam

Track and Field

Last Meet: @ Howard Wood Relays

Next Meet: Capitol City Invitational @
Hollister Field

Boys' Tennis

Previous meet: 3rd place at Pierre Invite

Next tournament: ESD @ Brookings

Track and Field Updates

By Addy Smith

The track season for the Govs and Lady Govs is beginning to wind down as the team only has 4 meets left. The team just returned from the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls where more than 3,000 college and high school athletes participated. Pierre was able to compete with athletes from all different classes, as well as athletes from Nebraska, North Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota. The next meet for the Govs and Lady Govs will be the Capital City Invitational on May 7, held here in Pierre. At this meet athletes will work to reach state quali-

fyng times. In addition, there will be a senior recognition, and there is also a chance of having a coaches relay. Then on May 11, the team will travel to Mitchell for the ESD conference championships. The state track meet will be held in Sioux Falls on May 24 and 25. Best of luck to the Pierre track team as they finish out their season!



Photo Provided By Capital Journal

Garrett Stout pitches for the Govs



Photo Provided By Capital Journal

Josh Rounds competes at Pierre Invite

Bachelor of the Month



Eye Color:
Blue

Hair Color:
Brown

Personality:
I care, but I do not care

Favorite hobby? playing Nintendo Switch
Favorite Food? Cheeseburger and fries

Ideal Day?
Video games with friends

Favorite Movie? Star Wars
Pursue or be Pursued? Be Pursued.

Bachelorette of



Personality:
Sweet & sarcastic

Hair Color:
Some type of brown

Eye Color:
Blue-ish

Favorite thing about yourself?
I got to hug Harry Styles

Favorite Movie? Five Feet Apart

Pursue or Be Pursued? Be pursued.

Ideal date? Stargazing while eating spaghetti then BOOM thunderstorm

Band Travels To Denver

By Eryn Louis

If you have not heard yet, our very own Emerald Regiment had the splendid opportunity to travel to Denver, Colorado! This has been a year-long planned trip first introduced at the end of the last school year! The Emerald Regiment was invited to play in Denver for their annual traveling trip. While in Denver, the band was able to go to several well-known areas in the Denver metro area. The Denver Zoo, and the breathtaking Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison, CO were a few places the band was able to visit. They spent all year long up until the first week of May fundraising up to \$37,000! The symphonic band and concert band both got to go on the trip and they worked up absolutely breathtaking pieces, some of which included favorites, At Water's Edge and Toccata. The underclassmen enjoyed time with their favorite seniors before saying goodbye at the last concert, May 14th at 7 pm!

Similarly, Riggs' Chamber Choir, an auditioned group, has been invited to New York to sing a movement, Calling All Dawns, at Carnegie Hall this coming June! Then choir will pack their bags for the big apple for a once in a lifetime experience. There has been fundraiser after fundraiser and payment after payment, but nothing stopped the choir from achieving something great. Both band and choir departments have worked hard this year and it can definitely be shown at each concert. As it comes to an end, we remember the Fine Arts seniors and everything they've done for their own departments. Congrats on all of your accomplishments on the year. Have a great summer Riggs!

May Sibling Rivalry

Catie (11) and Carlee (10) Natvig

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

Catie: Sarcastic, moody, and funny.

Carlee: Cute, sassy, and adventurous.

Q: Who is the favorite child?

Catie: Carlee is and I don't know why.

Will: Csssie because she is the oldest.

Q: What do you fight about most?

Catie: Everything because we are so similar.

Carlee: Anything there is to fight about.

Q: Who wins most of the fights?

Catie: Neither because we just end up after a while

Carlee: It is pretty even

Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?

Catie: She is always telling jokes.

Carlee: How easy it is to talk to her, when we aren't fighting.