

# T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## Riggs Students Kickoff The Giving Season

By Sophia Stueven & Mattie Jones

As the holidays near, the mood of giving spreads through the Riggs student body. Although students organize and help with humanitarian events all year, the students' good works becomes most evident during these cold holiday months. To start the giving, Riggs Student Council helps with the Veteran's Day Program, collecting monetary donations and escorting veterans and their families into the theater. The National Honor Society kids have been collecting money for the past month in order to buy Thanksgiving meals for families in

need. The hope is to buy close to ten meals for ten different families. FBLA fundraises money and adopts a family in need and buys clothes, toys, and a holiday meal.

After Thanksgiving, Student Council works hard to set up for Christmas. Members of student council line the halls with Christmas trees and lights, which different clubs or school organizations decorate. One tree, however, will be more special. Student Council is setting up an angel tree with item suggestions hanging like ornaments. These items are different gifts or necessities for children in the Pierre area. Students, as they walk by the tree, can pick up an or-

nament, buy the item, and deliver it back so a child can get their Christmas wish. Student Council also rings bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart, which may be cold but always warm-hearted. Out of school organizations have charities to get involved with too. Junior Hattie Shaffer and her family volunteer with Feeding South Dakota and Avera each year. They pack Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for families in need and deliver it around town. Hattie says the experience is "very humbling" and that it makes her "thankful for all the things [she takes] for granted." No doubt, volunteering is the most rewarding activity a student can do,

especially when you get the chance to meet and build a relationship with the people you are helping. The Pierre Area Charitable Organizations has a list of many organizations in Pierre that are always looking for help like Avera St. Mary's Foundation, Pierre Area Referral Service and the South Dakota Discovery Center. You can find their website at [www.pierrepaco.org](http://www.pierrepaco.org). Thankfully, with such a generous student body, Riggs has volunteer opportunities year-round.



Photo by Cassidy Miller

Riggs student senate members ring bells

## Representing More Than South Dakota

By Phil Adam & Claire Rydberg

Many people know T.F. Riggs High School for being one of the top academic schools in the Midwest, its competitive athletics, and strong tradition. Many Riggs graduates have gone to hold many strong, powerful, prestigious, and honorable jobs and titles since the school opened their doors.

Students at Riggs High School don't have to travel very far to get their fair share of politics. The school is located just blocks from the state capitol building and many alumni have taken their skills to serve the people of South Dakota. Mike

Rounds and Dusty Johnson are two of the many well-known graduates of T.F. Riggs High School. Rounds who serves as the junior United States Senator, and Johnson who is the elect of South Dakota's at-large congressional district after winning the election just weeks ago.

Mike Rounds is no stranger to holding public office in the state of South Dakota. Rounds served in the South Dakota Senate from 1991 to 2001, then he served as South Dakota's 31st governor from 2003 to 2011. After serving South Dakota for 20 years in Pierre Rounds took his leadership to Washington D.C to serve

in the United States Senate.

Dusty Johnson who graduated from Riggs in 1995 was an active member throughout the school. He was involved in Oral Interp and was chairman of the South Dakota Teen Republicans. Long with the clubs and activities, Johnson was involved in was crowned homecoming king in the fall of his senior year. Several teachers who still teach at Riggs today who taught Johnson had only good things to say about the congressional elect. "He was one of the most brilliant students I have ever taught." Mr. Jay Mickelson stated. Before Johnson ran for Congress, he was South Dako-

ta Public Utilities Commissioner and chief of staff to Governor Dennis Daugaard.

Pierre has produced many people of prodigious stature, with T.F. Riggs being the helping hand to allow them to grow. Today, politics in the of South Dakota are influenced by people that were once in your shoes. All students have the capabilities to do something great. Put your mind to something, work hard, and experience the great things that you have worked so hard for!

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# Break the Black Friday Chaos

IT'S COMING! As we come closer to the holiday season, all the shopping and Black Friday events will be happening soon! If you follow these rules, the only thing that will be black this coming Friday should be someone else's eye and probably your heart. Let's get started!

## EDITORIAL

1. The time after Thanksgiving is to be spent just like pilgrims spent it: sprinting up and down the aisles of Walmart.

2. If you wear camouflage, no one will see you cut in line. Don't forget the face paint.

3. The real experts on cutting are the seniors in A lunch. Ask them how the professionals do it.

4. Go for the most valued item first, such as the Sims 3 Pet Expansion Pack.

5. The safest way to push people is in the small of their backs, but the most effective is right in the neck.

6. Never use weapons unless someone is going for the last Logan Paul poster.

7. Water is the most basic necessity for human life, but Macbooks Pros

are a close second.

8. Not even your biological family can get in the way of you and that Mario Kart game.

9. Sleep is not important when a 70% discount to Hobby Lobby is on the line.

10. Most importantly, Black Friday is contradictory to the Thanksgiving season. It is not important and should not be because to so much chaos. Spend time with your family and avoid the stress (and maybe a couple black eyes).

This holiday season spend time with your family and truly understand the meaning of the holiday season. Sit down with your family and watch a movie, listen to some holiday music, go on a nature walk, or tour the outstanding Christmas trees at the state capitol. There is always something to do with your family during the holiday season. Take the time and make an effort to spend the holidays with your family. Have a great time filled with family, food, and American football!

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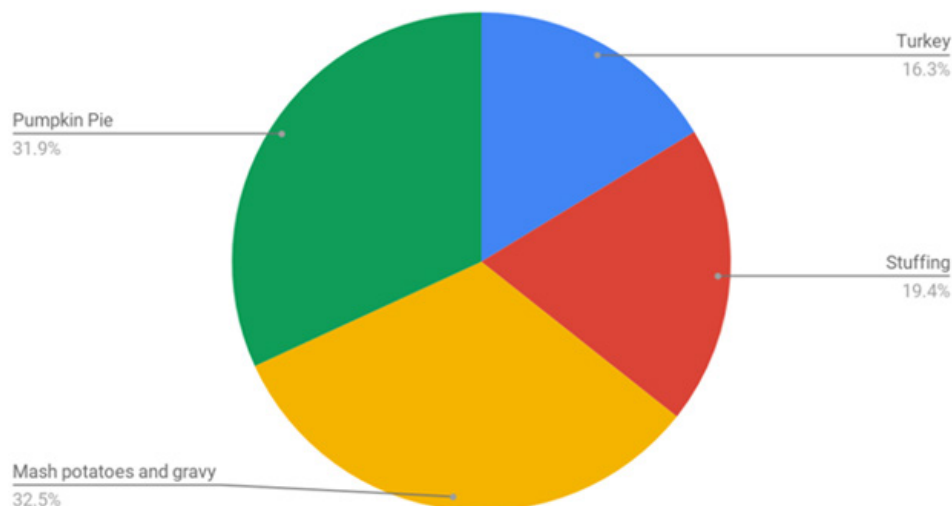
### What's hot and what's not this month

...to football back-to-back state champs!  
...to homemade food  
...to family time  
...to seeing family and friends that live far away  
...to huge football student sections  
...to new iPhones  
...to Thanksgiving pies  
...to Christmas countdown  
...to great holiday deals  
...to sleeping in  
...to pretty landscapes  
...to Thanksgiving naps  
...to vacations  
...to family games during the holidays  
...to spending quality time with family

...to Thanksgiving stress  
...to below zero temperatures  
...to gaining weight during Thanksgiving  
...to family fueds  
...to everyone asking "what are you going to do with your life?"  
...to working during Thanksgiving break  
...to eating too much food  
...to crowded malls  
...to still having to sit at the kids table  
...to burning your Thanksgiving meal  
...to being late to Thanksgiving

Compiled by Phil Adam

### Thanksgiving Poll- Favorite Thanksgiving food



COMPILED BY MAEGAN WALSH



## 2018 Election Rundown

South Dakota election results are in! This year's midterm elections were highly anticipated. Almost all of the races were the closest they have been in years.

Kristi Noem made history as the first woman Governor elected in the state of South Dakota. She beat Democrat

Billie Sutton with 51% of the vote opposed to 47% of the vote. It was a close race, but Noem managed to come out on top and edge her opponents.

In the congressional race, Dusty Johnson beat democratic opponent Tim Bjorkman with 60% of the vote opposed to 36%. Johnson graduated from T.F. Riggs High School in 1995.

Republicans managed to get elected to every statewide elected official. Jason Ravnsborg elected as Attorney General. Josh Hader is the Treasurer-elect. Rich Sattgast is the Auditor elect. Kristie Fiegen is the Public Utilities Commissioner-elect. Ryan Brunner is the School and Public Lands elect. Steve Barnett is the Secretary of State-elect. Republicans also kept control of both the South Dakota

House of Representatives and South Dakota State Senate. 2020 will be the next election year in South Dakota and also Nationwide. President Trump's first term will be up, as will US senators John Thune and Mike Rounds.

The inauguration of these newly elected officials will be held in January in Pierre. Now that the election is over, South Dakotans must come together and hope that the newly elected will do what's best for the people and the great state of South Dakota!

**November Election Results**

**Governor:**  
Kristi Noem (R)

**U.S. House:**  
Dusty Johnson (R)

**Attorney General:**  
Jason Ravnsborg (R)

**Secretary of State:**  
Steve Barnett (R)

**Treasurer:**  
Josh Haeder (R)

**Auditor:**  
Rich Sattgast (R)

**Commissioner of Schools and Public Lands:**  
Ryan Brunner (R)

**Public Utilities Commissioner:**  
Kristie Fiegen (R)

## Thanksgiving Trends

You won't be-LEAF it, but it's time for another trends article of the Governor! With snow already sparkling on the ground, get ready to curl up and enjoy.

It's already getting cold, so to survive that walk to the school from your car, we suggest pairing warm with chic. You don't even have to give up your cute dresses yet. You can pair any dress or shirt with a cute pair of patterned tights. You can find anything from sheer to polka dots to lace to anything.

Another way to keep your legs warm is a fashionable or outlandish pair of socks. Socks have become a great way to express yourself. You can be cozy one day with a fuzzy pair,

warm another day with soft wool, or funny one day with fun patterns and characters and sayings on it.

To keep your top warm, you can NEVER go wrong with a sweater. Sherpas are also super comfy and super trendy that will leave everyone saying, "oh my gourd that looks so soft."

While flannels are an autumn classic, more plaid has weaved its way into fashion this fall. You can find trendy and vintage looking pants and skirts.

Walmart has received its own upgrade. You can find super cute hats, for example, in beautiful colors like mustard and

plum. In the spirit of the voting season, be sure to wear your "I voted" stickers loud and proud! Don't forget the end of Thanksgiving means Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales which are the perfect times to hop on all the latest shopping deals. You can find anything

*Jordan & Sabrina*  
**TRENDS**

you're looking for, from clothes, make-

up, technology (new iPhones anyone? we can't even keep up anymore), home goods, and Christmas gifts! Be sure to check Amazon (especially if you are too tired and lazy to get out of bed after an exhausting Thanksgiving feast!)

In your cute, warm outfits, there are

plenty of festive activities you can do with friends. If you're a big fan of Queen, make your way to the theatre to watch the trending "Bohemian Rhapsody". Along with new movies, you can enjoy some new music by Ariana Grande and Jon Bellion. Since the fall sports seasons are done with, go out and watch a hockey game to support the Oahe Capitals.

Whether you are spending quality time with friends, trying out a new look, or shopping for those deals, always remember to be thankful and appreciative. Because everyone knows, being thankful is ALWAYS in season. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! And don't forget to get stuffed!

## November's Best Hits

Many great songs have become popular during the month of November. First, "thank u, next" by Ariana Grande broke the World Spotify Record and became the most streamed female song in one day with 9.6 million plays! Also, "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Will Rock You," and "Somebody to Love," all by Queen, have reentered the iTunes charts mainly because of the popularity of the new movie Bohemian Rhapsody. The album The Greatest Showman: Reimagined has brought

back songs that many loved from the original movie, but instead of the original singers, by popular artists like P!nk, Kelly Clarkson, and Panic! At the Disco are singing the songs. Also, "Someone I Used to Know" by Zac Brown band is holding up the country genre this month. Lastly, "Bad Liar" by Imagine Dragons has also become popular slightly later than their song "Natural." For hip-hop, the song that took the music in-

dusty by surprise Mo Bamba is always a good option if you are wanting to get those hip feels. ZEZE by Kodak Black and Sunflower by Swae Lee and Post Malone are songs that have rose to top spots in the month of November. If you are wanting to jump ahead and get in the Christmas spirit (let's be real it's never too early) Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande, and Mariah Carey are just a few pop artists that have awesome holiday music. If you are looking for art-

ists that have a more classic Christmas feel Michael Buble, Josh Groban, and Frank Sinatra are several that will deliver a classic and feel good vibe. Stay tuned for next month's edition to keep your playlist fresh! Top 5 Songs from Billboard's Hot 100:

1. "Girls Like You" by Maroon 5 feat. Cardi B
2. "Sicko Mode" by Travis Scott
3. "Happier" by Marshmello & Bastille
4. "Lucid Dreams" by Juice WRLD
5. "Better Now" by Post Malone

*Carly Bowman*  
**MUSIC**



## Back-2-Back

By Phil Adam

The Pierre Governor Football team entered the 11AA state playoffs as the number one seed with an overall record of 7-2. The defending 11AA champs looked to defend their championship as they hosted Spearfish in the opening round of the playoffs. After the opening kickoff was returned for a touchdown by Garrett Stout the Govs didn't look back as they dominated the Spartans 54-14. After their impressive win against Spearfish, the Governors advanced to the semi-finals against Brookings. Brookings was no unfamiliar opponent to the Govs as they spoiled Brookings' homecoming with a 28-0 win in Brookings earlier in the year. The Bobcats defense started the game fast holding the high-powered Governor offense to few yards in the first quarter. But after the slow start, the Govs found their groove as they scored 40 points on their way to a 40-7 win against Brookings. As the playoffs unfolded the number six seed Huron Tigers snuck their way through the playoffs and earned their way to the state championship in the DakotaDome against Pierre. Huron who hasn't been to the state finals since 1992 and was hungry for a win against their big conference rival. The Govs were no stranger to playing in the DakotaDome as they have played in three out of the last five state championships. The Govs started the game very fast; scoring the first two touchdowns of the game. The first touchdown was a 25-yard TD from Stout to Jack Maher. The second touchdown was a huge 76-yard TD from Stout to Andrew Coverdale. But then the Tigers battled back as they scored two unanswered touchdowns leading the Govs 14-13 at halftime. The start of the third quarter the Governors got back to their style of play as they scored 12 unanswered points between the third and fourth quarter. But the Tigers weren't out of the game as they responded with a crazy touchdown pass to cut the Governor lead to 25-20 with ten minutes left in the game. But the Governors has a response the whole night as they ended the game scoring 13 final points to put the Tigers away. Junior quarterback Garrett Stout was announced Joe Robbie MVP with a monstrous night! Stout finished the night with six total touchdowns and 359 total yards. Junior lineman Grey Zabel was awarded outstanding lineman of the night; he was a huge factor on both offense and defense. Stout was also awarded outstanding back of the game. Congrats to the Governor Football team on their back-to-back state championships!



Senior football players celebrate after their back-to-back championships.

Photo by Brandon Lampea Photography



Riggs students do a cheer in the student section

Photo by Brandon Lampea Photography

## Veterans Day

By Zoe Blumer

England, France, Germany, and Russia went to war in 1914. Due to unrestricted submarine warfare and a proposition by Germany to have Mexico attack the United States, the U.S. joined the war in 1917. It has been 100 years and one day since World War I ended in 1918. Riggs students, staff, and citizens of Pierre came together to celebrate our nation's defenders. Mr. Jay Mickelson and MC Glynis Collier were the leaders of this distinctive Commemoration. A bell tolled eleven times in remembrance for those who have served and those who have died. Max Sevier, a Riggs's student, sang the Native American Flag Honoring Song for this special occasion. Mr. John Cooper a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan Wars; Mr. Monte Curry and Mr. Virgil Mikkelsen, both Korean War veterans; and Mr. Jake Bradfield, veteran of the Afghanistan Conflict, were awarded with "Quilts of Valor", a National Foundation bringing relief to those who have served for our country by honoring them with hand-made quilts. They also honored the four U.S. Unknown Soldiers who fought courageously in World War I. The Riggs Chamber Choir sang The Star-Spangled Banner, Concert Choir sang Over There, and I Hear America Singing. The Sixth grade Georgia Morse Middle School Choir sang Sing Freedom's Song. The Capital City Band played a new arrangement, a haunting hymn, "Goin' Home". The Representatives of Veterans' Organizations stood to be recognized. Lieutenant Claire Peschong spoke of her life in the Navy as a Civil Engineer. Peschong also repeated the importance of mental toughness and how every experience makes an individual stronger. This year's Miss South Dakota Miss Carrie Wintle was present to help with the collection of Buddy Baskets for Homeless Veterans. A lovely introduction of the origin of Taps was given by Sarah Hancock and Kayla Peplinski. A trumpeter then performed Taps. The moving Ceremony was written and directed by Mr. Jay Mickelson; who will be retiring from teaching at the end of this school year, after 49 admirable years. He has made this program what it is today. He, along with the help of many others have done an exemplary job of enlightening students, staff, and the general public on the true meaning of Veterans Day.



Miss South Dakota speaks at Riggs Theater  
Picture: Capital Journal

## Reaction About Next Governor Possibly not Living in Pierre Full-Time?

**Maria Noyes - Junior**

"I feel like it is part of her duty as governor to be here in Pierre. She knew she was going to have to move when she started to run."

**Peyton Parker- (9)**

"It shows she sees herself as maybe not the governor but as a normal citizen. She's not doing it for the attention she's doing it for the people."

**Arielle Kiepke - (10)**

"If she's going to be governor she needs to want the whole thing and not just bits and pieces of it."



# Lady Govs Volleyball Ends Season

By Natalie Mohr & Addy Smith

The Lady Govs Volleyball season came to a close after the SoDak 16 game in Mitchell against the Mitchell Kernels this past Thursday. In the SoDak 16 format, the eleventh seed, Pierre, played the sixth seed, Mitchell.

The Lady Govs came out swinging in the first set, taking control of the game with a lead of 22-16. The Kernels battled back to close the 6-point deficit to tie up the score at 25-25. Both teams, fueled by the fire of a spot in

the state tournament on improvements through

the line, played with intensity, but the Kernels took the set with a score of 27-25.

Although the Lady Govs eventually fell in three sets (27-25)(25-11)(25-22), the team played some of the best volleyball of the season and there was an obvious improvement in their play.

"Our defense really evolved over the course of the year and the players really started to understand and react to what they saw a little faster," said head coach Chris Swiden on the team's

out the season, "This team was also all about team. Everyone worked together and had a great attitude," Swiden added. The Lady Govs ended their season with an 8-13 record.

Next year the team will only be losing two seniors, Abbi Kitts and Halle Gronlund, while the rest of the state will be losing most of their team to seniors. The upcoming team holds a lot of potential with the ultimate goal of making it to the state tournament in 2019.



Halle Gronlund fights for a ball at the net

Photo By Capital Journal

## Caps Season Starts

By Phil Adam

The Oahe Capitals start the 2018-2019 season after placing fifth at the state tournament last year. The young and inexperienced team returns several key leaders for the season. Seniors Talon Griesse and Jackson Lake, as well as Junior Spencer Wedin, will lead the team for a competitive season. The Caps will travel to Rapid City for a tournament where they will play teams

from Montana, Wyoming, and Canada. After the tournament, the Caps will return home and will start the regular season as they face the Rapid City Thunder. Best of luck on the season! Go Caps!



## Swim Team Starts Season

By Jordan Thompson

You walk in, smell the chlorine, and hear water splashing and people screaming and cheering. Why it is no other than a swim meet, and Pierre's most recent home swim meet went quite swimmingly. 226 total swimmers competed with 9 different teams from across the state of South Dakota, so it was no small meet. Let's dive into some results. The

Pierre Swim Team is a close group of swimmers who work well together in a mostly individual sport, which is why it will come at no surprise that several of Pierre's relays received first place when they competed because of how well they work individually and on a team. Other first placers include Will Hodges, Deni Zeeb, Caleb Huizenga, Marlee Draveland, Morgan Nelson, Nick

Loe, Annabelle Simpson, Thomas Kropp, Canyon Jones, Nathan Shoup, Ella Ward-Zeller, AND Aiden Burke! We have a lot of amazing and talented swimmers from our school; that's for sure! Be sure to make it to Pierre's next home meet in February to support all of our swimmers! :- ) #goPST

## Girls' Hockey

**Last Game:** @ Sioux Falls tournament  
**Next Game:** @ Sioux Center 11/24

## Volleyball

**Last Match:** Loss @ Mitchell  
**Next Match:** End of season



## Girls' Basketball

**First Game:** @ Sturgis 12/8

Boys Basketball

**First game:** VS Douglas 12/14

Boys Hockey

**Last game:**

@ Rapid City Tourneamt

**Next game:**

VS Rapid City 11/30



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Wrestling

**First match:** @ Watertown 12/1

Swimming

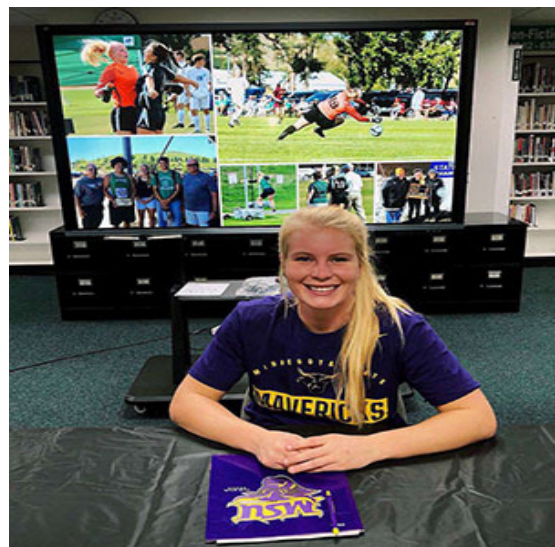
**Next event:**

@ Watertown 12/1



## Emily Mikkelsen

Emily Mikkelsen signed to play soccer at the University of South Dakota next year. Emily who is All-State and All-ESD in soccer led the Lady Govs Soccer team in scoring this year. Emily also participates in basketball and track. Congrats on your big accomplishment and best of luck next year in Vermillion!  
Go Yotes!



## Mack Rath

Mack Rath signed to play soccer and throw for the track team at Minnesota Sate University-Mankato. Mack is All-State and All-ESD for the LG Soccer team. Mack was also the Governor Football team's kicker. Mack also participates in basketball. Congrats and best of luck in Mankato!  
Go Mavs!



## Abigail Foster

Abigail Foster signed to play soccer at the University of Mary next fall. Foster is All-State and All-ESD for the Lady Govs Soccer team. Abigail also participates in track for the Lady Govs. Congrats on taking your talent to the next level! Best of luck next year in Bismarck!  
Go Marauders!



Bachelor of the Month



Photo By Jordan Thompson  
Alec Miller, 12

**Eye Color:**  
Blue/Green

**Hair Color:**  
Chestnut

**Personality:**  
Easy going

**Favorite thing about yourself?**  
Sense of humor

**Final words?**  
“I’ve been getting this bread for so long I guess the bread finally got me.”

**Favorite Movie?**  
Semi-Pro

**Ideal Date?**  
A day on the Missouri

**Favorite Song?**  
“Big Bank” -YG

**Pursue or be Pursued?**  
Be Pursued.

**Favorite Pick-up line?**  
“I’d take you to a movie but they don’t let snacks inside.”

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Sabrina Kintz

Morgan Magdanz,

**Personality:**  
Fun and flitry

**Hair Color:**  
Dirty blonde

**Eye Color:**  
IYKYK dy

**Favorite thing about yourself?**  
I’m the best story teller

**Favorite Movie?**  
Momma Mia

**Pursue or Be Pursued?**  
Be pursued.

**Ideal date?**  
A cruisy

**Favorite Pick-up line?**  
“Hey you up?”

**Favorite song?**  
My spotify is m m k m o r g s they’re on there

**Final words?**  
“Skip me this time.”

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All-State Band and Choir

By Bailey Wagner

With musical talent comes a necessity for traveling the state for All-State band and choir; and trust me, T.F. Riggs has an abundance of musical talent. On Friday, October 26, the All-State Choir and band left Pierre to travel to Rapid City and showed their abilities. To be one of the All-state members you try out for a group of judges; only the best make the band or have the privilege to be in one of the three quartets. All-State Choir is a mass choir made up of quartets from around the states. Schools send a certain number of quartets based on the population of their school; therefore, bigger schools such as Sioux Falls Washington sent five quartets, while Ft. Pierre sent one. The mass choir added up to about 930 singers total. This choir performed a series of songs, such as “Ubi Caritas” and “Fiddler of Dooney”, both of which are acapella. They also performed “Wayfaring Stranger”, “Flight Song”, and “We Have Come”. The mass

choir performed a few songs alongside the All-State orchestra (sadly, none of the band members were from Pierre) as well, these being “Confutatis and Lacrymosa”, “Climb”, and “The Star-Spangled Banner”. That weekend the band had the amazing opportunity to meet and perform alongside the Dallas Brass band at the Educational Music Conference. The band was band up of five men who allowed the T.F. Riggs band to flourish alongside them as the All-State Choir had the gift of watching. Choir Director Mr. Rodd Bauck says, “I thought our band performed well in their performance for the SDMEA conference. They also performed very well when they played with the Dallas Brass. I thought the Dallas Brass elevated them rather than carried them. Playing with professionals can do that. It can cause you to become more confident, and can cause you to raise your game.” The weekend of October 26-28 was filled with musical memories for both ends of T.F. Riggs’s musical spectrum.

November Sibling Rivalry  
Phil (11) and Paul (11) Adam

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

Phil: Lanky, shabby, irritating.  
Paul: Buff, lean, and mean.

**Q: Who is the favorite child?**

Phil: Definitely neither of us.  
Paul: Me because I suck up to my parents.

**Q: What do you fight about most?**

Phil: He always wants to wrestle me and it’s annoying.  
Paul: Phil being Phil.

**Q: Who wins most of the fights?**

Phil: Me, beause I don’t stoop to his immature level.  
Paul: Phil wins them all. How could anyone defeat superhuman strength?

**Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?**

Phil: Let me think....  
Paul: How masculine he is.