

Student of the Month



Trenton Dufner, Sept. SOTM

The first student of the month award for the year goes to Trenton Dufner. He is a talented student and believes math is his area of academic strength.

Trenton is very actively involved in athletics here at RHS. He participates in football, basketball, and baseball. Trenton has been a valuable member of the football team the past two years and earned All Region Honorable Mention honors during both his sophomore and junior years.

In addition to athletics, Trenton is a talented musician. He is a member of both band and choir as well as pep band and swing choir. Last year Trenton was a member of an instrumental mixed ensemble which starred at the regional music contest and qualified to state. Trenton has also performed the national anthem at multiple Richland sporting events.

Trenton is actively involved in his local church and was a member of Boy Scouts for many years.

Congratulations, Trenton!



Dain Anderson, Oct. SOTM

Dain Anderson was named the October Student of the Month. He is a North Dakota Honor Society member and believes that science is his area of academic strength.

Dain is very actively involved in FFA here at Richland. He has competed in many FFA contests and was named the FFA Outstanding Sophomore at the FFA awards banquet last spring. Dain was a valuable member of the state winning Environmental/Natural Resources team this past summer and earned a trip to the National FFA Convention. At nationals, the ENR team placed 20th overall and Dain earned a silver award.

In addition to FFA, Dain is a member of the high school band and pep band. As a sophomore, he participated in a mixed ensemble which starred at the regional music contest and qualified to state. Dain also plays football and was a member of the 2015 9-man state championship football team.

Congrats, Dain!



Bailey Adams, Nov. SOTM

The Student of the Month award for November goes to Bailey Adams. She is a member of the North Dakota Honor Society and believes that agricultural education and FCS are her areas of academic strength.

Bailey is a strong leader here at RHS. She is an active FCCLA member and has served as the FCCLA Vice President of Records for the past two years. In addition, Bailey is a member of student council and recently ran for a state student council office. Bailey also participates in FFA and is president of the junior class.

Community is very important to Bailey. She is active in her church youth group and strongly believes in helping others. Bailey is currently working on a cookie project where she will bake 1200 cookies and donate 100 of them on each of the twelve days of Christmas. She will donate the cookies to places such as the YWCA and the Salvation Army.

Congratulations, Bailey!

New Staff • New Staff • New Staff



Ms. Dub

by: Ava Aigner

Richland High School welcomes our new art teacher, Ms. Dub. This is Richland's first opportunity to have an in-school art teacher and we are excited to have her here! This is Ms. Dub's first teaching job and she is very happy to be at Richland. She teaches two art classes at the high school and she also teaches art at the elementary in the afternoons.

Ms. Dub grew up in Horace, ND and attended West Fargo High School. While in high school, she was involved in art club and dance. She attended college at Minnesota State University Moorhead to study art education.

Ms. Dub loves working at Richland because her art students have a passion for what they do. She also loves the welcoming and supportive atmosphere the school has. Ms. Dub likes to be involved and would like to start an art club in our school. She also assisted at some of our volleyball games this fall as a line judge.

In her free time Ms. Dub likes to be with loved ones, create art, spend time with her dog Lily, and watch Netflix.

We are so lucky to have you here, Ms Dub!



Mrs. Hiller

by: Zach Wulfekuhle

RHS welcomes new FCS teacher, Mrs. Hiller. Before coming to Richland, she taught for two years at Fessenden/Bowdon. Mrs. Hiller is also the new FCCLA advisor.

Mrs. Hiller attended high school in Kulm, ND. She was involved in almost all the activities her school offered including the following: volleyball, basketball, track, band, choir, one act play, newspaper, yearbook, and student council.

Mrs. Hiller attended UND for two years and then transferred to NDSU where she graduated. While at UND, she was involved in CRU and the German Cooking Club. While at NDSU, she was involved in the American Association of FCS and her church, River City.

Mrs. Hiller is married. Her husband Devin works at River City Church in Fargo and is studying to be a pastor.

So far at Richland, Mrs. Hiller has enjoyed the people she works with and all the people from the community she has met. In her spare time, she likes to sew and spend time with family.

We are very glad you are here, Mrs. Hiller!



Mrs. Bengtson

by: Hanna Johnson

Richland has been very lucky this year and has gained many great new staff members, including Mrs. Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel. This is her first teaching job. She is a resident teacher currently attending UND for special education. The prior two years she worked as a para for Moorhead Public Schools.

Mrs. Bengtson attended Blackford High School in San Jose, California! After that, she attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston for agriculture aviation.

Mrs. Bengtson is married. Her husband Brian works at the Fargo Forum. They have three kids: Addison (12), Logan (9), and Hayden (7). One interesting thing about her family is that they are trying to travel to all 50 states before her oldest daughter graduates, due to a shared passion for travel! Her family also enjoys camping in Green Bay every summer to see the Packers training camp.

One thing that Mrs. Bengtson loves about Richland so far is the family atmosphere and the abundance of school pride.

Welcome to Richland! We're so happy to have you here!

New Staff • New Staff • New Staff



Dave Pasqual

by: Hunter Lentz

Richland High School welcomes a new custodian this year, Mr. Dave Pasqual. Dave worked in construction management at Sanford Health for ten years before joining the staff here at Richland.

Dave grew up in San Diego, CA. He attended high school at Kearny High School and went on to attend college at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA. Dave moved to North Dakota in 2006 when he began working for Sanford Health.

Dave took the job at Richland so he could give back to the community. He wanted to share his knowledge of construction management, but more importantly, he wanted to be a small part of something bigger. Dave loves how the kids have accepted him into the community.

Dave and his partner, Paul Lucas, have been together for fourteen years. Paul is the manager of the Colfax Express. Dave also has two children, Nickolas (25) and Kimberly (19).

In his free time, Dave loves to build all types of things out of wood, work on home construction projects, and go to the firing range.

We are beyond excited to have Dave in our school!



Sarah Kummer

by: Kaitlyn Wagner

We have a new face in the office this year. Sarah Kummer has joined the Richland family as a part-time secretary. Before Sarah began working at RHS, she worked at Sanford Health for many years. She started working at Sanford in patient registration and then became a medical coder.

Sarah decided Richland would be a good place for her because she wanted a part-time job. When asked about how she likes her new job so far, Sarah said she enjoys working at Richland and added that one of the best things about working here is not having to go very far to get to work!

Sarah grew up just down the road in Wahpeton, ND. She graduated from Wahpeton High School and attended college at both NDSCS and MSUM.

Sarah is married to Brady Kummer who works as a store manager at Anderson-Crane in Fargo. He also farms part-time. They have two kids, Kylie (10) and Lauren (5), who both attend Richland Elementary.

In her spare time Sarah enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Welcome to Richland, Sarah!



Mrs. Olson

by: Ava Aigner

Another new staff member at Richland this year is the speech and language pathologist, Mrs. Rachel Olson. This is her tenth year working as a speech and language pathologist. Previously, Mrs. Olson worked in Fargo for a private practice. She then started her own company called Interact Speech and Feeding Therapy, Inc.

Mrs. Olson went to high school in Munich, North Dakota. She attended college at MSUM where she earned her bachelor's degree in science. She then earned her master of arts degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Mrs. Olson is married to Aaron Olson who works at Butler Machinery Company as a custom account manager. They have three boys: Sawyer, Lincoln, and Walter.

Mrs. Olson loves the small town atmosphere of Richland. She says it reminds her of her hometown. She also enjoys working with students of all ages at both schools.

In her free time, Mrs. Olson enjoys baking, being with family, and repurposing "old junk."

Welcome, Mrs. Olson!

Student Teacher

by: Katy Erickson

The Richland science department welcomed a student teacher this year, Mrs. Megan Viele. She taught from the beginning of the school year until early December.

Mrs. Viele attended Sisseton High School in Sisseton, South Dakota. There she participated in basketball, volleyball, track and choir. She hopes to coach either volleyball or track in the future since she has had experience coaching both. Mrs. Viele attended college at ND-SCS and played volleyball for the Wildcats during her years there. She is currently attending NDSU.

Mrs. Viele is married. Her husband, Jim Viele, owns JAV Construction. They are the proud parents of four girls who all attend Richland Elementary: Isabel (11),

Lila (9), Stella (7), and Evelyn (5).

When asked why she wants to be a teacher, Mrs. Viele replied that she has a passion for science and she loves working with kids.

Mrs. Viele greatly enjoyed her time here at Richland. The staff was very welcoming and they were able to share lots of knowledge from their many years of experience which helped her feel comfortable in the classroom. She also added that the students were all very respectful and lots of fun to teach.

In her spare time, Mrs. Viele loves to run, sew, and most of all, spend time with her family. She hopes to work in a small town like Colfax and plans on substituting here often in the future.

FCCLA Update

by: Brooklyn Hegseth

FCCLA has gained a few more members and is at forty-two members this year. This year's officers are the following: Abby Martel (President), Hanna Johnson (Vice President), Bailey Adams (VP of Records), Tegan Amundson (VP of Finance), Brooklynn Hegseth (VP of Communication), Katy Erickson (VP of Projects), Jazlin Foley (VP of Community Service), and Kaitlyn Wagner (VP of Membership).

FCCLA attended the annual District Leadership Meeting which was held on November 8 at the Fargo Dome. Twenty-eight members from the chapter attended which was the most members out of all the chapters. Richland won the spirit award for having the best cheer and our chapter got to bring home a wooden trophy!

FCCLA decided to change things up a little bit this year and sell popcorn instead of pizza and it was a great success! Thanks to everyone who purchased popcorn this year. The long-time program of Secret Grandparents has begun and members are very excited. It's a great way to get the community involved with the students and make new friends.



Mrs. Viele with the eighth grade class

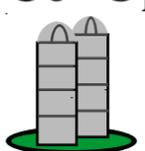
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Homecoming 2017

by: Tegan Amundson

This year's homecoming week was held September 25-29. The week was filled with school spirit, dress up days, posters, a stylish homecoming court, along with volleyball and football games.

Monday's dress up day was "Merica Monday." The hallways were decked out in patriotic displays of red, white, and blue. On Monday we also decorated our hallway and team posters, which were voted on by faculty throughout the week. On Monday night, the volleyball team played their first game of the week and defeated the Kindred Vikings.

Tuesday was "black and white" day. Throughout the day, there was a mixture of black-outs, white-outs, and yin and yang themed costumes. The day was very creative and lots of great outfits were put together.

Wednesday was "Group Day." Richland saw twins, triplets, and lots of large groups. On Wednesday we also played our annual powder-puff football game that afternoon. It was a very close game that ended in an undisputed tie.

"Support a Cause" day was held on Thursday. People supported all types of noteworthy causes like breast cancer, lung cancer, and Alzheimer's. There were also outfits for things like animal shelters and people without homes. Also on Thursday was the volleyball team's second game of homecoming week. The Colts played one of their best games of the season but lost to a tough Thompson team.

Finally, we had our traditional "Spirit Day." Our hallways were brimming with school spirit in shades of Columbia blue and gold. The afternoon was jam-packed with fun activities like a volleyball tournament, pep rally, and coronation. The first thing on the agenda was the volleyball tournament. The championship game was a lively match against the staff. Congratulations to the sophomore boys for taking home the trophy!

Then, it was time for the pep rally. There were lots of hilarious games and skits. The seventh grade did a very entertaining skit about synchronized swimming that had the whole gym shaking with laugh-



King John & Queen Brooklyn

ter. The elementary school came over to join in the festivities as well. Overall, it was a great way to get excited for the game!

The poster winners were also announced on Friday. Congratulations to the freshmen class who claimed top honors with their "RIP" football poster and their "Here Comes the Storm" volleyball poster. The junior class won the hallway decorating contest with "Jr. Juniors" and were followed closely by the eighth grade with "The Few, The Proud, The Eighth Grade."

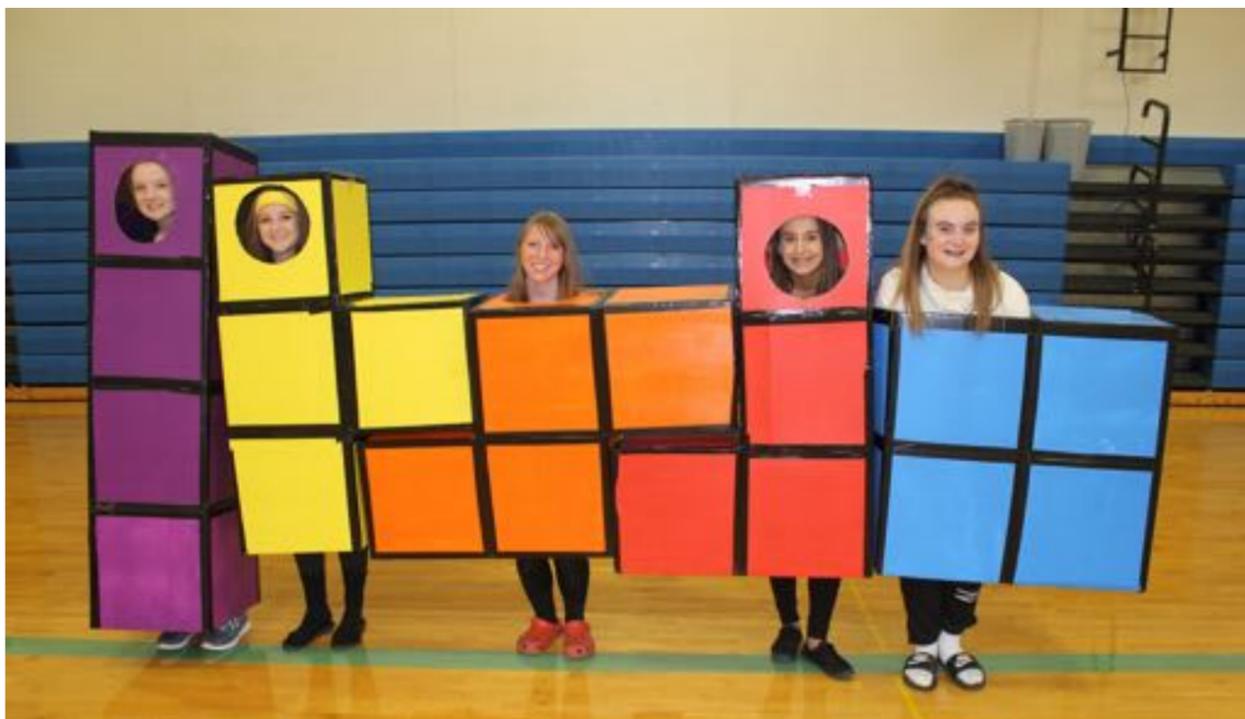
The homecoming coronation took place at the end of the pep rally. This year's queen candidates were Sydney Haverland, Brooklynn Hegseth, Abby Martel, and McKenzie Breden. The king candidates were John Haverland, Caleb Boehm, Jeremy Vig, and Aaron Meyer. Last year's king and queen, Bailey Reiland and Cooper Lingen, came back to crown this year's winners: Brooklynn Hegseth and John Haverland.

That Friday night, the Colts football team took on Finley-Sharon/Hope-Page. The Colts defeated the Spartans 49-30 and the win put everybody in a great mood. The homecoming dance followed the game where everybody had a great time!



2017 Homecoming Court

Homecoming 2017



Tetris, anyone?



Patriotic 8th Graders



Powder Puff Football Teams & Coaches



Black & White Day



Touchdown celebration!!

Richland FFA State Convention Highlights

by: Jeremy Vig



This year the Richland 44 FFA Chapter attended the 88th North Dakota State FFA Convention from June 12th through the 16th, hosted by North Dakota State University. The chapter walked away with a number of awards, along with multiple qualifiers for the 2017 National FFA Convention!

Richland had two first place winners in the Agriscience Fair contest. Caleb Boehm presented an Agriscience Fair Project in the Division IV Plant Systems area amongst other eleventh and twelfth grade FFA members and claimed top honors. Kiersten Boehm also earned first place in the Agriscience Fair. She competed against FFA members from the seventh and eighth grades in Division I and also claimed top honors in the Plant Systems category.

A new contest, previously known as wildlife, has been added to the list of competitions that are held at nationals. The official name for this new contest is Environmental/Natural Resources. Richland's team walked away with the first place award and earned the opportunity to compete in the first ENR competition at the National Convention. ENR team members included Mikayla Lacher (Gold 1), Abby Martel (Gold 2), Aaron Meyer (Gold 3), Caleb Boehm (Gold 4), and Dain Anderson (Gold 7).

This year a number of Proficiency award applicants made it to the state level. This year's state winners were RJ Hutcherson for Fruit Production, Josh Hudson for Grain Production, Brandon Lacher for Ag Sales, and Jessica Thiel for Diversified Horticulture. Other state finalists included the following: Jessica Thiel for Landscape Management, Ethan Schmitt for

Landscape Management, Brandon Lacher for Specialty Animal Production as well as Forage Production, Mikayla Lacher for Poultry Production, and Mason Vogeler for Fiber/Oil Crop Production.

Richland's Floriculture team won gold and placed second at state. This team was made up of Abby Myers, Abby Martel, Hanna Johnson, RJ Hutcherson, and Kariann Sahl. The Agricultural Communications team also won gold and placed second at state. Abby Myers, Mikayla Lacher, Abby Martel, and Caleb Boehm made up this team. The Small Animal Care team won gold and placed seventh overall. The team was comprised of Morgan Adam, Kiersten Boehm, Logan Kummer, Tessa Smith, and Courtney Haverland. The chapter's Farm Business management team took home a bronze. Participants on that team included Mikayla Lacher, John Haverland, and Jeremy Vig.

Some of our members also competed in solo competitions. Our officers had to present their record books showing everything they had done over the course of the year. Vice President Abby Martel, Secretary Abby Myers, and Treasurer Mikayla Lacher all brought home gold ribbons for their efforts. Morgan Adams, our Reporter, earned a silver. In the Food for America contest, both Abby Martel and Kiersten Boehm won gold awards. In Extemporaneous Speaking, Mikayla Lacher earned a bronze.

All in all, it was another very successful year at the state convention.

FFA Washington Leadership Conference

by: Abby Martel



A group of four seniors took a trip of a lifetime this past summer when they traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the FFA Washington Leadership Conference. Abigail Martel, Mikayla Lacher, Aaron Meyer, and Caleb Boehm boarded a plane in June of 2017 with hopes of having a great experience.

At the conference, they toured the Washington memorials, listened to inspiring speakers, explored the city, volunteered by packaging meals, and created many great friendships. The group also toured many museums including the Holocaust Memorial, Smithsonian Zoo, and the Newseum.

At the conference the students were exposed to the many problems worldwide along with the ones in their community. They were challenged to create goals and show how anyone can make a difference. After one week, all four Richland seniors could truly say it was a life-changing experience.

Richland 44 FFA Members Bring Home Honors From the National FFA Convention



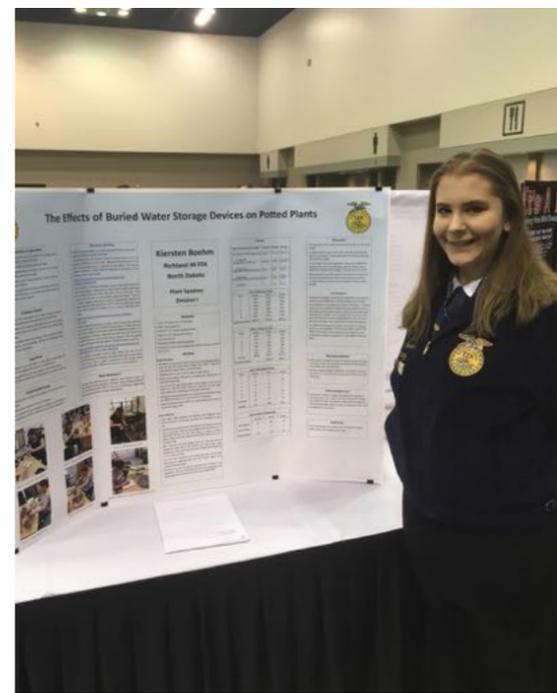
Richland 44 FFA members had an awesome National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 25-28. Kiersten Boehm placed 10th in the nation in the AgriScience Fair. The Environmental/Natural Resource team placed 20th in the nation and received a silver award. Mikayla Lacher, Aaron Meyer, Caleb Boehm, and Dain Anderson all received silver awards. This was an outstanding job for North Dakota's first year in ENR.

The Floriculture team placed 21st in the nation. Abby Myers led the way with a gold award and was followed by Abby Martel, RJ Hutcherson, and Hanna Johnson who all received silver awards.

Before arriving in Indianapolis, members toured Fair Oakes Farms, a 19,000 acre dairy and swine operation. In addition to competitions, members attended sessions and explored the career show.

Over 63,000 members attended the National FFA Convention, making this the largest annual youth convention in the world!

Congrats to all who competed at the National FFA Convention!



National AgriScience Fair Competitor: Kiersten Boehm

Thank You!!

I would like to give a big "thank you" to all who donated money to my medical benefit. I do not know who all donated, but you know who you are! There's not enough words to express my gratitude. It has helped me more than you know.

I'd also like to say "thank you" to Andy Draovitch, Cathy Duhigg, and Mr. Anderson. These three wonderful people got me to the hospital so quickly and I am forever grateful to them!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thanks again!

~ Loretta Hendrickson



Floriculture Team Members: Johnson, Myers, Martel, & Hutcherson



ENR Team Members: Lacher, Boehm, Meyer, & Anderson

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Student Council News

by: Tegan Amundson

It's that time of year again! Student council has started the school year strong and is just getting better and better. We have a brand new officer team that has been hard at work improving our chapter and our school! This year's chapter officers are as follows:

President: Abigail Martel
Vice-President: Blake Loomis
Secretary: Tegan Amundson
Historian: Bailey Adams
Public Relations: Hanna Johnson

Along with electing all new officers, our chapter had a very successful fall fundraiser. We sold our favorite Red Wheel treats. It was so successful that Bailey Adams was allowed one minute in the cash machine to collect as many flying dollar bills as she could!

Another exciting event that recently took place was the North Dakota Association of Student Council (NDASC) state convention. The convention was held on December 10-12 and students from across the state learned new things and participated in various activities held at the Ramkota in Bismarck. The activities were all geared toward making our students better leaders, community mem-

bers, and student council members.

This year Bailey Adams ran for the state office of Class B Representative. Her slogan was "See a Need, Take the Lead" and her platform was the importance of doing things for others through community service. Although Bailey did not take home the title of state officer, our chapter is very proud of Bailey for the hard work and great character she demonstrates every day. Richland StuCo members that attended the convention include the following: Abby Martel, Bailey Adams, Tegan Amundson, Hanna Johnson, McKenzie Johnson, Ellie Storbakken, Colten Mickelson, Addie Christiansen, Mason Storbakken, and Alex Martel.

Student council isn't slowing down in the month of December. We are currently busy planning the annual Project Service Day. On this day, the entire high school spends a morning doing volunteer projects to make our community a better place.

These are just a few of the exciting things that our student council chapter has done so far and there's definitely more to come!



RHS student council members at state convention

Krueger Receives Teaching Honor



Congratulations to Mr. Krueger, our Title I teacher at Richland Elementary. He was recently awarded the 2017-18 Exceptional Title I Educator Award presented by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction! Along with the honor, Mr. Krueger receives a \$12,000 grant to be used on Title I activities at Richland Elementary.

Mr. Krueger has taught twelve years as a Title I teacher, five of those years at Richland High School. Over the years, he has helped countless students with their learning needs. Mr. Krueger is an extremely compassionate, dedicated, and hard working teacher and we are so very lucky to have him as part of the Richland school system.

This is a well-deserved award and we are so proud of Mr. Krueger!!



RHS Musical is a Huge Success

by: Hanna Johnson

From the months of September to November, twenty-eight Richland students were working very hard on this year's musical! A wide variety of students, ranging from seventh grade to seniors, participated in the musical this year. The director was James Fornes and he was assisted by Miranda Pautzke. Mr. Aamold was once again the vocal instructor. Two out of the three choreographers that choreographed the last musical, *Working*, returned to help us with more excellent choreography.

This year's musical was named *Seussical*. It included excerpts from a plethora of Dr. Seuss books and worlds. *Horton Hears a Who*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *I do not like Green Eggs and Ham* were some of the most popular elements brought into the story.

The musical focuses on an elephant named Horton. While exploring the Jungle of Nool, Horton discovers a speck of dust that speaks to him. It turns out an entire world of "Whos" live on that speck! Horton puts the speck on a clover and guards the clover for the entirety of the show. The Cat in the Hat narrates this clever story and we see a character, JoJo, jump from helping with narration to being in the story!

In addition to Horton, the musical is full of fun characters such as The Sour Kangaroo, Gertrude, The Wickersham Brothers, and Mayzie's Bird Girls in the Jungle of Nool. The audience also gets to see the troubles in Whoville, which include General Genghis and her cadets, Mr. and Mrs. Mayor, their daughter JoJo, and The Grinch.



Horton spends the show trying to convince the other jungle creatures that there really are people on the dust speck. Disaster strikes when Horton loses the clover, is captured by the hunters, and is taken to a circus! There's a brief moment of happiness when the dust speck is found and Horton is rescued— until he's brought straight to court! After an intense court case, JoJo thinks of a new word and the jungle creatures finally hear the Whos!

The show ends with Mayzie's egg (which she left in Horton's care) hatching. The baby reveals itself as an elephant bird, leaving the audience to wonder what else happens in the story and to think of their own "thinks."

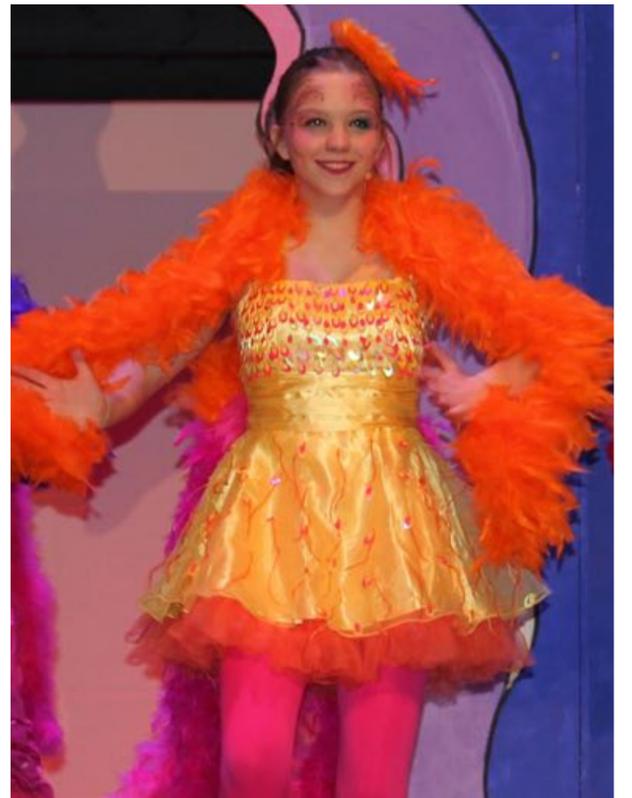
The cast performed their musical five times for an audience. The parents previewed it on Thursday and the high school and elementary got a preview on Friday. Those performances were followed by three official performances over the weekend.

When Mr. Aamold was asked about this year's cast and production, he said, "*Seussical* was a blast! It is amazing to see what happens when our community comes together to make something happen. Our students learned and grew so much throughout this process and had tons of fun while doing it."

Congratulations to the cast for a great production!



Zach Wulfekuhle as "Horton"



Hanna Johnson as "Mayzie"



Linnea Brown as "Gertrude"





Seussical



Varsity Football

by: Cole Myers



The 2017 Richland Colts football team was young and small in numbers, but they made up for it with lots of heart and talent. With no seniors, the underclassmen had to step up and lead the team. Richland ended with a record of 3-5 and just missed the playoffs by one spot. Obviously missing the playoffs is a tough thing, but this year's team made some big strides throughout the season.

The highlight win of the year was against a tough Mayport C-G team that made it to the quarterfinals of this year's state playoffs. When they faced the Patriots, the Colts were able to pull out the win and claim a 20-19 victory at home.

Many people doubted Richland would find success due to the loss of six seniors last year, but the Colts found a way to come together as a team and win a few football games this year.

Four Richland Colts earned All-Region honors this year: Hunter Lentz, Blake Loomis, Gavin Reiland, and Cole Myers. Three Colts also earned Honorable Mention All-Region honors: Carter Lingen, Trenton Dufner, and Ryan Henrichs.

Richland got closer as a team this year and made some great strides in all areas of the game. Being confident is a big thing for the Colts next year. The goal is to make it to the state playoffs and hopefully keep extending the season throughout the playoffs. Richland's underclassmen have gained a lot of experience the past two years, and the Colts are definitely looking forward to next season. The team is excited to show what they are capable of and prove people wrong.



Cole Myers looks for a receiver



Blake Loomis makes a tackle



Hunter Lentz attempts an extra point



Gavin Reiland looks for a pass

Football Awards



All Region: Hunter Lentz, Blake Loomis, Cole Myers
Gavin Reiland

Honorable Mention All Region:
Carter Lingen, Trenton Dufner, Ryan Henrichs

New Football Coaches

by: Cole Myers

Nathan Myers joined the varsity football coaching staff this fall, working with the running backs and defensive line. Coach Myers is a full time student at Concordia college, majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in coaching. He also played football for the Concordia Cobbers for one year. Coach Myers wanted to start coaching high school football after no longer being able to play the game he loves due to an injury.

When asked why he wanted this job, Coach Myers said, "I love the game of football, and since I can no longer play, I wanted to coach. Coach Freeman gave me a great opportunity to come back and coach for a program that I gave so much to as a player. I love the other guys on the staff. They are smart, supportive, and fun to be around. Colts Football is something that I am passionate about and something that I will always give my all to as long as I can. I'm very blessed and thankful for being able to coach here."

The junior high football team also had two new coaches this year, Devin and Trevor Flaa. Devin and Trevor are both Richland 2016 graduates and were valuable members of Richland's state championship football team. They are now full time students at NDSU. Devin is majoring in Exercise Science and Trevor is majoring in Accounting. At NDSU they are both involved in intramural football and basketball.

Devin and Trevor were excited to have the opportunity to coach at RHS. They both love the sport of football and have always wanted to coach.

Cross Country



by: Zach Wulfekule

Richland's cross country team was once again coached by Harry Clark. This year was very successful with a total of nine runners competing in meets. It was a young team this year, but that didn't hold them back. This year's runners included: Bailey Adams, Logan Kummer, Zach Ringdahl, Jett Foley, McKenzie Johnson, Thames Vongprasert, Zach Wulfekuhle, Adam Skoog, and Nick Wulfekuhle.

The girls' team was led by freshman McKenzie Johnson who placed in the top 10 in several meets and won multiple awards. Sophomore Jett Foley led the boys' team this year. Sophomore Zachariah Ringdahl started the season strong

but suffered some injuries that hindered his late season performances. Adam Skoog and Nick Wulfekuhle both won awards in the junior high divisions.

This was Coach Harry Clark's last year coaching the Richland Cross Country team. He started the program in 2006 and has been the head coach for the past twelve years. We want to thank him for all of the time and dedication he has put into the cross country program, including coaching his "Dew-it" running camps in the summers.

The new coach next year will be Janelle Berseth. The future of the Cross Country team looks bright with all of the runners returning next season.



Hoofbeat Staff

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Abby Martel

Juniors

Hunter Lentz

Junior High

Megan Roob

Sophomores

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Tegan Amundson

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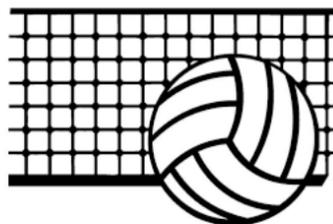
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Varsity Volleyball

by: Abby Martel



The 2017 Richland volleyball season was truly one to remember for players and spectators combined. The preparation of the season began in May with the athletes being involved in skill camps along with strength and conditioning programs. Head coach Craig Pool stated, "I have always been impressed with the work ethic and commitment of our athletes at Richland."

The season started in August with a challenge of putting the pieces in the right places. The players worked hard all year and ended with an overall record of 21-14. The losses were to teams that all ended up in their regional semi-finals except Oak Grove, who we beat to get into the semi-finals.

Some special achievements the team accomplished during the season was finishing second in the Enderlin Tournament and making it to the semifinal round in regionals. This was the first time in sixteen years that the Colts made it to the semifinals in regionals!

The Colts had a very dedicated group of seniors including Abigail Martel, Sydney Haverland,

McKenzie Breden, Brooklynn Hegseth, Kaitlyn Isrealson, and Linnea Brown. Team captains this year were Haverland, Martel, and Breden. Other outstanding varsity letter winners include Kennedy Flaa, Katy Erickson, Kaitlyn Wagner, Megan Roob, Tegan Amundson, and Paige Hasbargen.

Sydney Haverland and McKenzie Breden were both named All-Region players with Sydney also being named an All-Star which gives her a chance to play in the East vs. West All-Star game.

Many season records were broken this year including Roob with season aces, Erickson with match aces, and Flaa with blocks. Haverland also shattered the records of most digs in a season and most digs in a match.

Coach Pool was very proud of the team this year. He also wanted to add special thanks to all the people who helped make this year a success: Don Thiel, all of the line judges, the parents, and the assistant coaches Mckenzie Roob and Abby Kaiser.



McKenzie Breden serves it over



Katy Erickson attacks the ball



Kennedy Flaa



Sydney Haverland



JV & "C" Volleyball



The Richland JV and "C" volleyball teams both had very successful seasons this fall. The JV team ended their season with an overall record of 9-6 while the "C" squad finished at an impressive 9-3. Throughout the season, the teams both showed great improvements in the areas of hitting, defense, and hustle. The future of Colts volleyball definitely looks bright!

Both teams had new coaches this year. The JV team was headed up by former Richland player McKenzie Roob while Abby Kaiser led the "C" team. When asked about the season, the coaches said, "We are very proud of the girls. They never gave up. In multiple games the girls were down by as many as 8-10 points, but they battled back and won the match!"

Junior High VB

by: Kaitlyn Wagner

The junior high volleyball teams both had great seasons this year. The seventh grade team finished with a 7-4 overall record and the eighth grade team, with the help of the seventh graders, finished with an overall record of 6-5.

The teams were once again coached by Tami Taszarek and Dawn Storbakken. When asked about the season, the coaches said, "The girls greatly improved and really came together as a team."

Players: (8th grade) Emma Heyen, Rhegan Hutcherson, and Megan Lingen. (7th grade) Grace Miranowski, Carli Niemi, Morgan Sundstrom, Megan Taszarek, Shandi Callenius, Kennedy Wagner, and Blake Miller.

New Volleyball Coaches



by: Megan Roob &
Katy Erickson

McKenzie Roob was the new JV volleyball coach this year. Coach Roob was a familiar face since she is a Richland graduate. When she was in high school, Coach Roob participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, student council, FFA, and FCCLA. She then attended NDSCS where she earned degrees in physical education and business management. While in college, Coach Roob was a part of the Wildcat Singers and also worked as a lifeguard at the campus pool. Outside of coaching, she keeps busy managing the Maurices store in Wahpeton.

Coach Roob was excited to have the opportunity to coach at Richland. She stated, "My first day of practice this year was like my first practice as a freshman. I had the same energy and butterflies!" In her free time, Coach Roob likes to attend family sporting events, go to barn dances, and shop!

Abby Kaiser was this year's "C" squad volleyball coach. She was a brand new face to the team. Coach Kaiser attended Wahpeton High School where she was involved with both volleyball and yearbook. She attended NDSCS and was involved with the Wildcat Welcome Team and the Campus Activity Board. When she isn't coaching, she keeps herself busy by babysitting and working as a Herbalife Distributor.

Coach Kaiser wanted to coach at Richland because she loves the sport of volleyball and enjoys helping other athletes do their best to achieve their goals. In her free time, she likes to play co-ed volleyball, attend hockey and volleyball games, hang out with friends, and shop.

Junior High Football



by: Cole Myers

The junior high football team had many seventh graders and only a few eighth graders on its roster this year. They had a pretty young team, but they built up chemistry with each other and finished the season strong. The team ended with an overall 3-4 record and was led by coaches Devin and Trevor Flaa. It was nice to see the Flaa boys back on the sideline again!

When asked about their favorite thing about the season, the coaches said, "It was fun to see the team grow throughout the year. The highlight of the year was our win against the Hankinson Pirates."

Players: (8th grade) Colten Mickelson, Drew Gunnness, and Logan Nordick. (7th grade) Teddy Flaa, Mason Storbakken, Alex Martel, Dylan Bernotas, Hans Weinmann, Gavin Pederson, Kaden Carlson, Tanner Zander, Elliot Beito, and Logan Stebelton.

Happy Holidays!



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