

## *Student of the Month*



**Zach Wulfekuhle, Sept. SOTM**

The first student of the month award for the year goes to Zach Wulfekuhle. He is a talented student and believes English is his area of academic strength.

Zach is very actively involved in athletics here at RHS. He participates in football, basketball, and track. This past fall Zach was a valuable member of the football team and earned All Region Honorable Mention honors for his efforts on the field.

In addition to athletics, Zach is an very talented musician. He is a member of both the band and choir at RHS along with the praise band at his church. During his sophomore year, Zach played the lead role in Richland's musical, *Seussical*, and last year his trumpet solo earned a star rating at both the regional and state music contests. Zach also performs the national anthem at many Richland sporting events.

Community is very important to Zach. He is active in his church youth group and has spent countless hours doing service projects.

Congratulations, Zach!



**Kaitlyn Wagner, Oct. SOTM**

Kaitlyn Wagner was named the October Student of the Month. She is a North Dakota Honor Society member and believes that math is her area of academic strength.

Kaitlyn is a talented athlete. She has been a valuable member of both Richland's volleyball and basketball teams for years. She was a captain for the varsity volleyball team this fall and is currently serving as a captain for the girls' basketball team this winter. She also earned the Colt Leadership award for the basketball team during her sophomore year.

In addition to athletics, Kaitlyn is involved in band, student council, yearbook, and *The Hoofbeat*. She is also a member of FCCLA and is currently serving as vice president of Richland's FCCLA chapter.

Outside of school, Kaitlyn spends many hours helping others. This past summer she participated in the Catholic Heart Workcamp where she painted houses in Kansas for those in need.

Congrats, Kaitlyn!



**Ava Aigner, Nov. SOTM**

The Student of the Month award for November goes to Ava Aigner. She is a member of the North Dakota Honor Society and believes that English is her area of academic strength.

Ava is involved in many activities here at RHS. She is a member of *The Hoofbeat* and yearbook staffs along with student council, FCCLA, and FFA. Ava also plays basketball for the Colts and is a member of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

Community is very important to Ava. She is active in her church youth group and attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this past summer. Ava strongly believes in helping others and clearly demonstrates this through her actions. She has volunteered to help many service organizations such as the ELCA Malaria Campaign, Ruby's Pantry, and the Salvation Army. Ava also donates her time at benefits for local community members along with Richland's annual PTO Fun Night.

Congratulations, Ava!

# *Richland Welcomes New Superintendent & Principal*



***Mr. Koppelman***

by: Cole Myers

Richland welcomes a new superintendent this year, Mr. Dean Koppelman. Mr. Koppelman came to our school with plenty of experience. He was a superintendent in Valley City for eighteen years, Underwood for six years, and Halliday for three years. Previous to that he was the principal and athletic director at Valley Public High School for four years.

Mr. Koppelman is not a stranger to this area. He grew up just down the road in Breckenridge, MN. While in high school, Mr. Koppelman was involved in football, basketball, baseball, cross country, choir, theater, and student council. He then attended NDSU after seven years of active service in the military.

Mr. Koppelman is married to Doreen Koppelman, who works part time at the Fargo Dome with events such as NDSU football games, concerts, and high school tournaments. They have two daughters: Tina (43) and Jennifer

(41). He is also the proud grandparent of six grandchildren: Caitlyn (21), Chailee (19), Callie (17), Chloe (12), Tanner (21), and Jarrett (19).

When asked what he likes about Richland, he replied, "Everything!" He also added that he loves to cheer on the Colts at all of their extra curricular activities.

In his free time, Mr. Koppelman loves to spend time with his family, fish, read, go to the movies, and attend Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings games when he can.

Welcome to Richland, Mr. Koppelman! We appreciate all the positive energy you bring to our school every day.



***Mrs. Gandhi***

by: Ava Aigner

This year we have gained many new faces at Richland. One of the new faces is Britney Gandhi, our new high school principal. Before she came to Richland, Mrs. Gandhi was a high school assistant principal and an elementary prin-

icipal in Texas. She was also a K-8 principal in Colorado. This is her seventh year as an administrator. Mrs. Gandhi also taught English and English as a Second Language in Houston, Texas for three years.

Mrs. Gandhi attended Sequim High School in Sequim, Washington. While in high school, she was involved in tennis, volleyball, student government, choir, and theater.

After high school, Mrs. Gandhi chose to further her education at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. She was a part of Pi Beta Phi sorority, tennis club, and gospel choir. Mrs. Gandhi also studied abroad for a year in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She received her master's degree from the University of Texas in Arlington and is currently pursuing a PhD from Northwest Nazarene University.

Mrs. Gandhi is married to Rupak Gandhi who is the superintendent of Fargo Public Schools. Together they have one child, Jagger, who just turned one! In her spare time she likes to travel, read, watch football and "sappy" TV shows, and chase after Jagger.

When asked what she thinks of Richland so far, Mrs. Gandhi said that she loves the people of Richland, especially the students. She said, "They are welcoming, kind, and fun people."

Welcome, Mrs. Gandhi. We are glad to have you here!



# *New Staff • New Staff • New Staff*



***Mr. Neagbour***

by: Megan Roob

We would like to welcome Mr. Kevin Neagbour, our new high school science teacher. This is his first teaching job. Before coming to RHS, he student taught in Yankton, South Dakota for a full year.

Mr. Neagbour attended high school in International Falls, Minnesota and was active in football, baseball, and band. After high school, he continued his education at the University of North Dakota for three years and the University of South Dakota for two years.

Mr. Neagbour is happily married to his wife Brittany. She is in a doctorate program at the University of South Dakota for physical therapy. They have a dog named Finn.

When asked what he likes about Richland so far, Mr. Neagbour said he loves how close the community is here and how the entire school works together to make things better for both the school and community.

In his free time, Mr. Neagbour enjoys hunting, fishing, and four-wheeling.

We are lucky to have Mr. Neagbour here and we are excited for the rest of the school year with him!



***Mr. Riopelle***

by: Megan Roob

Mr. Zach Riopelle is our new health and physical education teacher at the high school. This is his first teaching job, but he student taught at Kindred High School last year. Mr. Riopelle isn't completely new to Richland, though. He has coached football here previously and was recently awarded Region 1 Football Coach of the Year.

Mr. Riopelle attended high school in Warren, Minnesota. While in high school, he was active in football, baseball, track, band, choir, pep band, friends of Rachel club, and WAO Warehouse. He attended college at NDSU for two years and played football during that time. He then transferred to MSUM for three and a half years.

Mr. Riopelle is not married but has been dating Katelyn Mack for almost five years. He does not have kids; however, he has a cat named "Bernie" and, yes, it is a girl.

In his free time, Mr. Riopelle enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, friends, and family. He also likes playing video games and sitting in his recliner while watching TV.

Welcome, Mr. Riopelle!



***Mr. Timm***

by: Ava Aigner

Mr. Spencer Timm joined Richland #44 at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year as the new social studies teacher. This year he will be teaching junior high social studies, world history, US history, POD, and economics. In addition to teaching, this past fall he coached junior high football. Prior to joining the staff at Richland, Mr. Timm taught in Cavalier, ND for five years.

Mr. Timm grew up in the Alexandria, MN area and graduated from Jefferson Senior High School. During his high school career, he was involved in football, hockey, and baseball. After high school, Mr. Timm attended college at NDSU.

Mr. Timm is married to Britta. She is an event coordinator/marketer for the new West Fargo hockey rink and for other West Fargo events.

When asked what he thinks of Richland so far, Mr. Timm said that he loves how everyone at Richland has been extremely welcoming.

In his spare time, Mr. Timm likes to hunt, fish, watch baseball, golf, and read.

Welcome, Mr. Timm!

# *New Staff • New Staff • New Staff*



***Mrs. Braunberger***

by: Tegan Amundson

This year, Richland is excited to welcome Mrs. Carol Braunberger to our staff. Mrs. Braunberger transferred to Richland from her previous job teaching at New Rockford-Sheyenne, which is about one hour north of Jamestown. She is a fantastic FCS teacher who has lots of experience in the classroom. Now that Mrs. Braunberger is at Richland, she has also taken over as the FCCLA advisor and has been doing a wonderful job thus far.

Mrs. Braunberger attended Rolla High School where she was involved in band, choir, basketball, FCCLA, and track. After high school, she went to college at VCSU and NDSU.

Mrs. Braunberger is married to Kent who is a funeral director and works at West Funeral Home in West Fargo, ND. They have three children: Adam (35), Heather (33), and Jordan (31) who are all married. In her short time at Richland, she has come to love the great kids, helpful staff, and kind administration.

In her spare time, Mrs. Braunberger loves to cook, exercise, play with her seven grandchildren, and travel.

Welcome to the RHS family!



***Mr. Potter***

by: Kaitlyn Wagner

One of the many new faces in the halls this year is Mr. Chris Potter. Mr. Potter has taken over the Pre-K through 12th grade counseling job. This is his first time serving as a school counselor. He retired on August 1, 2018 from his 25 year career in law enforcement. Mr. Potter is still a licensed ND peace officer and a member of the Cass County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit.

Mr. Potter graduated from Robbinsdale-Cooper High School in New Hope, MN. There, he participated in varsity swimming, marching/jazz/pep band, and student council. After high school, Mr. Potter attended NDSU and was a walk-on swimmer. He later transferred to MSUM. Days after graduation, he went to Georgia for Army infantry basic and AIT training. Mr. Potter served in the ND Army National Guard for 8 years.

Mr. Potter is married to his wife, Shelly who is a special educator at West Fargo High School. His daughter, Dakota, is 26 and lives in Moorhead.

Much of Potter's spare time is spent with his wife. They enjoy motorcycling, fishing, camping, and biking together.



***Mr. Wuori***

by: Zach Wulfekuhle

This year we welcome a new second grade teacher, Mr. Luke Wuori. Mr. Wuori also coached junior high football this past fall and will be coaching elementary boys' basketball this spring.

Mr. Wuori attended high school in Rolla, ND where he was involved in football and wrestling. During this time, he also helped coach elementary wrestling. After graduating from Rolla, Mr. Wuori attended college at UND where he earned his degree in elementary education.

Prior to teaching at Richland, Mr. Wuori taught four years of third grade in Rolette, ND. Last year he lived in Maine and worked as a substitute teacher and an ed tech (para) in Corinth, ME at Central Middle School.

Luke was recently married to his wife Breanna who is a PA (physician's assistant) at Sanford. They have a dog named Rylee.

In his spare time, Mr. Wuori likes to play with his dog, mountain bike, hunt, work on the family farm in Rock Lake, ND, and watch NDSU football games.

We are glad to have Mr. Wuori join our staff at Richland this year!

# New Staff • New Staff



**Ms. Larson**

by: Hanna Johnson

Richland has been very lucky this year and gained many new staff members, including Ms. Terra Larson. This is her first teaching job. She is our fourth grade teacher at the elementary school. In addition to teaching fourth grade, Ms. Larson coached the Richland JV volleyball team this past fall.

Ms. Larson attended Pelican Rapids High School in Pelican Rapids, MN. While in high school, she was involved in volleyball, dance, National Honor Society, and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). After high school, Ms. Larson attended the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. While in college, she participated in the Emerging Leaders Academy and the Peer Leader Program.

When asked what she likes most about Richland so far, Ms. Larson said the community is great and she loves how everyone is so caring and supportive of one another.

In her spare time, Ms. Larson likes to read, spend time with family and friends, exercise, and listen to music.

Welcome to Richland, Ms. Larson! We hope you have a great year.



**Mrs. Jacobson**

by: Hanna Johnson

Another excellent addition to the Richland School District is Mrs. Amanda Jacobson. She is one of our first grade teachers at the elementary school. This is not her first teaching job, as she previously taught at West Fargo Public Schools for eight years. Prior to that she worked at Clay-Wilkin Head Start.

Ms. Jacobson attended Munich Public High School. While in high school, she was involved in basketball, track, and golf. After that, she attended Valley City State University for her undergraduate degree and then attended Minnesota State University Moorhead for graduate school.

When asked what she likes about Richland, Mrs. Jacobson said that she loves the family atmosphere of the school and that everyone is caring and nurturing.

Mrs. Jacobson is married to Shaun who works for Northern Plumbing Supply with outside sales. They have one child, Grey, who is two years old.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, baking, and getting together with friends and family.

Welcome to Richland, Mrs. Jacobson!

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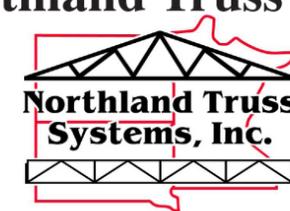
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# Homecoming 2018

by: Hanna Johnson

Homecoming week was celebrated from September 17-21. The week was filled with an abundance of school spirit, fun dress up days, creative posters, a stylish homecoming court, and many sporting events and activities.

Monday's dress up theme was "Duo/Group Day." The hallways were filled with twins, triplets, and a lot of large groups! On Monday we also decorated hallways and team posters which were voted on by faculty throughout the week.

Tuesday was "Redneck/Camouflage Day." Throughout the day, there was a mixture of camouflage, orange, and other versions of the theme. The day was very creative and there were many great outfits put together!

Wednesday's dress up day was "Color War." Each grade and the staff were assigned a different color. The staff was black, the seniors were purple, the juniors were blue, the sophomores were green, the freshmen were yellow, the eighth graders were orange, and the seventh graders were red. We also played our annual powderpuff football game that afternoon. It was a

great game and ended with the team coached by Hunter Lentz and Cole Myers beating the team coached by Blake Loomis and Trenton Dufner.

Thursday was "Character Day." Our halls were filled with characters from movies, books, and TV shows. Everyone was very inventive and thought of super interesting ways to represent their chosen character! On Thursday night, the volleyball team played a tough Oak Grove team at home and lost in a hard-fought game.

Friday was the annual and traditional "Spirit Day." Our hallways were brimming with school spirit in the shades of columbia blue and gold. The afternoon was packed with fun activities, starting with a volleyball tournament. Congrats to the junior boys for winning the trophy for the second year in a row! The pep rally and coronation took place after the lively championship game between the juniors and the staff.

The pep rally was filled with hilarious games and skits, namely the seventh graders' impersonation of Baby Shark that had the entire gym roaring with laughter. The



*King Parker & Queen Kennedy*

elementary school traveled over as well to observe and participate in the fun activities at the high school. Overall, it was a great way to get excited for the game!

The poster winners were also announced. Congratulations to the senior class who claimed first place with their "Premieres in May 2019" hallway poster, their "United as Colts" football poster, and their "Bench" cross country poster. The eighth graders were the only other grade to grab a first place for their "Block Party" volleyball poster.

The homecoming coronation took place at the end of the pep rally. This year's queen candidates were Kennedy Flaa, Bailey Adams, Nikita Zander, Kariann Sahl, and Samantha Walter. The king candidates were Trenton Dufner, Parker Crooks, Blake Loomis, Hunter Lentz, and Casey Koenig. Last year's king and queen, Brooklynn Hegseth and John Haverland, returned to crown this year's winners: Kennedy Flaa and Parker Crooks.

On Friday night, the Colts football team took on Hatton-Northwood. The Colts defeated the Thunder 54-28 and the win put everyone in a good mood. The boys played a great game! The last celebration of homecoming week was the dance that followed the game where everybody danced all night and had a great time



*2018 Homecoming Court*

# Homecoming 2018



*Powder Puff Champions !!*



*Kaitlyn runs the ball*



*Character Day*



*Redneck Freshmen*



*Powder Puff Runner-ups*



*Richland Rednecks*

# Richland 44 FFA Members Bring Home Honors From the State FFA Convention

by: Hanna Johnson

Richland's FFA chapter has been thriving since the state convention in June and the newly elected officer team has been working hard to bring quality meetings and chapter spirit every month. The officer team consists of President Kiersten Boehm, Vice President Bailey Adams, Secretary Tessa Smith, Treasurer Allie Haverland, Reporter Hanna Johnson, Sentinel Dain Anderson, Assistant Secretary Kariann Sahl, Assistant Treasurer Kaden Schroeder, Assistant Reporter Holly Knutson, Assistant Sentinel Jett Foley, and Community Service Parker Crooks.

This year the Richland 44 FFA Chapter attended the 89th North Dakota State FFA Convention from June 4-7, hosted by North Dakota State University. The chapter walked away with a myriad of awards along with multiple qualifiers for the 2018 National FFA Convention! Richland was also awarded the State Superior Chapter award and eight individuals received state championship honors.

Richland had two first place winners in the Agriscience Fair contest. Caleb Boehm presented an Agriscience Fair Project in the Division V Plant Systems area and claimed top honors. Kiersten Boehm also earned first place in the Agriscience Fair contest for her Division 3 Plant Systems project. Both applications were submitted to the national level.

Richland also claimed the first place award in Environmental/Natural Resources and earned the opportunity to compete at the second ENR competition at the National Convention. ENR team members included Abigail Martel (1st place individual), Alex Martel (2nd place

individual), Parker Crooks (10th place individual), as well as Kiersten Boehm and Reese Pederson.

Three of Richland's seniors competed for Proficiency Awards. Caleb Boehm and Mikayla Lacher were state winners in Agriscience Research: Plant Systems and Poultry Production, respectively. These applications were submitted for national consideration. Abigail Martel was a state finalist in Agricultural Education. Caleb Boehm was a state finalist in Home and/or Community Development as well as in Landscape Management. Mikayla Lacher was a state finalist in Specialty Animal Production. In addition, Caleb Boehm was a finalist in the Star in AgriScience Award Program.

The Agricultural Communications team took 1st place and qualified for the National FFA Convention that took place in October in Indianapolis, IN. The team consisted of John Haverland, who won a 1st place award in Video Editing, Mikayla Lacher, who won a 1st place award in New Writing, Abigail Martel, who won a 3rd place award in Web Design, and Caleb Boehm, who won a 1st place award in Opinion Editorial.

The Small Animal Care team received a gold rating for fourth place. Team members were Abigail Martel, Kiersten Boehm, Holly Knutson, Tessa Smith, and Kaden Schroeder. In the Food Science event, the Richland 44 FFA team received a silver award for fourteenth place with Dain Anderson receiving a gold award for 14th individual. Tessa Smith, Jett Foley, and Bailey Adams were also on the team.

A few Richland members also competed in solo events. Officers

presented record books of all of the activities they completed this past year in office and Vice President Abigail Martel, Secretary Kiersten Boehm, and Treasurer Mikayla Lacher all received gold awards for their work. Mikayla Lacher received a silver for Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Caleb Boehm received a bronze for Job Interview. In addition, Abigail Martel, Mikayla Lacher, John Haverland, Aaron Meyer, and Caleb Boehm were each presented with their State FFA Degree, the highest recognition given to members at the state level.

Last, but definitely not least, congratulations to Caleb Boehm for being elected the North Dakota State Secretary! He will serve the ND FFA Association for this next year and speak to members, sponsors, and supporters. He also will present leadership workshops and work closely with chapters across the state.

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



*State Champs!*

# Richland FFA National Convention Highlights

by: Hanna Johnson

Richland 44 FFA members had an awesome National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 24-27. Individually, Kiersten Boehm placed 11th in the nation in the Agriscience Fair and the Ag Communications Team (Mikayla Lacher, Caleb Boehm, John Haverland, Abigail Martel) placed 14th in the nation. Mikayla Lacher received 21st place and a gold award, while John Haverland and Caleb Boehm received a silver, and Abigail Martel earned a bronze.

While in Indianapolis, five Richland FFA members were recognized for their years of service and accomplishments in our agricultural education program. Cody Blegen, Chris Blegen, Tannis Anderson, Jessica Thiel, and Brandon Lacher all received the American FFA Degree, the highest degree earned in FFA, at the national convention.

It was another great convention with a terrific group of members who represented our chapter and state extremely well.



*Kiersten Boehm placed 11th in the FFA National Agriscience Fair*



*The Richland FFA Chapter Continues to Shine!*

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# Richland Actors Perform “Our Place”

by: Ava Aigner



This year the Richland High School theater department put on the one act play, “Our Place.” Eight Richland students participated in the play. Those students included the following: Tia Schroeder, Kaden Schroeder, Kariann Sahl, Logan Kummer, Nick Mjones, Ella Weinmann, Allison Haverland, and Popi Miranowski. Mr. Aamold, band and choir teacher, directed the play. In “Our Place,” a dock served as the backdrop for five different stories of characters who called it “their place.” The audience was drawn into each story and found some of the storylines funny, while others were tragic.

The actors performed the play for the student body and the

community. They did an amazing job both times! The Todd Holdman Band performed prior to the community production of the play. When asked about the play and the cast, Mr. Aamold said, “The cast came together beautifully to tell the story and they gave great performances.”

The group also performed in Oakes at the regional one act play competition. Richland put on a strong performance that day and while they didn’t earn any group honors, seventh grader Popi Miranowski earned an honorable mention acting award while senior Logan Kummer earned a Superior Acting award.

Congrats to the entire cast!



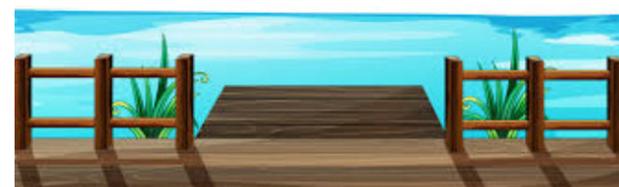
Kaden & Allie



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Logan & Tia



~ Our Place

# Student Council News

NDASC Stu Co Convention 2018 was a success! Each year Ms. Stenseth and a group of student council members venture out to Bismarck for the NDASC Student Council Convention. This year a group of nine RHS students made the trek, including Bailey Adams, Blake Loomis, Hanna Johnson, Tegan Amundson, Kiersten Boehm, Addie Christensen, Carli Niemi, Levi Ulven, and Nick Mjones.

This convention is an amazing opportunity for our young people. Student Councils from across North Dakota send 1400+ students to this convention each year. Students are inspired by many guest speakers during key note sessions and small group break out sessions. The messages range from leadership opportunities to inspirational messages to information on a variety of community service possibilities. Our students have learned so much over the years and this year several seized the opportunity to show their zest for leadership.

Tegan Amundson ran a great campaign with the message to “Build Better, Be Better.” She had some tough competition with thirteen students running for the same position. Tegan’s passion for leadership is a message she will continue to share. This has been Tegan’s second campaign for state student council office. Tegan served as the NDASC Middle Level Representative for 2016.

Addie Christensen also ran an amazing campaign for the Middle Level Representative office this year. Addie’s message was about inclusion. Addie was elected to that position and will serve on the NDASC Board for 2019.

Another of our RHS Student Council members, Hanna Johnson, presented at one of the breakout sessions. Hanna shared information about the Joyce Ivy program to a group of about thirty-five students from various councils around the state.



*2019 State Student Council Middle Level Officers, along with State Student Council Advisor Les Anderson*

## FCCLA Update

by: Ava Aigner

In the first few months of the school year, FCCLA has been busy! Our 2018-2019 officer team includes President Bailey Adams, Vice President and VP of Membership Kaitlyn Wagner, VP of Finance Tegan Amundson, VP of Communications and Records Ava Aigner, VP of Community Service Katy Erickson, and VP of Projects Hanna Johnson.

The District 6 meeting was held on October 31 at the Fargo Dome. The keynote speaker was Ava Hill who is an advocate for suicide prevention. At the meeting, our own Tegan Amundson replaced Brenna Marsaa as the District 6 President! In addition, Kiersten Boehm was elected VP of Star Events and Tegan and Hanna finished terms of Co-VP of Star Events and VP of records.

Our FCCLA chapter recently sold Grubbersputz popcorn and pretzels for a fundraiser to raise money for two projects that we support. We are planning on buying fabric for blankets that will be made on Richland’s service project day which will be held on December 21. These blankets will be donated the Ronald McDonald House. We will also be donating money to Children’s Miracle Network.



Congratulations, Tegan, on being elected FCCLA District 6 President!!

# Varsity Football

by: Cole Myers



The Richland Colts 2018 football team had a successful season. The Colts ended with an overall 6-2 record and made the state playoffs again this year. They showed great improvement and went from 3-5 overall last year to 6-2 this year. They definitely improved and made a statement in Region 1 that they were a team to beat. Unfortunately, the Colts season ended in the second round of the state playoffs to a tough Oakes team that made the state semi-finals.

Highlights of the season included big wins against Mayport C-G and Finley-Sharon-Hope-Page. The Colts traveled up north to Mayville to take on the Mayport C-G Patriots in their third game of the year. It was a shoot-out on the new turf and the Colts ended up winning 32-28 against a tough Mayport team. Another highlight came against the Finley-Sharon-Hope-Page Spartans. Going into the game, the Colts had a chance to clinch the second seed in Region 1 and earn a first round bye in the state playoffs. It was a close game at halftime, but the Colts rolled in the second half and ended

up winning 63-24.

Once again, there were a lot of people who doubted the Colts this year and thought they wouldn't be able to compete with the teams in Region 1, but the team competed with everyone in the region, including the number one team in the state, Thompson. After an extremely close loss to the Tommies, the Colts turned some heads and proved to people they weren't a joke.

The Richland Colts football team had seven seniors this year: Hunter Lentz, Blake Loomis, Austin Loomis, Trenton Dufner, Ryan Henrichs, Dain Anderson, and Frank Holzhey. Thank you, seniors, for your hard work and dedication. You will be missed!

Overall, the Colts grew closer and came together as one to win six games this year. A team goal this year was make the playoffs and they worked hard to obtain that goal. The Colts have a lot to be proud of this year. Turning a record below .500 to a record above that is an impressive improvement. The Colts are looking to keep it rolling next year and continue to prove people wrong.



*Cole Myers ready to pass*



*Hunter Lentz makes a great catch*



*Trenton Dufner dives into the end zone*



*Gavin Reiland runs the ball*

# Junior High Football



by: Zach Wulfekuhle

The junior high football team had a good year and ended their season with an overall record of 3-2. They were coached by Luke Wuori and Spencer Timm.

The Colts were small in numbers this year. The team had five eighth graders (Kaden Carlson, Hans Weinmann, Teddy Flaa, Elliot Beito, and Tanner Zander) and six seventh graders (Eric Moen, Levi Ulven, Nick Mjones, Mikey Hopping, Wade Gorder, and Nick Wulfekuhle).

A highlight of the season included playing Hankinson in a 6 man football game and coming back from a twenty-four point deficit to win the game.

When asked about the season, the coaches said, "The junior high football team came ready to work every day and they were very coachable. They always had a positive attitude. This year's team motto was "Be fast, physical, and disciplined."



*Carter Lingen runs the ball*

# Cross Country



by: Zach Wulfekule

The cross country team had an amazing year. They were coached by Janelle Berseth this year and as a team hit many goals. This year's team was made up of two seniors (Bailey Adams and Logan Kummer), two juniors (Jett Foley and Zach Ringdahl), one sophomore, (McKenzie Johnson), one eighth grader (Adam Skoog), and one seventh grader (Nick Wulfekuhle).

There were lots of highlights this year for the team including the fact that five runners got their career best times this season. Jett Foley led the team with the best 5k time of 19:26. Richland had enough male runners this year for the boys to have a competitive team score. From the first race of the season to the

last, the team shaved 16 minutes off their running times combined, which is an impressive improvement! All runners had better times at the end of the season compared to their times at the start.

When asked about the season, Coach Berseth stated, "Each runner finished every race they started and in this sport, that is very important." She went on to add that she was very proud of every runner and is already looking forward to next season!

The team will lose two seniors to graduation: Logan Kummer and Baily Adams. Thanks to both of them for their hard work and dedication to the team. The team will greatly miss them next year.



## Football Awards

### All-State Second Team:

*Cole Myers & Hunter Lentz*



### All Region:

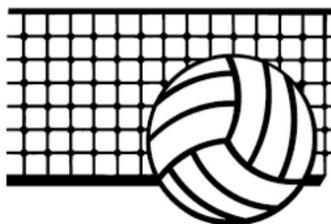
*Blake Loomis, Cole Myers, Hunter Lentz, Gavin Reiland, Trenton Dufner, Ryan Henrichs, Carter Lingen*

### Honorable Mention All Region:

*Zach Wulfekuhle, Carson Anderson, Austin Loomis*

# Varsity Volleyball

by: Katy Erickson



The 2018 Richland volleyball season was amazing and full of accomplishments. One of the season highlights included beating Hankinson (in their gym) when the Pirates held an undefeated record at the time. Another highlight, according to head coach AnnDee Erickson, was the team/family mentality that the girls carried all season.

The best game of the year for Richland came in the semi-final round of the regional tournament when they took on the top seeded Northern Cass Jaguars. Richland lost the first game 17-25 but battled back to win the second game by a score of 25-18. The third game went into extra points with the Jaguars earning the 27-25 win. The Colts again battled back and won the fourth game by a score of 25-17. The final game was an intense and impressive display of talent and teamwork on both sides of the net. The game was extremely close the entire way with the lead switching back and forth multiple times. Richland gave it all they had but ended up with a heartbreaking 17-19 loss.

Coach Erickson was very proud of the team that night. “The

game against Northern Cass did not end the way we wanted it to, but I saw what true dedication and teamwork looked like that night. The girls gave it their all and shined through. The outpouring of student, staff, and community support we had that night was also unbelievable! It still brings tears to my eyes.”

Richland will lose one senior to graduation this year, Kennedy Flaa. She is a very talented volleyball player and has been a four year starter for the Colts. She also served as a team captain this fall. “Kennedy has a big personality and she will be truly missed,” stated Coach Erickson.

Flaa led the team in kills this year (259) followed by Katy Erickson (194). Flaa also led in blocks (96) and was followed by Kaitlyn Wagner (60). In serve receive, Flaa and Erickson led the team with 93% each. Megan Roob led the team in serving aces with 70. Roob also led the team in assists. She was well over 1000 career assists at the end of the season.

Special congratulations also go out to Kennedy Flaa and Katy Erickson who were named to the All Region Team.



*Katy Erickson serves it over*



*Kennedy Flaa attacks the ball*



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*Kaitlyn Wagner at the net*



*Megan Roob sets it up*



## JV Volleyball

by: Kaitlyn Wagner



The JV volleyball team had a great season this year! They finished with a record of 9 wins and 6 losses. The team included Megan Lingen, Emma Heyen, Ellie Storbakken, Samantha Hendrickson, Rylee Hendrickson, Tessa Smith, and Tegan Amundson. We had a new face coaching the JV team this year. Coach Terra Larson, who is also the new fourth grade teacher, took on the role this year.

Each girl improved greatly this season on their front row attacking and their back row defense. A huge highlight for the season was beating Oakes after the team discussed some changes right before the game. When asked about the season, Coach Larson said, "I am so impressed with the work ethic and teamwork put forth by every girl on the team. Everyone was able to adapt and play whatever position they were asked to fill."

This was Larson's first year coaching a high school team. She said that it was great and she was happy to be welcomed to the community and team so graciously. "I am very impressed with the talent and work ethic of the players here and I am hoping to come back and help them grow next year," said Larson.

Congratulations on your season, girls!

## Junior High VB

by: Kaitlyn Wagner



The junior high volleyball teams had exciting seasons this year! The 7th grade team consisted of Isabel Viele, Ally Hollow, Alison Heyen, and Ashlyn Brown. With the help of a few 8th graders, the 7th graders went undefeated finishing with a perfect 11-0 record. The 8th grade team this year included Megan Taszarek, Kennedi Wagner, Blake Miller, Shandi Callenius, Morgan Sundstrom, and Carli Niemi. They finished with a winning record of 6-5.

This year the team of ten girls stepped up their level of play to compete against teams who had more than enough players. The junior high volleyball teams were coached by Dawn Storbakken and Tami Taszarek. When asked about the season, the coaches responded, "The girls improved immensely, learned to be more versatile players, and came together as a team."

Way to go girls! Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

## Happy Holidays!



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## *Student Award of Excellence*



The Southeast Region Career/Tech Center recently named Parker Crooks and Kiersten Boehm the October and November recipients of the Student Award of Excellence. This student award process was established to recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence, outstanding service, a positive work ethic, and achievements above and beyond the call of duty.

Congratulations, Parker and Kiersten!

## *Homecoming Week Top Pic*



*The Breakfast Club ~ Richland Style*

## *Student Council Organizes RHS Blood Drives*

RHS Student Council and United Blood Services kicked off their first blood drive of the school year on Wednesday, September 21. The goal for this first drive was 18 donors. We had 26 donors sign up and 18 were able to donate. Two of those donors gave double red cells for a total of 20 blood products. We have been very fortunate to have the majority of our schedule filled with students and staff, though we do appreciate community members who volunteer.

With each drive, we gain new donors as students turn 16 and are eligible to donate. This time we had 4 new donors. We also have students operate the registration table for the day. Students who donate and/or volunteer during at least 4 drives are eligible to earn the red Hero Honor Cord to be worn for graduation.

The second blood drive was held on Wednesday, November 21. It was a very successful drive. We had 22 donors sign up and 21 were able to donate! Eight donors were able to give double red cells for a total of 28 blood products and we also had 7 first time donors!

Thanks for being a hero!

