

March
2020

Colt Connection

Richland #44 School District & Community Newsletter



Richland #44 School Foundation Presents: TEACHER FEATURE

If you have not already done so, be sure to check out the March 2020 Teacher Feature on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/Richland44schoolfoundation/videos/201027380995458/> The foundation, along with Director Juli Mauch, will be highlighting teachers each month in this creative approach to feature our wonderful teaching staff at Richland #44.

The Foundation also continues to work on details and specifics of the Darrel Hendrickson Scholarship Fund. As information is available, it will be shared with the public and students. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 7 at 6pm at the high school in Colfax.

RICHLAND #44 FOUNDATION
TEACHER FEATURE
Mrs. Viland
Elementary Music Teacher
RICHLAND #44 FOUNDATION

A professional portrait of Mrs. Viland, an elementary music teacher. She is wearing glasses and a patterned blouse, smiling at the camera. The background is dark with some light streaks.

Coach Openings>>>

Richland #44 currently has several coaching positions open.

Golf Coach: Starting March 2020

Varsity Football Coach: Starting August 2020

Junior High Football Coach: Starting August 2020

Varsity Volleyball Coach: Starting August 2020

Assistant Volleyball Coach: Starting August 2020

Varsity Girls Basketball Coach: Starting Nov. 2020

Questions? Contact our activities director at

Spencer.Timm@k12.nd.us

To apply, visit [https://richland44schooldistrict.weebly.com/
job-openings.html](https://richland44schooldistrict.weebly.com/job-openings.html)



Superintendent's Corner>>>

Hello Colt Country,

I cannot believe it is already March – the school year is flying by! I want to thank everyone for the warm wishes on the new addition to our family and to Mr. Timm for stepping in as interim principal while I was gone. We have a wonderful staff that pitched in during my absence; I am now glad to now be back with our students every day!



With only a few months remaining in the school year, there is much to celebrate and look forward to. Our sports teams continue to perform extremely well and represent us well throughout the state. Our new speech team has hit the ground running, participating in multiple tournaments and placing many times! Our FFA and music groups continue to compete and excel, and we had all three of our spellers placed at the Richland County Spelling Bee. Way to go, Colts!

Our district strategic planning committee has met twice and will continue to meet this spring. Thank you to those who participated in our community focus group and gave valuable feedback that has helped to guide our discussions. The team is spending time identifying the values and characteristics that define our school district, while also discussing the vision for our future. I am excited for what we come up with and look forward to sharing it with our school board and public later this spring.



Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or suggestions. I love hearing from the students, families, and community members of Richland #44.

Go Colts!
Regards,
Dr. Britney Gandhi

From the Elementary Principal's Desk>>>

Greetings Richland Colts!



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend parent-teacher conferences this past week. Conversation between parents and teachers are an essential part of keeping up to date on student needs, achievements, and progress throughout the year.

Congratulations to Ethan Skoog who represented Richland Elementary in the County Spelling Bee. We are proud of your hard work and accomplishment!

The elementary boys' basketball team has started practice with Coach Wuori. Their season opener was March 5th vs. Circle of Nations at Richland Elementary. We are looking forward to a fun season!

National School Counseling Week was February 3 – 7. We would like to thank Ms. Baker who serves the children in our school by working alongside our staff. She works with classrooms, small groups, and also individual students. Richland Elementary thanks you!



We would like to welcome Mark Olson to our building as the head custodian. He comes to us with over 30 years of custodial experience. We are thankful to have him as part of our Colt Team, please introduce yourself as you see him around the building!

Finally, it is important your child be in school each day to learn alongside their peers. That being said, in order to avoid the spread of illness to others, if your child is running a fever, he/she needs to stay home and be fever free, without medication (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) for a minimum of 8 hours. This helps prevent the spreading of illnesses and we appreciate your support in this. Also, if your child goes to the doctor, remember to get a doctor's note so the absence may be excused. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

The year has been very busy and productive at Richland Elementary School and this wouldn't be possible without our outstanding students, supportive parents, dedicated staff, and community involvement. Thank you for all you do!

Elicia Hofmann, Elementary Principal

Drivers Ed>>>

It is hard to believe we are about to enter into the fourth quarter of our school year soon.

I am posting in the newsletter early this year to make you aware of a few law changes that went into effect August 1st of 2019, and pertain to Drivers Education. These changes effect classroom and BTW, as well as the student ages.

Most significantly is that all students taking Drivers Education must be 14 by May 31st. In addition, anyone taking Behind the Wheel (BTW) must be 14 by May 31st and must also have their permit by May 31st.

Dates of Drivers Ed **Classroom**: June 1-4, 2020

Behind the Wheel driving portion of the class will start directly after classroom completion. Students will sign up for dates and times during the classroom portion. If there are any students who meet the age requirement and have their permit, it may be possible to start BTW sooner. Please contact the office for more information.

Cost for Driver's Education is \$150.00.

Additional details and sign up information will be handed out later this spring.

Thank You,
Shelly Orth
#GoColts



PB&J Fund>>>

Several years ago, when federal guidelines changed the portion sizes that are allowed to be served, Richland #44 started offering PB&J sandwiches to help supplement student lunches. The school must charge for any additional items sold a la carte in the lunch program. This includes second entrees, PB & J sandwiches sold in addition to the meal, and extra milk.



Unfortunately the Free and Reduced status of families does not count when looking at the cost of these items in the program. This results in families who are on Free & Reduced to accumulate balances that might not be able to be paid.



Richland #44 started a program called the PB & J Fund to accept donations to help offset these charges. It has grown over the years to not only help cover PB & J sandwiches, but also seconds, extra milk at lunch and milk break, and deficient lunch accounts for those in need.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our PB & J fund. We have received over \$1700 in donations this year to help support this fund.

A special thanks to our area churches who have raised special funds to help support this account. Richland Lutheran, Our Saviors, Galchutt Lutheran, Emmanuel Lutheran, Faith Lutheran of Wolverton, Zion United Methodist, and Shepherd of the Prairie parish. In addition, thank you to those who have made personal donations to this fund as well.

If you are interested in donating, funds can be sent to either school with a note to PB&J Fund.



FCCLA STAR events>>>

FCCLA members had a successful STAR Event competition in February. Competing against 13 other schools in our district, including class A schools of Fargo, Hanna Johnson and the duo of Jett Foley & Kaden Schroeder were champions in their divisions and will be advancing to the state competition in Bismarck on April 20.

Hanna placed first in Entrepreneurship with the development of Project Star Crossed. While most competitors submit prototype business ideas, Hanna's project is a real, existing business that she has started!



Jett and Kaden teamed up and placed first in Repurpose and Redesign with a table they built out of scrap metal collected from around the area.



Counselor Corner>>>

Hello Richland Colts!

Over the last several weeks I have been teaching Pre-K through 5th grade about empathy, which is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling. When we understand how someone else is feeling, we can show compassion! Compassion is empathy in action.



Since the students have become experts in identifying how other people feel, we have now transitioned into learning and understanding our own feelings. We have started the "How to Calm Down" unit in Second Step. You may notice your child singing the calm down song and I often find myself singing it, too!

In 6th grade we have been focusing on the science behind our feelings. The amygdala determines our emotional response to situations. Situations that are, or may appear threatening, can prompt an immediate reaction known as the fight, flight, or freeze response. While it is normal to experience strong feelings, we have been discussing healthy and unhealthy ways to cope with these feelings. Mindfulness is a positive strategy that focuses one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations – such as breathing.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the Richland community for supporting the counseling program. It has been such a joy to grow strong relationships with students, staff, and families. If you ever have questions about the counseling program, please feel free to contact me at laura.baker@k12.nd.us, or by phone (701) 553-8321.

Laura Baker
School Counselor
Richland Elementary

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Did you know that you can subscribe to the *Colt Connection*? If you would like each issue mailed to you, we ask for a \$10 donation each year to cover the cost of postage. Or you can subscribe to have each issue emailed to you by emailing Kendra at: Kendra.L.Dockter@k12.nd.us

For convenience, we also place copies throughout the community. You can find the *Colt Connection* at Colfax Express, Aber Grocery, Red River Communications, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Galchutt Lutheran Church, the Post Offices in Abercrombie, Colfax, and Christine, and at both the Elementary and High School Offices.

You will find current and past newsletters on our school website by clicking on the "Newsletter Tab" at www.richland.k12.nd.us



Richland #44 Coltbackers>>>

SAVE THE DATE
Athletic Banquet
Sunday, April 26 - 6pm
Richland High School

We invite all athletes and coaches (*of varsity & junior varsity sports*) along with their families to join us for the 2020 Athletic Banquet sponsored by Richland #44 Coltbackers!

Watch for more information and an invitation in the next couple of weeks.



Coltbacker Meeting
Monday, March 16 @ 5:30pm
Richland High School

Raffle Tickets - \$10 Each
*Drawing will be held Sunday, April 26, 2020
Need not be present
Other Prizes:
First Place: \$500 Cash Prize
Second Place: \$300 Cash Prize
Third Place: \$200 Cash Prize
Fourth Place: Coltbackers Gift Package

GRAND PRIZE
2019 Club Car Tempo
*gas/electric
*white in color
*grey seat
*black canopy
*winner has the ability to add second seat, modify color/deals, etc at own expense

Thank you to our Coltbacker Members for their donations this year.

Membership Levels:

White: \$20+
Gold: \$50+
Columbia Blue: \$100+

Columbia Blue Membership:

Mike & Sara Aigner
Larry & Nicole Berg
Nathan & Janelle Berseth
Craig Irwin Insurance
Daniel & Kendra Dockter
Jon & Jen Erdahl
Tazary Foley
Mike & Aimee Flaa
Vince & DeeAnn Gorder
Todd & Nicole Holdman
Paul & Emilie Ihland
Brandon Johnson, Fort Saloon
Todd & Sarah Johnson
KTM Farm
Ruth Klein
Amy Lehmann
Chad & Jody Lingen
Greg & Barb Lingen
Jen Mjoness
Jared & Sarah Myers
Mike & Sylvia Myers
Jay & Cara Myers
Kati & Chad Ulven
Wayne & Nancy Ulven
Tom & Cassie Wulfekuhle

White Membership Level:

Ron Pfeiff
Sharon Rostad

Gold Membership Level:

Deena Andreasen
Julie & Byron Heyen
Dan & Kayla Mark
Terry & Vickie Nelson
Kent & Carmen Ringdahl
Steve & Brenda Roob

**THANK
YOU**

Rotary Student of the Month>>>

Each month, the high school faculty votes on the Rotary Student of the Month. The Student of the Month is selected from the junior class. The faculty looks at students who excel in many areas including academics, extra-curricular activities, character, and community involvement. On the third Tuesday of the month, the student attends a lunch with a staff member of their choice. This luncheon is put on by the Wahpeton Rotary Club. It is held at Hughes Shelter in Wahpeton with other area students who are chosen in their schools. Congratulations to the following on being named Student of the Month:



Ellie Storbakken
January SOTM



Gwen Hopping
February SOTM



Thomas Zander
March SOTM

Coffee with Kids>>>

COFFEE WITH KIDS

POETRY AND POPCORN

Friday, April 3

8:45 - 9:15am

Richland Elementary

Celebrate poetry month by reading fun poems with your friends!



Wednesday, March 11
School Board Meeting
5:30pm - High School Board Room

March 18
Storm Make up day
School in session

March 19-22
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 1
Early Dismissal
1:15pm - Elem 1:30pm - HS

Friday, April 3
Coffee with Kids
8:45am - Elementary

April 9-13
Easter Break
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 15
School Board Meeting
5:30pm - High School Board Room



Boyle advances to state spelling bee>>>



The Richland County Spelling Bee was held in Wahpeton on February 13th. Congratulations to the Richland #44 students who participated. Cora Hermunsie took 2nd place in the 7th grade division; Ethan Skoog placed 2nd in the 6th grade division; and Patrick Boyle placed 1st in the 8th grade division, 2nd overall, and will advance to the State Spelling Bee on March 23rd in Bismarck.

2020 Spelling Bee



Boys Basketball Update>>>

The regular season has come to an end. Our boys basketball team enters Region I tournament play on Monday, March 9. Watch our next issue of the Colt Connection for a complete wrap up of the season.



Career Counseling>>>

Speakers from Corteva Agriscience - Pioneer visited with our Richland #44 juniors and seniors to talk about career fields and opportunities in the ag industry. College and career preparedness is a big part of our school counseling program!



The Richland #44 sophomore class had the opportunity to learn about automotive mechanics, health careers, culinary, and construction program options at NDSCS through the Southeast Region Career and Technology Center in Wahpeton. One of our students raced against the enduro car seen behind them in this photo.



Our 8th grade girls attended "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" sponsored by the NDSU Engineering Department. Eighth grade girls from around the region were invited to participate in engineering projects and a panel discussion with women in the engineering field. They then visited a local engineering company.

We were privileged to tour Bushel, an ag software company in downtown Fargo. Bushel has grown from about 36 employees to 175 in two short years. Our Richland girls spent about two hours visiting with women in the tech fields who work at Bushel, asking questions about the industry and learning how to pursue careers in STEM. Our students really made a connection with our friends at Bushel, who were inspiring and positive as strong role models.



Richland #44 FFA Members Compete at Many Meets This Winter>>>



As winter transitions into spring, Richland 44 FFA members have been busy learning and practicing skills in a number of different Career Development Events. With two more events yet this season, members have already competed at Fergus Falls, NDSU and Kindred.



On Wednesday, February 6, the Richland 44 FFA Chapter attended the West Otter Tail Crop and Forage Show in Fergus Falls, Minnesota where members competed in various events. Members Kiersten B, Addie C, Cora H, and Tessa S competed in Small Animal Care. The team placed 1st, with Kiersten placing high individual and Tessa placing 3rd. Kalie B, Otto D, Hanna M, Eric M, Trinity R, Zachariah R, Chase S, Kiersten B and Nick W all competed in Wildlife, with Eric tying for 2nd place and the team taking champion honors. Kiersten B also competed in Job Interview and took high individual. Wade G, Rylee H, Emma H, and Keagan N competed in Agronomy.

On Friday February 14th, members competed at NDSU/Little I. Great job to the Environmental/Nat. Resources team who took champion honors. Eric M placed 2nd overall with Nick W taking 3rd, and Zachariah R and Chase S tying for 6th. Also on the team was Kiersten B. The second ENR team placed 3rd overall. Team members were Kalie B, Hannah M, Elliot B and Otto D, with Kalie earning 9th. The Small Animal Care team of Kiersten B, Cora H, Tessa S, Tiana S and Dona S earned 4th place honors. Emma H, Wade G, Keagan N and Rylee H competed in Agronomy, and Lily D competed in Ag Sales.

At Kindred on February 15th, the ENR team again took 1st place, with Nick earning high individual, Eric placing 2nd, Zach 3rd, Kalie 7th, and Kiersten 10th. In three events, the ENR team is undefeated! Kiersten also took 4th in Small Animal Care.

After the Wyndmere event on February 29th, members will prepare for the state agronomy and ag sales events in Minot. Then the focus turns to proficiency awards, American FFA degree applications, state FFA degree applications and the April 3rd FFA banquet.



UPSTART

Free At-Home Kindergarten Readiness Program

Waterford UPSTART is an in-home kindergarten readiness program for families that will give your child a fun start in reading or math and science in just 15-20 minutes a day 5 days a week. (Reading or Math/Science will randomly be selected for each student)

Waterford UPSTART has been proven effective and has served about 60,000 children in 14 states since 2009.

Waterford UPSTART Steps of Preparation (for Parents and Caregivers):

- 1 Pre-Register**
Pre-registration is required to participate in the program. Once you pre-register, a Waterford UPSTART representative will contact you to confirm your eligibility and finalize your registration. Registration must be finalized before you can participate in the program.
- 2 Attend the Training Meeting**
Training will be held at a location near you and cover everything you need to know to ensure your child's success in the program. While you are in the meeting, your child will take the Waterford Assessments of Core Skill™ (WACS) test.
- 3 Agree to Use the Program**
All participants must agree to use the program 15 to 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Your child should begin using the program within a day or two after training.
- 4 Engage**
Each parent/caregiver is partnered with a Family Education Liaison who will welcome you to the program, answer your questions, help and encourage your child, and monitor his/her progress and usage throughout the year. You will receive weekly e-mails with program updates, software information and a weekly usage graph.
- 5 Graduate**
The Waterford UPSTART program ends with a graduation that celebrates your child's achievements. Graduations will take place during the summer prior to your child attending kindergarten. At graduation, Waterford administers a final WACS test to track your child's progress.



Waterford UPSTART's Award-Winning Educational Software



FREE
Waterford UPSTART is a free computer-based program for children the year before entering kindergarten.

Personalized
Waterford UPSTART provides hundreds of hours of reading, math, and science instruction through an adaptive learning program path that builds upon your child's strengths, knowledge, and skills.

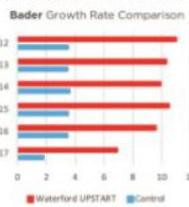
Independent & Fun
This easy-to-use program makes it possible for your child to work independently and will capture their interest and imagination with engaging books, songs, and activities.

Full-Service Support
Waterford UPSTART supports families every step of the way. Technology is provided to qualifying participants, and all families are paired with a Family Education Liaison (FEL), who provide parental support, guidance, and encouragement.

It's not too early to start getting ready for kindergarten!

Pre-register Now
1-888-982-9898
or www.waterfordupstart.org

Waterford UPSTART is proven to prepare children to enter kindergarten at or above grade level. External evaluations found Waterford UPSTART children showed significantly stronger learning rates than children in a control group and maintained that learning lead.



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A BIG THANK YOU
FROM THE PTO

THANKS FOR MAKING OUR
2020 COLTS CLASSIC
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS
A HUGE SUCCESS!

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT OUR WONDERFUL
VOLUNTEERS. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

2020 FUN NIGHT

Join us March 27 for our annual dinner, carnival, & fundraiser!

5PM: COMMUNITY DINNER

Full dinner for \$8, concessions, bingo, and petting zoo

6-8PM: GAMES & PRIZES

Inflatable bounce house, stuffed animal adoption, obstacle course, hoop shoot, fish pond, and all your favorites!

**PRIIZE BOARDS, DOOR PRIZES,
AND RAFFLE WINNERS
ANNOUNCED ALL NIGHT!**



Community Dinner and Bingo!

5PM, FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020
RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Locally-raised smoked chicken sandwich, mixed greens salad, chips, bar, and homemade lemonade for \$8

Full concessions available
Play Bingo for half the pot!

Everyone is welcome

Fun Night games and prizes start at 6PM

Prize boards, door prizes, and raffle winners announced all night

Join us to support our students and teachers



PTO Meeting
Tuesday, March 24 @ 7:00pm
Richland High School

Bio Girls>>>

Beauty, Inside and Out. It's what BIO stands for. We are showing young girls how to build self-worth based on their values, talents, philanthropy and individuality, not how they look. We are on a mission to build the self-esteem of girls through empowerment of self and service to others. BIO Girls is a 12-week program proven to improve self-esteem, emotional well-being and physical well-being of participants by combining life-skills, curriculum, mentoring, and physical activity.



Girls grades 2-6 of all abilities are welcome to participate in BIO Girls. Participants receive 20 hours of programming dedicated to self-esteem enhancement

*Start Date: April 29

*End Date/Race Day: August 1 - Aber 5K
*Meet Day & Time: Wednesdays April 29, May 6, 13, 20 4pm
(girls can meet with mentors right after school and we will provide a snack and monitor them up to our start time)

*Wednesdays June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22, 29 5:30pm

*Location: Richland 44 Elementary School, Abercrombie

*Fee: \$65/participant with scholarships available

BIO Girls Abercrombie Registration - March 24 - 30

(register online at www.biogirls.org and click "register")

*Contact Info: Anna Marohl or Janelle Berseth

Email: Abercrombie.ND@biogirls.org

Facebook: BIO Girls - Abercrombie, ND

Father-Daughter Dance



Sunday April 19, 2020

Richland High School - Colfax, ND

2PM to 4PM

Girls Ages 4-12

\$25 per couple (\$5 each additional daughter)

Checks can be made to BIO Girls

Fathers, Step-Fathers, Uncles, Grandpas, Special Male Role Models

are invited to escort their girls to this fun filled night.

Couples must register in advance. Deadline is April 3.

Grand March will begin at 2:00PM (free will offering)

Dance - Games - Crafts - Appetizers - Photo Booth

Master of Ceremonies: Missy Heilman,
Founder and Executive Director of BIO Girls



All proceeds for this event will benefit
the BIO Girls Abercrombie site.

100th Day of School>>>

The 100th day of school has become a big celebration for schools all over. This year Mrs. Jacobson's first grade class enjoyed a fun day with several activities with a 100 theme.

Boy, these first graders sure look good at 100!!



Lady Colts Wrap-up>>>

VARSITY

The girls varsity team started the season strong with a 67-38 victory over Lisbon that set a momentum for the team. Key wins kept the team strong throughout the season even when the scoreboard didn't always end in our favor.

With a 13-7 regular season record, the Colts earned home team advantage for a regional play-in game against Oak Grove and won! Hankinson was next up to start the Regional Tournament. Our Lady Colts played great and came out on top with a 53-37 victory over the Pirates. This win brought our team to face the number one team in the state, the Kindred Vikings. While it ended with a loss, our girls played hard and made the Vikings fight for their win. The Colts had their final game of the tournament against Northern Cass. After experiencing a loss to the Jaguars earlier in the year, the Colts were able to push through and earn 3rd place with a 60-54 victory!



It was a great season with many memories and achievements. Notably, sophomore starter Megan Roob set a new school record with 47 points in the home opener against Lisbon; reached her 1,000th point on January 6 at home against Wheaton; and was named to the All Region Team. All players stepped up and worked together to have a successful season.

As the season ends each year, it is always sad to see our seniors leave. This year is no different. Five seniors have worked, practiced, and played together for the past 10 years: Katy Erickson, Kaitlyn Wagner, Paige Hasbargen, Tessa Smith, and Ava Aigner. These players have been fun to watch and have

worked so hard over the years to make our team successful.

Along with our seniors, we will also be saying goodbye to Coach Scheie. With much thought, and family and health in mind, Coach Scheie has retired from coaching at the end of this season. We wish our seniors, and Coach Scheie, the best of luck in their future plans.



Finally, thank you to our parents, patrons, and fans for all the support this past year. While at home or on the road, Colt Country is always there for support and to cheer on the team.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV girls basketball team closed out their 2019-2020 season with a win on Monday, February 17th against the Sargent Central Cadets. They ended with a 10-9 record. The season started out with a limited roster of six which provided challenges at times. However, that didn't stop these six players: Shandi Callenius, Megan Lingen, Kennedi Wagner, Blake Miller, Emma Heyen, and Megan Taszarek. We were lucky enough to add two additional players after winter break: Ali Heyen and Isabel Viele joined us for the remainder of the season once they finished up their 8th grade season.

The team was led in scoring by Kennedi who averaged 12 points a game with Megan T on her heels averaging 9 points a game. Emma H and Megan T were neck and neck leading in rebounds and blocks; they played big roles under the basket. Shandi, Megan L, and Blake all played big roles for our outside game. Megan L was a crucial part of the team as she was able to switch roles from up top to down low as a post when needed. The addition of Ali and Isabel allowed us to sub more frequently and they added to the team by coming off the bench and making baskets as well as grabbing rebounds.



One of the biggest highlights for the team this season was our win over Kindred. It took some convincing. The team they were capable of pulling it off and when they did it was a remarkable moment! The team was able to really see what hard work, determination, and believing in yourself can accomplish.

The girls showed great progress throughout the season running their offenses and defense, reading passes, and competing for the ball. Despite the adversities they faced, they remained a team and worked hard. As a coach it was fun to see the girls come together as a team, owning their roles, and most of all having fun. The JV team should be proud of themselves for persevering through the tough times and for the significant role they played in helping the varsity team by pushing them in practice every day. -Coach Mardee Leinen

Young Musicians Festival>>>

Nearly thirty students from Grades 5 -8 represented Richland on Saturday, February 29 at the Young Musicians Festival in Enderlin. Students were given the opportunity to perform vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles in a contest setting before a music judge. Richland was one of six schools performing and brought twenty different solos and small groups. Our students did extremely well at the festival, receiving seven excellent ratings and thirteen star ratings. Special congratulations to Nick Wulfekuhle for achieving an Outstanding Performance Award on his piano solo.



5th Grade Participants



6th Grade Participants



Junior High Participants

Junior High Boys Basketball>>>

The Richland junior high boys basketball season has come to a close. We were short on numbers in the 7th grade with only 2 boys: Otto Dockter and Logan Freidrich. Eight graders helped fill out the roster so we could play two games each night. The team finished with a record of 5 wins and 7 losses.

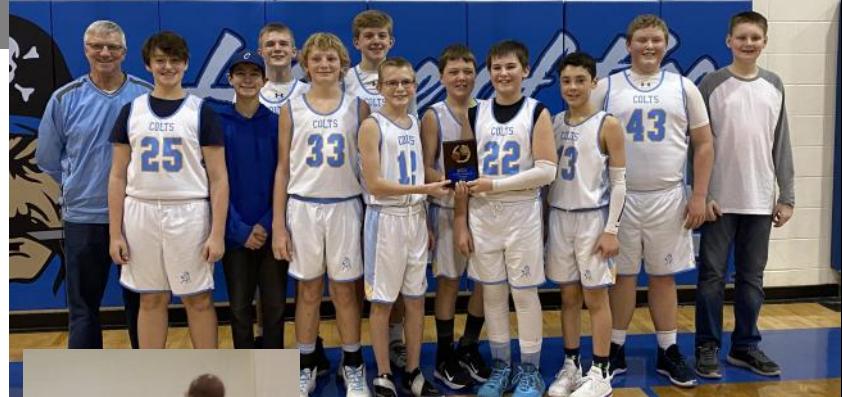
The 8th grade team consisted of Brooks Von Ruden, Patrick Boyle, Levi Ulven, Nick Mjoness, Wade Gorder, Mikey Hopping, Eric Moen, Ryley Flaa, Cody Thompson, and Nick Wulfekuhle. The 8th grade team finished the season with a record of 12 wins and 7 losses.

The highlight of the season was winning the championship in the Southeast Conference Tourney in Hankinson, and, of course, getting spiffy new uniforms!!

A special thanks to our student manager, Preston Schmitt who was a great help to both the team and coach!

This is a great group of young men who get along so well and were very coachable. The future looks bright for the Richland Colts!

Coach Harry Clark



The Team Behind the Table>>>

What may have started as an unexpected fill in position has turned into nine years of time behind the table.

Don Thiel started running the volleyball scoreboard in 2011. Mr. Thiel had volunteered to take over for a parent who had a senior on the team. This allowed for the parent to watch his daughter's final year of basketball from the stands. Then in fall of 2012 Don was asked to run the scoreboard for basketball. He hesitantly said he would if the school couldn't find anyone else. Don went on without hearing anymore so he assumed he was off the hook! However, five minutes prior to a game on December 21, 2012, Richland's athletic director at the time approached Don in the stands to confirm he would be running the clock....and the rest is history!



With the addition of our beautiful new gym in 2014 the job took a new turn. Creating and working with the wonderful display board became an added feature to the position. That along with a shot clock made the position a 2-person job. Donna Thiel joined the team and has committed several years to helping behind the table as well.

Many may not know it, but this position requires time off the scene as well. Don spends countless hours taking video and pictures to create the wonderful displays for spectators and all the fun animations that make games at RHS even more fun to watch! Along with the scoreboard, announcer has become Don's title as well. We all recognize his strong voice as he makes the starting lineups fun to listen to and we appreciate his closing reminders at the end of the game for all our fans.

When asked, Don said he has stuck with it for so many years because he really enjoys being part of the game and interacting with the players, coaches, statisticians, and refs. Don added "Running the clock gives me a different perspective on the game as opposed to being a fan in the stands."

We, at Richland #44, would like to thank Don and Donna for their time behind the table. Your Colt Pride is evident and your dedication to our school is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

School Board Vacancies >>>

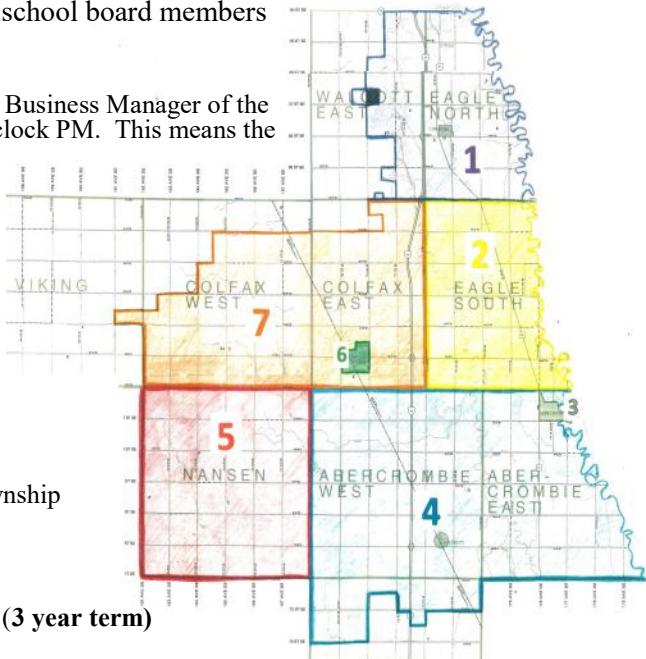
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #44 LEGAL NOTICE OF THE 2020 ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 9, 2020 the Annual School Board Election will be held in the Richland #44 School District for the purpose of electing school board members to fill any expired or vacated terms.

Any candidate for election as a member of the school board shall file with the Business Manager of the board not less than sixty four (64) days before the election and before four o'clock PM. This means the deadline for filing is April 6, 2020. A statement which is mailed to the business manager shall be in the business manager's physical possession before four o'clock on the sixty fourth day before the election.

All times are Central Daylight Savings Times:

(ND Century Code 15-22-23, 15-28-03, 04, 06, 07 and 09)



**ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF
THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

AREA 2 (two) - One member shall be elected from that portion of Eagle Township Between the Walcott Road and Abercrombie Township.(3 year term)

AREA 6 (six) - One member shall be elected from the village of Colfax, ND (3 year term)

Community Opportunities

The Men's Club of
Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Colfax, ND



FISH FRY

Saturday, March 14th 5:30 to 7:00pm
@ Colfax Community Center

(Storm Date: Friday, March 20th)

Cod Filet, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Beverage & Dessert

Cost: Adults \$10 – Children 6-12 \$5.00
Kids 5 and under FREE



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RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #44



Crooked Lane Farm

presents

The Stavig Letters

The Story of a Norwegian Immigrant

A Reader's Theatre Performance

April 4, 2020

7:00-9:00



A reader's theatre performance based on letters between brothers

The Stavig Letters provides personal insight into the immigrant experience through the lives of two brothers, one who emigrated and one who stayed in Norway. Though they never see each other again, Lars Stavig & his brother Knut write back & forth, sharing their experiences across the sea.

Covering a span of five decades, the letters of the two brothers reflect challenges faced by families in both Norway and America and provide a window into the universal immigrant story of separation, hope, and the struggle to survive.

Tickets: \$10.00

available at

crookedlanefarmnd.com

Meet the Performers Dinner

5:30

Tickets: \$10.00

Crooked Lane Farm

17385 County Road 4 Colfax, ND 58018

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ABERCROMBIE LEGION ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER

(Meatballs, potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, bread, dessert)

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Serving 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

at the Abercrombie Community Hall

"Free Will Offering"

Hosted by the

American Legion Post 128 - Abercrombie,

American Legion Post 282 - Galchutt,

& Sons of the American Legion Squadron 282

Celebrating over 100 Years of the
American Legion!