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New Pierre Educational Scholarship: The Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship

The Pierre Educational Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship! The Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship has just been established with the Foundation. The Feeney scholarship will be a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in track, done well academically, and is going on to an accredited college or university.

Charles "Lindy" Feeney is a well known track star who graduated from Pierre High School in 1947. His wife, Shirley (Stampe) Feeney graduated from PHS in 1945. While in high school, Lindy was an all around student serving as Class President, Commissioner, Gumbo Staff, Monogram Club, Football, Basketball, and Acappella Choir. Lindy's passion, however, was with Track. He knew early on that he was a pretty good runner because as a 10-year old, he could beat his older brothers who had already shown some talent on the Pierre track team. Lindy lettered five years in track, and for four years he was never beaten in a South Dakota track competition. While on the team, he set several school records including the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and ½ mile relay team. Two state titles were also won during his time on the team: 1945 and 1947. After graduation, Lindy went on to attend Indiana University on a track scholarship and he was co-captain of the 1951 IU track team. Charles "Lindy" Feeney has also been inducted into the Howard Wood Hall of Fame in Sioux Falls, the

South Dakota Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Pierre High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Charles and Shirley were married in 1952 and have three daughters, Kay, Linda and Susan, and five grandchildren. For forty years Lindy and Shirley lived in Enderlin, ND where they owned a bank. They are now retired and living in Fargo, ND.



Top Left: Charles "Lindy" Feeney, Class of 1947. Top Right: Shirley (Stampe) Feeney, Class of 1945. Bottom: Shirley and Lindy Feeney on an Alaskan cruise in August 2006.

According to Head Track Coach Geoff Gross, "Lindy and the other Pierre track athletes, including his brothers, from that era, the mid 1940's, have proven to be an inspiration on the track to the present crop of Pierre track and field athletes. The generosity of Lindy and his wife will continue to be an inspiration to Pierre track athletes through

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Pierre Educational Foundation

About the Pierre Educational Foundation

The Pierre Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community based organization committed to helping students of all ages in their pursuit of academic excellence. The activities of the foundation are directed by a Board of Directors.

The Foundation was established in 1995 with a gift from the Cora London Estate. Cora London was a successful clothier business owner and operator for many years in Pierre. Her generosity will encourage additional grants, gifts and endowments for educational purposes.

The Pierre Educational Foundation seeks to involve all sectors of the community. Our goal is to perpetuate a high quality system of education for all citizens within the boundaries of the Pierre School District. The Foundation is dedicated to providing well-rounded educational opportunities where graduating students will be well prepared to succeed in their post high school years; faculty members will be able to teach in a positive and well equipped learning environment; educators can continue to develop innovative and sound instructional programs; local employers will be assured that schools will provide competent employees; and all Pierre citizens will benefit from the Pierre School District.

The purposes of the Pierre Educational Foundation are to promote and support the educational needs of the students, teachers, and community members through donations, pledges, gifts and grants; to accept contributions from individuals, businesses and public or private organizations; to deposit and productively invest funds received, obtaining the maximum income obtainable with safety; and to provide funding for academic scholarships and educational activities in accordance with the terms specified by donors. 🍎

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President's Column

Laurie Gill, Pierre Educational Foundation President



Welcome to the last 2007 edition of the Governor News, which is the official newsletter of the Pierre Educational Foundation (PEF). This is my first message as President of the Board of Directors, and I am pleased to serve in this capacity for the next

year. We have been capably led for the past year by Scott Jones as the President. During his tenure on the PEF Board, one of the biggest accomplishments was the return of the Debate Program to the Pierre School District. Under Scott's leadership, a community group was formed to flush out the details, work with the school district, and move ahead to see the program become a reality- which it now is. Thank you, Scott.

Through the years since its inception in 1995, the PEF has been committed to helping the Pierre School District offer the highest quality education to our students that is possible. School districts around the nation are facing increasing budget constraints, and are continually challenged to make ends meet. Educational Foundations are a way to use local community members to assist their districts by providing flexible resources that wouldn't otherwise be available through traditional funding mechanisms. The PEF strives to do just that.

The Pierre Educational Foundation Board exists in order to reach several key goals:

- To establish an endowment base of \$1,000,000.
- To distribute money from the endowment base to support and promote education needs within the boundaries of the Pierre School District.
- To maintain a mini-grant program that supports new ideas and efforts, and enhances education for all ages.

- To encourage membership and gifts to the Foundation.
- To foster and promote continued education excellence.

The above goals are reached by combining routine, ongoing methods, along with one-time projects that have beginning and ending points. Every year the PEF awards scholarships to graduating seniors from Riggs High School, awards mini grants to local educators and administrators, and collects alumni news for all of our enjoyment. To compliment these efforts, we also have worked on some major projects such as the reinstatement of the Debate Program and the first Pierre Riggs Alumni Directory.

As the Pierre Educational Foundation faces 2008, it is the perfect time to stop, review our goals, and embark upon new pathways into the future. The Board is looking for ways to ensure that every dollar that we get into the schools is valued and useful-serving as many students and schools within the Pierre District as possible. Having said that, I have asked the current and past PEF board members to join me in a facilitated strategic planning session this month. My hope is that the PEF begins 2008 with a solid plan and some specific dynamic projects to tackle. The Board welcomes suggestions from community members as we forge ahead into the New Year. ❄️

Happy Holidays



from the Pierre
Educational Foundation

From the Superintendent

Dr. Kelly Glodt, Pierre School District Superintendent



I would again like to begin this correspondence by thanking each and every individual that has been, or will be, involved with the Pierre Educational Foundation (PEF).

My initial impression that the Pierre School District had quality administrators,

teachers, support staff and students, has been reinforced on a daily basis since my arrival in July. The Pierre School District and alumni have reason to be proud of its many outstanding accomplishments and can expect many more defining moments in the future.

I have been afforded the opportunity to work with the Pierre Educational Foundation Board members on a number of issues during my short tenure. They are a great group of individuals who certainly have our student's best interest at heart. The PEF is a critical component of the district's new Daktronics Sports Marketing program. The program will not only significantly upgrade and improve our sports facilities throughout the district, but also provide the district with a new source of revenue by providing better advertising opportunities for local businesses. The Daktronics Sports Marketing program would not have been possible without the continued support and generosity of BankWest, our "Angel Partner" of the program. You will notice many exciting changes when you visit our sports facilities next year!

I have now witnessed the process used to distribute the PEF mini-grants. The mini-grants provided by the Pierre Educational Foundation not only challenge teachers and administrators to go above and beyond, but also assists a great number of students who are fortunate enough to reap the benefits. Although those teachers/departments/buildings that receive mini-grants are

very appreciative, there are many more applications that are turned down all of which would benefit our students. The more support the Pierre Educational Foundation has from its members, the more our students will benefit.

Again, I would like to thank those of you who have taken an active role in enhancing the Pierre Educational Foundation. Money alone will not make a difference in the educational program we are able to offer our much deserving students. It all starts with quality people; and I can assure you we have some of the best there is to offer. Good people with a little extra funding can make miracles happen. I look forward to meeting and visiting with many of you in the future. Please stop by and introduce yourself! 🍷

Copies of Alumni Directory Still Available



The first ever Pierre / T.F. Riggs High School Alumni Directory was completed in April. Alumni Research, Inc. compiled alumni information into a

hardbound, library quality volume and an online community.

A limited number of directories are still available for \$59.95. To order a copy of the directory, contact Customer Service at Alumni Research Inc at (800) 325-8664. Directories are only available to alumni of Pierre or T.F. Riggs High School.

From the Student Body

Eric Christiansen, Student Body President

A person's high school years have a profound impact on their life. For many, it's known as: "the glory days." This is where the many of the stories come from that people tell when they're older. The stories of "Whoa, how did I survive that?" to stories of peaceful, safer times that were free of stress and filled with our early friendships. And then everyone remembers the high school experience itself.

Who doesn't remember the class that seemed like it was impossible to pass? Riggs High continues to have a great variety of subjects to take that allow them not only to learn and have fun, but if they like it enough, to prepare for the future. From medical occupations classes to ed-practicum, students are learning fundamental knowledge for specific job purposes. Or for those students like me, there are finance classes to teach you what exactly a bank is!

Beyond the classes, students are able to participate in numerous school organizations. One such organization is Student Senate, which allows elected students to vote on decisions and enact them for the betterment of the school. There are the Future Business Leaders of America, where you learn business techniques for the future. Teen Court is a great organization to be involved in. There, you act as a real attorneys or jurors in trial that decide on punishments for students

who have done something against the law, whether it be a curfew violation or something more extreme. No matter what you are interested in, there is an activity or organization at Riggs that you can enjoy.

Something else that draws a lot of interest for students is athletics. There are numerous sports for both boys and girls to participate in during the fall. The boys football team made it to the playoffs, where they were fell to Yankton. The girls volleyball team had an outstanding year, going undefeated until the championship game. The boys and girls soccer teams both made it to the state tournament with the girls taking sixth place and the boys taking third. The boys golf team took sixth place at state as well. The girls and boys basketball seasons are starting soon, with two-a-day practices a regular occurrence. Overall, it was a good year for athletics at Riggs, and it will surely continue throughout the rest of the school year.

No matter what you're interested in, there is something at Riggs High School for you, whether you prefer athletics, school organizations or just having a good time. These activities are what shape a person's high school career and have a profound influence on their lives. These are the things that create memories for the rest of your life. 🍷

Feeney Scholarship, continued from page 1...

education as provided by this scholarship. We would like to thank them for their generous gift to the excellence that is Pierre athletics and academics."

The Feeney Scholarship details are still being finalized, but everyone is encouraged to visit www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org for updates on the selection criteria and other scholarship details.

If you would like to contribute to the Feeney Scholarship Fund, please mail your tax-deductible

donation to the Pierre Educational Foundation, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501. Please make a notation on your check that you would like it designated to the Feeney Scholarship Fund. 🍷



1947: Feeney sets a new record in the 100-yard dash.

School Spotlight: Buchanan Elementary School

Buchanan Elementary School
100 N. Buchanan,
(605) 773-7310
Principal: Heath Larson



Buchanan Elementary School educates students from Junior Kindergarten through fifth grade. The Junior Kindergarten program provides two half day sessions, while all of the other grade levels have a full day program. Currently, there are three sections of kindergarten and second grades along with two sections of first, third, fourth, and fifth. The average class size is 20:1. Additional programs include Reading Recovery, special education, speech/language, library, music, and computers. Federal funding for Title I is provided to Buchanan School.

Enrollment averages 310 students with almost evenly split distribution of boys and girls. Working with students are 24 certified and 12 support staff members. Just over 30% of students are eligible for free and reduced meals. Buchanan offers a breakfast program with about 25% of the students participating.

Buchanan School provides students with the same curriculum as each elementary school in the district. All of the K-5 students have at least one hour per week of physical education, computer lab time, and music. A band program is available to fifth grade students. Buchanan offers an After School Program K-5 that involves many staff and approximately 40 students. Boost Up, a program to boost brain stimulation with

physical activity, is offered at several grade levels. Junior Achievement (third-fifth), D.A.R.E. (fifth), Character Education (kindergarten-fifth) and a Geography Bee (fourth-fifth) are programs that also are provided.

Buchanan School was awarded a Reading First Grant. In addition to extensive staff development, this program requires a 90 minute reading block. A reading coach currently works with staff and students in grades K-3. Each classroom at Buchanan has Smart Board Technology and an amplified microphone system.

Community involvement at Buchanan Elementary School is encouraged. Reading Buddies come into the school and each volunteer is paired with a student with whom they read for thirty minutes weekly. Students and adults enjoy forming a relationship and this gives students another opportunity to develop their reading skills.

Emphasis is not put only on academic standards but the whole child. The Boys Town Model serves as the model for social skills instruction. Over \$60,000 of new playground equipment has been installed at Buchanan Elementary School from 2005-2007 thanks to our Parent Teacher Association and a generous anonymous donation. Buchanan Elementary School also takes part in a walking program called Schools Walk to help promote healthy lifestyles.

The "I Set a Good Example" program individually recognizes students when they are caught being good. Every two weeks, students from each class are selected and the recognition involves wearing a "Good Example" t-shirt for the day, a large group photo for our good example wall, and a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment. ●

School Spotlight: Buchanan Elementary School

From the Principal...



Heath Larson,
Buchanan
Elementary
School Principal

What are the challenges that face Buchanan Elementary School?

Our most significant challenge is meeting the varying needs of students. Another challenge we have been able to be progressive with at this point and maintain is in the area of technology. Technology is always changing and improving, therefore, finding financial means

and training staff are consistently areas that need to be addressed. Several grants have been integral in allowing us the positive teaching and learning tools we currently have in the area of technology.

What is unique about Buchanan Elementary School?

We are offering a K-5 After School Program that most staff are involved with and approximately forty students. Groups meet twice weekly for thirty minutes. Our K-2 students focus on their reading skills with a staff member while students in grades 3-5 focus on weak areas in math and/or reading according to the standards based data with a teacher from their grade level. The students in our upper grades spend one session of the week with a teacher in a small group and the other session working in the computer lab with an array of software programs that focus on reading and math. We target the standards and areas of weakness to determine programming. The other unique aspect at Buchanan Elementary School is the "I Set a Good Example" program where students are recognized for positive behavior and get a large group photo for our "Good Example" wall. Buchanan is the only elementary school in Pierre that has this program.

What is something new to Buchanan Elementary School for 07-08?

A technology grant was awarded to Buchanan through Reading First along with an anonymous donation which helped support our new items for 2007-08. Smart Board technology systems are in all classrooms along with amplification systems. Smart Board systems are interactive whiteboards that operate with a laptop computer and a DLP projector at our school. Amplification systems are similar to "surround sound." The teacher wears a device that works as a microphone and through each of the speakers mounted in the corners of the classroom; the teacher's voice is amplified. These technology tools assist in engaging all students and enhance the teaching and learning process. In addition to the technology components, several new units of playground equipment were installed over the summer which has increased physical activity and provided new and updated structures on our grounds. The PTA group has worked diligently over the last two years to help make the playground project a reality. 🍀

Pierre Educational Foundation Website



Have you had a chance to check out www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org? The Pierre Educational Foundation's website includes information about the Foundation, upcoming class reunions, current scholarships, mini-grants, and much, much more. You can also update your personal contact information on the Foundation's site. Check it out today! 🍀

T.F. Riggs Commemorative Brick Project Wrap Up

The T.F. Riggs Brick Commemorative Brick Patio Project is now complete. Over 450 bricks were sold, and raised almost \$7,000.00! A portion of the proceeds have already been earmarked to financially support the Debate Program at the T.F. Riggs High School, and the rest of the money will be put towards Student Senate Programs. The Pierre Educational Foundation was pleased to help the Riggs Student Senate complete this project.

The brick sales ended in September, and the patio is nearing completion. Because of recent snowfall, the remaining customized bricks were unable to be installed immediately; therefore the patio will be completed next spring. Prior to the colder weather, several teachers already utilized the Outdoor Classroom / Amphitheater at T.F. Riggs High School and enjoyed taking their classes outside into the fresh air during their classroom time!

The Pierre Educational Foundation and T.F. Riggs Student Senate would like to thank the following individuals who purchase bricks, or received a brick in their honor. Without their participation, this project would not have been a success. Thank you!

Sharla McKay Adams	Terry Cummings	Randy Hartmann	The Leonard Management Group
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Trace Beck	Stacy Ellwanger	Patrick Hoing	Jeffrey A. Long
Michael Beck	Karae Englehart	Jeff Holden	Timmi Lunsford
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Foundation News

Commemorative Brick Project Participants continued...

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The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Winner 2007: Kristin Tate



Top Left: 2007 Mueller Scholarship Winner, Kristin Tate.
Top Right: Kristin with her family (L to R) Mom, Andrea; Sister, Tiffany; Kristin; and Dad, Dave.

The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship is awarded to a T.F. Riggs High School graduating senior planning to enroll in an accredited college or university who intends to pursue a career in the medical field. The 2007 winner of the James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship is Kristin Tate. Tate was awarded with the scholarship at the T.F. Riggs Scholarship Banquet back in May 2007, and will receive \$3,356.00 this winter, after she has completed her first semester accredited college or university.

Tate is currently finishing up her first semester at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. She plans to major in pre-pharmacy. Prior to attending SDSU, she worked at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Pierre and has been eager and determined to fulfill her goals and start her education as a pharmacy student.

The Pierre Educational Foundation's Mueller Scholarship committee is comprised of the Foundation Board President (or a board designee), a T.F. Riggs High School Guidance Counselor, and a doctor representing the Pierre medical community. ●

Reunion Information

Classes of 1940 1949 Reunion

The Pierre High School classes of 1940 - 1949 held a reunion at the Pierre Ramkota River Centre, September 7 - 9, 2007. Time was spent getting reacquainted, reminiscing and comparing lifestyles of today with those of the 40s.

The classes generously donated \$2,500.00 to the Pierre Educational Foundation, to be put towards scholarships. The money represented left over registration fees and anonymous donations from several classmates that were unable to attend the reunion. The PEF would like to thank these classes for their generosity and for making a difference in educational opportunities within Pierre. ♡

Planning a Class Reunion?

Forward all reunion information to kim@pierreeducationalfoundation.org and it will be included on the PEF Website, www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org and also included in the next issue of the Governor News (published in December 2007). The Foundation can also help by providing your reunion coordinator with the most recent contact list for your classmates from our database. Contact Kim Brakke at kim@pierreeducationalfoundation.org for more information.

Classes of 1940-1945



Classes of 1940-1945

Back Row: Bob Vogel, Horace Ellis, George Vogel, Mr. Bunge, Charles Burke, Lyle Rilling, Ben Stoesser, Charles Anderson, Charlotte (Dahlgren) Doyle, Keith Zerschling, Don Pike, Marilyn (Hansen) Haggerty. 3rd Row: Cal Jassmann, Phyllis (Vander Plaats) Smith, Jean (Raynor) Bunge, Elizabeth (Lane) Baumgart, Marjorie (Hyde) Gallimore, Bill Bartels, Tommy Corcoran, Shirley (Stampe) Feeney, June (Thorpe) Riis, Joanne (Linn) Ellis, Betty (Spears) Wunschell, Sylvia (Bergeson) Ballew. 2nd Row: Phyllis (Purcell) Jassmann, Burton Warne, Ann Warne, Phyllis (Werckman) Simon, Charlea (Warne) Brumbaugh, Calvin Pottratz, Gwen (Hartwell) Williams, Maxine (Pugh) Norman, Dorothy (Ruttman) Gilsinger, Cynthia (Huckfeldt) Fuller, Phyllis (Byrnes) Solberg, Fred Briggs, Ruth (Briggs) Neuhauser, Verna (Peterson) Ehrenfelt. Front Row: Dick Cassem, Merlyn Pugh, Orval Knodel, Phil Norman, Bill Gilsinger, Marshall Miller. Also attended but not pictured: Harry Putnam, Stan Snodgrass, Loretta (Heien) Scott, Jim Frazee, Leonard Powell, Betty (Sparks) Harding, Homer Harding, Bob Starkey.

Classes of 1946-1949



Classes of 1946-1949

Back Row: Milo Smith, Bernie Hengel, Earl Briggs, George Hipple, Dick Preston, Bob Nystrom, Phil Norman, Bernie Stoesser, Jerry Doyle, Charles Carr, Larry Venner, Jim Kjar. 3rd Row: Ralph Gilbert, Jim Devine, Ann (Hoffman) Zerschling, Mary (Werckman) Rezac, Donna (Kjar) Von Fischer, Berl (Ray) Preston, Jill (Spargur) Robbins, Phyllis (Alleman) Stoesser, Orca (Christensen) Galloway, Connie (Doherty) Gilbert, Hazel Carr, Jane (McEachron) McBurney, Alice (Devine) Venner, Betty (Riggle) Norman, Jo (Doyle) LaRoche, Nancy Neuhauser. 2nd Row: Connie (Tjaden) Anton, Lorna (King) Dubois, Mary Ann (Smith) Vincent, Jean (Ziegler) Gomez, Ruth (Howard) Downs, Dolores (Hurst) Anderson, Faye (Wilder) Walcher, Maxine (Pugh) Norman, Delores (Kempter) Kurvink, Pat (Pashby) Stoesser, Marcene (Vander Plaats) Rummler, Arlene (Hanson) Knodel, Nita (Tusa) Robbins, Mary Ann (Beckwith) Stoner. Front Row: Hal Weststover, Curt Neuharth, Jim Woodfork, Lindy Feeney, Gaylor Norman, Paul Hengel, Margaret (Barber) Trever, Jo (Rawlins) Gilbert, Bill Maher, Ray Neuhauser. Also attending but not pictured: Pat (Binckley) Harding, Karl Wegner, Margaret (Halla) Wegner, Marlene (Harter) Stewart.

Does your will include the Pierre Educational Foundation? If not, please consider a bequest of cash, property, or stocks and bonds or a percentage of your estate. Your gift will make a difference!



Reunion Information

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of 1958

50 Year Reunion: September 19-20, 2008

For more information, contact Margaret (Maggie) Stageberg at rdstageberg@yahoo.com or (540) 841-5755; Pat Murphy at murph3740@msn.com or (303) 242-4400; or Gerri Deem at gerrideem.comcast.net or (303) 410-1094.

Class of 1959

Mini-Class Reunion: September 13, 2008

50 Year Reunion: September 18-20, 2009

For more information, contact Denise Lantz at dllantz@dakota2k.net or (605) 224-1861; or Dick Howard at RichardLHoward@webtv.net or (605) 224-8503.

Class of 1963

45 Year Reunion: June 27-29, 2008

For more information, contact Joe Hanson at Hanson1008@juno.com or www.riggsclassof63.com.

Class of 1968

40 Year Reunion: July 4-5, 2008

For more information, contact Pam Templeton at pam.templeton@ujs.state.sd.us or (605) 224-0556; or Jim Wegner at jim@wegnerauto.com or (605) 280-6900.

Class of 1988

20 Year Reunion: June 20-22, 2008

For more information, contact Kathryn Deters at deters5@hotmail.com.

Class of 1976 Reunion Photos



Top: Classmates and families play golf at Hillsview. Bottom: The Class of 76 showcases their float during Oahe Days 2007.

In Memorium

Marion V. Adams
Class of 1935

Margie Martenson
Gray
Class of 1941

Celine Cox McLellan
Class of 1941

Frank Schwalm
Class of 1942

Robert Sage
Class of 1946

Edward Eugene
Smith
Class of 1947

Steph (Asheim)
Young
Class of 1995

Fall 2007 Mini-Grant Recipients

Pierre Educational Foundation Mini-Grant Program Funds are awarded to students, educators, and members of the community to:

- ✓ Encourage teachers to focus beyond standard curriculum;
- ✓ Sharpen instructional ideas and techniques that can be adapted by other teachers and schools;
- ✓ Raise the educational performance of students of all ages;
- ✓ Offer solutions for urgent educational challenges;
- ✓ Provide a way for the private sector to support educational projects through a non-profit charitable organization;
- ✓ Establish directed or non-directed scholarships to encourage and support post-secondary study.

The Pierre Educational Foundation awards mini-grants twice annually. Since the mini-grant program was established in the fall of 1996, over \$84,000 has been awarded to educational programs in the Pierre community. Applications were due on October 1, and winners were announced on November 1. The following seven projects were awarded mini-grants, totaling \$6,554.00.

- \$1,350.00 to Ruth Smith, T.F. Riggs High School for "Coaching Connections with the Tablet Computer." This grant will purchase a tablet computer for the math coach since she is not 'eligible' for one of the tablets purchased through the state Classroom Connections project. Daily access to a tablet will allow the Math Coach to provide on-going support for the integration of technology into instruction and learning for high school students.
- \$510.00 to Darlene Braun, St. Joseph School for "Talking Pens." The talking pen has been the premier instrument for developing fine-motor skills through pattern tracing and is a proven tool for developing perceptual motor skills. They are used to develop gross and fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, laterality, directionality, auditory perception, form perception, ocular pursuits and spatial relationships. This grant will allow St. Joseph School to purchase three talking pens.
- \$323.00 to Beata Ferris, Georgia Morse Middle School for "8th Grade Photography Module." The students will use the digital camera and storage devices to take pictures of events, activities and projects around the school. The photos will then be edited and upon instructor approval will be posted on the Tech Ed website. Photos will also be emailed to Oahe TV for possible publication on the local public access channel.
- \$1,000.00 to LeRoy Fugitt, T.F. Riggs High School for "Photography Class." The photography curriculum is a comprehensive beginning-intermediate level class. With the purchase of the new tablet computers we now have Adobe Photoshop available for student use, but do not have the cameras required for instruction and student use on class projects. This grant will also support Bob Gill's Multimedia / Website project by purchasing a camera that he will also be able to use.
- \$696.00 to Susan Peterson & Hyrma Zakahi, T.F. Riggs High School for "Podcasting in Foreign Languages." PODcasts are portable on demand audio or video broadcasts. In addition to the student driven activities, teachers can provide listening activities with native speakers or create their own listening activities for student practice.
- \$1,800.00 to Sarah Seamands, T.F. Riggs High School for "Students & Technology: GPS & ArcView," a joint project between Riggs High School, SD Discovery Center and the Summer Recreation Program. Students will be introduced to the basic operation skills so they will become familiar with the technology and be able to use the GPS efficiently and effectively. This grant will purchase 15 GPS units.
- \$875.00 to Jamie Griffith, Buchanan Elementary School for "TextTalk." The lending library, with copies of the Read-Aloud books, will allow kindergarten and first-grade students the opportunity to take these books home and read with family members. Students will have already been exposed to the content of the book and will therefore be able to engage in conversation with family members regarding the books. ●

Alumni News

Send your updates to info@pierreeducationalfoundation.org

1930s

Floriene (Rhoades) Schwalm

Class of 1939

Floriene currently resides in Pierre, SD. Her husband, Frank (class of 1942) passed away in 2005. She has two grown daughters.

1940s

Calvin Jassmann

Class of 1942

Calvin and his spouse Mary Phyllis, currently reside in Longmont, CO. He is a retired airline pilot and they have two children.

Jeanne Young Stone

Class of 1945

Jeanne currently resides in Fallon, NV. She recently moved there from Truckee, CA. She has started writing poetry and published a book last year. She has plans to publish another book at the end of this year. Jeanne has three children and four step-children. She recently got a new car and is enjoying life.

1950s

Phyllis (Douglas) Lindbloom

Class of 1950

Phyllis currently resides in Sioux Falls, SD. She has three grown children and two grandchildren who graduated from Riggs High School, and two of her other grandchildren are currently attending the school. Her nephew, Todd Douglas, serves on the PEF Board of Directors.

Jackie (Shangreaux) Anderson

Class of 1951

Jackie and her spouse Robert, currently reside in Hemet, CA. She is a retired paralegal and they have three children: Nancy, Michael & Joan, who all live in Southern California.

Steven Tusa

Class of 1951

Steven and his spouse Kathleen currently reside in Brainerd, MN. He is retired, and they have four children.

Thomas Evans

Class of 1958

Thomas and his spouse Brenda, currently reside in Omaha, NE. He is retired and they have five children.

1960s

Dena (Koutsoukos) Brinkman

Class of 1968

Dena and her spouse Gary, currently reside in Chandler, AZ. They have three children, and eight grandchildren. They moved from the Midwest to Arizona, and love the warm weather. They enjoy hiking in the mountains and the warm sun. Dena went to visit Greece in May 2007 and

had a wonderful time with her family. She believes she was the first foreign exchange student in Pierre in 1962.

1970s

Ron Garber

Class of 1971

Ron and his spouse Donna, currently reside in Sioux Falls, SD. They have two children, Jon and Liz. Ron is a Federal Aviation Admin. Tech. They enjoy going to concerts and seeing their son work on the sound for country band Rascal Flatts. They also enjoy going to Omaha to play with their grandson, Liam. They are looking forward to retirement.

Patricia (Davis) Syring

Class of 1971

Patricia has moved from her home in Iowa, and is now teaching German at an International School in Germany.

Rose Miller

Class of 1978

Rose and her spouse Lyle, currently reside in Pierre, SD. She moved back to Pierre in November 2005 and is currently working at Saint Mary's Healthcare Center. Rose is divorced and now re-married to Lyle Hertel since December 2006. She has one daughter, two sons (both in the NAVY) all three are married. She also has three step-daughters, three grandchildren, and three more grandchildren on the way.

1990s

Rachel (Lundeen) Bailey

Class of 1990

Rachel and her spouse Lynn, currently reside in Richland Center, WI. Lynn recently took a job with Rockwell Automation that moved them from Iowa to Wisconsin last December. Rachel has a home based business that allows her to be at home with her boys, Mitchell (7 ½), Josh (5 ½) and Scott (3).

Tempe (Malena) Heck

Class of 1990

Tempe and her spouse Joel currently reside in Mulvane, KS (suburb of Wichita). They have two children: Clement (5) and Malena (3). After teaching for seven years and earning a master's degree in curriculum and instruction she decided to quit work to stay at home and raise their children. Tempe remains active teaching Sunday School and volunteering in all aspects of their preschool and kindergarten classrooms.

Dawn (Droppers) Hanson

Class of 1991

Dawn and her spouse Grant, currently reside in Sioux Falls, SD. They have been married for twelve years, and had their first child, Brenna, in June of 2007. Dawn is an office manager. 🍓

T.F. Riggs Debate Program Update

Linda Aaker, Debate Coach

The debate season began the end of the September with a kick-off pizza party. It was well attended, and several community members spoke to the students about their speech and debate experiences, including Jim Stein of Toastmasters and Wade Pogany and Tara Adamski, former Riggs High School debaters.

In October, the students rolled up their sleeves and got to work. Intensive debate training was held on Tuesday evenings. The biggest challenge has been finding enough time to practice and prepare cases, as interested students also are busy with many other activities. We continue to meet after school and on Tuesday evenings as the debate season continues.

Students are currently competing in two different debate categories: Lincoln/Douglas (LD) debate (individual) and Public Forum debate (team). The current LD topic through the end of December is, "Resolved: In the United States, plea bargaining

in exchange for testimony is unjust." In Public Forum, December's topic is "That the United States would be justified in pursuing military options against Iran." Students must not only understand both sides of the issue, but also be prepared to speak for and against, and, in the case of Public Forum, at the flip of a coin just prior to beginning the debate.

The first debate competition was in Aberdeen on November 10th. Heidi Li, a Riggs High senior, competed in Lincoln/Douglas and won her affirmative case. Several other students accompanied the team to observe and are busy preparing for the December competitions.

Thank you so much to the Pierre Education Foundation for their support of the debate program at Riggs High School. The program will continue to grow, increasing both in student numbers and competitive events in the years to come. 🍀

Current Pierre Educational Funds and Scholarships

Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship Track and Academics

The Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship was established in December 2007. The Feeney scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in track, done well academically, and is going on to an accredited college or university.

James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Future in Medicine

The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Fund was established in 1997 by Mrs. Gertrude Mueller. The annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school student in Pierre who will enter the medical field. The 2007 Mueller Scholarship winner was Kristen Tate.

Peter Norbeck Wegner Fund Debate

Peter Norbeck Wegner grew up in Pierre, graduating in 1946. He was a devoted reader and an avid debater. Progressive neurological problems moved Peter to a nursing home, where he died in December 1999. Peter never forgot his interest in high school debating, so his family and friends started the Peter Norbeck Wegner Fund with the PEF to sustain his name and interest. This fund helps financially support the debate program at T.F. Riggs High School.

Irene I. and Herbert C. Emde Scholarship Future in Teaching

Irene Emde taught 3rd and 4th grade in the Pierre School District for more than 20 years. Her students remember her as the teacher who taught them reading, and inspired them to learn. After her retirement from the Pierre School District in 1975, she continued teaching by substituting until 1987 when at the age of 78, she entirely retired. This fund is currently building its endowment base and the Foundation hopes to start awarding this scholarship in the next few years.

Alumni, individuals, businesses and those wishing to support the Emde, Feeney, Mueller or Wegner Funds may send a tax-deductible donation to the Pierre Educational Foundation, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501. Please specify on your check which fund you would like your donation designated to. 🍀

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