



# The **Colt Connection**

May 2022

Richland #44 School District & Community Newsletter

## Richland #44 Graduation

# Sunday, May 29

# Richland High School Gym

# 2pm



Catch the ceremony on our Live Stream:  
<https://richland44.com/live-stream/>

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, May 18**  
Coltbackers Meeting - 5:30pm  
PTO Meeting - 7:00pm

**Sunday, May 22**  
Baccalaureate - 2pm  
*Our Saviors, Colfax*

**Wednesday, May 25**  
Last Day of School

**Sunday, May 29**  
Graduation  
2pm @ RHS

**June 13-16**  
Drivers Ed - Classroom



### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Elementary Office:**  
*May 31 - June 9*  
(Excluding Fridays)  
9am—2pm

**District Office:**  
Mondays-Thursday  
8am - 3pm



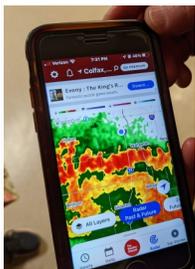
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## Superintendent's Corner>>>



Colt Country,

Many of us had a “first” last week during the Jr/Sr high school spring concert. During the second song cell phones started beeping, indicating that we were in a tornado warning. I called the National Weather Service and learned that we were indeed in a tornado’s path (though it’s impossible to know the exact route a tornado will take). We quickly transitioned to the hallways where we stayed for about 20 minutes until it was confirmed that we were out of the tornado’s path. Everyone stayed calm and patient, and thankfully we were able to resume and finish the concert (though a little later than originally planned). 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Laurie Klein told me that in the 26 years she has practiced tornado drills this is the first time she had to put that practice into action!



This was Mr. Aamold’s last concert with us after nine years at Richland #44. His unflappable demeanor at the interrupted concert matched Music Parents’ Darla Rufer’s description of him: the duck calmly gliding in the water while underneath (unseen) he is paddling quickly. The students pulled off a great show and the night ended with a tribute and standing ovation to Mr. Aamold for his years of service to our students and music programming. Thank you, Mr. Aamold, and congratulations on a great nine years.

I also want to thank Dave for coming over multiple times to assist during this unusual evening – and with a smile on his face!

The transition into an emergency planning situation reminded me of all that our counselor Chris Potter has done for us in the four years he has been with us at Richland #44. Chris has revamped all our emergency plans and updated them to new standards and guidelines. Chris and I started at Richland together in the summer of 2018 when I had just moved to the great state of North Dakota. We have been a team since that time and I am grateful for his dedication to our students, to our families, to our community, to our staff, and to me. Thank you, Chris, for all you have done for Richland #44, and we wish you well as you continue to support other students in our region. We will miss you!



*Concert attendees calmly exited the gym during the tornado warning to gather in the hallway.*



We are excited to wrap up the end of a fantastic school year. We will celebrate our graduates’ accomplishments with Senior Recognition Night on May 17, the high school track team will host 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students for Field Day on May 20, and graduation will take place on Sunday May 29 at 2pm. Thank you for a wonderful school year and we hope you have an equally fantastic summer. Go Colts! Warmly, Dr. Gandhi

Every even numbered year, the Richland #44 School Board must ask patrons the question: “*Shall Richland Public School District No. 44, County of Richland, State of North Dakota, publish a record of proceedings of the School Board in the official newspaper of the school district for the succeeding two years?*”

**Did you know?** Richland #44 School Board posts all school board minutes online and are accessible to everyone. The specific question on the ballot would not change the fact that they are posted online. The ballot question is specifically asking patrons if the board should publish them **in the official newspaper**, which is the Daily News.

If you have any questions about school board minutes and the publishing of them, feel free to contact the district office at 701-372-3713.

School Board minutes and meeting agendas can be found on BoardDocs at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/nd/rsd44/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>



## Several Colts take part in Southern Valley Figure Skating Club>>>

Richland #44 currently has 6 students who are members of the Southern Valley Figure Skating Club. These young ladies have strived for success this 2021-2022 season. Their season consists of group lessons, private lessons, testing, competitions, and shows. Brynne O. and Sophie K. participate in basics skills category while Sophie P., Ina G, Ava P., and Elsie G. are in various advanced levels. Their coaches have noted each of them have shown tremendous advancement in their skills. We look forward to next season and watching all these girls advance in this fun sport!



Colt Skaters in SVFSC



Sophie P. in black, front row; Ina G. in yellow, front row



Ava P. in Blue, front row; Elsie G. in red, back row



## SRCTC Award of Excellence>>>

Each month the Southeast Region Career and Tech Center recognizes students with the Award of Excellence. This award is set up to recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence, outstanding service, a positive work ethic, and achievements above and beyond the call of duty.

Emma H. received this award in April after being nominated by Mr. Boehm, Ag Ed IV teacher. Boehm shares, "We value your efforts and commitment serving as the FFA chapter Secretary, and all the extra time you invested into organizing and helping with the Farm Safety Lessons and Food for America program to help make them successful. You continue to be a positive reflection on your school and family."



## Rotary Student of the Month>>>

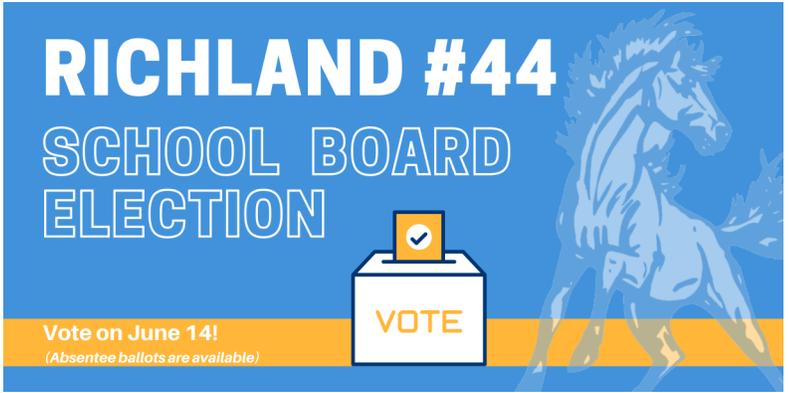
Each month, the high school faculty votes on the Rotary Student of the Month. The Student of the Month is selected from the junior class. The faculty looks at students who excel in many areas including academics, extra-curricular activities, character, and community involvement. On the third Tuesday of the month, students are recognized during a gathering put on by the Wahpeton Rotary Club. Congratulations to the following on being named Student of the Month:



Skylar O.  
May SOTM

# Richland #44 School Board Election—June 14, 2022 >>>

The Richland #44 School Board Election has been set for Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Polls will open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm. Voting is “at large” which means patrons can vote at either voting location, regardless of their address, as long as you live in our school district. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE** the change to polling locations. With the recent change to County polling locations, the Richland #44 School Board voted to have polling locations only in Abercrombie and Colfax this year.



**The polls will open at nine o'clock AM and close at seven o'clock PM.** Election Sites:

**COMMUNITY HALL – COLFAX  
COMMUNITY HALL – ABERCROMBIE**

### Absentee Ballots are now available.

Residents of the Richland #44 School District can stop by the District Office, located at 101 Main Ave, Colfax, to absentee vote for the 2022 School Board Election between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm through June 13. Residents may also have an absentee ballot mailed to them by filing out an Absentee Ballot Application (SFN 51468). Absentee Ballot Applications can be found online at <https://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn51468.pdf> or sent via mail or email upon request by contacting Kendra at [Kendra.L.Dockter@k12.nd.us](mailto:Kendra.L.Dockter@k12.nd.us) or calling the district office at 701-372-3713.

### ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS (3 year terms):

**AREA 1 (one)** - One member shall be elected from that portion of Eagle Township and that portion of Walcott Township included in the district and lying north of the Walcott Road.

**AREA 3 (three)** - One member shall be elected from the village of Abercrombie, ND

**AREA 4 (four)** - One member shall be elected from Abercrombie Township and that portion of Ibsen Township included in the district.

#### Area 1—Eagle North Township



Derek Beito

#### Area 3—City of Abercrombie



Amy Lehmann

#### Area 4 - Aber Township



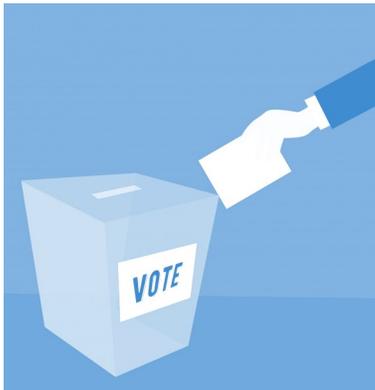
Ryan Hermunsle



Dallas Loff



Stephenie Steger



## Elementary Student Council News>>>

Global Youth Service Day was on April 29th. Richland Elementary teamed up with Addison Loerzel (Ms. B's daughter) to celebrate with a morning of community service! Students packed over 200 backpacks with blankets, socks, t-shirts, snacks, first aid kits, and toiletry items. Thank you, students and families, for contributing so many snacks! Thank you, student council members, for organizing the items! It was a huge success! Backpacks were donated to Churches United, Gladys Ray Shelter, and Open Door.



## Loaves 4 Learning >>>

Some of your favorite bread bags might have a UPC label that helps our school earn extra funds!

Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, and Fiber Up bags all have UPC codes that are eligible for this easy fundraiser.

Simply collect the UPC labels and drop them off at either the elementary or high school. Once collected at the school they are submitted to earn cash for our student programs.

Currently, we are raising funds for elementary playground improvements!



### DEAR PARENTS

### SAVE UPC'S AND EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL!

WE'VE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE in a loyalty rewards program offered by the bakers of Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, and Fiber Up breads, allowing us the opportunity to earn as much as \$10,000 this year. Start saving UPC Proof-of-purchases from products because each is worth 5¢!

UPCs can be dropped in our designated collection box. Call the school office for more information or to help with the program.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BAKERS OF COUNTRY HEARTH, VILLAGE HEARTH, ARTISAN HEARTH AND FIBER UP BREAD



[Loaves4Learning.com](http://Loaves4Learning.com)

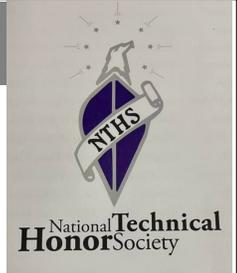
## Speech Wrap-up >>>

Richland 44 had a spectacular speech season. Our 2022 team consisted of Ella W. (Persuade & Serious Duo), Popi M. (Impromptu & Serious Duo), Emma E. (Humorous Duo & Dramatic Interp), Lily D. (Humorous Duo), McKayla S. (Persuade & Dramatic Interp), Ethan S. (Humorous Duo & Speech to Entertain), and Grayson M. (Humorous Duo & Humorous Interp). As coaches, we pushed the students to step out of their comfort zone and try something new. While some were not initially willing per se, this year stretched each of them more than they realized.

Congratulations to Popi, Emma, Lily, and Ella for their state qualifying performances!



## NTHS>>>



Congratulations Richland #44 students who were named to the National Technical Honor Society! These students were honored at a banquet hosted by the SRCTC in April.

Keagan N, Nick T, and Emma H



## Elementary Students Compete at Math Olympics>>>>

Students from Richland Elementary recently competed in the regional Math Olympics competition at NDSCS. 4th-6th grade students from schools of all sizes from the southeast corner of North Dakota competed in individual, team, and smorgasbord categories; all testing the student's math skills.



Congratulations to Lucy H. for placing 2nd overall in the 5th grade division!!

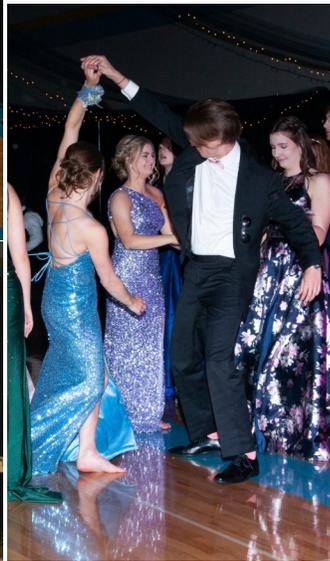


**6th Grade (Back Row):** Shelby G, Owen Z, William G, Lucas L, and Keller V. **5th Grade (Middle Row):** Violet H, Laiken A, Lucy H, Evie R, and Colton D. **4th Grade (Front Row):** Elsie G, Elizabeth S, Lily S, Grant S, and Brody E.



## A Night Under the Stars>>>

The 2022 Richland Jr/Sr Prom was held on Saturday, April 20th. "A Night Under the Stars" was a beautiful event with students dressed in their finest! A delicious meal followed by Grand March, dancing, and post prom activities made for a fun night for all!



## State Music>>>

Senior high band student Addie, Josie, and Skylar, recently traveled to Minot for the State Music competition.

These three advanced from the regional competition for their Flute Trio "Ave Verum Corpus". They received a rating of "Excellent" for the State performance.

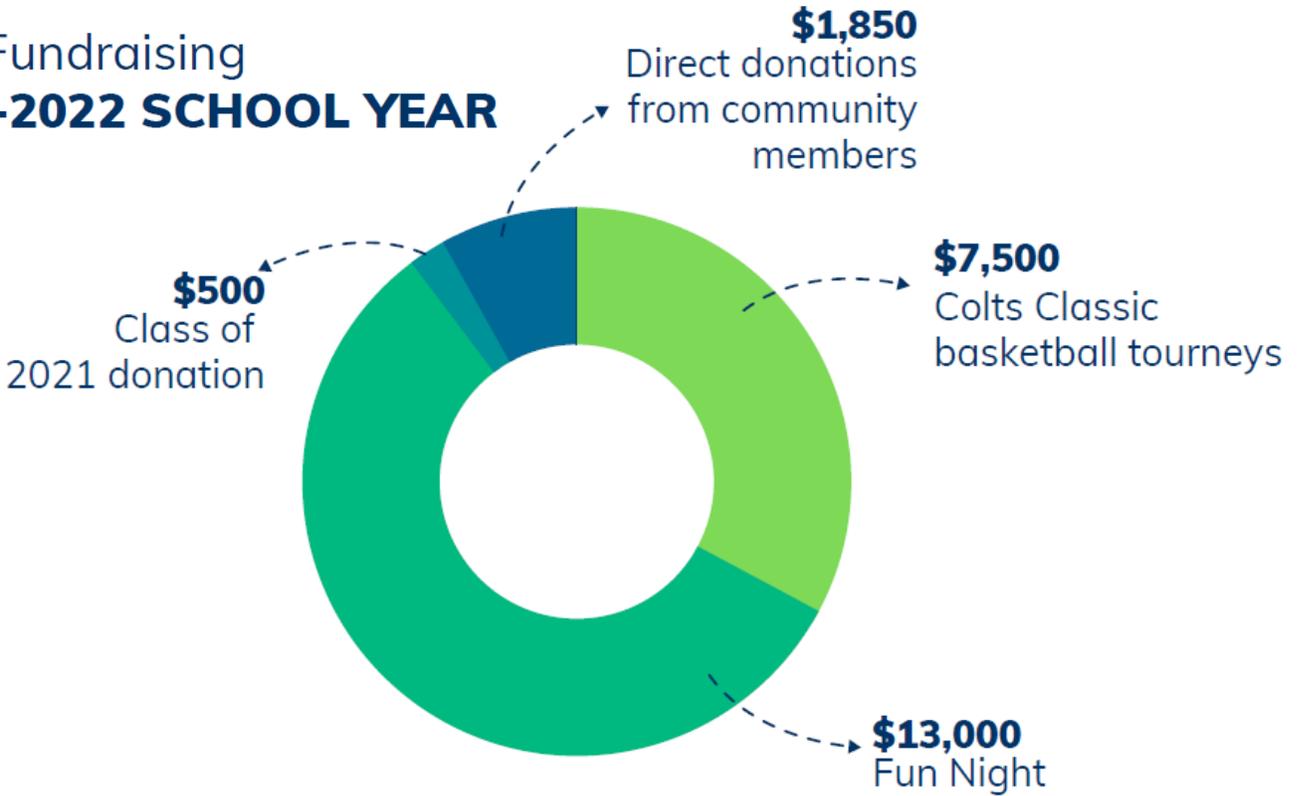
Great job, ladies!



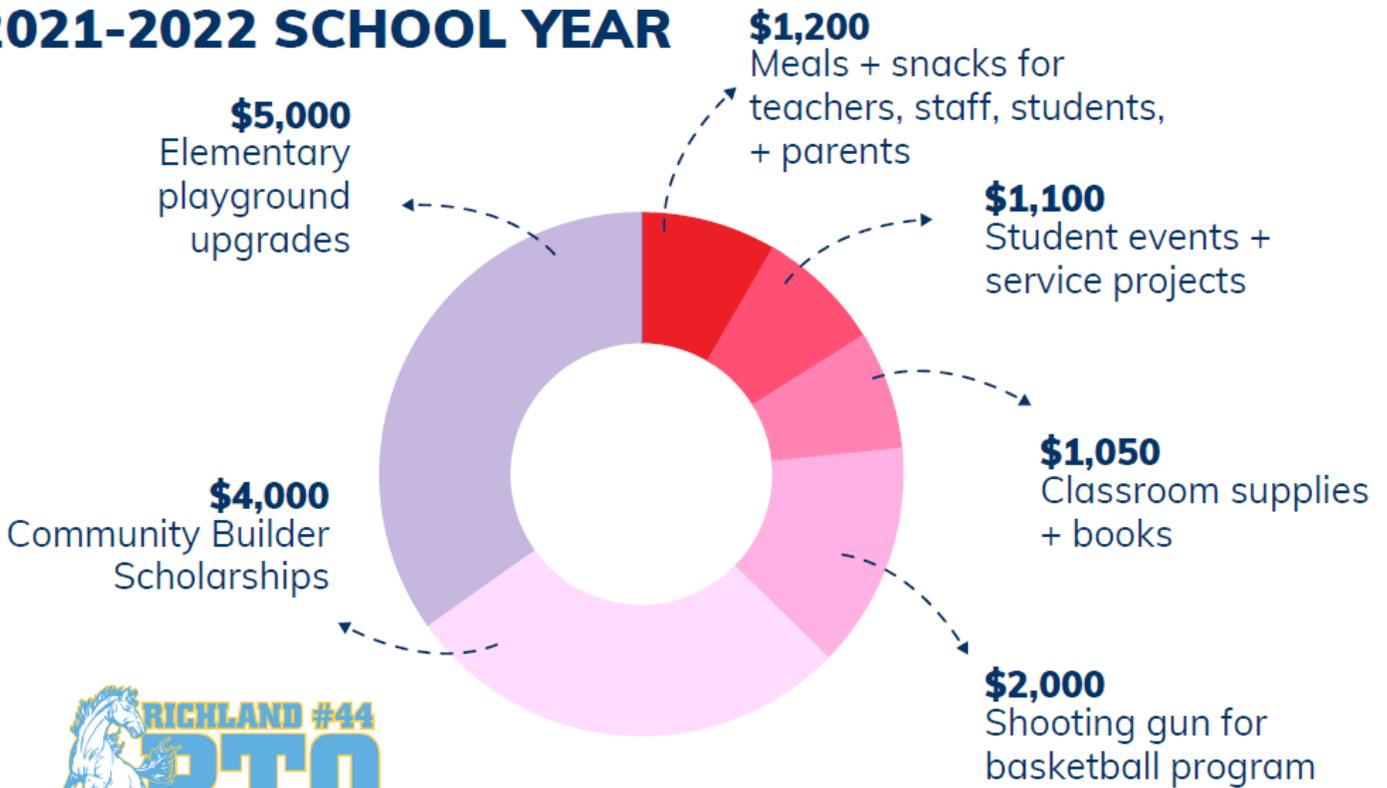
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!** **May 25**



**PTO Fundraising  
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**



**PTO Spending  
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**



## Counselor Corner>>>



It has been such a fun school year for me to get to know the students, families, and staff at Richland Elementary! As always, it seems to fly by so quickly. It is nice to have the first school year completed so that I can reflect and plan for the next year ahead to create even more school counseling opportunities for our students.

I had the opportunity recently to visit the Jr/Sr High School with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to share with them what lies ahead in the transition. In large group counseling, we talked about some of the challenges they might face and where to get help if needed. Ask them to show you their “Middle School Survival Kit” they received! I feel fortunate to have had a year to get to know each one of them and am just as excited as they are to take the next step in their education.

This past school year, all students worked on skills using the curriculum, Second Step. Four units were covered: Growth Mindset and Goal Setting, Empathy and Kindness, Emotional Management, and Problem-Solving. Sixth Graders also had a unit on Recognizing Bullying and Harassment. Kindergarteners had additional units on Personal Safety and Career Awareness. Because time allowed; Grades 1 and 3 also worked on skills in relation to Personal Safety.

Next year, the plan is to offer more small group counseling opportunities for students who would like to participate. In the fall, look for a “menu” of small group offerings that parents, teachers, and students are welcome to make referrals. Parents can do this by calling the school or emailing me at [BobbiJo.Jelinek@k12.nd.us](mailto:BobbiJo.Jelinek@k12.nd.us). Small groups typically run once a week for 6-8 weeks and are not only fun, but also give students an opportunity to share, try new behaviors, belong to something special, learn from others, and build self-confidence and self-awareness.

A great school counseling program always consists of opportunities for students to meet one-on-one with the school counselor to meet their short-term needs for responsive services dealing with more difficult issues. Individual counseling is goal focused from start to finish with the goal being learning new skills or practicing skills to manage situations on their own. Again, parents, teachers, and students themselves can make referrals. Students can stop in my office or leave a note for me in the mailbox outside the counseling office/room.

Now that Spring is here, I hope that all can enjoy a fun and relaxing summer. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to another fun year at Richland Elementary in the fall! Stay safe everyone!

Best,  
Bobbi Jo Jelinek, RES Elementary School Counselor

## Music Notes>>>

Students of all ages at Richland #44 celebrated Spring with music!



## Field Trip Fun>>>

Springtime and end-of-school year brings field trips for many grades. Students from Richland Elementary have been visiting many local attractions. Preschool through second grade traveled to Wahpeton to visit Chahinkapa Zoo while third graders went north to Moorhead for a Hjemkomst Center tour.



## Court Fun>>>

5th graders recently visited the Richland County Courthouse to take part in a mock trial, a fun presentation sharing how a trial process works.



## Summer Concert Events>>>

# Crooked Lane Farm CALENDAR OF CONCERTS 2022

**MEAT RABBITS**

THURSDAY  
JUNE 09 | 7:00 PM

SUNDAY  
JUNE 19 | 2:00 PM

**THE FLADLANDS**

**POITIN & QUILT SHOW**

THURSDAY  
JUNE 23 | 6:00 PM SHOW  
7:00 PM CONCERT

SUNDAY  
JUNE 26 | 2:00 PM

**THE RADIO STARS**

**THE JOHNSONS & CAR SHOW**

THURSDAY  
JULY 07 | 5:00 PM CAR SHOW  
7:00 PM CONCERT

THURSDAY  
JULY 21 | 7:00 PM

**BRASS INTERFERENCE**

**JT KENNELLY BAND**

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 4 | 7:00 PM

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 18 | 6:00 PM SHOW  
7:00 PM CONCERT

**TUCKER'D OUT & TRACTOR SHOW**

701-261-2660

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## Calendar Orders>>>

It's time to order the 2022-2023 Music Parent's Community Calendar! Get all school events, local birthdays, anniversaries, and memorials, as well as community happenings in one place.

Place your order at:

<https://richland44musicparents.square.site/>



## RHS Announces Honor Society Members>>>

Richland High School recognizes and honors students for outstanding achievement. The highest recognition is bestowed through membership in the Richland Chapter of the North Dakota Association of Honor Society. Students achieve this recognition by displaying exemplary leadership, service, character, and academic excellence.

Congratulations Nick W, Drew G, Levi U, Emma H, Addie C, Isabel V, Kennedi W, Popi M, Ali H, Ella W, and Keagan N.



## Community Event Opportunities>>>



### Bethany Free Lutheran Church VBS

**June 6-10, 2022 6-8pm**

Grades Preschool-8 (2021-2022 school year)

No Cost

Register at [tinyurl.com/BethanyZoomerang](https://tinyurl.com/BethanyZoomerang)

or by contacting Ashley at 701-367-8253



Check us out on Facebook

**RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #44**



### G'Day, mates!

Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses), and get ready for a bonzer (great) time as we zoom off to the Land Down Under to learn about the **VALUE AND SANCTITY OF LIFE** at Eagle Valley EFC's 2022 VBS!

**When:** July 31st-August 4, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00pm-8:30pm

**Where:** Eagle Valley EFC  
17515 County Road 2  
Christine, ND

**Register Online:**  
<https://eaglevalley.myanswers.com/zoomerang2022>

**Questions:**  
Call Amy @ (218) 280-8308

