

Student of the Month



Nicholas Wulfekuhle, Sept. SOTM

The first student of the month award for the year goes to Nicholas Wulfekuhle. He is a member of the North Dakota Honor Society and believes that math, science, and ag are his areas of academic strength.

Nick is a talented athlete and competes in four sports: football, cross country, basketball, and track. Nick earned All Region honors in football as a sophomore and was a captain for the team this fall. Last spring Nick placed sixth in the 300 m hurdles and seventh in the 110 m hurdles at the state track meet. He also broke the school record in the 110 m hurdles.

In addition to athletics, Nick is a talented musician. He is a member of the band, pep band, and choir at RHS along with the praise band at his church. Nick is also a very skilled piano player.

Nick also shines in FFA. He is the current FFA vice president and has been a part of two state champion FFA teams (ENR and Small Animal Care). In 2021 he was the ENR state high individual.

Congrats, Nick!



Alison Heyen, October SOTM

Alison Heyen was named the October Student of the Month. She is a member of the North Dakota Honor Society and believes that English and math are her areas of academic strength.

Alison is involved in many activities here at RHS including basketball, volleyball, student council, school musicals, FFA, FCCLA, PAC (principal's advisory committee) and Close Up. She is also a member of both the yearbook and *The Hoofbeat* staffs.

Alison is a strong leader in our school. She is currently serving as student council co-vice president, FCCLA vice president of communication, and FFA secretary. In addition, she is the junior class president.

Giving back to the community is important to Alison. She is active in her church youth group and has spent many hours doing service projects such as Feed My Starving Children. She also helps with Richland's volleyball buddies program and elementary basketball camps.

Congratulations, Alison!

FCCLA Members Compete at National STAR event

by: Alison Heyen



This summer three Richland FCCLA members traveled to San Diego, California to compete at the National FCCLA STAR event competition. Sophomores Inger Holdman, Sydney Loff, and Lillian Miranowski qualified to nationals by placing second at the state level with their "Cookies for a Cause" project. The trio competed well at the national FCCLA competition and came home with a bronze.

The girls were in California from June 28 – July 4. Highlights of the trips included visiting Old Town, which is the location of the first European settlement in California, along with traveling to La Jolla Cove and the Sunset Cliffs.

Congrats, girls!



New Staff • New Staff • New Staff



Mrs. Leinen

by: Popi Miranowski

Mardee Leinen is Richland's new District Technologist. She is excited to join the staff and give back to the community. She enjoys problem solving and assisting students and staff with their technological needs. She worked at Red River Communications as an Account Executive for six years before taking this job.

Mardee spent her younger years living in Valley City and Verona. She then moved to the Richland School District before her junior year and graduated from RHS in 2001. After high school, Mardee attended both NDSU and NDSU. She earned a degree in hospitality from NDSU.

Mardee now lives in Abercrombie, ND with her husband Jim. Together, they own a flooring company and Jim installs commercial flooring. They have two children Luke (13) and Huxton (2) and they are also expecting a baby girl any day now.

In her spare time, Mardee enjoys photography, travel, hunting, and spending time with her friends and family.

Welcome back to Richland, Mardee! You are a great addition to the staff.



Ms. Monroe

by: Popi Miranowski

Richland extends a warm welcome to Kelly Monroe, the new counselor at the high school. She took this job for the opportunity to work in a small school environment.

This is Ms. Monroe's first job as a high school counselor. Last year she worked as a student success advisor at North High School in Fargo. She has also worked at NDSU, NDSCS, Concordia, and the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Ms. Monroe grew up in Waubun, MN. While in high school, she participated in volleyball, basketball, track, and yearbook. After high school, she attended Minnesota State University Moorhead where she earned her degree. Ms. Monroe currently resides in Fargo.

Ms. Monroe has three children: Casey (33), Shane (27), and Nick (26). She is also the proud grandma of two young granddaughters: Emma (6) and June (2).

In her spare time Ms. Monroe enjoys crafting, playing with her granddaughters, taking her dog Laila on walks, watching football, and spending time with her friends and family.

Welcome, Ms. Monroe!



Mrs. Hegseth

by: Skylar Olson

Richland would like to welcome Katie Hegseth, a new para-professional at the high school. Mrs. Hegseth actually started working at Richland last year, but this is her first year working at RHS full time. Previous to working here, she worked twenty years as a hairdresser in Fargo.

Mrs. Hegseth grew up in Wyndmere on a farm. After high school, she attended the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota where she earned her cosmetology degree. She made the switch to the education field because she wanted to be in a school setting so she could help students meet their full potential. She also wanted to be closer to home so she can attend all of the activities her children are involved in.

Mrs. Hegseth is married to Matt who is a farmer and rancher. They have three children who all attend Richland: Lincoln (14), Liberty (11), and Lennex (9). They live on a farm west of Colfax.

In her free time, Mrs. Hegseth enjoys spending time with her family and extended family, watching documentaries, and listening to podcasts.

Welcome, Mrs. Hegseth!

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Mrs. Overland

by: Alison Heyen

This year Richland Elementary welcomes Addie Overland as the new special education teacher. This is her first year in special education, but she has taught first grade in Grand Forks and both first and second grades in Detroit Lakes.

Mrs. Overland graduated from Wahpeton High School. While there she was involved in volleyball, basketball, track and field, choir, and FFA. In FFA she competed on the crop judging team, dairy team, and job interview team. Mrs. Overland attended UND for both her bachelor's and master's degree. She was part of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority where she was the New Member Director for a year. She also traveled to different states for volunteer projects.

Mrs. Overland is married to Cory who sells Pioneer Seed in addition to working on the farm.

Mrs. Overland loves the community feel of Richland. In her free time she likes to read, go fishing, go on walks, and spend time at the lake with family and friends. Mrs. Overland and her husband enjoy spending as much time together outside biking, hunting, or being on the water.

Welcome, Mrs. Overland!



Ms. McKeever

by: Isabel Viele

This year Richland Elementary excitedly welcomed in a new music teacher, Sierra McKeever. This will be Ms. McKeever's first year of teaching.

Ms. McKeever attended school at North Sargent in Gwinner, North Dakota. During high school she was involved in many activities including choir, band, theater, volleyball, basketball, and golf. After high school Ms. McKeever attended the University of Jamestown where she was involved in theater, concert choir, wind ensemble, drumline, and percussion ensemble.

Ms. McKeever is excited to be here. When asked what she thinks of Richland so far, she said, "It's been great. Everyone has been very welcoming and supportive of anything I need as a new teacher."

In addition to working at the school, Ms. McKeever jumped right into the community this past summer by performing in the Abercrombie Melodrama.

When she isn't teaching little kids new songs, Ms. McKeever likes to read, bake, travel, and try new things.

Welcome, Ms. McKeever!



Mrs. Westpahl

by: Skylar Olson

Richland Elementary would like to welcome the new preschool teacher, Lydia Westphal! This is her first year as a classroom teacher. Prior to this position, Mrs. Westphal worked as a speech pathology assistant for West Fargo Public Schools.

Mrs. Westphal graduated from Dakota Prairie High School where she was involved in speech, choir, band, science fairs, academic challenge, one act plays, National Honor Society, and volleyball statistics. After high school, she attended Minnesota State University Moorhead to earn her bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology. Mrs. Westphal also earned a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Grand Canyon University.

Mrs. Westphal is married to Trent, a senior resolution manager at Gallagher Bassett, and they live in Abercrombie. When asked what she thinks of Richland so far, Mrs. Westphal replied, "I love the small town atmosphere!"

In her free time, she enjoys traveling, shopping, solving large puzzles, watching the Minnesota Twins, and doing any type of craft.

Welcome to Richland, Mrs. Westphal!

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Mrs. Fixen

by: Nick Wulfekuhle

This year we are pleased to welcome Tracy Fixen as a new elementary school cook. Before this she was a stay-at-home mom for nine years and worked at home as a Shaklee Wellness Consultant and Certified Yoga Teacher. Prior to working at home, she was a sales and marketing manager at Pepsi in Fargo.

Tracy grew up in Belgrade, Minnesota. She graduated from Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa High School and then attended Minnesota State University Moorhead where she graduated with a degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Advertising.

Tracy has been married to her husband, Turner, for fifteen years. Turner graduated from Richland in 2002 and now works at MB Schoenberg and Associates out of Fargo. Tracy and Turner have two children: Harvey (10) and Dottie (6).

When asked what she thinks about her job so far, Tracy said, "I love my job! It's been fun getting to know so many people in our school."

In her free time, Tracy likes to run, read, and go camping.

Welcome, Tracy!



Mrs. Selstedt

by: Cora Hermunslie

We are pleased to welcome Katie Selstedt as a new elementary paraprofessional. She worked part time as a para at the high school last spring but is now working full time at the elementary. Mrs. Selstedt had been home with her kids since 2017. Prior to that she worked as an Ophthalmic Technician in Fargo.

Mrs. Selstedt graduated from Richland where she was involved in track and field, FFA, and yearbook. She attended college at Minnesota State University Moorhead and ran her first half marathon as a college freshman.

When asked why she wanted the job at Richland, she said she grew up in this community and she loves it here! So far she has really enjoyed her job. She likes helping and getting to know the students.

Mrs. Selstedt is married to Cody, another Richland graduate, who works for Verizon Wireless and they live in rural Walcott. They have 3 kids: Milo (11), Max (9), and Macy (7).

In her spare time, Mrs. Selstedt enjoys running, biking, gardening, and most outdoor things. She also loves to read and visit new places.

Welcome, Mrs. Selstedt!



Mrs. Miller

by: Cora Hermunslie

Richland would like to welcome a new elementary para, Tammy Miller. Mrs. Miller was a foster parent for PATH before coming to Richland Elementary.

Mrs. Miller grew up near Colfax and graduated from Richland where she was involved in FHA, *Hoofbeat*, pom pom squad, as well as stats and announcing for basketball. After high school, she went to a radio broadcasting school in Minot.

When asked why she wanted the job at Richland, Mrs. Miller said that she wanted to continue working with kids and have the same schedule as her boys. A couple things she likes about her job so far is the variety each day brings and the smiling faces.

Mrs. Miller is married to Dave Miller, who is the office manager for J & J Calibration in Walcott. They have four boys: Shawn (Kimy), Zac (Chelby), Jayden, and Wyatt. They also have one grandson, Mateo.

She lives in Colfax and in her spare time, Mrs. Miller enjoys going to the lake, painting, and reading, and most of all spending time with her family.

Welcome, Mrs. Miller!

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Mrs. Anderson

by: Ella Weinmann

Richland Elementary has a new part-time special education teacher, Mrs. Marissa Anderson. Prior to coming to Richland, she was employed by the West Fargo School District and worked with home bound students.

Mrs. Anderson is a Richland alumnus and during her time at Richland, she participated in track and field. After high school, she attended MSUM. She taught for ten years in several states including Minnesota, Virginia and North Dakota before taking a five year break to raise her two kids Levi (7) and Madelyn (5). Mrs. Anderson is married to Michael Anderson, who also graduated from Richland High School. Michael farms west of Colfax.

Mrs. Anderson is enjoying her time back at Richland, saying that it is a full circle moment teaching at the school she once attended. She notes that the building has changed since she was a student but says the staff remains just as amazing as when she was a student.

In her free time, she likes to hang out with family and friends, read, run and take her kids camping.

Welcome, Mrs. Anderson!



Mrs. Jacobson

by: Cora Hermunslie

We would like to extend a warm welcome to McKenzie Jacobson, one of the new elementary paras. Mrs. Jacobson worked for Affairs by Brittany (a bridal store) and Shirts From Fargo (a shirt shop) before coming to Richland.

Mrs. Jacobson grew up in Sheldon, ND and attended Enderlin High School where she played volleyball and was the cheer captain her senior year. Mrs. Jacobson attended college at NDSU and was involved in the art department there.

The reason she applied for the position was because of her son. He loves the school and it made her want to be a part of the school as well. So far she has loved getting to know all of the kids.

Mrs. Jacobson and her husband Tyler currently live in Christine and he works as a lead parts specialist for RDO in Moorhead. They have one son Weston (7) and she has one step son, Wyatt (12).

In her spare time, Mrs. Jacobson loves to paint and make digital art. She also enjoys going to the lakes with her son and relaxing with popcorn and a movie.

Welcome, Mrs. Jacobson!

Staffing Switch-Ups

In addition to the many new staff at Richland, several people have moved to different positions this year as well. They include the following:

Mr. Frye -- high school band & choir (formerly elementary music)

Mrs. Viele -- 5-6 science (formerly 7-12 science)

Mrs. Roth -- 7-12 English (formerly long term sub)

Mrs. Weinmann -- 2nd grade (formerly paraprofessional)

Mrs. Jacobson -- instructional coach (formerly 1st grade)

Hoofbeat Staff

Seniors

Addie Christensen

Skylar Olson

Juniors

Alison Heyen

Popi Miranowski

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Homecoming 2022

by: Isabel Viele

Homecoming was celebrated throughout the week of September 19-23. The students started the week off with Country vs. Country Club. Tuesday was Group/Duo Day and it was followed by Dress Like a Grandma/Grandpa Day on Wednesday and Throwback Thursday. Friday, of course, was Spirit Day. Along with dress up days, the students participated in many other fun activities.

This year's candidates for queen included Blake Miller, Megan Taszarek, Josie Skoblik, and Addie Christensen while Kaden Carlson, Hans Weinmann, Mason Storbakken, and Teddy Flaa were the king candidates. On Monday, the homecoming court was interviewed in the gym during the "meet the candidates" event.

The annual volleyball tournament was held on Tuesday. The junior boys secured the championship title this year, but they were defeated in a close game when they faced the staff team at the end of the tournament.

When Thursday rolled around, it was time for the powder puff football game. This year powder puff set up was a little bit differently. The seventh and eighth graders combined for a team and played against the freshmen and sophomores the opening round. The freshmen/sophomore team won the first game and went on to play the junior/senior team. The final game was a close one, but the juniors and seniors pulled out the victory.

The pep rally and coronation were held on Friday afternoon. This year the students were able to buy tickets to pie a teacher in the face. The four brave teachers who volunteered for the pie event included Mr. Moline, Mr. Timm, Mr. Neighbour, and Mr. Boehm. This new event was a huge success! After that event, entertaining games of musical chairs and table surfing were played.

The poster and hallway contest winners were announced during the pep rally. The juniors claimed



King Hans & Queen Blake

the top spot for their "Learn to Take the Heat" football poster while the freshmen won the volleyball competition with their "Volleyball is in our DNA" poster. The freshmen also placed first for their "I Am Lightning" cross country poster and the juniors were the hallway champs with their "Top Juniors" poster.

After the pep rally, the 2021 king and queen, Ethan Schnellbach and Emma Heyen, came back to crown the 2022 winners. The crowns were awarded to Hans Weinmann and Blake Miller.



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Dress Up Days

- Mon -- *Country Vs Country Club*
- Tues -- *Duo/Group*
- Wed -- *Grandma/Grandpa*
- Thurs -- *Throwback*
- Fri -- *School Spirit*



A Memorable Summer and Start to Fall for Richland FFA

by: Addie Christensen

On June 6-9, 2022, the Richland 44 FFA Chapter attended the 93rd annual FFA State Convention. The convention was held at North Dakota State University with over 1,000 members across the state attending. Richland came home with a variety of awards, including receiving gold in Food for America and the Community Service Outstanding Chapter Award.

The Richland 44 FFA chapter was recognized as a state finalist in the National Chapter Awards Program. In August, our application was selected as a top 10 National Premier Chapter award finalist in the Strengthening Agriculture category. Eric Moen and Kiersten Boehm interviewed virtually and have advanced our application to the top three in the nation and will interview on stage at the National Convention Indianapolis, IN October 26-29.

The Small Animal Care team of Cody Boehm, Kalie Boehm, Cora Hermunslie and Nick Wulfekuhle placed first at state. They will be competing for National Champions at the National FFA Convention as well. In the AgriScience Fair, Cody Boehm, Division 1 Food Production/Processing, and Kalie Boehm, Division 5 Food Production/Processing, will be advancing to and compet-

ing in the National Agriscience Fair. Addie Christensen, Division 5 Plant Systems, and Trinity Ringdahl, Division 5 Food Production/Processing, were state champions and have already been recognized as national bronze finalists. State Proficiency Award Winners were Trinity Ringdahl under Equine Entrepreneur and Kiersten Boehm under AgriScience Research Plant Systems. Trinity has since received a national bronze rating while Kiersten earned a national gold award.

Also at the ND State FFA Convention, Emma Heyen, Trinity Ringdahl and Keagan Nepl were recognized and their received State FFA Degrees, which is the state's highest honor. Members competed in numerous Career Development Event at state, including Environmental/Natural Resources, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Advanced Ag Mechanics, Intermediate Ag Mechanics, and Ag Communications.

Locally, Richland FFA recently held a Kiss the Goat event during homecoming and raised \$200 for the American SIDS institute. They also completed our Harvest for Life event, which raised money for community service projects throughout the year.

Congratulations to all and best of luck to those competing at Nationals.



Drive Your Tractor to School Day



During homecoming week, Richland's FFA chapter promoted their annual "Drive Your Tractor to School Day." Later that day, many of these tractors made their way through Colfax in the homecoming parade.



The Richland 44 FFA Chapter would like to give a big thanks to the local farmers who generously donated to the Harvest for Life event. This year the team collected 622 bushels of soybeans, raising over \$8000 for the chapter. We use these funds for community service projects and we couldn't do it without you!!



ND State Championship Small Animal Care Team: Eric, Nick, Cody, Kalie, and Cora

Wulfekuhle and Thompson Place at State Track & Field Meet

by: Alison Heyen

Richland track and field athletes Nick Thompson and Nick Wulfekuhle qualified to the state track and field meet last spring. Thompson competed in the shot put while Wulfekuhle competed in both the 110 m hurdles and the 300 m hurdles.

The state track meet was held in Bismarck and the weather was beautiful which helped all competitors. Thompson and Wulfekuhle represented Richland well and both gave their top performances of the season.

Thompson threw 49' 7" in the shot put which earned him seventh place overall. This was his personal best and his throw also set a new school record.

Wulfekuhle's time of 42.88 in the 300 m hurdles earned him sixth place overall. He then went on to place seventh in the 110 m hurdles with a time of 16.40. His 110 m time also established a new school record.

Amazing job at state, guys!



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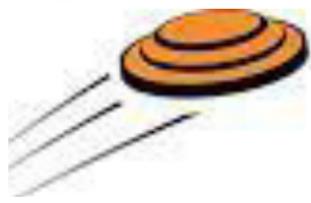
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In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the volleyball team wore pink jerseys during October. They also sold t-shirts and donated \$700 to the Edith Sanford Breast Center in Fargo.

Clay Target Team Enjoys Successful Season



by: Nick Wulfekuhle

The Richland Clay Target Team had another successful season! The sport continues to grow in popularity and this year's team was made up of 38 participants in grades 6-12.

Team members for the 2022 season were Dillon Beito, Elliot Beito, Cody Boehm, Luke Boyle, Matthew Boyle, Patrick Boyle, Kaden Carlson, Levi Erdahl, Ina Gauslow, Wade Gorder, Will Gorder, Corbin Gowah, Taylor Gowan, Bryce Gylland, Lincoln Hegseth, Carson Klein, Connor Klein, Aleda Krenzel, Kylie Kummer, Sydney Loff, Blake Miller, Nicky Mjones, Kasen Neppl, Keagan Neppl, Colton Olsgaard, Sophie Peterson, Carter Pfeiff, Owen Sayler, Preston Schmit, Alayna Schmitt, Beck Schmitt, Boden Schroeder, Josie Skoblik, Adam Skoog, Ethan Skoog, Megan Taszarek, Hans Weinmann, and Owen Zick.

The team was very active during their eight week season and practiced every Tuesday from March 22 through May 22 at the Joe Pikarski Trap Club near Mooreton, ND. Team members shot two rounds of 25 weekly with scores recorded and submitted to the league each Saturday.

Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to celebrate with the team at their family fun night. Awards were given out for the season and anyone interested was invited to shoot clay targets with the team. They shot roughly 2,000 shells and clay targets that night and everyone had a great time.

This season Sophie Peterson and Matthew Boyle earned "Most Improved" awards for the junior high teams while Kylie Kummer

and Beck Schmitt earned the "Top Shooter" awards for the junior high. The senior high "Top Shooter" awards went to Alayna Schmitt and Elliot Beito. Senior recognition was also given to Keagan Neppl, who will be greatly missed. She is a talented athlete who has been a great role model for the younger shooters. Neppl recently finished her first season as a member of the NDSCS clay target team and was named as one of the top ten fall sports athletes of the year by the Daily News.

The Dakota Invitational was held in Horace on June 4. Richland had twenty shooters sign up and they placed seventh and eighteenth out of twenty-three schools competing. A highlight of the day included Alayna Schmitt shooting a 25!

The ND State Clay Target Tournament was held in Horace, ND on June 19. There, the shooters faced very hot and windy conditions. Due to the size of the team, Richland moved up a class and competed in the 2A division. Other schools in this division included West Fargo-Sheyenne, Valley City, Jamestown, and Bismarck. The Colts placed fifteenth out of nineteen, which was awesome as the team is very young. Kaden Carlson shot a straight 25 at state and was Richland's top varsity performer that day while Keagan Neppl placed first in the female JV division.

The clay target team is coached by Scott Schmitt, Ethan Schmitt, Chase Schmitt, Alexis Peltier, DeeAnn Gorder, Billy Gauslow, and Larry Score.

Congratulations to all the members of this year's clay target team. Everyone worked hard despite schedule changes and weather conditions.

Good luck next season!

