

2020 GARRETSON FFA
Community Appreciation
Breakfast

When: Saturday, February 29th, 2020
 Time: 7:30am-10:30am
 Where: American Legion
 Cost: FREE WILL DONATION

The Garretson Chapter is excited to celebrate National FFA week with you next week. Be on the look out for multiple contests and prizes Mon. through Thurs.

Blue Ink



Garretson Blue Jackets kick off FFA week

National FFA week serves as impetus to celebrate FFA and all they do
week
 by Nobel Notstine
 senior writer

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn. Earning to Live, Living to Serve." That's the motto of the national FFA organization, of which Garretson school has celebrated this past week. The Garretson FFA chapter worked their boots off to prepare a week full of educational facts, dress up days, and opportunities for students to win prizes. Through these events, classes were able to compete for an ice cream sundae social. Here's a run-down of the week's happenings.

Monday:

- Dress Up Day: Outdoorsman Day
- Q. **In what year was the Garretson FFA Chapter officially Chartered (established) with the South Dakota FFA Association?**
 A. 1963.

Tuesday

- Dress Up Day: Flannel/Plaid
- Q. **What is the Motto of the National FFA Organization?**
 A. "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn. Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

Wednesday

- Dress Up Day: Western Wednesday
- Blood Drive ran from 7:30AM-2:30PM
- MS Mock Contests and Leadership Team Visits were made in Mrs. Mueller's Science Classes.
- Q. **Who was the 1st Garretson FFA**



FFA Member Cadence Magnuson shows the fourth graders some of the lambs at this year's animal nursery.

President and Who is the Garretson FFA President Today?

A. Jerome Johnson and Evan Bly.

Thursday:

- Dress Up Day: Blue & Gold Day
- Animal Nursery and Activity Center 8:30AM- 2:30 PM.
- Q. What year were girls allowed to be in the FFA?
 A. 1969

Friday

- Ag Tour Day: Showplace Cabinetry and Stock Yard Museum 9:00AM-2:00PM

Saturday

- Community Appreciation Breakfast 7:30-10:30AM. at the American Legion. (Pancakes, Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Milk, Coffee)
- The *Blue Ink* also reached out to Alysha Kientopf, the chapter head and teacher at GHS, and Aiden Magnuson, a member of the FFA leadership team, for a collaborative interview on the topic.
- Q: **In what ways do people across the**

US celebrate FFA week?

A: People celebrate national FFA week in a variety of ways, from community breakfasts, reaching out to communities and family's, coloring contests, hay tosses, agricultural games to trivia.

Q: **Is there a saying or motto the chapter would like to get across to students?**

A: Our biggest focus is wanting people to know the truth about where their resources come from and how we're surrounded by agriculture everyday of our lives.

Q: **Could you explain what FFA is to kids who just see it as farming?**

A: FFA is a group of friends that do contests together, but we grow and learn like a family. It's the largest youth organization, and it's not just farming. We're focused on leadership, career success, and personal growth.

Q: **What goals does the chapter have set in the future?**

A: Keep growing members in quantity and quality, introduce new activities, and keep things as close to real life as possible with our financial limitations.

Lastly, Ms. Kientopf was asked the following, "Do you feel like your chapter encompasses the values of FFA?". Her response warmed our hearts. She replied with "I truly do, they work really hard and we have a really strong community, staff, and students, which are huge supporters and they're absolutely the backbone of the program."

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Another name for a leap day is an intercalary day.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Mix Mt. Dew, baking soda, and peroxide for a homemade lantern.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Snow = snijeg (snee-yeg)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did the drummer call his twin daughters? (submitted by Aliyah L.)

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: It likes food but water kills it.

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 27

- FFA Petting Zoo & Activities @ Ag Barn (8:30-2:30)
- Wrestling State Tourney @ Sioux Falls (10:00)
- GBB @ Dell Rapids (4:00/6:30)
- BBB @ Dell Rapids (5:15/8:00)

Friday, February 28

- No School—Spring Break
- Wrestling State Tourney @ Sioux Falls (10:00)

Saturday, February 29

- Wrestling @ Region 2B Tourney in Salem (10:00)
- Garretson FFA Community Appreciation Breakfast (7:30-10:30)

Monday, March 2

- GBB @ Region 3A Tourney (7:00)

Tuesday, March 3

- BBB @ Region 3A Tourney (7:00)

Wednesday, March 4

- MS Celebration of Music @ Brandon Valley

Thursday, March 5

- GBB @ Region Semis (TBD)

Friday, March 6

- BBB @ Region Semis (TBD)

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 1 Day

There is a three-day weekend starting tomorrow as part of a split Spring Break vacation. The other day is March 20.

Read Across America Week is next week, look at the Elementary for fun activities and dress up days.

The mat where amazing happens

by Kylie Uhl
 senior writer

Garretson will send two wrestlers to state wrestling which starts today. This past Saturday the grapplers traveled to Salem for the regional tournament to qualify wrestlers for state.

The first qualifier is freshmen Preston Bohl wrestling 106. Starting out the tournament strong, Bohl had a bye and was preparing for his first match of the day and pinned his opponent in 58 seconds.

His next match however, was not in his favor as he lost to Andrew Even from Parker. "I was just thinking that I've got to make it to state," said Bohl regarding the aftermath of the loss.

The next match was going to decide if Bohl was going to state again. Luckily Bohl won by decision 8-0 and now qualified for his second straight state meet.

His next match would determine his seed in the state tour-



Jayse Miller (113) and Preston Bohl (106) were the two state qualifiers for the Garretson Blue Dragons this year. Both wrestlers placed third in their respective weight classes at the region meet. State

namment. By placing as a higher seed, you get to wrestle someone in a lower seed; this gives you a higher chance of winning. The 106 wrestler placed 3rd gaining that higher seeding, against Dakota Buck of MCM.

The other state qualifier from Garretson is sophomore Jayse Miller wrestling 113. He also started the region tournament off with a bye and had a similar pattern of outcomes as Bohl. Miller won his first match in 58 seconds against Gage Skjonsberg of Viborg Hurley by pin. Next the young wrestler faced Weston Remmers of MCM and lost by decision 15-0.

Following the tough loss Miller recovered, gaining the W against Aerin Geary of Tri-Valley by decision 9-1. Similar to his teammate the next match would help determine his seed. The final match was a success for the 113 grappler who won by pin against Logan Buseman from Parker.

Both wrestlers will be returning to state as they both qualified last year. However there were seven wrestlers who qualified last year, but there were also more wrestlers on the team.

Going into state today both wrestlers are going to pursue their goal of making it to the next day and place on the podium. "I'm just going to try to be aggressive and attack more. Also just try to focus on one match at a time," said Miller foreshadowing his strategy for today.

While Bohl stated his strategy, "I'm just going to wrestle and hope for the best and how it goes, is how it goes."

Spectators will have the convenience of state wrestling being in Sioux Falls at the Premier Center. As will student spectators since there is no school Friday.

Bohl (106) and Miller (113) each had their first match of the state meet this morning. Bohl lost his first match via a 4-2 decision and will now rematch Buck of MCM who he wrestled during the region meet. Miller lost on a tech fall and will face Peterson of Philip Area. Information can be found on SDPB and trackwrestling.com

Zamboni driver gets his shot

by **Hayden Olofson**
staff writer

On Saturday, February 22, in Toronto, Canada both goalies James Reimer and Petr Mrazek were injured and forced the Carolina Hurricanes to call the emergency goalie in. David Ayres was the Zamboni driver that had to play in the second period against the Toronto Maple Leafs.



Zamboni driver David Ayres appeared in his first ever NHL game as an emergency goalie for Carolina. Photo appeared in "This 43-year-old Zamboni driver became an emergency goalie hero" on <https://www.sbnation.com/nhl/2020/2/24/21150841/carolina-hurricanes-emergency-goaltender-zamboni-driver-david-ayres>

Ayres gave up two on three shots in the period before stopping all seven shots he faced in the third period. The Hurricanes ended up winning 6-3. David Ayres became the oldest goalie in NHL history to win his regular season debut. After the game Ayres commented "it was awesome, Obviously time of my life out there. I've been on this ice many times without fans, put fans in the mix its a whole different game obviously, but, hey once in a lifetime, i'll take it." The Hurricanes said that David Ayres last served as an emergency goalie back on February 1st for the Charlotte Checkers against the Marlies.

What is the emergency goalie rule? A goaltender ho is provided by the home team or venue hockey arena, as a third goalie. Available to either team playing, when both of their rosters starting goalie and backup goalie are injured. The emergency goalie doesn't happen very often but it is sure interesting when it does.

Girls basketball

by **Grace Panning**
staff writer

The Garretson girls basketball game was held Tuesday night. It was the last home game for the Garretson girls' basketball team. With an amazing win against Baltic with the score being 56 to 27. Sophomore Mya Long shared her thoughts on the team this season.

Q: How do you think your team played? Scale of 1-10, 1 being awful 10 being awesome

A: I think my team played great last night, we didn't play at our opponent's level and we played our game. I give us a 9/10 because there are some things we could improve on still.

Q: What do you wish your team would've done differently?

A: I don't think our team could really do anything that differently because we played amazing but some things we could clean up are our turnovers.

Q: Are you happy with how you did this season?

A: I am happy about how our team is coming together now; this is not how we wanted our season to go but you can only fix it now going forward.

Q: Do you think you will make it to state?

A: I think we can make it to state; it will take a lot of focus and dedication to get there but I think we can do it.

This basketball game was an easy win. Let's hope the last game of the season in Dell Rapids tonight at 6:30 pm is an easy win also.

Russian interference in the presidential race

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

Russia has once again interfered with the United States election, but this time the rumors are not just revolving around president Trump, but also Bernie Sanders.

In 2016, the Feds announced that there had been some sort of interference in all 50 states election program, that is believed to have been Russian interference.

It was proved that there has been Russian interference supporting Bernie Sanders, as he is the frontrunner for the democratic party.

Bernie released a statement regarding the issue on Friday. "Unlike Donald Trump, I do not consider Vladimir Putin a good friend," the statement said. "He is an autocratic thug who is attempting to destroy democ-

racy and crush dissent in Russia. Let's be clear, the Russians want to undermine American democracy by dividing us up and, unlike the current president, I stand firmly against their efforts, and any other foreign power that wants to interfere in our election."

Hilary Clinton, who has been very vocal about Russian interference ever since the 2016 election, also released a statement. "Putin's Puppet is at it again, taking Russian help for himself," Clinton tweeted. "He knows he can't win without it. And we can't let it happen," stated Clinton.

The United States has let Russia know that they reject al foreign interference when it comes to the election. The Feds will be working around the clock to ensure that the 2016 scandal does not occur again.

Senior spotlight

Madisen Nordstrom

SENIOR PROJECT:

Learning how to race a sports car

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

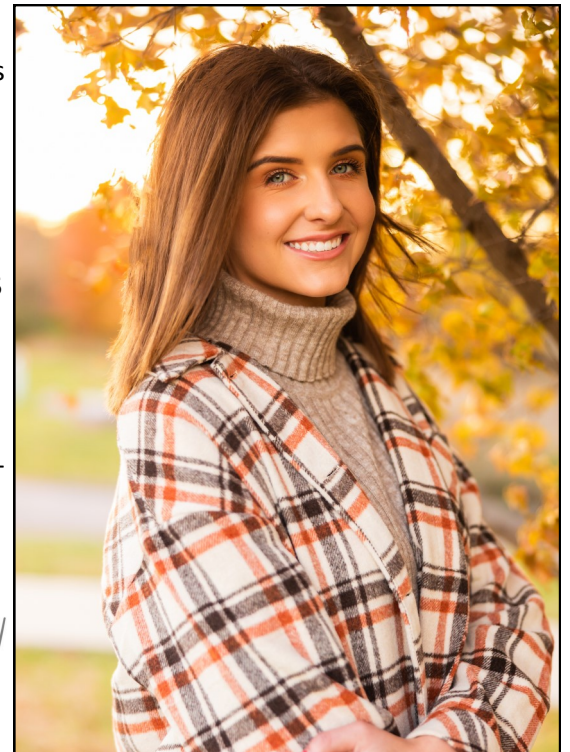
Football cheer, track, NHS

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

My Friends

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Attend Grand Canyon University to major in psychology and minor in entrepreneurial studies



Leap year strikes again

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

A leap year is calendar year that contains an additional day added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical year or seasonal year. This year it is falling between Wednesday January 1 to Thursday December 31, 2020., which means that February will have 29 days instead 28.



Some basic history facts. Julius Caesar was behind the original of leap year in 45 BC. The early Romans had a 355-day calendar and to keep festivals occurring around the same season each year a 22 or 23 day month was created every second year.

Leap Year was "invented" back in the first century BC, when Julius Caesar and his team of astronomers noticed that their 355-day Roman calendar had somehow slipped out of sync with the seasons.

Leap year happens every 4 years and has 366 days, with February having 29 days. But what about people who are born on February 29th? Many people decide not to celebrate their birthday every year because its not their "real" birthday.

Senior spotlight

Angel Larson



SENIOR PROJECT:

Training to pass the Air Force PT test

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Football Cheer
Oral Interp
Band
Wrestling Cheer

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

I'm really going to miss the school spirit: dress up days, homecoming, football cheers. Really the events that bring students closer together. I'll also miss some of the teachers.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Attend SDSU