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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Camels chew in a figure eight pattern

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
What starts with "T", is full of "T", and ends with "T"?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do trees get onto the internet
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, November 7

- TATU Lock-In

Monday, November 10

- School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

- Veteran's Day Program @ 2:45

Sunday, November 16

- National Education Week

Monday, November 17

- Oral Interp @ Regions
- FFA @ District Leadership Conf.
- Wrestling Begins

Blue Ink Student Editor: Katie Giesler



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Go New Bus Barn!

By Jared Fitzgerald

The school has improved many aspects over the years, one including the new bus barn. The school decided to construct a whole new building for the buses and other school vehicles instead of upgrading the old bus barn.

There have been many little bumps in the road while building the new bus barn though, such as the timeline for it to be built. Having many weather issues, the building process was delayed for almost a month and a half during the summer.

Another little bump in the road was the cost, and if everything fit into the budget. The building was actually built a tiny bit smaller than the current bus barn to make sure that it would not exceed the 1.2 million dollar budget. Also almost 80,000 dollars worth of equipment was not installed to make sure not to exceed the funds.

The school is getting all of their money from Capital Outlay Funds, which is a program that provides revenue to put up buildings for schools. "The school will now have 20 years to pay off their debt through this program," replied superintendent Guy Johnson.

Some of the new features include a mechanic bay, wash bay, and indoor heating. The new bus barn is barely smaller than the older one but is way more functional.

Transportation supervisor David Gaddis stated, "It's a big improvement, the old bus barn was put up in the 50s for grain storage."

Although many students do not think that this affects them, in all reality, it is indirectly impacting every student. With buses now hav-



One of the school busses in the wash bay that was built into the new bus barn.

ing a "longer life," the funds of the school won't have to be put towards the buses, but they can now go to updated books or new sports uniforms.

The new building does not lack the bells and whistles and was definitely worth the wait.

Mr. Long commented, "We needed a new place to store and maintain our school buses."

Building a new bus barn does not happen that often and is definitely a huge improvement for the school and even the town.

Strong Showing at BEC for Interpers

By Alli Kruger

Going in front of three different judges to speak? No thanks! Last Wednesday Garretson oral interp took their enthusiasm and acting skills to Baltic.

Many students came back fairly satisfied with their scores. Other schools may require oral interp as a regular class, but it's an optional extra-curricular activity in Garretson.

What is oral interp? "Oral interp is an activity that promotes expressiveness and acting and public speaking in the form of 10 minute pieces performed by high schoolers or anyone else," commented Sylvia Larson, who has been in oral interp for three years. She has done many pieces, mostly focusing in the humorous category.

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Wrapping Up a Well Played Season

By Tabi Klingenberg and Abriana Scholl

The GHS football team wrapped up their season by playing the Deuel Cardinals in the quarter finals of the 9AA playoffs, being defeated with a score of 42-20.

Despite their loss, the team played a great season. Unfortunately, they ended it slightly earlier than hoped in Deuel when the Blue Dragons were simply outplayed.

"Obviously, in the playoffs, every game is sudden death. One team advances and one team goes home," quoted Coach Steckler

He continued, "I am obviously disappointed that we didn't advance but very proud of how this group of kids competed

last night. Deuel just made more plays than we did."

The season was ended with seven wins and three losses. Last year, there were similar results with seven wins and two losses.

Senior Tanner Gutzmer feels as if the team could have made it further, but made too many mistakes throughout the season. "It is disappointing that it's over, but I had a good year and great teammates. I am going to miss my teammates, and especially my fellow seniors."

Coach Steckler briefly summarized the season as such. "This group of kids came a

long way from the beginning of the year to [the] playoff game. They overachieved this season and have brought back the tradition, respect, and pride of the Garretson Football and I'm very proud of that."

We will surely miss our seniors who have clearly worked so hard this past season and are hopeful that the next year's returners and newcomers will take us all the way!

"Lastly, looking ahead to next season, we are excited to put the puzzle together as we continue the Garretson football tradition," concluded Steckler.

Dragons Go Face-to-Face Against the Fliers

By Sylvia Larson and Beth Schmidt

The Garretson Blue Dragons girl's volleyball team dealt with an unfortunate loss from their regional game against the Flandreau Fliers in Flandreau on Tuesday.

Freshman Emily Schleuter (13 digs) asserted, "I'm excited to finish off the season, and I'm just glad we had fun while we played. Winning or losing didn't really make much of a difference."

Despite Schleuter's enthusiasm, the girls were not able to pull it off. Head coach Amanda Schotzko commented that there have been improvements made this season, just apparently not enough.

With only two wins, people were doubtful about regional success. The team proved them wrong with a not-so-close first round (8-25), a win in the second round (25-21), and close third and fourth rounds (18-25, 19-25).

For now, the girls are just happy they played well and fought their hardest. Although the season is over, they will continue to work on improving.

"We made many improvements throughout the season, and we learned to play as a team, not as individuals," junior Peyton Heitkamp (5 kills, 2 aces, 1 dig, 1 solo block) declared. "We could've played better, but it was a very good game and we played as a team."

Rounding out the stats were junior Morgan Gloe with 21 assists, 1 serve ace, and 6 digs; junior Kristen Martens with 4 kills, 2 block assists, and 3 digs; junior Lara Luke with 5 kills, 2 serve aces, 2 digs, 6 solo blocks, and 2 block assists; junior Saige Gullickson with 7 kills; freshman Madi Northrup with 9 digs; junior Brianna Call-

sen with 6 kills, 11 digs, and 1 block solo; and sophomore Moriah Flanagan had 3 digs.

Now that the volleyball season has come to a close for the ladies of Garretson, the girls are moving on to other sports or activities until next year. Congratulations on the season, and better luck next year!



The Lady Blue Dragons await the Flandreau Fliers ball return after a strong play at the net during Region play on Tuesday.

Strong Showing at BEC for Interpers

By Alli Kruger

There are many different categories including humorous, poetry, dramatic, prose, storytelling, etc. Everyone can choose their own category and topic; if you like your topic, you are most likely going to do better on it than if you do not like it.

"This was my first meet I went to, so it really did not provide much of an input of

how much I have done better since I got my piece. I did not do so hot on my serious piece, but I got seventh place on my humorous piece," stated Larson.

Regionals for oral interp are coming up soon, everyone is getting ready for competition at SDSU. Regionals is the last competition before state, so one of our speakers

earn first, second, or third place they get to go to state.

Lana Braswell, 3rd, Poetry; Noble Nothstine, 7th, Poetry; Sylvia Larson, 7th, Humorous; Angel Larson, 10th, Humorous; Tabi Klingenberg, 16th, Humorous; Sylvia Larson, 10th, Serious Reading; Katie Giesler and Kyrstyn Beck, 3rd, Duet; Abriana Scholl and Lana Braswell, 11th, Duet.

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From North to South with FFA

By Lana Braswell

Last week, FFA took a trip down south to wonderful Louisville, Kentucky for the national convention.

Adviser Mr. Ed Mueller was able to share some success as a chapter and with individuals.

National winner in Ag mechanics, Shane Mueller, was awarded one thousand dollars and a plaque.

Why did he win this award? Shane spent time restoring old farm machinery and tractors, eventually turning it in to a small business! His hard work had paid off by receiving recognition for this prestigious award.

There was one other award given that day to three Garretson alum.

That award is known as the American FFA Degree. This award was given to Cheyenne Edmundson, Nick Mueller, and Alesha Kientof. "That award is given as the highest degree that you can get on the national level," quoted Mr. Mueller. "And it's only given to one percent of all members."

Those that weren't part of the competitions were able to lay back and have fun in addition to participate in some of the festivities. They were able to explore Louisville, watch concerts, attend horse races, and enjoy the local food fare.

Though, at the convention, they did an activity that was meant to better oneself.

The group took a few stops on the way to places like the Louisville Slugger factory, where they make baseball bats, and the Caterpillar factory.

Sophomore Matt Gustafson tagged along and shared a few words on what his goal would be during the convention.

He stated, "My main goal is to do my best, and to have fun with my project. 'Cause it's not about winning, but about how much effort put into it and [how much] fun you have." Gustafson also shared that even he had fun.

Good job FFA and good luck next year!



Tip-Off Time

By Tait Johnson and Micah Mader

LeBron James is a Cleveland Cavalier again, determined to win over the hearts and minds of Cleveland.

Kobe Bryant (Lakers) and Derrick Rose (Bulls) return to full strength after devastating, season-ending injuries.

Gregg Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs defend an NBA title.

Doc Rivers and the Los Angeles Clippers are finally on sturdy foundation, free from the horrors of previous ownership, well-positioned for a run at the Larry O'Brien Trophy with stars Chris Paul and Blake Griffin.

Anthony Davis might already be the third-best player in the world at just 21 years old, bringing more hope to New Orleans than any single player since Pistol Pete, not even Chris Paul can put up those numbers.

The front runners for the Larry O'Brien Trophy are as follows: 1) Chicago, if star Derrick Rose can stay healthy; 2) Cleveland

Cavaliers, with acquiring stars LeBron James and three-point champion Kevin Love you can't pencil them out; 3) the ageless San Antonio Spurs, with all the confidence in the world after beating the Heat last year in the NBA Finals; 4) Oklahoma City Thunder, without star Kevin Durant for the first half of the season due to a right foot surgery might be rough but you can't over look their surrounding talent; 5) Golden State Warriors, with the splash brothers Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson the Warriors are always contenders to steal the title.

Every team struggles with being and staying healthy throughout the long season. Already a handful of games in, there are a slug of people injured and out for most of the season.

The two teams suffering the most due to injuries are the Thunder and the Bulls. Going into the season, they were already down big losing Kevin Durant, the league's

MVP last year. Now the team's star point guard, Russell Westbrook, is out, undergoing hand surgery and will be out for a couple months.

The Bulls started off strong beating the Cavaliers the first game of the year, Rose had 31 points. Then, BAM he goes down spraining both ankles. Rose has had season-ending injuries in the last two seasons.

Senior Aaron Dunn's favorite NBA team is the Finals' runner-up from last year, the Miami Heat. Dunn remarked about the NBA season starting up again stating, "I'm getting pumped for the NBA to start," he continued, "it might be a rough year, since our best player (LeBron James) has moved on to Cleveland."

If your Friday night plans get cancelled, no problem, the NBA has you covered. Check out ESPN for the Thunder facing of against the Grizzlies, or tune into ESPN 2 for the Cavaliers battling the Nuggets.

All-State Choir

By Cassy Heath

"Yes! I love Choir! I'm always singing something, and I know it's something I'm always going to do." This is what Katie Giesler had to say about choir and her All-State experience.

All-State Choir took place at the arena in Sioux Falls this year. Garretson, accompanied by other schools across the state, all met together and practiced with each

other for one and a half days. They then all sang together in front of a crowded arena on Saturday.

The four Garretson representatives were soprano Katie Giesler, alto Kyrstyn Beck, tenor Cole Fiegen, and bass Micah Mader. These four juniors were under the direction of first-year choir director, Kelby Robinson.

When it was time to perform, some of the Garretson singers said they were excited and they have been waiting for it to happen. Others were nervous and wanted to get it over with.

Congratulations to All-State choir for a successful performance!

Republicans Triumph in South Dakota

By Zeb Johnson

It's that time of the year again, when the nation will decide how they want their government to be ran. This year's election determined who would represent the states in the senate and the house. Senators serve terms of six years before they can be either re-elected or ejected from office by the voters, while house members serve two years per term.

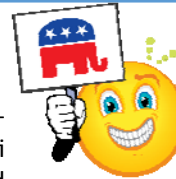
For South Dakota this year, it means electing a majority of republicans, their number includes former governor Mike Rounds, who defeated democratic candidate Rick Weiland, and independent candidates Larry Pressler and Gordon Howie for the position of Senator. Mike Rounds ran on the stance of repealing the Affordable Care Act and allowing the Keystone XL Pipeline to be built.

Another important race for South Dakota was that for the state's only representa-

tive in the whole House of Representatives. Incumbent Kristi Noem (R) ran against, and ended up triumphing over, democratic candidate Corinna Robinson with a 66% majority of votes in her favor.

The spot of governor was also up for grabs this year, with republican and current incumbent Dennis Daugaard beating down the democratic Susan Wismer, and independent Michael J. Myers. Daugaard achieved a 70% majority in the election winning by a landslide.

But even though the races for office are important, that may not have been the biggest decision on the ballot this year. Two initiated measures and one amendment were also on the ballot this year. Two of these actually have an impact on our lives here in East River, while the other has less of an impact.



Initiated Measure 17 allows people to choose who provides their health care at no extra cost, while Measure 18 deals with something different. Measure 18 increased the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50, and also increases it each year based on cost of living. This is a giant raise, as it boosted a full-time minimum wage worker's income from \$15,080 per year to \$17,680.

The third proposal voters decided was about gambling in Deadwood, SD. The amendment passed, allowing the legislature to permit certain forms of gambling to be legalized in Deadwood, including Keno and a few others.

This year was an important one, but in 2016 we will have an election year of momentous proportions, as it will be time to choose a new president. Who knows what will happen.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Jera Sands

SENIOR PROJECT: Learning Cosmetology Techniques and Teaching the 6th and 7th Grade Girls Health and Hygiene

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Cheerleading, Color Guard, Choir, and Youth Group

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: Friends/Classmates and Cheerleading

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Go to Stewart's for Cosmetology



Fink Merits ACE Award

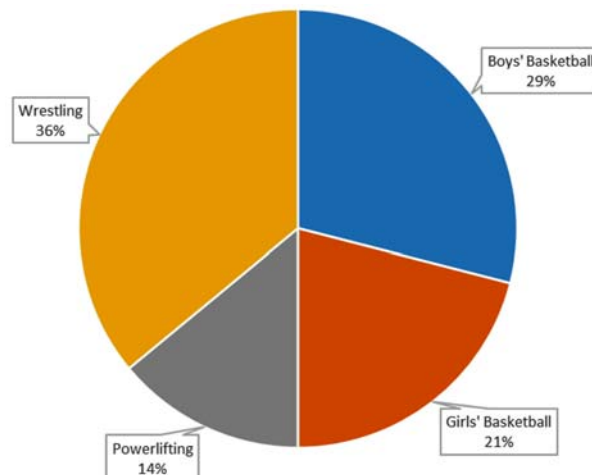
Wyatt worked hard this off season while also preparing for his future serving our country.

This hard work is very evident in his play on the field, Wyatt has improved as much if not more than any one on our team. Wyatt also is a positive role model to the youth of our community.



Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which winter sport they are looking forward to most.



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.

ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: A teapot

Joke: They log on.