



Blue Ink



Teacher feature: Mr. Ruml

Last year's student teacher comes back to Garretson and takes over the same classroom he taught in

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This week's teacher feature spotlight landed on fourth grade teacher, Francis Ruml. Originally a Tiger, Mr. Ruml hails from Howard, a town about the size of Garretson, just west of Madison.



Q: How did you come a teacher?

A: "I started coaching wrestling when I was in Spearfish. I went to school out there for a little while. The head coach was a fifth-grade teacher, and he kind of talked me into teaching. I sat in on a few of his classes and pursued it from there."

Q: Why did you pick Garretson?

A: "I did some student teaching here and liked the area. My wife works at Avera at the hospital. It was just the perfect setting for us."

Q: What sports are you involved in?

A: "I was an assistant football coach and am the head wrestling coach. I will also help out with

youth wrestling."

Q: What do you have for family?

A: "I have seven brothers and two sisters. I came from a pretty big family and they are from all over the state it seems like. As far as my personal family we have a baby on the way in January."

Q: What has been your favorite part of this year?

A: "Getting to know the parents is my favorite part. We moved here last year and didn't know many people outside of wrestling. As I meet parents that don't have anything to do with wrestling, that helps out with meeting new people."

With memories already in progress, this new teacher is making his mark on Garretson High School, and will continue for many years to come.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: "I started at Dakota Wesleyan as a business major for a year and transferred to Black Hills State in Spearfish. I transferred back to Dakota State for my last two years. That's basically where I did all of my education stuff was at Dakota State."

Q: How did you decide to be-

Cold weather causes couples to collapse

The winter seems to spur a change in relationships and for some that is not a good thing

by **Peyton Sage**
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Just like the leaves are dying, relationships are too. As the weather gets colder, it seems like couples tend to drift further apart, or towards a complete split. So, what are the reasons behind that, and how can couples get through it?

Relationships tend to deteriorate in the winter months for a variety of reasons. One of the reasons, of course, is the weather. The cold temperatures force couples to limit their activities to staying indoors with little-to-no driving due to the harsh traveling conditions. While limiting the activities, couples can grow bored with the lack of excitement that they usually partake in the summer.

Junior Mikayla Bottelberghe pointed out, "I think the fact that there's not as much to do in the winter only allows you to sit around at home and not go out and do many things, especially with the road conditions. It really cuts the time you have together in half. Also, guys don't really enjoy going out and taking cute winter pictures or going for walks in the snow around town to look at all of the lights."

Another reason for winter

breakups is the fact that people are usually busier with activities. Whether it be a job, sports, family holidays, or even semester testing, the time that partners have for each other is in short supply.

Senior Moriah Flanagan pointed out, "Because my boyfriend and I both have winter activities, I will definitely say it's harder to find time to see each other, but we still make time when we have it."

Also, people can become lethargic and depressed as the winter rolls in. Since all of the color on the ground and in the trees are gone and replaced with nothing but white snow and gloomy skies, it's no shock that couples experience rockiness. Without the natural endorphins that the warm weather produces, people aren't as genuinely happy during the cold months, therefore making it harder to make the other person happy on top of making yourself happy.

"I believe a lot of couples break up in the winter because this is the time of the year where we as human beings have a lot more time to think on our own. Coming to the end of the year, many couples reflect back on how that past year has gone with their partner, so if times have been hard the past year, they tend to end things

right away. Lastly, with the holidays, people are thinking about ways they can add value to their life and sometimes in order to do that you have to set your partner free for the sake of each other," stated junior Amyah Ockenga.

Since it's officially cuffing season, here are some things that couples can do to avoid splitsville. The major key to making relationships work is to be open minded to each other's interests. If one person wants to go sledding, but the other wants to cuddle by the fire, they could go sledding first and cuddle by the fire after.

Another thing is understanding the other's needs. If one partner is busy, the other should take that time to work on themselves. When there is some free time to spend together, they shouldn't hesitate to do so. When there isn't any time to spend together, they could find an alternative like FaceTime, talking on the phone, sending funny snaps, or simply sending messages throughout the day.

Because it's make-or-break season, anyone in a relationship should take this time to reflect on the deeper roots of their love life and decide the best route to take that won't just benefit them, but their partner too.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Melania Trump will only be the second-ever First Lady to not be born in the United States. The first was Luisa Adams, wife of sixth president John Quincy Adams.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the police arrest the turkey?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What can run but can't walk?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, November 11

- Veteran's Day
- Program @ 2:30

Monday, November 14

- District FFA Leadership Contest
- Wrestling Practice Starts
- School Board Meeting @ 5:45

Tuesday, November 15

- Oral Interp Region Contest

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

Oral Interp had a meet last Friday and came back with successful results. Freshman Nobel Nothstine earned 3rd in serious and 7th in non-original oratory. Junior Lana Braswell garnered a 7th place finish in poetry. Senior Tabi Klingenberg placed 6th in storytelling. And the reader's theatre group took fourth. Their next meet is the region competition on Monday.

Election results still dominate much of the conversations. Donald Trump was elected to be the 45th President of the United States, John Thune and Kristi Noem both held onto their seats in congress. State representation has changed slightly for our district as Kris Langer (senate), Tom Pischke (representative) and Dan Ahlers (representative) will be heading to Pierre next term.

Twitter shuts down popular app affiliate

Due to recent slumps in profits, Twitter makes the decision to close down the popular app, Vine

by **Jaden Braaten**
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What you've heard from the grape "Vine" is true, Twitter is shutting down Vine. With Twitter's future still in question following failed attempts at finding an acquirer and the recently announced layoffs of nine percent of its workforce, the company has announced it's shutting down its standalone short-form video app, Vine. There is no correct explanation as to why the company is shutting down this fairly new app.

Vine has been on the App Store and has been a popular app for about three years. Allowing people across the world to share six second videos, the app has



opened up a variety of opportunities. Also making some people who have gotten their fame from this app having to put their videos up somewhere else such as YouTube.

These are people who have voluminous amounts of followers and then become called "Viners" where they get paid for the six-second videos they post and share, these Viners also can get paid for promoting a company's product in their videos. A large amount of these Viners get paid anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for a simple six-second video.

"It makes me feel very sad because I got such joy from watching multiple vines and getting to

know and follow different Viners," stated junior Erynn Fink who is also confused and on edge about the current news.

Unlike Fink, junior Sylvia Larson is confident in her opinion, "Vine shutting down is not a travesty in any way, shape, or form. All successful Viners have moved their fan base to YouTube already, because that's where the money really is."

Many people know that the coincidence of Twitter and Vine with all the "memes" they share.

"As for the memes, I've always thought that Vine was the main creator of these catchy visuals. These memes started new trends



all over the world which made Vine even more popular," Fink and Larson added.

This is just another social media surprise that know one was expecting but within the next few weeks people will find another new app or site to converse about. It is still unknown as to how long the site will live on but Twitter plans to keep their focus on their main app and to keep it strong as they try to add different features and have their customers adapt to the new change.

President-elect surprises the nation

Donald Trump gets the needed Electoral College votes while opponent, Hillary Clinton eeks out the popular vote.

by **Hunter Carver**
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The 2016 presidential election was held on November 8th. Even though Hillary Clinton did not win the election, she's not completely out of the race, as we all know she will more than likely be running after Donald Trump's four years are up.

Isaiah Mader's view on the election is, "It's a very pathetic day for American history, as they elected the most controversial president of all time; the next four years are going to be long."

Junior Peyton Sage, Clinton follower said, "I'm disappointed because I, with many other

Americans, was hoping a woman like Hillary would run the country. She is more qualified than Trump is and I agree with what she was fighting for. I don't, at all, stand for what Trump has said about every minority."

Diontae Lymon, Trump supporter gave his opinion on the election too, "Well both have good traits and they have their bad traits. But I personally think that since Donald Trump won the election, he can do some good for America. Hilary could have done some good too, but I don't think that us Americans could have trusted her. She deleted those emails about secret government stuff and that's just not

okay."

Most noticeably in this election, it was evident that America needed a change whether that was a woman at the helm or a non-career politician taking over. America chose someone non-traditional to send a message that current processes, beliefs, and representation needs to be altered.

Trump's four-year term will be accompanied by his vice president, Mike Pence. Pence gives stability to the traditional conservative party and may be a good contrast to Trump's more liberal approach.

Once again the electoral college has given an interesting per-

spective to the nation. While Trump convincingly won through the conventional way of choosing the president, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote. This most recently happened in the 2000 election with George W. Bush and Al Gore.

This conflict has angered some in an already divisive political season to the point of anti-Trump riots in the streets of multiple cities across the U.S.

As Trump stated in his acceptance speech after Tuesday's results came in, "It is time for us to come together and unite as one people."

Personality quiz: Which stale meme character are you?

A fun, non-scientific quiz created by the journalism students

Take a moment to answer a few of these questions to see which outdated meme suits your personality best. Match your answers to the results on page 3.

1. Who do you like better?

- A. Trump
- B. Bernie
- C. I don't care/I can't vote
- D. Hilary

2. What do you do when you don't finish your homework?

- A. Ask everyone for their answers
- B. Make up stuff and hope the teacher doesn't look too hard
- C. Admit it and tell the teacher about all the others who didn't finish
- D. Try to hide it/not turn it in but get caught and put in ICU

3. What social media do you prefer?

- A. Instagram
- B. Twitter
- C. Facebook
- D. Vine

4. Which is your soda of choice?

- A. Cola
- B. Pepsi
- C. I don't drink soda, it's bad for you
- D. Orange crush

5. What is your favorite season?

- A. Fall
- B. Spring
- C. Winter
- D. Summer

6. What is your favorite TV or Netflix show?

- A. Grey's Anatomy
- B. Stranger Things
- C. The Apprentice
- D. Supernatural

7. Which of these bands/singer do you like the most?

- A. Justin Bieber
- B. I don't like any of these, my favorite band is indie and you've probably never heard of them
- C. Chris Brown
- D. My Chemical Romance

8. Your favorite place to get coffee?

- A. Starbucks
- B. Screw coffee tea is where it's AT
- C. I only drink artisan coffee that I brew myself
- D. I don't drink caffeine it stunts my growth

9. Most entertaining?

- A. Netflix
- B. Youtube
- C. Drama
- D. Vine



Garretson remembers former student

The sudden death of a former classmate shook the halls earlier this week

by **Blue Ink Staff**

Former Garretson resident Zachary R. Boland passed away unexpectedly last Friday.

Zach (Dec. 29, 1997 - Nov. 4, 2016) recently enlisted in the Marines and was stationed at Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot in South Carolina. He and his family moved from Garretson to Alabama a few years ago.

Zach was in the graduating class of 2016 but was known by many underclassmen for his warm smile and inclusive nature, which he showed every day. He loved to tell jokes and make peo-

ple laugh.

His friends have spent the week reminiscing about the good ol' days, like when he jumped off a few stairs and broke both of this ankles or was part of a quartet that sang a Star Wars song at the choir/band music dinner.

"I remember freshman year Dragon Olympics. Zach was chosen for who has the weirdest talent and his talent was sounding like an ape. He won because he did such a good job," remembers senior Kindra Clark. "He was very caring and protective of his siblings. He always had a smile on his face. He was a such great sib-

ling and friend." Clark was one of Zach's many neighbors.

He was in cub scouts, Boy Scouts, and basketball during his time at Garretson.

He is survived by his parents and siblings TJ, Nathaniel, Carson, Katie Grace, and Benjamin, and extended family.

Zach died fulfilling his dream of being a Marine and there's no better way to honor that than to remember him today on Veteran's Day.



Veteran's Day is more than just today

Although the focus usually falls on November 11, what veterans do and have done for our country are eternal actions

According to the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs, November 11 was dubbed as the memorial day because the "cessation of hostilities, between the Allied Nations and Germany, went into effect on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

In 1938 congress made it into a legal holiday with the focus to

be a dedication to the cause of world peace. This was also the same year when the name was changed from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day.

But these veterans deserve recognition beyond one day a year. They are the people who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our nation and world and put aside their person-

al opinions, make sacrifices with their families, and lay their life on the line. And this is all done regardless of how the "citizens on the home-front" feel about the situation being thrust upon them.

The *Garretson Gazette* published an article that ran just yesterday about a Garretson Elementary student who went out of his way to shake a veteran's hand

and thank him for his service. From this one act, a friendship has formed.

That act, albeit small and simple, may have more of an impact than anyone could imagine.

Let us all remember the good deeds our current and future veterans have done and will do for us on more than just today.

Surgery season hits the halls of Garretson High

Between athletic injuries or just dental procedures, now seems to be the time for students to take the plunge and get it done

by **Tabitha Klingenberg**
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It's that time of year again! It's time to bundle up, drink some hot apple cider, and even get surgeries done before the off-season ends.

When given the opportunity, it's generally a good idea to plan surgeries so it doesn't restrict the patient from extracurricular activities, attending classes, or staying on track with homework. Autumn just seems to be the time to do that in Garretson.

"There's not as much going on. You don't have friends who want to go outside and play catch be-

cause it's too cold," commented junior MJ Vandersnick.

Perhaps one of the more common reasons for having surgeries done during the autumn months is due to the harsh atmospheres of the season. These cause the muscles to tense up, making it so any hit or fall that occurs is even more painful and can have more serious results.

Senior Kindra Clark said, "There's lots of rough sports going on during the fall, football for example, so that and the winter coldness might do something to the body."

Clark's wisdom teeth extraction occurred recently and she

believes that the time of the procedure was moderately convenient in a sense that there was a four-day weekend to assure that no work would be missed. However, Clark noted that, if given the opportunity, she would've preferred to scheduled the time that wasn't near a holiday. "I couldn't enjoy any Halloween stuff because I was too busy trying to shove Jello down my throat.

Concerning his recent knee surgery, Vandersnick explained, "Christmas break [would've been better] so I wouldn't have had to miss all the school for it but otherwise I think getting it now is

probably better."

Multiple students at Garretson either getting surgeries or have gotten it recently for their wisdom teeth, ACLs, MCLs, etc. and many of these students who had the choice concluded that these were the best months. Students who have or had surgery recently include Clark and Vandersnick, Brennan Mudder, Peyton Sage, Kyley Greenhoff, and Kristen Cordier just to name a few.

When given the opportunity, patients should realize the pros of scheduling surgeries for the fall.

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If you got mostly A's you're Annoying FaceBook Girl!



If you got mostly B's you're a Philosoraptor!



If you got mostly C's you're Scumbag Steve!



If you got mostly D's your Bad Luck Brian!

