



Boys basketball finished sixth in the Big East Tournament. They play again tomorrow.

Blue Ink



Gibson hits 1000 points

Senior guard joins elite 1000 point club with free throws in last Saturday's game

by Hunter Carver
staff writer

On Saturday's game versus Parker, senior guard Shay Gibson finally reached the 1,000 point mark. Gibson has played at the varsity level for the Blue Dragons since his freshman year.

Gibson took a moment to reflect on the accomplishment but also focuses on the team and the rest of the season. The Blue Dragons are currently 1-8 but still have just over half of their games to play.

Q: Were you aware of how close you were?

A: Yes I was aware of how many points away I was; I was 23 points

Q: Do you feel like being so close made you take shots you normally wouldn't have and why?

No definitely not. If anything I feel like I took less shots than I normally do, not because I was pressured, but because I wasn't open.

Q: Now that you have reached the 1000 point mark do you feel like a weight/pressure has been lifted? Why or why not?

A: I guess a little bit, but nothing too substantial.

Q: Is this accomplishment something you thought would happen when you started playing Varsity basketball your freshman year?



With two free throws late in the fourth quarter, Shay Gibson etched his name into Garretson basketball history tallying his 1,000th career point. Gibson is less than fifty points away in becoming the boys basketball all-time scoring leader.

Photo by Shannon Nordstrom via Twitter

I never really thought about achieving this goal until my junior year, then I realized it was very possible.

Q: What goals do you have for the rest of the season?

A: I would like to go .500 the rest of the season. I would also like to go to the 2nd round of playoffs.

Q: Tell me what was going through your mind when you were shooting those free throws. Did you know

that they were the deciding factor to get to the 1000 point mark?

A: I knew I was close because I heard the crowd getting louder and louder every time my shot went in. I did not know that those free throws were the deciding factor so I just treated them as normal free throws.

Gibson and the Blue Dragon boys are back in action tomorrow night for the Border Clash. This year Garretson takes on the Luverne Cardinals.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream slowly becomes a reality

49 years after his death, MLK's legacy still stands strong

by Peyton Sage
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"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," Martin Luther King Jr. declared on August 28, 1963.

On January 16th, America will be celebrating the annual holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This day is dedicated to the inspiring individual who helped gain freedom for African Americans and is observed on every third Monday of January, close to M.L.K.'s birthday on January 15th.

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 by James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee. Ever since that date, American supporters were pushing for a federal holiday in his honor. Although president Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, it wasn't observed until three years later in 1986 by the state of Illinois. South Dakota was part of the forty-four

states that observed the holiday in 1989, and it was officially observed by all 50 states in 2000, with Utah being the last to make it a state holiday.

Although 54 years later African Americans are still treated as inferiors in several ways, Martin Luther King Jr. helped alter America from 1955 to 1968. He brought attention to the country on how awfully African Americans were treated. In his time, there were separate schools, churches, public bathrooms, outdoor parks, and even housing for people of color. Because of these ridiculous laws, King pushed forward with the Civil Rights Movement.

Just like Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. led a boycott against city buses refusing to let blacks sit in the front of the bus. He was ultimately sent to jail along with many followers of the protest. Because King was a firm believer in nonviolence and equal rights, he led seven more peaceable protests within the span of thirteen years.

All of that didn't go unnoticed because the Civil Rights Act ended racial segregation in 1964 along with all of the racial laws and actions. On October 16, 2011, Washington D.C. opened a memorial to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and all of his triumphs towards freedom against discrimination.

Not only was he a strong leader for African Americans, but he gave them a voice in this country. Since then, segregation has been abolished. America has not only seen forty-four black congress members currently sitting in their positions in contrast to only five in 1963, but the country has seen a black president as well.

As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood."

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Friggatriskai-dekaphobia is the fear of Friday the 13th.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Friday the 13th = Freitag der 13 (fry-tehg dehr dry-tseen-teh)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What breed of dog is good at magic tricks?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What never asks questions but is often answered?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 13

- JH GBB @ (4:00)
- GBB @ (6:15/7:00)

Saturday, January 14

- JH BBB @ BEC (9:00)
- Wrestling @ Tri-Valley (10:00)
- GBB v. Luverne (6:00)
- BBB v. Luverne (7:30)

Monday, January 16

- No School—Staff Inservice
- BBB v. Dell Rapids (6:15/7:00)

Tuesday, January 17

- Tank Tuesday—Cabin Fever Week
- GBB v. Sioux Falls Christian (6:15/7:00)

Wednesday, January 18

- Hawaiian Day—Cabin Fever Week

Thursday, January 19

- USA Day—Cabin Fever Week
- JH GBB @ Tea (4:00)
- GBB @ Tea (6:15/7:00)
- Wrestling Triangular @ O'Gorman (O'Gorman and Dell Rapids)

Friday, January 20

- Florescent Day—Cabin Fever Week
- JH BBB v. Tea (4:00)
- BBB v. Tea (6:15/7:00)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

Bowling will happen after the boys basketball game next Friday as part of Cabin Fever Week. Make sure you sign up in the office if interested.

Pin it to win it

Garretson wrestlers continue to push through the season despite injuries

by **Emily Malsom**
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Hitting the mats, midway through the season; the Garretson grapplers had a respectable showing at the Dan Pansch / Jesse James Invitational. 12 wrestlers competed on Saturday January 7, 2017.

Junior Jack Konechne was the highest scorer for the team with 21 points. He also took third in the 145 lb weight class. Hayden Pierret also had a good tournament, contributing 13 points and finishing fifth in the 120 lb division. Jared Fitzgerald finished eighth in the 138 lb class. He is out currently due to a concussion.

The Parker Quad was held on January 5th in Parker. Some major

events of Thursday included Brendan Harris breaking his leg and Dakota Johnson getting his first varsity win and pin.

"It felt pretty good. I was kind of nervous because I knew that if I didn't win, we'd lose the dual. For my first win, it was really fun. My goal this season is to place at every meet we go to and make State! This was a nice accomplishment but a small one." Said sophomore Dakota Johnson.

The Garretson wrestling squad is looking optimistic overall. Head coach Ruml commented "We're hoping to get over the injury bug before too late in the season. We have a good group of seniors with Alex Uhl, Brendan Harris and Jared Fitzgerald.

We just got done with the Sioux Falls Lincoln tournament and the Brandon tournament which are our two toughest tournaments besides State. We did well in those tournaments, but we are looking to turn it up before regions."

The Garretson grapplers are back in action tomorrow at the Tri-Valley tournament.



Alex Uhl takes on his opponent in recent action. Uhl is in his senior year as a Garretson wrestler.

Photo by Anna Uhl via Facebook

Shooting in Florida Airport

Charges have already been brought against perpetrator in Fort Lauderdale Airport shooting

by **Jaden Braaten**
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In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, last week Friday surveillance cameras show a gunman opening fire in the airport. As he was in the baggage claim area, he was standing behind two boys. Once he noticed that they were on their phones he opened fire. This shooter was identified as Esteban Santiago.

Once people noticed where he was, people started to grab their bags and duck for cover. Later on Santiago confessed to planning the

assault that killed five people and had several others injured. Two of them we brought into intensive care while others were left with gunshot wounds.

Santiago faces three federal charges and possibly the death penalty. The victims loved ones are mourning as they try to grasp as to what happened that day at Fort Lauderdale Airport.

Second semester in full swing

How are you going to survive the last 78 days until summer

by **Victoria Lippert**
staff writer

Who is not looking forward to the summer? A whole three months off, the time of freedom. This wonderful time of the year is sadly still 78 school days away. But that's no reason to get desperate. Because there are a lot of things to look forward to.

Junior Madi Northrup said, "Prom is something to look forward to! Otherwise it's just the thought of summer being one semester away!"

Even though right now it seems like the snow is never going to melt. If you don't want to wait till prom or

summer there are other things coming up. Next week starts off with a free Monday and afterwards Cabin Fever week with dress up days.

And if you have enough motivation to set long term goals you can look forward to graduation like senior Hailey Steffes. "Finally being able to graduate. Usually I'd say prom but...", even though you might just be a freshman.

But on the good side, the long time you have left in high school gives you the chance to figure out what you want to do in the future.

Big East Conference Tournament challenges basketball boys

Blue Dragon Hoops took fifth during conference tournament last weekend

by **Sylvia Larson**
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The Garretson Boy's Basketball team competed in the Big East Conference tournament last week. There were three games, and they completed the tournament with a sixth place finish out of the eight teams overall.

First, they played Chester, coming

away with a loss of 55-75. They played well early on but couldn't keep up with the Flyers late in the game, but the points just didn't go their way.

Second, they played Howard and secured their first win of the season! The Blue Dragons had control of the entire game, winning 74-48.

Finally, Garretson played Parker in

the consolation championship. Unlike their previous win, they were unable to pull out the W, dropping the game 38-64. However the bright spot in the game was senior Shay Gibson securing his 1000 career point.

"The game against Parker was frustrating more than anything. That game should have been ours. We prepared for it vigorously, and it al-

ways sucks to lose on a home court," shared senior Matthew Gustafson. "We shouldn't have had as much trouble as we did."

Overall, the guys showed a lot of promise during the Big East Conference. They played last night but lost a back and forth game against West Central, 51-60. Their next game is at home January 14th against Luverne.

Election results still steal headlines

Newest hacking and conspiracy claims continue to dominate airwaves

by **Isaiah Mader**
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The recent election was one many people could not quite fathom. With social media playing a huge role, a lot of people were not truly aware of what each candidate said and did.

A lot of buzz surrounded and with the unpredictable results, people then proceeded to come out with conspiracy theories on how the election was won by Donald Trump.

A widely accepted view was that Russia hacked the electronic polling stations in favor of Trump. The U.S.

government even came out to say that they hacked our election.

In recent days, the question of whether or not Trump has committed treason has come forth from an M-I6 spy who is confirmed to be a reliable source. The suspected happenings were if Russia was to help Trump get elected he would lift America's sanctions against the Russians.

Regardless of accusations he will take office on January 20th. The only alternative is if he is found guilty of treason, VP Elect would then take the presidential position for the next four years.

Girls basketball faces a busy week

Lady Blue Dragons play four games in seven days

Garretson girls basketball is right in the thick of the season. With four games over a span of seven days, the Blue Dragons will be pushed to their limits.

The Blue Dragons (1-6) took on Flandreau earlier this week. The Fliers took "home court advantage" seriously winning by 39.

Tonight however, is the chance for Garretson to get back to their winning ways. The Blue Dragons take on their closest rival, the Baltic Bulldogs, tonight in Baltic.

On paper the matchup should be tight as Baltic and Garretson share

the same record and even have similar rosters when looking at height and position.

Garretson quickly turns around and hosts Luverne in the Border Clash on Saturday.

Then next Tuesday, the Lady Blue Dragons welcome the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers for their fourth game in a one week span.

The close competition will provide Garretson the opportunity to immediately put corrections, fixes, and changes into practice while seeing instant results.

Get funky with your favorite artists

Local music venues provide high quality entertainment for a variety of ages and genre preferences

by **Sylvia Larson**
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Many a teenager enjoys the high-energy atmosphere of a live performance from their favorite band. Though these shows may be pricy, it's usually worth it. The saddest first world problem is when someone's favorite singer comes to town, but they don't know about it so they don't get tickets.

To keep that from happening, here is a non-intensive list of future

performances at The District and the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls!

1/14/17 - Premier Center: Eric Church : Holdin' My Own Tour.

2/04/17- Premier Center: Twenty Øne PilØts : EmØtional RØadshØw World Tour with special guests Jon Bellion and Judah & The Lion.

2/09/17 – The District: Kane Brown

2/11/17 – The District: Datsik with special guests Crizzly and Virtual Riot

2/19/17 – Premier Center: Dierks Bentley : What The H*ll World Tour

with special guests Cole Swindell and Jon Pardi

2/21/17 – The District: Skillet : The Unleashed Tour with special guests Sick Puppies and Devour the Day

3/08/17 – The District: Jojo : Mad Love Tour

3/29/17 – The District: Group Love : Big Mess World Tour

4/11/17 – Premier Center: Casting Crowns : The Very Next Thing Tour with special guests Danny Gokey and Unspoken

4/20/17 – Premier Center: Florida

Georgia Line with special guests Dustin Lynch and Chris Lane

4/22/17 – Premier Center: Def Leopard

4/23/17 – The District: Brother's Osborne

6/09/17 – Premier Center: Tim McGraw and Faith Hill Soul2Soul World Tour

Ticket information is available at www.thedistrictsf.com and www.dennysanfordpremiercenter.com

The wrath of Friday the 13th

The origins and superstitions of this dreaded day

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
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Friday the 13th, the unluckiest day in the calendar is upon us. There is a shocking amount of people, over one million, who choose to let the fear overcome them and avoid the day completely. This fear is called friggatriskaidekaphobia. This word originates from the Norse god, Frigga, for whom Friday is named. Triskaideka comes from the Greek word for thirteen.

"I think it's stupid that people think of it as something bad. I just think of it like any other day," noted senior, Mataya Lines.

Unfortunately, there are some who have still been the victim of Friday the 13th's terror. In 1796, a man named Daz Baxter was so frightened because of the day that he chose to stay in bed all day. However, Mr. Baxter was killed when the floor of his apartment block collapsed that day.

Lines noted, "Honestly, I feel like it's just a bunch of made up stories."

Although little is known about the origins of its notoriety, the roots of its superstition dates back to biblical times. However, the only evidence of its superstition arose in the 19th Century. In the New Testament; there were thirteen people present for Jesus's Last Supper on the day before his Crucifixion on Good Friday. Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus was also the thirteenth guest. In addition, it's hypothesized that Eve bit the ap-

ple from the tree of knowledge and the Great Flood began.

There are multiple other accounts of Friday the 13th's wrath. In 1307 a French king arrested several hundred of Knights of Templar and in 2010, lightning struck a 13-year old Suffolk boy on this day at 13:13.

The good news is that Friday the 13th can't come more than three times per year. The bad news is that there is still one more day; October 13th. Hopefully, no student will be the bearer of bad luck this year.

College football national championship sequel was better than the original

Alabama and Clemson met for a second year in a row to claim the title of national champion

by **Mason Hofer**
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As Clemson hoped to get their vengeance after loosing 45-40 in last year's national championship, it was a long battle to find out who would hold the trophy at the end on this year's game. This battle was held at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay, Florida. Clemson and Alabama

shared the same record at 14-1, facing off in a national championship rematch.

Alabama came out strong taking a two touchdown lead in the first half. With the score at 14-0, Clemson did not lay down and take another loss to Alabama. Deshaun Watson, Clemson's Quarterback, brought the Tigers back from this deficit and scored a touchdown to close the gap.

Clemson was down 14-7 at halftime. The Tigers scored seven points in the third quarter to Alabama's ten. This made the score 14-24 going into the fourth quarter.

Watson threw for a touchdown and Wayne Gallman rushed for a thirty yard touchdown as the Tigers scored 14 in opposition to the Tide's seven to make the score 31-28, this meant that Clemson needed a touch-

down to seal the win with limited time left on the clock.

With the clock winding down, Clemson had time for one more play. Watson took the snap and rolled to the right and threw a touchdown with one second left to win the game. The final score was 35-31 in favor of the Clemson Tigers.

Senior Spotlight

Macey Bohl

Senior Project:

Putting on a Cross Country Trip for Grades 1-6

Activities Involved In:

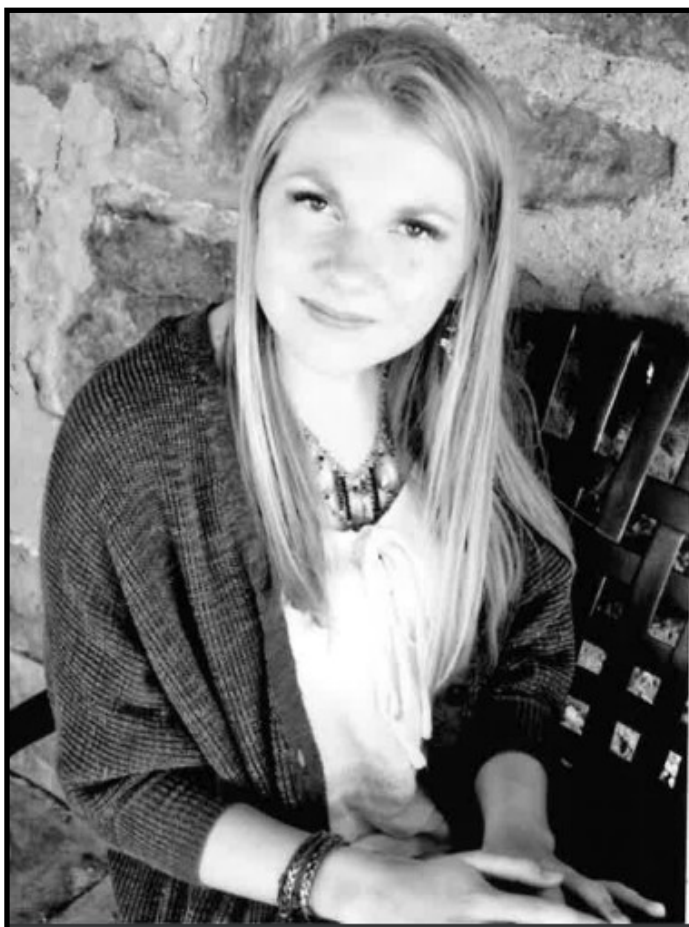
Cross Country
Track
Basketball
National Honor Society

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:

Kindra
My Sister
Cross Country Gals
Having my Dad as a Coach

Plans for Next Year:

Dakota Wesleyan University for Accounting



Senior Spotlight

Kindra Clark

Senior Project:

Jamaica Mission Trip

Activities Involved In:

Soccer
Softball
Basketball
National Honor Society
TATU
Cheer
FCA

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:

My Classmates
Playing Sports

Plans for Next Year:

Undecided university for an undecided major

