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This Week's

**Need to Know** 

FACT OF THE WEEK: The only US

**GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** 

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where are

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** 

What will you give life with food

Answers to joke and brainteaser

groundhog = das Murmeltier

(dahs Moo-r-mel-tee-air)

average things made?

and kill with a drink?

are on the bottom.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 

State flag

with a green

Washington

background is

## Girls basketball competes in BEC Tournament

Lady Blue Dragons battle during tournament but come up short

by Sam Gonzalez staff writer

The Lady Blue Dragons (2-16) suffered three loses during the B.E.C. tournament on January 26-28 against McCook-Central Montrose (17-2), Sioux Valley (5-10), and Chester (6-14).

On the first day of the tourna-



Macey Bohl (#4) pulls down the rebound in recent action as Kyley Greenhoff is there for support. Photo by Sylvia Larson ment at Howard, the girls' basketball team played MCM and ended with a score of 53-26. The second day of the tournament didn't fare much better; they went up against Sioux Valley, 56-26, and the final game played at Baltic versus Chester resulted in a 42-37 loss.

Sophomore Kyley Greenhoff led MCM's game with eight points and six rebounds, following was junior Erynn Fink with seven points and one rebound.

Going up against Sioux Valley, senior Macey Bohl lead with nine points and five rebounds.

Lastly, at the end of Chester's game both seniors Bohl and Kindra Clark led the team with 14 points each. Also junior Madi Northrup led with a total of eight rebounds.

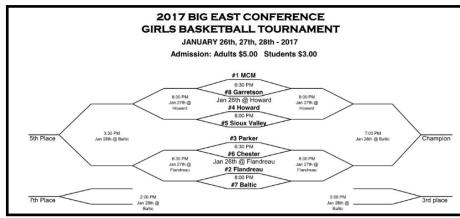
The girls basketball team has been really working on their offense and is hoping to come out with more wins yet this season.

"We worked as a team, and yes it didn't go the way we wanted, but I think our team is now more combined. We've been closer than we've ever been and also work in our offense is going a lot better. I think it something that MCM should watch out for once we play again," unior Erynn Fink had said about the outcome of the BEC Tournament.

"What we are wanting is taking away the bigger player a little more and making sure we go into the game with that mindset right away. We also just have the basics: running an offense and executing and making sure we get those rebounds," head coach Samantha Blake explained earlier as an insight for last night's game

Though last night the Lady Blue Dragons were defeated once again by MCM, the Garretson girls managed to keep up through most of the game with the scoring being very close during the first two quarters, but defaulting the last two. The final score was 36-70.

For the first time this season, the girls basketball team will be playing Howard (9-3) at home on February 10, which will also be military appreciation night.



NFL

BOWL

year.

SUPER

# Super Bowl Hype

The powerhouse of the 2000s, the New England Patriots take on newcomer to the big stage, Atlanta Falcons Sca

by Mason Hofer staff writer

Ever since 1967 when the first Super Bowl took place, it has beThe Patriots last Super Bowl appearance was Super Bowl 49 where they defeated the Seattle Seahawks. The Patriots are in

the discussion on

Ice to have a huge game and Vic Beasley and the defense will need to shut down New England. For New

For those people, Lady Gaga will be

performing the halftime show this

take place at Houston, Texas at 5:30

pm. The last Super Bowl didn't have

much competition. Hopefully they

will give us a good show this year.

Once again the Super Bowl will

England to win they need to shut





this season, the n will be playing me on February e military appre-Friday, February 3 - JH BBB @ MCM (4:00) - BBB @ MCM (6:15/7:00) Saturday, February 4 - Wrestling @ BEC Tourney (10:00) - GBB @ BEC Tourney-TBD (2:00)

Monday, February 6

- JH/JV Wrestling @ Tri-Valley (4:00)

#### **Tuesday, February 7**

- JH GBB @ Elkton-Lake Benton (4:00)

- GBB @ Elkton-Lake Benton (6:15/7:00)

- Wrestling @ Alcester (5:00)
- Friday, February 10
- GBB v. Howard (4:00/6:30)
- BBB v. Howard (5:15/8:00)

come sort of a tradition in most families to watch it every year. It is almost time for those traditions to kick in. This year is the NFL's 51st Super Bowl. It takes place on Sunday at 5:30 pm in Houston, Texas. The two teams taking part this year are the New England Patriots, and the Atlanta Falcons.

Although that Tom Brady and the Patriots are the favorite to win this year (based on Super Bowl experience), the Falcons should give them lots of problems.

"Atlanta has one of the best offenses in the league right now," said Lucas Fitzgerald. The Patriots have been to eight Super Bowls in total (winning four of them) while the Falcons have only been to none (not counting this year). who is going to make it every year, "I expected the Patriots to go this far but I knew the Falcons could have made it. It surprised me how much they dominated in the playoffs though."

said Dakota John-

son.

A lot of people bet a lot of money on the Super Bowl every year. According to BoydsBets \$115,986,086 was spent on bets the last time the Patriots appeared in the Super Bowl. Also a lot of people take it very seriously which leads to lots of fights in the stands/parking lot.

"To win Atlanta will need Matty

down Atlanta's passing," said Johnson on what team will each need to do to win. Some people only care about the halftime show of the Super Bowl. They find it more important than the actual game.

## Worth Mentioning

**Correction** In last week's issue, Mrs. Blok was spotlighted in a feature article. It was incorrectly reported that she was from Volga in northeast Iowa. She is actually from Boyden in northwest Iowa.

## **Ryan Fick and Nick Lundberg** attended honor band at USD last Monday. They were selected by band director Mr. Nick Sittig to represent Garretson at this prestigious event.

JOKE: The satisfactory

#### BRAINTEASER: Fire

## Baltic Bulldogs beat boys in basketball

GHS basketball team experiences an unfortunate loss against rival Bulldogs on Senior Night

#### by Tabi Klingenberg staff writer

The GHS boys' basketball team took on the rival team, the Baltic Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 30th. In a battle for positioning in the region playoffs, Garretson walked away with a 46-64 loss.

"We were pretty close in football and it was senior night so I was really pumped to beat them. How-



ever, it did not turn out the way we slowly began to come back and shot



expected," commented senior Noah Rieber.

The Blue Dragons started off strong with senior Shay Gibson scoring a three-pointer in the first possession. The Blue Dragons took an early lead 19-8 and Garretson had the chance to come up with the ball during the final play of the first half. Unfortunately, Baltic

before off halftime, leaving the score at 33-31.

Coach Shrank explained, "We came out very flat in second the half, and didn't they miss a lot of shots. We got complacent in our offense, and tried to shoot our back way into the game. We were within seven points

with 5:00 to go in the game, and the wheels fell off. We forced too many shots, and they took advantage."

Coach Shrank continued, "I think we came out ready to play, and as the game went on, we lost some of our edge. We started to panic, rather than play our game, and credit Baltic for knocking down shots when they needed to."

In addition to an intense rivalry game, Tuesday night was also senior night where their team, their family, and the remainder of the packed gymnasium honored the five future graduates: Shay Gibson, Matthew Gustafson, Aaron Hoon, Riley Nordstrom, and Noah Rieber.

Rieber noted that he will not be playing basketball in the near future and this will be the fourth and final year that he will be lacing up his basketball shoes. "We learned that we truly are the underdogs going into every game. We have to perceive ourselves as that and work hard every time we step onto the court."

"This senior group is a fun group of guys. We will miss them next year, and I hope their efforts in improving our program don't go unnoticed. Unfortunately, we haven't seen a lot of production in the win column, but the guys are improving," concluded Coach Shrank.

The season is nearly over with only two home games left. The Blue Dragons' next game will be held at Montrose tonight against McCook Central-Montrose.

Photos of five seniors on the team this year: #14 Shay Gibson, #15 Aaron Hoon, #21 Riley Nordstrom, #32 Noah Rieber, #42 Matthew Gustafson Photos by Sylvia Larson





### Super Bowl Sunday activities for cool people

This whole thing is just an elaborate ploy to get you to go to Dirty Dancing in theaters

#### by Sylvia Larson—editorial staff writer

Nothing exciting happens this Sunday. "The Super Bowl!" someone uncool shouts from the distance. Shhhhhhh... nothing important happens this Sunday.

I'm all for unnecessary entertainment, but really? For real? Nothing is so colossally, magnificently unimluxury of the uninterrupted shopping experience you can only dream about when being run down by the usual brain-dead masses that frequent the mall on weekends. (And as a bonus, Hot Topic is having a T Shirt sale!)

If shopping isn't quite your forte, you can always go enjoy a movie at one of the many theaters in town. West Mall 7 is showing some 'older' Sunday learning about the founder of a greasy fast food chain, be my guest. They are also offering a sing-along version of Disney's Moana, but I would advise against that. You need to have a thick skull and bad hearing to enjoy the wretched sounds of outof-tune pre-adolescents, tone deaf toddlers, and child-like adults. Or, at best, a pair of heaver duty ear plugs.

I'm going to be enjoying my Sun-

an entire season of Supernatural on Netflix. Different format, same idea. If you're still all for the sports, you might benefit from watching the Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet.

Although I'm bitter that so much of the bourgeoisie devote their precious time to a meaningless, glorified form of entertainment that makes way too much money, I can identify with people who are only there for the food. Wings are a gift from God, man. You can't expect anyone to skip out of them if they're available. I can also kind of understand people who only pretend to like the Super Bowl so they won't get disowned by their families that are super extra. You know, the ones that think Super Bowl themed memes are funny. Of all North American professional games, the Super Bowl is the most expensive, hysterical, and most vulgar. People actually think part of the fun is being able to talk about the commercials the next day. The commercials. Do yourself a favor and enjoy something more entertaining or more beneficial while all the America drools over a football game. Or watch with them, if that's what you think is 'fun'. You do you fam.

portant as professional sports. Since men don't get to work off excess testosterone by raiding enemy tribes anymore, they watch overpaid louts give each other concussions instead.

Unfortunately, so many people will be indefinitely preoccupied with the glorified game of fetch that it's practically shunned by practicers of society's sociocultural norms to attempt to enjoy any other activities.

Of course, you can always ignore the haters and do whatever you want, a path of which I strongly advise.

Usually Super Bowl Sunday sales circulate on that particular date, so going to SuFu to do some heavy shopping may be beneficial to the bargain-buy aficionado. The mall will be virtually barren, so you'll have the films, such as Fantastic Beasts and Doctor Strange, all for the pocketchange price of three dollars and fifty cents.

If you don't want to drive that far, Century East at Dawley Farms is offering newer films like La La Land and A Dog's Purpose. Century East is also showing the 30th anniversary special of Dirty Dancing. I went to it last Wednesday, and take my word that it is just as good - if not better on the big screen. Something about a 50-foot-tall Patrick Swayze REALLY makes me want to spend \$10 on popcorn.

Century Stadium 14's movie options are the same as their younger brother's, albeit barring a few... unique choices. I won't judge; if you want to spend two hours of your

day the same way I enjoy every other Sunday (scratch that, every day): on the internet. Specifically, YouTube.

If you're a fan of staring mindlessly at a computer screen for hours on end, you could attempt this activity without any side projects. I, however, prefer to enjoy YouTube while doing things like cleaning my room or making snazzy tees. I've probably make one third of my tee shirt collection whilst binge watching SORTEDfood, a channel starring a chef and four simpletons making food and exchanging witty banter in their charming English accents, or Julian Solomita, the aspiring film-maker boyfriend of most subscribed woman YouTuber Jenna Marbles.

One could even take the more socially acceptable route of watching

## Garretson wrestlers are getting ready for their last three weeks of the season.

With only three guaranteed meets left in the season, wrestlers prepare for their final battles

#### by Victoria Lippert staff writer

With the Big East Conference Tournament tomorrow the Garretson wrestlers are seeing results falling their way. Through hard work, dedication and structure Garretson performed well last Saturday in Plankinton. So placed sophomore Hayden Pierret and juniors Chayce Schleuter and Jack Konechne third, eighth grader Lucas Fitzgerald, sophomore

Ben Konechne and senior Alex Uhl finished fourth and sophomore Dakota Johnson, fifth.

Uhl commented on the performance with, "We are good at really staying in the matches and not getting pinned by our opponents. But it would be nice having more people place besides just the veterans."

On Tuesday Garretson wrestled three teams in Freeman. They won against the team of Marion/Freeman and lost against Beresford/AlcesterHudson and Elk Point/Jefferson.

Looking at the present situation head coach Ruml said, "We have been coming together as a team. Our veteran wrestlers are helping out our young wrestlers as we get closer to regions. If we can wrestle the whole match with limited mistakes the chances are pretty good that we will come out with a win. I hope we can place every wrestler and make it in the top four as a team."

The teams participating in the Big

East Conference Tournament in Howard are Clark/Willow Lake, Deuel, Flandreau, Garretson, Howard, Kingsbury County, McCook Central/ Montose, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/ Corsica/Stickney, Parker, and Sioux Valley.

After tomorrow the Blue Dragon wrestlers have only one more meet until regions, where they have the chance to gualify for the State Tournament on February 24-25.

### Six more weeks of winter?

People's hopes of better weather rest with a groundhog and what he may or may not see

issue 2.22. This is reprinted with the back for another six weeks nap, but if from the eighteen- hundreds is still rate approximately 39% of the time permission of author Sylvia Larson. As the day be cloudy he remains out, as alive and well. a note, Phil saw his shadow yesterday the weather is to be moderate." as well, meaning six more weeks of winter

On Monday, the Punxsutawney Phil crept out of his particularly brutal winter of 2014, who actively played Phil. hidy- hole at 7:25 a.m. at Gobbler's knows what the weather will do this Knob, a rural area about two miles year? outside of Punxsutawney proper. Guess what? He SAW his shadow. charge of telling America how long ticator of Prognosticators and Weath- mild temps, but it's still too early to What does that mean for us? Six more winter will wear on since 1886, all er Prophet Extraordinary." He was predict what will happen the rest of weeks of snow and cold!

between the winter solstice and spring 2nd. equinox. The day's history is rooted in the celebration of Candlemas. In 1841, a sprightly 124 years old! Generally, time in the year and also plans the Borland, "No winter lasts forever, no a store keeper in Morgantown, Penn- ground- hogs have a lifespan of about annual ceremony. Members of the spring skips it's turn." sylvania wrote about February 2nd six years, so it is extremely unlikely Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner

his shadow, and both times, his pre- really hard to guess. It's publicly un- Phil predicts a long winter about 80 infamous dictions have reigned true. After the known how many groundhogs have percent of the time. Members of the

based on whether or not he sees his named by the Punxsutawney Ground- the winter. Until then, though, make Groundhog Day is the midway point shadow on the morning of February hog Club in 1887.

This article ran two years ago in and if he sees his shadow he pops that our famous groundhog friend weather predictions have been accu-

name is actually "Punxsutawney Phil, time. Punxsutawney Phil has been in Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognos-

A special group called the Inner Cir- tion. That means that Phil is supposedly cle takes care of Phil during his down

since 1887. Because the year's coldest Although it is supposed to be kept a quarter, also known as meteorological For the last two years, Phil has seen secret that Phil is an imposter, it's not winter, runs from Dec. 5 to March 5, Inner Circle claim that predictions are The Philadelphian woodchuck's full ac- curate about 75% to 90% of the

> The forecast for next week holds sure your heater is in working condi-

> Just remember, in the words of Hal

and referred to it Candlemas as Day; this was the first documented American reference to Candlemas Day.

Storekeeper Morris: James "Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, day the on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter guarters



Circle are recognizable by their top hats and tuxedos.

When Phil is not busy predicting the weather at Gobbler's Knob, he lives in the town library with his wife, Phyllis. Yes, Punxsutawney Phil has his own adorable little groundhog wife, and her name is Phyllis.

Punxsutawney Phil's batting average isn't exactly spectacular. His



**Senior Project:** Small Construction Business

#### Activities:

FFA, Band, Choir, National Honor Society, AQHA, Bridles & Britches 4-H Club, Zion Lutheran Church, Work at Longhenry Custom Homes

### Who/What Will You Miss the Most: Jacob Rolland Liester

**Next Year's Plans:** Attend South Dakota State University to major in construction management and minor in public relations



**Senior Spotlight** Claire Longhenry

## **GHS cheer camp**

Excited elementary students show off Blue Dragon passion

by Jaden Braaten staff writer

All elementary aged acrobats have the chance to show off their abilities in the GHS Cheerleading camp next week.

This is a challenge that the Garretson High School cheerleaders have taken on for many years. February 6th is the start date of the 2017 edition of Cheer Camp for these students,

where they will be learning basic cheers and a dance routine for their performance.

In the week of preparation the girls will be learning various jumps, cheers, and dance routines. The girls will be split into two groups: kinder-



garten, 1st, and 2nd grade and then 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Each group will be showing off their skills with separate dances and chants. They will be performing at the boys and girls double header Friday night on February 10th.