



Sophomore Hayden Pierret (left) along with juniors Chayce Schleuter & Keaton Wagner are at state wrestling today.

Photo by Brendan Harris

Blue Ink



National FFA Week present in Garretson

Between dress up days, contests, a blood drive, a petting zoo, and a breakfast the FFA takes over the halls

by **Emily Malsom**
guest writer

Ewe know what time it is? It's FFA week. Revamped this year, FFA week included a full schedule of events all week. This year included more elementary school involvement with a coloring contest, coin war, and classroom presentations.

Monday marked the start of FFA week as the officer team took off across town to thank the local businesses for their continued support of the Garretson FFA chapter. They also put out Food Pantry donation boxes at some of these local businesses.

Tuesday members continue to spread their gratefulness. Teachers received an appreciation gift because they are "Soda-lightful". Members also served SDSU ice cream to both the middle and high school at lunch. Camouflage was the first dress up day. This led to many "invisible" students. There were games in the ag barn and a coloring contest in elementary.

The annual blood drive was held on Wednesday. The Dirtiest Car Contest was also conducted. The winner from the student parking lot was Jaden Flanagan and the staff winner was Mrs. Mueller with help from her cats. Flannel Day was the most participated in dress up day all week.

Western was the go-to fashion on Thursday. This was the end of the coin war for elementary with Mrs.

Bly's class winning the snow cone party. Throughout all of the elementary classes, the Garretson FFA made over \$500. This will be used to do more educational events in the elementary school.

The petting zoo that would've been today has been moved to March 3rd due to the weather concerns. Tomorrow is the FFA breakfast from 7:00 to 10:30am. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, and sausage. This week was a great one! Thanks for all the continued support.



Photos submitted by Emily Malsom



Members of the wrestling team head to state

After qualifying at regions last week, three Blue Dragons participate in their final contest of the season

by **Samantha Gonzalez**
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Last Friday, the boys headed down to Beresford for the Region 2B Tournament at 10:00 a.m. There were a few close matches but only three came out on top...literally. The three young men that qualified for state from Garretson are sophomore Hayden Pierret, and juniors Chase Schleuter, and Keaton Wagner.

Pierret (28-17) got a bye in the first round for the 113 weight class, then won the next match against a 7-25 opponent by a decision of 19-4. He then earned a pin in about four minutes against a Howard wrestler (29-22). Lastly Pierret went up against Trevor Klinnert (29-3) from Tri-Valley and ended up falling in the first 47 seconds placing him in 2nd for the region tournament.

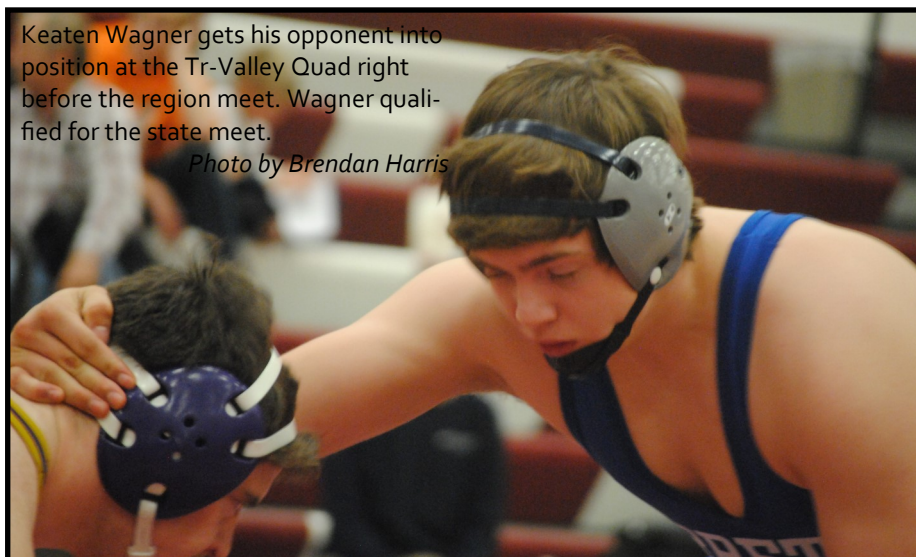
Schleuter (14-3), on the other hand, had a full four matches in the 120 weight class. His first opponent (28-2) gave a good fight, but fell short after a five minute match and was pinned by Schleuter. Roughly,

Schleuter only lasted two minutes up against a (44-1) Tri-Valley wrestler. But he fought his way to 3rd place by pinning a McCook opponent (28-26) in three minutes. Lastly, once again, he went up against his first match and took him down in 52 seconds.

The last qualifier, Wagner (17-17), got 3rd as well in the 220 weight class. Wagner pinned his first adversary (9-20) from Beresford in the first two minutes. He then proceed-

ed to give a good match to a Canton wrestler (37-1) but fell short with a 12-4 decision. To get back up, he pinned an individual from Howard in the first minute. Lastly to wrap it up, he won by a decision of 5-3 against a 33-11 Tri-Valley wrestler.

The three qualifiers will be wrestling today at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. Now that some of the hard work paid off in the regions, good luck to the boys in the state tourney.



Keaton Wagner gets his opponent into position at the Tri-Valley Quad right before the region meet. Wagner qualified for the state meet.

Photo by Brendan Harris

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: If you accidentally text the wrong person, you can quickly put your phone on airplane mode. It will fail to deliver the message then you can delete it.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:
school = die Schule
(dee Shoo-luh)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where do pencils like to go on vacation?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:
What flies when it is born, lies when it is alive, and runs with it is dead?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 24

- State Wrestling Tournament

Saturday, February 25

- State Wrestling Tournament

- FFA Breakfast (7:00-10:30)

Tuesday, February 28

- Region BBB Rd 1 v. TBD (7:00)

Wednesday, March 1

- Middle School Honor Band

- FFA CDEs

Thursday, March 2

- Region BBB Rd 2 v. TBD (7:00)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

Girls Basketball finished their season on Tuesday with a first round Region loss to Madison. Madison goes on to play Flandreau tomorrow.

The State Wrestling Tournament starts today. Pierret (113) won his first round with a pin in less than two minutes. Schleuter pinned his first opponent during the second period and moves forward on the winner's side of the bracket. Wagner has yet to wrestle. His first opponent is from Mount Vernon-Plankington-Corsica-Stickney.

Garretson girls basketball finishes season with onslaught of games

A busy end of the season doesn't take away from memories created by this year's senior crew

by **Jaden Braaten**
staff writer

Small checklist for prom to make sure you're on the right track.

1. Date- If you don't have a date yet it might be a good idea to start asking. Girls, don't wait for that "perfect guy" to ask you to prom. Hike up your skirt and ask him. Fellas don't be nervous to ask a girl, the worst she could say is no, right?

2. Dress & Tux- It might be a good idea to get that dress ladies, especially if you're ordering it online. Then get the swatch of your dress as soon as possible, so your date get can their correct color for their tux.

3. Plan dinner- As GHS prom will not be serving a dinner this year, maybe you and your date have a plan of where you want to go eat. He could be as fancy as going downtown



Sioux class and making reservations or just eating pizza in your nice clothes. It's totally up to you.

4. Make appointments- Although this doesn't pertain to guys that much, it is still important for the girls

so they can look their best. Guys you can pamper yourself just as much as the girls do!

5. Enjoy Prom! Once prom night hits you'll know that all your hard work of preparation has finally paid

off! Now is the time when you can dance and be carefree!

Prom is Saturday, April 1. That is only five weeks away.

Young superfan gets once-in-a-lifetime experience...more than once

A rare liver disease for a young boy does not deter passion and heart for his New Orleans sports teams

by **Mason Hofer**
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If you watched the NBA All Star Celebrity game last Friday you probably saw a fan come onto the court and score a basket late in the fourth quarter. This fan you saw is named Jarrius Robertson.

Jarrius is battling a chronic liver disease called biliary atresia, which requires a liver transplant. Jarrius stands 3'11 and is 14 years old, with

his unusual height and age it will be hard to get the one he needs since both must match.

Jarrius was all around the media on all star weekend. He interviewed NBA all stars like Russell Westbrook and John Wall. In fact he was interviewed himself a few times.

This is not the first time we have seen Jarrius involved in sports. Some people might know him as the "Saints super fan". Jarrius has met all of the Saints players, has a finger-

print to get in the stadium, and signed a one-day contract as the "hype man" for the Saints. In fact one time the Saints surprised him in the hospital!

Since Jarrius needs a liver transplant, he and his father go by a motto "it takes lives to save lives". Jarrius wore a shirt that said this at the all star game. Jarrius is just making his life mean something as he waits for his second liver transplant.



Fudgy Cocoa Brownies

A delicious treat to warm you up over the cold weekend

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
staff writer

Ingredients

- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 ½ cup superfine sugar *
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

- ½ cup all purpose plain flour
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Recipe

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Lightly grease an 8-inch square baking pan with cooking oil spray. Line with parchment paper set aside.
3. Combine melted butter, oil and sugar together in a medium-sized bowl.

Whisk well for about a minute. Add the eggs and vanilla; beat until lighter in color (another minute).

4. Add flour, cocoa powder and salt, gently stirring the dry ingredients through the wet, until just combined (do NOT over beat as doing so will affect the texture of your brownies).
5. Pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing the top out evenly.

6. Bake for 20-25 minutes, If testing with a toothpick, the toothpick should come out dirty for fudge-textured brownies.

7. Remove and allow to cool to room temperature before slicing into 16 brownies.

Senior Spotlight

Riley Nordstrom

Senior Project:

Marketing project for Garretson School

Activities:

Cross Country
Basketball
National Honor Society

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:

Not having to do college homework

Next Year's Plans:

Not 100% but if I had to choose now, I would go to USD for business.



Scholarship Corner

Opportunities to gain a little more money before heading to college

First Bank and Trust:

- Up to two \$500 scholarships
- Deadline May 31;
- <https://www.bankeasy.com/assets/uploads/general/Garretson-Scholarship-Application-2017.pdf>

Alliance Communications

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Deadline March 10;
- https://www.alliancecom.net/assets/uploads/general/Alliance_scholarship_form_2017.pdf

Minnehaha Funeral Home

- \$500 Scholarship
- Deadline March 6;
- http://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/fh_live/13200/13268/docs/Scholarship-App.pdf

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

- Scholarships ranging from \$250-\$5,000
- Deadlines vary, many are March 15
- <http://www.sfacf.org/scholarship-and-award-funds/>

Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation

- Scholarship amounts vary
- Deadline February 24
- Hard copy applications have been distributed, please see Mrs. Buchholz for another copy if needed.

This list is NOT comprehensive, but just a few scholarships that have been passed on. Please refer to your email for more scholarships sent on from Ms. Danielsen.

