



The FFA Petting Zoo is in full swing today. It was rescheduled from last Friday's inclement weather.

Blue Ink



Elementary school celebrates Dr. Seuss week

The iconic author continues to encourage creativity, uniqueness, and a love for reading

by **Victoria Lippert**
staff writer

Who was your favorite author when you were six years old? Maybe it was Dr. Seuss, one of the most beloved authors of children's books in the United States. He is not only popular here; his stories are translated into more than 20 languages and worldwide there are more than 600 million copies sold.

When he went to college nobody expected his success; he was even voted "least likely to succeed." Later his first manuscript "And to think that I saw it on Mulberry Street" was rejected 27 times.

When Dr. Seuss, whose real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel, went home from an unsuccessful meeting with a publishing company, he walked into his old college friend Mike McClintock, who had just become an editor. McClintock asked Seuss what he was carrying. Seuss answered "A book no one will publish. I'm lugging it home to burn." McClintock invited Seuss into his office, he and his publisher bought "And to think that I saw it on Mulberry Street" that day.

Mulberry Street was the beginning of his success story, Seuss wrote 43 more children's books and is seen as the most influential author of his time.

Because of this, National Read Across America Week coincides with Dr. Seuss' birthday. The elementary school planned a special week with dress up days, fun games, foods and a lot of art.

Elementary principal Mrs. Johnson said, "Normally we do a week-long Read Across America event in the whole elementary school, but

this year was different because we did our perspective detective week (a week in which the kids learned to see the world out of the perspective of disabled people, African Americans during segregation and women some decades ago) just three weeks ago. So we let the teachers plan events for their classrooms on their own. However Friday afternoon all elementary kids are having DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time in the new gym. The children wear pajamas and bring pillows, blankets and books. We tried something new this year, but next year we are going back to the school wide event."

On Thursday, Dr. Seuss' birthday, the kids got stickers and Seussical smoothies at lunch, with even the kitchen staff being dressed up. During the week the kids also practiced rhyming, made up their own rhyme words, learned about famous authors and illustrators and got extra reading time.

As librarian Miss Nedved said "This week is all about celebrating and enjoying reading."

Or to quote Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more things that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Garretson Elementary classes personalized the week with their own "Seuss"ical activities and events. Ms. Neugebauer, dressed as the cat from *The Cat and the Hat*, and her second grade class found their own hats and favorite Dr. Seuss books on Thursday. Other classes ventured into art, cooking, writing, and extended reading.

Photo by Victoria Lippert

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Placing a piece of wax paper over ice cream can help prevent freezer burn.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:
book = das Buch
(dahs Bookh)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why can't you ever find books on Harry Houdini?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: See if you can figure out what this puzzle says.



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, March 3**
- 2017-2018 School Year Registration Forms due
- Saturday, March 4**
- Blue Dragon Classic
- Monday, March 6**
- Music Department Pops Concert (6:30)
- Tuesday, March 7**
- FFA CDE
- Wednesday, March 8**
- 8th Grade Women in Science @ STI
- Thursday, March 9**
- Girls State A Basketball Tourney
- Friday, March 10**
- Girls State A Basketball Tourney
- Saturday, March 11**
- Girls State A Basketball Tourney

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

High School Registrations need to be turned in to Ms. Danielsen by the end of the day today.

The FFA Petting Zoo will be held today from 8:30-2:15. There will be no assembly as planned before

DEAR Time will be in the new gym to celebrate Read Across America Week. Kids will Drop Everything and Read to finish out their day.

This year's Oscars provided as many twists as the movies they celebrated

Between a few "first ever" winners and mistakes, the Oscars captivated its audience

by **Jaden Braaten**
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Last Sunday, the 89th Oscars stole the night featuring movie stars from across the nation. The evening consisted of giving awards to the best actors and actresses along with honors to the years best movies. Justin Timberlake started of the show by singing the popular song "Can't Stop the Feeling."

Junior Zebadiah Johnson said, "Overall I thought the show was great. I liked the diversity especially since the voids nominated deserved it. I also loved the jabs at Matt Damon; those made my night."

The Oscars played host to celebrities such as Jon Legend, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Hailee Steinfeld etc. *Moonlight* took home the prize

of best picture starring Mahersala Ali and Janelle Monáe. Best actor was won by Casey Affleck, while Emma Stone received best actress.

"I thought the Oscars went extremely well other than one little hiccup. I didn't really disagree with any of the winners, other than *Zootopia* really sucked," said Junior Isaiah Miles Mader.

Right in the midst of handing out awards a monumental mistake occurred, both *La La Land* and *Moonlight* were nominated for best picture. The announcers of the award, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway, read the card; they incorrectly and mistakenly said *La La Land* received the award. As the cast of *La La Land*

walked up the mistake was realized and told the cast of *Moonlight* to come up to receive their award.

"I was a little shocked when *La La Land* was read out, because I thought *Moonlight* was the better movie. Then I saw the mistake they made and I was happy I guess. I was glad that *Moonlight* had actually won, but I also thought the mix up was embarrassing for the show," commented Johnson.

This year's Oscar awards captured the eyes of thousands as the annual show handed out honors to this year's best in movies. 2017 will feature lots of new movies looking to be on the top for best movie.



JOKE: They always disappear

BRAINTEASER: Trail Mix

USD takes number one seed in Summit League

Summit League holds 100% free fan fest

by **Mason Hofer**
staff writer

The Summit League is an American College Athletic Conference that was established June 1892. Now that the regular season is over the tournament will begin; the first game is tomorrow, March 4th at 6 pm. All the games are held at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Summit women's tournament draws the highest crowd out of any league tournament in the nation. And the attendance of the men's tournament continues to grow.

Heading into the tournament, USD

is the number one seed for the first time. They are hoping to get the tournament title and punch their ticket for an NCAA appearance.

The USD women received two "Player of the Year" awards. Madison McKeever was named sixth women of the year, and her teammate Ciara Duffy was awarded freshman of the year.

Meanwhile the USD men received two "Player of the Year" awards as well. Craig Smith with coach of the year, and Matt Mooney with transfer of the year.

The colleges involved in this tournament are The University of Denver,

Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, University of Nebraska, North Dakota State University, Oral Roberts University, University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, and Western Illinois University. This huge spread of states leads to lots of people from around the country coming to Sioux Falls this weekend.

"I've gone for the last couple of years and I think it's really fun to see how the teams play against each other during the season and when they play each other in the tournament. Because some of the outcomes in the

season are different from in the tournament," Frequent Summit League attendant Aftyn Heitkamp said.

This year the Summit League is holding a "Fan Fest" modeled after the fan fests that surround MLB and NBA All-Star weekends and it is totally free! It will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 9 pm. There will be a variety of games, pep rallies, food, mascots, and more! It will be held at the Sioux Falls Arena, connected to the Premier Center.

Tickets are still available for the Summit League, just go to their official website, thesummitleague.org.



Garretson qualifies three for state wrestling

Sioux Falls hosted both A and B state wrestling tournaments in the Denny Sanford Premier Center

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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This last Friday, three boys headed down to Denny's Premier Center and competed at state wrestling. With a slight reminder, the boys were Hayden Pierret, Chayce Schleuter, and Keaten Wagner.

Starting the night, Pierret took a win during the first round, but was defeated in the second by a 33-14 competitor. For a chance of redemption, he had one last round against a 38-14 wrestler, sadly, got pinned sooner than expected.

In a rematch against a familiar foe, Wagner once again lost against his region Mount Vernon competitor (40-3), but this time it was a stronger match by three minutes. He then lost by a decision of 4-1 by 36-13 record senior, which ended the day of matches for him.

Schleuter, like Pierret started his night well with a pin in the second period. Roughly, lost his second match to a decision of 9-7 against a 36-10 (win-loss) Elk-Point junior.

Though the wrestling tournament it did not go as the trio had expected, hopefully dedication and hard work will give them a chance for next wrestling season.

Right: Keaten Wagner takes on Willie Heiberger from Tri-Valley during the state tournament last weekend.

Heiberger came out with 4-1 decision, ending Wagner's weekend. Heiberger finished the tournament in seventh place. **Bottom Left:** Hayden Pierret begins his battle with Braimen Steen of Sisseton. Steen pinned Pierret ending Pierret's tournament run.

Bottom Right: Chayce Schleuter works Wolsey-Wessington's Colton Borah but is unable to come away with the win, dropping the match 4-6. That loss concluded Schleuter's junior campaign.

Photos by Brendan Harris



Elementary enjoys Read Across America Week with dress up days

A compilation of a few of the elementary students' favorite parts from this past week

"Pajama day is my favorite dress up day." Cecelia Fiegen, kindergarten



"I liked the hat day" Haylee Rotert, kindergarten

"Clothes inside out was fun" Brooklyn Schwebach, kindergarten



"We played guessing games and Cat&Hat bingo" Mrs. Hoefert, kindergarten teacher

"Fox in sox is my favorite book" Harper Hanisch, kindergarten



"I thought silly socks were cool" Mariah Ross, kindergarten

"I liked dressing up as a character. I chose to be a football player, like the heroes in my favorite books. I also like the Dr. Seuss book The cat in the hat." Gavin Coburn, kindergarten



"On Thursday we made Green Eggs and Ham and read the book." Mrs. Liester, kindergarten teacher

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." Dr. Seuss

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" Dr. Seuss

"We are all a little weird, and life's a little weird." Dr. Seuss

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Dr. Seuss

Calm down *Wall Street Journal*, PewDiePie is not a supremacist

Face of the most subscribed YouTube channel pushed bounds a bit to far for some's taste

by **Sylvia Larson**
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For those who are deeply involved in the YouTube community, whether a creator or a spectator, this is a chaotic time. On top of the idubbbz/Tana Mongeau debacle, the new algorithm for recommended videos responsible for the 'Cash Me Ousside' meme, or the growing number of personalities getting looked over by the system, nothing has been quite as big as this.

Internet superstar Felix Kjellberg (pronounced shell-burg), hailing from Sweden with a subscriber count sailing above 50 million, has been busting out somewhat controversial videos for nearly a decade. His character, PewDiePie, is the face of the most subscribed channel on YouTube. He has almost 54 million subscribers as of this morning.

Kjellberg's fans know his sense of humor and respond to the satirical and mock-dramatic jokes he tends to tell with laughter. If they didn't, he wouldn't have so many subscribers. Despite his risky jokes and YouTube's not-so-subtle push to get creators who quote-unquote follow the rules like Lilly Singh (iiSuperwomani) and Tyler Oakley to the top, the second most subscribed YouTuber is Ho-laSoyGerman, who barely has half the fans of PewDiePie.

Recently, a specific video was picked up by traditional media and blown out of proportion to the point of backlash. In the clip, Kjellberg is demonstrating the ridiculousness of a website called fiverr, where people will do anything for five dollars. To highlight this, he paid two people who didn't speak English to hold up a sign with an anti-Semitic message and yell 'subscribe to Keemstar', a YouTuber basically shunned for causing a lot of drama.

Kjellberg explains during the video in question and also in subsequent other clips and blog posts that he does not support that message, he was just seeing how far people would go for the lolz and some pocket change. He also apologizes for the offense it caused, though some believe it's just because of the backlash.

Wall Street Journal caught hold of the 'joke' and brought it into the public eye by posting a slanderous video that used clips of other 'Nazi

imagery' from previous videos and fake facts intended to make PewDiePie look bad. All of these clips were taken out of context to further *WSJ's* skewed point.

When the story first broke, *Wall Street Journal* did what any respectable news media outlet would do! They gave Kjellberg a platform to defend himself! Lol JK they definitely didn't do that. They went to PewDiePie's 'employers' (in essence) and basically backed them into a corner until they agreed to drop Kjellberg as a talent. Maker Studios, Disney, and YouTube's special advertising network for only the biggest creators. They didn't take away his monetization, though, which is obviously because he rakes in all the cash for them and they don't want to suffer that loss.

After he was dropped and the story broke, they went to Kjellberg's house to harass him for a statement. Kjellberg took to Twitter to express

tory channel.

This, like many news stories, sparked a ridiculous response from newsies and YouTubers alike. BuzzFeedAu went as far as to call him a TERRORIST. J. K. Rowling called him a fascist. Other news outlets claim that him and his fans are little kids and white guys, accusing him of white supremacy.

So what does this mean? Why does it matter?

Aside from the obvious social and media stigma against internet creators, as reinforced by that totally rude anti-YouTuber video at the Oscars, this calls into question the real trustworthiness of 'unbiased' media. Because of a few out-of-context jokes, everyone who didn't previously know of PewDiePie thinks he's a racist KKK radical republican Trump

dicts everything else? How are we supposed to know what's going on if news stories are completely made up or exaggerated to the point of it no longer being fact?

It's a basic rule of journalism, drummed into every rookie reporter's head: Get the story right. Perhaps more importantly, though,

is to give readers an unbiased but easy to understand block of information.

Click-bait media is a HUGE problem, but it's definitely not new. Anyone with a basic knowledge of history can relay today's titles-for-the-views to the yellow journalism of the early 1900s.

Why can't you guys just be honest? Why can't you guys just tell the story without any bias or agenda? Is it against the *Wall Street Journal* policy or something?

We need to actively combat this. Go out and experience the situation instead of get a third-hand account. Don't rely on one single news source and instead search wherever you can for different accounts. Don't 100% trust anything you hear on TV or see on the internet.

The good news is that the YouTube community has your back. If something is wrong, count on the angry comment section to set it right. People who truly hate each other's content stand alongside each other for a cause they believe in, whether it be for charity, for equality, against hate, or deflecting the toxic environment of legacy media and old Hollywood.

Phillip Defranco gives unbiased reports on news that actually matters. Jenna Marbles remains one of the smartest and most insightful woman creators in the system. Count on John and Hank Green to explain and give insight on real problems that effect the world. Music, learning, DIYs, recipes, entertainment: everything you could ever need or dream of. We don't need to be worried about Felix as a creator specifically, though. Mainstream media is losing the culture and information war. In today's landscape, PewDiePie IS the media, and he will continue accordingly.



Screen grab of PewDiePie from a recent video on his YouTube channel. Within one week, this video alone has had over six million views.

his disconcertment, spreading the story like wildfire.

YouTubers feel like legacy media is capitalizing of digitally native popularity of PewDiePie to reel in clicks on their articles.

It's a bit of an overreaction, don't you think? All of this because he talked about and showed Hitler a few times. They must really hate the His-

supporter who hates Jews, old people, babies, and puppies.

Media misinforming/slander can be super dangerous, because old media spoon feeds the general population. How are we supposed to know who to vote for if no one can rely straight facts about candidates? How are we supposed to know what to watch out for if everything contra-



Concluding the season

A wrap-up to the boys basketball season

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
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Last Tuesday, the GHS boys basketball team concluded their season when they lost to Sioux Falls Christian 70-26 at Garretson's last away game, respectively.

The opposing team was at an advantage, being ranked fourth in the state. In addition, the team's great defense stymied the Blue Dragons' offensive attempts.

Senior, Riley Nordstrom said, "We weren't really with it, although we practiced really well. Things were looking better and I thought we were going to be a little closer with [Sioux Falls Christian]."

After being held without a point for the beginning part of the first quarter, Shay Gibson was able to shoot a two-pointer that allowed the Blue Dragons to place themselves into the game. The quarter concluded

with another two-pointer from sophomore Trevor Fiegen, leaving the score at 21-4.

Afterwards, the Blue Dragons were able to gain a few shots and left the score at 41-14 by half time.

Proceeding into the second half was also a struggle for the visitors, respectively. The third quarter ended with a score of 61-17 and the game at 70-26.

"[Regarding the season], I thought the beginning of it was pretty good, but it just kind of fell apart as we went," Fiegen said.

Nordstrom continued, "It's kind-of a big wake-up call that now that I have no more sports to do that I'm slowly going to have to go into real life."

The team remains hopeful that next year they will be able to up their ranking and their percentage in order to strive towards victory.



Girls basketball season is over

The Lady Blue Dragons traveled to Madison for regions

by **Victoria Lippert**
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The season for the girl's basketball team ended with a loss against Madison in the first round of Regions. Garretson entered the Regions on place six, while Madison was third. At half time Madison led with 16 points in its home court and had therefore 6 points more than Garretson with 10. The game was close up until 3rd quarter, but in the end Garretson struggled to make the final shots. Ultimately Madison won 44 -20.

This last game reflects the season as a whole, the girls were able to keep it close for the longest part, but the other team pulled away in the end. Looking back at the season head coach Blake shared some thoughts "It was a great season, even though the scores didn't show it. The players always had a great attitude and a great effort, they worked really hard and never gave up. I'm proud of everyone."

The season 2016/2017 was the first one Miss Blake coached Basketball in Garretson, it was also the first time Mrs. Howe coached basketball here, but she used to be a part of Girl's basketball in Garretson as a player, back in the days when she was a student at GHS. Her first experience in coaching basketball gained Mrs. Howe in Chester a few years ago. Giving some criticism about the past season Mrs. Howe said "We struggled offensively and had problems to make the shots. We always seemed to have a quarter where we went flat."

Even though the season is over now, that doesn't mean the players would stop working, many of them have goals for next season as sophomore Kylee Greenhoff stated "We have our things to work on, but we will keep improving in the off season and into next season. I enjoyed playing with the team and look forward to the upcoming season."

In the next weeks the coaches are going to vote for All Conferences players, an award which recognizes outstanding individual performances.

Summer jobs local, available

Eight ideas for where to earn some extra money this summer

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
staff writer

1. Garretson Food Center: GFC an excellent choice for high school students to work. This job entitles that you'll be working about two days during the week for five hour shifts, as well as every other weekend. Saturday shifts are from 4-9 and Sunday shifts are from 9-6. Applicants are encouraged to be 16 years of age at the time of application. This is a job that could be kept until graduation.

"The hours are great. I would recommend somebody to work there. It's good experience, you work with cash, and you work with people," senior, Jacob Liester informed.

2. Garretson Community Foundation: Working at the pool poses as a feasible way to earn a little extra money without consuming your schedule during the school year. The

job requires Red Cross Lifeguard Training, WSI training as well as a current Life Guard Certification. You must be 15 years of age and apply by April 27th. Hours are flexible and it starts at minimum wage, increasing quarterly.

3. Palisades Manor: Additionally, Palisades Manor is currently hiring for someone to fill the positions for a CNA and a dietary aid. Hours are flexible and wages range based on position and experience.

4. Babysitting/Lawn Mowing: The average babysitter and lawnmower earns approximately \$13 per hour. Unfortunately, for many high schoolers, these rates can range from

only \$5-10 per hour. Jobs like these are great if you aren't earning quite enough money at work and would like to earn extra cash without the commitment of getting a job.

5. Blue Dragon Academy: If you enjoy spending times but do, however, want the commitment of a job, then considering a job at Garretson Academy (formerly Lil' Dreamers Learning Center and Dragonland) would be wise. The hours are flexible and they are hiring. High school students earn minimum wage for this part-time position.

6. River Ridge Golf Course: If you're interested in working outside for only the summer and would like

to earn more than minimum wage, River Ridge Gold Course could be looking for applicants. To apply, students must be 16 years of age and willing to work any day of the week. This job includes working outside the clubhouse where one could be mowing lawns, washing golf carts, etc.

7. Palisades Oil: For some of you that are 18 years old, Palisades Oil starts their employees off at over \$9 an hour. However, exceptions to the age may be made, being that senior Nick Irvine worked at this gas station in past years.

8. Palisades State Park: Finally, this is another job where applicants must be 18 years of age. It allows you to enjoy the summer days by being outside and earning over \$9 per hour.



Senior Spotlight

Kaley Flanagan

Senior Project:

Volunteering at the Sanford Children's Hospital and donating tie blanket/care packages to patients

Activities:

Soccer
Softball
NHS
TATU
4-H
Teacher Aid

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:

My AMAZING classmates and teachers; sports

Next Year's Plans:

Nursing at SDSU



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/>

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.

