

It's officially underway. Even if you don't count the "first Four" First round started late this morning.

# Blue Ink



## Choir solo and ensemble contest keeps singers busy

Garretson choir students showcase their talents on Monday at Augustana

by **Tabi Klingenberg**  
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On Monday, April 13th, eleven of Garretson's singers traveled to Augustana University to showcase their abilities at the day long Solo and Small Ensemble Contest.

How this generally works is that a student will choose and practice a piece for at least three weeks prior to the contests. After they've perfected the piece, they will perform it in front of a single judge and earn a rating from one to five, one being the highest rating possible. Students or groups that earn a rating of one are qualified for State Solo & Ensemble Festival which is held in March, implying that only the highest of the superior ratings amongst hundreds of competing choir students will have the potential to move on to state.

This year, Garretson excelled at their pieces and all students received either a two or a one rating (superior and excellent). The students are judged based on multiple performing aspects including stage presence, tone, volume, and diction. The judge

sheet also contains comments on what the student did well, what they liked about their piece, and how to improve their voice for the future.

Senior Abriana Scholl stated, "[Difficulty] depends on how well you practiced your music. If you don't put a whole lot of time and effort into practice, it will be difficult. I received a superior rating of a 29 out of 30."

Also coming back with a strong score was freshman Aliah Lymon. Aliah performed perfectly, garnering a 30/30.

The reason why many students participate in these contests are to further advance their singing/performing abilities, spend the day with their schoolmates and visit with

other schools, gain experience, add the awards to college applications, or even to just get out of school.

Scholl continued, "I enjoy getting to make music and making new friends along the way."

Ms. Robinson, choral director, said, "It takes a lot of guts to get up and sing in front of people. I'm proud of them all."



Performing in Monday's contest at Augustana University were Kristen Cordier, Sam Gonzalez, Aliah Lymon, Abriana Scholl, Aftyn Heitkamp, Caitlyn Trower, Becca Weiland, Tabi Klingenberg, Kenzie Decker, Sylvia Larson, and Lana Braswell  
Photo submitted by Ms. Robinson

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** St. Patrick was not Irish. He was from Wales.

**GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** spring = der Frueling (dehr frue-ling)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you get when you cross a 4-leaf clover and poison ivy?

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



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, March 17**

- No School—Spring Break

**Monday, March 20**

- No School—Spring Break

- HS Honor Band (9:30)

**Tuesday, March 21**

- Track practice begins

**Wednesday, March 22**

- Senior Project Presentations

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



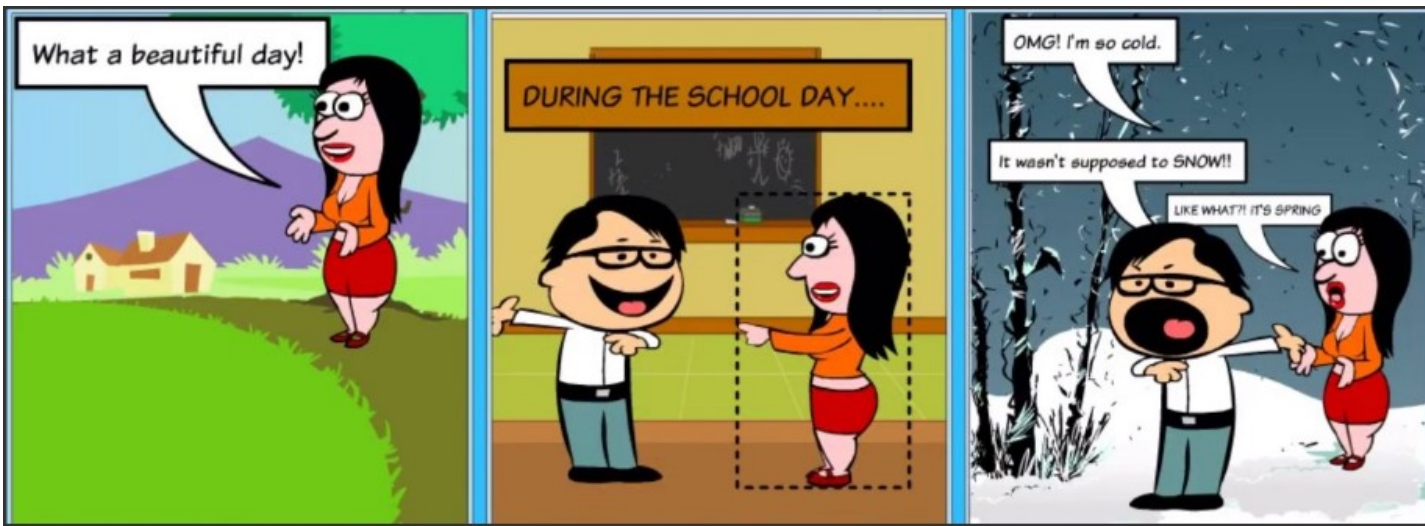
## Worth Mentioning

**Moriah Flanagan** took 1st place in Vet Science during the most recent FFA contest. The vet science team took 4th. Also placing well were Alex Uhl (2nd, Dairy Cattle), Angel Larson (3rd, Floriculture), Gabe Johnson (6th, Food Science), Chayce Schleuter (8th, Dairy Cattle), Jaden Flanagan (9th, Dairy Foods). The Floriculture team finished in second place.

**End of Third Quarter** is today. Spring break gives us a four day weekend before starting the final quarter of the school year.

**Movie Night** is tonight. The PTO is showing the movie *Moana* at 7:00 tonight in the old gym.

**Congratulations** to Zeb Johnson for his 5th place finish at the state power lifting competition this past weekend.



Created by **Sam Gonzalez**

## The madness has begun

Think you have a really good chance of getting a perfect bracket? Think again.

by **Mason Hofer**  
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After waiting a full eleven months after last year's tournament, all of the buzzer beaters, upsets, and crazy comebacks are finally here. March Madness is back.

If you don't know what March Madness is, the name is not deceiving. March Madness is an annual NCAA basketball tournament (for both men and women's teams) in which sixty eight teams participate. There is always insane game winning shots and upsets in this tournament, making it a must-watch every year.

A lot of people just know March Madness for the bracket contest.



The contest is whoever gets a perfect bracket will get one million dollars every year for the rest of your life. Don't get your hopes up; Jeffery Bergen, a professor of mathematics at DePaul University, has been crunching down on the odds of winning and you might not want to hear it. Professor Bergen states that the odds of winning this are 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 (9 quintillion). Which is insane because there are only 7 billion people that live on the Earth. Even if every person in the world filled a bracket it would still take 2,500 years to fill out that 9 quintillion.

Lots of things are more likely to happen than this in sports here are some examples...

\* A professional golfer making 13 puts in a row from 50 feet (50 feet is a 3% shot)

\* A professional bowler converting a 7-10 split nine consecutive times

\* The Chicago Cubs winning 97 regular season games in a row (record is 26)

\* A MLB pitcher getting 31 strike outs in a row.

\* A professional bowler getting twelve perfect games in a row

You get the point, it is almost impossible to win this contest.

By the time you're reading this, it is too late to submit a bracket. The first game was at 11:15 with Notre Dame facing Princeton. The Gonzaga vs. SDSU game starts at 1:00.



## Wear some green or else...

*Strange facts for St. Patrick's day*

by **Jaden Braaten**  
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St. Patrick's Day is a Christian feast day. This day was made official in the 17th century. St. Patrick's day is a known holiday and is strongly celebrated in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Newfoundland and Labrador of Canada, and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat and many other counties. This holiday is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. There is a lot of talk about stereotypes of what celebrating St. Patrick's Day is really all about. Here's just a



few unusual facts you may have not heard of.

**-St Patrick wasn't Irish:** Believe it or not, the man wasn't even Irish! He was actually born in Roman Britain, he was a patron saint that was converted to Ireland Christianity but wasn't Irish by any means!

**-St. Patrick's Day has the shortest parade:** The traditional and most known parade for this holiday is located in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Thousands of people attend but this parade is the shortest of them all!

**-Dyed Green:** Chicago's famous river is actually dyed green for this holiday. This has been an annual tradition for Chicago

**-Paddy?:** Yes that's right, it's "Paddy" not "Patty" this holiday was famously shortened in America.

**-We should be celebrating blue:** This Saint's holiday was actually connected with the color blue instead of green. We celebrate green though because of the famous shamrock on the Ireland's flag; it took over and became the new color to celebrate.

**-Gold!:** Remember the tale of the leprechaun? If you find one, you know they are supposedly hiding their gold at the end of a rainbow.

**-Wear green or else:** Don't get pinched! Many people know that you must wear green on this holiday otherwise you'll be pinched all day long. Save yourself now.

**-4 leaf clovers:** Legend says that four leaf clovers are lucky and can

ward off evil spirits. They are presumed to be magical protection

**-They aren't the same!** Many people think that shamrocks and four leaf clovers are the same. This is wrong. Shamrocks are three leaf clovers. The emblem of Ireland is the three leaf clover (shamrock) not the four leaf clover.

**-Green food:** We may think we're being festive but in reality Ireland has dark history about green dyed food. This was actually a potato famine in the 1840s leading starving Irish natives to desperate measures.

No this doesn't mean people need to change their traditions now, just an interesting note on evolved traditions and misconceptions. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Word Search

*See who can find the most words the quickest*

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- SLUSH
- DULL
- TRACK
- DISCUS
- SPRING
- FLOWER
- QUARTER
- PAPER
- IPAD
- DILLPICKLE
- INSPIRED
- WINDOW
- STUDENT
- HEAD
- PUPIL
- PANDA
- SANITIZER
- CULTURE
- PARC
- NAP
- MOOD
- FIRE
- COCONUT
- WINDY
- CAUSE
- COLD

Created by Victoria Lippert

## Senior Spotlight

*Matthew Gustafson*

**Senior Project:**  
Woodworking, carpentry

**Activities:**  
Football  
Basketball  
Legion Baseball

**Who/What Will You Miss the Most:**  
My teammates and practices for basketball

**Next Year's Plans:**  
Undecided



## Scholarship Corner

*Opportunities to gain a little more money before heading to college*

**Home Builder's Association:**

- \$1000 (multiple available)
- Deadline April 3
- <http://hbasiouxempire.com/care-foundation/scholarships/>

**South Dakota Retailer Association:**

- \$500 - \$2,250
- Deadline April 11
- <https://www.sdra.org/educationevents/scholarshipprogram/>

**First Bank and Trust:**

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

**John Solem Scholarship**

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Deadline April 1
- See Ms. Danielsen for scholarship

**Jesse James Fine Arts Scholarship**

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Deadline April 25
- See Ms. Danielsen for scholarship

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.

