

The Great Gatsby is this year's prom theme. Grand march is Saturday at 7:30. More information inside this issue

# Blue Ink



## Many honorable mentions presented at Science Fair

Garretson middle school students continue to see success at science fair competitions

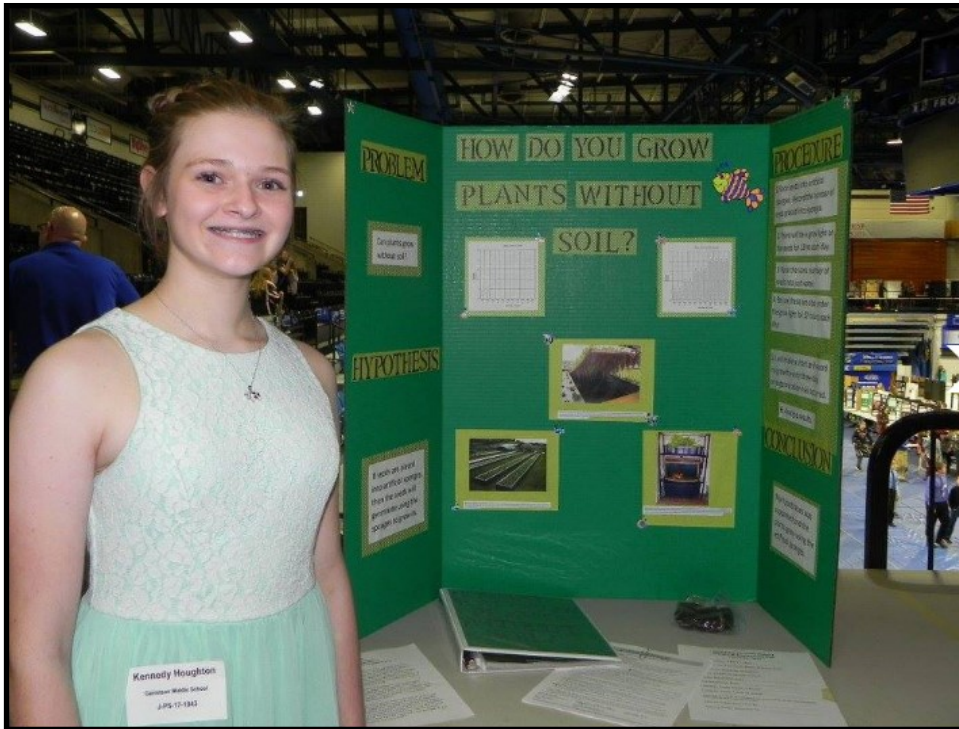
by **Samantha Gonzalez**  
staff writer

Last Tuesday, thirty-eight GHS middle school students headed down to Brookings for the Eastern South Dakota Science Fair. About nine projects received honorable mentions; two were presented special awards, and one won a third place medal.

"Being able to experience new things and visiting people are some cool highlights" Brady Malsom said, whose project was finding out the fastest way to solve a Rubik's cube.

Many highlights shined during the science fair, one included Kennedy Houghton. Doing a project on hydroponics studying plant growth, Houghton left Brookings with two awards. One from the SDSU Ag-Bio Ambassadors, and the other along with a cash reward, from the Society for Vitro Biology.

Another student who was recognized was Molly Hulscher, whose project was creating fuel from cattails. Hulscher was a runner-up by the ASM Materials. This award is presented to those who show a strong understanding of the scientific method and are able to clearly explain that process during judging.



Kennedy Houghton presented on alternative growing methods. Houghton received two different honors for her project research; one from the SDSU Ag-Bio Ambassadors and the other from the Society for Vitro Biology.  
Photo by Mrs. Julie Mueller

And, Hulscher also earned honorable mention for her work.

Doing a project on stealthy shapes, Lauren Fick and Sarah Welch took a W by placing third in the Energy and Transportation category.

Middle school students

will have to step up for next year's Regional Science Fair.



Molly Hulscher poses with her project that focused on natural resources being used as a fuel source. Hulscher received an honorable mention for her work.  
Photo by Mrs. Julie Mueller



Lauren Fick and Sarah Welch came away with third place honors for their work on stealthy shapes and their impact on energy and transportation.  
Photo by Mrs. Julie Mueller

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Our eyes are the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing.

**GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:**  
dance = tanzen  
(than-tsen)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Who did Frankenstein's monster bring to prom?

**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 31**
  - Little I FFA Competition
  - Title 1 FFA Competition
- Saturday, April 1**
  - Prom (Grand March @ 7:30)
- Monday, April 3**
  - 4th Gr. field trip-SD Symphony
- Tuesday, April 4**
  - West Central Track & Field Invite @Hartford (4:00)
- Thursday, April 6**
  - JH Track @ Flandreau (4:00)
- Friday, April 7**
  - Kindergarten & 1st Gr. Field trip-SD Children's Museum
  - SD Golf Classic @ Mitchell(10:00)
  - MS Dance (7:30-9:30)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



## Worth Mentioning

**Scholarships** are still available including the Home Builder's Association, South Dakota Retailer Association, John E. Solem, Jesse James Fine Arts, and First Bank and Trust.

**Prom** is tomorrow. Grand March begins at 7:30. Couples need to be there no later than 7:00.

**April Fool's Day** is tomorrow. Watch out and be wary or be creative and crafty. Get it out of your system (safely and appropriately) before school resumes April 3.

## Spring time is baseball time

Garretson club ball gets underway despite chilly temperatures

by **Mason Hofer**  
staff writer

Last Saturday Garretson club baseball had its first game of the season in Tea. Unfortunately Garretson fell to Tea 5-4.

"We struggled to hit the ball and get people on base" stated freshman baseball player Hayden Stoterau.

Last Tuesday they played Lennox

and that game was not as close. They came out strong and scored first in the first inning. After this little flaws caused Lennox to go on a huge run. The final score was 1-11.

Garretson has started the season 0-2 and hopes to improve and attend the state tournament. "We've had a rough start with some inexperienced kids but once the season gets in full swing, we should be

pretty solid," said Stoterau.

The club ball team is already dealing with injuries and having to make adjustments in their lineup because of them. The dozen players who are healthy are working to fill in the gaps and make things happen.

Garretson plays Renner at their home field tonight at 6. They hope to turn their season around early before its too late.

**JOKE:** His ghoulfriend

**BRAINTEASER:** It's up to you

## Assembly anyone?

*We seem to be going through a drought this year of opportunities to hear speakers...and get out of the regular routine.*

by **Jaden Braaten**  
staff writer—editorial

How often does GHS have an assembly or have people come to our school? We finally had a speaker come this Wednesday after long grueling months of nothing exciting during the school day. What happened to all the assemblies we used to have? Especially for the high school. We always used to have assemblies a lot more than we used to. We would have countless speakers and groups of people that would come. They would even sometimes not have anything to do with school or educating us, which was nice from the exhausting school day.

Even during Cabin Fever week, there were special events for middle school, but nothing for the high school.

Every student likes to hear the news "We have an assembly today," because they know it will break up their day and get them out of class. But have we heard that much this year? No. This is just all absurd. Do they think we don't care about assemblies? We only have so many things to look forward to in the year such as homecoming, and prom, and...thought there was more to that list? Well there isn't.

We hardly have anything to look forward to. I feel as though that the elementary has at least a few assemblies but

there isn't any as a whole school like there used to be, which isn't fair at all.

Think about it. Get the word out about this and let's all hope that Mr. Long or Mr. Johnson see this article and consider having more assemblies in the near future; there is still a few weeks left in school.



Tim Weidenbach gave a presentation on the dangers of distracted driving earlier this week. While this assembly gave an important and powerful message, the frequency of assemblies this year has been low.

## Powerlifting isn't just a sport; it's a mindset

*Garretson junior dedicates himself to personal improvements through participation in powerlifting*

by **Sylvia Larson**  
staff writer

Everyone who has seen junior Zeb Johnson knows he's swole, but the question is, how much can he actually lift?

On March 11th, lifters from all over eastern South Dakota came together at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls to compete in State Powerlifting. Johnson was Garretson's lone representative.

"I got into lifting through Bryce Wollman," stated Johnson. "After football freshman year, he asked if I wanted to come train with him; so I did. Ever since I started, I've been hooked."

Johnson unfortunately couldn't participate last year due to injury. His last time at the mat was 2015, his freshman year, where he competed with Wollman. Johnson pulled out an impressive 325 lb squat, 185 lb bench, and 285 lb deadlift.

For each category, the guys and girls competing are separated by weight and gender. They compete against only their similarly built competitors for fairness and get three attempts per area, starting with squat, then bench, then deadlift.

"Generally," commented Johnson, "you open your squat with a weight you know you can get, to gauge where all the other lifters are around you. Then, when

you have a first lift, you go for personal records and bigger weights to put you ahead of your competition."

All of the other categories run the same way. Bench seems to be the most difficult, seeing as most of the competitors only made one of their three lifts.

"I definitely improved upon my first year's competition," Johnson said. That's an understatement. He lifted roughly 100 more pounds in each category this time.

He continued, "I didn't do much different than I did freshman year, but I was way less nervous than I was then. Since I was confident that I would do well this year, a lot of my worries went away."

Johnson earned fifth place, a vast improvement from his freshman year. He ended up benching 255 and broke his personal records for deadlift and squat, lifting 415 and 435 respectively.

Johnson plans on lifting throughout the summer to stay swole for next season, where his goals are to take home a first place trophy.



## A little party never killed nobody

*Prom is tomorrow and the excitement is palpable*

by **Sylvia Larson**  
staff writer

"All I kept thinking about, over and over, was 'You can't live forever; you can't live forever.'" - F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Since, like Myrtle from *The Great Gatsby*, the students at GHS can't live forever, the hustle and bustle of pre-prom has set high expectations of 'night

away from it all' - prom.

Following a bit of a controversy, the juniors spent yesterday afternoon and all day today preparing decorations for a Gatsby themed prom.

*The Great Gatsby* book and its identically named movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio takes place in the good ol' roaring 20's, a decade of history famous for the bountiful riches and prohibition. In the book, millionaire Jay Gatsby hosts

elaborate parties in his mansion in the hopes that his former love, Daisy, will attend. The junior class decided that the eloquence of riches and the black-and-gold aesthetic of Gatsby is a perfect theme for prom.

This year, the order of events has changed slightly. There won't be a meal served, which means no sophomore waiters and waitresses.

"I'm a little disappointed that it's not

being ran like it traditionally has in past. We'll see how it goes. I wish there was more communication so we could all collectively agree on a theme but it didn't work out like that," commented junior Jack Konechne. "It has potential to turn out cool."

Grand march is tomorrow 7:30, but juniors and seniors should arrive around 6:45.

## Garretson golf team kicks off the season

*The final spring sport is underway, joining track and baseball*

by **Victoria Lippert**  
staff writer

On Monday, the Golf team started practicing. They are preparing for 11 meets in the regular season and then the region and state meet.

Looking forward to her 26th season as the head golf coach Mrs. Stoltenberg stated, "I like seeing kids enjoying the sport. The most exciting part for me is seeing the improvements in each player, no matter what their level is. We have a lot of young kids that are interested which makes the future exciting on both the girls' and the boys' side. It has been a while since we had a girls team because we didn't have enough girls to put a team together (you have to have four)."

This year there are 13 players on the varsity team and 18 JV and Junior High players. The golfers play qualifying rounds, which determine whether they will be part of the varsity or JV team.

Junior Clayton Bonte, who is in his fifth season of golf, is excited about getting better. "Golf is a very peaceful sport but takes a lot of dedication to be good at it. I am excited to go to different

golf courses and meet new people."

During the meets the golfers don't play together with their teammates, but with golfers from other schools. "That can create more pressure on individuals," added Mrs. Stoltenberg. She continued, "During the meets the players need to relax and have confidence in what they've practiced. It's important to look beyond the bad shot, they can't have a bad shot ruin their whole round."

Senior Alyssa Bunde, who started playing golf her sophomore year said, "I like that golf is an individual sport, so you get to work on your own skills by yourself. But golf is also a really mental sport. It's difficult for me to stay calm and not get worked up. It's important to reassure yourself and focus on the positive. Keep your focus on the ball and your form."

She said she won't play golf in college, but can see herself golfing as a hobby in the future and stated, "Golf is a sport you can play for the rest of your life."

Next Friday the Garretson golf team is kicking off its season with the SD Golf Classic meet in Mitchell.

## Garretson brings home another victory

*Quiz bowl continues dominance*

by **Tabi Klingenberg**  
staff writer

On Monday March 27th, six of Garretson's brightest traveled to Baltic for the Big East Conference Quiz Bowl. There, they competed against Baltic, Chester, Flandreau, Parker, and McCook Central and assertively held their first place title at the event.

"It's cool to see what information you know and it's really fun to give super dumb answers," senior Moriah Flanagan stated. "It's really fun especially when they ask who flew over a certain lane and Zeb decides to answer Betty White."

Quiz bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, current events, social sciences, geography, popular culture, and many others.

The amount of rounds vary based on the amount of competing teams. This year, there were five rounds consisting of thirty minutes in each. Each team is allowed to confer with their teammates before answering each question, alternating between teams.

After they have an answer, their team captain answers on behalf of the team.

This year Ryan Fick had the honor of being captain in each round. In addition, the use of the buzzer system allows the players to interrupt the reading of a question when they know the answer.

Coach Bev Howe said, "Students have enjoyed being part of the quiz bowl team and have enjoyed the competition. Hopefully the success that we have had over the last few years will spark some interest in being part of quiz bowl."

This year, Garretson won the Big East conference meet for the second time in a row, ending with a score of 86. Garretson's arch rival, the Baltic Bulldogs, came in a distant second, ending with a score of 70 and McCook Central came in third with a score of 64.

Senior Jacob Liester said, "I enjoy all of it. The competition, the questions, the knowledge, and ultimately winning. We are great at random knowledge and we get to showcase that."

Coach Howe's hopes for the future is to host a couple of competitions each year and invite neighboring schools to the event. If anyone has any questions or is interested in participating in Quiz Bowl next year, please talk to Mrs. Howe.