

Monday celebrated the academic successes of Garretson High school students. Look at the lead story for more info.

Blue Ink



Another successful year for National Honor Society

Just this Monday, more than 75 students were honored for their academic achievements

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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On Monday night, GHS held the annual National Honors Society (NHS) and Academic awards night banquet to hand out hefty scholarships and to present awards to those who are in outstanding academic status. This year there were 25 new members to NHS and 21 of them were freshman students, three sophomores and one junior. Those 25 new inductees increased the total of GHS students on the national honor society to 71.

NHS is the nation's organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. It sees those who have shown excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The seniors who represented those subjects was Kindra Clark, Moriah Flanagan, Jacob Liester, Brandy Greenhoff and Macey Bohl.

"I believe high schoolers benefit from this because it helps work for better grades as well as helping at the school and the community," said Greenhoff.

"This year students selected to the NHS must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be involved in school

and community activities to maintain membership," Bev Howe, the NHS advisor, said.

There were also 27 students who were awarded their academic letter. This is figured based on class performance through the first three quarters of the academic year. In addition, 26 students received their academic pin, meaning they have previously lettered in their high school career and were able to continue strong academic performance.

This year many students were selected as participants in the Boys and Girls State programs. These students will participate in a hands-on government experience this summer. The girls selected were Victoria Lippert, Madisen Northrup, Emily Malsom, Myranda Folland, Becca Weiland, Caitlyn Trower and Amyah Ockenga. For boys it was MJ Vanderstick, Jack Konechne, Diontae Lymon, Marc Rattenborg, Nick Lundberg, Hunter Carver, Zeb Johnson, Isaiah Mader, Ryan Fick, and Collin Flahaven. American Legion also awarded two students freshman Nobel Nothstine and junior Emily Malsom for their participation in the Legion Oratorical contest as well as firefighter of the year Dan Wagner, and teacher of the year Jacki Liester.

More than 20 scholarships were handed out Monday as well. Scholarships ranged from \$250-\$3500 and came from a variety of sources including the Michael Entringer Scholarship, John E Solem Scholarship, Andrea Reusch Scholarship, Alliance Communications, Minnehaha Funeral Home, Marcel Reisch and Teal's Market, and the Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation. The Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation, through the support of the community, multiple donors and endowments, and events was able to award \$20,000 to the class of 2017 this year.

The hardworking seniors receiving funds to further their education, who some got more than one scholarship were: Mataya Lines, Alex Uhl, Elijah Pierret, Alyssa Bunde, Riley Nordstrom, Jared Fitzgerald, Hailey Steffes, Shay Gibson, Macey Bohl, Brandy Greenhoff, Noah Rieber, Kaley Flanagan, Moriah Flanagan, Jacob Liester and Kindra Clark.

With hard work and dedication into schoolwork, maybe next year even more students will be awarded for their academic achievements whether through NHS, Legion programs, lettering, and/or scholarships.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Taking a quick nap after learning something new can solidify that memory in your brain.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:
See You = man sieht sich
Bye = Tschüss
Goodbye = Auf Wiedersehen
Until Soon = bis bald

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a sweaty dog? (joke submitted by Linkin K.)

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: It only increases and never decreases. What is it?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, May 5**
 - Track @ Howard Wood Relays
 - Golf @ BEC Tourney (8:30)
- Saturday, May 6**
 - Track @ Howard Wood Relays
 - Track @ Parker Invite (9:30)
- Monday, May 8**
 - Track @ Dell Rapids (2:30)
 - JH Golf @ BEC in Salem (12:30)
- Tuesday, May 9**
 - JH Track @ BEC (3:00)
- Wednesday, May 10**
 - Golf @ MCM Invite (9:00)
- Thursday, May 11**
 - FFA Banquet (7:00)
- Friday, May 12**
 - Track @ BEC
 - JV Golf @ Chester (10:00)
 - JH Golf @ Dell Rapids (11:00)
- Saturday, May 13**
 - 5th-8th Solo Ensemble Contest

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



What is Cinco de Mayo

The popular celebration in the US is maybe not so popular in its country of origin

by **Victoria Lippert**
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Today is Cinco de Mayo, May 5th. No, that is not the Mexican Independence Day (which would be September 16), but the date of the Mexican army's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican war in 1862. This was neither the final battle in the war nor lasted the victory for a very long time, but this day is celebrated anyway - at least in the US.

Spanish teacher Mrs. Prieto, who lived in Mexico for a while, has also been there at Cinco de Mayo. She said, "I've never seen them celebrate

it. There are no parties unless you are in Puebla where it happened. There they have a remembrance with parades and stuff like that. Here in the US it's celebrated more because people think it's Mexican Independence Day and I feel like it's kind of an excuse to have party."

In the United States Cinco de Mayo is not only about the Franco-Mexican battle, but about cultural awareness for the Latin American culture.

The world's largest Cinco de Mayo festival, or Spanish "fiesta" is held in Los Angeles, with more than 300,000 people participating.

There will also be a Cinco de

Mayo fiesta in Falls Park next Saturday, May 13, starting at 11 pm.

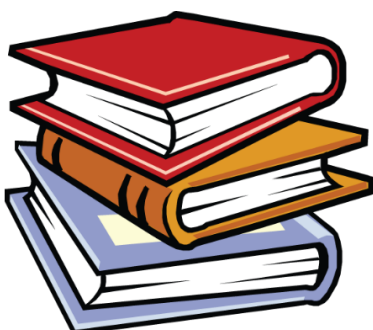


Blue Dragon-Baltic rivalry holds strong even in elementary

Book Battles took place on Wednesday

There are certain events and occurrences in every student's tenure that they remember fondly. It may be chicks hatching in Mrs. Liester's classroom, Jump Rope for Heart participation with Mr. Mudder, or participating in the spelling bee.

Wednesday, May



3rd marked the 13th annual Book Battle of Garretson versus Baltic.

Mrs. Johnson emceed the event and they started with the third graders. The visiting Bulldogs won by one point but Garretson came back to take a 15-10 win for the fourth graders.

Players on the winning fourth grade team included Makenna Lindner, Jakob Gnad, Joshua Gilbert, Trevon Beckman, and Cade Uhlich. Winners received a Barnes and Noble gift card, pencil, and the traveling trophy.

The fifth graders participated in the rubber match and GES battled hard but lost by just one point.

Worth Mentioning

Reserve your yearbook Quantities are limited if you are banking on snatching an "extra" next fall, you may be gambling. Guarantee a book in your name today.

School Store has multiple pieces of apparel for sale. T-shirts, sweat-shirts, tanks, and hats all available.

2017 NFL draft summary

Some South Dakota connections drafted and invited to rookie mini-camps with hopes of playing next level

by **Mason Hofer**
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April 27th was the day that Miles Garrett, from Texas A & M, was taken number one; this was the day the Chicago Bears wasted their pick on a trash quarterback. April 27th, was the NFL Draft.

The National Football League draft is when every team in the NFL chooses young players to join their team and become a rookie. The draft took three days and 253 new players joined the NFL.

Before the draft Miles Garrett threatened that "If you don't take me number one, I will punish your team." So of course the Cleveland Browns took him number one overall. Whether that threat had any relevance to the draft, probably not, but

you never know.

The Bears draft pick was a little more surprising than the Browns. The Bears traded up to the number two pick in the draft so they could pick up Mitchell Trubisky a quarterback from UNC.

Not only was the selection of Trubisky a surprise but what the Bears gave up to get him was definitely questioned. The Bears were slated to have the number three pick. Chicago traded away 2018 picks 3, 67, 111 to the 49ers to move up the one position to take a quarterback that only has 4,762 yards over his entire college career. The NFL graded this pick a D.

A couple big picks in the draft were Deshaun Watson, Clemson, going to the Houston Texans. This could be huge for the Texans since

they have been struggling with the QB position, but people are not sure if he can compete at an NFL level.

T.J. Watt, Wisconsin linebacker, went to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Watt could be a huge addition to the already solid Steelers defense.

A few local South Dakota connections are getting an opportunity to make NFL rosters.

Washington High School graduate Nate Gerry was selected in the fifth round by the Philadelphia Eagles. Gerry played college ball for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Luke Papillion, offensive record holder for the University of Sioux Falls was invited to rookie camp for the Detroit Lions.

Miles Bergner, kicker for the University of South Dakota, has also been mentioned as receiving invites

to NFL minicamps.

Those are some of the main highlights of the 2017 NFL draft. If you would like to read more about the draft just visit www.nfl.com/draft/2017/tracker for a pick-by-pick analysis.



Junior class takes more than a dozen to boys and girls state

Seventeen juniors will take part in a hands-on government experience this summer

by **Jaden Braaten**
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GHS has been taking students to Girls and Boys State for many years. These students were chosen by the faculty in charge of the event. Usually about five representatives of each gender are chosen, but this year a few more than expected were chosen out of the junior class thanks to donors and grants.

With a total of 17 male and females going there has been a lot of

talk about how high the number is. For boys state the participants are MJ Vandersnick, Jack Konechne, Diontae Lymon, Marc Rattenborg, Nick Lundberg, Hunter Carver, Zeb Johnson, Isaiah Mader, Ryan Fick, and Collin Flahaven. The girls state participants are Victoria Lippert, Madi Northrup, Emily Malsom, Myranda Folland, Becca Weiland, Caitlyn Trower, and Amyah Ockenga.

The males had to sign up online in order to be chosen. The females on the other hand were chosen through

a written essay. The essay encompassed their involvement in their community and school and what qualities are needed in order to be a beneficial leader.

Junior Madi Northrup was one chosen, "I didn't know if would be chosen since there were quite a few people that applied, but I was hoping I would be. I've heard it's a fun time and I'm excited to learn more about the government."

This is the 71st annual girls state and it will be held in Vermillion at the

USD campus.

Junior MJ Vandersnick was also chosen, "I think its going to be a good experience to learn about the government and meet the people who run it and actually get a hands on experience."

This will be the 75th annual American Legion Boys State. Boys State will be May 29th to June 2nd and Girls State is May 29th to June 3rd.

Girls State participants:
Top Row: Victoria Lippert, Madi Northrup, Emily Malsom; Bottom Row: Myranda Folland, Becca Weiland, Caitlyn Trower, Amyah Ockenga



Boys State participants: Top Row: MJ Vandersnick, Jack Konechne, Diontae Lymon, Marc Rattenborg; Middle Row: Nick Lundberg, Hunter Carver, Zeb Johnson, Isaiah Mader; Bottom Row: Ryan Fick, Collin Flahaven



New and exciting things in Garretson

New and renamed businesses bring a buzz to town

Get your wallets out boys, there's a new place to hang in tiny little Garretson.

It's a bar called (appropriately) The Gulch, sitting in the same building that previously housed the Lion's Den. Newly remodeled, The Gulch has a typical bar aesthetic complete with cushy booths and high top tables. Right now they are only serving pizza, but in the future they hope to add other things like burgers and wings.

The Gulch is the first new business to open up this year, with the others still in the early stages. The new restaurant,

"O" So Good, in the building that Annie's Coffeehouse used to be in is looking to open in June.

Construction workers broke ground for Dollar General a few weeks ago, and have since laid concrete and begun setting up the framework for the building. They had to take a short brake the day it snowed, but are now making more and more progress every day.

By the end of the summer, Garretson will be lit with excitement from three new businesses.

Senior Spotlight

Abriana Scholl

Senior Project:
Filmmaking

Activities Involved In:
All State Choir
Marching Band
Cheerleading (Football)
Solo/Ensemble Contest

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:
I will miss classes with Mr. Hughes and playing the piano in Ms. Robinson's room.

Plans for Next Year:
To attend Southeast Tech for digital media production

