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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: More than 2 billion Christmas cards are purchased and mailed each year.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: What does December have that no other month does?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a pile of cats?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 18

- 7-12 Choir Concert (7:00)

Saturday, December 19

- Wrestling @ EPJ Tourney (10:00)

- GBB @ Entringer Classic in Col-

man—Garretson v. Lake Preston

- BBB v. Parker (4:00)

Monday, December 21

- MS Geography Bee (1:30)

- 7/8/JV Wrestling @ MCM (5:00)

Tuesday, December 22

- MS Party @ Pizza Ranch

Wednesday, December 23

- Winter Break – No School

Thursday, December 24

- Winter Break – No School

Friday, December 25

- Winter Break – No School

Monday, December 28

- Winter Break – No School

Tuesday, December 29

- Winter Break – No School

Wednesday, December 30

- Winter Break – No School

Thursday, December 31

- Winter Break – No School



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Schleuter Hits Career Milestone: 100 Wins

By Brianna Callsen

Not many people can say they've done something 100 times, but senior wrestler Brady Schleuter can now after last Thursday's wrestling quad. Getting 100 wins doesn't mean he's won 100 different tournaments or quads/triangulars, it means he's won 100 individual matches throughout his varsity career. Schleuter has been wrestling varsity meets since seventh grade.

Schleuter had been ill for the past few days but this didn't stop him from wrestling. He was matched up with an opponent from

Mount Vernon, a school that had the option between two wrestlers in the same weight class. By setting a pace that his gut was comfortable with Schleuter was able to pull out the win, wrestling the full three periods.

Not only did Schleuter accomplish one of this seasons goals, he was also able to perform his goal at home. Schleuter stated, "It was a goal continued from my junior year, but I got hurt



Brady Schleuter hit 100 wins early in his senior campaign and looks to add to that total and hopefully earn a few more Ws at the state meet.

and came up short on the goal last year so I made it a goal for my senior year."

The next goal he wishes to pursue is to be standing on the podium at the state tournament. This is a goal he has had his entire wrestling career.

He quoted, "I have a good shot at completing this goal, I just have to go out every time and give it my best shot and not give up."

Some other goals include to keep focused, continue to be a good teammate, and to be a leader of the team by helping his teammates improve everyday.

Right now Brady is the only senior wrestler participating in meets and practices as senior Jacob Fitzgerald is currently on the injured list and on the road to a recovery.

The wrestling team still has 12 more meets before regions and state. Their next tournament will take place tomorrow at Elk Point Jefferson.

GMS Stays Busy Before Holiday Break

By Alex Uhl

The high schoolers aren't the only ones making the best out of the cold and dreary winter. The middle school has also been busy at work with their respective activities under the radar and having plenty of fun while doing them.

The main thing the middle school did last week was the annual middle school dance. For the sixth graders, it's usually their first dance ever. But for the veteran 8th graders, who reside at the top of the food chain, it was another time to bust some moves and enjoy themselves once more before their years at prom begin.

The middle school is also participating in winter sports just like their high school counterparts. On Monday the JV wrestling team travelled south to Beresford to participate in the

wrestling meet there. Although the team didn't do as well as they would've liked, it's still early in the season and they have a chance to show off at Volga on Saturday.

They also have basketball for both the boys and girls just like the high school. Last week both the boys and girls opened up their seasons against Tri-Valley and Dell Rapids St. Mary's respectively. Their seasons continue on through the new year.

Finally before the break there will also be a Geography Bee on Monday. So if the spelling bee didn't suit their interests and talents, the geography bee may give other students a chance to showcase their knowledge.

The Dos and Don'ts of Christmas

By Alyssa Bunde



Do watch Christmas movies and listen to festive music.

We will all clap when you can sing and dance to the *Mean*

Girls jingle bell scene. Also watching *Elf* excessively is totally condoned and almost encouraged.

Don't obnoxiously sing "Jingle Bell Rock" to those who can't stand Christmas music.

Don't worry you'll be able to tell who they are; they'll be the ones glaring at you from across the room.

Do be respectful of other's views and religious preferences.

Not everyone believes in, or celebrates this holiday and hey, that's okay. Christmas may be the widespread and general celebration but there are others such as Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

Don't forget your tree!

Make sure your tree is trimmed, decorated and the stockings are up, after all where else is Santa going to place your presents at?



Do take advantage of all the food being "forced" upon you.

Christmas is basically a second Thanksgiving. Embrace it, eat that extra cookie and piece of pie.

Don't be the person to make or ingest the fruit cake.

Not to stereotype but, it's an old people thing and you will not like it and no one else will either.

Do wear festive clothing.

No one is going to judge your light up sweater during the holiday season and if

they do...they're probably just a scrooge and are in dire need of some hot cocoa and Christmas cheer.

Don't over do it.

Candy cane leggings, ugly sweaters, reindeer socks and your Santa hat everyday the month of December is not necessary. There is such a thing of going overboard.

Do be courteous to your grandma's "wonderful" gifts.

Hey, in her mind this was a really "good" idea...or maybe she hates you...either way smile and say thank you.

Don't go crazy when gift shopping.

Seriously, Aunt Carol doesn't need that sweater THAT bad for you to fight with someone over the last size. Odds are the store carries more in the back anyways and the employees are just enjoying the show you're putting on for them.

Do make sure you're prepared to get stuck in the snow.

Keeping winter gear and a window scraper in your trunk is always a good idea. You never know when you'll get stuck on the way to Grandma's.

Don't have a huge snow plow on the front of your truck.

We live in South Dakota, which can sometimes feel like Canada, but unlike Canada we don't get walls of snow. So leave the plowing to the city, and retire your second unnecessary job.

Do partake in the winter activities!

Building a snowman is not just for little kids...no matter what your mom or neighbors say. But if that's not really your style you could also involve yourself in ice skating, snowboarding or many others!

Don't be a grinch.

As much as we all love Dr. Suess's *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* no one likes a real life grinch or scrooge. So, if Christmas isn't your thing you don't have let everyone know. Besides, like your mother taught you, if you have nothing say don't say anything at all.



Which Christmas Character Are You?

A fun non-scientific quiz created by the journalism class

1. Which color looks best on you?

- A: Red
- B: Brown/ neutral colors
- C: Green
- D: Black

2. Which Christmas movie is your favorite?

- A: The Santa Clause
- B: Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer
- C: Elf
- D: Frosty The Snowman

3. What part of a production would you most likely be?

- A: Lead role!
- B: One of the supporting roles
- C: Behind the scenes crew
- D: Someone handing out pamphlets or greeting people

4. What shoe sounds most enjoyable to you?

- A: Boots
- B: High heels or fancy shoes
- C: A pair of tennis shoes
- D: Sandals

5. How would you use to describe your self with?

- A: Friendly and outgoing
- B: Introverted and kind
- C: Energetic and forgetful
- D: Relaxed and intellectual

6. Which state sounds most enjoyable to go travel to?

- A: Las Vegas
- B: Colorado
- C: New York
- D: California

7. In a group project what role do you usually play?

- A: The one in charge...meaning you just order everyone around.
- B: You chip in ideas here and there
- C: You pretty much do all the research and actual work
- D: you just do whatever your told to do

Girls Basketball Drops Home Opener

By Annika Hanson

The Garretson's girls basketball team has underwent four games against the competitors of Dell Rapids St. Mary's, Tri-Valley, Chester, and their most recent one, Canton. Unfortunately the match against Canton concluded in Garretson's loss with an ending score of 33-36. The girls have no time to be distraught by this loss as they practice for their game on Saturday the 19th against Entringer Classic.

The girls previous game against Chester on December 12th did not end so well either, 37-48. Junior Kindra Clark felt that the game on Saturday went better for her than on Tuesday. The opposite could be said for Brandy Greenhoff as she felt that she played better on Tuesday as opposed to Saturday.

The game on last Tuesday was an incredibly close game with Garretson only being three points behind. Greenhoff stated, "The first quarter we did really well at getting to the hoop and attacking the basket; our defense was also overall good."

Clark felt slightly different about the game, she commented, "I did not have my best game on Tuesday but we are hoping it



Junior Kindra Clark and Senior Jaden Bly set themselves up on defensive in a close game against the Canton C-Hawks on Tuesday night.

Photo by Jaden Braaten

will get better here on out." She also thought the game went fairly well, but the

main problem was that shots were not following through.

The girls basketball team's coaches have been watching tape and telling the girls where to improve. This is a good way to prepare and advance against the upcoming competition.

Clark definitely feels prepared, "I feel prepared right now and I feel like I know a lot about what I need to do and what the other individual players need to do."

The next game will take place on Saturday, December 19th in Colman against Lake Preston. Hopefully the girls are well prepared for the approaching competition!



The Garretson girls work back to the defensive side floor after a foul late in the game. The Blue Dragons lost a close game 33-36 on Tuesday night.

Photo by Jaden Braaten

Boys Basketball Stumbles in Home Opener

By Alyssa Bunde

The gym floors are vibrating with the sound of dribbling and high school musical references seem twice as relevant...that's right it's basketball season!

The boys kicked off the season in Tri-Valley last Friday and were quite exuberant to get out and play! Unfortunately the Blue Dragons were unable to pull out a win and fell to the Tri-Valley Mustangs, with the final score 43-58.

Senior Micah Mader commented on Friday night's game, "It was a nightmare; we are not in shape and were not ready for the game mentally or physically. We should be ready to go [against Canton], I think [Monday] was a good practice."

As the varsity game began Tuesday night, the anticipation was rising! Even before the tip off the crowd was already ecstatic from the previous three games (as both the boys and girls JV teams and girls varsity had already played), everyone was ready to watch and support!

The game began well with the boys playing strong and aggressively, unfortunately so was the opposing team, especially beyond the arc. As a result the first half ended with Blue Dragons lagging behind slightly.

With the boys already behind, they started the second half with determination, especially after the loss of a team mate. Shay Gibson was injured due to his



Freshman Drew Blosmo and Sophomore MJ Vandersnick take a moment to catch their breath in JV action before moving onto the varsity game. Both the boys' JV and Varsity lost to the visiting Canton C-Hawks.

Photo by Erynn Fink

shot being blocked and both he and the competition falling roughly to the floor on a fast break attempt. The teams battled for each point but unfortunately, our Blue Dragons were unable to secure the win and lost 45-60.

Noah Rieber commented, "We did not play up to our expectations, but we can

definitely do better and are working on it everyday in practice."

Garretson has a chance at redemption tomorrow as they face the Parker Pheasants at home. Saturday is also the boys basketball parent's night.



Head Coach Matt Schrank instructs the boys on the bench before sending them into action against Canton.

Photo by Erynn Fink

GHS Seniors Ready to Blaze Their Own Trails

By Annika Hanson

The seniors in Garretson high school are outstandingly ambitious and are almost prepared to take on the world. And while some have absolutely no clue what they are going to do this weekend let alone after graduation, others have their future mapped out fairly well. From colleges in South Dakota to marriage, seniors Wade Larson, Katie Giesler, and Saige Gullickson proclaim their intentions of what they want to do after high school.

Wade Larson is planning to go to DSU after he finishes high school. He chose this college for its small campus, close proximity, and the courses it provides. Larson plans on majoring in game design and hopes to become a game designer. After he finishes college he hopes to get married and have children. Larson plans on staying in the U.S. and, "Living wherever I find a job."



Wade Larson—Dakota State

Katie Giesler is going to be attending Black Hills State University in Spearfish

South Dakota. She was accepted in the fall of 2015. She chose this college for its small campus of 4,500 students, The extravagant scenery, the courses offered, and simply because she likes the school colors.



Katie Giesler—Black Hills State

Giesler intends to major in integrated media and minor in professional writing. "My dream is to have a business partnership with someone so we can create our own editing and publishing company here in South Dakota." She also finds editing potential book manuscripts fascinating and would love to do so in the future. Giesler plans on staying in South Dakota and marrying Luke Hemmings (a singer in the band 5 Seconds of Summer); she also would not mind a kid or two in the future.

Saige Gullickson will be attending Augustana University. She was accepted two weeks ago and looks forward to her upcoming graduation. She chose this college because her mother and father wish for her to stay in South Dakota, she wants to

stay near family, and she is eligible for the legacy scholarship because six members of her family have attended there.

Gullickson has been signing up for many scholarships online and is getting a \$15,000 scholarship from Augustana. She plans on majoring in zoology and epidemiology (the branch of medicine that deals with the incidence, distribution, and possible control of diseases and other factors relating to health). Augustana unfortunately does not offer these courses so Saige is going to do her generals at Augustana for four years then go to a graduate school.



Saige Gullickson—Augustana

Her advice to other students is to "not be a procrastinator because it really affects your decisions." She hopes to live in the Pacific northwest, be married, and have five or six children.

The seniors will be graduating in the spring of 2016. Even though the seniors are ready to take on the world they have to get through the second semester first.

Personality Quiz Results: Which Christmas Character Are You?

If you got mostly **A**, you're Santa! Hey big honcho! Like Santa you like to be the star and in charge. But you definitely do not rule with an iron fist; you have a kind heart and soul. You



have the best for others in mind; you bring out the best in people with your charisma and friendly way about you.



you're quite efficient with your time and like to stay busy. You don't mind not being the center of attention because you can be shy, but for the most part you're quite friendly and can relate with people easily.

If you got mostly **B**, you're an elf! Like our Santa's helpers,

If you got mostly **C**, you're a reindeer! You aren't necessarily the first or second in command, you're more just one of the very many parts of a unified whole. Which isn't a bad thing, because you can be quite energetic and forgetful at times. You'd rather spend your time having fun than doing work, your soul is whimsical and people appreciate your knack for having a good time!



If you got mostly **D**, you're a snowman! Like a snowman's temperature, you're quite chill and go with flow. You're a great pal for when people need advice because of your wide spread knowledge of just about everything. You like to have fun but can also be serious and take charge when needed to.



Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked what is on the top of their tree at home?



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room, Mr. Ter-Wee's room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Katie Giesler

SENIOR PROJECT: Building 5 separate, mobile wooden boxes to provide for extra storage space for a college dorm room.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: All-State Choir, Oral Interp, Volleyball and volleyball stats, boys basketball stats, track and field, NHS, football cheerleading, one-act play, three-act play, yearbook

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: I'll miss being able to chit-chat with my teachers before/during/after class, the friends (obviously), all-state choir, and the school's chicken patties and buns at lunch

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend Black Hills State University and major in integrated media with a minor in professional writing



Scholarship Corner

- **Prairie Rose Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must live within the townships of Brandon, Highland, Edison, or Logan. Due January 30, 2016,
- **Garretson Community Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Minimum GPA of 2.5. Multiple scholarships available. Due February 26, 2016
- **Tip Top Tux (\$1000-\$5000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship (\$500)** - High School Senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA who plans to attain a 2 or 4 year degree from an accredited school. Due March 7, 2016
- **Alliance Communications (\$1,000)** - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due March 11, 2016.
- **South Dakota Firefighter Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be son or daughter of a member of an SDFD. Due March 15, 2016
- Please click on this [hyperlink](#) from Epsilon Sigma Alpha for a website that has a list of scholarships available. All are Due February 1, 2016

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.

