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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** An average American spends six months of their lifetime waiting at red lights.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** What is the difference between the letters on the top and the letters on the bottom?

**AEFHJKLMNTVWXYZ** Answer  
**BCDGGJOPQRSU** on back  
page

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Where did Frosty keep his money?  
Answer on back page

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, January 8**

-BBB BEC Tourney @ Parker (6:30)

**Saturday, January 9**

- Wrestling @ Brandon (9:00)  
- BBB BEC Tourney @ Baltic (2:00)

**Monday, January 11**

- Semester Tests (1st/2nd)  
- 7/8 BBB v. Dell Rapids (4:00)  
- 7/8/JV Wrestling @ Dell Rapids  
- School Board Meeting @ 5:45

**Tuesday, January 12**

- Semester Tests (3rd/4th)  
- 7/8 GBB v. Flandreau (4:00)  
- GBB v. Flandreau (6:15)

**Wednesday, January 13**

- Semester Tests (5th/7th)

**Thursday, January 14**

- Semester Tests (8th)  
- 7/8 BBB @ West Central (4:00)  
- BBB @ West Central (6:15)

**Friday, January 15**

- Last day of 1st Semester  
- 7/8 GBB v. Baltic (4:00)  
- GBB v. Baltic (6:15)



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Boys Basketball Gains First Win of Season

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson Blue Dragons (1-4) faced off against Dells St. Mary's Cardinals (1-6) on Monday evening. Despite losing their first four games this season: Tri-Valley, Canton, Parker, and Elkton-Lake Benton, the Dragons were ready to take the court and play their hardest to defeat their opponent.

The game began with the Blue Dragons keeping an early lead on the Cardinals. However, this was short lived as St. Mary's had begun to catch back up quickly in the first quarter. Luckily, thanks to the younger basketball players and many veterans, the Blue Dragons were able to secure a solid lead before the end of the first half.

Garretson continued to play very well and ended the 3rd quarter with about a 15 point lead, with the lead against the Cardinals, and maintained like a shiny old vintage car. It seemed as though the Cardinals would not be able to pull off any sort of victory against Garretson.

The final score after the 4th quarter was 64-48 with the Blue Dragons getting their first win of the season. When asked about how well they performed on the court, Junior Riley Nordstrom said, "I think we played better than we've played all year."

However he also said, "We need to show up in the first quarter and be ready to play."

The Blue Dragons faced the Parker Pheasants on Thursday night in the first round of the



Senior Cole Fiegen reaches to intercept a pass by the Cardinals as teammate Aaron Hoon (#15) looks on.

Photo by Erynn Fink

## New Year, New Me...Maybe

By Brianna Callsen

Every year on December 31<sup>st</sup>, at midnight the ball in New York City will drop to kick off the start of the new year. The dropping of the ball signals the passage of time between New Year's Eve to New Year's Day.

The tradition of the ball drop, in NYC, traces back to 1907; although Times Square has been celebrating this since 1904 according to the official NYC Times Square Website.

Now that it's finally 2016 people are bringing back the slogan "New year, New me". Once a new year begins people feel obligated to set

Big East Conference tournament. Despite having a lead at halftime, the Blue Dragons were unable to finish the game.

Garretson has a chance to get back in the win column tonight, playing Baltic at Parker for the second round of the BEC tourney. Garretson will play one more game on Saturday. The time and opponent are yet to be determined, pending tonight's results.

resolutions because they believe it's a fresh start.

When setting a resolution you want to make sure it's something that you're willing to put effort into and that it's going to challenge you. Most people set goals like getting in shape, eating healthier, stop procrastinating, meeting new people, staying organized, becoming more confident or taking more chances.

Caitlyn Trower stated, "For certain people I believe, if you have ambitious to better yourself then I would set goals, but if you're ...

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## A Year in Review: 2015 Headlines

By Alyssa Bunde

Another year has passed...yup let that sink in. You're right it does only feel like only last month we were celebrating the passing of 2014 and the holidays. In fact, wasn't it only this previous week that we were soaking in the sun of summer 2k15? Well, time is funny that way. It goes by quick and before you know it you're a senior graduating or a college kid struggling to find your major. So just in case 2015 went by too fast for you here's a re-cap!

### THE MUSIC

This was the year everyone whipped and nae nae'd their hearts out. Then almost had our hearts explode when adele FINALLY came out with her album and her hit song made it almost impossible to say hello without breaking into singing. However, the top song of the year ended out being none other than "Uptown Funk" by Mark Ronston ft. Bruno Mars. But who can forget about MTV's VMA show? From Miley Cyrus's outrageous and borderline nudity outfits to Kanye's presidential announcement to Taylor Swifts & Niki Minaj's heart warming apology performance it was epitome of 2015 randomness.

### LEGALIZATION OF GAY MARRIAGE

After years of the LGTB community pressing for same sex marriage it was finally legalized this past summer on June 26th. USA, land of the free and free to marry who you want!

### THE MOVIES

Hits like Straight Outta Compton, Fast & Furious 7, Jurassic World, Mocking Jay: Part 2 and the most recent hit, Star Wars: The Force Awakens it's honestly a miracle any of us even left the movie theater.

## New Year, New Me...Maybe

By Brianna Callsen—continued from page 1

... content of your lifestyle I don't see any need for them. If I was to set a goal, I would be a nicer person and treat everybody the same way."

Jazmin Gawarecki also agrees by saying, "It's a good way to try and recreate yourself by setting goals".

But maybe making resolutions doesn't

### CAITLYN JENNER

Another one in the record books for the LGTB community; Bruce Jenner, now Caitlyn, made the switch to becoming a female and people went crazy. From the distasteful comments to the roaring support the topic of transexuals was finally being discussed and brought into the light.

### THE TRAGEDIES

May we all remember those we lost this year and keep them in our hearts. From the mass school shootings, devastating bombings in paris, multiple plane crashes, deadly indian heat wave that killed thousands to the refugee crisis, 2015 has definitely been a roller coaster of heartache.

### SOME GUY LIVED LIKE A GOAT

Thomas Thwaites took a break from being human, made prosthetic goat legs and arms then proceeded to live among goats in the swiss alps for about 6 days. Thwaites wanted to experience what it would be like to live as a creature without human worries and frustrations. If that doesn't show you that you can do whatever in life then I'm not sure what will.

### THE ELECTION

First off, the republicans had 12 candidates! There were 17 before the primary. One participant that really made an impression was Donald Trump. The multimillionaire businessman stirred up controversy with his comments and "political" views. Another head turner was Hillary Clinton for being one of few female candidates.

### A DRESS STARTED AN INTERNET UPROAR

We all should remember this internet craze, was it gold and white or black and

blue and why did we all care so much?! The Phenomenon started in February when a washed out picture was posted to tumblr. The first week about 10 million tweets surfaced dealing with the debate! However the argument finally died down after explanations stating the dress was in fact black and blue started surfacing.

Junior Abriana Scholl in regards to the dress craze commented, "I thought people were really intrigued by something so little and it sure did mess with peoples mind."

### THE TRENDS

There are constantly new trends that society clings to and 2015 was no exception. First off, there were the popular hashtags like #blacklivesmatter and #FIFAWWC. Secondly, fashion saw the rising comeback of jogger and high wasted pants, converse shoes, nude color palettes. In addition, everyone also seemed to become of makeup gurus this past year. Finally, technology and gizmos saw the rise of the selfie stick, hover boards, cloning innovations and micro farming.

Senior John Houg elaborated further on the trends by stating, "white converse have taken over the world!"

### MARIJUANA BLAZING

Whether it was from song references to the many states that decided to legalize it this well known drug definitely made an appearance last year. In fact, Garretsons close neighbor Flandreau even had controversial issues with the drug. Weed was legalized on the Santee Sioux land in June and in return the locals made plans to construct a marijuana resort. Yet, due to complications it was never constructed.

they are going to give up on them. There's no point in having a resolution if your just going to give up."

If you want 2016 to be your year, don't just sit around and wait for it; get up and get out. Smile more, be excited and try new things. Throw away the bad things in the past and move on in life.

## Buchholz Gets Fun and Fit with Wheel Appearance

By Annika Hanson

Who in their wildest dreams would have expected a Garretson resident to be a part of *Wheel of Fortune*? Certainly not Kelsey Buchholz. Contrary to all the stigma of people in small towns being on game shows, Mrs. Buchholz pursued the chance to be a *Wheel of Fortune* champion.

In early July Buchholz participated in the WheelMobile auditions in Fargo while visiting family. They told everyone that they would contact those selected for callback auditions in a few months time, unfortunately it was more like four months. Buchholz received an email at the beginning of November requesting for her to come back up to Fargo for a more concentrated screening process.

Not even a week passed after her return home when Buchholz got a call that would change her year. On the 17th of November Buchholz received the final call that she was going to be on *Wheel of Fortune*! This was a very exciting and anticipated day; the whole school of Garretson cheered her on and congratulated her.

Being on television was slightly nerve wracking for Buchholz, she stated, "It is kind of embarrassing because everyone makes a big deal about it."

January fourth was the fated day for her episode to air; the theme of her week was "Fun and Fit." The pressure was on as the first round began. The other participants were Rebekah and Scott. Rebekah won the first two toss up puzzles and started the wheel spinning.

Buchholz was able to capitalize on the first puzzle, and snatched up a whole \$5,150 completing the puzzle "Pushing a Jogging Stroller." The next puzzle Buchholz started but unfortunately landed on bankrupt, losing a gift tag to Dick's Sporting Goods, passing her turn to Scott.

Scott guessed a few letters then lost his turn to Rebekah who went on a roll. She solved the puzzle with the help of the \$10,000 mystery wedge!

Scott started the third puzzle, guessed a few letters but then lost his turn. Rebekah also did and Buchholz landed on a bankrupt immediately. Scott was able to redeem himself and win a trip to Mexico!

Buchholz was able to solve one more puzzle, "Feeling like a kid again."

Tension mounted as the final spin approached. Scott solved the puzzle and went on to the bonus round. Unfortunately for Scott he did not solve the final puzzle "Booking my own flight" which would have won him an extra \$33,000. He ended with \$23,400, Rebekah had \$15,400 and Kelsey with \$7,550.



Buchholz stated, "I had an incredible time and I appreciate everyone's support, enthusiasm, and encouragement because it made it that much better of an experience."

Even though Cory, her husband who accompanied her on the trip, still teases her about it, he is secretly very proud.

## Girls Basketball Doubles Win Total with Entringer Classic Win

By Annika Hanson

The girls basketball team had their shot during the Entringer Classic right before the winter break. A game took place on December 19th against Lake Preston in Colman. The girls were able to overcome their struggles and had the best teamwork we have seen all year. The final score was 54-33 leading to the girls of Garretson win!

The girls are very excited and happy about their win! The entire school cheered them on from the stands as the final score was announced.

Senior Jaden Bly especially had a good game, "Personally I felt like I had my best

game of the season with 17 points, five rebounds, and two assists. I also walked away with MVP of the game."

This is their second win this season, their first was against Dell Rapids St. Mary on December 8th.

Their last game was against Dell Rapids this past Tuesday night. Sadly Garretson lost that game, 30-61.

"Every year Dell Rapids is a tough competition, we knew that walking onto the court. We will get another chance at them either in the Big East Conference or Re-

gions and I know that we will be able to put up an even better fight!" asserted Bly.

But the girls have no time to mope about because their next game is approaching fast against Flandreau on January 12th.





## The Worst Part of Schools: Semesters

By Alyssa Bunde

Late night study sessions, rising nerves and one unified distaste for school...yup that can only mean one thing, semester testing is here!

This year, like many other schools, you may have noticed the testing is coming a little later than usual and in regards Mr. Long commented, "The reason for the later test dates was we started school about 6-7 days later. So the semesters ended the same amount of time later causing the end of the semester to be after the holiday."

Another fairly new addition to our testing time is the swapping out of standard exams for projects. This does not hold true for every classroom because each teacher is different. But for those of us, like myself, who hate trying to scour our minds for information that was presented months ago and forced to try testing over it now, this has been a lovely asset.

### Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Buchholz

By Brianna Callsen

*In a candid interview with Mrs. Kelsey Buchholz (KB), Brianna Callsen (BC) reveals a little more about the high school English teacher's life and background.*

BC: Hello Mrs Buchholz!

KB: Hello Brianna how's your day going?

BC: It's great, How about yours?

KB: Hanging in there, almost done.

BC: Who does your family consist of?

KB: My husband Cory, Colton (5 years old) Caylix (2.5 years old), Coyer (8 months old)

BC: How long have you been teaching at Garretson?

KB: This is my third year at Garretson, but seventh year teaching

BC: Where else did you teach?

KB: I previously thought at Washington High School in Sioux Falls for 4 years

BC: Where else have you worked?

KB: Before that I worked in marketing for an automotive company. I took that job

Mr. Hughes, on the pro side of the topic stated, "Doing project based learning has been quite the experience. Hopefully the students get more out of this than the traditional paper and pencil."

While there is a plethora of stress being bestowed upon on us students during this time it is important to stay calm. But there are a few ways to alleviate this stress.

One way to ease tension is tackle one subject at a time, trying to remember all the subjects at once is nearly impossible. So pick one topic first and switch every so often.

Secondly, cramming multiple math equations in your head the night before the test will not only be ineffective, but cause even more stress. Space out your studying time, your brain retains things better that way.

Thirdly, one beneficial trick to stay busy and off your phone is to set it to airplane

mode. Once that's done set a timer for 20-30 minutes and focus on studying, after the time is up you can check your phone and reply. You should repeat this process until you feel confident in your ability to ace that exam.

Finally, move around! Studying in different places and being active forces the brain to have new associations with the information given. This makes the memory stronger and more likely for you to remember what Poe's symbols were and why he was such a depressed dude.

All in all try not to panic folks; semester tests will not be the death of you...maybe. Either way, study up, eat those last holiday goodies left in your house and may the odds be ever in your favor!



right before I graduated college.

BC: High school job?

KB: I didn't work during the school year because I was too busy. I worked at hometown Dairy Queen, I still to this day am an expert cone maker. I also worked at a bakery one summer and took up babysitting.

BC: What's your worst part of the day?

KB: When all my students leave me...but it's honestly probably rushing out the door in the morning with all 3 kids.

BC: What's your favorite part of the school day?

KB: I honestly enjoy all of my classes but day in and day out, journalism is my favorite class to teach.

BC: Where did you attend college?

KB: I did my undergraduate at Augustana, while it was still a college, and I completed my masters through SMSU.

BC: Where you in any sports/hobbies/ clubs in college?

KB: I did a lot. I golfed for a bit, did theatre productions, was in the vocal

choir and trombone choir and played in the community band. I was also an RA (resident adviser), on the homecoming committee, a member of UBG (a group that organizes activities), and PRSSA (Public Relation Student Society of America). And I played pretty much every intramural they offered. I am really competitive so that was fun. I may have forgotten a few, but that's a quick overview.

BC: What did you major in?

KB: I double majored in communication studies and secondary education

BC: What did you minor in?

KB: I minored in math

BC: What do you do in your free time?

KB: I don't have free time; I have 3 children. But if I do get free time I like to play sports, watch baseball, craft, read and bake with the boys.

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### Staff Spotlight

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BC: What's one of your life long goals?

KB: Well, I made it on *Wheel of Fortune* so I need something else. I hope to make it to every baseball stadium some day.

BC: What's your New Years resolution?

KB: I don't make resolutions typically but I did make a goal to write down something that makes me happy everyday.

BC: Fun Fact?

KB: I'm not a fun person...I don't know. I was a Minnesota State 4-H ambassador when I was in high school. Oh, my husband and I met singing karaoke.

BC: What's your shoe size?

KB: 8.5-9 depending on the brand

BC: What's your favorite color?

KB: According to Colton it's pink because I'm a girl, however I'm partial to green and yellow as well.

### Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Evan Fick

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Fixed bicycles at the Center of Hope

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Track (4 years), Cross Country (4 years)

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Not needing to pay for school

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

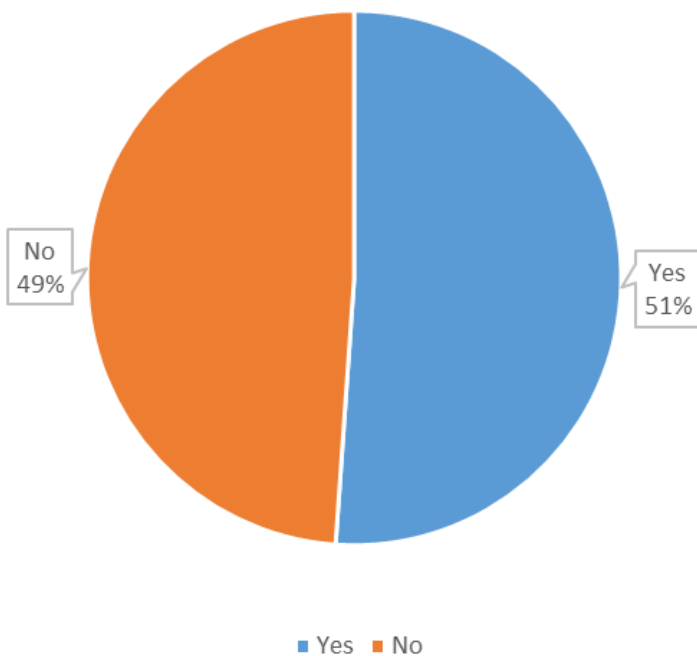
Attend undecided university for an undecided major

### Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked if they made a New Year's Resolution.



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



### 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 Scholarship (\$1000-\$5000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **CHS Easter Farmers Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be going into an agricultural field. Six 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
- **Build Dakota Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Planning to attend one of four technical schools in South Dakota. 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.

