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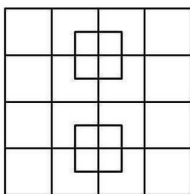
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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Rather than celebrating Valentine's Day (focusing on loved ones), Finland celebrates Friends' Day instead.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

Look closely. How many squares do you see?



Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a very small valentine?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 11

- Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:30-8:30)

Friday, February 12

- No School—Staff In-Service
- Wrestling (Senior Night) @ Home (5:00)
- GBB @ Howard (4:30)
- BBB @ Howard (7:15)

Saturday, February 13

- Youth Wrestling Tournament

Monday, February 15

- No School—President's Day

Tuesday, February 16

- 7/8 BBB v. Chester Area (4:00)
- BBB v. Chester Area (6:15)
- GBB @ Parker (6:15)

Thursday, February 18

- 7/8 GBB v. Sioux Valley (4:00)
- GBB v. Sioux Valley (6:15)

Friday, February 19

- 7/8 BBB @ Sioux Valley (4:00)
- BBB @ Sioux Valley (6:15)



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Wrestlers Place High in BEC Tourney

By Isaiah Mader

It was another big week for the Garretson grapplers as the Big East Conference tournament was held in Arlington on Saturday.

Although they were unable to field a full team, they were able to place sixth out of the ten. Individually the wrestlers took on a daunting task going into the weekend, but they proved they were up for the challenge as six of them placed in the top four.

When junior Jared Fitzgerald was asked about how he felt about his performance and the upcoming final meets, he stated, "It's all about peaking at the right time, and with only two more weeks until state I'm looking to hit it then."

In the 120 pound weight class sophomore Chayce Schleuter continued his strong season pinning his way to the championship. He faced a tough competitor out of Parker. Although he put up a tough fight, he eventually lost on a fall and obtained second place on the podium.

Over in the 126 pound class, Brady Schleuter had another reputable tournament advancing in his senior season. Like fellow wrestler Chayce, Brady won his first two matches big and entered the title match on a hot streak. Despite his efforts, Schleuter was pinned after a well-wrestled match receiving the second place medal.

Going on to the 132 pound class Jared Fitzgerald ventured on in his successful season. He muscled out his first two oppo-

nents, moving on to the first place showdown against a sophomore out of McCook Central-Montrose. Albeit he got quick wins in his first two matches, Fitzgerald wasn't able to outdo his challenger taking second place.

Other placings include freshman Hayden Pierret (106), fourth on a 7-6 decision; sophomore Jack Konechne (145), third, all of his wins in the tournament coming off of pins; and freshman Ethan Kippes (170) fourth.

Senior Brady Schleuter stated, "I'm only taking it one day at a time. The team looks good although there are still a few improvements to be made before regions, if we can fix those hopefully we can get everybody to place in regions and advance to state."

Going into the final week of wrestling, Garretson has a few wrestlers ranked in the top ten of the entire Class B field in their respective weight classes. Pierret and B. Schleuter are ranked sixth, C. Schleuter seventh, senior Jacob Fitzgerald (138) eighth, and Konechne ninth.

The Garretson mat rats look to continue their winning ways as they cruise into a home quad taking place tomorrow. With only a week until regions and two weeks until state, the wrestlers are looking to keep on a victorious streak and make another strong appearance at the State 'B' Wrestling Tournament.



Parent-Teacher Conferences Tonight

It is hard to "think spring" with the bitter cold and intermittent snow flakes, but that time is here.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be happening tonight. Teachers at all grade levels are available from 2:30—8:30.

Girls Basketball Scores Another Win

By Annika Hanson

The Garretson girls basketball team (6-11) have tucked in another win under their belts. The girls are ecstatic about their latest win but the pressure is on as regionals approach rapidly.

Last Friday the girls played against Hills-Beaver Creek from Minnesota. Garretson unfortunately did not pull off the game they did on Tuesday. The final score for this game was 38-55.

But Garretson was able to rebound from that loss with their most recent game against Elkton-Lake Benton on Tuesday. This game went extraordinarily well.

Boys Basketball Winning Streak Extends to Four

By Alyssa Bunde

"Some people want it to happen. Some wish it would happen; others make it happen." This was said by Michael Jordan and judging by the past four games it's clear to see our G-town boys have definitely been making it happen!

This recent Friday our Blue Dragons (8-8) took on the McCook Central-Montrose (5-10). With the home court advantage it was obvious that Garretson was at ease and came ready to play. Due to skillful ball handling and splendid teamwork the Dragons dominated the first half.

By the second half, team morale was high and the Dragons kept on scoring. Though some aspects were faltering compared to the first half, the boys still managed to keep keepin' on, which resulted in the Cougars lowering their heads with a loss and the Dragons cheering to a victory of 64-59!

Senior forward Cole Fiegen shared his sentiment, "We had beat them previously in the year, but you can't overlook a team, so you have to keep your focus on that game."

Last week the boys were kept busy because they also faced off against Hills-Beaver Creek on Saturday. However, this time home court advantage

The girls started phenomenally, taking a strong lead early. Noticing this turn of events, E-LB picked up the pace and left the audience on the edge of their seats. The final score was 48-47 with Garretson's win.

Senior Morgan Gloe had her highest scoring output this year, 16 points and 7 rebounds. Senior Peyton Heitkamp also snatched 10 points.

Heitkamp thought the game went extremely well. "The team played very well and we played together and that's why we accomplished that win. We moved our feet well played smart bas-

ketball. Individually I played well but wouldn't have been able to play the way I did if it wasn't for the rest of the team."

So what are the girls planning for the future? "If we can continue to play like we did on Tuesday, I believe we will be able to host the first round of regions, which is our goal," said Coach Dave Mudder

The next game will be tomorrow February 12th against Howard. It may be a day off from school but that is not going to stop the girls from playing their best on the court.

was in favor of HBC but that was okay with our Dragons!

With expectations of aggressiveness from the other team, the boys came prepared. They battled against multiple fouls being called, assertive opponents and an ever changing line up. In the end Garretson persevered and left the first half with the higher score.

Blue Dragons basketball fan and senior Jessica Fueston commented, "The aggression in the game was astounding!"

By second half, tired but still determined, our team came back level headed and ready to play again, which is exactly what they did! Showing great teamwork and not willing to back down to the assertiveness that was Hills-Beaver Creek our G-town guys took home the win with a score of 80-62!

Junior basketball player Riley Nordstrom shared, "I think we played pretty good all around on Saturday, the no calls got us a little flustered, but I think we handled it pretty well."



Drew Blosmo (#13) pulls down the rebound as teammates Brennan Mudder (#24) and Cole Fiegen box out the Fighting Cougars in Friday night action against McCook Central-Montrose.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

So as the games continue roll in and our boys continue to play may the Michael Jordan "make it happen" mantra. Garretson travels to Howard tomorrow for a double header against the Tigers.

Dumb Laws and Where to Find Them

By Alex Uhl

Have you ever wondered why a rule is a rule? How could something so specific occur that causes a law to be made against it from ever happening again, despite how bizarre it is?

Some states and major cities have laws in place that may have been applicable in a bygone age, but many of them are just plain weird and usually are not enforced or recognized. Here are some of the strangest laws in the US of A!

1: South Dakota's War Party Law

Back in the times of the Wild West and the great expanse across America, hostilities ran high between white settlers and Native Americans, even once the Midwestern states and the reservations were established.

So to "combat" the Native American threat, South Dakota's congress passed a law stating that "if more than five native Americans are on your

property, you have every right to shoot them." This law is ridiculous and is a matter of debate among South Dakota residents of its true existence. If it is true, it hasn't ever been repealed because we've forgotten about it, as is the case with many other strange laws.

2: Whales in Utah?

Reader, I have a question for you. Are there whales in their natural habitat in the state of Utah? Unless land whales are real, there aren't any whales or any other oceanic creatures naturally living in Utah. Yet, the Utah Congress felt the need to pass a provision that made it illegal to hunt and kill whales in the state. So be careful where you point that rifle folks, because a harmless shot at the illusive Utah whale might just get charged for illegal whale hunting.

3: Alaska's Moose Laws

Alaska, the great frontier, is home to many animals you wouldn't find or would rarely find in the continental 48 United States. So, the Alaskan Congress felt the need to protect the sacred animal that is the moose. Some of the laws passed prevent you from "viewing a moose from an airplane," or "pushing a moose out an airplane." It makes you wonder what exactly transpired to inspire congress to act and prevent these actions from happening.

As much as I could go on and on about how certain states think they need a law for everything. I think I've gotten my point across. If you're ever bored in class and need something to expand your knowledge on some legislative aspects of some of the strangest laws in our fair land, then go to the source of this article: <http://www.dumblaws.com>



Winter Storms Snow in Schools

By Micaiah Lee Mader

Last week Tuesday, winter storm Kayla rolled over the plains and through to the east coast covering the Midwest and surrounding areas in a surplus of fluffy snow.

The storm began brewing over the Pacific and picked up moisture along the way. Colorado and Wyoming tallied the highest concentration amounting to a stellar 40 inches of snow in some places. As the storm moved easterly, the snowfall tapered off but still managed to close schools across the entire Midwest and into the Great Lakes area.

Vermillion was on the receiving end of most of the snow in South Dakota. Snowfall totaled to 17 inches in Ver-

million while Sioux Falls and the surrounding area only received four and ½ inches.

Due to snowfall and extreme wind, the Garretson School District was closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Many different rituals occur on snow days from sleeping in until noon to actually getting outside and enjoying the outdoors.

"I like to drink warm cocoa, school some noobs on X-box, and blast my heater," quoted senior Jacob Fitzgerald. A majority of the Garretson high school boys seemed to agree with Fitzgerald's comment.

Senior Brady Schlueter stated, "I like to get up around 8, check my

weight, and then play X-Box the entire day."

"I get up at 10 o'clock, drink hot chocolate, and continue to be lazy all day," stated fellow journalist Annika Hanson on her snow days.

Following a 3-day week, a system of high winds and snow moved into the area and again closed schools on the eastern half of South Dakota.

We are right in the middle of snow day season and have already racked up four full snow days and several late starts and early outs. The school board is still making decisions on how to make up the days.

Scholarship Corner

- **Garretson Community Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Minimum GPA of 2.5. Multiple scholarships available. Due February 26, 2016

- **National Association of Women in Construction Scholarship (\$500-\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing study in a construction related field. Due February 28, 2016

- **Buick Achievers Scholarship (up to \$25,000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Studying engineering, technology, or design with an interest in the automotive industry. Due February 29, 2016

- **Amateur Softball Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016

- **American Legion Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016

- **Entringer Classic Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Participation in HS athletics for at least two years. Due March 1, 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

- **Citi Youth Leadership Awards (\$1000)** - Six \$1000 awards are available. Must have contributed at least 100 hours of service during the past 12 months. Service can include through community/religious organizations and/or school/community based service-learning projects. Due March 18, 2016

- **Home Builders Association Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing a Home Building Industry related field of study. Due April 4, 2016



Senior Spotlight



NAME: Lara Luke

SENIOR PROJECT: Refinishing Furniture

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Volleyball

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

Aly (JK, as if), only a few people, not school

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend a 4-year college

