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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
What demands an answer but never asks a question?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do athletes stay cool during a game?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 19

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

Saturday, February 20

- Wrestling @ Region 2B Tourney in Beresford (10:00)

Sunday, February 21

- National FFA Week

Monday, February 22

- National FFA Week—Chicken Bingo, Food Pantry Boxes
- BBB v. Sioux Falls Christian (6:15)

Tuesday, February 23

- National FFA Week—Chicken Bingo, Milk Mustache, MS Paper ID
- GBB @ Region Tourney (TBD)

Wednesday, February 24

- National FFA Week—Blood Drive

Thursday, February 25

- National FFA Week—Food for America, 2nd Grade
- GBB @ Region Tourney (TBD)

Friday, February 26

- National FFA Week—Petting Zoo, Amazing Goat Race, FFA Dress Day
- State Wrestling in Rapid City
- TATU Lock-In (Grades 4-5)

Saturday, February 27

- National FFA Week—Breakfast in Commons (7:00-10:30)
- State Wrestling in Rapid City



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

South Dakota's State Legislature Passes the "Bathroom Bill"

By Annika Hanson

Last Tuesday a bill passed the house and senate of South Dakota that is turning the nation into a frenzy. The student privacy bill, HB 1008, passed with a vote of 20-15 in the senate. The only thing left is for South Dakota's governor, Dennis Daugaard, to sign off on the bill for it to become a law.

So you may ask, what does this bill entail? The bill states that if a student says he or she is transgender and a parent "consents to that assertion in writing" the student should be given a "reasonable accommodation."

A reasonable accommodation could include a single-occupancy restroom, a unisex restroom, or the controlled use of a restroom or locker room. So in other words, if a student is transgender, for example a male who feels he is a female, he would be required to use the male restroom because he has male parts. Or, as stated in the bill, he could use a separate facility to relieve himself.

House Representative Fred Deutsch (R-Florence) was the one who authored this bill. Deutsch's reasoning is as such: "The primary purpose of the bill is to protect the physical privacy of students from having to expose themselves, or be exposed to others, when in a state of undress or nakedness while at school or other school functions."

Dale Bartscher, spokesman for the conservative Christian group Family Heritage Alliance Action, also agrees with Deutsch. He has commented publicly, "We think the bill compassionately helps those students who are gender confused."

Junior Haley Steffes also agrees with the previous statements. She stated: "God made you the way he made you so you should stick with that gender, but I

understand that it is uncomfortable to be a male who feels like a female. That's fine, but you have to be conscious of the other people around you and how they feel."

There is also a majority who disagrees with the bill. One of these people is senior Brianna Callsen. She stated, "Be free, show it off, let the world know who you are and don't back down. If that is what you are most comfortable with, then be you."

But how do actual transgender students feel? Thomas Lewis, a transgender student in Sioux Falls, says he has been shunned out of both the men's and women's restrooms because of his identity. Instead of using the bathroom at school he waits until he can go home to use the bathroom according to Nord on Yahoo News.

"This is a bill that's almost like segregation" Lewis said. "I am so glad to be leaving for college soon, I can escape the oppression that my home state wants to put on me."

Now everyone awaits Governor Dennis Daugaard's final decision to sign or veto the bill. He has less than a week to make his decision, but expressed plans to meet transgender constituents while considering the proposed legislation, according to the *Argus Leader* newspaper.

So the entire state including the legislature that passed this bill is awaiting the Republican governor's signature to implement the country's first restrictive bathroom bill.



Supreme Court Justice's Death Leaves Vacancy, Causes Dissension Between Parties

By Isaiah Mader

This past Saturday, 79 year old Supreme Court judge Antonin Scalia died at a Texas hunting resort. He was pronounced dead of natural causes although conspiracy theories are arising. With his recent death, Scalia left behind his wife and nine children.

His death leaves one spot open on the nine-seat court, which current president, Barrack Obama, is able to appoint. Although Obama has the authority to appoint the next justice, his appointee must pass through the Senate which is currently controlled by republicans.

The United State Supreme Court is currently at a 4-4 tie, conservative to liberal, and if Obama's appointment were to pass it would give the edge to

the liberals which could change a lot of laws in the U.S. But with the republicans confident in their chances at holding the next presidency, their senate members are looking to stop any chance at a liberal judge taking his or her seat on the court.

With the Supreme Court scheduled to decide on many major issues, having a split court is not going to bode well for either side. With many conservative issues due to be reviewed by the court, Scalia's passing means many of them may not pass or nothing may be changed.

Among matters being considered are voting rights, abortion, immigration, and labor unions.

Junior Jacob Liester when asked about the ordeal stated, "With the death of Scalia leaving an empty seat, it really puts in perspective the importance of the Supreme Court."



Antonin Scalia was serving in his 29th year as a justice, being nominated by former president Ronald Reagan in 1986. Justice Scalia will be honored at the Supreme Court Friday and his funeral will be held Saturday, Feb. 20th.

Lady Dragons Finish Fantastic Season

By Alex Uhl

And so the great toga girls basketball game came to a close, with the Lady Blue Dragons unfortunately gaining another loss, despite their unbelievable skill on the court. The Lady blue Dragons bas-



The Garretson student section donned togas for last night's games; while some actually were able to construct them, others took the easier way to wear a bed sheet.

Photo by Mataya Lines

ketball team (6-14) played a great game against the Sioux Valley Cossacks, ranked third in Class A, and hopefully will use this game to better themselves going into regions.

The first quarter began with an early lead taken by the Cossacks, forcing the Lady Dragons to respond by scoring four points to help close the gap that had seemed to sprung out of thin air. The first quarter ended with a

were able to get back into the rhythm of scoring before the conclusion of the quarter. The first half would end with a score of 15-30.

Even though the girls were struggling to stay afloat during their showdown on the court, they held their own and continued to keep the pressure on against the Cossacks. De-

score of 7-14 with Sioux Valley maintaining their lead.

The second quarter began with Sioux Valley scoring several more points, many off beyond the arc shots, before Garretson could respond.

Luckily, the Lady Dragons

spite this however, the Lady Dragons could not pull off a win against and lost 34-61.

Even though this was their last regular season game, the Lady Dragons finished out strong and had a great season with many close games while showing incredible basketball skill on the court. Despite a sub-.500 record, they sit fourth in the region. Post-season play begins Tuesday.



Freshman Kylee Greenhoff throws up a shot to beat the shot clock despite the Sioux Valley defender in her face.

Photo by Mataya Lines

Valentine's Day

By Alyssa Bunde

This past Sunday was full of folks saying I love you to their significant other and whether that other was an actual person, a friend or even their Netflix account, it's all perfectly acceptable.

So chocolates, flowers and heart shaped everything...what's up with that? How did this romantic holiday come to be? Well there are many theories, but the most commonly referenced is of St. Valentine, who was a priest that served during the third century in Rome.

At the time marriage for young men was outlawed proclaimed by Emperor Claudius II, who believed single men made better soldiers. However, St. Valentine, appalled by this injustice, performed marriages secretly in the name of love. Outraged by the defiance, Claudius sentenced Valentine to death. But his tale lived on in later years when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day! Just to add a little extra romance to the date, February 15 was also commonly recognized by the French as the beginning of bird's mating season!

Sophomore Peyton Sage shared her view of this sentimental day, "I think it's a good day for everyone to express their love to their significant other, friends or family."

Junior Jared Fitzgerald with the rebuttal stated, "It's a pointless day where the guys have to spend money when it could go towards different things."

There's always going to be haters like Emperor Claudius II, hopefully not as extreme but even so, Valentine's Day is no exception. This year there were many objections to this day of love. Ranging from new trends like Galentine's day (Valentine's but with your gal pals) or even just an all around call for the extinction of the day.

When asked about the changing of the holiday to be more centered for friends, sophomore Clayton Bonte responded, "Yes because I'm lonely and so are other people."

Despite some people not being thrilled about Valentine's Day there are those who take the day to the extreme and make even the epitome of

romance story's like Romeo and Juliet seem minuscule. One of these sweet hearted people is 17 year old Hayden Goodfrey. Ever since the age of 14 this young teenager has been doing small acts of kindness for the girls at his school on Valentine's Day. Ranging from secretly sending out roses to girls he didn't think would receive any to walking through the halls handing them out. But Goodfrey really kicked up this year when he worked three jobs just so to give a flower to every girl at his school. He believes no girl should feel alone on Valentine's Day. So \$450 later and with some help from the drama club Hayden Goodfrey passed out 900 carnations to a plethora of smiling girls.

When asked if he would ever do a similar deed junior Matthew Gustafson answered, "No, but I can see where he's coming from. The kid sounds like he has a really good heart and wants the people he knows to be happy."

So whether you hate Valentine's Day, love it or couldn't care less just remember Netflix will always be there for you.



As Winter Rolls On, Events Pick Up Pace

Despite living in a small town, there isn't much complaining that can be done about things going on and events taking place.

On Wednesday, the high school went through informational sessions about CPR and First Aid sponsored by the Garretson FFA. Also, each student walked away with a first aid kit.

The 70 minute session included first aid basics, hands-only CPR, and valuable instruction for a variety of occurrences.

In addition to that, there have been a multitude of activities around the school. Boys and girls basketball are heading into region play shortly while the wrestlers look to qualify for the state tournament tomorrow.

Next week will keep students busy with Cabin Fever Week. The dress up days are as follows—Monday: Throwback Day; Tuesday: Cabin Fever Day; Wednesday: Character Day/Career Day; Thursday: Denim Day; Friday: Class Color Day.

Not only that but it is National FFA week next week as well. The #1 ranked chapter in the state has a multitude of activities planned for the school and community including a milk mustache contest, chicken bingo, a dirty car contest, the blood drive, a petting zoo, goat races, and a community breakfast.

There is no reason to say you are bored or have nothing to do these next days. The options are out there. Go get them.

Wrestlers Pin High Hopes on Region Meet

By Micaiah Lee Mader

Last Friday three teams traveled to Garretson to wrestle in the last home meet of the 2015-2016 season. It was a bitter sweet night as it was the last time the two seniors got to step out onto the familiar blue and white mats of their home gym.

Kingsbury County, Flandreau, and Tri-Valley were the competition for the Blue Dragons. The Garretson squad was feeling confident as they have been improving all year and are starting to peak at the right time. The boys wrestled tough all night and stayed within striking distance of Flandreau and Tri-Valley (who went 3-0 and 2-1 respectively in the quad), but open weight classes and injuries led to the 1-2 finish on the day.

“There was some emotions, but it was just another wrestling match,” quoted senior Brady Schleuter on his final home meet. “The most emotion I felt was my last match as it was my

last match in Garretson gear.”

After a full week of practice, the varsity team looks forward to regions which will take place this Saturday in Beresford.

The team heads into the weekend with four state ranked wrestlers.

Hayden Pierret is ranked 9th in 106, Chayce Schleuter is ranked 9th in 120, Brady Schleuter is ranked 6th in 126, and Jacob Fitzgerald is ranked 8th in 138. Although only four are recognized with a ranking, the team plans on sending more to the state B tournament next weekend.

“We'll see who shows up, but I like our chances this weekend. We are ready to go, however it all depends on



Jared Fitzgerald works to maneuver his way out of a potential pin by his Tri-Valley opponent last Friday night.

Photo by Peyton Sage

situations and who is prepared mentally for the moment,” quoted assistant coach Jason Bohl on the upcoming region meet.

The Region 3 Wrestling Meet will begin at 10 am in the main gym at Beresford High School. Those whose place in the top four this weekend will advance the State B Tournament at the Civic Center in Rapid City beginning next Thursday.



Which Presidential Candidate Are You?

A fun non-scientific quiz generated by the Journalism class

1. What school group would you prefer to be in the most?

- A. Student Council
- B. Debate Club
- C. Art Club
- D. Journalism

2. What current issue do you feel most passionate about?

- A. Women's rights
- B. Immigration laws
- C. Societal equality
- D. Health care

3. What color appeals to you the most?

- A. Orange
- B. Red
- C. Green
- D. Purple

4. What's your first response to an argument?

- A. Quick to defend
- B. Aggressively state your opinion
- C. Calm and collected
- D. Use a lot of facts, defend rationally

5. What would you do with an acre of land?

- A. My own miniature town that I rule
- B. A castle with a moat
- C. Unicorn ranch
- D. Country club

6. What would you do for fun?

- A. Go to the library
- B. Make money
- C. Go outside
- D. Go hunting

7. Which state would you rather live in?

- A. Illinois
- B. New York
- C. Vermont
- D. Texas

8. What's your biggest weakness?

- A. Social skills
- B. Ego
- C. Too kind
- D. Lying



Personality Quiz Results: Which Presidential Candidate Are You?



If you got mostly **A** you're Hillary Clinton! Break out that pant suit and ironing board because you better be ready to match up to the professionalism that is Mrs. Clinton! Like this female candidate you're organized and always ready to focus on what's important! You like

things to get done and get them done your way. You may catch a few snags in your plans here and there but you always manage to persevere!

If you got mostly **B** you're Donald Trump! People should hold onto their toupees when you're around because your words tend to



blow everyone away. You're definitely not afraid to speak your mind even if those ideas aren't always the greatest. Just remember not to build walls with everyone who disagrees with you. Take time to listen to others.

If you got mostly **C** you're Bernie Sanders! Feel the Bern and keep calm. Like this older candidate, you're cool



and collected. You have strong views but are respectable enough to not have to use an iron fist. People really appreciate your open mind and approachable way about you.

If you got mostly **D** you're Ted Cruz! Like the presidential candidate that always looks sad, you can be quite avoidant of confrontation. You definitely like the finer things in life and have strong views on things.



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
- **Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Must be attending a two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school. Must have at least a 'C' average and be sponsored by an NTCA or FRED Donor Circle member. 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 Scholarship (\$1,000)** - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due March 11, 2016.
- **Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity Scholarship (\$2,000)** - Three scholarships available for South Dakota residents. Scholarship available on bbbinc.org. 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: McKenzie Blosmo

SENIOR PROJECT: Remodeling an old sewing machine

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: National Honor Society, Football Stats

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: Lara and B. Howe

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend a 4-year college and major in something in the health care field

ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: A Telephone

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.

Joke: They sit near the fans.

