

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK:
"Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using only one row of the keyboard.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

What does this rebus puzzle really say? Look closely.



Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a bird in the winter?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 4

- BBB @ Region Tourney (TBD)

Saturday, March 5

- 7/8 BBB @ Blue Dragon Classic (9:00)

- GBB @ Blue Dragon Classic (9:00)

- Music Department Pie and Ice Cream Concert (7:00)

Tuesday, March 8

- 8th Grade Girls @ Women in Science (Southeast Tech)

Thursday, March 10

- State GBB

Friday, March 11

- State GBB

Saturday, March 12

- State GBB

Sunday, March 13

- Daylight Savings Starts—Set clocks ahead one hour

Monday, March 14

- BEC Honor Band @ MCM

- School Board Meeting (5:45)

Hooked on Books

By Annika Hanson

"Yes books are dangerous, They should be dangerous; they contain ideas" - Pete Hartman.

Have you ever heard anyone say "books are boring" or perhaps "books are too long?" Well this week is dedicated to those agnostics to submerge them in the sumptuous world of books.

This past week was Read Across America week; this originally came about because of our beloved Dr. Seuss's birthday. All across the nation kids are reading new material they never would have touched before. Garretson's librarian Mrs. Nedved thought this week was a lovely idea. She remarked, "Children just need to be exposed to the books that are out there."

There are "lit"erally billions of books in the world and dozens of different genres. Naturally there is a book for everyone! Here are six different books to get you started in your reading adventure.

Fantasy: *Harry Potter*, JK Rowling

This series may be for the younger readers, but is undoubtedly enjoyed by the older generation too (I know I enjoy it). This "stupefy-ing" series will send chills down your spine as Harry and his friends go on amazing adventures and use breathtaking magic. Dragons, centaurs, wizards, castles, mermaids, giants, who could ask for more? Even though some of the spells are "riddikulus" I'm sure Harry Potter can unlock your heart with the spell "alohomora."

Romance: *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green

This story is an emotional ride even for the most tenacious of people. A touching story about a girl with cancer finally finds love with a boy. Junior Alyssa Bunde read the book and found it sentimental; she passionately stated, "I was sitting by my window reading this book and I bawled my eyes out because I got so attached to the characters."

Thriller: *The Long Walk*, Stephen King

This book will definitely take you for a stroll. The story takes place on a road and people walk. Yep, I'm "serie"-us but the story is much more than that. A boy receives a letter offering him thousands of dollars. The only catch is he has to win it. He and a bunch of other boys join the competition, which entails that the boys must walk and whoever stops loses. The last person walking wins.

Action/ Adventure: *Eragon*, Christopher Paolini

This series definitely started a new era that has never gone. If you like elves, dwarves, dragons, warlocks, and wars that you will never forget then this is the book for you. Eragon also takes place in a more Hobbit atmosphere. So if you like the Hobbit then give Eragon a go and vice versa.

Non-fiction: *Angela's Ashes*, Frank McCourt

This is a true story that will tear your heart out and burn it to ashes. Based on the authors melancholy story, it includes McCourt's struggles with poverty and his father's alcoholism. Perhaps a story for older readers. This is Mrs. Nedved's absolute favorite book, she commented, "The way McCourt wrote the story was very interesting, he almost made it amusing."

Science fiction: *Breathe*, Sarah Crossan

This book will definitely make you gasp for air, literally. In this story, if you want to survive you pay to breathe, so what happens if you can't pay? Three teenagers defy the government and attempt to recreate a world with fresh air. Sophomore Sylvia Larson commented on how much she enjoyed this book. " The story was very well written and the characters were complex."

All of these are amazing books so make sure to pick one or two up at the library! Or if you are still not convinced you could always pick up a classic Dr. Seuss book in honor of his birthday.



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Boys Basketball Faces Tough Region Play, Ends Season

By Alyssa Bunde

"You can't win on the court if you have no in your heart." This was said by Jake Hansman, which holds quite relevant to our very own Garretson Blue Dragons basketball team (9-12), as they faced off one last time this past Tuesday against the Madison Bulldogs (16-5).

Madison, a team we had yet to play in the regular season, for quite some time, is described as an aggressive and competitive team who obviously came to play this past game. Going in blind-sided led to a disadvantage and overall issue for our boys as the first half was not superb.

In fact, Senior Cole Fiegen said, "It was rough. We had very poor defense efforts. The hoop was not guarded at all. We came out shell shocked and slow. We didn't know what to expect, we had never played Madison before. We didn't execute or communicate well."

Senior Katie Giesler and basketball statistician also commented on Madi-

son's skill saying, "It's obvious to see Madison wants nothing more than state titles...they've been consistently good. They're not a bad team at all."

With the boys taken aback by a very aggressive team they were only able to put 16 points up on the board. Madison is not to be taken lightly though, because they have only lost five games and have been in and out of the top five rankings all year. Taking this into account the final score of half time was 16-38.

With the second half underway, it was clear to see G-Town momentum was significantly improving. The team now knew what they were up against and began to play accordingly. But sadly the team wasn't able to keep up with competitiveness that was Madison and ended the game with a score of 47-70. Madison advances to face off against the Dells Quarriers tonight at Augustana University.

When asked about the game and second half Senior Micah Mader said,

"Ugh, eye roll. We definitely played with more intensity but it was kinda too far gone."

With the end of the season it is not uncommon for the younger team members to be thinking of next year and improvements to be made.

Freshman and starter Brennan Mudder commented on his aspirations for the upcoming year, "Next year without Cole and Micah is gonna be a lot different. For myself, I feel like I need to step up and contribute as we are losing two big players."

So as this season, like all good things must do, has come to a closing and the basketball shoes are hung up...some for the last time let us remember good not the bad. Let us remember the skillfully played games over the poor ones. Let us remember the jubilant dress up nights and bountiful bags of popcorn. But most importantly let us remember to always keep yes in our hearts on and off the court.



Which Major Retail Store are You?

A fun non-scientific quiz generated by the Journalism class

1. In an emergency situation, what would you want to have first/most?

- A. Weapons
- B. Friends or helpful people
- C. Shelter
- D. Food

2. Which color do you prefer?

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

3. Which social media app is your favorite?

- A. Snapchat
- B. Instagram
- C. Pinterest
- D. Twitter

4. Which would you prefer to stay in?

- A. RV
- B. Lighthouse
- C. Tree house
- D. Boat house

5. Which house style is most desirable for you?

- A. Apartment
- B. Town home
- C. Log Cabin
- D. Ranch home

6. On Black Friday what kind of shopper are you?

- A. Determined
- B. I'm there to shop but not going to be too aggressive
- C. Frustrated and honestly at this point would rather pay full price
- D. I'm at home

7. What is your favorite meal?

- A. Fast food/take out
- B. Soups or salads
- C. Steaks
- D. Pasta

Music Department Wants to Give You a "Slice of the Pie"

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson High School and Middle School band and choir will be performing their annual concert this year on Saturday. They will be serving ice cream and pie for all the guests who will come to hear the musical genius of our band, and the angelic voices of our choir.

Unlike years past, the band and choir concert will only be serving pie and ice cream. For past years, back when the concert was called the "band dinner," the band and choir concert would serve a full meal.

However, the reason why they did not this year was highlighted by junior

Jacob Liester. He said, "I guess it's good cause it saves the boosters cause the kids are bringing the food."

He also remarked that "I probably won't eat it cause I'm in band and choir so I won't have time.....and also I don't like pie."

The songs the band will be performing are "Watermelon Man," "Intrepid Journey," "United Nations," and "Impact." These are all new songs that the band has never before performed. How mysterious! This adds excitement to the concert.

But the choir is following up with a grand selection of songs. These include

"Windy Nights," "She Sings Someday," and "This is my Country." Also, some small groups will be singing songs that they have selected and practiced to perfection.

It's sure to be a load of great performances at this year's band and choir concert. Despite the lack of gourmet food this year, the homemade pie and free ice cream is a great replacement. If this continues, I am excited about what they will do next year. Who knows? I'm banking on a Cold Stone Ice Cream buffet!



Science Fair

By Isaiah Mader

The annual Science Fair took place on Monday and featured 89 seventh and eighth graders who all had the chance to present their projects in hopes of making the Regional Science Fair held in Brookings, South Dakota on March 22. The judges for this year were Evan Fick, Cole Fiegen, Geof Furness, Emily Malsom, Nick Mueller, Ruth Sarar, Scott Schroeder, and Mad-die Shafer.

Judges Furness and Fiegen both agreed that the kids this year had very well done projects that required a lot of time and effort to complete.

This year's Science Fair excluded the sixth graders due to the sheer size of the seventh and eighth grade classes.

"Having that many kids would have made it a very hard and stressful day for the judges. Trying to get through all of the projects while still critiquing them thoroughly, it would have been quite chaotic," senior Cole Fiegen stated.

Although many of the projects offered to the judges were very high

quality, not everyone is able to move on to state and cuts had to be made. Overall 36 kids did not qualify to move on to the regional fair leaving 53 kids.

In the Animal Science category Tessa Pederson took first place. And over in the Behavioral Science division, Angel Larsen and Kara Ross teamed up together to claim the top spot. Dominic Abraham, Evan Bly, and Jake Schroeder won the Plant Science category. In the largest group, Zach Klaassen was rewarded with the first place prize, singlehandedly beating out nine other groups. In one of the smallest groups, Carter Gullickson won the Computer Science class after programming his own 3D video game. Devon Leedy and Brady Malsom took home first place honors in the Chemistry category while Nadalie Johnson as well got first in Microbiology. Mattea Fiegen, Madden Lardy, and Lizzie Olson received first in the Biochemistry-Food Emphasis category.

The overall Grand Champion was Ashlyn Andersen who tried to figure

out how different drinks would affect your teeth. Along with being the grand champion Andersen won her group of Medicine and Health and will be advancing to the regional.

Mr. Furness was asked about his thoughts on the science fair and he thought, "I think it is a good place for kids to showcase their talents in the science field and for them to answer any what-if questions they may have with an experiment."

Fiegen stated, "I had a good time seeing what the kids were interested in; it's just a little weird being on the other side of things."

Although the Science Fair is over for some, many Garretson middle schoolers will move on to Brookings and look to take home some hardware. With the time in between they are allowed to make improvements to their experiments to better their chances at receiving the first place medal.

Grapplers Travel West to Compete in State Tourney

By Micaiah Lee Mader

This past Thursday the Garretson wrestling team and coaches packed their bags, loaded the suburban, and set out on their way to the State B wrestling tournament in Rapid City.

Despite tough first round match ups, the boys remained optimistic and were excited to compete with some of the best in the state.

Hayden Pierret kicked off the tournament for the Dragons with a 5-0 decision win over Sterling Rausch of Webster Area. Next up for Pierret was a tough opponent in Sam Kruger (43-8) from Kimball-White Lake Pollock. Kruger won the match on a major decision, 17-4. Now in wrestle backs, Pierret was slated to face Dane Christopherson of Sisseton. Christopherson moved quickly and pinned Pierret to move on (fall 1:00).

Returning state qualifier Chayce Schlueter (sophomore) was next in line to take the mat. According to fellow teammates, Schlueter was on the receiving end of a favorable draw. First up for Schlueter was Dylin Johnson of Lead-Deadwood. Johnson was little competition, and was defeated 10-1 by a major decision. Schlueter moved on to wrestle Logan Mahoney from Parkston, but lost in a decision 5-1. Now facing elimination, Schlueter won a hard fought match against Ben Soukop of Wagner to move on the 7th and 8th place match. After an intense battle in his last match with Reece Heltzel of Phillip Area, Schlueter was pinned 4:20 into the match in the final period. Chayce placed 8th at the state meet and was Garretson's only place winner.

Another returning state qualifier

was Jared Fitzgerald in the 138 lb weight class. Fitzgerald drew a tough first round in Devon Sievers of Deubrook Area. Jared wrestled a great match, but fell by pin to Sievers in the 2nd period (1:56). Now in wrestle backs, Fitzgerald was set to face another stellar opponent in Stone Durham of Saint Thome More. Durham won by major decision over Fitzgerald (17-4). Fitzgerald commented, "The best part of the weekend was with my teammates in the hotel, and watching the championship matches".

Jacob Fitzgerald represented Garretson's heaviest weight class in the 2016 state tournament in the 145 lb weight class. Last year, Jacob out together an impressive run and wrestled all the way back to the 3rd place match and ultimately picked up the 3rd place title. Jacob began his tournament against Dawson Semmler of Parkston. Semmler pinned Fitzgerald late in the 2nd period to move on to the quarterfi-

nals. Semmler lost his quarterfinal match, but wrestled back in impressive fashion to earn 3rd place. Now in wrestle backs, Fitzgerald picked up a hard fought win against Gannon Martinmaas of Faulkton Area by a 6-5 decision. Jacob's season would end in the 2nd round of wrestle backs against Josh Crownover with a pin in the 2nd period (3:51). Jacob stated, "I had a lot of fun over the years with my teammates, especially staying in hotels and messing around with the guys".


Next year, the Garretson wrestling squad will look to young talent to step up and be leaders on the team. The team will lose two very important leaders and teammates in Brady Schlueter and Jacob Fitzgerald. These two have been very instrumental in the success of the Blue Dragons wrestling program and will be missed by teammates and coaches as well as fans.



Sophomore Chayce Schlueter finished his 2016 campaign with an eighth place finish at state in Rapid City. Photo courtesy of SDPB.org



Personality Quiz Results: Which Major Retail Store Are You?

If you got mostly **A**, you're  you can become quite catty because you think you know best.

Walmart! Like this mega store you are full of diversity! You are not afraid to stand out and speak your mind to get what you want! You're determined in what ever you do and tend to have a very open mind when it comes to others.

If you got mostly **B**,  you're

Target! Like this wonderful and advertising store, you like all things in style. While you have your own opinions you tend to get swept up in others and can be easily influenced. But others should beware because when you are mad

Senior Spotlight



NAME: Wade Larson

SENIOR PROJECT: Learning to adequately play piano

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Major League Gaming

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: The familiar environment, familiar people, and the group of bros

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Drown in debt and go to DSU for a degree in computer science and game design

If you got mostly **C**,  you're

Menards! Like this specialty store you are quite handy and like to do things on your own. Being outdoors is one of your favorite. You are definitely not lazy because you are no stranger to hard work. But be careful because you can be quite blunt and it can come off as mean.

If you got mostly **D**, you're Sam's Club!

Like this bulk store you always come prepared! You are the one folks go to when they need help because they know you are calm and collected and are always willing help. You enjoy having fun but you'd definitely rather be at home. Being the leading role isn't your goal; you'd much rather be on the side.



Scholarship Corner

- **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
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships (\$ varies)** - Multiple scholarships available. 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
- **South Dakota Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship (\$500)** - Must be a direct descendant of a US military veteran. Due March 25, 2016
- **Janice M Scott Memorial Fund Scholarship (\$\$\$)** - Must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be attending an accredited 4-year university, demonstrated leadership in community, and school, and meets economic qualifications. Due March 31, 2016
- **Home Builders Association Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing a Home Building Industry related field of study. Due April 4, 2016
- **American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship (\$300)** - Two scholarships available. Must be a child or grandchild of Auxiliary or Legion member of Henry G. Fix Unit or Post. Due April 7, 2016
- **Split Rock Clinic Association Medical Scholarship (up to \$1000)** - Possible for multiple scholarships. Pursuing a medical field degree (doctor, nurse, physical therapist, chiropractor, etc). Due April 15, 2016
- **LG Everist Inc Scholarship (\$2000)** - Pursuing a mechanical or technical field related field of study. Preference to students who show interest in mining, railroading, or mechanical work. Due April 30, 2016

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: Just between you and me

Joke: A Brrrrr-d