



Hayden Pierret outlasted his O'Gorman opponent last night scoring the only 3 points for the Blue Dragons in that match.

Blue Ink



One less stress for seniors

Senior project presentations went off without a hitch on Wednesday

by **Sylvia Larson**
staff writer

GHS seniors have spent these last two days catching up on their sleep schedule and de-stressing. Most of them are done with their senior projects, and they couldn't be happier about it.

Projects started way back in May of their junior year, and a good handful of students worked on and mostly finished theirs during the summer. Others didn't start until

September, and many waited until crunch time.

"I cried afterwards," commented senior Logan Nussbaum, who worked with disabled children, through LifeScape "I'm glad it's done," sharing her relief of a successful presentation.

This year's presentation and project guidelines were slightly changed from last year including an earlier presentation date, and many students would like to see them tweaked even more.

"It's hard to make connections to people. I would have a set list of mentors for different topics, like a list of people who are willing and experienced," suggested Trower.

Nussbaum chimed in, "I'd say not as many hours should be required,

maybe 20. We don't need 30 to get a life experience."

"I'm very proud of the students for stepping outside of their comfort zones and challenging themselves through multiple venues including time management, life skills, and furthering their knowledge in an area of interest," stated Mrs. Buchholz. "There were some really great projects this year and those students set a strong example for next year's juniors."

Those who put effort into their projects and did something they enjoyed got a full experience. A lot of students really stepped out of their comfort zones. Most students are done with their projects, but a few still need to present and grades still need to be given.



Jaden Braaten restored a vintage tandem bicycle as part of her senior project with the aid of mentor JR Hofer.



Isaiah Mader shows off his refurbished fishing boat to judges Karl Liester, Julie Snyders, and Nancy Beck during Wednesday's presentations.

Young volcano may still be packing a punch

by **Heather Huether**
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Since New Year's Day, Mount St. Helens has experienced about 40 earthquakes and aftershocks occur every few hours. The most powerful earthquake was a magnitude of 3.9 that happened about 5 miles from Mount St. Helens and 23 miles from the town of Morton.

The 3.9 magnitude earthquake was felt in Portland but there were no reported injuries or damage. Since that earthquake, there have been 16 more earthquakes, averaging about every half hour with magnitudes from 0.6 to 2.6.

It is common to experience swarms of earthquakes at Mount St. Helens. The recent quakes appear to be both from regional stress, which was not related to the volcano, and from the volcano itself. In both cases, this is not a sign of an eruption, the earthquakes are a result of an

Recent quakes and aftershocks around Mount St. Helens makes people nervous

active volcanic system and movement along regional stress fields.

Mount St. Helens is most commonly known for its major eruption in 1980, the deadliest and most economically damaging volcanic event in the history of the United States. The volcano is situated just 96 miles from Seattle and 50 miles from Portland, making an eruption especially dangerous.

While Mount St. Helens hasn't had a large eruption for the past 38 years. There have been smaller eruptions as recently as 10 years ago, and it is still considered an active stratovolcano by geologists. In fact, Mount St. Helens is considered a rela-

tively young volcano, forming in the past 40,000 years and has been the most active volcano in the Cascade Range within the past 10,000 years.

While the recent earthquakes may make residents nearby Mount St. Helens uneasy, there is no immediate danger of an eruption. However, this is another sign of why we need constant volcano and earthquake monitoring.



This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The dot over a lowercase i is called a tittle.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Study your notes within one day of taking them. Retention rates can be up to 60% higher.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Want to hear a joke about paper?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 19

- JH BBB @ Tea (4:30)
- C GBB & C BBB @ Vermillion (4:00)
- JV GBB & JV BBB @ Vermillion (5:15)
- GBB @ Vermillion (6:30)
- BBB @ Vermillion (8:00)

Saturday, January 20

- JH GBB @ BEC in Volga (9:00)
- One-Act Play (7:00)

Sunday, January 21

- One-Act Play (4:00)

Monday, January 22

- JH BBB v. DRSM
- GBB v. Tea (6:00/7:00)

Tuesday, January 23

- JH GBB v. Tri-Valley (4:00)
- JH BBB @ Flandreau (4:00)
- BBB @ Flandreau (6:00/7:00)

Wednesday, January 24

- One-Act Play @ Regions in Madison (TBD)

Thursday, January 25

- Wrestling @ Parkston Triangular (5:00)
- GBB @ BEC in Chester v. MCM (6:00)
- BBB v. Tea (6:00/7:00)

Worth Mentioning

Wrestling hosted a triangular with SF O'Gorman and Dell Rapids last night. Despite a few bright spots, the Garretson grapplers dropped both of their matches but are back in action on Thursday for a Triangular in Parkston.

Girls varsity basketball doubles win total

Nearly halfway done with their season, the Lady Blue Dragons are almost .500

by **Peyton Sage**
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Last week, the girls hosted the Baltic Bulldogs on Friday and the Adrian Dragons on Saturday during the annual Border Clash.

After a tight game of back and forth against the Baltic Bulldogs, senior Carmen Bohl made the winning shot, finishing the game with a score of 42-41.

The game against Adrian played out the same way, with Garretson finishing four points ahead at 42-38.

With many of the girls varsity basketball games resulting in close scores, the team is working on how to get ahead before the last few seconds of the game.

Sophomore Rachel Kindt said, "We definitely have room for improvement, but with such a young team I think we're doing really well. The Baltic and Adrian games were really close in points scored, but we luckily came out on top."

The girls traveled to Sioux Falls Christian to play their 9th game of the season this Tuesday. After a long battle by the Blue Dragons, they were unable to come out on top. The ending score was 31-50.

Senior Erynn Fink said, "Sioux Falls Christian has always been one of our biggest competitors, so we were expecting a little bit of a fight. Although we lost the game, we put in our best effort to keep up with SFC."

The varsity girls will travel down to Vermillion tonight to face the Tanagers, who were just incorporated into their schedule this year.



#25 Lizzie Olson goes up over two Dragon defenders for two of her team high 19 points in Garretson's win over Adrian last Saturday.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

False Alarm

Chaos abounded in both Hawaii and Japan with warnings of imminent missile attacks

by **Greg Arana**
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On Saturday, January 13th, Hawaii's inbound missile alert button was triggered. The head of Hawaii's emergency management agency said, "The wrong button was pushed." For both the people of Hawaii and the ones visiting the alert was terrifying.

Residents and visitors all acted quickly to the alert by taking shelter. Stores closed, some people took shelter in manholes, and others started driving as fast as they could to try and get away.

The official accidentally pushed the actual alert button rather than pressing the drill button he intended to push. The alert was finally corrected after a little over half an hour. The emergency management agency has now added a BMD (Ballistic Missile Defense) False Alarm to the top of the list of alerts.

On Tuesday, January 16, only three days after the Hawaii false alarm Japan had a false missile alarm also. The public broadcaster who issued the alarm apologized immediately after saying that it was a mistake. Unlike the Hawaii alarm the mistake was taken care of in a matter of minutes.

Some residents of Japan went straight to Twitter to tweet about the incident. One person tweeted "I thought I would die. LOL". Another person tweeted "Following Hawaii, NHK did it too. Don't become the boy who cried wolf."

Whether it was just a coincidence or on purpose both the people of Hawaii and Japan are happy it was just a false alarm and not real.

Senior Spotlight

Erynn Fink

SENIOR PROJECT:

Building a natural playground

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Basketball, Soccer, Track & Field, Band, TATU

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:

Sports teams and breaded beef fingers and teachers

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Undecided college for criminal justice



Senior Spotlight

Jaden Flanagan

SENIOR PROJECT:

Assist a suicide prevention talk and mental illness awareness

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Soccer, Softball, Hockey, Band, FFA, NHS

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:

Soccer team

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend a four-year university to play hockey and major in elementary education



GARRETSON
BLUE DRAGONS

Big clashes at Border Clash

Teams from South Dakota and Minnesota faced each other in Garretson for the ninth annual Border Clash

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The Border Clash took place last Saturday in Garretson and featured six towns who brought their boys and girls team from throughout South Dakota and Minnesota. The 9th annual tournament started at noon and saw SD take four out of the six games in their matchups versus their MN opponents.

The Vermillion girls and boys started the day off battling against Murray County Central. The Lady Tanagers beat down on MCC winning the game 59-28 led by Haleigh Morstad who bucketed 15 for the game. The Vermillion boys also added another 'W' by beating MCC 46-42 headed by A.J. Plitzuweit who scored 19.

The next games on the schedule were Winner facing off against Windom. The girls played first with Winner living up to their name thrashing the Eagles 78-30. High scorer on the game was

Morgan Hammerbeck who netted 24. The boys of Winner however, did not fair as well as their counterparts losing 48-76.

The Garretson girls and boys closed off the night going head to head against Adrian. The Lady Dragons were able to add another win moving them to a 4-5 record on the year. Garretson was able to edge out Adrian 42-38 led by freshman Lizzie Olson who bucketed 19. The nightcap featured a battle of the Dragons which did not disappoint. The game saw double overtime where Adrian was finally able to squeak by GHS 72-71. Junior Drew Blosmo scored 41, but was not able to guide his team past the tough team out of Adrian pushing the Blue Dragons to 1-9 on the year.



Winner vs. Windom



Vermillion vs. Murray County Central

Vikes have a chance to play at home for the Super Bowl

Patriots continue to be overwhelming Super Bowl favorites going into conference championships

by **Mason Hofer**
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So far, this NFL playoffs has not disappointed. There's been everything you can think of, upsets, comebacks, high scoring games, and blowouts. We're only two rounds in.

Even before they started we knew we were in a crazy ride, because only three teams that made the playoffs last year made it this year. The Falcons, Patriots, and Chiefs, only one of these teams is remaining, the Patriots.

The Wild Card round was full of upsets, the Titans came back and beat the Chiefs, and the Falcons stomped the Rams. Both of these games the higher seed lost, rarely does this happen because the seed system is ranked off of how that team performed during the regular season.

The Divisional round is where the action was at, the number one seed, the Patriots destroyed the Titans after getting well rested after their bye week. The final score of the first game of the divisional round was 14-35. The Jaguars came out on top of a very high scoring action packed game against the Steelers, the final score was 45-42. Steelers WR Anto-

nio Brown played his first game back since an injury that he had late in the regular season only to be eliminated. Brown performed phenomenally as he usually does, but it was not enough for the Steelers to pull away with the win.

The Falcons and Eagles faced off in Philadelphia and it was a nail biter. The game went down to the wire and Atlanta had to take a shot at the endzone, the ball went through Julio Jones' hands, incomplete. This pass made Matt Ryan 1-18 when targeting Julio in the endzone this season. The worst of both of their careers. The final score was 10-15 Eagles advance.

The game of the year took place last week at the New Orleans Saints and the Minnesota Vikings faced off in Minneapolis. The Vikings came out strong getting stops on defense and moving the ball on offense, the score was 17-0 as the clock hit halftime. Drew Brees was not going out without a fight, Brees brought the Saints back into the game and the Saints took the lead late in the fourth quarter, the Vikings had the ball on their 39 yard line with eleven seconds left on the clock, Minnesota didn't stop until the clock hit zero. Stefon Diggs ran his route cut back made the catch and ran it in for a 61 yard touchdown with no flags and no time left on the clock.

With only one round left in the playoffs from now on whoever wins goes to the Super Bowl. The Eagles and Vikings will face off in Philadelphia on Sunday and the Jaguars and the Patriots will face off in New England as well on Sunday.

