

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are slated for next Thursday. School will dismiss early at 1:30, followed by conferences from 2:30-8:30

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“Soup”er Bowl set records this year

Generosity and benevolence evident through middle school

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**
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Garretson Middle School recently completed their 14th annual “Soup-er Bowl” where they collect and donate food for the local food pantry. The 6th through 8th graders were able to collect 1,175 items, making it one of the food pantry’s biggest contributions every year.

For the first nine years of its existence, the “Soup-er Bowl” was split up between the STETs who squared off against each other. Five years ago they changed have each grade battle one another to spark more competition and raise the amount of donations. This switch certainly helped this year as they reached an average of 10 donations per student, which was the highest ever.

Middle school teacher Mr. Terwee, who organizes the event said, “I’m just really proud of the kids and how much they gave; it’s neat to see kids do things like this without any

recognition.”

The 6th graders were able to take the crown this year hauling in an average of 12.17 items per student and won the prize of front of the lunch line for a week. The 7th graders closely followed in second by



Photo by Isaiah Miles Mader

bringing in 12.02 items per kid. The 8th graders took last place, but were still able to contribute 8.6 items.

The “Soup-er Bowl” is a fun opportunity to contribute to the local families in need and raise awareness for the food pantry.

This Week’s Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: A group of kittens is also known as a kindle and a group of cats is called a clowder.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: You are 50% more likely to remember something if you say it out loud instead of simply reading it over.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a group of disorganized cats?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: People but me to eat but never eat me. What am I?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 9

- USA DAY—G-Town Olympics
- Wrestling Quad @ Flandreau (5:00)

Saturday, February 10

- MS FFA Leadership Workshop @ MCM (All Day)

Monday, February 12

- School Board Mtg (5:45)
- PTO Mtg (6:45)

Tuesday, February 13

- FFA CDE @ Lake Norden
- GBB v. Parker (4:30/6:15)
- BBB v. Parker (4:30/7:45)

Wednesday, February 14

- Happy Valentine’s Day

Thursday, February 15

- Early Dismissal (1:30)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:30-8:30)
- No Pre-School Today

Friday, February 16

- No School—Teacher In-Service
- GBB @ Sioux Valley (5:00/6:30)
- BBB @ Sioux Valley (5:00/8:00)

Saturday, February 17

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

Black History Month celebrates many achievements

by **Peyton Sage**
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Thanks to Carter G. Woodson, Black History Month is celebrated for its 42nd year

In February 1926, an African-American historian, better known by the name of Carter G. Woodson, launched the celebration of Negro History Week, which later became known as Black History Month. Fifty years after Woodson’s movement, ever since president Jimmy Carter was elected in 1976, every U.S. president has observed the entire month of February as Black History Month.

Black History Month acknowledges the many achievements that African Americans have made for the United States. From the Civil Rights Movement to the United States electing their first African-American president, black history has shaped more than just the African-American community. It has shaped the entire United States.

Although the country continuously battles against racial inequality, African-Americans have come so far

in America. After coming to the country as slaves in 1619, African-Americans were granted their freedom in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Following centuries of public and educational segregation against African-Americans, they were allowed to dine, transport, and get their education wherever they pleased when Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 1965, all African-Americans, men and women, were allowed to vote in elections thanks to the Voting Rights Act.

During the Civil Rights Movement, many African-Americans made their mark on America. Martin Luther King Jr. positively led the movement and now has a holiday dedicated to his influence on America. Rosa Parks is remembered for her bravery in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Malcom X is remembered for being a courageous activist for the rights of blacks, and thousands of others are remembered for their bravery in the free-

dom rides and marches. In 1968, the Civil Rights Movement officially came to an end. Subsequently, African-Americans are still making a positive impact on the United States.

Since then, America elected Barack Obama in 2008 and again in 2012, making him the first African-American president. In 2013, the Black Lives Matter movement started and more awareness was raised against police brutality. After 2014, more African-Americans in entertainment were recognized than previous years. Lupita Nyong’o, John Legend, Viola Davis, and Octavia Spencer are among the many African-Americans who won Oscars, a highly honorable achievement. And finally, in 2017, fifty African-American politicians held positions in Congress, a record breaking number.

Not only do African-Americans have the most influential history, they may have the most influential future for America. Black History Month has come a long way since 1976, and every year America has new reasons to appreciate everything African-Americans have done for history, entertainment, politics, and much more.

G-Town teams see mixed results during busy week

Between wrestling tournaments and basketball games, the Blue Dragon athletes have had their ups and downs

by **Mason Hofer**
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This last week has been a busy one for Garretson students. We've had Garretson Olympics, cabin fever week and lots of sports. Here is a little recap of things that went down in the sports world while you were making your outfit for the next dress up day.

This last Saturday the Garretson grapplers faced off in Clear Lake to compete in the Big East Conference/Lake Central Conference Tourney along with 13 other teams.

"We were still out a couple wrestlers but we did have three varsity guys who placed," stated assistant coach Jason Bohl.

Hayden Pierret and Dakota Johnson both placed second in their division, while Ben Konechne placed



Hayden Pierret worked his way to a second place finish at the conference tournament last weekend.

fourth in his.

Two days later, on Monday, the Junior Varsity team headed of to Tri Valley to compete in the JV Tourney. The junior grapplers performed spectacularly as they finished 21-3 on the day. Dominic Abraham, Braxten Rozeboom, Preston Bohl, Jayse Miller, Dustin Haas, and Isaiah Robinson all went 3-0 and finished first in their divisions. Jimmy Widrig placed first in his division as well going 2-0, Parker Schlenker finished second with a record of 1-1.

It was also a busy week for the boys' and girls' basketball teams. Girls

Varsity had four games in the last eight days. All four opponents had winning records and the Lady Blue Dragons struggled to change their fate. The most recent game was yesterday at home against Beresford.

Like the girls, the boys also couldn't put the win away last night against the

Watchdogs. After being up for the majority of the game, Beresford was able to go ahead by three in the final seconds of the game. After a missed three-point attempt, the Blue Dragons scrapped together an offensive rebound. Trevor Fiegen stepped back behind the arc and snapped it through the net, extending the game into overtime. Garretson was held scoreless in the extra minutes as Beresford worked their way to a 61-54 come from behind victory. Earlier in the week, the boys



Trevor Fiegen (#41) takes the jump ball against Beresford forward Jonah Larson (#35). Fiegen later hit a game tying three to send it into overtime but the Watchdogs were too much, beating

travelled to Howard and were able to secure a confident win against the Tigers, 67-49.

Basketball is back at home with a double header on Tuesday against Parker while wrestling travels to their last meet before regions today.

Personality Quiz What love song are you? *A fun non-scientific quiz*

by **Sylvia Larson**
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1. What's your favorite food?

- A. Roast and Potatoes
- B. Pizza
- C. Milk
- D. Pedialite
- E. Friend chicken
- F. Onions

2. What's your favorite color?

- A. Blue
- B. Red
- C. Sky blue
- D. Black
- E. Brown
- F. Green

3. What's your favorite animal?

- A. Chickens
- B. Bunny
- C. Cat
- D. Dog
- E. Cow
- F. Ogre

4. What's your ideal place to live?

- A. New York
- B. Miami
- C. Las Vegas
- D. Ohio
- E. The South
- F. Far Far Away

5. What's your favorite activity?

- A. Sleeping
- B. Shopping
- C. Going for a walk
- D. Concerts
- E. Farming
- F. Rescuing princesses

Senior Spotlight *Keaten Wagner*

SENIOR PROJECT:
Becoming a certified EMT

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Baseball
Football
Wrestling

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:
Friends

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Go to SDSU



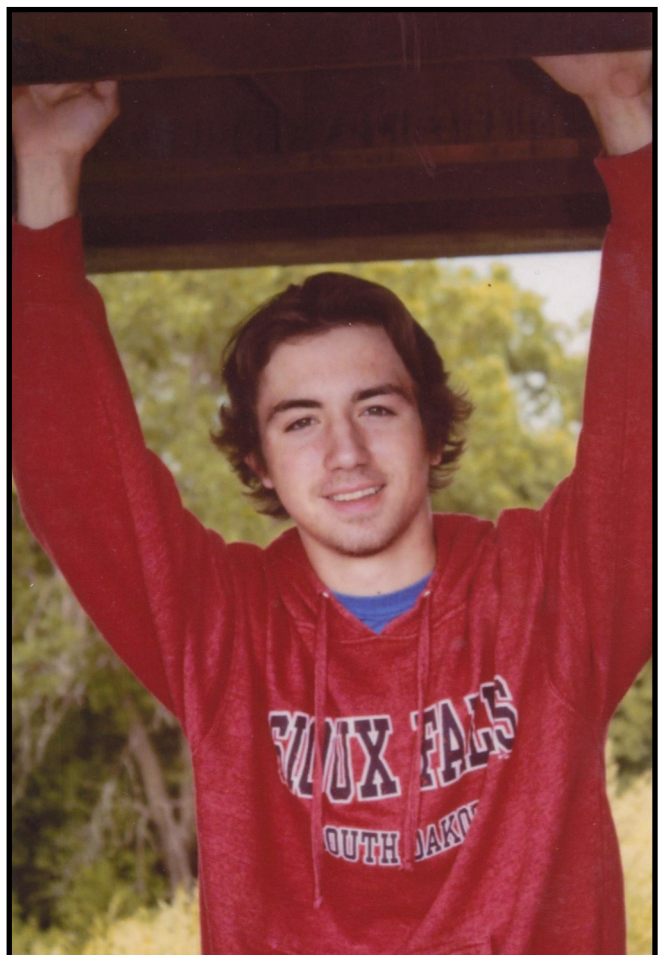
Senior Spotlight *Trevor Johnson*

SENIOR PROJECT:
Making a smoker

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Fishing
Hanging out with friends

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:
Friends
Do it for state

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Go to STI for electrician courses



Love others, love yourself this Valentine's

Whether you have a sweetie, a bestie, or are planning much needed alone time, there are plenty of activities to do.

by Heather Huether
staff writer

For Couples:

- 1) Going on a scavenger hunt
- 2) Or you could spoil your loved one by taking them on a shopping spree
- 3) And going on a dinner date is always something fun
- 4) And if you don't want to spend too much money, just watch a romantic movie at home
- 5) You could always take a trip to the past and relive the day you met or the day you had your first kiss
- 6) Making a photo album will bring back so many memories and a great thing to do on a low budget
- 7) You could go out and enjoy ice-skating with your special someone
- 8) Another thing to do if you want to stay inside includes making cookies or other deserts that you can enjoy together later
- 9) And if you don't enjoy going out in the cold, you could stay indoor and have a picnic
- 10) Video game matches are also a great thing to do on Valentine's Day.

For Friends:

- 1) You and your bestie could binge watch a Netflix series
- 2) Or you could just go to the movies
- 3) Staying indoors and showing off your PJs at a pajama party is always a cute thing to do
- 4) You and your best fiends could also take time and enjoy a spa/makeover night
- 5) Or sit down and just have a sports recap day
- 6) If you don't want to go out and would rather stay in, just order take out food
- 7) Getting together with your favorite people and having a gossip day is proven to help relieve stress
- 8) If you just want to cuddle and see cute little animals you could go visit an animal shelter
- 9) Or go on an affordable outing to visit a park or a museum
- 10) You and your best friends could also just relax and go on a long car ride and talk all night.



For Yourself:

- 1) When you have no one to spend the day with just stay in and cry over ice-cream
- 2) You could also stay in and binge watch Netflix show staring your celebrity crush
- 3) If you don't want to stay home, you could go and babysit for other couples
- 4) Or you could spend Valentine's watching a funny movie and not worrying about anyone but yourself
- 5) Valentine's Day would also be a great day to spoil yourself. You could just have a spa/shopping day
- 6) Maybe instead of going out, you just want to have a lazy day at home and pamper yourself
- 7) Or put on some music and take a nice long relaxing bubble bath
- 8) Since you have no one else, you could pamper your dog/cat and spoil them with treats and cuddles
- 9) You could also just stay at home and just sleep. All day.
- 10) Think about how great it is to be single and not worrying about only one but you.

Valentine's Day springs from forbidden love

by Heather Huether
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Valentine's Day gets its name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of who he was. The popular belief about St. Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD.

Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret.

When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. When he was taken to be killed on February 14th, he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine."

The first Valentine's Day was in the year 496. Having a particular Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February, which was officially the start of their springtime.

It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they'd get married.

Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St. Valentine too. Gradually, St Valentine's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved.

Cheer Camp

The Garretson cheerleaders, both football and wrestling, put on a cheer camp for the elementary girls this past week.

After a week of practices, patience, and perky attitudes, the girls showed off their skills during the

halftime of the girls basketball game last night.

The girls performed cheers, did stunts, and even made pyramids in their halftime routine.



Caitlyn Trower leads the girls in a toe touch during their routine last night.
Photo by Sylvia Larson

Olympic Word Search

Created by Isaiah Miles Mader

J U X B K R O R N T I V B R O N Z E
 K A A W M Z L A D E M P O H Y C I E
 S H G U D I Y S O U H T B O B S L H
 K P O D I U M E T A L B S I U C E O
 C U L C H B P O D C U R L I N G F C
 V S P I K R I T X O Z W E U N O R K
 L I K X E G C S W B R O D V G L G E
 U L F A J T S K D C U I D B G W Q Y
 G V O L T G F I N K L Y I J I R D A
 R E B V D I A I S K A U N B T O M Z
 X R Q O M Y N N B R H F G K V L A W
 M L I R T F V G D J E L P E U S W T
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 D S O U T H K O R E A B I O P J F W
 D F O E J K L M I R T Q P A D C Z X

BOBSLEDDING
BRONZE
CURLING
GOLD
HOCKEY

LUGE
MEDAL
OLYMPICS
PODIUM

SILVER
SKATING
SKIING
SOUTH KOREA



Personality Quiz Results

If you picked mostly A: You are "In the Air Tonight" by Phil Collins! You are probably either 35 or a hipster. You enjoy going through the motions and living life as it comes.

If you picked mostly B: You are "Crazy in Love" by Beyoncé! You enjoy all the finer things and life, and prefer to spend your time in the bustling city.

If you picked mostly C: You are "Always" by Panic! At the Disco! You enjoy little things like love notes, and you don't need expensive material things to be happy. You enjoy the small town life but like to escape to the city every once in a while.

If you picked mostly D: You are "Tear in my Heart" by Twenty One Pilots! You are a social media aficionado, spending most days at home with Netflix, but you enjoy live music and voicing your opinion.



If you picked mostly E: You are "Forever and Ever, Amen" by Randy Travis! You enjoy your life in the country getting down and dirty with the cows. The hubby doing your share of the daily chores is a good enough Valentine's day gift for you.

If you picked mostly F: You are "All Star" by Smash Mouth! You enjoy your alone time in your swamp, and hate unexpected visitors. All you need for a Valentine's Day gift is a nice, juicy onion.