



Garretson City Wide Rummages will run today through Saturday early afternoon. Listings can be found at local businesses.

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FFA members from Garretson went ALL IN at the 90th South Dakota

Garretson named as a top chapter in the state

by **Emily Malsom**
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This past weekend the Garretson FFA chapter travelled to Brookings for the 90th South Dakota State FFA Convention. Over thirty members competed in a variety of Career Development Events, participated in workshops, and won their proficiency areas in agriculture.

Starting Sunday night, the natural resources team, ag mechanics team, and food science teams competed. There was a sponsor reception for the proficiency finalists before the session. At the first session, proficiency results were announced and Jacob Schmidt placed first in Home and Community Development with his project at the nursing home, making raised flower beds. Emily Malsom also placed first in the Vegetable Production area for her family garden as well as her time spent in the FFA Community garden over the past four years.

Monday was the big day for competing. Garretson had teams in Ag Business, Ag Mechanics, Agronomy, Floriculture, Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Meats, and Nursery and Landscape Career Development

Events. The career fair was also going on with lots of free stuff. Workshops were put on by industry leaders and national FFA Officer Gracie Furnish. I went to a workshop about advocacy and how to take good pictures and using the rule of thirds. It was fun and I got lots of other free fun stuff" said Brady Malsom. In the HYPR Center, there was a Meals for Hope community service project. "There were about 15 members from Garretson that participated in the meals for hope event. It was such a positive experience that we are considering doing one in Garretson" said Advisor Ms. Kientopf.

Tuesday was the final session where national chapter awards and CDE results were revealed. The Garretson FFA chapter was named the fourth ranked chapter in the state. Garretson had three members finish in the top 20 in the state. B. Malsom placed 17th in Agronomy, Luke Ross received 12th Place in Meats, and E.



Malsom was on stage for her 6th place finish in Ag Business Management. The 2018-2019 State officers were announced at the end of that session as well. E. Malsom ran for one of these positions, but was not chosen. "This was an amazing experience and I met so many awesome people. The new officers will represent the organization so well" said state officer candidate E. Malsom.

All in all, convention was successful and the hard work from this contest season paid off for members. Garretson had representatives on stage every day of the convention.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Q is the only letter of the alphabet that doesn't appear in any US state or territory.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Before you throw away a sticky note, run it between the keys of the keyboard to collect dust, crumbs, and other things that get trapped.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why don't golfers drink coffee?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: In what sport do you sit down going up and stand up going down?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 20**
 - Garretson City Rummages
- Saturday, April 21**
 - ACT (Rescheduled from 04/14)
 - Garretson City Rummages
- Sunday, April 22**
 - Earth Day
- Monday, April 23**
 - JH Track @ Chester (3:30)
- Tuesday, April 24**
 - Track @ Danielson Relays—Salem (3:00)
- Wednesday, April 25**
 - HS Band/Choir Large Group Contest in Harrisburg
 - 2nd Grade Field Trip
 - Jump Rope for Heart
- Thursday, April 26**
 - MS/HS Band Concert
- Friday, April 27**
 - Golf @ Jesse James Invite-Home
 - Track @ Jesse James Invite-Home

Mother Nature is out to get our spring sports

Unseasonably cold weather has caused adjustments to athletic schedules

by **Sylvia Larson**
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The tracksters were set to hit the ground running in March. Unfortunately, the ungodly weather kept them from participating for a week or so. It was all well and good until that happened the next week, and the next week... and the next week. Most of the affected meets have tried for a rescheduled date, but fitting two months of a sport into less than a month has found to be difficult for activities directors in the area. This became somewhat of a theme, and track isn't the only spring sport that has had to improvise with meets or practices.

Golf has seen the same struggles, cancelling and postponing multiple meets so far. The golf team has had to have improvised indoor practices. JH coach Kelsey Buchholz has been

using her classroom as a makeshift putting green and taking her little athletes on walks with their club bags instead of roaming the (still closed) muddy, golf course.

"If we go to half of our golf meets, we'll be lucky," stated athletic director Kevin Steckler, "Our golf team hasn't even been out to the course."

April has had quite a few record-breaking weather events that have impacted all of the outdoor sports. Sometimes, though, practices and even games can be played inside so the weather only impacts it when it's a real storm. The recreational soccer team has had to postpone a few games, and club baseball has had to have a lot of indoor practices as well as around five canceled or postponed games.

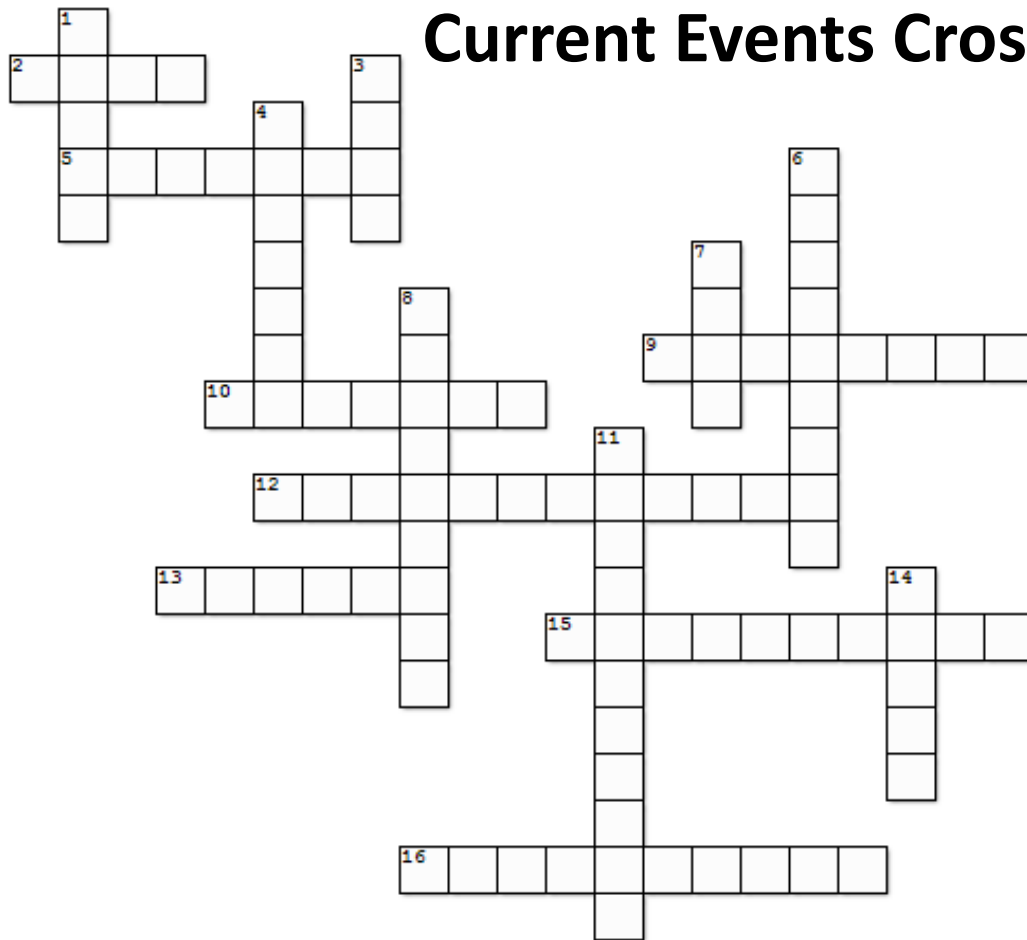
The students have a mixture of disappointment and relief concerning the lost games.

Senior Gerrit VanDeKieft lamented, "It's really sad that these events are postponed, because I really look forward to them. Spring Sports are my only entertainment this time of year."

Varsity Track and Field athletes as well as Varsity Golf have each had their first five competitions canceled or postponed.

Junior high is experiencing the same struggles with track and field missing their first five scheduled meets and three for golf.

Hope is on the horizon though, because eventually it'll get warm. The Jesse James home track meet is rescheduled for Friday, April 27th. Field events start at 2pm and running begins at 3. Likewise the Jesse James golf meet will take place that same day at River Ridge Golf Course.



Current Events Crossword

Created with TheTeachersCorner.net Crossword Puzzle Generator

Across

- 2. Paul _____ is not seeking reelection for the House of Representatives.
- 5. Which MLB team is just played the Minnesota Twins in the Puerto Rico Series
- 9. Who was Garretson's Teacher of the Year?
- 10. What movie is currently number 1 at the box office?
- 12. Which NBA team made the playoffs for the first time in 14 years?
- 13. What school recently lost their principal to cancer?
- 15. How many inches of snow did the Sioux Falls area get this April?
- 16. Which major social media founder just testified before Congress?

Down

- 1. Which country did the U.S. launch an attack on?
- 3. What organization just launched a new satellite?
- 4. _____ Bush died earlier this week.
- 6. What airline made an emergency landing which killed one person?
- 7. What did Khloe Kardashian name her child?
- 8. What company is holding racial bias training in May?
- 11. The CIA Chief had a secret meeting with the top leader of this foreign country?
- 14. Who compared Trump to a mob boss?

Created by Isaiah Miles Mader

Trump calls for attack on Syria

The US bombed three chemical weapons facilities in Syria this past weekend

by Isaiah Miles Mader
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Bashar al-Assad, the President of Syria, has been launching chemical weapons at the citizens of his country for several years causing President Trump to take military action in an attempt to end these horrific acts. The United States teamed up with allies, France and Great Britain, to attack three targets which had connections to the chemical weapon program in Syria. The country has been in a civil war for several years resulting in the death of hundreds of thousands of people.

Last Friday, Trump sent out orders for an attack which succeeded days of threats against Syria for their actions. These bombings were in response to al-Assad's most recent assault on his own people two weeks ago.

Although Trump's action did not completely wipe out Syria's program, military General Joseph Dunford stated, "Important infrastructure was destroyed which will result in a setback for the Syrian regime. They will lose years of research and development, storage and equipment."

There has been lots of controversy following this past Friday's events with many people skeptical of what these events could cause. Iran called it "a violation of international laws," Australia said it was "a calibrated, proportionate, and targeted response," while others fear a war is on the brink. Many politicians are speaking out because Trump never received authorization from Congress to take military action.

Last April, Trump also launched an attack on Syria for the same reason, but the mission to end it's chemical weapon's program was unsuccessful. This time Trump wanted to launch a precise bombing that would send a clear message that the United States and its allies do not approve of the activity coming from al-Assad.

The U.S. is also on thin ice with Russia who is an ally of Syria and has not carried out their end of a deal. Russia had promised to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons in 2013, but no progress has been made to this point. A Russian ambassador said, "We warned that such actions will not be left without consequences. All responsibility for them rests with Washington, London and Paris."

The United State's bombing on Syria could have an array of starkly different results, but an end to the atrocious events transpiring in the Middle East is what leaders from around the globe should be pushing for.

NBA playoffs *If history repeats itself, the stars may align for the Cavs to take home another championship to The Land.*

by Mason Hofer
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Wednesday, April 11, the 82-game NBA season came to an end, and the postseason started. The playoff picture is very similar as it has been in the past, except for the 76ers, who are in the playoffs for the first time since Allen Iverson was in Philly. The Timberwolves also extended their season for the first time in 14 years. But Warriors, Cavs, Spurs, Thunder—are still all dominating the conversations.

While on the topic of things being the same, if tradition continues the Cavaliers will win the championship. This may sound crazy due to the lackluster performance of the Cavs this season. But, in 2016 when the

Cavaliers won the championship for college football. The Villanova Wildcats also won the NCAA March Madness tournament. Both of these events happened again this year, in 2018.

Recently it came out that Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson cheated on his baby mama, again. After some digging by sports analysts, it was discovered that last time he was caught being unfaithful, was in 2016. So, did Thompson take one for the team?

Philly has been the city of sports here in 2018, and the 76ers have not let us down. Last night the Sixers blew past the Heat to take the lead in the series. Joel "The Process" Embiid came onto the floor in a

mask after missing both games, and oh boy did king size Lance Stephenson steal the show. Embiid posted 23 points and 7 boards in his playoff debut and also had some huge defensive stops. So far, the city of Philadelphia is showing no signs of settling for anything less than a ring.

We are now almost half way through the first series and two teams remain 3-0 (at the time of this article), the Pelicans and the Warriors. Considering teams that are up 3-0 in the series are 127-0 all time, I like their chances at round two, but anything is possible.

Cavaliers won the championship an unusual chain events happened that are happening again this year. In 2016, Alabama Crimson Tide, won the Na-



Is planet earth about to encounter an alien invasion?

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Last month many Twitter users received eerie voicemails that led many people to believe the end is near

Twitter user Ty, better known by the twitter handle @strayedaway, shared a mysterious voicemail he received from an unknown number on March 13, 2018. The voicemail features a robotic voice saying an automated message in NATO phonetic alphabet.

After Ty's tweet went viral, more Twitter users posted their experience with receiving a terrifying voicemail. Many people believe that the voicemails sent to their phones could have links to the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, alien life, or an impending Doomsday date.

Once people started decoding the message, things just got creepier and creepier.

The voicemail translates to "S Danger SOS it is dire for you to evacuate be cautious they are not human 042933964230 SOS danger SOS."

The numbers given in the message are believed to be coordinates, and when plugged into Google Maps, shows the approximate location where the Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 went missing. After this theory came about, many people believed this message came from the black box, which records the last interactions with a plane, that was sent out when the airline went missing back in 2014.

Those who believe this voicemail came from the black box believe that the Malaysia flight encountered something non-human which caused the airline to go missing.

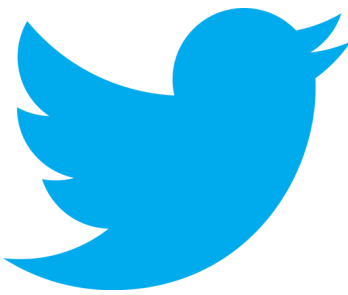
Other users believe that the voicemail is warning people that there is alien life coming to Earth, although there is not further evidence to support this theory.

Of the many conspiracies theories, the most notable one is the Doomsday date, which was supposed to take place on April 18th, 2018. This theory came about when a Twitter user posted an unsettling direct message that they received with five groupings of numbers: "20.8.5.25 1.18.5 20.1.11.9.14.7 15.22.5.18 41818".

The numerical cypher alludes to April 18 as some sort of Doomsday, rapture, or the day when "they" were "taking over".

Although the Earth didn't encounter any form of non-human encounter on Wednesday, many people still believe that the end is coming sooner or later... and no one is safe.

(Below is the link of the military voicemail in NATO phonetic alphabet.) <https://youtu.be/FDsCZidVsrg>



Not to miss meteor shower this weekend

Annual event expected to be most brilliant Saturday night to Sunday morning

by **Heather Huether**
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The Lyrid meteor shower will be happening this weekend. It will peak this weekend on Saturday April 21st, and Sunday April 22nd.

The meteor shower got its name because they radiate from the constellation Lyra. Lyra includes one of the brightest stars called Vega. The meteors will shoot from all different directions.

The best time to see the meteor shower is right before dawn. NASA predicts that you will be able to see 20 meteors per hour.

To get the best view NASA recommends finding a patch of dark sky, away from the city, and lay on your back with your feet facing east. A meteor is a chunk of space debris that reaches about 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit as it enters our atmosphere.

Some meteors leave a trail behind while they travel through the atmosphere. The trail they leave is actually called the meteor's wake, and is made of ionized gas.

The comment that will be causing the meteor shower is called v/1861 G1 Thatcher. And it won't be near Earth again until 2276.

There are many other meteor showers this year too. The Eta Aquarids will be on May 6th and 7th. The Perseids, one of the best of the year, will be on August 13th. Orionids will be in October, and last but not least, Leonids will be in November.

Make sure to set an alarm and wake up early this weekend to see a once in a life time show.



Senior Spotlight

Collin Flahaven

Senior Project:
Technology integration at Vacation Bible School

Activities Involved In:
Golf
Band
NHS

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
Having money

Plans for Next Year:
Attend SDSU for Electrical Engineering



Senior Spotlight *Keisean Deehr*

Senior Project:
Follow executive & judicial branches

Activities Involved In:
Football, Basketball, Track

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
NEEDED

Plans for Next Year:
NEEDED

