



Children's
Miracle Network
hospitals helping kids

This week Garretson staff and students participated in a fundraiser to honor one person while raising money for others

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Art News Sports Articles

Garretson ups CMN donations

by Mason Hofer
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Annual event pays tribute to one while helping many

On November 6, 2009, heaven was gifted another angel by the name of Tina Sandbulte. "Tina made kids feel good and would go out of the way to make them feel welcome" said her mother, Norinda Sandbulte.

Something that Tina truly enjoyed was raising funds for the CMN (Children's Miracle Network). Starting in 2007, she would go around the school, with a bucket, collecting donations. Tina impacted her friends as well and got the cheer squad to help fundraise for the cause.

After Tina passed, Norinda wanted to carry on the impact that her daughter had in the CMN, and started taking donations every year.

On Wednesday this week, Garretson held its ninth annual donation day. Students donated \$1 to wear pajamas or a hat, staff donated at least \$5 to wear jeans.

"I do this fundraiser to keep Tina's memory alive, and also give to an organization that she truly cared about," said Norinda.



Tina Sandbulte was passionate about helping others. Her connection to the Children's Miracle Network and benevolence extend beyond her time with us and continue to positively impact children today.

Photo courtesy of Norinda Sandbulte

Last year, Garretson had raised \$1,177 in donations for the CMN. This year we raised \$1,311, so if you contributed on Wednesday thank you, your dollar will make a difference in someone's life, because 100% of the funds go to the CMN.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: While we consider December a "winter month" the first day of winter is not until December 21.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Use shiny green tinsel to make your Christmas tree look fuller.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do gingerbread men use to make their beds?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What famous person is also a common tree topper?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 7

- GBB v. Tri-Valley (4:00/5:00/6:30)
- BBB v. Tri-Valley (4:00/5:00/8:00)

Saturday, December 8

- JH GBB v. Chester (12:00/1:00)
- JH BBB v. Chester (12:00/1:00)
- GBB v. Chester (2:00/5:00)
- BBB v. Chester (3:30/6:30)

Monday, December 10

- JH/JV Wrestling @ Alcester
- School Board Meeting (5:45)
- PTO Meeting (6:45)

Tuesday, December 11

- JH GBB @ Canton (4:00)
- JH BBB @ Canton (4:00)
- GBB @ Canton (4:30/6:30)
- BBB @ Canton (4:30/8:00)

Thursday, December 13

- JH GBB @ West Central (4:30)
- BBB @ Colman-Egan (6:15/7:30)

Friday, December 14

- JH GBB v. Tea (4:00)

Worth Mentioning

Choose Kind

- December Precept: "Fortune favors the bold." - Virgil
- November Precept: "Have no friends not equal to yourself."
- October Precept: "Your deeds are your monuments."
- September Precept: "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer

Wrestling participated in a quad yesterday. They took down Sioux Valley but fell to Parker and Mt. Vernon

Garretson teacher models that hard work pays off

Buchholz receives National Board Certification

by Riley Altman & Jayden Clark
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A teacher in Garretson, that the students have come to know and love, shows others what hard work can do. Mrs. Buchholz has achieved her National Board Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. Mrs. B. is joined by 111 other South Dakota teachers, including Ms. Neugebauer, Garretson second grade teacher.

Mrs. B. has been working at Garretson school for five years. She is busy teaching sophomore English, speech, British Literature, AP Literature and Composition, journalism, and is the yearbook advisor. She also is the assistant volleyball coach and assistant golf coach.



To apply for the award, you must be a licensed teacher and have three years of professional teaching experience. Through all her hard work and dedication, Mrs. Buchholz was able to attain this certification in one attempt. In order to earn this award, she had to complete the following: demonstrate proficiency in content knowledge, differentiated instruction, teaching practice and learning environment, and effective and reflective practitioner. She had to complete a portfolio with artifacts, student samples, and analyses. The portfolio must also include filmed sessions of classes. To wrap things up, candidates are required to take a timed test to demonstrate their depth of content knowledge.

Mrs. Buchholz is a role model to all her students and those around her. She is always quick to step up and help whenever it is needed, which is why she is so deserving of this award. Garretson School is lucky to have a teacher as great as her. Thank you for everything you do for us. We are so proud of you Mrs. B.

Scott Shuttle service possibly at fault for death

by **Oliviyah Thornton & Mataya Trower**
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Youth football team crashes on way home from tournament

On Monday, December 3, a family lost a child due to a fatal bus accident that left 45 other people, most of them children, injured. But some are speculating that it wasn't an unpreventable accident and the company could be at fault.

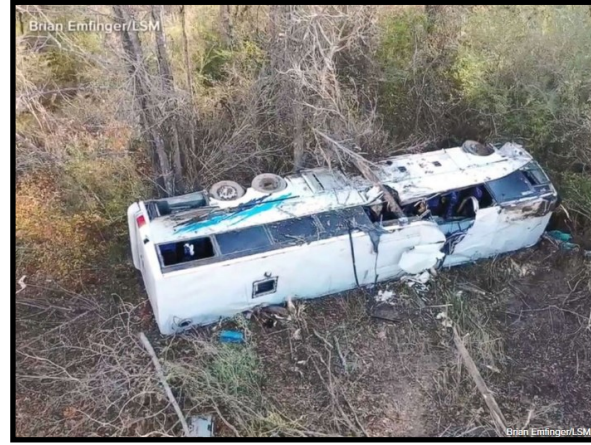
Reports say they received a call around 2:40 a.m. informing them that a person driving a bus had lost control of the vehicle which resulted in the bus flipping on its side, sliding into a group of trees near the Hot Springs exit on I-30 in Arkansas.

The charter bus was carrying a youth-star football team consisting of eight to ten year-olds and some parents. The team spent a weekend

in Dallas, Texas for a championship game before returning home to Memphis, Tennessee. When the driver came off Interstate 30, west of Benton, the driver lost control of the vehicle.

At this time, state police have reported that the weather was not a contributing factor and during questioning the driver reported she had lost control of the vehicle. Others news sources such as FOX13 reported the company itself could be at fault. They reported that there have been past reports concerning the Scott Shuttle services busses.

The company has been in business for 20 years but recently it has come into a few issues including two violations costing them thousands of dollars in fines.



nor violations have been an oil or gas leak and a damaged windshield and another bus had an oil or gas leak and an inoperable tail lamp but even with these violations none of these busses would taken out of service.

The company has been contacted about their issues but has not commented and has yet to say anything about the company's bus crash, killing one child and injuring 45 other people.

But even with all this we must not forget about the families in the community that are grieving the loss of one child and praying for the rest to be safe and okay.

As of now no other deaths have been reported and no charges have been made towards the driver.

One of these violations happened on July 24 involving the company knowingly allowing an employee to operate a charter bus when they didn't have a commercial drivers license. This fine was around \$3,500. Another fine occurred a few summers prior where they had to pay \$3,250 because of a periodic inspection violation.

Some of the company's other mi-

333 skills can be obtained through music education

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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According to NAMM Foundations, children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons. Luckily Garretson requires elementary to participate in music, and last Tuesday, November 27, Garretson Elementary held its annual PreK-5th Grade Choir Concert

with the 5th Grade Band.

Nick Sittig, who has been teaching music for over 12 years, commented "I thought they did very well. When we were preparing for this concert, not only are we prepping the music, we rehearsed the order, and the speaking lines everyday. Prior to the concert, I would get them used to having a lot of people looking at them. So I don't think they were fazed too much and they were very prepared and did very well."

Recent elementary concert reminds that music can be beneficial in many ways

According to a study done in 2015 by the NAMM Foundation, a majority of parents and teachers believe music education should be required in both middle and high schools. Along with studies that mention that kids involved in music education generally score higher on standardized test than those who don't and also are more likely to excel in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education.

"Playing music at a young age has tons of benefits. It helps develop their ear, it helps them to train well with others. It's about being apart of

a group, and it's about understanding that if you don't know your part, you're holding everyone back. It helps them to practice at home as long as hand-eye coordination. There is just so many benefits," Mr. Sittig explained.

At this young age, it's important to take advantage of music education, and the Garretson school district gives that opportunity to students throughout all grades.

An ending comment made by Mr. Sittig, "I think that this is the perfect age for them to be learning this. They're just a sponge, you give them anything and they'll learn it".

Former President passed away

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2018 has been a year of many tragic deaths; with John McCain, Aretha Franklin, Stephen Hawking, and recently, the 41st President George H.W. Bush. Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, died earlier this year, and George H.W. Bush was still mourning her death when he passed on Friday night at his home in Houston. He was 94.

In his last years of life, Mr. Bush had a form of Parkinson's disease that forced him to use a motorized scooter, and he had been in and out of hospitals as his health declined. There was also a bronchitis scare back in 2013 in which his son had even written a eulogy. Yet with every health issue, he recovered.

The elder Bush entered the White House with one of the most impressive résumés of any president. He had been a two-term congressman from Texas, ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican National Committee, United States envoy to China, director of the Central Intelligence Agency and vice president under Ronald Reagan.

President Bush, a Republican, served in the White House from 1989 to 1993, topping off a career of more than 40 years in public service. He was a member of the Navy, and the last of the World War II generation to occupy the Oval Office. While in office, Mr. Bush helped end four decades of Cold War and the threat of nuclear engagement with the Soviet Union.

"I am a man who sees life in terms of missions — missions defined and missions completed," he told Republican delegates in the Louisiana Superdome. This was reiterated after his death on his guide dog Sully's Instagram, with a photo of the dog laying next to the casket with the caption, "Mission Completed."

41st President remembered fondly

Senior Spotlight

Braydon Carmody

SENIOR PROJECT:
Raising fish

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Football and Track

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
KJoy:) and playing underneath the lights

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Either go to college or go work full time



Kick-off to Christmas

Few holiday movies capture the hearts of all, but locally some common themes start to emerge

by Riley Altman, Jayden Clark, Malia Johnson
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Bringing in over two million dollars in revenue, *Dr. Seuss' The Grinch* (2018) has already jumped to the third highest grossing Christmas film of all time, still behind *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) and *Home Alone* (1990).



Home Alone (in Minnesota and North Dakota), *A Christmas Carol* (in South Dakota), and *National Lampoons: A Christmas Vacation* (in Iowa).

As a kick-off to the Christmas season, we polled the student body and asked them to share their opinion and vote on their favorite Christmas movie (results found below). We also wanted to share our list, as "professional" journalists, along with some input from select members of the student body and faculty.

Although feverishly debated, we have identified our top five Christmas movies of all time. Our list, ranked in order, is as follows:

5.) *The Polar Express* (2004) A family friendly tale of a young boy and his new friends' journey to the North Pole on a magical train aptly named the "Polar Express," and the many adventures and lessons that await him there.

4.) *Christmas Vacation* (1989) A zany, hilarious film documenting Clark Griswold's attempt to recreate the "perfect" family Christmas. This film puts the "fun" in dysfunction when Clark's plans go

haywire as a result of unplanned visits from family members and other twists and turns.

3.) *Home Alone* (1990) A family friendly comedy involving a boy who is mistakenly left at home by himself when his entire family travels to Paris for the holidays. Young Kevin must not only find a way to survive but also creatively protect his house from the two con men planning to rob it.

2.) *Elf* (2003) A comedy film about a boy who was mistakenly transported to the North Pole as a baby and raised to adulthood by Santa's elves. This film follows his quest to find his real family in New York and try to fit into the world of humans.

1.) *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) A classic family film about the green Grinch, who decides to ruin Christmas for the cheerful, Christmas-loving citizens of "Whoville." The Grinch experiences change in heart, when attempting to steal Christmas, at the hands of the endearing Cindy Lou Who.

Everyone has their personal list of favorite Christmas movies and anticipates the Christmas season, so they can watch these movies (sometimes over and over) each year. According to Business Insider, each state has its own, individual list of "most watched Christmas movies" also. In the Midwest, the movies that top the list include:

Garretson students' holiday movie favorites

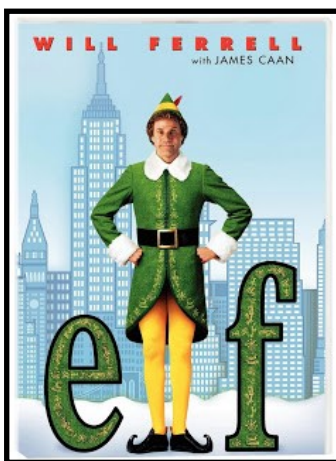


"Home Alone' because it brings back good memories of our class laughing during it in elementary school." - Brayden B, junior

"Elf' because it's funny." - Brock B, sixth grade

"Christmas Vacation because it's the funniest Christmas movie in the history of Christmas movies." "You

can't go wrong with Chevy Chase!" - Mr. Hughes, HS teacher



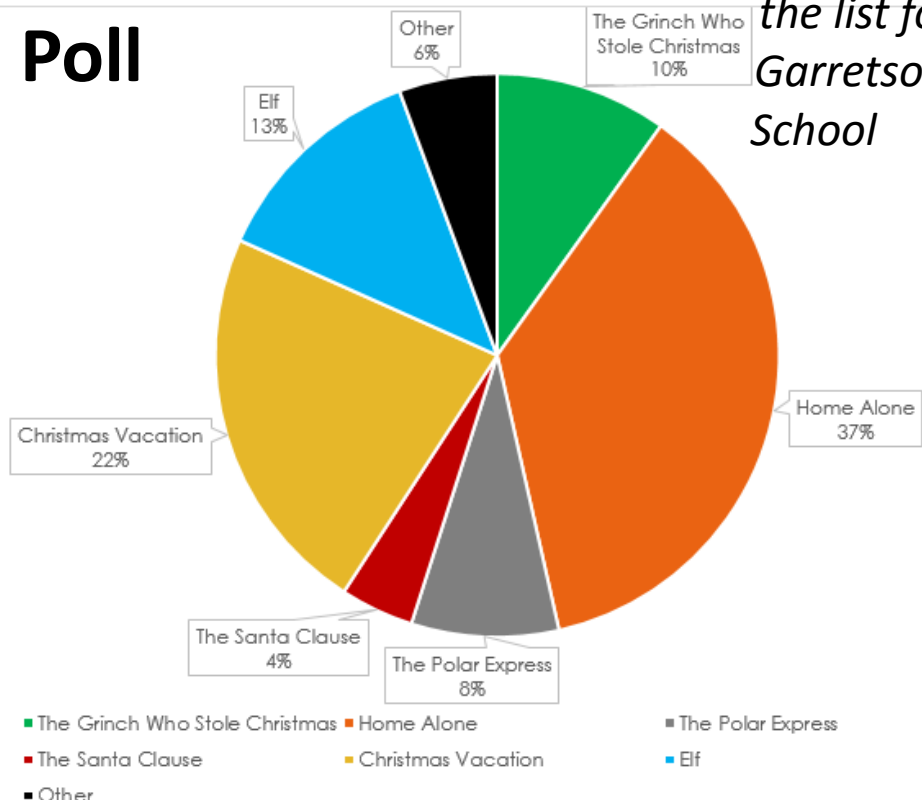
"Elf' because Will Ferrell is my favorite actor." - Trenton K, senior

"Daddy's Home' because it's funny and I get to watch it with my dad, and he even thinks it's funny." - Hadley W, third grade

"The Grinch who Stole Christmas because he's (the grinch) is naughty." - Jase P, pre-school

Student Opinion Poll

Home Alone tops the list for Garretson School



NFL continues to fight domestic violence

KAREEM HUNT
by Jacob Facile
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On Friday the Kansas City Chiefs waived their third round star, Running Back Kareem Hunt, due to an assault recorded on video back in February 10. The video was showing him shoving and kicking a woman in a Cleveland hotel.

Kareem Hunt was placed on the commissioner exempt list after TMZ posted the assault video on Friday. Hunt was questioned by the Chiefs but didn't answer truthfully which was one of the main reasons why they cut him. Hunt will not be able to practice or play for any team if they sign him until further notice.

Cleveland police department didn't restrain hunt and their have not been any lawsuits against him. A big reason why he wasn't arrested or charges haven't been filed is because "detectives only follow up on felonies and this is only a misdemeanor," said Cleveland police spokesperson, Jennifer Ciaccnia.

The video showed Hunt and a woman arguing which then the woman approached and Hunt shoved her back with his hand. A man tried to restrain Hunt but the woman came and swatted him right in the face. After many people tried restraining Hunt he got out and started to charge at her knocking her to the ground which led to Hunt kicking her in the foot while she was one knee. She instantly called the police and they got to the Cleveland hotel minutes after.

Kareem Hunt isn't the only one that has assaulted another person in

the NFL. Reuben Foster, former linebacker for 49ers now redskins, is facing almost the same thing Kareem Hunt is. Foster was allegedly reported slapping his girlfriend which is a domestic violence felony and instantly got him cut from the time. The altercation happened in February which left her with a small concussion and bruises to her neck. Reuben Foster can't play or practice for the entire season.

REUBEN FOSTER
by Dominick Krueger
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Washington Redskins player, Reuben Foster, was released following a domestic violence arrest another "slap in the face," the linebacker's ex-girlfriend said. He was arrested in Florida in November, hours before former team, San Francisco 49ers, were set to play Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Foster was charged with first-degree misdemeanor domestic violence. Foster had invited Ennis to the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Tampa, where the team had their game.

A confrontation between Foster and Ennis turned physical when Foster allegedly slapped Ennis' phone out of her hand, pushed her and slapped her in the face. She accused Foster of domestic violence in February. Doug Williams, the Redskins' senior vice president of player personnel said, "fully understand the severity of the recent allegations made against Foster. If true, you can be sure these allegations are nothing our organization would ever condone."