

There is a book fair in the library during conferences tonight. It will be open from 2:30-8:30.

Blue Ink



It's the final presentation

Stressed seniors wrap up their projects this week

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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After eleven months of hard, drawn out work, final presentations are finally here. Yesterday, starting at 12:30 the Class of 2019 finally got to present their senior projects. 23 projects were presented, varying from construction, to raising goats or even fish.

Senior Kyley Greenhoff, who ran a half-marathon in support of Multiple Sclerosis stated "I'm relieved that it's over, because one I hate presenting

and two it's cold out so I'm glad I'm not running. It pretty much wrapped up senior year"

In order to graduate, the senior project have to be completed, and in order to get the diploma, the final grade has to be a passing one. This grade is made of 40% of the second semester grade. Garretson School district mandate this for students to get the experience of being independent, and to hope that they gain an insight of what their life as an adult lies in.

High school counselor, Mrs. Pliska, is on her second year of helping seniors throughout this project. "This is a



Molly Houg reupholstered her loveseat as part of her senior project. She had to take apart the piece, recover the cushions and frame with the fabric and she added piping and fringe to complete her look.

learning curve that you're really doing a lot independently on your own and there's a struggle that goes along with that and that's kind of the intent of senior project. There is some problem-solving also feature some of your writing that's why we have the portfolio and all that."

An accomplishment of the senior class, was that all students managed to finish their project and most made it through presentations. With fear and nervousness all washed away the second everyone was done presenting; now brings us to excitement of what next year's seniors have to offer.

Fifth comedy dinner will be "O So Good"

Local restaurant offers good food and good entertainment

by **Nobel Nothstine**
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This isn't your mama's cooking! This is 'O So Good'; a restaurant that popped up in Garretson nearly a year and a half ago and one that is making the

papers once again. Omar, the owner of 'O So Good', has been the buzz of the town with his generous acts of kindness, comedy dinners, and cajun style of cooking. He's doing it again with another comedy show, the fifth one done thus far, this Saturday, March 9th. As a former employee of 'O So Good', I've had the pleasure of attending multiple exciting events at the location.

One of the featured performers, Dan Bublitz Jr., is a well-versed and televised comedian. He also helped put together Sioux Falls Sno Jam.

The other two comedians are ones I've seen perform, Eric Brown and Sarah Bursich. Eric Brown's comedy, if described, would be "I'm trying my best." Eric often talked about his relationship experiences, family, and



strange situations he found himself tangled up in.

Sarah Bursich is the other comedian I've seen, and my personal favorite. Sarah often pushed the envelope with her jokes and gauged the audiences reaction to see how

bad her jokes could really get without an uproar. Sarah comedy style often involved finding the comedy in tragedy, and focused on making the audience laugh at the most macabre things, with childhood pet traumatization as a big recurring theme.

However, this is called a comedy dinner. The 3-course meal served will be a salad of greens with fried prosciutto & yogurt dressing, lamb chops with a side of rice, and mixed vegetables with micro greens. To finish off the meal, an 'O So Good' rendition of a Mississippi Mud Pie.

Dinner starts at 6:15pm and the show at 7:15pm. Cost is \$65.00 a couple or \$40.00 Single. You can also attend just the show with a \$20.00 ticket. Make sure to support local businesses and have a few laughs too.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Arizona does not observe Daylight Savings Time

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Try to go to sleep 15 minutes earlier for the few days leading up to Daylight Savings Time to help ease the transition.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What season is best to go on a trampoline?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What bow can't be tied?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 7

- Early Dismissal (1:30)
- P/T Conferences (2:30-8:30)
- Book Fair in Library (2:30-8:30)

Friday, March 8

- No School

Monday, March 11

- HS Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Augustana
- Art Show (5:00-7:00)
- Music Pops Concert (7:00)

Wednesday, March 13

- FFA @ Howard (10:00)
- End of 3rd Quarter

Thursday, March 14

- Early Dismissal (1:30)
- Staff Inservice (1:30-3:30)
- PTO Family Night @ Skate City (6:00-8:00)

Friday, March 15

- No School—Spring Break

Worth Mentioning

Choose Kind

- March Precept: "Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much." - Blaise Pascal
- February Precept: "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." - James Thurber
- January Precept: "No man is an island, entire of itself." - John Donne
- 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

Riverdale star dead at 52

Luke Perry passes away after suffering a stroke

by **Mataya Trower**
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Riverdale and Beverly Hills 90210 star, Luke Perry, died on Tuesday, March 4. Paramedics responded to a call from his home in Sherman Oaks, California at approximately 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday. The call came into the fire department for someone suffering a massive stroke.

This famous actor played “Fred Andrews” in Riverdale, and played “Dylan McKay” in Beverly Hills 90210

Riverdale was in the middle of filming season three when Perry had a stroke. The show has been postponing filming the past few days and they haven’t decided how they are going to continue the show.



Photo of Luke Perry during go2.0. Picture from Hollywood reporter courtesy of photofest

Perry was in many more films too including “The Fifth Element”, “8 seconds”, & “American Strays”. He also appeared in “Oz” and lent his voice in cartoons like “The Incredible Hulk” and “Mortal Combat”.

While he was trying to recover he was surrounded by the ones he loved most including his two kids, ex-wife, fiancé, parents, and siblings. He has a

daughter, Sophie Perry, who is 18 years-old and a son, Jack Perry, who is 21.

“Luke Perry...you were a joyful and vibrant soul. You will be missed but most certainly your legacy will be remembered forever. Rest in love and peace, friend. #Riverdale”, tweeted the writers of Riverdale.

Springing ahead



by **Malia Johnson**
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Love it or hate it, Daylight Savings-Time begins this Sunday, March 10.

Depending on the weather, we may decide to move our clocks ahead at 4:00am instead of 2:00am a (2 hour late start) and those non gravel roads may not have to at all!

Of course that’s not true, but the weather and gigantic snow piles everywhere we look are tricking our minds into thinking we have another month to move the clock forward to enjoy longer days. After all, who wants to spend extra time outside with this winter aftermath.

There are pros and cons to everything, even the beginning of daylight savings time. Such as saving electricity, when daylight savings time was introduced more daylight was a good thing, because it meant less use of artificial light. Changing the clocks does not create extra daylight, however it causes the sun to rise and set at a later time by the clock.

On the other hand the cons of Daylight Savings Time, can be a factor too. Changing the clock, even by one hour, disrupts our body clocks or circadian rhythm. And for most people the tiredness is simply an inconvenience. For some, however, the time change can have more serious consequences, such as: car accidents, miscarriages, workplace injuries, and suicide.

Even with the forecasted snow-storm this weekend (again) one thing is for certain, Daylight Savings Time is beginning, which means spring is on its way! Spring Away!

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School store open for spring

Back for all your Garretson gear needs, the Blue Dragon school store is open.

Items featured this spring are hats, tank tops, lightweight jackets, and backpacks among other styles of t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Store is open through Sunday, March 17. Visit the store [here](#) or find the link on Garretson social media.



Pass this to pass high school?

Gov. Kristi Noem introduces bill requiring seniors to pass civics test

by **Oliviyah Thornton**
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Kristi Noem, the new governor of South Dakota, introduced a civics test that all senior high schoolers should be required to take in order to graduate.

“The amount of questions isn’t that hard but the test in my opinion is pointless. It is just like taking our world history tests so why take the citizens test.” Mataya Trower, a freshman, her thoughts on having to take the test her senior year.

The test originally was supposed to consist of 50 questions but the House of Education changed it to 10, just like new Americans applying to be citizens would have to take. The House did accept the rule that Kristi Noem recommenced. To pass the test the students must get greater than or equal to 70% right on the test. Now instead of answering 50 questions and having to get 35 questions correct, seniors will only have to get 7 questions out of the 10 questioned test right. The questions will also be picked by the Secretary of Education.

The percentages both equal 70% but which one seems



less threatening? Considering that the first one was 50 questions, but you could pass with 15 wrong or less but with a 10 questioned test you can only get 3 wrong.

Noem was also receiving some pressure on who should be required to take the test. She accepted exempting home schooled students from having to take the test which seems unfair. It forces the students who are seen by the public eye to be the only ones who have to take the test while the kids who learn from home are not required to take it because they are not seen in the public as much as other students.

Nadale Johnson, a junior who might have to take it next year, said, “If it is just an easy 10-20 questions it won’t be that big of a deal, because I believe I would know majority of it, but anything above 50 I might struggle.”

The test has been accepted by the House 38-31 votes and now is being sent to Kristi Noem to get her signature before being sending it off to the Senate of Education. Once the Senate of Education passes it all students in public and state-accredited private schools will be required to pass the 10 question civic test before they can graduate.

Answers to civics test found on the bottom of page 3.

Would you pass?

If you believe you would pass the civics test, here is a example of some of the questions you could get.

Questions

- 1) Who vetoes bills?
 - A. Speaker of the House
 - B. President
- 2) How many justices make up the full Supreme Court?
 - A. 11
 - B. 9
- 3) The Federalist papers supported the passage of the US Constitution. Name one of the writers.
 - A. James Madison
 - B. Thomas Jefferson
- 4) What are the two Cabinet-level positions?
 - A. Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of History
 - B. Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of the Treasury
- 5) Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
 - A. To make treaties
 - B. To provide schooling

Garretson guessing

game *Send your guesses to the Blue Ink Snapchat for your chance at winning a candy bar*



Firebird fast 1969 dream car turns 50

by Kylie Uhl
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The Pontiac Firebird Trans Am was manufactured by Pontiac from the 1967 to the 2002 model years. Designed to compete with the Ford Mustang, its design was introduced February 23, 1967, the same model year as GM's Chevrolet platform-sharing Camaro. Considering the Pontiac Trans Am speedometer puts the speed of the car going to a



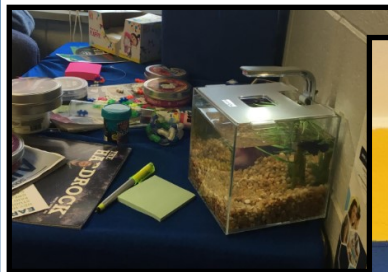
max of 130 mph while the Chevy Camaro's speedometer tapping out at 120 mph; this worried Chevy that their sales were going to go down.

The firebird Trans Am was the fastest car in 1969, for getting up to 60 mph in 5.8 seconds. Followed by the Chevy Corvette Stingray getting up to 60 mph in 8.4 seconds.

Sadly the original Pontiac Firebird is no longer made with the last one ever build it 2002. Due to financial problems the Pontiac company then was sold to Oldsmobile, who then discontinued the car.

Answers to last week's guessing game

Who: Jimmy W
(hand tattoo)



Where Is This: Mrs. Pliska's Office



What Is This: Fire Alarm

Senior Spotlight

Cory Bryan

SENIOR PROJECT:
AR-15 Build

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Football

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Mr. Hughes, Ms. B, and hearing what the little birdie has to say from Furn

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend Northwestern College for Exercise Science as well as play football



Scholarship Corner

Post-secondary financing opportunities

- **Alliance Communications (due March 8):** Must be current customer of Alliance Communications (\$1,000)
- **Better Business Bureau (due March 8):** Must be high school senior pursuing further education (\$2,000)
- **Jesse James Fine Arts (due March 15):** Must be pursuing a degree in fine arts including English, architecture, graphic arts, theatre, film (varies)
- **South Dakota Fire Service (due March 15):** Must son or daughter of a fire department member or active member of a junior fire department (\$1,000)
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation (most due March 15-April 1):** Qualifications vary per scholarship (varies)
- **CHS Scholarship (March 29):** Must be pursuing a degree in the agriculture field (\$500)
- **iHelp Scholarship (March 31):** Must be a South Dakota High School graduate attending a post-secondary institution (\$1,000)
- **First District Development Company (April 1):** Must be pursuing a post-secondary degree in a business/finance related field (\$1,000)
- **Quimby Memorial Scholarship (April 1):** Must be a South Dakota High School graduate attending a post-secondary institution (\$350)



These are just some of the scholarships available for seniors in the area. Please visit with Mrs. Pliska or took a look at her [website](#).

