

**CHOOSE  
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We celebrated the 5th graders and the fantastic learning and progress they have made over the past months. #ChooseKind



# Big deal basketball

*Student created league excitement bounces around halls*



by Riley Altman  
staff writer

There's been chatter going on around the school and social media about DeWitte Basketball League (DBL). Quite a few boys in grades 9-12 from Garretson are participating in this league.

"I think this league really brings people together, the kids participating are from all different grades and we all get along even when our competitive sides come out," stated Brain City team owner, Drew Blosmo.

There are six teams in the league including: Jacksonville Jodie's, Corson Curds, Copenhagen Curns, San Jose Seamen, Brian City Burglars, and Toronto Jelly Gods. The teams are split into western and eastern conference. The Eastern conference consists of the Seamen, Burglars, and Jelly Gods. The Eastern conference is made up of the Curds, Curns, and Jodie's.

Blosmo explains how DBL got its start, "We were all at a girls basketball game and someone said they couldn't wait to play dunk ball. We all said we should make teams

and have a draft."

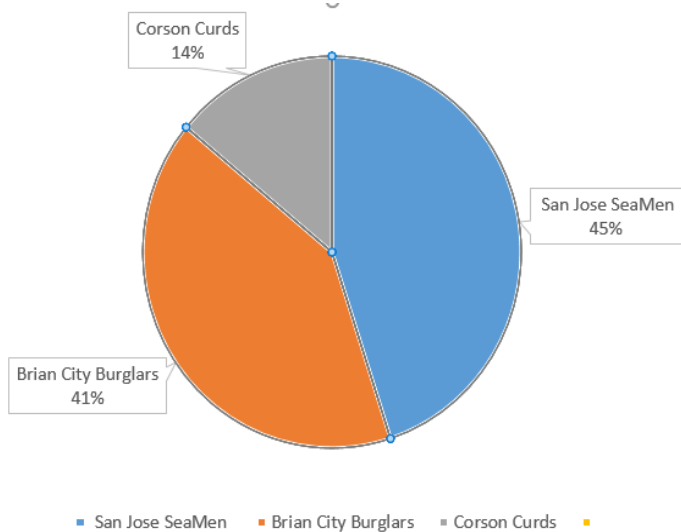
The DBL has many followers and so much attention. Even the people who don't participate follow the score and trades.

Freshman, Mya Long, stated, "At first I thought it was funny and I didn't know how big it was going to be. Now I realize how serious they take it."

"I'm not super surprised with all the publicity of the league because of all the people we have in it. Although I thought there was going to be publicity, I didn't think it would be this much," said Brennan Mudder.

As of right now in the Western Conference rankings San Jose leads, followed by Brian City and Toronto in last. In the Eastern Conference rankings Corson is ahead of Copenhagen and the last place team, Jacksonville.

If you aren't already following the league and would like to, you can find them on twitter @DB\_League. Each team also has their own twitter account. Games will resume this evening.



## TATU Lock-in

*Students educate elementary students on dangers of smoking, vaping*

by Mataya Trower  
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Last Friday, March 22nd, high school and middle school held a T.A.T.U (Teens Against Tobacco Use) lock in at the Garretson school.

Teens Against Tobacco Use is a group of middle and high school students who spread awareness around our school about the effects of smoking and vaping.

4th and 5th graders were asked to come and learn about the effects of tobacco and have a good time with some inflatables. With about 10 high schoolers and about 10 middle schoolers in T.A.T.U they set up stations around the gym for the kids to learn and have fun.

Mrs. Pliska is in charge taking over for Mrs. Mueller. This is her first year with the T.A.T.U group and has plans to continue next year. "Watching the T.A.T.U members



TATU members greeted fourth and fifth graders with doughnuts and positive messages about the importance of breathing better, staying away from smoking, and educating on

putting smiles on everybody's face without any drama was by far my favorite part", stated Pliska.

"My favorite part of the lock in was the bouncy houses and the stations where we learned about tobacco", said Lucy Frewldt who was one out of 54 students who went.

T.A.T.U plans to continue hosting lock-ins next year and more to come.

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Coughing can send saliva droplets up to 20 feet at speeds of up to 25-50 mph

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** The most effective treatment to kill weeds is white vinegar.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you call a rabbit with flees?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** What goes up when rain comes down?

*Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.*

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 29**
  - MS Band/Choir Large Group Contest @ Parker
- Tuesday, April 2**
  - Track @ West Central
  - FFA @ Howard
- Thursday, April 4**
  - JH Track @ Flandreau
- Friday, April 5**
  - Culture Club—Building Bridges
  - Golf @ Mitchell Classic
- Saturday, April 6**
  - Prom

### Worth Mentioning

**Garretson Pride Pool update:** After two full rounds eighth grader Tryston Olund sits atop the leader board. However, Dylan Kindt (T-10) and Mr. Schrank (T-17) are the only two that correctly chose the first four to qualify for the elite eight.

- 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

# T minus 8 days

## Countdown to a fool proof prom

by **Kylie Uhl**  
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Prom is in 8 days and for those of you who worry about small mishappenings that can turn into a major catastrophe the best thing to do is make a checklist and tips list to help organize the chaos. Being that there is only 8 days till prom you should already have or should get done the following;

- Tie matches the dress
- Corsage is ordered
- Double check reservations
- You have socks that match (i.e. don't wear bleach white socks with black pants)
- Location for pictures

Always be prepared for anything and to think things through before the big night, having a plan if something goes wrong. For example living in South Dakota, weather can be

quite bipolar and with that being said, there is a chance for rain on Friday before prom and a slight chance of rain the morning of...don't forget an umbrella or if you slip in mud, have something ready to wipe it off.

- If you spill something on your suit or dress use Club Soda and damp cloth to get the stain out
- If you take pictures outside and get mud on your shoes, use a makeup wipe to get it off or wait for it to dry and stomp it out
- Don't forget your extra gel or hairspray; it's South Dakota people it's windy
- If you take a vehicle don't forget to clean the inside and outside and fill up the tank before you pick up your date
- Also if taking pictures outside and it happens to be sunny find the perfect angle so you aren't

squinting into the camera  
Later into the night you might realize you forgot something and making a "day of" checklist may help.

- Charger for your phone along with it already being fully charged
  - Extra Deodorant; i don't know about anybody else but I don't want to smell anyone's B.O.
  - Camera, you need a make some picture worthy memories
  - Hangers when you take off that one time dress or that forever suit so it doesn't wrinkle
  - PRACTICE THAT FAKE SMILE
- Life isn't perfect and neither is prom but don't let a small hiccup stand in the way of one of the most memorable high school experiences. Prom is only as fun as you make it, so go live it up and make the most of it.

# Put yourself to the test

by **Nobel Nothstine**  
staff writer

Ever wanted a chance to use the useless knowledge you're storing in that big brain? On Monday, March 25th, the Garretson Quiz bowl team went to Baltic to compete against other schools about that knowledge.

Abigail Schroder, Kara Ross, Nobel Nothstine, and Lauren Fick made up the team. Among some of the schools they competed against were Baltic, Flandreau, McCook, and Beresford.

Questions included a variety of topics from geology, to magicians, to graphing, to rivers, to wars, to Harry Potter, to Edgar Allen Poe, and more! The competition breaks down between two teams a round, and they decide between 30 questions for points.

The whole thing is similar to a form of team Jeopardy or Trivia Crack, without the multiple choice option. The middle school also hosted a Quiz bowl competition the day after. Garretson performed fairly well in both events. So, if you know anything about Krakatoa or the small intestine, think about joining Quiz bowl next year!

# Misbehave and make history

by **Nobel Nothstine**  
staff writer



Now, I've mentioned the fact that I'm writing this article briefly in conversations throughout the week, and the one thing I've heard overwhelmingly is: "If there's a women's history month and day, why isn't there a men's?" Here's the facts: there is! November is Men's History Month, and the 19th of November is international Men's day. Never heard of it? Don't be too surprised, people only seem to care about its existence when it comes to discrediting women's history month. Realistically, we don't even need men's history month. Women have been annihilated from history, and we recognize men's achievements every other month and day of the year because of this. Parallels can be drawn between black history month as well. Why don't we have a white history month? Because there's no reason for one. White is the overwhelming and dominant culture here, and that fact is celebrated constantly.

But, I'm not here to try and defend why we need a women's history month; I'm here to talk about it, and some of what I believe are our most influential or underrated women in history.

## Simone Segouin

\* Simone (alias Nicole Minet) was born October 3, 1925, and fought in the French Resistance. Some of her everyday deeds included stealing a bicycle from a German military administrator to carry messages, derailing a train, blowing up bridges, arresting 25 Nazis in a day, and liberating France.



## Gloria Richardson

\* This feminist civil rights woman was born Gloria St. Clair Hayes on May 6, 1922, in Baltimore, Maryland. She grew up wealthy and incredibly intelligent, and was often denied things or belittled for being a women, being

wealthy, or being black. Richardson founded the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee (CNAC), and became a leader of the Cambridge Movement, the first civil rights effort to take place outside of the deep South.

## Malala Yousafzai

\* Malala, born 12 July 1997, is a Pakistani activist known primarily for being targeted and shot by the Taliban, starting the "Malala Fund", and for being the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. She is known for human rights advocacy, especially the education of women and children in her native valley of Swat in Pakistan, where girls were forbidden from attending school. Her advocacy has grown into an international movement, and she now studies at Oxford. She continues to build and fund schools, hospitals, and many necessities in third world counties.



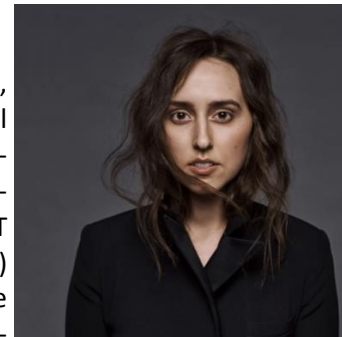
## Margaret Hamilton

\* This American computer scientist, engineer and business owner, was born August 17, 1936. She coined the term "software engineering". Hamilton was the director of an important division at MIT, where they developed a large percentage of the on-board flight software for the Apollo space program. Hamilton did most of the coding on this project, and by hand no less. In 1986, she founded Hamilton Technologies, Inc., in Cambridge, Massachusetts. On November 22, 2016, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by US President Barack Obama for her contributions to Apollo.

## Sabrina Pasterski

\* Sabrina was born June 3, 1993, and is a theoretical physicist from Chicago, Illinois. She completed her undergraduate studies at MIT (in 3 years with a 5.0 GPA) and is currently a graduate student at Harvard University. Pasterski was the #3 Trending Scientist for all of 2017, and Harvard regards her as "the next Einstein". A fitting title when you consider that she built a single-engine airplane when she was 14. At 16, she became the youngest person ever to fly their own plane. To top it off, Stephen Hawking himself has quoted her studies and works.

Women are incredible. The best part about these women? They're all alive today. History is taking place right around us at every second, and women are speaking their history and knowledge. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said: "Well behaved women seldom make history." Don't sit idly by, misbehave and make history.



# Good weather leads to good seasons

by **Kennedy Buckneberg**  
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The sun has made its way back to South Dakota! I think we can all agree that the snow was a bit overwhelming and we deserved some nice weather. Well, we got it and on Wednesday, classes were even going outside due to how beautiful it was.

Track and golf have started and with this nice weather there is a chance of a good season. The golfers went out to the River Ridge golf course yesterday and golfed 9 holes and the track stars went outside all week.

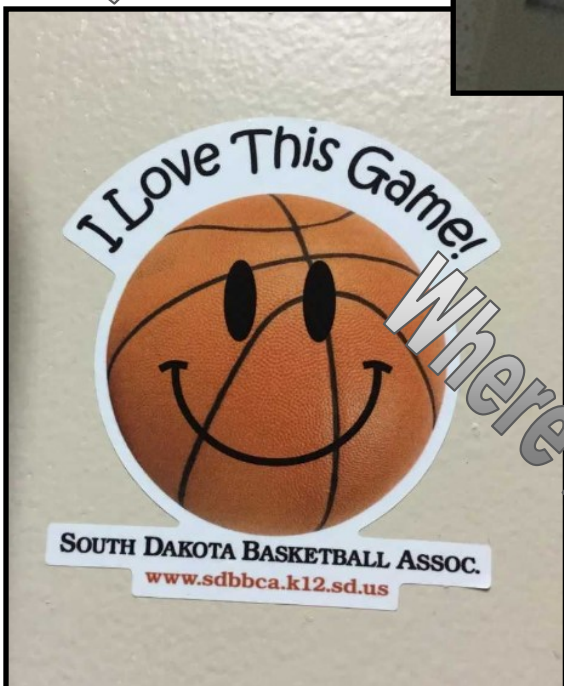
"I am so glad to be back on the course with such gorgeous weather." Said high school golfer, Malia Johnson. "It makes it a lot easier when it's sunny and there's no snow on the ground.

We are actually able to go out on the track and in the field." Said field thrower, Triston Rekstad.

The weather is suppose to continue to be nice and it is not suppose to snow, but you never know. Wishing all of the golfers and track stars a wonderful season!

# Garretson guessing

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



# Blood drive is back in town

by **Kennedy Bucknberg**  
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As the blood mobile makes its way to Garretson, many young teenagers decided to give it a shot for the very first time. Many were very nervous and others took it like it was nothing. We had 42 people try to give blood, and while some gave blood, others had "technical" difficulties.

Riley Altman, "I gave blood before so I was very surprised when they weren't able to get blood from my veins. I got poked in my right arm first and wasn't able to get enough blood flowing so then we tried the left arm and at first we had blood flowing but then it was hard to keep it flowing so I was unable to give the amount they usually take."

A few others, including myself, were unable to give blood because there are certain requirements to meet such as iron levels in the

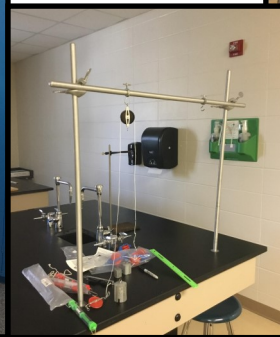
blood .

"I was extremely nervous because I am not a fan of needles or blood, but ended up not being able to give blood because of my low hemoglobin levels (whatever that is)," said Jayden Clark.

The blood mobile was brought to Garretson School through FFA and had a very good turnout for being such a small school. They will be back next year if you are interested in giving blood and are of the age 16.

# Answers to last week's guessing game

**What Is This:** The pulley system set up in Mrs. Howe's lab



**Where Is This:** G Helmet found in Mr. TerWee's room

**Whose Is This:** Emily Erickson's Lanyard

# Senior Spotlight

*Drew Blosmo*

**SENIOR PROJECT:**  
Enhancing curb appeal

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**  
Football, Basketball, NHS, Track & Field

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**  
Friends and sports

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**  
Attend DSU and play basketball



# Scholarship Corner

*Post-secondary financing opportunities*

- **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](#).

