



Spring fever is hitting everyone. And the classic spring event of chicks hatching in classrooms has returned to the delight of all!

Blue Ink



Saying goodbye

by Riley Altman
staff writer

A familiar face around Garretson School is saying goodbye to his teaching career. High school science teacher, Mr. Furness, better known as "Furn" has announced his retirement at the end of the school year. Not only has Furn impacted students in the classroom, he also helped them on the basketball court.

"It's sad to see him go, it's the end of an era. He brought a lot of light to the hallways, always joking and messing around with students. It saddens me that younger generations won't be able to experience the memories I did with coach Furn. The memories I have playing for him in middle school are some of the best memories I have in Garretson," stated Brayden Beaner.



Q: What are your retirement plans?

A: After I retire I plan to spend most of my time with my family. Especially our five year old and grandkids. I also want to engage in some outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing.

Q: What will you miss the most?

A: Definitely the everyday interaction with my students and colleagues.

Q: What class will you miss the most?

A: I'm going to have to say biology. I love the anatomy and human body aspects of it.

Q: How long did you teach in Garretson?

A: I taught here for 10 years and coached JH basketball for seven years and coached cross country for nine years.

Q: Most memorable moments?

A: There's not enough time in the day to talk about the most memorable moments. I am going to miss when I can look a students face and I can tell they finally understand the

material.

Q: Are you planning to come back and sub?

A: That's my plan. If it works out for me I would love to come back and sub.

Q: Message to your students.....

A: Keep at it. Enjoy these years of high school, because they're over before you know it and you'll never have them back. Thank you, I've enjoyed my time here.

Furn is someone who could always brighten the mood. He was always there for any student, whether it was for help on school work or life in general. If you started dating someone or broke up with someone, you best believe he knew.

He will be greatly missed by everyone. We want to take the time to thank you for everything you've done for everyone in Garretson. We will miss you Furn!



Mr. Furness decides to hang up the shoes, put away the beakers

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: On this day in 1962, NASA's Ranger 4 spacecraft crashes into the Moon.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: If you eat something that is too spicy, drink milk rather than water to better neutralize the spice.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How excited was the gardener for spring?

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

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 26**
 - 4th Grade Field Trip
 - Golf @ Jesse James Invite in Garretson (9:00)
 - JH Golf @ Howard (11:00)
- Saturday, April 27**
 - Track @ Tom Main Invite in Chester (9:30)
- Sunday, April 28**
 - One Act Play (2:00)
- Monday, April 29**
 - JH Golf in Garretson (11:00)
 - JH Track @ Chester (3:30)
 - Academic Awards Night (7:00)
- Tuesday, April 30**
 - 5th Grade Field Trip
 - Golf @ Baltic (9:00)
 - Track @ Baltic (3:00)
- Wednesday, May 1**
 - Golf @
- Thursday, May 2**
 - JH Track @ Dell Rapids (3:00)
 - Elementary Music Program (7:00)
 - Garretson City Rummages
- Friday, May 3**
 - Golf @ BEC in Chester (9:00)
 - Track @ Howard Wood Relays
 - Kindergarten Round Up
- Saturday, May 4**
 - Track @ Parker Invite (9:30)

May Day

by Kennedy Buckneberg
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Celebrated in many countries as a traditional springtime festival or as an international day honoring workers, May 1st, for many years, has been a time of celebrations, events, and festivals worldwide. In the 19th century, May Day took on a new meaning, as an International Worker's Day, which grew out of the 19th century movement for labor rights and an eight hour work day in the US.

Traditionally, May Day is characterized by the gathering of flowers and has become a labor festival honoring the military and industrial efforts around the country. The May 1st holiday, in many countries was obtained by trade agitation and industrial efforts of the country.

So how was May Day started? Originally, it was an ancient pagan holiday celebrating the start of summer. As time went on, different groups adapted the celebration to their specific cultures or beliefs. That's not the case for everyone. In the Southern Hemisphere they are getting ready for winter so May Day, for the most part, is only a Northern Hemisphere thing.

This day is also known as a Labor holiday in most areas of the world. At the time, labor movements around the world were fighting for fair work accommodations like eight-hour workdays and unions. The date was chosen because it aligned with the anniversary of the Haymarket affair in Chicago, where police killed four people at a peaceful protest after someone threw a bomb in the air. The tragedy had many affects on labor movements across the world.

For smaller towns, since we are unable to have festivals, are normally celebrated with May baskets. There are small baskets normally filled with flowers or candy. You leave the small basket on someone's door step and run away. This was a big hit in the late 19th century and early 20th, and May baskets were observed by many. Now, almost 60 years later, the tradition is only practiced through a small amount of the country.

Every country views May Day differently than others but leaving a May Day basket at someone's door could easily make there day. So, go kick off the first day of May and the last month of school!

Deadly blasts in Sri Lanka

by Mataya Trower
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On Easter Sunday, deadly bombs shook the country of Sri Lanka. Three churches and three hotels were bombed killing 360 people and injuring 500 more. There were nine suicide bombers, and authorities have arrested at least 60 people in relation to the investigation.

Two of the bombers were brothers, Imsath Ahmed Ibrahim and Ilham Ahmed Ibrahim. They are part of the wealthiest families in the capital, which gave them connections to the country's business and political elite.

You might be wondering how no one saw this coming including these brothers family. India got three major warnings about terrorist attacks before the Easter Sunday bombings. Chairman of the Shaikh Usman Waliyullah mosque attempted to warn the government about the alleged attacks but nothing was done to prevent the bombings.

The attacks were the deadliest in the island nation since the end of its civil war 10 years ago in the capital Colombo. Almost all victims were Christian worshipers attending church and about a dozen of the victims were foreigners. Some of the suspected attackers were caught on video entering churches and hotels. ISIS posted a video taking responsibility for all the bombings.

It's a bird! It's an F-16!

GHS students visit SDANG for career day

by Nobel Nothstine
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If you haven't noticed the ROTC flyers, or the recruiters out in the main lobby, start looking! Military careers are a great path for high school students, and a career day at the Air National Guard Wing in Sioux Falls reemphasized that. Recruiters hosted a career day event for potential recruits and their families at the Joe Foss Field.

Though it's locally based and a large monetary contributor to Sioux Falls, many people in the community don't know what the Air National Guard does. The career day they host is an easy way to show the different careers and opportunities the wing has. From ammunition building to police work, there's something for everyone.

The tour kicked off with breakfast in a room full of young adults and their parents watching a short video exploring the career opportunities within the Air National Guard. Inspiring and statistically based, the video explained what being part of the SDANG family really means, the benefits of joining, and what kind of futures are available through this program.

Once the video ended, a lieutenant talked about the significance of the Sioux Falls wing, how the wing has specifically contributed to missions nationally, awards the wing has been recognized for, and past and future missions and deployments. A wing commander then talked about the impact the SDANG has on the overall global mission of the Air Force, and how the two stack up.

Next, the event gave students the opportunity to explore first-hand the inside of a jet engine and the processes involved with repairing it, a walk through the unit's Mobile Emergency Operations Center, where they deal with toxic spills and radiation, and attendees climb the ladder of an F-16 aircraft to view the cockpit. Employed guard workers were at each station to answer questions about the career fields, and what it takes to be a guardsmen.

Lastly, the potential recruits and their families were taken to a fence right outside of a runway to watch the launching of eight F-16 aircraft. How many



A staff sergeant and technician explains to career day attendees about the functions of the Mobile Emergency Operation Center and the benefits of his career with the 114th Fighter Wing. The career day exposed high school and college aged students to the wide variety of careers the Air National Guard has to offer.

Photo by Nobel Nothstine

people you know can say that they've touched a jet, seen the cockpit and the engine, and watched F-16's take off? Not many.

The requirements to be in the Air National Guard are passing the MEPS, a physical test, your ASVAB, and once you're in you spend one weekend a month and two weeks a year training with them and opting in or out for volunteer deployments. This helps you with college (public schools) as well if you use the GI Bill. There's sign on bonuses and GI Kickers too.

Many recruiters may try to sway you with money or promises, but if you're seriously interested in the military, you'll get past it. Maybe you remember STARBASE? We went to the Joe Foss field then as well, and worked with 3-D printers, egg drops, and mental tests. The time for your action is now, but the education of our young students is paramount to everything.

Spring sports finally get a chance to shine

by Kylie Uhl
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BASEBALL

The Garretson Baseball team fans finally got a chance to hear the crack of the bat on Saturday, but were disappointed to see the final score of 5-8 against Tri-Valley and 3-1 against Tea. and with another lose on Wednesday with the score being 3-6 against Dells. When asked about the season Savonne Grotewold didn't hesitate to express his thoughts:

Q: Do you think that because of lack of games this season the team doesn't feel as confident saying if you had already played 10 games this season?

A: I feel like we are more happy about playing less games.

Q: how do you feel about having so many home games since our field is a more playable field?

A: It's nice that you don't have to drive anywhere, but sometimes it would be nice to go someplace a few times. After playing at home so much its gets a little boring and it just feels like the same old same old.

Q: How many more games do you think you'll have since so far you've only had three and only have roughly a month left?

A: Probably just our last two and then regions.

Q: With the past three loses, do you think the score weights more on you or do your personal mistakes get to you more?

A: I think we all take more out on ourselves because if you think, i struck out, then you could have had this set up or one more person could have gotten

home.

Q: Do you feel more responsible and feel you have to be more reliable because you're a senior?

A: I feel like Ben and I have a lot more pressure because Coach Scott always tells us to step up as leaders and then they see us do something and maybe feel like they got to do it too.

Q: was the outcome of the last three games the outcome you expected or did you expect different?

A: Honestly the first two i felt we should've won because we've won against them in the past. And the last game i think was a pretty good match up and was a 50/50 chance on who would win. I think it just got away from us by making small errors that we all know shouldn't have happened.

Q: What do you think you as a team could do to prepare for playing in the summer?

A: To clean up the errors and to have better pitching.

Q: As a senior what are you going to do to help keep the energy of your team up?

A: You just gotta keep your head up even when you make a dumb mistake and know that theres going to be another inning.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

3200m Relay
Team of Benson (2:39), Campbell (2:51), Christensen (2:43), Heesch (2:40), 2nd

100m Hurdles
Lily Ranschau (16:8), 2nd

100m Dash
Kaycie King (14.2); Samantha Shellum (15.3)

800m Relay

Team of Leedy (28.2); Pierret (29.5); Ranschau (29.5); Damman (29.9), 2nd

1600m Run

Payton Campbell (6:28); Kylie Christensen (6:05), 8th; Makayla Heesch (6:02), 7th

400m Relay

Team of King, Altman, Long, Damman (55.5); 3rd

400m Dash

Madi Nordstrom (1:08), 8th; Morgan Pierret (1:08), 7th

300m Hurdles

Lily Ranschau (51.1), 3rd

Medley Relay

Team of Ranschau (29.2), Long (29.5), Leedy (1:05), Benson (2:46), 3rd

800m Run

Lauren Heesch (2:54); Payton Campbell (2:56); Makayla Heesch (2:44), 5th

200m Dash

Mya Long, Samantha Shellum (31.9), Raegan Altman

3200m Run

Olivia Mullin

1600m Relay

Team of Benson (1:08), Nordstrom (1:08), Long (1:09) Pierret (1:10), 6th

Shot put

Mattea Fiegen (29'3); Molly Hulscher (29'4); Madden Lardy (31'10 1/2), 6th; Oliviyah Thornton (28'6 3/4)

Discuss

Mattea Fiegen (75'1); Madden Lardy (77); Molly Hulscher (83'10); Oliviyah Thornton (82'8)

High Jump

Lauren Heesch (4'2); Aliyah Leedy (4'4)

Triple Jump

Kaycie King (28'11 1/2); Lauren Heesch (29'2), 8th

Long Jump

Lauren Heesch (13'); Aliyah Leedy (14'5)

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

3200m relay

Team of Bohl (2:18), Leedy (2:16), Ockenga (2:22), Kindt (2:21), 5th

100m Dash

Sean Gottschalk (13.0); Gentry Sanders (16.0)

1600m Run

Devon Leedy (5:13), 5th; Dylan Kindt (5:19), 7th; Cadyn Ockenga (5:06), 3rd

400m Dash

Jayse Miller (59:7); Dominic Abraham (57.9), 6th

Medley Relay

Team of Pierret (24.3), Blosmo (24.0), Olofson (60.1), Leedy (4:06), 3rd

200m Dash

Hayden Olofson (26.3); Drew Blosmo (25.0), 5th; Sean Gottschalk (27.6); Gentry Sanders (32.6)

800m Run

Dylan Kindt (2:22), 7th; Cadyn Ockenga (2:23); Jayse Miller (2:23), 8th

3200m Run

Preston Bohl (10:57), 1st

1600m Relay

Team of Abraham (57.9), Olofson (61.0), Blosmo (60.0), Pierret (57.5), 7th

Shot Put

Triston Rekstad (29'11.5); Gabe Johnson (30'5.5)

Discus

Triston Rekstad (79'0); Gabe Johnson (71'9)

High Jump

Trevor Feigen (6'2), 1st

Triple jump

Hayden Pierret (18'7), 7th

Long jump

Trevor Feigen (34'4), 8th

Quasimodo cries for the church

Over a week later, people still in shock about Notre Dame fire

by **Kylie Uhl**
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It took 200 years to build and went up into flames on April 15; 856 years old, Surviving two World wars, Plagues, and so much more the Cathedrale Notre- Dame de Paris is one of the most historic symbols of france.

The Cathedral was built between the 12th and 14th centuries, almost as long as the entire gothic period. During this time it was used as the seat of the Archbishop of Pairs. Before the fire however it was used as a catholic church, a symbol of france, and a tourist attraction.

There was even a movie made in 1996 where the Cathedral was used as a home to outcast Quasimodo, a hunchback who was hidden for not being "normal". The cathedrale was known as his home because of the belief that god accepts everyone even if society doesn't. It was also his job to be the bell ringer for the

church since he was there all time. An artist, cristina Correa Freile, made an art piece of the hunchback clutching the Cathedrale because of how strong her interpretation of how so many feel about the Notre-dame.

The architectural work on this church was phenomenal during the time it was built and still was. Many don't know that the gargoyles around it aren't actually just for decoration but for when the water runs down the cathedral, it needs to drain off without dripping down the walls and potentially damaging them. Therefore the Gargoyles protect the stone of the Church. Locals also believe the gargoyles protect the church from evil spirits.

On April 15 the beloved historic church went into flames, firefighters rushed to the scene to save the beautiful archit piece, but fear that the water was going to damage the church even more the process of stopping the fire was a challenge. It is

still unconfirmed what the cause of the fire was, but many have suspected that it was an electrical fire while they were doing renovations in the church.

The French President, Emmanuel Macron has vowed to have the Cathedrale rebuild in time for the olympics in five years that france is hosting. Several french billionaires have pledge at least 600 million Euros to rebuild the Notre-Dame de Paris. It is still unknown how much is needed to help rebuild, but many are prepared to pay whatever the cost is to keep the symbol of france alive. Hard to convert and to put a round number on how much it originally cost to build the church, but it is said to be roughly 3.6 million Euros. In American currency that is 4,008,942 dollars and is about the equivalent cost to a little more than the One world Trade center in New York.

No matter if you are apart of the catholic beliefs or not many are grieving from the fire. Everyone is now left wondering who will be the new architect and artist to live up to everyone expectations of the Cathedral Notre-Dame de Paris.



Garretson guessing game

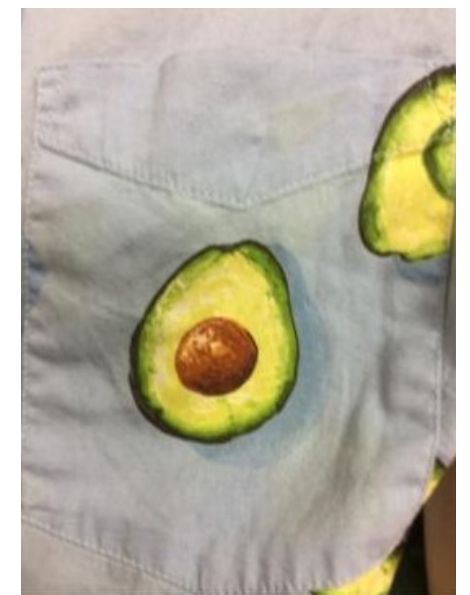
Reminder: send your guesses to the *Blue Ink* on snapchat or via twitter for your chance at a candy bar.



WHAT IS THIS?



WHO IS THIS?



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Senior Spotlights



Kylee Greenhoff

SENIOR PROJECT:
Run a half marathon for Multiple Sclerosis

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Basketball
Soccer
National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Athletics and peers

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend SDSU for nursing

Trenton Karli

SENIOR PROJECT:
Raising Goats

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Football
Track

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Stealing Ben's stuff in trig

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Go to SDSU for aviation

