

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Animals that lay eggs don't have bellybuttons.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: Tuesday, Sam, and Peter went to a restaurant to eat lunch. After eating lunch, they paid the bill. But Sam and Peter did not pay the bill; who did?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do you get a peanut to laugh

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 25

- Girls Basketball Practice begins @ 6:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 27

- Staff In-service—No School

Thursday, November 28

- Happy Thanksgiving
- No School

Friday, November 29

- No School

Tuesday, December 3

- Elementary Christmas Concert

Kennedy Assassination 50 Year Anniversary

By Joshua Liester



Fifty years ago today, three shots rang out in downtown Dallas, Texas, killing the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy was in Texas with his wife, Jacqueline, and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson campaigning for his reelection in 1964. Thousands of people lined the streets in Dallas hoping to catch a glimpse of the first couple as they rode by in the presidential limousine with the Texas governor, John Connally, and his wife.

As the presidential motorcade rolled passed the Texas School Book Depository, Lee Harvey Oswald took aim with his rifle from a window on the sixth floor of the building. He fired three shots at the President. Nobody was hit by the first shot, but the second shot hit Kennedy in the back, emerged through his throat, and hit Connally in the back, who was seated in front of him. The third shot is considered the fatal shot as it hit Kennedy directly in the head.

After the shooting, the presidential limousine sped off toward Parkland Hospital where Kennedy was confirmed dead. Governor Connally had survived, despite his wounds.

Garretson teachers Mr. Bennett and Mrs. McClure remember the day Kennedy was killed very well. "I was in study hall and all the teachers were crying. That's when we grasped the severity of it," said McClure. "But it brought our country together and unified us."

"I was in the last seat in the sixth row," says Bennett on where he was when heard the news. "It was all that was on the two TV stations for about four days. The funeral was on Monday and we didn't have school." Bennett also commented, "We

were in the middle of the civil rights movement and a lot with that was affected, but Johnson followed through well with Kennedy's plan."

A suspect named Lee Harvey Oswald was captured in a theater in Dallas. At first, Oswald was arrested for killing a police officer about 45 minutes after the Kennedy assassination, but was later charged with killing the President as well. Oswald claimed he was innocent. Two days later Oswald was to be moved to the county jail from the police headquarters. On live TV, as Oswald was led out of the police headquarters, Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby walked up to Oswald and fatally shot him.

There are many conspiracy theories associated with the Kennedy assassination. Since Oswald was murdered, he was never tried in court. President Johnson established the Warren Commission which investigated the Kennedy assassination. Their conclusion was that Oswald acted alone in the killing of the President. But to this day 61% of Americans still believe that it wasn't just a one man job. Some believe that Lyndon B. Johnson, the CIA, the Cuban government, or numerous other groups were behind the assassination.

Both Bennett and McClure believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. "There's no evidence that Oswald didn't kill him," stated Bennett. More than likely the world will never know the truth for sure.

Whatever the truth is, it won't change the fact that America lost a beloved leader of our nation. His death brought great sorrow to the country, as he was a young and very popular President. Who knows how the country would be different today if John F. Kennedy had survived November 22, 1963.



Some Questions Answered After New Head Coach Position is Filled

By Teila Carnicle

Many people were going into the wrestling season this year with a lot of questions! With the wrestling team losing many people who have gone to state the past couple years and Mr. Bohl winning the vacant position for head coach, anything could happen!

By means of all the gossip flying around, and Mr. Swatek's success as head coach in the past, new head coach Mr. Bohl has quite a bit to live up to.

Mr. Bohl, the new head coach of the wrestling team this year and also middle school math teacher, is feeling confident about going in this year. "We are little on numbers, but we got kids that will work hard and that's all you can really ask for; that's half the battle."

Tyler Willems, a senior on the wrestling team, has a good feeling about this year's

season. "I think we'll have a good season."

Willems, with it being his last year on the wrestling team, had said that he is going to miss it. Willems expressed his opinion about having a new head coach this year; "It will take some getting used to, new experiences are good I guess."

Tait Johnson, a junior on the team, reiterating most of Willem's thoughts about the new coach, and how the season will go, went on to say a lot.

"With the low numbers we have this year, we will be pretty good. As for the new head coach, it feels the same in the wrestling room so far, and I guess we'll see when it comes time for the tournament," said Johnson.

Jacob Fitzgerald, an eager sophomore ready to start the season, was able to share his input about the new coach as

well.

"It's basically the same, except we get out earlier," said Fitzgerald about how it's been so far with Bohl at the lead.

Fitzgerald stated that "a great amount" is going to change about the program with Swatek gone! Fitzgerald will miss Swatek because, "He helped me manage my weight and he was there every morning we had to run. He was there to motivate us."

With the hard work from the boys, Bohl's previous experience as assistant coach for several years, and Bohl knowing the program more than most, many believe that the players will excel and that Mr. Bohl will live up to his potential!



Elementary T.A.T.U. Lock-In

By Katie Giesler

The Teens Against Tobacco Use held their annual autumn lock-in last Friday on November 15th in the school, bringing in the 4th and 5th graders in for an enjoyable yet informative social event!

The purpose of the T.A.T.U lock-ins like the one last Friday is to "try to prevent little kids from using tobacco," as explained by senior, Shane Mueller.

The 4th and 5th graders spent their evening moving between different middle school rooms, visiting stations like Tobacco

-Free Bingo, Spin Smart, and craft-making areas. The supervisors hosting the activities, as well as transitioning the younger kids around the hallways, were 7th through 12th graders involved in T.A.T.U.

Sophomore, Alex Andersen, was one of the older club members helping out that night. Andersen chaperoned the kids, guiding them to different stations.

Another chaperone, freshman Siri Wollmann, said the night was "a wonderful time", and that, "The dodge ball was also enjoyable."

The night had ended with a large-scale dodge ball tournament; the 4th and 5th graders versus the high schoolers in the first round, and then the 4th and 5th graders versus the middle schoolers in the second.

While the dodge ball part of it was the most fun for some T.A.T.U members, other



members, like freshman Kaley Flanagan, said that she had particularly enjoyed meeting the new younger kids and interacting with them.

Freshman, Brandy Greenhoff, added, "[The lock-ins are held] to teach younger kids that smoking and tobacco is not good, no matter what the circumstances are."

The T.A.T.U members host lock-ins twice a year, one for elementary in the fall, and one for middle schoolers in the spring. Both lock-ins are put on by middle school science teacher, Julie Mueller, T.A.T.U advisor.



Fall Sport All-Conference Selections Announced

FOOTBALL

Big East All-Conference: Jesse Brockhouse, Sr; Austin Matthiesen, Sr; Matt Johnson, Jr. **Honorable Mention:** Alex Thorson, Sr; Blake Severson, Jr; Tanner Gutzmer, Jr.

Tri-Valley All-Conference: Jesse Brockhouse, Sr; Austin Matthiesen, Sr; Matt Johnson, Jr. **Honorable Mention:** Blake Severson, Jr.

Notes: Brockhouse led conference in interceptions; Johnson and Matthiesen

were second and third in the conference for rushing, respectively

GIRLS' SOCCER

Second Team All-State: Mara VanDeBerg, Jr; Brandy Greenhoff, Fr. **Honorable Mention:** Kindra Clark, Fr.

Girls' Hoops Begin Soon

By Wyatt Fink

Girls' basketball starts next week. After losing Seniors Casey Matthesien, Kim Wieland, and Katie Fiegen, the girls look to rebound from last year's season. Nevertheless senior Teila Carnicle believes this year will be better than last year's record. One aspect contributing to that is that Carnicle believes, "I think our team is going to have great chemistry."

The seniors for this year are Haley Edmondson and Teila Carnicle. The girls were

excited about their senior season and how they thought it would go.

Carnicle stated, "I'm extremely excited, also upset because I have to sit out for four games but it will be worth it in the end. We lost a lot of good players in past years but that just means that it's time for the younger kids to step up."

The expectations are high this as the girls look to face rivals Baltic, Dells Rapids, and Flandreau. Carnicle stated that the

teams expectations are "I'm hoping for us to improve from last year."

In the summer, the girls went to some camps and also attended open gyms in the mornings, in the off-season Carnicle stated that she "ran a lot."

The girls start their season next week Monday and will practice until their first game of the year December 10th at Dell Rapids St. Mary's.



None Transfer to State Despite Good Performances

By Morgan Frewaldt

As the year moves on, oral interp is coming closer to an end with only one meet left. The last meet the team competed in was on Monday, the 18th and that meet was regions— their only chance to qualify for state.

Unfortunately, no one from Garretson qualified for state. (The official placing's have not been released yet.) Though, senior, Mariah Nelson didn't transfer on to the state meet, she was still very happy with the piece she and Mikayla Gilbert chose to do as a duet, saying, "It was funny! We got to do a lot of different charac-

ters in one piece."

Unlike Nelson, sophomore, Katie Giesler, wasn't happy with the piece she chose and ended up changing it for regions, saying, "I wish I would have changed my piece earlier. I like the one I used at regions way better than the one I used in the regular season."

Due to Giesler changing her piece the day of the competition she wasn't prepared, and sadly enough went four minutes over the maximum time of 10 minutes, which ultimately led her to be



disqualified in the first round. Bummer!

Nonetheless, the team still has one more meet left in Yankton on the 2nd of December. How is there a meet left even though Monday was their last chance to qualify for state? Well this is a runner up meet, which means that it is set up just like the state meet but for all of those who didn't qualify for state! All of the oral interpers from Garretson will be competing.

Keep practicing kids you still have one more chance to shine this season!

FFA is One Step Closer as They Advance to State

By Aaron Dunn

On Monday, the FFA ventured to West Central for the FFA Leadership Competition. There are a variety of categories for the members to participate in: Junior/Senior Parliamentary Procedure, Broadcast Journalism, Ag Sales, Market Plan, Job Interview, Speaking, and Salesmanship.

Moriah Flanagan placed third in Job Interview and Joshua Liester placed second in Ag Broadcasting.

Austin Ethriem, Evan Fick, and John Houg placed first in Ag Sales as a team. Ethriem placed first as an individual and

Fick placed second.

Shane Mueller, Ethreim, and Cole Fiegen were awarded first place as a team for Market Plan.

The Junior Parli Pro team consisted of Moriah Flanagan, Briana Genzlinger, Grace Homer, Joshua Powell, Allison and Claire Longhenry, and Alex Uhl. They brought home the gold by placing first.

For the Senior Parli Pro team included Michelle Carnicle, Austin Ethreim, Cassie Faber, Joshua Liester, Shane Mueller, Lydia Olson, and Tony Weiland. They ended

up in second place.

All 17 students will advance to the State Leadership CDE, which is going to be held in Pierre on December 8-9.

Junior, Tony Wieland is new to the Leadership contest and stated, "No, I failed," when asked about his performance. He also went on to say, "This is my first year in it so I don't know how well we usually do".

Congrats to all the participants and good luck in the state contest!



Fall Sport All-Conference Selections Announced

VOLLEYBALL

Big East All-Conference: Haley Edmondson, Sr. **Honorable Mention:** Brianna Duerr, Sr; Peyton Heitkamp, So.

Notes: Heitkamp and Duerr finished 3rd and 5th in the conference for total blocks.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Big East All-Conference: Joshua Liester, Jr; Evan Fick, So; Josh Powell, Fr; Jacob Fitzgerald, So; Tait Johnson, Jr; Sam Powell, Sr.

All-State: Evan Fick, So; Josh Powell, Fr.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Big East All-Conference: Carmen Bohl,

Eighth grade; Haley Sage, So; Teisha Carnicle, Jr; Peyton Sage, Eighth grade; Jaden Bly, So; Macey Bohl, Fr.

All-State: Carmen Bohl, Eighth grade; Haley Sage, So.

Notes: Bohl, 16th, and Sage, 17th, also received the "Top 25" Award for finishing within the top 25 in all three classes.

Combination of Experience and Youth in Boys' Basketball Team

By Jennie Hegge

That nice new gym wood floor is going to be put to use once again. Next Monday will officially kick off the boys' basketball season! After losing six seniors, five of them being starters, they will be looking to rebuild and tap into the younger talent. The boys on top this year will be seniors Jesse Brockhouse, Austin Matthiesen, and Conner Blossmo.

"I'm excited and anxious to see how the season goes. We have a very talented backcourt and solid post play. I expect us to be very competitive with our schedule. If we build the ultimate "team" and have everyone excel with their roles, we will be a very tough team to beat," said Coach Ganschow.

Some people are wondering how will they ever replace last year's seniors. Coach Ganschow seems to think differently, and is very confident in his players.

He went on to say, "Last year's seniors did a nice job leading us and taught our younger guys valuable lessons on how to be successful. I know our seniors this year will continue on with that excellent leadership. This year's team is about finding our own identity that will make us successful. The potential is there for a big year. It's going to be an exciting season full of high-flying plays and fast-paced action. We're looking forward to it!"

Last year's record was 10-10 with Flandreau, Dells, and SFC being the boys' biggest challenge. This year, as said by Matthiesen and Blossmo, the biggest competition will be Sioux Valley and possibly Madison later on in the season. Brockhouse thinks it will be the teams with bigger guards.

What are the teams strengths going to be? "We will be quick. We have a mixture of shooters and rebounders,"

said Blossmo. Brockhouse agrees with Blossmo and said they are going to be the team that gets up and down the court quickly. On the other hand, Matthiesen thinks it will be the boys' athleticism and size. I guess we will all just have to wait and find out when the first game rolls around on December 13 against Tri-Valley!

This year is a rebuilding year for the boys, but they got it! The seniors have high hopes and goals for how they would like the season to turn out, and they know the only way to achieve those goals is through hard work and dedication. They all want to make a run for that state title!

Good Luck Boys!



Senior Spotlight

JESIKA BENSON

Activities: Cheerleading, flags, play, youth group, choir

Favorite Memory: Eating with friends

What are you going to miss the most? My friends and seeing everyone everyday

Future Plans: Go to Lake Area Tech for interior design

Senior Project: Turning and entertainment system into a children's play kitchen.



ALEX ETRHEIM

Activities: Peer Ministry

Favorite Memory: Homecoming Freshman year

What are you going to miss the most? All my classmates

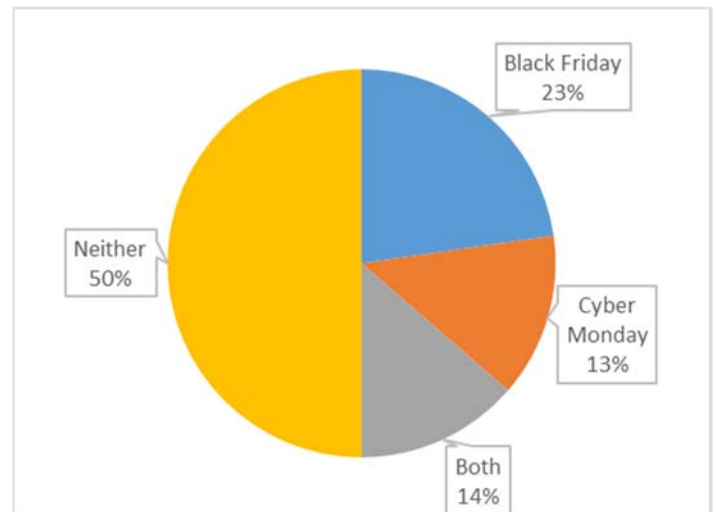
Future plans: Go to Lake Area Tech in Watertown for automotive technology

Senior Project: Rust repair on my pickup



Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which event they were looking forward to the most: Black Friday or Cyber Monday.



Stop by Mrs. Buchholz's or Mr. Hughes' rooms on Monday to vote in next week's student opinion poll. The polls will be located inside the rooms.

ANSWERS:

Brain Teaser: Their Friend, Tuesday

Joke: You crack it up