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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The earliest known Christmas tree decorations were apples.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: What is full of holes but can still hold water?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What kind of cars do elves drive?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 14

- GBB vs. Colman-Egan (JV/V) - 4:00/6:30

- BBB vs. Coman-Egan (JV/V) - 5:15/8:00

- 6th GBB @ Dell Rapids—10:00

- 6th BBB vs. Dell Rapids—10:00

Monday, December 16

- 8th Prd Semester Test

- Wrestling Tournament @ Beresford (7/8/JV) - 4:00

- 7/8 BBB vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary's—6:00

Tuesday, December 17

- 1st and 2nd Prd Semester Tests

- Geography Bee in the band room—2:15

- GBB vs. Canton (JV/V) - 4:00/6:30

- BBB vs. Canton (JV/V) - 5:15/8:00

Wednesday, December 18

- 3rd and 4th Prd Semester Tests

Thursday, December 19

- 7/8 GBB vs. West Central—6:00

Friday, December 20

- Middle School to Pizza Ranch in Brandon @ 8:45

- Early Release—1:30 dismissal

Palmer Finishes Time at Garretson

By Joshua Liester

This semester, Garretson has had a great addition to the school, as Miss Palmer was student teaching with Miss Gaspar's in her Spanish classes. Sadly, her last day at Garretson was this past Wednesday.

Palmer had to do a semester of student teaching in order to be certified in South Dakota. She attends SDSU and was assigned to student teach here at Garretson with Miss Gaspar.

While she was here, she was required to write detailed lesson plans, create assessments, make original Smart-Board lessons, and do all daily tasks of a regular teacher, such as taking attendance, assigning ICU, doing the grade book, and attending in-services.

While she was here, Palmer says the most enjoyable part of student teaching was, "getting to know all of the students." She also stated that she expected teaching was going to be "a lot harder."



Gaspar said of Palmer, "It was awesome having her with me in class. We did a lot of co-teaching." Gaspar went on to say, "It was different at the beginning of the year because I was used to it just being me, but next semester it will be an adjustment not having her."

The Spanish students also enjoyed having Miss Palmer in the classroom. Sophomore Evan Fick is in Spanish 1 and says that he liked having Mrs. Palmer in class. He also commented that "she makes good brownies."

Another Spanish student, Jaden Bly, benefited having a new face at the front of the class. "If we didn't understand something, you could get help from both teachers," stated Bly. "And she was very nice and fun."

After this semester of student teaching, Palmer plans to do some substitute teaching at schools in the area then begin looking for jobs for the next school year.

Wrestling Starts off Strong

By Aaron Dunn

Wrestling has officially kicked off the winter sports! The wrestlers traveled to Flandreau to kick-off the season. It is the first of 18 tournaments that they will participate in this year, including the state tournament. The team placed fourth overall, with two placing first.

Tait Johnson and Jacob Fitzgerald were the big winners in their weight classes. Johnson stated that it "felt good" by starting off the season with a win. He also went on to say "it's nice to get off to a good start". But of course he also said that he needs to "improve his neutral game" and his ultimate goal for the season is to "place at state".

Tony Wieland has been working hard all year and has prepared himself for the upcoming season. He hopes to finish the season with "a

winning record" and is going to try to achieve that goal by "practicing hard and working hard". Wieland also went on to say that he needs to improve on his "shooting skills" in order to up his game.

Freshman Brendan Harris is also looking for a very successful year, hoping to "win nationals" when it is all said and done. In order to achieve such a feat, he needs to "improve my conditions and my shots". Harris' motto for the season is "to go for gold", and with his kind of goals in mind, it sure needs to be!

The team didn't get much rest after the first tourney, because they had to travel to Fulda on Tuesday. Their next tournament is in Elk Point December 21.

Fitzgerald Honored as A.C.E. Athlete

Fitzgerald exemplifies all the ACE Award stands for. He works hard, never complains, and is a great role model for the rest of his teammates. His hard work and dedication to the



An Early American Christmas

By Morgan Frewaldt

On December 3, the elementary students spent the night singing their hearts away during the 2013 Christmas program, An Early American Christmas!

If you didn't know, Mrs. Roskamp has been away on maternity leave for several weeks now. With Mrs. Roskamp gone, who is in charge of teaching all of the children their songs? Everyone's favorite substitute teacher, Mrs. Nelson! "It was challenging, but rewarding at the end. I am glad I did it!" Nelson said.

The different grades sang songs sepa-

What was Mrs. Nelson's favorite part of the whole concert? "The kid's faces. They were so happy and focused. They worked really hard on this concert and it turned out beautifully."

Kindergarten through 5th grade sang six songs: "O Christmas, Christmas" was sang by all K-5th;



rately and together. Preschool sang five songs on their own, all directed by Stacey Anderson. Preschooler, Jordyn Kuphal, had a great time at the concert! Her favorite song was "The reindeer one, because it just was." She enjoyed the concert so much because she got to wear make up to match what she was wearing!

"Deck the Halls" was sung by 3rd-5th; "Here We Come A-Caroling" was sang by 1st-5th; "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" was sang by K-2nd; "Joy To The World" was sung by K-5th. Also everyone there was given a program with the words to the song in it and was asked to sing along! "Season of Joy" was sung by K-5th.

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

By Wyatt Fink

SPELLING is a must to BEE successful. The spelling bee was on Wednesday December 11th. The winner of the whole middle school will move on to the next round.

The participants for the sixth grade were spellers: Carter Gullikson, Aliah Lymon, Riley Altman, Alexis Frevick, and Caleb Roder.

The seventh grade participants were the following: Drake Braswell, Ethan Kippes, Brennan Mudder, Trenton karil, Dominick

Kruger, and Carter Stephenson.

The eighth graders participating were Ryan Fick, Chance Anderson, Isiah Mader, Hunter Craver, Brett Larson, and Jack Konechne.

The top ten spellers are listed in order of placing: 1—Brett Larson, eighth grader; 2—Ryan Fick, eighth grader; 3—Ethan Kippes, seventh grader; 4—Jack Konechne, eighth grader; 5—Isiah Mader, eighth grader; 6—

The kids started working on the songs for the concert the 1st week of October and continued to practice all the way up until the 1st week of December.

Overall it went "really well. Attention was where it was supposed to be. They remembered all of their words. Speaking parts went off without a hitch! Everything flowed smoothly," said Mrs. Nelson. She was very proud of her kids!

But don't forget the Christmas concert isn't just singing. The 5th grade band also gets their time to shine! They topped everyone by playing a total of 10 songs: "Good King Wenceslas," "Stomp Rock," "Go Tell Aunt Rhody," "Lightly Row," "Ode to Joy," "Old MacDonald," "Crusaders Hymn," "Star Search," "London Bridge," "Jingle Bells".

All of the kids were very excited about their hard work and were thrilled to show their families. Their work definitely paid off: the show was a complete success. Nelson said that it "felt like 300 people in attendance!" Nice work to all of the teachers and amazing students who participated!



Hunter Craver, eighth grader; 7—Chance Anderson, eighth grader; 8—Kyler O'Neal, fifth grader; 9—Brennan Mudder; seventh grader; 10—Alexis Frevik, sixth grader.

The top four spellers will go to Sioux Falls on February 22nd, 2014 and if they advance they will attend the state bee. The final step would be to go to Washington D.C.

Bohl Named Circle of Champions Coach of the Year

For his success in leading the girls' Cross Country program to a state championship, boys' to third place, and securing the overall team award, Coach Bohl has been named the Circle of Champions Coach of the Year for 2013 by the South Dakota Cross Country and Track Coaches Association Cross Country All-American/Circle of Champions committee.



FFA State Leadership Convention

By Katie Giesler

Sunday, December 8th, was the day that 17 Garretson students traveled to Pierre, South Dakota, to take part in the annual FFA State Leadership Convention! The FFA members came back Monday night, bringing home a couple of placings to be proud of!

Garretson competed in multiple categories there: Market Plans, the formation of advertising a business; Sales, selling a product to a judge; and Senior Parliamentary Procedure and Junior Parliamentary Procedure (Parli Pro), which are like a mock-meetings where teams conduct business through motions, somebody's proposal to do something.

Senior FFA member Austin Etrheim tagged along for the ride, too, making this year his fourth year in attendance. He said he felt his performance for the team was "pretty good." Etrheim put in his time and effort to the Sales and Market Planning and Senior Parli Pro categories with his fellow classmates.

Shane Mueller is also a senior, four-year-attendee, and member of the Senior Parliamentary Procedure team alongside Etrheim. Mueller acted as president of Senior Parli Pro and helped the team secure third place in the Market Plan competition.

Mr. Mueller, ag teacher,



explained that, "In that competition, they had to take a product/service, and create a marketing and promotional plan for the business that explains how they would increase the customer base of the business and expand the business."

Juniors Joshua Liester, Tony Weiland, Lydia Olson and Michelle Carnicle also went to Pierre to participate in the Senior Parli Pro competition with Mueller and Etrheim.

"Trying to learn all of the motions," was hard, explains Olson. However, she did add, "It was fun and it wasn't really boring."

Sophomore, Cassie Faber, was the seventh member to finalize the group, making this her second time on a parli pro team.

Other sophomores who went were Cole Fiegen, Evan Fick and John Houg. Fiegen was part of the Marketing Plan team, while Fick

and Houg were members of the Sales team. This recent trip was Fiegen's, Fick's and Houg's second time going.

Freshmen Grace Homer, Allison Longhenry, Claire Longhenry, Alex Uhl, Joshua Powell, Breana Genzlinger, and Moriah Flanagan were the members representing Garretson in the Junior Conduct of Meeting contest.

This contest is similar to Parli Pro with the exception that they are required to do only six motions instead of twelve.



This younger team went up against some tough competition, but came out impactful and placed fifth in the state!

A few students took place in individual competitions as well. Liester competed in Ag Broadcasting/Journalism, placing sixth out of twenty-one. Likewise, Flanagan did Job Interview, however, her results, as well as others, are still pending.

Congratulations to all of the FFA members who placed in state!!

Garretson Girls' Basketball Loses First Two Matches

By Teila Carnicle

Starting off the season, the Garretson girls' basketball team had their first game just this last Tuesday in Dells against Dells St. Marys! With the teams head held high, they went in with positive attitudes hoping to come out on top, but unfortunately came up short by three points!

The Garretson girls' were out hustled in the first quarter and beginning of the second, they had trailed 19-7. With the Dragons wanting it more than the Cardinals, they worked hard by tying up the score, making it 25-25 by half time. The Garretson girls were out played in the end and lost with the final score being 46-49.

Briana Mudder, one of the starters on the varsity girls' basketball team, had stated that, "Well, it was a good first start but we have a lot more things to improve on."

B. Mudder had went on to say that the

"team struggled with passing and were unable to successfully crash the boards."

Although there were a few downs, B. Mudder mentioned, "We work really well as a team; when we were down, we worked together to get back up."

Mr. Mudder, the coach of the Garretson girls' basketball team and Garretson school gym teacher, has high hopes for the future! Mr. Mudder thinks the team as many strengths; "The girls are going to work hard and continue to improve throughout the season. We have some quality girls. They will do what is asked and give great effort."

Mr. Mudder had went on to talk about the struggles the team had experienced during their first match; "We need to take care of the ball and cut down on turnovers. Our numbers are down so we will have to be in good shape to play 4 quarters. Scoring

consistency but that can come from shooting the ball."

Mr. Mudder believes that the girls could have won that game but it was the little things they had struggled with. "We most certainly could have won but we turned it over to much and just didn't get enough shots up. We got out hustled on the 50/50 balls and those are things that can determine games."

Even after the first game, people are thinking the team is light-years ahead of where they started last year; they should go into Thursday's game with a great amount of confidence! Tri-Valley has been known for their ridiculously big sized girls, and Garretson did their best to hold their own. Unfortunately the Mustangs were too much for the Blue Dragons, handing them their second loss by a score of 50-30.

Big East Conference

By Jennie Hegge

The 7th and 8th grade girls traveled to McCook Central-Montrose on Saturday, December 7th for the Big East Conference! Both teams started the season off with a tough loss, so they were all looking to bounce back and kick butt at the tournament!

The Big East Conference consists of teams from McCook Central-Montrose, Baltic, Howard, Chester, Colman-Eagan, Parker, Sioux Valley, Flandreau, and we can't forget Garretson!

Garretson 7th graders went up against McCook Central-Montrose first, who they lost to. Even though they came up short, the girls' gave it all they had. Kylee Greenhoff scored 13 points! They then went on to play Parker. This game was much more successful than the first. Greenhoff scored 22 points, and Carmen Bohl scored 10 points. They came out with the big win, placing third overall!

Now that the Big East Conference tourney is in the books, Bohl has set some goals for herself on how to keep improving throughout the season. "I guess to try and dribble with my right hand and get my layups down."

Garretson 8th graders also played McCook Central-Montrose in the first round. Even though Madi Northrup scored seven points, it wasn't quite enough to get the win. They went on to play Parker. Losing once was enough, they put a stop to it! The girls won their second game, and ended up getting third place in the tournament as well. Nice job!

Coach Shrank had a few words about the girls' performance. "After just a few games, our girls are showing a tremendous amount of improvement in: communicating on defense, hustling and getting on the floor, and understanding their position on offense."

Amyah Ockenga, an 8th grader, has some thoughts on how the team has improved since last year. "We handle the ball better."

"From the group of 8th graders who played last year to this year, I would say they have put forth a true effort in becoming better. They are listening and working harder in practice and that is carrying over into the games," said Shrank, adding to Ockenga's thoughts.

Shrank also has some expectations for the junior high girls for how he would like the season to go. "We have set a few goals as a team before the year started, one of those goals was to compete and win the conference tournament, now that we came up a little short on that goal, we are going to focus on being above .500 team."

We wish the best of luck to the 7th and 8th grade girls throughout the rest of their season!

Senior Spotlight

MORGAN FREWALDT

Activities: Volleyball, Track

Favorite Memory: Howard Wood freshman year

What are you going to miss the most? Seeing my friends and Mrs. Kusser

Future Plans: Attend SDSU

Senior Project: Scuba Diving



SHANE MUELLER

Activities: FFA, 4-H

Favorite Memory: Getting chased around the Ag building by Chad Stoterau

What are you going to miss the most? Not a whole lot

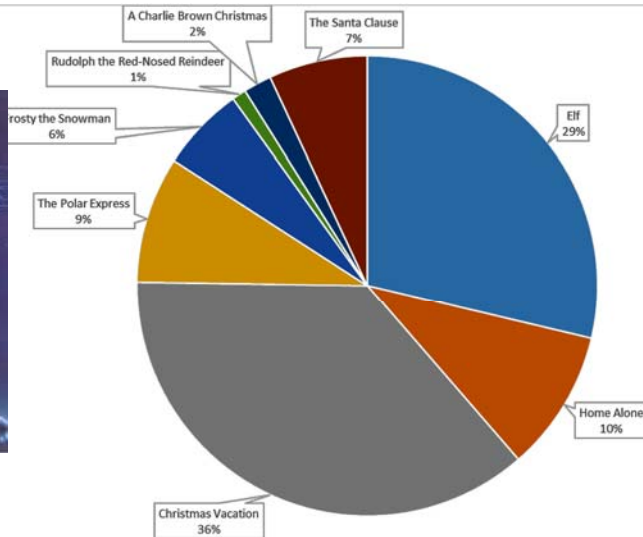
Future Plans: Attend NDSU or SDSU for animal science, and eventually vet school

Senior Project: Building a hobby stock (race car)



Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked what their favorite holiday movie was.



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:** A Sponge **Joke:** Toy-otas