

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: If you threw a white stone into the Red Sea, what would it become?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did the baby computer call its father?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 17

- BBB @ West Central (7/8/JV/V)
- GBB v. Baltic (7/8/JV/V)
- Mini Cheerleaders Perform at halftime of varsity game

Saturday, January 18

- 5/6 GBB v. Baltic
- Wrestling @ Tri-Valley
- GBB @ Hills-Beaver Creek (JV/V)
- BBB @ Hills-Beaver Creek (JV/V)

Monday, January 20

- No School—Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Tuesday, January 21

- GBB @ Sioux Falls Christian (JV/V)
- BBB @ Dell Rapids (JV/V)

Thursday, January 23

- GBB v. Tea Area (7/8/JV/V)
- Wrestling @ Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Friday, January 17

- BBB @ Tea Area (7/8/JV/V)

Wrestlers Takedown the Competition

By Joshua Liester

The Garretson wrestlers were back on the mat last Saturday as they attended the Lynx/Jesse James Tournament in Brandon.

The team had a solid showing, placing four individuals. Tait Johnson was fourth, Tyler Willems was seventh, Jared Fitzgerald was eighth, and Brady Schleuter was eighth.

Fitzgerald, who wrestles in the 113 lb. weight class, thinks his season has been going well so far. He is still looking to get better though, saying, "I've improved my conditioning and have been lifting weights to get stronger."

Freshman Brenden Harris has his eyes set on getting better too. Wrestling at the 138 lb. weight class, he says that although he has improved on his moves throughout the season

thus far, he is still working hard with hopes to get better at them.

Head coach Mr. Bohl said that the team is doing alright and still has five weeks to improve before the region tournament.

"We just need to believe in ourselves and know that what we are doing will work," stated Bohl.

He also mentioned that the team needs to keep healthy and take care of their bodies, so they will be able to put forth their best efforts.

The team was supposed to have a quad at home yesterday but the meet was cancelled due to bad weather. Their next meet is scheduled for this Saturday at the Tri-Valley Tournament.

Cheer Enthusiasts

By Teila Carnicle

Excitement occurs for the young girls who love cheerleading spurred an idea to start a cheer camp for Briana Bottleberghe's senior project! In order to make this happen, Bottleberghe went to seek help from a handful of friends: Sarah Gersting, Jesika Benson, Jera Sands, and Brianna Callsen!

Briana Bottleberghe, a senior basketball cheerleader, is pretty enthusiastic about holding this camp! "I have experience being in cheer camps but I've never put one on so I thought it would be a stretch but something that I already knew a little bit about."

The camp, Bottleberghe stated, includes "64 little girls." They are taught various things like a dance and different cheers. Everyone will be learning a dance, but the older girls will be only learning one cheer as the younger girls will be learning two!

With success comes challenges. Bottleberghe stated that the hardest thing about the whole experience was "organizing it and getting all of their shirt sizes."

Not wanting to handle 64 young girls alone,



Gersting, also a senior basketball cheerleader, is one of the classmates helping Bottleberghe out with her project. Gersting exclaims the experience as "amazing, because they're very hard workers."

Gersting went on to say that overall the camp

was "coming along pretty well" and that her favorite part about it all was "teaching the dances."

Gersting is also pretty confident in the girls by stating, "They'll do very well with their dances and cheers tonight!"

The final performance will take place during half-time of the varsity game. So for all who love watching little girls run around doing cheers and dances, make an appearance at the girls' basketball game tonight to check out the final outcome of Briana Bottleberghe's cheer camp! Come show Bottleberghe and all the girls your support!



Scan for the full January Event Schedule

G-Ball Has a Busy Week

By Wyatt Fink

The Lady Dragons (3-4) played on Tuesday January 14, 2014 against the Flandreau Fliers (3-2).

The girls trailed in the first quarter but were able to take the lead in the second quarter. And finally were able to secure a victory in Tuesday's contest.

Juniors Mara VanDeBerg and Brianna Mudder stated, "Yes, we are gaining more

confidence as a team" when asked if they felt they have improved from the first game.

They believe that the best game of the season so far was the game against the Flandreau Fliers because it was the most points they have scored all year.

Bryce Wollmann, one of Garretson's die hard fans, was asked about how he helps

the team win. "Everyday, I throw the other team off with my wacky antics and silly costumes."

The girls will play Baltic Bulldogs on Friday, January 17th and will also play on Saturday, January 18th in a double header against Hills Beaver Creek Patriots.



Boys Basketball Brings Back Third in BEC

By Katie Giesler

The Garretson boys' basketball team had an intense three days at the end of last week to say the least! They played Flandreau Public on Thursday, Sioux Valley on Friday and McCook Central-Montrose (MCM) on Saturday in the annual Big East Conference (BEC)!

Eight teams make up the BEC, including MCM, Baltic, Howard, Sioux Valley, Flandreau Public, Chester, Parker and Garretson.

This year, Garretson played games in Baltic and Salem; Baltic the first two days, and Salem on the last day. For other teams, games were also held in Parker.

For the Blue Dragons, the first victory came from the first game on Thursday night. They played Flandreau public and won 66-53, making our record (then) 4-3.

However, Friday night's game was more intense than Thursday's by far. The boys went up against Sioux Valley, ranked #3 in

state, and played hard, keeping up with them for the most part throughout the electrifying game.

At one point, Garretson was down by a mere three points, and it appeared that we would win; unfortunately, time was ticking by, and Sioux Valley wasn't going to mark down their first loss of the season against us. Garretson went on to lose by a close eight points, tying our record up at an even 4-4.

Micah Mader, sophomore on the varsity team, had optimistic thoughts about playing Sioux Valley again later in the season. He does believe that Garretson could win the game, now having experienced playing Sioux Valley once, and said, "We have some challenging games coming up that will get us ready for that game which will propel us into a deep-run in regions."

Fellow sophomore and varsity teammate, Cole Fiegen, added, "I think that if

we're all on our game that day, then we can beat them."

Mader added, "We've come a long way. We played really well. It feels good, but not satisfying." But now that the boys have a good idea of what they're going up against, there's always the chance that they can combat the struggles and defeat the undefeated!

Saturday was a turnaround for Garretson though! The team traveled to Salem to play the MCM Fighting Cougars at five p.m. to battle it out to see who'd end up in third or fourth place.

After a slow start to the game, Garretson came out on top with a final score of 45-42 and took home third in the Big East Conference Tournament, making the team's record 5-4.

The boys' most recent game is tonight night in West Central, where they will play the Trojans.

Hurdles Challenge 8th Grade Team

By Mary Christian

As the season has progressed, the 8th grade boys have lost players due to recent injuries. The 7th graders have moved up to keep the 8th grade team going.

While snowmobiling, Isaiah Mader misjudged the size of a drift and ended up breaking his arm. The team lost their point guard for the season. Coach Geof Furness said, "It causes players to play in different positions." This is an opportunity for the players to push their abilities.

John Christian, also injured himself during practice; a ball hit his pinky finger fracturing it above the growth plate. He is able to practice and participate in games but is limited with only one operating hand.

Christian said, "I don't play as well and the brace gets in the way. It also affects my

shooting and dribbling."

With two injuries and not enough bench, three 7th graders moved up on the team: Brennan Mudder, Drew Blosmo, and Trevor Fiegen. Coach Furness said, "When getting into high school, they will all play together."

Each player brings different skill to the team, Blosmo said, "I bring ball handling." Mudder added, "More options for the players." Fiegen said, "Passing the ball."

Now that they have moved up, they all said, "We get to play bigger kids and better kids, which challenge us." These three will help build up the team and create more bench for Coach Furness to use.

Throughout the season, the boys have steadily improved but "still need to work

on all aspects of the game," said Coach Furness. These kids are easy to coach because they get along well as a team and each one has a passion for basketball.

The 7th graders have gone undefeated so far this season. On Monday they played Dell Rapids and won with the score of 29-16. The 8th graders are 1-3. The lost Monday's game against Dell Rapids with the score of 20-38.

The 8th grade team will continue to improve even with these small hurdles. The boys will have to step up their game and play different positions to get a win.

With 7th graders moving up Coach Furness has created more options for the team to use. We wish them the best of luck through the rest of their season!

Snapchat Hack

By Jennie Hegge

Who doesn't snapchat on a daily basis? Very few to say the least. It has been a sensational hit ever since it came out! As of today, Snapchat has been downloaded close to 50 million times.

50 million users is a crazy and insanely large amount of users just for an app. Especially when you consider the most recent hack that has occurred.

For a couple months now, a group of security researchers have warned and continued to warn the Snapchat company (Gibson Company) that there was a major security flaw. That security flaw would allow hackers to see other users personal information.

Researchers at the Gibson Company just brushed it off. They didn't think anything like a huge hack would actually happen, but it sure did.

Hackers hacked into the Snapchat data base sometime last week, and posted the information of around 4.6 million users information on a website called Snap-

chatDB.info. (the website has been suspended) On this website you could see their username, phone number, and the region in which they lived.

That leaves some people feeling at risk, and others not so much. "I didn't even know there was a Snapchat hack," commented senior, Chayce Brinkman.

Brinkman then went on to say, "I don't snapchat anything that I would be afraid of someone else seeing, so I'm not too worried about it."

Senior Morgan Frewaldt also had a few words to add. "I don't snapchat much anymore, so it doesn't really concern me. But even if I did, I wouldn't have anything to hide, so it still wouldn't really concern me."

The hackers did leave out the last two digits of the users cell numbers and the last half of their username to prevent any further scamming. They have said though, they are considering revealing the other half of the users information if a stand is

not taken.

"Our motivation behind the release was to raise the public awareness around the issue, and also put public pressure on Snapchat to get this exploit fixed. It is understandable that tech startups have limited resources but security and privacy should not be a secondary goal. Security matters as much as user experience does" -Anonymous hackers.

There is a few ways you can go about seeing if your information has been revealed. Go to GS Lookup - Snapchat. From there, there will be a little white box in which you will enter your user name. If your information has not been reveal it will look like Figure 1. If it has been revealed it will look like Figure 2.

Let's just hope your information wasn't revealed. The first box is much more appealing than the second one. Don't you agree?

Happy snapping!

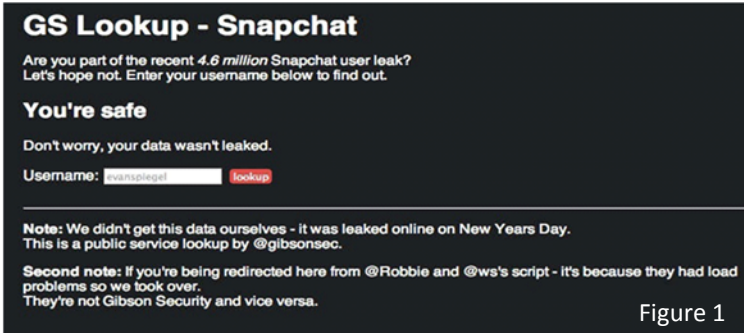


Figure 1

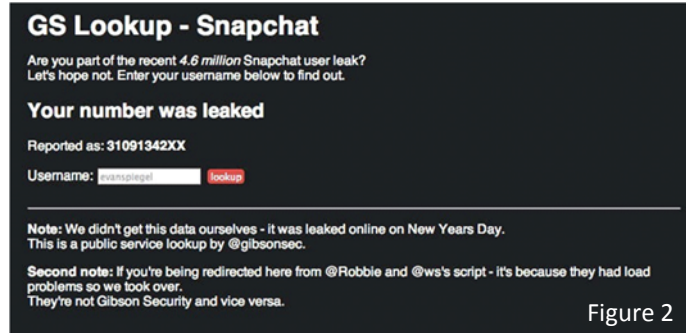


Figure 2

Can Manning Be a Contender?

By Jesse Brockhouse

It's that time of year, with Super Bowl Sunday approaching and only four teams left to battle!

The new year started a whole new level of play as the Denver Broncos and the New England Patriots duke it out in the AFC championship and the Seattle Seahawks face the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship.

Well know quarterback Peyton Manning looks to put yet another ring on his finger this year but is faced with the explosive offense headed by Tom Brady on the other side of the scoreboard.

Manning was recently picked up by the

Denver Broncos who were in need of a quarterback to lead their team but will his talent be used for only one last year?

With his previous injuries, Manning might only be able to play a few more years.

"I'd say he should make a comeback next year because he is in his prime right now," commented Micah Mader. "Even if he doesn't win a Super Bowl this year, he shouldn't question playing another year."

Former football coach, Mr. Hughes also inputted his football expertise saying, "I think the smart move is to come back and compete."

Hughes agreed with Mader saying that winning the Super Bowl should not affect his decision to come back.

With the upcoming games right around the corner, all we can do is guess as to what he will do next.

Be sure to watch the games Sunday, January 19th. The AFC game is at 3 pm on CBS and the NFC game is at 6:30 pm on Fox.



A-Roid Exposed

By Aaron Dunn

Busted! Yankee's third baseman, Alex Rodriguez, has been suspended for the entire 2014 season, including the playoffs. He has been caught using PEDs (performance enhancing drugs). He is the biggest name on the list of the 13 total players that have been suspended.

Steroids, human growth hormones, and other various drugs are used to enhance the performance of athletes all over the world. Dr. Anthony Bosch is the doctor that was distributing and injecting these drugs into the players caught in the scandal. He gave the MLB the list of players after his medical clinic closed in December 2012.

Rodriguez isn't alone in getting suspended, Ryan Braun and Nelson Cruz were both suspended for the remainder of last season. However, their suspensions are only a dent in the suspension of Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is going to lose an enormous chunk of money due to the suspension. He is expected to lose his expected salary of 25 million dollars! Not only that but he might even lose the remainder of his baseball career.

Yankee fan Brady Schleuter isn't too concerned about the suspension, stating, "I don't really care about him being suspended." Schleuter does believe he "should be banned from the league because it's like his fourth time getting caught."

He went on to say that he doesn't even want him on the team anymore. He does however believe he is going to stay, "because one of the younger guys will do something stupid."

Fellow Yankee supporter Scott Schleuter is actually looking on the positive side of the suspension. "Even though he never tested positive for steroids, I'm glad baseball suspended him."

Continuing on his statement S. Schleuter believes "It sends a message to the other players who are using or thinking about using steroids."



Scott just like Brady, "Wouldn't even miss him; he is too big of a distraction in a negative way and that doesn't help the team."

This will be the first year that Rodriguez won't suit up for a single game for 19 years!

According to a recent survey conducted on ESPN.com, Rodriguez is considered the face of the MLB. If that's the face of the sport, then the sport of baseball is headed into a downward spiral.

Wollmann Awarded as ACE Athlete

The 13th ACE Award has been handed out for the 2013-14 school year. This time the honor goes to freshman Siri Wollman for her outstanding attributes during basketball.

Wollmann is recognized exhibiting many of the characteristics of an ACE recipient.

She always hustles on the floor and communicates with and shows encouragement for her teammates.

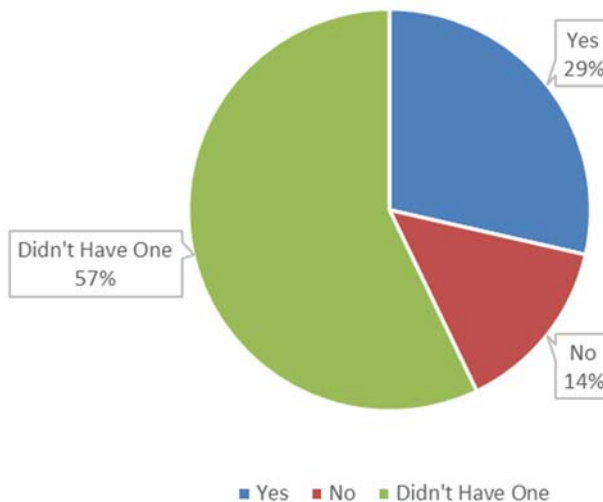
She is always coachable and strives to learn from her mistakes. She wants to become a better player and person.

Keep working hard!



Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked if they have been able to keep their New Year's Resolution so far.



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: Wet

Joke: Data (Dada)