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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: One out of eight Americans have worked at a McDonald's.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Did you here about the man who broke his left leg and left arm?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

- 5th Grade BBB v. Tri-Valley
- 5th Grade GBB @ Tri-Valley

Sunday, January 26

- One-Act Play "Cave Dream" @ 7:00 in the Old Gym

Monday, January 27

- Quad State Honor Band @ Vermillion
- 6:00 Financial Aid Night @ 6 in the Library
- Choir Concert @ 7:00 in the New Gym

Tuesday, January 28

- 7/8 GBB v. Tri-Valley
- BBB @ Flandreau (7/8/JV/V)
- Wrestling Triangular v. Parkston and Sioux Falls Lincoln



Scan for the full January Event Schedule

I Have a Dream

By Jennie Hegge

There once lived a man by the name of Martin Luther King, Jr., and he had a dream. He had a dream that one day there would be racial equality. He had a vision that each person would be judged by their character, not by the color of their skin.

Every year on the third Monday in January, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day which was the first national holiday to honor an individual African American. We remember King today for the impact he has had on America.

Mr. Hughes has some thoughts on how he thinks King has impacted America. "Dr. King made a huge impact. From racial equality to gender equality to the way we protest at times. He showed there was another way to gain attention and acceptance without resorting to violence."

"Along with other civil rights leaders, he has made a big difference. Although we have more work to do in race relations, we have made huge strides since the '50s and '60s," added Mr. Bennett.

King was well known for being an activist fighting for civil rights and to also end segregation. He gave many speeches and sermons throughout his lifetime. But there is one speech in particular that has stuck out the most, and continues to live on today. It was his "I Have a Dream" speech.

King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963 on the steps of the Washington, D.C. Lincoln Memorial during the march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This year marked the 50th anniversary.

He began his speech, "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom."

"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity."

"But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of

the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition in the history of our nation."

This speech went down as one of the most acclaimed in U.S. history. He has been an inspiration to many, and will continue to be.

Sophomores Peyton Heitkamp and Lara Luke are just two of the many people that look up to King. "He's a great role model because he fought for equality."

"He inspires me to carry on his legacy. As an AA male in a predominately Caucasian community. I, at times, have to be a bridge between the known and unknown. Many of my neighbors, co-workers or students would never come in contact with an AA in their everyday lives. That's why I find it important that their experience with me is one they can think fondly of and not one of stereotypical images or behaviors. Dr. King is a symbol of AA culture and history that has endured because of the way he carried himself, it's up to individuals like myself to continue that legacy," added Hughes.

"When we allow freedom to ring-when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, Free at last, Great God almighty, We are free at last.'" -Martin Luther King, Jr.



Winter Olympics Introduce New Events

By Jesse Brockhouse

POOF! Twelve new events just tumbled into the snowy banks of the 2014 Winter Olympics!

The new events are biathlon mixed relay, mixed team figure skating, mixed team luge relay, men's and women's ski slopestyle, men's and women's snowboard slopestyle, men's and women's snowboard parallel slalom, and women's ski jumping

New athletes will be shredding the "gnar" in Russia this year as it hosts its first Olympics since the breakup of the USSR.

The winter Olympic events include alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleigh, cross-country skiing, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, luge, Nordic combined, short track speed skating, skeleton, ski jumping, snowboarding, and speed skating.

A disappointed Bryce Wollmann commented, "I'm the best skier there is and I didn't even make it in any of these events so they must be pretty legit." Maybe some practice and actually getting on the slopes will give him a better chance at the next Olympics.

These events will start on February 7th after the opening ceremonies on the 6th, so be sure to watch these athletes compete against one another to be the best in the world.



Scan for update Olympic results and schedules

Shaping Up

By Mary Christian

As winter sports come to a freezing halt the Garretson track team speeds into their upcoming season. Coach Bob Bennett has started voluntary workouts with the team already this year; he said "The best thing for the team right now is to start putting on easy miles and to get in shape."

With high hopes for each of the races this coming year, the athletes start to run, lift, and eat healthier, taking the advice from Bennett.

Conner Blossmo said, "Weight training and proper stretching will make sure I am healthy for this season."

Practice Makes Perfect

By Wyatt Fink

There's a new team in Garretson; it is the scout team.

The scout team has been helping the girls' basketball team through scrimmages.

Junior Matt Johnson, member of the scout team, stated, "Yeah, they have less turnovers because of our scout defense," when asked if the scout team has helped the girls transfer over in game situations.

When asked about if they have cre-

ated challenges for the team, Johnson replied, "Yeah, we are a lot better looking than all the girls they play." Senior Austin Ethreim was asked how he was chosen for the scout team. "Coach Steckler asked me and some fellow retired ballers to help out with practice."

Runner Lydia Olson says, "I have been preparing since the 1st of January." One of her major goals for this coming year is not to get hurt. With preparing early "you're more likely not to get injured," said Bennett.

"If you prepare early, you train your body to endure the rest of the season, where as if you don't your body isn't



ready until mid-season," said Blossmo. Making for a good season by preparing early will help reduce injuries on the track and keep all the athletes working toward the goal of qualifying for the state meet.

This track team is springing into a shaped up session. With the athletes working hard to stay fit, maintain their health, and get prepared for their races this spring.

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Scan for up-to-date results and schedule for the Garretson Girls' Basketball Team

Girls' Basketball Sees Success

By Joshua Liester

As the Lady Dragons entered the halfway point of their season, they headed into a very busy week, playing four games since last Friday.

On Friday, the Dragons faced the Baltic Bulldogs. Garretson came out to a bit of a slow start, but was down by only four points heading into halftime.

They were able to pull through at the end though, and finish off a nail biting game, winning 48-45.

Haley Edmundson led the team with 25 points and 13 rebounds, while Jaden Bly added 10 rebounds of her own.

On Saturday, Garretson headed across the border to face the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots in Hills, MN. The girls were able to secure another win, with a score of 41-33.

The team had another game on Tuesday as they played Sioux Falls Christian in Sioux Falls.

The Blue Dragons fell just short of

the Chargers, losing the game 50-41. Edmundson had 18 points and 11 rebounds. Telia Carnicle had 10 points and Brianna Mudder grabbed eight rebounds.

Standing at 6 feet tall, freshman Siri Wollmann is a new addition to the team this year. She thinks that the team still needs to work on passing the ball and taking more shots.

She also added that the team is good at communicating and keeping positive. "Since the beginning of the year, we have learned to work better as a team," stated Wollmann.

Head coach Mr. Mudder agreed that the girls have been relying on one another and have become more of a team. He says that the team has great speed and aggressiveness, but with only two players with much varsity experience, there are still things to work on.

"We are kind of at a standstill right

now," said Coach Mudder. "We need to take care of the ball to get more shot opportunities, but we are getting more experience and getting more comfortable with every game."

The girls finished out their busy week with a home game against Tea Area. The Lady Blue Dragons kept the game within reach but were unable to pull out the victory in the intense, aggressive matchup. They lost to the Titans by four, 47-51.

"Our region is wide open and if we take care of ourselves we have a great opportunity. We can't take a night off because anyone can win on any given night in this game," stated Coach Mudder.

The next girls' basketball action will be the Big East Conference Tournament where Garretson will have a rematch against Baltic in the first round. The game is in Chester starting at 6:30.

Racking Up Rebounds

By Katie Giesler

"I hope to get more than 10 rebounds per JV game from here on 'til the end of the season," says Alex Andersen, sophomore at Garretson High School. "I think that's a good goal."

Andersen has had a great JV season for rebounds this year. Sometimes he earns between five to seven rebounds a game, or sometimes reaches an outstanding eight to 12 rebound game! Some of his best games have been the recent Hills-Beaver Creek game with 12, Parker with 8, and Colman-Egan and Canton both with 7!

On how he feels about his numbers, Andersen says, "I suppose I'm surprised, but happy too. I don't really count while I play, I just try to get them when I can. I guess it's working out pretty well though."

Saturday the 18th was a long day for players, coaches, and statisticians

alike; there was a double-header in Hills-Beaver Creek, Minnesota. The bus left for Hills at 2:30 p.m. and didn't take off for home until close to ten that night, making for a long eight hour day of back-to-back games.

The JV girls played first with the JV boys following up. While the girls managed to snag a win, the JV boys unfortunately fell short, 44 to 49.

Andersen mentioned that a small thing would've changed the outcome of the games. "If we would've made our free-throws, we would've won," he said. But he did feel pretty good with grabbing 12 rebounds single-handedly!

This past Tuesday on the 21st, the boys traveled to Dell Rapids to play the Quarriers.

While both the JV and varsity squads played hard with some of their

hottest intensity they've shown all season on Tuesday, Dells ended up closing out the game 68-63; a close game that brought the Dragon's record to 6-6.

Micah Mader, sophomore on the team, was sick on Tuesday and couldn't make the game. He said, "Yeah, I wanted to be there. I was hoping for a win, but even though we didn't, we got really close to a really good team. I'm not too disappointed about that."

Scoring stats from varsity that night were high too, what with Cole Fiegen and Austin Matthiesen each scoring 15 points, and Connor Blosmo and Jesse Brockhouse putting up 12. Brockhouse also managed six assists, and Matthiesen rebounded an impressive 12 shots.

The boys' next game is tonight in Tea against the Titans.



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Mentoring Begins

By Aaron Dunn

Did you know January is National Mentoring Month? Well some of the high school students have taken the initiative of becoming mentors for some of the elementary kids! The students in high school get to hang out with their mentee one time a week during study hall.

There are plenty of things that they can do together: play board games or computer games, go outside, read, etc...This could be a perfect opportunity for some students to finally be an older sibling in case they are unfortunate enough to be the youngest. That's why I am being a mentor this year.



Senior Alex Thorson is one of the many students participating in the mentoring program. He enjoys mentoring and thinks it is "a great experience and the kids enjoy it."

Thorson also strives to "become a

teacher" and "feels like it would be a good thing for me to do."

One of the benefits of being a mentor that Thorson has discovered is "being able to be the highlight of your mentee's week."

Being a mentor can also help you out in the future. You can put it on a college application or even a job resume, and it could potentially boost your chances of being accepted. But most importantly you have the chance to positively influence someone's life.

So if you're not mentoring you should strongly consider becoming one!

Olson Honored with PRIDE Award

After retiring from the Garretson her services to fill the position School District in 2011, Delores Olson throughout the remainder of the se finds herself following the district cal- mester. endar once again.

Olson served as a classroom aide in first grade before her retirement. The following year, she returned as a vol- unteer and substitute teacher.

As the district worked to hire an aide in the special education depart- ment last September, Olson offered

her services to fill the position throughout the remainder of the se mester.

Her connection to the students and passion for teaching has now prompt- ed Olson to stay with the position until May.

All students at Garretson Elemen- tary benefit from Mrs. Olson's positive energy and compassion towards oth- ers.



Scan to see all previous PRIDE award winners this year.

Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which team they thought would win the Super Bowl in just over a week.



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.

Super Bowl Winner

