

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Blueberry Jelly Belly jelly beans were created for President Ronald Reagan.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why didn't the quarter roll down the hill with the nickel?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 21

- BBB @ Sioux Valley (7/8/JV/V)

Saturday, February 22

- FFA Breakfast in the Commons @ 7:30-10:00

- Region Wrestling Tournament @ Freeman

Monday, February 24

- 4th Grade to SD Symphony
- BBB v. SF Christian (JV/V)

Tuesday, February 25

- Region GBB Tourney @ TBD

Thursday, February 27

- Birth to 3 Screening (9:00-12:00)
- Preschool and Kindergarten

Screening (9:00-6:00)

- Region GBB Tourney @ Tea Area

Friday, February 28

- FFA State Meet
- dL-S-PPD-Blood

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And the Winner Is...

By Jesse Brockhouse

With the Garretson Olympics in the rear view mirror some people have said that these games have brought the best and worst out of the students here. This statement has appeared to hold up judging by the back and forth battle for the lead between all of the boys and girls.

The first round of Rock, Paper, scissors ended up in a tie between the Junior Girls and the 7th Grade girls but their lead didn't hold very long. After three rounds the Sophomore Girls grabbed ahold of the reigns of first place. Unable to hold on, the Sophomore Girls gave up the top spot to the greatest team of the games, the Senior Boys, who won the national geography category.

Although there must have been a flaw in the system, the Senior Boys gave their lead away to the Sophomore girls. These tenth grade girls seemed to be unstoppable until three rounds later, the 8th grade boys showed up with a cavalry of young boys with a plethora of food for the food drive which lead them to take control over the school sitting them comfortably in first place.

With the youngsters heading into the final day of the games they looked to secure the victory with



Freshman Clair Longhenry attempts the obstacles during the balloon race. *Photo courtesy of Julie Mueller*

four more wins in the balloon race, the scavenger hunt, free throw contest, and the wall duct tape contest. Their chances of gold looked slim after not finishing top three in any of the last events.

The Freshman Girls ran away with the balloon race; Junior Boys stole the win in

the scavenger hunt; Senior Boys banked their way into a win in the free throw contest.

All of the teams made it very clear that the wall duct tape contest was their last chance to put some points up on the board for their team. Given only five minutes to duct tape a classmate up onto the wall,

teams raced to tear the tape and strategically position it so it would hold them into place above the ground.

Showing off their extreme tape-master skills the Senior Boys, Junior Girls, and Sophomore Boys tied for first!

As the games wrapped up and the duct tape

was peeled off of the walls, students sat anxiously waiting on the results. After a final tally of all the events and the bonus points from the food drive the wait is over! The Senior Boys captured the bronze with a total of 164 points. The Sophomore Girls barely skated by the Seniors racking up 166 points for the silver. With Nothing but ice in their undeveloped veins, the 8th Grade Boys crashed the high school leader's party with 178 points and clawed away with gold.

Congrats to the 8th Grade Boys and a special thanks to Mrs. Buchholz for the creative idea to do our own Garretson Olympics.



Dakota Johnson, eighth grade, readies for his turn tossing the bale.



Junior Chrissy Anderson hangs in place by duct tape thanks to secure work by her teammates. *Photo courtesy of Julie Mueller*



A Familiar Face Will Soon Leave Garretson

By Joshua Liester

After 31 years on the job as superintendent of the Garretson School District, Mr. Arend has decided to retire at the end of the school year.

Before coming to Garretson, Arend was the principal at Ramona for four years, and also the superintendent at Ramona for four years. He came to Garretson in 1983 to be the superintendent here. During his time at Garretson, Arend thinks some of his greatest contributions to the district consist of "upgraded facilities and broadened curriculum including Garretson Academy and classes at CTE Academy."

Middle School teacher Mr. Bennett has been here for almost all of Arend's time here and says that he is happy for him. Bennett con-

tributed Arend's success here to his longevity, stability, and his work with the budget. Bennett also says that he will miss Arend helping out at track meets.

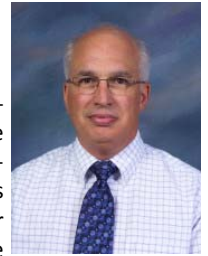
Spanish teacher Ms. Gaspar also thinks Arend has been a good superintendent. "I think he has maintained respect and high expectations for students," said Gaspar. "It will be different coming to school every day and not seeing Mr. Arend, but I'm happy he's able to retire and enjoy his family." She says she will also miss him starting the popcorn when she works the concession stand.

But with Mr. Arend gone, who will be at the head of the school? Well, four candidates were

interviewed this past Monday, and Guy Johnson, the current middle school principal at West Central, was offered the job. Gaspar says, "I'm excited to see the changes that might happen."

During retirement Arend says he plans on "spending time with my grandkids and wife, traveling, and golfing."

While he is looking forward to retirement, Arend says he will miss the daily routine and most of all the kids. "I've really enjoyed them all," said Arend.



Ride Along: Movie Review

By Jennie Hegge

Have you ever watched Kevin Hart in action? Or seen any of his stand up comedian shows? Well if you haven't, he is one funny dude and you just might be missing out on a good laugh. But don't worry, you can always go watch the most recent film he is starring in, Ride Along, to make up for it!

Sophomore Brianna Callsen will be going to see this movie. "I want to see it because it looks funny."

Kevin Hart and Ice Cube are the two stars in this film, and boy do they make quite the duo. "I think it was a good match up for the producer to pair them together. I feel like Hart brought in the humor and Cube brought in the stern face but still also brought humor," commented senior Mary Christian.

Cube plays the roll of a decorated APD detective named James. He pretty much runs the show in the Atlanta area when it comes to the police. He is not a fan of Hart and doesn't want him to continue dating his sister, Angela. I bet you all know where this is going.

Well, Hart has been a high school security guard for two years and goes by the name Ben. Although he comes off very assertive and mentor-like to high school kids, when it comes to the real world, not so much.

Christian found humor in Hart not being able to be as assertive in the real world. "It was funny because he was so used to students taking orders from him, but once he got out in the real world, people looked down on him and didn't take him seriously."

All Ben really wants to do is impress James. Not because he likes James, but because he wants James' blessing to marry Angela. All he needs to do is prove that he is man enough to take care of and protect her.

That may be easier said than done, especially when you put Ben's size into the matter. He's just a short, little guy. Ben and James make a deal to spend one day together, and in that one day, is Ben's chance to prove himself. Oh boy, this is not sounding too good.

The day starts out as being a joke and is set up to scare Ben off by having him deal with fake cases. It almost worked! But not quite. The day slowly, but surely turns around and is definitely not a joke anymore.

Ben and James get themselves into a pickle. They are facing head on with one of the cities most dangerous criminals. James knew they didn't stand a chance, until he realized one thing. Ben has got a mouth on him. A mouth that is almost as effective as firing a gun.

Ride Along is an American comedy that was released on January 17. It is rated PG-13 and is one hour and forty minutes long. The weekend it was released it zoomed passed it's competition, being the number one movie. And again for the next two weekends.

Critics like Stephen Whitty, think this is a must see movie. "For 100 minutes, I didn't think about anything else at all. And sometimes that small relief is the best thing a movie can give."

Getting in the Olympic Spirit

Physical education teacher, Dave Mudder, has embraced the Olympic Spirit and found a way to share the international event with the students.

Through a variety of activities seen in the winter games, Mudder has amended them to fit the students, space, and equipment available.

The gym class has broken into groups (nations) and are competing against each other for bragging rights.

The students have participated in events such as hockey, bobsled, cross country skiing, and the very popular curling.



Photos courtesy of Dave Mudder

Sportsmanship Night

By Teila Carnicle



The key to having a successful and clean basketball game is sportsmanship! Many agree that sportsmanship is a good quality to have, but Garretson High School wanted to start recognizing that quality and the people who possess it.

Mr. Long, High School and Middle School principle, quoted that "sportsmanship night has only been going on for two years."

Long went on to say that during that night they will be "recognizing our ace recipients and a Sioux Valley girl who has also won an ace award."

Sportsmanship to people can be seen in many different ways. Whether it's raising your

hand when you know you've fouled, helping a player from the opposing team off the ground, or encouraging your teammates and everyone else to keep a positive attitude no matter what happens on the court!

Conner Blossmo, a senior varsity basketball player, tries his best to show sportsmanship whenever possible! "I try to keep a positive attitude and try to be a leader."

Blossmo went on to say that sportsmanship is an important trait to have because, "it shows good character and showing good sportsmanship means you care and that you play the game the right way."

Jaden Bly, also a varsity basketball player, reiterated Blossmo's thoughts on why sportsmanship is so important! "It helps to keep everything civil and to make sure everyone maintains a positive attitude!"

Bly added that she also does what she can to have good sportsmanship by simply "helping people up when I knock them down. I also tell the other team good job."

Sportsmanship night was held last night at the girls' basketball game against Sioux Valley. If you weren't there to congratulate all the ace recipients, be sure to tell them sometime during or after school hours. They've earned it and it sure doesn't hurt to tell them that!

Prom?

By Mary Christian

With prom only a short month and a half away, juniors and seniors scramble to the internet to find creative ways to ask their dates.

Some of you may have them already secure, but others might need a little help. You still have time to ask before the red carpet event on March 29th.

Asking someone in a creative way in never overrated. Senior, Shane Mueller, spent a good hour setting out hay bails with Christmas lights on top to ask his date. Why did he do this? Mueller answered, "It made it more special for the person that I asked." Although he was nervous, she said yes! I mean, who could say no to such a cute and creative way?

There are so many different ideas out there now days. Morgan Frewaldt has a cute idea to share, "Someone put a pin on a person's win-

dow and left them a note saying pop all the balloons to find the question. The person's car was filled with balloons and in one of the balloons was a little piece of paper asking the person to prom."

Frewaldt continued by saying, "It's so adorable!" Even if you have to pop a hundred balloons before you found the question wouldn't it be worth it?

Some of you might not have a lot of time to put into a big idea like this together; but there are simple ways to ask your date. You can put a note in their locker or tap into their interest and figure out what they like.

Senior, Conner Blossmo, found a simple way to ask his date to prom and it was something that she liked. "I bought her Starbucks coffee and wrote prom on the cup," says Blossmo. He

said it took about ten minutes to put together but it was easy and simple but something that she loves.

When asking Mrs. Howe if she knew about these creative ways in asking people she said, "I assume most people just walk up to them and ask." So, if you can't come up with anything creative, go with this.

Find a creative way or go with something simple it's up to you. All you need to secure your date is yes.

After prom forms are due March 7th, so it's a good idea to get them locked in to place before then. Also, on March 29th our students will be taking to Garretson's red carpet, so even if your not going come watch them strut their stuff.

A Feud Renewed

By Wyatt Fink

20 years ago on the dawn of the 1994 Lillehammer winter games. One of the biggest news stories in the history of the Olympics, the Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan incident happened.

For people who don't know the story. There was a feud between the top two women figure skaters in the world; their names were Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan.

The story begins a couple of weeks before the '94 Olympics, when top skater Nancy Kerrigan was hit repeatedly with a metal object in her knee.

Just before the incident Harding's ex-husband Jeff Gillooy and her body guard Shawn Eckhardt hired a man named Shane Stants to break Kerrigan's leg in hopes that she would be

unable to participate in the Olympics. Stants followed Kerrigan to her Detroit home after failing to find her at the rink in Massachusetts and struck her a few inches above the knee with a metal baton.

Stants failed to break the leg, he only bruised it. The hit forced Kerrigan to withdraw from the National Championship which Harding ended up winning.

Kerrigan made the Olympic team based on a selection so the two were together anyway. Kerrigan out shined Harding winning silver; Harding placed 8th.

On February 1st Gilloy, Eckhardt, Stants, and a getaway driver, Derrick Smith all served time in prison for the incident. Harding was on 3 years probation, served 500 hours of communi-

ty service and was fined \$160,000. She was also banned from the Olympics for life.

"I think she was aware of the of the plans," said teacher Mrs. Buchholz when asked if she thought Tonya Harding was involved or innocent.

After the Olympics banned Harding she was involved in boxing and is one of the cast members on *The Smoking Guns World's Dumbest's*.

The world will never know if Harding is guilty or innocent. But after the incident, public attention to figure skating has sky rocketed.



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Britain Invades

Katie Giesler

Milk mustache contest, petting zoo, chicken bingo, a week of dress up days, the blood drive, and elementary seed count and naming of the lamb and goat... just what are all of these events for? National FFA Week of course!

"What is the purpose of FFA Week?" you may ask. Well, Ed Mueller, agriculture teacher at Garretson, explains that "The purpose of FFA Week is several things. Each activity that we do this week serves one of these purposes: promotion of FFA to both students and the community, and it is also a celebration for members to showcase some of their community service projects."

In the milk mustache contest, middle and high school students stepped up to the concessions

counter and took a drink of vanilla milkshake to try and produce the biggest, best milk mustache they could muster.

The petting zoo is being held today in the Ag barn, and all grades, elementary through high school, are invited to stop by and see all of the animals FFA students brought! The community is also welcome to stop by as well!

The elementary have the chance to name a lamb and a goat too! Kids will get to write down a name option on a piece of paper and put it into container. If their name gets drawn, that's the name of the animal!

Along with the blood drive, there was also a food drive where students could bring any non-

perishable items to donate to the food pantry.

"It is also a way of saying thank you to all who have supported the FFA over the year," Mueller ads. FFA members will be hosting a breakfast Saturday morning in the school's lunch room to help say thanks. The breakfast is from 7:30 a.m. til 10:00 a.m.

At yesterday's assembly, participation recognition was given to students who won the mini-contests; also, a few seniors were awarded t-shirts for giving the most blood in the blood drive.

If you missed out on any of the games or events this year, well... there's plenty more FFA things to come, I'm sure.

NBA Stars Light Up the Big Easy

By Aaron Dunn

Halfway there! The NBA all-star weekend marks the midpoint of the NBA season. This year was just as spectacular as any previous one has been. Two records were broken over the five challenges, and it was extremely entertaining.

The Rising Stars challenge started this enjoyable weekend with Team Hill, led by Grant Hill, defeating Team Webber, led by Chris Webber, 142-136. Pistons center Andre Drummond was named the MVP of the game after he scored 30 points and grabbing 25 rebounds. The game did end in quite a humorous way when Drummonds MVP award broke in half just as he received it.

Half court shots are always difficult and fun to try to achieve, but when the Shooting Stars trophy is on the line it turns into a frustrating challenge. Chris Bosh was up to this challenge for the chance to become the back-to-back champion of the event. His team included hall of famer Dominique Wilkins, WNBA star Swin Cash, and of course himself. There were four teams competing and they needed to make one shot at all four stations in order to win, and one was the

half court shot. Team Bosh was crowned the champions after Bosh drained the first half court shot, with a final time of 31.4 seconds.

Next up was the three-point shootout. Reigning champ Kyrie Irving looked to repeat as champ, but was stunned to be eliminated after the first round. Kevin

Love was also a former champion in the competition this year and was also eliminated in the first round. New competitors Marco Belinelli and Bradley Beal were the two best shooters of the night and shot for the title. Belinelli edged out Beal in the final round and won the shootout with the top score of 24 points.

Ball handling is a vital part of the game of basketball and some of the best handlers were facing off in the Skills challenge. For this contest the players needed to dribble through an obstacle course, pass the ball through two tires, make a three-pointer, and then complete two layups or dunks. The team of Damian Lillard and Trey Burke came out with the victory by defeating the team of Michael-Carter Williams and Victor Oladipo. The final times were 45.2 for Lillard and Burke, and 45.3 for Williams and Oladipo.

Now the main event of Saturday was of course the Slam Dunk contest. This year the contest was changed for better or for worse. Instead of a free for all, there were two teams of three dunkers. The team for



the West consisted of Damian Lillard, Harrison Barnes, and Ben Mclemore. The East team was Paul George, John Wall, and reigning champ Terrence Ross. The first round was considered the warm-up round, where the two teams did freestyle dunks. The new battle round was a one-on-one dunk off. The East swept the round and John Wall

took home the dunker of the night award.

Wyatt Fink is not a big fan of the new format for the Dunk Contest, stating that "It should be individual, not team based." Fink also hopes to see "LeBron James" in future contests, saying that he "dunks the most in the league and it would be fun to watch."

Mr. Hughes agreed with Fink by exclaiming that "it sucked the contest hasn't been good since the late 90's." Hughes also wants to see James in the competition saying that "guys of his stature that can bring people to the game instead of bench players who are no names in the league."

Finally the all-star game concluded the weekend with the East making a comeback victory over the West. Kyrie Irving walked away with the MVP after the East scored a record 163 points. Hughes believes that "the game is fine" and he "doesn't expect to see a lot of defense because the game is for enjoyment." Fink opposes Hughes thoughts proclaiming "there is no defense and people just show off."

Student Opinion Poll

This week, in honor of National FFA Week, students were asked what their favorite farm animal is...a llama!



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