

Wrestlers Head to the State Tourney

This Week's **Need to Know**

FACT OF THE WEEK: 40% of McDonald's profits come from Happy Meals.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

What three numbers have the same answer when added together or multiplied together? Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why don't you ever see hippopotamuses hiding in the trees? Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 28

- All State MS Band @ Pierre

- Wrestling State 'B' Tournament Ø Aberdeen

Saturday, March 1

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- 7/8 GBB/BBB Blue Dragon Classic Sunday, March 2
- National School Breakfast Week - Dr. Seuss' Birthday/Start of Read
- Across America Week

Monday, March 3

- Science Fair @ 6:30 in New Gym

Tuesday, March 4

- BBB @ SF Christian—Regions

Wednesday, March 5

- MS Honor Band/Choir for Celebration of Music Festival @ Brandon Valley

Thursday, March 6

- GBB v. Madison-Region Championship @ Tea Area-6:30



Scan for the full March Event Schedule

By Aaron Dunn

This past weekend was the regional tournament for our Garretson wrestlers. They competed for a chance to wrestle in the state tournament. State is in Aberdeen this year during the weekend. For Garretson, we will be sending four wrestlers to the

state tournament: senior Tyler 120: Sophomore Willems, junior Tristen Wagner, Jacob Fitzgerald and sophomores Jacob Fitzgerald and Brady Schleuter.

For Willems, this will be his final state tournament and will be wrestling in the 138 pound division. Willems feels "good" about making state because "I have to make the most of it because it's my last shot."

126: Sophomore He has also been prepared all Brady Schleuter week, stating, "This is where our hard work pays off."

and he is looking to make the most of it. Wagner about this week not school!"

Funding Your Future

will wrestle in the heavyweight division.

By Jesse Brockhouse

Well, the end is near and many seniors are frantically trying to get next year's plans figured out: ac- costs of college but with book prices reaching prices ceptance letters, housing, and yes, scholarships. To up to \$325, they can help you overcome the difficulseniors that word fills their heads with mixed emo- ties that come along with this added expense. tions.

to fill out a scholarship...okay all seniors hate it, but wide variety of things. They take grammar, punctuathe money given towards schooling, it might just be tion, and quality of the writing in all parts of the worth it!

"They are very stressful and they take a lot of time, but they provide me money for my tuition so I approaches, so do the chances to get your applicaguess they are worth the time," commented senior Conner Blosmo.

Blosmo, like many of his classmates are awaiting everyone could use the help. many scholarships, hoping to tackle the hassle of tuition with a little extra help.

which makes it important to double check the crite- cific one." ria of specific scholarship to reassure that it is right for you," said school counselor Mrs. Danielsen.

Concurring with Blosmo's statement, Mrs. Danielsen said, "Scholarships do take a lot of time and ship Foundation applications are due TODAY! Make effort, but if you follow through with it, the results sure to review and perfect before you turn them in! can be very helpful with your future."



HWT: Junior Tristen Wagner



138: Senior Tyler Willems

Wagner feels "very, very good" about making it to state for the first time. He has prepared all season for this moment and believes that he "can't be mentally ready yet. I have to wait until the weekend." Wagner also has been working on his agility for this tourney all week.

Schleuter has been prepared

for this "since the day after regions and have been watching tape of my opponents as well as following the same routine I've been doing throughout the year." He also feels "good" about making the state tournament claiming, "I just have to make the most out of my opportunity."

Fitzgerald feels a "sense of accomplishment" about achieving

his bid in the state tourney. It has been the only This will be the first state appearance for Wagner thing on his mind exclaiming, "It's all I've thought

Good luck this weekend to the wrestlers.

Not only do scholarships help with the actual

What do scholarships look for? Mrs. Danielsen Most seniors despise putting in the work it takes also said, "Scholarship applications are looking for a application."

> With days passing faster and faster as summer tions in. Set aside some time for different scholarships and apply for as many as you can because

As Mrs. Danielsen said, "Scholarships are awarded to the best of the best so make sure you are "There is a scholarship out there for everybody, thorough and well educated in the area of that spe-

> Only you can determine your future, so get on that scholarship grind seniors!

REMINDER: The Garretson Community Scholar-

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An Ending to an Era

By Jennie Hegge

On Monday night, the boys faced off against the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers. Even though the speed of the game was a fast one, and they kept up the whole time, they just couldn't make a shot. Sioux Falls Christian just outrebounded and outshot -

the Garretson boys, especially at that three and 4 rebounds per game. With those great point line. With our boys coming out on stats, it is only obvious that Blosmo brings bottom, the final score ended up being 67-47, making our record 11-9.

Head Coach. Mr. Ganschow had some thoughts on the game. "SFC shot well all over the field. We had a hard time keeping them from scoring. Some nights are like that, but we will do a better job the second time around."

game, but it was also senior night! "Bittersweet," commented seniors Conner Blosmo and Jesse Brockhouse.

the seniors for all their contributions they have given throughout the last four years.

The Garretson Blue Dragons boys' squad has three seniors this year: Conner Blosmo, Austin ways." Matthiesen, and Jesse Brockhouse.

contributors to the success of our program averages 12.2 points per game, 1.6 assists per during their four years. During the past three game, and 7.8 rebounds per game. Matthiesen seasons they've been excellent role players says he brings "hops" to the team. That behind very talented upperclassmen. This year they've taken on more of a leadership role and have each done a commendable job of leading a pretty inexperienced team to success," commented Ganschow.

been playing basketball for 8 years. He averag-

Science Fair Fun!

By Joshua Liester

The Garretson Middle School students have which is in Brookings on all been using their brains the past several April 1st. A total of about 60 months asking questions, compiling data, and students from Garretson will putting together display boards all in prepara- have the opportunity to tion for the annual science fair!

For the science fair, students must conduct that day. an experiment and present what they found keep a journal of what they did throughout the science fair and thinks it is important for stuprocess, write an abstract summarizing their project, and put together an informative go outside the classroom to look into someand other information that helps explain their project.

deserve to go on to the regional science fair, Lundberg said he enjoyed doing their project still had fun doing it.

Conner Blosmo

"unity" to the team.

Now, let me tell you a little bit about Blosmo himself. His favorite thing about the game is to "bomb up three balls." The thing he will miss the most about basketball is "bonding with teammates and just being able to play it." Now, he'll still be able to play basketball, but it just It was not only the last regular season home won't be the same. "I'll still shoot around and everything and play intramurals in college."

Blosmo is attending SMSU in the fall to run track and has an undecided major. If there is Senior night is a night to recognize and thank one thing he has learned from the game that he will take with him in everyday life, it would be this: "Always have a positive attitude no matter what, because it will take you a long

Matthiesen is a 5'11" starting forward. He "Our three seniors have always been key has been playing basketball for 8 years. He favorite part about the game is, "snaggin' the boards."

You probably want to know a little bit about Matthiesen now. Well, for starters, what is he Blosmo is a 5'9" starting point guard. He has going to miss the most about the sport? es 12 points per game, 3.1 assists per game, that! He does plan to still be involved in basket- Tuesday at Sioux Falls Christian!

ball though. "I'll shoot around, pick up games, and intramurals." Let's hope he dominates those intramurals, so he can get that feeling back of what it's like to win again!

Austin Matthiesen Jesse Brockhouse

Matthiesen is going to be attending SDSU in the fall for landscape architecture. The one thing that he will carry with him throughout the rest of his life that basketball taught him is this; "To win, you need to use team

work." Brockhouse is a 5'10" starting guard. He has been playing basketball for 8 years. He averages 12.1 points per game, 3.2 assists per game, and 3 rebounds per game. What does Brockhouse bring to the game? "Defense and getting up and down the court." That is an essential thing to bring to the team since "ballin' as the G -town trifecta," is his favorite thing.

Brockhouse has one main thing that he is going to miss, and that is the "competition." He is planning to attend SDSU in the fall for construction management, and will try to play baseball.

"You have to put in work to see results." That is the one thing that Brockhouse has learned from playing basketball, and will also carry it with him throughout his life.

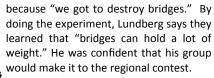
The Garretson Boys basketball team has probably comes in handy, especially when his been so fortunate to have those three boys with them these last four years! Their next game is Tuesday against SFC; and it could possibly be the last time we see them play, so ya'll better be there.

We wish the best of luck to the boys' basket-"Winning." We all like a positive attitude like ball team on their first round in regions next

present their projects on

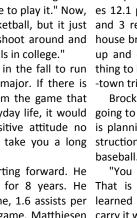
Middle school science

dents to have this experience. "It makes them "They can have fun doing it too."



Abby Schroeder and Kendra Kleven, sixth graders taking their first shot at the

out to a group of judges. They also have to teacher, Mrs. Mueller, is in charge of the local science fair, tested whether boys or girls were better at reading color words written in different colored ink. For example, the word "red" would be written in blue ink and subjects presentation board filled with graphs, pictures, thing they are interested in," said Mueller. would try to tell the color of the ink. It's a lot harder than you would think! When all the Eighth grader, Nick Lundberg, along with his results were tallied up, the duo found out that The judges, which consist of a combination partners Marc Rattenborg and Ryan Fick, guys were better at it than girls. While Schroeof SDSU ambassadors, local adults, and high tested the strength of different bridge designs der wasn't as confident as Lundberg that her school seniors, pick the projects they think using popsicle sticks for their project. project would make it to regions, she said she



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Jumping for Joy

By Mary Christian

The Lady Blue Dragons are dribbling into regions to shoot it out with five other teams to take a step closer to state. With a bye week to prepare, the ladies hit the practice

tian Chargers this Thursday at 8:00 at Tea Area.

Our region consists of six teams: Dell Rapids Quarries, Sioux Falls Christian Chargers, Flan-Dragons.

The Lady Blue Dragons are facing the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers. These two teams have seen each other before.

On January 21st the Lady Dragons traveled to Sioux Falls to play the Chargers. The girls battled all the way though the game but could- making changes that were needed, working on n't pull it out and ended up losing 41 to 50.



and we just didn't show up to play," referred Telia Carnicle about the this game. With the first region game the Lady

Blue Dragons are looking for revenge on floor to get ready to play the Sioux Falls Chris- the Chargers. Although they are nervous about

the game, "if we play as a team we will do fine," commented Haley Edmundson.

Tuesday night Sioux Falls Christian battled dreau Flyers, Madison Bulldogs, Flandreau Indi- with Flandreau Indian School and won 65-35. an School, and our very own Garretson Blue This game was used for "working on a scouting report to look over our opponent so we can defeat them," said Coach Kevin Steckler.

> practice floor to give them an advantage over their opponent. Head Coach Dave Mudder prepared the girls by "reviewing the last game,

"To many turn over killed our chances defense, and the little things," to get these girls ready for their game.

> Going into the game the girls were confident. "As long as we play together and play to our best, we can beat them," said Edmundson.

> Coach Mudder seems to have the same view on this game saying, "As long as we do the little thing we can compete with anyone."

> Last night our girls took to the court with intensity, played their hearts out, and gave it their all. They worked all season for this game and came out with a win, 48-42.

Their hard work in practice paid off, so they These girls took the scouting report to the will be advancing to the final round of regions. They will play Thursday, March 6th against #5 Madison Bulldogs at 6:30 at the Tea Area High School. We congratulate these girls for their hard work and effort! Make sure you are their for their next region game.

Students Experience Government First Hand

By Teila Carnicle

Girls' and Boys' State is an event that a select few students from various schools around a lot of different students and taking on rolls South Dakota get to attend.

Girls' and Boys' State is a program that learning leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen.

While the students are there, they will be running for office, learning public speaking, creating and enforcing laws and actively particiworking government.

Chris Long, middle school and high school students who go in many ways! "First of all, it is a great way to get an understanding of the you a feeling of the responsibilities of citizens."

Long also believes that this will help them in the long run. "The biggest help it brings is getting experience in a college setting."

NFL Rookies' Time to Shine

By Wyatt Fink

purpose of the combine, is for NFL scouts to better than some running backs times." find players that could work with their system.

press, 20 yard dash, and the 10 yard dash.

Clowney DE from South Carolina are just some of the main players attending the combine.

love watching the combine. Everybody has a 12 games this year. He was awarded the MVFC favorite player they like to watch. Gutzmer said player of the year. Starr has 27 career sacks and if your team drafts the player you want.

you don't get to have in your local schools."

Hearing from students who have gone in the of the program is that "students are often surprised that they had as much fun as they did, and it really enforces leadership qualities with those who attend."

Kara Ellefson, a senior who attended Girls' pating in all phases of creating and running a State last year, "encourages juniors to go; it looks good on your college applications."

Ellefson went on to say that even though it Ellefson's thoughts. principal, believes this program benefits the looks good on an application, she "didn't enjoy it because [she doesn't] like government."

was meeting new people."

Alex Thorson, also a senior who attended Boys' State the previous year, shared the same thoughts with Ellefson by stating that he "did

He went on to say, "It helps getting to know enjoy it, but not for the right reasons." Thorson said his favorite part of the whole program was "meeting new people and nap time!"

Based on their experiences both Thorson teaches students how government works while past, Long said that the most beneficial aspect and Ellefson encourage juniors to attend. Bailey Willems, a junior hoping to be accepted to this program, says she's "hopeful in going."

> Willems added that she has heard a lot about Girls' State and agrees with Thorson that meeting new people would be the best part!

> "Well, I also heard it will look good on colapplications," Willems reiterating lege

Girls' State takes place at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion; Boys' State takes On the other hand Ellefson did take some- place at Northern State University in Aberdeen, American term of government, and also gives thing from the experience. "The most fun part so for those interested, see Mr. Long for more details on how you can get a chance to up your college application and get a once in a lifetime government experience!

The draft is getting closer, but first, the rook- he liked to watch Clowney, a defensive end had 9 sacks this year. He had 71 tackles this

English teacher Mr. Hughes agrees with Some of the drills they do are the forty yard Gutzmer. He wants to watch Tyler Starr, a linedash, a vertical jump, a three-cone drill, bench backer from the University of South Dakota, and Aaron Donald, defensive line man from the Johnny Manziel QB from Texas A&M, Teddy University of Pittsburgh. He also said that "guys Bridgewater QB from Louisville and Jadeveon need to do well to move up in the draft boards."

Representing the state of South Dakota is linebacker Tyler Starr. Starr is from Iowa and Juniors Matt Johnson and Tanner Gutzmer went to USD for four years. He played 11 out of

ies have to go through the NFL combine. The from South Carolina, because "his 40 time was year and 4 INTs. In the FCS awards, he placed 16th in sacks and 25th in total tackles.

> There are ups and downs in the combine, Johnson said his let down was a running back from Kent State Dri Archer. "He didn't run fast enough."

Hughes said "I don't have expectations for people, I just watch to see how their doing".

Everybody has a drill that they like to watch. Hughes stated, "The 40's, they give you a sense of someone's speed'.

Tune in to the NFL draft on May 8th to watch

NSIC Basketball Preview

By Katie Giesler

"I would like to go because I just love watching college basketball! I watch it at home all the in order, include Minnesota State Universitytime!" quoted by high school science teacher, Moorhead, Bemidji State, St. Cloud State, St. Cloud State, Geof Furness.

"Yeah, I'd go!" added sophomore. Micah and University of Minnesota-Crookston. Mader. "I want to see USF win."

Pentagon any day from March 1st through the State, Southwest Minnesota State, Upper Iowa, 4th? If not, you should put it into consideration because the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) tournament will be going on!

an athletic conference that takes place in the University of Mary, St. Cloud State, Minnesota Midwest. Nine members of the conference are State University-Moorhead, University of Minout of Minnesota, three are from South Dakota, nesota-Duluth, two from North Dakota, and one member from Crookston, and Bemidji State. Iowa and Nebraska each.

giate Athletic Association (NCAA)'s Division II State-Mankato, Concordia University-St. Paul, level and was founded in 1932.

II conferences in the country with 16 members!

The conference sponsors 18 sports (10 for women and eight for men). Both men and February 26th. women compete in basketball, cross country, golf, and indoor and outdoor track and field. Men compete in baseball, football and wrestling, while women compete in soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis and volleyball.

Coming up is the conference basketball tournament, and it's sure to be a good one!

For the men's north division, teams, seeded Upper Northern State, University of Mary, Minot State, Minnesota State

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For the men's south division, teams, seeded Are you planning on heading to the Sanford in order, are Minnesota State-Mankato, Winona Augustana, University of Sioux Falls, Wayne nesota State. State, and Concordia University-St. Paul.

For the women's north division, teams, seed-In case you're not familiar with it, the NSIC is ed in order, are Northern State, Minot State, University of Minnesota-

For the women's south division, teams, seed-The NSIC participates in the National Colle- ed in order, include Wayne State, Minnesota Augustana, University of Sioux Falls, Winona This conference is one of the largest Division State, Upper Iowa, and Southwest Minnesota State.

The first round was held on Wednesday,

Women's teams moving on to the second Minot State, Concordia State, U-Mary, and Min- an all-season pass, it's \$84.00. nesota State-Mankato.

the conference are Minnesota State-Moorhead, be a tournament to watch!

State, Winona -Mankato. gustana, Wayne State. Southwest Min-

Friday, February 28, 2014

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Continuing on Monday will be the semifinals (games at 12:00, 2:30, 6:00, and 8:30 p.m.) with the championship games finishing off the tournament days on Tuesday (games at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.).

For men, the top three seeded teams and most likely to win are Minnesota State-Moorhead, Winona State and Minnesota State-Mankato. The top three seeded women's teams most likely to win are Wayne State, Minnesota State-Mankato, and Northern State.

Tuesday is the championship at the Sanford Pentagon. The women's championship game will take place at 5:00 p.m. and the men will play afterwards at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for day of the official conference tournament are seniors (62 and older), \$5.00 for students, and Northern State, Augustana, Wayne State, USF, children five and under are free. If you still want

If you're planning on going to any of these Men's teams moving onto the second day of games, relay the details because this will sure

Mudder Earns A.C.E. Honors

Brianna Mudder is a junior on the Garretson Lady Blue Dragons basketball team.

This season she has been a consistent contributor on the boards and defensive end of the floor.

Mudder's greatest strength is the positive role she has played with everyone associated with the girls' basketball program.

She not only excels on the basketball court, but in the classroom as well where her work ethic has placed her as one of the top students in her class.

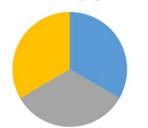
Student Opinion Poll

Today is the last day of February. Which saying about March do you believe to be most accurate this vear?

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 rooms.

ANSWERS:

March Sayings



If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb

A dry march and a wet May will fill barns with corn and hay

As it rains in March, so it rains in June

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.



the community. She is a model student, a dedicated participant in cocurricular activities including basketball, volleyball, track and field, and FCA. She is involved in yearbook and was a mentor for two years at the school.



Edmundson is a member of Palisade Lutheran Church and teaches Sunday school. She is also a member of the Lutheran Youth Organization and has been involved in the local 4-H club.

Her dedication to these activities is paralleled by a strong commitment to her education. Edmundson holds the highest GPA in her class and has taken a rigorous course load.

Her future plans are to attend a four year university majoring in exercise science or physical therapy.

Joke: Because they're really good at it. Brain Teaser: 1, 2, 3