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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Squirrels forget where about 50% of the nuts they've hidden are.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: You can draw me, fire me or fill me in. What am I?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What does a nosy pepper do?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, March 7**
 - End of the 3rd Quarter
- Saturday, March 8**
 - Music Department Dinner Concert @ 5:00
- Sunday, March 9**
 - Daylight Savings Time—Spring Ahead
- Monday, March 10**
 - Region Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Augustana
 - Golf Practice Begins
 - School Board Meeting @ 5:30
- Wednesday, March 12**
 - 8th Grade Girls to Women in Science @ Southeast Tech
- Thursday, March 13**
 - No School
- Friday, March 14**
 - GBB State 'A' Tournament
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The Curse is Over

By Wyatt Fink

The rematch from three years ago: Garretson vs. Madison. This time the Garretson Blue Dragons are going to state!!

The girls played the Bulldogs for the regional championship on last night in Hartford. The winner of this game earned a berth to the state tournament in Spearfish.

The Lady Blue Dragons, who are the number two seed, beat #3 Sioux Falls Christian last Thursday and won to advance to the region championship. On the other side, Madison, the 5th seed, beat #1 Dells Rapids to set up last night's match up.

The game was great it was a battle and a very intense game. At the end of the half, the girls were down 19-24, but with determination they were able to whittle away at the Bulldogs and take the lead late in the fourth quarter. They were able to hold on and finally grab a state tournament spot.



Pictures courtesy of Ms. Anne Gaspar



It's been 34 years since the girls made it to state.

The feeling of making state is huge and an emotional thing. Senior Telia Carnicle said, "Honestly, I started crying," when asked how she feels about making state.

In order to prepare for the tough game against Madison, the girls and coaches put in lot of extra work with practices and video analysis over the past week. "It's been a lot more broken down. We pay a lot of attention to little details about their offense and out of bounds plays," noted Carnicle.

Their diligence paid off as the Garretson girls were able to snag the 46-40 win.

Come watch the girls play to bring a state title to Garretson. The games are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next week in Spearfish. Tickets to the state tournament can be purchased at the tournament site.

Wrestlers Fight Hard at State Meet

By Joshua Liester

The South Dakota State Wrestling Tournament was held this past weekend in Aberdeen and Garretson wrestlers Jacob Fitzgerald, Brady Schleuter, Tyler Willems, and Tristen Wagner were looking to continue the success they've had throughout this season. They headed north to see what they could do at the biggest meet of the year.

The matches began on Friday and continued on into Saturday with the finals held that night. At the end of the evening, Fitzgerald was the only Garretson wrestler to place, taking home fifth in the 120 lb. weight class.

When asked if he was satisfied with his performance, Fitzgerald responded with, "Yes and no, because I didn't quite reach my goal, but I still placed." He said getting fifth at state was the highlight of his season.

Wagner, a junior making his state debut, lost his first match but came back strong to win his second one. Although he lost his third match, Wagner stated, "I am, yet I'm not satisfied with how I wrestled. I could have done better, but I tried my hardest."

Schleuter thought he did well at the meet, but said that he could have done better. He walked away with

from the tournament winning one and losing two matches, including a close one in overtime. "I learned to not try stupid stuff early in the match and maybe not eat such a big breakfast," stated Schleuter. He said his highlights of the season were winning conference as a team and making it to state.

Willems, a senior wrestling for the last time in his high school career, won his first match of the tournament, but then lost his next two. He said he was satisfied with how he wrestled, but stated, "I could have prepared better mentally." He agreed with Schleuter, saying his highlight of the season was winning conference. Since it was his final meet, Willems said, "I'm gonna miss it. It still hasn't quite hit me yet that it's done."

Head coach Mr. Bohl thought the wrestling season as a whole went pretty well. "We tied for the conference title and went 13-4 in duals. Walking into the season if you'd have told me we'd be 13-4, I'd have thought you were joking," stated Bohl. He thought the state meet went well too, saying, "We wrestled well with the draws we got. We did what we could and everyone won a match."

All the wrestler agreed that the season went by fast and they were kind of sad it was done, but Fitzgerald seemed relieved, saying, "I'm finally able to eat."



Jacob Fitzgerald

Read Across America

By Mary Christian

Turning the page to March, our elementary students start off this week to remember Dr. Seuss. Mrs. Williamson a fan of Dr. Seuss said, "He makes reading fun and causes kids to have broad imaginations by getting them interested in books at an early age."

You may not know much about Dr. Seuss himself, so here is some information about who he is and what our elementary kids are doing this week.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, or more commonly known as Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. This day has now been named National Read Across America Week by the National Education Association to commemorate this great American writer.

Dr. Seuss's first children's book was *And to Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street*; "This book was rejected 27 times before it became published," informed Mrs. Williamson.

Although he got his first book published, his career in children's literature didn't kick off till the release of *The Cat in the Hat*. Now, over 200 million copies of his books have been found in homes across the world.

He has created 44 masterpieces of children's books. Some of the favorites are *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Fox in Socks*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. (Look at the student opinion poll to see Garretson students' favorite Dr. Seuss book).

Throughout his career he won two Academy Awards, two Emmy Awards, the Peabody award, and a Pulitzer Prize. Also, his books have been made into 11 different TV specials, Broadway musicals, and four TV series.

To celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and National Read Across America Week our elementary kids have gotten into the action. This week was put together by elementary principal Mrs. Johnson to "make young writers enthusiastic about writing with rhyme and creating imaginary characters and places."

Monday the elementary students took a pledge to read so many books or minutes this week to go along with National Read Across America Week.

Tuesday, some of our high school students went and read books to the elementary school.

Junior Joshua Leister got into the action by reading *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. He said that "the kids really seemed to enjoy the book."

Wednesday was student interests day. The students were supposed to bring a book and wear something that showed their interest. At the end of the day in the classrooms they had show and tell to talk about their interest.



Junior Bailey Willems reading to 3rd Grade.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Bly

Thursday, the elementary school dressed up for elegant day. On this day they focused on manners and dressed to impress. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Sandbulte served these students at lunch while the students showed their best manners.

Last but not least, on Friday, these students wore Dr. Seuss hats. They mostly focused on the meaning behind some of Dr. Seuss's most known quotes.

The teachers were given a list of five Dr. Seuss's quotes. Then the kids either picked which one they wanted to write about or the class focused on one quote as a whole.

One Dr. Seuss quote option was, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, any direction you choose."

So this weekend try and put down your phone, computer, iPad, or any other kind of electronic device and pick up a book. By turning over the pages, you can explore a whole new world.

Maybe go back in time and revisit some of the classics from Dr. Seuss to remember the good old days. Whatever you do this weekend take time to "celebrate the gift of reading," stated Mrs. Johnson.



New Rules Slide Into Home Plate

By Jesse Brockhouse

The crack of the bat, the pop of the catcher mitt, the roar of the crowd...yep, it is almost baseball season!

The 2014 season is kicking off with new players, new stats, and...new rules? That's right, the MLB has released the new rules taking affect this year, but what are they? Will they make a difference?

"I really didn't know much about the new rules. All I heard was there was new rules with instant replays," commented Sophomore Micah Mader. Mader also added, "I think bringing in more and more rules is eventually going to be too much, and it will take away the fun and excitement of the game."

There are multiple rules being introduced, but they all involve one main aspect of the game. You have probably seen a variety of videos of base runners lowering their shoulder and plowing over the catcher. Pretty exciting, right? Well the MLB certainly doesn't think so.

These new rules state that all home plate calls are completely made by the umpire's judgment. Although, they also state the catcher, when not in possession of the ball, may not

block the pathway to the plate and if caught violating this rule, the runner may be called safe. So technically, there is a set rule that must be enforced with or without their judgment and can be reviewed with the new implementation of the instant replay in that situation. With that the runner may not make an irregular line toward home plate. The runner must be in line with the third base line and if he is not when approaching the plate, he may be called out.

Now, the safety part comes from the whole factoring in of safer "collisions." The runner may not deliberately lower his shoulder in an attempt to run over the catcher to hopefully cause loss of possession of the ball, in which case the runner would be safe. The runner may, however, make contact with the catcher but only in an attempt to get to the base.

These new rules may seem to be boring and make the game less exciting, but essentially these rules are just trying to ensure the safety of players.

"I think they are trying to ensure safety but all they are basing this off of is the Buster Posey incident. There are so few injuries involving these situations that all these rules are just keeping people safe from lawsuits, in my opinion," commented teacher Mr. Hughes regarding the newly implemented rules.

Sophomore Sean Tillma expressed that he would like baseball to be left alone saying, "The new rules are too much. Eventually it will take the fun out of baseball because you are always going to have to be careful not to violate anything." Tillma also said that he feels the rules are "fair" but only to the catcher. "The runner is at a complete disadvantage."

The MLB players associating claims that the rules are being implemented to ensure safety of "defenseless" players and plans to set the rules in stone. So, agree or disagree, that's the way the game of baseball will be played. These new standards will be put into effect starting the 2014 season so be sure to watch for a game on TV and see if you can determine where you stand in this controversial change.



Chargers Too Much for Garretson

By Teila Carnicle



The Garretson boys' basketball team had shot into their first round of regions this last Tuesday!

The Garretson boys' basketball team's head coach, Jeff Ganschow, stated that they had specific plans going into this game; "We needed to keep them out of the paint this time around, and we needed to limit second chance points."

Starting the game, the Garretson Blue Dragons did just that! Intense is the only word to describe the first half, with Garretson matching every point Sioux Falls Christian put up by ending the first two quarters down by two, 24-26.

The Chargers, however, came out with more intensity on defense and limited the Garretson boys to only three points in the third quarter.

Wanting it more, the Chargers took the win by ending the game 37-49.

Senior Jesse Brockhouse isn't too happy with how the game ended. "It's disappointing, but we gave it our all and that's what matters."

Brockhouse went on to say that they had a specific plan going into the game and that was to "lock down on defense."

Brockhouse felt they had followed through with that plan, but only in the beginning of the game. "During the first half, yeah, but in the second half, we weren't completely focused and let it slip."

Conner Blossmo, also a senior on the basketball team, had shared many of Brockhouse's

thoughts. "I was disappointed because, well myself, I didn't play how I would have liked to."

Although upset by a tough loss, Blossmo stated, "I felt we all gave 100 percent, we didn't give up."

"Overall we could have looked for better shots and not be so uptight," quoted Blossmo.

Even though the end of the boys basketball season is here, they didn't go out without a fight. Losing an emotional match against Sioux Falls Christian Chargers, the boys final record of the season was 11-10.



Dinner and a Show!

By Katie Giesler

Got eight bucks? Then you've got yourself a ticket that'll get you some great food and great entertainment tomorrow evening!

Saturday, March 8th, is the Garretson Music Booster's annual Music Dinner that has been around for over twenty years. It's a night for good eating and good performances, courtesy of the middle and high school bands and choirs!

Tickets, at the door, are eight dollars. The ticket for the Music Dinner gets you dinner with your musical experience. However, if you just want to support the fine arts, you will get in for free. If you bought a ticket in advance, just bring it with you and hand it in at the door where they will be selling the tickets to others.

The Music Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. and will most likely last upwards of two hours. Performances of the night include, in order, the fifth grade band, middle school solo/small ensemble performances, high school soloist performances, high school choir performance, and then finally, ending the night with the middle and high school band.

During the performances, make sure you've got a plate full of food to enjoy to add to your culinary experience! The food that will be served tomorrow night will be provided by your local Garretson Food Center caterers! Food will include hot pork loin sandwiches, fresh corn,

juicy fruits, multitudes of salads, a variety of desserts, and drinks.

For some, this will be their last Music Dinner. Seniors, TJ Boland, Sarah Gersting, Mariah Nelson and Mikaela Gilbert are four music students that will be performing for the last time.

"I'm very excited because it's my last Music Dinner as a senior before I leave," says Boland. "I'm going to miss it... it's a lot of fun."

Boland has been in choir all four years of his high school career. He says that his most memorable times have been making it to All-State Choir all four years too. "It's memorable because it's a lot of fun and you get to sing with a lot of really good singers. And you get a cool director, like the guy we had this past year."

"Yes, I'm excited to perform because it's a good experience and it teaches you confidence. But I'm going to miss choir because it is a good place to meet people that share the same interests," quoted Gersting.

This is Gersting's first year here at Garretson, but she also made it to the 2013 All-State Chorus and Orchestra event as an alto, the lower of the female singing parts. Gersting said she is nervous for the Music Dinner, "but if I breathe through it, I think I'll be okay."

Boland and Gersting are two of the four soloists that will be performing Saturday evening. The two other soloists performing are sopho-

mores Kyrstyn Beck and Katie Giesler. This will be the first time that either girls have sung a solo at the Music Dinner.

Beck will be singing "No Ruby." On the subject of nerves, she says, "Yes, I'm definitely nervous. I have a fear of going up in front of people, whether it's speaking or singing."

However, she also added, "[The Music Dinner] is fun. I mean, I'd like it if people would actually pay attention, but...we're like the background music."

Nelson has been in choir for two years and says, "getting to have class with underclassmen and making memories" has been her favorite part of class. She's looking forward to the dinner and singing "Rainbow Connection" with the rest of the choir.

Gilbert, too, has been in choir for two years. She's looking forward to singing Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" choral rendition with everyone. She said, in regards to this being her last Music Dinner, "It feels great to have been a part of this and it will be hard to let it go."

Talking about choir itself, Gilbert favorite thing is "Being with a wonderful group of people and having Mrs. Roskamp as our teacher."

Make sure to come and dine with the Music Booster's tomorrow night! It's sure to be a good show!

Congratulations Science Fair Winners

On Monday this week, sixth through eighth graders participated in the science fair with 62 of those students moving on to the regional level. Thank you to Mrs. Julie Mueller for organizing the science fair as well as the pictures.



Scan for pictures from all science fair winners.



Ready, Set, Eat Your Breakfast, Go

By Jennie Hegge

Buzz buzz buzz... There goes your alarm clock at approximately 7:20 a.m.! You know what that means; it is time to get up and get ready for the wonderful day of school ahead of you. The first thing you do when you roll out of bed is only the obvious, pick out your super cute outfit of the day, do your hair, and then you are out the door!

Wait, what are you forgetting? Did you forget to grab your homework? Did you forget to have your mom sign a piece of paper? You forgot to feed the dog didn't you... No! none of those. You forgot to eat breakfast!

Breakfast is in fact the most important meal of the day. It is especially important for growing little kids. In order for their bodies to grow and develop properly, they depend on their food intake. If they go long periods without eating, they experience a stage of semi-starvation.

According to the web, semi-starvation is a stage that can cause intellectual, physical and behavior problems for that child that went without breakfast.

Well, 5th grader Keisha Veldkamp won't ever have to worry about experiencing that, as breakfast is very important to her. "It's very important because if you don't have a good breakfast then you won't function right." Couldn't of said it better myself!

If there aren't any breakfast foods at your home, don't worry; just come on down to school a little earlier and the lunch ladies will get you fed! Every morning they have breakfast serving from 7:40 to about 8:20.

Lunch lady Linda, knows exactly what kids should be eating. What is the healthiest thing for kids to have for breakfast anyway? "Whole grain cereal or toast."

5th grader, Zoey Quincey, has her own idea of what she likes to eat in the morning

at the school. "Cereal, if I have a long time and the hot choice if I only have a little bit of time."

Junior Bailey Willems's favorite breakfast food, when she eats breakfast, is a little different from Quincey's. "Peanut butter toast."

It doesn't matter what you decide to eat in the morning for breakfast, as long as you are eating something. Now, ice cream and candy might not be your best choice, but hey, it would be better than nothing.

If you want to have an energy filled day, don't forget to grab a bite to eat in the morning!



Summit League Heads to Sioux Falls

By Aaron Dunn

The Summit League tournament is usually a big deal for the citizens of South Dakota, because one of our two universities could possibly make it into the NCAA tournament.

Last year, the SDSU Jackrabbit men advanced to the NCAA tourney and had to play Baylor in the first round. The Jackrabbits lost to the Bears, but it was an overall victory for the University by gaining national publicity. SDSU earned some respect by some of the better teams.

By making the tournament, SDSU also helped out star player Nate Wolters increase his draft

stock. Wolters went on to be drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in the second round.

The teams participating in the tourney are Fort Wayne, IUPUI (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis), Denver, USD, SDSU, Western Illinois, North Dakota State, and North Dakota. The first game is on Saturday at six o'clock. It is between Fort Wayne and IUPUI.

This year might turnout a little different than the last two years; this year, SDSU is not the favorite. North Dakota State is the number one seed, followed by Fort Wayne at the number two seed.

For the women's side

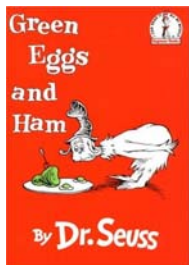
of the tournament, the SDSU Lady Jackrabbits are the number one seed. If USD can hold off Fort Wayne, there could potentially be an in-state showdown between SDSU and USD on the women's side.

The Summit League tournament kicks off on Saturday and plays through Tuesday, March 11. The games are at the Sioux Falls Arena.



Student Opinion Poll

Today is the last day in Read Across America Week which is held in conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday. So we asked the Garretson students, "What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book?"



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.

