

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Americans on the average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: An electric train is going 40 mph north, the wind is blowing 60 mph south. Which way is the train's smoke blowing?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a fake noodle?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 21

- No School—Spring Break

Monday, March 24

- Senior Experience Presentations
- HS Quiz Bowl BEC @ Baltic

Wednesday, March 26

- FFA Judging Contest @ Lennox

Thursday, March 27

- 7/8 Quiz Bowl BEC @ Parker
- Club Baseball v. SF Christian @ Chancellor

Saturday, March 29

- Prom Grand March @ 7:00

Monday, March 31

- FFA Judging Contest @ Tri-Valley
- Club Baseball v. Tea
- Begin Smarter Balanced (Dakota Step) Testing

Crunch Time

By Joshua Liester



Ready or not, Monday is the day for the senior class to present their senior experience projects! The students have been hard at work on their projects since the end of last year and it's finally time for them to show off what they have accomplished.

Senior projects are a requirement at Garretson for graduation. The seniors must pick a project to do that will have a final product. They must spend at least 30 hours on it, write a research paper on it, meet with a mentor, and give a final presentation to judges about what they did.

Jennie Hegge did something very exciting for her senior project: skydiving! She said she really enjoyed doing her project and was glad she did it. She spent over 33 hours on her project, doing things such as learning how to jump and actually jumping out of the plane. "I don't think it will benefit me in life, but I got to do something I've always wanted to," said Hegge. She seemed relieved to be almost done though, saying, "It will be a weight off my shoulders and now I can graduate."

Cody Larson took on hunger for his project. He put together holiday meals for 12 area fam-

ilies. He, too, had fun doing his project and said he wouldn't do anything different to it. "It helped me to become a better person," stated Larson.

For Haley Edmundson's project, she decided to try photography. She made a Power Point with her pictures to explain the different effects and techniques she used with her camera, made a before and after album, printed a canvas portrait, and several other things.

"Editing was very time consuming, but it's part of photography," said Edmundson. She spent over 80 hours on her project, but still had fun doing it. "My favorite part was putting together the album." She thinks her project will be helpful in her life, saying, "Photography is something you can use for the rest of your life. If you know how to take them right, you don't need to hire a professional." She was glad she picked this project, but if she were to do it again, Edmundson said she would take more outdoor pictures and not of just people.

The presentations are open to the public to watch, so if you are interested in what the seniors did, make sure to check it out on Monday!

Fun in the Sun

By Jennie Hegge

I sure hope your bikini body is ready, because a very special holiday is right around the corner! And by around the corner, I mean this Friday. What is this very special holiday you are talking about? Well, for starters, you are probably going to need to pack some sun block and don't forget about those shades!

Today is actually the first day of spring. You know what that means, SPRIIIIINNNNG BREEEAAAANK! Even though we do only get one day off, we can still make the most out of it.

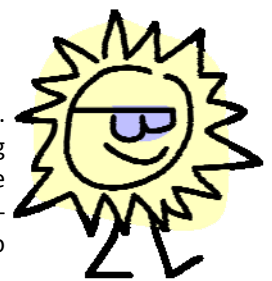
So, what exactly are people going to be doing with that one whole day off of school? "Nothing, like always. #nofriends," commented junior Ryan Garcia. Sophomore Haley Sage just might be joining him. "I don't know, probably nothing unless something comes up."

Unlike those two, Mr. Long has some pretty big plans. "Reffing the State A boys basketball tournament in Sioux Falls, so that should be fun."

There also is this wild rumor going around that it is supposed to be 45 whole degrees! That is going to be quite the heat wave.

Now that spring has finally arrived, and we have already set our clocks forward, our days are longer and can be more fun filled. We will actually be able to go outside and not freeze to death! Yes, the day has finally come!

I hope you all enjoy your one day off, and three day weekend. Happy Spring Break e'rbody!



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full March
Event Schedule

Dinger Ball Preview

By Jesse Brockhouse

BREAKING NEWS: A reporter in Southern California recently discovered that the latest earthquakes on the coast were the result of three of Tyler Willems' dinger balls landing in the ocean at the same time!

"I can't wait to bomb some dingers and win state!" said Senior infielder/pitcher/catcher Tyler Willems.

Dingers? Yeah, it must be club baseball season. The Garretson Club Baseball team starts their season off Thursday, March 27th in Chancellor, SD, against Sioux Falls Christian. With only 13 guys on the team, Tait Johnson said, "We are just going to have to ball out with the players we have and not get injured."

Falling in the first round of playoffs last year, new head coach Scott Schleuter said, "I don't plan on losing in the first round, or any round for that matter.

There is no reason that we can't win." Well let's hope that all goes well this season so they can achieve that goal!

With low numbers, how will the pitching rotation go? How will you move players around to play them in their skill positions?

"We have a lot of good athletes out this year. It's not about quantity with us, it's all about quality. We have plenty of great pitchers and our guys could play anywhere



on the field if they wanted to." Great answers I would say!

As you may know, sophomores through senior can make up the team but a few years is still a great difference. Sophomore Cole Fiegen says that he takes practice and warming up pretty seriously because he knows that the chance to play is high and he wants to be ready.

Well, the team sounds ready to take the season by the horns so be sure to ask around for upcoming games, if you don't plan on heading to Chancellor, to cheer them on!

The Big Dance

By Wyatt Fink

Sixty-eight teams will enter the tournament but only one will reign as champion. The first two rounds will be played in Buffalo, NY, San Diego, CA; San Antonio, TX; Orlando, FL; Spokane, WA; Raleigh, NC; Milwaukee, WI; and St. Louis, MO. The sweet sixteen and elite eight will be played in Indianapolis, IN; New York City, NY; Anaheim, CA; and Memphis, TN. The Final Four and the championship game will be played in North Texas.

If you created a bracket, you probably have a team you want to win. Junior Tanner Gutzmer believes that Louisville will be the victor because "they have been playing good basketball," but Mr. Hughes thinks Michigan State will win the tourna-



ment.

There's always a player to watch during March Madness. Most people agree that this year it is Doug McDermott from Creighton University. "Creighton goes as far as McDermott goes, I think they will make it to the sweet sixteen," says Hughes.

Everyone likes to see an upset in the

making or see a Cinderella story. Hughes believes that 12 Harvard will beat number 5 seed Cincinnati.

The following are scores from results from Tuesday and Wednesday, the first four:

Albany 71, Mt. St. Mary's 64

Tennessee 78, Iowa 65

North Carolina St 74, Xavier 59

Cal Poly 81, Texas Southern 69

The games Thursday start on 11:00 a.m. The channels to watch the games are Tru TV, TNT, TBS, and CBS. So watch and see how your team will do in the big dance.

Check the *Blue Ink* for updates on the March Madness tournament as well as standings on the Garretson Pride Pool.

Young Wrestlers Make Their Mark, Qualify for State

By Aaron Dunn

With the high school wrestling season officially over, the little grapplers of Garretson are at center stage this weekend during their state tournament in Rapid City. Garretson has seven wrestlers making the trip and hoping to bring back the title.

Making the long drive to Rapid are: Sam Schleuter, Preston Bohl, Jaden Richter, Keaten Wagner, Chayce Schleuter, Lucas Fitzgerald, and Jack Konechne.

AAU (youth) wrestling is a little bit different than the high school. Instead of

just weight classes, there are also divisions in AAU. The six different divisions are: tots, bantams, midgets, cadets, novice, and schoolboy.

In the midgets division, Bohl will be wrestling at the 65 pound weight class. S. Schleuter is the 70 pound grappler, and Richter is representing G-town in the 112 class.

For the cadets, C. Schleuter and Wagner will be wrestling in the 120 and 152 pound classes. Finally, in the schoolboy division Fitzgerald and Konechne will try

and bring home the gold in the 125 and 130 classes.

S. Schleuter is excited to be wrestling in the state tournament because "I get to go to Rapid City and it's my first time going there." Schleuter also wants to see Mt. Rushmore for the first time as well.

Good luck to all the wrestlers and have fun.



Going for Goals...New Track Coaches!

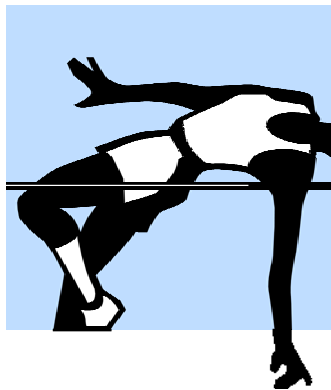
By Katie Giesler

Do you throw yourself into training with your head held high and hopeful? Do you jump for joy at the thought of attaining that glorified first place position? Do you run across the United States more than once just because you "felt like runnin'?"

Whether you run, throw or jump in track, you need someone there to push you to your limits, and help you along the way to reach your goals. You need someone there to motivate you the whole time, and you need someone to teach you how to do your event the correct way.

Coaches are arguably the most important people on the court or field. Without a coach's guidance, players would almost definitely be lost right off the bat. Coaches set up plays and teach their athletes how to perform the tasks. Coaches also build up healthy relationships with their athletes to keep their attitudes positive.

It's hard to find good quality coaches sometimes, but when a team is fortunate enough to attain a great leader, everyone seems to benefit. But what about new coaches? None of the athletes will know what to expect on the first day of practice, and it can be scary to get to know a new coach.



But thank goodness that Garretson's two new track coaches are well

known to begin with! This year, there's a new throwing coach and a new jumping coach!

For however many years previously to this one, the throwing coach was fifth grade teacher, Jay Swatek. However, last year, Swatek moved to Hartford and became the athletic director at West Central High School, leaving the position of throwing coach vacant.

So this year, on a fresh, clean slate, high school math teacher, Mr. Lynch, will be taking over!

"I am [looking forward to coaching]. Coaching is sometimes a nice way to clear your head after a long day of school. You get to be a little more yourself as opposed to teacher-mode all day." says Lynch.

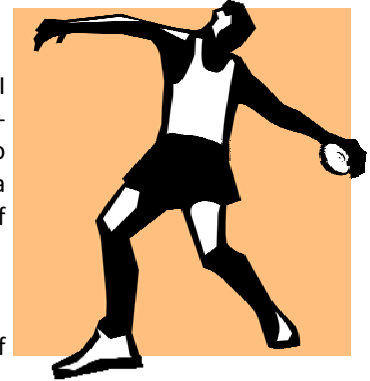
Lynch was not able to throw in high school, but is still excited to be the coach for the event now. "I just want to help kids improve," he says. "I want to make throwing an event you're looking forward to every year."

Like all good coaches, Lynch plans to work on fundamentals first; starting small and then working up the level of difficulty. He mentioned that his number one goal for the year was to have his throwers see personal growth in their abilities from day one until the end.

Siri Wollmann, a freshman joining the ranks of the throwers, just found out that Lynch will be the new coach. She comments, "I feel like I'm going to throw further and improve my strength overall [with our new coach]."

Down the hill and into the pits, nearby the throwers, will be the other addition to the track coach family; jumping coach, Matt Schrank.

"I am excited to be a part of the track coaching staff this



year," quotes Schrank. "I was involved in track in high school, and loved it; I hope I can shed some of that excitement to our track athletes."

Schrank will be in charge of shaping up the long jumpers, triple jumpers, and high jumper.

"Without seeing any of the jumpers yet this year, I can't say that I have set a lot of goals, but my expectations are that the jumpers listen, learn, and work to get better every day... Just like any coach, I would like to see consistent improvement throughout the season, and be able to compete at regions and qualify for the state meet."

Mary Christian, senior, is ecstatic to jump this year. "It will be nice to have a new perspective," she says. "Being gone last year from a leg injury, I'm ready to get back on the runway. I think that having Schrank as my coach, he will be a good motivator, and will push me through the season."

Hopefully the snow will be gone by the first day of practice (Monday, March 24th) so the runners, jumpers and throwers can get up to the track. Let's all hope that there's good weather the whole season to make all the meets enjoyable! Otherwise the new coaches might get scared off!

High School Students Shine Midway through the Year: February Students of the Month



Senior Sam Powell



Junior Blake Severson



Sophomore Haley Sage



Freshman Josh Powell

Girls' Basketball State Recap

By Mary Christian

On Wednesday the Lady Dragons basketball team traveled to the state tournament for the first time in 34 years. The tournament was held in Spearfish, South Dakota at Black Hills State University.

Our girls' first game was Thursday at 12:00 against St. Thomas Moore. This team was rated number one in the state but our girls hustled all the way though the game. In the end they "turned it over way too much" said Telia Carnicle and lost 16-61.

The second game the Lady Dragons played Pine Ridge on Friday at 12:00. With

a back and forth battle all the way through our girls' were in constant competition with Pine Ridge. In the fourth these girls just could not

hold on to the lead and ended up losing 39-44.

In the final game they played Webster Area on Saturday at 12:00. In the first half there was a continuous battle for the lead but in the third Webster started to pull ahead. The Lady Dragons lost 39-55.

Although the Lady Dragons did not pull out a win during this state tournament they created "good memories, had team bonding, and got to play more difficult teams that aren't seen in the regular season," commented Brianna Mudder.

For our two seniors Haley Edmundson and Telia Carnicle this was their last game that they would ever play. "Whether I was at state or not I am still heartbroken since it was my last game," said Telia Carnicle. Senior Haley Edmundson was the leading scorer of the tournament for the Garretson Blue Dragons and also was awarded with a place on the All Tournament team. With

this being Edmundson's last game she added, "It was a good end to my senior season but it is sad knowing that it is over." These two seniors will be greatly missed next year and we thank them for all their hard work through the years.

Looking forward to next season our girls' are hoping to come in with a repeat toward state. Teams all over the region will be losing players but also gaining new ones so "our chances are as good as anyone's in the region," said Coach Steckler.

These girls did a great job performing at state "the represented our school and community very well and I'm proud of them," commented Steckler. We wish these girls' the best of luck in their coming season as we hope to cheer them all the way back to state.



Middle School Students of the Month Impress



8th Grade: Myranda Folland—Myranda is a very pleasant girl who works hard and comes to class prepared. She has shown steady improvement during middle school.



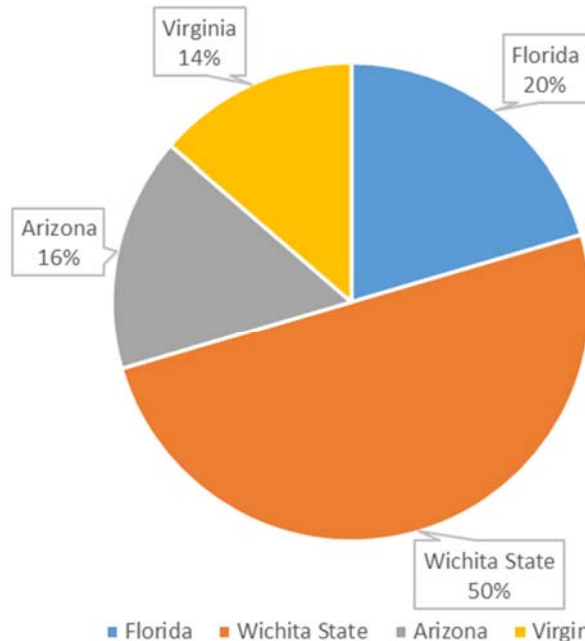
7th Grade: Kylie Greenhoff—Kylie is prepared for class and brings a good attitude to discussions. She is willing to contribute and works well in groups.



6th Grade: Geraldine Fry—Geraldine is an extremely hard worker and has done well in 6th grade. She is pleasant, well-mannered, and is a good model for other students on a daily basis.

Student Opinion Poll

We asked the Garretson students which #1 seed they thought had the best chance of making it to the NCAA championship game.



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:

Brain Teaser: The train is electric, therefore there would be no smoke.

Joke: An Impasta