



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 1, Number 28

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The Procrastinators' Club of America newsletter is called "Last Month's Newsletter."

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: What word looks the same when it is flipped upside down and backward?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call birds that stick together?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Tuesday, April 1

- Regional Science Fair

- Early Bird Golf Meet @ Home

Thursday, April 3

- Middle School Band and Choir at BEC Contest @ Chester Area

Friday, April 4

- Three-Act Play *The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza* at the Opera House @ 7:00

Saturday, April 5

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Senior Survival Guide

By Mary Christian

Now that senior projects are over, the Garretson seniors breathe a sigh of relief. Also, with prom tomorrow, the last thing they have to look forward to is graduation. So, how will our seniors get the motivation to carry out the rest of the school year?

One objective that will keep some of our seniors motivated is spring sports. With track and field, golf, and baseball underway, some of our seniors are looking for one last shot at state, or a scholarship from the college they will be attending.

Conner Blossmo is focusing on his last year in high school track. Sports will keep his head in school, "Because if I don't get good grades, I might not be able to run track." Blossmo has also been accepted at SMSU for an athletic scholarship, so keeping his performance in track at his best and grades high is a part of moving forward to college.

With only minimal assignments left in the grade book, seniors are ready to take just passing grades, but they have to remember that their final high school transcript will be sent to the college they are attending.

Kendra Johnson is not at all worried about her final transcript, saying, "If my grades get to a certain point, then I will try harder but right now I'm happy with them."

Although high school is coming to an end, it is a good idea for these students to keep their grades intact for their final transcript.

Hole in One

By Wyatt Fink

Nothin' like a home course advantage for the first meet of the season. Spring weather is coming and one of the first things you think about in Spring is golfing.

The first golf meet is Tuesday at Garretson. There will be eight teams presents in the Early Bird Invitational. The home team looks to repeat from last year's success.

"Making top 10 in state," says sophomore Micah Mader is one of his goals this golf year.

The team has some high expectations to meet if they want to repeat from last year's state success.

The biggest challenge left for the seniors to overcome is the dreaded semester tests. Although they may only have a couple classes, the stress of the final countdown is starting to eat away at them.

Blossmo and Johnson are most worried about "calculus and honors English," with them being two of the harder classes out of the year. These seniors need to take a deep breath and relax before these final test.

Shane Mueller has been keeping track of the final countdown days for the school year saying, "there are 48 day, 23 hours, 31 minutes and 39 seconds" left until we graduate.

Graduation is another category to add to the list of to-dos for our seniors. Not only do they have to get ready for graduation at school, but their own individual party planning. Figuring out decorations, sending invitations, getting the food prepared, and finding all those incredibly goofy baby pictures to display is just part of getting ready for the big day.

On May 17, 2014 the senior class of 2014 will take their last walk as Garretson students, but before that they will have to survive all these last encounters of the year. Good luck to our seniors as they finish out the rest of their senior year and as they head off toward their future!



The golf team will add some new additions to the team, like seniors Jesse Brockhouse and Jeremy Meinders along with many others to the team.

The home course advantage is a huge bonus for golf. When you're at the same course that you practice at, it is a huge help.

Mader agrees, "Yes, we always do well at [our home course]." Mader plans to be 3 above par in the early bird meet.

The first meet is next Tuesday, April 1 at Garretson. So support the golf team as they get back in the swing.

New Holiday?

By Aaron Dunn



Merry Christmas! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy... Opening Day? Yep, that's right the MLB has partnered with Budweiser and former St. Louis Cardinal Ozzie Smith to try and get the first day of baseball to become a national holiday.

Smith and Budweiser started a petition on whitehouse.gov and currently have 102,858 signatures. Since the petition got over 100,000 signatures president Barack Obama must look at the possibility of making Opening Day a national holiday.

Smith claims that Opening Day is already an unofficial holiday; all that is left is to make it official. Smith also states that baseball is America's pastime and that fans have enough passion to make this happen.

This wouldn't be the first sport trying to make their big day a holiday. The NFL is currently trying to move the Super Bowl back two weeks so it collaborates with President's Day.

There have been many failed attempts

for new holidays, such as Malcom X Day, and Susan B.

Anthony Day. These are only a few of the failed holiday petitions since 2008.

So if baseball's opening day doesn't sound that great to you, at least go and sign the petition for Justin Bieber to be deported to Canada; we can all agree that this one is for a good cause.



End Your Winter Lull

By Teila Carnicle

STOP! Your unhealthy eating and sitting around is finally over! With the weather finally warming up that means there are plenty more things to do than sit around in your house!

Activities are endless, especially in warm weather. From sand volleyball, riding four-wheelers, swimming, all the way to simply just being outside! Your choices are unlimited, but being active is the main ingredient to having a fun and healthy summer!

Brianna Mudder seems to think just that. "I think everyone should stay involved in some type of physical activity during the summer."

Mudder went on to say that her favorite activity to do in the summer is to "hang around with friends and relax outside."

Conner Blossmo, a man who appreciates physical activity, agreed on what Mudder had to say. "Everyone should be active during the summer at least for an hour a day, because if you don't you probably won't feel good about yourself and you will be unhealthy."

Blossmo's appreciation for physical activity shows when he quotes that his favorite activity to do in the summer is "workout, because it makes [him] feel good and accomplished."

Mudder and Blossmo aren't the only ones who appreciate a healthy summer! Mariah Nelson also enjoys working out! Nelson feels that having a healthy and active summer is something that everyone should do! Not only does she encourage others to do it but she plans to do it herself!

"My favorite thing to do in the summer is go on long runs in the morning!" affirms Nelson.

If anyone is looking for a workout buddy, ask a friend or these three workout fanatics! Remember though, don't forget to get up and have a healthy and active summer!

As Long As You've Got Your Suit and Tie

By Jesse Brockhouse

Fresh kicks, silk ties, and smooth tuxes, ahhhh yeah it's time for prom. Better hope your date has her dress because prom is already on Saturday! Yeah that's right, so get some sleep now because you're not going to get a whole lot with all the activities going on.

The night kicks off with the grand march of course. Students and guests will be walking down "the red carpet!" You heard correct, it's a little taste of Hollywood taking over the gym this year.

"I think it should be pretty cool. We just need a few more decorations then we have had in past years." commented senior Conner Blossmo.

Being a long night, most people are looking forward to the meal. This year the

tables will be filled with barbecued chicken breast, fresh made mashed potatoes with corn and gravy. For those who go for the dessert first, there will be the forever famous snicker salad!

Junior Bryce Wollmann was one of those people. "I'm personally in it for the snicker salad; that's about it."

Sand storm, dougie, bernie, all part of the most intense part of the night. The dance! You better brush up on your moves and get ready to NeNe all night!

Hypnotism? Is that even real? Well try it out for yourself! Arguably one of the best parts of the night is the hypnotist. Making you think you're in 95 degree



weather or free falling from the sky, whether you're a part of it or not, it's a great time. Spread the laughs and jump up on stage and see if you can be induced into a crazy trance.

As if you could believe the night keeps going strong, the inflatables will be up and ready for some bouncing madness! There has also been a rumor going around, as said by Wyatt Fink, "There is a possibility of a mechanical bull making an appearance at after prom!"

The night concludes with the prizes for the students and then it's time to crash! If you don't have a date make sure to show up at grand march to see all the dolled-up ladies and the dapper men!

Love is in the Air

By Katie Giesler

Do you get the saying, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn?" Well, in layman's terms, it means that spring time is finally here! April showers bring May flowers; out with the cold, in with the new; the season for new budding romance...

That's right, ladies and gents. Spring time is the season of love! Are you ready for it?

Don't even think about dusting off those old and cheesy, out-of-date pick-up-lines you asked your dad for when you were fourteen. If you want to find yourself a real catch this year, here's what you've got to do to get yourself a beaut!

Do keep yourself well-groomed with a fresh new hair cut, smelling fantastic like spring daisies, and keep your teeth free of any spinach!

Don't expect to snag someone sweet when you're looking and smelling like wet dog or garbage. Nasty.

Do be polite, use manners, and compliment frequently on small characteristics that your special someone has.

Don't use offensive or cheesy pick-up-lines; the person will either slap you and leave or laugh and leave. (But if they start saying the same things back, they might be the one!)

Senior, Mikaela Gilbert, shares this piece of advice for snagging someone good this spring: "Always be yourself. Someone will love you for who you are. Don't ever try to change; then it's not meant to be and it's not worth it."

So don't try to impress them with stories of things that never happened; women especially will find out the truth in the end. And please, for all that is good, don't act all high and mighty. You yourself might think of it as confidence, but the other person might take see it as egotistic and arrogance.

"Once you've found that person that you connect with, keep doing all the little things that you did when you first started dating. But also expand your realm of possibilities to experience new things and new



adventures and sides of the person," says senior Mary Christian.

Sophomore, Micah Mader adds, "First date destination should always be fast-food. If it doesn't work out, you didn't waste too much money."

Doing these few things will get you off to a good start, but if you need a little extra help, well, there's always older siblings to ask, friends who have been in long-lasting relationships, and of course, the Internet! Or you could use the media.

Instagram, tumblr, Twitter... all of these have infinite amounts of pages and accounts with hashtagged photographs of cute couples and methods of getting into ideal relationships. Surely if you do a little research, you'll have better chances of getting a "yes" the first time you ask someone out.

So are you ready to spring into action and get yourself a new boo? Get out there and smell the roses! You'll probably be picking some out soon for your date!

Trivia Troubles

By Jennie Hegge

Monday, March 24, was quite the big day for many seniors. Not only was it senior project presentation day, but it was also the Big East Conference Quiz Bowl meet. The meet was held in Baltic, SD after school.

"I was excited to go back and improve from last year," stated senior Austin Etrheim.

There were eight teams in attendance. Those teams included Baltic, Howard, Parker, Chester, McCook-Montrose, Flaudreau, Sioux Valley, and Garretson.

For those of you who don't know your background information on quiz bowl, that is where I become useful. The teams can have as many people on them as they want, but only four can compete at a time.

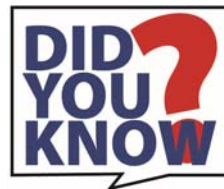
Our team had six members: seniors Austin Etrheim, Shane Mueller, and Sam Powell, along with juniors Joshua Liester, Bryce Wollman, and Tanner Gutzmer.

Two teams compete against each other at a time, and they play seven rounds.

The questions cover all subject areas. "They cover everything under the sun and more," as Etrheim put it.

Or as Liester commented, "[The topics covered] were hard."

There are 30 questions in a round, and the competitors have 20 seconds to answer each question. If the first team doesn't answer the question correctly, the



next team then has 10 seconds to answer that same question.

Garretson sure had their thinking pants on, because they came out with a third place trophy! They had a total of 85 points, just shortly behind Chester and Baltic. Baltic won the tournament with a total of 88 points. Talk about a close call!

Congratulations to the quiz bowl team on their intellectually inspiring performance! If you have the chance to pat the team members on their back, you definitely should.

There is only one quiz bowl meet a year, so we wish all you quiz bowlers good luck next year!



Just...Vanished?

By Joshua Liester

There are still many unanswered questions surrounding the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. As you probably know, the plane has been missing since it took off from an airport in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on its way to Beijing, China on March 8, almost three weeks ago. It was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members. There were passengers from 15 different nations, including three people from the United States.

At the beginning of the search, it seemed as though the plane could be anywhere. Search teams were trying to find a needle in a haystack. Twenty-two different countries have had dozens of ships and aircrafts out searching for the plane.

The search area has grown and shrunk several times as new information has come in from different radar and satellite readings. The search teams are currently looking at an area southwest of Australia where a satellite found evidence of 122

objects floating in the ocean. This could be just debris from another event or it could be the missing plane.

Since the plane has gone missing, there have been many different theories about what actually happened to the plane. Some say it was simply just an accident and the loss of communications with the plane was a result of the crash. Others think that the either the pilots or a passenger hijacking the plane deliberately crashed the plane as an act of terrorism.

Some people even think that terrorists hijacked the plane and landed it somewhere and everyone that was on the plane is still alive. This is more than likely not the case, though, as the Malaysian government has told the families that the plane crashed in the Indian Ocean. Although the plane has not been physically found yet, a new mathematic process has evidence that the plane went down somewhere in the Indian Ocean.

Malaysian Airlines also sent a text message to family members saying, "Malaysia Airlines deeply regrets that we have to assume beyond a reasonable doubt that MH370 has been lost and that none of those on board survived. We must now accept all evidence suggests the plane went down in the Southern Indian Ocean."

Kris Sands said about the investigation, "I think information is being withheld, so I can't really say what I think happened."

Katie Giesler has some thoughts on the incident too, saying, "I think there's a second Bermuda Triangle and it just disappeared." She also commented that the airline shouldn't have texted family members with the news. "It's insincere," said Giesler.

No matter what happened to the plane, this is still a terrible tragedy. Hopefully the plane is found soon and then some answers will come to light.

FFA Judging has Success at Lennox

Submitted by Ed Mueller

Five teams from Garretson FFA placed in the top six for team awards at the Lennox FFA Invitational Career Development Events on Tuesday, March 26th, 2014. The judging event was attended by 38 FFA chapters and more than 1,000 individuals from southeastern South Dakota.

Joshua Powell led the Landscape team

to a 4th place finish. Powell placed 6th as an individual, followed by Jacob Liester 16th, Michelle Carnicle 17th, and Nick Irvine 30th. This is the first year for all team members.

The Horse team, also with all new members, placed 5th. Claire Longhenry placed 5th, Allison Longhenry 23rd, Kyrstyn Beck 44th, and Saige Gullickson 52nd.

The Vet Science team placed 5th

behind the efforts of Shane Mueller tying for 6th place, Cassie Faber 15th, Moriah Flanagan 30th, and Grace Homer 62nd.

Garretson FFA Meats team placed 6th with four juniors. Tony Weiland led the team with a 16th place finish, followed by Blake Severson 19th, Bryce Wollmann 30th, and Tristen Wagner 49th.

The Dairy Foods team placed 6th in an all-sophomore team: Evan Fick 18th, John Houg 21st, and Cole Fiegen 43rd.

The Natural Resources team placed 11th overall. Austin Etrheim led the team in 10th, Alex Uhl 76th, Matthew Gustafson 80th, and Jake Hansman 89th.

Caitlyn Thorson participated in the Floriculture event and placed 8th.

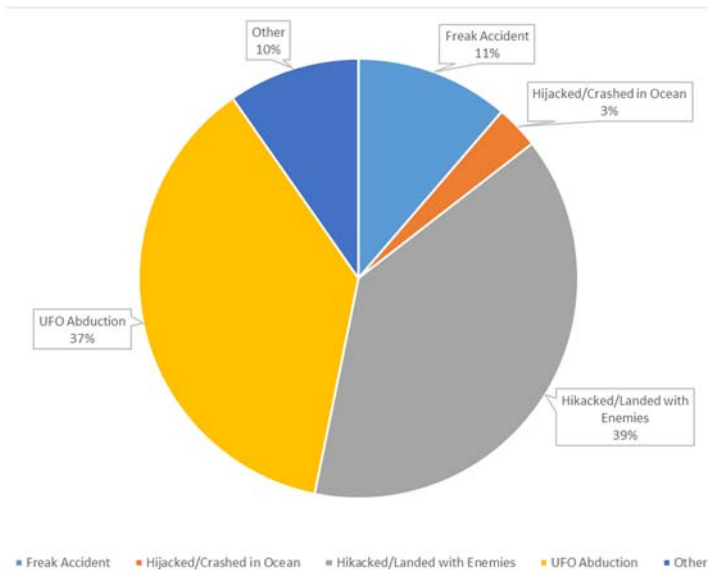
District Contests are at Tri-Valley on March 31st.

Student Opinion Poll

We asked the Garretson students what happened to Malaysian Airlines flight 370.



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: SWIMS

Joke: Vel-Crows