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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: In 1965, a Senate subcommittee predicted that by 2000, Americans would be working 20 hours a week and taking over seven weeks of vacation each year.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: What has wheels and flies but is not an aircraft?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What's the world's greatest use of cowhide?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 4

- 3-Act Play *The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza* at Opera House @ 7

Saturday, April 5

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Sunday, April 6

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings

Monday, April 7

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings

- 7/8 Track @ Chester Area

- Club Baseball v. Dell Rapids @ 6

Tuesday, April 8

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings

- Track Invitational @ West Central

- Golf Invitational @ Chester Area

Thursday, April 10

- Track Invitational @ Flandreau

Friday, April 11

- K-1 Field Trip @ Children's Museum in Brookings

- Golf Invitational @ Flandreau

- Club Baseball v. Lennox @ 7



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Prom Brings Fun and Laughs

By Joshua Liester

Last weekend, the junior and senior classes put on their snazzy clothes for lots of fun and good times at the annual prom!

It was a night in the spotlight in Hollywood. The evening started out with, of course, lots of pictures as the classes lined up under the Hollywood arch with paparazzi and parents alike trying to get the perfect shot. After that, everyone headed to the new gym to watch as everyone walked the red carpet during the grand march.

Next, the students settled in for a delicious meal followed by a senior slideshow. Then the music started to play and everyone headed to the dance floor to bust a move to everything from "Gangnam Style" to "YMCA." It didn't take long for everybody to be all danced out and it was time for the after prom to start.

The after prom consisted of food, prizes, and a gym full of inflatables. Some of the favorites were the mechanical bull, laser tag, obstacle course and the wipeout inflatables. At the end of the night, more prizes were drawn for and everyone headed home after the long night.

But wait, am I forgetting something? Of course! The hypnotist!

The hypnotist, Zac from Z*Stonish, came to town to transfix students with his hypnotism skills. About 20 brave kids jumped up on stage to be whisked away into the world of hypnotism. After staring into the light, the students seemed to succumb to the power of Zac's mind and would do almost anything



at his command! Everything from giving birth to getting out of speeding tickets to dancing in a beauty contest, he had them doing all kinds of crazy things!

Everyone that gets hypnotized seems to have a different recollection of what they thought happened. Some people remember everything that occurred, others don't remember a thing. Tanner Gutzmer was one of the students that got hypnotized, and he remembers it all. "I knew what I was doing, but I couldn't really control what I was doing," said Gutzmer. He said the funniest thing he remembers doing was giving birth.

Another person that got hypnotized was junior Lydia Olson. Unlike Gutzmer, Olson only remembers bits and pieces of what happened. "It was weird," said Olson. "I was awake, but not in control." She says the funniest thing she remembers doing was lip syncing with Taiya Bunde. She also said that being hypnotized was "a cool experience" and she said she would definitely do it again.

Wyatt Fink was one of the people watching the hypnotist show, and he described it as "exciting and exuberating!" He agreed with Gutzmer, saying watching all the guys give birth was the funniest thing. "It was fun watching people act stupid," stated Fink. Even with that comment, Fink thinks he would like to try being hypnotized sometime.

Overall, the hypnotist and the prom were a great success and many great memories were made!



Get to the Greek (Play)!

By Katie Giesler

This is not a play on words, but words on a play!

It's that time of year again! Time to get up to the Jesse James Opera House and enjoy the wonderful three-act play presented by the Garretson high schoolers!

"Everyone in this play worked hard to make sure it was funny enough to keep anyone who chooses to come entertained," quotes actor, Ezra Storment.

The play is as it always has been, a comedy. This year, the plot line follows Greek mythology! "It's basically a Greek satire about these two narrators who give a presentation on everything Greek. And as they tell the story, the others act the stories out," explains Storment.

Mrs. Dahmes, the play director, believes the show will be a great success, saying, "The students have been working hard and it is a fun play to watch

and be a part of. I hope that my cast does their best and that we fill the Opera House both nights!"

This year is Mrs. Dahmes' last at Garretson, and ultimately, her last year directing the one and three-act plays. "I am a little sad because I do not know when will be the next time I get the chance to direct a play again, and I will miss the students," says Dahmes.

The dates for the play are tonight, Friday, April 4th, and tomorrow, Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Admission for the play is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students (preschool kids and younger get in free). But if you have an activity card, just bring that and you can get in for free as well!

Hopefully there's a nice big turnout for opening night tonight! The students have definitely earned one!

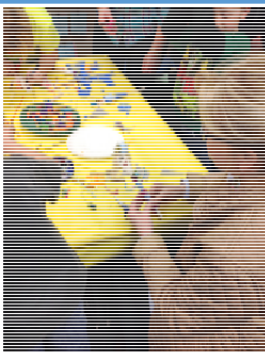
Puppet Show

By Wyatt Fink

The second graders in Mrs. Neugebauer's class made and performed a puppet show for their parents and grandparents. The other second grade, Mrs. Dahmes' class, also watched the performance.

The young performers were split into groups and each group created a different show.

Second graders Aiden Gerates and Treyton Chester are in Mrs. Dahmes' class, so they were able to watch the different shows. They both said that the plays were about a variety of topics. One was about a birthday party, one was about animals stuck in a tree, and another was like *The Lego Movie*.



The second graders, performers and audience members, all had a part they liked in the show. Chester said, "*The Lego Movie*, because it was awesome when they worked as a team." Couldn't agree more! Teamwork is the best kind of work.

Gerates stated his favorite part was when Dax Noyes, a 2nd grader in the puppet show, played the stingray.

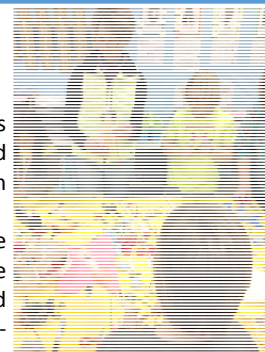
Max Straw, a 2nd grader in Ms. Neugebauer's class, said when all the animals fell out of the tree was his favorite part.

The most important part of the show is the characters. Straw said that he played a crow and a squirrel in his play.

Mrs. Dahmes' class also made plays and recorded them on Mrs. Dahmes' iPad.

The plays were well received as the grandparents loved them. After the performances, the second graders were able to make their own puppets with the people who came to watch the plays.

Maybe next year we will see a new puppet show from a whole new group of kids.



Dump on the Heart

By Mary Christian

Heartbreaks, pain, and grief come over you because the one that you thought loved you left you in the dust. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, I am talking about BREAKUPS!

This is where your heart gets ripped out of your chest and stomped on like a million times. You feel like crying, eating chocolate, and drowning yourself in sad love movies.

The worst part about breakups is getting over them. With the shock of the relationship ending, your heart and soul is crushed. At this point you're wondering can I ever be happy, how do I move on, and will I ever find love again?

While a rainy cloud hovers over your head, happiness is at its dimmest. Will you ever smile, laugh, or jump for joy again? It doesn't seem like it does it? Hold on because there is always light at the end of a dark tunnel.

To find that light of happiness surround yourself with supportive friends and family that

will help you though this tough time. You can find that light by "making sure you are barely by yourself so you don't think about what happened," commented Jennie Hegge.

To move on you have to delete their number, block them on Facebook, and completely throw them out of your life.... Ok maybe don't go to these extremes, but to move on, try and forget about what couldn't be, because there is someone way better out there for you.

Morgan Frewaldt had good insight about how to move one, "Think about your future and that there is more people in the world and everything happens for a reason."

Even with love not being something you're looking for right now, it may happen in the future. Even after this tough heartbreak, be open to new love entering into your life. Use the past as a lesson for the future and don't give up hope there is the perfect match out there for everyone.

On the flip side of the coin, you may realize that the person that you're with just isn't meant to be. So know it's time to take matters into your own hands and let yourself move on. You most likely have thought your discussion through long and hard, so now it's time to rip off the band aid and let them know.

Make sure that you tell them in person though, not over a text message, phone call or chat room. Be kind of their feelings by letting them know in person how you feel. This is not only hard for you but hearing it from the other end is just as hard, so be kind and tell the truth about how you have been feeling.

Being the dumper or the dumped either way it's really difficult. You have to leave behind a person you thought was good for you but then again it's a chance to find that person that is waiting out there for you. Just don't give up hope and one day you will find the right person for yourself.



And Then There Were Four

By Aaron Dunn

With the final weekend of college basketball approaching, we can only look back with shock and awe at how special this year's tournament was. Florida, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and Kentucky will wrap up the season this weekend.

In the last two years before this tourney, there were two total overtime games. This tournament alone, produced eight thrill inducing OT games. Four of them happened on day one!

The biggest story of the tournament will probably be all of the upsets. It started off with the first game of the tournament. The Dayton Flyers pulled off the upset against the Ohio State Buckeyes. Dayton, an 11-seed, would make it all the

way to the elite eight until they would lose to Florida.

Day one's upsets didn't end there, because the Mercer Bears would defeat the Duke Blue Devils only a few hours later. North Dakota State University, Stephen F. Austin, and Harvard were all 12-seeds entering the tourney, but were all victorious against their 5-seeded foes.

Upsets can be fun to watch, unless of course you filled out a bracket. Tait Johnson likes the upsets however, stating that "I enjoy watching the big schools fall to the smaller ones". It might have messed up his bracket but at least he enjoyed it. Johnson is rooting for Connecticut this weekend,

wrong choice.

Tyler Willems is one of the few people dominating Mrs. Buchholz's bracket challenge. His strategy that got him into the top five so far was to "pick the higher seeds, with a few upsets in there". Willems disagrees with Johnson and doesn't like all of the upsets because "it messed up parts of my bracket". Willems will be rooting for Florida in the final weekend, the right choice.

The final three games will be this weekend, so tune in and see if your team wins it all!



Science Creates Opportunities

By Teila Carnicle

Several Middle School students jumped on a bus this past Tuesday to attend the Regional Science Fair competition. The enthusiastic kids who made it have been waiting for this since they started their projects!

Mrs. Mueller, the Middle School science teacher, is the head of the whole science fair. Not only does Mueller help the kids choose a topic that would be suitable, Mueller walks side by side to make sure they get the most out of this experience!

This project not only comes with a trip to Brookings, but several other benefits as well!

The first benefit this project provides is an umph in your grade. "It is 100 points of their 3rd quarter grade. They have to complete four different parts, each of which is worth 25 points. The four parts are designing a project plan and completing the paperwork that allows us to compete at the Regional level, keeping a journal, their display board, and an abstract," quoted Mrs. Mueller.

Another benefit Mrs. Mueller talks about is giving them a chance to "learn the scientific process." Mueller went on to say that "They also learn to research and to conduct a science investigation. The science fair gives them experience with presenting even if to just a couple of judges, again, much like the senior project. For some the project allows them to work with a parent in a common interest area."

With Mueller comparing the Science Fair to Senior Projects, some may feel that it may be a little overwhelming for middle schoolers to handle, but not Mrs. Mueller!

"No, I don't believe this is too much for Middle School students to handle. In fact, I have heard from numerous adults that it is a wonderful stepping stone to the senior projects which are much more detailed," stated Mrs. Muller.

The students are not alone in this whole process though! Mrs. Mueller dedicates a specific amount of her time to help the students when needed! "All individuals or teams (2-3 people) meet with me, either once or twice until a set of project plans has been drafted. I also help them complete the official paperwork. I spend 40 minutes to an hour and a half with some groups to

complete this portion. I also mentor some students depending on what they have for a project."

With all this work, Mrs. Mueller does, in fact, find enjoyment out of this whole experience! "Yes, I do. I enjoy the 'aaa-ha' moments when they start getting results," reiterated Mrs. Mueller.

The students transferred their results to a visual presentation for the local science fair and were able to experience the judging process.

The results from their experience paid off as many students were rewarded at the next level at the Regional Science Fair!

Mrs. Mueller was able to relay all of the information about the events and awards at the Regional Science Fair!

Shane Mueller, a senior who had participated in science fair, had done extremely well! "His night started out by being recognized by the Army, ROTC for his project entitled "Higher Protein-More Eggs?" Stated Mrs. Mueller.

Shane Mueller hadn't stopped there! Mueller received two t-shirts and a Certificate of Achievement for his hard work. Mueller also attained the SDSU Alpha Gamma Rho award of \$50.00 for best project related to agriculture.

Continuing on from that he was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the SDSU College of Chemistry and Biochemistry!

Kelsey Keegan, an excited middle schooler as well, had received 2nd place from the American

Chemical Society for one of the best chemistry projects.

As a token of her hard work, Keegan was awarded \$75.00 for her efforts



Mrs. Mueller with Kelsey Keegan when she received her 2nd place award from the American Chemical Society

and \$75.00 was also awarded to her science teacher!

That was just high schooler and one middle schooler alone! The rest of the participants were all middle schoolers.

Ben Konechne, Jack Konechne, and Keaten Wagner placed 2nd in the animal science division with "Deer in a Daze, Part 2".

Nokia Haynes and Kylie Uhl received third for their chemis-

try project entitled "Lighting Up With Food". Haynes and Uhl also received special recognition for Chemistry from Daktronics.

Winning first place in the Biochemistry Food Emphasis division were Riley Altman and Aftyn Heitkamp for "Tasting our Norwegian Lefse".

Rounding out our medals in the middle school division were Ashlyn Andersen and Alexis Richter with their 2nd place finish in Medicine and Health. Their project was entitled "Which Pop Stains Teeth the Most?"

The Regional Science Fair was the final time for the Middle School students to show off their projects to judges! Mrs. Mueller had brought 59 Middle Schoolers and two High Schoolers to the Science Fair and they all did great! Congratulations to all students who won medals, certificates, and even those who got there but didn't receive anything! You're all winners!



Aftyn Heitkamp and Riley Altman being awarded with 1st place in Biochemistry—Food Emphasis



Shane Mueller receiving 2nd place in the animal science division

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April Fool's Day

By Jesse Brockhouse

Did you hear? School is canceled for the rest of the year due to the lack of purposeful work. Sounds pretty accurate right? Time to go home and sleep until next August...and play a little baseball I suppose. See ya next year!

Alright, alright, April Fools! Well, that's a little overdue but you get the point. As you all know April 1st is considered to be April Fools Day! Classic gags and serious pranks fill the day, arousing anxiety with the never ending thought that you might be pranked at any moment.

"I think April Fool's Day is a big joke. Haha, get it?" commented Levi Faber.

A lot of the Garretson students didn't really get into the action but some of the teachers did.

Art teacher Mrs. Granberg had some brownies out in the teacher's lounge! What a generous woman she is. But, when some of her fellow co-workers went to try these tasty treats devastation struck! When the tin foil was peeled back, there was only BROWN-E's! Yes,

score one for Mrs. Granberg. She had cut out some letter E's out of brown construction paper! Who jokes about brownies?! Not cool, not cool.

If you didn't do anything for April Fool's Day or just forgot, go check out (<http://aprilfoolzone.com>) to get some great ideas for any boring old day. They won't expect it and it's always funny to prank friends or family but be ready for some payback!

FFA Continues to do Well

By Jennie Hegge



The Garretson FFA judging teams were back at it again on Monday! They traveled to Tri-Valley and were showing off their skillz, like no other. It was the district competition with more than 1,000 students participating from more than 35 schools.

There were nine schools from our district competing. Those schools were Brandon, Chester, West Central, Colman, Flandreau, Baltic, Dell Rapids, Tri-Valley and Garretson. "Awards were given for top overall placings and then district awards were presented from the scores of just the district schools," said Ag teacher and FFA advisor, Mr. Mueller.

Garretson had many good placings, but Mueller still thinks they can do better and has high hopes! "Our performance as teams was somewhat flat, however we did have individuals that did very well with six winning first place honors in the district. Our State contest is April 6-8, next week. I am hoping to have at least four teams place in the top 10 of 84 schools that attend the convention."

Our placings included: Vet Science team 1st - Shane Mueller 1st, Cassie Faber 3rd, Moriah Flanagan 6th; Milk Quality 1st - Cole Fiegen 1st, Evan Fick 3rd, John Houg 6th; Landscape team 2nd - Joshua Powell 1st, Michelle Carnicle 5th; Meats Judging 2nd - Tony Weiland 1st, Blake Severson 3rd; Natural Resources 3rd - Austin Etrheim 1st; Floriculture - Caitlyn Thorson 1st; Dairy Cattle - Breana Genzlinger 1st.

Only the top six received district medals, but there were others who competed and did very

well. Vet Science-Grace Homer; Landscape-Jacob Liester, Nick Irvine; Natural Resources-Jake Hansman, Alex Uhl; Meats Judging-Bryce Wollmann, Tristen Wagner; Horse Judging-Allison Longhenry, Claire Longhenry, Saige Gullickson, Kyrstyn Beck; Livestock Judging-Ben Hanson.

Now, what exactly is a judging competition you ask? "All teams complete a written test and problem solving component related to the career areas of their contests. The rest is hands on skills needed by employees in their respective fields," commented Mueller.

With each competition, there are different things you will do. With Vet Science, you will identify 225 tools used in vet practice, identify 195 different breeds of cats, dogs, cattle, sheep, swine, horses, goats, and other pets. You will also have to identify 36 different parasites found on animals.

Floriculture is a little different. You will create a floral arrangement, calculate a bill, and identify 50 different house plants.

Horse judging is where you will place horses in order from best to worst.

Milk Quality is when you identify off-flavors in milk and will have to score them accordingly. You will then identify 12 different types of cheese and their characteristics. Next, you will identify five different fat products of fluid milks, and then lastly, perform a California Mastitis test.

Livestock Judging is kind of similar to horse judging. You will place cattle in order from best

to worst as well, along with sheep and swine. You will then have to explain your reasoning for your placings.

Landscape judging is when you identify 50 different trees and shrubs from branches. Then you will identify 50 different pieces of equipment used in landscaping, and then calculate problems on a landscape drawing.

Natural Resources is when you identify from more than 400 potential specimens- 10 each of trees, mammals, fish, insects, birds, and waterfowl.

In the meats judging contest, you will place groups of meat cuts from best to worst, grade carcasses for quality and yield, identify 20 cuts of meat from a potential list of 150 cuts.

Dairy Cattle judging contests are when you interpret sire records and pedigree records for dairy cows. You also interpret production records from a dairy herd, and then place groups of dairy cows from best to worst.

Mr. Mueller is the one who prepares the students for the contests and he should have a hand in the success of the Garretson FFA program. Thank you to Mr. Mueller for providing all of the information he has, and for informing us of all the events going on!

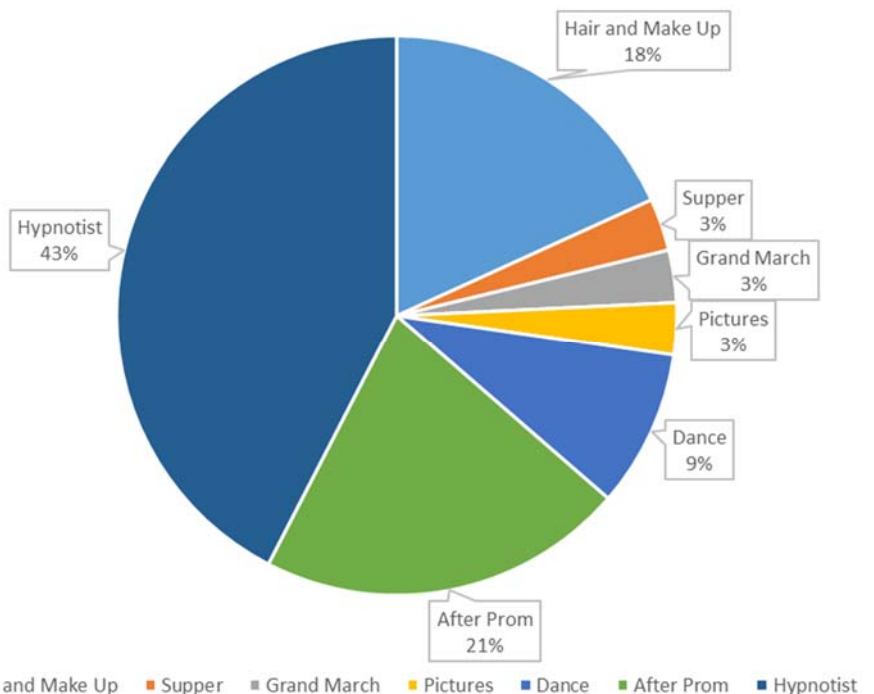
Lastly, We want to wish the FFAers a good-luck at the State Contest next week!

Student Opinion Poll

We asked the Garretson students what they enjoyed most about prom last weekend.



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: A Garbage Truck

Joke: To cover cows