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## This Week's

### Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** In the sphere where the bikers ride around, they travel up to 65 mph and get as close as 4 inches apart.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs can a hen lay in three days?

*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Did you hear about the human cannonball?

*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Saturday, April 26

- Track @ Chester Invitational

#### Sunday, April 27

- Club Baseball v. West Central

#### Monday, April 28

- 7/8 Golf @ BEC Meet (Chester)
- 7/8 Golf @ Chester Invitational
- Club Baseball @ Dell Rapids

#### Tuesday, April 29

- Track @ McCook Central-Montrose Relays

#### Wednesday, April 30

- Golf @ McCook Central-Montrose Invitational

#### Thursday, May 1

- Golf @ Colman-Egan Invitational  
- Academic Awards Banquet



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## Senate Candidate Visits Garretson

By Joshua Liester



Even though it's only April, politicians are already hard at work campaigning for the November elections. One of these politicians, Democrat Rick Weiland, stopped by Garretson this past Wednesday to meet with voters in our neck of the woods.

While he was here, Weiland dropped by Annie's Coffeehouse and Spli-trock Park where his great-grandfather helped build the dam.

Weiland is running for the U.S. Senate seat that will be vacant after current Democratic Senator Tim Johnson retires at the end of this year. Weiland grew up in Madison, SD and currently lives in Sioux Falls where he is a small business owner. During his campaign, he will be visiting all 311 towns, big and small, in South Dakota.

"It's extremely important that people who run for public office, who want to truly represent their state honestly and effectively, to go out and visit the people of South Dakota in their homes, coffee shops, and main streets," said Weiland.

The cornerstone of his campaign is "Take it back!" This means that Weiland wants to get rid of "big money" in our government. "I got into the race to expose how 'big money' influences government," stated Weiland. "I want to make sure everyday citizens have a government on their side and not on the side of 'big money' and the special interests they represent." He wants to ensure that everyone is heard, and not just people with deep pockets.

He says the first piece of legislation he would introduce, if elected to the Senate, would be an amendment to the Constitution. It would state: So that the votes of all, rather than the wealth of the few, shall direct the course of this Republic, Congress shall have the power to limit the raising

and spending of money with respect to federal elections.

Another issue that Weiland thinks is important in our country today is affordable education. "Our kids deserve a good education and shouldn't be discouraged by the cost and ensuing debt. We need to make college education more affordable so that students won't have debt they will be paying off into their 50's and 60's."

He also remarked on the significance of agriculture in our state, saying, "It's important that our nation's farm policy reflects the needs of family scale farming and not just the needs of 'big agriculture.'"

It won't be an easy road to D.C., though, as Weiland will be going up against a tough competitor, Republican Mike Rounds. Rounds was the governor of South Dakota from 2003-2010 and he is now making a run at the U.S. Senate.

Despite having never held a government office and being up against an experienced politician, Weiland believes he can win the election. He thinks that Rounds is basing his campaign on "big money." "The former governor seems to be proud every time he tells how much money he's raised. The South Dakota Senate seat shouldn't be for sale. It's something you should earn," said Weiland.

He went on to say, "The voters of South Dakota are going to have to decide if they want someone who has been to every city and is listening and talking to voters, or if they want a candidate who has raised \$9 million for his campaign, with 75% of that money coming from out of South Dakota. I firmly believe that hard work and getting out there and talking to voters will trump "big money" come election time in November."

## In Full Swing

By Katie Giesler

Tuesday was the third varsity golf meet of the regular season; this year's team of all new golfers took the win with a score of 238 strokes, beating last year's state championship score by two! Of course, you can't compare scores when the rounds have been played on different courses, but still! That's pretty darn good!

The weather was 70 degrees and beautiful with no wind; a perfect day for golf. This seemed to aid in pushing along the golfers to snag the



big win at Renner's Northern Links nine-hole golf course.

Senior golfer, Jesse Brockhouse, led the team of low strokes with a sweet 77. Micah Mader, sophomore, walked away with a score of 78 right behind him. Eighth graders Isaiah Mader and Declan Beers came in not far behind with an 83 and 92 respectively, and freshman Jacob Liester finished with 94. Chayce Brinkman placed third on Tuesday with an ending score of 89.

"It was pretty nice out," says Brinkman. She thinks that such nice weather helped her play a good game.

"I had a pretty nice eagle on hole seven," adds Brockhouse.

Not one of the other ten teams competing could keep up closely with Garretson either! Second place team, McCook Central Montrose, came up 30 strokes short of the top.

Garretson will be in Dell Rapids today to play against tougher teams like Howard in conferences. Regions will be played in two weeks, hosted at Elmwood Golf Course out of Sioux Falls.

With scores as frequently low as Garretson's, the future of state looks bright and sunny!



## On Your Mark

By Jesse Brockhouse

Bang! The gun just went off and all of those butterflies in your stomach just disappeared. Every runner knows this feeling and the GHS track team has smashed those pre-run fears and transcended to be an elite team.

"I feel like we have a very solid team. Everyone carries their weight and relays have done very well for us," commented senior high jumper and sprinter Derek Decker.

Well this "solid" team ran their way into a 4th spot for boys and 3rd for



girls. Pulling the weight in the top three spots for the boys was Conner Blossmo in the 100m and 200m dash and the 4x1 also including Sean Tillma, Matt Johnson, and Austin Matthiesen.

The girls also got the job done in the top three with Mara VanDeBerg placing 2nd in 100m dash and Michelle Carnicle and Brianna Mudder finished 3rd and 4th in the 300m hurdles. The girls' relay teams also went

to work with their 4x1 finishing 3rd, 4x8 finishing 2nd, and the Medley finishing 3rd.

Putting in her own work, senior Haley Edmundson shot her way into 3rd in Discus.

The G-squad track team will be seeking more of those top finishes this Saturday at the Tom Main invite in Chester at 9:30. So, if you want to see our boys and girls try to run in a circle faster than other people, get up bright and early and make the trip!



## Are You a Bad Test Taker?

By Aaron Dunn

Are you a bad test taker? Do you need some extra help preparing for the biggest and most important test of your life?! Well if you do, then you should be taking the ACT prep classes! It is only 60 dollars too!

The prep classes are a couple hour long classes, aiding the students in preparation for the ACT. There are four classes: English, reading, science,

and math.

First up was the reading section. Mrs. Buchholz was the educator in charge for this one, and she will also teach the English one. In the reading portion, you must learn the different kinds of readings that will be involved.

Next up is the science class, which takes place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Howe will be the one to help out with that one.

After science, Mrs. Buchholz is back and ready to help out with English. That class will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

And finally, possibly the hardest section of the ACT, math. Mr. Lynch is in charge of providing the help for that section, it is on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck to everyone taking the ACT this year, and score as high as you can!

## The Beginning of a New Tradition

By Teila Carnicle

Storms are not only terrifying, but have a huge effect on everything and everyone, especially in a small town like Garretson!

If you can remember, Garretson was the victim of a terrible ice storm last year. One may not think the storm had any benefits, but for the students, there was! The one beneficial part about the whole storm was the day all high school students were released from their busy work schedules at school to help clean up around town!

Not only was the town thankful for what we did last year, this year's idea to clean up around town was not only inspired by that, but also because the 125th celebration and all class reunion



### Earth Day Turn Up

By Jennie Hegge

"... on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy. . ." -American Heritage Magazine, October 1993.

Forty-four years have gone by since the start of a now annual holiday, Earth Day. So you say, how did Earth Day even come about? Well, it actually evolved over a seven year period starting in year 1962.

"I'm grateful Earth Day came about because it is important to take care of our environment and it is the foundation for our healthy life styles," added journalism and English teacher Mrs. Buchholz.

Many people really became concerned after the oil spill along the California coast. From that day on, Senator Gaylord Nelson of



all Garretson graduates that will be held this summer!

There are plenty of jobs for the students to get done! They range from painting picnic tables in the park, running around town picking up sticks, touching up the shack in Devil's Gulch, or cleaning up yards of the elderly that can't do it themselves!

Mr. Long, high school/middle school principal, thought repeating this process of cleaning up around town was a good idea; the reasoning obviously being different.

In addition, our principal isn't the only one looking forward to this! Senior Mikaela Gilbert is beyond ecstatic as well. "I am very excited that we get to help out the community of Garretson and make it a better place!"

Gilbert expressed that that is her only reasoning and has nothing to do

with getting out of school for a whole day! "Of course it has nothing to do with not being in class. I love helping out!"

Not only does Gilbert show a great amount of enthusiasm for this project, but she feels it will be an asset to the students as well. "It's beneficial to us because we are learning how to help others."

Gilbert went on to say, "It will make our town look more presentable too."

It isn't just the seniors helping, the juniors have been invited to tag along too, as more jobs were needed by able-bodied kids.

Give a shout out to all the students who are participating in this project today. Let them know they are appreciated for doing a great deed!



Wisconsin had the idea of having a set date to clean up the earth. The proposal was taken seriously.

Now, every year around the world on that same day, schools and daycare centers are doing activities to educate their students on how to keep the environment clean. People especially go out of their way to make sure they aren't doing anything that is harmful to the environment.

There is also a tradition that has been going on since the start that many people participate in. That tradition is that people go around and pick up all the trash in their neighborhood and town. Some even go to the extent of walking ditches. Talk about dedication to the earth!

What other ways can we help keep the earth clean? Just by recycling that pop can is one way. How easy is that? Instead of throwing that McDonald's bag out the window when you're finished with it, hey, just wait until you get home and use the wonderful trash can.

"At my house, instead of running the dryer and using energy, we have a clothes line running back and forth in our basement and we hang our wet clothes to dry on that," commented senior Mary Christian.

It doesn't have to be Earth Day to do all of those things, so if you haven't picked up trash, or used the clothes line in awhile, it's never too late to start! Happy belated Earth Day!



## Locked In

By Mary Christian

Tonight some of the middle school students will be locked in for a T.A.T.U event. Here they will learn about the effect of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and how they affect people's health.

Throughout the night they will get to watch movies, eat some Pizza Ranch pizza, and attend a dance. Sounds pretty fun, right?

This night isn't all fun and games though. These kids will be learning about the effects that harmful products have on people's health.

They will watch movies where harmful products play a factor in the character's

lives. After the movie, they will be asked about the effect the product had on the characters and how it damaged their health.

Throughout watching the movies, they will get a better understanding of how one's life is effected by the use of these harmful products. It also gives them a visual of what can happen if you are a user.

After these movies are complete the students will be creating anti-tobacco ads and playing tobacco free bingo.

Last but not least, these middle school students will be getting a groove on at

the dance to close off the night. With hopping music they will be entertained for two and a half hours.

We hope these kids will enjoy their time at the lock in and learn more about the hazards of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Siri Wollmann hopes that this event will inspire the middle schoolers because, "There is a lot of people that don't do tobacco and there are other activities to do beside that."

We give a big thanks to the T.A.T.U team for putting this on to raise awareness of these harmful products and helping to keep our school tobacco free.

## Congratulations Winners

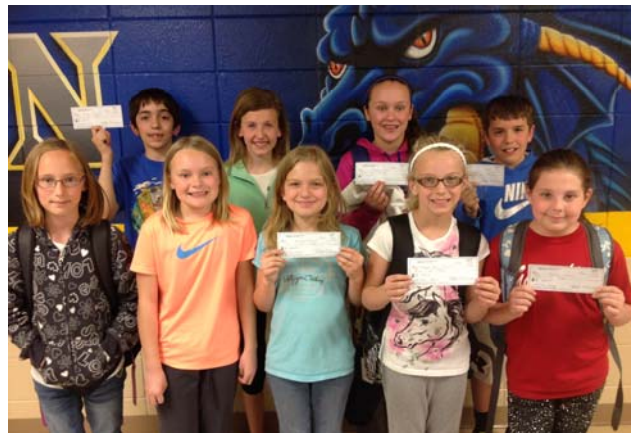
The American Legion sponsors an essay and poetry contest every year. This contest encourages students, grades 3-12, to use creative writing to show honor, respect, and appreciation toward veterans and America. Garretson frequently has a strong showing at the competitions with even a few students placing at the district level of the competition.

The local winners in the poetry division were the following: third grade: Grace Hove, Joe Sunvold; fourth grade: Hannah Larsen, Morgan Pierret; fifth grade: Lucas Draper, Peyton Hove; sixth

grade: Ashlyn Andersen, Madson Nordstrom.

The local winners in the essay division were the following: third/fourth grade: Emma Noyes, Ryan Flanagan; fifth/sixth grade: Mattea Fiegen, Abby Tomanio; ninth/tenth grade: Evan Fick, Cole Fiegen; eleventh/twelfth: Teila Carnicle.

Congratulations to all the participants.

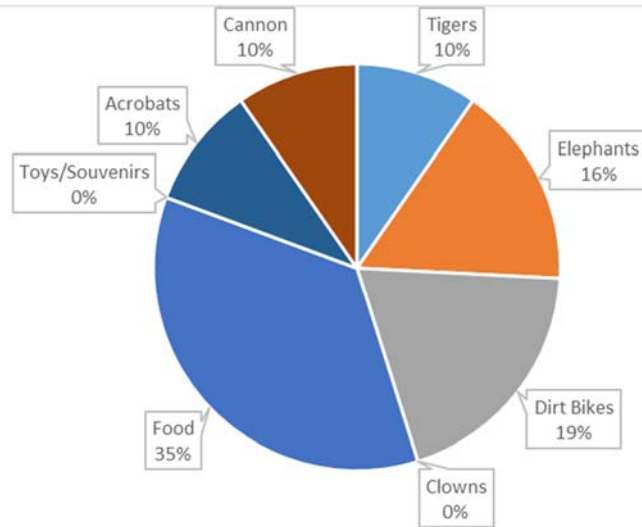


Front Row: Abby Tomanio, Grace Hove, Hannah Larsen, Morgan Pierret, Emma Noyes Back Row: Lucas Draper, Madison Nordstrom, Peyton Hove, Ryan Flanagan Not Pictured: Joe Sunvold, Mattea Fiegen, Evan



## Student Opinion Poll

The circus will be in Sioux Falls this weekend, so we asked the Garretson students what their favorite part about the circus is.



Stop by Mrs. Buchholz's or Mr. Hughes' rooms next week to vote in next week's student opinion poll.

**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** Three eggs

**Joke:** He got fired.