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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Each May Day (May 1), Stilton, England celebrates the holiday with a cheese wheel rolling contest through main street.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: What goes up and down but does not move?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did one wall say to the other?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, May 2

- Track @ Howard Wood Relays
- PreSchool Field Trip to SF Zoo
- JV Golf @ Chester Area Invite
- 7/8 Golf @ Dell Rapids Invite

Saturday, May 3

- Track @ Howard Wood Relays
- 5-8 Instrumental Solo Contest
- Club Baseball @ Lennox

Sunday, May 4

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week

Monday, May 5

- Golf @ Sioux Valley
- ACT Prep Class—Science
- K-5 Spring Music Program

Tuesday, May 6

- JV Golf @ Baltic (Renner)
- Track @ Baltic

Wednesday, May 7

- National School Nurse Day
- Golf @ MCM Invite
- 7/8 Golf @ Chester Area

Middle Schoolers Experience Nature

By Joshua Liester

Last week the Garretson seventh and eighth graders went on a field trip to the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls to learn more about nature and enjoy some fresh air.

Mrs. Mueller, the middle school science teacher, plans a trip to the Outdoor Campus every other year so students have the opportunity to experience it at least once during

middle school. They attend a fall, winter, or spring session. The different seasons have different activities that go along with them.

This year the students attended the spring one where they participated in several activities such as archery, outdoor cooking, and fishing. Students also did orienteering, in which students are given a map and have to find certain points, and animal identification, in which students learned about animal pelts and skulls.

Mueller says the trip ties in well with the life science and earth science the students learn about in middle school. "They can see that they are doing science in their everyday lives," said Mueller. "They also learn to appreciate nature and can pick up new hobbies."

Mr. Terwee is another teacher who went along on the trip and he believed it was a good



experience for the students. He echoed some of Mueller's thoughts saying, "It gives them a greater appreciation for the outdoors, and the Outdoor Campus does a nice job of showing them that." He also said it was good to see that several Garretson students already knew quite a bit about the activities they did there.

Erynn Fink was one of the students who went on the trip and she said her favorite part was the outdoor cooking. "We made ice cream and smacos (s'more tacos)," said Fink. She also said that she had a good time learning about animal furs and fishing.

Another student that had fun on the trip was Emily Schleuter. She stated her favorite part of the day was archery. "I'm good at shooting bow and arrows, so I knew what I was doing," said Schleuter. Like Fink, she also enjoyed the outdoor cooking. One more thing she says she learned was how to put a worm on a hook.

Overall, the day was a way for students to get out of the building and learn new things in a fun and entertaining way.

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Journalism is Not Dead

By Mary Christian

Some of the constructors of the Garretson *Blue Ink* travelled to South Dakota State University (SDSU) for a journalism conference. These students took part in three different sessions and get to listen to keynote speaker Kevin Slimp.

Starting off the day with registration and a welcome, which then led into Slimp giving his speech. "He talked about photo editing and personal stories," commented Jesse Brockhouse, "I learned to do what I want to do and not what people want me to do."

After getting the motivation from Slimp, the students went into their first session of the day. In the session they learned about newspaper design and layout. "I learned you you should be able to lay a dollar bill

on a regular size newspaper and it should touching two pictures at one time, because visuals are easier on the eye and more catching," referred Jennie Hegge about this session.

With the first session under their belt the student then headed to learn about photo editing. "I learned that there are certain points not to chop off when cropping a picture," said Brockhouse.

The last session they attended was about writing. This session helped our student better understand, "That words are the spice of an article and to make them as interesting as possible," Hegge said.

Mrs. Buchholz's think that this conference benefited our students by, "It was nice to see other school's writing styles



Garretson Shuts Out McCook

By Aaron Dunn

This past Friday, the Garretson club ball team traveled to Salem to take on McCook. Garretson's record going into the game was 3-1, will they make it 4-1?

The game was a defensive showdown from the start. The Garretson hitters were struggling to make it to the bases; that is, until left fielder, Alex Thorson, got the first hit of the game. Thorson went on to be the only G-town batter with two hits, and he also had the only RBI.

With the bats of Garretson being put on hold, the defensive side of the ball had to excel. Cole Fiegen was the starting pitcher and he blanked McCook's batters through his four innings of dealing. Fiegen had help

from the defense though, with spectacular plays made all around the field.

The great defense started off with Thorson making a diving catch out in left field. Next on the top plays list was third basemen, Brady Schleuter, when he made a sliding stop and gunned the runner at first base.

The middle of the infield got into the action with a pair of double plays. First was a two person effort between short-stop, Tyler Willems, and second baseman, Aaron Dunn. The second double play was



and newspaper formats compared to ours. I was able to see a lot of things that are students do well with our newspaper but also things we can improve on."

Taking a day to understand journalism better has benefited these students. We hope to see all the tools they learned applied to our *Blue Ink* paper as we finish out these last few article for the year.

a lone effort by Dunn.

After it was all said and done, the Dragons came out on top with a final score of 3-0, only allowing two base hits the entire game. That brings their record to 4-1 and they have a busy schedule for this weekend.

Garretson will play one game on Saturday at 6 o'clock and they will face West Central. Then is a double header against Canton and McCook on Sunday. Then on Tuesday they will finish off their home stand against Dell Rapids.

Testing the Mind

By Wyatt Fink

Well, it's that time of year again. Semester tests are back and ready to frustrate us all. This week is the week where everyone will probably pull out their hair with aggression. Starting May 15th is the first day of testing. It would take place during seventh and eighth period class, the test is whatever class you are in.

Friday you will have period fifth and second. The following Monday will be first and third period. Then Tuesday it will be fourth and seventh period and after that

day if you do have any make up to do. You will have to be in ICU for the rest of the day. Then if you are to fail a test you will have to come back next day.

Everyone has that one class that they are focused on the most. Senior Austin Etrheim was asked what classes is he focused on the most. Etrheim replied "Honors English, it's going to be a real bearcat".

There is also the one class that people won't study as much on. "My eighth peri-



od exam shouldn't be too bad." Said Etrheim when asked on what test will be the easiest test for you?

So remember people when it comes time for semester tests all you need to do is Study, Study, and Study some more.

Get Your Jump On

By Jennie Hegge

Every year, there is a nation wide event in which 7 million kids K-5th grade participate in. Yes, it does involve jumping, so what is it? Hop Scotch? Pogostick? No! It's Jump roping!

Jump roping for the heart! Jump Rope for Heart is meant to get kids active, even if its just for a short time, educate kids on their heart, and raise money for the American Heart Association.

"I think it's a good event because it teaches kids about their heart and gets them active," added sophomore Kenzie Blosmo.

Garretson put on a Jump Rope for Heart event last Friday. There was two sessions: morning and afternoon. The morning session consisted of the K-2nd graders and the afternoon session consisted of the 3rd-5th graders.

There were ten different stations for five minutes each. They learned different styles of jump roping. Some of the jumps were backwards jumping, double dutch, criss cross jumping, and heal touch jump roping.

"It was fun to teach them new jump rope moves," commented sophomore Lara Luke.

The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary organization that makes it their mission to help out people with special needs dealing with the heart.



"I've always known that my heart is different. You have four pieces of your heart and my two bottom pieces are switched. I have to take a pill every night for my heart. Doctors are going to switch the two bottom pieces of my heart around. The American Heart Association helps people like me with different hearts so doctors can find cures for kids like me!" – as stated by Diego, age 8 who was helped by the American Heart Association and featured on their website.

Doesn't that just make you want to get your jump on and help out as many people as possible, young or old? It sure makes me want to! If you missed out on participating in on this years Jump Rope for Heart, Don't worry there is always next year!

Gettin' Jacked in Sioux Falls

By Jesse Brockhouse

I lift things up and put them down! Weights that is, and for the city of Sioux Falls, many people have been getting their "swoll" on in the gyms. bodybuilding.com surveyed the U.S. asking people to take the BMI (Body Mass Index) test and to submit their percentage of body fat. They took the number of people in every city with less than 10 percent body fat and divided it by the number of people who submitted their percentage. Ranked at NUMBER ONE, Sioux Falls topped the list with 31.4 percent

of people under 10 percent body fat! With that, Sioux Falls was named the most "ripped" city in the U.S. That is awfully impressive for the 8,235,583 people in other cities that were involved!

Senior Alex Thorson commented, "I think it's pretty cool. I had no idea they took a survey but I would have submitted mine. People in Sioux Falls must be doin' work."

Senior Conner Blosmo concurred with Thorson, saying, "It's cool that



South Dakota got recognized for something and it shows that people are actually starting to care about their health."

Well you heard it. SoDak is getting on the map and for the right reason! Health and well being should be important to us all. Getting to the gym isn't always the easiest thing ever but it will benefit you for the rest of your life. So get to the gym to uphold our reputation and stay ripped!



Garretson seventh and eighth graders experience nature through the Outdoor Campus, sponsored through the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.



Tragedy on the Yellow Sea

By Katie Giesler

As many of you reading may or may not know, on April 16th of 2014, a tragic accident took place on the Yellow Sea off of South Korea's shore. The Sewol ferry, carrying upwards of 300 high school students and teachers, capsized in the chilling waters, leaving hundreds dead and hundreds still missing.

The ship reportedly left from the south Incheon port at 9 o'clock p.m. on April 15th and was making its way to Jeju Island; the trip was to take 12 to 13 hours in total. But before the Sewol could reach it's destination, it suddenly tilted and began taking on water. Students were told via intercom to stay in their cabins and wait for further instructions. Those that listened ultimately paid with their lives for their obedience.

As of Saturday, April 26th, the death toll was confirmed to be 187. Now the number has risen to over 190. Back on land, yellow ribbons dominate the streets, buildings, and even social media sites and television. These ribbons are being referred to as South Korea's "symbol of grief," and have come about because of the accident. The meaning of these ribbons is simple: "One small step, big miracle."

At Danwon High School, where the students and teachers were from, dozens of yellow ribbons are tied at the gates in remembrance. Three quarters of the junior class was lost on the Sewol.

The first person to call into 119 (Korea's equivalent to America's 911) was seventeen-year-old Choi Duk-ha. He would later lose his life on the ship after making his emergency

call, three minutes before the ship's crew would radio in for outside help.

And it's not just the parents and family members of those lost upon the ship that are grieving. Parents all over the country are both deeply saddened and outraged by this unfortunate event because of the fact that nearly all that were lost, were young teens.

Charges have even been pressed against the captain and crew of the ferry. Captain Lee Joon-seok, 69, and members of his crew, have been arrested after being given negligence charges. Charges were pressed because they abandoned the ship early on and left their passengers trapped.

Lee was also changed with taking an "excessive change of course without slowing down." Many have reason to believe that him having turned the boat too quickly at too slow of a speed in a bad current spot was the reason for the accident.

The story dominates Korea's news and social media sites. Many famous Korean celebrities have taken to their twitter accounts to tweet their condolences to the hurting families and give their support for relief as well. Some have even changed their profile pictures and avatars to photos of yellow ribbons. Many musical artists, actors, and TV and radio personalities even stopped promotion events for a few weeks out of respect for the families.

Other celebrities and companies have taken things a step further. Lee Soo-man and his company, SM Entertainment, donated the Korean equivalent of \$1,000,000 US

dollars to aid in relief funds for the victims and families of the Sewol ferry incident.

From allkpop.com, a website that focuses around Korean pop culture, in an interview, Lee Soo-man quotes, "As a parent who shared the hopes and dreams of my entertainers, who are like sons and daughters to me, my heart felt so much pain and sadness when I thought of the victims who did not get a chance to fulfill their dreams because of this incident as well as their families. In addition, I will share their pain and consistently be looking for a method to help the bereaved families to my best ability."

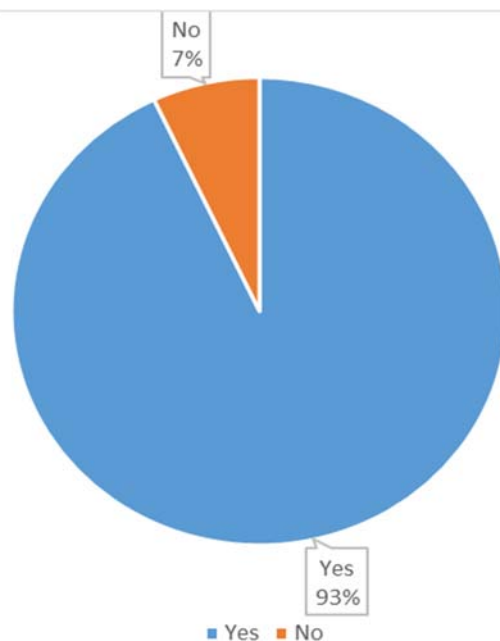
Other top names in the Korean industry have donated generous amounts of funding as well. Amongst many, TV personality and comedian, Lee Hwi-jae, donated \$96,000 US dollars; actress Jun Ji-hun gave \$97,000; popular member of Korean girl group After School, Uee, personally have over \$29,000; and 'Radio Star' MC's collectively donated over \$96,000 to Danwon High School directly.

Rescuers continue to search for the remaining number of passengers in the water around the sink site. Unfortunately, with the post-accident time reaching over two weeks, chances of finding survivors at this point are slim to none.

Our deepest condolences to the families of the lost passengers.

Student Opinion Poll

Summer is quickly approaching. The Garretson students were polled concerning the availability of the gym and weight room this summer. We asked students if they thought it should be open to any students as long as there was an adult supervisor present.



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.