

Choral Director: Mrs. Erika Brown
Band Director: Mr. Nick Sittig

The elementary held their music program last night. Students pre-k through 5th grade sang songs and celebrated the theme "We are Thankful"



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A season to remember

The volleyball team qualifies for SoDak 16

by **Oliviya Thornton**
staff writer

It's been 20 years since Garretson's volleyball team made it to SoDak 16, which is the last round before state finals. The Blue Dragons volleyball didn't make it to state finals, losing to McCook Central/Montrose (MCM) on Tuesday, November 12.

It was a best of five battle. Garretson fought hard in the first set but lost 23-25. This led to MCM's increased confidence as they were looking to repeat their state tournament berth. The Fightin Cougars took the next set, 9-25 and the third, 13-25.

Even with this loss Lauren Heesch, a junior, who plays the libero for her team wants her team to remember, "Not to lose confidence in ourselves and our teammates, and to believe in one another."

But even if the volleyball team

didn't make it to state finals, they still had an awesome season of playing hard and getting further than any other Garretson volleyball team in the past 20 years. The Blue Dragons ended their regular season 16-9 and finished off the season with a SoDak 16 appearance and a 17-10 record.

Going into this season as the underdogs' no one believed Garretson could make it as far as they did, but the Blue Dragons proved them wrong winning their first game of the season with 3 sets out 4 against Tri-Valley. They continued to play 25 more games and won 16 bringing them to SoDak to face off against MCM before seeing if they will make it to state.

This year, Garretson Volleyball has a very young starting team with only three seniors on the squad. And with the new coach, it seems the young team has a good chance at keeping the same competitiveness and excitement on the court. The



Kennedy Buckneberg finds a whole through the Bulldog defense in round two region play. Buckneberg ended with 15 kills enroute to a 3-1 win over Baltic, advancing Garretson to the SoDak 16.
Photo by Chloe Schleuter

Blue Dragons still have a lot of time to grow as a team.

The eight Class A teams that extended their season to the state competition are: Miller, Winner, Dakota Valley, Madison, Elk Point-Jefferson, Groton Area, McCook Central/Montrose (MCM), and SF Christian. The tournament runs next Thursday, November 21 through Saturday, November 23 in Rapid City.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: One of the best study tricks is to pretend you have to teach the material.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Leaves = lisce (lees-cheh)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do leaves prefer to travel?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Can you solve this rebus puzzle?

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Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, November 18**
- Wrestling begins
- Tuesday, November 19**
- MS/HS Band Concert (7:00)
- Monday, November 25**
- MS/HS Choir Concert (7:00)
- Wednesday, November 27**
- No School—Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday, November 28**
- No School—Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, November 29**
- No School—Thanksgiving Break

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 12 Days
No School on November 27-29

CMN Donations: Last week the Garretson community rallied to remember Tina Sandbulte, daughter of Norinda Sandbulte. In her honor, students, staff, and community donated money to wear pajamas and hats to school. The money raised totaled over \$1600. for the Children's Miracle Network. That money will be donated during the radio-a-thon in early December

Multimedia has released some new videos including teacher features, Random Questions with Ollie, and a new weekly recap. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

Due dates are closer than they appear

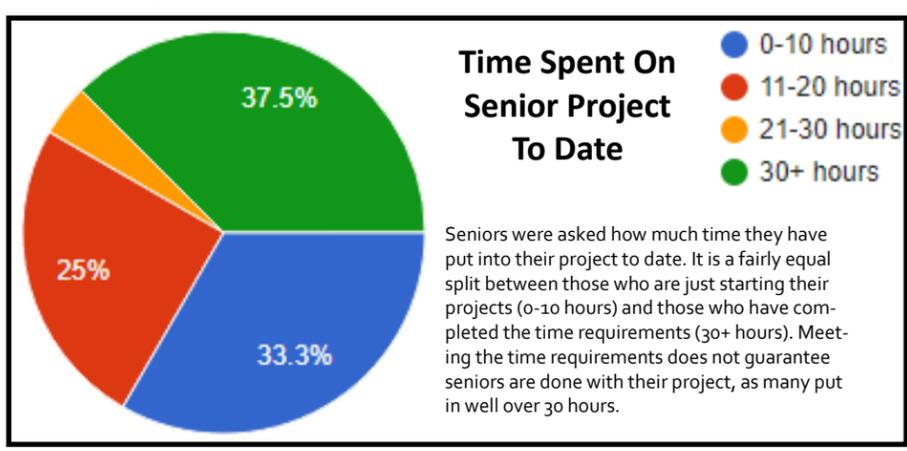
Senior project presentations are just around the corner

by **Kylie Uhl**
senior writer

With the first presentation date quickly approaching, many seniors are anxious to begin the end of their senior year, marking that time with completing their senior experience.

Every year seniors are required to do a senior experience otherwise known as a senior project. Each senior is given a list of requirements and expectations. "I think the hardest to complete is the journal, because I always forget to do mine," said senior Austin Top.

A journal and thirty non-class hours are requirements along with the project being a "real world" experience, and having a mentor for their project. "I think that our senior projects are a very stressful part of our whole high school career because people make such a big deal about them and blow them out of proportion," said senior Tessa Peder-



son. However, there are positives as well, "I enjoy doing something creative and learning how to do something new," said Malia Johnson.

Along with doing their project, the seniors also have to complete a minimum of a 10 page research paper about the project. The paper itself also seems to put a lot of stress on seniors. "I think the paper should just be about your senior project not the research side. Rather it should just be about my project just focusing the paper directly on what you did and what you learned from it," said Pederson.

When presenting their projects, seniors have two dates to chose from: the first one is December 11, with the second being March 4. When the seniors present, they get a panel of judges to critique and discuss their projects and overall ac-

complishments of the experience. Seniors are required to have a "final product" of their project and some sort of visual presentation.

For example Lexi Richter planned a trip with the help of her mentor, a travel agent. She then took the trip and visited 24 NFL football stadiums, took pictures, and reviewed them. Later she created a scrapbook of the stadiums; therefore her "final product" would be the scrapbook and learning the skills to plan a trip.

If the pressure of the project, meeting the requirements, the research paper, or the presentation wasn't enough, remember the deadline with the entire project having to be completed in 8 to 11 months. "Look over your right shoulder, right by the door." Mr. Steckler will remind you.



Garretson FFA members qualify for state

by Noel Johnson
staff writer

On Monday Garretson FFA traveled to West Central for the District VII Leadership Development Event (LDE) to compete in various agricultural categories that qualify them for state competition in early December. All participants placed top four or higher in events that include ag sales,

market plan, extemporaneous speaking, public speaking, job interview, and creed speaking.

In Ag sales which is as it sounds, the production and marketing of agricultural products; Evan Bly, Caeden Bunde, Jacob Schmidt, and Hayden Stoterau placed first which qualified them for the state competition.

FFA members not only excelled in ag sales, market plan was another team where the Garretson competitors placed first. The team of three consisted of Madi Decker, Autumn Gaspar, and Kennedy Houghton. The girls had to make a plan and present it with a 15 minutes powerpoint while trying to sell/market a product; their product was goat soap. Why goat soap?

"Since Kennedy is part of the group, she has goats so it was just easier to do something we have accessible to us," said Decker.

Tessa Pederson and Sarah Welch both took part individually in extemporaneous speaking. Extemporaneous speaking is where the contestants draw an agricultural topic, the participant then has 30 minutes to



Autumn Gaspar, Kennedy Houghton, and Madi Decker worked together as the market plan team where they promoted a homemade goat soap.
Photo courtesy of Ms. Kientopf and the Garretson FFA Facebook page



This year's District VII LDE contest was one of the best showings the Garretson FFA chapter has had as a whole in recent memory. Drew Pederson, Cade Uhlich, Tessa Pederson, Sarah Welch, and James Nussbaum all contributed to the chapter's success.

Photo courtesy of Ms. Kientopf and the Garretson FFA Facebook page

prepare a speech that is 4 to 6 minutes long and present it to the judges. Pederson finished first which qualified her to state and Welch took fourth, which placed her as an alternate because in individual events only the top three go to state and in group projects only the top two move on.

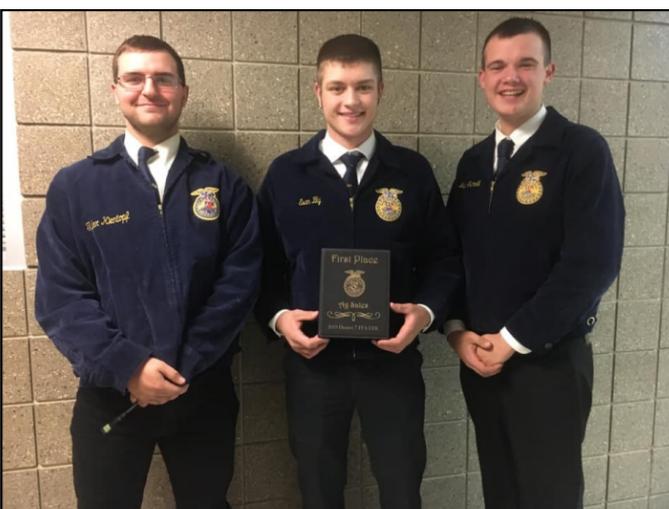
Yet another category that had multiple participants achieve individual success in was public speaking. Drew Pederson and James Nussbaum both qualified for state. Public speaking is how it sounds; the students write a 6 to the 8-minute speech of choice about a current agricultural topic and present to a set of judges. Pederson placed first and Nussbaum, third.

Finally, for Garretson FFA LDE participants Justin Stoterau and Houghton made a mark like the rest of the students

with Stoterau finishing second and Houghton fourth for the category job interview. The job interview is when each member completes a resume, a call interview, job application, and in-person interview for an ag position they choose to apply for.

Cade Uhlich placed fourth in creed speaking. This is where he recites the creed as much of new FFA members do.

Monday went well all around for the Garretson FFA chapter. Aside from contest success, Kennedy Houghton was elected vice president and Madi Decker, sentinel for the District VII officers..



The Ag Sales team of Hayden Stoterau, Evan Bly, Jacob Schmidt, and Caeden Bunde (not pictured) took first place and will have the chance to compete for a spot at nationals during the state competition at the beginning of December.

Photo courtesy of Ms. Kientopf and the Garretson FFA Facebook page

FFA isn't for everyone, but HAY it's in my JEANS

Two dead after HS shooting in Santa Clarita

by Mason Hofer
senior writer

Yesterday morning, a 16-year-old pulled a gun out of his backpack and let bullets fly on a crowd of innocent students. The shooting happened in at a high school in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

After fatally injuring two students, and wounding another three, the student then turned the gun on himself and attempted to off himself. Unlike two of his fellow classmates, he survived the bullet. It was also the shooter's birthday yesterday. According to the Authorities, there was only a 16 second time frame from when he drew his weapon and shot himself.

When police arrived on the scene two minutes after being called, they found six students with gunshot wounds at a popular gathering spot at the school. The shooter, who was wearing all black, was among them.

The weapon of choice was a .45 Caliber handgun.

Four students were taken to the hospital, including a 16-year-old girl, and a 14-year-old boy who died at the hospital.

"At this point we have no indication of any motivation or ideology," said Paul Delacourt of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. The suspect's girlfriend and mother are currently being questioned.

Gymnast tragedy

by Nika Sapunar
staff writer

Melanie Coleman, a 20-year-old junior athlete at SCSU, got a spinal injury during practice last Friday and was pronounced dead on Saturday. Her coach and her family were heartbroken and stunned by her death. In a *New York Post* interview her mom reinforced that they were very close and that they spend every day together.

Coaches were present where Coleman was injured, and they confirmed it was a training facility ruled accident. The cause of her death was a fall from the uneven bars. Her coach, in an interview with NBC, said that it was an unexpected accident with a tragic outcome and he added that every gymnast in the gym looked up to Coleman.

She was an all-state athlete for Jonathan Law High School. In 2018, she was honored by USA Gymnastics as an All-America Scholar-Athlete and was also recognized by Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association as a Scholastic All-American.

She was attending Southern Connecticut, pursuing a nursing degree, and she also volunteered in the gym she was practicing in.

More than 1,000 people across the country donated money in honor of Coleman, they raised more than \$60,000 in donations.

SDSU soccer to play in NCAA

by Nobel Nothstine
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The SDSU women's soccer team will be in the NCAA Tournament with a Big 12 program as the Jackrabbits will travel to Stillwater, (Oklahoma) to play against Oklahoma State in Friday's first round. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. CT at Neal Patterson Stadium.

This is the first time a Summit WSOC team will face a Big 12 opponent in the NCAA Tournament since 2010, when NDSU lost against Texas A&M, 4-3. The last time the Jackrabbits faced a Big 12 opponent in the this tourney was in 2008, when they defeated Colorado, 1-0, in St. Paul.

The Cowgirls (15-2-3) claimed their seventh Big 12 Conference championship in program history and its



fourth regular season title. They tied for fifth in the regular season standings this season with the Buffaloes.

SDSU (15-4-2) enters the tournament with 15 wins, the same win record they had in 2008, the first year the Jackrabbits were eligible to compete in the Summit League tournament. The Jackrabbits have a league-record 15 shutouts as a team. The Jackrabbits, one of 64 teams nationwide in the tournament, claimed the conference tournament title, advancing 4-2 on penalty kicks against one of the top seeds, Denver.

The winner of the first-round contest will advance to face either Santa Clara or California in the second round on Nov. 22-24. Second and third round games will be played Friday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 24, and quarterfinal games will be played Nov. 29 or 30 and will be held at TBD campus sites before the Women's College Cup semifinals and National Championship, Dec. 6 and Dec. 8, are played in San Jose, California.

New addition to Disney

Streaming service gives challenge to Netflix, Sling, Hulu

by **Hayden Olofson**
staff writer



This week on Tuesday, a new streaming platform was released: Disney Plus. Disney Plus is a competitor to other video streaming services such as Netflix, HBO Now, Apple TV Plus.

Disney has called this the future of the company, and after years of making this streaming service its finally here. Disney Plus costs \$7 a month in the US, or about \$70 if prepaid for a whole year. A lot of people speculate this platform may be better than others because it is cheaper compared to Netflix which costs \$16/month.

Now that Disney Plus is out, Netflix has signed a contract with Nickelodeon so they stay at the top of all of the other services.

When this came out on the November 12, there were multiple problems with the app. Customers unable to log in to the service, access specific content, or use certain streaming devices. Some people called Disney customer support line and were left on hold for an hour or more.

Disney Plus supports just about everything such as iOS, Apple TV, Google Chromecast, Android, Android TV, PlayStation 4, Roku, Xbox one, and many other smart TV devices.

Disney Plus currently host hundreds of Disney related movies and television shows. One big thing Disney Plus has is the Marvel series. But just how big will this platform get? On the first day of service, Disney confirmed that the platform reached over 10 million subscribers.

Analyst Morgan Stanley had previously projected Disney Plus could have 13 million subscribers by the end of 2020. By 2024 Disney has projected more than 130 million subscribers.

As Disney is known as family-friendly there won't be any R-rated shows or movies. Well I don't think Disney Plus will ever bypass Netflix but I'm sure it will definitely pass other streaming services.

Comic artist/seller at "Coffee with the Counselor"

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

On Wednesday, November 13, Coffee with the Counselor had a special guest speaker, Brian Erst, who spent a lunch break with the counselor and some students who are interested in comics. He talked about how he got into this business, why was he interested in it and where is he now.

Erst works with Rainbow Comics and Sports Cards in Sioux Falls. "He is and expert in our area about drawing and creating comics, collecting them and selling them, same as with sports cards," said Pliska.

Rainbow comics, a company which doesn't just do comics and cards but they also focus on video games. "The video-games were the other reason I wanted him to come here, so he can teach kids more about the technology," said Mrs. Pliska.

Students had a awesome time learning about comics. "We learned how much text we should put in a picture, how much space we should left in between the pictures, how many pictures are on a page, how big the page needs to be and he explained everything in interesting and in a way we understand," said Oliviyah Thornton, a sophomore who attended this meeting.

Coffee with the Counselor is hosted by Mrs. Pliska every Wednesday during the lunch hour in the upstairs overflow room.



Could Donald Trump be impeached and why?

by **Parker Schlenker**
staff writer

Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, and Donald Trump. They all have something in common, aside from holding the office of the President of the United States. All four of these men have faced impeachment inquiries, while only two (Johnson and Clinton) were impeached. However the impeachment did not remove either of the presidents from office.

One of the big reasons Trump is facing an impeachment inquiry is the Trump-Ukraine scandal, which began September 2019. The scandal started with the revelation that an intelligence officer had filed a whistleblower complaint, which is when someone tells authorities or the public that the company you work for is doing something immoral or illegal.

The whistleblower, who they know now is part of the CIA and detail to the National Security Council, stated that a phone call between President Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky disturbed many of the

government workers who overheard it or listened into it. It is said that Trump may be using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election.

When the official call was released by Trump and Zelensky, it was proven that the two did not talk about such events and it was just Trump linking American foreign aid in hopes Ukraine would help investigate Hunter Biden and a conspiracy about the 2016 election. After Zelensky agreed to do so, Trump confirmed that his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani was the man to talk to.



Congress is currently in the middle of an impeachment inquiry on President Trump and his relationship with Ukraine. Testimonies have been happening in the house this week.

Dean Foods files for bankruptcy

Major dairy producer has troubles from non-dairy pushes

by **Mason Hofer**
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Dean Foods, the number one milk producer in the United States, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Tuesday. Chapter 11 permits the liquidation

of the company, this means to rid of their debts. This will help Dean Foods as they continue to make attempts at selling the business.

Customers are expected to receive their products without any interruptions.

It seems odd that the number one milk producer in the country would be forced to file for bankruptcy, but



business has dropped significantly over the years. Since the year 2000, milk consumption has dropped by 26%, and more customers are turning to non-dairy milk according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

It gets even worse for Dean Foods, in 2017 Walmart began producing their own milk, this caused Dean Foods to cut contracts with 100 dairy farmers across eight states.

To the customers eye, nothing has/will change(d) for purchasing milk. Dean Foods will continue to try to sell the business so really the only change the customer may notice is some rebranding.

Winter sports apparel store now open

All your basketball, wrestling, and Blue Dragon gear is available for order now through Sunday, November 17.

<https://garretsonwinter.itemorder.com/sale>



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Problems overseas

Battles between Turkey and Syria continue

by Preston Bohl
staff writer

In October after Trump announced the withdrawal of American troops from northeastern Syria, Turkish-backed Arab gunmen were watched by live drone feeds from U.S. military officials. The gunmen appeared to be targeting civilians during their assault on Kurdish fighters in Syria, leading officials to believe the attacks were possible war crimes.

U.S. drone footage of two incidents were included in a report by State Department officials laying out concerns for alleged war crimes by the Turkish-backed forces. The footage now is a focal point of debate in the Trump administration over how to address concerns to Turkey to stop the Turkish-backed fighters before they can commit more war crimes.

A White House visit by the Turkish President will arise the issues going on currently. U.S. officials are pushing Trump to raise concerns about the war-crime allegations with Turkey's President, Mr. Erdogan, but there is no guarantee the two leaders will discuss the issue.

Many videos posted on social media have raised suspicion worldwide showing Syrian gunmen backed by Turkey killing a Kurdish politician, and executing two prisoners on the same day. With suspicion, the U.S. mili-



Photo from *The Wallstreet Journal* article "U.S. Drones Appear to Show Turkish-Backed Forces Targeting Civilians in Syria"

tary sent a drone in the area to monitor the forces the following day. The drone's camera footage captured what appeared to be the Turkish-backed fighters shooting a Kurdish civilian in a van.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper has raised the issues with his Turkish counterpart, and U.S. officials said Turkey should be holding anyone accountable for any battlefield wrongdoing. Turkey is expected to investigate these crimes and restrain the fighters it backs.



One World Trade Center—New York City



Ground Zero Memorial in New York City

From walking in the hallways of school to walking on an entirely different continent

Grace Panning, journalism staff writer, shares her story



Emily, Tamara, and Grace Panning at the equator.

Grace Panning will be sharing her mission trip experience through pictures and words over the next few weeks.

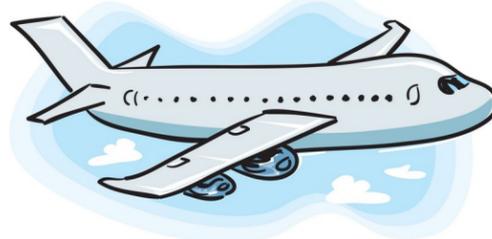
A beautiful lookout on the way to the destination. Some of the mountains in the background are volcanoes.



Zebras grazing by the side of the road. There was a whole herd.



Free range farming: Goats and cow are free to go wherever.



Grace Panning and her traveling crew (mom and sister) in front of the Statue of Liberty.



A baboon on the side of the road in Kenya.

For those you served...thank you

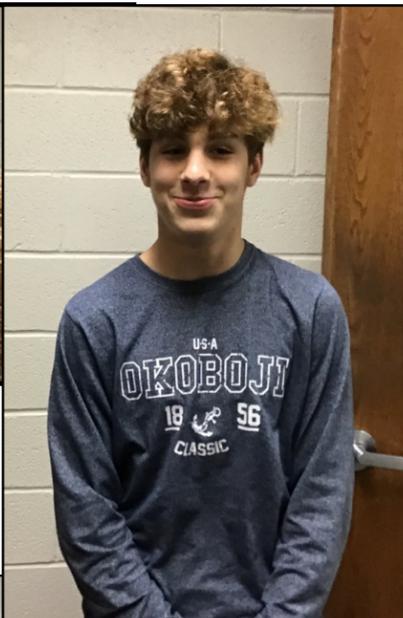


Top left: The Henry G. Fix American Legion Color Guard posted and retired the colors at the bookends of the program.
Top right: Current commander of the American Legion Brian Siemonsma addressed the students and community during the keynote address.
Bottom left: Elementary students explained presidential quotes in their own words



Garretson guessing game

Answers to last week's guessing game



Above: Ms. Brown led the elementary students in a Veteran's Day themed song.
Left: The American Legion color guard posted the colors to start the program
Below: Malia Johnson concluded the program

Below: Jaelyn Benson and Morgan Pierret opened the program with a reading of the Pledge of Allegiance

Far low left: Rachel Kindt was one of the many student speakers.

Far low right: Senior Ashlyn Andersen participated in the Veteran's Day Program as a speaker

