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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The first discovery of gold in California happened January 24, 1848.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: You walk into a room with a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. Which do you light first?

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the bicycle fall over?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 23

- BBB v. Tea Area

Sunday, January 25

- Quad State Honor Band

Monday, January 26

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Tuesday, January 27

- 7/8 GBB @ Tri-Valley

- BBB v. Flandreau

- Wrestling @ Parkston

Thursday, January 29

- GBB @ BEC Tourney

Friday, January 30

- GBB @ BEC Tourney

Saturday, January 31

- GBB @ BEC Tourney

- Wrestling @ Wagner Tourney

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Celebrating the Life of a Legend

By Zeb Johnson

This last Monday we did not have school, but many people do not know why we have this three-day weekend in January. One reason is that the school's staff members have to have a day for in-service, but the other reason is far more important. And that is the birthday of Reverend Martin Luther King Junior.

King's actual birthday falls on the 15th of January, but due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, it is now celebrated on the third Monday in January of every year. The holiday was made to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King, the face of the Civil Rights movement in 1960s.

King was a Baptist minister, and used his position to fight racism in the South through non-violent protests. He led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955, formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, and struggled against segregation in Albany, Georgia.

After his unsuccessful movement in Georgia, King organized non-violent protests in Birmingham, Alabama, which garnered national attention. The protests in Birmingham were met with a

brutal police response, which made national news.

But perhaps King's greatest triumph was in 1963, at his "March on Washington." While there, King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. The speech was delivered to over 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and is known as one of the greatest speeches in history. In it, King speaks out against the racism and hatred found within the United States.

It is the fact that he changed the way we viewed racism in the U.S. that makes him so important to our past.

King was eventually assassinated in 1968, and with his death came riots all across America.

But King's legacy has not faded with time, we still celebrate his life and all he accomplished in it. King spent his life fighting for basic human rights, and is still remembered for his actions today.

Martin Luther King Day is not simply just a free day off of school, it actually has significance as a holiday, and should be treated as such.



Lady Blue Dragons Face Chargers

By Beth Schmidt

The girls basketball team was on the court Tuesday night facing the Chargers. The Lady Blue Dragons fell to the Chargers 24-52.

Head Coach Dave Mudder noted their strengths and weaknesses. "Defensively we were playing pretty well, but lacked consistent scoring of field goals and free throws."

Guard Jaden Bly had a total of eight points, guard Mara VanDeBurg had four points, and forward Morgan Gloe also had four total points.

For team totals they had 15 rebounds, six steals, and four assists.

Coach Mudder also noted for improvement, "We need to relax and stay confident in each other to score and continue to work as a team."

Mudder stated, "The first half had opportunities to get back in the game after getting down, but we kept aggressive and shots just don't go in. Every team at any level goes through this at times. We

need to be resilient and bounce back."

The girls were back on the court last night at Tea. The Titans flexed



Mara VanDeBerg looks to break the Charger full court press.

Photo by Katie Giesler

too much muscle and beat the visiting Lady Dragons, 58-47.

The girls are back in action next Thursday for the first round of the Big East Conference Tournament.

Boys Basketball on the Track to Success

By Tabi Klingenberg

As regions are inching closer and closer, the GHS boys basketball team is improving steadily. With three wins and nine losses this season, fans and players have known that the biggest weakness is the incapability to finish a game.

Last Tuesday, the GHS Blue Dragons went up against the Dell Rapids Quarriers, the number one rated team for all of class A.

Prior to this match, the Quarriers closest call came on December 19 in just a seven point win over Tea; otherwise, Dell Rapids has been handing their opponents double digit losses.

By the end of the first quarter, each team had slowly pulled their way through a game of tug-of-war. By the time the quarter was over, the score was tied 11-11.

The Blue Dragons struggled in the second quarter and eventually fell behind by six points, 14-20.

It was a spine-tingling third quarter as the Blue Dragons led, then Dell Rapids. Finally, with 1:15 left in the game, the visitors were beginning to pick up the pace and left the hometown boys still behind six points at 32-38.

The Blue Dragons were able to rally back as time was running out. The score was tied 42-42. With a matter of seconds left, nobody was expecting another point, but the Quarriers came streaking through the lane and added two to their total.

With 2.7 seconds left, Alex Andersen was attempting to inbound the ball and it was intercepted by a



Junior Cole Fiegen and Senior Tanner Gutzmer play hands-up defense in attempts to halt the Quarriers offensive push, keeping the game within reach.

Photo by Mataya Lines

member of the other team. It was too late to get the ball back and the Quarrier's winning streak was left untouched. The game finally ended 42-44 in favor of the visitors.

"We've played really good," quoted Andersen. "We just haven't been able to finish it out. We've had a lot of close games."

Wish the boys basketball team good luck when they play at home tonight versus Tea Area.

Academic Honor Roll Announced

With one semester officially completed, it is time to congratulate the students on a great first half of the year.

We have seen students excel athletically, artistically, and academically in their endeavors.

But educating our students is the number one priority so we would like to take a moment to applaud the students for their great work in the classroom first semester.

To make the honor roll, a student has to maintain a GPA between 3.67-4.0. To make the merit roll, a student earns a GPA between 2.67-3.66.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Chryssie Anderson, McKenzie Blosmo, Jaden Bly, Macey Bohl, Mikayla Bottelberghe, Kindra Clark, Evan Fick, Ryan Fick, Cole Fiegen, Kaley Flanagan, Moriah Flanagan, Shay Gibson, Brandy Greenhoff, Peyton Heitkamp, Zebadiah Johnson, Jacob Liester, Joshua Liester, Lara Luke, Nicholas Lundberg, Emily Malsom, Rosa Mendoza, Brianna Mudder, Meghan Nelson, Madisen Northrup, Amyah Ockenga, Lydia Olson, Joshua Powell, Noah Rieber, Blake Severson, Hailey Steffes, Jericho Swenson, Mara VanDeBerg, Rebecca Weiland, Bryce Wollmann

HIGH SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

Alexander Andersen, Chance Anderson, Kelsey Baldrige, Kyrstyn Beck, Carmen Bohl, Clayton Bonte, Jaden Braaten, Alyssa Bunde, Taiya Bunde, Brianna Callsen, Teisha Carnicle, John Christian, Kristen Corder, McKenzie Decker, Aaron Dunn, Issak Etrheim, Cassondra Faber, Erynn Fink, Jacob Fitzgerald, Jared

Fitzgerald, Collin Flahaven, Jaden Flanagan, Miranda Folland, Jessica Fueston, Ryan Garcia, Jazmin Gawarecki, Breana Genzlinger, Breana Gerstling, Katie Giesler, Morgan Gloe, Saige Gullickson, Matthew Gustafson, Tanner Gutzmer, Jacob Hansman, Annika Hanson, Benjamin Hanson, Madison Hawkins, Garrett Haygood, Grace Homer, Aaron Hoon, Matthew Johnson, Tait Johnson, Tabitha Klingenberg, Jack Konechne, Allison Longhenry, Claire Longhenry, Diontae Lymon, Isaiah Mader, Micah Mader, Kristen Martens, Mikayla Nelson, Riley Nordstrom, Logan Nussbaum, Lila Ockenga, Kelsie Paul, Sadie Paul, Elijah Pierret, Nicolas Pierret, Marc Rattenborg, Megan Roesler, Haley Sage, Peyton Sage, Garret Sands, Jera Sands, Chayce Schleuter, Abriana Scholl, Shambree Smith, Joshua Thomas, Sean Tillma, Caitlyn Trower, Preston Trower, Keaten Wagner, Tristen Wagner, Anthony Weiland, Bailey Willems, Siri Wollmann

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Ashlyn Andersen, Keara Beck, Jayden Clark, Brady DeBates, Alexa Draper, Mattea Fiegen, Aftyn Heitkamp, Peyton Hove, Kelsey Keegan, Rachel Kindt, Kaycie King, Zachary Klaassen, Madden Lardy, Angel Larson, Aliah Lymon, Maria Mendoza, Brennan Mudder, Madisen Nordstrom, Nobel Nothstine, Elizabeth Olson, Matthew Rattenborg, Kara Ross, William Ross, Jacob Schroeder

MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

Dominic Abraham, Aubreyanna Allstot, Riley Altman, Clay Barefoot,

Brayden Beaner, Andrew Blosmo, Evan Bly, Colby Bottelberghe, Drake Braswell, Cory Bryan, Kennedy Buckneberg, Treyson Buckneberg, Caeden Bunde, Trinity Carson, Joseph Cordier, Evan DeBates, Ian Doppenberg, Lucas Draper, Trever Edmundson, Emily Erickson, Trevor Fiegen, Lucas Fitzgerald, Geraldine Fry, Miranda Fueston, Rakell Gnad, Lesly Gonzalez, Kyley Greenhoff, Carter Gullickson, Nokia Haynes, Lauren Heesch, Cheyenne Helm, Mason Hofer, Caroline Hoskins, Molly Houg, Molly Hulscher, Collin Johnson, Dakota Johnson, Malia Johnson, Nadalie Johnson, Trenton Karli, Ethan Kippes, Tyler Kippes, Kendra Kleven, Tee Paterson, Tessa Pederson, Seth Petersen, Tara Petersen, Zoey Quincey Noah Reed, Treston Rekstad, Alexis Richter, Gabriel Rieber, Isaiah Robinson, Parker Schlenker, Lucas Schoeberl, Abigail Schroeder, Cole Skadsen, Nathan Skillman, Cody Steinhoff, Alexander Stephenson, Hayden Stoterau, Keisha Veldkamp



Garretson Hosts Border Clash

By Lana Braswell

Saturday, January 17th, the Blue Dragons boys and girls basketball teams played in the annual Border Clash tournament. Border Clash is where teams from South Dakota and neighboring Minnesota come together to one of the participating schools to play.

South Dakota schools that were present in Garretson last weekend were Vermillion and Winner. Minnesota schools that crossed the border were Edgerton, Hills-Beaver Creek, Luverne and Murray County Central.

It was an all day event with games starting at noon. On the boys' side, Vermillion topped Luverne 52-40 and Winner took down Murray County Central 60-57. The Garretson boys was looking to make it a clean sweep for South Dakota, however, Hills-Beaver Creek had a different thought in mind.

The boys stayed on Hills Beaver Creeks's tail, but were unable to ever take the lead, losing 49-40.

Blue Dragons Take the Mat

By Sylvia Larson

The Garretson Blue Dragon wrestling team succeeded in dominating the enemy last Saturday at the Tri-Valley wrestling invitational against fourteen other teams. Many expected the team to do well, and they were proven correct when the Garretson grapplers came home with a fourth place finish.

"We only filled nine out of fourteen weight classes, so with those nine kids we ended up finishing fourth overall," commented Head Coach Jason Bohl.

"We have several wrestlers right now that are doing very well. Our goal is to continue to improve as we

Leading scorer was junior forward Cole Fiagen with 26 points.

Coming back against him, like a knight slaying a dragon, was senior forward Carey Taubert who with 14 points, leading

the balanced attack by the Patriots.

On the girls' side of the clash, the Garretson girls also had a chance to make the sweep happen for South Dakota. Vermillion took down Murray County Central, 58-38 and Winner commandingly beat Edgerton, 55-26.

The Lady Dragons faced the Lady Patriots of HBC and were able to sneak out a 44-39 win.

get closer to our region meet which is a month from now," Bohl furthered.

Placings from Saturday's meet include Chayce Schleuter (106), 3rd; Jared Fitzgerald (113), 2nd; Tait Johnson (120), 4th; Jacob Fitzgerald (126), 2nd; Jack Konechne (136), 3rd; Tony Weiland (170), 3rd.

Freshman Jack Konechne declared, "I did do well, but I certainly could have improved. I lost a match I could have, should have won actually, and I just need to work on my technique and physical fitness."

"We just have to get better at wrestling a whole match. Right now



The Lady Blue Dragons play tough defense against the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots, making it difficult to get into an offensive rhythm.

Photo by Katie Giesler

The girls played hard that night. Senior Brianna Mudder dropped 18 points in the game. In contrast to HBC's leading scorer, sophomore Avery Van Roekel who scored a respectable 13 points for her team.

Despite Garretson teams splitting, South Dakota came out strong in this year's border clash taking five of the six match-ups.

we're wrestling a lot of the parts of the matches real well, we're just not being able to do that for the whole time. We just need to accomplish wrestling a full match at our full capabilities; just finishing a match is basically what it is," stated Bohl.

The wrestlers traveled to Dell Rapids yesterday for a triangular against the Quarriers and Sioux Falls O'Gorman Knights. The Blue Dragons came away with the win in both matches.

The next wrestling meet for the Garretson Blue Dragons is a triangular next Tuesday at Parkston against the host and Sioux Falls Lincoln.

Bankruptcy Leads Stores to Closure at Empire Mall

By Abriana Scholl

Changes are soon to take place at the well-known shopping center known as The Empire Mall located in Sioux Falls. Popular teen retailer stores like Deb and Wet Seal are, unfortunately, soon to be closed.

Deb has had tons of attention in the past for its cheap, good quality clothing and prom gowns for teens. Due to the company filing for bankruptcy, over 250 Deb shops across the nation are soon to be liquidated.

This same situation has also occurred for several other companies like the previously mentioned such as Wet Seal, and its associated business known as Delia*s.

Deb has not yet announced its official closing date, but all products

have gone to clearance throughout their stores.

These changes could affect the vast majority of customers that may depend on one of these many stores to provide them clothing at affordable prices.

“I will miss their clothes and shopping there,” commented sophomore Mataya Lines.

Fortunately, shoppers won't be left with nothing. Similar stores like Aeropostale, Charlotte Russe, and several others plan to remain open for business years from now and provide similar merchandise.

Other businesses that have recently left their retail location open in the Empire Mall are Bad Habit



Boutique and Peachwave.

As these stores are soon to come to an end, room for new businesses will open. So as the goodbye comes closer, we will be left waiting for what The Empire Mall plans to surprise us with next.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Chryssie Anderson

SENIOR PROJECT: Learning to play the violin

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: The teachers and the way they add a touch of humor and fun to almost every lesson

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: To attend DSU and work on getting a degree in Graphic Design. I want to establish myself in the art community

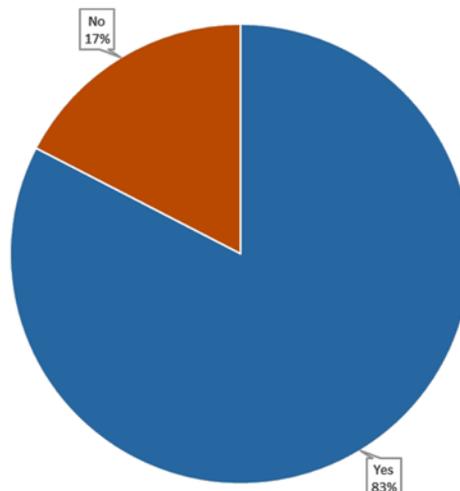


Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked if classrooms should be allowed to have class pets.



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: The match

Scholarship Corner

- Dakota Corps Scholarship—Due **Feb 1**
- Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation—Due **Feb 27**
- Buick Achievers Scholarship—Due **Feb 27**
- Michael J. Entringer Scholarship—Due **Mar 1**
- South Dakota Agri-Business Association Scholarship—Due **Mar 1**
- Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship—Due **Mar 2**
- Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship—Due **Mar 6**
- Alliance Communications Scholarship—Due **Mar 13**
- Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire Scholarship—Due **Apr 1**

Please check your email for links to these scholarships along with more information.



Joke: Because it was “two-tired” (too tired)