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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Each year National FFA Week happens in conjunction with George Washington's birthday to honor and recognize his legacy as an agriculturalist and farmer.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: A farmer has 30 animals consisting of chickens and cows. The animals have 74 legs in total. Find out the number of chickens and cows the farmer has.

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where did the cow go on the weekend?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 27

- State Wrestling Tourney
- FFA Petting Zoo

Saturday, February 28

- State Wrestling Tourney
- FFA Breakfast—7:00-10:30

Monday, March 2

- Science Fair
- Track Begins

Tuesday, March 3

- BBB Region @ Flandreau
- MS Honor Band and Choir @ BV

Friday, March 6

- End of the 3rd Quarter

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

State Wrestling Kicks Off

By Zeb Johnson

The most important wrestling meet in the state has begun, and Garretson sent six grapplers to represent our town and school. The wrestlers had to go through a regional bracket to make it to the state competition, placing at least fourth.

Starting with the senior and going down through the classes, the qualifiers are Tait Johnson (120), Brady Schleuter (132) and Jacob Fitzgerald (126), Jared Fitzgerald (113), then Aaron Elijah Chayce Schleuter (106) and Jack Konechne (138).

State wrestling is held in Rapid City, SD. The actual matches began at 10 AM this morning. In his first match, Johnson will be wrestling the number two seeded wrestler in his class, Dirk Wolf from Lemmon-McIntosh. Dirk has earned 36 wins and 3 losses throughout the regular season.

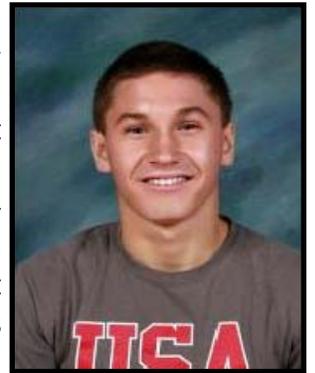
B. Schleuter will also begin the tournament with a tough first round. He will be facing off against Groton Area

sophomore Kelby Hawkins, who has gone into the tournament with 33 wins and one loss.

On paper Jacob Fitzgerald got the best draw out of all the Blue Dragons wrestlers, going against Sioux Valley's Aaron Elijah who ended his regular season 30-9. Jacob Fitzgerald was close behind at 28-10.

Brother Jared Fitzgerald has a strong opponent, but one that is possible to beat. The first round sets him up against Trevor Pray from Groton Area.

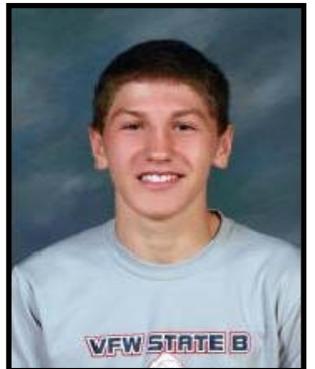
C. Schleuter will begin the tournament with a contest against Atlas Willuweit from Burke-Gregory. Willuweit went 34-8 during his regular season matches, not a bad score by any stretch of the



Junior Jacob Fitzgerald (126)



Senior Tait Johnson (120)



Sophomore Jared Fitzgerald (113)



Junior Brady Schleuter (132)



Freshman Chayce Schleuter (106)

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When Our Childhood Returns

By Lana Braswell

We all have those memories that we cherish, something from when we were younger. So we are going to talk about some of our childhood TV shows. Yeah, ones like *The Jetsons*, *Dexter's Laboratory*, and *Tarzan*.

Well freshman student Emily Schleuter says her most memorable was *The Teletubbies* because of their cute faces and the baby-faced sun. "I guess it just made my morning," Schleuter stated.

The Teletubbies was a popular show back then, but so were *The Jetsons*,

who happened to be Principal Long's favorite show.

"I mostly remember it for the theme song, it's a pretty early TV show. I remember getting up in the morning and watching it," stated Long.

He also says he liked to watch some of the super hero shows, but nothing could beat the famous *Scooby Doo*. "The moral of it wasn't really the theme song but the mysteries, trying to figure out who was pranking/scaring them."

We all love watching TV and our shows, but the one that kicked it back

into gear was freshman MJ Vander-snick, who said he spent more time outside as a child. But when he watched TV it was *The Backyardigans*. Why? "Probably 'cause they went out on all sorts of adventures that I wanted to go on," explained Vandersnick.

Imagination is something kids have and what better way to kick it in, than to watch a children's movie that makes everyone smile. So enjoy the little things while you can and have a great day!

Girls Basketball Takes on the Flandreau Fliers...Again

By Beth Schmidt

This last Tuesday, the girls basketball team took on the Flandreau Fliers. They lost to the Fliers 53-44. The quarter scores were 13-13, 28-23, 35-36, and 53-44.

The girls have faced the Fliers before; the first time was in mid-January. They lost to Flandreau 31-47. The second time the Lady Dragons went against the Fliers was at the Big East Conference Tournament, where they turned the tables and won 38-36.

The girls team is ranked fifth in the region with the record of 7-13, and Flandreau is ranked fourth with the record of 9-11.

For the first quarter, the score was 13-13. The girls took the lead but start-

ed giving the Fliers points. The girls were having trouble passing the ball but kept on playing hard and played point for point, but tied at the first quarter.

The second quarter was 28-23 with the Lady Dragons falling behind and the Fliers. For the second quarter the girls let there guard down and let Flandreau score more points but the lady dragons still made some of their shots.

The starting line up were seniors Brianna Mudder, Mara VanDeBerg, Teisha Carnicle and juniors Jaden Bly and Peyton Hietkamp.

For the team totals they had seven offensive rebounds, 15 defensive rebounds, six steals, and 13 assist. Shots

total were nine free throws, 14 two pointers, and they hit three points behind the arch.

Junior Morgan Gloe commented on what the team accomplishment was, "I think the ability to hustle and use our heart and playing the game was something big for use. Even though we didn't win, we still choose to play hard and continue fighting."

As the Lady Dragons keep their head up high, they will always remember on what a good season they had and wish our three seniors good bye. Good luck next season girls.

How to Improve Your Grades in a Week

By Abriana Scholl

As time goes on, the school year begins to approach its final quarter of the year.

This not only can enlighten students, because the school year is getting even closer to and end, but it is also the time where students can bring shorts and sandals back into their wardrobe when the weather is appropriate.

The 3rd quarter doesn't come to its close until the 6th of March, which

leaves a week left and it is just the right amount of time for students to correct any displeasing grades or assignments during ICU time.

Improving your grades within a week may sound like a stressful situation, but all it takes it the focus, motivation, and effort to accomplish it.

The best methods to use if you are caught in between bad grades is to take your time to ask teachers whether or not you have any missing assign-

ments or re-corrections that are open for you to fix.

Not only will students need to finish up what they have left to fix, but will prepare for the final quarter of the year.

As we head into the final quarter, grades and progress in class is most likely going to end up being a higher priority.

No Basket Cases over Here

By Sylvia Larson

All hail the varsity boys basketball players! The Garretson ballers defeated the Sioux Valley Cossacks last Friday night with a winning score of 61-51. Plenty of adoring fans appeared to support the team, so the stands were packed.

In addition to being the boys' last home match, Friday was also Senior's Night. Between the JV game and the varsity game, the mini cheerleaders gave the audience the adorable pep-filled presentation they had been working on all week during cheer camp. During varsity halftime, the two age groups of the local dance class each preformed a dance.

"We go into every game knowing that if we do the things that we want to do correctly, we're going to have a good shot at competing and possibly win," stated Head Coach Matt Shrank.

The two teams started out mostly equal, without a definite leader. Although it was neck and neck pretty much the whole game, the Garretson

players were in the lead by one measly little point when half-time started. As the game progressed, Garretson slowly started pulling forward. The Blue Dragons finished out the last few minutes by pushing toward their final score of 61, while Sioux Valley struggled to gain points.

Student participation was eminent at the game, with most kids in the student section actively cheering for the Dragons and going with the cheerleader-led cheers. Some pupils even held signs promoting the players. Many of the junior and seniors stood for the majority of the game in support of the team. The theme for the night was 'black out,' so most people showed their school spirit with dark colored apparel.

"I was glad that we had a lot of fans in the stands and the gym was full; so I was exited for the kids because it was a good experience. You never really think that, 'oh my we might lose this game.' The whole time I thought we

handled ourselves pretty good," Shrank continued. "We do better with more people in the stands and with the pep band playing."

Rounding out the stats for the game: sophomore Shay Gibson finished off almost half of Garretson's points on the night, dropping 30. Junior Cole Fiegen had 18, while junior Alex Andersen (7), senior Tanner Gutzmer (4), and junior Micah Mader (2) capped out the Blue Dragons' scoring output. Gibson, Fiegen, and Gutzmer all snagged five rebounds a piece as well.

Although people won't be able to sit in the Garretson stands and cheer on boys basketball any more this winter, they are playing Flandreau at regionals March third. The guys have had a good run this year with seven wins and 13 losses, and are looking excitedly towards regionals ready to work every fiber of their being.

Band Entertains with Movie Music

Yesterday the middle school and high school bands joined forces to get students out of the last part of the school day...but it was for a good reason, a concert.

Band Director Nick Sittig organized a movie-themed concert for the entire school's enjoyment and also as a great way to showcase the young talent in the school.

The band played selections from *Captain America*, *The Incredibles*, and an elementary crowd favorite, *Frozen*.

There was also a medley from Hollywood composer Danny Elfman who has contributed his musical abilities to productions such as *Spiderman*, *Tales from the Crypt*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Edward Scissorhands* among others.

There are a few opportunities in March and April for band members to showcase their skills again with a few honor band performances and upcoming contests.



Scan for an excerpt video of the band's performance of *Frozen*.



Percussionists (from left to right) Claire Longhenry, Jacob Liester, and Allison Longhenry hit all the right notes during Thursday's school performance.



Band director Mr. Sittig explains the upcoming performance and excites the audience for what they are about to hear.

State Wrestling Kicks Off

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Konechne will be facing off against another tough opponent to start. His opponent is Michael Scott, a Stanley County junior who has gone 44-2 in the regular season.



Freshman Jack Konechne (138)

point in the winner's bracket, he may drop down to the consolation bracket and wrestle his way into a maximum placing of third or fourth for his weight class. The tournament will run on a double elimination system.

The wrestlers' beginning matches are chosen based on their performance at their regional tournament. With every placing, wrestlers earn points for their team, 16 team points for first, 12 for second, nine for third, seven for fourth, five for fifth, three for sixth, two for seventh, and one for eighth. After all brackets have been completed, team points will be added up for every school and the school with the most points is the state team champion for the year.

It will not be a surprise if the the Garretson Blue Dragons come back with a few well done placings as they have had a strong albeit small team all season.

This is even more evident with the great coaching they have received, concurred with by region coaches. Head Coach Jason Bohl was named region coach of the year at last week's meet.

Garretson's grapplers have already begun their journey through the State Tournament, and for those of us who could not attend the event, all we can do is wish them luck from afar.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting will be televising the Class B wrestling meet on SDPB 2 as well as streamed live online on Saturday.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Aaron Dunn

SENIOR PROJECT: Built a Deck

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Baseball and National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:

Friends, teammates, and baseball

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend USF and major in chemistry and biology

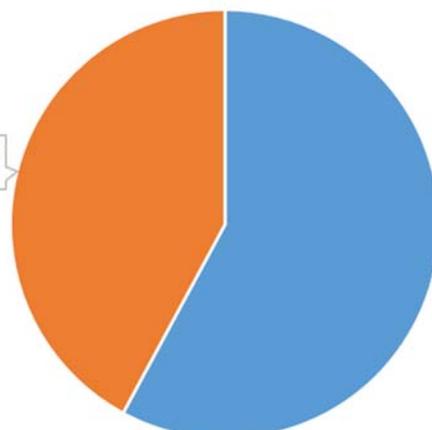


Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which computers they preferred: Apple or Windows.



Windows
42%



Apple
58%

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.

Scholarship Corner

- 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.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: 23 Chickens and 7 Cows

Joke: To the moooovies