



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 2, Number 26

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Beethoven dipped his head in cold water before he composed music.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** Why is a room full of couples always empty?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Did you hear about these new reversible jackets?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, March 6**

- End of the 3rd Quarter

**Saturday, March 7**

- 7/8 GBB and BBB Basketball @ Blue Dragon Classic

**Monday, March 9**

- Golf Begins  
- School Board Meeting @ 5:30

**Wednesday, March 11**

- 8th Grade Girls at Women in Science at Southeast Tech

**Monday, March 16**

- Region Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Augustana  
- Track Begins

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Wrestlers Fare Well at State

By Tabi Klingenberg

Garretson sent six wrestlers to the state tournament this past weekend: senior Tait Johnson, juniors Jacob Fitzgerald and Brady Schleuter, sophomore Jared Fitzgerald, and freshmen Jack Konechne and Chayce Schleuter.

Despite having tough first round draws because of their region placings, the Blue Dragon grapplers worked hard to make the most of their situations.

All but Jacob Fitzgerald had to overcome first round losses if they wanted their time in Rapid to continue.

Chayce Schleuter (106) worked his way through the losers bracket until a meeting with the eventual third place recipient. Schleuter ended up placing sixth in his inaugural appearance at the state meet.



Freshman Chayce Schleuter (106)

Also placing was senior Tait Johnson (120). Johnson lost his first round to the eventual second place finisher. However, Johnson was able to win the rest of his matches until the third place match which he dropped via pin in the second period. Johnson ended in fourth place, a strong

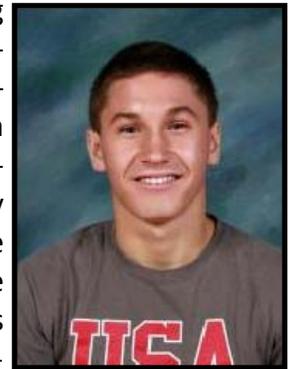


Senior Tait Johnson (120)

finish for his final year as a Garretson Blue Dragon wrestler.

The final Blue Dragon to place was junior Jacob Fitzgerald (126). Fitzgerald made it to the state tournament last year and used that experience to his advantage. He lost in the second

round dropping him to the backside of the bracket, but had a chance to redeem himself by facing the same person who gave him his sole loss of the tournament. Fitzgerald



Junior Jacob Fitzgerald (126)

learned from his mistakes and one a close match with a 1-0 decision giving him a third place finish.

Senior Tait Johnson commented, "As a team, we hoped to place more but everyone should be proud of the accomplishment they made just making it to state."

The Garretson wrestlers finished 14th as a team to cap off a successful campaign.

The Blue Dragons continually proved themselves on and off the mat overcoming adversity, injuries, and a small squad.

"Five out of the six that went to the state meet are back next year so we got that to build on and hopefully we got some new kids that can add on to what we already have," remarked coach Jason Bohl.

## On the Road to Regions

By Abriana Scholl

The clash trailed on as the Garretson boys varsity basketball team has taken their turn to compete against Flandreau. This year the boys have had a rough, but well-played year, but are coming off a few very successful games late in the season.

Throughout the season, the team has received a seed point rank of 38.80. Seed points basically describes the teams total strength score. Not only that, but it determines the difficulty of the team or its opponent.

In the previous games, the boys have had a rocky year with thirteen loses and seven wins. This only leaves them to learn from mistakes and observe the opponent's strengths to try new methods for next year to come.

Due to the weather earlier this

week on Tuesday, the game was originally planned to be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the game was postponed to Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

In front of a jam-packed gym, standing room only, the Blue Dragons gave the fans a reason to travel.

It was a close game all the way through and the Blue Dragons held the slight two point advantage at half time.

Paced by sophomore Shay Gibson, 25 points, and junior Cole Fiegen, 18 points, the Blue Dragons made it tough for the Fliers.

But sometimes home court advantage is too much to overcome. With the game tied at 61 apiece, the home team threw up a last ditch effort that came off short. Unfortunately the ball was wrangled in by a

fellow Flier who whipped the ball up toward the hoop.

It hit the rim, time expired, and then the ball fell in, giving Flandreau the opportunity to take on top region opponent, Dell Rapids at the Elmen Center on the Augustana College campus tonight.

The 61-63 loss ends the season for the Garretson ballers. Unfortunately this most recent loss mirrors much of the Blue Dragons' season, playing tough and competitively but getting edged out in the final minutes, or sometimes seconds.

But hope is on the horizon with strong underclassmen players who can learn from the leadership of the three seniors and the tough losses experienced this season.

## Live Long and Prosper

By Zeb Johnson

One week ago, one of the heroes of the Sci-Fi genre passed away. Leonard Nimoy, also known as Mr. Spock, died Friday, February 27th in his home in L.A., California. Nimoy was 83 years old. Nimoy's death was caused by end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, a disease he claimed was caused by smoking.

Nimoy was not just an actor, but also a poet, writer, photographer, and musician. He dedicated his life to the arts, and while he was all of those things, he is best known as the character Mr. Spock from *Star Trek*.

Spock made his first appearance in 1966. He is a character that is the descendant of a Vulcan and a human, which gives him two sides to his personality. His human half is emotional, but is often suppressed by his dominant Vulcan side, which uses logic to solve any problem.

With this character, Leonard Nimoy gathered a monumental following among fans of the Sci-Fi genre, but while he earned acclaim for Spock, Nimoy had mixed feelings about the character. He wrote two biographies, one titled *I am not Spock*, and the other *I am Spock*.

Nimoy relished playing the outsiders type characters, and in Spock he found his place, saying "In Spock, I finally found the best of both worlds: to be widely accepted in public approval and yet be able to continue to play the insulated alien through the Vulcan character."

Perhaps the most famous sign of the Vulcan Race was a hand sign with the words "Live long and prosper" said along with it. This gesture became a universal symbol of *Star Trek* fandom, known by almost all.

In the end, Leonard Nimoy was beloved by thousands of fans across



the world, as both a person and as Spock. While the two were different, they were also the same, Nimoy once stated "To this day, I sense Vulcan speech patterns, Vulcan social attitudes and even Vulcan patterns of logic and emotional suppression in my behavior, but given the choice, if I had to be someone else, I'd be Spock."

The world lost Leonard Nimoy one week ago, but his fans will never forget the message he instilled in them over the years. Dif-tor heh smusma, or in English, live long and prosper.

## The Dress that is Dividing the Nation

By Sylvia Larson

Blue and black or white and gold? The Internet went crazy last Thursday when an image of a two-tone outfit was shared on a social media website and went mega-viral. The raging debate has divided families, friends and workplaces: What is the color of this dress?

The dress, made by British retailer Roman Originals, was posted on Tumblr by Scottish musician Caitlin McNeill along with the caption, "guys please help me — is this dress white and gold, or blue and black? Me and my friends can't agree and we are freaking the ... out."

Some say it is gold and white, while others insist that it's black and blue. Since then, the disagreement has gone global. Less than an hour after it was shared on Tumblr, BuzzFeed posted an article on it - which now has over 38 million views.

People insisted on what they were seeing because it is what they were *actually seeing*.

By now, everyone knows the actual colors are blue and black. In fact, Roman Originals doesn't even sell a gold and white version (at least not yet), so that overrules the possibility of two different pictures.

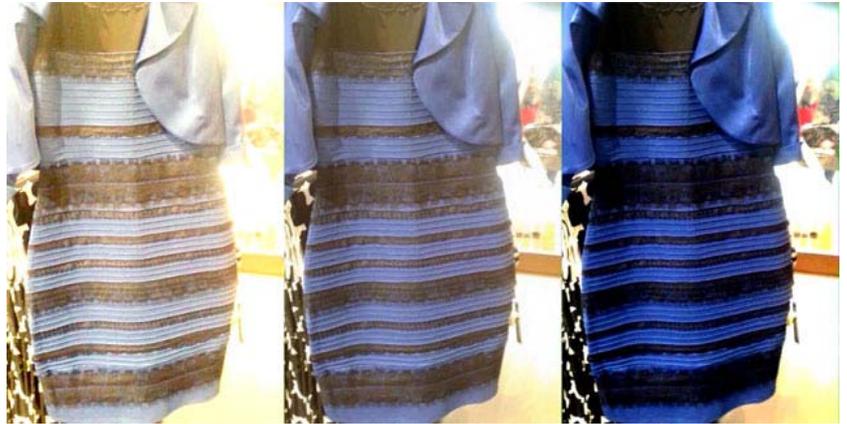
Scientists explain that it's all about individual perception. Our eyes are able to assign fixed colors to objects

under different lighting; this ability is called color constancy. But the picture doesn't give many clues about light in the room. Is the background bright and the dress in shadow, or is the whole room bright and all the colors washed out? Different people might pick up on different visual cues in the image, which can change how their brains interpret and name the colors.

When something gains extreme popularity for a fleeting moment in time, it's all anyone can talk about. It's no question why something like this spreads so fast. Two thirds of Americans have a profile on one or more social networks, and many have smartphones with websites literally fingertips away.

School librarian Dorothy Williamson believes that the dress is so famous because it is an interesting distraction. "People want a little mental vacation."

"You can share stuff so much faster nowadays because of the technol-



ogy that we have. People can share their ideas or thoughts on things a lot easier," commented sophomore Siri Wollmann. Wollmann says she saw the dress as black and blue from the beginning.

Talk of the dress has died down quite a bit this week. After the initial questionability of the color, people now know if they were right or wrong. Although some people STILL don't believe that the colors could be different from what they see, so the chatter lives on.



Scan this link for a YouTube video explaining the science behind people's views of the dress.

## Middle School Science Fair

By Lana Braswell

This week the middle school had their annual Science Fair, making things from hover boards to growing crystals in a jar. The science fair is something that takes place every year from grades 6-8. Making an option for the high school on if they want to join i or not.

The middle school have time from the first or second week of school to march 5th or whatever date it has been set to. Austin Napoli, who happens to be one of the middle school loved his project and would do it again if he wanted. Getting 3rd in the finals!

Not everyone is so lucky as it is a great learning experience for the kids, some only want it for the chance to go to regionals, which will take place in a couple of weeks. So grab your board, buck up and prepare for what comes next.

# One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

By Beth Schmidt

The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America.

Garretson also celebrates this week for Dr. Seuss who would have been 111 on Monday.

Now that it's the 18th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

Elementary Principal Ms. Teresa Johnson strongly stated, "To get involved! NEA's Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2—Dr. Seuss's birthday. We usually make it a week long celebration."

Ms. Johnson commented, "Usually we honor Dr. Seuss, but this year we decided to have some fun with Mother Goose Rhymes."

Ms. Johnson also noted what the other events were for the week, "On Monday Funday, we dressed as our favorite Mother Goose character."

"On Tuesday Tour Day, we took a tour of twelve different Nursery Rhymes display boards that each K-5 classroom put together," Ms. Johnson also added.

"On Wednesday Word Play, students had fun with vocabulary, rhyme, and sing song words that make up some of Mother Goose's favorite rhymes," commented Ms. Johnson

"On Theatrical Thursday, students were treated to a guest reader, Mr. Johnson, reading *A Book Without Pictures* and a performance of *And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon* by their teachers," Ms. Johnson also quoted.

And Ms. Johnson announced, "Feelin' Fine 'Feline' Friday is a day to honor all of the nursery rhyme cats and wear Dr. Seuss hats to recognize his all-time classic, *The Cat in the Hat*."

Ms. Johnson declared, "Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers



participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books."

Ms. Johnson spoke, "The kids always enjoy the dress up days and learning about the history of some classic authors like Dr. Seuss and Mother Goose. Seeing their teachers act and be silly is always a bonus too!"

As children read books and nursery rhymes they learn the special things about reading and what it can do for you.

## Scholarship Corner

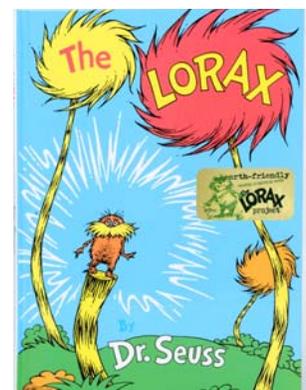
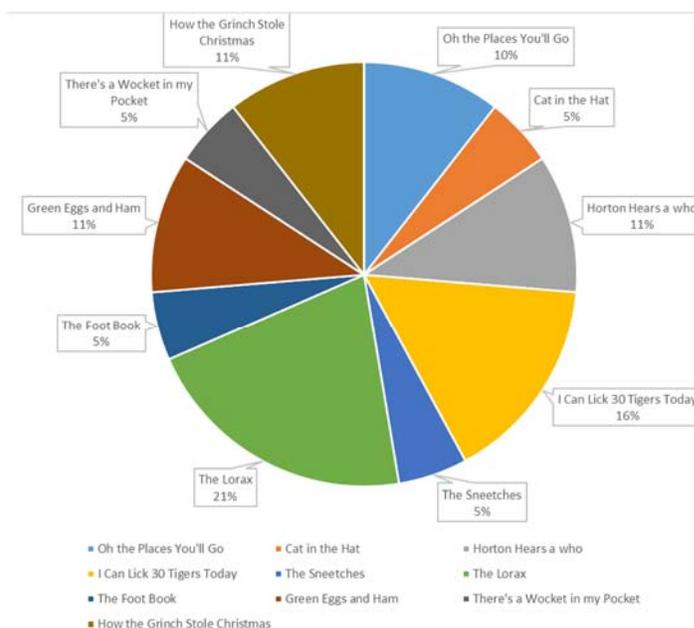
- Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship—Due **Mar 6**
- Alliance Communications Scholarship—Due **Mar 13**
- Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire Scholarship—Due **Apr 1**

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

## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked what their favorite Dr. Seuss book was in honor of his birthday and Read Across America Week.

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:** Because there is no SINGLE person there

**Joke:** I'm excited to see how they "turn out"