

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Today in 1918, U.S. Congress established time zones and approved Daylight Savings Time.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: Figure out what these abbreviations stand for.

50 Sit U S o A

7 C o t E

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do you get an alien to sleep?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, March 19

- PTO Rollerskating Party @ Carousel Skate 6:30-8:30

Friday, March 20

- No School—Spring Break

Monday, March 23

- FFA Contest @ Tri-Valley
- HS Quiz Bowl @ BEC Contest (Garretson)

Tuesday, March 24

- Regional Science Fair at Brookings
- Honor Band @ BEC Contest (Howard)
- Senior Experience Project Presentations

Thursday, March 26

- PTO Meeting in Commons (3:30)
- 7/8 Quiz Bowl @ BEC Contest (Parker)

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Choir Contestants Carol Confidently

By Sylvia Larson

Sing it loud and proud like the middle school and high school choir students! If you can't hold a tune to save your life, maybe singing in front of a crowd or judge is not your forte.

Last Saturday, some of Garretson's most talented singers performed in front of tons of people at Annie's. It was standing room only before they were even started! 'Sing A Latte' took the place of the Music Dinner held in previous years. Students had the opportunity to select their own pieces and sing alone or in a group, but were not required to participate.

Freshman Rebecca Weiland sang the song 'Jar of Hearts' along side Emily Schleuter and Jazmin Gawarecki. "It

was a really good experience to sing in a trio instead of just a large group." Weiland also mentioned that she prefers a small, optional performance like Saturday's over the Music Dinner.

Other singers and accompanists at Annie's included: Rachel Kindt, Madison Nordstrom, Aliah Lymon, Aftyn Heitkamp, Nadalie Johnson, Kaci Danforth, Riley Altman, Samantha Gonzalez, Cordilia Hayes, Sophia Mosley, Trinity Carson, Zoey Quincey, Kelsey Keegan, Kyrstyn Beck, Abriana Scholl, Tabi Klingenberg, Caitlyn Trower, Katie Giesler, McKenzie Decker, and Jaden Braaten.

Music teacher Kelby Robinson believes that all the girls did well on Saturday. "We got there, they warmed up



Vocal Solo/Ensemble Participants at Augustana College on Monday. From left to right: Abriana Scholl, Lana Braswell, Lila Ockenga, Tabi Klingenberg, Cassie Faber, Caitlyn Trower, McKenzie Decker, Kyrstyn Beck, Jaden Braaten, Katie Giesler

Photo by Ms. Kelby Robinson

Track Preview

By Zeb Johnson

Track season is fast approaching, with practices for all athletes starting up within a week. As athletes prepare for the upcoming season, memories of last year resurface, with a few individuals qualifying for the state meet.

All the coaches from the previous year have returned, with head

coaches Jason Bohl and Bob Bennett leading the staff. Mitch Lynch will return to coach the throwers (including discus and shot put), Matt Schrank with the jumping athletes (including long jump and triple jump), and Beverly Howe will take care of the junior high tracksters.

With all coaches returning and a relatively strong performance last year, this

year has the potential to be a strong one for the Blue Dragons.



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with their accompanist, and then we pretty much went in. They could have people come in and watch if they wanted. they sang for the judge, and they got comments from the judge, then they were done."

Judging by the applause each act received, that belief shouldn't be doubted.

On Monday, nine groups (six soloists and three duets) headed to Augustana College in Sioux Falls for the region vocal solo ensemble contest. The girls were judged on apparel, memorization, movement, and vocals.

"I was fairly nervous I would say. I've done this before twice now, so I had a really good understanding of what I was getting into. I knew how to better prepare myself so I wasn't as nervous as somebody who just started doing this would be," commented Giesler. Giesler sang 'The Lilac Tree' for the contest, and got a superior rating.

Aside from Giesler, other performers on Monday that also sang Saturday included Beck, Decker,



A selfie with the participants at the region vocal solo/ensemble contest including their director, Mrs. Robinson (found in the back right).

Braaten, Trower, Klingenberg, and Scholl. Cassie Faber, Lana Braswell, and Lila Ockenga preformed on Monday, but did not sing at Annie's.

"I was nervous for them, but I also knew that they were prepared, so there's nothing I could do about it," added Robinson.

The girls came back with great ratings, and are exited for the future. No matter what how well the Garretson girls did this past week, make sure to congratulate them for having the guts to sing in front of all those people.

Concerts Coming and Going at DSPC

By Beth Schmidt

As you may know, the Denny Stanford Premier Center was open this last year, and has been used for a lot of concerts and many more to come in the future.

Some concerts are big names, even though South Dakota is known for country. The DSPC is announcing some rock and roll bands and pop bands.

Some rock and roll bands that will be playing are Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band on March 17th, The Eagles on June 4th, and Def Leppard on August 8th.



DENNY SANFORD
PREMIER CENTER

One concert that is gospel is Chris Tomlin who will be performing on March 29th. Another concert is British singer Ed Sheeran who will be performing on June 10th.

And many country stars that will be playing is Thompson Square on March 24, Luke Bryan will be performing on May 9th which tickets sold out in 15 minutes. Other big stars are Kenny Chesney on June 18th.

Concerts that have happened were Demi Lovato and Jason Aldean

which were in the fall, Eric Church was this last winter, and Nickelback just performed two weeks ago from this last Tuesday.

The DSPC holds 12,000 people, which usually sells out in the first 20 minutes sometimes. Even though there are single seats left, and the group seats were taken right away.

As the year goes by, South Dakota is still making room for more concerts that can leave a big influence on our state.

St. Patrick's Day

By Tabi Klingenberg

Last Tuesday, March 17th was St. Patrick's Day. People of all ages celebrate this holiday in spirit of the Irish. The festivities of St. Patrick's Day commemorates Ireland's most celebrated patron saint and the subsequent arrival of Christianity in Ireland.

In a Roman province of Britain, tradition holds that Saint Patrick was born around 385 A.D. When Patrick was sixteen years old, he was carried off by a group of marauders to be sold as a slave in Ireland. In his sixth year of captivity, Patrick made an escape to the coast of Ireland by a ship ready to sail.

Saint Patrick grew a love of all the Irish people and when the Roman Empire fell, literacy was virtually lost by most of the country except the Irish monasteries and St. Patrick, himself.

The saint's spiritual impact on the people was tremendous. Slave

trading and human sacrifice ceased to exist, numerous churches and schools were founded, and Christianity was brought to Ireland. After the death of St. Patrick on March 17th, the people of Ireland began to celebrate him and all of his positive changes. In the end, a simple slave became known as the spiritual father of Christianity in Ireland.

So where does the shamrock fit into all of this? St. Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish Pagans, the Holy Trinity being the state of three.

As time progressed, the holiday became about more than just The Patron Saint of Ireland. New aspects associated with St. Patrick's day have been forming for hundreds of years. The legend of the leprechauns are included.

Leprechauns were also known as "luchorpan," meaning "wee ones."

These people were depicted to be shoemakers and had a reputation of being crafty, mischievous, and stashing money. Legend says that

if you wanted a to find a leprechaun's pot of gold, it would be at the end of the rainbow.

The reason for wearing green is because it is said that the color would ward of these mischievous leprechauns from pinching you.

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated for over 1,500 years in Ireland, and parts of North America in many ways and will likely be celebrated until the end of Christianity and the heritage of the Irish.



An Extra Day to Stay Away

By Abriana Scholl

Piles of homework and unbearable tests always seem to be dreadful. Well, it is your lucky day, because spring break is upon us!

The only downside of it all is that the only day we have off is Friday, but there is no need to complain. With our one extra day added to the weekend, we can take the time

to enjoy every second of respite from school.

Although most people find this year's break a bit shorter than expected, the main cause would be the make up our snow days.

Due to the many early outs, late starts, and snow days, a shorter

break is beneficial to the day the school year will officially be over.

Throughout spring break, the time is open for you to enjoy relaxation, spend time with family, go see a new movie, or even enjoy time with close friends.

Pi Day

Whether it is an excuse to get out of typical classwork or a reason to eat more sweets, Pi Day is a favorite for many students and staff alike.

Celebrated on March 14 (3/14), Pi Day observes the mathematical term of 3.14159...which represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

There are those who like to take it further, holding off their official celebration until 1:59.

Much of the merriment comes from delicious pies that are provided and shared on this day.

Taking part in this festivity this year was Mr. Lynch's calculus class.

They were able to strike a deal: rather than take notes all period,

they ate some delicious pies for half the time and then got down to business working through their calculus issues, solving the world's math problems one delicious bite at a time.



Senior Spotlight

NAME: Shambree Smith

SENIOR PROJECT: Towing

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Volleyball and National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: I will miss the friends I have here and I already miss volleyball. I am sure I will miss high school once I am in college, but I am more excited for the future right now.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend Summit Christian College in Gering, NE and Western Nebraska Community College in Scotts Bluff, NE for a year to complete my generals. Then Lake Area Tech for the nursing program.

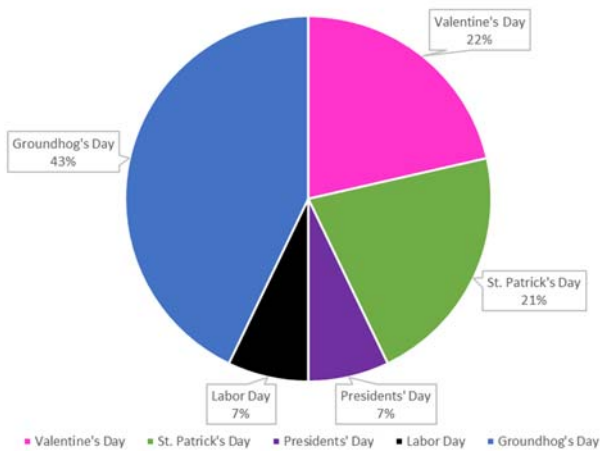


Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which holiday had the least significance to them when celebrating.



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

- Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire Scholarship (\$1,000)—Due **Apr 1**—Awarded to high school seniors who will be attending a college, university, or technical school and majoring in a construction-related field
- David L. Profilet Scholarship—Due **Apr 1**—Awarded to a high school senior who plans on attending Augustana College, must have 3.0 GPA or higher, demonstrate financial aid, and strong character traits

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

