

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing their hands in jelly.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** What tastes but never smells?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What did the banana say to the elephant?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, March 28**

- Prom—Grand March @ 7:00

**Tuesday, March 31**

- FFA Contest at Lennox  
- MS Band/Choir @ BEC  
- Golf @ Early Bird Quad—Home

**Wednesday, April 1**

- April Fool's Day

**Thursday, April 2**

- Club Baseball vs. Tri-Valley

**Friday, April 3**

- No School

**Monday, April 6**

- No School  
- Club Baseball vs. SF Washington

**Tuesday, April 7**

- Golf @ Chester Area Invite  
- Track @ West Central Invite

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## It's Quiz Bowl Time!

By Beth Schmidt

It's that time of year again; Quiz Bowl time! Each year, the Big East Conference Quiz Bowl is held at different schools, and we were lucky to host it this year, last Monday. Garretson has participated for 20 years.

Quiz Bowl is an academic contest between seven other schools in our conference. This year, the high school team had a total of five people. There were three seniors: Chrissy Anderson, Josh Leister, and Bryce Wollmann; and two juniors: Evan Fick and Cole Fiegen.

Team members each year are selected by interest in the Quiz Bowl, have previously been in Quiz Bowls, or by a teacher recommendation. The adviser for Quiz Bowl is Beverly Howe, who has been doing it since she starting teaching in 1991.

The categories and questions are a variety of different content areas such as Science, History, Math, Literature, and Current Events.

Howe commented, "I think the students enjoy being part of the Quiz Bowl team and

often want to participate again in the future."

The schools that are part of our school bracket for the Big East Conference that participated are: Baltic, Chester, Flandreau, Howard, McCook Central, Montrose, and Parker.

Teams compete in 30-question rounds against other teams in the contest. The number of rounds can range from 5 – 7, depending on the number of teams that are present. The team with the highest score at the end of the competition is declared the winner.

The Garretson team did very well and took 1st place with a score of 91 points; Baltic was second with 76, and Chester was third with 71.



The Garretson High School Quiz Bowl team enjoys their hardware after taking first place at Monday's competition. The participants for GHS are (from left to right) Cole Fiegen, Evan Fick, Chrissy Anderson, Joshua Liester, and Bryce Wollmann.

*Photo by Ms. Bev Howe*

## End of the Year Senior Projects

By Lana Braswell

It has come to that time of the year where the seniors are getting ready to snap down and ready to end their year with a good grade. Ones such as senior Ben Hanson, who built a hay rack from scratch.

If you are wondering what senior projects are, they are a selected project the senior does for the end of the year. They work on this for a few months, or for some, immediately after their junior year. Seniors are required to do this if they want to pass high school.

"The senior projects are a pretty big part of your grade," quoted Hanson. He also explained how you are alone on your project, except for the mentor you select. You begin the senior projects at

the end of your junior year, and get to work on them till March.

But Hanson isn't the only one who thought he did well on his project for his last year in school. Jera Sands, another senior whose project was learning cosmetology and teaching kids about personal hygiene, felt good about her final product.

All seniors had the option to present earlier; however most waited until later, since it meant more work could get done.

Each of the seniors had to present their final project in front of no less than three judges. During this presentation they explained not only their project, but why they chose it, what struggles

they encountered, and what they learned from the experience.

It was a big undertaking, but ever since

Tuesday's presentations, the whole class of seniors has look much more relieved, care-free and ready to finish off their final year at GHS.

Good job to all the seniors in the class of 2015! We hope your last year turns out to be the best one!



## March Madness Strikes Again

By Zeb Johnson

One of the most watched athletic tournaments in the US is back. The NCAA March Madness tournament has arrived, and like always, is causing a mixture of emotions among fans.



March Madness is the National Collegiate Athletic Association's tournament for men's basketball, and decides who will be crowned the national champion for the year. Teams are selected by a panel of judges who also seed the teams according to wins and difficulty of schedule.

The panel also selected teams from the smaller conferences. These colleges are usually the winners of their smaller conference tournament.

The Summit League is the conference for South Dakota schools and the surrounding states. This year's submission for the Madness was North Dakota State University. NDSU was seeded 15 of 16 teams in the South division of the bracket. Sadly, NDSU fell in the first round to the powerhouse of Gonzaga University.

Every year large sports networks will host bracket contests, with participants submitting what their predictions will be for the tourney. Approximately 11.57

million brackets were submitted this year, and as of last round, none have the possibility of a perfect bracket.

Along with the last bracket, the chance of winning one billion dollars has also faded out for this year. Warren Buffet and Quicken Loans had offered that monumental sum for anyone who could submit a perfect bracket.

For many, the possibility of a perfect bracket was out of reach in the very first round of the tournament. Third seeded Iowa State fell to 14th seed UAB, which killed the dreams of many.

Many other bracket-wreckers happened in the round of 32. Half of the second seed teams are out of the tournament, with Virginia falling to 7th seeded Michigan State, and Kansas falling to another 7th seed in Wichita State.

First seeded Villanova fell 8th seed N.C. State, something that almost no people predicted.

The Madness is currently in the Sweet Sixteen phase of the tournament, with half the games left to be played. Last night, four of the eight games of the round were completed, with third seed Notre Dame

knocking out seventh seed Wichita State 81-70.

The first seed Wisconsin Badgers earned a win against the North Carolina Tar Heels 79-72.



First seed overall Kentucky stomped on fifth seed West Virginia 78-39.

The final game of the night ended with the Arizona Wildcats beating out the Xavier Musketeers in a close battle 68-60.

The Madness will continue until the National Championship on April 6th. No one knows who will compete for the national title, but perhaps the most common view is that Kentucky will win the title after an undefeated season, 40-0. If Kentucky accomplishes this feat, they will be the first team to do so since the 1976 Indiana team. No one knows how the tournament will end, but we can be assured that it will be exciting, with games getting closer by the round.



## State Geography Bee

By Abriana Scholl

Back in 2014, the middle school annual Geography Bee took place on the 17th of December where eighth grader Dakota Johnson took first.

After his win, Johnson took a test to determine whether he would move on to compete in the state geography bee.

On March 2nd, a letter was sent back to middle school Social Studies teacher, Bob Bennett, informing that Johnson had qualified for state competition.

"They take the top one hundred in the state. He can get half the questions right to qualify, and his test score was good enough to qualify [too]," informed Bennett.

Most of the questions asked could either be fairly simple, or a little more complex. The questions that were asked were similar to questions like "What is the capital of Florida? Tallahassee," or "What Canadian province would you find Toronto in? Ontario."

This year's state geography bee is being held today at the Northern State University campus in Aberdeen.

Here Johnson will compete against fellow students who placed first at their respective school competitions.

If he places first at the state level, he will be able to go forward to the next level at the National Geography Bee held in Washington D.C.

"I just hope that Dakota does well because we've had three years were we've had kids

go into the finals. One year we got a second and one year we got a third," Bennett concluded.



Dakota Johnson, eighth grade, competes in the state geography bee today, Friday, March 27.



## FFA Contest

By Tabi Klingenberg

Last Monday, March 23rd, the GHS FFA members gave it their all when they headed to Tri-Valley to compete at districts.

These students traveled to participate in judging the works of many occupations including vet science, products and quality, and floriculture. Observing and judging these projects will help students in the future when it comes to going into different varieties of careers that involve agriculture.

Advisor Ed Mueller mentioned, "All of the contests are based on job-related skills, and so the whole idea of it is giving the kids a way to practice skills in a contest they might be in a job."

For dairy cattle, Matt Gustufson placed 10th out of 56 judges and the team placed sixth out of seventeen teams.

In the floriculture category, Emily Malsom placed eighth.

Claire Longhenry got an outstanding first place out of 83 other students who

were judging in the horse category. As a team, Claire Longhenry, Allison Longhenry, and Grace Homer were also first out of 28 teams for horse judging category.

"It felt really good because me and Allison practiced really hard," sophomore, Claire Longhenry shared.

Longhenry also noted how big of a surprise it was and also how much fun it was for her to be apart of all of it.

In the meats category, Blake Severson placed fifth, and alongside his teammates, Tony Weiland (10th), Gerrit VanDeKief, and Saige Gullickson, they placed second out of 15 teams.

When it came to vet science, Moriah Flanagan, Brianna Genzlinger, and Cassie Faber placed eighth out of 37 teams.

Other participants include Jack Konechne for livestock, Ryan Fick for natural resources, Jacob Leister and Jake Hansman for nursery landscape; and Jaden Flanagan, Chance Anderson, Kristen Cordier, and Hunter Cornell for products and quality.

There were 44 schools competing at districts as well as approximately

1,030 students. Roughly 22 students from Garretson were participated at this particular judging competition.

"All of the teams are doing well enough right now to where every team should place in the top 1/3 of the state," Mueller worded.

When at districts, three trophies were given to the top three teams, then there were awards for the top nine individuals, overall.

"Some of the kids have been doing really good," Mueller continued.

"At this point, I'm pretty happy. They all got better from the first contest (which was at Flandreau)."

Coming up for FFA, their next contest will be at Lennox on the 31st.



## Science Fair

By Sylvia Larson

Tuesday, March 24th, almost half of the middle school and one high schooler headed to SDSU in Brookings to participate in the annual Regional Science Fair.

The bus was packed with 59 students and after the hour-long drive to SDSU, many of the kids were bustling with excitement. After setting up their boards and displays, they waited for judging.

Just like the local/school science fair, the student got spoken to by one or more judges. They told them what they did, how they did it, why they did it, and what went on during the experiment. The judge then could ask questions about the project, all the while writing comments and scoring the project.

According to middle school science teacher and science fair coordinator Mrs. Julie Mueller, "The only results they give the day of science fair are the special awards; and then first, second, and third medals and trophies."

As of press time, the list of students' official placings were not available.

Tuesday's special prize winners included the following: Emily Malsom (Killing Cancer), got a certificate of excellence, a backpack from the US Air Force, and a t-shirt from the SDSU ROTC.

Brayden Beaner (Bullet Proof Duct Tape), received a certificate of excellence and medal from the Office of Naval Research; a certificate of excellence, a medallion, and \$50.00 from the ASM Materials Education Foundation for best use of materials related concepts.

Ashlyn Andersen and Jayden Clark (Are They Really Child Proof?), were given a certificate of excellence and \$50.00 from the SDSU Education and Human Sciences Department, a certificate of excellence and \$50.00 from the SDSU Nursing College, and a certificate of excellence and \$100.00 from the SDSU Pharmacy College, and second place in the Junior Medicine and Health Division.

Cheyene Helm and Tessa Pederson (What Makes the Best Paddock Footing?),

received Honor Bunnies from the SDSU Honors College for enthusiasm for education and their project, and third in the Junior Division of Animal Science.

Ben Konechne and Sam Konechne (Deer in a Daze, Part 3), won second in the Junior Animal Science Division.

Lastly, Carter Gullickson (Survival), won second place in the junior Computer Science/Engineering/Math division.

Eighth grader Keara Beck, who did a project called 'Vitamins Verses Germination' (Plant Science) with fellow eighth grader Kylie Greenhoff, summed the day up in two sentences. "We stood by our poster and presented to people. We were by people that we knew so we could talk and have fun."

Beck also stated that given the opportunity, she would probably go again next year.

Now that science fair is over and done with for the 14/15 school year, Mrs. Mueller and many of the students are ready to take a break. Overall the students did well, and having an increased knowledge and appreciation for science will help them excel in the future.

## Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Matt Johnson

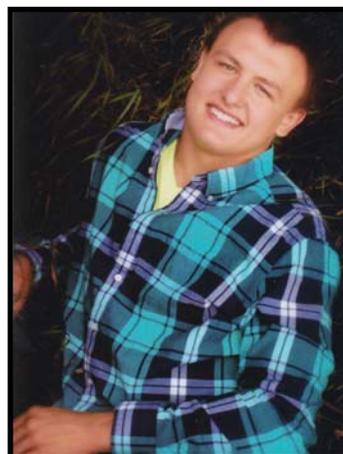
**SENIOR PROJECT:** Gardening and Canning Salsa and Pickles

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Football and Track

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:**

Dressing up for basketball games and making fun of voice cracks

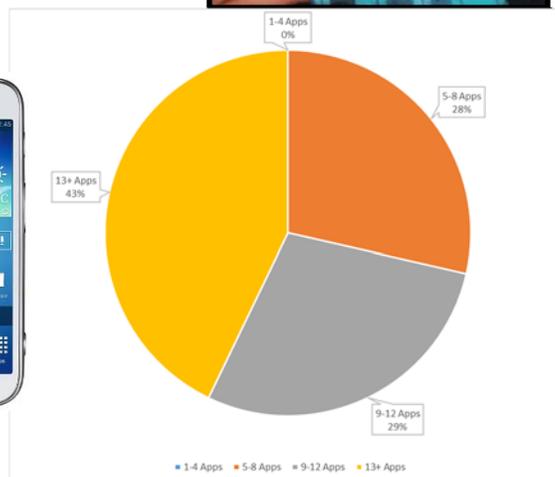
**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Play football at USD.



## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked on average, how many apps do they have on their phones.

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



**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** A tongue

**Joke:** Nothing, bananas can't talk.

## 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

