

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The first story of a rabbit, later known as the Easter Bunny, hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
How many bunnies and how many chicks are there if there are 10 heads and 26 legs?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where does the Easter Bunny eat breakfast?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Wednesday, April 8

- Jump Rope for Heart

Thursday, April 9

- 7/8 Track @ Flandreau Invite
- Club Baseball @ Canton

Friday, April 10

- Golf @ Flandreau Invite

Saturday, April 11

- Club Baseball @ Lennox

Sunday, April 12

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings
- Club Baseball vs. Tea Area

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Journalism Convention!

By Abriana Scholl

On Wednesday April 1st, the South Dakota High School Press Convention was held at SDSU in Brookings. This convention welcomed students around the state to take in hand various tips and ideas for careers like journalism, photography, and media broadcasting.

The event started off with a welcoming presentation given by the Content Director at South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB), Larry Rohrer.

He introduced his presentation by informing about how public broadcasting works and how footage of events are broadcasted live to PBS.

Rohrer included the various "Do's and Don'ts" of journalism, for example using real information rather than false statements and sticking to the main topic of a story.

Throughout the day, students went

about grasping new information involving correct article structure, information gathering, and observation of media sources. Along with that, the students were given the opportunity to pair up and design their own newsletter spread.

Other college students, who are a part of the SDSU newspaper, taught about simpler ways to capture spontaneous photographs for stories. All this includes tips on how to achieve the perfect camera angle, what to look for specifically in the photo you plan to capture, and how to edit them.

Overall, these little discussions inspired students to focus on the more accurate way of journaling and creating a story that attracts a bigger audience. These tips can help students get a better understanding of what to look for when writing a good feature.

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The journalism students take a moment to pose with their awards from the South Dakota High School Press Convention on Wednesday, April 1. From left to right: Sylvia Larson, Tabi Klingenberg, Beth Schmidt, Zeb Johnson, and Abriana Scholl.



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

The Early Bird Gets The Worm

By Sylvia Larson

New and returning high school golfers of Garretson met up at the golf course on Tuesday for the first meet of the year.

"This golf meet is called our Early Bird meet. We don't do any awards or prizes, so it's kind of a meet to see where all of our kids are at, how well they're playing, and who's doing what. It's basically like a practice meet," quoted head golf coach Kari Stoltenberg.

The meet involved Baltic, Chester, Dell Rapids St. Mary's, Dell Rapids girls, Flandreau, Garretson, Sioux Valley girls, and McCook Central-Montrose. There were about 50-60 athletes in attendance.

Freshman MJ Vandersnick was not nervous for the meet, and is looking forward to future meets.

"I'm very excited. Honestly I'm not that good of a golfer, but as long as I try my hardest and put forth everything I can to be a better teammate, I think I'll do fine."

Even though awards were not given, final scores and tallies were recorded.

Junior Micah Mader led the tournament with a 35, the only golfer to shoot below par.

The Garretson boys also finished first as a team.

"I'm just really anxious to see who steps up. We've got some spots to fill

on the boys' side, so I'm waiting to see who is going to step up and take those spots," said Stoltenberg.

Even though the girls team did not win the meet, it is nice finally having enough to qualify as a team.

"I'm really excited to have some girls out. We haven't had very many girls out in the last few years," continued Stoltenberg.

There is still time to improve for all golfers, girls and boys, as it is early in the season.

The next varsity meet is on Tuesday, April 7th in Chester. This will be the first meet to count toward the golfers' season officially.



Journalism Convention!

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By the end of the day, awards were given out to students who submitted their own workings months before. Awards were even given out to some of our own student journalists.

Submissions for awards could be given a superior, excellent, honorable mention, or no award. Garretson students secured an award for each submission this year.

In no particular order, awards went out to Abriana Scholl who received an excellent in her editorial "Striving for Motivation" (2.13).

Beth Schmidt received an excellent on her sports writing "Blue Dragons Excitement for Season Opener Uncontainable" (2.1) and an excellent on her general news article "The Measles Cases Increase to Six in South Dakota" (2.18).

Lana Braswell received an excellent on her editorial "Semester Test Prep" (2.16).

Sylvia Larson received an excellent for sports photography (photo featured in issue 2.6), an excellent for her sports writing "Another Tough Loss for Volleyball" (2.5), an excellent for her general news article "The Lunchbox Diaries" (2.1), and a superior for her editorial "'Tis the Season of Giv-

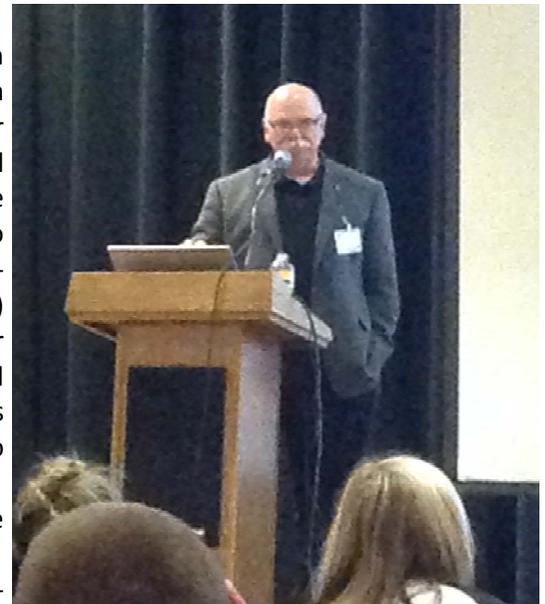
ing" (2.17).

Zeb Johnson received an excellent for his general news article "CIA Admits to Using Torture" (2.17) and a superior for his editorial "Money Makes the World Go 'Round" (2.12).

Lastly, the Garretson school newspaper, *Blue Ink*, received an excellent.

A big congratulations goes out to all of the students who participated in submitting their articles and photography.

With years to follow, the journalism convention continues to broaden the minds of young writers.



The keynote speaker for the SDHSA Press Convention was Director of Content for SDPB, Larry Rohrer. He spoke to the attendees before the breakout sessions and awards.



State Geography Bee

Update from last week's issue

Dakota Johnson, eighth grader at Garretson, participated in the State Geography Bee last Friday

Johnson was able to knock down his first five questions in the eight-question preliminary round, putting him in a good position to advance to the finals.

Unfortunately he ended missing the last three and narrowly missed moving on.

Congratulations to Johnson for making it to the state competition and representing the school well.



Dakota Johnson, eighth grade, competed in the state geography bee

Middle School Band and Choir

By Lana Braswell

This Tuesday, the middle school went out to Chester for large group contests: both band and choir. The large group contests take place every year, and at almost every school. What is large group contest?

Large group contests are when the students in both band and choir perform one to three songs.

They head out early in the morning for the contest and compete against other

band/choir contestants from other schools.

The choir came back with a score of two! Which is a superior, the second best score that you can get in competition. Ms. Kelby Robinson, the teacher of the choir, believes they performed well. "I think the middle school did very well at 'Comets' [one of the performance pieces]," quoted Robinson.

She isn't the only one who thought the middle schoolers did good; Mr.

Nick Sittig, the band

director, was also on this trip. He thought the band did pretty good that day to represent Garretson, and played like they should have.

I'm sure the middle school had a pretty fun time, getting the day off of school, and homework. Let's hope you do just as well at the next contest.

All Fools' Day

By Beth Schmidt

Yesterday was April Fools' Day also know as All Fool's Day which is celebrated on the first day of April for people to play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other.

The custom of setting aside a day for the playing of harmless pranks upon one's neighbor is recognized everywhere.

April Fool's Day has been popular since the 19th century, the day is not a national holiday in any country, but it is well known in Canada, Europe, Australia, Brazil and the United States.

Each country has its own ways of celebrating All Fools' Day. Like in Ireland, it was traditional to entrust the victim with an "important letter" to be given to a named person.

Then that person would then ask the next victim to take it to someone else, and so on. The letter when it was finally opened, contained the words "send the fool further."

In Poland they have a day full of jokes, various hoaxes are prepared by people, media which sometimes cooperate to make the "information" more credible, and even public institutions. Serious activities are usually avoided so people don't get pranked.

Norwegians, Danes and Swedes also celebrate April Fools' Day. Most of their news media outlets will publish exactly one false story on April 1, for newspapers this will typically be a first-page article but not the top headline.

Other countries like Italy, France, Belgium, and French-speaking areas of Switzerland and Canada, April first is a tradition which is often known as "April fish".

This includes attempting to attach a paper fish to the victim's back without being noticed. Such fish feature prominently on many late 19th- to early 20th-century French April Fools' Day postcards.

As well as people playing pranks on one another on April Fools' Day, elaborate practical jokes that have appeared on radio stations, TV stations, newspapers, web sites, and have been performed by large corporations.

In one famous prank from 1957, the BBC broadcast a film in their Panorama current affairs series purporting to show Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown spaghetti, in what they called the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest. The BBC was later flooded with requests to purchase a spaghetti plant, forcing them to declare the film a hoax on the news the next day.

With the advent of the internet and readily available global news services, April Fool's pranks can catch and embarrass a wider audience than ever before.

Source for information: Wikipedia.org

March Madness

By Zeb Johnson

The madness is almost coming to its close, with the Final Four stage preparing to get underway.

There are four teams left out of the 64 that began the tourney; four are left to make an effort to claim the national title for best men's basketball team at the college level.

There are two teams still in the tournament on each side, competing in the left side are the first seeded Wisconsin Badgers facing off against first seed overall Kentucky Wildcats. On the other side we have seventh seed Michigan State, who is going to try to upset first seed Duke to enter the national championships on Monday, April 6th.

The Kentucky-Wisconsin game is almost assured to be a good one, pitting two top seeded teams against

each other on their way to the championship.

And while some believe that seventh seeded Michigan State is unable to upset Duke, the possibility of that occurring is pretty strong. In this year's tourney, Michigan State has already upset fourth seeded Louisville, third seeded Oklahoma, and the number two seed Virginia. Through this string of upsets, Michigan State has proven that they are a force to be reckoned with this year.

And while these games are happening far away, the Garretson School can still use them to have a little fun. High school English teacher Mrs. Buchholz is operating a bracket challenge for anyone interested to play.

For this challenge, participants filled out how they thought the tournament would progress through its various

stages. Thirty-three people submitted their bracket, ranging from teachers and staff down to middle schoolers.

In the bracket competition, participants score points by choosing the victor in every game for the whole tournament, gaining bonus points for correctly guessing deeper rounds.

This far in the Madness, Kyla Meyer and Tait Johnson are tied for the top with 74 total points. In third place is Evan Bly with 70 points, and fourth is a four-way tie between Mrs. Buchholz, Jake Schroeder, Noah Rieber, and Mr. Fischer.

On the other end of the spectrum, we have John Houg in last place with a final score of 18. Houg made the decision to pick the lower seed all through his bracket with Coastal Carolina winning the championship.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Jericho Swenson

SENIOR PROJECT: Quilting

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Soccer

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: My friends and also playing soccer

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend Northern State University for teaching

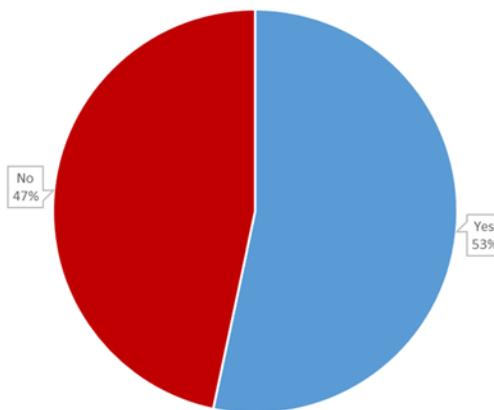


Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked if they thought Kentucky would keep their undefeated record through the NCAA tournament, winning the national title.



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

- Farmers Union Insurance Agency "Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow" Scholarship
 - **Due:** April 15
 - **Eligibility:** Attend a SD post-secondary school and participate in a SDHSAA sanctioned activity
- Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship
 - **Due:** May 8
 - **Eligibility:** Enrolled member of federally recognized Indian tribe while being a resident of South Dakota. Also must plan to earn a degree in an agriculture or natural resources field.

Please check your email for links to these scholarships along with more infor-

